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Citizens Join in Distribution of Xmas Baskets

Over 100 Are Distributed Over the City Through the Associated Charities Workers.

From Saturday's Daily

There should not be a home in the city that will not have a fine Christmas dinner as the result of the energetic efforts of William M. Barclay, director of the Associated Charities and his force of volunteer workers.

The committee of the association have checked the city carefully and other church and fraternal organizations joined to secure the names of all those who should be remembered with the Christmas baskets. There were distributed over 100 of the baskets and which in addition to the provisions for a fine dinner also carried to families with children, an assortment of toys, candies and other dainties for the glad yuletide.

Mr. Barclay has had the direction of the purchase of supplies that were needed with a vast array of fruits and vegetables, candies and toys that were donated by the more fortunate of the residents of the city to aid their fellow man.

Many of the truck owners of the city placed their trucks at the disposal of Mr. Barclay, the owners driving or securing drivers for the trucks that carried the baskets to the homes over the city.

The response this year has been splendid, the citizens awakening to the need of the hour and giving liberally of supplies and services in getting in touch with all who were in need at this time.

The showing of the real Plattsmouth spirit at this time is fine and is a credit to the community and to Mr. Barclay and wife, who have labored so faithfully in the arranging of the baskets, too much praise cannot be given.

HOLD SOCIAL MEETING

The home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Webb on north Fifth street was the scene of a pleasant Christmas party on Thursday evening, the occasion being the Christmas party of the Catholic Daughters of America. The home was arranged with the Christmas decorations and a large lighted tree added its beauty to the scene of enjoyment.

Mrs. Webb, Miss Mae Murphy, Mrs. E. A. Lorenz and Mrs. Frank Mullen were the hostesses of the evening and provided a most pleasant time for the members of the party, cards being the diversion. In the playing Miss Minnie Guthmann secured the honors in bridge and Mrs. Anna Zitka in Pinochle.

Being the Christmas time the ladies received presents which had been provided by Santa and which added to the holiday spirit of the evening.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses at an appropriate hour as the ladies departed for their homes after a most pleasant time.

CHOIR TENDERS SHOWER

From Friday's Daily

The choir of the First Methodist church with former members of the organization, joined last evening in tendering a linen shower to Miss Helen Wescott, long actively identified with the music work of the church.

The members gathered at the hospitable home of Mrs. R. B. Hayes which was attractively arranged with the Christmas decorations, among these a large tree adding its beauty to the scene.

The evening was spent in games as well as musical selections by the members of the choir and which were much enjoyed. The members of the party also joined in writing letters to the bride which afforded a great deal of interest to all of the group.

Miss Wescott was then presented with the many handsome remembrances of linen which will be taken by her to the new home in the east.

At the close of the evening Mrs. Hayes assisted by Mrs. E. G. Sheltenbarger served dainty and delicious refreshments and which were much enjoyed.

RETURNS FROM WEST COAST

George Thacker, of Omaha, who has been spending the past six weeks in visiting through the southwest and California, reports that the general condition of the country is quite poor. He will remain here over the holiday season as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vandervoort and visiting with the many old time friends.

Retires \$10,000 of School District Bonds

Board of Education Today Retires Bonds to Make \$23,000 Now Paid Off Debt.

From Thursday's Daily

The board of education of school district No. 1, today retired \$10,000 of the bonds of the district and made the amount of the bonds that have been redeemed at \$23,000, they having last year taken up \$13,000 of the bonds.

The bonds are a part of the \$65,000 which was issued in 1917 to defray the cost of the new high school building, the issue being twenty year bonds that will be due in 1937. The bonds carry five per cent interest and the board of education which have held \$10,000 of the government bonds of a lower interest rate, were able to locate a block of the school bonds that they could secure and accordingly took this means of saving the taxpayers the higher interest by reducing the amount of the indebtedness.

With the \$23,000 now retired the board of education has on hand \$23,000 which has been invested and is drawing interest to help retire the bonds at their maturity or from time to time as the board is able to secure the bonds for retirement in advance of the due date.

