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Golden Rod Club Holds a Fine Meeting

Entertained at Home of Mrs. C. L. Wiles Where Program of More Than Usual Interest Held.

The Golden Rod Study club of Myrard met at the home of Mrs. C. L. Wiles, Thursday afternoon, April 16. Mrs. Sherman Cole was the assisting hostess. The election of officers for the next club year had been postponed at the last meeting, so that was the first order of the day. The result was Mrs. Virgil Perry for president and Miss Thelma Dill for secretary-treasurer. This year's president, Mrs. Ralph Wiles, automatically becomes vice-president for next year. These officers and the committees which they appoint will not begin to act until the first of September.

Following the business meeting the club and its guests sang that grand old hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers." As a special number, Mrs. Sherman Cole and Mrs. Charles Barnard sang, "The Little Old Garden." The sentiment of this beautiful duet was quite appropriate for the program of the afternoon. Mrs. Roy Cole was accompanist for both the hymn and the duet.

The appointed leader for the regular study was too ill to be present, so, as everyone is interested in horticulture at this time of the year, Mrs. Virgil Perry presented "Gardens" as a substitute. As the roll was called each one was asked to give her experience whether it dealt with vegetables or flowers, lawns or shrubbery. The result of this plan was very interesting and instructive. At the end of the "study hour" Mrs. Perry read a letter from Mrs. Albert Lang, nee Manota Perry, about the oriental gardens which she and her husband visited in China and Japan. Mrs. Lang weaves a very skillful pen and her descriptions are clear and concise. One of the main points of her letter emphasized the difference in the opinions of the east and west as to what a garden should comprise. Here a garden is made up of vegetables or flowers and many include landscaping. In the Orient it is first a landscape and may include some plants, trees or shrubs. This letter was doubly interesting because Mrs. Lang who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Perry spent her girlhood in the neighboring community of Eight Mile Grove and was well known to many of the club members.

After the hostesses had served a delicious lunch, the ladies participated in a flower exchange. Each one had brought seeds, cuttings or small plants. As this lovely spring day drew to a close, they drove homeward taking with them not only the happy memory of an afternoon spent with their friends but a deeper enthusiasm for their task of supplying food for their families through their vegetable gardens and beauty for their homes through their flowers. Guests of the club on this occasion were Mrs. Harry Nielsen, Mrs. S. D. Cole, Mrs. Royal Smith and Mrs. Chester Wiles.

FUNERAL OF W. A. ROUSE

The funeral services of Mr. W. A. Rouse, long time resident of this community, was held Wednesday afternoon at the Sattler funeral home and where the many old friends and associates were present to share with the family the sorrow that his passing had occasioned.

Rev. R. F. Allen, pastor of the First Christian church, conducted the services and brought the consoling words of the scriptures to the bereaved family and friends.

During the services Mrs. Hal Garnett and Frank A. Cloldt gave three numbers, "Going Down the Valley," "Abide With Me," and "No Night There," Mrs. O. C. Hudson being the accompanist.

The interment was at Oak Hill cemetery in the west part of the city.

VISITING WITH PARENTS

Mrs. Carl Mathieson of Sioux City, Iowa, is in the city for a few days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Rice, Sr., and the many old time friends.

RECEIVES GLAD NEWS

The members of the Rosencrans family here were made very happy this morning by a message that a fine daughter had been born to Mr. and Mrs. Blythe U. Rosencrans at the Grant Memorial hospital at Chicago. The little lady has been christened Mary Jane, and with the mother is doing nicely, while the child being the first in the family has brought more than usual happiness to the father.

The little one is granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rosencrans of this city.

Frank Harmer is Shot while Stealing Tires

Lee Stewart, Farmer Near Elmwood, Finds Harmer in Garage Removing Tires from Car.

From Saturday's Daily:

Frank Harmer, a well known resident of the central part of Cass county, who has often figured in the criminal records of the courts, was shot last night or early this morning at the farm of Lee Stewart, five miles west and a half mile south of Elmwood.

Mr. Stewart was aroused by someone being around the garage and grabbing a shotgun he ran out of the house and fired into the garage, Harmer receiving the load of buckshot in the fleshy part of the thigh as he was in the act of trying to remove tires from the Stewart car.

