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## Farmers Organize Against Compulsory Legislation

Called Meeting at Weeping Water Tuesday Makes Plans for County Wide Organization.

A called meeting of dirt farmers was held at Weeping Water Tuesday afternoon, December 28 for the purpose of effecting an organization composed of farmers interested in preventing compulsory farm legislation. The meeting was non-political and apparently had no other purpose than to attempt an understanding of pending national legislation and to see that the farmers of Cass county have the correct understanding of the pending bills. Carl Tefft of Avoca was selected as chairman, and Marvin Carr of Eagle was selected as secretary-treasurer.

The sixty farmers in attendance seemed to feel that the farm bureau, national, state, and county was advocating any national legislation that might be passed. The Cass county farm bureau has been holding meetings to elect precinct officers and urging support of the 1938 conservation program. The farmers seemed to feel that the conservation program for 1938 as far as developed, is of a compulsory nature, and that an understanding of this compulsory legislation by Cass county farmers would result in rejection of the program.

Three public meetings will be held in Cass county next week beginning Tuesday at Murray, Wednesday at Alvo, and Thursday at Weeping Water. All of the meetings will be in the afternoon at 1:30. The program at these meetings will be of an educational nature and will have as its purpose an understanding of pending legislation. No doubt resolutions will be adopted reflecting the sentiment of these genuine dirt farmers.

## ROCK BLUFFS FARMERS MEET

Tuesday afternoon there was a largely attended meeting of the farmers of East and West Rock Bluffs held at the Murray hall for the purpose of discussing the 1938 agricultural conservation program which will soon be in effect.

The meeting elected the committee that will have charge of the program in the two precincts, they being as follows:

**West Rock Bluffs**  
Alfred Gansmer, chairman; Glen Todd and Ivan Deles Dernier, committeemen.

**East Rock Bluffs**  
Major Hall, chairman; Robert Patterson, Harold Hull, committeemen.

There was much interest shown over the program which will be effective the coming year regardless of any future legislation that may be passed by congress.

The chairmen and committeemen will have the matter of looking after the program in their respective territory.

## RETURNS FROM EAST

Mrs. E. C. Giles has returned home from Ellenburg Depot, New York, where she has been since the latter part of November. Mrs. Giles and her brother, George C. Sheldon, of Nehawka, were called to New York by the death of their aged father, L. L. Sheldon, and have since remained to visit with the relatives in that place and Vermont.

Mrs. Giles reports that the vicinity where she has been visiting, some eighty miles south of Montreal, has had a snowfall of some eight inches and the entire northern part of the state bears the evidences of real winter.

## UNION INFANT DIES

Forrest Clayton Mansfield, 11-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mansfield, of Union, died Tuesday at the St. Mary's hospital at Nebraska City where it has been under treatment for pneumonia. The babe had been ill about two weeks.

He was born January 26, 1937, at Union and is survived by his parents and both sets of grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Tigner, Union and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Mansfield of Bosworth, Missouri.

## HAVE FINE PROGRAM

Christmas is always one of the most delightful times of the year at the Nebraska Masonic Home where programs are presented and the feast of Christmas day always one of un-fading delight.

On Friday evening Superintendent and Mrs. L. S. Devoe and Frank A. Clويد assisted in making the Christmas eve service one of beauty and inspiration.

The Christmas story was given by Mr. Devoe most impressively while Mr. Clويد gave several illustrated songs of the Christmas season, these being presented by use of slides. The songs included "Holy Night," "Little Town of Bethlehem," "Angels From the Realms of Glory" and "Silent Night." Mrs. Devoe served as the accompanist.

## Knights Templar Hold Christmas Day Observance

Held at Asylum of the Order Saturday Morning and was Very Largely Attended.

Mt. Zion commandery No. 5, Knights Templar held their annual Christmas observance at their asylum on Saturday morning, where a large number were present to take part. The program and toasts were as follows:

Invocation, Sir Harry G. McClusky. Reading of Christmas greetings of M. E. Mark Norris, grand master grand encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America and response of R. E. Clarence O. Dawson, grand master Knights Templar of Nebraska. Sir Frank L. Barkus, recorder.

Selection, "O Come All Ye Faithful," by Masonic Quartette, Sirs Lynn O. Minor, Harry G. McClusky, Raymond C. Cook and Frank A. Clويد.

