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Robertson Family Return from the South

Have Enjoyed Tour of 4,034 Miles Through the Southern Portion of the United States.

From Thursday's Daily—
William A. Robertson, grand master of the Nebraska Masons, with Mrs. Robertson and Rachel and Billy, returned home last night after a two weeks trip through the southland.

The objective of the trip was the grand convocation of the Knights Templar of the United States, Mr. Robertson being the grand senior warden of Nebraska and representing the grand commandery at the Miami meeting.

Their trip took them through fourteen states and a varied and attractive glimpse of every portion of the south from the Tennessee and Georgia mountains to the Florida Everglades and the charming gulf coast country with its interesting cities.

Mr. Robertson states that all parts of the south show the growing prosperity and the general trend is toward greater development of manufacturing industries as well as general improvement programs.

In all parts there is to be found wonderful improvements in public works projects that have been made possible by the government aid, roads, bridges, public buildings and many other extensive projects having been carried out in recent years.

He says that there are great herds of Jersey cattle to be seen through the south, some of these being herded along the highways and making travel difficult sometimes as one of the large herds is found in the rural sections roaming along the highways.

The wonderful love and veneration of the south for its heroes of the civil war is also a striking feature that is found by the visitor from the west where the civil war is merely history, but it is a living memory to the southerners who had paid so great a price in the war and the tragedy of the reconstruction days.

Monuments and soldiers homes in all southern states and cities tells the story graphically.

Industrially Mr. Robertson found the south making strides and while at once cotton dominated the picture, now corn and other crops are heavily grown while creameries, cheese factories, cotton mills and paper mills are being operated as a part of the new south's industrial program.

The people are very hospitable to the visitor in their states and extend every courtesy that is possible to add to the pleasure of the guest. This was in evidence at Miami where the Templars held their gathering. This Florida city was very pleasant in temperature and only in mid-day did the temperature mount to around 86.

The Robertson family had a most delightful time at New Orleans where they drove over the city, through the old French sections, the docks where ocean going vessels come and go each day and as well to the historic battlefield of New Orleans where General Jackson and his farmers turned back the power of the British army in 1814 and saved the city from capture.

They also visited at Baton Rouge, where their \$5,000,000 state capitol is modeled after that of the Nebraska state building. The Louisiana structure is newer and has several more modern features not possessed by the Nebraska building.

Mr. Robertson states that in conversation with the people and in viewing the fine road systems and other public improvements, one is impressed with the power that the late Huey P. Long exerted and the good that he did for the people of the state.

HERE FROM NEW YORK

Mrs. E. M. Redden and children, Norma Jean, Wayne and Buddie, of New York City, arrived here Friday night to be guests here at the Cass Sylvester, Edward Gabelman and John Jordan homes. Mrs. Redden is a sister of the ladies. The family will later visit at Guide Rock with the mother of Mrs. Redden. Mr. Redden will join the family here later.

LEAVE FOR MINNESOTA

From Thursday's Daily—
At an early hour today Mr. and Mrs. John W. Crabill and Mr. and Mrs. Clement Woster and daughter, Clematine, departed for a trip to the lake country of Minnesota. They will enjoy a vacation in the pleasant surroundings of northern Minnesota and will join Mr. and Mrs. Isaac King of Superior at their camp and later the W. G. Brooks family will also come from Burlington, Iowa, to take part in the family out at the lakes.

Closing Days of the C. M. T. C. Camp at Ft Crook

Review and Inspection Friday Will Mark Last Event of Camp—Boys Home Saturday.

The Citizens Military Training camp which has for the past thirty days been operating at Fort Crook, is closing Friday for the year after the completion of the strenuous training period for some 600 young men and boys of Iowa, Nebraska and other sections of the seventh corps area assigned to this camp.

This year Plattsmouth was represented at the camp by three of the young men, Ronald Rehal, John Clويد, Jr., and Lowell Reeves.

This is the second year for Rehal and Clويد and who were designated as corporals of their squads in Co. D and A respectively. Reeves being a first year man was held in the ranks of the privates.

The members of the provisional regiment have had a strenuous drill program as well as their course of shooting on the range and also physical training that has fitted them in excellent shape and proven a real benefit.

Friday will be the final day with the rewarding of honors and Saturday will be the turning in of equipment and the members of the camp returned their civilian clothes and sent homeward after a pleasant month of training and experience.

