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## District Court Takes Up Damage Suit Today

Trying Case of Raymond Bachmann vs. Ed W. Thimgan, et al—Suit for \$7,400.

From Monday's Daily

This morning district court reconvened after the week end recess and took up the trial of the case of Raymond Bachmann vs. Ed W. Thimgan, et al. This is an action in which Mr. Thimgan is being sued as sheriff for damages alleged to have been caused in levying on the place of business of the plaintiff.

The plaintiff was engaged in the operation of a lunch room at Louisville and the sheriff under a writ of replevin issued in the county court, served the writ on Mr. Bachmann. It is alleged as the basis of the suit for \$25,000 damages that the officer locked the place up and deprived the plaintiff of entrance to the building and that the building was later turned over to the owner, Mrs. Clara Palmer, who is also made a defendant. By reason of being kept from his place of business Mr. Bachmann asks damage in the sum of \$7,400.

The bondsmen of the sheriff are also made defendants in the action by the plaintiff.

## JURY GIVES SMALL VERDICT

From Tuesday's Daily

The jury in the case of Raymond Bachmann vs. Ed W. Thimgan, et al., returned a sealed verdict last night after several hours deliberation. The verdict was opened this morning by Judge James T. Begley and found for the plaintiff, Mr. Bachmann in the sum of \$60. The plaintiff had sued for damages of \$7,400.

The case of Clarence G. Bliss, receiver, vs. H. C. Backmeyer, which was to be tried before the jury today, was settled and the case closed. There being no case ready for immediate trial the jury was excused for the day and to meet again on Wednesday.

## DANIELS CASES IN APRIL

County Attorney W. G. Kleck has decided that the cases of Ival and John Daniels, charged with first degree murder, will be taken up at the April term of the district court. The jury panel in the present term has heard the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Everett Daniels, who was convicted of second degree murder and accordingly cannot be used in the trial of the other two remaining cases.

The sentencing of Everett Daniels will be given at the time of the filing of the motion for a new trial, providing that the motion is overruled by the court.

## COLD STRIKES THIS SECTION

From Wednesday's Daily

The coldest weather so far this winter was registered this morning, the mercury registering two degrees above the zero mark. The cold was accompanied by a stiff northwest breeze that made it decidedly unpleasant for those who were out in the open. The cold came on suddenly after several very pleasant and comparatively warm days in this section of the state and was more keenly felt for this reason.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of expressing our heartfelt appreciation of the many acts of kindness shown to us in the hour of our bereavement in the taking away of our loved husband and father. To the friends and neighbors, those who sent the beautiful remembrances and those who participated in the funeral, we wish to extend our most sincere thanks.—Mrs. Henry Ote and Family.

## RETURNS FROM SOUTH

Mrs. A. D. Asch, of near Murray, who has been spending several weeks in the south, has returned to her farm home. Mrs. Asch enjoyed a fine visit in Florida and took the opportunity of visiting all of the principal cities and points of interest. She has enjoyed the trip to the utmost.

## COMMISSIONERS HAVE MEETING

From Monday's Daily

The board of county commissioners were in session today, taking up the usual grist of business for the county and allowing the claims for work of the past month.

At the meeting today, County Clerk George R. Sayles made the appointment of Mrs. Blanche Hall as the deputy in the county clerk's office, filling the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Adams and is now empowered to serve as the deputy in the office.

## Plattsmouth Girl to be Wedded Christmas Day

Forthcoming Marriage of Miss Helen Rude Wescott to Perry Harvey Murdick is Announced.

The announcement was made Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hilt Wescott of this city of the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Miss Helen Rude Wescott to Perry Harvey Murdick, Jr., of Lincoln.

The marriage will take place at 5 o'clock in the afternoon of Christmas day at the First Methodist church in this city. The marriage lines will be read by Rev. Murdick, of Lincoln, father of the groom, and whom Miss Wescott has served as secretary for the past year. Mrs. Homer Hubbard of Wichita, Kansas, will sing preceding the ceremony. Following the wedding the young couple will leave for New York City, where Mr. Murdick will be connected with the Chase National bank. After January 2, they will be at home at Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Miss Wescott is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wescott of this city where she was born and reared, graduating from the Plattsmouth schools in the class of 1925. She is a graduate of the Nebraska Wesleyan university where she is a member of the Willard sorority. She also has membership in Theta Alpha Phi, honorary dramatic sorority and is an associate member of Sigma Alpha Iota at Drake university at Des Moines. She has been engaged as secretary to Rev. Murdick, pastor of the Trinity M. E. church at Lincoln.

