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## Prepare for District Meet of the Rotarians

Aberdeen, South Dakota, Will Be Host City to Clubs of the Nineteenth District.

Consuming months of elaborate preparation, the Aberdeen Rotary club May 11th and 12th will extend the hand of hospitality to between 400 and 500 Rotarians and Rotary Anns from clubs in three states, South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa, for two jubilee days of the 19th district annual conference and the 20th anniversary of the Hub City service club.

In the two-day program, replete with entertainment from "breakfast to nightcap" arranged by the local conference committee working under the direction of L. D. Phelan, a banquet and ball feting the governor-elect and present governor, Robert R. Hastings, Crete, Nebraska, will be the climax.

Rotarians will ballot for the new governor the afternoon of May 12th. Sponsored by the Aberdeen Rotary club with the unanimous support of the other state units, Rotarian Phelan, for many years prominent in local and district activities, will be an unopposed candidate for the honor.

A speaking program embracing Rotary ideals and the organization's relation to national and world problems will headline Donald A. Adams, representative of Rotary International from New Haven, Conn. Mr. Adams will speak on "The Ideal of Service."

Other well-known clubmen scheduled to address the conference include: E. V. Gustafson, past president of the Council Bluffs, Iowa club, speaking on the "Real Meaning of Club Service"; Emil Christensen, president of the Columbus, Nebraska, club, "Is the Emphasis Given Vocational Service in the Rotary Program Justified?"; Sterling H. Clark, secretary of the Clark, S. D., Rotary club, "Rotary Foundation"; Ivan D. Evans, Broken Bow, Nebraska, "Anchors of Peace"; W. W. Ludeman, Springfield, South Dakota, vice president, "Our Magazine"; Francis H. Case, Custer, S. D., "What Can Rotary Do to Bring About World Peace?"; E. B. Woodruff, Sioux Falls, S. D., "Rotary in a Changing Era"; George W. Nash, past district governor, Yankton, S. D., "Honoring Aberdeen's 20th Anniversary"; Governor Hastings, "Ramblings of a District Governor."

Registration of delegates and assignment of hotel accommodations will occur Monday, May 11 beginning at 8:30 a. m. at the Alonzo Ward hotel.

A luncheon for past district governors, past and incoming presidents and secretaries will precede the formal opening of the conference by Chairman Phelan at 1:35 Monday afternoon in the Orpheum theatre. Conference singing will be led by Lee Bright, Sioux Falls and invocation delivered by the Rev. Henry Praed, president of the Madison, S. D., club.

The entertainment menu for the first afternoon will feature introduction of past district governors and representatives of Rotary International; an address of welcome by Dr. Paul Bunker, president of the host club with a response by H. G. Titt, president of the Huron, S. D., club.

### WILL VISIT IN CHICAGO

From Thursday's Daily  
Mrs. Theodore Yelick departed this afternoon for Chicago where she is to enjoy a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Ptacek, this being the first visit she has had to the old home since her marriage. She will spend a few weeks with the relatives and old friends and taking in the many places of interest in the city.

### MANY ATTEND ELECTION

From Thursday's Daily  
The usual large number of members attended the election of president of the Community Building club last night. Kenneth Tiekotter, the president-elect, had not paid dues for the current week and is ineligible to serve.

### HERE FROM THE WEST

Mrs. Marguerite Johnstone of Sheridan, Wyoming, is in the city for a visit at the home of her father, Emil Walters. She is accompanied by Miss Olive Strickland, and the two ladies are planning a trip to Wisconsin in a short time and later a concert tour of the United States and later England and the European cities. Mrs. Johnstone is a well known vocalist in the central and Pacific west while Miss Strickland is a talented violinist who has appeared in many parts of the world in concert work. Before the ladies leave on their concert tour they will probably be heard by the local people in a program.

## Catholic Daughters Hold Election Last Evening

Mrs. Frank Mullen Selected as Grand Regent of the Local Court of the Order.

From Thursday's Daily  
The local court of the Catholic Daughters of America held their regular meeting last evening and at which was taken up the matter of the selection of the officers for the ensuing year and the following were named:

Grand Regent—Mrs. Frank Mullen  
Vice-Regent—Mrs. E. A. Bennett  
Prophetess—Mrs. W. A. Swatek  
Monitor—Mrs. Baltz Meisinger  
Financial Secretary—Mrs. E. A. Webb

Treasurer—Mrs. Lon Henry  
Historian—Mrs. John L. Hadraba  
Lecturer—Mrs. F. I. Rea  
Sentinel—Mrs. Anna Zitka  
Trustees—Mrs. J. C. Petersen, Mrs. John Bergman, Mrs. Hermie Svoboda.  
There was a fine attendance of the membership and the ladies had a most pleasant time in the discussion of the business of the court.

