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Large Number Attend Credit Bureau Dinner

Held at Hotel Plattsmouth With Dana Cole, Past President of Lincoln C. of C. Speaker.

Wednesday evening the Plattsmouth Credit Bureau celebrated its one-year anniversary with a dinner and program in Hotel Plattsmouth. In spite of rather cold weather and conflicting dates, 84 people attended. This speaks well for the recognition which is given the credit bureau in this community and augurs well for the future.

Lincoln sent a delegation of 20 in a special chartered bus. Fifteen came from Nebraska City to help the celebration.

After a fine dinner, Fred Busch, president of the Ad club and chairman of the credit bureau committee, acted as toastmaster. Mayor George Lushinsky welcomed in behalf of the city. J. Howard Davis, president of the senior Chamber of Commerce also welcomed the guests. Vincent Kelley, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce also expressed his appreciation to the guests. Mr. Busch stated that while Nebraska City might be the "home office," Plattsmouth was the main office.

The meeting was then turned over to Max Meyer, secretary of the Lincoln Credit Bureau who introduced the following: H. S. Oxley, president of the Retail Credit association, and J. H. Owens, past president; H. R. Amos, president of the sixth district, R. C. A. who briefly outlined the Sixth District R. C. A. conference to be held in Lincoln February 19, 20 and 21 and invited the credit grantors to attend.

The main speaker of the evening was Dana Cole, immediate past president of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce who spoke on the "New Deal in Business." He emphasized that there are four phases of business, production, marketing and selling, management and public relations. He placed special emphasis on the last point pointing out that business concerns everyone, the laborer as well as the capitalist. It is essential to consider all the phases of business relationship and community cooperation in order to promote the welfare and best interest of the country. Real wages are twice as high in United States as in Europe and can only be maintained in proportion as capital can continue to produce.

Taxes can only be reduced if we the people determine to do more for ourselves instead of asking the government to do it for us. Whatever the government does for us must be paid by taxes.

Agriculture should consider wealth in terms of goods and not in terms of dollars. If we subsidize any industry, it is axiomatic that the subsidy must be paid by taxes.

Politics, irrespective of parties, must be based on honesty and not on propaganda in order that the public may be conversant with all the phases of government relationship. Government expenditure should ultimately retire the debts or taxes will have to be increased in order to pay them.

In answering the question, "What Should We Do About It?" Mr. Cole stressed five points: First, encourage leadership in business, rewarding achievement and not penalizing it. Insist on complete separation of politics and business. Second, insist on complete separation of politics and economics. Keep improper civil functions in the hands of government leaders and economic questions in the hands of business leaders. Third, promote greater efficiency in government and business by discouraging either politicians or business men from assuming responsibilities beyond their capacity. Fourth, remove restraints from personal liberties that we may foster competition in all activities and advance living standards, both physical and cultural, in the traditional way. Fifth, cultivate a broader attitude on the part of leaders both government and business toward their responsibility at large.

Following the talk, a credit skit was staged. H. R. Amos, credit manager of McGee's acted as credit manager; Mrs. Thomsen, the credit bureau operator; J. L. Owens and Ted Barger as credit applicants. The purpose of the skit was to show how a credit bureau operates in securing information and how it aids the merchants in knowing whether or not to extend credit. It specifically showed how a person whose credit record in one location was not good will be unable to secure credit in some other town where there is an active credit bureau.

Death of Carl Kopsichka, an Old Resident

Dies at Home on Wintersteen Hill This Afternoon After Illness From Pneumonia.

From Friday's Daily— This afternoon shortly after 1 o'clock Carl Kopsichka, Sr., 73, passed away at the family home on Wintersteen hill where he has been very gravely ill for the past few days as the result of an attack of pneumonia. He has in the past few years been in very poor health.

Mr. Kopsichka was a native of Germany and came to the United States when 18 years of age and located at Plattsmouth where he has since made his home.

Locating in this city Mr. Kopsichka was for a period of some thirty-five years employed by the Burlington in the local shops and was a man very highly esteemed by his associates in the many years of life here. He was married here on December 16, 1893 to Miss Elizabeth Grebe, who with five children survives his passing. The children are Carl, Jr., of Portland, Oregon; Louis, of this city; Mrs. Leon Marshall, El Paso, Texas; Mrs. Gretchen Simons, of this city; Mrs. Don E. Norman, of Cut Bank, Montana.

