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## Rock Bluff Has Annual Gathering of Old Settlers

Despite Intense Heat Hundreds Gather at Hutchison Grove to Enjoy a Very Fine Program.

Sunday afternoon at the Hutchison grove in what was once the thriving river city of Rock Bluff, there gathered some 600 of the residents of this community and many from the surrounding territory, the remaining old time residents and the descendants of those who in early days made their settlement at this point.

Large groups arrived in the morning with many baskets of the good things to eat and which at the noon hour was served in cafeteria style in the grove which made a very delightful place for the happy event.

Dr. G. H. Gilmore called the group to order and presented Harrison L. Gayer as the master of ceremonies, he in turn presenting the various features of the program.

There was a great deal of business to come before the group as well as the enjoyment of the program and chief among these was that of the election of the officers of the association, who were as follows:

President—G. H. Gilmore, Murray, Vice-President—Rex Young, Plattsmouth.

Secretary-Treasurer—Jack Stamp, Plattsmouth.

The matter of the care and betterment of the Rock Bluff cemetery, historic burial plot, was discussed and it was discovered that the title to the land where the cemetery is located was deeded to the town of Rock Bluff and the untangling of the title and the restoration of the legal title in the association was left in the hands of a committee composed of Joseph Shea and Robert Patterson, with Judge A. H. Duxbury as legal advisor.

The Murray-Lewiston band was on hand and furnished a part of the musical program of the day, dividing the honors with the Rock Bluff orchestra with a group of the old time and modern dance music.

Several addresses were given, one by Rev. H. E. McKelvey, of Mynard on the "Boy and Dad" problem and the need for the interest of the boys and their fathers in each other. Judge C. S. Wortman, of South Bend, a son of one of the pioneers of that part of Cass county, was heard in a fine talk on the early days in Nebraska as he had heard them from his parents and the old time residents of the community where he had been reared to manhood.

Rex Young gave two very interesting papers that had been prepared, one on the history of the anti-horse thief society that had been formed in Cass county in 1854 and of which William Gilmore, grandfather of Sam Gilmore had been one of the officers and left many historic facts as to the organization. Mr. Young also read a paper written by the late Mrs. Mary Taylor, mother of Mrs. Jack Stamp, one of the early residents of the Rock Bluff community, in which she detailed many of the adventures of an early day.

The musical and dancing numbers furnished by the younger people made a very pleasant hit with the audience, these comprising dancing numbers by Donna Fae and Shirley Mason; Billie Rose Canterbury, songs and dances; James Sandin, a humorous reading; Edna Mae Peterson, a very artistic reading; Honey LaHoda, a clever reading and dancing number; Ronald Hoback, of Union, guitar and mouth harp numbers and Bobby Shea a delightful reading.

A check of the group revealed that the oldest man present was J. D. Graves, of Peru, aged 84; the oldest lady, Mrs. Mary Burnett, his sister, aged 82. The second oldest man was Frank Miasie, a pioneer of Mt. Pleasant precinct, who has reached the age of 82 and Mrs. Mira McDonald of Murray, the second oldest lady, who is 79 years of age.

There was present at the reunion Bert Parker, of South Dakota, who made his home in Rock Bluff sixty years ago and had not been here since that time. He met many of the old time associates and among these, Judge Charles L. Graves of this city. The late afternoon brought the

event to a close until another year when once more the old town will live in memory of the pioneers and their descendants.

## DEPARTS FOR THE SOUTH

Sunday afternoon Charles Dow, carrier for the Omaha Bee-News, departed for Fort Worth and Dallas, Texas, where he will attend the two centennial expositions being staged there. The trip is the award of Charles' faithful and excellent service for the newspaper and a number of carriers from Omaha and other points will join in the visit in the south and which will take up several days of sight-seeing. The young man is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dow.

## Week End is Busy Time in the Marriage Mart

Three Weddings Here Mark Saturday and Monday in This City and at Murray.

The week end saw a sudden rise in the marriage market in this city and three couples were given the opportunity of saying "I do."

