

The Plattsmouth Journal.

Plattsmouth Man Finds Trip from Europe Hard

Adolph Wesch One of Many Hundreds of Americans Who Found Passage Home Difficult.

From Monday's Daily—Gustav A. Wesch returned today from his visit in Europe that has covered several months and left with the traveler impressions that will be retained for a lifetime, of the dangers and privations that are confronting the Americans seeking their homeland.

Mr. Wesch had a fine and pleasant voyage across the Atlantic on his eastward journey and several happy weeks were spent with the aged parents in their home in one of the pleasant villages of the Black Forest country of Germany, until the imminence of war caused a change in the general conditions and brought the residents there as in all belligerent countries under more restricted conditions.

Mr. Wesch had planned to journey to East Prussia to visit with friends, but this was curtailed as the result of the Polish war and while he was able to spend a short time with his sister and family near the Polish frontier he was unable to continue on east because of the need of the transportation for use of the military.

The home of the parents of Mr. Wesch is only some thirty-five miles from the fortified area of western Germany and the activities of war are to be noticed very much. The residents of the territory had been placed under the ration system a few weeks before Mr. Wesch left and all articles of food, clothing or anything else had to be secured on the ration cards that were placed in the hands of all residents. This made the work of the householder difficult in handling their purchases and in all food-stuffs there were marked restrictions.

The most thrilling part of the trip of Mr. Wesch and one filled with a large element of danger, was that of the journey homeward. In going to Europe Mr. Wesch had made the crossing in the German liner, the Bremen, now interned in a Russian port. On the journey back it was found that only vessels of neutral nations were available, which made necessary the payment of a new fare and an addition of forty per cent increase also was taxed against the travelers. To facilitate the handling of the hundreds, the Holland lines had placed offices in several of the German cities near the border.

Mr. Wesch as well as all the travelers were required to comply with the established law that only ten marks might be removed by each person from Germany and this added also to the difficulty of securing food and supplies. The exchange of the ten marks left the price of ten cups of coffee in Holland. The party found Rotterdam, Holland, filled with those seeking passage to the United States, not only citizens but hundreds of Jewish refugees also bound for this country. There were large numbers of Jews on the boat he sailed on while hundreds of Americans were left behind at Rotterdam.

"The Rotterdam," one of the older vessels of the Holland line, was the only vessel sailing at the time, and it was with the greatest difficulty that Mr. Wesch, through the assistance of friends, was able to get on the passenger list for the trip home. "The Rotterdam" was crowded and every possible space taken as the vessel swung out into the North Sea and thence through the English channel. Owing to the heavy mining of the channel by the British, every precaution was taken, daily boat drills and the lifeboats ready to be launched at any moment.

The boat on reaching Southampton was boarded by the English naval officers and each passenger checked and baggage and mail examined before the boat was cleared, the mine field opened to allow "The Rotterdam" to proceed on out to sea. The party on the "Rotterdam" had the thrill of seeing a smaller boat, apparently a merchantman, sinking some distance away in the lower channel, but whether from a mine explosion or torpedoing was not learned.

The crossing was far from pleasant in the late fall weather of the north Atlantic and the overcrowded condition of the vessel.

It was a grand feeling for all of the party when New York harbor was reached early Thursday morning and the end of the journey and safety was at hand for the members of the party.

Mr. Wesch states that it was even a greater sensation when he reached home today to greet the friends, to see smiling faces that he knew, and to enjoy the freedom and privileges that are a part of this great land of ours and of which he is a citizen.

Hallowe'en Party Enjoyed at Scout Cabin

Youngsters Have a Fine Time in Games and Recreations at Camp Wheeler Last Evening

The members of the local troop of the Boy Scouts of America, had a very safe and sane observance of the Hallowe'en season Tuesday night at Camp Wheeler, south of this city.

This camp which is one of the best that any Scout organization in the state enjoys, made an ideal spot for the evening of recreation, it being the custom of recent years to have the Scouts spend the evening there and away from the celebrations in the city.

Scoutmaster R. J. Larson had charge of the jamboree, the veteran leader of the Scouts assisting in the program of games and fun that prevailed for several hours.

The young people at a suitable hour had a much enjoyed lunch of weiners, buns and "coke" to wind up a perfect evening.

