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Plattsmouth R. A. M. Attend Grand Chapter

Lester Meisinger Has Degree of High Priest Conferred—Provide Musical Program.

Members of Nebraska Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons of this city, had a large part in the sessions of the grand chapter of the order held Wednesday at the Masonic temple at Omaha.

In the morning session at the memorial service, honoring the past officers, among them James M. Robertson, Raymond C. Cook was heard in a vocal solo, "Faith of Our Fathers," Harold Thom being the accompanist.

At the evening banquet Mr. Cook and Frank A. Cloldt were heard in a duet "Neopolitan Nights" and Mr. Cloldt in two solo offerings, "The Old Refrain" and "One Alone" from the "Desert Song."

In the proceedings of the grand chapter, W. A. Robertson, past high priest, was selected on the important codification committee.

In the evening Lester Meisinger was invested with the degree of high priest, he being the newly elected high priest of Nebraska chapter. Dr. L. H. Kuhns, well known here was given the degree also.

Those from this city to attend the sessions and banquet were Raymond Cook, Frank A. Cloldt, William F. Evers, William A. Robertson, Lester Meisinger, Luke L. Wiles, Henry F. Nolting, H. L. Gayer, Milford B. Bates.

MUSICAL AT HOME OF MRS. R. B. HAYES

"Music and the Message," was the topic of the Christmas Musical given by the Woman's Foreign Mission Society, Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. B. Hayes.

Program was given by the pastor, A very interesting part of the Rev. C. O. Troy, in the devotions. After reading from the scriptures the story of the birth of Christ, he told four short stories whose interest centered around Bethlehem, the birthplace of Christ. Rev. Troy concluded with a short prayer.

After a brief business session, presided over by Mrs. Hayes, the vice-president, the following program was given, with Mrs. Frank Barkus as leader:

"The Good News in Scripture," Mrs. Ralph Anderson.

"The Good News in Song," Helen Quimby, vocal solo. Miss Evelyn Lee, accompanist.

Discussion.

"Music and Paganism," Bernese Arb.

"Favorite Hymn of the Missionaries," vocal duet, Mrs. M. S. Kerr, Mildred Hall. Mrs. L. S. Devoe, accompanist.

Discussion.

"Music and Christianity," Mrs. Hallie Perry.

Vocal solo, Mrs. R. B. Hayes, Miss Whelan, accompanist.

Instrumental solo, Mrs. L. S. Devoe.

Missionary Benediction.

At the close of the program Mrs. Hayes served delicious refreshments.

SERIOUS AUTO WRECK

Thursday afternoon during the snow storm, a car driven by one of the soldiers from Fort Crook, was wrecked north of this city on highway No. 75. The car skidded from the paving and over the embankment in a deep ditch north of the John Elliott home. The car was left bottom up in the ditch and it was with difficulty that the occupant of the car was rescued. The injured man was taken on to the post hospital at the fort. He was apparently seriously injured and was spitting blood, thought from an internal injury when he was hurried from the scene of the accident to the hospital.

VISITING IN CITY

William Warner of Alvo, is in the city to enjoy a visit with his brother, Charles H. Warner, who has not been so well of late. Mr. Warner has been quite ill for the past several months and confined to his home and under medical care and has enjoyed very much the coming of the brother to spend a short time with him.

HELD SUCCESSFUL DANCE

The opening dance given by the American Legion in their hall in the Bekins block, secured some weeks ago for use as a meeting place and community center to take the place of their Legion Community building during the time it is being used for the district engineering offices, was held last night in the hall which has been repainted and decorated by Legionnaires and proved very successful in point of attendance and a good time. Music was furnished by Ted Harris and his Rhythm Aces of Lincoln.

Jerry Adam Has Great Season in Line Coaching

One Time Plattsmouth High Football Star Has Helped Train Wesleyan Champs of N. C. A. C.

Jerry Adam, who back in 1925-27 was a feature on the Plattsmouth high school football team, this year has won laurels in his work as line coach of the Wesleyan university football team, champions of the N. C. A. C.

