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Fred H. Gorder Has a Splendid Official Record

With Passing of Christmas Day Will Observe 71st Birthday—Fifteen Years on County Board.

County Commissioner Fred H. Gorder, of Weeping Water, was in the city Wednesday to look after some matters at the court house, as is his custom in the long years of faithful service to the people of Cass county.

Mr. Gorder is to observe the passing of his seventy-first birthday on Christmas day and also is completing his fifteenth year as member of the board of county commissioners of Cass county.

Fred H. Gorder was born on a farm near Waterloo, Wisconsin, December 25, 1864, but has spent his lifetime in Nebraska and Cass county, as he was brought to this county by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Gorder, when but two years of age. The family located at Plattsmouth and where Fred H. received his education. In 1884, fifty one years ago, the father, who was interested in the implement business in Plattsmouth, sent the son, Fred H., then nineteen, to Weeping Water to look after the interests of the branch store and which under his skillful guidance grew to be one of the important implement houses of the county. Mr. Gorder later purchased the interests of his father and continued the business for himself.

Mr. Gorder in 1894 was elected mayor of Weeping Water and served in that capacity for over thirteen years and under his administration some of the forward strides were made in the development of the city.

He was first elected commissioner in 1920 and has since been constantly re-elected and appreciating this confidence has given untiring service to the people of Cass county.

HAVE CHRISTMAS TREAT

From Thursday's Daily

The children of the Columbian school who have been out of school for the past two days, threatening the enjoyment of their Christmas observances, today enjoyed a treat from their teachers. While the fact that the heating plant at the school was out of commission would not permit the regular programs, the teachers decided that the holiday should not be passed unnoticed. Miss Margaret Iverson, Miss Ruth Tidball, Miss Helen Hall and Miss Dorothy Downey, provided treats for the children and which were distributed this afternoon at 1:30 at the school building and certainly the thoughtfulness of the teachers was much appreciated by the scholars and patrons of the school.

CHRISTMAS HATCHING

The Leon L. McCarty family have at their home a hatching of Christmas chickens who have just arrived on the scene in face of the approach of the mid-winter weather. One of the hens belonging to the McCarty flock, decided that she wished to do a little setting and accordingly stole out her nest and when sufficient eggs had accumulated she proceeded to start in on the rearing of her brood and Wednesday arrived in the McCarty yard with a flock of fine healthy little chicks. The sudden change to cold weather has made it necessary for the care of the mother hen and chicks in the warmth.

LITTLE BABE ILL

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beverage has not been well for several days and his condition has become such that it was found necessary to have him taken to the Methodist hospital at Omaha. The babe may have to undergo an operation.

TO VISIT HERE

Russell Wasley, who is teaching and coaching at the Superior, Montana, high school, is expected here Monday to enjoy the holiday season with the relatives and old friends. Mr. Wasley has been very successful in his work in the western school, developing some excellent football and basketball teams.

WILL SPEAK AT BANQUET

Robert Foster Patterson, instructor in history at Tarkio college, Tarkio, Missouri, has accepted the invitation to be the speaker at the democratic banquet to be held in this city on January 5. Mr. Patterson is a very able speaker on any subject that may be assigned him and his selection as the keynoter at the local banquet assures a message that will serve as an inspiration to the members of the party in the coming campaign.

The committee is arranging for the place of holding the banquet as well as looking after the arranging for the serving of this feast to the democrats of the county.

Local Scout Troop Makes a Fine Showing

Plattsmouth Troop Has Best Troop Record in Cornhusker Area With 80 Before Court.

Reports issued from the headquarters of the Cornhusker area of the Boy Scouts of America, show that more than 300 of the scouts were awarded merit badges and promotions at the courts of honor held in the area in 1935.

Troop 264 of Plattsmouth had the best troop record with eighty of their members coming before the court of honor during the year.

Interest in scouting was shown by the fact that there was an average of 88 visitors at the courts of honor held at Louisville, Peru, Camp Wheeler, near this city, and two held in Nebraska City.

Advancements made in Scouting were as follows:

To second class 36, to first class 30, merit badges 221, palms, 2, star 14, life 6, eagle 0. Merit badge awards were most numerous due to requirements before higher ranks can be obtained, Scout officials pointed out.

Plattsmouth was given two life Scouts and Auburn three. Plattsmouth received four star ratings, Peru 1, Nebawka and Auburn 2.

