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City Government is the Subject of Interesting Meet

Searl S. Davis and J. Howard Davis Heard in Rotary Program in Appeal for Improvement

From Tuesday's Daily--

City government in Plattsmouth and the need for greater interest of the men and women of the community, was the theme of a very interesting program at the Rotary club today, former Mayor John P. Sattler being the leader and Searl S. Davis former councilman and J. Howard Davis, a former city attorney being the participants.

Mr. Sattler had with him a copy of the first ordinance book of the city, published back in 1867 with the first ordinance of March 14, 1855, providing for the establishment of the council of three, the members to receive five cents each, payable in city scrip. The clerk and treasurer were to receive \$25 a year, also in scrip. This was signed by Wheatley Mickelwait as the first mayor. Another old ordinance was that creating a police force of 14 members, divided into two groups of seven men each, to receive \$2 per day while on duty. Another of the ordinances provided for the levy of a tax of one-half of one per cent on the taxable property of the city. The penalty of fifteen per cent for delinquent taxes was also imposed.

Mr. Sattler after the review of the early day government presented Searl Davis, who in his service in the council had been a strong factor in city financing. Mr. Davis called attention to the fact that the city government here was one of the largest in the state and that the need felt for more efficient and smaller governing bodies. He was not finding fault with the present government and pointed out that ten years ago the city bonded debt had been \$327,000, that now it was \$198,000 or a reduction of \$130,000. In this connection Mr. Davis paid a fine tribute to Mr. Sattler, mayor of the city when the moves to reduce the debt were first started. The city now paid off from \$12,000 to \$13,000 a year on the bonds.

Mr. Davis pointed to the fact that there were thirteen officers including ten councilmen, mayor, treasurer and clerk in the administration of the city government. The cost of the salaries of the legislative and executive departments of the government was \$1,900. Many had advocated the plan to make the city government more compact by a two-ward plan reducing the council to four with a mayor presiding.

Mr. Davis called attention to the towns where there is commission form of government, small bodies such as Nebraska City with three commissioners. In these commissioners the responsibility is laid directly to the department and its officials and not passed around among a large body to all have a part and none a direct mandate to perform. He felt that in the small body of city officials that the responsibility was a great deal heavier. The present city government operates on a budget, but it is much easier to allow funds to be overdrawn through unauthorized or unanticipated uses, getting out of hand until overdrawn funds were the result despite the budget plan.

Mr. Davis urged that more interest be taken in the city government by the people, that men of business experience take more of a part in the affairs of the city, men with courage and willingness to oppose what they might feel was wrong.

The speaker pointed to the need of greater interest if the city was to embark in the ownership of the water plant or the erection of a new one, especially in the present form of government and methods of handling the management. Direct responsibility should be necessary in the purchasing for the plant as well as in the handling of collections and the business affairs.

He felt that in a smaller body more men would be willing to take up the responsibility of serving, that good men could long be kept in office, city planning in advance for a better community. Mr. Davis cited the athletic park as one of the results

of advance planning by the city and board of education, giving them a definite plan to work on when the opportunity afforded.

Mr. Davis stressed that there had been much talk in trying to improve the city government form—now was the time for all to do something about it. Elect good men and see that they were kept in to serve the people to derive the benefit of their experience.

J. Howard Davis also touched on the city affairs with a very interesting story of how the legislative matters are originated and the benefit that the community and the council would both receive in the presence and show of interest at council meetings by the men and women of the community. More business identification was urged by the speaker in the city government. He paid tribute to many of the hard working members of the council who had a pride and pleasure in their service.

Mr. Howard Davis also discussed the matter of the water plant and pointed out that citizens committee had assisted the councilmen in the plans so far carried on. He pointed out that the working of the Henningsen contract had shown need for a great investigation into all steps and moves in the water plant situation.

The two boys, John Hoschar, senior and Tommy Doody, junior gave their farewell as members of Rotary for October, both expressing pleasure at the opportunity of belonging.

PANQUET DINNER WORKERS

Preparing and serving a banquet for over 500 persons is no easy task, and the only ones to realize this fact are those who have actual experience. To undertake such a task it is necessary to have considerable help, and assistants who can be relied upon as well as cooperation. Such courage and faithfulness was found in a large portion of the women who prepared the noonday dinner and arranged the dining room for their guests. A large number of these women missed out on the biggest and most important event of the day—that of attending the pontifical mass at 10:30 a. m. For a number of them, perhaps, will never have the opportunity of hearing such a mass celebrated in their own church.

