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16th Annual Meeting of W. C. of Cass County

Federation Meeting at Murdock Attended by Large Number of Club Women of the County.

The 16th annual convention of the Cass County Federation of Women's clubs was held in the Evangelical church at Murdock on Thursday, October 5, 1939 with registration at 9:00 a. m.

The convention was opened at 9:15 with a prelude played by Mrs. Harold Harmon of Weeping Water. Mrs. F. R. Eveland called the meeting to order. Convention singing of two hymns was led by Mrs. L. A. Behrends of Weeping Water.

The Rev. Harvey Schwab, pastor of the Evangelical church of Murdock led the devotionals, using "The Church" as his topic. Mrs. A. J. Tool of Murdock extended a hearty welcome to the convention. Miss Evelyn Wolph, Nehawka, past county federation president gave a most pleasing response.

Twenty-three club presidents responded with one minute reports telling of the interesting projects being carried on by their clubs. There were thirty-six clubs on the federation roll this year.

Mrs. E. H. Wescott, of Plattsmouth led the convention in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mrs. R. E. Uhley, Louisville, played a piano solo entitled "Moonlight Sonata."

The business session of the club was held and two amendments of the club constitution were amended. Judge A. H. Duxbury of Plattsmouth gave an address entitled "Preserving Our American Heritage." He said that the most important task before the American people today is the preservation of our democracy. His address was closed with a beautiful tribute to the flag, with the audience standing.

Mrs. Henry Tool, Murdock, spoke briefly concerning the needs of the Red Cross.

Mrs. Lora Lloyd Kieck, county superintendent of schools gave a short talk on "Education and Its Betterment."

Mrs. R. E. Uhley played a march during which time a collection was taken for the Scholarship Loan Fund which amounted to \$3.75.

The ladies of the Evangelical church served luncheon in the high school auditorium.

The afternoon session began at 1:15 p. m. with a group of songs by the Cass County Extension Clubs Chorus, directed by Mrs. J. Russell Reader of Plattsmouth, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Roy Cole of Murray. The songs were: "The Slumber Boat," "Little Mother of Mine," "God of All Nature" and "God Bless America."

Mrs. Ray Norris of Weeping Water gave the response for the state officers. She is chairman of Rural Clubs and Rural Life.

Chancellor C. S. Boucher of the University of Nebraska gave an address, "Adjusting Education to Reality."

Mrs. L. S. Devoe of Plattsmouth played a piano solo.

The following district officers were presented and spoke briefly: Mrs. Leonard Nash, Palmyra, district chairman of Motion Pictures; Mrs. L. S. Devoe of Plattsmouth, district chairman of the American Home; Mrs. R. E. Uhley, secretary of First District; Mrs. Scott McGrew, Louisville, president of First District.

A trio composed of Eunice Kuehn, Pearl Rueter, and Doris Bornemier, all of Murdock, sang two lovely numbers, "Smilin' Through" and "The Man With the Mandolin."

Mrs. Belle Coakley of Elmwood gave a most interesting lecture on "Nebraska Folk History Featuring the Omaha Indian." She displayed some Indian relics.

Plattsmouth extended an invitation for the 1940 convention.

After hearing the reports of the committees the convention closed with singing "God Be With You."

Presiding officers were: Mrs. G. R. Eveland, president, Elmwood; Mrs. J. M. Kokjer, vice president, Avoca; Mrs. John Hay, secretary-treasurer, Elmwood.

Newly-elected officers are: Mrs.

J. M. Kokjer, of Avoca, president; Mrs. L. S. Devoe of Plattsmouth, vice president; Mrs. Carl Tefft of Avoca, secretary-treasurer.

STILL AT HOSPITAL

Vernon Hendricks, who has been at the Immanuel hospital at Omaha at Omaha for the past few days, is still there undergoing treatment for a kidney affliction that has made his case quite serious. He is apparently doing as well as possible.

Mrs. Hendricks returned home today for the first time since her husband was taken to the hospital and reports him as being slightly better today. She will return later to Omaha to be with the husband.

Young Citizens Contest is Being Held Today

Presided Over by Lora Lloyd Kieck, County Superintendent; Sponsored by the Legion.

From Saturday's Daily—The Young Citizens' contest which is an annual event sponsored by the American Legion of Nebraska and the World-Herald, was held today at Weeping Water, with Lora Lloyd Kieck, county superintendent, sponsoring and the contest presided over by Sterling Amick, commander of the Cass county American Legion.

