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Old Time Resident Writes of Boyhood Joys

Walter Holmes, Member of First Graduating Class of F. H. S. Tells of Old Days.

Los Angeles, Calif., March 25. Dear Journal and friends of yesterday:

Through the kindness of my life long friend and neighbor, Mark White, I had the pleasure of reading the Journal that contained the letter of my boyhood friend, James Gilmore, wherein he described the earthquake of '76. And as I happened to be one of the kids that was in the school house on that memorable day I thought I would write a few lines for fear that some of the children of those days might think that I had passed over the great divide, as many have.

How well do I remember the day of the earthquake. It happened just before noon when we were in the spelling class and when the old building started to shake we all stampeded to make our way out, and how Charlie Duke got a little unruly and Professor (and I think it was Professor Love) took him over his knee and used a ruler (not over his feet either).

And how each of us kids swelled up and talked about how we got out of the building and none of us frightened at all. And as my memories go back to that day it brings many happy thoughts of my boyhood days in my old home, Plattsmouth.

Well do I remember when the old river ran close to where the depot now stands and the steamboats would land there, taking on grain for St. Louis. Loaded by Joe Conner or Thatcher or perhaps with hogs being shipped by my father (C. M. Holmes) or if there was no grain or hogs to be shipped they would unload merchandise for merchants who have long since passed to their reward.

Again how vivid are my recollections of the spring of '73, when Bert Pollock and I started to school together our first day. Mary Ruby was our school teacher and how much we thought of her. And then in '83, along with Anna (Livingston), Alice (Jean), Evelyn (Wise), Bob Livingston, Bert Pollock and myself, graduated in the first class ever graduated from the F. H. S. We were under the tutelage of Prof. W. W. Drummond.

How little did we realize at that time the great problems of life. All seemed bright and rosy to us then, for we had finished our school days and were ready for whatever might come. For we had been taught that old saying, "In the bright lexicon of youth there is no such word as fail," and so we were all ready to face the world with a smile. How little did we realize at that time that we would be scattered to the four winds of the earth, each on his or her own resources.

But we were and now that we seven are getting along on the shady side of life on borrowed ground as it were, I wonder how many of us who left the old home are blessed by being able to say, "Oh well if I'm lonesome for the old home folks I'll just call up Jack Schulyhoff, Happy Holloway, Mark White, Tommy Clifford Gus Hyres," or dozens of others whom we knew when we were kids. And then we can be in old Platts, our home in memory once again.

And now in conclusion, I wish to say to you my old friends who have never been to California, we think we are as near heaven as we ever will be until we shuffle of this mortal coil. And I and we of the old home town invite you all if you're in doubt of what I say to come out on an inspection tour and we will convince you. In order that you might start right you might ask Eddie Schulyhoff and he will say:

It's pleasant to see where the oranges grow,
It's pleasant to see the mountains with snow,
It's pleasant to live among our old, old friends,
Out in the west where the rain-bow ends,
To you old friends whom I love the best,
I ask you to take this trip out west,
And visit myself and Mark and Jack,
And I know you'll never want to go back;
For we'll take you to see orange groves if you wish,
Or out in the deep deep blue to fish,
Or over to Hollywood where the "stars" hold sway

Then you'll know it's the end of a perfect day.

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GIVEN BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

Mrs. Martha Peterson, one of the highly esteemed residents of the city enjoyed a very pleasant surprise on Saturday when the members of the Pinnocchio club of which she is a member, came in to assist her in the observance of the day. The time was spent in the pleasures of cards until an appropriate hour when dainty refreshments were served that added to the pleasures of all of the members of the party.

Assessors of County Prepare for Their Work

Hold Session Here With County Assessor W. H. Puls and Prepare Plans

The assessors of the various precincts of Cass county met at the office of County Assessor W. H. Puls here Friday afternoon for the purpose of discussing the plans for the forthcoming year's work. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Puls and was attended by County Commissioners C. F. Harris, Fred H. Gorder and George L. Parley.

