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High School Holds Fine Christmas Program

Annual Gathering Featured by Presence of Many Members of the Alumni to Enjoy Event.

From Thursday's Daily
This afternoon at the high school the annual Christmas program was held to mark the approach of the forthcoming vacation and the holiday season. As in the past years a large number of the former students, particularly those of the classes of recent years, were in attendance to join with the present day Platters in their excellent program.

The program was presided over by Miss Mary Anne Rosenkrans, president of the student council in a very able and graceful manner.

The address of the occasion was by Rev. C. O. Troy, pastor of the First Methodist church, who gave a short and most impressive message of the Christmas season and its meaning to the men and women of the world of today and of the future years.

The remainder of the program was given in a fine manner by the young people of the school and their guests, the alumni.

String Ensemble.....Alice Hiatt, Rachel Robertson, Marjorie Ann Tidball, Wm. Evers, Wallace Terryberry, Lois, Bestor, Miss Garrett, Accompanist

Play....."A Christmas Awakening" CAST

Mrs. Hartwell.....Ellen Kelly
Jean Hartwell.....Inga Reichstadt
Annette Hartwell.....Isabelle McFarland
Mr. Hartwell.....Oliver Taylor
Jack Hartwell.....Wm. Jensen
Grandfather.....Wm. Wootcot
Uncle Tom.....Robert Secord
Mary Anne Rosenkrans, Director

Songs.....George Adam
Novelty Number.....Martha Gorder
Program Committee: Edwin Kahina, Earl Lamberson, Bessie Carey, Alice Hitz.

GREGG CLUB MEETING

The December meeting of the Gregg Club of the commercial department took place Tuesday evening at the high school.

A very interesting and educational program had been arranged by the committee on entertainment.

During the three years that the Gregg Club has been organized an interesting feature of one of the meetings has been a shorthand demonstration by Mr. and Mrs. Glen Woodbury. The demonstration has always proved of great interest to the members of the club.

A spell-down was held between the Juniors and Seniors in which the prowess of the Junior members was upheld.

Another interesting feature was Mr. Devoe and his "Bag of Tricks," which was enjoyed a great deal by the members.

Gregg awards which students have won so far this year are as follows:

OGA—a certificate which a student may secure by reaching a certain standard in shorthand writing.

Complete Theory Test, Junior Typist—a certificate requiring accuracy and skill in straight material.

60-word Certificate—a certificate showing that a student has the ability to write shorthand at the rate of 60 words per minute for five minutes.

Typist 60-word gold pin and 40 and 50 word certificates.

HOLD CHRISTMAS TREAT

The St. John's parochial school held their Christmas treat on Wednesday afternoon when the children attending the school started their Christmas vacation which will continue to January 3rd.

The school pupils were greeted by Santa Claus as usual and each of the scholars received a candy treat from the jolly old boy that is a welcome visitor at this time of the year.

In addition to the candy treat the members of the Parent-Teachers association of the school had prepared gifts which were presented to the little folks and bringing them a great deal of pleasure.

Christmas songs were given and the students then released from their school duties until the re-opening of school.

WILL APPEAL CASE

The state highway department of Nebraska is filing notice of appeal of the recent verdict in the district court here of \$10,000 for the Merritt Co., in a road condemnation matter. The notice of appeal will be filed by Paul Cheney, assistant attorney general and W. G. Kleck, county attorney.

This is the case involving the appraisal of the land of the sand and gravel company north of this city, through which the extension of highway No. 75 will be made.

In the appraisal the land damaged was placed at \$1,500 by the appraisers, but the jury gave the company a verdict of \$10,000.

Presbyterian Ladies Enjoy a Holiday Party

Auxiliary Society and Their Friends Are Pleasantly Entertained at Fellowship Room.

From Thursday's Daily
Yesterday afternoon a very pleasant Christmas party was held in the Presbyterian church, when Mesdames Gorder, George Farley and H. G. McClusky were hostesses to the Auxiliary Society and their friends.

The smaller Fellowship room had been transformed into an old-fashioned living room, which served as a setting for the play that comprised the main part of the program. The larger room was made very festive in appearance. In the center of the room, a snow-capped Christmas tree stood ten feet high, radiant with decorations and beautiful lights, while around the room had been placed a countless number of red candles.