### LAD TO LAST REST

The body of the late Miss Anna Rainey, who passed away on Monday night at Omaha, was brought to this city Wednesday afternoon and laid to the last rest in the Horning cemetery south of this city, where other members of the family are at rest.

The funeral services were held at the C. C. Haynes chapel at Omaha at 2 o'clock and following which the body was brought to this city.

Miss Rainey has, since the death of her mother, made her home with her brother, Floyd Rainey, 2569 Fort street, Omaha, and for a number of years has been under medical care.

She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Ida Kinney, Hastings, Iowa, Mrs. Nora Mapes, Meadow, Mrs. Mary Ingraham, Kingfisher, Oklahoma; four brothers, Oliver, Glenwood, Iowa, Lorin, Denver, Wood, Rosalie, Nebraska, and Floyd at Omaha.

### ATTENDS MUSIC GATHERING

From Thursday's Daily  
Mrs. J. M. Roberts departed this afternoon for Lincoln where she goes to attend the meeting of the Nebraska Music Teachers' association, of which she has been a member for the past several years.

One of the features of the meeting will be the climax of the two days session on Saturday when a piano carnival will be staged and with thirty-six pianos being played at one time. Much local interest is aroused by the fact that Jean Knorr of this city is one of the thirty-six players. She is a pupil of Mrs. Roberts.

### FUNERAL OF BABE

The funeral of the little three months old babe of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Gregory, was held on Wednesday afternoon at the family home on South 9th street, a number of the friends and neighbors being in attendance. Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, conducted the services. The interment was at Oak Hill cemetery in the west part of the city.

### CARD OF THANKS

To the many kind friends and neighbors we wish to express our heartfelt appreciation of their acts of kindness and sympathy in our bereavement.—Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Gregory and Relatives.

## Damage Suit Continues into Its Third Day

Fritz Siemoneit vs. the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Brings Large Number of Witnesses.

The district court has been occupied since Tuesday in the hearing of the case of Fritz Siemoneit, well known farmer of the Cullom community, against the C. B. & Q. Railroad company.

The action is one in which the plaintiff seeks to recover damages alleged to have been sustained in the flooding of his pastures and hay lands along the vicinity of the short line of the railroad from Oreapolis to Ashland.

The plaintiff's contention is that the change of the drainage and the placing of culverts caused the water to overflow in 1932 onto the land of the plaintiff and for this reason he seeks to recover damages from the defendant company.

There have been a very large number of witnesses called both by the plaintiff and the defense, largely residents in the community where the land is located, to testify as to the general location and contour of the land as to the waterflow in high water.

The plaintiff rested their testimony Wednesday night and the defense started in this morning with the presentation of their case.

The trial will probably take the larger part of the afternoon before it can be submitted to the jury.

### ATTEND ENTERTAINMENT

From Thursday's Daily  
Last evening Plattsmouth was made honor city in the airless amateur hour, staged by Trinity chapter of the Eastern Star, of Omaha.

The occasion was attended by a large group of local people who assisted in the program and among these was Albert Baker, 92, resident of the Nebraska Masonic Home. Mr. Baker has been a member of the Masonic order for the past seventy-one years and has the Jordan gold medal for being the oldest Mason in the state.

Janet Westover gave a very clever reading on the program, this being the account of a baseball game. Mrs. Elbert Wiles was heard in one of her artistic flute solos, the accompaniment being played by Mrs. Roy O. Cole. Superintendent L. S. Devoe was with the local party and was called upon to give his magic act, a real feature of the clever program. Three of the talented young musicians of the city, Rachel Robertson, Billy Evers and Wallace Terryberry, were heard in a violin trio, Jean Knorr being the accompanist. Frank A. Cloidt gave a very delightful number, "In the Garden of My Heart" and with Raymond C. Cook, gave a duet, "Neapolitan Nights." Mrs. L. S. Devoe served as the accompanist for the solo and the quartet number.

### MARRIAGE MARKET BRISK

From Thursday's Daily  
The residence of Rev. and Mrs. V. C. Wright was the scene of two marriages last evening the first being at 8 o'clock when Miss Helen Frances Beers of Steelville, Missouri, was married to Mr. Russell H. Wierthop, of St. Louis. The groom is a civil engineer and has been engaged here on one of the Missouri river improvement projects.