The meeting took up many of the questions arising from the recent laws covering the assessment of property and the rulings that had been made on the same by the state officials.

The assessors attending the meeting and their districts were as follows:

Tipton—Ed Bets, Eagle.
Greenwood—Charles Appleman, Alvo.
Salt Creek—John Mefford, Greenwood.
Stove Creek—Paul Marshall, Elmwood.
Elmwood—William Bourke, Wabash.
South Bend—B. F. Dill, South Bend.
Weeping Water—John McKay, Weeping Water.
Center—William Sheehan, Manley.
Louisville—P. A. Jacobson, Louisville.
Avoca—R. E. Norris, Weeping Water.
Mt. Pleasant—Henry Ragoss, Louisville.
Eight Mile Grove—Frank Salsburg, Cedar Creek.
Nehawka—G. C. Hoback, Nehawka.
Liberty—L. G. Todd, Union.
Rock Bluffs—J. L. Stamp, Plattsmouth.
Plattsmouth—George W. Snyder, Weeping Water City—Henry Snell.
Plattsmouth City—John A. Libershal, J. A. Pitz.

GIVE FINE MINSTREL

From Wednesday's Daily—
Last evening the dramatic club of the high school presented a very cleverly arranged minstrel show in conjunction with the program at the Parme theatre and which was enjoyed by a very fine audience to listen to the songs, dances and jokes that interspersed the program.

"The New South" minstrel was the title of the clever entertaining feature and the choruses and dancing numbers of the production were under the direction of Miss Martha Gorder.

The program was given in a manner that reflected the greatest credit on the young men taking part and which received a very enthusiastic hand from the auditors. Vocal solos were given by James Begley, Jr., George E. Sayles and Ira Mumm, while Ira Mumm, George Sayles and Chester Lund, were heard in a very delightful vocal trio.

The performance was enhanced by the dancing numbers given by Hershel Dew and Franklin Wehrlein and which were enthusiastically received by the audience.

The members of the company comprised Robert Bestor, Chester Lund, James Begley, Ira Mumm, Merle McCrary, Richard Spangler, Towner Livingston, George Sayles, Robert Livingston, Franklin Wehrlein, Hershel Dew.

The accompanist of the minstrel show was Charles Nowacek while Warren Farmer acted as the interlocutor for the production in his usual clever manner.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

The many friends of Miss Helen Taylor of this city will regret to learn that she was operated on at the University hospital at Omaha on Monday for a sudden and acute attack of appendicitis. The operation was successful and the patient is doing as well as possible under the circumstances but still feeling the effects of the ordeal that she has been through.

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Merle Potter Killed in an Auto Accident Sunday

Car Crashes Into Bridge Near Owatonna, Minnesota—Son-in-Law of Ward Clark.

From Monday's Daily—
Last evening while Merle Potter, of Waseca, Minnesota, a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Clark of this city, was returning to his home, he was killed in an auto accident near Owatonna, a few miles distant from his home town. The full particulars of the accident were not learned by the relatives here aside from the fact that the car in which Mr. Potter and one of his friends were sitting had crashed into a bridge and in the accident Mr. Potter had been instantly killed and his companion taken to the hospital, where he was not expected to live.

The death message came as a great shock to Mrs. Potter, who has been here with the little son for the past few months. The little son had been very ill and was brought here for care several months ago and since which time Mrs. Potter has been here and they were planning on leaving in the next two weeks for Waseca, where Mr. Potter had secured a home and the message of the death came as a terrible blow to the sorrowing wife.

Mr. Potter has been manager of one of the Berg stores at Waseca for the past several months and only a short time ago was able to resume his work after an operation for an injury suffered while in his store office.

Mr. Potter was known to a number of the friends of the Clark family here and who share with the family the sorrow that his passing has occasioned.

The deceased, who was thirty years of age, leaves beside the wife and little son, the mother, who resides at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and where it is expected the funeral services will be held.

Mrs. Potter and son and Mrs. Ward Clark left this afternoon for Sioux Falls, where they will join the other members of the family.

