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## Chamber of Commerce Has Lengthy Session

### Votes Aid to Retail Section to Assist with Christmas Festivities—Discusses Legislative Matters

From Thursday's Daily  
Attendance at today's Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Riley hotel dining room was slightly below normal, but a most interesting meeting was enjoyed by the directors in discussion of various civic problems.

An invitation to send representatives to a special tax discussion session before Lincoln Chamber on December 7th was given favorable consideration and President Schneider will delegate one of more members of the local body to attend as representative spokesmen for Plattsmouth.

Resolutions approved by the Nebraska Good Roads association at its recent convention, touching on retention of gas tax money for road construction and maintenance met with general favor, except for a belief that towns through which main highways pass should receive some proportion of such funds for the maintenance of their own inner-city highways. Mayor Sattler spoke at some length, and very convincingly on this subject.

President Schneider stated that at the next meeting two weeks hence, Senator Elect Banning and Representative Elect Nichols would be invited luncheon guests of the club, and opportunity would be given to outline before these men who are to sit in the forthcoming legislative session some of the more important problems in which Plattsmouth and Cass county is interested.

Encouragement for an early settlement of difficulties that have held back paving work on Highway 75 along the Platte river bottom north of this city, was found in the report of President Schneider touching on latest developments.

The executive committee turned in a recommendation favoring appropriation up to \$30 to the Retail Section to be used in aiding the pre-Christmas activities being arranged for by that body. On motion the sum was allowed.

Chairman Knorr of the Retail section, spoke briefly on the plans and called upon Mr. Devoe, the Christmas activities chairman to give further detailed information.

A more extensive program is being arranged for this year than ever before, to include arrival of Santa Claus on December 10th and holding of open house to again greet all his little friends December 17th, together with singing of Christmas carols over the city on December 21st. The street lights will be turned on soon, and in addition it is hoped to have a uniform system of lighted trees in the curbstone flagpole receptacles.

Much pleasure was expressed at the plans outlined and progress thus far made by Mr. Devoe's committee.

Mr. Schneider stated that the next meeting on December 15th, would be the last of the present fiscal year, and urged a 100 per cent attendance of the directors. Around the first of January at a called meeting of the entire membership, reports will be given on the past year's activities and new officers for the year 1933 elected.

It was moved that the president appoint a special Nominating committee to bring in the names of at least two members of the civic body who would be willing to serve in each of the various elective offices to be named. The president stated he would announce the names of this committee later.

Chairman W. G. Kieck of the local Red Cross organization reported that Plattsmouth has but 57 members at the present time, while Louisville has an enrollment of approximately 175 members. Mr. Kieck outlined assistance given this community's needy during the past year totaling some \$1,200 in value and urged the members to greater support of this humanitarian organization. Following his appeal a considerable number of the directors came forward to contribute their membership fee.

The Journal will appreciate your phoning in news items. Call No. 5. Thank!

## HAS THUMB INJURED

Hamilton Meisinger, one of the popular young farmers of near this city, suffered a painful injury while at his work. Mr. Meisinger was engaged in unloading a wagon load of corn with an elevator, when the wagon started to become unbalanced and Mr. Meisinger sought to right the wagon. In his efforts to steady the wagon he caught the thumb of the right hand and it was painfully mashed and bruised, making medical treatment necessary for the young man.

## Home Chapter Eastern Star Holds Session

### Has Large Party of Distinguished Visitors and Members from Other Chapters.

From Thursday's Daily  
Last evening Home Chapter, No. 189, Eastern Star, held one of the most largely attended meetings in many months, there being over 200 present to take part in the session. Among the visitors were a delegation of forty from Adaha chapter of South Omaha and twenty from Primrose chapter of Springfield.

The distinguished visitors comprised Mrs. Louise Mantor, Lincoln, grand worship matron; George Dunlap, Lincoln, past grand worthy patron and member of the board of trustees; Mrs. Grace Annes, Omaha, past grand worthy matron; Mrs. Clara Batten, Lincoln, grand conductress; Mrs. Daisy Bennett, Lincoln, grand lecturer; Mrs. Edith Cook, worthy matron, Adaha chapter and George Bloomer, worthy patron, of Omaha; Mrs. Ethel Kieck, worthy matron, Primrose chapter, Springfield; Mrs. Margaret McPherson, Omaha, associate conductress.