Scoutmaster Larson and the boys are very appreciative of the kindnesses of Hilt Martin, Carl Ofc, James Maury, W. A. Robertson, and Fred Lugsch for car transportation.

CHORUS MEMBERS MEET

Members of the Cass County Chorus held a meeting recently in the parlors of the First Methodist church at Weeping Water and was attended by a number of the local ladies.

One of the main discussions of the business meeting was the launching of a new membership drive and stimulating more interest in the club's activities. The society wishes to state that any Cass county ladies who are extension or study club members and who are desirous of belonging or joining the chorus are cordially welcome to do so and are requested to be present at a meeting to be held Monday, November 6 at the First Methodist church at Weeping Water.

Mrs. J. R. Reeder is director of the chorus and Mrs. Roy Cole is the accompanist.

FIREMEN KEPT BUSY

From Tuesday's Daily—The Plattsmouth firemen were called last evening to a residence on South 6th street where a chimney burning out had caused alarm. There was no damage from the chimney, however.

This morning at 5 o'clock the department was called to the high school campus where a pile of lumber which had been taken from the old high school building now being wrecked, was reported on fire. The blaze was quickly subdued and with practically no damage. It is thought that the fire may have been caused by a bonfire made by Hallowe'en celebrants to warm and which had spread into the lumber.

DANCE, NOVEMBER 4

The Z. C. B. J. lodge will sponsor a dance on Saturday evening, November 4 at the American Legion hall. The popular Joseph Sinkule orchestra of Omaha will play modern and Bohemian music. Admission: Gentlemen 35c. Ladies 25c. The public is invited.

FOOD SALE

Don't forget the Food Sale by the St. Paul's Church School Sat. Nov. 4 p. m. at Gobelman's Paint Store.

Knights and Ladies Hold Fine Hallowe'en Party

Masonic Hall Beautifully Arranged for the Program of Fun and Entertainment for All.

From Tuesday's Daily—Last evening the members of Mt. Zion commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, with their ladies, were entertained at a cleverly arranged Hallowe'en jamboree at the Masonic building. The pleasant evening was through the courtesy of Lyle L. Horton, generalissimo of the local commandery.

The committee arranging for the event had prepared a very attractive setting for the festive gathering with decorations of the bright hued autumn leaves as well as the Hallowe'en touches found in the shaded light effects. Streamers of black and white, Templar colors were found to be on the tables and orange candles added their part to the decorative scheme.

The dinner was served by the ladies of the Methodist Federation and who arranged a very delicious menu that was offered under the truly Hallowe'en designation of:

- Throat Ticklers
- Horseshoe Ham
- Hob Goblin Tidbits
- Sugared Sweets
- Ye Imps Nite Mare
- Greased Rocks
- Jack O'Lantern Pie
- Witches Brew - Nuts
- Pleasant Dreams

The toast list was presided over by Raymond C. Cook, past commander and present deputy grand custodian of the Nebraska Masons, who also received a pleasant surprise that had been prepared by the committee.

The processional march was played by Mrs. Roy O. Cole, one of the talented musicians of the county and whose offerings are always most enjoyed.

The members of the Knights and their ladies were given welcome by Don Seiver, commander of Mt. Zion commandery and invited to enjoy to the fullest measure the delightful time that had been arranged.

The response was given for the ladies by Mrs. W. F. Evers, worthy matron of Home chapter No. 189 of the Eastern Star, in her very clever manner.

The Masonic quartet, always a treat to any gathering, was on the program to offer four numbers, the quartet comprising Raymond C. Cook, Dr. H. G. McClusky, R. W. Knorr and Frank A. Cloldt, their offering being enthusiastically received. E. H. Wescott served as the accompanist.

The presentation of the past commander's jewel to Don Seiver, retiring commander, was made by Harrison L. Gayer, also a past commander, in his very able manner.

The commandery had the pleasure of a visit from a number of the grand commandery officers and among these John J. Wilson, of Lincoln, grand captain of the guard, who was called upon and gave a very clever and much enjoyed response.

Emil J. Weyrich, one of the local members was presented in one of his interesting motion picture showings and which served as a very fine offering of beauty and interest.

The members of the group were entertained very much by the contribution of Luke L. Wiles, past commander in his harmonious selection that came as an outstanding feature of the program.

It was a real pleasure to the members of the dinner party to have as a guest of honor, William T. Albrecht, of Lincoln, grand commander of Nebraska, who gave a very fine and inspirational address as the closing feature of the very fine program.

