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## 140 Attend K. T. Banquet for the Ladies

Sir Knight Lisle L. Horton, Warder, and Lady Horton Entertain Mt. Zion Commandery.

From Friday's Daily— An outstanding social event of the year was held in the Masonic hall last evening. 140 attended the banquet to the Knights and Ladies of Mt. Zion Commandery No. 5 Knights Templar given with the compliments of Sir Knight Lisle L. Horton, warder, and Lady Horton.

Right Eminent Lewis E. Smith, past commander and grand recorder, presented past commanders jewels to Eminent Sirs Emmons J. Richey, Aubrey H. Duxbury, Henry F. Nolting, Raymond C. Cook, Charles L. Carlson, and Lester W. Meisinger. A jewel was also awarded to Eminent Sir Harrison L. Gayer, who was unable to attend the banquet.

Eminent Sir Raymond C. Cook opened a lively program as toastmaster. Rev. Sir Harry G. McClusky pronounced the invocation. Sirs Roy Knorr, Rev. H. G. McClusky, Raymond Cook, and Frank Cloyd, the Templar quartette, sang "Wagon Wheels" and "Sailing." They were accompanied by Lady Knorr. Eminent Sir Raymond P. Westover gave the address of welcome and Lady Laura Kleck made the response.

Introductions were made of the following grand lodge officers of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska: Right Eminent Lewis E. Smith, past grand commander and grand recorder of Omaha; Very Eminent Clarence O. Dawson, deputy grand commander, of Blair, Nebr.; William A. Robertson, eminent grand junior warden, of Plattsmouth; Fred B. Dale, eminent grand sword bearer, of Omaha; Fred C. Maloney, eminent grand captain of the guard, of Auburn; and Rev. Sir Luther M. Kuhns, past grand prelate, of Omaha.

The following visiting commanders were also introduced by Toastmaster Cook, Eminent Sir John Boyd, representing Mt. Carmel Commandery No. 3 of Auburn and Eminent Sir Dan Hill, past commander, representing Mt. Olivet commandery No. 2 of Nebraska City. Sir Hill is also chairman of the Southeastern Nebraska Knights Templar Easter Sunrise services to be held in Nebraska City and told briefly of the plans, extending an invitation to the Knights and Ladies of the Plattsmouth commandery.

Sir Frank A. Cloyd gave a beautiful interpretation of "The Holy City" as colored slides were shown on the screen by Eminent Sir William F. Evers. Lady Knorr accompanied Sir Cloyd.

Rev. Sir Harry G. McClusky delivered the main address of the evening. He spoke of the virtues of the sword. He told of the sword as the emblem of power throughout the ages, even though other arms have taken its place in practical usage. However the ideal of the sword of power are still needed in faith, courage, intelligence, and love.

Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Sir Luther M. Kuhns, P. G. Prelate. The members of the Knights Templar wore the uniforms which Right Eminent Lewis E. Smith said expressed openly the men's belief in God and Jesus Christ.

Tables carried a green and yellow color scheme. A large Easter bunny in a gay suit was the centerpiece on the speakers' table. Nests of bright Easter eggs were at either side. Orchid and yellow stocks, given by Henry Jasper, filled two large vases at the table. Green tapers in crystal holders were used on all the tables and smaller bunches and nests of eggs formed centerpieces. Butterfly napkins in green and yellow and programs were at each place.

Members of Bethel No. 24 Job's Daughters, wearing shamrock aprons and tiny green caps, served. Members of the Eastern Star, Home chapter 189 prepared the menu which consisted of:

- Fruit Cocktail
- Chicken Pie - Rolls
- Potatoes - Creamed Peas
- Salad
- Ice Cream - Waters
- Coffee

The first Knights and Ladies dinner party was given in Plattsmouth by the Mount Zion Commandery No. 5 Knights Templar on April 22nd, 1927 at the Masonic hall. The dinner honored Right Eminent Sir James M. Robertson, grand commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska. The dinners were given annually until four years ago. Last night again brought the Knights with their Ladies into a beautiful gathering.

## ATTEND FUNERAL

From Friday's Daily— F. I. Rea, Warren Scharfenberg, and Miss Florence Buxman drove to Lincoln today to attend the funeral services for Stanley Taber, assistant general manager in charge of sales for the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power company. Mr. Taber died in Lincoln Wednesday morning.