Talking about line playing, Jerry knows the works, as he was a hot spot on the local line in his playing days here and on the University of Nebraska team was one of the outstanding players and received recognition for his great work in the Northwestern game from the Chicago sports writers.

George Farley, who was fullback on the University of Nebraska team and captain in 1929, is the head coach at Wesleyan and had the pleasure of seeing for the first time in several years the championship return to the University Place college. Hastings has had this honor for the greater part of the year, but on Thanksgiving day Wesleyan relieved them of the honor 14 to 6, altho the Bronchos had the advantage of weight and were the favorites of the dopsters to take the game. The Wesleyan team outdowned Hastings 15 to 10 and outgained Hastings by 190 yards, playing heads up football all the way.

Jerry Adam is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Adam of this city and since completing his university work has been making his home at Lincoln.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Thursday was the seventh birthday anniversary of little Miss Roberta Kirk Bates and in honor of the occasion a group of the school friends were entertained at the Milford Bates home on high school hill yesterday afternoon.

The members of the party enjoyed games during the afternoon while at a suitable hour dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. Bates, assisted by her daughter, Miss Texanna. The guest of honor, "Bobbie" received a large number of attractive gifts that will serve as remembrances of the little friends.

Those in attendance were Donna Faye Mason, Josephine Sediak, Mary Phyllis Rosencrans, Marjorie Ann Devoe, Elizabeth Davis, Ruth West, Betty Busch, Annice Lee White, Dorothy Jean Turner, Ann Martin, Dorothy Wurga, Theresa Slatinsky.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

The Plattsmouth Business Men's Ad club at their meeting Wednesday decided to have the electric illuminations on Main street turned on the coming Monday and continue through Christmas eve. This will include the intersection lights in their bright and varied colors as well as the lights that merchants may display on the individual trees to be placed along the curbing of Main and Sixth streets.

This will add to the charm of the holiday season and to the appearance of the business section of the city.

SUFFERS BROKEN NOSE

Miss Josephine Rys was painfully injured Wednesday in a car accident on Webster boulevard, when the car in which she was riding skidded and crashed into a tree along the roadway and she was thrown against the windshield with great violence. Roy Olson, driver of the car, suffered minor bruises in the accident.

Old Age Pension Commission Holds Brief Session

160 Applications Are Received by the Commission and 86 Are Approved for Pension.

The old age pension commission of Cass county of which W. M. Barclay of this city is chairman and Frank Woods of Weeping Water, secretary, met here Thursday with the board of commissioners to take up the matter of applications and preparing to launch the operation of the law.

There were 160 applications considered and of these 86 were approved by the commission and 74 disallowed. In disallowing many of the claims the members of the commission took into consideration the fact that the small amount that will be available to each person will be such that they cannot live on it and accordingly many carried on county relief were left there rather than allow the small pension at this time.

The levy for the pension is fifty cents per head which if all paid would bring in the sum of \$3,100 it was estimated, but only \$625 has so far been collected on this fund and at the disposal of the commission.

The law is such that those having an income of \$25 per month or more cannot be given the pension, also that all persons over fifty years of age, regardless of their property status are not required to pay the tax. The law also provides that any recipient of the pension is not to receive county aid which proves a stumbling block in many of the applications.

The commission will, however, hold a meeting on Thursday, December 20th and at which time they will make plans for the distribution of what funds may be on hand and their distribution to the persons entitled to receive them.

Organizations that have sponsored the old age pension in recent years will urge on the legislature the increase of the head tax to \$1 to provide a more adequate return to the pensioners. In the state of Iowa it is proposed to increase the pension tax to \$3 per person. The organizations will also strive to have the fifty year exemption removed from the present law.

WILL ATTEND PRESENTATION

Mrs. James T. Begley and son, James P., of Lincoln, are to attend the presentation on Saturday, December 8th, of the portrait of the late Judge Begley to the Otoe county bar to be hung in the court house at Plattsmouth.

