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## Catholic Daughters Initiation is Well Attended

Class of Plattsmouth and Nebraska City Are Initiated—State Regent Here.

Lady of Loretto court of the Catholic Daughters of America, of this city, Sunday afternoon held a largely attended meeting at the K. of C. hall and at which time a class of nine were initiated.

Immanuel court of Nebraska City, represented by some thirty members, were present to take part in the ceremonies of the afternoon as well as visitors from several other points, who came to enjoy the fine exposition of the ritualistic work of the order.

The hall was very handsomely decorated for the occasion with the spring flowers in profusion and the purple, gold and white colors of the society, making a colorful setting for the event.

The initiation was carried out by the drill team of the local court in a very impressive manner as the members of the class were received into the order.

A large party of distinguished visitors were present at the meeting including Miss Veronica O'Connor, Omaha, grand state regent; Mrs. P. Tomek, David City, district deputy; Mrs. Frank Mullen, Plattsmouth, state monitor; Father Marcelles Agius, Plattsmouth, chaplain; Miss Mary Zimmerman, Nebraska City, regent of Immanuel court and Mrs. Fred I. Rea, Plattsmouth, regent of Lady of Loretto court. The officers and visitors were each heard in brief remarks at the close of the ceremonies.

The Immanuel court of Nebraska City gave the program of the afternoon, under the direction of Miss Meyers. Vocal solos were given by Miss Cullen and Miss Gardner, a reading by Miss Phillips and a piano-accompanied solo by Miss Straub.

Following the program a dainty two course luncheon was served by the Plattsmouth ladies which proved a very delightful ending of the afternoon of pleasure and profit to all in attendance.

## CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Becker was the scene of a very pleasant gathering of little folks on Thursday afternoon, the occasion being the observance of the eleventh birthday anniversary of Betty Ann Valery, niece of Mrs. Becker.

The afternoon was spent in games of all kinds at which a great deal of merriment was derived, while musical selections also aided in the passing of the time. In the games Janet Westover proved the most successful and was awarded the prize.

At a suitable hour dainty refreshments were served that completed a day of the rarest pleasure for all and at the homegoing hour the members of the party joined in their well wishes to Betty Ann.

Those who enjoyed the occasion were Frances Clodt, Shirley Keck, Barbara and Ella Rhoden, Betty Jeanette Moritz, Rose Mary Steppatt, Lila Jane Elliott, Eleanor Giles, Edith Luschnsky, Janet Westover, Anna Mary McMaken, Maxine M. Nielson, Mary Alice Ault, Ruth Ann Hatt, Kathryn Barkus.

## MARRIED AT WASHINGTON

Word has been received here of the recent marriage of Miss Treva Edgerton, of Washington, D. C., formerly of this city, to Mr. R. LeRoy Grady, also of Washington, in which city the ceremony occurred.

Mr. Grady is studying clinical pathology at the national capital city while the bride has been engaged there in government work for the past several years.

Mrs. Grady will be remembered for her musical talents and activities of which she gave so freely to her church and the community. She is a daughter of J. A. Edgerton of this city and was graduated here from the high school in the class of 1927.

The friends here will unite in wishing her the greatest of happiness in her future wedded life.

## GOLFERS SHOW INTEREST

The few good days in the past two weeks have showed a renewed interest in the good old game of golf, players who have been hibernating during the long and severe winter are now starting in on the sport. A number of new players are to be seen on the local course, promising a great deal of interest in the sport, while the veterans of the club are right on the job of preparing for a pleasant spring and summer of golfing.

## City Council is Planning to Save \$5,000

Cuts Estimated to Save This Amount for City in the Various Economy Moves.

The finance committee of the council with the mayor and the general council body, have launched a program that they hope will allow the cutting of \$5,000 from the city expense for the ensuing year.

The city has more than half of its entire expense taken up with that of bond retirement and interest payments, a charge that must be met, thus making it necessary for any economy moves to be made in the direction of clipping the other expenses of the city. In view of this fact the cuts and savings will mean practically a saving of twenty per cent in the funds that are available for the city operating expense.

