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Masons Hold Installation of New Officers

Open Installation Brings Large Attendance of Members, Families and Eastern Star.

From Friday's Daily—
Last evening Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M. held installation of the officers for the year 1940, the event being an open ceremony at which the families of the members as well as the members of the Eastern Star were guests.

The impressive ceremonies were conducted by Raymond C. Cook, deputy grand custodian, with William A. Robertson, past grand master of the Nebraska A. F. & A. M. as chaplain and William F. Evers, past master of Plattsmouth lodge as the marshal. The officers installed were:

W. M.—Ralph Wehrlein.
S. W.—Wayne A. Bennett.
J. W.—John E. Parkington.
Treasurer—Frank A. Cloldt.
Secretary—Leslie W. Niel.
S. D.—J. Howard Davis.
J. D.—Ivan De Les Dornier.
Chaplain—Dr. H. G. McClusky, D.D.

Following the installation ceremonies a very fine program was presented in the lodge room, participated in by a number of the local people.

The newly installed master and the wardens of the lodge were called upon and gave a few remarks and extended the welcome to the members of the group.

The Eastern Star quartette comprising Mrs. Harry Nielsen, Mrs. J. R. Reeder, Don C. York and Raymond C. Cook, gave several numbers that were much enjoyed and proved a lovely feature of the program.

Stephen Devoe, one of the younger musical artists of the city was presented in a vocal solo.

Carl J. Schneider, past master of Plattsmouth lodge, extended the greetings of the former masters to the newly installed officers and the retiring master, J. R. Reeder who has so efficiently carried on the work of the office.

Misses Jacqueline Wetenkamp and Mary Helen Dill, local high school students gave a most charming vocal solo as their part of the interesting program of the evening.

Allan White, well known local musician, was heard in a cornet solo given in his artistic manner.

The accompanists for the musical part of the program were Mrs. L. S. Devoe, Mrs. Roy O. Cole and Miss Ruth Westover.

Following the program refreshments were served to the members of the group.

Delegations were present from Nebraska City, Weeping Water and Nehawka to enjoy the installation and meet with the local Masons.

ELLIE SCHMIDTMANN 76

From Friday's Daily—
"Ellie" Schmidtmann was born in Manitowac, Wisconsin, 76 years ago yesterday. He spent his boyhood there; when a young man he looked to the west, and soon found himself in Plattsmouth, then a young town and facing the friendly and promising west. The town looked good to him then and has always. In this his adopted home he set out to do his full portion to make it the best town for business, to make a home and to rear a family. He has proved a most excellent citizen and business man. A most ideal family has grown up around him and his wife, all excellent citizens. Yesterday he quietly observed the passing of his natal day, enjoying a good degree of prosperity and a host of good friends, who wish him and family many more years of happiness, health and prosperity.

CARD OF THANKS

Deeply appreciative of the many acts of kindness shown our beloved one in his last illness, the aid and sympathy shown us at the time of death, we desire to express our heartfelt thanks. Also we wish to thank those who assisted in the funeral services and for the beautiful flowers.—Mrs. W. W. Wasley, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Wasley.

UNDERGOING TREATMENT

Dr. W. S. Eaton is at the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha, as the result of a very severe attack of the flu and also a throat irritation that has proved very painful. The condition of the physician was such that it was thought best to have him taken to the hospital for care and treatment for a few days at least.

Death of Martin Nelsen at Farm Home Wednesday

Resided on Farm West of This City for Past Thirty Years—Funeral to Be Saturday.

Late Wednesday afternoon Martin Nelsen, 70, a resident here for the past thirty years, passed away at the family home on the farm west of this city.

Mr. Nelsen had not been in good health for the past few years but was not critically ill until the last few weeks when he has failed very rapidly until death.

Mr. Nelsen was a native of the kingdom of Denmark and came to the United States when eighteen years of age. In his native land he had been apprenticed as a cabinet maker and which trade he followed for several years. In his home he has many beautiful examples of his work and wood carving.

Prior to coming to Plattsmouth Mr. and Mrs. Nelsen resided in Mills county, Iowa, coming to Plattsmouth in 1910 and locating on the farm west of the city where they have since resided.

Mr. Nelsen is survived by the widow, the only relative here, as well as a brother and sister residing in the old country.

