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Information On Work at Bomber Plant

No Announcement Up to Noon Today as to Open or Closed Shop or Use of NSE Service.

NO NEWS TILL MONDAY
The Journal is advised at 2 p. m. today that no statement will be forthcoming until the first of the week regarding the method of employing labor in construction of the bomber plant or the wages to be paid. The possible methods of employment are described in the following article prepared while awaiting word.

Like the elusive "Button, button," the matter of how to go about getting a job on construction work of the new bomber plant at Fort Crook remains a dark secret. With contracts let on a cost-plus basis (which means that Uncle Sam is to be the real employer) information is lacking as to whether or not this is to be a union (closed shop) job and whether or not the Nebraska State Employment Service will act as the referral agency in securing workers.

Harry Bane, state director of the NSES, V. Kastens, clearance supervisor and W. H. Anderson, Nebraska veterans' placement officer, were here yesterday and conferred with interested local parties as to how this work may be handled.

Mr. Bane had been in Omaha all day seeking a conference with the principal contractor, Peter Klewitz Sons, who, presumably will act as agents for the government in the hiring of labor. Unable to contact Walter Scott, superintendent of the Klewitz firm due to the letter being in conference throughout the day, Mr. Bane returned to Omaha last night and is renewing his efforts today, with a promise of advising the Journal promptly of any arrangements that may be worked out.

In order to better inform readers of the present situation, we pass on to you this information, released by Mr. Bane:

"The initial work will be that of grading and leveling, but as yet the exact starting date is unknown. Very likely this will not begin before next Tuesday, February 25.

"If the Nebraska State Employment Service is designated as the referral agency, the contractor will place with us his labor requirements and this will include his own specifications with respect to the experience qualifications he demands. Furthermore, if the Employment Service receives these orders, they will be handled exactly as all other orders are handled. To be more specific, if the contractor specifies that he will hire only union labor, then the Employment Service will have no other alternative than to find for him the workers he needs and they will have to be members in good standing of the trade union covering that particular occupational classification.

"If, on the other hand, the contractor does not demand union labor, then the Nebraska State Employment Service will refer to the contractor the best qualified workers it has registered in each occupational classification. The determination of qualifications in the latter instance will rest entirely with the Employment Service.

"In the event that the Nebraska State Employment Service is designated as the referral agency, the Omaha office will be the official order holding office, since Sarpy county, where the plant will be located, is within the area served by an Omaha office.

"It should be made clear to all inquirers that the Employment Service is strictly a service organization without in any way having control of the hiring, nor do we have any authority over the specifications which any employer may set up, such as trade union membership, wage scales, working hours and work experience."

Contractor's Desire to Govern
Mr. Bane outlined to a Journal representative the procedure that may be followed under any one of four different plans, which we summarize briefly as follows, in order of likelihood of their acceptance and use:

1—Closed shop, using only union labor, and making the NSES the referral agency. Assignment cards in that event could only be issued to union workers (or men willing to join after the supply of union labor is exhausted) and would have to be approved by the union business agent before the man could go to work.

2—Closed shop, with employment negotiations handled by the union direct and no use made of the Employment Service in locating or referring men to jobs.

3—Open shop, using the NSES exclusively for locating and referring men skilled in the trades sought by making requisition through the Omaha office, which in turn would draw on other offices in the prescribed area for proportionate numbers to be based on available registrants in the different offices within the area—roughly estimated as Cass, Sarpy, and Douglas counties in Nebraska, and western Pottawattamie or Council Bluffs in western Iowa. In the event plan No. 3 is used, Mr. Bane said quotas would be set up that would be fair and equitable and adhered to on all calls for workers made through the Omaha office as the official order holding office.

4—Open shop and men hired "on the spot," without benefit of the Employment Service.

While any one of these plans might be used, Mr. Bane was of the opinion that No. 1 would be the method used. He based his opinion on the fact that throughout the nation where defense projects are under way with the government as the hiring agency, the trend has been strongly toward a closed or union shop, and that practically everywhere the Employment Service is being used to contact and refer the men, with final approval up to the unions.

In this connection, Mr. Kastens told of numerous instances where Nebraska workmen who do not belong to the union but expressed a willingness to join have been cleared to other states to work on cantonments and promptly cleared by the unions, on filing of application for membership and payment of the initiation fee.

