

Light and Beauty Will Be Settings for Automobiles

Show, Which Opens Next Week, to Surpass All Preceding Exhibitions Here.

By SANFORD JARRELL.

Just as a well-groomed woman wishes a perfect setting for the exhibition of her charms, so do automobiles when placed on display before the critical eyes of discerning persons.

The Omaha Automobile show, which opens at the Auditorium on Monday, February 16, is second to none in the country on decorative effects. The decorations, which have been under the supervision of J. E. Livingston, are virtually completed. Livingston, who has done important decorative work in Paris and New York, followed the Pontilian design submitted by Orchard & Wilhelm, with just enough touches of Egyptian and Grecian in it to make the motif colorful but not bizarre.

Automobiles and Lights.

But automobiles do not live by decorations alone. Music has been chosen as Ponce de Leon said, to soothe the most irascible of prospective car buyers. There will be music every night of auto show week. On Monday, Wednesday and Thursday Hugo Heyn's orchestra will play, while on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday Edwin Kahn and his orchestra will furnish the program.

The automobiles, bright and shiny as a new silver dollar, will be shown off advantageously by the thousands of lights which have been installed in the Auditorium. Indeed, there are more bulbs in the building than there are mosquitoes in Hoboken, general in Chihuahua, or bathers in the Ganges river at Benares. There are bright lights, soft lights, colored lights, indirect lights, chandeliers, candelabras, and as many kinds of lights as one could ever wish.

So, with decorations of an artistic design, music of a high quality, and lights that are numerous and yet scientifically and prettily arranged, the automobile show ought to open, be maintained and closed in a blaze of perfect glory.

Many Closed Cars.

There will be more closed cars on display than ever before. This is due to the great increase in popularity of the coupe, the coach and the sedan. Numerous chassis will also be exhibited, and mechanics have tuned up the motors so that they hum for all the world like Shelley's skylark.

The fifth annual dealers' frolic and trade banquet will be held on Wednesday evening of the week, when motor is king. This will be an interesting party, with such a fast and furious entertainment that there will be no time for yawns. The dinner will be held at the Hotel Fontenelle.

Visitors are expected from several states, not only from those engaged in the automobile business, but from the vast army of automobile owners. The democratization of the motor car has made the whole world kin.

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Callaway—Glenn Gray of Callaway had his leg broken when the horse he was riding slipped on the ice and fell on him. The fracture is just about six inches from the hip and required silver plates to hold the limb.

Callaway—A ceremonial of the Imperial Order of the Moscowites took place here, the first that has ever been held in Callaway. There will be 28 candidates from the Callaway lodge.

Broken Bow—Frederick Schultz of Lincoln and Miss Dorothy Pulver of this city were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. E. C. Mitchell, pastor of the Methodist church here, presiding at the ceremony. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Pulver of this city.

Hartington—After having been trained for several weeks under direction of Dean McSloy, the junior class of the Hartington high school presented a comedy farce entitled "What Happened to Jones," at the city auditorium, Thursday evening.

York—Mrs. H. F. Chapin died suddenly Monday night at the family home after an illness of eight weeks of sciatic rheumatism. She is survived by her husband and two daughters, both of whom are teachers in the city schools.

Pawnee City—A program was given by the Pawnee City band and the local post of the American Legion and auxiliary at the opera house Thursday. A large crowd enjoyed the entertainment.

Beatrice—W. F. Scott, old resident of Liberty, died at his home there after a lingering illness. He is survived by his wife and a number of children. The body was taken to Blue Springs for burial.

Oscola—Faxon-Gallagher building, recently vacated by the W. O. Johnson company, has been sold to Gust A. Peterson of this city, who has leased it to Victor Johnson of Stromberg. Mr. Johnson will open a men's clothing, furnishing and shoe store.

Beatrice—Rites for William P. Norcross, former mayor, banker and extensive land owner, held at the First Christian church, were largely attended by residents of Beatrice and Adams, where he formerly resided. The sermon was given by Rev. M. Lee Sorey, pastor of the First Christian church at Salina, Kan. Burial was in Evergreen home cemetery.

Blue Springs—The body of William Scott, old resident of this place, who died at his home in Liberty three days ago, was brought to this place Thursday for burial. He was 61 and had lived in southeastern Gage county for the past 25 years.

Wymore—Mrs. L. L. Stone, 31, wife of a railway brakeman, resident of Wymore for the past four years and former resident of Lincoln, died at a Kearney (Neb.) sanitarium, and the body was then taken to Hogard, Mo., the old home, for burial. Death was caused by tuberculosis.

Omaha Concord Club Leader in Civic Work, Philanthropy; Members Sing Like Larks; Grouches Thrown Out Window

Organization's Goal Is Advancement of Citizenry, Promotion of Friendship and Mutual Interest.

This is the third of a series of articles about the service clubs of Omaha. Last week the activities of the Kiwanis club were described. On Sunday the article will be on the Lions club.