Miss Catherine McCulloch, of Murray, and Mr. Edward L. West of this city, were granted a license here on Saturday and later were married by Rev. E. G. Sloan, pastor of the Murray Presbyterian church. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCulloch, prominent residents of the Murray community. The young people are planning on moving to this city to make their home in the future.

Miss Elda L. Niepman and Mr. John C. Hopp, of Omaha, were here today and visited the home of Judge A. H. Duxbury at an early hour to have their life's happiness consummated. The marriage lines were read most impressively by the court and the ceremony witnessed by Mrs. Duxbury and Miss Emma Hinz. The bridal couple left at once on a trip to the Pacific coast.

Late Saturday afternoon Miss Myrtle C. Craven and Mr. Walter H. Wittmark, both of Omaha, called at the court house and securing the necessary license were joined in the bonds of matrimony by Judge Duxbury. They later returned to their home in Omaha.

## MANY ATTEND REVIEW

Sunday afternoon a large party of the Plattsmouth residents who have sons and relatives in the C. M. T. C. were at Fort Crook to witness the dress parade staged by the student regiment and also the formal guard mount. The youthful soldiers, a large part of whom have had but two weeks training, made a very fine appearance, a strict attention to the detail of the marching formations. The parade was reviewed by the officers of the 17th infantry as well as Col. Phil L. Hall, who is serving as commander of the student regiment.

The formal guard mount, always a very colorful formation, was executed in excellent shape by the student soldiers and who assumed the guard duties after the formation.

The student regiment were hiked to the rifle range north of this city this morning and where they will spend the next three days in shooting on the range. The second and third year men will be given the course in machine gun work while the basics will have the regular rifle course to shoot.

## STATION IS ROBBED

Sunday morning the Missouri Pacific station at Weeping Water was found to have been entered during the night and the place ransacked, \$1 being taken in small change that had been left in the cash drawer. The parties had made their entrance by breaking a window in the building and which permitted the search of the interior of the office. The safe of the station was unopened, altho bearing evidence of having been tampered with. Sheriff Homer Sylvester and Special Agent Kirk, of the railroad company were on the scene to make an investigation of the crime.

## Stander Family Hold a Reunion at Louisville

Members of One of Best Known Families of Cass County, Hold Annual Gathering.

The community building at Louisville was the scene Sunday of the annual reunion of the Stander family, one that settled in early days in that community and have made a large place in the history of Cass county.

The dinner served at the noon hour was the main event of the day and the tables, very attractively arranged with the many tastefully prepared viands made a fitting climax of this reunion.

The members of the party were the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stander, residents near Louisville for many years and had a large part in the development of that portion of Cass county. Of the children there were present George Stander of near this city, James, Arthur and Mrs. Helen Cleghorn, of Louisville, Henry of South Bend, Louis of Archer, Mr. Louis Stander was accompanied by his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stander of Chapman. Another brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Stander, of Orange, California, who have been visiting the relatives in the community, remained over for the reunion. The absent members of the family were Ralph W., of Wiley, Kansas and Mrs. Alice Clifford of San Mateo, California.

The day was spent in visiting and the meeting of the many members of the family who have been separated since the last reunion of the family and who found a great pleasure in the get-together.

The oldest member of the immediate family was George Stander, 76 of this city and the youngest, Shirley May Erhart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Erhart, the little lady being three months old.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stander of Omaha, members of the original family, group were unable to be present owing to the illness of Mrs. Stander.

Those from out of the community to attend the reunion were Rev. and Mrs. O. W. Low and family of Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Rauth of York, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Seiker of Elmwood.

Two visitors from the family group were Sister M. Alevine, of Omaha and Sister M. Redempta of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, who were able to join the family circle and received the esteem and honor of the family.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. SPENCER

Monday afternoon at 3:30 the funeral services for Mrs. Mary Spencer, long time resident of the city, were held at the Horton funeral home at Seventh and Vine streets, where a large number of the old friends and neighbors were present to pay their last tributes to her memory.

Rev. V. C. Wright, pastor of the First Methodist church, conducted the religious services and paid tribute to the long and useful life of the departed and bringing words of comfort to the members of the family circle.