One of the features of the lovely arranged banquet was the favors that had been provided for the ladies, necklaces of silver with pendants of the Knights Templar emblem were presented to each of the lady guests as a lasting memorial of the happy evening.

The event was one that will long be remembered in the annals of the local Templar organization which has in the past staged so many very cleverly arranged and carried out entertainments.

Guests at the banquet included Colonel W. R. Broow, president of the Sojourners club of Omaha and Major L. G. Noel, head of the Heroes of '76, also of Omaha.

VISIT AT WAHOO

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Donat, Sr., with Mr. and Mrs. Vern Hendricks and Miss Rosalyn Mark, motored to Wahoo Sunday where they spent the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Havelka, the latter a daughter of Mr. Donat. They enjoyed the trip and found Wahoo a most attractive spot.

Knights of Columbus Hold Installation

Charles J. McDonald, of Omaha, District Deputy, Conducts Installation of Local Officers.

From Tuesday's Daily—At a special meeting of Monsignor M. A. Shine council 1966 of the Knights of Columbus last evening at Eagles hall, installation of the officers for the ensuing year was conducted.

Charles J. McDonald, of Omaha, district deputy, was the installing officer and was assisted by Warden Abts of the Omaha council. The following were installed:

Grand Knight—F. A. Neugebauer, Deputy Grand Knight—James J. Holy, Chancellor—Theodore Svoboda, Financial Secretary—Wm. H. Woolcott.

Recorder—John J. Cloldt, Warden—Theodore Ptak, Treasurer—W. A. Swatek, Lecturer—Walter H. Smith, Trustee—John M. Meisinger, Advocate—Louis Svoboda.

Inside Guard—Edward Gradoville, Outside Guard—John L. Hadraba. Following the installation of the officers, Mr. McDonald gave a very fine talk on the work of the order in the United States and Nebraska and urged that the membership enter into the work of this great fraternal and religious order with fervor and to increase its membership.

The evening closed with the serving of a very much enjoyed lunch by the committee in charge and who proved to be real entertainers in their line.

TO VISIT WEST COAST

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Taylor are expecting to leave within the next few days for the west coast where they will visit with relatives and friends for some time. They are making the trip by auto and will be accompanied by E. B. Buckley, of Three Rivers, Michigan and Mrs. Kate Elgin, of Bloomington Illinois, brother and sister of Mrs. Taylor.

They will visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reed in California and then go to Salem and Corvallis, Oregon, to visit with Charles and David Taylor before returning home.

ATTENDS TEACHERS CONVENTION AT TOPEKA

Miss Anna May Sandin, of this city, who is teaching school in the western portion of Kansas, is attending the state teachers meeting at Topeka, which is in session this week. Miss Sandin is teaching English and music in her school and also has been assigned the honor of judging many of the dramatic contests staged by the schools in the west part of Kansas.

LEAVES FOR MISSOURI

This morning Francis Toman, who has been employed in Omaha for some time, returned to Sedalia, Missouri where he will be employed in the future. The Plattsmouth man boarded the Missouri Pacific Marathon, a fast Kansas City-Omaha train that operates through this city. Mr. Toman boarded the train at Nebraska City.

APPOINTED ON COMMITTEE

Mrs. Marjorie Lohnes, of this city, assistant at the office of Dr. P. T. Heineman, has just been appointed on the membership committee of the Nebraska Dental Assistants association. Mrs. Lohnes has been a very active figure in this organization.

Robbers of Avoca Store are Held in Iowa

Two Men Apprehended at Council Bluffs Have Quantity of Merchandise in Their Car.

From Tuesday's Daily—Sheriff Joe Mrasek and Deputy Sheriff Emery Doody, were at Council Bluffs today where they were called to investigate clues as to possible connection with the robbery of the Ruhge store and a filling station at Avoca Sunday night.

The robbers had secured a quantity of cigarettes and other articles at the general store and had apparently enjoyed a lunch of cheese and crackers while there. Traces indicated a car had been driven up to the rear of the store and which had probably served as a getaway for the robbers.

A filling station in the north part of Avoca was also visited and robbed of twenty-one gallons of gasoline.

The sheriff and deputy were accompanied by the Avoca business men who were victims of the robbers and it was found on reaching the Iowa city that the men had part of the loot taken from Avoca with them in the car.