Some years ago a group of jolly good fellows, all of them members of Ak-Sar-Ben, got together occasionally and lifted their voices in melodious concord.

And thus there came into being the Omaha Concord club nine years ago, a unique local organization that has been at the forefront of all activities for the public good since its conception in the spring of 1916. It is one of the few service clubs not affiliated with national or international organizations. Its philosophy and membership have always been what the name implies—concord.

From a little acorn beginning, the Concord club has become a great oak, a substantial element in the growth and prosperity, and even more important perhaps, the big-heartedness of the city.

Among the 150 members today who were original members, are C. E. Corey, A. L. Dick, George W. Elrod, Ben S. Elrod, Thomas English, Ray Goddard, Ed Johnson, Carl Ochiltree, J. W. Skelton, H. S. Tyler, Paul Wickham and E. J. McArdle.

Present Officers.

The present officers of the club are Sam S. Dresher, president; Edward Dougherty, first vice president; George Long, second vice president; Ernest Bihler, treasurer; Walter C. Roessig, secretary; and Hazel E. Hill, assistant secretary.

The past presidents are Hollis M. Johnson, Thomas F. English, Dean T. Smith, C. E. Corey, P. P. Fodrea, I. Shuler, Hugh E. Wallace, Will E. Mickel and Albert F. Rasp.

Article two of the club's constitution outlines the following purposes of the organization:

- "1. Advancement of Omaha and its citizenry.
- "2. Promotion of personal acquaintance and esteem.
- "3. Maximum development of mutual interests.
- "4. Human and business betterment."

The Concord club was the first Omaha organization to encourage club or community singing, and as a result gained a considerable reputation for itself from the beginning. A printed songbook is one of the features of the club, and at the regular Thursday luncheons at Hotel Fontenelle, these songbooks are thumbed over by the members who render half a dozen or more numbers.

Sing Like Larks.

While the admission of new members is not based upon the happy faculty of singing like a lark, it is amazing how well the Concord club can sing. This may be due to its disciplinary action taken by the club officials. Perhaps the men who have voices like a frog, a lioness, a polar bear or an ar-dwolf are not permitted to carry the catchy tunes of the songbook.

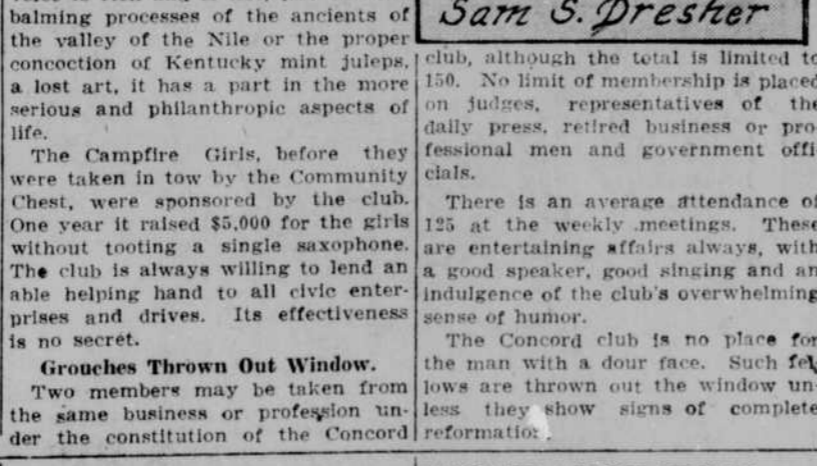
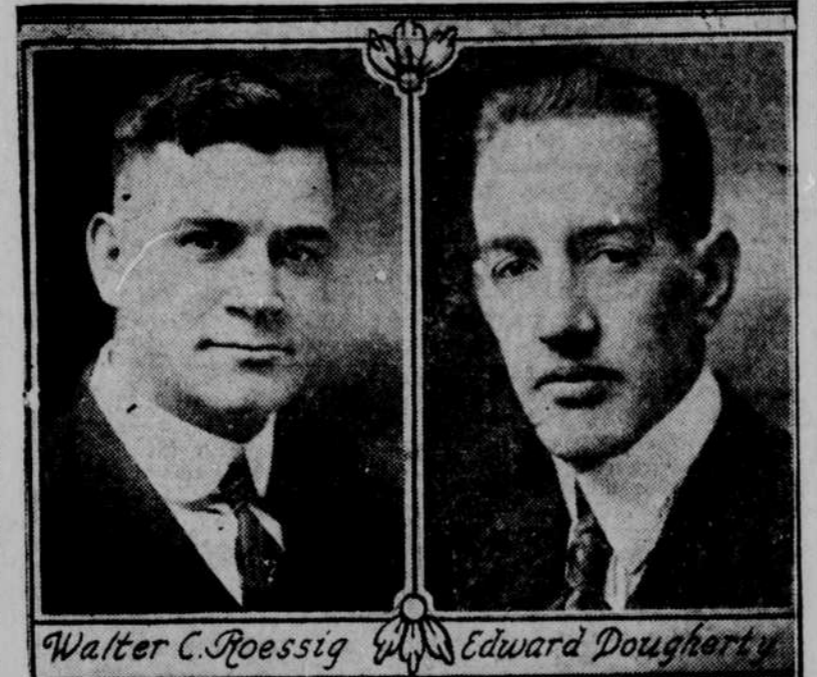
But, be that as it may, the singing as pleasant to hear as that of a well-trained men's glee club. The rendition of Fritz Carlson's "Omaha" is always excellent, possibly because Carlson is himself a member and would frown upon any crude butchery of his masterpiece.