This portrait of Judge Begley was given by the Cass county bar to add to the collection of portraits of past judges that hang in the district court room at Plattsmouth.

The presentation will be made by Attorney William A. Robertson of this city on behalf of the Cass county bar. Justice L. B. Day of the Nebraska supreme court will be present and take part in the program on behalf of the state high court.

A number of the local bar are expected to be in attendance at the ceremonies. Other friends are also invited.

STORES TO REMAIN OPEN

The business houses of the city which are affiliated with the Plattsmouth Business Men's Ad club have agreed that starting on Monday their places of business will remain open in the evenings until after the Christmas season. This will make it more convenient for the shoppers who are unable to come down to the main section of the city in the daytime or those residing outside of the city.

INSTALL NEW HEATER

The ladies aid society of the Methodist church have just had installed in the church parlors a fine circulating gas heater, this being placed there by the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co. The heater adds greatly to the comfort of the church building and is a much more convenient means of heating the parlors for the various social activities of the church organizations.

JURY DISMISSES CASE

From Friday's Daily
The district court for the past three days has been engaged in the trial of the case of Clifton Welch vs. Lloyd Carnicle, et al, a suit for damages in an auto accident near Ashland in Cass county. The defendant had filed a cross petition for damages and the issues were placed in the hands of the jury last evening.

This morning the jury reported and their verdict was that the plaintiff or defendant were not entitled to recover damages and the case was accordingly dismissed.

High School Athletic Assem- bly Has Meeting

R. Foster Patterson of This City One of Representatives of the Schools Present.

The delegate assembly of the Nebraska High School Athletic association held its annual meeting on Friday afternoon and evening at Lincoln.

R. Foster Patterson of this city was one of the representatives from this section of the state to be present and participate in the sessions.

Legislation was adopted in form of amendments to the constitution included the following:

1. Requiring one semester attendance before a transfer athlete is eligible. Formerly two semesters residence were required.
2. A student can make up but one subject during the summer instead of two.
3. Athletes must submit to one physical examination instead of two during the school year.
4. Voted \$500 to cover the expense of the annual delegate assembly.
5. Require three registered officials for football games.
6. Cut dues of schools with 25 or less attendance to \$3, but voted down a proposal to cut all dues.

Proposed legislation which was voted down included:

1. Plan to abolish spring football.
2. Plan to prohibit football games before the fourth Friday in September.
3. Nine semester rule.

The only extended debate developed when R. D. Harrison of Dewitt sought an amendment to the constitution which would prohibit the use of tobacco by athletes of the association. This was voted down, the assembly doubting its ability to legislate against the practice effectively, believing it to be a local problem.

Secretary O. L. Webb read his annual report in which he recommended improved conditions for officials working high school games. He also related the plan whereby a greater refund for teams participating in the state and sectional basketball tournaments will be available.

He also pointed out that the association is now possessed of the greatest membership in its history with 549 schools.

The board of control in an evening session adopted a plan whereby competing teams in both district and state tournaments will be refunded approximately 30 percent more of the gate receipts than in past years. While leaving the state association with a smaller share, Secretary Webb indicated the system will enable schools to more nearly pay tournament expenses. A number of protest cases also were discussed.

SELECTED ON ALL STATE

Kenneth Huneke, student of the Burlington, Iowa, high school, has been selected as a member of the Iowa all-state high school football team. Kenneth is captain of the Burlington team and his work was one big reason for the fine showing of his team in southeastern Iowa this year. He has been outstanding on his defensive work and in blocking as well as doing the punting for the team.

On the Iowa all-state team Otto Huebner of Glenwood has been named as the quarterback of the team for his splendid work this year for the undefeated Glenwood eleven.

TAKEN UP

A stray cow has been at the farm of John M. Kaffenberger for the past two weeks. Owner can have same by calling and paying cost of keeping cow. Call phone 4704. d10-2aw

Many Attend Meeting of the Unemployed

Meeting at the Court House Decide to Send Committee to Lincoln to Visit Governor.

