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Auxiliary Has Full Day at Its District Meet

Two Busy Sessions, Forenoon and Afternoon, Followed by Banquet and Later Dance

Getting off to an early start, by convening promptly at ten o'clock in the morning, Twelfth district American Legion Auxiliary members found plenty of business to occupy their attention at both forenoon and afternoon sessions here Wednesday. Mrs. Emma Nutzman, of Nehawka, district president, presided.

Sessions were held in the auditorium of St. Paul's church. Colors were advanced by the pages, Mrs. Frances Bestor and Mrs. Helen Vroman of Plattsmouth; Mrs. Bernice Katskee of Lincoln and Mrs. Sterling Amick, of Weeping Water.

Mrs. Schroeder of Lincoln led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag in the absence of the Lancaster county chairman and Mrs. Nutzman led the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" instead of the Cass county chairman, Mrs. Roy Comstock, of Greenwood, who did not arrive until later. Mrs. A. J. Lamborn, the Otoe county chairman, gave the invocation, and Mrs. Maude Peters gave the Preamble instead of the Seward county chairman, another absentee.

Mrs. Elmer Webb, Plattsmouth unit president, welcomed the visitors, and Mrs. Helen Dudley, of Lincoln, a past district president, gave the response. Mrs. E. G. Ofe, convention chairman, introduced the various committees, followed by reading of the minutes.

Donald Nelson, of Murray, who attended Boys State last June, gave his impressions of that Legion sponsored activity. Unit reports, limited to two minutes each, followed. Mrs. Erma Bergman, of Louisville unit, presented the beautiful Auxiliary ritualistic service, honoring five deceased Twelfth district members of the past year, one of them a Gold Star mother. The local unit has lost no member thru death for several years.

Greetings from the Legion were given by District Commander Fred Liebers and E. G. Ofe, Plattsmouth post commander.

Mrs. Oglia Wiles gave two very pleasing flute selections and Mrs. Maude Peters, the Department Secretary-Treasurer demonstrated modern modes in getting membership by taking both parts of an imaginary dialogue between the member getter and the prospective member.

As the noon hour had arrived the address of Department Commander Robert Waring was postponed until afternoon.

Most of the registered delegates attended the noon-day luncheon in the basement dining room of the church and were back in their seats when the afternoon session was called to order.

The Evangelical ladies had prepared a splendid meal and many of the local Legionnaires as well as early Legion registrants joined the Auxiliary at this noon-day repast.

Afternoon Session

With formalities out of the way the afternoon session moved along smoothly, bringing a number of pleasing speakers before the assembly, among them Commander Waring, Department President Mrs. Laura Kucera; Mrs. Gennie McGlasson, the national vice chairman of rehabilitation who with closed eyes demonstrated how blind veterans fashion poppies; Mrs. Elsie Diers, member of the National committee on Child Welfare; Department Adjutant R. C. Patterson, Department Service Officer Henry Kriz, E. R. Benke, manager of the Lincoln Veterans hospital and Grace Darby, recreational director at the hospital, as well as Mrs. Leah Ball, the department publicity chairman. Mrs. Diers hurried back to Omaha after her address, as she was to leave there on an early evening train for an important National Child Welfare conference in Indianapolis.

Musical numbers to break the monotony of the long speaking program included violin solos by David Fowler, music supervisor of Platt-

smouth high school and several selections by high school students.

Mr. Benke told of the increasing death rate among service men, saying there had been five deaths in the Lincoln hospital in the preceding 24 hours. He also touched on the burial allowance of the government for ex-service men.

Trophy awards were announced to be given out at the evening banquet and the Resolution and Registration committees report, before the convention took up the election of officers.

The present officers, Mrs. Nutzman, president, and Mrs. Hettie Larson, of Plattsmouth, vice president, were unanimously elected for another year and Mrs. Nutzman announced the re-appointment of Mrs. Verner Lundberg, of Nehawka, as district secretary.

Installation was dispensed with, the colors retired and the meeting adjourned in time for the ladies to participate in the parade at 5 o'clock.

The hostess houses of Mesdames James Mauzy, R. P. Westover and W. G. Kieck were open to visiting Auxiliary members to dress for the banquet and courtesy cars provided transportation.

