

## Fifty Years of Chapter F, PEO is Observed

Splendid Program Held Thursday; Many Distinguished Guests Here for the Occasion.

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In 1869, seven girls attending Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, conceived the idea of forming a society for the purpose of seeking growth in charity toward all with whom they might associate, and a just comprehension of and adherence to the qualities of Faith, Love, Purity, Justice and Truth. Today the Sisterhood numbers approximately seventy thousand members, five thousand of whom live in Nebraska.

P.E.O. came to Nebraska in 1889. The first chapter formed in York, Nebr., by a group of college girls in what was then Nebraska Wesleyan. Chapter F of Plattsmouth was organized September 7th, 1889. It was on a Saturday afternoon that Mrs. Mary Houseworth invited a group of young women to her home for the purpose of meeting her sister, Miss Clara Mason of Chapter E, Omaha, who would present to them the idea of a P. E. O. Society in Plattsmouth. The girls who attended and were initiated into P.E.O. by Miss Mason were, Mrs. Mary Houseworth, Mrs. Jennie Windham, Mrs. Ellen Patterson, Mrs. Margaret Dovey, Mrs. Edna Young, Miss Ola Miller, Mrs. Minnie Houseworth Crammer, and Miss Dora Herold. The initiation of Eda Gering (Mrs. Henry Herold) Miss Mia Gering, Miss Lida Patterson (Mrs. T. H. Pollock) and Miss Olive Jones quickly followed.

Thursday, September 7th, 1939, Chapter F celebrated its golden anniversary. The reception at the Hotel Plattsmouth at 10:30 a. m. brought members near and far. Many had not met in years, but the span of time was as nothing as sisters greeted each other. The decorations in the lobby consisted of bittersweet and baskets of flowers. A pennant of white, bearing the P.E.O. star was suspended from the ceiling of the lobby. Punch was served during the reception, and each guest was registered as she entered the hotel.

The dinner served at noon was in the mode of 1889. Bowls of steaming hot food placed on the tables stimulated conversation, as well as appetites. The decorations were of old fashioned flowers in old fashioned containers and an occasional casket. Many brought their cherished heirlooms for use on the tables.

The favors were napkin rings of gold paper, and a large five pointed gold star booklet containing the names of the charter members, the fifty year members, officers of 1889, and 1939, the program and menu. These will be cherished through the coming years as a reminder of the happy occasion. Hanging on the wall immediately back of Mrs. Lorene Heineman, president of Chapter F, was a large golden star, with the letters P.E.O. This has been a treasure of the chapter for many years.

Mrs. Heineman presided at the dinner in a most gracious manner. The guests of honor were presented. Mrs. Dora Herold Tidd, the chapter's only charter member present, received an ovation. The members of fifty years were Mrs. Eda Gering Herold, Mrs. Lida Pollock, Miss Olive Jones. At this time Margaret Heineman, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. P. T. Heineman entered carrying a basket of bouquets which she gave to the honored members. She was dressed in a costume appropriate to the period. Gift bouquets from the Plattsmouth BLS (Brothers-in-law), Chapter E, Omaha (another chapter of fifty years), and Mesdames Cameron, Mead and Nixon from Omaha, were presented at this time.

For the afternoon session, the group adjourned to the Fellowship room of the Presbyterian church. The committee in charge had transformed the room into one of 1889. Platform rockers, marble-top tables, plush albums, autograph albums, a reed organ, what-nots, and gay rugs on the floor gave the correct setting for the program.

One corner had been reserved for the scrap book, year book, pictures, programs, and other things dear to the hearts of the members of Chapter F. Mrs. Ona Baird, past president of the Nebraska State Chapter, presided at the program. She was dressed in one of the gowns she had worn at the convention when she was state president. Mrs. Florence Devoe was at the reed organ during the gathering of the group, playing hymns and love songs of other days. She wore a dress and carried a palm leaf fan, both of which belonged to her grandmother.

