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Beautification of Rural School Grounds Urged

Program Launched to Cover All of the School of County—Letter Tells of Fine Results.

Mrs. William Schmidtman, Jr., chairman of the junior department of the local garden club has been, with the kind help and assistance of Mrs. Lord Lloyd Kieck, county superintendent of schools, visiting the various rural schools of the county and has had the pleasure of addressing a number of the teachers and their pupils in regard to the beautification of their school grounds by planting of various shrubs, trees, and flowers. Although she has not been able to interview every teacher and her school she has already had considerable response and results as to her efforts in beautifying the rural school grounds.

The following letter that Mrs. Schmidtman received from Miss Ann Harris of District 72 typifies the work that is being started and has been done in her part of the county. District 72 has named their club the Sunny Hill Flower club. The letter is as follows:

Sunny Hill Flower Club

"We organized our club March 10, 1939 with the following officers: Donald Wade, president; Patrick Wade, secretary and Joan Johnson, reporter.

"The aims of our club are to (1) Preserve wild life; (2) To beautify our school grounds.

"The six members then signed the following pledge:

1. To raise 6 different flowers at school (Keep a record of each plant.)
2. To raise one flower at home and give a report of growth at school.
3. To protect the birds.
4. To work in their rock garden at school.
5. Help keep the school ground clean and attractive.
6. To take a field trip for the purpose of gathering specimens of wild flowers and tree leaves.
7. To have a flower exhibit of plants raised. (Parents may exhibit plants.)
8. To plant at least one tree on the school grounds.

"We have had two meetings. At this time we have taken down, repaired and painted 13 bird houses. Each member has planned a semper-vivum. Four o'clock seeds and orange flare Cosmos have also been planted. These will be put in our flower garden.

"At our first meeting we made a 'Plant a Tree' poster. Second meeting a daffodil and tulip poster. The tulip poster was judged as the best. Joan Johnson brought a large bird house which her father had made for her.

"At our next meeting each pupil will bring a package of flower seeds to be planted at school.

"JOAN JOHNSON, Reporter, Sunny Hill School, Weeping Water.

"I find this an excellent way to keep pupils interested in school, as most children love nature. I combine as many subjects as possible with our garden club such as English, spelling arithmetic, geography, art, etc. "It gives them actual experience and makes school work more pleasant. (Thanks for use of your magazine.)

"ANN HARRIS."

RETURNS TO DUTY

From Thursday's Daily—
Lynn O. Minor, who was just recently named as the manager and treasurer of the Kankakee Water Co., of Kankakee, Illinois, departed last evening for his duties in the Illinois city after a few days spent here with the old time friends and associates. Mr. and Mrs. Minor will move to Kankakee to establish their home.

REJOICE IN NEW SON

Thursday at the Anton Kani hospital at Omaha a four pound one ounce son was born to Mr. and Mrs. K. P. Pence of this city. The mother and little one are doing nicely and the event has brought a great deal of pleasure to all of the members of the family circle.

PROTECT BIRD FLIGHT

This section has been well patrolled by game wardens of both the U. S. and state who have come in to protect the flight of the game birds to the north. The wardens have been operating along the Missouri and Platte to see that the ducks and geese were not picked off as they made their way to the northern feeding grounds.

Junior Chamber Has an Interesting Session Last Nite

Committees Appointed for Year and Several Matters of Interest Discussed by the Members.

From Friday's Daily—

The Junior Chamber of Commerce met for their semi-monthly business meeting last evening in the district court room of the Cass county court house. A number of the members were present to take part in the selection of committee chairmen.

The meeting was presided over by the president, Vincent Kelley. The members took up the election of the board of directors and the respective committees, these being: Joseph Knoficek was selected as chairman of membership, financial and public relations committee; George Dobson was selected as publicity chairman; Cecil Hennings is chairman of the agriculture committee; William Farny was chosen to head the industries and planning committee; and Robert Valley as chairman of the transportation and roads committee.

The young men also reviewed and discussed the present Green River ordinance. Following the meeting, Clifford L. McKellips of Fairbury addressed the members on their proposal for construction of a public rest room. Mr. McKellips discussed more fully the financial side of the question and pointed out to the members the amount that would be necessary to proceed with the project. With the approval of many of the local organizations and citizens, it is the general opinion that the plan could be successfully carried out.