Enjoyable Banquet

At 6:15 all gathered at the Presbyterian church dining room for the splendid banquet that was served by the Women's Federation. Amidst well arranged table decorations and a carnation for each lady furnished thru courtesy of the Chamber of Commerce and Business Men's Ad club of Plattsmouth, a most delicious three-course dinner was served. The menu included:

- Fruit Cocktail
- Canapes
- Chicken La Maitre d'Hotel
- Boulette Potatoes
- Peas and Carrots in Lily Cups
- Mouder Cabbage Salad
- Hot Rolls - Jam
- Ginger Cake
- with Piquant Amber Whip Coffee

Favors at each plate were also provided by the Norfolk Packing company.

Mrs. Larson opened the after-dinner speaking program, turning over to Mrs. L. S. Devoe the conduct of the annual salt and pepper initiation, which she conducted in most pleasing manner, borrowing a few of her husband's most popular magic tricks to carry out that part of the program.

The trophy award for greatest increase in membership went to the Cass county president, Mrs. Comstock and the award for the best unit history to Miss Alma Lemke, long time historian of the Nebraska City unit, who has taken first place in this contest for four consecutive years.

Mrs. Nutzman, on behalf of the district presented the Department president, Mrs. Laura Kucera with a gold banded gavel, and also distributed personal remembrances to the Department secretary, Mrs. Maude Peters, to Mrs. Darby, to her vice president and secretary, Mrs. Larson and Mrs. Lundberg, and to the hostess unit president, Mrs. Webb.

Diminutive salt and pepper shakers and glass flower baskets were given by the district to those whose membership activities entitled them to initiation in the salt and pepper club.

Following the banquet the ladies went to the Legion Community building to join with the Legion in the dance that closed the day's activities for both organizations. They arrived in time for the latter part of the Penny Pennington floor show.

Pick's Top Hatters of Nebraska City furnished music for the dance, which was largely attended by Legion and Auxiliary members and the general public and continued well past the midnight hour.

LEAVING FOR THE WEST

Henry Sander is leaving Sunday for a trip to the west coast where he will make an extended visit with relatives and old friends along the Pacific coast.

PROGRAM AND PLATE SUPPER

Given at the Heil school on Friday, December 9th, at 8 p. m. The public is cordially invited. Selma Heil, teacher.

Miss Mildred Hall Retires at Sewing Center

Three Years Director of Very Successful Sewing Center She Will Lay Aside Work.

Miss Mildred Hall, who since the organization of the Sewing Center project three years ago, has served as its head, Thursday resigned her position to take up other activities.

Miss Hall has made a very fine success of this project sponsored by the government and under her skillful direction there has been thousands of articles of clothing, bedding and all lines of needlework turned out that has been handled through the Commodity Center for the needy of the county.

The many friends of the project regret to see Miss Hall lay aside her duties at the center, but trust that she may be equally successful in any other activities that she may enter on.

There are now thirty-three ladies employed at the center. So far there has been no one appointed as supervisor of the Center as successor of Miss Hall.

HAVE BEAUTIFUL BANNER

From Thursday's Daily—

The new Legion Auxiliary banner, used for the first time at yesterday's convention, is the result of many hours of painstaking handwork, done largely by Mrs. Adelaide Boynton, unit chaplain and a finished seamstress, aided by some of the other members of the organization. So perfectly were the letters and emblems cut and sewn in place on the field of blue bunting that the banner equals in every way those sold commercially at a cost of around \$60—yet the materials represent an outlay of but a small part of that sum.

Pending the receipt of jointed poles, surmounted with gilded eagles, which will further enhance the appearance of the flag and banner, they were attached to ordinary one piece poles yesterday and used at the business session, in the parade and at the banquet.

The blue caps worn by local unit members at the convention were also the handiwork of the individual members, representing an outlay for materials of only 15 cents each.

HAS A PLEASANT VISIT

Mrs. R. H. Patton has returned home from a pleasant outing in the east with visits at Detroit and Chicago, covering two weeks of sight-seeing. Mrs. Patton on her first visit to Detroit found many places of the greatest interest, the large manufacturing plants and Dearborn and the American village that Henry Ford has created there as a lasting tribute to the sturdy America of the past. She also visited Irish hills, a spot of historic interest. While there she was taken by relatives on a trip into Canada, crossing over through the motor tunnel under the Detroit river and on the return going over the surface traffic bridge. One of the interesting phases of the trip was to see a large freighter on the Ford plant coming in with a cargo of material and being towed through the canal to the unloading docks. At Detroit Mrs. Patton found the weather quite cold but on reaching Chicago she found much better weather and warmer. At Chicago she visited her son and family and looked over many interesting spots there.

