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Eastern Star Installs Officers for the Year

Mrs. W. F. Evers Is New Worthy Matron—Mrs. Laughlin of Grand Island Installs.

Home chapter No. 185 of the Eastern Star held their installation of officers Tuesday evening at their lodge rooms in the Masonic building with an unusually large number of members and visiting Stars being here for the impressive ceremony. There were over 150 in attendance at the meeting.

Mrs. Laughlin, of Grand Island, past grand chaplain and representing the grand chapter, served as the installing officer with Mrs. Ralph M. Wiles, past worthy matron, as marshal and Mrs. J. E. Schutz as ceremonial chaplain.

The officers installed were: Worthy Matron—Mrs. William F. Evers. Associate Matron—Mrs. W. L. Seybolt, Murray. Worthy Patron—John Janacek. Associate Patron—L. L. Wiles. Conductress—Miss Marie Nolting. Associate Conductress—Mrs. Wiley Sigler.

Secretary—Miss Clara Weyrich. Treasurer—Miss Mary Petersen. Chaplain—Mrs. Geo. Lushinsky. Marshal—Mrs. H. P. Nolting. Organist—Mrs. R. O. Cole. Odah—Mrs. Carl Schneider. Ruth—Mrs. W. H. Kraeger. Esther—Mrs. L. S. Devoe. Martha—Mrs. Howard Wiles. Electa—Mrs. Edgar Meisinger. Warder—Mrs. Clara Janacek. Sentinel—Howard Wiles.

Several very beautiful gifts were presented to the incoming and outgoing officers following the installation. Mrs. Floyd Becker, retiring matron, received a fine leather traveling bag from her associate officers of 1938. Mrs. W. F. Evers, new matron, received a bouquet of chrysanthemums and the star points each received bouquets in colors symbolic of their offices.

Mrs. W. L. Seybolt made the presentation of the bouquet to Mrs. Evers and the other officers, while Mrs. Evers presented Mrs. Becker with her lovely gift.

Mrs. Evers also received a most delightful surprise from Mr. Evers when presented a beautifully prepared wooden casket which contained a gavel, the wood of which came from the farm of the Evers family and had been prepared by Mr. Evers. The gavel was ornamented with pearls for the Christian name of the recipient. It was truly a most appreciated token of a very happy occasion. The casket also contained a collection of dates marking important events in the life of Mrs. Evers.

The casket bore also the engraved plate with the name of Mrs. Evers.

HAMBURG HERE FRIDAY

The Platters will entertain the Hamburg (Iowa) basketball quintet on Friday night on the local court in what should be one of the features of the current season.

Both the first and second Hamburg teams will be here for two games, the junior starting at 7:15 and the first team game at 8:15.

As an added feature there will be a tap dancing specialty given between halves by Junior High girls with Miss Shirley Seiver as the accompanist for the dancers.

Hamburg has had a very fine record this year and played a fast game against the veteran Shenandoah quintet, rated one of the best in southwest Iowa. Hamburg was defeated by Nebraska City, but has shown well in their games against their Iowa opponents.

RETURN FROM MISSOURI

From Tuesday's Daily—Mrs. Fred Howland, Billy and Betty returned yesterday from West Plains, Mo., where they have been visiting during the holidays with Mrs. Howland's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gentry. On coming home New Year's day the train on which they were passengers was in a head-on collision with another train. None was seriously injured but quite well shaken up. The train with which they collided carried the Georgia Tech football team.

HERE FROM NORTH BEND

Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson, one of the early day settlers of the vicinity of North Bend and Fremont, arrived here Tuesday to visit for a short time at the home of her grandson, Andrew Robinson and family. She has been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Jake Thompson and family at Nebraska City, Mrs. Thompson bringing her to this city and later returning home. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson motored as far as Omaha today with the grandmother on her way home to North Bend.

L. E. Vroman, Old Resident, Dies Sunday

Stricken With a Heart Attack Sunday Morning He Dies in Evening at Home Here.

Sunday afternoon at 6:30 as the New Year's day was drawing to a close, L. E. Vroman, 76, a long time resident of the city and a veteran of the Burlington, passed away at the home in the south part of the city, where the family has made their home for many years.