Troops in the district are 327 Auburn, 333 Douglas, 353 Louisville, 345 Nebraska City, 343 Nebraska City, 346 Nebraska City, 261 Nebawka, 325 Peru, 364 Plattsmouth, 333 Syracuse.

NO NEW CCC ENROLMENTS

There will be no new CCC enrolments in the state in January. Bulletins sent to State Relief Director Elmore's office indicate Nebraska's quota is oversubscribed by about 250. The government's plan is to have the national enrollment from the 600,000 planned for July to 300,000.

Expecting there will be no more than 14,000 requisitioned in the entire United States, the assignments will be made to corps areas and not to states. The seventh corps area, of which Nebraska is a part, has 60,000 enrolled at present and wants only 54,000, hence the seventh corps area will be allowed no new enrolments.

LEAVE FOR CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Rebal and children leave Friday for a holiday trip to the Pacific coast, expecting to remain until after the New Year. They will visit with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rebal and family at Monte Bello, California, as well as with Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Rebal at Taft, California. While there they expect to visit a number of the old time friends who are now residing on the west coast. Mr. Rebal also expects to attend the Rose Bowl game at Pasadena on New Year's day.

A WINTER REMINDER

From Friday's Daily

The temperature this morning was a distinct reminder that winter is now at hand and zero weather may be looked for at any time. The temperature during the night dropped to two degrees above zero, the record low so far this season.

The coming of the extreme cold weather will probably cause the closing down of active work on the Missouri river projects in a short time as the ice and hard working conditions will make it impossible to carry on any effective work.

Completing Indexing Records of County Court

Assistance Available Under WPA Allotment Will Make Records Best Arranged in the State.

From Thursday's Daily

The work was started this morning of completing the task of indexing the probate records in the office of the county judge, this being made possible by an allotment from the WPA for the project.

This plan of indexing was first started as a part of the CWA work in this county in 1934 but was only partly carried out when the appropriations were stopped and the project left only partially completed.

The workers have started with the first estate probated in Cass county, that of Samuel Martin, in 1854, and has continued on down as far as possible and will now be completed. Each estate has been given a number and duly indexed and filed so that it will be possible at any time to turn to an estate that may be desired and the filed records can be readily located, while before it was a long and difficult task to locate records or information that might be desired.

The work is being done by Ralph Olson and Miss Anna Peoples under the supervision of Miss Minnie Hill, deputy in the office of Judge Duxbury and when completed will give Cass county one of the best systems of records in the state in any of the county courts.

This project was to have been started at the time that the resumption of the record work in the office of the county register of deeds was started and which has been going on for some weeks, but was delayed until the final approval and allowance for the work.

POLICE COURT DOINGS

From Saturday's Daily

This morning John Norton, giving his residence at Omaha, was present before Judge Charles L. Graves to explain his condition last evening when he was arrested on a charge of intoxication. The man was found lying in an alley near Washington avenue, semi-conscious and his groans finally attracted the attention of residents in that section. An investigation disclosed that the man had his face skinned and beaten up and was decidedly under the influence of drink. While he was being escorted to the city jail by Officer Roy Stewart, he fell near the Standard Oil Co. station and suffered a cut to his lip that required several stitches to close. This morning Judge Graves gave him a fine of \$15 and costs. In statements to the court the man claimed to have come here with a friend who had disappeared and he had recollection of falling and injuring himself but how he came to be in the alley he could not explain.

Robert Dickey was also a caller at the court of Judge Graves and drew a fine of \$25 and costs on the charge of intoxication, which will be worked out by the defendant.

TO SPEAK AT BANQUET

Raymond C. Cook, deputy grand custodian of the A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, has been invited to make the main address at the banquet to be held this evening at Omaha by the Omaha chapter of the Order of DeMolay.

There will be a class of fifty young men initiated during the evening, one of the largest classes that has been taken into the order in several months.

Mr. Cook was the first master councillor of Cass chapter of the DeMolay of this city and has retained a great deal of interest in the work of this youth fraternity.

MARRIED AT CITY HALL

From Saturday's Daily

This morning at the city hall occurred the marriage of Miss Alice E. Slaven and Mr. Elmer R. Mengler, both of Omaha. The marriage lines were read by Judge C. L. Graves and the ceremony witnessed by Mrs. J. D. Miller and Robert J. Mangler of Omaha. They were accompanied by a number of friends.