It was conceded, however, that if this plan is followed, available union men will come first and not until after their number is exhausted will non-union men—however skilled—be considered.

"We do not set up the regulations," said Mr. Bane. That is up to the government and the contractor, and if they determine on closed shop and the use of our service, it will simply be up to us to try and carry out their requests."

The Journal has tried to reach someone with authority to give the desired information and expects to have it very soon, but in the meantime, as stated, the matter of how to go about getting a job on construction work still remains a dark secret.

Patriotism is Theme of Fine Program

Mrs. E. H. Wescott Gives Comprehensive Talk on "The Origin of Our Flag."

From Tuesday's Daily—
Plattsmouth people must be truly patriotic for a record crowd attended the regular meeting of the Plattsmouth Woman's club last night at Hotel Plattsmouth to hear the program "Romance of Old Glory."

Mrs. E. H. Wescott, club president, opened the business meeting promptly at 8 p. m. and Miss Ruth Colby gave the devotionals. Several changes were made in the by-laws and the constitution to the effect that now the nominating committee is elected in April and the new officers voted in at the meeting preceding the installation banquet in May.

The bingo-card benefit plans for Wednesday night were discussed and many tickets were reported sold.

Mrs. R. C. Shellenbarger, publicity chairman, read a letter from Vella Winner, the editor of the "Clubwoman GFWC" magazine.

The program chairman, Mrs. L. S. Devoe announced that the program for March 3 will feature the Girl Scouts.

The program was announced by Mrs. Shellenbarger. Mrs. Wescott gave a comprehensive talk on "The Origin of Our Flag," telling how the design was chosen and giving the symbolic meaning of the colors and the stars. She said up until the year 1557 all flags were hand-made by descendants of Betsy Ross. She told an interesting historical incident about one of our own Plattsmouth pioneers, Madam Streight, who organized a group of women to make a flag for the First Nebraska regiment during the Civil war. She told how the stars in the flag meant the addition of the state in the union, Nebraska being the 37th star.

Mrs. Philip Hirz arranged for a skit entitled "The Star Spangled Banner." Two Camp Fire girls, Carol Lou Bernhardt and Dorothy Jean Cappell and two Girl Scouts, Mary Katherine Gorder and Beverly Sutton, gave the poem "My Flag and Your Flag." They also led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Then Mrs. Samuel G. Schick sang "The Star Spangled Banner." With eyes feasting on the beautiful sight of the flag flying in the breeze and ears drinking in the stirring strains of our beloved national anthem, all stood at attention with hands over hearts until the song was over. Then Miss Olive Gass, who was the first to become a Woman's club member in 1894, read "I Am the Flag." Thus the young and old spoke their loving loyalty to the American colors.

Mrs. J. W. Taenzler arranged for the dramatization of two patriotic songs. She introduced Miss Maxine Graves, who acted out "America" an old favorite, while Miss Juanita Sigler sang to the accompaniment of Miss Mary Jean Hatt. Miss Graves was dressed in red, white and blue, and made the song very impressive with her graceful pantomime. Then Miss Fern Jahrig sang in her own inimitable manner "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean." She was costumed as Columbia, wearing a glittering gold crown which added greatly to the interpretation of the song. Mrs. Devoe was her accompanist.

George Dobson, commercial area manager of the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph company, was then introduced and he gave an extremely interesting talk on "What Telephone Companies Are Doing for National Defense." He spoke at length on the underground cable, now being laid in Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph company's territory between Ashland and Grand Island at an expense of half a million dollars. This will not only be a splendid aid to national defense but facilitate and make possible more long-distance telephone conversations. He said that the first coast-to-coast conversation was made in 1915 and with the completion of this underground cable from Omaha to California, 300 conversations may be possible at the

JOINS THE SERVICE
One of the Cass county young men to enter the service of the United States as a soldier is Charley C. Braklage, of Elmwood, who deserves much commendation for his action and the fine spirit shown. He came to the office of the Cass county selective service board and volunteered to take his place as a member of the Cass county quota altho he had not been called. Mr. Braklage was delighted with the opportunity and is now with other Cass county trainees at Camp Joe T. Robinson at Little Rock, Arkansas.