During the services Mrs. E. H. Westcott gave two of the old and loved hymns, "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Abide with Me." Mr. Westcott serving as the accompanist.

Interment was at Oak Hill cemetery and pall bearers were selected from the old friends of the family, G. O. Schwenneker, L. D. Hiatt, E. H. Westcott, Clifford Forbes, H. B. Perry and E. H. Schulhof.

## PREPARING FOR INSTITUTE

Miss Alpha C. Peterson, county superintendent of schools, is very busy at this time in arranging for the annual county institute, which is to be held the latter part of August in this city. The institute this year will be especially important as the new courses of study are to be discussed and reviewed. This is a most important subject to the grade teachers of both the rural and city schools and it is expected that a full attendance of the teachers will be here for the meeting.

## PICNIC AT OMAHA

Sunday a group of Murray and Plattsmouth people motored to Omaha where they spent the day at Riverview park, enjoying a picnic that all appreciated to the fullest extent. The members of the party came with well filled baskets and amid the attractive surroundings of the park the feast was spread and the remainder of the day spent in visiting and sightseeing until dusk when a supper was enjoyed to close a most delightful time. Those who took part in the picnic were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gansemmer and children, Mr. and Mrs. Clell Gansemmer and children of Murray, Mrs. Bessie Bourne, Rex Bourne and Stuart Sedlak of this city.

## Cars in Wreck North of Union Monday Night

Mrs. R. P. Cremes of Central City at Nebraska City Hospital; Floyd Redding Also Injured.

Last night on highway No. 75, north of Union a very severe car wreck occurred and in which two of the parties were very badly injured and the cars smashed up.

R. P. Cremes, of Central City was driving north on the highway and was accompanied by his wife and as they came on north along the highway there appeared a car from the north headed toward Union and at the same time a parked car was seen along the side of the paving and at the point where the three cars were forced to pass, Mr. Cremes, as he stated to the officers, had tried to avoid the collision but owing to the condition of the road at the time, his car and the parked car crashed. The car that was parked was one belonging to Leo Olmstead of Sioux City, Iowa, and who was accompanied by a friend named Redding.

In the wreck Mrs. Cremes was injured so severely that it was necessary to have her taken on into Nebraska City for care at the St. Mary's hospital while Mr. Olmstead and his companion were brought here. Mr. Redding was given treatment here and it is thought that possibly he may have sustained an injury to his back.

Deputy Sheriff Cass Sylvester was called to the scene and assisted in getting the highway cleared and the injured parties cared for.

## MARRIED AT LINCOLN

Dr. and Mrs. H. G. McClusky were at Lincoln last evening, attending the wedding of Miss Lois M. Nelson to Mr. Frank W. Jackson, which took place at the 22nd St. Christian church at eight o'clock.

The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of relatives and friends of the bridal couple, and was performed by Dr. McClusky, who has been a friend of the bride from her early childhood days.

The bridal party had a personnel of fourteen, the Vandyke double ring ceremony was used, and a reception followed, in the parlors of the church. The bride is known to many in this city, for she has spent much time here with her aunt, Mrs. Robert Troop.

## SUFFERS FROM APPENDICITIS

Russell Reeder, principal of the Plattsmouth high school, was stricken Sunday afternoon at his home with a sudden attack of appendicitis and the case was so acute that he was rushed at once to the Nicholas Senn hospital at Omaha for an operation. Mr. Reeder had been in his usual health Saturday and had just returned to get settled for the school work of the year, when he was taken ill. It is hoped that he may soon be able to recover from the ordeal and to take up his school work at the commencement of the term.

## VISITS AT TEKAMAH

Mrs. W. A. Robinson and son, Ralph Lawrence, are at Tekamah, Nebraska, where they will spend a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Feelhaber, parents of Mrs. Robinson.

## High School to be Strong in Many Activities

Program of Extra-Curricular Activities Outlined for Term Starting in September.

The board of education have spent considerable time in selecting a faculty for the coming school year who are not only qualified in their academic work but equally prepared in the field of extra-curricular activities. This phase of school work has assumed a prominent place in high schools at the present time and the training the pupils receive in these departments is recognized as of great value.