STUDENTS RETURN HOME

The Plattsmouth students at Tarkio college, Tarkio, Mo., returned home Friday to enjoy Christmas vacation here with the relatives and friends in this city and vicinity. The group comprised Dorothea Siemoneit, Lois Meade, Cecil and James Comstock, George Adam, Stuart Porter and Kenneth Armstrong.

EAGLE LADY DIES

Mrs. Caroline Spahnle, 74, who had been a resident of this state forty-five years, died at her home at Eagle at 8:30 p. m., Tuesday. Native of Baden, Germany, she had lived in Otoe county on a farm for thirty years prior to moving to Eagle eighteen years ago. She had spent two years earlier in Davenport, Ia. She was active in the Methodist church at Eagle.

Surviving are three sons, John, Joe and Fred Rudolph; four daughters, Mrs. Theresa Burdick, Mrs. Frieda Wall, Mrs. Irma Walsh and Mrs. Elsie Umland, all of Eagle; eighteen grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Farmers are Urged to Hear Radio Talk

Special Message of Interest to All Farmers Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 10:45 a. m.

A Christmas message bringing good cheer and hope to every farmer in Nebraska and adjoining states may be heard at 10:45 a. m. December 24th.

A program under which thousands of farm families are benefiting is to be explained in full detail. The way back after years of hardship on the farm, occasioned by drought, dust, floods and successive crop failures will be pointed out in this Christmas message.

L. A. White, state director of the Resettlement Administration for Nebraska, will outline the program of that agency in its effort to aid needy farm families and to assist farmers back to a self-sustaining basis by means of budgeted farm management loan plans.

"Thousands of families have been given financial assistance under Resettlement," said Mr. White. "There are many other thousands eligible for such aid. In this fifteen minute discussion I will make it clear as to how farm families can get back on their feet."

Mr. Jean H. Spangler, local representative of the Resettlement Administration, urges all persons in Cass county to tune in on Station WOW at 10:45 a. m. Tuesday, December 24th.

SPEAKS AT WEEPING WATER

Dr. H. G. McClusky was invited to speak to the boys of the CCC camp at Weeping Water Thursday evening. He spoke to them on the topic "What Life Means to Us." There were 193 boys assembled by Capt. Fellman in the reading room where the boys gave the closest attention.

The camp is very beautifully decorated in the Christmas trees with lights and colored lamps. Supper was served in quick and quiet fashion; when each one is through he scrapes his own dishes in the garbage retainer, and carries them to the dish washers who clean them in boiling water.

Capt. Fellman has his time filled by the problems and questions of the 193 boys which would tax the finest mother in the world. He does a tactful job of it. Mr. Ellis has charge of the agricultural work and Mr. Smith the educational.

VISITS IN CITY

Mrs. Alma Chandler Ramey, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is here visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. J. R. Jones. Mrs. Ramey was born in this city fifty-three years ago and spent her girlhood days in this community and where she still has many friends among the old residents. Mrs. Julia Thomas, of Omaha, a cousin of Mrs. Ramey, came down to enjoy the visit here with the members of the family.

DEPART FOR MISSOURI

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ware departed Wednesday for Brunswick, Mo., where they will spend the Christmas holidays visiting their parents and other relatives.

Garage Man Has Experience with Kidnapers

John Hamilton, Night Man at Chevrolet Garage Held Up, Forced to Drive Bandit to Omaha.

From Friday's Daily

John Hamilton, night attendant at the Cass County Motor Co., garage on Washington avenue, shortly after midnight was kidnaped and taken on a wild ride to Omaha under the gun of an apparent dope crazed man, giving the name of John Mills, ex-convict from the Illinois penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois.

Hamilton was called from the New Way castle shortly after midnight by a man who stated that his car was broken down some two and a half miles north of this city and he wished assistance in getting the car in which his wife had remained, brought on to this city.

Hamilton had taken the wrecker and driven to the lunch place where the man had stated that he preferred to have a car taken out so that his wife might ride back to this city. On the insistence of the stranger Hamilton had finally placed the wrecker back in the garage and here was where the stick up occurred as the stranger requested that a '35 Master Chevrolet sedan be taken on the trip and to enforce obedience to the order a revolver was shoved in the ribs of the attendant and he was ordered to get under the wheel and get going. The stranger had got out of the car with Hamilton to allow him to lock the garage and then the order to drive to Omaha was given.