REVOKES BEER LICENSE

The state liquor commission summarily revoked the beer license of E. A. Fisher of Weeping Water following a hearing Wednesday afternoon on the ground that the liquor law had been violated. The sale of beer on Sunday morning July 18 and on a previous Sunday was testified to by two state agents, one of whom bought six bottles at 8:40 in the morning of July 18 and immediately turned the beer over to Mayor O. C. Hinds who receipted for the bottles. The agent said he believed the beer was sold by the daughter of the proprietor. Mayor Hinds was present but said he did not care to testify, but he did tell the commission the city council had good intentions and had proposed to act but did not act because two or more of the councilmen were away and one returned only Tuesday evening.

Fisher runs a restaurant. He said he was short of help and one of the sales complained of was made when he was taking a day off on Sunday. He said the noisy crowd complained of at his place did not exist except in the mind of an enemy who desired to get possession of his place of business. He wanted to know why his place was picked upon for investigation and who filed a complaint. He would not say others sold on Sunday but answered by saying he was attending only to his own business. Chairman McEachen said the law was violated, the complaint of violation had been verified and the license was revoked dating from next Saturday at midnight.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their many helpful deeds, their kindness and sympathy, their beautiful flowers, and especially we wish to thank all those who helped with the services.—George Campbell and family; Dave Campbell and family; Charles Campbell and family; Sara Rau and family; Frances Schaffer and family.

3,000 Attend Water Pageant at Merritt's

Forty-two Given Awards for Junior and Senior Life Saving; Fine Swimming Exhibition.

Plattsmouth's city band under the direction of Pete Gradoville opened the splendid two hour pageant and music festival at Merritt's Beach Friday evening. Three thousand people from all parts of Cass county, Otoe county, Lincoln and Omaha attended. D. H. Merritt, owner of the pool, gave a free gate for the evening.

Judge A. H. Duxbury, home service chairman, introduced Mrs. R. E. Norris of Weeping Water, first aid and life saving chairman for the county. Mrs. Norris announced that this is the fourth year that life saving has been taught in the county. In that time there has been no accident either at the pools or in transporting the young people to and from the swim centers. 1000 registered for "swim week" this year.

During the four years 38 senior and 78 junior life saving awards have been made. 42 of that number were added this summer with 14 senior and 28 junior. Beside the value of learning to swim, the instruction has provided a directed vacation activity for the children.

Beside the Swim Week program, Cass county has done other things to save unnecessary loss of life. Seven first aid classes have been taught, two first aid stations established at Fort George and Ofe Oil Co. and a first aid squad has recently been organized in Plattsmouth.

Introduces Chairmen

Mrs. Norris expressed thanks to all who gave time and service to the 16 committees who had charge of the pageant. She introduced Mrs. E. H. Westcott, general chairman, who gave practically all of her time during the past week to the preparation of the pageant; Miss Augusta Robb, Cass county chairman of Red Cross; Elmer Sundstrom, vice chairman; Mrs. H. A. Tool, secretary-treasurer; and John Miller of Nebraska City, chairman of the Otoe county Red Cross.

One of the very beautiful spectacles of the pageant was the presentation of the costumes which represent the nine phases of the volunteer service. This is an unusual sight, seldom seen except at the national conventions. The costumes were sent from St. Louis for the pageant.

Explains Costumes

The lady representing administration was dressed in a white costume with scarlet collar and veil. Members of the staff assistant corps are dressed in cavalry yellow with white collar, cuffs, and yellow veil. Those in the production service are dressed in white with dark blue collar and veil.

Women working in braille wear dark blue uniforms with white trimmings. The canteen staff is dressed in bright blue with white. Members of the motor corps are garbed in light green costumes with oxford grey caps. Health aides have costumes of deep pink with white. The home service costume is of white with purple collar and veil. Hospital and recreation corps wear grey with white.

Also among the volunteer staff is the Junior Red Cross with seventeen and a half million members. Last the registered Red Cross army and navy nurses were presented wearing their costume of white with the Red Cross insignia.

Mrs. Fred Lugsch, Mrs. Albert Kraeger and Mrs. R. R. Anderson represented the county's registered nurses.

Pageant Opens

Trumpeters from the Plattsmouth drum corps announced the opening of the pageant. Dr. O. Sandin acted as Herald, announcing their Neptune's approach with his court. The barge was decorated with Japanese lanterns and sea horses at each corner. Neptune was accompanied by a group of men singers from Glenwood. Dr. R. P. Westover took the part of Neptune.