The initiatory work was conferred in a very impressive manner by the local officers upon Misses Bernice and Marjorie Arn, who were received into the order.

Following the work of the evening the visiting officers were called upon for remarks, Mrs. Mantor and Mr. Dunlap speaking at some length on the work of the Star and the various chapters of the state. Other members of the visiting party spoke briefly and in warm words of praise of the splendid work of Home chapter.

The party was also afforded a most enjoyable treat in two special readings given by Mrs. Charles Barrows of Murray, a talented reader and whose offerings were much appreciated.

At the close of the evening refreshments were served by the ladies of Home chapter.

## TWELVE JOIN HONORARY

Twelve students in the University of Nebraska engineering college were initiated into Sigma Tau, national honorary fraternity, at a meeting on the campus Wednesday night. Stanley Jameson, president, was in charge.

The initiates were Henry W. Baur, Omaha; Russell J. Beers, Lincoln; Victor Chab, Wilber; Henry Chamberlin, Hershey; Carl J. Christensen, Lincoln; Bernard E. Donelan; Republican City; Hugh W. Gray, Friend; Albert Molenaar, Lincoln; Ronald R. Robinson, Lincoln; V. F. W. Schomaker, Nehawka; Marion B. Scott, Lincoln, and George F. Swatek, Plattsmouth.

Selections for Sigma Tau are from the junior and senior classes. Judgment is based on scholarship and all around adaptability of the student for engineering work. A banquet will be held at the Lincoln hotel tonight.

## FOOTBALL LETTERMEN

The members of the high school football squad who will be awarded their letter for the 1932 season, comprises the following: Sam Arn, Robert Hirtz, William Ronne, George Adam, Robert Rummel, Greth Garnett, William Wetenkamp, Kenneth Armstrong, George Luschnsky, Theodore Yelick, Stuart Porter, Maynard McCleary, Thomas Grosshans, Jesse Taylor, Edgar Seitz, Oliver Taylor, Laurence Rhoades, Walter Porter, student manager.

## Epworth League Enjoys Banquet Last Evening

### Fine Feast Arranged and Program of the Greatest Interest Presented by Young People.

From Friday's Daily  
Some fifty members and guests of the Epworth League of this city gathered last night in the parlors of the First Methodist church to partake of a sumptuous banquet which is given annually as a part of the activities of this splendid organization of young people. The church parlors were artistically decorated, the scheme being carried out in the League's official colors of red and white. Streamers of red and white on pillars and ceiling gave a touch of brilliancy to the affair, while the tables carrying out the same scheme gleamed under the soft glow of red and white candles.

An elaborate program had been carefully worked out. The Epworthians found their places at the tables as the stirring hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," was played, Mr. E. H. Wescott at the piano. The welcome address was given by Miss Amy Elliott with well chosen words and the response was fittingly made by Miss Irene Simons. As the banqueters enjoyed a lovely repast there was added to their enjoyment a number of selections by the talented musicians of the city and community. Among them a group of miramba selections by Edgar Wescott with his father, E. H. Wescott at the piano. Pianoleros by E. H. Wescott and Miss Virginia Samek. A vocal solo by Mr. J. F. Figley and a vocal duet by Eugene Bushnell and Glen Rhodes. These musical numbers were all received with great delight and appreciation. A very fine reading was given by Miss Frances Gambelin and enthusiastically received.

Miss Helen Wurga was present as a guest and representative of the Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian church, and in response to an introduction gave a splendid talk on, "Do I Appreciate My Church." This was a most timely, thoughtful and spiritual presentation of a vital theme. The speaker of the evening was the Rev. Adrian Edgar, pastor of the Methodist church of Arlington, Nebr., and the dean of the Omaha district of the League of Youth. He chose as his subject, "What Has Become of the Old Family Parlor." It was a masterly address, sparkling with wit and humor and with a challenge and appeal that will never be forgotten by the young people who heard it. Rev. Edgar is truly a genius in young people's work.

Last, but not least, the whole affair was presided over by Mr. Don York, Jr., as toastmaster. His spontaneous and bubbling wit and humor added the last touch to a delightful evening. With originality and cleverness he introduced each one who had a part on the program and kept the interest at high pitch thruout the evening with his witticism and story telling and back of that his splendid personality. A very great and happy evening ended with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and the League benediction. It was voted one of the most successful affairs in the history of the League.