The car was driven around some time and finally approached a Shell gas station thought to be near 15th and Dodge streets as far as could be determined and here the stranger had compelled Hamilton to alight with him and the car was ordered refueled and when this was done, Mills had stuck up the attendant of the oil station and removed \$18 from the cash register, keeping the two men menaced by the gun. The man claiming to be Mills had threatened to kill the gas station attendant and it was only at the insistence and pleas of Hamilton that he spared the aged operator. The station man, however, was compelled to accompany the bandit and Hamilton. Driving north on 16th street the car had reached a dark street near the outskirts when Hamilton and the station attendant had been ordered out of the car, the bandit shaking hands with them and then speeding away in the stolen car.

Hamilton was able to reach police some twenty minutes after his release and members of the police and detective force sent to the scene. Hamilton gave his story to the police and later he was brought on back to Plattsmouth.

On the way to Omaha the man who claimed to be Mills had talked freely to Hamilton of himself, that he had just been released ten days ago from the Illinois state prison at Joliet, returning to Omaha. He recounted how a few hours earlier in the evening he had beat up Joe Flynn, 2621 Harney street at an apartment house in Omaha. Mrs. Mills, who had quarreled with her husband Monday had returned to their apartment to secure her clothing and had asked Flynn, a relative of a friend to accompany her. She had found her husband in the apartment, who had commanded, "come to me," but that she had slammed the door. Mills had pulled the door open and knocked her down and shot at her three times. He had then pursued Flynn, firing several times at him. Flynn was attempting to telephone police when Mills attacked him again, firing his last shot at him and then starting to beat him up with the revolver butt, denouncing him.

According to Mills he had fled from the scene of the beating up and had stolen a taxi cab from the streets and fled to this city. The taxi cab, abandoned, was found in this city near the Coryell oil station, a few blocks from the Chevrolet garage.

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WILL CHRISTMAS HERE

James M. Robertson, II, midshipman at the U. S. naval academy at Annapolis, is to have the opportunity of enjoying the Christmas season here with his parents, Attorney and Mrs. W. A. Robertson and his sisters and brother as well as the old friends. The academy superintendent has issued an order that permits the midshipmen whose academic ranking is of high standing, to enjoy the holiday until the first of the year. Mr. Robertson is expected to leave Saturday evening for Chicago where he will meet the son and accompany him on home, they expecting to reach here Sunday evening.

Legion Auxiliary Holds a Very Fine Open Meeting

Pay Honor to Gold Star Mothers and Past Presidents of the Organization.

The American Legion Auxiliary Friday evening held an open meeting at the Legion building to which the members of the Legion and friends were invited to attend.

The meeting was to pay special honor to the gold star mothers of the city as well as the past presidents of the Auxiliary who served so well in the terms of their service.

There were to have been three of the gold star mothers, Mrs. Michael Kerns, Mrs. E. C. Ripple and Mrs. Carl Kopschka to be honored, but sickness prevented the attendance of Mrs. Kerns and Mrs. Ripple.

The past presidents of the Auxiliary who were in attendance were Mrs. F. R. Gobelman, Mrs. C. A. Rosencrans, Mrs. J. P. Johnson, Omaha, Mrs. Robert Will, Mrs. Ray Larson, Mrs. Don Selver, Mrs. H. L. Thomas and Mrs. Fay McClintock.

The meeting was presided over very pleasantly by Mrs. Otto Keck, unit president, who presented to each of the honor guests a very beautiful rose as a token of the esteem in which they were held by the members of the Auxiliary.

Judge A. H. Duxbury, who had assisted in the initial launching of the Auxiliary, gave a short resume of the first days when the unit was chartered and started on the very successful career that has followed. He praised the work of the organization in aiding the Legion and in fostering and carrying out the principles of the veteran organization.

There were fourteen new members to be received and initiated in the Auxiliary and which was very impressively given by the officers, Mrs. Frank Rice serving as sergeant at arms. Those who were received as members were Mrs. Henry G. Soennichsen, Mrs. Claude Ruse, Mrs. E. L. McKissick, Mrs. Ralph Hill, Mrs. John Capps, Mrs. Tom Walling, Mrs. Homer Spitzer, Mrs. John E. Turner, Mrs. Will Wells, Mrs. Edgar Creamer, Mrs. A. B. Maddox, Mrs. Don Tinscher, Mrs. Sadie Shaffer.

