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New Community Building Is Dedicated Saturday

All Day Program of Music and Speaking Climaxed with Dance—All County is Proud of It.

About one thousand citizens of Cass county assembled at the new community building in Weeping Water Saturday for the dedication of the newly completed community building that has been built under auspices of the Cass County Agricultural association as a WPA project. The completion of this building, after nearly two years, will provide the association with a fine place to carry on its annual county fair activities and the city of Weeping Water with a building that will be much in demand for all sorts of activities.

The dedication program extended throughout the day, starting with a band concert at 10:30 in the forenoon. Col. G. E. Price, of Lincoln, who was to have spoken at that session, did not arrive until late in the afternoon and his talk was the concluding number on the afternoon program.

The setting at the speakers stand was very nice, with a large electric fan to keep those participating in the program cool, but the audience was not so fortunate and had to fan themselves or take the heat—and it was plenty warm.

Flags Displayed
Andy Anderson, a former Weeping Water resident, now engaged in business in Omaha, presented a fine silk U. S. flag to the association, which was displayed in its standard to the left on the stage. A large flag loaned for the occasion by Mrs. Bert Collier, was stretched over the entrance to the auditorium, at the rear and at the street entrance to the building two flags were displayed, one of each side of the large doorway.

Afternoon Dedicatory Program
The afternoon program was opened with a group of selections by the Little Symphony Orchestra, directed by Dr. L. N. Kunkel. By the time these were concluded, there were upwards of six hundred people in the assembly room and many more outside.

Rev. J. K. Meyers gave the invocation, asking the blessing of God on the members and directors of the fair board and all those whose purpose is for the betterment of mankind.

Then followed the song, "America" led by Mrs. J. R. Reeder of Plattsmouth, with the audience joining in the chorus. Mrs. Ray Norris paid a tribute to the flag in touching manner, and with the audience standing, led the pledge of allegiance to "Old Glory."

The presentation of the building was made by J. R. Smith on behalf of the WPA.

This address was responded to by Senator Fred L. Carsten, a member of the Agricultural association, who had much to do with securing the project and keeping the work progressing.

Henry C. Luckey, of Lincoln, former first district congressman at the time the work was started, was the next speaker. The building inside was hot, and the audience getting hotter. Mr. Luckey stated he was sorry it would take time to explain the history of getting the matter through congress and asked patience from the audience. The acoustics were not good and the loud speakers inside the building reverberated with echoes, making his speech difficult to understand, although the speakers on the outside, we are told, brought it out clearly and distinctly. Mr. Luckey made a very fine address, and it is deplorable that more could not hear him clearly.

The Cass County Women's Chorus, led by Mrs. Reeder, rendered a number of songs, which filled the auditorium with melodious harmony and were received by the audience despite the oppressive heat.

Those of the WPA who had been in charge of erecting the structure were next presented, each speaking a few words and telling of the work. All said there were proud to have had a part in the construction of such a magnificent and substantial building.

Mrs. Willard Clapp of Elmwood



was next on the program, singing in a clear voice that carried to every part of the auditorium and out into the corridors, even to the street. Her number so pleased the audience that she was recalled and for an encore sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee," which brought lusty cheers.

There were presented a number of local men who had helped get the project started and saw that material and equipment were provided as needed, presented at this time, H. Ragoss and some ten others came to the platform and spoke briefly. Frank E. Wood, who perhaps had as much to do as anyone in this line, said that while he had worked, there were plenty of others who did likewise. Much credit, he said, was due Mayor Troy L. Davis.

Following these short addresses, Hugh Butler, of Omaha, was called to the speaker's stand. He promptly shut the microphone off and spoke without it. His voice was strong and full and all were able to hear him distinctly. He said there is not another building in the state erected for like purpose, as well appointed and equipped as this one.

C. V. Wallick sang a solo that was loud and clear. The audience applauded for more, but as it was getting late, he did not respond.

