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Christmas Day One of Beauty and Happiness

Religious Services Usher in Event with Programs, Followed by a Day of Happy Gatherings

Christmas day of 1935 had an ideal setting in the crisp, cold weather and snow flurries that made the day one truly typical of the great west.

The prelude to Christmas day was found in the programs given in the Sunday schools of the city and which found many fine programs given by the younger scholars of the schools, ranging from the beginners to the junior departments of the various Sunday schools.

The religious services of the different churches opened with the mid-night mass of the St. John's and Holy Rosary Catholic churches and that of the St. Luke's Episcopal church, in each of which large congregations of worshippers were gathered despite the sudden change in the weather that made getting around difficult. The Methodist church also observed an evening service with the presentation of "Why the Chimes Rang," a very delightfully presented Christmas story.

Several of the churches held their usual morning Christmas services, and these also drew a great many to join in the contribution toward the beauty of the services.

The American Legion Auxiliary and the Associated Charities had a great part in the material comfort of many of the residents of the city, there being over 600 toys distributed to the needy children, while there were upwards of 60 baskets of good things to eat placed in the homes of the city to assure a good dinner for the day. The distribution of the toys and baskets was made by the ladies and members of the Boy Scout troop of this city. Trucks and cars were donated to haul the supplies to the different homes in scattered locations over the city.

Mrs. Frank Mullen, who had charge of the preparation of the baskets, had asked that representatives from the various churches join in the preparation and the ladies who assisted were Mrs. George L. Farley, Presbyterian; Mrs. Leslie McKinney, Christian; Miss Emma Hirz, Evangelical; Mrs. Val Burkle and Mrs. C. C. Cotner, Methodist; Mrs. Frank Mullen, Catholic; Mrs. L. W. Egenberger, Woman's club, and Mrs. J. C. Petersen, C. D. of A.

In addition to the baskets, there were also gifts of tobacco, oranges and candy sent to residents of the county farm.

Four or five baskets were supplied by other organizations to the needy, as well as those sent out by the Associated Charities, all of which went to help make the day a most pleasant one in homes where misfortune, unemployment and illness had made the outlook for Christmas rather discouraging.

ENJOY FAMILY GATHERING

Tuesday evening the members of the family of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Graves gathered at the family home on Pearl street to enjoy a family dinner party and the observance of Christmas eve in a fitting manner. The fine repast was followed by the visitation of Santa Claus and who brought remembrances for each of the members of the family group. Those who enjoyed the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Graves and sons, Robert and Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde H. Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Thimgan, Joseph and Maxine Graves and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Graves.

WILL TAKE VOWS

From Thursday's Daily
Mr. and Mrs. James Nowacek departed today for Atchison, Kansas, where they will attend the ceremonies on Friday at the Mt. St. Scholastica college, when their daughter, Miss Pauline, will take her first vows as a nun in the order of the Sisters of St. Benedict. Miss Nowacek has been studying for the past several months for the novitiate and will now enter on her work in the order and to prepare for the final vows that will dedicate her service to the sisterhood of the church.

TURNER FAMILY GATHERING

The home of County Treasurer and Mrs. John E. Turner was the scene of a very much enjoyed family party on Christmas day when the relatives of Mr. Turner, headed by his father, O. S. Turner, of Elmwood, were here for the dinner party. The fine repast at the noon hour was followed by a visit among the members of the party until the homegoing hour. Those here for the event were the father, O. S. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Turner, Marquette, Nebraska, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Cook and son, Wendell, Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Clements and Jean Adair Bothwell, all of Elmwood.

Knights Templar Hold Christmas Observance

Large Number Attend Observance at the Asylum of the Order on Christmas Day.

The annual Christmas observance of Mt. Zion commandery, Knights Templar was held Wednesday at the lodge rooms of the order in the Masonic building and very largely attended. The toasts and responses given were as follows:

E. Sir Lester W. Meisinger, Commander, presiding.

Reading of Christmas greetings of M. E. Grand Master, and Response of R. E. Grand Commander. Sir Frank L. Barkus, recorder.

To Most Eminent Sir Andrew D. Agnew, Grand Master. Response Henry F. Nolting, P. C.

To Right Eminent Sir Lewis E. Smith, Grand Commander, Response Luke L. Wiles, P. C.