VISITING IN THE EAST

Friends here of Ralph H. Anderson who is now a shop superintendent at St. Paul, Minnesota, have received cards from him from Washington, D. C. He is at Alexandria, Virginia, on business for his company at headquarters.

RETURN FROM ST. LOUIS

From Friday's Daily— Mr. and Mrs. Francis Toman returned yesterday from a pleasant trip to St. Louis, Mo., where they spent the past few days. They also stopped off at Sedalia to visit with friends before returning home.

DIES AT SIOUX CITY

Mrs. Arthur Ofe, 27, died on Friday afternoon at 5:30 at the St. Joseph hospital at Sioux City, as the result of a very serious infection that she had suffered for a short time. The death of the wife and mother came as a very severe blow to the bereaved husband and two small children as well as the other members of the family circle. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ofe of this city, parents of Mrs. Ofe were at the bedside as the patient passed away.

The body of Mrs. Ofe was brought to Omaha where it is at the Kenneth Golden mortuary to await the funeral arrangements.

The husband and two small children, Ronald and Brenda survive her passing.

Alvin Smock Burned as Car Catches Afire

Accident on Gravel Road North of City Causes Severe Burns to Local Man.

Alvin Smock, local young man, had a close call Friday evening from being dangerously burned as the car he was driving was burned up on the gravel road north of this city a short distance east of the Lyman-Richey sand pits.

Mr. Smock was taking a companion to Omaha and after leaving the sand pits had gone but a short distance when the car commenced to miss and it was found that the gas was low. More gas was secured and again the start made, only to have the car still balk. Thinking that water might have gotten into the gas line Mr. Smock started to drain it and in so doing some of the gas splashed on his blouse and the sleeves, just at this time the car suddenly catching fire and the blaze leaped to the body of Mr. Smock. He was able to tear off the blazing blouse at the cost of having his hands burned quite severely and his face scorched by the heat of the fire.

The injured man was brought into the city to the office of Dr. W. S. Eaton and where the injured hands and face were treated and the victim of the accident made as comfortable as possible.

DAMAGE SUIT DISMISSED

From Friday's Daily— The case of Viola Shupp, administrator of the estate of Zella Brindine, deceased vs. Hubert Cappen, which occupied the time of the jury and Judge Wilson on Thursday all day, was terminated this morning at 11 o'clock when the action was dismissed on the motion of George Boland, representing the defendant.

The defendant contended that settlement of the accident was settled in the county court when the then special administrator had accepted settlement and which was a record of the county court and gave release from further claim on the defendant.

Judge Wilson ruled that the motion would be sustained and the court ruled that the judgment should be entered for the defendant, Cappen.

The jury was then excused until Monday morning at 9:30. This is the third case to be dismissed before going to the jury.

CALLED TO MADISON

Thursday Mrs. E. G. Ofe motored to Madison, Nebraska, taking with her Mrs. Henrietta Ofe and Mrs. Fred Hafke. Mrs. Henrietta Ofe was called there by the serious illness of her nephew, John Sactgen, a son of William Sactgen, her brother and who has made his home here with the Ofe family.

REJOICE IN NEW SON

From Friday's Daily— This morning a fine eight and a half pound son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Prohaska on west Pearl street. The mother and little one are doing nicely and the event has brought a great deal of pleasure to the members of the family.

Platters Win from Union High School

Score of 69 to 27 in First Team Game—Seconds Win by Score of 30 to 18.

The Plattsmouth basketball teams had their first game of the season Thursday afternoon when the Union first and second teams came up to work out with the locals.

The Platters first string team won by the score of 69 to 27 and in the game showed a lack of smoothness in the play which however, should be eliminated by the time the regular season play starts. The local seconds won 30 to 18.

Coach Hoffman used many players in the two games to test out the playing ability of the string.