Col. C. G. Price had arrived from Lincoln by this time and was the last speaker of the afternoon.

The Jolly Trio, comprising Lyman Lorenson, George Olive and Stanley Wiles proved a most popular hit.

The Evening Program
The evening program at the auditorium was as largely or more largely attended than the afternoon one, the crowd enjoying the fine program despite the heat that made it rather uncomfortable.

The Weeping Water band was heard in a fine concert preceding the program.

The evening address was short, being given by E. H. Wescott, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Plattsmouth, who congratulated the community on its fine new building, and who stressed the intangible part that the people of Weeping Water and other communities have shown in the moulding of citizenship in this county.

The audience had the pleasure of hearing two very fine vocal numbers by Frank A. Cloldt, of Plattsmouth, "On the Road to Mandelay" and "God Bless America," with E. H. Wescott as the accompanist.

A tap dancing number was given by Gerda Anderson, Jackie Munkres and Imogene Van Every.

Ella Nelson was heard in a cleverly given whistling solo.

The Jitter-Bug number by Margie Sudduth and Verna Sneddon was much enjoyed.

C. V. Wallick, Weeping Water banker, was heard in a very finely presented vocal selection.

The piano accordion number of Arthur Crozier closed the program of the evening to make way for the dance that was enjoyed until a late hour.

Larger Than First Planned
When the Cass County Agricultural association's auditorium first was visualized by leaders in the organization several years ago, it was a much smaller project than the \$60,000 building which was formally dedicated Saturday afternoon.

A \$10,000 grant first was asked of the Public Works Administration shortly after that agency was set up several years ago, but for one reason or another the project failed to win official approval.

Later, however, conditions for government assistance appeared more favorable, and at the annual meeting of the fair association in November, 1937, Frank Wood, secretary, and D. D. Wainwright, then Cass

county agricultural agent, both expressed belief a grant could be obtained.

Ask \$51,000 Grant
Accordingly, the board voted to apply for a grant. At this time, however, officers of the association still had a small project in mind, but finally, in the spring of 1938, the WPA was asked to give \$51,000 towards construction of the building.

Plans were drawn, but the matter dragged along all summer, with some friends of the fair fearing that the project might again be doomed to failure.

Finally, on September 13, Henry C. Luckey, then congressman, who had been bending every effort in Washington in behalf of the grant for the auditorium, telegraphed the secretary that the grant had been authorized.

Sod Broken in October
Within a month sod was broken preparatory to starting work on a site which the association had purchased five years earlier. The building was virtually completed this spring except for painting and finishing work.

Built of solid reinforced concrete, the building is 52 by 118 feet in outside dimensions. The auditorium proper, on the main floor, is 50 by 70 feet. It has a fine floor for dancing, has a seating capacity of 500 and is equipped with a stage 23 by 26.

The main floor also has an office which now is the headquarters of the Cass County Farm Bureau.

Dining Hall in Basement
Most of the basement is a large dining and exhibit hall with a large kitchen at the west end.

The building already has been used for fair exhibits. Last year the basement, which had not yet been covered, took care of the 4-H, domestic science, extension club and flower exhibits.

The auditorium was convention headquarters when the 12th district American Legion convention was held in Weeping Water last fall. Then, as at fair time, the main floor portion was not ready for occupancy, and the dance was held in the cement floored dining room in the basement.

The ACP celebrated its anniversary there in March, and a flower show was held there in May.

Now that the building is fully complete, it will be put to many uses, including the housing of exhibits at the forthcoming Cass county fair the second week in September.

The Journal congratulates the fair association and the city of Weeping Water on the fine new building it has acquired.

GOES TO SOUTH DAKOTA

From Thursday's Daily—Miss Mathilde Soennichsen and nephew, John, departed this morning for Vermillion, South Dakota, to visit for a short time with the Gunderson family. This will enable John to visit his aunt, Miss Ida Gunderson of Los Angeles, who has been at home at Vermillion for the past few weeks. On their return they will be accompanied by Richard Soennichsen, who has been visiting with his aunt.