COURT HAS BUSY DAY

From Friday's Daily—

The county court was busy today in hearing matters in the probate department of the court.

In the matter of the estate of Charles F. Reichart, deceased, application was heard for the appointment of Mrs. Laura Gess, a niece, as the administrator of the estate. Frank F. Ross, of Louisville, has served as the special administrator, keep active the business establishment of Mr. Reichart.

Final settlement was had in the estate of Edward H. Spangler, deceased. Mrs. E. H. Spangler and Richard Spangler being the joint administrators.

Application was made for the appointment of Creta Baker Johnson Chalk, as guardian of Edna Baker, incompetent, the applicant is a sister of the alleged incompetent.

Petition was received of Ralph L. Nelson for the administration of the estate of Christina Nelson, deceased. The appointment of C. V. Wallick, of Weeping Water is asked.

EASTERN STAR MEETS

From Thursday's Daily—

The local chapter, No. 189, of the Eastern Star met last evening at 7:30 at the Masonic temple where a special meeting was held. A very large number of the members were present at the business session.

The business meeting was taken up with the initiation of a new member, Miss Dorothy Lightburn, teacher in the Fort Crook school.

At the close of the meeting the committee served refreshments.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all those who so nobly assisted us, in the passing of our brother and uncle, also those who contributed flowers. We also wish to thank Frank Cloldt for the beautiful songs rendered and the Rev. H. G. McClusky for the comforting words, all of which will be long remembered.—The Renner Family.

State Conference on Recreation to be Held

Meeting Will Be Held at Lincoln and Will Bring National Director of Recreation of W.P.A.

A state conference on leisure and public recreation will be held at Hotel Cornhusker, April 14.

The conference will close with a dinner, at which Eduard C. Lindeman, national director of the Works Progress Administration recreation program, will be the principal speaker.

The conference will provide opportunity for delegates from the various communities in the state to discuss problems and planning of local programs. The delegates will be able to obtain advice and guidance from the experiences of national leaders in the field, and at the same time prepare suggestions and recommendations for improvements in services now being given by recreational agencies.

The conference is being sponsored by the recreational division of the Works Progress Administration and other cooperating agencies, including municipal governments and advisory committees to local recreational agencies.

The program includes five sectional meetings. They include (1) Planning and Use of Recreational Facilities; (2) Community Planning for Recreation; (3) Finances for Local Recreation; (4) Activities for Summer Programs; (5) Objectives for Service of Paid Public Recreation Leaders. Reservations for the sectional meetings are being made by the director of recreation for the Works Progress Administration.

The lay committee of the Plattsmouth Recreation Center, consisting of John P. Sattler, Sr., chairman; Judge A. H. Duxbury, vice chairman; Fred Sharpnack, Lowell S. Devoe, Ed Schulhof, Mrs. L. W. Egenberger, and Mayor George Lushinsky expect to be well represented at this conference. They hope to derive a great deal of benefit and get some valuable ideas and information that will be helpful in the recreation program in Plattsmouth.

APPOINTS APPRAISERS

County Judge A. H. Duxbury, acting on the application filed by the Loup River Public Power district for appraisers in a condemnation action has made his appointment of the board of five men.

The appraisers were elected from among the leading residents of the county familiar with land values and who were not residents of the district affected.

The men selected are W. A. Ost, Union; Hall Pollard, Nehawka; W. G. Boedeker, Murray; John P. Wehrbein, Henry F. Nolting, Plattsmouth.

The lands involved cover a large area from south of Greenwood east and northeast to near Cedar Creek.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

From Saturday's Daily—

This morning John M. Leyda, well known attorney and abstractor, was taken to Omaha by the Sattler ambulance where he was placed in the Methodist hospital for observation and treatment. He has not been in the best of health for some time and last night he suffered an attack of stomach trouble that made necessary his being taken to the hospital for care.

CLOSE THIRD QUARTER

Friday marked the end of the third quarter of the Plattsmouth high school with examinations being held Thursday and Friday. This means that the school year is three-fourths completed and the parents will receive the report cards of the pupils next week.