Mr. Vroman has not been in the best of health for two years past but his condition was not serious until Sunday morning when he suffered a heart attack and from which he failed to rally and as evening came he peacefully passed away.

Mr. Vroman was born in DeKalb county, Illinois, and came to Nebraska in 1884, locating near Farnam, Nebraska, where he homesteaded and resided until in 1900 when with his family he came to Plattsmouth to locate. He entered the services of the Burlington railroad here shortly after locating here and was employed by the Burlington and the BREA at the shops here until his retirement three years ago.

The departed was a man who will be greatly missed in the community where he has long been a loved and honored figure and those of the family circle will miss his thoughtful and loving care that he has given through the long years. He has cared for and reared many of his grandchildren as well as his own children and for those he loved or was bound by ties of blood, no task was too great to undertake.

Mr. Vroman was active in civic affairs for many years and served many terms in the city council from the fifth ward, and of which body he was a watchful guardian of the welfare of the people of the community. He is survived by four sons and one daughter, Elton R. Vroman, Minidoke, Idaho; Allard Vroman, Gerber, California; Verdon Vroman, Chicago; Eugene and Winnie Vroman of this city. The mother and one son and one daughter have preceded him in death. There also survives four brothers, three sisters and a number of grandchildren.

HEAR FINE TALK ON BEES

The Rotarians at their meeting on Tuesday afternoon had a most instructive program offered them on a subject that is little known by the average layman, that of the bee and its product—honey.

Judge A. H. Duxbury had a four reel showing of the bee at its work and the many uses of honey and as well the many different varieties of bees that are to be found.

The pictures also showed the work at the laboratories where the products of the bees are handled and from the processes many foods and articles derived. The pictures were explained and gave a wonderful opportunity of the members of the party to see the various steps of the life of the useful and industrious bee.

The high school students who are to be members of Rotary for the month of January were presented, they being Stuart Sedlak, senior and Harley Cottingham, of Murray, the president of the county. Mrs. Seybert over the county will regret that she is not so well and trust that she may soon be able to show an improvement. Her sister, Mrs. Ruth Thomsen has been here to assist in her care for the past few weeks.

The films, "The History of the Honey Bee," was loaned for the occasion by the U. S. department of agriculture extension service.

Eveland Farm Near Elmwood is Swept by Fire

Farm Buildings Destroyed as Well as Grain and Large Tank of Gasoline Blown Up.

The G. R. Eveland farm, near Elmwood, one of the largest stock farms in Cass county, was swept by fire Monday that caused much damage and spread rapidly from building to building as well as exploding a large storage tank of gasoline that had just recently been filled. There was 500 gallons of gasoline in the tank as it exploded and was hurled high into the air by the force.

A crew of men was engaged in sawing wood on the farm. On returning from their noon-day lunch they found the wood shed afire. A strong wind caused the flames to spread despite the desperate battle that was waged by volunteer workers, and later by the Elmwood firemen.

During the forenoon exhaust from the engine had several times ignited the dry sawdust which was from trees long dead, the blaze being extinguished by the men promptly. It is presumed a smoldering fire in the sawdust was fanned into action during the noon hour and spread rapidly from building to building.

A large barn, one of the largest in that section of the county, a five thousand bushel elevator, a hog house, four thousand bushels of corn, a team of horses, 135 tons of hay and the five hundred gallons of gasoline were destroyed in the path of the flames.

Besides the horses, two brood sows were also burned. However, some 200 head of cattle under feed on the farm were driven from the feedlots nearby to a place of safety and escaped, so the livestock loss was not nearly as heavy as it might have been.

For a time it was even feared the house, some 200 feet away, might be destroyed, and but for the fact that the wind was in the opposite direction, it undoubtedly would have.

News of the fire spread rapidly and people came from miles around, an estimated several thousand visiting the scene during the afternoon and evening.

Some insurance was carried on the buildings but not nearly enough to replace them. Mr. Eveland had the barn and granaries well stocked with grain for carrying on his cattle fattening program, which has been interrupted, causing additional loss, as all agree it is steady rations that produce beef animals.

It is said the buildings will be replaced as quickly as possible.

