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County Farm Bureau Holds Annual Meet

One Hundred and Fifty Attend Event
Reports Received From the Group Chairmen.

The twentieth annual Cass county Farm Bureau meeting, held in the auditorium of the Methodist church in Weeping Water, Saturday afternoon, was attended by about 150 people who came from all parts of the county.

The meeting was opened by the president, John B. Kaffenberger, of Plattsmouth, who mentioned the notable progress which has been made in the county along agricultural lines, and the changes which have been made in presenting the work, during the twenty year span that the Farm Bureau has been in existence in this county. He introduced J. M. Quackenbush, the agricultural agent, commenting upon the fact that since Mr. Quackenbush is leaving the county this was not only his initial address, but probably his last to such a group within the country.

The county rural women's chorus, under the leadership of Mrs. J. R. Reeder of Plattsmouth, won much well earned praise with the presentation of three numbers, "She Sleeps My Lady Sleeps," "Over the Summer Sea," and "Cheriberrin." This was the first public appearance of the group.

Mrs. Ray Norris, Weeping Water, Cass county delegate to the annual meeting of the State Farm Bureau Federation meeting at Organized Agriculture, gave a concise report, especially bringing out the highlights of the talk on "Germany's Political and Economic Expansion Down the Danube," given by Bracket Lewis who has spent the twenty years since the World war in Europe, and the last ten years of it in Czechoslovakia. She also touched on the address given by Niles Wallace on the topic, "As Rural Youth Sees the Future," and mentioned the address on "Better Schools for Rural America," given by Mrs. Glenn Hills, state winner in the public speaking contest sponsored by the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation and who is now in New Orleans to compete in the national contest.

The extension agents, Mr. Quackenbush and Jessie Baldwin, gave brief reports of the various activities carried on the past year by the Farm Bureau, following which they spoke a few words in recognition of the service and cooperation rendered by the 4-H club leaders and their assistants, and presented each with a pencil as a token of appreciation from the state and county offices.

4-H club boys and girls who had been declared county champions were next introduced and presented with medals donated by various commercial concerns interested in furthering 4-H club work. Master feeder certificates, won by livestock club members, and given by the Omaha Livestock Exchange, were also presented at this time.

H. G. Gould, assistant director of extension work, was the principal speaker on the program, discussing the extension outlook. He stressed the fact that the extension service is not just a state organization, but that everybody in the county had a part in putting across the educational program, and the results achieved are good or bad according to the degree of cooperation and interest shown by the people themselves. He stressed the importance of building a good 4-H club program and complimented the county on what has already been done along that line. He brought out the fact that while 4-H club folks are busy working on constructive activities they haven't time to think about crime or plan organized destruction such as that resulting from nations at war.

A short business meeting concluded the afternoon's program when the minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved and a financial statement was given.

Open house was held at the Farm Bureau office following the meeting, as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Quackenbush. In the receiving line with Mr. and Mrs. Quackenbush were Mr. Kaffenberger, president of the Farm

Bureau, Mrs. Ralph Keckler, county chairman of women's work, and H. G. Gould, assistant director of extension work. Miss Evelyn Wolph and Mrs. Everett Spangler invited the guests to help themselves to refreshments served from a table made attractive with centerpiece and appointments in keeping with the holiday season.

HOME FROM UNIVERSITY

Home from the University of Nebraska to spend their vacation here with their parents are Miss Mary Kathryn Wiles, Miss Alberta Timmas and Miss Rachel Robertson.

Knights Templar Select Don Seiver as Commander

Mt. Zion Commandery No. 5 Select Officers for Ensuing Year at Meeting Last Night.

From Tuesday's Daily—

Mt. Zion commandery No. 5, of the Knights Templar at their meeting last evening selected their elective officers for the ensuing year, the following being named:

Commander—Don Seiver.

Generalissimo—L. L. Horton.

Recorder—W. F. Evers.

Treasurer—Frank A. Clodt.

Captain General—L. L. McCarty.

The other officers will be appointed by the new commander and all will be installed at the session of the commandery on January 16th.

Following the election of officers the members enjoyed a very much appreciated luncheon.

HOLD IMPRESSIVE SERVICE

Candlelight vespers were celebrated Sunday at the First Presbyterian church at 5 o'clock with a very large congregation in attendance. The church had been attractively arranged for the event, two large trees with blue lighting making a pretty scene and four large candelabra through the church lent a pretty touch to the scene. Tall candles were in each window and with trimmings of green branches made a fine setting. A lighted star in the east of the church was an effective part of the decoration.

The choir entered the church bearing tapers and took their places in the organ loft.

The organ prelude was played by Mrs. H. F. Goos and who also accompanied the choir in their numbers, "The Joyful Morn," "Christmas," "While by My Sheep," and "The Shepherd's Story."

Miss Jean Knorr gave a most impressive organ solo and David Fowler a fine violin number, "Cavatina."