TO TAKE TREATMENT

Byron Golding was taken to the Clarkson hospital Wednesday morning where he was placed for treatment and observation. His health in the last few days has been such that hospitalization was necessary to relieve him of his illness.

OFFER COLLEGE WORK

The Plattsmouth high school, through the University of Nebraska extension department, is offering college work to adults and ex-high school students who wish to pursue their work in higher institutions of learning. At the present time fifteen people are taking work in this division leading to an advanced degree. Anyone wishing to register for the course should get in touch with Mr. Lloyd Leyda.

Death of Will A. Oliver After a Short Illness

Long Time Resident of Community Dies Just Twenty-three Days After His Beloved Wife.

Death Thursday afternoon brought to a close the life of William A. Oliver, 52, a long time resident of this community, unting him in death with his wife who had been called away on March 1st. Mr. Oliver had been in very serious condition for the past several days and late Thursday sank into the last long rest.

Mr. Oliver was born in London, England, September 15, 1886, and in his younger years came to the new world, locating first in Canada and where he was married. The family came to Plattsmouth some fifty years ago and have since made their home in this community. He was engaged in shop work here for some time and later in farming, but in late years has been retired from active work. Since the death of his wife he has been at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harry Henton and family.

Mr. Oliver is survived by two sons and two daughters, Frank Oliver of Janesville, Wis.; William Oliver, Jr., of Louisville; Mrs. Charles Conryman, of Oshkosh; Mrs. Harry Henton of near this city. There also survives one sister, Mrs. Fred T. Range, of this city as well as several grandchildren.

FUNERAL OF WILL OLIVER

Saturday afternoon at the Horton funeral home at Seventh and Vine streets, the funeral services for William A. Oliver, old time resident of the community were held.

There was a large group of the old friends and neighbors present to pay their last tributes of love and esteem to the departed.

The Episcopal funeral service was conducted by Father George Tyner of Omaha, who had but three weeks before been here for the services for Mrs. Oliver. In his remarks the rector paid a very high tribute to the memory of the departed and to his long and useful life in the community.

During the services Mrs. John E. Schutz and Mrs. Rae F. Patterson gave two of the old hymns, "Rock of Ages" and "God Will Take Care of You."

The pall bearers were selected from the relatives and old friends of the family, they being Frank Toman, Roy O. Cole, Alvin Range, John Alwin, Earl Lesley and Frank Claus, who bore the body to the last resting place in Oak Hill cemetery.

SPRING TRAVEL ON

Police officers report that the number of those seeking shelter at the city jail in the past week has shown a decided increase over that of the colder weather. The coming of spring has evidently brought an increase in the number of those who are traveling over the country to seek warmer climes or the possible chance of jobs. There were twelve sheltered at the jail Thursday night and this morning they were busy seeking ways to pursue their journey.

DEPARTS FOR CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Ruth Soennichsen departed Wednesday evening for California, where she is planning an extensive visit with old friends and relatives. Mrs. Soennichsen will enjoy the visit to the west coast in recuperating and resting and visiting the many interesting scenes of the coast country.

Tarkio Players Win in Charity Game 44 to 26

Former Stars of Plattsmouth High Return to Battle Alumni and High School Players.

Friday evening at the Plattsmouth high school gym the quintet of Plattsmouth students who are attending Tarkio college, clashed with a team of the players of the 1938-39 high school team and other veterans of past years. The result of the game was the Tarkio Owlets were the winners 44 to 26. The proceeds will be devoted to the milk and shoe fund of the Woman's club.

The game opened close and it was not until in the last half of the struggle that the Owlets started their drive away from their foes, "Moose" Armstrong leading the Tarkio assault and with deadly effect. Rebal was the most effective for the blues in the scoring.

The Tarkio team scored on an under basket shot by Don Cotner early in the opening quarter and which was countered by a basket by Rebal and the pack was off to the chase.

Henry Donat, center of the team back in 1932, butted against Armstrong at the center post and both of the heavy veterans showed the effect of the hard battle ere the game drew to its close.