## SHOWS FINE SPIRIT

Walter Martin, one of the young farmers of south of this city, has in recent weeks been ill and unable to look after his farm work, his corn crop, which was quite extensive, remaining in the field. A group of the residents of this community, in this city and nearby, decided to assist their friend who was ill. Thursday morning some twenty-two men and fifteen teams appeared at the Martin farm and in a few moments the ears of corn were beating a tattoo on the bank boards of the wagons. The party of shuckers worked all day and cleaned up the corn in fine shape and now Mr. Martin can rest easier knowing that the crop is safely gathered. The work occupied the day and at the noon hour the shuckers were served dinner by the ladies who had joined in preparing for their part of this demonstration of friendly aid for the ill neighbor.

## SHOWING NICE IMPROVEMENT

From Thursday's Daily  
Henry F. Goos, popular local business man, who has been at the Methodist hospital at Omaha, recovering from the effects of two operations, has returned home. Mr. Goos is feeling much better and while it will require some time for him to regain his former health, he is showing a fine progress and seems well on the highway to recovery. This is most pleasant news for the family and host of friends and who trust that he may have a speedy recovery.

## Farming Popular with Students of the High School

### In Vocational Survey Agriculture Leads Other Lines—Electric Engineering Second.

A survey made among the boys of the junior and senior classes of Plattsmouth high school on a very fine Vocational Guidance project, sponsored by the local Rotary club of which Superintendent Devoe is committee chairman, shows that more boys are planning to become farmers than any other vocation. Thirteen boys stated that it was their intention to farm and this in spite of the reverses which agriculture has suffered in recent years. Since Nebraska is primarily an agriculture community, it is not surprising that the vocation of agriculture should lead all others. Electric engineering ranks second with seven boys interested in this field, and four boys have heard "the call of the wild" and want to be forest rangers. Other vocations were listed as follows: Music, 2; physician, 2; Teaching and Coaching, 4; Mechanic, 1; Baker, 1; Court Reporter, 1; Civil Service, 2; Lawyers, 2; Druggist, 1; Meat, 1; Groceries, 1; Journalism, 1; Drafting, 1; Auditing, 1; Veterinary, 1; Aviation, 3; Construction Engineer, 2; Packing Business, 1; Oil and Gas, 2; Abstractor, 1; Printer, 1; Secretarial, 1.

Further information about this project of the Rotary club will probably be made by that organization in due time but the high school principal was asked to get the information on a form provided for that purpose and the facts in this article were taken from that survey.

## MARRIED AT CITY HALL

From Friday's Daily  
Judge Charles L. Graves, general police magistrate, is one of the most accommodating men in the community and is always willing to do anything that will make a person happy, even to playing a fiddle. Last evening the judge was busy docketing several cases when a party of young people appeared at the court in the city hall. The party was seeking a marriage license and the court directed them to the residence of Judge Duxbury and also agreed to wait for the return of the young people, to join them in wedlock.

Time sped on and no bridal party returned, but Judge Graves kept the light in the window burning for love's returning. Near the midnight hour, the bridal party returned. It seemed that the bride was under age and the consent of the father was necessary, so back to Omaha had sped the young people and returned with the parent, and then Judge Duxbury issued the license. It was near the midnight hour when Judge Graves finally performed the ceremony that was to join Lawrence Everett Newton and Miss Rosemary J. Greenhagen, both of Omaha, in the bonds of wedlock.

## HAVE PLEASANT MEETING

The members of the Woman's Auxiliary and St. Mary's guild of the St. Luke's church, met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. W. Clement. The time was spent in the study of "The Living Issues in China," the study book of the winter season, led by Canon Petter. The ladies also named Miss Jessie Robertson as treasurer of the auxiliary to succeed Mrs. G. K. Petring. At a suitable hour dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. Clement who was assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Henry McMaken and Mrs. J. S. Livingston.

## Jury Acquits Ed Murray of Assault Charge

### Find Him Guilty However, of the Charge of Carrying Concealed Weapons.

From Saturday's Daily  
The jury which has been hearing the evidence in the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Edward Murray, charged with assault with intent to commit murder, returned their verdict this morning at 10:30.

The jury acquitted Mr. Murray of the charge of assault with intent to commit murder, but held him guilty of carrying concealed weapons, lesser offense.