The second marriage was that of Miss Naomi M. Pearson and Mr. Clifford J. Townley, both of Omaha. The young people were accompanied by a party of their friends from Omaha to witness the ceremony performed by Rev. Wright.

### CAPTURES COYOTES

Ed Meisinger, residing west of Mynard, is one of the first farmers to bring in coyotes this year, he having brought in seven to the office of County Clerk George R. Sayles. Several days ago Mr. Meisinger had noticed an old coyote racing across a field and carrying a chicken in its mouth. An investigation was made by the hired man and the discovery of the den made. The young pups were dug out and dispatched, but so far the old coyote has not been located.

### TO START ELECTRIC SHOP

Charles Tunnell, who has been engaged in electrical work for the past two years, is now to open a shop in the building on the east side of Sixth street, formerly occupied by the Montgomery Ward store.

Mr. Tunnell is expecting to look after all kinds of electric repair work that may come to his attention and with experience should have a real success in the new place of business.

Mr. Tunnell in addition to the repair shop will also handle the local agency for the Omaha Bee-News.

## Gang Attempts to Work Farmers on Alky Racket

Sheriff Sylvester Investigates Reports of Activities of Gang in This Part of the County.

Reports have reached the office of Sheriff Homer Sylvester of the activities of a gang that has been attempting to work the farmers in several places in this part of Cass county on an "alky" racket.

The men have been reported as driving a car with Indiana license plates and they have visited several farms with the same stories but have failed to secure any return from the farmers.

The mode of operation is for the men to drive into a farm yard and putting up a story to the effect that they had damaged a car nearby and as they had a cargo of alcohol on hand they wished to get rid of it before they were investigated in regard to the wreck. They offer to sell the farmer the cargo for \$50 and offer to drive him around until he secures the money for the goods.

The parties that they have approached, however, have failed to bite and have declined to accompany the men or to dig up the money for the alleged cargo of alky.

The sheriff is of the opinion that this is a plan to secure the farmers and hold them until they are made to come across with money to obtain their release.

### HONORED AT UNIVERSITY

Miss Mary Anne Rosencrans was one of the two sophomore attendants to the May Queen, Miss Alaire Barks of Lincoln at the University of Nebraska Ivy Day ceremonies at Lincoln Thursday.

The attendants were chosen by the Mortar Board society and were all costumed in pastel shades. Miss Rosencrans and Miss Louise Magee, Lincoln, both sophomores, wore yellow embroidered organdie with petticoat skirts that rippled in low godets and ruffles. Their hats were of matching organdie, rosegay trim, with velvet streamers, and the girls carried colonial bouquets of purple flowers.

Miss Rosencrans is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Rosencrans of this city, belongs to Tassels pep organization, co-ed counselor, member of the A. N. S. board and Pi Beta Phi sorority.

### DIRECTORS HAVE MEETING

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce held their meeting Thursday noon in conjunction with the twice-a-month luncheon of the group. There was a number of matters discussed by the members relative to forthcoming activities that might be developed for the advancement of the community.

The Chamber of Commerce had as their high school guests for the meeting Walter Sikora and Arthur Waga, members of the senior class of the city schools.

### SUES ON WAR RISK INSURANCE

In the federal court at Omaha a continuance was taken until Monday in the case of Mrs. Lora Loraine Christy, suing to collect \$13,800 claimed to be due on a \$10,000 war risk insurance policy of her late husband, Otis R. Christy. Mr. Christy died at the University hospital at Omaha on November 21, 1921 and was brought to this city for burial and where the widow has been making her home since that time. Carl Self and Kelso Morgan are appearing for the plaintiff, Mrs. Christy.

## Class Play is Most Pleasing to Large Audience

"Be An Optimist," Given by a Very Capable Cast of the Young People of Senior Class.

From Saturday's Daily:

The class of 1936 of the Plattsmouth high school last evening presented their class play, that delightful comedy of Adam Applebud, "Be an Optimist." The play was witnessed by a large audience despite the fact that rain, just before the commencement hour kept a number from attending.

The play was staged at the Cass where the newly arranged stage made a fine setting for the three-act production of the high school. In the settings and the arrangements the committees in charged had shown a great deal of skill in their work.