With the amount retired and the sinking fund investments the board has \$46,000 of the bonds cared for and with the due date of the bonds five years more to run. The board of education has shown their keenest interest in the handling of the affairs of the school district and it is gratifying to see such an excellent condition in the handling of the bond proposition.

SHOWER FOR MISS WESCOTT

Thursday afternoon Mrs. Howard Davis and Mrs. W. L. Heinrich entertained very pleasantly at the Heinrich home on west Main street, honoring Miss Helen Wescott, whose marriage to Perry H. Murdick, Jr., takes place Christmas.

The event was a personal shower and tea, with the settings in the red and green of the Christmas decorations.

The ladies spent the afternoon in the preparation of a book for the bride, as well as several games that were much enjoyed by the members of the party. Each of the guests were asked to write a letter to the bride on postcards and which produced a great deal of enjoyment for all.

Miss Wescott was then presented with the gifts from the friends in honor of the forthcoming happy occasion.

Mrs. P. H. Murdick, Sr., of Lincoln, was an out of town guest at the shower.

SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

The many friends of Fred A. Rothert, coach of the athletic department of the Plattsmouth high school, will be pleased to learn that he is now improving. Mr. Rothert has been very sick as the result of an attack of the flu and is just now showing some signs of betterment. It is hoped that in the next few days that he may be well on the way to permanent recovery.

MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE

The marriage of Mrs. Ethel Sheridan and Earl D. Neff, both of Osceola, Iowa, took place at the court house on Thursday afternoon. The marriage lines were read by Judge A. H. Duxbury in his usual impressive manner. Following the wedding the newlyweds motored back to their home in the Iowa city.

Red Cross Serves Many with Garments Made Here

Prints, Gingham and Other Material Supplied by National Chapter Made Here.

The local Red Cross chapter has completed the work of making some 276 garments of various kinds which will be used in the relief work in this community. These garments were made from yardage that was supplied on the requisition of Mrs. C. A. Rosencrans, local secretary, from the national Red Cross. Thirty-five families were cared for.

The workers were allowed the use of the office of the county surveyor at the court house for the cutting of the garments and the sewing. In the preparation of the garments Mrs. Rosencrans had a splendid co-operation from the church and civic and fraternal organizations of the city, they supplying the volunteer workers who prepared the garments. The method of handling the work was to have the morning devoted to cutting out and in the afternoon the sewing and completing of the various kinds of garments.

There was 453 yards of material received here and from these there were 276 garments made, they including garments for girls, boys and women as well as seven shirts prepared for men. The number of garments made also included two layettes that were prepared for the needy.

Those who were supplied with the garments were asked to come to the room where they could be measured and the garments made in proper size and finishing. There were on the average six families a day handled by the workers and supplied with the necessary garments.

The work covered a three week period and in which all of the material on hand was worked up by the energetic force of volunteers who had joined in the good work.

While the material was supplied by the national Red Cross, the local chapter supplied buttons, thread and other necessary articles for the sewing. The machines were donated by the ladies of the city for the work.

Additional yardage has been requisitioned by the local chapter as they will take up the work of well as other chapters in the county, preparing garments for the needy in their own community.

The Plattsmouth chapter has just received a consignment of ready made garments consisting of overalls, trousers for boys, underwear for women and children as well as men's underwear. These come from the national chapter which is conducting the nation wide relief campaign.

The fine work of the ladies of the community led by Mrs. Rosencrans is one of the many ways that the Red Cross is leading in the relief work of the nation. The memberships in the Red Cross furnishes the funds for the relief program.

RECEPTION FOR NEWLYWEDS

From Thursday's Daily

The country home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Born west of this city, was the scene of a very delightful social gathering last evening, the occasion being a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Born.

The event was arranged by the large circle of friends of the newlywedded couple in this community and who gathered to shower their congratulations to the happy young people.

The evening was spent in dancing and cards and at which a great deal of pleasure was derived by all of the jolly party of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Born have just returned from their honeymoon in eastern Iowa where they were guests of relatives for some time, this being the first opportunity of the friends to join in their congratulations to the young people.