Mrs. Ada Mead, chairman of the

## Older Eagles Welcome New Ones At Double Ceremony



The above photo, taken at Tuesday night's Double Eagle Court of Honor shows, standing, left to right: Rev. Walter Jackson, Nebraska City, Advancement Director, Arbor Lodge District; Dr. Arlo M. Dunn, Omaha, Chairman of Nebraska American Legion Boy Scout Committee and donor of the Dunn Trophy that was won this year by Plattsmouth Legion post; the most outstanding Boy Scout work in the state; Willis V. Elliott, Lincoln, Assistant Executive of the Cornhusker Council, and Raymond Larson, Plattsmouth Scoutmaster. Seated: Clair Shellenbarger, Eagle Scout, who still gives time to Scout work; William Evers, who received the last prior Eagle award more than a year ago; Bill Rosencrans and Jim Webb, who had just received their Eagle badges, and Robert Mann, Eagle Scout and Cass County Surveyor. Messages were read from three other older Plattsmouth Eagle Scouts, Edward Patterson, Francis Libershal and James Robertson. Evers, Rosencrans and Webb will attend University of Nebr. this year. The Dunn trophy award is shown at the center of the picture.

board of trustees of the P.E.O. home at Beatrice, spoke on the service of the home to P.E.O.'s. She emphasized the point that it is for P. E. O.'s who need the home because of their inability to care for themselves, and for P.E.O.'s able to provide for themselves, but who are lonely and have no other home. At the close of her remarks, Mrs. Lorene Heineman presented a gift of money to the home from Chapter F in honor of its half-century members.

Mrs. Ellen Pollock Minor read the list of past presidents of Chapter F. Each responded by standing when her name was called.

One hundred and fifty-eight names have graced the roll of the chapter's membership during its fifty years of existence. Of these 38 are now members of the Chapter Eternal. Mrs. Eda Herold called the roll "In Memoriam." Mrs. Herold was the chapter's first initiate.

Mrs. Mary Houseworth, of Long Beach, Calif., the chapter's first president had prepared a paper on the history of the chapter which she had anticipated reading at this meeting. She was released from this life in August. Her story was sent by her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Houseworth Lemming, and read by Chapter F's only resident charter member, Dora Herold Tidd. At the close of the reading of this story, Elizabeth Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Perry, great-granddaughter of Mrs. Ella Patterson, and granddaughter of Mrs. Lida Patterson Pollock, presented Mrs. Tidd with a guard for her pin, bearing the figures '89.

"Milestones" was the subject used by Bertha Clark Hughes, past president of Supreme in a brief summary of the growth and accomplishments of the entire sisterhood.

At this point, with Mrs. Florence Devoe at the organ and Clara Street Wescott leading, a number of old songs were sung by the group.

Mrs. Hallie Newell, junior past president of Supreme, whose number on Chapter F's roll is 61, initiated in 1902, brought a tribute to Lillian Pollock Parmelee, who was loved and revered by every sister whose life she touched. Mrs. Parmelee, on the chapter's roll is number 21, initiated in 1890. She joined the Chapter Eternal in 1915. In 1907 she attended what was then called the Grand Chapter meeting and made the motion which established the Scholarship Loan Fund. She served as chairman of the first Scholarship Loan Fund board. Many girls rise up and call her blessed today for her efforts in their behalf. This fund has now reached over eight hundred thousand dollars, and the loss on loans is less than one-tenth of one percent.

Mrs. Newell also enlarged on the meaning of P.E.O. in her own life. The chapter was so pleased to have this beloved sister as a guest. Mrs. Ellen Pollock Minor spoke briefly of her Aunt Lillian Pollock Parmelee and of the many courtesies that had come to her because of this relationship.

The subject of Mrs. Bertha Shopp's remarks was "Our most distinguished citizen." Miss Olive Jones, A. P. E.O. of fifty years, Miss Jones has served as librarian in our public library for fifty-four years. A number of years she served in this capacity without salary.

