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Large Number Attend Opening of Scout Camp

Despite Wind and Dust Storm, Fully 300 Present for Ceremonies at Camp Wheeler Sunday.

From Monday's Daily

A very pleasing crowd was present yesterday for the opening program and dedication of Camp Wheeler, the new Boy Scout recreational grounds six miles south of Plattsmouth. Although the weather was most disagreeable for an open air program, fully 300 people drove to the new camp and listened intently to the program. In fact it required most intense listening to hear what was being said so strong was the wind at the crest of the hill where the camp flagpole is located.

The program was carried out exactly as published in the Journal Saturday afternoon, with the exception of the presentation of the Plattsmouth dues to the Cornhusker area for 1934, this being impossible owing to absence of C. D. Damast, of Nebraska City, the district treasurer of this district. The check for \$90 has gone forward to Mr. Damast by mail today, leaving Plattsmouth paid up and in good standing until the first of next January.

The ceremonies opened with the blowing of assembly call by Scout Trumpeter Burton Rishel. Scoutmaster Raymond Larson acted as chairman and introduced the speakers.

The first event was the flag raising ceremony with Bill Rosencrans and Bob Taylor having charge of hoisting the large 8x12 flag to the top of the flag pole, while the salute to the flag and Scout oath were led by Aulton Roland, junior Scoutmaster. The intense wind made the task of raising the flag a difficult one and after it was safely at full staff there were times when it seemed as if the wind would carry it and the upper part of the flag-pole hurtling to the ground, with possible injury to some of the Scouts assembled on that side. Later, they moved to a point of greater safety, but the pole withstood the strain. The invocation followed the flag-raising portion of the program, being delivered by Dr. H. G. McClusky.

Then came two stanzas of "America," led by John Cloldt, with Francis Libershal accompanying on the trumpet. As chairman of the building committee, Elmer Webb was called upon to present the new cabin to Scouting, and outlined at some length the fine contributions of material, trucks, team, equipment, etc., that have been provided by interested citizens and governmental agencies. It was interesting to note that slightly over \$400 worth of new material was purchased, while the fair value of all salvaged material contributed by the City of Plattsmouth and local organizations and individuals ran slightly over \$600, or a total of \$1,027.66 for the two items, not including labor, contributed trucks and team or any of the furnishings for the new cabin, lists of which were also read and posted in the building where visitors could see them.

Mr. Webb stressed the fact that the new cabin is not a one-troop proposition, but will be open to all the troops that may be organized to take care of boys now clamoring for admission into the ranks of Scouting and for years to come, urging one or more additional troops be organized at once to take care of such demand.

Mrs. Wm. Evers, chairman of the Woman's club committee that had recently promoted a shower of dishes and kitchen utensils for the cabin, in a few brief remarks presented this equipment with the well wishes of all those who had contributed.

The response was by E. H. Wescott, pioneer Scout leader in Plattsmouth, who has recently rounded out eighteen years of service as a registered Scouter and has been connected with every Scout activity here in all that length of time. He reviewed the history of Scouting locally and named the various Scoutmasters, some of whom got into the work and have made their way up the ladder until today they hold high positions in Scouting. He particularly recalled Clarence Peden, who is a Scout executive in Missouri, and Irving Wiltse, now a high Scout official in South

America. He called upon Russell Reeder, present assistant Scoutmaster, and Raymond Larson, Scoutmaster to receive applause from the assembly for the long and faithful service they have been giving, both having been drawn into Scouting thru the area school conducted here some years ago as part of the service the community receives for its annual area dues. He said he believed the occasion was a most happy day for Scouting in Plattsmouth and that he anticipated great growth in the number enrolled and the interest given the movement by the general public.

Mr. Wescott's splendid talk was followed by brief remarks on "What Scouting Means to Me," by members of the Legion troop, James Robertson, 2nd, Allen White and Elmore Brink, James, who is an Eagle Scout, outlined the viewpoints of living he had gained from Scouting, all practical and wholesome lessons in the art of living, while the other two told of some of the things in the Scouting program that have particularly appealed to them. James also presented a set of twelve Rogers knives and forks for use in the new cabin, the gift of Mrs. Walter White and daughter, Miss Mabel, who are near neighbors of the Robertson family.