## Clifford Samek Dies at Wahoo Hospital Today

Brother of Mrs. J. A. Capwell and Mrs. Chris Bulin Succumbs to Effect of Auto Accident.

From Thursday's Daily— This morning at 9 o'clock at the Community hospital at Wahoo, Nebraska, occurred the death of Clifford Samek, 19, who has been at the hospital for the past six weeks suffering from the effects of injuries that he sustained in an auto wreck near Weston.

Mr. Samek was in very critical condition for some time after the accident but had improved from the effects of the skull fracture that he suffered at the time, but in the past few days his condition had worsened and he suffered an attack of brain fever and from which he died today.

Mr. Samek is a member of one of the prominent families of Saunders county, his family having been located near Weston and where he has spent his lifetime. He is survived by the father, Joseph Samek, of Weston, three brothers, Neil and Kenneth of Weston and Melvin of Chappell, four sisters Mrs. T. M. Turner of Marquette, Nebraska, Mrs. Roy Oterdorsky of Milligan, Mrs. J. A. Capwell and Mrs. Chris Bulin of Plattsmouth.

## HONORED ON ANNIVERSARY

Thursday marked the fifty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Benno Sedlitz, long time residents of this community, who were honor guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jasper, the latter a daughter of the honorees.

The tables were arranged with the attractive spring flowers and furnished a very attractive setting for the event.

During the afternoon the many old friends called to tender their congratulations and well wishes to this estimable couple who have been given the opportunity of enjoying so many years of their wedded life.

They were married at Louisville where the family of Mr. Sedlitz were making their home.

The honored guests have made their home in Plattsmouth since their marriage and are among the most highly esteemed residents of the community.

Mrs. Jasper was assisted by Mrs. W. J. Sedlitz in the service and entertaining.

## FILES DAMAGE SUIT

From Saturday's Daily— Today in the county court damage suit was filed by Howard Freeman, of Omaha against Alfred Masters and Effie Masters of this county. The petition states that Effie Masters is the mother of Alfred, a boy.

The petition sets out that on August 25, 1936, the plaintiff was driving a car on 24th street nearward Creighton boulevard in Omaha, that his car was struck by that of the defendant, Alfred Masters. As a result of the accident, the plaintiff was damaged and that the plaintiff suffered injury to his right arm that has caused him great deal of suffering. He asks judgment in the sum of \$150 for the personal injury and repairs to the car.

## Death of Frank Shackneis Thursday at Omaha

Well Known Resident of This Community Succumbs to an Illness of Some Duration.

Frank Schackneis, Sr., 56, a resident of this city for the past twenty-six years, died Thursday afternoon at Omaha where he has been for the past week, having been operated on last Saturday.

Mr. Schackneis has not been in good health for some time and it was found necessary that he be operated on, undergoing a series of these, from which he failed to rally.

Mr. Schackneis was born in Lithuania, February 8, 1881, where he spent his boyhood days and reaching the age of sixteen years he migrated to Germany to remain there until he came to the United States in 1911 to make his home. He was married here shortly after his arrival to Miss Augusta Seifert, who with the children survives his passing. The family spent some two years in Minnesota on a farm but later returned to Plattsmouth and where they have since made their home.

During the years of his residence here Mr. Schackneis has been engaged in railroad work, first with the Burlington and later with the BREA at their shops in this city.

Mr. Schackneis was a man highly esteemed by those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance and held in the highest esteem for his splendid character and contributions to the life of the community.

He is survived by the widow, two daughters and three sons, Mrs. Otto Hansen, Flaudreau, South Dakota; Mrs. J. A. Capwell and Mrs. Chris Bulin of this city.

## MANY ATTEND FUNERAL

The funeral of Frank Schackneis, Sr., was held on Sunday afternoon at the St. Paul's Evangelical church where a large group of the old friends and neighbors had gathered to pay their last tributes to the memory of this highly respected citizen.

Rev. G. A. Pahl in the service paid tribute to the departed in his services to the community, the church and his home and the fine heritage that he had left to the members of the family circle.

The choir of the church gave two numbers, "Good Night and Good Morning" and "Asleep in Jesus," Miss Leona Meisinger being the accompanist.

The interment was at the Oak Hill cemetery, the Sattler funeral home being in charge of the funeral.

## KEEPS CHIEF BUSY

Since the discovery in the city archives of the ordinance that prohibits the distribution of handbills over the city without the proper license and permit of the city council, Chief of Police Libershal has been kept busy in different parts of the city.