To the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska. Response, E. Sir William A. Robertson, grand master A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

To R. E. Clarence O. Dawson, grand commander. Response, E. Sir Aubrey H. Duxbury.

To R. E. Francis E. White, P. G. C. Response, E. R. Emmons J. Richey.

To R. E. James M. Robertson, P. G. C. Response, E. Sir Oliver C. Hudson.

To Templarism and Christmas. Response, E. Sir Luke L. Wiles.

To the Nebraska Masonic Home. Response, E. Sir Leslie W. Niel.

To Sir Knights in the Silent City. Response, E. Sir Raymond C. Cook.

Selection, "Silent Night," Masonic Quartette, R. C. Cook, P. A. Clويد, L. O. Minor, H. G. McClusky.

Benediction, Sir Harry G. McClusky.

Master Masons were invited guests at the observance.

## WORK PROGRESSING ON ROAD LEADING TO DOCK

Progress is being made on the new road leading to the dock and warehouse on the Missouri river. Many of the forms for the concrete bridge have been constructed and the work of pouring concrete has started. With continued good weather it can be continued without interruption by providing heat sufficient to prevent freezing.

Earlier in the season the county's large grader outfit was used to throw up a grade on part of the road. When the grade is completed and has been given time to settle it will be rock surfaced, providing an all weather road direct to the dock.

## VISITS IN OLD HOME

Mr. and Mrs. David Wooster and children, Leonard and Ora Jean, of Denver are returning home after a visit here with the Joseph Wooster and Joseph F. Hadraba families.

Mr. Wooster is the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wooster and for the past ten years has been making his home at Denver where he has been quite successful in his work.

They are going from this city to Houston, Texas, where they will witness the Rice and Colorado university game in the Cotton Bowl. They are enthusiastic boosters of the Colorado team.

## RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Norraine Kaffenberger who has been receiving treatment in an Omaha hospital, came home Monday evening and is getting along fine.

## Young People Participate in Sunday Services

Presbyterian Church Scene of a Very Impressive Service for Job's Daughters.

The morning church service held at the Presbyterian church yesterday proved an unusual one of spiritual interest. The worship hour was planned in honor of the members of the local Bethel of Job's Daughters. These young ladies were an impressive part of the service, entering the church auditorium in uniform while Miss Harriet Goos sang, "Open the Gates of the Temple." The procession was led by Miss Eleanor Minor, queen, Frances Clويد and Shirley Seiver, senior and junior princesses. Miss Jean Knorr presided at the pipe organ with considerable capability.

The service was also a homecoming for many of the out of town members of the congregation. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Karl Koch of Maine, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Westcott, Mrs. Ethelyn Wiles Mullis, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Murphey, all of Lincoln, Miss Helen Wiles of Fremont, Miss Helen Parley of York, Miss Maxine Clويد of McCook, Miss Helen Wagon of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Wandel of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Chase, of Holyoke, Colo.

There were also present the following students at home from school: From the state university were Lois Giles, John Gayer, Herbert Minor, Floyd and Anna Margaret McCarty, Marjorie Ann Tidball, Cecil and James Comstock; Miss Harriet Goos from Doane college at Crete; Stephen Davis, a cadet at the military academy at Booneville, Mo.; James Robertson, midshipman at the U. S. naval academy, Annapolis, Md. Oliver Taylor of the battleship California, San Pedro, Calif., sent holiday greetings.

Three young men with us during the holidays are Paul Iverson of Union Seminary, New York City, Earl Lamberson, U. S. navy at Panama and George Adam, senior at Tarkio college, Tarkio, Mo.

James Comstock told of the fine service the church is giving to the beautiful Westminster House which serves as a student center where the Rev. Robt. B. Henry resides and acts as student pastor.

During the service Miss Anna Williams played a beautiful violin selection entitled, "The Holy City." Miss Harriet Goos sang a pleasing solo entitled "Bethlehem."

Dr. McClusky preached a short sermon in honor of the Job's Daughters, taking as his subject, "The Beauty of Holiness."

The church takes great pride in watching the success of these, her children, who are all doing a fine work of making this old world a better place in which to live. By their fruits we are honored.

The beautiful roses adorning the chancel were presented by Mrs. J. M. Roberts in memory of her husband, Mr. Joseph M. Roberts.

## HOID CONSERVATION MEETING

Monday night there was a large number of the farmers of Mt. Pleasant precinct at the Philpot school house to discuss the 1938 agricultural conservation program.