SCARES AWAY THIEVES

Mr. and Mrs. Virgel Perry are moving from their present home to the farm of T. H. Pollock south of this city along highway No. 75 and have moved part of their stock and equipment already to the new home. Sunday they moved the large flock of chickens to the new place and last night Mr. Perry decided that he would maintain a lookout for chicken thieves that have been roving about the country for some time.

Mr. Perry drove to the new farm and parked his car in the rear of the building that sheltered the chickens and was sleeping in the car when a car bearing an Omaha license came into the place and three men alighted from the car and proceeded to flash their light into the hen house and make a survey of the feathered beauties that were sheltered there. About this time they discovered that Mr. Perry was there and gave some excuse of having lost their way and looking for someone to direct them and then left hurriedly before Mr. Perry was able to secure the number of the car.

This indicates that the farmers of the county should get busy and maintain a watch on their chickens as gangs of the thieves are evidently prowling over this section and especially around the places along the main highways.

ROTARY CLUB HOLDS MEETING

From Tuesday's Daily—
This noon the weekly luncheon of the Rotary club was featured by a very delightful musical program offered by three of the young lady musicians of the city that added a very pleasing touch to the event and gave the members of the club an appreciation of the musical talent of the young people. Miss Lois Bestor was heard in a fine piano selection while Miss Alice Louise Hiatt gave an exceptionally pleasing violin number with Miss Ann Margaret McCrary at the piano.

The meeting was in charge of R. W. Knorr and the talk of the meeting was given by County Attorney W. G. Kieck on "Costa Rico," covering this interesting country of Central America and in his clever manner Mr. Kieck gave a very fine description of the country and its people.

SERVES FINE BREAKFAST

The members of the local council of the Knights of Columbus made their obligation at the St. John's church in this city on Sunday morning and following the services at the church the members made their way to the K. of C. hall on Chicago avenue where they found awaiting them a fine breakfast that had been prepared by the Catholic Daughters of America. The breakfast was just the kind to tempt the appetites of the members of the K. of C. and they enjoyed it to the fullest extent.

DEATH OF FORMER RESIDENT

The news of the death of George Clark, former resident of this city, was received here by friends Saturday. The death of Mr. Clark occurred suddenly on March 21st at the home at Los Angeles, the death coming as the result of a sudden attack of heart trouble that caused death in a very few moments.

Mr. Clark was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Asher Clark, old time residents in this community, where for many years Mr. Clark was engaged in the grocery business. The parents have both preceded the son in death.

George Clark was reared to manhood in this city, graduated from the high school here in the class of 1906 and later attended the university of Nebraska.

The deceased is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Charles Weckbach of Crete and Mrs. John McCourt of Memphis, Tennessee.

Death of Well Loved Lady Occurs on Sunday

Mrs. Mary Alwin Died Early Sunday Morning at Home of Daughter, Mrs. W. A. Wells

The death of Mrs. Mary Alwin, 75, occurred early Sunday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Wells on North 14th street, following an illness of some duration. The deceased lady was born in Pennsylvania, seventy-five years ago, and was married in that state to Wesley Alwin, the family coming to Nebraska in the early eighties and for a number of years made their home in this state, later moving to Kansas and locating at Washington, Kansas. The husband and father passed away some seven years ago at Washington. Since the death of the husband Mrs. Alwin has made her home with the children and each winter has been spent with the only daughter, Mrs. Wells.

Mrs. Alwin is survived by the daughter, Mrs. W. A. Wells of this city and three sons, J. D. Alwin of Morrowville, Kansas; George Alwin of Palmer, Kansas, and John Alwin of this city.

Woman's Club Enjoys Talk on 'Better Homes'

Special Program Tells of How Homes Can Be Beautified by Interior Decoration

From Tuesday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon the members of the Plattsmouth Woman's club had an unusual and pleasant treat afforded them when they were given the opportunity of a fine lecture on "Interior Decoration," given by a representative of the firm of Orchard & Wilhelm of Omaha.

The meeting was held at the parlors of the First Methodist church and was quite largely attended by a membership as well as a number of guests from Myard who were here for the event.