DOINGS IN COUNTY COURT

Application was made for the admission of the will of Rasabelle Ferguson, deceased, of Elmwood, Guy L. Clements was named in the instrument as executor and the same approved.

In the matter of the guardianship of Rachel Pell, resignation of P. F. Rihn was received and accepted. Appointment of a successor was taken under advisement by the court.

In the estate of James Forbes, deceased, of Elmwood, a hearing was had on probate of the estate and Guy L. Clement, named as the administrator.

Hearing was had on the application for the administration of the estate of William T. Richardson, deceased. The appointment of Mrs. W. T. Richardson as administratrix was made by the court.

In the estate of Charles F. Reichart, deceased, of Louisville, the appointment of Frank F. Ross, as special administrator, was made.

Petition was made for the probate of the estate of William H. Leeley, deceased, of Greenwood.

LOSES DECISION

Donald McBride, Plattsmouth fighter, was outscored by 21-year-old Francis Farrell of Schuyler, by a narrow margin in a 3-round bout at the Omaha Golden Gloves contest Wednesday night.

McBride, whose rugged, aggressive style corroborates our boast that he has engaged in very few bouts in his short career.

He was so stubborn, willing and courageous, however, that few in the crowd of almost 3,500 were bored with the proceedings.

During the entire bout, the Plattsmouth boy set the pace, but was unable to outbox his more experienced opponent.

FRANK LUSHINSKY.

TO VISIT AILING FATHER

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Geis of McCook arrived in Plattsmouth Friday morning to be here with Mr. Geis' father, Fred Geis who is quite ill at the Clarkson hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Geis are expected to be here for some time visiting the many friends and relatives in and around this city.

Passing of Pioneer Resident of the State

Charles A. Harvey Dies at Home of Daughter Here Early Today— Long Time in State.

From Saturday's Daily— Charles A. Harvey, 89, one of the early settlers of Nebraska, died this morning shortly before 6 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Meisinger, Jr., with whom he has made his home for some time. He had been very seriously ill for the past few days and with his advanced years the end was not unexpected.

Mr. Harvey has spent practically a lifetime in the state of Nebraska, and his life was one of activity and hard work in keeping with the spirit of the pioneer days. He was engaged as a youth in freighting by team across the states of Iowa and Nebraska and had many thrilling experiences that he well recalled in his later years, stories of the then wild country which was gradually being settled.

Mr. Harvey was located in Nebraska near Seward where he farmed for a great many years until some forty years ago when with his family he moved to Plattsmouth and has since resided here the greater part of the time, altho in recent years he has lived with children at other points a part of the time.

Mr. Harvey was twice married, the first wife dying in 1882 and his second wife here in 1924. He is survived by four daughters and two sons, Mrs. Percy Beins, Beaver City, Nebraska; Mrs. John Meisinger, Jr., of this city; Mrs. Eva Ledbetter, Helca Park, California; Mrs. Rosanna Goodman, Downey, California; Allan Harvey, Denver; Oliver M. Harvey, South Gate, California.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Sattler funeral home at Fourth and Vine streets. Rev. H. G. McClusky will conduct the services.

PAY TRIBUTE TO HARRIET CASE

From Saturday's Daily— The Plattsmouth debate squad, entered in the Doane college invitation tournament yesterday and today, canceled its trip due to death of Harriet Case, one of the members. Today, at the hour when Miss Case's funeral was being held, the Lincoln debaters and their coach, Garold Kvasnicka sent a telegram from Crete to the Plattsmouth debaters and their coach, Milo Price, reading:

"Simply we pay tribute to an intelligent, honorable debater, Miss Harriet Case."

The deceased young lady was one of the leading debaters of southeastern Nebraska and won the admiration and respect of all against whom she contended for points by her capable, yet unobtrusive style of argument. Her loss will be keenly felt, not only in Plattsmouth high school, but among the debaters of Nebraska, and the tribute paid her by Lincoln debaters is sincerely appreciated.