To R. E. Sir Francis E. White, P. G. C. and P. G. R. Response Emmons J. Richey, P. C.

To R. E. Sir James M. Robertson, P. G. C. Response, William F. Evers, P. C.

To Masonic Bodies of Plattsmouth. Response, Lester W. Meisinger, P. C. To the Nebraska Masonic Home. Response, Leslie Niel, P. C.

To the Sir Knights Sleeping in the Silent City. Response Charles L. Carlson, P. C.

HAVE A FINE PROGRAM

The Rotary club at their weekly luncheon Tuesday enjoyed a very interesting program which was under the leadership of James G. Mauzy and featuring the Christmas story by Rev. V. C. Wright as well as the presence as guests of four local young men now attending college and training schools at various points.

The young men were called upon and presented James M. Robertson, H. who is a midshipman at the U. S. naval academy at Annapolis, Maryland; Ira Mumm, who is a cadet in the army aviation corps at Randolph Field, Texas; Harry Wright, son of Rev. and Mrs. V. C. Wright, who is a student at Oberlin college, Oberlin, Ohio, he being one of the high ranking students of the college, and Paul Iverson, who has been attending Hastings college and is now carrying on his further studies in the east.

The two high school boys, Glen Kohrell, senior and Charles Bennett, junior, were called upon and gave their impressions of Rotary as they have enjoyed it for the past month.

The Rev. V. C. Wright gave the story of the birth of Christ and the commencement of the Christian era, a very fine and impressive talk that carried to all the full import of the Christmas season.

HERE FROM ARCADIA

Mr. and Mrs. Esper McCleary and son, Maynard, of Arcadia, Nebraska, were visitors in the city over the Christmas holidays, guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stine, old time friends and neighbors of the McCleary family in their residence in this community. The eldest son of the family, Garland McCleary, is now located in Omaha where he is engaged in working in one of the large stores of the metropolis.

HERE FOR HOLIDAYS

Miss Jessie M. Robertson, who has been assisting in special library work at the University of Nebraska is home for the holiday vacation. Miss Robertson, who has taken a special course in library work at Columbia university is one of the qualified special workers in this line in the state.

Funeral of John Gauer is Held at Glendale Today

Many Gather to Pay Tribute to Highly Esteemed Resident of Community for Many Years.

From Thursday's Daily

The Glendale church where for so many years the residents of Cedar Creek have gathered for worship or the last services of their neighbors, this afternoon was the scene of the last rites for John Gauer, lifetime resident of the community, held in the highest esteem by a very large circle of friends.

Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of which faith Mr. Gauer had been a member for a number of years, conducted the services. The pastor brought the promise of the scripture for everlasting life as the reward of the faithful.

The male quartet composed of Frank A. Cloldt, Raymond C. Cook, Dr. McClusky and R. W. Knorr, gave three of the hymns that had been favorites of the departed, "Still, Still With Thee," "Rock of Ages" and "Sometime We'll Understand," Mrs. H. F. Goos, being the accompanist.

The interment was at the Glendale cemetery near the church where rest of the other members of the family that have preceded Mr. Gauer in death.

John Matthew Gauer was born near Cedar Creek, April 20, 1877, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Gauer, who came to this community at an early day from their home in Switzerland and assisted in the developing of the farming community of this section. Mr. Gauer was married at Cedar Creek on October 6, 1898 to Miss Anna Meisinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Meisinger, also early settlers of that vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Gauer continued to make their home on the farm until last spring when they purchased a home in Louisville and left the farm in charge of their son, Floyd.

There is surviving the widow, four daughters, Mrs. Elmer Wendt, Cedar Creek; Mrs. William Wendt, Ashland; Mrs. Elmer Hennings, Avoca; Joyce, at home; Mrs. Walter Heil, Louisville and Floyd Gauer of Cedar Creek. There is also one brother, Chris Gauer of Louisville, surviving.

CHRISTMAS AT HOTEL

Christmas of 1935 at the Hotel Plattsmouth, was one that all of the residents and employes there will pleasantly remember for the fine treats and remembrances tendered them by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lapidus. All of the employes from Mrs. Margaret Kidder, manager, to the other employes, all received a token of the Christmas time and an appreciation of their services. Maids and other employes were presented with turkeys for their families.

All of the resident guests of the hotel found in their rooms a large basket of luscious fruit, candy and nuts as a treat from the hotel and which was very much appreciated by all of the dwellers in the hotel.

