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Job's Daughters Hold Installation of New Officers

Impressive Ceremony Held at Lodge Rooms in Masonic Building as New Officers Installed.

Monday evening Bethel No. 24 of Job's Daughters of this city held their installation of officers at the lodge rooms in the Masonic building, the ritualistic work being very impressively given by the retiring honored queen, Miss Vivian Warner and the staff of installing officers, all past queens. Miss Janet Westover served as guide, Miss Frances Clout as marshal, Miss Wilma Friedrich as chaplain, Miss Jean Knorr as pianist, Marjorie Torryberry as custodian and Miss Helen Warner as recorder.

The officers installed for the ensuing six months were as follows: Honored Queen—Jacqueline Wetekamp. Senior Princess—Maxine Nielsen. Junior Princess—Mary Helen Dill. Guide—Rose Mary Steppat. Marshal—Helen Hiatt. Chaplain—Ruth Westover. Musician—Dorothea Duxbury. Librarian—Maxine Gayer. Recorder—Betty Jasper. Treasurer—Betty Gayer. Senior Custodian—Lavinia Troop. Junior Custodian—Dorothy Jean Turner. Inner Guard—June Griffin. Outer Guard—Donna Bea Selver. Messengers—Edna Marie Marler, Betty May Hutchison, Arline Engelkemier, Juanita Sigler, Ruth Lowson.

Following the installation the group enjoyed a very fine program of entertainment. Raymond Cook was heard in two vocal solos. Mrs. Roy O. Cole being the accompanist. Eloise Cole, piano selections, also a vocal trio, Berna May and Geraldine Dallinger and Juanita Sigler, Mrs. Wiley Sigler being the accompanist. Miss Vivian Warner presented the Queen's Jewel to the new queen, Jacqueline Wetekamp.

RETURN FROM HOLIDAY VISIT

From Tuesday's Daily—Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Gobelman returned last evening from a visit of a week in Iowa and Illinois with relatives and friends and enjoying the Christmas vacation.

They stopped first for a greeting to the mother of Mrs. Gobelman, Mrs. Hiatt at Sidney, Iowa, then heading to the north part of the state for Decorah, the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Fritchen, the latter a sister of Mrs. Gobelman. Christmas day was enjoyed at Decorah with the family and a very pleasant time. Dr. Fritchen, one of the best known surgeons in that part of Iowa, is a member of the reserve naval officers and has been notified to report at San Diego, California, January 6th, to take up active work. He has the grade of lieutenant commander in the navy.

RETURN TO OKLAHOMA

From Tuesday's Daily—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Robert Herold and family, of Oklahoma City, who have been here for the Christmas holiday with Mrs. Henry Herold and Miss Barbara Gering, departed today for their home. They arrived on December 24th to enjoy a pleasant observance.

VISITS RELATIVES HERE

Miss Cora Cundall, of Omaha, who has been here over the holiday season as a guest of her sister, Mrs. Karl Grosshans and family, returned home today. She is also an aunt of Grover Cundall, Sr.

TO ENTER BUSINESS SCHOOL

Miss Irene Anthes, who has been employed in the insurance office of Duxbury & Davis for a period of over two years, will go to Lincoln Friday, and Monday she will begin her studies in the Lincoln School of Commerce. Miss Anthes plans to take a secretarial course, which requires six, seven, or eight months of practical study.

Donat Liquor Store Visited by Robbers

Break into Place Sometime Sunday Night or Early Today—Steal Estimated \$30 in Liquor.

From Monday's Daily—The liquor store of Henry J. Donat on Main street located between Fifth and Sixth streets, was burglarized last night and in the neighborhood of \$30 in whiskey and wine taken.

The entrance was made through a rear door of the building and from where entrance was made to the front part of the store where the greater part of the stock is carried. The rear door of the building, while old, was heavily reinforced with stout wooden bars and must have required a great deal of effort to force. On the outside of the door a large iron vat had been standing and this was moved some distance away, evidently with the use of a crowbar.