Mr. Murdick is a graduate of Pennington school for boys in Pennington, New Jersey and attended the University of Michigan where he is affiliated with Theta Delta Chi.

## ATTEND TEACHER'S CONFERENCE

Miss Alpha C. Peterson, county superintendent of Cass county, and L. S. Devoe of the Plattsmouth schools have been chosen as two of the delegates to represent District 2 at the annual meeting of the delegate assembly of the Nebraska State Teachers' association, which will be held in Lincoln, December 9. More than one hundred representatives of the six districts will convene for this yearly business meeting of the association, at which major educational problems will be considered and three general officers will be elected.

Present general officers of the association are Supt. R. R. McGee, Columbus, president; Supt. J. E. Shedd, Cambridge, vice president; Supt. O. L. Webb, David City, treasurer; C. A. Bowers, Lincoln, secretary, who holds office for a three-year period; and the executive committee members, Dr. W. H. Morton, Lincoln; Asst. Supt. Leon Smith, Omaha; Supt. B. V. Keister, Neligh; Supt. Glenn Miller, Ravenna; Supt. J. C. Mitchell, McCook; and Supt. Frank Prince, Bayard.

## WEEDS BURNING CAUSE ALARM

Sunday afternoon shortly after 4 o'clock the fire department was called to the south part of the city where a weed fire was causing alarm. The fire was near the residence occupied by Mrs. Grace Simons and had spread very rapidly and caused alarm among the members of the family who feared that the blaze might reach the residence itself.

Orders for printed Christmas cards are now being taken at the Journal office. Call and secure your pick of the line while it is still unbroken.

## Legion Elects B. R. Zastera District Commander

Louisville Chosen as Next Convention City—Stag Dinner Followed by Lengthy Program

From Wednesday's Daily

Representatives were present from all but two of the twenty Legion posts of the 12th district, at the convention held here yesterday. The convention was called to order at 1:15 by District Commander Fred Witt of Nebraska City, and after the formal opening functions had been completed, Albert Olson, commander of Plattsmouth post, extended greetings, being followed by Joe Capwell, city attorney, who welcomed the guests on behalf of Mayor Sattler.

From then on, the convention was taken up with a series of speeches, touching on subjects of vital importance to the service men. The address of Commander Robert M. Armstrong, making his first appearance in this city since his election to that position, was a straightforward discussion of matters effecting the welfare of the country that the Legion must shoulder a share of the responsibility in solving. Mr. Armstrong is a fine speaker and a pleasing gentleman to meet.

A representative of the U. S. Veterans' Bureau, of Lincoln, was present and spoke at some length.

The Nebraska City ladies drum corps acted as an escort to Mrs. Olga Webb, department president of the Auxiliary, who came from the Auxiliary convention at the library to bring greetings to the assembled Legionnaires. She was also accompanied by Mrs. Lottie Rosencrans, past department president and national committeewoman.

H. H. Dudley, the department adjutant of the Legion followed with a talk on "Organization and Membership," in which he outlined some of the duties of the various post officers. In closing his address, Dudley made official presentation of recognition cards to the officers of several of the posts in the district for exceeding in number of members enrolled, the average for the last four years—the local post being among those to receive this recognition.

Col. R. G. Douglas, secretary of the state aid committee gave an insight into the fabricated relief program that has been built up to take care of emergency aid, including the establishment of the post woodpile, to which the relief committee will contribute the sum of \$50 for the purchase of timber for cutting.

Col. Phil Hall, department commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars, of Greenwood post, and Sam Reynolds, national executive committeeman from Nebraska were also heard.

Margaret Shellenbarger-Hirz contributed a vocal solo and encores shortly after the meeting was opened, this being the only musical number on the afternoon program.

The Resolutions committee, headed by Lloyd Peterson, of Nebraska City, brought in a series of resolutions including a vote of thanks to Plattsmouth for its hospitality, that were adopted.

