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Presbyterian Ladies Hear a Fine Address

Mrs. Dan Dunham of Omaha, Synodical President, Here to Address Local Federation.

Wednesday afternoon the Woman's Federation of the Presbyterian church had the pleasure of a visit from the Nebraska Synodical president, Mrs. Dan Dunham of Omaha. At 12:15 luncheon was served in the Fellowship room of the church for the 26 officers of the Federation and Circles. This delicious two-course repast was served by Circle 4. Mrs. Duncan, the guest speaker of circle. Mrs. John Wolff had charge of the table arrangements. The valentine theme was featured; red roses, red hearts and candles made the tables most beautiful.

A conference following the luncheon was presided over by Mrs. H. G. McClusky, who with a few appropriate words opened and closed the conference. The questions asked by those present were answered by Mrs. Dunham in a most clear and concise manner, and the officers felt that they had received much help in their work from this round table discussion.

At 2:30 in the afternoon came the regular meeting of the Federation, Mrs. R. W. Knorr, president of the Federation presiding over the business session. Mrs. Wylie Sigler, spiritual life secretary, had charge of the devotional hour and presented a short dramatization entitled, "Hanging the Sign," in which Mrs. William Schmidtman, jr., had the leading part; Mrs. Luke Wiles, Mrs. Carl Schneider, Mrs. Carl Ofe, Mrs. Ernest Giles, Mrs. George Farley, Mrs. Hill Martin, and Mrs. H. G. McClusky aided in this part of the program.

A vocal duet was pleasingly rendered by Mrs. J. R. Reeder and Mrs. Martin.

Mrs. P. T. Heineman, missionary chairman of the Federation presided over the program hour, and called on Mrs. L. O. Minor, who is treasurer of the synodical board, to introduce Mrs. Dunham, the guest speaker of the afternoon.

Mrs. Dunham delighted her listeners as she related some of the highlights of the national meeting of the Presbyterian women held at Buck Hill Falls, Penn., last May. Then she brought the plan for work among all ages of the church. Mrs. Dunham possesses a charming personality, a splendid speaking voice, and a marvelous fund of knowledge of all the working plans of the church.

The local church is well organized for work in all the departments but one—the intermediate age group.

Circle 4 again served delightful refreshments for the large attendance present, and the tables again reflected the valentine theme.

RETURN FROM WEDDING TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Bronson H. Timm returned home Wednesday afternoon from a short wedding trip to Kansas City, Missouri, where they were guests of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Timm were married Monday evening and left at once for their trip and this is the first opportunity that the many friends have had of extending their well wishes to the young people. Mr. and Mrs. Timm are to make their home here.

SHOWS FINE IMPROVEMENT

Henry Goss, well known local merchant, is reported as showing the most favorable reaction from his recent operation and while he is still at the hospital at Omaha, his progress has been very fine. The operation, it is hoped, will result in his permanent recovery after a long period of ill health and that he can soon resume his usual activities.

HOUSE FOR SALE

My all modern 7-room home at 516 So. 1st street, Plattsmouth. As my work takes me out of town, will sell at a bargain. Must be seen to be appreciated. A. R. Johnson. 16-17w

WEDDED AT ST. JOHN'S PARSONAGE WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday afternoon at the St. John's parsonage in this city was held the religious, marriage service for Miss Gertrude Brink and Mr. Bronson H. Timm, whose civil wedding was held at Papillion Monday. The young people were attended by Miss Beatrice Arn and Mr. John A. Libershal, an uncle of the groom.

The marriage lines were read by the Rt. Rev. George Agius, pastor of the church.

Farm Sales are Among the Best in Recent Years

Auctioneer Rex Young Finds Prices Are Good and New High for Stock Is Shown.

The farm sales which are being held in this section of Nebraska are much better than in past years, Auctioneer Rex Young states, the veteran auctioneer finding much interest in the sales and a fine quality of stock and equipment offered at the sales.

A fine price for a team at the Sam Martin sale near Weeping Water, was \$300, one of the best that Mr. Young has found and the bidding was brisk in all of the stock offered.