The remarks by the boys were followed by a short talk by Harry White on "A Dad's View of It," in which he said that dads are all-too-busy for real contact with their boys and he appreciated the fine work the Scouting program is doing along that line.

Presentation of the area dues was dispensed with due to absence of Mr. Damast, the district treasurer, who was slated to receive the check.

Searl Davis was called upon to speak on "Outlook for the Future," and visualized a growing campsite of sufficient proportion to take care of all needs in this line for years and years to come. He told of the fine response on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Patterson for leasing of the ground, at a time when a few days delay in concluding the negotiations would have meant the loss of CWA funds with which to pay for the labor of building the cabin, and of their pleasure that the camp had been named Camp Wheeler in honor of Mrs. Patterson's father. He also paid a tribute to Hilt Wescott for his long service in Scouting.

Mrs. Robert Patterson followed with a brief talk on "What These Hills Have Meant to Me." She told of the thrills she had experienced in playing there during her girlhood days and expressed the hope that the Boy Scouts of Plattsmouth would find pleasure and enlightenment on their back-to-nature visits at the cabin.

Rex Young presented a picture of the first log cabin ever built in Cass county, the gift of his father, D. A. Young, aged pioneer, and read a brief history of that immediate locality as written by his father, which was very interesting, and which the Journal hopes to print within the next few days. During the reading of the historical sketch, James Polin, mentioned therein as sharing with Mr. Young, Sr., the distinction of being the only persons now living who attended school in the log cabin, was called from the crowd and applauded.

The benediction by Cannon W. J. H. Petter brought the meeting to a close. Both before and after the program, people filed through the cabin in large numbers to see what facilities have been provided for overnight camping trips and longer stays during the summer vacation season.

DIES AT MASONIC HOME

On Saturday evening at the Nebraska Masonic Home occurred the death of Miss Christine Reikman, who had been a resident there since April 9, 1929. Miss Reikman was born at Davenport, Iowa, September 15, 1857, spending her younger years there and later removed to Council Bluffs where she resided and then later moved to Chadron, Nebraska. She was admitted to the Home through Samaritan lodge No. 158, A. F. & A. M. and had since made her home here. The deceased is survived by one sister, Miss Theresa Reikman, of Council Bluffs. The body will be taken to Council Bluffs where services will be held Tuesday afternoon from the Episcopal church in that city and the interment made at the cemetery there.

Journal Want-Ads got results!

W. C. Ramsel, Jr. to Take Trip to Bahama Islands

Son of Former Plattsmouth Man to Have Unusual Opportunity Given Him at Graduation.

Following his graduation from Dartmouth in June, an Omaha boy, William C. Ramsel, Jr., 21, son of the assistant attorney general, will accompany Dr. William Beebe to the Bahama islands where the famous deep sea explorer will try to set a descent record.

The young man is a grandson of Mrs. E. S. Ramsel of this city. Young Ramsel and his college roommate, Perkins Bass (who accompanied Dr. Beebe on a previous trip) were chosen over 150 applicants. They will spend three months with the expedition, after which Ramsel will return to school to study law.

The understanding is that the two boys are not to accompany Dr. Beebe and his chief assistant, Otis Barfin, during their descents in the diving globe, or bathysphere. And that suits Mr. Ramsel just fine. But still—Dr. Beebe told Perkins Bass that there might be an opportunity for him to go down once or twice. And if Perkins Bass makes a decent in that bathysphere, Billy Ramsel intends to go also!

Last year Dr. Beebe descended to 2,200 feet. This year, with modernized equipment, he expects to reach a depth of three thousand feet.

Billy's experience at Cheley's camp in Colorado, during the past seven or eight summers, have accustomed him to outdoor life. The boys have been instructed by Dr. Beebe to learn what they can of the art of photography.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramsel, Dan, who is at Leland Stanford, and Elizabeth will all attend the Dartmouth graduation exercises, June 14 to 19.

GIVES FRIEND FAREWELL

Sunday the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lancaster was the scene of a very pleasant gathering of the relatives and close friends who came in to enjoy the day with the Lancaster family and to tender Mr. Lancaster a farewell on his coming departure for Lincoln. Mr. Lancaster, who has just been appointed a deputy state sheriff, is to leave Tuesday to take up his new duties. The day was featured by a fine dinner served at the noon hour and the remainder of the time was spent in visiting. In the evening the members of the group enjoyed a theatre party.