Assisting in the conduct of the contest by L. H. Behrens, superintendent of schools of Weeping Water, G. M. Corum, superintendent of Louisville and L. S. Devoe, superintendent of the Plattsmouth schools. There were thirty-one contestants and the tests were made on the following: Political events, social and economic events, science and medicine, literature, fine art.

The contestants were also given physical examinations for their qualification in the contest.

The awards made by the judges were as follows:

Girls

- 1—Ann Johnson, Weeping Water.
- 2—Betty Webb, Louisville.
- 3—Mayone Moore, Weeping Water.
- 4—Charlotte Lundburg, Nehawka.
- 5—Hazel Neitzel, Murdock.

Boys

- 1—Charles Arnold, Louisville.
- 2—Howard Bornemeier, Murdock.
- 3—Donald McCarty, Union.
- 4—Stanley Wiles, Weeping Water.
- 5—Stephen Devoe, Plattsmouth; Paul Eveland, Elmwood, tied.

The first two in each class will attend the contest to be held in Omaha in November.

The contestants taking part in the event were:

- Avoca—Marian Sudman, Dorothy Jourgensen.
- Elmwood—Pearl Guehn, Paul Raymond Eveland, Keith Clements, Darlene Hollenbeck.
- Louisville—Lois Wagner, Betty Joan Webb, Laurenie Amelang, Charles Arnold.
- Murdock—Howard Bornemeier, Idella Buell, Hazel Neitzel, Wesley W. Riecke.
- Nehawka—Ned Nutzman, Charlotte Lundburg, Marjorie Ruth Pollard, Bobbie Mayfield.
- Union—Charlotte Ervin, Darlene Swan, Donald McCarty, Robert Hanley.
- Plattsmouth—Stephen Devoe, Mary Helen Dill, Darlene Hennings, John Morris.
- Weeping Water—Lyan Larsen, Ann Johnson, Marjorie Moore, Stanley Wiles.

VISIT AT OMAHA

Mrs. R. A. Bates and her house guest, Mrs. Edith B. Oakes, of Denver, enjoyed Thursday afternoon and evening at Omaha as guests at the home of Mrs. Joe Manasek, niece of Mrs. Bates. They also attended the Omaha Food Show and the program that included Dr. I. Q., noted entertainer with his questions.

Others from this city attending the event were County Treasurer and Mrs. John E. Turner, County Superintendent Lora Lloyd Kieck, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hall and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Robinson.

HERE FROM ILLINOIS

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Nickle, of Chicago, Mrs. Ed Nickle and daughter, of Pekin, Illinois, are here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Becker. They are nieces and nephews of the Becker family.

Juniors Select Class Play for Season of 1939

"Hold Everything" is Title of Sparkling Three Act Comedy to Be Presented This Year.

Plattsmouth high school juniors have chosen "Hold Everything" as their 1939 junior class play. November 17 has been the tentative date set for the play, which will be presented at the high school auditorium.

Four juniors—Misses Shirley Walling and Jacqueline Wetenkamp, Clayton Sack and Albin Chovanev—comprised the committee for the selection of this fall's class play.

"Hold Everything" is a three-act comedy written by Austin Goetz and published by the Northwestern Press.

"Hold Everything" is a play with an entirely different plot from any of the junior or senior plays previously staged," says Lumir Gerner, who has been the official junior and senior class play director (with the exception of the 1938 senior class play when Milo Price had complete charge) for many years. The play's setting takes place in a tourist home in New York.

The cast for "Hold Everything" has also been selected and comprises the following characters and juniors: Carolyn Caruthers, Jacqueline Wetenkamp, Owner of Tourist Cabins; Niohe, Mrs. Caruthers' maid; Christopher Morgan; Ralph Parkening; Connie Morgan; Shirley Walling; Christopher's daughter; Bee Williams; Rosalyn Mark; Courtney Barret, Jr.; Joe Noble; Mrs. Gibbs; Bernice Halmes; Mrs. Gibbs' three daughters; Wanda Gibbs, Shirley Leonard; Lotie Gibbs, Bette Reed; Daisy Gibbs; Rene Brown.

Steve; Albin Chovanev; Andy; Edwin Hiber; Tim McCauley; Robert Cook; Milkman; Marvin Peterelt.

Mr. Gerner will be assisted by the following student directors: Frances Solomon and Emma R. Topfif. Clayton Sack was chosen as chairman of the stage managers' committee and he will be assisted by Alice Rea, Dorothy Ulrich, Pauline Wilson, and Charles Kozak.