HOLD IMPRESSIVE SERVICE

The First Methodist church Sunday was the scene of a very impressive observance of the communion service, held at 7 o'clock in the morning and which was the first service at this time that has been held by the church.

The communion table was arranged at the foot of the platform at the east of the church and with the twelve candles that represented the apostles made a very beautiful setting for the participation in the morning sacrifice.

Rev. J. C. Lowson gave the invitation to partake of the communion and during the celebration which was from 7 to 9 o'clock, there were a large number of members of the church to participate.

During the hours of the Eucharist there was soft music played on the organ that gave added beauty to the service.

MRS. SEYBERT ILL

Mrs. W. H. Seybert is quite ill at her home in the Fricke apartments where she has made her home for the past fall and winter, she having not been well for some weeks. The many friends of Mrs. Seybert over the county will regret that she is not so well and trust that she may soon be able to show an improvement. Her sister, Mrs. Ruth Thomsen has been here to assist in her care for the past few weeks.

VISIT RELATIVES HERE

Andy Graves of Bellevue and Alvin Graves of Omaha, old time ball players and former residents of the Rock Bluffs community, were in the city Sunday to visit with their relatives and the old time friends. The Graves' were among the best known baseball players in eastern Nebraska for many years and Andy a veteran pitcher who was able to set a fast pace for any of the teams in this state. While here they visited their uncle, Judge C. L. Graves, who also in his younger days was considerable of a baseball player himself.

Plattsmouth Loan - Building Ass'n Meeting

Report Shows Institution in the Very Best of Shape With Reserves of 47 Per Cent.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Plattsmouth Loan & Building association was held at the office of the treasurer, a large group of the stockholders being represented.

The reports of the secretary and auditors showed that the association has at this time reserves of forty-seven per cent, one of the largest in the state and representing the very strong condition of the local institution. The association also has adopted the direct reduction plan and which provides for the reduction of six per cent monthly.

The terms of M. D. Brown, John Lutz and E. J. Weyrich as directors were expiring and these were unanimously chosen for re-election to the post which they have so very ably filled.

The directors later elected the officers for the ensuing year, as follows:

President—C. A. Johnson. Vice-President—John Lutz. Secretary—E. P. Lutz. Treasurer—Fred T. Ramge.

The association is now paying five per cent on running stock and four per cent on the paid-up stock of the company.

ATTEND INSTALLATION

Monday evening Raymond C. Cook, deputy grand custodian of the A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, William A. Robertson, past grand master and William F. Evers, superintendent of the Nebraska Masonic Home, were at Weeping Water to attend the installation of the officers of Euclid lodge No. 97.

Mr. Cook served as the installing officer and Mr. Evers as the ceremonial marshal. Mr. Robertson spoke briefly following the installation on the work of the order.

The officers installed were: W. M.—C. E. Pool. S. W.—Gardner R. Binger. J. W.—Edwin Schulte. Treasurer—Dr. M. U. Thomas. Secretary—Chris Rasmussen. S. D.—Ralph Binger. J. D.—E. B. Taylor. Chaplain—Rev. George S. Hill. S. S.—Charles H. Gibson. J. S.—Floyd Cole. Tyler—Ray Haslam.

At the conclusion of the lodge session refreshments were served by the committee in charge.

RETURN FROM DENVER

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Kahoutek, who were at Denver for the holiday season, have returned to their home in this city. They were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kahoutek, the former brother of Mr. Kahoutek and also with their niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Williams. They found the weather very fine and during their stay the thermometer showed 75 one day and very balmy through that part of the west.

OPENING NEW OFFICES

J. A. Capwell, who is closing his term as county attorney Thursday, is preparing to open his law offices in the Gund building, just west of the court house and expects to be settled in the new location Thursday and ready to take up his practice. The offices are very nicely arranged and will make comfortable quarters and quite handy to the court house.

Mynard Club Has Interesting Travel Lecture

R. A. Kirkpatrick of Union Pacific Shows Views of the Great Natural Wonderlands.

Last Friday evening the members and friends of the Mynard Community club witnessed one of the most entertaining and instructive programs it has been their privilege to enjoy in the nearly twelve years of the club's continuous activities. This was an illustrated lecture, in natural color, given by one of the nation's outstanding lecturers and naturalists, R. A. Kirkpatrick, through the courtesy of Mr. Jecery, president of the Union Pacific railroad.