Jacobs and Rehal led the scoring of the Platters with 20 and 19 points. The tabulated score of the game was as follows:

| Plattsmouth— | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|
| | FG | FT | PF | TP |
| Rehal, f | 8 | 1 | 0 | 19 |
| Reed, g | 6 | 0 | 1 | 12 |
| Hayden, c (C) | 6 | 3 | 1 | 15 |
| Tidball, g | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Jacobs, g | 10 | 0 | 1 | 20 |
| | 33 | 5 | 5 | 69 |

| Union— | | | | |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|
| | FG | FT | PF | TP |
| Handlar, f | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Muller, f | 3 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Keen, f | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Clark, c | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| Tuggle, c | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Mullis, g | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Banner, g | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Crawford, g | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| | 12 | 3 | 6 | 27 |

MYNARD RED CROSS

The Mynard branch of Cass county chapter of the American Red Cross report a membership of thirty-seven enrolled for 1939. They are as follows:

- Mrs. Geo. Topliff
- John Vinduska
- Jos. J. Safarik
- R. E. Gansmeier
- Mrs. F. J. Hill
- Mrs. Wm. P. Kraeger
- Mrs. Henry Hill
- Mrs. Forrest Leonard
- Mrs. R. Guy Kisef
- Miss Mary Propst
- Albert Wetenkamp
- Mrs. Myron Wiles
- Willis Cole
- Ed Melsinger
- Mrs. Emma Long
- Will Carey
- Carl Kraeger
- Royal Smith
- John Valley
- Mildred Wilson
- Louis Naeve
- Roy Cole
- Grace Louise Wiles
- Sherman Cole
- Frank Dill
- Howard Wiles
- Mrs. E. H. Spangler
- Henry Melsinger
- Mrs. Martha Wetenkamp
- Esther Tritsch
- Glenn Wiles
- Mrs. Alva Venner
- Julius Pitz
- Virgil Perry
- Herman Melsinger
- Mrs. Jessie Smith
- Mrs. Chas. C. Barnard

CLARK GAPEN HERE

Clark Gapen of Hyattville, Wyoming was in Omaha Monday with his grass cattle where he topped the market with a nice shipment. Afterwards he visited here with Oscar Gapen and other relatives.

Mr. Gapen says that his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gapen, are spending the winter in Los Angeles, California with two of their grandsons, Milton and Wesley Hyatt where the boys are attending school. Milton finishing his diesel engineering course and Wesley taking a business course.

STEPHEN DEVOE BETTER

Stephen Devoe, who has been confined to his home for the past two weeks suffering from pneumonia and complications which set in, is reported as somewhat improved. It is hoped he will soon be able to resume his usual activities.

VISIT OMAHA RELATIVES

From Friday's Daily— Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kriskey were guests yesterday and overnight at the home of relatives in Omaha.

ATTEND FUNERAL SERVICE

T. H. Pollock and Mrs. L. O. Minor were at Omaha Friday afternoon where they attended the funeral services for Henry P. Kerr, 70, an uncle of Mr. Pollock, he being a brother of the deceased, Mrs. Thomas Pollock.

Mr. Kerr was a son of Rev. James D. Kerr, former pastor of Clifton Hill Presbyterian church, of Omaha and for the past forty-three years has made his home in that city, being a contractor and until 1925 was connected with the Wolfe Electrical Co. Survivors: Wife, Emma; daughter, Mrs. F. M. Pilley, Buffalo, Wyo.; sons, H. Leonard and Ralph L. Kerr, Omaha; brother, J. M. Kerr, Porterville, Cal.; sister, Callista Kerr, Omaha.

Court Finds for Defendants in Stull Case

In the Matter of Ira Stull vs. Julia Stull Bethel, et al. Court Finds for Defendants.

The case of Ira Stull vs. Julia Stull Bethel, et al, tried some time ago in the district court, was decided by Judge W. W. Wilson Friday in favor of the defendants and sustained the validity of the will and deeds made by the deceased C. Lawrence Stull. Mr. Stull who died in the fall of 1936 had willed the seven younger children of his family the farming lands in this county as well as in Perkins county. The plaintiff, also a son of the deceased had sought to have the deeds set aside.

REACHES 91 YEARS

From Saturday's Daily— Today was the ninety-first birthday anniversary of Mrs. Martha Christwiser of this city, and who was able to fully enjoy the day as her health is excellent for her age and she is able to be around and enjoy the association of the many friends. Mrs. Christwiser was down in the business section of the city Friday afternoon to look after some business affairs and preparing for the observance of her anniversary.

Mrs. Christwiser is a widow of the late Bennett Christwiser and the family made their home near Nehawka on a farm for many years before moving to Plattsmouth where they purchased a home at Ninth and Pearl street and where Mrs. Christwiser still makes her home.