RETURN FROM HOSPITAL

From Thursday's Daily—Mrs. Richard Beverage and her little son, who was born on Sunday, October 1 at the Clarkson hospital in Omaha, returned home this afternoon. Robert Allen has been the given name for the second child in the Beverage family.

E. H. Bernhardt, vice-president of the Norfolk Packing company and manager of the local plant, returned home from the St. Joseph hospital, Omaha yesterday following an illness of the past two weeks. Although he is feeling good, Mr. Bernhardt will not resume his office duties for another week.

ATTEND CONFERENCE

A number of Plattsmouth people were in Nebraska City this week where they attended a four-day conference, which was held at the Recreation Center there. Attending the institute were Elmer Sundstrom, Peter Gradoville, Clyde Jackson, and Anton Bajek. Two young ladies, Miss Clara Toman and Mrs. Lois Bailey were in Nebraska City with them for one day only.

The district supervisor, Harold Hill and area supervisor, William Ossian were also present and spoke to the group.

REPORT SNOW FLURRIES

From Friday's Daily—Slight snow flurries were reported early this morning through this section shortly before three o'clock and continued for a few moments but was not sufficient to make a showing.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to all who so kindly came to our assistance at the time of the sickness and death of our loved brother and son. We will always hold dear these grateful memories.—Mrs. Martha Wetenkamp and Families.

RETURN FROM CALIFORNIA

Former Nebraska residents who have made their home in Oakland, California for the last four years have returned several days ago from that state and are now residing in Omaha. They are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dorfler and daughter, Mary Helen and they were in Plattsmouth yesterday where they visited for a short time with Mrs. Dorfler's sister, Mrs. Charles F. Janda. Mrs. Dorfler was formerly Miss Helen Ptacek. Before coming to Omaha the Dorflers spent some time in Havelock with Michael Warka. Mr. Dorfler was also at the Veterans' hospital for treatment.

Presbyterians at Synod Favor U. S. Neutrality

Adopt Resolutions, Omit Mention of Arms Embargo—Favor Physical Examination for Marriage.

Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church with Carl J. Schneider, returned last evening from Lexington, Nebraska, where they have been in attendance at the Nebraska synod of the Presbyterian church.

The synod for 1940 will be held at the Dundee church of Omaha.

The meeting was very interesting and many important resolutions were adopted and among these one urging neutrality.

"It is our firm conviction," the resolution said, "congress can best serve our national interest by following that policy which will keep the United States out of the present European war."

"We believe America can best serve the cause of democracy and the welfare of humanity by conserving her strength and using it to promote a just and righteous peace among nations."

"We believe it will be tragedy to America if we attempt in any way to cash in on the misfortune and the weakness of other peoples in this critical hour of the world's history. We pray that congress may be so led the voice and the power of America may help to bring hope and peace and justice to the peoples of the world."

Legislation providing for a physical examination by Nebraska couples planning to marry and a period of waiting between application for a marriage license and the ceremony was endorsed by the synod. The physical examination would be required before application for a license is made.

SEARCH FOR MISSING CAR

From Saturday's Daily—Last evening Sheriff Joe Mrasek and Deputy Sheriff Emery Doody were called out on the report that an auto belonging to Robert Sedlak, South 6th street liquor dealer, was missing. The officers drove out on the highways in the hope of discovering the missing car. The officers returning to the city discovered the car parked near the residence of the owner. It was found that the car had been taken by a college student for a few hours and restored to the owner.

RETURNS FROM EAST

Dr. John P. Johnson, of Omaha, who has a clinic in this city, was here Wednesday to look after his patients, this being his first visit in two weeks, as he has just returned from a trip to the east. Dr. Johnson visited the New York world's fair and also stopped for a visit in Pennsylvania, going over the battlefields of Gettysburg, now a great national memorial to the men of the union and the confederate armies.

MRS. HOWARD SCOTT LEAVES

Mrs. Howard Scott left for her home in Lincoln Thursday following a five-day visiting period in this city with her mother, Mrs. Mary Rys and her brother, Anton, and sister, Miss Josephine Rys. Mrs. Scott came to Plattsmouth to attend the observance of the 80th anniversary of Catholicity, which was held Sunday.

Cass County Bankers Meet at Weeping Water

Walter J. Wunderlich of Nehawka Named as President for 1940—Meet Next at Nehawka.