Arrangements for his appearance were made by Roy O. Cole, chairman of the program committee, who had contacted Mr. Kirkpatrick last summer for an appearance before their group and it was due to the fact that he, while en route from the east to California, found time to drive down from Omaha for this appearance and which, otherwise, he would not have been available for some time as his lectures have been in such demand over various sections of the United States that he is booked well into the year 1940.

Mr. Kirkpatrick chose for his subject the Utah-Arizona National Parks, including Zion, Bryce Canyon and Grand Canyon National Parks and the Kaibab national forest, which is truly the most colorful and magnificent natural scenery to be found in the North American continent, if not the whole world. He prefaced his pictures with vivid descriptions of the different geological formations which is typical of that section of the country and held his audience spellbound as he described some of the canyons whose walls rise almost perpendicular to heights of over 4000 feet and in the upper reaches of the canyon where the walls are so close they can be touched by the outstretched hands. In this narrow canyon it is so dark one can, in mid-day, see the stars in the sky through the narrow opening at the top, nearly a mile above, with the brilliancy of a clear moonless night.

Of particular interest was the fact that the present floor of the canyon was once the bottom of a sea as is evidenced by countless millions of fossilized sea shells and other crustacean animal life which lived hundreds of thousands or perhaps millions of years ago. Pictures showing the strata of the canyon walls prove that there were fourteen separate inundations of this territory which, before the dawn of history, was a vast sea and which covered it to a depth of nearly a mile. After each inundation vast forests grew and in turn were covered over and their present petrified trunks and limbs are but mute evidence of a great forest of the dim past.

It is almost beyond the possibilities of human perception to realize the magnitude of the erosive effect of water on the rock in cutting these enormous canyons. The speaker stated that this erosion was measured at Boulder dam and it was found that the river was carrying 330 tons of sand, on an average, for every minute of the four and a half years which the dam was under construction. This, going on for estimated millions of years, has cut a canyon twenty-eight miles wide, nearly a mile deep and hundreds of miles long. Dozens of natural color pictures were thrown on a large screen showing the wonderful colorings of rock formations which in places included every color of the spectrum and which, as his pictures showed, changed in color with the angle which the sun's rays struck it.

Of particular beauty were the magnificent colorings shown by the desert flowers, especially cacti, and their natural lifelike beauty brought home to the audience the marvelous advancement in color photography in recent years. Previous to the lecture a short business session was held by the club which was presided over by Glen Wiles, the outgoing president, and who expressed his appreciation for the cooperation his co-officers and various committees had given and

wished the new officers a happy and successful New Year.

The names of the club's officers for the coming year were read and are as follows: Royal Smith, president; Mrs. Nettie Mumm, vice-president; Mrs. Ogla Wiles, secretary; Arthur Wetenkamp, treasurer.

RETURN HOME

James Straw, who has been spending the holiday season with his cousins, Lester, Wilma and Katharine Reeves departed Monday for his home in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, by bus.

Funeral of Chester Renner Largely Attended

Hundreds Present to Pay Tribute to Young Man Killed in Accident at Hamburg, Missouri.

The funeral services for Chester Renner were held on Tuesday afternoon at the Sattler funeral home where was gathered a large group of the friends of the family and the associates of the departed young man. The chapel was filled to overflowing and large numbers gathered on the lawn to render their tribute of esteem and affection.

Rev. Paul Dick, pastor of the United Brethren church of Mynard, had charge of the services and brought to the members of the family a message of consolation in the grief that had come so suddenly to them and to the many friends.

During the services a quartet composed of Richard Spangler, Arthur Hild, Raymond Cook and Rev. Dick, gave two of the old and loved hymns, "In the Sweet Bye and Bye" and "Going Down the Valley One by One." The body was laid to rest in the family plot in Oak Hill cemetery, the pall-bearers being selected from among the old friends and associates.

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

From Tuesday's Daily—The board of county commissioners are holding their December meeting today at the court house and winding up the affairs of the county for the current year. The bonds of the newly elected and appointed officers are being approved and all made ready for the changes that will be made in the various offices on Thursday when the newly elected officers take over the duties of their positions.