The council and mayor have estimated the various savings in the different departments of the government which will be as follows:

Library	\$ 650
Fire hydrant rental	1,750
Park	300
Amusement	300
City attorney	150
City clerk's office	120
Police Judge	350
Street work	600

Total Estimated Saving—\$5,000

The city government expects as soon as court action will have disposed of the litigation over city warrants, be able to effect an annual saving in interest of from \$750 to \$1,000 by the refunding of the warrants into low interest bonds. Many of the city warrants now bear six per cent interest and the council by refunding them could find a much lower rate of interest.

As has been stated, the city can save only in the amounts that are used in the actual administration of the city government, which is only half of the total expenditures of the city. The council and mayor are doing all possible to make the cost of government less and reduce the tax burden.

## ENJOYS BIRTHDAY PARTY

W. E. Rosencrans, well known real estate dealer, was the guest of honor at a very delightful family dinner arranged by Mrs. Rosencrans Sunday. The event was in honor of the passing of the sixty-sixth birthday anniversary of Mr. Rosencrans. The dinner was featured by the large birthday cake and its glowing candles.

All of the members of the family circle in the city were in attendance at the dinner party and which was an event that all will long pleasantly remember. Those who were present were Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Rosencrans and family, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Rosencrans and family, Mr. and Mrs. Waldemar Soennichsen and family, Mrs. Mary Hickman and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rosencrans.

## PLEADS NOT GUILTY

From Tuesday's Daily  
This morning in the county court a complaint was filed by County Attorney W. G. Kieck, charging A. R. Blunt with failure to comply with a district court order to pay an amount ordered by the court for the care of minor children. The complaint was made by the former wife of Mr. Blunt who is now residing in the west. The defendant in the case entered a plea of not guilty to the charge and waived the preliminary hearing and was bound over to the district court for trial. Bond was supplied in the case until the hearing in the district court.

## Local Students Win Honors at Forensic Meet

Edward Wehrbein and Greth Garnett Score Firsts and Madge Garnett, Wm. Wetenkamp and Anna May Sandin Seconds.

The meeting of the Nebraska National Forensic league at the North high school, at Omaha on Saturday resulted in a triumph for the Plattsmouth entries which brought to the local school an outstanding record. The Plattsmouth school entered speakers in five events, extemporaneous speaking, original oratory, oratorical declamations, humorous and declamatory, capturing a first or second in each of the events. Plattsmouth was the only school to qualify for national competition at Sioux City.

Edward Wehrbein was the winner of the state title in the oratorical section of the meet, his number being "Public Opinion vs. Organized Crime." The speaker was also the author of his oration, which was well prepared and presented, showing perfectly the criminal situation in America today and proposing a logical remedy.

After winning second in the Tri-State meet at Tarkio college, Greth Garnett came through for the state title in the dramatic section of the meet, with the selection, "The Bishop's Candlesticks."

The vote of the three judges were 1st, second and third for Madge Garnett; 1st, 2nd and 3rd for Heloise Richlin of North high of Omaha. As the result of the conference of the judges, Miss Richlin was awarded first place and Miss Garnett second in the extemporaneous class.

William Wetenkamp won second place in the oratorical contest after winning first in the local, first in the sub-district contest at Auburn, second in the Tri-State contest at Tarkio, Missouri, and second in the district contest at Fullerton.

Anna May Sandin in the humorous class was given second place in her offering and in a field of much competition.

The National Forensic league, of which Plattsmouth is a member, is an organization for the improvement and encouragement of work in public speaking. The membership is made up of schools from all over the United States. Some fifteen schools, including four Omaha schools, are members from Nebraska. The purpose of Saturday's contest was to select winners to represent Nebraska in the national contest to be held at Sioux City, Iowa, about the middle of May. The winners of first and second places are eligible for competition at Sioux City.

The local contestants were accompanied by Gerald Kvasnicka, head of the department of history and who has been coach of the young people, as well as L. L. Starrett, who has been assisting in their training. Mr. Kvasnicka is the president of the local chapter of the National Forensic League.

## HONORS PLAY DIRECTOR

From Wednesday's Daily  
Last evening at the attractive home of Mrs. James G. Mauzy in the south part of the city, those who took part in the playlet, "Neighbors," presented by the dramatic department of the Woman's club, entertained at dinner in honor of Mrs. Helene Perry, who so ably directed the playlet.