"HOLIDAY TEA"

The Jolly Workers club were entertained at a holiday tea at the home of Mrs. Max Vallery with Mrs. Don Born and Mrs. Verner Meisinger assisting hostess. Games were played and prizes awarded to the winner. The lesson for the month of December was given by the leaders and which was enjoyed by all present. The club had three visitors present. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. John Toman with Mrs. Wallace Warner and Mrs. George Kaffenberger associate hostesses. CLUB REPORTER.

VISIT AT PERU

Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Graves and daughter, Maxine, were at Peru where they spent the day with other members of the Graves family and in the enjoyment of the Christmas day festivities.

The Elmer Webb family spent part of Christmas day in Omaha, guests at the L. R. Feller home, where a turkey dinner with all the trimmings was enjoyed.

ENJOY DINNER PARTY

The home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Westcott was the scene of a very delightful Christmas dinner on Wednesday at their home at Seventh and Main streets. The home was very fittingly arranged with the Christmas decorations to lend their touch to the scene. Those attending were Misses Alice Eaton, Omaha, Margaret Hodgert and Margaret Mapes, Mrs. Maude Fricke and children, Jane, Marion and Frederick, Miss Alice Louise Westcott and Miss Madeline Magill of Chicago and the host and hostess.

Pretty Home Wedding Held on Christmas Day

Miss Norene Engelkeimer Becomes Bride of Mr. Arthur Smith of Hollywood, Calif.

Miss Norene Engelkeimer, one of the popular young women of the Nehawka community was united in marriage to Mr. Arthur Smith of Hollywood, California, at 1:30 on Christmas day at the home of the bride's parents near Nehawka.

The marriage lines were read by the Rev. A. Lentz, pastor of the Eight Mile Grove Lutheran church, of which the bride is a member.

The bride was attended by Miss Katherine Hill as bridesmaid while Mr. Fred Koehler of Hollywood, California, a former resident here, was best man.

The bride was charming in a gown of blue silk crepe, wearing a corsage of white gardenias. Miss Hill wore a costume of olive green crepe and wearing a corsage of mixed flowers. The groom and best man wore dark suits.

Following the wedding ceremony the bridal party and a number of the relatives and friends were invited to the dining room where a sumptuous dinner was served to honor the happy occasion. Those outside of the bridal party to attend the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. James Koehler, Sioux City, Ia., sister and brother-in-law of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. J. Krazier, Glen and Miss Thelma Krazier, Plattsmouth, Fred Engelkeimer, Nehawka, Rev. Lentz and family and the parents of the bride and her brother, Donald.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith left immediately after the dinner for the southland where they will visit at New Orleans and other points.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Engelkeimer, of near Nehawka where she has grown to womanhood and is a young woman of very charming personality.

Mr. Smith is a native of Cass county, but has made his home in California for several years and is now the manager of a large oil station at Hollywood, where he has been very successful.

The many friends will join in their well wishes to this estimable young couple.

DIES AT HOSPITAL

Clifford Gleason, of Seward, who was so gravely injured a few days ago in an auto smashup on the "O" street road, south of Weeping Water, died at the University hospital at Omaha Christmas. The condition of the injuries of Mr. Gleason was such that very little hope was had of his recovery when he was taken on into the hospital at Omaha.

Mrs. Gleason was taken to Lincoln to stay with relatives after the accident and is gradually recovering from the injury and shock of the ordeal.

The accident terminated a holiday trip that they had intended to make to Rulo and where they were en route when the fatal wreck occurred.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

William M. Barclay, who has been in poor health for some time, was operated on Thursday morning at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha, where he was taken Tuesday. Mr. Barclay has suffered from a bladder stone that has proven very painful and caused him a great deal of suffering. He has come through the operation very nicely and it is hoped that in a short time he may be on the highway to definite recovery.

'Tom' Slayman Killed in Auto Wreck Monday

Former Resident Killed at Railroad Crossing Monday—Sought Reconciliation With Wife.

J. T. "Tom" Slayman, 41, a resident of this city for some time, was instantly killed Monday afternoon at a railroad crossing near Goodrich, Kansas, when he drove his truck on the track in the face of an oncoming M. K. & T. freight train. With Slayman at the time were John Shaffer, 19, and his sister, Velva, 21, of Goodrich, who were being returned to their home by Slayman.