TO TEACH IN IOWA

From Saturday's Daily—Dale Ganz, graduate of the 1940 class of the University of Nebraska and son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Ganz, of Alvo, was in the city for a short time today. He was en route to Stanton, Iowa, where he has been elected as the music supervisor in the high school of that place. Mr. Ganz was one of the outstanding musical students of the class of 1940 and very active in the music work of the university.

MOVE TO MCCOOK

From Thursday's Daily—Mrs. George Trotter and daughter, Beverly, departed last evening for McCook, Nebraska, where they expect to make their home for the present at least. Mr. Trotter, who is a sergeant in the 17th infantry, is stationed at McCook where he is detailed on recruiting services.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Mrs. L. A. Meisinger of this city is in the St. Joseph hospital, Omaha, where she is recuperating following her operation on Thursday night.

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Lumir A. Gerner Resigns Post in the City Schools

Well Known Instructor, Member of Faculty for Past Several Years Goes to Tecumseh.

The resignation of Lumir A. Gerner, teacher in commercial English in the city schools, was received Thursday by the board of education, he having been elected to teach in the high school at Tecumseh.

Mr. Gerner has been one of the most active members of the faculty of the local high school, in addition to his other duties carrying on a large part of the dramatic study and coaching as well as assisting in many ways in the public entertainments given by the school.

Much of the success of the dramatic offerings of the high school in the past few years is due to the untiring efforts of Mr. Gerner, and in this line of activity he will be greatly missed by the students and the other members of the faculty.

PIANO RECITAL

Flora Belle Mead of Murray will present her piano pupils in a recital at the United Presbyterian church in Murray on Thursday evening, August 8th at 8 o'clock.

Miss Mead will play one group of numbers as will Mrs. Catherine C. Gleason of Omaha.

The program will be as follows:
"Hot Cross Buns" -----
"Diddle Diddle Dumpling" -----
Ann Marilyn Tyson
"Hickory Dickory Dock" -----
"Lieber Augustine" -----
"Fireside Song" -----
"The Clown" -----
Mary Todd

An arrangement of Liebestraum, by Jean Adams.

"Gavotte" ----- Bach
"Golliwogg's Cake-Walk" ----- Debussy
"Rigodon" ----- MacDowell
"Tour a Cheval" ----- Barton
Flora Belle Mead
"In the Woods" ----- Staub
"Capriccio" ----- Longo
Catherine C. Gleason

The public is cordially invited to attend this recital.

RECEIVES FINE RECOGNITION

In recognition of her outstanding and distinguished work in the local Rebekah lodge the past year, Mrs. George Hall, noble grand, was awarded a pin from the Grand Sire of the Sovereign Grand Order of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The award is an honorary pin given for meritorious service rendered for those who have achieved major success in lodge work.

Mrs. Hall was presented this pin at the meeting of the Rebekah lodge Thursday evening. She has been a very active figure in lodge work, and has been a member of the Rebekahs for over ten years. Mrs. Hall has the distinction of being the second one in the state to receive such a pin.

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Story of Life of Laura Welch Sheldon

Member of Prominent Family of New England and New York Taken Home to Rest.

Laura Welch Sheldon was born May 8, 1861, at Franklin Center, Province of Quebec, Canada, and died July 30, 1940, at the home of her son, George C. Sheldon, Nehawka, Nebraska.

When she was two years of age, her parents Hiram Welch and Annie Dunn Welch, moved to Ellenburg Depot, New York, where she has resided for 77 years. She attended the regular country school near her home, then the select boarding school for young people, later attending the Conservatory of Music, McGill University, at Montreal, Canada.

After teaching eight terms of school she was married on September 5, 1883, to Irwin L. Sheldon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Pittigrew Sheldon.