This meeting was in the nature of a part of the "Better Homes" campaign and Mrs. J. E. Wiles, local chairman, had charge of the meeting and gave a very fine introduction of the speaker and the work of her department which is to promote better homes and more attractive settings of the home life and atmosphere.

During the afternoon Miss Vestetta Robertson was heard in a very delightful piano selection that was most pleasing to the large audience and given in the usual artistic manner of this talented young lady.

The committee of which Mrs. Robert Reed is chairman, served a very dainty and delicious luncheon that was very much enjoyed by all of the members of the club.

ENJOY FINE TIME

From Wednesday's Daily—
Last evening the members of the force of the Plattsmouth district of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co., were at Council Bluffs where they enjoyed a fine meeting arranged by the officers of the company and participated in by the Plattsmouth, Avoca and Missouri Valley districts.

The banquet that featured the occasion was held at the beautiful Chieftan hotel, one of the most attractive in western Iowa, and the greatest enthusiasm was shown in the meeting and the plans for the selling of the stock of this utility company in the various districts.

There were some thirty from this district in attendance at the meeting and to participate in the plans for the advancement of the campaign.

Dr. Condra Firm in Belief of Oil in This State

This Portion of Nebraska Similar to That of Oklahoma Where Oil Has Been Located

Because the same strata limestone, shale and sandstone underlie Nebraska that are found in the oil fields of Oklahoma, the time is not far distant when oil and gas will be discovered in Nebraska, Dr. George E. Condra, director of the department of conservation and soil survey of the University of Nebraska, told Ad-Sell league diners at Hotel Fontenelle at Omaha Monday night.

The strata running south of Omaha to Oklahoma are identical, layer to layer with those in Oklahoma's oil fields, and they run from 10 to 20 feet thick," Dr. Condra declared. "If there were not a favorable prospect of our having oil underlying our state, oil men would not be visiting the offices of our research department at the university daily."

Would Prove Great Boon. The discovery of oil in quantities, the speaker said, would not only create demands for drilling concessions and increase business and prosperity in general, but it would solve the more permanent problem of fuel supply.

"Nebraska has coal only in small quantities and in deep deposits, and at present must pipe in its oil," he explained. He referred to local oil supply and transmitted electrical power as future sources of power.

Pleading for a greater knowledge of the state, Dr. Condra told of resources some of which are unworked and some virtually unknown.

"If you would know your state, know what's under it," he declared.

Sources of Wealth. The sources of wealth he referred to are ash deposits, worked once but discarded for larger ones, gypsum deposits 40 feet deep and yet to be worked, and sand and gravel in the Platte valley for building purposes, containing "the most durable of minerals, harder than glass." This sand and gravel, he said, is being shipped at the rate of one hundred car loads a day to Iowa, Missouri and Kansas.

Limestone, he said, are being worked in the Platte valley, but larger deposits farther back remain unworked.

Conservation of the waters of the Platte is a project of importance to the state, Dr. Condra said, and he worked out a plan to be carried by canal out of the river bed back into the farming interior, would seep underground and develop more moisture in the land of its own accord.

He explained that the Platte in eastern Nebraska apparently dries up in summer because it is really sinks through the sand in underflows that partly supply the other streams. He showed how the government dam in the far western part of the state increased the productivity of the land, and said central Nebraska needs a similar storage for a steady supply of the water supply.

TRIAL LIST IS SET

Judge James T. Begley in the district court has set the trial list for the April term of the district court which will open on Monday, April 7th at which time will be held the naturalization examinations by the representative of the U. S. Government.

The cases that will be heard will be the criminal docket which is to start on April 8th at 10 a. m. and in the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Alvin Anderson is called for trial.

The second criminal action is that of the State of Nebraska vs. T. A. Cole, a charge of shooting, which will be on trial on April 9th at 9 a. m.