The Concord club, although it takes pride in the fact that its collective voice is rich and is not, like the embalming processes of the ancients of the valley of the Nile or the proper concoction of Kentucky mint juleps, a lost art, it has a part in the more serious and philanthropic aspects of life.

The Campfire Girls, before they were taken in tow by the Community Chest, were sponsored by the club. One year it raised \$5,000 for the girls without tooting a single saxophone. The club is always willing to lend an able helping hand to all civic enterprises and drives. Its effectiveness is no secret.

Grouches Thrown Out Window.

Two members may be taken from the same business or profession unless they show signs of complete reformation.



COLUMBUS COUPLE WED FIFTY YEARS

Columbus, Neb., Feb. 7.—Mr. and Mrs. John Frey, residents of Humphrey, Neb., for the last 20 years, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home Tuesday. Several hundred friends attended a special mass which was read for them by Rev. Father Joseph at St. Francis Catholic church, and 60 guests attended an anniversary dinner at the home of their daughter, Mrs. A. G. Billerbeck. A reception was held throughout the afternoon. Three couples who attended their wedding in Henry, Ill., half a century ago were present at the golden anniversary. They were Mr. and Mrs. Steve German, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kurtenbach and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schaecher. All eight of them were childhood friends in Illinois and are now numbered among the wealthy families of the farming community around Humphrey.

FAIRBURY YOUTH FOUND GUILTY OF BURGLARY

Fairbury, Feb. 7.—Walter Pointer, charged with complicity in the attempted burglary of a Fairbury pool hall, December 9, 1924, was found guilty by a jury Thursday.

Three days were consumed in trying the case and less than half of those wishing to hear the trial were able to crowd into the courtroom. Pointer was found guilty on circumstantial evidence.

INSURANCE FIRM MUST PAY \$4,100

Aurora, Neb., Feb. 7.—Carl A. Bergstrand was given judgment Friday against the Fidelity Phoenix Fire Insurance company for \$4,100 by reason of his loss when his home burned last June. The insurance company protested his claim on the ground that the policy had become void because foreclosure proceedings were started against him prior to the loss.

"Jimmy" Griffin's Death Places Period to Colorful Career

Victim of Potach's Bullet Never Carried Gun, His Friends Insist.

By PAT BOYLE.

James (Jimmy) Griffin, well known character in the underworld, who died last week from a bullet wound inflicted by Police Sergeant Joe Potach, led one of the most colorful lives of any person in Omaha.

Ten years ago "Jimmy" Griffin was a respectable business man here, reputed to be worth \$50,000. He was the owner of a large garage and repair shop and lived happy with his wife and three children.

Later, Nebraska went dry and "Jimmy" was slowly dragged into the rum-running business from St. Joseph to Omaha. Most of his small fortune went in backing Omaha rum runners. He was known as a friend of the "rum runners."

Whenever any runner lost his load and car, he always came to "Jimmy," who would back him on another trip.

"Jimmy" expected to amass a fortune from the booze running activities. The result was—he lost his fortune, wife, family, honor and his life.

The Griffin fortune slowly started to dwindle and after a few years, "Jimmy" was broke. His rum runner friends had divided into two factions and both factions had forgotten "Jimmy." He later opened a small repair shop and was arrested a dozen times in connection with the theft of cars and tires.

A few years ago when bootleggers learned that denatured alcohol could be redistilled and used for beverage purposes, "Jimmy" again started in the bootlegging business, and for a short time made a large sum of money. The bootleggers then started fighting among themselves and stealing each other's liquor.

It was over the theft of seven barrels of alcohol that Hank McArdle met his death and "Jimmy" landed in jail on a charge of murder. He was later convicted and sentenced to 10 years in prison. His appeal to the supreme court was pending when he met his untimely death.

While several stories have been told as to how "Jimmy" was shot last Sunday night, the real truth may never be revealed. When informed by hospital authorities death was near and final sacraments of the church had been administered to him, "Jimmy" still refused to talk and took the story of his shooting to his grave with him.

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Cow Prices Low.

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 7.—Twenty-one Holstein milk cows were sold at the Andrews dairy farm just east of the city yesterday and went for the low average of \$80. The top was \$99.

Horses sold for from \$26 to \$75, and farm machinery found ready buyers at good prices. John Andrews will assume charge of the place, his father, William Andrews, pioneer, having died recently.

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Miss Helen Keller in Her Library — She Reads by Her Finger Tips

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