This program will be carried on through 1938 despite any new bill that may be passed in this congress and to carry on the work committees are being selected.

H. H. Ragoss was named as the chairman of the precinct and Oscar Domingo and Jake Hild as the other members of the precinct committee.

Several made talks at the meeting regarding the program in which the farmers will be privileged to join if they desire to participate in the benefits of the program.

## REPORTS RAIN STORM

The Milo Farney family who were visiting in Missouri Christmas and Sunday, found on their return that that section was being visited by a very heavy rain that seemed general over the greater part of the north-west part of the state. The rain was not accompanied by the cold and freezing weather, however that was experienced in east Nebraska Thursday night.

## TO WED NEW YEAR'S DAY

From Monday's Daily—Miss Minnie Smith departed yesterday for Portland, Oregon. She will be joined there by Mr. Homer Wilcox and they will go on to Vancouver, Washington where they will be married on New Year's day.

Miss Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Smith. She attended school here and has worked in several of the local business establishments. She leaves a large circle of friends who wish her every happiness in her new home and married life.

Mr. Wilcox, a son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Wilcox, is a former resident of Plattsmouth and is now employed at Portland, Oregon, where the young couple will make their home. He was here with the Norfolk Packing Co. for several years.

## Death of Mrs. Clara Davis at Union Monday

Aged Lady Resident of That Section of Cass County for the Past Fifty Years.

Mrs. Clara A. Davis, 69, a resident of Union and Liberty precinct for the past fifty years, died Monday night at 11:30 at Union where she has made her home in recent years with her nephew, W. C. Carraker.

Mrs. Davis was born at Rochester, Andrew county, Missouri, March 6, 1868, but the greater part of her lifetime was spent in the vicinity of Union where she was well known and highly esteemed by a large circle of friends.

For a long period of time she has been in very poor health and largely bedfast and to add to her physical illness she lost her eyesight and has since been helpless.

There is surviving one sister, Mrs. Mary A. Sherman, Arkansas City, Kansas, and the nephew, W. C. Carraker of Union. The husband, Ezekiel Davis, preceded her in death in 1890.

Funeral services were held at Union Wednesday afternoon with Rev. W. A. Taylor, of the Baptist church in charge. Interment was at the Swan cemetery near Union. The Straight funeral home of this city had charge.

## CELEBRATE 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary Sunday at their home on Pearl street. They had as guests for dinner, their son, A. C. Smith and wife, daughter, Mrs. W. T. Richardson and husband of Mynard, granddaughter, Mrs. Glen Phillips and husband and great grandchild, Marlene Phillips. Thus four generations celebrated together.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been residents of Plattsmouth since 1910, coming here from Carson, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith were pioneers in western Iowa, and on their wedding day, December 26, 1878, they drove sixteen miles in an open buggy with the temperature at five below zero.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are among our most honored and loved residents and on this happy event they will receive the well wishes of the friends for many years of happiness.

## VISITING WITH MOTHER

Frank B. Rys of Chicago and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Scott, of Lincoln, were here to spend Christmas and Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Anna Rys. Mr. Rys returned to Chicago Sunday while Mrs. Scott will be here with her mother until after New Year's. On returning after the first of the year Mr. and Mrs. Scott are expecting to leave for California for a two months visit.

## VISITING IN CITY

Father J. R. Sinkula, pastor of the Holy Rosary church in the west part of the city, is enjoying a very pleasant visit from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sinkula, and Mr. and Mrs. Anton Novak, of Cleveland Ohio. The event has been very pleasant for Father Sinkula and makes a most delightful part of the holiday season.

## ASKS DEEDS BE SET ASIDE

In the office of the clerk of the district court an action has been filed in which W. L. Dwyer is plaintiff and Albert A. Young, Fred T. Range, trustee and Homer Sylvester, sheriff are defendants. The plaintiff claims an indebtedness of \$100 due from the late Pauline Young, that on May 24, 1937, plaintiff filed a petition for the probate of the estate of the deceased. The plaintiff asks that deeds made to the deceased to the defendant Albert Young, be set aside.

## ATTEND ST. JOHN'S OBSERVANCE

Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Cook and Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Devoe were at Brownville where they attended a meeting of the Brownville Masonic lodge which was holding the annual St. John's observance.

The lodge had arranged a fine program and which was presided over by Ben Moore, master of the lodge and the occasion was attended by a very large number of the Masons from Peru, Brownville and Auburn.