VISITING AT AURORA

Mr. and Mrs. George Hall and family are spending the holiday season at Aurora, Nebraska, where they will enjoy a few days outing there with relatives and friends. They made the trip by car and stopped at Lincoln to secure Miss Mildred Hall who is attending Wesleyan college.

SETS TERMS OF COURT

District Judge James T. Begley has set the dates for the commencement of the terms of the district court in the various counties for 1933.

The term opens in Cass county, April 17th, June 19th, November 20th; Otoe county, February 20, May 8, September 18th; Sarpy county, March 20, May 29, October 16th.

Carols Ring Out to Greet Christmas Season

Members of Church Choirs and High School Band Join in Short Program on Streets.

From Thursday's Daily

The strains of the familiar and loved Christmas carols echoed thru the streets of the business section of the city last evening as the choirs of the churches of the city joined in the musical service.

The epidemic of colds and flu kept many of the members of the choirs from being present to join in the service, but representatives of all of the churches were in the group that gave the beautiful songs.

The singers and members of the band gathered at the Hotel Riley at 7 o'clock and from there they marched east on Main street to the court house where the program was held.

The members of the high school band gave the bugle calls that directed the march of the singers to the gathering place where the band awaited the coming of the vocalists to join in the final carol of the program.

The carols which were given comprised "Silent Night," "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "Adeste Fideles." The band then took up the refrain of "Joy to the World, the Lord Has Come," and in which the entire group of singers joined.

The choirs of the Presbyterian, Methodist, St. John's Catholic, St. Luke's Episcopal, St. Paul's Evangelical, Christian churches, as well as the male chorus of the Knights of Columbus, joined in the program that expressed in song the joy that the birth of the King of Kings brought to the world.

The service was one that was most fitting to the Christmas season and was enjoyed by the large number who gathered to listen to the songs of the glad yuletide season.

FRUIT FROM THE SOUTH

The Don C. York family, who are spending the winter here with Mrs. W. H. Freese, mother of Mrs. York, received a fine box of fruit Friday from their home at Harlingen, Texas.

The shipment included a large number of Foster pink grapefruit as well as the huge Ponderosa lemons, representing the type of fruit that is grown in the lower Rio Grande valley, one of the largest grapefruit growing areas in the country.

The grapefruit was grown on the farm of Russell Perry, former resident here, as well as on the farm of Mrs. L. V. Copenhaver, a daughter of Mrs. Freese. The specimens were very fine and speak well for the Rio Grande valley products.

RETURNS FROM TRIAL

Mr. and Mrs. Roy N. Towl, Mrs. E. B. Towl and Mrs. Alice Towl returned to Omaha Monday night from Danville, Ill., where they had attended the trial of the two men charged with the murder of Ralph Towl last summer during a holdup. The jury disagreed, 10 voting for conviction and two for acquittal.

Ralph Towl was well known in this city where his brother, Germaine Towl was formerly located and engaged in the newspaper business. Mr. Towl was married here also to Miss Alice Sullivan.

TO SPEND HOLIDAYS HERE

Mrs. George B. Mann, principal of the Clearwater, Nebraska, high school, arrived home Friday evening to spend the Christmas vacation, while Robert M. Mann, who is a student at Hastings college, also arrived Friday for the holiday outing. They will enjoy the visit here with Mr. Mann until after the New Year.

Local Man is Inventor of Window Safety Bar

Frank Claus Perfects Safety Device for Use of Painters and Window Cleaners.

Welcome information comes from Clarence A. O'Brien, Washington patent lawyer, with news about one of our popular citizens, Frank Claus, who has been rewarded for his invention by the grant of United States letters patent upon a window safety device. Our amiable local lawyer, W. A. Robertson, handled the inventor's interest on this end of the line while the case was being prosecuted in Washington.