In the changes that will be made is that of the retirement of Elmer Hallstrom of Avoca, who will leave his post of commissioner from the second district in which he has so excellently served, not having sought re-election.

Mr. Hallstrom was appointed to the commissionership at the time of the death of Commissioner Chapman and has proven a very valuable public official in every way. His long training in the banking and financial world has enabled him to give Cass county the very best of service in checking the business affairs of the county.

ARRIVAL OF MISS DAVIS

From Wednesday's Daily—The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Davis will be delighted to learn that they are the happy parents of a fine seven and a quarter pound daughter, Carol Ruth, born this morning at the Lincoln General hospital. Mrs. Davis and the daughter are both doing well and Mr. Davis is also feeling very fine. Both Mr. and Mrs. Davis have long been active in the training of little folks in the Sunday school and now have one in their own home to care for and train.

STUDENTS BACK TO WORK

The larger part of the Plattsmouth students who are engaged in university and college work departed Tuesday for their institutions of learning after the Christmas vacation. The students have had the opportunity of many pleasant visits with their families and old school friends in the vacation period and during the Christmas season many very enjoyable social events have been held.

County Officers to Start Terms on Thursday

Will Take Over Offices—Several Changes to Take Place in the Court House.

From Wednesday's Daily—Thursday will be inauguration day at the Cass county court house and several of the offices will have a new personnel after this date while others will go along as just another day in the routine of work.

County Clerk George R. Sayles has asked that the new-elected officials appear at their offices at 8 o'clock and ready to go and at 10 o'clock they are to repair to the office of the county commissioners where County Judge A. H. Duxbury will administer the oath of office.

The chief changes will be at the offices of the sheriff, register of deeds, surveyor, county attorney and county superintendent where new faces will be installed for the coming terms.

In the sheriff's office Joe Mrasek and E. J. Doody will take over the work of sheriff and deputy to replace Home and Cass Sylvester.

Ray F. Becker assumes the post of register of deeds and will have Miss Gertrude Vallery as his deputy, Miss Jillian White, register and Miss Georgia White, present occupants, retiring.

In the office of county superintendent of schools, Mrs. Lora Lloyd Kieck will take over the position of Miss Alpha C. Peterson, who has long held the office and who was not a candidate for re-election. Mrs. Kieck has not announced her office assistant.

Robert M. Mann will take over the work of Cass county surveyor from Robert H. Fitch, who has filled the position since the death of Fred Patterson.

County Clerk George R. Sayles, dean of the county officers, will remain at his post and serve the public in his usual efficient manner. No changes are to be made in the office force of Mrs. Blanche Hall and Albert Olson.

County Treasurer John E. Turner, who has made a very able official in handling the county funds, also remains at his post and retains his force of workers, Miss Ruth Patton, Henry Woster and Catherine Grosshans.

Walter H. Smith, popular young attorney, will take over the duties of the post of county attorney to succeed J. A. Capwell. He will retain Miss Mary Jane Mark as stenographer.

Clerk of the District Court C. E. Ledgway, also was one of the county officers returned unopposed to his post and with his efficiency will continue to handle his duties. Miss Helen Warner will continue as the deputy.

County Assessor W. H. Puls also is retaining his office in which he was unopposed and will continue to guide the affairs of the office as efficiently as in the past.

The board of county commissioners have a change in Ray Norris, well known resident of near Avoca, who will represent the second district and brings to the position a record of ability and efficiency in his work. Commissioner H. C. Backemeyer of the third district was re-elected and will continue to serve the people of Cass county and help guide the business affairs. Commissioner George L. Farley holds over and will not be re-inducted into office at this time.

CELEBRATE 25TH ANNIVERSARY

From Wednesday's Daily—At the home of the parents of the bride on January 4, 1914 occurred the marriage of Miss Leona Gibson to Mr. Thomas Cacy, a young salesman in one of the larger department stores of Kansas City. The newly married couple made their home in the big Missouri town for some years, after which they came to Nebraska and were located on a farm near Auburn for a number of years and later came to Cass county and have made their home here since. This couple, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cacy were quietly celebrating the 25th anniversary of their wedding here today. Please accept our congratulations and best wishes for many years of happiness.