Milo Price, a graduate of the University of Nebraska, will have charge of the debate team. Mr. Price has been a member of the Curtis high school debate squad and was on the university debate team for three years. It has been some time since Plattsmouth has had a debate squad and this phase of extra-curricular activity will be a welcomed addition to the high school program. A number of debates will be arranged between Omaha, Fremont and Blair schools and other surrounding towns.

Lumir Gerner will continue with the declamatory work, giving attention to the dramatic, humorous, oratorical and extemporaneous readings. Under Mr. Gerner's leadership this department has had considerable success. Next year with the background of experience Plattsmouth should have some winning teams in the district declamatory contests.

Lee Knolle will have charge of the music. It is Mr. Knolle's intention to organize both a boys and girls glee club and to carry on the band and orchestra. Mr. Knolle taught music in the Greenwood high school and last year did develop some excellent choral groups in the Plattsmouth Junior High school.

H. Clark Boggess will have the position as coach. Mr. Boggess is a three sport man, majoring and performing in track, basketball and football. He has developed winning teams at Sutherland and Corning, Iowa.

Dow Armstrong, ex-letter man from Wayne Normal, will be the assistant coach and have charge of the second team. Mr. Armstrong lettered at Wayne and comes well prepared to assist in the athletics.

## HOLD FAMILY DINNER

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sedlak in the northwest part of the city, was the scene of a most delightful family dinner Sunday, the occasion honoring Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sedlak of Los Angeles, who are here for a visit with the home folks for a short time.

The occasion brought together all of the members of the family circle with the exception of one daughter in California and a son in Missouri. The dinner was one that provided all the possible good things to eat and enjoyed to the utmost by the large group of the children and their families.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Alexen and family, of Cedar Creek; Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Driver, of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fulton and children, Albert, Matthew and Florence Sedlak, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sedlak of this city and the guests of honor, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sedlak.

## ASKS FOR DIVORCE

In the district court an action has been commenced in which Mrs. Marjorie Kaiser is the plaintiff and Lloyd Kaiser the defendant. The action is one in which the plaintiff asks that the parties be granted a divorce and the plaintiff be given the custody of the minor child of the union, as well as suitable allotment for the care of the child.

## ATTEND BOARD MEETING

From Tuesday's Daily: This morning Rev. V. C. Wright and C. C. Westcott departed for Blair where they will attend a meeting of the board of directors of the Crowell Memorial home, which is maintained by the Methodist church. Mr. Westcott is a member of the official board.

## VISITS AT HUMBOLDT

Miss Maxine Clout departed today for Humboldt, Nebraska, where she will be a house guest of Miss Callista Cooper, a former classmate at the University of Nebraska and where both were members of the Pi Beta Phi sorority. Miss Cooper is to be married to Mr. Morris Nelson Hughes of Tokio, Japan, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Hughes of Champaign, Illinois. The wedding will take place on October 3 at the Cooper home. Miss Clout is to be one of the bridal party.

The couple will spend their honeymoon in the east before sailing for Tokio where Mr. Hughes is third secretary of the American embassy.

## Camp Men in Fight to Check Bad Grass Fire

Force of 100 Men from Forestry Camp North of This City Do Fine Work Checking Blaze.

Sparks from a passing locomotive started what might have been a very severe grass and brush fire Tuesday afternoon north of the pumping station of the Plattsmouth Water corporation. That it was not more serious was due to the excellent work of the men from the forestry camp north of this city.

The fire started on the west side of the track and the flames were soon traveling rapidly through the grass and brush when the force of 100 men from the camp was called out and started in to check and beat out further progress of the fire.

With everything dry as tinder from the long drouth and intense heat it was a very fortunate thing that the large force of men were available to battle the flames that might otherwise have covered a large area of country and doing a great deal of damage.

The officers and men at the forestry camp are deserving of a great deal of praise for their splendid work in averting a very serious fire that might have laid waste a large section of territory and caused property damage.

## SPANGLER-SNIDER

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Snider of Omaha are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mary Alice, to Jean H. Spangler, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Spangler of near this city.

The wedding will take place Sept. 26.