A delicious three course dinner was served, the dining room being decorated with the spring flowers and making a most attractive picture. After the dinner the members of the party enjoyed several games in which prizes were won by Mrs. William Baird, Mrs. James Mauzy and Miss Helene Perry.

Miss Perry was presented with a beautiful gift in appreciation of the time and patience which she so graciously gave.

Those attending were Mrs. John F. Wolff, Mrs. Henry Ofe, Jr., Mrs. W. L. Heinrich, Mrs. Phillip Hirz, Mrs. Robert Troop, Mrs. Frank Mullen, Mrs. William Baird, Mrs. E. G. Shellenbarger, Mrs. W. A. Wells, Mrs. James Mauzy, Mrs. Glen Perry, Mrs. Bert Coleman, Mrs. James T. Begley and the guest of honor, Miss Helene Perry.

## MISSOURI PARTIES WEDDED

From Monday's Daily  
This morning at the residence of Rev. O. G. Wichman, pastor of the St. Paul's Evangelical church occurred the double wedding of young people of Bethany, Missouri. Miss Dorothy Bitting was joined in wedlock to Mr. Clifford Pike, while Miss Helen Baker was married to Mr. Earl I. Bitting, Jr. The young people served as attendants for each other and at the conclusion of the ceremony the newlyweds returned to their homes in the Missouri city.

## Rotary Club Has Review of Sport World

Robert M. Walling Gives Pleasing Feature—Mrs. Walling Heard in Piano Selections.

The session of the Rotary club Tuesday noon was one that gave the members of the club an opportunity of an insight into affairs of the sport world as given by Robert M. Walling, sports authority of the club and a dyed-in-the-wool fan. Mr. Walling enjoys the football, baseball and basketball contests staged in this section of Nebraska each season and from the wealth of observation and study has a large fund of information. Mr. Walling discussed particularly the baseball prospects, even including the Cubs.

Mrs. Walling was also heard on the program with several very artistic piano numbers given in her delightful manner and which was a much appreciated feature of the session.

The two high school students who have been members of the Rotary for the past month, John H. Becker and Marvin Tritsch, were heard in their valedictory to the club, this being their last meeting. The two young men gave excellent talks and expressed their appreciation of being given the opportunity of the associations of Rotary.

The club also received a fine portrait of Dr. J. S. Livingston, past president, whose passing has caused such a deep regret from the members of the club. The portrait was presented by Mrs. Livingston and is hung near the place that Dr. Livingston so long occupied in the Rotary circle.

The meeting was under the leadership of R. A. Bates, publisher of the Journal.

## MANY ENJOY MINSTREL

From Wednesday's Daily  
The American Legion minstrel show which scored a success here some two weeks ago, was repeated last evening at the Legion building. The performance last evening was given for the residents of the Nebraska Masonic Home and those who were invited by the members of the Legion.

The cast gave an even more entertaining presentation than at the first two showings, the musical numbers being artistically presented while the colored end men kept the audience in a roar of merriment. Cook & Bennett, the two dark clouds of joy were at their best and served to entertain the large audience with their offering. The colored mammy chorus proved as big a hit as at the first showing and the members offered even more difficult dancing steps to feature the act.

It is suggested that the show be presented at Nebraska City under the auspices of the American Legion of that city, but no definite arrangements have as yet been made.

## FISHERMEN SUFFER LOSSES

Local Missouri river fishermen have been suffering from the operation of thieves in the last few days, losing a great deal of fish as well as nets and other fishing equipment.

George Barr was one of the first to suffer losses, he having seventy-five pounds of fish taken from a "live box" and a trammel net also taken from along the bank of the river. Sunday while William Grebe was at his home for the noonday dinner some person made away with a trammel net and so far no trace has been found of the missing net.

## Telephone Worker Recalls Earthquake

O. P. Knee of Lincoln, Recounts Story of Shock that Cracked School Building Here.

O. P. Knee, a resident of Plattsmouth in his youth, now living at Lincoln relates to the News-Press of Nebraska City the story of the earthquake that occurred in the early seventies.

Mr. Knee gave a vivid description Monday of the Plattsmouth, Nebr., earthquake in 1874 (as nearly as he can recall) when the old school building shook so hard it cracked from top to bottom in four places. With the first shake Knee started running.