Some whiskey was taken from the storeroom but the larger part from the front, taking an assortment of different brands and several jugs of wine. The breakin was first noticed as the store was opened for business this morning by Mr. Donat. Police report the door was not broken in when they checked it on their last rounds.

COACH READY FOR GRIND

Bion A. Hoffman, athletic coach of the Plattsmouth high school, returned Monday evening from the Christmas holidays which he has spent with his relatives and old friends. The greater part of the time was spent at the farm near Ashland with the parents.

The coach will at once take up the resumption of the basketball season and intensive training will be the order as the Blue Devils have a stiff array of basketball talent to battle in the next two months.

FINDS MOTHER IMPROVED

Register of Deeds Ray F. Becker and Mrs. Becker were at Union Sunday to visit Mr. Becker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Becker at the farm home. They were very pleased to find the mother improving from the effects of an accident recently. Mrs. Becker had her foot very badly burned a few weeks ago while working around the home and her condition was very serious for a few days.

SHOWING FINE PROGRESS

Although he won't be able to resume his duties as bus driver for another month, Clarence C. Cotner, who was in Omaha for a check-up yesterday, is progressing very nicely, but still weak. Mr. Cotner has to go to Omaha twice a week for medical check-up.

RETURNS TO CHICAGO

From Monday's Daily—Miss Alice Louise Wescott, who has been here for the Christmas holidays to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wescott as well as the old time friends, departs this evening for Chicago. She will be back at her duties the first of January.

STYSKALS HAVE DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Drucker of this city received pleasant news because they are the grandparents of a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Styskal of Albion, Nebraska. The infant was born at an Omaha hospital last month. The Styskals now have two daughters.

Blue Devils Set for Rest of the Basketball Season

Yelick Back in Shape from Leg Injury and Team Freshened by Holiday Vacation.

With 12 days of rest behind them the Blue Devils of Plattsmouth High buckle down to work again today at the hilltop in preparation for their first Southeastern Nebraska Six Conference foe. The Purple and Gold of Valley High will be the opponent on Tuesday, January 7 at the Plattsmouth gym.

In spite of the bad 46-24 defeat suffered at the hands of South High their win over Tech, and near win over North has done worlds of good for the boys' spirits.

Valley boasts plenty of scoring punch in sophomore Kenneth Hollins who played well against South though the Valleyites were beaten 36-13. Valley also has a very nicely balanced outfit with plenty of fight.

Christmas and New Year's have been forgotten and the Blue and White are raring to go. Sole injury was suffered by Jim Yelick, Platter forward, who aggravated an old football injury to his leg. However, the limb has mended rapidly and will not hamper Jim's playing. Don Martin, Plattsmouth's other forward, is a greatly improved ball player. The diminutive "Gipper" scored 12 points against Tech and 8 against South after bagging a lone felder against North. Joe Noble was a bit slow rounding into shape, but began to hit his stride by scoring 9 points against South. Captain "Corby" Davis, after out-doing himself by scoring 8 points against North, went back to his old system of "I'll set 'em up; you make 'em." He played great defense ball in the three games thus far especially under the baskets. Harry Shiffer, known otherwise as "Sparky" Shiffer because of his ability to furnish the spark to set the team afire, has played exceptionally well thus far, particularly against Tech. Ralph Hill, the angular Platter guard, was a bit unsure of himself against North but should work in well. Harry and Ralph will be absent from practice Thursday and Friday, having taken a little jaunt out to the west coast to see Nebraska's Cornhuskers play California's Stanford Indians in the Rose Bowl classic. However, the boys are expected back by the end of the week.

Lars Larson broke into the scoring column against South, and should be a frequent visitor there. Others who round out the squad are Joe McMaken, John Slatinsky, Bill Gayer, and Dick Noble.

From this corner we send the hope that Captain Davis and the Blue Devils hang up another conference championship in the old P.H.S. trophy case.

GO TO THE NAVY

From Monday's Daily—Warren Allbee and Lawrence Lamberson, well known Plattsmouth young men, departed this morning for Omaha where they report at the naval recruiting station and from there leave for the Great Lakes training station near Chicago.