The meeting of the unemployed held at the district court room Friday evening drew out a very large number of the men of the community who are now out of active employment through the slacking of many of the projects that during the summer made possible their opportunity to labor.

The meeting was presided over by Roy Taylor, who discussed the situation and urged that steps be taken to secure relief through means of the FERA or other agencies that might provide employment or the proper care of those unfortunate enough to be unemployed at the opening of the winter season.

Thomas McMasters was the secretary of the meeting and also spoke briefly urging steps to secure relief for those who are suffering from lack of employment.

It was voted to send a committee of six to Lincoln to visit Governor Bryan and Governor-elect Cochran to enlist their aid if possible in the move to secure adequate relief for the residents of this section.

State Representative George E. Nickles of Murray was present and pledged his aid in securing if possible federal and state aid in the county and would be glad to cooperate in any way that he might with the organization to secure the desired results.

Short talks along the line of federal aid and the necessity for action for the relief of the unemployed of Cass county were made by County Judge A. H. Duxbury, Adam Marshall, former councilman and well known labor leader, A. E. Edgerton, re-employment manager for Cass county, Clyde Thomas and George W. Olson.

The meeting was one filled with the spirit of doing things and to endeavor in every way to see that aid was given those in the county that wish to work and cannot find the opportunity.

FUNERAL OF BENJAMIN PARKER

From Friday's Daily
This afternoon at the Sattler funeral home was held the last rites for Benjamin Parker, former resident of this city, who passed away at the Bryan Memorial hospital at Lincoln on Wednesday.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Clifford Cecil, pastor of the First Christian church of Shenandoah, Iowa, a friend of the Parker family for many years, and who brought words of comfort to the bereaved members of the family circle.

During the services Mrs. Hal Garrett and Frank A. Cloldt gave two of the old and loved hymns, "Saved by Grace" and "Pass Me Not O Gentle Saviour."

The interment was at Oak Hill cemetery beside the wife who preceded him in death nine years ago.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT PREVAILING

The business houses of the city are assuming the gala appearance of the holiday season in the past week and the colorful Christmas decorations adding a very lovely touch to the stocks of goods that are arranged for the patrons of the various places.

The special Christmas gift lines in toys, novelties and practical gifts are to be found on display in the business houses and reminding that less than two weeks of shopping days remain before the glad Christmas day is at hand.

The stores are open evenings now for the accommodation of their customers and many are taking advantage of this to do their shopping early and avoiding the confusion of the last few days before the holiday.

From Friday's Daily
Attorney Yale Holland, well known Omaha attorney, was in the city today to attend to some matters in the district court. Mr. Holland's law firm represents the Missouri Pacific railroad in the damage suit in the district court.

FUNERAL OF JAMES HATCHETT

The funeral services of the late James Hatchett were held on Friday afternoon at Murray in which community he had for so long made his home. The services were at the Christian church, Rev. Shubert bringing words of comfort to the members of the bereaved family. During the services the choir of the church gave three of the old and loved hymns that had been requested by the members of the family.

Interment was at the Young cemetery northeast of Murray, the Horton funeral home of this city having charge of the service.

Community in Tribute to Miss Olive Gass

Teacher in City Schools for Twenty-five Years and High School Principal Ten Years.

From Friday's Daily
It was a great day for Miss Olive Gass yesterday when a hundred of her former students joined with the three hundred forty members of the present student body of Plattsmouth high school, to pay her a magnificent tribute of respect and admiration. It was one of the most remarkable convocation programs ever held in Plattsmouth high school. Twenty-five years have passed since Miss Gass retired as principal and teacher in the local schools but the passing of a quarter of a century had not dimmed the memory of her fine qualities, of her ability as a class room instructor; of her interest in her students and her fine sense of humor.

It was an inspiration to all to hear the gracious tributes paid her by mature men and women who were her pupils in days gone by. The whole program was filled with a spirit of high idealism which set a splendid example for the present students and teachers of Plattsmouth high school.