MAKES FINE RECORD

Miss Jean Knorr, the honor student of the Plattsmouth high school for the class of 1938, is making a superior record in her work at Lindenwood College at St. Louis, Missouri. Miss Knorr is carrying courses in theory, organ, English composition, choir, piano, physical education, and European history. In all of her grades she was far above the average of the class and received her outstanding grades in English composition, theory of music, and European history. St. Charles is a girl's college located near St. Louis, Mo.

VISITING OLD FRIENDS

From Saturday's Daily— Erl Teepel, of Alexandria, Virginia, was in the city for a few hours today to visit with old friends and to look after business affairs with C. R. Olson, storekeeper of the BREX shops in this city. Mr. Teepel is the lumber inspector for the company and is visiting their various shops over the country.

VERY HAPPY EVENT

Friday shortly after noon, a fine little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Livingston at the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha. The happy event has brought much pleasure to the father and little brother, Tommy, as well as the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Livingston and Mrs. Ed Ulrich. The arrival of the little one was on the birthday anniversary of her grandmother, Mrs. Ulrich.

Platters to Meet West Point in Dist. Tourney

In Fremont Tournament to Start February 28, Locals Secure Bye for First Round.

From Friday's Daily— Coach B. A. Hoffman of the Plattsmouth high school was at Fremont last evening to attend the meeting of the coaches of the teams participating in the Fremont district tournament and make the drawings and assignments for the opening rounds of the tourney.

The tournament will open on Tuesday, February 28th and the finals be held on Friday night, March 3rd, it was decided at the meeting held by the coaches and Hamilton Mitten, the director of the event.

In the assignments for the first round Plattsmouth was assigned a bye and will not play until the second round games when they will meet West Point, one of the strong teams, who also drew a bye for the opener.

The officials for the district meet will be Frank Knapple, of Omaha Central and Harvey Grace of Omaha. Both of these officials are well known here where they have officiated several times.

The first round assignments are as follows:

- Upper Bracket
- Plattsmouth vs. Bye.
- West Point vs. Bye.
- Ashland vs. Bye.
- Oakland vs. Columbus.
- Lower Bracket
- Wahoo vs. Tekamah.
- Schuyler vs. Bye.
- Blair vs. Bye.
- David City vs. Fremont.

It is expected that the first games of the tournament will start at 6 p. m., but this was not definitely decided upon by the tournament director.

AN APPRECIATION

We, the teacher and pupils of Eight Mile Grove school, Dist. No. 25, wish to thank our many kind friends for their loyal support in making it possible for us to win the fourth weekly prize in the rural school contest. — Nellie Carlson, teacher; Marian Baker, Charles Beverage, Raymond Beverage, Ruth Beverage, Ruth Ann Blotzer, Deloris Hild, Ralph Hild, Robert Leonard, Richard Novak, Andrew Ruffner, Henry Safarik, Francis Safarik, Marcel Vinduska. d&w

SECURE MARRIAGE LICENSE

The report of the marriage license bureau of the office of the county judge of Douglas county, states that marriage license was issued there Friday to Lee G. Worden and P. Madge Keck, both of Des Moines, Iowa. The bride is a former resident of this city but has been engaged at Des Moines for the past several months.

NEW GRANDDAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schlichtemeier are very happy over the fact that they are grandparents of a fine little girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Koch of West Bend Iowa. Mr. Koch is the editor and publisher of the Journal at West Bend. All are reported as doing very nicely.

VISITS AT HOSPITAL

Mott Frady was in Omaha Thursday evening where he spent a short time visiting with his wife at the Clarkson hospital where she is recovering from an operation. She is showing excellent improvement.

Phone news items to No. 5.

Funeral of Harriet Case is Held Today

St. John's Church Filled as Community Shares Grief of Taking Away of Talented Girl.

From Saturday's Daily— This morning at the St. John's Catholic church was held last rites for Harriet Case, popular young woman and the president of the senior class of the Plattsmouth high school, whose death on Thursday had brought a great grief to the entire community.

Friends from the schools, members of her class and the friends of the family early filled the church to pay their last tributes of love and respect to their friend, taken from life while yet in the first glow of her young womanhood.