The news of the death was received at Omaha late Tuesday by Mrs. Marie Slayman, estranged wife of the dead man. The message came from a son of the man killed, William Slayman, who has been with the father in Kansas since the family left this city.

Mrs. Slayman had filed suit for divorce in Omaha Monday, a short time before the fatal accident, charging Slayman with non-support after his year and a half absence from the family home. Mrs. Slayman Tuesday stated that there had been a possibility that the divorce action might have been dropped had Slayman returned to Omaha. A letter received from him a short time ago stated that he was coming to Omaha for Christmas and it was thought that he had left on this mission when the fatal accident occurred.

There is surviving the widow, two children, Lawrence, 8 and Geraldine, 4, William, a son by a former marriage and Junior, a son of Mrs. Slayman by a former marriage.

Mr. Slayman came here several years ago to assist in the establishing of the Nebraska Basket factory which is now owned by L. D. Hiatt. Later Mr. Slayman engaged in gardening and conducting a market for fruits and vegetables. Closing his place of business one Saturday night, he disappeared from the city, leaving no word to the family or friends. He later located at St. Joseph, Missouri, and then in Kansas, conducting a market.

The body may be brought to Omaha for interment.

DONATS WIN GAME

From Friday's Daily
Last evening the Donat's Falstaff basketball team, composed largely of members of the 1932 high school southeast champions, were winners over the St. Louis All Star girls' team by the score of 29 to 17.

The girls from St. Louis played a good game and gave and took with the best of their opponents in the play, furnishing a good entertainment for the fans who were witnessing their first game of the season.

The Falstaffs, with Robert Rummel as the scoring ace led from the start and coasted through with a good margin of victory. Marsh of the visitors was high point with eight scores.

The box score of the game was as follows:

Donat's Falstaff—				
FG	FT	PF	TP	
1	1	3	3	
1	0	0	2	
5	1	0	11	
2	0	0	4	
2	1	1	5	
1	0	1	2	
1	0	0	2	
13	3	5	29	

All Stars—				
FG	FT	PF	TP	
2	1	0	5	
0	0	1	0	
4	0	2	8	
1	2	1	4	
0	0	1	0	
0	0	1	0	
7	3	6	17	

RETURNS FROM LINCOLN

Mrs. D. C. Morgan, who was an over Christmas visitor at Lincoln, has returned home after a most pleasant outing. While at Lincoln she was a guest at the home of her nephew, Oliver Hallam and family, where a pleasant family dinner was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Clelland Retelsdorf of Memphis, Nebraska, are in the city for a holiday visit with relatives and friends. Mr. Retelsdorf is now engaged in teaching at Memphis.

HAVE FAMILY DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Egenberger had as guests for the Christmas day, the members of their immediate family who came to enjoy the opportunity of a real, old fashioned dinner with all of the good things that might be desired. Those who enjoyed the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carter and daughter, Beverly, Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Egenberger and sons, Bernard and Buddie, Dr. and Mrs. John S. Egenberger, of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ward Egenberger, Mrs. Mary Weckbach and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Egenberger of this city.

Firemen to Hold Annual Ball Dec. 31st

Proceeds to Go Toward Funds of Department to Aid Activities—Many to Attend.

The Plattsmouth Volunteer fire department are to hold their annual ball on Tuesday evening, December 31st, at the American Legion hall.

This event is one that all look for as not only a pleasant social feature but as well as the opportunity of giving recognition to the services of the firemen who so well protect the property interests of the citizens of the community. The proceeds of the ball will go towards the funds of the organization and to help their future activities.

The community is glad to help out the firemen and they should have a large response to the ticket sale and an equally large crowd to be at the ball and assist in making it a great success from a social standpoint.

Paul Berg and his popular orchestra of Omaha, will furnish the music for the dance, which assures a great time for everyone in attendance.

DUMP PUREE

Chief Deputy United States Marshal Henry Meyers with a force of workmen visited the Platte river north of this city Thursday and proceeded to empty into the waters of the river some 6,000 gallons of tomato puree, taken under a court order as not complying with the pure food law.

The puree was packed in Indiana and contained no Nebraska potatoes. It was bought by the local packing plant when there was a shortage of tomatoes in this section of the west, but after delivery it was found that it did not comply with the pure food laws and accordingly was held for the action of the federal authorities, whose mandate has been carried out.