Mr. Cook was the main speaker of the evening, giving a fine talk on "The History and Antiquity of Masonry." Mr. Cook is deputy grand custodian of the grand lodge of Nebraska Masons and his address was one of the greatest interest.

Mr. Devoe gave a group of folk songs, some of these having been in his family for generations and some over 100 years old which had been handed down from father to son through the years. Mrs. Devoe served as the accompanist.

Following the program the members enjoyed a very fine luncheon.

## Three-Way Accident in Fog Near Murray

Stock Truck Driven by George Lutz, Tecumseh, Swings Across Road to Be Crashed Into by Car.

From Tuesday's Daily—This morning at 9:15 while the dense heavy fog hung over this section of Cass county, a three way accident occurred on the hill just south of the Rock Creek filling station and in which two trucks and a Lincoln Zephyr figured.

Attorney Lloyd B. Peterson and Attorney Tom Dunbar of Nebraska City were coming north in a car en route to the bar meeting at Omaha, and when south of the Rock Creek filling station, they were passed by a stock truck driven by George Lutz of Tecumseh.

When the stock truck passed the car it swung across the roadway and while blocking the road a Lincoln Zephyr, driven by Seth H. Slaughter of Des Moines, came over the hill and was into the truck before they could see in the heavy fog that hung over the scene.

The stock truck fell onto the car and it was a miracle that the occupants of the car were not crushed, but the roof of the car held and saved them from death.

As the wreck stood a southbound Watson Brothers truck came from the north and crashed into the half turned over stock truck, breaking it away from the car and which later permitted the rescue of the Slaughter family.

From the force of the impact the Watson truck when crashing to the ditch along the road with the driver, John Moore, of Omaha, being able to keep it from turning over.

Mr. Slaughter was brought to this city to the office of Dr. L. S. Pucelik where it was found he had small cuts and bruises and Mrs. Slaughter and two children were taken to the office of Dr. Tyson at Murray where their cuts and injuries were dressed.

The truck operators were not seriously injured.

Attorney Tom Dunbar came near being a casualty of the wreck as he was attempting to rescue the Slaughters when the Watson truck hit the wreckage and was almost caught as the stock truck was overturned. He had a trouser leg torn and one leg cut some as he escaped from the vicinity of the wrecked truck.

Attorney Lloyd Peterson ran some distance to the north after the wreck to flag down traffic from crashing in the fog into the car and truck, among the traffic being the southbound Missouri Pacific bus.

## DIES AT COUNCIL BLUFFS

The death of James H. Hesselhoff, 78, former Cass county man, occurred Sunday at 2 p. m. at Council Bluffs where he has been making his home in recent years.

Mr. Hesselhoff was for the greater part of his lifetime a resident of the vicinity of Louisville and Cedar Creek, he being for years a mail carrier on the Cedar Creek route. Since his retirement he has lived at Council Bluffs.

He is survived by two sons, Walter and Dwight and one brother, Edward Hesselhoff of Louisville. His wife preceded him in death a number of years ago.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Beem-Bradford funeral home in Council Bluffs.

## RETURNS TO KANSAS

O. E. Trilety, an attorney in the U. S. department of justice, was here over Christmas to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anton J. Trilety. He is now located at Topeka to look after the recovery of judgments secured by the federal government. He expects later to go to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to investigate several matters there for the government.

## FARM HOME BURNED

The residence on the farm occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Noell and family, three miles west and south of Murray, was destroyed by fire the last of the week.

The fire started in the second story of the house and by the time that it was discovered the house was all aflame.

The fire was discovered late at night and it was with difficulty that the members of the family escaped from their home and losing their clothing and all of the household effects.

It was with the greatest difficulty that Mr. and Mrs. Noell were able to get into the bedroom where their small child was sleeping and bring it to safety as the blaze roared through the upper floor.

## Job's Daughters Install Officers Last Evening

Miss Frances Clويد Is Honored Queen for the Forthcoming Term—Impressive Ceremony.

From Tuesday's Daily—A large number assembled last night to witness the installation of the officers of Bethel No. 24 of Job's Daughters. The installation was held at the Masonic temple, which was very prettily decorated with lighted Christmas trees.