The requiem high mass of the church was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Monsignor George Agius, pastor of the church and the spiritual adviser of the departed in the years that she has been a communicant. The junior choir of the church assisted in the observance of the mass.

In the remarks of the pastor a tribute was paid to the memory of the departed young girl whose life had been one of activity in her church and school work, her deep devotion to the members of the family where she had been a loving daughter and sister to her loved ones.

The pall bearers for the funeral here were from the young men of the senior class, they comprising John Bestor, Homer Barton of the high school debate team of which the deceased was a member, Ronald Rebal, Robert Hayes, Stuart Sedak and William Armstrong.

Following the services here the body was borne to Lenox, Iowa, for the final rest in the Catholic cemetery at that place and where rests the mother who preceded her in death.

SLIPPERY ROADS CAUSE ACCIDENT THURSDAY

Deputy Sheriff Emery Doody was called Thursday afternoon to the scene of an auto accident eight miles south of this city on highway No. 75. It was found that a car belonging to Delmar Skon and driven by Mrs. Skon as well as a truck driven by R. S. Baldwin, of Hamburg, Iowa, had turned over and at the time of the accident both vehicles were on a rather slippery section of the road and in attempting to avoid an accident both had skidded into each other and overturned.

Mr. and Mrs. Skon were en route from Kelly Field, Texas to Selfridge Field, Michigan, where Mr. Skon is to be attached to the U. S. air force there. The parties fortunately escaped injury and were able to continue on their way.

CITY WORKER INJURED

John Kubicka, member of the city street department force, was struck by an automobile Friday afternoon while working on the intersection at Sixth and Vine streets. Mr. Kubicka was cleaning the crossing when a car driven by a Weeping Water man came along and on the slippery street the car struck the workman and hurled him to the snowy and icy paving. The car was going at a very slow rate of speed fortunately. The injured man was taken to the office of Dr. L. S. Pucelik, city physician and it was found that there were no broken bones altho the victim of the accident was bruised very much.

SUFFERS HEART ATTACK

Mrs. Albert Wetenkamp is quite ill at her home west of Mynard where she is suffering from the effects of a heart attack she suffered a few days ago. Her condition is such that she will have to remain bedfast for a few days, retiring from her usual active household tasks.

ATTEND HARWARE CONVENTION

Jess Wurga and William Swatek were in Omaha Thursday where they attended the state hardware dealers' convention which was held there.

EXAMINATION DATE SET

Applicants for the position of postmaster have been notified of the date set for the examination, Saturday, February 25. Due to insufficient room to accommodate the more than a dozen in the civil service examination room in the basement of the post office building, the test will be given in the council chamber room at the city hall, where individual desks are available.

Death of Mrs. Z. W. Shrader at Nehawka Home

One of the Very Early Settlers of That Portion of Cass County Dies at 85 Years.

The death of Mrs. Z. W. Shrader, 85, occurred Friday at Nehawka where she has been making her home and cared for by her daughter, Mrs. Dick Christwiser, in the last few years. Mrs. Shrader was one of the early residents of Cass county and the span of her lifetime is filled with the development of the county from small and isolated farms to a populous and successful county.

Rachel Murray, daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth Murray, was born in Jackson county, Missouri on April 10, 1853, and when a small child was brought by her parents to Mills county, Iowa, they later coming to Cass county and settling at Rock Bluffs where the family located and engaged in farming.

On February 2, 1871, she was married to Z. W. Shrader, member of another of the pioneer families and they at once started housekeeping on the farm and were very successful in their work and number among the best known and highly respected residents of the county. Mr. Shrader preceded his wife in death several years ago.

SHERIFF RECEIVES PRAISE

It is seldom that an officer of the law receives much commendation for their services and Sheriff Joe Mrasek is feeling much pleased over the letter given below from Father Flanagan's Home, relative to the boy that was picked up here and cared for during an attack of pneumonia:

Mr. Jos. Mrasek, Sheriff Cass County, Plattsmouth, Nebraska. My Dear Sheriff:

We are in receipt of your letter of February 14th, and wish to thank you most sincerely for writing. However, the day after posting our last letter to you, we heard from Mrs. Gates, and we were glad to know that he had safely returned home.