The remainder of the cases are civil suits which will be heard in the following order:
John T. Anderson vs. Farmers State Bank, Greenwood, April 10th 9 a. m.
A. H. Marshall vs. George O. Corley, April 10th 9 a. m.
Searl S. Davis, Guardian vs. Ralph C. Rager, April 10th 9 a. m.
In Re-Location of State Highway, April 11th 9 a. m.
James Alloway vs. Frank Ross, et al., April 14th 9 a. m.
Clarence Neeson vs. Willard F. Beezley, April 15th 9 a. m.

In case the cases are settled, which is probable in several of the civil actions, the remainder of the cases will be advanced on the docket.

BIRDS ARE BACK HOME

From Wednesday's Daily—
Rev. O. G. Wichmann, pastor of the St. Paul's Evangelical church states that this morning when he arose and was strolling in his garden he noticed a pair of martens, who had made their nest in a bird house at the parsonage, back to look over the old home. The birds after the inspection of the old home flew away, whether the weather was too chilly or they had gone to pack their household goods for moving or not, they failed to inform the pastor, who is, however, anticipating having his feathered neighbors back again in a short time.

CALLED ON SAD MISSION

From Tuesday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Ona Lawton and son, Lyle, departed for Morrison, Illinois, where they were called by the news of the death of Mrs. F. L. Lawton, who passed away at Beloit, Wisconsin, early Sunday morning after a short illness.

The deceased lady is survived by her husband and several children and grandchildren, among the latter Lyle Lawton of this city.

After the funeral services at Morrison, Mrs. Lawton and son will go on to Chicago where they will visit at the home of Mrs. Lawton's brother, Dell Young and enjoy the many points of interest of the big city.

Boy Scouts in Court of Honor at High School

Merit Badges Given Out and Boys Received into the Tenderfoot Class of Troops

From Tuesday's Daily—
Last evening the members of the two troops of the Boy Scouts of America gathered at the high school gym to take part in the court of honor, one of the impressive ceremonies of the order and in which the Scouts are given their advancements and recognitions for the work that they have carried out to win their scouting experience.

The court of honor was in charge of Ray Larson, scoutmaster of Troop No. 2, sponsored by the American Legion.

The candle lighting ceremony was used as several boys were given the tenderfoot degree, the new Scouts being Earl Johnson, Floyd McCarty, Orvil Speltz, James Robertson, Francis Stoll.

Merit badges were presented to the following Scouts for their excellent work in the past month that had won them recognition: Ordell Hennings, pathfinding, freemaking, personal health; Robert Bestor, personal health and public health; Robert Mann, scholarship and reptile study; Alton Rolland, wood carving; Robert Hill, physical development; Robert study; and also a certificate as a life scout, which ranks next to the highest in Scouting, that of an Eagle scout.

The members of the local executive committee, E. H. Westcott, L. O. Minor and F. I. Rea, took part in the ceremonies.

The court of honor was arranged and carried out by Deputy Area Executive Russell Reeder and his assistant, Carl Cunningham and Scoutmasters Larson and Roy Perkins.

LEAVE FOR CONVENTION

From Tuesday's Daily—
Mrs. W. E. Minier, past president of the Nebraska Federation of Women's clubs and now the chairman of the community service department of the national federation, arrived here last evening from her home at Oakland, Nebraska, and was a guest over night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Westcott, departing this morning for the first district convention at Syracuse.

Mrs. Minier was accompanied by Mrs. E. H. Westcott, state chairman of the community service department. Mrs. James T. Begley, the president elect of the local club and Mrs. John F. Wolf, delegate from the Plattsmouth club.

The meeting will cover today and this evening and the ladies are anticipating one of the most interesting district meetings that they have enjoyed.

LITTLE LAD ILL

From Monday's Daily—
The condition of Bobbie Beal, who is suffering from an attack of lobular pneumonia, remains about the same altho the lad is considered as doing just as well as could be expected under the circumstances. The family had a trained nurse sent here from Omaha Saturday evening and who is assisting Mrs. Ralph Wiles in the case of the little son.