A vocal trio, Miss Florence Lamee, Mrs. Hilt Martin and Mrs. J. R. Reeder sang, "Bethlehem." Frank A. Clodt sang "O Holy Night" and John Jacobs "In Bethlehem."

The decorating of the church was in charge of Mrs. L. L. Wiles and Mrs. L. D. Hiatt with Floyd Shanholtz and J. E. Schutz assisting.

STOCK DIVIDEND CHECKS OUT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

The Plattsmouth Loan and Building association directors at their meeting Friday night declared a 4 per cent dividend on paid up stock and a 5 per cent dividend on installation stock. In order to make the money available before Christmas, dividend checks will be ready for distribution by tomorrow.

Reports made to the directors indicate a reserve in excess of 50 per cent, and the financial affairs in splendid shape. Loans have increased materially during the past year, the officers state.

The annual meeting of the association will be held Tuesday evening, January 3rd.

YOUNG PEOPLE WEDDED

Tuesday afternoon at the Presbyterian manse occurred the marriage of Vernon Gustav Harms of Auburn and Virginia Pearl Maxey of Brock. The marriage lines were read by Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church and witnessed by Mrs. McClusky and Mrs. Wiley Sigler.

Santa Claus has Royal Greeting Here Saturday

Some 1,400 Children Are on Hand to Greet Santa and to Receive a Treat.

The visit of Santa Claus to Plattsmouth Saturday brought out a very large crowd of the residents from all parts of Cass county, some 3,000 being estimated in the business section of the city as the visitation occurred shortly before 2 o'clock.

Santa made his arrival in true 1938 style via river navigation, landing at the Lewis, flagship of the fleet north of the dock and then was brought on into the city by the old fire truck, the first appearance of which brought on the greatest of enthusiasm from the large groups along the street.

Santa was met by the group of fifteen flag bearers, selected from the members of the drum and bugle corps and which made a most impressive sight. The Plattsmouth municipal band with its swinging marching tunes followed the flag bearers and preceded the good old Santa.

Santa in the ride up to the court house greeted the hundreds along the walks and on the court house lawn with waves of his hand in true Cass county style.

The parade took up the route from the court house north to Vine and west on Vine to Sixth, back to Main and then to the platform erected at Fifth street.

The guard of honor, composed of the little folks chosen from the schools of Cass county, met at the Hotel Plattsmouth and were then marched to the platform where they were present when Santa arrived. On the arrival of Santa Claus at the platform he was greeted by Mayor George Lushinsky, who presented the key to the city to the monarch of the Christmas joys, who accepted the honor. King Frank A. Clodt and Queen Martha Kaffenberger of the King Korn Karnival, were also present to greet Santa and extend their welcome.

Gifts to the honor guard were presented by the king and queen for the Ad club.

With the close of the ceremonies at the platform Santa and his escort moved east to the east room in the Journal building that had been prepared for his use. Here Santa greeted the youngsters and presented each one with a treat, some 1,400 being given away during the course of the afternoon. Many of the little folks stopped for a short chat with Santa and to tell their wishes.

The members of the police force department deserve much credit for their fine work in handling the crowds and keeping away from the congestion and danger of injury to the small children at least.

The announcing for the afternoon was in charge of Walter H. Smith, the official announcer of the Ad club.

TO CHRISTMAS AT ELMWOOD

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Reeder and twin daughters, are to enjoy the Christmas holiday at Elmwood where they will be guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams, parents of Mrs. Reeder. Miss Anna Williams, who is teaching music and English in the high school at Elida, New Mexico, is to be home also for the holiday season to make a pleasant family reunion.

HOME FOR VACATION

Miss Maxine Clodt, instructor in the high school at McCook, Nebraska, and Miss Frances Clodt, student at Stephens college at Columbia, Missouri, are expected home Thursday. They will remain over the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Clodt.

ATTEND MEETING

Mrs. Elmer Sundstrom and Miss Edith Solomon were at Nebraska City Tuesday evening, attending a meeting there to discuss the social security and unemployment problems. District representatives were present to explain the act.



Eastern Star Entertains at the Masonic Home

Fine Program Is Given Sunday Evening for Aged Residents of Home and Infirmary.

The members of the Nebraska Masonic Home family were given a most delightful pre-Christmas party on Sunday afternoon and early evening when officers of Home Chapter No. 189 Eastern Star, presented a large group of the talented Plattsmouth residents in songs, music and recitations.

Each of the officers had secured a part of the program and presented the parties to take part in the entertainment of the occasion.

Mrs. Floyd Becker, worthy matron of Home chapter presided. The program offered showed a fine array of talent and extensive numbers that were very much appreciated. The program was as follows:

Worthy Matron—Mrs. Floyd Becker.

Recitation—"Why Do Bells of Christmas Ring," Harlan Hennings.

Piano Solo—"Danube Waves Waltz," Harlan Hennings.

Vocal—"O Little Town of Bethlehem," Shirley Chamberlain.

Worthy Patron—John Janecek.