The Cass County Bankers association met Thursday afternoon at Weeping Water in their annual gathering which is held on Columbus day.

The Weeping Water banks had arranged a very fine program and entertainment for the event and a large representation of the banks of the county as well as a large group of the Omaha bankers were present to enjoy the treat prepared for them.

The business session was presided over by Frank J. Domingo, Weeping Water, president, with Harry Robertson, of Eagle as the secretary.

The business sessions were held at the hall of Euclid lodge No. 97, A. F. & A. M. and formally opened by the president and Mayor Troy L. Davis, of Weeping Water gave the address of welcome in his always pleasant manner and to which Mrs. Carl D. Ganz, of Alvo, responded for the members of the visiting party.

The bankers and their guests had a very excellent talk given by T. B. Strain of the Continental National bank, of Lincoln on "Gleanings from the East" and which was filled with many interesting facts gleaned by this well known Nebraska banker.

One address that was followed with a great deal of interest by the bankers in this large corn-producing area, was D. D. Wainstock of the Steckley Hybrid Seed company, who told of the advantages of this variety of corn in the west in the dry years and its excellent yield that had been noted throughout the west.

The election of officers for the coming year resulted in the naming of the following:

President—Walter J. Wunderlich, Nehawka. Vice-President—Charles H. Boedeker, II, Murray. Secretary-Treasurer—Elmer Hallstrom, Avoca.

The ladies of the party enjoyed a fine time at the theatre party at the Chief, followed by the social hour at the home of Mrs. Frank J. Domingo.

The members of the entire group were entertained at the dining room of the Congregational church at 6:30 at a banquet which was very charmingly arranged, the decorations being wheat heads vari-colored and which gave a rainbow effect to the table decorations.

The invocation was offered by Rev. George S. Hunt, of the Congregational church, to fittingly open the pleasant repast.

Guy L. Clements, president of the American Exchange bank, of Elmwood, was the toastmaster, taking this role in his usually clever manner and presenting the different numbers on the program.

Musical selections were offered by the Weeping Water high school students as well as a vocal offering from a member of the visiting Omaha party.

A. H. Duxbury entertained with a number of very pleasant tales as a part of "Tales Out of Court" and much enjoyed by all of the group.

Carl D. Ganz, of the Farmers and Merchants bank of Alvo was heard on "An Attorney's Opinion of Bankers," and in which Mr. Ganz was at his best, he being both a member of the bar and one of the leading bankers of the county.

It was voted to have the 1940 meeting held at Nehawka.

Those attending from this city were Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Clويد, Mrs. H. A. Schneider and Thornton Baker, Mr. H. A. Schneider, president of the Plattsmouth State bank being unable to attend owing to illness.

SUFFERS FRACTURED HIP

Mrs. Joseph Fay, residing at Fifth and Granite streets, is confined to her home as the result of a very severe accident that she sustained Thursday evening while working around the family home. Mrs. Fay fell while in the kitchen at the house and as the result sustained a fracture of the hip. Dr. L. S. Pucelid was called and gave the patient treatment and she is now resting some easier.

SUFFERS TERRIBLE INJURY

Mrs. Nellie Shea and Miss Ila Kirker of this city, have received the word of a terrible accident suffered by their second cousin, Wilbur Laughlin, 21, soldier in the U. S. army stationed at Fort Meade, South Dakota. The young man was examining a supposedly "dud" 37 millimeter shell at the fort a few days ago and shook the shell, the result being that the shell was discharged in the hands of the young man. All but the first finger of both hands were blown off by the explosion. He is at the military hospital at Fort Meade. The young man is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Laughlin, of near Greenwood.

Banquet for Gene Nutzman Open to Public

County Wide Tribute by Men of Cass County to a Native Son, State Legion Commander

Thursday evening of this week, at the Legion Community building in Plattsmouth, there will be held the county wide tribute and banquet by the men of Cass county, honoring Eugene Nutzman, a native son, who was elected state commander of the American Legion at the department convention in Lincoln during the fore part of August.

Attendance is not limited to Legion members, but all men of Cass county are invited. The dinner will be served at 6:30 and tickets are on sale in most of the towns over the county at 50 cents.

L. S. Devoe will be toastmaster. "Red" Motter of Fremont, well known Legionnaire, will be the principal speaker, and Legionnaire R. L. Cochran, another native born Cass countian, has promised the committee he will make every effort to be here, to join with other men of the county in paying tribute to "Gene." This is the first time a Cass county resident has ever been named to such high office in American Legion circles.