SEEK FUNDS FOR ROBES

A project has been started by members of the Plattsmouth high school a cappella choir members with the assistance of their parents to have robes made for the choir members. Robes will be made for almost a hundred students who comprise the choir. The project was begun by several of the senior students at the suggestion of their parents, who have agreed to co-operate in any way possible. The response to this cooperation has been excellent.

The project is to be financed by proceeds from the operetta, "And It Rained," which will be enacted at the high school auditorium Tuesday evening, February 6 and other sources of revenue. The Plattsmouth Sewing Center of which Mrs. Paula Barker is head will make the robes and, thereby, aid in making it possible for the members of the choir to wear these robes for contest appearances.

The committee in charge of all arrangements for the robes is as follows: Helen Hiatt, Shirley Petersen, Wilma Swatek, Aileen Reed, and Catherine Strickland.

LEAVE FOR WYOMING

From Thursday's Daily—
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Albert of Green River, Wyoming, have been here for a visit with their relatives in this city and vicinity. They were guests of the family of Mr. Albert and also with Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Lillie, the latter a sister of Mrs. Albert.

Mr. Albert is connected with the Union Pacific at the Wyoming town which has gained much fame as the home of the "Green River Ordinance."

They left last evening for their home.

SHOWS NICE IMPROVEMENT

Reports from the St. Joseph hospital at Omaha state that Miss Mary Rosencrans, of this city, who is there taking treatment, is showing a fine improvement in her condition. The family and friends are pleased to note her improvement and it is hoped that she may soon be able to return home.

Plattsmouth offers a splendid market for farm produce. Local dealers always pay top prices.

Music Department to Present Operetta Soon

"And It Rained" Will Be Given by High School Music Department February 6th.

The Plattsmouth high school music department are rehearsing and arranging for the presentation of the famous operetta, "And It Rained," which will be enacted at the high school auditorium the evening of Tuesday, February 6. The operetta, which was written by Lee-Clark, is one of the best sellers in this class of production and contains a cast of eleven.

The following students were selected for characters in the operetta:

Mr. Wise—Stephen Devoe
Mrs. Wise—Verona Toman
Mlle. Clara—Wilma Swatek
John Rich—John Elliott
Steele Black—Joe York
Denise—Bruno Reichstadt
Mabelle—Helen Hiatt
Curley—Russel Nielsen
Maudie—Maxine Graves
Fred—Warren Ailhee
Jack—Ralph Stava

David Fowler, Jr., musical instructor, is directing the musical parts, Lumir Gerner is in charge of the dramatical parts, and Miss Harriett Porter is assisting them by directing the dancing parts.

In addition to the cast, according to the report of Mr. Fowler, the entire chorus will participate in the operetta, thus offering the benefits of participation in such a project to nearly a hundred students.

The proceeds of the operetta will be used to purchase materials for which to make robes for the high school a cappella choir members.

Everyone in the community will be asked to co-operate and help make this big event a success so that Plattsmouth's musical students may be equipped with these robes, thus making it possible for the local high school to be represented in a more fashionable manner.

The operetta will be presented at 8 p. m. Tuesday, February 6.

FIND FOR DEFENDANT

Tuesday and Wednesday the county court was busy with the trial of the damage suit of William J. Rau and the Union Fire Insurance Co., vs. Lloyd Johnson.

The action was one for damages resulting from an auto collision that occurred on the highway east of Eagle on April 24, 1939. The plaintiff in the case had filed a petition asking \$173.46 on one count and \$890 on a second count for damages. The defendant Johnson, filed a cross petition asking damages in the sum of \$115.54.

There were a large number of witnesses called in the case and a number from Bohland, Iddih Basin county, Montana, where the defendant resides.

The case was given to the jury composed of J. E. Meisinger, Henry Starkjohn, John Bajcek, Michael Hill, Louie Born, B. G. Wurl.

Last evening the jury brought in a verdict for the defendant in the full amount asked, \$115.54.

Attorney J. Howard Davis appeared in the case for the defendant.