The roll call of the chapter by the treasurer, Mrs. Verna Cole Goos was called in order of initiation. Many responded with reminiscences. The singing of "Blest Be The Tie," the song used by the early chapters closed the program.

The tea table was beautiful with its damask cloth, silver candles and birthday cake. Mrs. Eda Herold and Mrs. Dora Tidd poured. The tea was served by the lovely "teen-age daughters" of the chapter members. The children of the members were also invited to the tea, as well as the Loan Fund girls.

Notes  
Dr. P. T. Heineman took pictures of special groups and the entire group at both the hotel and church. The birthday cake beautifully decorated was a gift of the Omar Baking company.

The P.E.O. pennant was the gift of Miss Jean Hayes. Several of the group wore costumes of the period of their initiation. These included Mrs. Dora Herold Tidd, Mrs. Eda Gering Herold, Mrs. Mary Cook, Mrs. Nellie Agnew, Mrs. Ellen Minor.

Mrs. Ruth Houseworth Lemming, of Long Beach, Calif., sent five dollars as a gift for expenses. The money was given in honor of her mother, Mrs. Mary Houseworth, and was used to purchase the bouquets for the fifty year members, and the guard pin for the charter member.

Mrs. Ella J. Collins, a guest from Wahoo, attended college at Mount Pleasant and knew the seven founders of P. E. O. She was a member of Original A.

The guests of the day included: Chapter F—Mrs. Nellie Agnew, Omaha; Mrs. Bertha Lenhoff, Omaha; Mrs. Gernet J. Patterson, Tarkio, Mo.; Muriel Straight Speir, Lincoln; Bernice Newell Fuller, Vincennes, Ind.; Helen Wescott Murdick, Benton Harbor, Mich.; Jean Tidball Wescott, Lincoln; Edith Grier, Humboldt; Ellen Pollock Minor, Kankakee, Ill.; Ethel Crabbill Brooks, Bloomington, Ill.

Past Presidents of Nebraska—Mrs. Emma Gilbert, Omaha; Ada H. Mead, Omaha; Viola J. Cameron, Omaha; Lulah T. Andrews, Omaha; Nelle H. Grantham, Kearney.

Out-state 50-Year Members—Mrs. A. M. Levin, Wahoo; Mrs. Ella J. Collins, Wahoo; Mrs. Mae E. Frush, Wahoo.

Past Presidents of Supreme—Bertha Clark Hughes, Omaha; Alice H. Scott, Omaha; Hallie Atwood Newell, St. Louis.

Officers of Supreme—Rose M. Owens, treasurer.

State Officers—Mrs. Marie J. Williams, state president, Lincoln; Mary E. Koppal, 2nd vice president, Lincoln; Mary C. Nixon, recording secretary, Omaha.

Presidents of 50-Year Chapters—Mildred P. Olson, Wahoo; Daisy Thatcher, Omaha.

Mrs. Minnie Thygeson, Nebraska City, president Southeast Reciprocity; Mrs. Alberta Ballance, Pawnee City, past president Southeast Reciprocity.

Other guests—Maurine Lenhoff Kilgore, Omaha; Mary Jane Brooks, Bloomington, Ill.; Marjorie Agnew Hastain, Omaha; Lillian Dwyer Thorn, Syracuse, N. Y.

HERE FROM CHICAGO  
Miss Helen Johnson of Chicago, is here to enjoy a visit with old time friends in this city and vicinity and looking over the farm south of this city. Miss Johnson has been making her home with her brother in Chicago since the death of her father.

## Hundreds Attend the Passion Play, 'Golgotha'

Cass Theater and American Legion Hall Filled to Capacity With Both Young and Old.