These young men will spend the regular training period in Great Lakes and then be assigned to their regular service in the navy of Uncle Sam. There have been a number of the youth here join up with the navy and for the defense of their country.

MR. SEDLAK RELEASED

From Tuesday's Daily—Robert Sedlak and John Sattler motored to Omaha today, and en route back they were accompanied by Joseph M. Sedlak, who was released from the Clarkson hospital. Mr. Sedlak was a patient at the Omaha hospital since Friday, December 27, and hereafter will be cared for in this city.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Robert Brittain was forced to undergo a major operation this week. He is at the Anton Kani hospital, where he is convalescing.

NOW CONNECTED WITH STATE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE

W. Earl Dyer, who was formerly superintendent of schools at Greenwood, is now connected with the Nebraska State Employment Service with headquarters in Nebraska City. Mr. Dyer filled the position of interviewer. Aside from his duties at Nebraska City, he will be in Plattsmouth at the employment office the first three days of each week.

New Years is Very Quiet in Plattsmouth

Bad Weather Marks Opening of Year and Few Festivities Mark the Day.

The advent of the year 1941 was one of the quietest in the city's history, bad weather aiding in checking any of the usual festivities that might mark the holiday.

The big event of the pre-new year activities was the annual firemen's ball held at the American Legion building, this being very largely attended by the dancers who filled the auditorium to enjoy the strains of the Rhodes orchestra, one of the smart dance bands of this section of the state. With the coming of the New Year the dancers gave hearty welcome to the event with songs, cheers and shouts, then resuming the dancing until in the early hours. Auto parties over the city despite the weather carried on their welcome to the new year with shouts and songs.

While the business houses of the city were open until the noon hour today, there was little activity in the business section, the residents remaining home. The county court house offices were closed as well as the Plattsmouth State bank, the BRETZ shops taking the day off as a holiday.

ACCEPTS WASHINGTON POSITION

Miss Beatrice Knofleek is en route to Washington, D. C., where she will be in the employ of the U. S. government. Her position, a civil service appointment, came as a surprise to her and she left last week for the east. She is to work in the Veterans' department. Miss Knofleek, daughter of Mrs. Mary Knofleek, stopped at Chicago, Illinois for a brief visit with relatives. The fortunate young lady was formerly in the employ of the Federal Land bank at Omaha.

RETURNS TO DENVER

Emil Schmid, of Denver, was here for over the holiday season visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hausladen, south of the city, the latter his mother. He left Monday evening for his work in the Colorado city, stopping en route at Kansas City, Missouri, where he will visit with his brother Joe, who is employed at the Stevens Auto School, one of the largest in the west.

BOUND FOR CALIFORNIA

From Tuesday's Daily—Luther E. Womach left on the Challenger last night for California. He planned to go directly to Oakland, where his son, Franklin has resided since last fall. He left with the intention of securing employment on the coast, and, if successful, Mrs. Womach and Miss Lavinia Troop will arrange to join the men folk next summer.

ANNOUNCES COURT TERMS

District Judge W. W. Wilson has set the terms of the court for the second district for 1941 as follows: Cass county—April 7, June 9, November 10th. Otoe county—February 10, May 5, September 15. Sarpy county—March 10, May 19, October 20.

PARENTS OF DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Don Parish of Elmwood, are the parents of a daughter born Monday at the Bryan Memorial hospital in Lincoln. Mrs. Parish was formerly Miss Jessie Baggeley.

Question and Answer Program at Rotary Club

One of the Most Interesting Programs of Many Meetings Staged Tuesday.

Tuesday at the luncheon of the Rotary club an unusually interesting program was presented with Searl S. Davis as the leader. A group of four of the members were selected to present their views on four questions submitted for their consideration.

The members who had the presentation of the answers to the questions were Dr. R. P. Westover, Fred I. Rea, Dr. H. G. McCluskey and Superintendent L. S. Devoo, a physician, utility representative, clergyman, and educator.