He was eight years old and in the Third Reader, as they called the lower grades in those days. The entire class was lined up with backs to the wall reading a lesson out loud. The building began to shake, then it rocked and a tin flue stopper blew out, followed by a cloud of soot.

That settled it. And O. P. began to run. He was about the first one out of the door and he didn't stop until he got home.

But it is an ill wind that blows no one good. School was dismissed for the rest of the year, approximately seven months, and the children had a grand and glorious vacation.

The earthquake, not a very large one, is scarcely remembered today. The tremor was centered under the school building which stood on the same hill the present building is on. When the school children went running into town and spread the news the older folks recalled that dishes rattled and a few pictures swung, but the shaking was not great enough for them to be concerned.

The school building was rocked so hard that it made it difficult to walk on the floor. The four cracks in the walls made it unsafe and school was dismissed for the rest of the school year. The earthquake happened in the fall.

There was a panic in the building when the school children jammed the front doorway and several were slightly cut and bruised but no one was seriously injured.

O. P. Knee is with the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph company. He is here temporarily working on the installation of the new section of the switchboard. His home office is in Lincoln. Mr. Knee formerly lived in Nebraska City.

## SHELTERS THE BIRDS

Julius A. Pitz, residing in the south part of the city, has proven a real friend to the little feathered residents of this section, his home providing many an attractive bird house where the wrens, martins and other birds make their homes each year. Mr. Pitz, who is a clever wood worker, has several large and attractive houses already placed around the home and is now completing an extra large house that he will soon have placed and ready for the use of the birds. The houses are all of different design and types and several are most elaborate in their construction and which has required a great deal of work to prepare. The bird houses located through the orchard and flower gardens of the Pitz home makes a very attractive feature to the settings of the home.

## HERE FROM CANADA

From Tuesday's Daily  
Harold Tucker, of Calgary, Canada, arrived here today and spent the time visiting with his uncle and aunt, Mrs. Olive Johnson and Glenn Whiteman. Mr. Tucker was born in Cass county near Nehawka, living here until nine years of age when his parents removed to Canada. This is his first visit here since leaving and one that he is enjoying very much. Mr. Tucker is engaged in the printing trade in Canada and while in this city was a caller at the Journal for a fraternal visit. Mr. Tucker is to go on to Nehawka where he will visit with the relatives and friends of his boyhood days who are still residents of that locality.

## HAVE HEAVY FROST

This section, especially in the lowlands, was visited by a very heavy frost Tuesday night and in some localities it was reported so cold that ice was frozen.

Just what the damage to fruit crops will be has not been ascertained, but all early vegetation has suffered a great deal. Fruit growers near this city are of the opinion that the early fruit has suffered a great deal but it is hoped that the later varieties will not suffer.

## W. R. C. Holds Very Delightful Social Meeting

Held at the Home of Mrs. J. H. McMaken with Pleasing Number in Attendance.

The social meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps held on Tuesday afternoon at the charming home of Mrs. J. H. McMaken on North 11th street was attended by a pleasing number of the members and friends.

In the entertaining of the day Mrs. McMaken was associated with Mrs. Julius Hall, Mrs. John Elliott and Mrs. Martha Baumeister.

The program was opened with the salute to the flag in which all of the members of the party joined in the tribute to old glory.

All of the audience enjoyed a song period, Miss Cora Williams leading the singing and Mrs. Etta Gorder at the piano. The "sing" opened with "America" and included all of the civil war songs and the melodies of the long ago that delighted all.

A very pleasing musical and dramatic reading program had been prepared for the afternoon, including a reading and piano selection by Miss Janet Westover, a charming vocal solo by Mrs. Gilbert Hirz and to which she responded with a very artistic encore. Mrs. Lois Troop and Miss Gertrude Valery also were heard in dramatic readings that were very much enjoyed by all of the party.

At the conclusion of the afternoon a dainty and much appreciated luncheon was served that brought the pleasant occasion to a close.