FORMER RESIDENT IN OMAHA

One of the distinguished guests at the Paul Lemke home in Omaha Monday evening, January 8 was Mr. Ewing Sharp, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sharp, former Plattsmouth residents. Mr. Sharp was en route to an electrical convention in Connecticut and following the convention he intended to visit in New York. Mr. Sharp, following in the footsteps of his father who was an inventive genius, went to Connecticut in the interest of an electrical delayed action switch, which he has invented recently and which is being financed by some Hollywood, California, financiers. Mr. Sharp lives in Hollywood, California. Other members of the family well known here are Alex, who is now stationed in the United States army; Lafayette Sharp, who conducts a business office in Los Angeles; and V. Australia Sharp, better known here as "Toots," is in nurses training. Mr. Sharp has a patent on his invention.

HORSES ERING GOOD PRICE

Rex Young, the well known auctioneer, reports a very successful sale held for Cyrus Livingston at the Jameson farm near Nehawka. One of the features of the sale was the good price brought by the horses. One team of three-year-old horses was sold to John Gahemier of Louisville at \$157 each, a very fine price and also an excellent team in every respect.

Local Industry Shows Fine Output for the Year

Plattsmouth Creamery Has Produced 237,000 Pounds of Butter Past Year—Volume Greater.

A greatly increased volume of business was shown by the Plattsmouth Creamery at their annual meeting this week, stockholders of the company receiving a five per cent dividend, the third year that this has been made under the efficient management of George K. Herrick.

The creamery in the past year has shown a large output of butter, 237,000 pounds being manufactured for the market in this period of time.

The meeting at the Mynard community center held their election of officers. John Hobscheidt and H. L. Gayer being renamed to the board of directors; the board will later elect the other officers of the company.

The members of the party had the pleasure of a very interesting talk by George Shoemaker of the Farmers Union throughout the country and state. In addition to the talk two reels of "Our Cans" comedies was shown as well as motion pictures of the activities of the Farmers Union, these being very interesting to all of the large audience.

TO THE PATRONS OF THE PLATTSMOUTH POSTOFFICE

To many of you, who have considered me worthy of being Plattsmouth Postmaster, I will be able to personally say "Thank you!" To many, this notice will convey my appreciation.

To those who have considered me unworthy or have considered someone else more worthy, let me say that this is America. We are glad to be able to thus honestly differ and do so with very little bloodshed. It is our duty to support the candidate we believe to be most deserving and whose selection will best serve public interest.

Our most vital custom is that after each contest we forget the conflicts and remember that we are united as citizens of one city, one county, one state and of the one United States, and thus we must remain.

MILW. PRICE.

FINNISH RELIEF FUND

There will be a meeting in the assembly room in the Public Library next Monday evening, January 15, at 7:30, to consider the procedure relative to raising funds in Plattsmouth and vicinity. It is hoped the churches, schools, Rotary, veterans, women's clubs, farmers, businessmen, commercial club and any and all other organizations as well as individual citizens, will be represented at this meeting, so that the plan adopted will meet with general approval.

D. O. DWYER,

County Chairman.

ASSISTING IN CLERK'S OFFICE

From Saturday's Daily—
Mrs. Ralph Wiles, former clerk of the district court, was back at her old office in the court house today. She is assisting Miss Helen Warner, deputy clerk of the court, during the illness of C. E. Ledgway, the clerk. Mr. Ledgway, a patient in the U. S. Veterans' hospital at Lincoln, is reported as doing very well and responding in fine shape to the treatment given him. He is now being given blood building treatments and will be at the hospital for some time.

Platters Trounce Glenwood Team by 53-30 Score

Sharpshooting of Smith, Yelick and Davis Leads the Platters to a Sweeping Victory.

From Saturday's Daily—
The Glenwood high school basketball team whose annual tilt with the local quintet is always a classic suffered last night on the local court from the blitzkrieg staged by the blue and white, the locals rolling up a score of 53 to 30.

The pupils of Coach Hoffman were in the rarest form, the playing of the whole team all that could be asked, while the scoring of Yelick, Smith and Davis rapidly sank any hopes that might have been entertained by the boys from Mills for a victory.

Smith led the scoring for Plattsmouth with 19 points, but the great game played by Yelick was an inspiration to the team as he was a tower of strength in the offensive and with the Platters' stellar guard, Corbin Davis, checked repeatedly the thrusts of the Glenwood quintet. In defensive play Captain Smith, Noble and Steinkamp showed their class. The Platters outworked, outpassed and outplayed the visitors in every department of the game.