Those assisting in the initiation were Mrs. Adelaide Boynton, Mrs. James Farnham, Mrs. Fred Herbster, Mrs. Fay McClintock and the president, Mrs. Otto A. Keck.

The evening was closed with a short social hour and refreshments served by the Auxiliary and which was much appreciated by all of the group present.

The hostesses who furnished the refreshments for the event were Mrs. David Pickrell, Mrs. Max Vallery, Mrs. E. H. Tritsch, Miss Mathilde Soennichsen and Mrs. Mart Buttery.

PASSING OF MRS. BALTZ VOLK

Friday afternoon Mrs. Elizabeth Tritsch, Miss Amelia Frederick, Philip and Nick Hennings, returned home from Randolph, Nebraska, where they have been in attendance at the funeral of Mrs. Baltz Volk, 74. The funeral services were held on Thursday at Randolph and the interment made there.

Mrs. Volk was a former resident of Cass county, the family moving to the vicinity of Randolph in 1891 and have since made their home in that section of the country. In late years Mr. and Mrs. Volk have lived in Randolph after retiring from active farming. She is survived by five sons and one daughter as well as the aged husband.

City Schools Hold Programs for Christmas

High School, Junior High and Grade Schools All Join in Fine Observance.

Friday marked the close of the city schools until Thursday, January 2nd, with appropriate programs in the high school, junior high and the grades of the various schools.

The program in the high school was held in the afternoon with Floyd McCarty, president of the student council, presiding over the program which was one that all enjoyed to the utmost. The musical department of the schools under the direction of Mr. Hoyt Griffin, music supervisor, presented the Christmas cantata in a very artistic manner. This cantata was participated in by the two glee clubs, the orchestra and other musical groups of the school. The story carried the message of the nativity and the visit of the three wise men, in a very striking way. Miss Jane Boedeker, '35, now a student at William Woods college, Fulton, Missouri, gave one of her artistic piano solo numbers. Miss Margaret Taylor, '34, was heard in several vocal numbers, Mrs. J. R. Reeder being the accompanist. Donald Cotner, '35, also favored the school with a number of saxophone numbers with Miss Elva Olson as the accompanist. There was a large number of the alumni of the city schools in attendance at the program.

Junior High Program

The junior high school program was held Friday morning in the gym of the high school and offered a varied and much enjoyed program. Ronald Lester served as the announcer for the various events. The girls glee club was presented in two numbers, "The Manger" and "The Wooden Soldiers" while the boys group gave "Three Kings of Orient" and "Christmas at the Door." The classes of Mr. Rother and Miss Hennings were presented in calisthenics that was very interesting. A very much enjoyed instrumental solo was given by Granville Sigler and Allan White, while a trio of girls, Dorothy Turner, Dorothy Will and Helen Hiatt, gave "Slumber Boat." The singing was under the direction of Mr. Knolle.

In the grades there were short programs and treats distributed to the youngsters of the school.

ENTERTAINS CLUB

The country home of Mrs. Walter Tritsch was the scene of a very delightful social gathering Thursday evening when she was hostess to the members of the J. U. G. card club.

The home was very attractively arranged in the decorations of the Christmas season, the bright coloring making a most cheerful and alluring setting to the scene.

The evening was featured by a delicious 6:30 dinner served by the hostess to the friends and which will long be very pleasantly remembered by all of the guests.

The remainder of the evening was spent in bridge and at which a great deal of pleasure was derived.

PINOCHLE CLUB MEETS

Mrs. Lorene Urish entertained very pleasantly Thursday evening at her home in the south part of the city, the members of the Fortnightly pinochle club being the guests.

The home was attractively arranged in the holiday colors and decorations to add to the charm of the scene.

In the playing Mrs. John Sanders was the winner of the high score and Mrs. Herman Tiekotter, Jr., received the second prize.

At an appropriate hour a dainty luncheon was served by the hostess to add to the completion of the happy event.

HERE FROM ATCHISON

Faustine Nowacek and John Kelly, who are students at St. Benedict's school at Atchison, Kansas, are home to enjoy the holiday season with their relatives and old friends. The young men are attending school preparatory to taking up study for the priesthood of the Catholic church.