Sheriff Homer Sylvester was notified of the shooting and with Deputy Cass Sylvester, drove out to the scene of the shooting and where the wounded man was treated by Dr. Liston of Elmwood. He was later taken to Lincoln and placed in the Bryan Memorial hospital for treatment.

Harmer was released on April 16th from the state penitentiary where he had been sentenced for chicken stealing and will now face another charge when he recovers from the effects of the wounds.

The prompt action of Mr. Stewart is an example to other farmers who have suffered depredation of different kinds and will serve as a warning to others who have been stealing from the farmers.

AN INTERESTING FILE

Attorney John M. Leyda, while looking over some files in the district court a few days ago, came across one in which he had served as an attorney on one side of the case and George W. Norris, then a struggling lawyer out at McCook was his opponent.

The case was Josiah Peck vs. Edwin D. Jones and Ella D. Jones, involving the foreclosure of some real estate in this city and owned by the defendants, then residing at Beaver City, Nebraska.

Mr. Leyda and Judge H. D. Travis, who was also an attorney for the plaintiff, had filed in December, 1895, a motion to have a receiver appointed to handle the property in litigation and at that time George W. Norris arrived here and after a conference secured an adjustment by a stipulation that was satisfactory to the parties.

None of the lawyers at that time could see that one of the trio was destined to become one of the nation's outstanding men with a career of thirty years in the congress of the nation.

MARRIED WEDNESDAY EVENING

Wednesday at the residence of Rev. and Mrs. V. C. Wright, occurred the marriage of Miss Helen Mae Nichols and Mr. Edwin Wallace Peterson, both of Omaha. The young people motored here and securing the services of Judge A. H. Duxbury were provided with the proper license and then visited the Wright home for the nuptials.

VISIT AT GLENWOOD

From Friday's Daily
Last evening E. H. Wescott and E. H. Schulhof were at Glenwood where they enjoyed meeting with the Rotary club of that city, Mr. Wescott being the speaker on the club program.

Rotary Club Holds Election of Officers

Frank A. Cloldt Selected as President for Ensuing Year—Officers Installed in July.

The Plattsmouth Rotary club at their meeting this week held the annual election of officers and who will be installed at the first meeting in July, the opening of the new club year.

The officers named were as follows:

President—Frank A. Cloldt.
Vice-President—E. H. Schulhof.
Secretary—Ray Misner.
Treasurer—Frank M. Bestor.
Directors—Dr. R. P. Westover and John E. Prady.

The new president is one of the long time members of the club and has been very active in its work and has served as secretary of the club as well as participating in all of the activities that they have sponsored.

The club had the pleasure also of a most interesting talk by Attorney A. L. Tidd, who spoke on "Conservation," a very fine talk on the preservation of the natural resources of the country and the replacement of trees, wild life and other of the natural resources that has suffered from the wastefulness of man.

George Jaeger has been selected as the club representative at the International convention at Atlantic City, New Jersey, this summer and which Mr. Jaeger is expecting to attend if possible.

VERY CHARMING WEDDING

A very pretty wedding occurred on Wednesday afternoon at the office of Judge A. H. Duxbury at the court house when Miss Ruth Alice Ham, 2519 Washington street, Omaha, became the bride of Mr. Claude Leslie Iske of La Platte.

The bridal party arrived at the court house shortly after noon for the Arbor day wedding, the party comprising the bride and groom and their attendants and the mother of the bride, Mrs. W. G. Ham.

Miss Ham wore a very attractive frock of pale blue crepe, carrying a large arm bouquet of white roses, her accessories being in white.

The young people were attended by Miss Roberta Briggs, of Carson, Iowa, and Mr. Marion Jacobson of Fort Crook. Miss Jacobson wore pale pink crepe and carried a shower bouquet of pink roses and with the white accessories.

The marriage lines were read most impressively by Judge Duxbury as he joined the hearts and lives of the young people.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Ham of Omaha, where she has grown to womanhood and received her education in the schools of that city.

The groom is a son of Henry Iske, member of one of the prominent families of southern Sary county and where they are engaged in farming.

VISITS OLD FRIENDS

Louis F. Dunkak, for many years a resident of Avoca, was a visitor in the city Wednesday where he was a guest at the regional meeting of the League of Nebraska Municipalities. Mr. Dunkak accompanied a group of the officials from Raymond, Nebraska, and while here he had the opportunity of meeting many of the Plattsmouth friends. He was a caller at the Journal to renew his subscription and wishes to be remembered to the old friends.