The purpose of the invention is to furnish an extensible cross bar that fits in the window frame to furnish a support for workmen such as painters, window cleaners, etc. A unique feature about the safety window bar is that it is adaptable for all types of window frames, inasmuch as it may be extended or retracted to any desired position. The end of the contraction fit between the side strips on the side rails of the window frame and a proper gripping tension is supplied by turning the center of the bar. The bearing pieces that fit in the side rails of the frame are also provided with loops through which ropes or safety belts may be attached when the workmen work from the outside of the window frame. The mechanical details of the invention display keen judgment and foresight for the parts are of a simple nature and promote economical manufacture. Owing to the simplicity in design the device may be manufactured very cheaply which should influence the demand for the safety bar and furnish a lucrative reward for the inventor.

HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTY

From Thursday's Daily

One of the most enjoyable social events held by the Four-Mile Community club was the Christmas party given Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bierl.

A loud knock was heard at the door and in came Santa to visit awhile. After listening to a short musical program, Santa gave each little child a gift and visited with the children for some time, after which he announced he had a surprise for the men which proved to be a very nice gift for each one.

As each one opened his gift, the surprise grew and Phillip Kehne seemed to be Santa's favorite, as he received two very lovely gifts. After Santa's visit, the evening was spent playing pinocle and rummy, as well as visiting together.

At a late hour a delicious lunch, consisting of wieners, buns, pickles, cake, jello and coffee was served after which all departed for home after voting the women royal entertainers.

The members wish to send Christmas greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Will Kehne and Mrs. Norris Stander, who were ill and not able to come to the party.

The next regular club meeting will be held January 24th, at the home of Mrs. A. H. Duxbury. Meeting opens promptly at 1:30.

DEATH NOTICE

Nell D. Sloan died Dec. 13, at his home in Nebraska City and was taken to Gresham, Nebr., Dec. 16th for burial. Funeral services were held at the Porter funeral home with Rev. Markley of the Presbyterian church in charge. He leaves his wife and three small children. The children have all been sick with the flu. Mr. Sloan was 27 years old.

SPENDS HOLIDAY HERE

Harold Kube of Cody, Wyoming, who is attending the Columbia university at New York City, is here to enjoy the holiday as the guest of his friend, Ed Wescott, motoring thru with a classmate from the east. Mr. Kube was a graduate of the university of Nebraska in the class of 1931. He is now continuing his law course at the eastern college.

Phone the news to No. 6.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS HERE

The holiday vacation of the University of Nebraska has brought the students home to visit with the home folks over the next two weeks. Among the young people here for the holiday are Miss Vestetta Robertson, James Begley, Jr., George Swatek, Miss Theresa Libershal, John H. Becker.

Teachers to Enjoy Vacation at Their Homes

Holiday Time Calls Teachers to Many Sections to Enjoy the Home Atmosphere.

The Christmas vacation of the city schools is an event that permits the teachers who reside at other points to journey homeward for the two weeks outing. The teachers are going to many different points to spend their vacations with the home folks and friends.

The teachers this year are now practically all departed for their homes, Superintendent and Mrs. L. S. Devoe and family will be at Lincoln, while Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Patterson are to remain here for the holiday.

In the high school Miss Florence Beighley will be at Greenwood, Jack Figley at Wahoo where he is to be married Christmas, Fred Rothert will probably spend the Christmas day in bed as he has been suffering from the flu for the past several days. Harold Jordan is at Valentine to enjoy Christmas and Russell Reeder leaves today for Baldwin, Kansas, to remain for the holiday and Miss Cora Williams will spend the time at Elmwood.

In the junior high and grade teachers, Miss Selma Diehm is at Sterling, Miss Bernese Ault at Cedar Creek, Miss Evelyn May at Chicago, Miss Agnes Muenster at Millard, Miss Amana Hiatt, Miss Vivian Johns, Miss Helen Quimby at Lincoln; Miss Nettie Hawksworth at Burlington, Iowa, Miss Edith Cook at Omaha, Miss Alice Bly at Beaver City and Miss Alice James at Ord.

HAS HAND INJURED

From Thursday's Daily

Charles Goodman suffered a severe injury this afternoon while engaged in cutting some wood along the Platte river north of this city. A buzz saw was being used to cut the wood into stove length and Mr. Goodman, assisting in operating the saw had two fingers of the left hand caught in the connecting rod and as the result the flesh was badly lacerated. The injured young man was brought on into this city and medical aid given. While the flesh was torn quite badly it was not necessary to sew the injured fingers and it is hoped that in a few days they may be so that the victim of the accident can use them.