Neptune called for a display of the work of the Red Cross. Miss

Betty Clements swam to the barge announcing swimming for health. A demonstration of the standard strokes was given. Next came Loren Hnizda announcing swimming for safety. An exhibition of the breaks and carries were given as well as the use of equipment.

George Dixon presented swimming for sport. A group of the young swimmers raced across the lake. As the final phase of the Red Cross swimming, the clowns, Joe York, Bill Evers, and Virgil Weight, announced swimming for fun. Miss Clements led a group of the girls in a number of very attractive formations with balloons.

An outstanding demonstration of diving was made by Omaha and Plattsmouth swimmers.

Girls Chorus Sings

Throughout the pageant numbers were given at intervals by members of the Plattsmouth high school chorus under the direction of Mrs. Everett Pickens. Their voices were especially pretty across the lake.

Loren Hnizda, swimming instructor; his assistant, Miss Betty Clements; and George Dixon, life guard were introduced.

Shirley Mason and Shirley Seiver presented a tap dance on one of the barges. The act was followed by the call from Father Neptune for the fairest of the swimmers that he might take her to his realm in the deep. Janet Westover was brought to accompany her father as the fairest.

Awards Made

At the close of the pageant, Mrs. Norris made the awards to the junior and senior life savers. Those winning senior awards this year were Dr. R. R. Anderson of Union; Mrs. Frank Webb, Leona Giles, Mrs. Eldon McMillen, all of Nebraska City; Ruth Ann Ganz, Alvo; Harold Strable, South Bend; Joan Cook, Alvo; Donald Wall, Vera Edwards, Dick Edwards, Wayne Falk, Harvey Blair, all of Plattsmouth; Fred Rothman and Phyllis Damast of Nebraska City; Herbert Knutson and Bill Hardt of Louisville.

Junior awards announced last evening went to: Mrs. Grace Thompson, Clinton Pullen, Jared Smith, Charles Schwitzer, Bill Stuart, James Kreschen and Eugene Lourey, all of Nebraska City; Tim Finny, Union; June Crawford, Harvey Blair, Eugene Grefe, Jack and Charles Arnold, and Earl Baum, all of Louisville; Dwight Rector, Howard Molden, Bob Renner, Weeping Water; Roger Gary, Lincoln; Keith and Richard Clements Elmwood; Herb Jackman, Margaret Sylvester, Donald McBride, Gerald Petet, Edwin Hiber, and James Webb, Plattsmouth.

As the chorus sang, red cloaks were placed upon the junior and senior life savers and they stood in the formation of the Red Cross, representing the living cross.

Committees for Pageant

Taps sounded by the buglers, and sung by the girls chorus closed the evening's program.

Committees for the pageant were: General chairman, Mrs. E. H. Westcott; Nurses, Mrs. Fred Lugsch and Mrs. A. H. Duxbury; Lighting, Judge Duxbury, J. C. Woest, and Iowa-Nebraska Light and Power Co.; Boats, Elmer Sundstrom, Fred Lugsch and Don York; First Aid, Ed Ofe and Ray Misner; Transportation, Mrs. Lottie Rosencrans and Elmer Sundstrom. Mrs. Everett Pickens had charge of music and was assisted by Mildred Knoffiek; Drum corps and buglers, June Marshall; Dances, Shirley Mason; Publicity, Frank Smith, Judge Duxbury, Elmer Webb and Hazel Baier; Loud speakers, Charles Tunnell; Flags, Elmer Sundstrom and Ed Ofe; Police and escorts, Ray Larson and scout troop; Costumes, Woman's club; Emergency squad float, Ed Ofe and Ray Misner.

VACATION IN COLORADO

Miss Beatrice Spohn of Weeping Water and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spohn of Lincoln returned last week from a two week's vacation spent in the mountains of Colorado. They engaged a cabin at the Y. M. C. A. camp near Estes and took sight-seeing trips from there. Among the most enjoyable were the trail ridge drive from Estes to Grand Lake which included a stop at Iceberg lake, and also the skyline drive and over the Royal Gorge near Canon City. A trip to Red Feather lakes was most scenic. They returned via southern Kansas.

City Council Has Busy Time at Meeting

Green River Ordinance, Sewering and the Budget for 1937-38 Chief Features.

With all members present the city council had one of their busy sessions Monday, July 26 and a large number of matters were brought up and discussed at length, although definite action was not taken on them.