VISITS IN CITY

From Friday's Daily
This morning Mrs. Anna May Wooley and Mrs. D. C. Morgan of Omaha were in the city to visit with old friends. They motored here with Everett Maxwell, of Fort Smith, Arkansas, and Mrs. Grace Faber of Omaha, son and daughter of Mrs. Wooley.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to the neighbors and friends for their help and sympathy in our hour of sorrow.—Mrs. W. A. Rouse and Family.

ATTEND FUNERAL

The funeral of Benjamin Windham was held Thursday afternoon at Omaha where a number of the neighbors and friends gathered to share with the widow and children the loss that came to them.

Rev. Ernest Decker, a friend of the family, conducted the services at the funeral chapel, while members of Omaha post No. 1 of the American Legion served as pall bearers.

The body was taken to Osceola, Nebraska, for interment in the family lot in the cemetery there. The American Legion post at Osceola conducted the ritualistic services at the grave.

River Worker Asks Large Sum as Damages

Harry Edmondson Is Plaintiff in Action Against W. P. McGeorge, Contractor.

From Friday's Daily

Harry Edmondson of this city was plaintiff in a suit for \$50,000 personal damage suit filed in the district court today against W. P. McGeorge.

The action is brought under the provisions of the U. S. Marine act of June 5, 1920, against the defendant, a contractor on the Missouri river improvement work and by whom the plaintiff was employed.

The petition states that on April 26, 1935, the plaintiff was employed as a seaman for the contractor and was engaged in working on a piling used in revetment work, that an employee of the defendant was engaged in running a pile line and through the neglect or carelessness of the employees of the defendant, the plaintiff was injured when the pile on which he was working was lifted and his leg caught and injured so that it was necessary to amputate the leg of the plaintiff on May 1, 1935. The petition names as the crew engaged on the job at the time, Orvil Abernathy, foreman, Norville Nisworge, engineer and Edward Fitzgerald, deck hand.

The plaintiff further states that the injuries have caused further trouble with the remaining portion of the leg and caused a permanent injury.

The plaintiff has through his attorney, Frank A. Dutton, requested an attachment of the property of the defendant located in Cass county pending the outcome of the case.

FUNERAL OF HENRY TIEKOTTER

The funeral of Henry Tiekotter was held on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 at the Sattler funeral home where a group of the old friends and neighbors had gathered to pay their last tributes of respect.

The services were in charge of the Rev. G. A. Pahl, pastor of the St. Paul's Evangelical church of which the deceased had been a member. The pastor brought a message of hope to the members of the bereaved family that aided in their comfort in the hour of bereavement.

During the services Frank A. Cloldt gave two numbers, "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Face to Face." Mrs. J. R. Reeder was accompanist.

The interment was in the family plot at Oak Hill cemetery beside the father. Pall bearers were former neighbors and friends, Henry and Waldemar Soennichsen, Vern Long, Frank Smith, Earl Leesley, Evan Noble.

UNDERGOING TREATMENT

R. W. Clement, agent for the Burlington at this place, is at the Immanuel hospital at Omaha where he has been for the present week undergoing treatment. Mr. Clement has not been in the best of health for some time and in the past several weeks his condition has been such as to cause the greatest apprehension to the members of the family. He seems to be suffering from a liver complaint.

HAS CHICKENS STOLEN

From Thursday's Daily
Sheriff Homer Sylvester was notified this morning of the theft of some fifty Rhode Island Red hens from the farm of Clarence Slanker of near Elmwood.

Many Attend Regional League Meeting Here

Very Profitable Business Session at Cass Theatre, Followed by an Evening of Great Fun.

From Thursday's Daily

Although not as large a group was present as at the evening dinner and entertainment, city officials who attended the business session of the regional meeting held yesterday afternoon in the Cass theatre got a great deal of good out of the various discussions that were engaged in.

The meeting was opened at 1:15 with Mayor George S. Lyons, of Falls City, member of the board of directors of the League of Municipalities, presiding.

After Mayor George Lushinsky, of Plattsmouth, had extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, responded to by Mayor O. H. Persons of Wahoo, the meeting got down to business in real earnest and from then until almost six o'clock the audience was listening to or engaging in a discussion of municipal problems.