Edmunds, forward of Glenwood, led his team in scoring with ten points, while Hines, center of the visitors also showed well in the offensive and was particularly good in the free throws.

In the first of the game the two teams opened cautiously with the first scores from the gift shots. Woodhead scoring for Glenwood and York for Plattsmouth. But ere seconds had clicked the Platters opened up their barrage on the bucket, Yelick scoring two field goals and a free toss, Smith two field goals and Steinkamp two field goals and a gift shot. The score at the first quarter was 14 to 5 for the Platters.

The second stanza witnessed the Platters really pouring in the shots as Smith opened with a field goal and followed by Yelick with three baskets in rapid succession, Martin scored a nice side shot and Smith again hopped in a basket. The score at the half time was 26 to 10 for the Platters.

The fateful third quarter was really the sinking of any chance for the visitors to head the red hot Hoffmannites. In this quarter Davis was sharpshooting, with three field goals and a free toss, Smith garnered two, and Yelick and Noble one each. For the visitors Hines showed good form in this quarter to annex two baskets. The score at the quarter was 41 to 18 for the Platters.

The last quarter of the game saw the visitors desperately striving to narrow down the margin between the teams but Smith and Noble kept the Platters in the scoring. The shock troops were sent to the floor by Coach Hoffman and in the last moments of the game the reserves were checking the Glenwood thrusts as the final whistle gave a 53 to 30 victory to the Platters.

In the curtain raiser, however, the Glenwood seconds rolled over the Junior Platters by the score of 33 to 20.

Between halves Miss Irene LaHoda entertained the fans by singing "Oh Johnny" and giving a toe tap dance. She was accompanied at the piano by Miss Ruth Westover.

The box score:

| Plattsmouth (53) | | | | |
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| | FG | FT | PF | TP |
| Smith, f | 9 | 1 | 1 | 19 |
| Gayer, f | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Steinkamp, f | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Martin, f | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Noble, c | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| White, c | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Yelick, g | 7 | 2 | 1 | 16 |
| Shiffer, g | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Davis, g | 3 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| York, g | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | 24 | 5 | 14 | 53 |
| Glenwood (30) | | | | |
| | FG | FT | PF | TP |
| Ray, f | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Scott, f | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Edmunds, f | 4 | 2 | 1 | 10 |
| Widows, f | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Hines, c | 2 | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| Woodhead, g | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Osterholm, g | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Williams, g | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | 10 | 10 | 4 | 30 |

MRS. PERGMAN QUITE ILL

Mrs. John Bergman of Manley is quite ill at the family home at this time. Mrs. Bergman is suffering from the effects of double pneumonia and her condition is such that it is impossible for her to be removed to a hospital. The ailing lady's husband is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. John Bergman of this city.

Death of Well Known Nehawka Lady, Mrs. Sturm

Mrs. Rhoda Banning Sturm 67, Passed Away After Long Illness—Funeral Today.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at the H. P. Sturm home at Nehawka for Mrs. Rhoda Banning Sturm, 67, whose death had occurred late Friday night from complications after an illness of over five years. Rev. W. D. Lenker, of the Methodist church conducted the services. The burial was at the Mt. Pleasant cemetery.

Rhoda Banning was born in Wyoming precinct, Otoe county, January 17, 1873, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Banning. On November 18, 1896, she was married to Henry P. Sturm at the home of her parents in Otoe county.

Mr. and Mrs. Sturm resided at Wyoming and old Factoryville until locating on the farm north of Nehawka.

Surviving are her husband and one daughter, Mrs. Chester Stone, Nehawka; two sons, J. Melvin Sturm, Nehawka and Gail A. Sturm, Scottsbluff. Four grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Emma Sheldon, Nehawka, and a brother, James Banning, Wauna, Oregon, also survive. One daughter, Sara, died November 18, 1917.

Sketch of Life of Mrs. Emily Sayles, Pioneer

Born August 17, 1850. Came to Cass County When Four Years of Age—Lived Near Greenwood.

Mrs. Emily Elizabeth Sayles, daughter of Oliver and Sarah Ward, was born at Savannah, Mo., Aug. 17, 1850. She was married to John Sayles in 1867, and they were the parents of four children. Her husband preceded her in death, as did two of the children, Anna May and Oliver Eldred. The others are Mrs. John E. Gable of Waverly and Mrs. Laurel Johnson of David City. Two brothers also survive, Charles Ward of Elmwood, and Otis Ward of Oconto; 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She died Jan. 7 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John E. Gable, at Waverly. A few months more and Mrs. Sayles would have rounded out her 90th year. She was buried Jan. 9 at Greenwood.