The questions submitted for their consideration were: "What Should Be the Goal in Our Educational System. Classic or Vocational Courses in High School and College?" "Is It a Good Thing for Each Individual to Have Something to Worry About?" "Are American People Really Better Off Now Than in Colonial Times?" "Would It Improve Human Beings if Everyone Told the Exact Truth?" The discussion created so much interest among the members that several of the members asked to be heard in their views on the subjects that the four members had presented, adding their part to a general viewpoint.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. Devoo in the absence of the president, George Jaeger.

The club had with them visiting Rotarians from South Dakota and Idaho.

EXAMINES LODGE AT GENEVA

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cook and Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Davis and daughter, Carol Ruth were at Geneva, Nebraska Tuesday. Mr. Cook, deputy grand custodian of the Nebraska A. F. & A. M., motored there to examine the Geneva lodge. Lute Savage of Omaha, grand custodian, accompanied the local group.

The local people found conditions in Geneva similar to their own city—considerable moisture in the ground, a factor for which the Geneva people were thankful. Mr. Cook stated today that many inquiries were made about Superintendent Lowell S. Devoo, who resided at Geneva some time ago.

In Geneva the group visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Davis, parents of the local city attorney.

SCHOOL FOLKS REUNION

Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Reeder, a reunion of a number of former Plattsmouth teachers now residing at distant points. The time was spent in visiting and the discussion of the many pleasant days when all were members of the local high school faculty. Members of the group were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Alvord of Pekin, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Knolle of Sioux City, Iowa and Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Rothert of Auburn.

VISIT IN KANSAS

Mrs. Kate Bintner and daughter, Mrs. A. R. Case, are home from a short visit in Kansas with Sister Catherine Ann (Eva Bintner) who is now teaching in the Catholic high school at Ope. Sister Catherine Ann is a member of the Dominican order and has been devoting her time to the work of teaching. Ope is a school center in a farming community some ten miles from Emporia, Kansas.

VISITS WITH RELATIVES

Robert Hall, North Platte, was in Plattsmouth Sunday and was a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hall and family. The young man is a pharmacist in the Davis drug store in North Platte. The Davis firm has erected a new drug store in the main section of the city recently and it is in this new building that "Bob" is working.

SPEND WEEK-END HERE

Judge and Mrs. C. M. Summerville and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cooper of Hugo, Colorado, arrived Saturday to spend the week-end here at the home of County Treasurer and Mrs. John E. Turner and family. They were joined Sunday by A. W. Bedson of Lincoln to enjoy the family part. Mrs. Summerville and Mr. Bedson are sister and brother of Mrs. Turner.

Vilas P. Sheldon Dies from Heart Attack at Bowl

Member of Pioneer Family and Mayor of Nehawka Dies as Nebraska Scores at Rose Bowl.

Vilas P. Sheldon, 68, member of one of the pioneer families that settled the community of Nehawka, died Wednesday afternoon at Pasadena, California, while attending the Rose Bowl football game between Nebraska and Stanford. The death was caused by a heart attack.

Mr. Sheldon was a son of the late Lawson Sheldon, who had settled in the community along the Weeping Water creek that later was to become Nehawka. In this setting Vilas Sheldon grew up and has been one of the leading residents, at the time of his death being mayor of the village.

There is surviving his passing the widow, two sons and a daughter, Merrill of Falls City, Vilas Jr., of Pampa, Texas and the daughter, Jane, who is at Lincoln. He was a brother of George L. Sheldon, governor of Nebraska from 1907 to 1909, who is now a resident of Mississippi.

SEEKS AN ANNULLMENT

From Monday's Daily—In the office of the clerk of the district court this morning was filed a petition by Fred Sparano of Omaha, asking that his marriage to Elizabeth Ritonya, also of Omaha, be annulled. It is stated in the petition that the parties were married in Plattsmouth on September 8, 1937, that at the time the license was obtained, the age of the bride was misrepresented, she at the time being but fifteen years of age. It is further stated in the petition that the parties have not lived together as man and wife.