Vocal—"Cathedral of the Pines," Theresa Slatinsky, accompanist Helen Slatinsky on accordian.

Associate Matron—Mrs. W. F. Evers.

Violin solo—"Meditation," David Fowler.

Associate Patron—Luke L. Wiles.

Vocal Duet—"Silent Night," Frank A. Clodt, Elizabeth Sigley; accompanist, Mrs. L. S. Devoe.

Conductress—Mrs. William Seybold.

Welcome—George Minford.

Recitation—George Minford.

Associate Conductress—Marie Nolting.

Recitation—"My Puppy," Leland Meisinger.

Piano solo—"Jingle Bells."

Recitation—"One Square Meal," Wayne Meisinger.

Secretary—Clara Weyrich.

Vocal Solo—"Christmas Carol," Marjorie Devoe.

Treasurer—Mary Petersen.

Vocal Solo—"Star of the East," Mrs. John E. Schutz.

Chaplain—Mrs. George Lushinsky.

Vocal Solo—"A Bird Lullaby," Juanita Sigler.

Marshal—Mrs. Carl Schneider.

Recitation—Ronald Schneider.

Organist—Mrs. Henry Nolting.

Tap Dance—Donna Bea Seiver.

Ruth—Mrs. Earl Becker.

Vocal Solo—"A Gold Mine in the Sky," Mary Lou Becker.

Esther—Malinda Friedrich.

Quartette—"Silent Night," "O Loving Father," Schaefer Sisters.

Vocal Solo—"O Holy Night," Frank A. Clodt.

Electa—Mrs. Raymond Larson.

Recitation—"In Storage," Richard Duxbury.

Warder—Mrs. William Kraeger.

Piano Solo—"Mystery of the Deep," Sentinel—Henry Nolting.

Vocal Solo—"Star of My Blue Heaven," Robert Tritsch.

Boxes of candy were presented to everyone in the Home and the infirmary by Mrs. Floyd Becker in behalf of Home chapter, the treat being one that all enjoyed very much.

LOOKS OVER SITES HERE

J. W. McCann, of Valley and Omaha, well known grain and elevator man, was in the city this week to look over the sites near the local Missouri river dock that might be available for warehouse and elevator purposes. He was well pleased with the location and the promise of opening the way for grain shipments from this fertile section of the state.

CASS COUNTY GIRLS HONORED

LINCOLN—Miss Alberta Timmas, Plattsmouth, and Miss Ruth Ann Sheldon, Nebraska, were honored for high scholarship during their freshman year at the University of Nebraska at the recent honor convocation held at the college of agriculture. Miss Sheldon and Miss Timmas are now sophomores in the college of agriculture.

HERE FROM CALIFORNIA

From Tuesday's Daily—Don Bushnell of Burbank, California arrived here this morning to spend the Christmas holidays visiting with his mother, Mrs. G. O. Schwenneker and other relatives.

HERE FROM ST. PAUL

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Anderson, of St. Paul, Minn., are here to enjoy a visit over the Christmas holidays with the old friends and neighbors.

Phone news items to No. 6.

VISIT WITH INJURED SON

Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Vallery, who have been at Kearney, called by the severe injury of their son, William, returned home Saturday evening. They found William recovering very nicely from the effects of the severe accident that he suffered last Tuesday when his arm was torn off at the elbow and amputation made necessary. The lad is a mass of bruises from the waist up to his head and it is remarkable that he was not killed. It is expected that in a few days he can be moved from the Kearney hospital to the infirmary at the state industrial school.

Cities Want Rights Protected Before a Sale

Not Opposed to Purchase of Private Utilities by the Hydros Under Regulatory Safeguards

Much has been written regarding the requests telegraphed to Federal Power Commission in Washington from the League of Nebraska Municipalities meeting in Lincoln Sunday afternoon asking a postponement for two weeks in the time of hearing on the Iowa-Nebraska's application to sell its properties to the public power districts. Some of the newspaper reports have been very misleading, causing a feeling that the cities and their organization, the League of Municipalities, is opposed to the transaction.

Nothing could be further from the truth; for the cities interested are not concerned over who owns the properties, so long as the rights to control and regulate which they now hold over the private utility are not destroyed in the transaction, as they will most certainly be until agreements can be reached and corrective legislation passed by our state legislature, now about to convene.

The League and its interested member cities are only concerned over enjoying the continuation of these rights and believe they should be guaranteed BEFORE instead of after the deal has been made and the properties pass out of control.

To take a concrete example:

If service or rates in Plattsmouth are unsatisfactory the city holds condemnation rights over the private utility company and power to issue revenue bonds to take over the property on a vote of the citizens. That right should continue after the properties pass into the hands of the hydros, but under existing laws will cease to do so.

The hydros say they are willing to sell their "distribution system" to the cities, and be wholesalers only of current, but they fail to state if the valuation would be physical or subject to an added severance charge. The present law specifically prohibits the hydros from selling any property they acquire and until amended will continue to estop such a