The ordinance covers all forms of the bill distribution save farm sale bills or that which may be displayed in stores but not distributed broadcast.

The day following the session of the council an Omaha distributor was stopped here and the distribution checked.

The ordinance provides a license fee of \$25 for the privilege of handing the bill distribution.

## MISS ETHIOPIA RETURNS

Miss "Ethiopia," a two-year-old black Persian cat, was discovered at the back door of the J. H. Reteisdorf home Wednesday evening after a forty-one mile journey from Memphis, Nebr. The cat was brought here by Clelland, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reteisdorf, at Christmas time. Last week he came and took the cat with him to Memphis where Clelland teaches. Wednesday evening she was discovered at the back door and was so fatigued that she could hardly walk. She has been resting and eating and is practically her normal self now.

Phone news items to No. 6.

## HOME GUTTED BY FIRE

From Thursday's Daily— Fire this afternoon practically destroyed the roof and upper floor of the frame residence on Locust street, just west of the First Christian church.

The residence was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Meisinger, who moved here recently from near Louisville.

It is thought that the fire was caused by an overheated chimney or sparks and when discovered had gained strong headway and spread through the upper part of the house and destroyed the roof.

The family and neighbors were able to get a larger part of the household effects out of the lower floor of the building.

It was necessary to use a great deal of water in getting the fire under control and which will cause some damage.

## W. H. Puls is Named Officer at Lincoln Meet

Selected as Secretary-Treasurer of State Association of Assessors at Lincoln Wednesday.

W. H. Puls, veteran assessor of Cass county, was elected as secretary-treasurer of the State association at their meeting at Lincoln Wednesday.

Mr. Puls spent Tuesday and Wednesday attending the sessions of the association and where many of the questions covering the coming personal tax assessment was discussed.

The association is much interested in a great deal of the legislation that will be passed by the legislature covering property and the various measures that may deal with the taxation problem.

Mr. Puls is one of the long time members of the association and at the session served as chairman of the committee on pipe line assessment, a great deal of the pipe lines being located in Cass county.

## AID CRIPPLED CHILDREN

State headquarters of the Nebraska Society for Crippled Children, 507 Medical Arts building, Omaha, announced Thursday, names of the men and women who will carry on the society's 1937 sale of Easter seals in thirty-two counties in which the organization has special cooperating committees.

In these counties distribution of the seals has been placed in the hands of committee chairmen. In other counties the seals are sent by mail to persons asked to purchase them to swell the total of the state's Easter gift to needy children. The sale in Omaha and Douglas county is under supervision of W. R. Brooks, president, and other officers of the state organization.

The seals, offered at one cent each, may be purchased in any quantity the contributor desires to buy. Sale of each seal means another penny for the fund for continuing through the year activities in behalf of crippled youngsters.

The Cass county committee in charge of the sales is Mrs. Evelyn Franke, Cedar Creek, chairman; Mrs. Clara Street Wescott and Mrs. Jennie Klimm, Plattsmouth.

## IMPROVING ROADS

Taking advantage of the weather conditions that have partially dried up the dirt roads, the streets, alleys and bridges committee, of which W. C. Tippens is the chairman, has had the city maintainer out to try and smooth up the roads. From the snows and thawing a great many of the streets over the city have been badly rutted and made travel very difficult.

There has been some work necessary on west Oak where bricks were used to fill up several bad holes and Lincoln avenue is another of the extremely bad streets and where the maintainer has been in use the past few days.

It has been necessary to wait until the roads had dried sufficiently to be worked before the maintainer could be used successfully on the streets.

## Sues Bathing Beach Company for Damages

Frederick Woodrough, Jr., Sues the Merritt Beach Co. for the Sum of \$10,115.

An action has been filed in the office of the clerk of the district court by Frederick Woodrough, Jr., against the Merritt Beach Co., et al., asking the sum of \$10,115 for personal damages.

The petition of the plaintiff alleges that on July 29, 1936, that the plaintiff visited the beach and paid admission to the park and had dressed and swam to the east side of the swimming pool where a swing was maintained for the use of the patrons of the pool. It was the custom to swing out over the pool, letting go of the swing and alighting in the water. The plaintiff claims that he did this and alighted in ten feet of water, insufficient to break the force of the plunge and with the result he sustained injuries that have caused him much suffering. He asks that the sum of \$10,115 be given in judgment against the defendants.