The Marton Stone sale at Nehawka on Tuesday was one of the largest and at which over 1,000 persons were present to make their bids and participate in the sale. Cows at this sale topped at \$96 and bred gilts at \$21.50. So large was the attendance that the ladies aid that had arranged for the lunch was soon out of provisions and all available supplies used up in an attempt to satisfy the crowd.

The Harold Spangler sale near Louisville brought a top of \$107 for cows and in Sarpy county sales the average on the cows offered was \$92.50, an excellent price.

Mr. Young has but two open dates in his schedule between now and the first of March.

MCBRIDE WINS HONORS

Donald McBride of this city, who was entered in the Council Bluffs boxing tournament, made his first bow in the ring Wednesday night to annex the 112-pound title of the tournament. With but three entries in his class McBride was not able to appear in the earlier bouts and was to meet the winner in the finals. Last night he won the class honors in a clean cut battle that was his all of the way and won him the unanimous award. McBride was the only one of the Plattsmouth boys to emerge as winner in the finals of the district meeting. He won from Freddie Lanning of Council Bluffs.

Earl Wiles, fighting in the 147-pound class of the tournament, was out of the fight in the second round of his bout with Leonard Fleharty, of Red Oak, Iowa. In the opening round of the bout Wiles was able to land on his opponent several times but not with stopping punches and Fleharty kept boring in to the body of Wiles until in the second when the contest was stopped and Fleharty awarded the technical knockout. Wiles had been winner in his previous bouts in which he showed well.

ROTARY HAS QUIZ

The Rotary club at their weekly luncheon at the Hotel Plattsmouth, had a very interesting quiz as the feature of the program. Superintendent L. S. Devoe appeared as "Prof. Quiz" and with the assistance of several of the members of the club conducted a discussion of business ethics and with the questions and answers.

Stuart Sedlak, senior, and Harley Cottingham, junior of the high school, members of the club for January, gave their farewell talks and told of their reactions to the precepts of the Rotarians and the many interesting talks and meetings that they had enjoyed.

In the absence of President Arthur Troop, R. W. Knorr, vice-president, presided.

Meeting at Mynard to Back Club Program

Agricultural Committee of Chamber of Commerce Sponsors Event—Several Clubs Formed.

Friday evening at the Mynard community building a group of some seventy of the young people and their parents in this immediate vicinity gathered to discuss the formation of 4-H project clubs for the young people of the community.

The event was arranged through the agricultural committee of the local Chamber of Commerce of which George K. Hetrick, is the chairman, to see that increased interest is developed in the youth movement on the farms of Cass county.

R. N. Johnston, who is acting agricultural agent in Cass county and Miss Jessie Baldwin, home extension agent also of the County Farm Bureau office, were here from Weeping Water to assist in the meeting.

Mr. Johnston gave a very interesting talk on forestation work and the conservation of the soil, both of which are being urged by the government as a means of bettering the farm. This was followed with a great deal of interest.

The local Chamber of Commerce has urged the formation of the 4-H clubs and particularly of the baby beef, swine and bee clubs and great interest was shown in these.

H. A. Schneider of the Plattsmouth State bank, spoke briefly in urging the club work to develop better stock on the farm and increasing the output of the farm. This is a part of the program urged by the state banker's association and Mr. Schneider pointed to its importance as keeping the young people on the farm.

Mr. Hetrick also spoke urging the importance of the club work to the community as did J. Howard Davis, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

After the talks the young people met and organized a baby beef and dairy club, a forestry club, swine club, hobby club and a bee club. The interest was keen and the project leaders will be announced soon and the work started on the club program.

GIRLS IN SPELLING CONTEST

Plattsmouth eighth grade girls will enter the Cass county spelling contest. They will have two representatives, one for the written and one for the oral. Last week Miss Helene Perry, teacher of spelling, conducted a test and from the entire group selected eight girls who will receive three weeks' intensive training at the end of which time four will be selected to be the representatives and two alternates. Miss Perry pronounced 500 words taken from the most difficult group of the Eaton speller. The following were the winners in this test in the order of their rank: Lois Wolever, Mary Jean Hatt, Joan Tiekotter, Geraldine White, Donna Seiver, Rhoda Iles, Doris Lutz, and Nellie Rainey.