Those who were in attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. John Eppings and family, Richard, Emma and Carl Buck of Murdock; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lancaster, and children, David, Neva, Florence and Raymond, of Murray; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hoeschar and daughter, Mary Ellen, of Myrard; Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Arnold, Russell, Eva and Freda June, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kupke and son, Charles, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harris, Gertrude and Mary Jane, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lancaster and Harold and Margie of this city.

HAVE DELIGHTFUL TIME

The children's Bingo party which was held at the Knights of Columbus hall on Saturday afternoon was attended by over 200 of the youngsters of the city to participate in the pleasures of the day that had been arranged for them. The time was spent in the playing of bingo and at which a great deal of pleasure was derived by the members of the jolly group.

The children were given a treat at a suitable hour and which was much appreciated by all of the members of the party.

CONTRIBUTION OF CLOCK

John Crabill, local jeweler, contributed a large eight day wall clock to the Scout cabin committee Saturday, which was taken down Sunday morning and placed on the wall before the opening program yesterday afternoon. The clock will provide the boys with accurate time, so there can be truth in the statement that everything at camp runs like clockwork.

Mr. Crabill's generous gift is much appreciated.

ADDRESSES MEETING AT SHENANDOAH SUNDAY

E. H. Wescott of this city was at Shenandoah, Iowa, Sunday evening where he was a guest speaker at the closing sessions of the two day meeting of the district organization of the Christian Endeavor.

The meeting was held at the First Christian church of which Rev. Clifford Cecil is the pastor and who was the host to the convention.

Mr. Wescott was the speaker of the evening and had as his subject, "I Will Be Christian," a very able discussion of many of the problems that the young person meets with when taking up their life work and the joining of their life to Christ.

Extortion Plot Alleged Against Cass Co. Man

Gilbert Burke Held Here as Result of Arrest in Omaha With Roomer's Key to Deposit Box.

Gilbert Burke, of Weeping Water, is being held at the county jail here for investigation in an alleged extortion plot against Joe Campbell, a boarder at the home of Burke in Weeping Water, while Nay Posten, a relative of Burke is also in custody at the city jail to undergo investigation on the same charge.

The case came to light when Burke appeared at Omaha Saturday morning with the keys to a safe deposit box of Campbell at the Omaha National bank, having also an order signed by Campbell for permission to open the box. The man was held for Sheriff Sylvester and later brought to this city and lodged in jail.

The story told by Campbell to the officers was that Burke and a friend had kept Campbell under guard with a gun all night Friday at the Burke home in Weeping Water until he had given up the keys to the safe deposit box and the order to the bank to allow the box to be opened. Later Campbell had been able to escape from the guard and Saturday morning had gotten in touch with the officers and told of the alleged extortion.

The story related by Burke was that the proposition of giving the key and order was that of Campbell, who Burke asserted had been attentive to a sister of Burke, Mrs. Hattie Craig, Friday night. Burke stated, he had gone home and found Campbell trying to force his attentions on Mrs. Craig, who was screaming and fighting off the man. Burke had gotten a gun and had intended to shoot Campbell but was persuaded not to by the sister.

Later according to Burke he and a friend had started to bring Campbell to this city to be turned over to the sheriff when Campbell made the proposition to settle the matter by giving the keys to his bank box and permit the turning over of the contents to settle the matter. The party had then returned to Weeping Water and where Mrs. Craig had demurred at taking the keys and Burke had taken them and gone on to Omaha.

Campbell denied that he had been attentive in any way to Mrs. Craig and that the story was a fabrication. He had escaped from the second man just as Burke was getting in his car to start to Omaha and that the other man had joined him in the car. He claimed that the safe deposit box at Omaha contained stocks worth at least \$2,000.

Sunday evening Sheriff Sylvester picked up Nay Posten at Weeping Water and brought him to this city for investigation and questioning. Posten at the city jail was questioned and stated that the shakedown of Campbell had been planned a few days previous. Posten is related by marriage to Burke and Mrs. Craig and has been living near Weeping Water for several years.

RETURN FROM ILLINOIS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Forno and son, Leonard, and daughter, Freda, have returned from Peoria, Illinois, where they were called last week by the death of Mr. Forno's sister, Mrs. Louisa Weisert. The funeral was held Monday. Mrs. Weisert's husband died this last January, so it was sad for her children.