A petition was received by the council signed by some sixty persons asking that the three parking spaces be reserved on the west side of Sixth street at the Hotel Plattsmouth for bus and taxi parking. Councilman Tippens moved that the petition be granted. Objection was offered that it would lead to further demands for parking places and which was now an acute problem. The petition was denied 6 to 4.

The finance committee of the council reported the following bills which were ordered paid:

D. L. Ramel, tractor work	\$ 34.40
Frank Cheval, street work	32.55
George Taylor, st. work, team	52.80
John Kubicka, cut weeds and street work	21.00
Cloidt Service, gas	17.75
Roy Taylor and Sons, opening sewer	10.35
John Boetel, burying one dog	.60
Charles Valley, gas	17.50
J. H. McMaken, rebuild sewer openings	280.00

The report of Chief of Police Libersal for June was received and showed five arrests and fines and costs amounting to \$36.50.

Judge C. L. Graves reported one arrest for week of July 15th and two arrests for week of July 22 with sentences on street work.

Discuss Ordinance

Chairman Rehal of the judiciary committee asked for further time on the Green River ordinance which has been requested for adoption by a large number of the business houses of the community. At the request of Mr. Rehal the clerk again read the ordinance which had been read at the previous meeting as it was adopted at Green River, Wyoming.

There was some little discussion of the proposed ordinance and it was pointed out by E. J. Weyrich, of the Plattsmouth Ad club, that the ordinance had nothing in it that would interfere with the farmers or others selling their products raised on their farm. He termed this argument was merely "a smoke screen" raised in small towns against the ordinance that was aimed at solicitors and peddlers.

Mayor Lushinsky granted the request of the judiciary committee for more time to secure reports from other places as to the operation of the ordinance.

Committee Reports

Chairman Webb of the tax and property committee presented a resolution that followed the request of County Treasurer John E. Turner for the return of a tax sale certificate held by the city and which had been purchased by parties paying the back taxes on the property. The resolution was adopted and the certificate ordered assigned by the city treasurer as provided by law.

Chairman Tippens of the streets, alleys and bridges committee, reported that work of clearing up the dirt streets had been performed several times and rains had washed out a great deal of this work.

Mayor Lushinsky took the occasion to compliment the council committee in charge of the sewer remodeling work, Messrs Puls, Webb and Tippens, E. J. Weyrich, advisor of the committee and J. H. McMaken, the contractor that performed the work.

Sewer Discussion

Chairman Hall of the claims committee, reported that he had interviewed members of the private sewer district on South Sixth street where a recent leakage had made necessary repair work by the city. He has contacted a number of the owners of the sewer system but they had not known of the blocking of the sewer and he had failed to get settlement of the cost of the sewer repair. The committee recommended that the bill be paid and the city attorney be em-

powered to collect from the responsible parties.

It was pointed out by City Attorney J. H. Davis as well as Mayor Lushinsky that the sewer was a private one built by individuals and who had the right to charge for all connections made after the district was created.

After some discussion the matter was reported back to the claims committee to again take up with the members of the private sewer district.

Mayor Lushinsky asked that the lighting committee have connections made for light at the band stand in Garfield park so that band concerts could be given.

The mayor also cautioned against the dumping of grass and other debris into waterways over the city and which had caused the blocking of the sewers quite often.

Councilman Webb asked that the WPA workers assigned to the city clerk be empowered to prepare a local "doomsday book," or a record of all of the offenses and misdemeanors that are covered in the city ordinances so that the city officers could know exactly when one of the 726 ordinances of the city was being violated.

Mr. Webb also reported for the Sixth street sewer committee, showing the construction of the sewer work to make it a better job and which had amounted to some \$68.10, bringing the total cost to \$280 instead of \$211.90 as had been the bid price.

At the suggestion of Councilman Webb the authority was given the police in time of heavy rains that led to high water to secure a number of men at sewer inlets to keep them free of grass and other debris and permit the free passage of the water.

Adopt City Budget

Ordinance No. 727, the annual appropriation bill was then placed on its first reading. This ordinance covers the city appropriations for the various funds and the mill levy necessary to raise the amounts needed as was published in the Journal Saturday.

The levy this year shows a very distinct cut from 23 mills of last year to 21 this year and has been carefully prepared under the law. This will mean a saving of \$2.40 per \$1,000 of valuation for the residents of the city and places this city in a small and select class this year among Nebraska communities in making the reduction of taxes.