Hundreds of Plattsmouth people, including adults and children, attended the \$800,000 movie film, "Golgotha," one of the greatest films of the Passion Play of all times. Sponsored by the Women's Federation of the First Methodist church, the movie was shown at the Cass theater in the afternoon around 3:30 and in the evening it was shown at the American Legion hall at 8 o'clock. The theater was filled to its capacity and many were forced to stand and witness this spectacular and impressive production.

According to the report of Miss Lola Firchau, director of the play, "Golgotha" is the first and only talking motion picture ever made of the life and crucifixion of Christ. A complete set of the finest talking motion picture equipment was brought to this city for the showing of the film. This equipment included special projector, a complete sound system, and a modern screen.

The story commenced with the early life of Christ—showing the highest points of interest that lead up to the passion itself. In his earlier life, Christ was noted and seen working various miracles—that of healing the deaf, curing the blind, making the lame walk, and raising the dead to life—and these wonders of amazement attracted and brought hither to a small group which in turn formed a larger group.

One of the most famous Biblical scenes—Jesus driving out the buyers and sellers from the temple, one of the facts that occurred in the middle ages—was witnessed by all present. "My house is the house of God, but you have made it a den of thieves" were the words spoken by the Savior of the world as he drove the multitude out of the temple.

"The Last Supper," "The Betrayal of Christ by a Kiss by one of his Twelve Disciples, Judas," "Christ Taken Before the High Priest," "The Scouraging at the Pillar," "The Crown of Thorns," "Christ Denied by Peter, another of the Twelve," "Christ Condemned to Death by Pilate," "The Carrying of the Cross," "The Crucifixion," "The Death and Burial," "The Resurrection of Christ" were all historical scenes shown.

Following Jesus' death on the cross when the earth trembled, buildings began to shake, darkness fell upon the earth, and a terrible storm came about, the persecutors immediately opened their eyes, and one of them uttered, "Indeed this was the Messiah that we have crucified."

The cast, costumes, and settings made it one of the greatest scenic dramas ever filmed. "Golgotha" was made in the old country, and consequently the scenic backgrounds were accurate and correct in every detail. However, all of the speaking parts in the picture were in English.

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## Mrs. Roderick is Stricken Near Home Wednesday

Member of One of Old Families of the Community Drops Dead Near Her Home.

Mrs. Berna Roderick, 65, died very suddenly Wednesday evening while near her home on South 10th street, while she was walking down the street with Mrs. Louise Peteret, an old friend. Mrs. Roderick had not been well for several days but was not thought to be seriously ill and at the time of her death was engaged in conversation when she suddenly collapsed and died almost instantly of a heart attack.

The deceased lady was a daughter of Andrew and Helen Rhode and spent her younger years here and later after her marriage lived for a number of years at Des Moines, Iowa. In the past few years she returned to Plattsmouth and made her home with her brother, Gottard Rhode, at the family residence on South Tenth street.

Mrs. Roderick is survived by a number of children, one of whom, Mrs. Wiley Lawson, resides at Omaha. There are two sons, Thomas of Des Moines and Robert of New York City. Two brothers survive, Gottard of this city and Charles Rhode of Chickasha, Oklahoma.

## ENJOYABLE VISIT WITH HOLCOMBS AT KANKAKEE

From Thursday's Daily—

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lugsch returned home last night from a visit of several days at Kankakee, Illinois, where they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garold Holcomb. They left here Saturday night after closing time and arrived in Kankakee the following forenoon. On Tuesday they drove into Chicago to spend a few hours. They found Mr. Holcomb considerably improved from the heart ailment which has caused him to take a lay-off from his duties as superintendent of the pumping station of the Kankakee water company.

While in Kankakee they also enjoyed a visit with L. O. Minor, manager of the water company's office there, to which position he was recently transferred from this city.

En route home, Fred, who is a close observer of the corn crop as to the number of gallons it will yield per acre, says the Iowa corn crop is looking fine.