Surviving are the son, George C. Sheldon, Nehawka, Nebraska; the daughter, Minnie Mrs. Ernest C. Giles, Plattsmouth, Nebraska; four grandchildren, Ruth Ann Sheldon, Nehawka, Nebraska, Sheldon Giles, San Diego, California, and Lois and Eleanor Giles, Plattsmouth, Nebraska; one sister, Mrs. Minnie M. Sheldon, Spruceston, New York, two nieces, Mrs. Rupert Weeks, Spruceston, New York, and Mrs. Roland Brown, Moores, New York; and a nephew, Clifford M. Laselle, Peru, New York.

Her husband, I. L. Sheldon, preceded her in death November 28, 1937. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon died in their 79th year.

On September 5, 1933, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Sheldon celebrated their golden wedding anniversary reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Giles, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

Throughout her entire life Mrs. Sheldon has been actively engaged in the religious life of her community. For more than 65 years she was a member of the Baptist church at Ellenburg Depot, New York, and remained a regular attendant and one of its most faithful workers. No Children's Day program or Christmas exercise was ever given in the Baptist church but that she gave freely of her time and ability in guiding the youth of the community. In evangelistic work she was a constant faithful helper where she ably took charge of the organ and her beautiful alto voice will long be remembered.

Mrs. Sheldon has an outstanding record in her work in the Women's Christian Temperance Union. For nearly 50 years she was a W. C. T. U. member; she was the local president for 25 years; and for 10 years was president of the Clinton county W. C. T. U. She was a personal friend of the former national president, Mrs. Ella A. Boole, whom she has entertained many times in her home. She was a state delegate to the W. C. T. U. international convention in Philadelphia the national convention in Chicago and many times a delegate to state conventions.

Her home was always open to everyone. Here, relatives and friends were welcome at any time. Several young people were given a home with the Sheldons where religious training and character building gave them an inspiration for better living. Of these boys one became an ordained Baptist minister and another a national secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

The home life of the Sheldons was one of mutual respect and helpfulness. Both were vitally interested in their children, in religious work, the temperance cause, education, and the civic welfare of the community. Each was extremely interested in the trend of present day events. Truly, it may well be said of them: "They did their work faithfully."

For many years Mrs. Sheldon has been director of a large prayer league in northern New York. Her knowledge of the Bible and her faith in prayer were an inspiration to all who knew her. They were her

strength and guide, a never-failing source of comfort.

Mrs. Sheldon came to Nebraska in October, 1939, to spend the winter with her son and daughter, a visit which gave great pleasure to all.

She has been failing in health since May 10. On May 29th Mrs. Minnie M. Sheldon, Spruceston, New York, came to be with her sister and was her devoted companion throughout her illness.

Brief services were conducted by Rev. W. D. Lenker, pastor of the Methodist church, Friday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Sheldon.

Her son George will accompany her body home where services will be held Monday afternoon at the Baptist church, Ellenburg Depot, New York. Interment will be in the family plot at the Sheldon Hill cemetery.

King Korn Time for Another Year is Drawing Near

Committees Being Lined Up to Carry on Work of Promoting This Great Southeast Nebraska Feature

The King Korn Klub is starting their activities which proffers the fast nearing dates for the King Korn Carnival in this city, September 18 to 21 inclusive.

It is the desire to make this one of the greatest that has been held in the city since they were first started in 1932.

The coronation of the King and Queen, one of the most colorful pageants held in the state will be as usual the highlight of the opening of the festival and followed by other days of fun, entertainment and interest for all.

Already many inquiries have been received as to the dates from the former residents and those of near-by communities. This festival annually brings hundreds here for the four days of entertainment.