MAY RETURN SOON

The reports from the Methodist hospital at Omaha are to the effect that Mrs. E. H. Westcott, recovering from her recent operation, may soon be able to return home. Mrs. Westcott is now improving rapidly and it is thought that in a few days she may be able to come home and recuperate here from the effects of her illness and operation.

IN SERIOUS CONDITION

Charles Ellington, an old time resident of Cass county, is reported as being very seriously ill at his home in Omaha, where he has resided in recent years. Mr. Ellington is the last of his immediate family and has a large circle of friends who will regret to learn of his illness.

TO VISIT IN IOWA

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gobelman are departing for Sidney, Iowa where they will spend the week end at the home of Mrs. Gobelman's mother, Mrs. David Hiatt.

ATTEND MUSIC MEET

From Saturday's Daily—The Recreation Center music committee motored to Murdock last evening where they were participants in a school program given at 7:30 at the Murdock school building. The event was in the form of a district program and was the scene of a very large gathering.

Those present from this city were: Elmer Sundstrom, Peter Gradoville, and Anton Bajek.

Cass County Boy is First in Omaha Show

Lyman Rehmeier of Weeping Water Scores Top Honors in Western Fed Lamb Show.

First place in the second annual Western Lamb Show for 4-H club members, at Omaha last week, was won by Lyman Rehmeier, Weeping Water. Third place went to Stuart Mills of Murdock. Prizes and ribbons were awarded. Lyman receiving ten dollars and Stuart eight. Merritt Poillard, of Nehawka, who also exhibited, received three dollars in prize money.

These were the only Cass county boys enrolled in the Western Lamb Feeding project this winter and all three made a substantial profit. The lot of sixteen lambs bought last October 12 cost \$83.44. Thirty-five bushels and 4 pounds of corn cost \$15.75. 500 pounds of oats, \$4.40. 1000 lbs. of threshed alfalfa, \$4.00. barn rent, \$2.00, salt, 10 cents, making a total expense of \$110.71. The lambs sold for \$110.00 per hundred, bringing a profit of \$51.19.

Now is the time to organize a ewe and lamb club. The most profitable lambs come in February and the project should be gotten underway at once. The Farm Bureau will be glad to assist you in obtaining finance to purchase breeding stock.

ARREST DRUNKEN DRIVER

Sheriff Joe Mrasek and Deputy Sheriff Doody Wednesday afternoon noticed a driver leaving with a car from a parking space that gave evidence of having been indulging in the flowing bowl and the officers drove after the car and driver. With the car getting out onto the highway the driver started to lose control and narrowly missed colliding with other cars on the road and was then forced over to the side of the road by the sheriff and deputy and placed under arrest. The man and his companion, a lady, both gave their residence as Omaha. The man was arraigned in the county court on the charge of drunken driving and received a fine of \$50 and costs and also the loss of his driver's license. He was turned over to the custody of the sheriff to rest until the amount of the fine and costs was supplied. He later secured his release.

YOUNG SAILOR HERE

From Thursday's Daily—Joseph J. Chovanec of Great Lakes, Illinois, arrived in the city by plane today to be a visitor and guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chovanec, and his brothers, Vladis and Albin, and sister, Miss Lillian Chovanec. Mr. Chovanec had entered the United States navy last October and has been stationed at Great Lakes where he is undergoing his training period at the present time. The many friends and close associates of Mr. Chovanec will be glad to see him back again for a period of ten days.

TO TAKE MEDICAL TREATMENT

Rev. Joseph R. Sinkula, pastor of the Holy Rosary church, was taken to the St. Catherine's hospital where he was placed for treatment and observation for a throat ailment. Father Sinkula has been a sufferer from sinus for the past several years, which has caused him much suffering and discomfort.

Big Valentine Dance, Sat. Feb. 11th. Legion Bldg. Good Music. Adm. 25c.

Sketch of Life of Mrs. Vincent Pily, Junior

Young Woman Called by Death at the Full Prime of Life After Only Short Illness.

The death of Mrs. Vincent Pily, Jr., 36, at the St. Catherine's hospital Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock came as a great shock not only to the members of the family circle but to the many friends over the community where she had made her home for almost a lifetime.