Donald F. Sampson, attorney, of Central City, Nebraska, who edits the legal department of the Municipal Review, official League publication, and who is an authority on tax matters, was the first speaker. Mr. Sampson pointed out the steps incident to collection of real estate taxes of long time delinquency similar to the plan being followed in Plattsmouth, Nebraska City and several other towns over this section of the state, namely, through the purchase of tax certificates, holding of same for a minimum of two years and a maximum of five years, before beginning foreclosure action. This always brings from six to eight or nine years' taxes on property before foreclosure is undertaken and Mr. Sampson said experience has shown when properties get that many years back in taxes, only a fraction of one per cent ever pay up, and it is better to have them foreclosed and sold, so they are again back on the tax list.

Following the talk by Mr. Sampson, W. C. Emery, chief deputy State Sheriff, spoke on "Police Problems and Law Enforcement." Much of his address was devoted to the problems of highway accidents and the effort now being put forth to enroll a million members in the State Safety Council, an organization composed of drivers who will pledge themselves to drive carefully at all times. There is a membership fee of 25 cents, but the enrollee receives a card and a windshield sticker.

Mr. Emery said the people are becoming more safety conscious and the number of accidents decreasing in direct proportion to the amount of educational work being done along this line, in the schools, over the air, in newspapers, through billboards on the highways and devious other manners. He also stated that in proportion to the decrease in accidents insurance rates for liability go down.

Next speaker was A. C. Tilley, the state engineer, who spoke on "State and City Planning." His address was quite lengthy, but he held the attention of the audience as he gave facts and figures of proven authenticity. Highlights of his talk were that Nebraska has just organized its first state planning board (a new position created by the last legislature), although three-fourths of the states of the union have had such boards for a good number of years. The new board held its first meeting two months ago and outlined a tangible program. A series of slides were thrown upon the screen showing the method and results of proper city planning.

Mr. Tilley stated in closing that, although aided to some extent by federal funds, the newly created state planning board is not in position to extend its services to local planning, but will be glad at all times to aid the local community insofar as it may be possible to do so.

Since we plan our houses and our gardens, Mr. Tilley said it is but a logical conclusion that we likewise engage in city, county and state planning. In fact, he said, he had just returned from an inter-state planning meeting in Chicago, which proposes to extend planning to national scope as well.

He recommended local planning be

left to a board, as by law provided, to be set up by the council.

A. H. Mann, new field representative employed by the League, gave a short and to-the-point statement of what member towns might expect in the way of service from him.

Conduct of the meeting was then turned over to C. E. Beals, League secretary, who conducted a question and answer period that ran nearly two hours in duration, as question after question on municipal affairs was propounded. In the giving of "right answers," Mr. Beals was aided by Attorney Donald Sampson, of the League board, as well as by Attorney George Mann, of Lincoln, who has long been identified with the work of revising and compiling Nebraska statutes, as well as by various city attorneys present at the meeting.

The subjects brought up for discussion varied greatly. One of the particularly live ones was that of interpretation of the Nebraska liquor control act, under the terms of which the supreme court has ruled that beer and hard liquor may both be sold from the same premises.

Mr. McEachon, member of the Nebraska Liquor Control commission, accompanied by Max Adams, former Plattsmouth boy, and now secretary of the commission, were present, and assisted in unraveling some of the perplexing requirements set by the law and the courts.

It was nearly six o'clock when the afternoon meeting was adjourned so the members might go to the Legion building for the complimentary dinner and entertainment of the evening.

The Evening Funfest

The members of the conference closed their labors of the day shortly before 6 o'clock to await the dinner and the evening of fun that the committee of the Plattsmouth council had arranged for their entertainment, proving a fitting climax of a most enjoyable and profitable occasion.

The American Legion building was the scene of the evening dinner and program and the members of the party found on their arrival that the ladies of the St. Paul's Evangelical church had arranged a very delicious repast which was much appreciated by the visitors as well as the local participants.

The tables were arranged in colors of purple and white and this color scheme was also carried out in the caps worn by the bevy of young ladies that did the serving. The menu was:

Breaded Pork Loin
Escalloped Potatoes
Whole Kernel Corn - Cold Slaw
Buttered Rolls and Jelly
Pickles - Radishes
Apple Pie, a La Mode
Coffee

Mayor George S. Lyons, of Falls City, who had presided at the afternoon session called the banquet party to order and presented Superintendent L. S. Devoe as the master of ceremonies, who presented to the banquet party many of the visiting dignitaries from the east Nebraska cities and who were warmly greeted by the banqueters.