BLAZE ATTRACTS ATTENTION

From Saturday's Daily—Last evening as the dark storm clouds rolled up from the north and west their purple hues formed the background for a lurid red that blazed in the northwestern skies and created some fears and much excitement. To many it was thought to be an approaching tornado and to others fears of the destruction of some farm home. However it was the burning of the stubble on the field at the Albert Todd farm. Mr. Todd taking this opportunity of cleaning the field before the rain.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express to the many friends and neighbors our deep appreciation of the acts of kindness shown us and the words of sympathy at the death of our loved one. These acts have aided in making easier the burden laid upon us.—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kraeger; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kraeger; The Brothers and Sisters of George Kraeger.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

W. F. Campbell, of near Murray, who has been at Omaha undergoing an operation has so far recovered that he has been able to go to the home southeast of Murray to be cared for. His condition is greatly improved and it is hoped that he will soon be back in his usual excellent health.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

It was announced Thursday that beginning Monday, Aug. 5 there will be firing on the U. S. rifle range. The firing will be staged throughout the month of August and up to and including September 5. Everyone is warned to keep off the range during this period.—Lieutenant Vandusky. a2-3td-1tw

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Given on the lawn of the Christian church at Murray, Friday evening, August 9th. The public invited. a5-2tw

Appoint Miss Verna Leonard as Librarian

Assistant for Many Years Succeeds to Post Made Vacant by Resignation of Miss Jones.

Miss Verna Leonard, who has served as assistant librarian since 1923, began her duties as permanent librarian at the local library Thursday, August 1, the date which made Miss Olive Jones' resignation effective.

Miss Leonard is a native daughter; her parents were Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Leonard, who were pioneer residents of Cass county. When Miss Leonard began working at the library, she worked in the afternoons only and did so for two years. The librarian's duties became increasingly heavy, and Miss Leonard was obtained for the position of assistant librarian.

One of the most remarkable incidents in Miss Leonard's seventeen years at the library is the fact that she has never been out of the library more than two consecutive days, with the exception of her yearly vacation periods.

Another incident in Miss Leonard's library career is that she was the originator of taking books to the Masonic Home and infirmary every other Tuesday of each month, and she has continued this kindly act for many years.

Library work is no new field or adventure for Miss Leonard as she has served the Plattsmouth public library's patrons for over fifteen years, and in that period she has made hundreds of friends both young and old. Her knowledge in this capacity is superior, her readiness to aid anyone desiring information is always willingly given, and her courteous disposition and pleasing personality makes her the type of librarian that Plattsmouth has always enjoyed and fortunate in having in the past years and will in the years to come.

Miss Leonard is a prominent figure in church circles and community affairs. She is a very active member of the St. Luke's Episcopal church in this city.

ATTEND CEMETERY MEETING

Mr. and Mrs. Don C. York and son, Randall, with Mrs. William Grabitt, of Omaha, have been attending a meeting of the Hicreok cemetery association near Watson, Missouri, the old home of the York family. The meeting was featured by a dinner attended by hundreds from all parts of the central west, persons who had some touch with the old community and buying ground. The cemetery is located near the Baptist church east of Watson. The Yorks were residents there for many years, D. C. coming to Plattsmouth in 1903, the sister, Mrs. Gravitt and family in 1904 and in 1905 John C. York, the father with others of the family moved here.

LEAVE FOR WEST COAST

From Friday's Daily—Last night Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Eggeing departed from Omaha for the west coast where Mr. Eggeing will report at the naval base at Bremerton, Washington, for duty. They have been here at the home of Mayor and Mrs. Arnold Lillie, parents of Mr. Eggeing, and who took them as far as Omaha for the long trip to the west.

RECEIVE GOOD NEWS

Announcement has been received here of the birth on July 27th of a fine little daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Clark McCann, at Gillette, Wyoming. The little one has been christened Claudette Joan. Mrs. McCann was formerly Miss Catherine Shellenbarger of this city.

UNDERGOES EYE OPERATION

From Thursday's Daily—Rachel McMaken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rae G. McMaken, was in Omaha today, entering the Methodist hospital where she will have an operation performed on one of her eyes. It is expected that she will be able to return home after the operation.