The lineup of Tarkio included Donald Cotner, Joe Case, '35; Stuart Porter, '33; Kenneth Armstrong, '34; Wayne Falk, '37. The five played out the entire game and showed that they had lost little of the old time fire.

The blues team was composed of Henry Donat, '32; Robert Rummel, '33; Dusty Rhodes, '34; Ron Rebal, Robert Hayes, John Jacobs, of the 1938-39 team.

The game at the half time stood 11 to 10 in favor of Tarkio, but who rapidly pulled away from their foes in the third stanza of the struggle.

As the result of the strenuous efforts of the brawny young men, the milk and shoe fund will realize something like \$15 and which will be a much appreciated aid to the good cause.

DISTRICT DECLAMATORY MEET

The Plattsmouth high school declamatory contestants, who won superior in the sub-district contest held at Auburn Tuesday afternoon, March 14, were at Nebraska City Friday where they participated in the district contest. The group was accompanied by their director, Lumir Gerner.

The group making the trip were the one-act play contestants and John Tidball, who represented the original oratory. Both were rated as excellent in the contest. The one-act play cast "Little Oscar" consisted of the following:

Henry ----- James Sandin
Josie ----- Corrine Drucker
Fred ----- Warren Reed
Gussie ----- Mary Helen Dill
James Sandin was chosen as the best actor out of the other groups present.

Four other schools were represented in the contest, Fremont, Columbus, Nebraska City, and Schuyler. Herbert Yenny, instructor of speech at the University of Nebraska, served as the judge for the contest.

CEDAR CREEK TREE PLANTERS

The Cedar Creek Tree Planters club met on Saturday evening, March 18th at the Cedar Creek schoolhouse. The meeting was for the purpose of organization and the following officers were named:

Robert Wagner, president; Lois Wagner, vice president; Shirley Meisinger, secretary, and Shirley Chamberlain, reporter.

Lester Wagner was named as the club leader and Robert Wagner as his assistant.

RECEIVES SUSPENDED SENTENCE

Richard Rhodes, who was charged with a complaint of assault and battery in the county court, has been given a sentence of ninety days for the offense and the same suspended under good behavior.

ATTEND FIGHT

Arnold Lillie with Willard Oltjenbruns, a cousin of Mrs. Lillie, from Scottsbluff, were in Omaha Friday evening for the Vinciguerra-Belanger bout. They were disappointed in the abrupt termination of the fight in the first round, Belanger losing with a few punches. Mr. Lillie had attended the former match of the two which was a fast battle in which Vinciguerra was given the decision.

Former Plattsmouth Lady Dies in California

Mrs. Rose Krivanek, Resident Here for Several Years, Passed Away Sunday at Los Angeles.

Mrs. Rose Krivanek, 79, former resident of Plattsmouth, passed away Sunday at her home in Los Angeles, California where she had made her home for the past several years. Mrs. Krivanek had not been in the best of health for some time and due to her advanced age she was unable to withstand the illness and death came to her relief at the ripe age of 79 years.

Mrs. Krivanek was born in 1860 in what was then Austria where she spent her younger years and where she was married to Mr. Krivanek. While in Europe she suffered the bereavement of her husband and following his death some years later she with her family came to America in 1889 and had settled in various places before coming to Plattsmouth where they had lived for several years. During her residence here, Mrs. Krivanek and her family lived on South 9th street where they made their home in the residence now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Baird. A son, George was employed in the local Burlington shops for several years and another son, Victor had worked in the business places of the city during his residence here.

During their residence here, Mrs. Krivanek and her family were devout and faithful members of the Holy Rosary Catholic church where they made their place of worship until their removal to Los Angeles, California, sixteen years ago.

There is left to mourn the passing of Mrs. Krivanek four daughters, Mrs. Aenes Brabec, Mrs. Tony Krbel, Miss Anna, and Rose; four sons, Victor, Ed, Joseph, and George, all of Los Angeles, California. Her son, George was united in marriage here to Miss Norine Schulhof, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Schulhof in June, 1923 and immediately located in California. There is also left to mourn her passing one niece, Mrs. Joseph Kanka, and one nephew, Peter Gradoville, both of this city, as well as a sister in Europe.