Mrs. Pily was taken ill last Friday with what seemed to be a minor illness and it wasn't until late Saturday evening that she suffered a severe relapse and was rushed immediately to the St. Catherine's hospital where an operation was performed. In the past several days her case had been very critical and it was necessary to give her several blood transfusions, but despite all skill and loving hands could do she passed away to her last reward at the age of 36 years, 6 months, 26 days, leaving to mourn her passing, besides a large number of relatives, a host of friends and neighbors.

Helen Slavicek was born July 7, 1902 in this city and where her lifetime has been spent among the friends of childhood days. She was the eldest daughter of Mrs. Anna Slavicek and the late Mr. Frank Slavicek and had spent her entire lifetime in the west part of the city where Mrs. Pily was born and raised and where she had lived at the time of her death. Miss Slavicek was united in marriage to Mr. Vincent Pily, Jr. in 1925 at the Holy Rosary church. Following their marriage the couple lived at Lincoln for a short time, returning to Plattsmouth shortly afterward where they have resided since. Mr. Pily being engaged at work in Omaha.

Mrs. Pily was a lady of charming personality and had made a wide acquaintance among the residents of this community in the years that she has made this city her home, devoting herself to the care of her home. To know Helen was to love her and her going leaves a place hard to fill in the younger generation of life. The family circle was broken when the father, Mr. Frank Slavicek was called to rest in 1927 and for the first time sorrow had laid its hand upon the sunshine of the home.

During her residence here, Mrs. Pily was a devoted member of the Catholic faith. She was a long and faithful member of the Holy Rosary church where she was a prominent and active figure in its various societies and organizations. She was an active member of the Altar society and at the time of her death was a member of the Holy Rosary choir.

There is left to mourn the passing of this good woman the beloved husband, Vincent Pily, Jr., her mother, Mrs. Anna Slavicek; two sisters, Mrs. Agnes Uhlik of Peoria, Illinois and Miss Ruth Slavicek of this city, and one brother, Robert Slavicek of this city, as well as a host of friends and relatives.

The members of the family were at her bedside when death came.

CHANGE SCHOOL ARRANGEMENT

Because of the increase in the enrollment in the high school the general assembly at the close of the day has been eliminated. The general assembly was possible in the days when the high school had 225 to 250 students but with an enrollment of now with 387 the general assembly is practically an impossibility. Students now will return their books to either their home room or assembly and go directly from school. This eliminates difficulty in passing as the halls will not be as congested and the pupils will find it much easier to leave the building.

At the time the high school building was built it adequately accommodated the junior and senior high schools but from all indications the Plattsmouth high school will pass the 400 mark next year. Changes must be made to accommodate changing enrollment.

Want ads are read and almost invariably get results.

PREPARE FOR SPELLING CONTEST FEBRUARY 25

County Superintendent Lora Lloyd Kieck is busily arranging for the Cass county spelling contest which will be held at the district court room in this city on Saturday, February 25th. There will be two selected from each school that enters and these will compete here for the honor of representing the county at the contest in Omaha. At the Omaha contest the winners will be eligible for the interstate contest.

Aged Couple Says Intimidated into Signing

Suit to Quiet Title Filed in the District Court Against Loup River Public Power District.

From Saturday's Daily—In the district court today an action entitled Chris Parkening, et al vs. the Loup River Public Power District, was filed and in which the plaintiffs seek to have the lease held by the defendant declared null and void.

The petition of the plaintiff alleges that the plaintiffs, Chris and Bertha Parkening were visited by O. G. Clark, claiming to be representing the defendant public power district. That by reason of alleged threats and intimidations the plaintiffs claim that they signed a lease for a transmission line through their farm property in Cass county. It is further claimed that the signing of the lease was against the desire and free will of the plaintiffs and that the representative of the company know at the time that the act was an involuntary one on the part of the plaintiffs.

The court is asked to set aside the lease and grant for the construction of the right of way for the transmission line and declare the same null and void. It is alleged that the lease now stands as a cloud on the title of the property of the plaintiffs.

JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

The Junior high school is continuing to find their major interest in basketball. On Wednesday they had four thrillers with the combination of Larson, Highfield, White, Steppat, and McMaken, winning the first decisive victory over Jacobs, Rice, Traudt, Dashner, and Richards by 8 to 2. In the finals this same combination defeated Cotner, Evers, Brizendine, Grassman, and Blunt 13 to 2.