A play entitled, "The Day Before Christmas" was pleasantly rendered by Mrs. Charles Tunnel, Mrs. Gilbert Hitz, and the Misses Helen and Ruth Wurga, Eleanor Olson, and Anna Margaret McCarty, each one proving an artist in their impersonations. Beautiful vocal numbers were offered by Mrs. John Figley, and Mrs. Gilbert Hitz, Mrs. H. F. Goos serving as accompanist, also a piano solo by Miss Harriet Goos.

Following the program the guests were given a real surprise when Santa Claus appeared from the fire place with his loaded pack. They were still more surprised that he had remembered most of their girlhood names, and was just as jolly with them as he used to be when they were little folks. He brought each one of them a stocking filled with Christmas goodies.

The refreshments were appropriate to the season. Served amid holly and in the glow of the candle light, they brought the unusually pleasant afternoon to a close.

The guests brought generous contributions of food to be used in filling the Christmas baskets.

APPOINTED STORAGE INSPECTOR

The state railway commission at Lincoln, which has the appointing of the farm storage inspectors under the corn and hog loan plan, has announced the appointment of H. L. Clapp of Elmwood to one of these positions.

Mr. Clapp was called to Lincoln and notified of the appointment and at once started on his work. The number of applications has been very large and required the services of a number of the inspectors in the different sections of the county. The work of the office includes the furnishing of loans, inspection and sealing of the cribs when the loan is granted. The other inspectors in the county are Senator W. B. Banning of Union, Searl S. Davis and W. R. Young of this city, all of whom have been very busy for the past weeks in getting the applications lined up.

LEAVE FOR CALIFORNIA

From Friday's Daily—
This afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barkus and daughters, Katherine, Helen and Betty May, departed for the west coast where they will spend the holiday season. They will visit at Los Angeles with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Larson, the former a brother of Mrs. Barkus and also at San Bernardino, where Mr. Barkus' mother, Mrs. E. K. Becker and his two brothers, Ray and Lester Barkus, reside.

Claim of Matt Thimman Denied by the Courts

Supreme Tribunal Says That the State Courts Have No Jurisdiction in the Case.

The action of the district court of Lancaster county in dismissing the \$50,000 damage suit brought against the state by Matthew Thimman of Murdock, on the ground that the state had taken his private property, the Covered Wagon design used as a road marker, was sustained by the supreme court Friday in an opinion written by Judge Good. The court says that it is a suit for infringement of a patent, and that state courts have no jurisdiction in cases under the patent laws.

Thimman claimed that because the legislature would not waive its immunity from suit for patent infringement he could sue for conversion. The court says that in other words if the state had granted permission to sue, the action would have been for infringement, but because it refused it is not for infringement, reasoning that does not appeal as being sound.

Judge Good says that the petition clearly states a cause of action for infringement of a patent right. Only the federal courts have jurisdiction. State courts have heard actions for royalties or on contracts to convey or assign a patent, but the distinction is clear between this form of action and that in the instant case.

The state claimed that Thimman was not the author of the design, but this feature of the case was not gone into by the court because of its holding that it had no jurisdiction to hear and determine the controversy.

While the court opinion indicates that the federal court is the proper tribunal for the trial of such a case, Thimman cannot avail himself of that opportunity for the reason that the legislature has refused to permit suit to be brought for infringement of patent, and without that permission it cannot be brought into court.

Attorney General Good took particular satisfaction in winning the case. He said that investigation had shown that another man had drawn the design for Thimman, that the original artist had given the state consent to use the design, that the state design was changed from the original to suit conditions, and that Thimman did not patent the design until after all this had occurred.

PRESENT FINE PROGRAM

From Saturday's Daily
The Christmas program of the Methodist Sunday school was held last evening at the church before an audience that filled the auditorium to its capacity and was exceptional in its beauty.

The carol singing by the Junior choir led by Miss Mildred Hall was a truly inspiring touch to the fine program that had been prepared and which was presided over by J. H. Davis, superintendent of the Sunday school.

The classes of the primary department presented a fine program of songs and recitations in keeping with the yuletide spirit and which was carried out in a most impressive manner.