When 4 years old, with her parents she crossed the Missouri river at Plattsmouth. They settled near Louisville, where her parents homesteaded, and where she grew to womanhood and was married. She and her husband moved out to the Republican valley and took a homestead. They passed thru many privations and not a few dangers. Indian scares were not uncommon, nor were prairie fires and grasshopper plagues. The Sayles family lived in sod houses and dugouts. They saw big herds of buffalo on the plains, and now and then a deer or an antelope was brought in to supply the family table. Finally they were forced by untoward circumstances to abandon their claim and return to Greenwood. Mrs. Sayles had lived there for the best part of 50 years. Her husband was in business there for about 30 years. She was a member of Greenwood Christian church.

During the past few years her health had declined, and toward the end she suffered greatly, but up to the last her mind was clear.

Cass county has no bonded indebtedness, as, like the state, we have paid cash for our hard surfaced roads and other improvements as we went.

L. H. Petersen, Old Resident, is Called to Death

Native of Denmark He Has Lived in This Community Since 1885—Funeral Service Saturday.

From Friday's Daily—
Late last night another of the long time and honored residents of this community was called to rest, Lauritz Hansen Petersen, 81, passing away after an illness of short duration. In the last few days the condition of Mr. Petersen had been critical, he gradually sinking into the last long sleep.

Mr. Petersen has for the past fifty-four years been a resident of Plattsmouth with the exception of a short time spent in homesteading. In his life here he has been a splendid citizen and one that the community will greatly miss.

Lauritz Hansen Petersen was born at Humble, Denmark, September 5, 1858, spending his boyhood in his native land and where in 1878 he was married to Jensine Rasmussen. Mr. and Mrs. Petersen came to the United States in 1885, coming direct to Nebraska and locating at Plattsmouth where Mr. Petersen's two brothers, J. C. and R. J. Petersen were located and engaged in the operating of a meat market, where Mr. Petersen was engaged for some time.

Mr. Petersen was for a few years engaged in working in the local shops of the Burlington, but the greater part of his years was spent in operating a small truck and fruit farm in the southwest part of the city. The last few years Mr. and Mrs. Petersen have lived in the home at Seventh and Gold streets.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Petersen, two of whom, Charles and James, have preceded the father. The widow and seven children are surviving, the children being Martin Petersen of this city; Mrs. Minnie Ransdell, Tacoma, Washington; Mrs. Sophia Mayfield, Plattsmouth; Andrew L. Petersen, South Sioux City, Nebraska; Mrs. Anna Cook, Tacoma, Washington; Edgar L. Petersen, Lincoln and Miss Mary Petersen of this city. There are also surviving eleven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

From Saturday's Daily—
This afternoon at 2 o'clock at the chapel of the Horton funeral home was held the last rites for L. H. Petersen, old resident of the community. Despite the extremely severe weather conditions many of the old friends were present to pay their last tributes to his memory.

Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, had charge of the services, bringing a message of comfort to the members of the bereaved family and the many old friends.

Frank A. Cloldt gave two numbers during the service, "The Last Mile of the Way" and "Saved by Grace." Miss Estelle Baird serving as the accompanist for the songs.

At the conclusion of the services at the funeral home the body was laid to rest in the family plot in Oak Hill cemetery. The pallbearers were old friends and neighbors of the family, James C. Comstock, Edward H. Gradoville, E. J. Richey, John J. Cloldt, Charles Petersen and John E. Schutz, the latter two being nephews of the departed.

SUFFERS HEART ATTACK

Julius A. Pitz, former county commissioner, is confined to his home in the south part of the city as the result of a slight heart attack suffered Friday. He had overexerted himself in butchering and which made necessary his being given medical treatment. He is reported as resting easily today but still in bed and under care.

RETURNS TO LINCOLN

Mrs. Myra Utter, who has been spending a short time here visiting with the old friends has returned to Lincoln. She is expecting later to go to the west coast to visit with friends. While here she was a guest of Mrs. R. A. Bates and with other friends.