SUFFERS FROM ILLNESS

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Hillard Grassman has been a small hospital for the past few days. Mrs. Grassman is still very poorly as the result of a flu attack as well as other complications, while the children, Jacqueline and Robert, are improving. Mr. Grassman was forced to remain home Friday with an attack of the flu but was back today at his work, but far from well.

SUFFERING FROM ILLNESS

Mrs. R. W. Knorr who has not been feeling well for the past several days, was taken so ill last evening that she was compelled to have medical attention and is now confined to her home. Mrs. Knorr is suffering from the prevailing epidemic of the flu and which is proving very annoying.

VISIT IN OMAHA CHRISTMAS

From Saturday's Daily
County Judge and Mrs. A. H. Duxbury with their children, Dorothea and Richard, will spend the Christmas holiday at Omaha where they will be guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Metzger. The family will enjoy a turkey dinner at the pleasant Metzger home.

Plan Straightening of Salt Creek in West Cass Co.

Project Calls for Co-operation of Lancaster and Cass Counties to Eliminate Floods.

Lincoln sanitary district trustees, in conference Friday with a committee representing Cass county land interests, decided to launch in that county this spring a salt creek straightening program extending approximately five and one-half miles from the Lancaster county line to the Saunders county line, across the northwest corner of Cass county.

The cost is estimated roughly at \$40,000. Under the plan, Cass county farmers would waive flood damage claims aggregating approximately \$70,000.

The Cass county committee consisted of Phil L. Hall, president of the Greenwood State bank; O. F. Peters, W. A. Armstrong, Carl Stander and C. A. Buckmaster.

The following plan was approved: Land owners to contribute necessary right-of-way for the development, to waive all damages, including claims previously filed, also waiver by tenants. Cass county to supply necessary bridges to be designated and sanitary board to straighten the creek channel.

ENJOY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The approach of the Christmas day was made the occasion of a very pleasant party held on Thursday evening at the building of the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Co. The members of the staff of employees of the company gathered for the purpose of seeing that the Christmas season was observed in a most pleasant manner. The evening was spent at cards and in the pinocle contests Miss Marie Parriott was the prize winner, while in rummy, Miss Helen Ledgway was awarded the prize.

The members of the party enjoyed a visit also from Santa Claus who appeared and distributed gifts among the members of the group and which was a much enjoyed feature of the occasion.

As the evening drew to a close dainty refreshments were served to add to the completion of an ideal time and which all will long remember.

Those who enjoyed the occasion were: Helen Ledgway, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lamberson, Mr. and Mrs. George Tartsch, Mrs. John Potter, Mrs. Ruth Koukal, Hilda Epler, Hilda Wallengren, Eleanor O'Brien, Marie Parriott, Christine Reinacke, Rose Janda, Mrs. Harriett Wynn. Owing to illness a number of the invited guests were unable to be present.

ASKS FOR CORRECTION

The Journal has been informed by the superintendent of the Alvo schools that the account of the Avoca-Alvo basketball game, appearing in a recent issue of the Journal in the Alvo items was in error.

In the account of the game the score was given as 29 to 19 in favor of Alvo, while the score should have been 34 to 17 in favor of the Avoca team, which is one of the best basketball teams in the county.

Both teams played excellent basketball and it is regretted that the score given should have deprived Avoca of the credit for their victory.

VISITS IN CALIFORNIA

Henry G. Soennichsen of this city, departed for Glendale, California, where he will spend the holiday season with his sons, John Melchor and Henry. The little sons make their home at Glendale with their grandmother, Mrs. John Gunderson. Mr. Soennichsen last year made the trip to the west by plane, but this year made the journey by train, expecting to reach Glendale today.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deepest appreciation of the kindnesses shown us at the time of the death of our loved one. Also we wish to thank all who sent flowers and assisted at the funeral.—Mrs. Rudolf Spahn and Family.