CAMPFIRE HIKE

The Aowakya Campfire went on their first hike Tuesday evening after school. We hiked to the Mistor river and had a wolver roast in one of the many good picnicking grounds. On our way home we enjoyed many of the attractions of the new road. We all arrived home safely but always ready to take another hike.

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

From Tuesday's Daily—
The board of county commissioners are holding their regular monthly meeting at the court house today. The opening portion of the session was devoted to the allowance of the claims against the county and other routine matters that were brought up.

Mrs. R. C. Bradsby was a visitor in Omaha today, going to that city on the early Burlington train.

John H. Wiles, Old Resident, Passes Away

Life Time Resident of This Community Passed Away at Age of Seventy-Three Years

From Wednesday's Daily—
John H. Wiles, who was born on the farm home south of this city seventy-three years ago, died last night at the family home on south Lincoln avenue after an illness of some two weeks from heart trouble. Death came at 11:45 p. m.

Mr. Wiles was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Wiles, early settlers in this section of Nebraska and has spent practically his entire lifetime in this community.

In recent years Mr. Wiles has lived in this city and was a gentleman that had a very large circle of friends in this community which he had made his home for so many years.

Mr. Wiles was married to Miss Martha Ann Matthews in Iowa, and since their marriage they have made their home in this county. Mrs. Wiles with six sons and one daughter, survive the passing of this good man. The children are Niley Wiles, William Wiles, Everett Wiles, Harry Wiles, Ben H. Wiles and John H. Wiles, all of whom live near this city except Will at Cedar Creek and John at Murray. The daughter is Mrs. Bessie Tilson of this city.

GIVE FRIEND SURPRISE

A very delightful birthday surprise party was held on Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Weaver, the event being arranged by Mrs. Weaver in honor of the thirty-second anniversary of the birthday of Mr. Weaver.

The jolly party enjoyed dancing until a late hour and a general good time that all will very pleasantly remember for a long time to come and the fine luncheon served at the close of the evening came as the climax for the jolly gathering.

In honor of the event Mr. Weaver received a number of very handsome and appropriate presents in honor of the birthday anniversary.

Those who attended the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stohman, Mr. and Mrs. George Voss, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William Voss, Mrs. Anna Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Voss, George Voss, Sr., William Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Grimm, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Victor, all of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Meisinger, Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Handley, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. O'Donnell, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gradoville, Mr. and Mrs. Con Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Sprecher, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tassler, Mr. and Mrs. George Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kohrell, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mason, Lester Burrows, Charles Gentry, James Taylor, Ralph Weaver.

STUDY CLUB MEETS

The March meeting of the Lewiston Study club was held at the home of Mrs. Charley Keil, Thursday, March 27.

All members but two were present for the annual election of officers. The meeting was opened by Mrs. Hendricks, leading members in the Nebraska slogan song, followed by the Lord's Prayer and salute of the flag. The monthly letter from Mary Ellen Brown, and a card of thanks from Mrs. Nelson Berger read by Mrs. Victor Wehrlein.

The song of the month "The Little Brown Church in the Vale," led and commented upon by Mrs. Fred Campbell.

As a matter of unfinished business the social and finance committees reported.

New business consisted of election of officers. The new officers being: President, Mrs. George Park; vice president, Mrs. Fred Campbell, and secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Victor Wehrlein.

Roll call was answered by telling reminiscences of pioneer days. The lesson "The Story of the Prairie," led by Mrs. Wm. Wehrlein was very interesting. The meeting adjourned to meet in April at the home of Mrs. Jarvis Lancaster.

MERRY WORKERS MEET

The Merry Workers club enjoyed a very fine meeting for March at the delightful country home of Mrs. Herman Gansemer, west of Myard with a very large number in attendance.

The chief feature of the evening was the election of the officers of the club and the following were selected: Mrs. Bernard Meisinger, president; Mrs. Carl Kraeger, vice-president; Mrs. Paul Long, secretary-treasurer. The project leader of the club named was Mrs. John Valley.

The meeting was very much enjoyed and at a suitable hour dainty and delicious refreshments were served that added to the pleasures of all of the members of the club.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Bernard Meisinger.

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