Village of Manley Visited by Burglars

General Store, Bank and Barber Shop Visited Tuesday Evening—Loss Discovered This Morning.

The pleasant little community of Manley, where peace and quiet is the general order, was stirred today with the discovery that the community had been visited during Tuesday night by a gang of bandits who had made a good job of looting several of the business places.

The heaviest loser was that of Theodore Harms, whose general store was broken into and where the robbers secured large quantities of cigarettes, smoking and chewing tobacco, men's shoes, ladies and men's hose, shoes and other items of clothing, making a clean sweep through the stock and selecting the articles that they might easily dispose of. Entrance to the store was gained by prying open the front door of the building.

The barber shop also was entered by prying open a rear door and here the robbers proceeded to take all of the equipment in the shop save the barber chair, all razors, scissors, clippers and other lines of supplies being carried away.

The Bank of Manley was also visited, a window in the front of the bank being broken and which permitted entrance. The bank was ransacked but nothing of value was taken as the invaders were unable to get into the vault of the bank.

The time of the burglaries is unknown as the fact of the general looting was not discovered until the owners of the various places arrived this morning to open up.

This is the second burglary in this county in the last two weeks and the looting at Avoca as well as at Manley, points to the work of the same gang.

PICK UP RUNAWAYS

From Monday's Daily

Officer David Pickrel last evening picked up three young lads, who had run away from the Father Flanagan Home at Omaha on Saturday hitchhiking to this city where they had spent Sunday.

The boys gave the names of Steve Smith, 15, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Steve Rzonvka, 14 and Clyde Hart, 14, of Omaha. Hart, however, was not from the Home but had run away with the other two boys.

The Hart boy gave his address as 4212 South 24th street, the police getting in touch with his parents and late Sunday night the parents came down and took the boy back to Omaha. The other two boys are being held here for return to the Father Flanagan Home.

This is the second time that Smith and Rzonvka have attempted to make their escape from the Father Flanagan home, they stated to the police.

OMAHA PARTIES HERE

Sunday evening Officer Roy Stewart was called upon to act as friend in need for two young men and two young women of Omaha who were here en route from Brock, Nebraska near where they had been spending a short time. The party arrived here in a Star car that was in the last stages of usefulness and when reaching this city they disposed of the car to Jake Miller, dealer in junked cars. The officer assisted the Omaha parties in getting a taxi to take them on to their homes in Omaha.

VISIT HERE SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rihn, well known residents of Union, were in the city Sunday where they enjoyed the day visiting at the home of Mrs. J. F. Clug and daughter, Hazel, old time friends and neighbors of the Rihn family. This was the first visit the friends have been able to enjoy together for some time and was very much appreciated by them all.

Mrs. Marie Trumble and son, Ernest, of Lincoln, were here Sunday as guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. H. G. McClusky and visiting with the many friends in this city.

DIES AT MASONIC HOME

The death of Mrs. Mary Helen Fitchett, 71, occurred early this morning at the Nebraska Masonic Home where she has made her home for the past few years. The deceased had been bedfast for some time and her illness was of such a nature that little hope was held for her recovery. Mrs. Fitchett was born June 1, 1863 in Philadelphia, where she spent her younger years, coming to the home here on November 15, 1932. Mrs. Fitchett was admitted from Covert lodge No. 11, A. F. & A. M. of Omaha.

The body will be taken to Omaha where funeral services will be held and the interment made in the Forest Lawn cemetery.

Well Known Young People Wed at Fremont

Miss Irene Simons and Mr. Gustaf A. Weiss Are Joined in Wedlock Tuesday Afternoon.

On Tuesday afternoon, May 1st, at Fremont, Nebraska, occurred the marriage of two of the well known and popular young people of this city, Miss Irene Simons and Mr. Gustaf A. Weiss. The marriage lines were read by the Rev. Hal Shafer.

The bride wore a very attractive ensemble of blue with accessories to match while the groom was attired in a dark blue suit.

The bride party was unattended. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Janet Simons and has grown to womanhood in this city, where she received her education in the city schools, graduating in the class of 1932. She has for the past year and a half been engaged at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy O. Cole near Myrard.

The groom is a son of Mrs. Martha Weiss and was born and reared on the farm near this city and is a young man held in the highest esteem by a very large circle of friends who will join in their well wishes on his new found happiness. Mr. Weiss is at the present time engaged with the Plattsmouth Feed yards.