Anyone along the river that might see the flowing puree need not be alarmed as to a murder taking place as it was merely a free present of the tomato juice to the fish.

HAVE MUCH ADDED WORK

The office of the County Treasurer, always a very busy place, has had a great deal more of extra work in the handling of the automobile personal tax and licenses. These are coming in more rapidly now and require considerable time with each individual application in checking the tax levied and the amount that must be paid before the car owner can secure his license. There are a large number of cars that require the necessary license and pay their tax and January will be a rush month for the applications to be under the wire by February 1st, the deadline for the old licenses.

SHOWS EXCELLENT PROGRESS

The many friends of William M. Barclay will be pleased to learn that he is doing very nicely at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha. He came through the severe operation nicely and his progress is very pleasing to the attending physicians, it being hoped that he may soon be well on the way to recovery and in a short time to resume his usual activities.

VISITS AT OMAHA

Miss Mary Jane Mark is spending a part of her Christmas vacation at Omaha, where she is a guest of Miss Lillian Collins.

Many Towns Pay Higher Tax than Plattsmouth

Total Levy Here 46.10 Mills, Compared to 73.30 Mills at Gering—Foresee Further Cuts.

Taxes in Plattsmouth, which have been gradually reduced during the past few years, while many towns have increased, although still considerably higher than Lincoln or Omaha, and slightly above Nebraska City, total 46.10 mills for the current year, 1935, as shown in an article published in the Journal shortly after the adjournment of the Cass county board of equalization, early in September. There are a considerable number of towns over the state with higher levies, notably the town of Gering, which heads the list with 73.30 mills.

The Plattsmouth tax levy is made up of the following items: State, 2.15 mills (a constant figure over the entire state); County, 3.95 mills (a constant figure for the entire county); Schools, 14.60 mills; School Bonds, 1.80 mills; and City, 23.60 mills. Total, 46.10 mills.

Owners of automobiles in Plattsmouth which are assessed at \$500, find themselves faced with necessity of paying taxes totaling \$23.95 in addition to the regular license fee of \$3 for light cars or \$5 for the larger cars. Cars assessed at \$100 will pay the sum of \$4.61 besides the regular license cost.

Homes valued at \$1,000 by the assessor will pay \$46.10 taxes. The first half of the 1935 real estate tax, although payable at any time after January 1st, does not become delinquent until May 1st, and the second half becomes delinquent next September 1st.

In the near future the Journal will publish a list of towns over the state in which taxes are higher than in Plattsmouth—there being a considerable number of them.

One thing that holds the levy up here is the raising of revenue to pay off existing indebtedness as well as interest on outstanding bonds, many of which have come down from forty and fifty years ago, when they were carried along year after year without reducing the principal and in some instances not even keeping up the interest. About half of the city's total annual budget is made up of bond debt payments and interest on bonds, none of which are now delinquent. Without these, the city levy or 23.60 mills could be cut in half.

The high school bond levy of 1.80 mills will expire in a few more years, as practically all of the money required to pay off these bonds has now been raised and is invested in interest bearing securities, pending the time when these 20-year bonds become due.

The city is considering refunding some of its higher interest bonds that are optional as to time of payment, thus effecting a further saving in interest rates that will be reflected in still lower taxes.

ENTERTAINS AT LUNCHEON

From Saturday's Daily:
Mrs. Frank L. Cummins entertained this afternoon at a 1 o'clock luncheon in honor of her niece, Miss Alice Louise Westcott, of Chicago and Miss Jane Fricke of Omaha. The guests were Mrs. N. A. Cummins and Miss Bernice Ault, Cedar Creek, Miss Mildred McGill and Miss Westcott, of Chicago, Miss Alice Eaton, Omaha, Miss Jane Fricke, Omaha, Mrs. C. C. Westcott, Mrs. Maude Fricke, Miss Marion Fricke and Mrs. J. M. Roberts.

ENTERTAIN AT DINNER

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rice was the scene of a very delightful Christmas dinner on Wednesday at their home at First and Holdrege streets. The home was arranged with Christmas decorations to lend their touch to the scene. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson of Lincoln; De Forest Perry of Franklin, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. George Rice, Mr. and Mrs. William P. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Rice and children, Mr. and Mrs. William Hiner and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rice and son.