The story opened in the antique shop of "Isaac Golditch," played by Dana Baird, who is induced by "Jimmie Maynard," (Grant Howard) to allow him to take the part of a mummy, purchased by "Mrs. Clinton" (Rosemary Cloldt), that he may be in contact with "Mildred Clinton" (Almee Jane Thomas) with whom he is in love. From this arises the many laughable situations that were cleverly carried out and demonstrated the ability of the young people of the cast and their very capable direction.

Mildred Wilson appeared in the role of "Becky," the Golditch daughter, which in the role of "Pietro D'Angelo Caccalaino" Marian Wiles gave a very fine rendition of the exciting young Italian wood worker, with Walter Sikora adding to the humor of the play in his characterization of "Mike," another of the Golditch staff. Floyd McCarty took the role of "Ray Hudson," a friend in need of "Jimmie," adding to the fun of the situations. Viva Palmer appeared as "Miss Hull," an interior decorator, and Amber Bomer as "Ethel Peabody," who views with cynical ideas the romance of "Jimmie" and "Mildred."

John Faris appeared as the private detective and in the final act of the play was shown "Madame Goopher," fortune teller and medium and which was well presented by Anna Marie Rea. Louise Rishel proved a clever part of the comedy in her role of "Maggie," the servant of the Clinton household. Assisting as guests in the finale of the play were Mary Jane McClure, Leona Price, Rosemarie Burcham, Mildred Wilson, Marian Wiles and Harvey Egeling.

In the overture and between the acts of the play "Willie's Rhythm Kings" gave a very pleasing group of the popular numbers that was very much appreciated by all of the audience.

The play ranked as among the best that the high school has offered and a great deal of credit must be given to those who assisted in the training of the young people and to Mr. L. A. Gerner, director of the play, to whom in the course of the play last evening the cast presented their appreciation through Floyd McCarty.

Other of the class whose efforts made possible the smooth working of the play were Edward Hadraba, Arthur and Donald Waga and Walter Sikora, the stage managers, Leona Price, Rosemarie Burcham, Floyd McCarty, Grant Howard, with Donald and Arthur Waga and Edward Hadraba, in charge of the properties of the production. Miss Kathryn Armstrong served as the prompter for the class play.

The class has J. R. Reeder, principal as their sponsor and who has also served as a most efficient aid in the preparation and successful production of the play.

### SUFFERS SEVERE BURNS

Raymond Adkins, who has been engaged in working at the quarry at Weeping Water, is taking an enforced vacation due to a painful accident on Thursday. He was engaged in filling the tank of a truck that he was driving when the gasoline ignited and in an instant the flames had spread and he received very painful burns on the back of the right hand. The injury was dressed and the victim of the accident made as comfortable as possible, but will be off duty for several days.

### VISITING AT STERLING

On Sunday a number of Plattsmouth relatives motored to Sterling to visit for the day with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baumgart and girls. A fine time was had by all and a delicious dinner served and enjoyed.

Those visiting for the day were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baumgart, Mrs. Frank Claus and son, Wilbur, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Will Renner and grandson, Richard Renner, Mr. and Mrs. Caesar Baumgart and children, Herbert, Betty Mae and Billie, Miss Thyra Baumgart and Louie Baumgart, all of Plattsmouth.

## Rebekahs Hold District Meeting at Nehawka

Nebraska City, Weeping Water, Syracuse, Elmwood, Avoca, Talmage and Nehawka Present.

At the Nehawka Auditorium on Thursday afternoon and evening the members and delegates of the various lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, of the lodges of Nehawka, Nebraska City, Syracuse, Weeping Water, Avoca, Talmage and Elmwood, composing the third district of Nebraska, were meeting.

The gathering was called together at 1:15 and opened by the Nehawka lodge and the presentation of the grand officers by Mrs. Hazel R. Miller, president, followed by the seating of the district officers by Sunshine lodge of Syracuse. This was followed by the entire gathering singing "America."

The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Isadore Tucker of the Nehawka lodge, responded to by Mrs. George Shackley of Avoca.  
Getting at the real work of the assembly was music, roll call of district officers, reading of minutes of last meeting, reading of communications and ordering the payment of the bills. Report of committees of by-laws and roll call of lodges and reports of delegates, election of district officers and appointment of committees, exemplification of the work in its different departments, school of instruction by president of assembly. This concluded work for the afternoon session and recess was taken until 7 p. m.

Then was held the supper, served by the Busy Workers of the Methodist church in the church basement, where 135 were fed.