The jury deliberated on the case from 3 o'clock Friday afternoon until 10 o'clock last night without securing a verdict and resumed their deliberations this morning and continued until the verdict was reported. The penalty for this offense is a fine not exceeding \$1,000, or imprisonment in the state penitentiary not exceeding two years.

The defense in the Murray case was submitted on Friday afternoon, a general denial being made in the testimony of the statements of the witnesses for the state.

Edward Murray, the defendant, stated in his testimony that on the day of the sale of the personal property, March 25th, that Sheriff Thimgan had told him that if the wire, which was the cause of the present litigation, was his, that he might remove it. He also testified that on the same evening Mrs. Fred Druecker, wife of the tenant of the farm had threatened him with a hammer and he had sought refuge on a wagon. The defendant also testified that he had been threatened by Mr. Druecker and that Druecker and Deputy Sheriff Becker on visiting the farm on March 25th, had drawn revolvers on him and his son, Theron.

The testimony of the son, Theron Murray, was similar to that of the father as regarded the incidents of the visit of the officers to the farm when the Murrays were preparing to remove the wire of which they claimed possession.

Chris Murray, Theron Murray, Theodore and Joe Baker were sworn and testified to having heard a conversation between Ed Murray and Sheriff Thimgan, in which the sheriff had told him, as they claim that he might have the wire if it was his.

The case was submitted to the jury at 3 o'clock Friday and the case deliberated on until 10:30 this morning.

## HAS SPRAINED ANKLE

Henry Lamphere, well known restaurant man, is suffering from the effects of a sprained ankle that he sustained while doing some work around the home. Mr. Lamphere decided to trim some of the trees around the house and accordingly ascended the tree and started to saw one of the limbs. In the sawing his ankle became caught in a crotch of the tree and as he attempted to extricate the ankle, it was bruised and sprained and made necessary the giving of medical aid to the injured man. While the injury is not serious it is very painful and annoying and gives the victim more or less trouble in looking after his work at the restaurant.

## BREAK INTO WAREHOUSE

From Saturday's Daily  
The warehouse of the Ofe Oil Co., situated near the Missouri Pacific passenger station in the west part of the city, was broken into sometime last night. The party or parties secured entrance by cutting the lock on the building and which permitted from free entrance to the building. Several boxes of cup and axle grease were missing but this was all that was secured as far as can be ascertained. The parties evidently were looking for non-freeze preparations or oil but fortunately there was none on hand at the warehouse. The warehouse was broken into last winter and a large amount of the non-freeze preparation was taken.

Christmas cards for printing can be found at the Journal office. Come and look over the line.

## WILL ADDRESS MASONS

Robert Foster Patterson of this city, principal of the high school, has been invited by Harold Thom, master of Nebraska lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M. to address the Square and Compass club in Omaha. Mr. Patterson has been asked to speak at the luncheon on December 30th, the club meeting twice monthly. The Square and Compass club is an organization of a hundred business and professional men affiliated with the Masonic fraternity.

## Chris Gobelman, an Old Resident, Called to Reward

### Death Comes Suddenly After Short Illness From Cold—Funeral to Be Held Monday.

From Saturday's Daily  
Christian Gobelman, 82, a resident of this city for the past thirty years, died suddenly this morning at 4:30 at the home of his son, Frank R. Gobelman, with whom he had made his home.

The deceased was born December 26, 1849 in Beaver, Pike county, Ohio, and where he spent his childhood years, later moving to Illinois where he was married to Miss Ellen Ford, who has preceded him in death some forty-five years ago. He came to Plattsmouth thirty years ago and had since made his home here with his son and other relatives in this city and vicinity.

He is survived by one son, Frank R. Gobelman, of this city; one brother, Allan Gobelman, of Glendale, California, and one sister, Mrs. Catherine Frey of Edwardsville, Illinois. Two brothers, Val and John Gobelman, have preceded him in death.

The funeral will be held on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Sattler funeral home at Fourth and Vine streets.

## FUNERAL OF HENRY OFE

The funeral service of the late Henry Ofe was held on Friday afternoon at the Sattler funeral home at Fourth and Vine streets, being very largely attended by the old time friends of this splendid citizen. The floral tributes were numerous and silently attested the deep feeling of sorrow felt in the community in his passing.

Rev. O. G. Wichmann, pastor of the St. Paul's Evangelical church, was in charge of the service and gave words of comfort to the bereaved wife and children and other relatives and friends. The pastor paid a fine tribute to Mr. Ofe and his long and useful life.