There were so many climaxes and highlights on the program that the whole thing must be listed, but the presence of a hundred of the former pupils of Miss Gass was a tribute of numbers that bespoke the affection which they have for her. The class of 1904 had the largest representation with eleven present. While sitting on the platform, Miss Gass was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers, the remembrance of former faculty members now living in Lincoln. In addition two telegrams of congratulation and tribute were read from her two superintendents, Prof. E. L. Rouse, now in the Teachers' College at Chadron and superintendent during the period, 1902-1907 and J. G. McHugh, now of Minneapolis, superintendent from 1896-1902. Certainly the manner in which Miss Gass responded was an outstanding feature. Clearly at her best in her sparkling wit and appropriate anecdote, she reminisced of the past as if it had occurred yesterday. With rare jibes of humor that kept the audience in an uproar of laughter and applause, she spoke of her recollection of former students who were seated on the platform. The closing part of her remarks evidenced a fine and more serious nature as she gave a fine philosophy of her observations of the school and the pupils. Her speech was a treat and would have made her the outstanding figure on the platform even if she had not been the guest of honor. Another highlight was clearly shown in the attitude of the present P. H. S. students as an audience. They gave the closest attention to the whole program and despite the storm, when given an opportunity to leave at four o'clock, not a one left, all preferring to stay for the entire program. This was a splendid tribute to Miss Gass from the present generation of students.

Peculiarly appropriate to the program was the presentation to Miss Gass of a beautiful golden bronze plaque, the gift of her students. It was presented by S. S. Davis in well chosen and fitting words. A picture of Miss Gass was then given to the high school students by the alumni of more recent years. It was presented by Principal R. F. Patterson and accepted for the students by Howard Hirz, student council president. It is a fine likeness of Miss

Gass and hangs on the west wall in a prominent place.

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was a member of the board of education from 1895-98 during which time, Miss Gass was a member of the faculty. He referred in highly complimentary terms to the service of Miss Gass. Mrs. Pearl Mann, represented former teachers who had been on the faculty with Miss Gass. Her remarks were brimful of witty references to school manners and customs of the years at the turn of the century, closing with a fine tribute to Miss Gass as a teacher and principal.

Then came the reminiscences from former students and no better representatives could have been selected than W. A. Robertson and Miss Minnie Guthmann to tell of those years when they were the pupils and Miss Gass the teacher. Both recalled a number of incidents which proved to be highly amusing as well as each voicing to Miss Gass a memorable expression of affection and esteem on the part of her students who by no means had forgotten her or her influence upon them.

Two musical features added charm to the program. Mr. L. L. Starrett of the present faculty sang two solos: "Pale Moon," and "Big Brown Bear," with Miss Lillian Garrett as accompanist. Representing the students, Miss Mildred Knoffke played two violin solos, "Mazurka," and "The Bee," with Beatrice Knoffke, '29, as accompanist. The program was brought to a close by the entire audience of nearly 500 joining in singing that grand old song, "Auld Lang Syne," with Mrs. E. H. Wescott as leader and Miss Estelle Baird at the piano.

Following the prepared program, an informal reception for Miss Gass was held on the stage where her former students eagerly pressed around her to offer their congratulations and best wishes.

Everyone left with the feeling that it had been a great day for all. To have seen this interesting character sitting on the stage in Plattsmouth high school, surrounded by a hundred former students and to hear them eulogize her as a woman and a teacher; to hear her own clever response to the words of praise that had been heaped upon her; was enough to provide inspiration to the audience for years to come. Two comments most frequently heard during the past few weeks perhaps sum up the whole splendid story that now becomes a bright page of memories of the past. "What a fine and thoughtful thing to do," and "How richly she deserves it!"

17 FIRE DEATHS

Perpignan, France.—The death of another woman in a hospital here made a total of seventeen fatalities from injuries received in a barn fire in the countryside at St. Gauderic. The fire, starting as motion pictures were being shown Wednesday night, caused a panic among the spectators.

"See it before you buy it."