Mr. and Mrs. Weiss will make their home at 850 Lincoln avenue where the groom has a home awaiting the coming of his bride.

The many friends here will join in their well wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Weiss for many years of happiness and success.

ROTARIANS TO OMAHA

From Tuesday's Daily

The Plattsmouth club of the International Rotary held no meeting today as the members who could do so were in attendance at the conference of the nineteenth district being held at Omaha.

The program at the non-day luncheon of the convention was under the auspices of the Plattsmouth and Cretaceous clubs and included among other features a talk by Searl S. Davis of this city as well as several numbers by the Rotary quartet composed of Frank Cloldt, R. W. Knorr, H. G. McClusky and George Jesger, the accompanist being E. H. Wescott. Duane Harmon of Weeping Water, was also a feature of the program.

FILES FOR COMMISSIONER

Tuesday afternoon J. H. Rauth, or "Herman," as he is better known over the county, entered the race for the office of county commissioner on the democratic ticket in the second district, subject to the wishes of the voters at the party primary.

Mr. Rauth is one of the well known residents of Center precinct where he is engaged in farming and where he has made his home for a great many years. He is a native of Cass county, his birthplace being on a farm near this city, the family later moving to the vicinity of Manley where they have since resided.

Mr. Rauth filed in response to a petition signed by some thirty-eight of the residents of Manley community who had been urging him for some time to make the race.

Joseph Manacek and Miss Laura Grassman of Omaha were here Sunday to spend a few hours visiting with the relatives and friends.

John Farris Dies at Home Near Murray

One of the Well Known Residents of This Section of County Passes Away Tuesday.

The death of John Farris, one of the well known residents of the community south of Murray, died Tuesday at his home following an illness that has existed since last October when he suffered a stroke and from which he had gradually been growing weaker until death came to his relief.

John Farris was a native of Virginia, born near Seven Mile Ford, in that state on March 4, 1871, spending his boyhood and younger years in that section of the country. He came with his family to Nebraska some thirty-one years ago and has since been engaged in farming in this community with the exception of one year that was spent in Minnesota.

Mr. Farris is survived by the widow and three children, Mrs. George Reike, Curtis and John Farris, Jr., all residing north of Union. There are also left to mourn his loss four brothers and one sister, H. C. and J. B. Farris, who reside in Virginia; Mark Farris, living in Wisconsin; and Clem Farris and Mrs. Lucy Walshem of Spokane, Washington.

The funeral services will be held on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Presbyterian church at Murray.

FILES FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY

From Wednesday's Daily

This morning W. G. Kleck, present county attorney, filed for re-election to the office that he has so capably filled in the past, subject to the will of the voters at the republican primary on August 14th.

Mr. Kleck has had an excellent record in the office and given the people of Cass county a service that deserves the appreciation of the people of the county. In the discharge of his duties Mr. Kleck has exercised good judgment in protecting the interests of the taxpayers in every way possible and to save all unnecessary expense to the county where possible. His excellent judgment has prevented unnecessary and wasteful litigation in which the burden would have to be borne by the taxpayers of the county.

Mr. Kleck in his office has been fair and just to all that have come before him and has served to protect those innocent as well as to prosecute those who were guilty of crime.

In his service to the county Mr. Kleck has handled many important cases that have involved not only the criminal law violations but as well important civil cases in which the county has been a party.

RETURNS FROM DETROIT

Mrs. Oscar Gopen, Sr., who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Marek, at Detroit, has returned home after a visit of some time there. Mrs. Gopen found her daughter, Mrs. Marek, recovering very well from the effects of her recent accident in which she was badly scalded by boiling water while engaged in her washing. Mrs. Marek suffered the accident on March 13th and has since that time been under medical care but is now rapidly improving but still suffering from the injury to one of her hands a great deal.

DEATH OF J. C. YORK

The death of John C. York, 78, occurred on Tuesday evening at Omaha where he had made his home for the past several years. Mr. York had been ill for the past several months and in the last few weeks gradually grew worse. He passed away at 8:20 last evening and the body was brought here to the Streight funeral home pending the funeral arrangements.

Mr. York came to Plattsmouth some thirty-three years ago from Watson, Missouri, and had a large circle of old friends who will learn with regret of his passing.