We are very grateful to you for the wonderful kindness and courtesy extended to Wilton Gates in his hour of need and it is coming in contact with such kind people as yourself that gives us the encouragement needed to continue on in our work here at Boys Town. We feel sure that the time Wilton spent under your care has proven to be a valuable experience to him and has made him think and has accomplished more with him than we were able to do ourselves.

Thanking you again and assuring you that we are very grateful to you and your fine community, we are most sincerely yours.

FATHER FLANAGAN'S BOYS' HOME, WELFARE DEPT.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Miss Ethel Vignery, of Concordia, Kansas, who has been here at the home of her sister, Mrs. George K. Hetrick, was operated on Thursday at the St. Joseph hospital at Omaha. She is reported as having stood the operation in excellent shape and it is hoped will continue to improve.

MRS. HIBER IMPROVING

Mrs. John Hiber, Sr., who has been confined to her bed from the effects of an attack of rheumatism, is showing the necessary improvement hoped for. She is able to be out of bed and is up and around, caring for the small tasks about her home.

TO HOLD COURT HERE

Judge W. W. Wilson will be here on Friday, February 24th for a session of district court, word received here by Clerk of the District Court C. E. Ledgway states.

No Group More Opposed to War than Service Men

But, Should It Come, We Want Our Nation Prepared for It, 'Cap.' Gayer Tells Auxiliary.

From Saturday's Daily— Failure of members residing in the country to get in for yesterday's American Legion Auxiliary meeting, cut down the attendance considerably. The meeting was held at the H. L. Gayer home on Chicago avenue. Assistant hostesses were Mrs. Edgar Creamer, Mrs. Rozinna Ripple and Miss Mathilda Soennichsen.

At the business session various routine reports were rendered. The membership committee reported 59 now enrolled for 1939. A leatherette case for the new unit colors was approved. The flag and banner are to be taken to the state conference at Grand Island next Tuesday by District President Mrs. Nutzman to show other units what can be done in making a stand of colors at a mere fraction of the cost if bought from commercial manufacturers.

There was some discussion of an early spring get-together meeting of the Legion and Auxiliary, but the date and definite arrangements will be left to the March meeting to decide.

After the business meeting, a program was given. Mrs. Robert Reed favored the members with three piano selections and Mr. Gayer addressed the group on "Americanism and National Defense," the theme for February Auxiliary meetings throughout the nation. Mr. Gayer spoke of the Universal Service bill now before congress that would prepare the nation for any emergency that might arise. "No group of citizens desire continued peace for our nation more than the ex-service men themselves," he said, "but should war ever come we desire to see America better prepared to meet it than back in 1917, when months were required to set in motion the program that would immediately become the law of the land should such an emergency again arise." Mr. Gayer pointed out that many lives were needlessly sacrificed and much economic waste resulted for lack of just such a plan as this when our country joined the Allied nations in war against the Central Powers of Europe in 1917.

"Our best security against repetition of the wastes of war lies in teaching our children the costly lessons that we as the then young generation had to learn back in 1917-18," he said in conclusion.

Mrs. Roy Knorr, Auxiliary Americanism chairman and Mrs. Gayer, National Defense chairman, arranged the program. Bridge and pinochle were played after the program. Mrs. Robert Cappell won high score in bridge and Mrs. R. T. Cuthrell in pinochle. Each received a beautiful potted plant as a prize, from the large assortment that decorated the home of the hostesses.

Delicious refreshments of cake, topped with cherries and whipped cream, coffee and mints were served to bring to a close this most enjoyable meeting.

March meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. L. S. Devoe.

HOME FROM CALIFORNIA

Mrs. C. L. Wiles has just returned from Long Beach, California where she has been visiting for the past six weeks.

Mrs. Wiles had gone to be with her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Grosshans while Mr. Grosshans was recovering from a compound fracture of the leg, at Golden State hospital in Los Angeles. Mrs. Wiles states that Thomas has returned to his home in Long Beach, and is able to walk with the use of a cane, and is feeling fine.

While in California, Mrs. Wiles enjoyed the mild winter weather, which she says reminded her of spring weather in Nebraska. Upon her return home, she was greeted with a beautiful falling snow, which she enjoyed greatly, it being a contrast to the weather on the western coast.