For district commander, Peterson, B. R. Zastera, of Talmage, and Howard Vickers of Bennett were placed in nomination, Peterson and Vickers later withdrawing and the unanimous vote was cast for Zastera, Mr. Vickers being named as vice commander. The county commanders selected were as follows: Cass, Alex Geist, Louisville; Otoe, W. H. Andreason, Syracuse; Lancaster, Sam Brokema, Hickman; Seward, Dr. J. G. Muir, Milford.

For convention city next year, Nebraska City, Greenwood and Louisville entered formal bids, the latter being selected.

Following adjournment, the members "fell in" behind the Nebraska City Auxiliary drum corps for a parade of the business section and congregated soon thereafter at the Legion building for the stag dinner and floor show.

The feed committee, with Henry Soennichsen as chairman, was ably assisted in preparation of the meal by the wives and sisters of many of the Legionnaires and a fine repast was provided.

Superintendent L. S. Devoe officiated

ed as toastmaster and introduced the state officers and others on the speaking program with scintillating wit and humor, also calling on many of the better known Legionnaires to stand and take a bow. The after dinner program lasted till well nigh 9 o'clock, when the dance was scheduled to begin.

Legionnaires, Auxiliary members and the general public joined in this closing event on the day's program.

## Red and White Store is Broken Into Last Night

Fry Open Screen and Gain Entrance to Main Storeroom—Check Fails to Reveal Loss.

From Tuesday's Daily

The Red and White grocery store was visited by burglars or prowlers sometime last night as was revealed when the store was opened this morning for the day's business.

The entrance to the store was gained by prying loose a window screen which had been nailed in place by Hilt Martin, owner of the store, some time ago. Opening the screen the party or parties then were able to pry up the window sufficiently to make their way into the back room of the store which is used in the making of their home made sausages.

The door to the front or main storeroom was not locked and it was easy to gain entrance to that portion of the store.

A hurried check by Mr. Martin and his clerks has failed to reveal anything of value taken and if there was any articles missing it was some small articles of foodstuff.

The store was reported as all right by members of the night police force who had tested the doors and windows during the night and it is thought that the breaking in must have been in the early morning hours or when the police had finished their rounds and were in other parts of the city.

## Plattsmouth Woman's Club Holds Meeting

Entertained at Home of Mrs. R. B. Hayes—Vote to Reduce Dues to \$1 Per Year.

From Tuesday's Daily

The Plattsmouth Woman's club met at the home of Mrs. R. B. Hayes last evening with Mrs. F. G. Morgan, Mrs. J. A. Capwell, Miss Elizabeth Spangler, Mrs. C. C. Cotner and Mrs. Charles Manners as associate hostesses.

Mrs. James T. Begley stated that the singing of Christmas carols on December 21st had been sponsored by the music committee and the matter had been taken up with the choirs of the various churches, joining in the community singing.

Mrs. Etta Gorder, leader of the meeting gave a most interesting talk on "Origin of Christmas customs," taking this back to the earliest days of the Christian world.

The club voted on account of the depression to reduce the dues of the organization to \$1 per year and which was adopted by the club.

The next meeting will be a Christmas party and all members are urged to bring toys that may be used in distribution to the needy children.

The high school girls present were Miss Alice Jefferies and Miss Virginia Samek.

At the close of the evening refreshments were served by the hostesses.

## VISIT IN IOWA

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Harford returned Monday afternoon from Boone, Iowa, where they motored Sunday in company with their sons, Charles and Joseph. Charles has been at Ames, engaged in some research work for his company at the corn products laboratory and motored home for a short visit, bringing with him his brother, Joe, student at Ames. On their return they were accompanied by the parents for a short visit.

## Red Cross Still Below Quota of Its Membership

While Need for Membership Is the Greatest Since World War, Response Is Slow.

The Plattsmouth chapter membership of the Red Cross is far below the quota of the year, altho the emergency that calls for the need of the Red Cross, is the greatest since the world war.

The local chapter of the Red Cross is allowed to retain a half of the membership fee and which is used in the local relief work, the remaining half going to county and national units. With a large membership that had been hoped for this year, a neat sum was expected to be realized to apply on other local relief funds. The failure to find ready response to the call to arms in the war for humanity, has been very disappointing to the leaders of the membership campaign.