The officers installed will hold their offices for the coming six months. They were:

Honored Queen, Frances Clويد; Senior Princess, Shirley Seiver; Junior Princess, Wilma Friedrich; Guide, Joann Hall; Marshal, Janet Westover; Recorder, Mary Louise Walton; Treasurer, Rosemary Steppat; Chaplain, Beatrice Arn; Librarian, Mary Gayer; Pianist, Ruth Westover; Messengers, Jacquelyn Wetenkamp, Vivian Warner, Helen Barkus, Maxine Nielson and Kathryn Barkus; Senior Custodian, Charlotte Jasper; Junior Custodian, Rachel Robertson; Inner Guard, Wanitta Sigler; Outer Guard, Charlotte Cotner.

They were installed by the installing officer, Past Honored Queen Alice Jane Hirz; Installing Guard Past Honored Queen Rachel Robertson; Installing Marshal, Past Honored Queen Eleanor Minor; installing Chaplain, Past Honored Queen Jean Knorr; Installing Custodians, Misses Jeannette Hirz and Marjorie Wohlfarth; Installing Secretary Betty Jasper; Installing Pianist Mrs. Ethel Seiver.

The Honored Queen, Miss Frances Clويد, after being installed, was presented with the Nan Martin Jewel. The past queen, Miss Eleanor Minor, was presented with the past queen's Jewel.

During the installation Miss Harriet Goos sang, adding very much to the service. After the installation, a fine solo was sung by Frank Clويد, "The Holy City." A piano solo was given by Ruth Westover.

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## City Council Holds a Very Quiet Session

Solons Find Meeting One of the Shortest in Many Months as Year Draws to Close.

From Tuesday's Daily—The last meeting of the city council for the year 1937 held last night was one of the shortest in many months, there being no stressing matters to come before the body.

The League of Nebraska Municipalities asked that the city again renew its membership in the organization and without debate the council voted to continue its membership in the group of other Nebraska cities.

Fire Chief Dr. O. Sandin presented his report which showed two fires in the month, one at the home of O. R. Wilcox at 15th and Vine streets and the barn at the home of Sebastino Troia at the north city limits, the chief reporting the fire of an incendiary origin.

Councilman Webb reported that the sewer had been connected up in the Petersen building on east Main street.

Councilman Tippens of the streets, alleys and bridges committee, reported that the tiling ordered along Lincoln avenue had been placed. He also reported that sand had been placed along a very icy spot on Pearl street between Fifth and Third and also on walks near the churches.

Mayor Lushinsky expressed the general feeling of appreciation at the excellent work of the street department in these cases of extreme icy and dangerous weather conditions.

Councilman Schutz of the fire and water committee, reported that the members of the fire department would take up the matter of the consideration of a pumper or new fire truck at their forthcoming meeting.

Mayor Lushinsky took the occasion to compliment the thoughtfulness of those who had arranged the street decorations for the holiday season as being exceptionally fine.

Councilman Hall reported that he had investigated the condition of the city hall chimney and found that it was full of cracks and needed repairing quite badly. This was referred to the parks and improvement committee of which Councilman Brittain is the chairman.

Councilman Webb of the WPA committee reported that Mr. Sorensen, of Nebraska City, WPA supervisor, had been in the city Monday and was much interested in the repaving of Chicago avenue and the construction of box sewers along that thoroughfare. Mr. Sorensen would check up and would have definite plans to offer later. He had found Cass county low on WPA projects.

Mayor Lushinsky reported that the cemetery board had a WPA project ready since the early fall but had been unable to get action on the matter.

Councilman Vroman called the attention of the city council to an occupation tax ordinance, adopted by the city of Wilber and which had appeared in the current League Review.

Councilman Webb called attention to the fact that the payment of the cost of the repair of the private sanitary sewer on South Sixth street, which had been promised had not been heard from for some time. It was requested that the city attorney try and secure some action on the matter. He also called attention to the long standing matter of the collection of the price of a busted electrolier, which had been sought of an Iowa trucker.

Cecil Comstock was present and was introduced by the mayor to the members of the council.

The following bills were ordered paid by the council:

League of Nebraska Municipalities, membership	\$ 20.00
John Lamphere, installing pipe line and inspecting sewer	19.50
Platts, Volunteer Fire Dept., nozzelmen, watchmen	8.00
Ben Turner, recharging battery	1.00
D. L. Ramel, tractor work	34.00
George Taylor, street work with team	48.60
Ivan Taylor, street work	34.40
John Kubicka, street cleaning	18.90
John Kubicka, street work	7.00
J. C. Brittain, repainting street signs	6.80
John Iverson, repair work	2.50

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