The evening session was called at 7 o'clock. Memorial work by Woodland lodge of Weeping Water, when tribute to the excellent character and life work of Brothers W. S. Norris and Fred Nutzman, departed brothers, was paid. Regular opening of the convention and presentation of Nehawka lodge by the president, Mrs. Helen R. Miller. Then came the conferring of the degrees by the Elmwood lodge, seating of officers by Syracuse lodge, seating of past district presidents, conductor and marshal. Then came in succession, roll call of district officers, reading of the minutes of the afternoon meeting, reports of committees, roll call of lodges, good of the order. Under this head was an address by the assembly president, installation of officers by Sunshine lodge of Syracuse with the closing of the district convention by the Nehawka lodge.

### ENTERTAINS CHOIR

Dr. and Mrs. H. G. McClusky afforded the members of the choir of the First Presbyterian church a very pleasant treat at their home following the regular weekly rehearsal.

The members of the choir enjoyed very much the social hour provided and the dainty refreshments of strawberries, ice cream, cake and coffee that had been arranged by the hostess.

### SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

The reports from the Lincoln General hospital are to the effect that John Bajack, former Plattsmouth man, is doing very nicely. Mr. Jack was in very grave condition for several days as the result of an accident in the Burlington shop yards at Havelock, but is now thought to be doing very well. He is now in a cast as the result of severe hip injuries.

## Rain Brings a Promise of Coming Crops

All Night Rainfall of 1.35 Inches Proves Boon to Gardens, Crops in Eastern Nebraska.

The rainfall that started Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock continued off and on all night and 1.35 inches of rainfall was registered this morning, and with the continued cloudiness and threatening rain did much good to gardens and crops of all kind. The farmers had been complaining of the dry condition of the top soil but this seems to have been taken care of by the soaking rain of last night.

The rain seems to have been general as visitors from all parts of the county in the city today report a nice moisture.

Fresh northerly winds accounted for temperatures in the 40's and 50's along United Air Lines late Friday. Readings then were Omaha, 56, Lincoln 51, Grand Island 47, Cozad 45, North Platte 46, Big Springs and Sidney 43.

Downpours ranging from 1 to 2 inches fell in southwest Nebraska where drouth has been most severe this spring. From 2 to 3 inches were received in the wheat bowl area extending from Republican City to Oberlin, Kas.

In the Republican river valley, devastated by flood last spring, McCook got a total of 1.53 inches. Farther east Holdrege with 2.21 inches had the most rain reported to the weather bureau. A light hail preceded the rain there. One to two inches fell all the way from Hastings to McCook and approximately an inch drizzled down between McCook and Wray, Colo.

Kearney received two inches and a slow falling rain between Scottsbluff and Bridgeport gave encouragement to panhandle farmers. Showers also fell from Ellsworth to Ravenna and Alliance reported .02 of an inch.

### A Boon to Crops

Other official reports from the weather bureau were Broken Bow, 1.27, Culbertson 1.23, Grand Island .98, North Loup .96, Columbus .71, O'Neill .60, Oakdale .56, Tekamah .50, Hartington .46, Omaha .06, Valentine .40, North Platte 1.26, Sioux City .26, Concordia .36, Goodland .44 and Cheyenne .10. It snowed at the last named point in the morning.

Crop Statistician Anderson described the rains as a boon to crops. "The rains will put central and western sections of the state in fine shape for corn planting where top soil has been very dry," he said. "Now that the showers have started perhaps we will get frequent rains thruout May."

R. H. Willis, chief of the state bureau of irrigation, said the moisture would be of temporary benefit to Nebraska irrigators, but was not sufficient to be of permanent aid.

### SPEAKS AT ART ASSOCIATION

From Saturday's Daily:  
Miss Lillian Garrett, member of the city school faculty, is at Omaha today where she will speak before the Nebraska State Art association. She speaks on the subject, "Art in the Life of a High School Student," in which she has had an extensive experience in teaching art in the schools. She also is taking with her to the meeting a large number of the specimen of the art work of the Plattsmouth junior high and grade schools.

The meeting is being held at the Joslyn Memorial.

### VISITING IN OMAHA

From Thursday's Daily  
This morning Emmons Ptak departed for Omaha, taking with him a party of local people to spend a few hours looking after some business and also to take a course of treatments. In the party were Frank M. Bestor, Fred H. Sharpnack, John Sattler, Jr. and Carl Sattler of Los Angeles.

### NEW COONS IN TOWN

The Cass County Fur farm in the south part of the city reports an addition to the inhabitants as four little coons arrived Thursday to join the residents of the farm, states Francis Toman, the superintendent of the fur plantation.