DAUGHTER TO WINTERS

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Winters are the proud parents of a baby girl born to them on Tuesday morning at their home on Main street. Mr. and Mrs. Winters live in what was formerly known as the Bach apartments. The mother and little daughter are getting along very nicely, and the event has brought a great deal of happiness to the members of the family.

RETURN FROM FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Palmer returned home Thursday from Afton, Iowa, where they were called by the death of Mr. Palmer's father. Returning with them were Mrs. W. J. Bennett, mother of Mrs. Palmer, of Davis City, Iowa, and J. E. Palmer, Mr. Palmer's brother, of Augusta, Kansas who are to remain here at the Palmer home for a short visit.

MRS. GODWIN ILL

Mrs. E. M. Godwin, well known resident of the south part of the city, is confined to her home as the result of a stroke that she suffered on Thursday. Mrs. Godwin is doing as well as possible under the circumstances but is kept under constant care.

SUFFERS FROM GRIPPE

Charles Troop, old time resident of this city, is quite poorly at his home on Chicago avenue, suffering from an attack of flu and grippe.

Await Opinion on the Louisville Bridge Purchase

Committee Seeks Opinion of Attorney General as to Right to Vote Gas Funds for Purchase.

The matter of making the Louisville bridge over the Platte river, the only toll bridge in the state, free of toll by its purchase by the state, occupied the attention of the appropriations committee of the legislature last week.

This bridge is the last of the toll bridges in the state and the demand for it being made free of toll has been growing in recent years and now seems to be in a very favorable position for action.

Built under the provisions of the Hughes-Davis bill which also allowed the building of the Plattsmouth Platte river bridge, the Louisville structure was built by a private company of the residents of that community. It was then possible for the department of highways to pay half the bridge purchase price, Cass and Sarpy counties to collect the other half through tolls.

The bill, house roll No. 100, was introduced by Fred Carsten, Avoca; Frank Sorrell, Syracuse and Emil Brodecky and Ernest Adams of Omaha, and would appropriate \$63,000 of gasoline tax money to pay the balance of the cost of the purchase of the structure and make the bridge free of toll.

The committee decided to seek the legal ruling, Chairman Brady said, "because it looks like the agreement specifies that gasoline taxes should not be used to pay off the balance."

May Be Illegal. "We certainly don't want to proceed illegally," Brady asserted.

A. T. Lobdell, chief of the state bridge bureau, said he believed it would be illegal to appropriate gasoline tax funds for that purpose in view of the agreement.

Fred Mueller, committee member, raised the question whether it would "be setting a bad precedent to appropriate money like this, when other Platte river bridges have been built with the affected counties and the state co-operating."

Proponents of the measure said they understood Sarpy county was unwilling to help finance the bridge "because it is already spending more money on bridges than for anything else." It was pointed out the county is surrounded by streams on three sides.

Principal arguments presented for the bill:

Tolls have cut down traffic to such an extent that it would take 28 years to make the bridge free.

Highway 50 will be deprived of improvement or maintenance until the bridge tolls are removed.

Called Black Spot. Transportation of livestock by trucks into the South Omaha markets is impaired.

The bridge is the "only black spot on Nebraska's white spot;" it is the only inland toll span in Nebraska.

The tolls are 40 cents for round trip and 25 cents one way.

Speakers included J. B. Watkins, Gerald Collins, Charles Metzger, and Allan Hupp, all of Omaha; Ralph Nickerson, Papillion; A. R. Stander, M. A. Funke, Louisville; William Joyce, Weeping Water; Elmer Hallstrom, Avoca; and W. E. Banning, Union.

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS

In the county court Friday James Scott Heslop was arraigned on the charge of stealing an automobile, the property of Charles Atteberry from the streets of Union and to which he entered a plea of guilty. The court after hearing the facts in the case and considering the youth of the defendant gave a sentence in the state industrial school at Kearney. The young man was taken to Kearney this afternoon to start serving his sentence.

In the case of Everett Brinton, charged with petty larceny, the court after hearing the evidence and the representations of a number of the residents of Elmwood, entered the order paroling the young man during the time of his good behavior.