## Moose Names Its First Governor

Fraternity After Fifty Years Abandons Title of "Dictator"

On August 31, at Philadelphia, Pa., during the Fifty-first Annual International Convention of the Supreme Lodge of the World, Loyal Order of Moose, Fred W. Zabel, of Davenport, Iowa, was unanimously elected Supreme Governor, the highest elective office in the gift of the Fraternity. His term of office began September 1.

Like so many men who have built enviable reputations for themselves, in politics, business, or the professions, Fred W. Zabel was born on a farm. There, he spent the early part of his life.

Mr. Zabel's birthplace was Scott County, Iowa. After leaving the public schools he entered St. Mary's College, Kansas. He began his banking career in McCausland, Iowa, as bookkeeper in the local bank. At the close of a year he was invited by the Durant Savings Bank, Davenport, Iowa, to become Assistant Cashier, a position which he held for five years. Promotion again followed. In 1918, he accepted the position of Assistant Cashier at the Union Savings Bank & Trust Company, Davenport. A year later he became Cashier of the same institution, and soon was promoted to the Vice Presidency. (The Union Savings Bank was one of the largest financial institutions in the Middle West, with total assets of \$28,000,000 and Zabel was credited with being the youngest Cashier of an institution of this size in the Middle West.)

A Conservative Banker  
During 1933, '34, and '35, he was with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the State Superintendent of Banking. In 1936, he resigned to accept a position as Iowa representative of Brown, Harriman & Company, New York, one of the oldest and largest investment banking houses in the country. In 1937, he became associated with the firm of Murdoch, Dearth & White, one of the leading investment banking houses in Iowa. Today he is Vice President of the Merchants National Bank of Aurora, Illinois, which office he assumed August 1, 1939. During his entire banking career, Fred W. Zabel has been regarded as a conservative banker, and has devoted years to the study and analysis of high-grade securities.

But the profession of banking did not engross the whole attention of this public-spirited citizen of Iowa.

He became Director of Davenport's Chamber of Commerce, a charter member and Director of the Kiwanis Club, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Civic Welfare Organization of Davenport. He has ever been an ardent fraternalist, as witness: He is a Thirty-second Degree Mason, a Shriner, and an active Moose. He was elected Dictator of Davenport Lodge No. 28, and without interruption served in this capacity for fourteen years. As Dictator, the membership grew from 700 to 2,800 members. When he resigned, the lodge had assets above \$50,000.

In 1931, his Moose associates in the Supreme Lodge, appreciating the magnificent service that he had given to their Fraternity, unanimously elected him a member of the Supreme Council, and at the Cleveland Convention, 1937, Supreme Prelate, and member of the Publications Board. Further honors came to him at the close of the Convention in June, 1938, when he was unanimously elected Supreme Vice Dictator, and in 1939, when he became Supreme Governor. He is affable in approach, urbane in manner and speech, and deeply sincere in all his relations with his fellow men. Mr. Zabel is married and has two children—James and Joan.

## DISTURBANCE AT LOUISVILLE

From Saturday's Daily—  
Last night at the boxing show which is being held as a part of the carnival attraction at Louisville, a near riot occurred when one of the members of the boxing and wrestling stars with the show struck one of the young men from near Louisville, who was an onlooker at the show.

The boxer, W. C. Phillips, who gave his address as 1612 Burt street, Omaha, is claimed to have come down from the platform where the fight was being held and struck Glen Buck, 20, of near Murdock, who was standing nearby.

As soon as the blow was struck the large crowd grew resentful and at once threats were made toward the boxer for what was claimed was an unwarranted attack on the Murdock youth. Fortunately Sheriff Joe Mrasek and Deputy Sheriff Emery Doody were on the scene and quieted down the crowd which was in a mood to take the show apart as the result of the assault.

The boxer and wrestler claimed to be responsible for the trouble was brought on to this city and lodged in jail to await action in his case.

The defendant was arraigned this morning on the charge of assault on Glen Buck. The defense was that Buck had made insulting remarks to the wife of Phillips, who was in the arena and she had told him and caused him to strike Buck.