A clever stunt was arranged by a number of the men of the church who appeared at the door of the church attired in knee pants and other childhood adornments, demanding admission and the message was given by the superintendent that "some kids from across the track are here and want to see Santa Claus. It was decided to admit the "kids," who were found on entering to be some of the leaders of the church who put on a short and much enjoyed skit for the entertainment of the young and old. The party comprised Hilt Wescott, William Heinrich, L. S. Devoe, Wilbur Hall, Harry White and Eugene and Donald Bushnell, the party giving several comic recitations and songs to add to the occasion.

The visit of Santa with treats for the children made the crowning glory of a real Christmas festival.

The Journal aims to print all the news and will appreciate your assistance to that end. Call No. 6.

JURY GOES HOME

The members of the petit jury panel at the conclusion of the case of Dwyer vs. P. F. Peterson Baking Company, Wednesday evening, were excused from further duty at the term of court. The members of the jury panel were thanked by Judge James T. Begley for the faithful services over the period that they have been in service since the opening of the term, November 20th, and excused. The termination of the jury term will enable the members of the panel to celebrate the holiday season at home and free from the responsibility of their court work.

Funeral of A. H. Engelkemeier is Held Wednesday

Services at the Eight Mile Grove Lutheran Church Largely Attended—Burial Here.

The funeral services for A. H. Engelkemeier were held on Wednesday afternoon at the Eight Mile Grove Lutheran church west of this city following a short prayer service at the home.

There was a very large number in attendance at the service to pay their last tributes to the memory of this splendid citizen and neighbor, who had been called from his earthly abode.

The pastor of the church, Rev. A. Deutz, conducted the services and gave an address in both German and English, the German text being taken from Matthew 21:9, while the English was from Genesis 12:1-8, bringing words of comfort to the members of the family circle.

The German choir of the church sang "Lais Mich Geben," and the English choir two numbers, "God Will Take Care of You" and "Asleep in Jesus."

The pall bearers were the two sons, the cons-in-law and a nephew of the departed, being Fred and Walter Engelkemeier, Otto E. Lutz, Philip Hill, Ed Meisinger and a nephew, Ernest Engelkemeier. Interment was at Oak Hill cemetery.

The pastor of the church gave the following sketch of the life of the departed:

It hath pleased the Lord of life and death to take from this earth unto himself above our brother in Christ, August Herman Engelkemeier, who was born on the 25th day of June, 1869 at Hasebeck, Lippe Detmold, Germany, where he was baptized and confirmed in the Christian faith. He emigrated to America in the year of 1884, at first to the neighborhood of Plattsmouth; for the first seven years he rented a place near Manley, until he bought the home place, where he lived until his death.

On Sept. 7, 1888 he was joined in the bonds of holy matrimony to Matilda nee Kirschhoff. This union was blessed with seven children, one of whom already preceded him in death.

He began to fail about a year ago, during the last three months steadily grew worse until last Thursday he fell into a deep coma from which he did not awake, but slumbered over into the morning land on Sunday evening, Dec. 17, at an age of 73 years, 5 months and 16 days.

He leaves to mourn his departure, his wife, six children, Laura Engelkemeier, at home; Mrs. Otto Lutz, Plattsmouth; Fred Engelkemeier, Nehawka; Mrs. Phillip Hill, Cedar Creek; Walter Engelkemeier, Murray; Mrs. Alvina Meisinger, Myard. Three sisters in Germany and one sister here, Mrs. Wm. Puls, Murray; two brothers, Carl Engelkemeier, Plattsmouth; Henry Engelkemeier, Newkirk, Okla. Four grandchildren and many friends.

He was at all times a loving husband, a good father, a quiet, friendly, peace loving neighbor, a faithful church member and the chief support of the German speaking part of the congregation, a believing Christian in whom there was no false. May the eternal light shine upon him.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to thank the friends and neighbors who so kindly helped at our home during the time when Mrs. Cook was disabled by her broken limb.—Mr. and Mrs. Will G. Cook.

Platters Win from Ashland by Score of 13 to 7

Locals Carry Off Victory But Miss Many Shots at the Basket—Next Game with Malvern.

From Friday's Daily
The Platters basketball quintet took their first win of the season last night on the Ashland court when they annexed the contest with the high school team of that place by the score of 13 to 7.

The locals secured many shots at the basket, but were unable to make them stick for counters, although acquiring a safe margin for their victory over the Saunders county quintet.