The petition alleges that the defendants were negligent in that they permitted him to enter the pond and use the swing at the time of night and also that they were negligent in not seeing that the pool was supplied with water sufficient for safety.

## OVER 400 ATTEND DEDICATORY RECITAL

From Saturday's Daily— Over 400 persons filled the Presbyterian church last evening to hear the recital and dedication service of the new \$2,500 Reuter organ. Albert Sand, organist of the Kountz Memorial church and the Scottish Rite cathedral of Omaha, gave a beautiful program.

Mrs. F. O. Schlegel, contralto soloist, also of Omaha gave lovely interpretations to "Open the Gates of the Temple," "Prayer Perfect," and "The Voice in the Wilderness."

Especially fine among Mr. Sand's selections were "Pastorale" by Guilmant; "Largo" by Handel; "Fantasia" by Sjogren; and the favorite "Liebestraume" by Liszt.

The hour and a half recital was preceded by a short service of dedication and a song by the congregation. The new memorial hymns were used by the audience.

This was the first service to be held in the church since its redecoration. The room was indeed a thing of beauty last night.

Bouquets of red carnations, calla lilies and pussy willows sat at either side of the entrance to the chancel. They were donated by Mrs. John Sattler, Jr.

## HALE AND HEARTY AT 101 YEARS

Old time friends of this community will be interested in learning that Herman Waintroub, a resident here for many years, is now in his 101st year and enjoying life and able to be around with old time activity.

Mr. Waintroub has resided in Los Angeles with his daughter, Henrietta, and son, Edward in recent years and has stood well the advancing years, preserving his health and being able to enjoy the declining years.

The great period of time that has covered the lifetime of Mr. Waintroub can be measured by history of our nation. When he was born Martin Van Buren was the president of the United States, the republic of Texas had recently revolted against Mexico, the first iron vessel was built in the United States and later was to come the Mexican war, the great civil war that threatened the nation was still in the dim distance, Abraham Lincoln was a captain in the Black Hawk war when Mr. Waintroub was born and a struggling Illinois store clerk.

The lifetime of Mr. Waintroub has covered the regime of many as leaders of the nation, Van Buren, Harrison, Tyler, Polk, Taylor, Fillmore, Pierce, Buchanan, Lincoln, Johnson, Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Arthur, Cleveland, Harrison, McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, Taft, Wilson, Harding, Coolidge, Hoover and Franklin D. Roosevelt serving as the nation's presidents in his time.

## ORGANIZE STUDY CLUB

Miss Marian Marks, of Washington, D. C., official representative for the National Center of Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, met Thursday evening with a large group of the members of the Holy Rosary and St. John's and Manley parishes of the Catholic church. The meeting was held at the St. John's school building. Miss Marks was introduced by Father George Agius of St. John's church.

The club will be divided in a group of eight units and with leaders while a general chairman will be in charge of the program.

Miss Marks is traveling through the Lincoln diocese establishing these confraternities, which are principally study clubs for the adult members of the church.

## Frank Harmer is Sentenced to Ten Year Term

Overruling Motion for a New Trial, Judge John W. Yeager Gives Sentence This Morning.

District Judge John W. Yeager of Omaha, who presided over the trial of Frank Harmer, charged with breaking and entering and also with a complaint as a habitual criminal, was here today to hold a session of the court.

Judge Yeager overruled the motion of C. E. Walsh, counsel for Mr. Harmer, for a new trial and at once took up the matter of sentencing the defendant who was convicted here by a jury of the two counts of the indictment.

The court gave a sentence of ten years in the state penitentiary on the conviction and remanded the defendant to the care of the sheriff until further action.

Mr. Harmer was charged with breaking and entering the garage of Lee Stewart, near Elmwood on April 25, 1936, at which time he had been shot by the owner of the building while Harmer was in the garage where the car of Stewart was kept. The second charge was based on the previous convictions of the defendant.

## DINNER PRECEDES RECITAL

From Saturday's Daily— A 6:30 dinner was served in the Fellowship room of the Presbyterian church last evening preceding the organ recital. The elders and their wives, trustees and their wives, and members of the planning board and wives or husbands, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Schlegel, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sand and daughter, and Dr. and Mrs. H. G. McClusky were guests.

Places were laid for 46 at the table. Calendulas were used on the tables and a green and white color scheme was used in place cards, candles, and candies.