The story of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips was denied by Buck and testimony of several companions was that Mrs. Phillips had been trying to start arguments with others and that Buck had stated he would not fight with a lady, that this was all of the remarks that Buck had made to Mrs. Phillips. The witnesses for the plaintiff were Joe Zoz, H. O. Hanson, Carl Johnson, all of whom supported the story of Buck.

After the submission of the evidence Judge A. H. Duxbury stated that the testimony as to the main facts was very conflicting but the fact that Buck had been hit was very evident. A fine of \$10 and costs was assessed against the defendant.

Miss Madge Garnett, one of the new lady members of the bar served as the attorney for the defense and handled the case very ably while the state was represented by County Attorney Walter H. Smith.

Visitors at the S. J. Million home the fore part of this week were Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Hayes and son of Watson, Missouri.

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## Funeral of Martin L. Ruby is Held Today

Services at the Horton Funeral Home and With Interment at Arapahoe Sunday.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at the Horton funeral home for Martin Luther Ruby, 80, a native son of Cass county and for many years a prominent farmer of this community.

There were a large number of the old friends in attendance at the services to pay their last respects to the memory of the departed.

Rev. J. W. Tenzler, pastor of the First Christian church, of which faith Mr. Ruby had long been a follower, conducted the services and paid tribute to the departed and his long and useful life.

During the services Mrs. Hal Garnett and David Robinson gave three of the old hymns, "The Eastern Gate," "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Face to Face." Mrs. O. C. Hudson being the accompanist.

The body will be taken this evening to Arapahoe by Mr. L. L. Horton and funeral services conducted Sunday afternoon at the First Christian church of that city with the interment in the Arapahoe cemetery.

Martin Luther Ruby, son of George W. and Caroline Ruby was born December 12, 1859, in Eight Mile Grove in Cass county, Nebraska, entered into rest on September 7, 1939.

He was married on February 14, 1882 to Ellen A. Frye and to them eight children were born, three of whom with the wife preceding him in death. Mrs. Ruby died in 1903. The children surviving are Thomas F. Ruby, Plattsmouth; Mrs. Fern Gruber, Murray; Mrs. Stella Read, Plattsmouth; Mrs. Florence Robathan, Van Nuys, California; Mrs. Glenna Webb of Hines, California. There are also surviving two brothers, Grant at Kenesaw, Nebraska, Nelson at Aurora, Illinois. Three brothers and two half brothers have preceded him in death.

In March 1905 Mr. Ruby was married to Miss Anna Light at which time he moved to McCook, Nebraska, where he followed the plumbing trade for a number of years. Mrs. Ruby is also surviving his passing.

Mr. Ruby was of a very jovial disposition and in his lifetime made many warm friends who share with the family the sorrow of his passing.

## MANY ATTEND EAGLES MEETING

There was a group of some twenty of the members of Plattsmouth serie No. 365 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles visiting on Thursday evening at Nebraska City, where the serie of that city entertained a large number of Eagles from other points.

Plattsmouth and Beatrice had the largest delegations at the meeting and a very fine talk was given by District Judge Ellis of Beatrice. Sam Rader of Grand Island, worthy state president and Cliff Noel of Beatrice, worthy state vice president, were present.

A very fine luncheon was served at an appropriate hour by the Nebraska City Eagles.

## TO VISIT IN HARTLEY, IOWA

From Saturday's Daily—  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Horsak and son, Carl and Miss Helen Smetana left for Hartley, Iowa today, and they will spend the week end visiting with Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Pahl and family, the former being formerly pastor of the St. Paul's church in this city.

## CALLED TO MISSOURI

From Saturday's Daily—  
Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Hopkins were called to Albany, Missouri, today by a message announcing the serious condition of Mrs. Minerva Hopkins, mother of Mr. Hopkins. The condition of the mother was reported as very grave.

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