In the opening half the Plattsmouth five took a lead of eight to one and held the Ashland team at all stages of the game with Hiner leading the scoring of the locals with two field goals. Jensen also accounted for a field goal and Armstrong and McCleary exchanged a free toss.

In the second half of the game the Ashland team were able to break away for three field goals to outscore the Platters six to five for the half. For Plattsmouth, Ronne and Hiner each dropped in a field goal and Rhodes made good a free toss.

The team will have a rest until January 5th when they entertain the Malvern, Iowa, team here, one of the promising quintets of southeastern Iowa.

The tabulated score of the game was as follows:

Plattsmouth—				
Player	FG	FT	PF	TR
Rhodes, f	0	1	0	1
Ronne, f	1	0	1	2
Jensen, f	1	0	0	2
Hiner, c	3	0	2	6
Edwards, f	0	0	0	0
McCleary, g	0	1	2	1
Armstrong, g	0	1	0	1
Hiendrix, g	0	0	0	0
	5	3	5	13

Ashland—				
Player	FG	FT	PF	TR
Welch, f	1	0	1	2
Olson, f	0	0	1	0
Wagner, f	1	0	1	2
Schlenger, f	0	0	0	0
Sutton, c	0	0	0	0
D. Barger, c	0	0	2	0
A. Barger, g	0	0	3	0
Mullin, g	1	1	3	3
	3	1	11	7

ALUMNI LOSE GAME

Wednesday night a group of the alumni of the Peru State Teachers college, who in the past years had shown with luster on the hardwood court at the college, took on the 1933-34 basketball team of Peru with the result the quintet of Coach Lorber handed the old timers a 25 to 15 defeat.

A number from this city were in attendance at the game and had the pleasure of seeing a real battle between the two teams. In the alumni lineup was Fred Rother, local high coach, Joe Krejci, ex-Peru captain and one of the outstanding players in his four years there, as well as Bernard Galloway, now coach at Dorchester.

HERE FROM CALIFORNIA

Edward Patterson, of San Francisco, is here to enjoy the holiday season at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rea P. Patterson. Edward has been located for the past several years on the west coast, going there shortly after his graduation from school and has been very successful in his work. The occasion of his visit has been a source of pleasure to the host of friends who have the pleasure of knowing this genial young man. Mr. Patterson expects to remain here until after the first of the year.

HERE FROM DES MOINES

Miss Emily Lorenz, who is a student at Drake University at Des Moines, is to arrive home Saturday for the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lorenz and to enjoy the vacation with the old time friends. Miss Lorenz has enjoyed her studies at the Iowa university and been most successful in her work. She is making her home at Des Moines with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lorenz, former residents of this city.

WILL UNDERGO OPERATION

Alfred Edgerton, constable of the county court, who has been suffering with eye trouble for the past few years, is to go to Omaha the first of the coming week to undergo an operation on one of his eyes. Mr. Edgerton had one of the eyes operated on some time ago and which proved very beneficial and it is hoped that the operation will place the other eye in proper condition. The many friends of Mr. Edgerton are trusting that he may have both eyes restored to their former excellent condition and be able to resume his activities in a short time.

Death Calls One of the Long Time Residents Here

Mrs. Peter Meisinger Who Passed Away Friday, Member of Two of Prominent Families.

In the death of Mrs. Peter Meisinger, which occurred on Friday, there was removed one of the old residents of this community and a representative of two of the prominent families of this section of Cass county.

It was given Mrs. Meisinger to have lived long past the usual span of life and her lifetime covered many of the greatest years of the nation's life and during which time the nation sustained two of the greatest wars of all time and invention and discovery in the fields of science had brought civilization advancement greater than all of the years before.

The deceased lady had quietly lived out her life in the family circle that she loved and in her going they will miss very much the ministrations of this kindly lady.

Myris Elizabeth Stoehr was born the second day of August, 1852, in Pekin, Ill. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Stoehr. Her early life was spent in Pekin, where she married John Meisinger, son of George and Elizabeth Meisinger of Pekin. To this union was born one son, John P. Meisinger of this city. The father died in his early infancy. She later married Peter Meisinger, son of Philip and Margaret Meisinger, of Pekin.

The family moved to Plattsmouth in the year 1891 and settled on a farm near Cedar Creek, which they had purchased, and lived there until 1922 when they moved to Plattsmouth.