SPECIAL SHOWING J. I. CASE PRODUCTS AT CEDAR CREEK

A. O. Ault, of Cedar Creek, has a display ad in the Semi-Weekly announcing a free showing of the J. I. Case Plambeau Fleet and farm implements next Tuesday, February 25. There will be movies and a free lunch. Everyone welcome.

Mr. Ault will also have Studebaker cars on display.

DAY OF PRAYER

The St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church will be host for the international day of prayer, Friday, February 28th. This is a public service and it is hoped that many from the community at large will take advantage of the service.

Phone printing orders to No. 6.

Seeks Estate of Edward Rummel for Care and Aid

Mary Troop in Action to Recover Real Estate and Personal Property Under Alleged Agreement

From Wednesday's Daily—
This morning in the office of the clerk of the district court an action was led by Mary Troop against William Rummel, Jacob M. Rummel, Charles Rummel, Lucille Rummel, heirs and John Rummel, administrator of the estate of Edward C. Rummel, deceased.

The petition of the plaintiff alleges that the deceased passed away in November 1940, seized at the time of farm land and real estate of the value of \$6,000 and personal property estimated at \$2,000.

It is further alleged that in June 1931, the plaintiff and the deceased Edward C. Rummel entered into an oral agreement by which the plaintiff cared for him and rendered aid and comfort during his lifetime and in return the plaintiff was to receive all of the real and personal property at the time of the death of Mr. Rummel. In keeping with the agreement the plaintiff sets forth that she had cared for his home, nursed him in sickness, prepared meals, washing and maintained the home.

It is further claimed that the deceased when selling a former farm had purchased the one he held at his death after consultation with the plaintiff as to the farm expected to be inherited. It is also alleged that the deceased had intended to make a will as to the property.

The plaintiff asks that her claims be declared prior rights to those of other heirs and she be given the real and personal property of the deceased.

LOCATING IN CITY
In the past few days several new families have come to Plattsmouth to make their home and become a part of the community life.

John Brookhouse, one of the instructors at Fort Crook, who has been here for some time, moved his family from South Sioux City, Nebraska, Saturday and they are now located in the residence property owned by Mrs. R. A. Bates on North 11th street. The family comprises Mrs. Brookhouse and several children.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bruce have moved here from Fort Crook to make their home and are now located in an apartment on South 9th street.

Lester Gansler of Falls City, has come here from Falls City to look after some of the work at the drilling of the well of the Golden Rod Co., west of Murray. He plans to bring his family here when a suitable home can be found.

M. M. BEAL POORLY
M. M. Beal, 90, one of Plattsmouth's oldest citizens, is quite poorly at the Austin home in this city. Mr. Beal has been a resident at the home for about two years. He has been bedfast for two weeks. He will be 71 in July.

SEEK TO EXTEND LINES
From Wednesday's Daily—
The Nebraska Power company of Omaha, asked the state railway commission today to construct three miles of transmission line in Cass county near Louisville.

PAROLE CATTLE THIEF
From Monday's Daily—
The state pardon board today granted twenty clemency applications, including that of Marquis Thompson, paroled from a three-year term from Cass county for cattle theft.

Colonial Days are Revived in Pleasant Event

Colonial Tea at the First Methodist Church Largely Attended by Gentlemen

It is to be doubted that a more colorful and completely joyful affair has ever been observed in these Colonies, than the Tea-party given yesterday by the Naomi Circle of the Methodist church.

The parlours were filled by a goodly portion of the Gentlemen of this, and neighbouring Provinces; All present being seemingly disposed to light spirits and full enjoyment of the occasion.

The hostesses, moving amongst the crowd, looked undeniably charming in gowns of latest fashion, many of them procured especially for the occasion.

The general chairman of the Tea-party, Mrs. William Heinrich, pleased the eye in her gown of black and crimson flowered crepe de chine, made with full panners, the material for which arrived on the most recent clipper from the Orient.

Various shades of dull rose lent a pleasing glow to the attractive countenance of Mrs. R. B. Keller, who was chairman of refreshments.

Mrs. J. E. Wiles, programme chairman, attracted complimentary remarks with her flowered dress and very becoming hair-do, which is said to be a new style much in popularity in the Mother country.

Mrs. Howard Davis, finance chairman, wore a gown of mingled blues, with voluminous skirts, when she collected fees at the entrance-way.