The following is the appropriation and the amount to be raised:

FUND	Amount	Raise by
	Approp.	Taxation
General	\$6,000.00	\$4,120.00
Police	3,500.00	3,000.00
Road	3,600.00	2,800.00
Library	2,850.00	2,800.00
Fire Hydrant	6,000.00	6,340.00
Ref. Bonds, Int.	19,000.00	13,700.00
PD's 11-33	1,040.00	600.00
PD 25	1,330.00	600.00
Cemetery	2,500.00	800.00
St. Sewer No. 1	600.00	600.00
Fire Dept.	850.00	500.00
Fire Equipm't.	200.00	200.00
Parks	400.00	300.00
Lights	3,400.00	3,400.00
Unemp. Relief	2,000.00	2,000.00
Gasoline Tax	2,400.00	-----
Business Tax	1,500.00	-----
Dog Tax	30.00	-----
TOTALS	57,200.00	41,760.00

The ordinance was then placed on its second and third reading and received the unanimous vote of the council and its publication ordered at once.

Mayor Lushinsky complimented the members of the committee on their very fine work and the thoughtful care used in the preparation of the budget.

SURPRISED ON BIRTHDAY

On Sunday, July 25th, a very charming birthday dinner was served at the John Alexson home and which honored Miss Irene Alexson. The event was a complete surprise on the guest of honor and the members of the family and friends carried it out so cleverly that she was kept unaware of the significance of the event until greeted for her birthday. She received many pretty gifts for the anniversary. The members of the party all came with baskets that carried something to be a part of the dinner.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Anton Meisinger, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Meisinger, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Alexson, Mr. and Mrs. Tinus Bomberg and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Alexson and family.

Rain and Electric Storm Sweep Over This Section

Two Inches of Rainfall in an Hour Brings Up High Water in the Low Lying Sections.

One of the heaviest storms of the summer season swept down on the community Thursday night and drenched the entire farming section as well as causing watercourses to run bank full during the storm. The rainfall was 2 inches in an hour.

Banks of dense purpling clouds in the west and north shortly before 6 o'clock protruded the storm and which broke shortly before 7 o'clock. A very heavy wind and electrical display preceded the rain and the downpour burst and was driven by the wind in sheets.

The heavy rain brought in its wake the overflowing of the streets in the business section of the city, flood waters from the southside sweeping down Chicago avenue as the sewer was unable to carry the heavy volume and soon the water was running almost to the curb top on the south portion of Sixth street. Police and volunteer workers battled to remove grass and debris from the sewer openings and while a great deal of water swept on into Main street, the water was never over the walk on the south section of Sixth street.

The north side sewers and watercourses overflowed after that of south Sixth street had partially subsided and soon the turbid waters were sweeping into the business section of the city after transforming Washington avenue into a miniature lake. The movement of the waters was interfered with by a large number of cars parked along North 6th street and which held back the debris and rubbish and threatened for a time to force the waters into the places of business on the east side of the street. The flood waters from the north side was the highest that it has been for some time but despite the height of the water and the blocking by the cars, the sewers were able to get a large part of the water.

The lightning was very severe in the early part of the storm and did small damage in several places to trees.

The Gibbs carnival company, showing on the old baseball grounds in the south part of the city, suffered a great deal from the effects of the storm that whipped their tents with the heavy wind and also the rain swept and drove through the shows and concession tents. The storm made it necessary to fold up for the night and miss the usual performance.

The farming sections near the city were drenched by the heavy rain that in some sections reached four inches. Water was running over the road in many places south of the city and those returning home after the storm found it necessary to wade through the waters.

The small creeks in the countryside were bank full and overflowed in many places to low lying fields.

DIES AT SIOUX CITY

From Saturday's Daily—
W. H. Vanderhaar, 49, formerly with the Norfolk Packing Co., in this city, passed away Thursday night at a hospital at Sioux City, Iowa, where he has been for the past three months suffering from illness of long standing.

Mr. Vanderhaar has been in failing health for the past two years and his condition has gradually grown worse until death.

The family made their home here for some time and Mr. Vanderhaar was very active in the Methodist Sunday school and church and made a very large circle of friends who will regret to learn of his passing.

He is survived by the widow, three sons and two daughters. The funeral services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at Sioux City and the interment in that place.

RECOVERING NICELY

John Sheard had an operation at the Clarkson hospital Friday morning for appendicitis and hernia. He is reported to be getting along nicely.