Seven children were born to the second union; George Meisinger of Murray; Maggie, at home; Louise, at home; William, near Springfield, Nebraska; Mary, at home; Baltz, at Plattsmouth; and Catherine, at home.

Mrs. Meisinger is survived by her husband, Peter, eight children, eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, one half-brother, Charles Stoehr of near Plattsmouth; one half-sister, Mrs. Wallace Dalley, of Pekin, and many many relatives and friends.

FINDS FOR DEFENDANTS

The jury in the district court Wednesday afternoon returned a verdict in the case of D. O. Dwyer vs. the P. F. Peterson Baking Co., finding for the defendants in the action. The suit was one for \$23 damages occasioned in a collision in February 1932 on South Sixth street between the auto of the plaintiff and the truck of the defendant company which was parked on South 6th street.

EXCELLENT POSTERS

The Buy Plattsmouth posters are on display in the room just east of the Penze Style Shop and the room is open from 1 to 5:30 and from 7 to 9.

If you have not seen these posters drop in and see what splendid work has been produced by local talent. Admission to this display is free.

HERE FROM ST. LOUIS

From Thursday's Daily
A. W. Bradley and daughter, Edythe, of St. Louis, arrived this morning to visit with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. John Geiser, as well as the old friends, Miss Edythe is to stay for an indefinite visit with her grandmother.

Tragedy Ends Holiday Visit of St. Louis Girl

Miss Eynthe Bradley Found Dead in Bed by Her Grandmother Early Today.

From Saturday's Daily
Tragedy has shadowed the Christmas season in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Geiser of this city when early this morning Mrs. Geiser found her granddaughter, Eynthe Bradley, of St. Louis, dead in bed at the home of the grandmother.

The granddaughter, with her father, A. W. Bradley, had arrived here from St. Louis Thursday evening to visit the grandmother and it was the intention of Miss Bradley to remain here for the winter at the Geiser home. Mr. Bradley departed Friday for a visit with relatives in that state and to return here later for Christmas at the home of his mother.

Last evening when retiring, Miss Bradley had slept on a bed in the room where a large baseboard was located and which was closed off from the rest of the house to keep it warm for the visitor.

The discovery of the tragedy was made this morning by the grandmother on arising and came as a terrible shock, as a pleasant and happy time had been planned for the family during the holiday season.

The body was taken to the Sattler funeral home and medical examination made as to the cause of death and it was not determined whether the death had been caused by a heart weakness or other causes.

The father, who had gone to Iowa for a brief visit was reached by telephone and was able to reach this city late this morning to be with the members of the bereaved family circle.

The deceased young woman was twenty years of age and was born in Plattsmouth, spending her younger years here and ten years ago with the parents, removed to St. Louis where they have since resided.

The members of the family will have the deepest sympathy of the many friends in this city in the tragedy that has come into their lives.

PLEASANT RIDGE COMMUNITY

The Pleasant Ridge Community club met Dec. 15 at the Pleasant Ridge school. Mr. Ruben Meisinger had arranged a very good program which everyone enjoyed.

The Farmers Union band of Louisville, Nebraska, under the direction of Mr. W. B. Green was present and offered a group of selections.

Miss Minnie Pankonin, soloist and member of the band, was heard in two vocal solos.

Frank Kostka gave several accordion numbers. Miss Jean Group, another member of the band, gave several readings. Misses Hilda and Maeline Friedrich were heard in piano duets.

Miss Janet Westover was also heard in several readings.

Little Miss Ruth Westover was the concluding number on the program. She was heard in a trio of piano solos.

The whole program was greatly enjoyed by the large audience. The next meeting will be January 19, 1934. Everyone welcome.

WED FIFTY-SIX YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schomaker, one of Nehawka's oldest pioneer couples quietly observed their 56th wedding anniversary at their home Wednesday.

In the evening, their children, Mrs. Henry Thiele, Mrs. Leo Switzer and Fred Schomaker and families, Fred Carsten and wife of Avoca and Alpha Bell, gathered at their home to spend the evening with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Schomaker are real pioneers in this community. They have seen eastern Nebraska as an unbroken prairie transformed into the great agricultural center it is today. They did their part in making the wonderful change and can marvel at the transformation that has been made.—Nehawka Enterprise.

Come to Plattsmouth Wednesday night. All stores are open and you'll enjoy mingling with the large and congenial crowd.