Mrs. J. G. McMaken, courtesy chairman, robed in a tasteful creation trimmed in multitudinous ruffles, went with her carriage to fetch distant Gentlemen whose own carriages were unavailable or horses ailing.

The parlours were arrayed with most fashionable furniture and bric-a-brac, loaned by Mesdames Wm. Evers, E. H. Wescott, C. C. Wescott and J. W. Crabill.

The Naomi Circle members were assisted in receiving guests by Mrs. Earl Carr, chairman of Dorcas circle, who wore a most charming gown, consisting of a full overdress of fine peach-colour flowered cloth, and a pleasing shade of pale peach for the foundation dress.

The esteemed Lady Lawson, an honored guest lately arrived from London, was attractive in printed lavender, with matching bonnet.

Mrs. L. J. Hutchings and Mrs. Fred Howland, in charge of Corages which were handed to arriving guests, were enhanced by dainty blue gowns, with tight bodices, billowing skirts and matching bonnets.

Master Richard Cramer aged two years, wore an extremely stylish coat of scarlet, with white knee-trousers; he acted as page-boy.

The Programme was commenced with three songs by an Artist of well-acknowledged ability, Mrs. R. C. Shellenbarger; her selections accounted by the audience as very gratifying. Mrs. P. T. Heineman, playing tuneful accompaniment, greatly increased the charm of the songs.

A most pleasurable feature was proffered by Miss Helene Perry, whose judicious report of the book, New England Sampler, so captivated her hearers, that all were persuaded of a desire to peruse the book in its entirety.

Thomason- Meisinger Wed- ding Sunday

Twilight Ceremony Held at Eight Mile Grove Church with Rev. A. Lentz Officiating.

In a solemn service at 6 o'clock, February 16, 1941 at the Christ Lutheran church, Miss Idabell Thomason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Thomason was united in marriage to Mr. Clyde Meisinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Meisinger.

Rev. A. Lentz, pastor of the church, officiated.

Mrs. Oliver Meisinger played "Liebestraum" by Liszt, "Yearning" by Rolf and Mendelssohn's "Wedding March."

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Attendants were Miss Catherine Meisinger, sister of the groom and Mr. Ross Thomason, brother of the bride.

The bride wore a gown of blue haze Crepe Romaine, matching accessories. She wore a corsage of white carnations.

Miss Meisinger's gown was of navy crepe with matching accessories. Her corsage was of sweetheart roses, pink sweetpeas and baby's breath.

The groom and groomsmen wore the conventional dark suits and white boutonnières.

After the ceremony a wedding supper was served at the home of the groom's parents.

Mrs. Louis Hennings had charge of serving. The centerpiece was a three-tier cake topped by a miniature bride and groom.

Guests at the supper beside the bridal party were Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Thomason, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Meisinger, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Meisinger, Miss Marie Thomason, Eugene Meisinger, Charles Thomason, Miss Marilyn Reed and Mrs. Louis Hennings.

The bride is a graduate of Bethany high school of Lincoln. She was recently employed at the Masonic Home.

The groom is one of the successful farmers of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Meisinger will reside west of Plattsmouth.

ADOLPH MICHKA, SR. DIES
From Wednesday's Daily—
Funeral services for Adolph Michka, Sr., 72, former Plattsmouth resident, were conducted at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Brewer-Korisko chapel, 1235 South 13th street, Omaha, Rev. Alois Kvetensky officiated and the burial took place in the Bohemian National cemetery.

The deceased, who resided at 1459 1/2 South 15th street, Omaha, died Monday at an Omaha hospital. He had been in failing health for a number of weeks. He was a retired carpenter. The deceased man was a brother of the late Mrs. Frances Wurga, wife of the late Michael Wurga. He was Mrs. Charles F. Janda's uncle.

Surviving him are two sons, Adolph, Jr., Omaha, Henry of Los Angeles; one daughter, Mrs. Walter Kolaeny, Omaha; two brothers, Joseph, Czechoslovakia, Louis, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Warner, Mrs. Alois Smetana, and Mrs. Charles Janda were in Omaha this afternoon and attended the last sad rites.

CARD OF THANKS
We gratefully wish to express our most heartfelt thanks for the many acts of kindness to us and to our loved mother and grandmother, Mrs. Rachel Pell, in her illness, also for the expressions of sympathy and the remembrances at the time of her death—Jesse L. Pell, Mrs. A. O. Fearsley, Mrs. Ed Midkiff, Mrs. John Niday, and the Frank Hughson family.