The many friends over the city and county will join in wishing for Mrs. Christwiser many more happy birthday anniversaries in the future years.

DIES AT BROWNVILLE

From Saturday's Daily— Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bridgewater and Mr. and Mrs. James Bridgewater, Jr., departed today for Brownville, Nebraska, where they were called by the death of E. F. Jeffers, 74, the only brother of Mrs. Bridgewater. He had been sick only a short time.

The funeral services are being held this afternoon at Brownville where the deceased has made his home for a great many years.

RETURN FROM INSTITUTE

Elmer Sundstrom, supervisor of the recreation activities for Cass county, with William Farney, Peter Gradoville and Anton Bajec, returned last evening from Wahoo. They have been in attendance at an institute held for recreational workers from several counties of the state. Many very fine speakers were present and a most interesting and instructive program was given.

HERE FROM WISCONSIN

Mr. and Mrs. John Wapp and daughter, of Viroqua, Wisconsin, are here to enjoy a visit with Mr. Wapp's aunt, Mrs. Anna Little and a cousin, Miss Marie E. Kaufmann.

VISITS AT WEST POINT

From Friday's Daily— James McKinney departed this morning for West Point, Nebraska, where he expects to spend a few days visiting with relatives and old friends in that section of the state.

Father-Son Banquet Held at Christian Church

Eighty of the Fathers and Sons of the Church Enjoy a Very Fine Program.

The fifth annual banquet of the Fathers and Sons of the Eight Mile Grove Christ Evangelical church was held at the church parlors on Thursday evening and enjoyed by some eighty of the men of the church.

The banquet was arranged by a committee composed of Clarence Meisinger, Earl Albert, Ed Meisinger, Philip Hennings and Fred Engelkemeier, and whose wives with the officers of the ladies aid society prepared the fine repast, the menu being as follows:

- Chicken Pie
- Mashed Potatoes
- Noodles - Celery
- Apple Salad
- Bread - Butter - Jelly
- Pumpkin Pie, Whipped Cream Coffee

The banquet was served by ten of the young men of the church in a most efficient manner.

The accompaniment for the group singing was furnished by E. H. Westcott of this city and was a much enjoyed feature of the evening.

Rev. A. Lentz, pastor of the church, served as the toastmaster and presented the various features of the program.

The male quartet of the church comprising Arthur Hill, Glen Kraeger, James Schafer and Rev. Lentz, gave several very much appreciated numbers.

Ross Nichols, popular Louisville musician, with his son gave a number of saxophone selections, Mrs. Gess being the accompanist for this feature.

August Peterleit and Rev. Lentz also were heard in two German songs that was very much enjoyed and well presented by the soloists.

Otto Schafer on behalf of the fathers, hosts of the evening, gave the welcome to the sons and in response Gerald Keil spoke for the sons.

The principal address of the evening was given by Principal Perry of the Louisville school, his subject being "A Letter of Introduction From Father to Son and From Son to Father." The speaker gave a very fine and inspirational talk on the beauty of the true relationship of the father and son and the need for their comradeship to secure the fullest of their life.

The attendance at the banquets is growing and the greatest enthusiasm shown each year at the approach of the banquet season to which all look forward.

Many interesting facts were developed at the gathering, John Urish being the oldest father, P. M. Meisinger, the second oldest; the father with the most sons was Otto Puls; the father with the largest family, Otto Schafer. Arthur Meisinger was awarded three honors, heaviest son, largest son and youngest father. Leonard Fornoff was awarded the honor of the best cornshucker.

DOINGS IN COUNTY COURT

From Friday's Daily— The county court was busy today in taking up several matters in the probate docket of the court and a number of visitors were here from out in the county.

A hearing was had in the estate of William A. Armstrong, deceased of Greenwood. Evan H. Armstrong, a son of the deceased and E. O. Miller of Ashland were here to attend the hearing.

In the estate of George A. Murdoch, of Nehawka, the hearing was attended by Mrs. G. A. Murdoch, Earl and Guy Murdoch and Miss Bessie Murdoch.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Edward Gabelman, who for several weeks has been in an Omaha hospital taking treatment for pneumonia and complications, was brought home Friday afternoon by Mr. Gabelman. The patient is still quite weak and will have to spend some time in recuperating from the effects of the illness.