The men will be held today for a check by the FBI officers and it is expected that they will be turned over to the Cass county officers Wednesday and probably be brought here for arraignment.

The car in which the men were riding was reported as stolen in Virginia and which is being investigated by the federal authorities.

DISTRICT COURT NOTES

Judge W. W. Wilson was here Monday for a session of court and at which time the case of George S. Ray vs. the Cass County Farm Bureau, et al, came on for hearing. Evidence was adduced by the plaintiff and the defendants as to the case and arguments offered to support the contentions of the opposing sides of this action.

The case is one covering the legality of the election of November 1938 at which time the matter of the support of the farm bureau by an appropriation by the board of county commissioners was submitted to the voters. The question involved is whether the appropriation was invalidated by the result of the election.

The court granted the plaintiffs four days to file briefs to support their arguments and the defendants three days to file answer briefs.

Judge Wilson also entered decrees of divorce in two cases to the plaintiffs, Marie K. Dooley vs. Clarence Dooley and Martin Barnes vs. Phyllis Barnes.

VISIT WITH CHILDREN

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Bestor were visitors at Lincoln Sunday where they had a very pleasant visit with their daughter, Miss Lois, teacher in the Horvick, Nebraska, high school and John Kenneth Bestor, student at the University of Nebraska. Miss Lois Bestor has been at Lincoln to attend the sessions of district No. 1 of the state teachers association meeting in that place.

SUFFERS SPRAINED ANKLE

Attorney Madge Garnett is suffering from the effects of a sprained right ankle that is making her conducting her business a matter of difficulty. In coming from her home to her office, Miss Garnett turned the ankle and caused a severe sprain that has been quite painful.

CALLED TO FEDERAL COURT

From Wednesday's Daily—H. A. Schneider, president of the Plattsmouth State bank and Ordeil Hennings, manager of the local Hinky-Dinky store were at Lincoln today, they being called there to testify in a case in the United States district court.

SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

Mrs. Ray F. Becker was at Omaha Monday where she was examined by the specialists who handled her operation for sinus and was found to be improving rapidly and is now fast regaining her former good health.

HAS HIGH NURSE RANK

Miss Helen Jane West, former Plattsmouth girl, has attained a very high post in her chosen profession of nurse, she being at this time assistant head of the nursing department of the James Whitcomb Riley hospital at Indianapolis, Indiana. Since completing her school work here in this city, Miss West has made her home largely in the east, her grandmother, Mrs. H. N. Dovey having made her home at Indianapolis and later Peoria, Ill. Miss West is a daughter of Carl West of Nebraska City.

Well Known People Married at Papillion

Miss Nellie Gorder and Mr. Walter Herger Married Saturday Evening at Sarpy County Seat.

The announcement is being made of the marriage of two of the well known residents of the city, Miss Nellie Gorder, member of one of the pioneer families of Cass county and Mr. Walter Herger, son of the late C. L. Herger and one of the popular men of the community.

The marriage took place on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at Papillion, the marriage lines being read by the Rev. E. H. Unvert, pastor of the Methodist church of that city. Superintendent Donald Hare of the Papillion schools, and Mrs. Hare, were the witnesses of the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Herger returned to this city and expect to start house-keeping soon in the residence they have purchased on Vine street and which is now being arranged for their occupancy.

This estimable couple have many friends here who will be delighted to learn of the happiness that has come to them and join in their best wishes for many years of future happiness.

The bride is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. August Gorder and was born and has grown to womanhood here while the groom came here as a boy some thirty years ago and has since resided in this community where he is an employee of the Burlington Refrigerator Express Co., at their local shops.

GIRL BORN TO AVIS FAMILY

Old friends and relatives here of the Horsak family will be pleased to learn that a girl, Carol Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Avis at the Jennie Edmundson hospital in Council Bluffs, Iowa on Monday, October 6. Mrs. Avis was formerly Miss Rose Horsak and the little one is a granddaughter of Louis Horsak, former Plattsmouth resident now residing in Omaha. She is also a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Horsak, also of this city.

Mrs. Frank Horsak returned following a four-day visit in Council Bluffs with the Avis family.