**DAUGHTER BORN TO
ELMER NEWTONS MONDAY**
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Newton, who reside in Omaha, announce the birth of a 6 1/2-pound girl, who was born at the University hospital, Omaha, Monday afternoon. The infant is Mr. and Mrs. Newton's first child. Mrs. Adah Newton of this city is the child's grandmother.

GOES TO HOSPITAL
From Wednesday's Daily—
Mrs. Henry T. Woster was taken to Omaha this morning where she entered the Clarkson hospital and will be under observation and treatment for gall stones. It is probable that an operation may be necessary.

HAVE FINE DAUGHTER
From Monday's Daily—
This morning Mr. and Mrs. James Allbee welcomed a fine 7 1/4-pound daughter that arrived to make her home with them in the future. The event was one that brought the greatest pleasure to the parents and all of the family.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY—
This morning the parlor of Refreshments, their tea being poured by Mrs. Edgar Newton, president of the Methodist Women's Society, and Mrs. Clement Woster, chairman of Naomi Circle, both being attired in up-to-the-minute flowered gowns,

Bomber Plant in Production in Eight Months

Construction Engineer for Glenn L. Martin Company Sees Early Plant Completion.

From Tuesday's Daily—
After looking over preliminary plans in Omaha today, Paul Tignor, chief construction engineer for the Glenn L. Martin Co., predicted the huge bomber plant at Fort Crook will be completed and in production inside of eight months.

Two thousand, five hundred men will be employed in building the plant. When it is finished at least 8,000 will devote their energies to producing bomber planes.

Tignor conferred with Engineer Major Helmer Swenholz, who will supervise construction of the plant. He said machinery for it already is on order and will be ready by the time the roof is finished. If the plant were worked to capacity, Tignor said 17,000 mechanics could be used.

NEWLYWEDS RETURN
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bierl, who were married last Wednesday, returned late Tuesday from an extensive tour of the east and south, taking them through six states and covering 1,500 miles.

The couple traveled through Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Kansas and the southern part of Nebraska. They had the thrill of crossing the Mississippi river at Moline, Illinois and again at St. Louis.

They saw a large number of coal mines in eastern Iowa that proved very interesting to the Nebraskans. In Indiana the weather was very warm and the atmosphere of spring was noticeable at Vincennes, Indiana, where they had a stop. In northern Indiana the farm land was very rocky and far from the rich soil farther west.

On the trip they had rain from Omaha to Joliet, Illinois, finding that part of the country was wet.

Their main stopping places were at Chicago and Vincennes; at Chicago they were guests of the Breakfast club, radio feature, and honored by being interviewed by Don McNeal of the Breakfast club. They saw many points of interest in the windy city.

At Vincennes, an old historic French settlement, one of the earliest trading posts, they saw many places of interest, this being the home of William Henry Harrison, one time governor of Indiana and later president. This also is marked as the spot where Abraham Lincoln was brought by his family from Kentucky they crossing the Wabash river at Vincennes, located on the east bank of the river.

They also visited at St. Louis and Kansas City, Missouri.

SEEK TO EXTEND LINES
From Wednesday's Daily—
The fashionable Minuet was executed with precision by four young persons, Wilma Mae Keil, Buddy White, Donald Aylor, and Mary Ellen Reed; the forementioned being accompanied by Miss Jane Oakes, she playing rhythmic music to suit their graceful movements.

The guests then partook of Refreshments, their tea being poured by Mrs. Edgar Newton, president of the Methodist Women's Society, and Mrs. Clement Woster, chairman of Naomi Circle, both being attired in up-to-the-minute flowered gowns,

with panners, ruffles, lace fichus and caps.

During the tea-time, Mr. E. H. Wescott played harpsichord melodies. Guests and hostesses joyed together in judging the party a very happy affair, to be long remembered with pleasurable feelings. Only one untoward circumstance marred its complete success, this occurring when a horse ridden to the party by one of the Gentlemen broke loose from the church hitching-post and wandered into a neighbouring herb-garden; however, the creature was retrieved before great damage was done, either to itself or to the herbs.

**THOMASON-
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