Mr. Devoe also added his own personal touch to the entertainment features with his magic act which thrilled the auditors as he climaxed the act with the appearance of Mayor Elmer Hallstrom of Avoca from a doll house.

Members of visiting delegations were called upon to stand and be greeted and large delegations were present from Tecumseh, Wahoo, Lincoln, Raymond, Nebraska City, Ashland, Bellevue, Elkhorn, Millard, Auburn and Peru.

To add to the fun of the evening the toastmaster insisted that members of the visiting parties be initiated into the organization and Messers Peterson and Erikson of Wahoo were selected for one of the initiatory stunts and in which they entered with real sport. Dr. Barrett of Ashland, also was one of those who were marked for the initiation and his penalty was to tell a funny story with the sequences that followed.

The banquet party was fortunate in having as their guest speaker, R. Foster Patterson, of the department of history of Tarkio college, who proved that while master of historical lectures and matchless eloquence in his addresses, also has a large stock of fun and humor that sparkled throughout the talk. Mr. Patterson kept his audience in roars of merriment as he followed one clever story after another in his subject, "How to Run a Municipal Government by a Braintruster." "Pat" was at his best and proved one of the bright and shining features of the evening.

The committee in charge of the program, Councilmen Bestor, Webb and Puls, had secured the assistance of the Plattsmouth Dramatic club for the skit, "Model Session of the Town Bored," a clever jab at the routine meetings of city boards and councils. The playlet was for laughing purposes only and proved its purpose as the members of the "bored" carried on their work. In the east were C. R. Olson, as the mayor, Clement Woster, Fred H. Sharpnack, Paul Vandervoort, Ray Bourne, Donald Cotner and John Svoboda, with L. D. Hiatt as the climax of the one act comedy.

With the close of the program a picture of the group was taken and C. E. Beals, secretary of the League of Nebraska Municipalities, expressed the pleasure of the visitors for the hospitality of Plattsmouth and its people.

Return Verdict in Auto Damage Suit Late Friday Afternoon Against Roland A. Beatty.

Jury Awards Charlotte Tracy \$600 Damages

Return Verdict in Auto Damage Suit Late Friday Afternoon Against Roland A. Beatty.

The jury hearing the case of Charlotte Tracy by her next friend and mother, Mrs. Carrie Tracy, vs. Roland A. Beatty, late Friday afternoon returned a verdict giving the plaintiff damages in the sum of \$600.

The court had previously sustained the motion to drop A. A. Beatty, father of the defendant from the case as the son was not acting as agent for the father at the time of the accident.

The case is the outgrowth of an auto accident on July 30, 1935, at the intersection of Holdrege street and Chicago avenue in the south part of the city when the car driven by Mr. Beatty, coming from the north, struck a car in which the plaintiff was riding in company with several friends.

The plaintiff had asked damages in the sum of \$5,000.

There are two other cases covering the same accident and in which Mrs. Mae Dushnell and Marie Kinnamon are plaintiffs against Mr. Beatty, but which will not be tried at this term of court.

HOLD GALA TIME

From Thursday's Daily
Last evening the gala dance that was to mark the completion of the concrete paving on South Sixth street was staged along the block from Main to Pearl street.

Despite the arctic like atmosphere that prevailed there were several hundred gathered along the walks for some time before the dancing started, which was after 9 o'clock, due to the non arrival of the musicians that were to furnish the entertainment.

The committee in charge of the arrangements had secured a large quantity of corn meal and sawdust which was sprinkled on the paving and on which the merry dancers enjoyed the measures of the new and old dances for several hours. The Ray Herod orchestra played the old fashioned numbers while the Hinrichsen orchestra gave the snappy modern selections for the members of the dancing party. The occasion was one that all enjoyed and in its success John Hatt, general chairman, deserves a great deal of praise for originating the idea of the free street dance.

DRAWS THIRTY DAYS

From Friday's Daily
This morning in the county court Henry Shafer, giving his residence as Otoe county, was arraigned on the charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor. The defendant had previously made a not guilty plea which was changed today to that of guilty.

Judge A. H. Duxbury gave the defendant a sentence of thirty days in the county jail and to pay the cost of the prosecution and as well revoked his driver's license for a period of one year.

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