The local chapter has enrolled fifty-seven members while at our neighboring city of Louisville, there has been 170 to give their dollar for membership. To join the Red Cross has become a tradition with the larger part of the population of Louisville since they had the demonstration of the great work of that organization at the time of the flood in their city.

The Red Cross is called to aid in all emergencies of distress in all parts of the nation and derive their funds for this purpose from the memberships in all parts of the country as well as donations that are given by many.

In this city it was decided not to stage a campaign for additional funds for relief work this winter but to carry on with what was available from the Red Cross and Associated Charities, expecting that the membership drive would assist in raising funds for applying on relief work.

There is no way that anyone can better aid the distress than by the enrollment in the Red Cross, which is now facing one of the greatest struggles since the world war in relief work.

The memberships can be secured at the banks of the city if the solicitors have overlooked anyone or they can get in touch with Mrs. Herman Thomas, the chairman of the local drive, or W. G. Kleck, chapter chairman, at the court house.

## PLANS FOR BANQUET

Final plans for the community banquet in honor of the victorious high school football team this season have been made and preparations are being made for a large number Friday evening at the Hotel Riley at 6:30. Coach Dana X. Bible of the University of Nebraska will be present and may possibly have with him moving pictures of the Pittsburgh game. He will be accompanied by Jerry Adam who will present the "N" scholarship award which Plattsmouth has won for the third time.

Tickets can be secured from Hilt Martin and the committee is especially anxious to have a definite idea how many to expect by Thursday night though no one who comes at the last minute will be turned away. This is a community affair and deserving of the support of the men of the town and community. Any man who is interested in the school is cordially invited to come whether he lives in Plattsmouth or in a neighboring community.

## HERE FOR CONVENTION

From Monday's Daily

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Distell and the younger children, Billy and Barbara, arrived this morning from Hobart, Indiana, to enjoy a few days visit here with the old friends. They are house guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hiber while in the city. Mr. Distell will attend the American Legion convention for the twelfth district which is to be held here. Mr. Distell extended the invitation to the district convention to meet here at the meeting last year at Seward. The many friends of this estimable couple are delighted to meet them again and to enjoy the opportunity of a short visit.

## UNDERGOES OPERATION

Mrs. John P. Sattler, who has been at the Clarkson hospital for the past several weeks, was operated on Saturday afternoon. The amputation of one of the feet was found necessary to afford the patient relief and to make possible a permanent recovery. Mrs. Sattler is doing as well as could be expected from the operation and the attendant shock of the ordeal. It is hoped that in the next week she may be well advanced to recovery and be able to return home relieved of her ill health.

## Packing of Canned Goods is Topic of Rotary Meeting

A. E. Stewart of the Norfolk Packing Co., Gives Demonstration of Plant's Products.

The members of the Rotary club at their meeting on Tuesday, had the pleasure of hearing and having a practical demonstration of the work of the Norfolk Packing Co., whose main plant is located in this city.

The demonstration and interesting explanation of the work of the packing plant was given by A. E. Stewart, manager of the local plant. Mr. Stewart told of the various processes that are used in the preparation of the canned goods for the market, which was in itself very interesting to the Rotarians. Mr. Stewart also had with him cans of the various products that have been made at the plants here and at Norfolk, showing the splendid manner in which the canned goods are prepared for the market and placed in the hands of the consumers. A number of the cans were opened and the Rotarians given the opportunity of seeing just how the packing was completed and the articles ready for the market. The talk was most interesting and one that was appreciated to the utmost by all of the Rotary.

The two high schools boys, who for the month of December will be members of Rotary, were presented, Orrell Hennings, senior, and William Highfield, junior. The young men were welcomed by E. H. Wescott in his usual impressive manner and who assured the boys of the cordial greeting of the Rotarians, who for the next few weeks will be hosts to the young men.

The meeting was under the leadership of John L. Tidball, to whom the Rotary feels very appreciative for the excellent program that had been prepared.

## RADIOGRAM FROM SANTA

Nome, Alaska, Dec. 6th.  
Mr. L. S. Devoe, chairman,  
Plattsmouth Neb.