PLATTSMOUTH FLEET 'PUTS OUT'

From Saturday's Daily—

Both the Lewis and McGregor are leaving their winter quarters this week, pulling down below the Plattsmouth dock, where they are making ready to "put out" for the summer's work ahead of them in Missouri river improvement.

It is understood the Lewis may go back down the river to the vicinity of Rulo, while the McGregor faces a long time job near here in the vicinity of St. Mary's bend.

While in winter quarters, the McGregor's boilers were not fired, steam from the Lewis supplying both the boats, and the force reduced, but with the resumption of dredging, a full crew goes back on the job and will continue until late this fall, when it is said the new harbor and supply yard at Florence will be available as winter quarters.

REPLANTING LAWN

The lawn surrounding the American Legion building on Vine street, has been dug up and harrowed and made ready for replanting in grass seed in hope of being able to have the lawn back in shape by summer. The work is being looked after by Cliff Schafer and Clyde Jackson, of the Legion.

Did you read the Lugsch Cleaners Wed. special ad? 2 garments, \$1.

Rights for V. T. Arn Largely Attended Saturday

One of Largest in Point of Attendance Held Here in Many Months—Services at M. E. Church.

One of the largest funeral services in point of attendance held in the city in many months, was that of Vernon T. Arn, Sr., on Saturday afternoon at the First Methodist church. There was a large group here from Union, the former home of the Arn family as well as several hundred from this city to join in the last tributes.

The members of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6 A. F. & A. M. were present at the church and also conducted the ritualistic services at the grave, W. F. Evers officiating as the master at the grave.

Rev. J. C. Lawson, pastor of the church, conducted the services and gave a very comforting and sustaining sermon for the members of the bereaved family and the old friends who have felt so deeply their loss.

The Masonic quartet gave two numbers during the service, "Abide With Me" and "The Old Rugged Cross," the quartet was composed of Frank A. Cloldt, R. C. Cook, H. G. McClusky and R. W. Knorr with E. H. Wescott as the accompanist. Mr. Cloldt also gave "Face to Face" as a solo number.

The interment was at Oak Hill cemetery with the Sattler funeral home in charge of the last rites.

The pall bearers were old friends and members of the Masonic order, Judge A. H. Duxbury, Waldemar C. Soennichsen, W. A. Bennett, Albert Funk, O. C. Hudson, and Richard Award of Omaha.

Obituary

Vernon T. Arn, Sr., was born in Clarington, Ohio, on February 5, 1882, death occurred March 22, 1939. He was a son of Samuel and Mary (nee Brechtbuhler) Arn.

His mother preceded him in death when he was seven years of age; and his father died in 1919.

He was confirmed in the Evangelical church at 12 years of age and continued in that faith, but later became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Plattsmouth. He was united in marriage July 4, 1910 at Union, Nebr., to Flora Anderson. To this union was born four children, Mrs. Albert Kraeger, Mrs. Walter Speece, Vernon Arn, Jr., and Beatrice Arn. Also granddaughter, Walta Jean Speece, who with the wife survive him. He is also survived by his sisters, Clara Arn, Mrs. Robert Sell and Mrs. Eva Shutt as well as one sister-in-law and two sons-in-law.

RETURNS FROM THE WEST

T. E. Todd, one of the well known pioneer residents of this community, returned to Plattsmouth Tuesday after spending the winter in California visiting the many cities and towns in that state and especially the city of Long Beach where he spent the greater part of his time. Mr. Todd, this being his fifteenth trip to the west coast, had motored last fall to California with his brother, Russell Todd.

Mr. Todd states that he saw the damage that was done to the different cities where the recent floods and fires have occurred.

The trip was one that was immensely enjoyed by both Mr. Todd and his brother, Russell, they motoring in the new Buick that T. E. Todd had recently purchased. The brother, Russell is still in California where he will remain for some time visiting his children and touring that part of the country. Mr. T. E. Todd states that, although the scenery, beauty and climate of the west coast is superior, there is no place like home and was glad to be back among his old associates.

LEAVE FOR CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond M. Price, formerly of Omaha, who have been in Plattsmouth visiting Mr. Price's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Price, left early this morning for California where they are to make their home in the future.

Town Dance Sat. Nite, Town Hall.