ATTENDS OFFICIALS MEETING

From Tuesday's Daily—Coach Bion A. Hoffman was at Omaha last evening where he attended the meeting of the Nebraska-Iowa Officials Association, composed of athletic coaches in the Omaha and Council Bluffs area. The meeting was very interesting and many of the problems of the sport official were discussed by the members of the group.

TO SPEND WINTER HERE

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Sheldon, of Nehawka, and Mrs. E. C. Giles and daughters, Lois and Eleanor, were at Omaha Saturday evening where they met Mrs. I. L. Sheldon of Ellensburg, Deport, New York. Mrs. I. L. Sheldon is the mother of Mrs. Giles and Mrs. Sheldon and will spend the winter here with the children.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Leslie W. Niel returned home Sunday from Omaha where she has been recuperating from an operation. She is feeling much improved and it is hoped will soon be restored to her former good health.

Eastern Star Enjoys a Fine Friendship Nite

Over 200 Attend Meeting at Which Visitors Exemplify the Ritualistic Work.

Tuesday evening Home chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star observed "Friendship Night" at their lodge rooms in the Masonic building and at which there were 200 of the members from here as well as representatives from six of the chapters in this section of the state.

The officers of the visiting chapters were called upon to exemplify the ritualistic work of the order and gave a splendid presentation, one in which they deserve every commendation for their thoroughness and impressive work.

Those taking part in the ritualistic work and their chapters were:

Syracuse—Mrs. Emma Zahn, worthy matron; Venus Strong, chaplain; Ada Holliday, conductress.

Greenwood—Emmet A. Landon, acting patron; Mrs. Roxanna Alen, secretary.

Elmwood—Clara Edwards, Electa; Elizabeth Box, treasurer; Marjorie Bornemeier, warder.

Weeping Water—Mrs. Chris Rasmussen, Ruth; Clarence Pool, sentinel.

Dunbar—Clara Cone, associate conductress; Irene Stocker, Martha; Pearl McKissick, marshal.

Nebraska City—Catherine Lisby, Esther; Nasha Ott, associate matron; William Conley, associate patron; Phyllis Dammas, Adah.

Candidates to receive the degree work were Miss Thelma Tritt, of Shelton, Nebraska, a teacher in the Plattsmouth schools and Miss Mueller of Nebraska City.

The members had a very fine program arranged for their guests and which offered a number of the Plattsmouth musical and dramatic talent most cleverly.

Mrs. J. A. Capwell was heard in two very clever readings given in the Negro dialect, well presented and received with great enjoyment by the audience.

Raymond C. Cook, past worthy patron of Home chapter, was heard in two of his always enjoyed vocal numbers, "Hills of Home" and "Bells of the Sea."

The visiting worthy matrons and worthy patrons of the various chapters visiting here were called upon for brief remarks and among these were:

Emma Zahn, matron and Russell Joyce, patron, Syracuse; Mrs. Florence Armstrong, matron and E. A. Landon, patron, Greenwood; Mrs. Muenchau, matron, John Nickles, patron, Elmwood; Mrs. William Rehmeier, matron, Richard Hobson, patron, Weeping Water; Mrs. Anderson, matron, Edgar Ashton, patron, Dunbar; Waulita Hoberg, matron, Charles Opp, patron, Nebraska City.

Mrs. Eva Franz, of Elmwood was grand representative from the state of Washington and given the grand honors.

Mrs. Roy Cole, regular organist, was unable to play and Mrs. R. W. Knorr, one of the talented musicians of the city played the various musical selections in her delightful manner.

The Eastern Star quartet composed of Mrs. Russell Reeder, Mrs. Harry Nielsen, Raymond C. Cook and D. C. York gave several numbers that were very much enjoyed.

The visiting officers were presented with a beautiful Eastern Star memorial book as a token of the very delightful meeting.

The dining room had been arranged in the bright and attractive garbings of the Hallowe'en season and orange and black with the traditional black cats and ghosts to make a very fitting scene for the serving. Mrs. Frank Cloldt, Mrs. Raymond Larson, Mrs. Guy White, Mrs. Luke Wiles, were in charge of the dining room and at an appropriate hour in ghostly raiment called the members of the group to the charmingly arranged dining room.

The officers of the visiting chapter and the Home chapter formed a double Star for the very impressive retiring march.

PROGRAM AND PLATE SUPPER

Rock Creek School, Friday, Nov. 3, 8 o'clock. Come. Dora Trively, teacher. Itd&w