Mrs. Henry Goos, member of the planning committee, acted as toastmaster. She called upon Dr. H. G. McClusky, Mr. Sand, and L. O. Minor for after-dinner talks. Mr. Sand explained the organ, telling of the many virtues of the instrument. Both Dr. McClusky and L. O. Minor paid high tribute to Leslie Niel for his tireless work as chairman of the planning committee for the redecoration of the church. Mr. Minor also mentioned the fact that it seemed as if something beyond the planning committee seemed to work out the redecoration. Members of Circle five served the dinner.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the members of the Plattsmouth fire department for their splendid services during the fire at our home, to Mrs. Sipple who gave the alarm and Rev. J. W. Tenzner for his kindness to us in the hour of trouble. All of these and the kind friends and neighbors who helped save our property and care for us will be gratefully remembered.—Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Meisinger and family.

## BAKE SALE MARCH 20

There will be a bake sale held on Saturday, March 20th at Gobelman's store. Given by the ladies aid society of the Eight Mile Grove Lutheran church.

## Plattsmouth Ties for Third in Speech Contest

All Music Contestants Rate with Two Excellent and One Good in Tarkio Festival.

From Saturday's Daily— Plattsmouth made a fine showing at the Tarkio music and speech festival yesterday. Competition was strong in all divisions.

James Sandin, speaking in a class with 25 contestants, won superior rating. He was chosen as the outstanding speaker in the humorous division to take part in the evening program for the public. Four entries took superior rating in the section.

Gavin Farmer won excellent on extemporaneous speaking. No superiors were given in the class. Alice Hirz, with 22 competitors won a good rating. One superior and two excellent were given in the class.

Plattsmouth, with a total of seven points, tied with Shenandoah, Ia., for third place. Wyandotte high school of Kansas City won first place with 13 points and Maryville, Mo., was second with eight points.

Twenty-two schools were represented in the music contest. John Jacobs won an excellent rating in boys high voice. No superiors were given in the class. Dick Hall won excellent rating in boy's low voice. One superior was given in the class, with six competing. Jean Knorr competed with twelve in the piano division. She received a rating of good.

The boys' quartet, composed of Bob Vallery, Dick Hall, John Tidball, and John Jacobs, won a rating of good. One superior was given on quartet. Corning, Ia., won first place in the music contest with 18 points; Sidney, Ia., second with 10, and Coin, Ia., third with nine.

Farragut, Ia., won the Class B speech contest with ten points. Second place was a four way tie between Stennet, Ia., Maitland, Mo., Coburg, Ia., and Randolph, Ia., with five each.

Superior ratings in Class A speech—dramatic declamation: R. Jay Nash, Bedford, Ia.

Humorous declamation: Betty Estes, Glenwood, Ia.

Oratory: Bill Yatis, Shenandoah, Ia.

Class B speech: Humorous declamation: Elizabeth Clark, Farragut, Ia., Louis McIntyre, Coburg, Ia.

Oratory: Jessie McIntyre, Farragut, Ia.

Music: Piano, Margaret Bowman, Clarinda, Ia.

Men's low voice: Theodore Runyan, Coin, Ia.

Women's small vocal groups: Randolph, Ia.

Women's glee club: Coin, Ia.

Trumpet: Betty Ridgeway, Blanchard, Ia.

## GETTING BACK TO BUSINESS

The law offices of Dwyer & Dwyer in their building on Main street, are now back in shape for use after the damage that was caused by smoke in the recent fire in the building.

The heavy smoke that had spread through the upper floor of the building left a thick gummy substance over the furniture, walls and ceiling and which has been difficult to remove and required a great deal of time.

While the smoke damage was heavy it was fortunate that the fire did not reach the part of the building where the law offices are located as it would have caused the destruction of the valuable library and the files of papers that represent many years of legal work.

## WILL PRESENT "BLUFFERS"

Plattsmouth's little theatre group will present the comedy, "Bluffers" in the basement of the public library Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The two-act play is an old French comedy.

Mrs. Clement Woster is directing. Those taking part are Greth Garnet, Mrs. William Gorder, Miss Mildred Cacy, Miss Edith Solomon, Miss Wilhelmina Hennrichsen, Paul Vanderwort, Wilbur Hall, Clement Woster, Miss Maybelle Taplett, Ed Wehrlein, Roy Olson, Miss Gertrude Vallery, and Bob Wurl.