During the service the choir of the church gave three of the old hymns, "Take Thou My Hand and Lead Me," "Rock of Ages," and "God Will Take Care of You." At the conclusion of the service, the body was borne to the Oak Hill cemetery where it was laid to the last long rest. The pall bearers were John Kaffenberger, H. E. Becker, William Baird, J. H. McMaken, Val Burkle, H. G. Meisinger.

## HAVE AUTO WRECK

Frank Yelick of this city, while driving home from his work at Omaha Thursday, was one of the victims of an auto accident at Sixteenth and Castler street, Omaha. The car of Nathan Wintroub, 2425 South 16th street collided with that of Mr. Yelick. Neither of the drivers of the cars were seriously injured, although bruised up, but Louise Wintroub, 12, who was riding with her father, suffered severe injuries. The girl was taken to the St. Joseph hospital where it was feared she might have suffered a skull fracture. The drivers of both cars were released on bond for hearing for reckless driving.

## TO VISIT IN CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Frank E. Warren departed Thursday evening for the west coast where she will visit at Oakland, California, with her sons, Fred Warren and family and James Warren. Mrs. Warren will spend the holiday season in the west with the sons and enjoy the many places of interest in San Francisco and vicinity.

## Santa Claus is Planning Visit to This City

### Christmas Festivities Will Bring on Extensive Program for the Little Ones.

Yes, Santa Claus is coming to Plattsmouth and no mistake. This jolly old fellow has made many pre-Christmas visits to our city—one time he came in on Burlington train No. 4; one time he came across the new bridge from Iowa, and several times he has come to us from the north on highway No. 75. This time he is going to make us two visits—the first one will be Saturday, Dec. 10th—that's next Saturday—and this time he will probably come from the south, as he has some important business at Kansas City. He has not told us yet whether he is coming for his first visit by airplane, auto or reindeer, but he will probably let us know about that later. However we know he will be here next Saturday morning by 10:30. He intimated in his last letter to the committee that he would like to be received by a guard of honor composed of picked boys and girls from the various schools of the county such as we have had for him on former occasions and he also expressed the wish that we might have a parade for him such as we had before, so the committee is going ahead to prepare the arrangements for him on that plan.

All the schools have been invited to elect or select a boy or girl of their own number to represent them on this guard of honor—of course every boy and girl in every school is invited to come and see Santa but only one from each school can be privileged to act on this special guard of honor.

The reception committee composed of the mayor, president of the Chamber of Commerce, president of the Woman's club, commander of American Legion, president of the Red Cross and chairman of the retail section committee, will meet Santa on Chicago avenue, just south of the Ofe oil station and formally welcome him to the city at this point.

The parade will form in the following order, headed by chief of police on horseback, color bearer, Boy Scouts, prominent officials, bicycle corps, band, Campfire girls, guard of honor, Santa Claus and boys and girls of all kinds.

We are asking that those who participate please be on hand at starting point soon after 10 o'clock so everything can be organized and in line for Santa when he appears at 10:30. From here the parade will march to 7th and Pearl, east to 6th, north to Main, east to depot, counter back to court house lawn, where Santa will pass out, along with his usual good will and good cheer some candy for each child. After these exercises at the court house Santa will march back up the street to his headquarters in the Masonic store room, 503 Main street. Here he will be stationed for the day as follows: 11 to 12; 2 to 5; 7 to 9.

There are a great many boys and girls that would like to talk to Santa personally and tell him what they would like to have him bring them on Christmas eve and although Santa is a very busy fellow he has agreed to spend the whole day with us, because he says the boys and girls of Plattsmouth have always given him such a hearty welcome that they have won his heart, and he would like to talk to them personally and tell them about his far away home in the north and try and answer all the questions they may ask. Santa is a jolly old fellow and when you get on the right side of him he is a friend worth having. Now Santa plans to come again the following Saturday and he will probably tell you about that when you see him. He hopes everybody will co-operate to give Santa a right royal good old fashioned Plattsmouth welcome, next Saturday, Dec. 10th.

## UNDERGOING TREATMENT

M. P. Fleming of this city, who has been in poor health for the past few months, is spending some time at Nebraska City where he is undergoing a course of treatment and observation. Mr. Fleming is at the home of his son, Gerald and receiving the treatment each day.