## TO HAVE INTERESTING SPEAKER

The Plattsmouth Woman's club will have as the speaker at their banquet on Monday evening, one of the ablest members of the Omaha bar, Harry O. Palmer, who was selected as one of the candidates for chief justice at the recent primary. Mr. Palmer is a Cass county man, his family having been residents of this city and Louisville for a great many years and where Mr. Palmer was born and reared.

His subject will cover many experiences in his service in China and Siberia during the world war days. He served as legal advisor of General William S. Graves of the Siberian forces of the U. S. as well as advisor to the American command in China.

A clever and entertaining speaker as well as a gentleman with a most pleasing personality, Mr. Palmer will make a speaker who will be thoroughly enjoyed by all who attend the banquet.

## TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Dr. J. H. Hall, veteran physician of this city, was taken to Omaha Tuesday morning where he was examined by specialists at that place and will remain at the University hospital for observation and treatment for some time. Dr. Hall has not been so well in the last few weeks and his condition had become such that it was decided examination by a specialist would be necessary. He was accompanied to Omaha by Dr. T. P. Livingston, long time friend and medical associate. The many friends over Cass county are trusting that his illness may not be such as to require a long stay at the hospital.

Place your orders now for special Mother's day boxes of candies. The Woodward, Johnston and Bunte lines. The Bates Book and Gift Shop.

## Louisville Home Damaged by Fire Saturday Night

Fire Sweeps Home of V. H. Breeden Family Saturday Night—Fire of Incendiary Origin.

Saturday night at 10:30 the residence of V. H. Breeden and family in the southwest portion of Louisville, one of the finest residences in that city was discovered to be on fire and while the fire was checked the loss to the residence and household furnishings will be heavy.

Mr. and Mrs. Breeden with their daughter, Miss Gena, Miss Eleanor Worthman and Miss Agnes Heaton, a teacher in the Louisville schools, had motored to Plattsmouth shortly after 6 o'clock. Miss Breeden and Miss Worthman had stopped here for a visit with Miss Helen Schulz, while Mr. and Mrs. Breeden and Miss Heaton had driven on to Omaha to attend the theatre.

Shortly after 10 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Schliefer and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kupke, residents of near Louisville had started home and when passing the Breeden home they noticed light flickering in the house and stopping to investigate further discovered flames in the interior of the house. The alarm was at once given by Mr. Kupke and Mr. Schliefer, the fire department responding to the call and with water and chemicals were able to put out the fire, but the house was in very bad shape from the gas and smoke.

The firemen found the garage doors in the basement had been blown open by gas and at the foot of the stairway leading to the house bundles of towels soaked in kerosene were found, the blaze in these having been smothered by the dense smoke. Bundles of rags soaked in oil were found in several places over the house and the rugs also were found to be soaked in kerosene.

The house had been left securely locked and was in that shape when the fire department reached the scene, except the basement where the double doors of the garage were found blown open.

Mr. and Mrs. Breeden and their guest, Miss Heaton, reached home shortly after 1 o'clock and were shocked to find their beautiful home almost ruined by the effects of the smoke and water as well as a part of the furniture burned.

State Fire Warden Butcher of Lincoln, was called to the scene Sunday and looked over the situation, finding that without doubt the fire was caused by an incendiary.

The family had no enemies as far as could be ascertained, and reason for setting the fire is a mystery. The case is being investigated by the state fire warden and it is hoped that the culprit may be revealed later.

## HOLD MIDNIGHT WEDDING

Rev. C. O. Troy, the genial pastor of the First Methodist church was aroused from his slumbers Saturday night at the midnight hour and requested to officiate at a wedding ceremony. The pastor, who is very accommodating, arose and proceeded to join the lives and hearts of Walter Szelick and Miss Ione Currin, both of Omaha. Following the wedding the bridal party returned to their home at Omaha.

## WINS FROM OMAHA

From Wednesday's Daily  
The volley ball team of the Business Men's Gym class of this city entertained one of the Y. M. C. A. teams of Omaha here last evening on the high school court. The locals proved to be the more skillful of the two teams and scored four of the seven games played. Some fast work at the net was showed by both teams in the games.

## JOBS FOR 609,256

New York.—Officials of the united action campaign to obtain a million jobs for unemployed persons reported the total reached at 609,256. Thirty states contributed 15,154 during the day.

Journal Want-Ads get results!