Arrived here today after stormy trip over the ice bound shores of the north. I am already two days late on my schedule to the U. S., but from here on am expecting better weather and faster traveling. So far I have come with sleds but will leave the reindeers here and hurry on to San Francisco by airplane. Expect to be there Wednesday, then on to Los Angeles and east to St. Louis by Friday morning. I have to stop in Kansas City Friday night to meet a lot of the boys and girls at the Coliseum and will then head for Plattsmouth. I understand you are expecting me there Saturday morning at 10:30. Well, I'll be there. You know I never have disappointed you yet. So you're going to have the exercises down on the court house grounds like you did before—that's fine—plenty of room down there for all the boys and girls and I presume you've invited all the boys and girls in Cass county as I told you to do—that's right. And say, what about "the key to Plattsmouth"—that big gold key—tell Mayor Sattler to have it ready because I'm going to stay all day this time. Have you got my headquarters fixed up for me? I want to meet all the boys and girls there. If possible, wish you'd have a telephone put in there so the sick boys and girls can phone me. See you Saturday. Goodbye.

SANTA.

Phone the news to No. 6.

## Legion Auxiliary Re-Elects Mrs. Tyler President

Twelfth District Convention Here Very Much Enjoyed—Have Large Attendance.

The twelfth district convention of the American Legion Auxiliary closed in this city Tuesday evening, proving one of the most successful that has been held in the district as well as one of the best attended that has been held so far.

The convention sessions were held at the public library auditorium and presided over by Mrs. Venus Tyler of Nebraska City, district president. The afternoon session opened with the Plattsmouth high school orchestra under the direction of Miss Cora Williams, giving a much appreciated selection which reflected the great credit on the young people.

Mrs. Olga Webb, David City, president of the department of Nebraska, was introduced shortly after the opening of the afternoon session, being given a splendid ovation from the members of the convention. Mrs. Webb discussed the work of the Auxiliary and the plans for the coming year.

Mrs. O. I. McGrew of Lincoln, one of the talented musicians of that city, was heard in a much enjoyed vocal selection.

Mrs. C. A. Rosencrans, of this city, national committeewoman, gave a forceful and impressive talk on "National Preparedness," a very able discussion of the need of adequate protection to our country.

Mrs. Gene McGlasson, chairman of the state rehabilitation department, gave a talk on the poppy campaign of the Auxiliary and its importance in the program of her department.

The matter of "Membership" was discussed by Mrs. Irene Fleming, state department secretary, who urged that all join in the membership roll for the year 1933.

Mrs. Helen Dudley, of Lincoln, spoke on the "Americanization" work of the Auxiliary, a very able address along the line of the urging of more extended work to place the love and respect of our country first with all of the people.

Mrs. Hortense Lesell, of Falls City, president of district No. 13, spoke of the work of "Fidac," international veterans movement.

Following the addresses of the afternoon, the convention took up the matter of the election of the district officers, the following being named: President—Mrs. Venus Tyler, Nebraska City.

Vice-President—Mrs. John Olson, Davey.

Executive Committee—Mrs. Robert Will, Plattsmouth, for three years.

The local unit presented a very appropriate gift to Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Tyler as the convention concluded its deliberation and prepared for the social features of the evening. The convention adjourned at 5:45 for the banquet which was held at the Fellowship room of the Presbyterian church.

The banquet had been prepared and served by the Q. Z. society of the Presbyterian church in a splendid manner and with the attractively arranged tables made a very delightful event. The menu of the banquet was as follows:

Breaded Pork Tenderloin  
Escalloped Potatoes  
Brown Noodles - Salad Supreme  
Jelly - Relish  
Hot Rolls  
Crowned Gingerbread  
Coffee

Following the serving of the banquet the meeting was placed in the hands of Mrs. C. A. Rosencrans, presiding as toastmistress, Mrs. L. S. Devoe leading the group singing and Mrs. Robert M. Walling at the piano. The ladies quartet gave a much enjoyed number as the toast list was opened and received a hearty encore from the members of the banquet party.

Short talks were given by Mrs. McGlasson, of Lincoln, Mrs. Abrams, of Weeping Water, Mrs. Reece Hastain, Louisville, Mrs. Lesell of Falls City, making a great deal of fun to enliven the occasion. Mrs. Eugene Nutzman of Nehawka, was heard in a vocal offering that was much enjoyed.