It is expected there will be between 250 and 300 men present at the banquet.

The Cass county convention of Legionnaires is to be held here in the afternoon, allowing Legion members from Nehawka, Weeping Water, Elmwood, Greenwood and Louisville to make the one trip serve for attendance at both the convention and the banquet.

Cass county is also to entertain the district convention of the Legion and Auxiliary again this year. This one-day meeting is to be held Wednesday, November 15, at Weeping Water. Last year's district convention was held in Plattsmouth.

MAKES FINE SHOWING

Emmett Mullen, former resident here and son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mullen, operators of Mullen's Market, is now engaged in a contest among salesmen for the John Morrill Co., products in the Texas field. The company has a contest in which there were seventy-five salesmen entered and Mr. Mullen at the last reports was fourth in this list of hustling representatives of the company. He is located at Galveston, Texas, and others in the same contest represent many of the large cities of Texas, making the competition keen in the increase of sales.

DRAWS DOWN FINE

From Friday's Daily—This morning a complaint was filed in the county court by the state highway patrolmen against Frank A. Badaway, who claims his residence as the state of Missouri. The charge was that of speeding on the public highway. The court gave a fine of \$10 and costs for the offense.

LEAVES FOR WEST COAST

From Thursday's Daily—Mrs. Phillip Thierolf departed this morning for Omaha from where she will leave later in the day for the west coast to enjoy the winter season there with her daughter, Miss Elsa and her grandson, Phillip Rosenkrans, at Long Beach.

Harry Knudsen New President of Municipal League

First Omaha Man Ever to be Named to This Position—Next Year's Meeting at Scottsbluff

For the first time in the nearly thirty years of its existence, the League of Nebraska Municipalities today at the closing session of their three day convention in Fremont, named an Omaha man as president. The newly selected official is Finance Commissioner in Omaha's commission form of government and for several years has been active in League affairs, serving as a member of the executive committee the past two years, and as acting vice president since early spring when Mayor Roy Carter of Norfolk was defeated for re-election and retired from the League's official family.

Knudsen succeeds Mayor George S. Lyon of Falls City.

Mayor A. T. Howard of Scottsbluff was named vice president, and that city was chosen for the 1940 convention. Lincoln was also an applicant. Scottsbluff's delegation won the attendance prize, based on greatest number of man-miles traveled, as it has for several years.

Chosen as members of the three-man executive committee were Mayor Matt Lawritson, of McCook (re-elected), Commissioner James Terhune, Beatrice, and City Clerk George Werner, of Deshler.

Resolutions submitted to the convention by the Resolutions committee of which Councilman Elmer Webb of Plattsmouth was a member, include:

- 1—Appointment of a committee of at least one attorney from each of the five classes of cities to study the franchise and contract laws of Nebraska with a view to getting a uniform law governing all classes of cities. (At present some cities grant franchises by a vote of the people, others by vote of council, and there is a wide range of provisions as between light, power, gas and water franchises, contracts and condemnation procedure).
- 2—Requestion the State Highway Department keep federal and state highways within city limits in repair. (Chicago avenue here an example).
- 3—Appointment of committee to study unequitable distribution of gasoline tax and auto license fees to the municipalities, and bring in a report at next annual meeting of suggested legislation.
- 4—Requesting state Health Department to provide more strict sanitary requirements for treatment of drinking glasses in taverns, restaurants and soda fountains.
- 5—That second class cities be invited to participate in a general ordinance revision project, cutting down the expense of individual cities doing their own.
- 6—Asking revision of building codes and zoning laws affecting cities of the first class.
- 7—That committee be named to study and submit report for zoning laws relative to cities of the second class.
- 8—That the president call special meeting of the League some time in advance of 1941 legislative session to formulate legislative program, with cities seeking new laws or changes in existing laws to bring drafts of their proposed bills.

The legal section elected Paul Bek of Seward as president, and Joseph L. Pollat, of Wahoo, vice president.

The seven Plattsmouth officials who attended yesterday's sessions, returned home last night after the banquet.

MANY ATTEND GAME

The Plattsmouth high school football team received a fine demonstration of loyalty Friday afternoon in the very large group of Plattsmouth people who drove to Ashland for the game, the Plattsmouth delegation being almost as large as the people from Ashland who had gathered for the game. The local people felt well repaid in the showing of the Platters who had almost all of their squad in action in the course of the afternoon.