Miss Snider was graduated from the University of Nebraska where she was a member of Alpha Phi sorority. She attended the Municipal University of Omaha where she was a member of Sigma Chi Omicron sorority and Phi Alpha Theta, national history fraternity.

Mr. Spangler is a graduate of the University of Nebraska where he joined Kappa Sigma fraternity. He is now representative of the national Resettlement Administration in this district.

## REPORTS ON CONVENTION

The Rotary club at their weekly luncheon on Tuesday had the pleasure of a very interesting talk on the convention of the International Rotary, held at Atlantic City, N. J. The report was given by Fred Haas, president of the Omaha club a delegate from Nebraska to the great meeting. Mr. Haas discussed the many highlights of the convention and the contacts made with the representatives of the several countries that formed the convention.

The meeting was under the leadership of Dr. P. T. Heineman.

## HERE FROM WASHINGTON

A. W. Farmer, who has been engaged for the past year in the office of the Resettlement Administration at Washington, D. C., arrived in the city Tuesday for a short vacation. He will enjoy his outing visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Farmer and the many old friends in this community. He has enjoyed his work very much and finds Washington a most wonderful city.

## Young Republicans Hold Meet Here Monday

District President Wm. Matchullat of Lincoln and County Chairman Mrs. Harold Brunson Here.

There was a very pleasing number out Monday evening at the home of Miss Minnie Guthmann to take part in the preliminary work of the launching of the Young Republicans of Plattsmouth and Rock Bluff precincts.

At a previous meeting the club had adopted their constitution and this session was devoted to talk on the work of the organization and the opportunities for service in the coming campaign.

Mrs. Harold Brunson, of Louisville, county chairman of the Young Republicans, gave an outline of the plans for the work that had been laid out in the next few weeks and urged the hearty co-operation of all interested in the campaign.

William Matchullat, Lincoln attorney, a former Plattsmouth young man, was here as the district president and gave a very inspiring talk to the club members and those interested who had gathered to take part in the meeting. Mr. Matchullat also urged that republicans take prompt action to start the campaign going.

Mr. Jackman of the Louisville precinct republican committee, also discussed at some length the issues of the campaign and the necessity for activity on the part of the republican workers.

It was decided to appoint a nominating committee which would select the candidates for the various offices and which would be acted on at the next meeting at the city hall, Wednesday, August 22nd, and at which all active republicans are urged to be present.

## HERE FROM CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Rebal, son Harold and daughter, Shirley of Montebello, Calif., and Fred S. Rebal of Santa Monica, Calif., arrived in this city Tuesday afternoon, driving through Nevada, Utah, Wyoming and Nebraska. Mrs. Fred Rebal having stopped off at Monroe, Utah, the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, where she will remain until the return trip of the party to California.

Ed and family and Fred are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Rebal on North 10th street and F. A. Rebal on South 10th street. They expect to be here about a week visiting relatives and friends. They will also visit at Nebraska City, home of Mrs. Ed Rebal's mother, Mrs. Laura Stevenson and at Iowa City, Ia., Omaha and Lincoln.

Ed and Fred are engaged in the retail grocery business in southern California and report business on the increase on the west coast. Mr. Rebal reports Jack Schulhof and wife, Mary of Los Angeles, doing fine. Mr. Schulhof being connected with the retail grocery business.

## VISIT IN THE NORTH

Dr. and Mrs. Joe Stibal have just returned home from a combined business and pleasure trip that they have enjoyed in Minnesota and North Dakota, where they found much cooler weather than that which has prevailed in the middle west states.

At St. Paul, Minnesota, they spent some time at the large wholesale houses, looking over the stocks and making purchases for the Reliable variety store in this city for the fall and winter season.

While en route home they came by the way of Lidgerwood, North Dakota, where they visited at the home of the parents of Dr. Stibal and other of the old friends in that community.

## SUFFERS BROKEN ARM

Tuesday afternoon the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Zimmer, residing on North Ninth street, suffered the fracture of his left arm, as the result of a fall from a swing. The accident occurred at the family home where the lad was playing with some companions. The injured member was treated by Dr. R. P. Westover.