RETURN TO THE WEST

From Monday's Daily—This morning Lieutenant Francis Libershal and Stuart Porter, who have been here over Christmas departed for Colorado to resume their duties. Lieutenant Libershal at his post at Fort Logan and Stuart Porter at the Colorado university at Boulder. Lieutenant Libershal is expected to be transferred with members of the engineering units to the Pacific northwest where a large army post and base is being prepared.

RETURNS TO DENVER

From Monday's Daily—Miss Alice M. Funk, of Denver, who was here over the Christmas holiday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Funk, as well as visiting with the other relatives, departed last evening for the west. Miss Funk has been engaged in deaconess work in the Trinity Methodist church at Denver for the past few years and where she has been very successful.

VISIT AT LINCOLN

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Wheeler were visitors in Lincoln Christmas day, having dinner with the K. V. Halter family, returning home the next day. Mr. and Mrs. Halter departed Saturday for California for the Rose Bowl game, and will return next Saturday.

VERY HAPPY EVENT

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Haith on Saturday at the Anton Kani hospital at Omaha, where the mother and little son are reported as doing very well. The young man is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Meisinger of this city.

Pollard-McManus Wedding Held at Nehawka

Impressive Ceremony Held at Home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pollard, Uncle and Aunt of Bride

A prominent event of the holiday season in Nehawka was the marriage of Mary Caroline Pollard, daughter of Mrs. Earnest Pollard of Omaha to Robert Edward McManus, also of Omaha. The wedding took place on Saturday, December 28th at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pollard, uncle and aunt of the bride.

The marriage lines were read by Judge A. H. Duxbury of Plattsmouth. Professor Grummonds of Joslyn Memorial gave the bride in marriage. The attendants were Mrs. Lowell Davis of North Platte, matron of honor, cousin of the bride, and Les McManus, the best man, brother of the groom.

The candle-light ceremony was performed before a background of green with pine cones and red berries. The bride wore a navy blue sheer crepe gown and a diamond bracelet, gift of Mrs. Robinson, an aunt of the groom. She wore a corsage of gardenias. The matron of honor was attired in a black crepe dress trimmed in cut steel beads and she too wore a corsage of gardenias.

Following the ceremony guests were invited into the dining room for refreshments served from the table centered with a plant of a cluster of four beautiful poinsettias. Mrs. Gray, aunt of the bride and Mrs. Robinson, aunt of the groom served.

Guests were immediate relatives and close friends of the wedded couple, including Mr. and Mrs. McManus, parents of the groom and his three brothers, Mrs. Earnest Pollard, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Grummonds of Omaha; Judge and Mrs. Duxbury of Plattsmouth; Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Davis of North Platte; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Benson and Bette Rae of Columbus.

The bride was born and raised at Nehawka and graduated from Nehawka high school with the class of 1928. Soon after she with her family moved to Lincoln where she attended the University of Nebraska. For the past several years she has been connected with Joslyn Memorial in Omaha.

The groom is employed by Proctor and Gamble in Omaha where the couple will reside.

INJURED SHOWING PROGRESS

The reports from Omaha hospitals indicate that the members of the Vallery family, injured in an auto accident Christmas night, are doing as well as possible under the circumstances. Frank E. Vallery has suffered a great deal of pain from his injured ribs and the broken arms which have made him practically helpless, but is showing progress. Mrs. William Matschullat, the daughter, is showing improvement but still under treatment. Mrs. Vallery and Mr. Matschullat are recuperating in fine shape.

WEEK-END GUEST HERE

From Monday's Daily—Arthur Eacker of Broken Bow, a University of Nebraska student and roommate of John Bestor and Jim Webb, spent Saturday and Sunday in Plattsmouth as guest of the two local boys and their families. He is an usher in Lincoln theatres and finds it impossible to go home for holidays, when attendance at the theatres is particularly heavy. He returned to Lincoln this morning.

WILL RECEIVE THE JOURNAL

Mrs. William Budig of this city is sending her daughter, Mrs. O. W. Hamburg, of San-Diego, California, a very pleasant holiday remembrance. This is the Journal for the next year that will carry its message twice a week to the coast residents, former Plattsmouth residents.

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