Mrs. Ernest Janda was chairman of the dining room and her assistants—many of these young ladies were waitresses—were Mesdames John V. Svoboda, Louis Svoboda, Frank Koubek, James Zitka, Joseph Knoficek, Edward Gradoville, Michael Duda, Arnold Shoemaker, Wilbert R. Lang, William Nelson, Theodore Svoboda, George Kalasek, Alan McClanahan, Misses Dorothy Svoboda, Josephine Rys, Mary Krejci, Lillian, Theresa and Josephine Sedlak, Wilma Swatek, Rose Janca, Mary Kvapil, Antonia Vanek, Florence Fischer, Josephine Wargha and Mary Ann Lipert.

In charge of the kitchen was Mrs. Charles F. Janda and assisting her were the following ladies: Mesdames Hermie Svoboda, William Swatek, Joseph Wooster, John Fischer, Thomas Gradoville, Walter Martin, Adolph Koubek, Anna Zitka, Timothy Kouhoutek, Charles Vitousek, John Kubicka, William Sitzman, Joseph Safarik, Josephine Janda, Julius Pitz, Joseph Kanka, Charles Wargha, Miss Anna Jirousek.

NAVY BOYS HERE

Roy Wilson and Gilbert Harris arrived in Plattsmouth early Sunday morning, and are now guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Font Wilson at Murray, and Mrs. Anna Harris of Plattsmouth. It was seven weeks ago that the boys went to Great Lakes, Illinois, where they were sent for training. Navy life certainly appeals to them, and upon their return to the Great Lakes they are anxious to know just where they will be transferred, whether they'll go to California or Florida or maybe elsewhere. The two will leave for the east Sunday night at 10:55.

VISITS IN OLD HOME

Mrs. James H. Herold, of Peru, has been visiting in the city as a guest at the home of Mrs. Henry Herold and at the A. L. Tidd home. Mrs. Herold resided here for a great many years but in the late years has made her home in Minneapolis and Peru.

SOCIAL

From Monday's Daily--

Visit Grandparents Here--

Jack Jr., and Roger vonGillern, of Lincoln, have spent the last of the week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Troop, south of this city. On Saturday Mrs. vonGillern came down to join her children and on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Troop were at the farm home for a family dinner.

Hold Family Reunion--

A large group of the descendants of the late David, John, Joseph and George Lloyd gathered for a reunion at the Frank Reed home Sunday, where the dinner party at noon was the biggest item on the entertainment. The group came with baskets of food and combined made a "feast suitable for a king." Not only were relatives here from around this vicinity, but a host of them came from other states. Although not a relative, Mrs. Ann Rhoden of Murray was a guest.

Those present yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. Will Reynolds of White Fish, Montana, Mrs. Rose Dally of Gering, Nebraska; Mr. and Mrs. John A. Lloyd, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. George Lloyd and son, Jim, Omaha; Mrs. Lora Lloyd Kleck, Marilyn and Bill, Mrs. John Lloyd, Nebraska; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hill and Mary Helen, Mr. and Mrs. Edw. F. Marler and Edna Marie, Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Cole and family, Stanley, Sterling, Maxine, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Cole and family, of Nebraska City, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jacobsen, Wayne, Jean, Arden and Barton of Omaha; Frank Read and family, Ardath, Betty, Bill Seattle, Wash. Adolph Ann.

Unable to be present were Bert Lloyd, Murray; Nellie Lloyd Lewis, Omaha, Anderson Lloyd, Colorado, and Morris Lloyd, California.

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Shower at Murray--

Mrs. Robert Greenwald and Mrs. Sterling Ross entertained at a miscellaneous shower honoring Mrs. Bert Worthan Wednesday, October 22nd at the home of her mother, Mrs. Adolph Ross. Several games were played and prizes given to Mrs. Marion Worthan, Mrs. Raymond Lancaster and Mrs. Wm. Brandt, Jr. Each guest wrote their favorite recipe for the bride. The bride received many lovely gifts. Refreshments were then served by the hostess.

Entertains on Birthday--

James Rebal, Severin Krejci and Veda Dvoracek were escorted to Omaha Saturday evening. There they were special guests of William Holly at Stanley Holly's home, Wm. Holly was seventy-seven years old on October 20, and it was his desire to invite these close friends to spend the week-end with him. Stanley came to Plattsmouth for the men and then brought them back Sunday afternoon. The men enjoyed themselves immensely, and most of the time was spent in playing the old Bohemian card game, Taroky.

Belek-Kiser Wedding--

In a double ring ceremony October 4 in Assumption Catholic church, Omaha, Miss Rita Belek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Belek of Omaha, became the bride of Robert K. Kiser. Mr. Kiser is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Kiser of Plattsmouth. Rev. J. J. Krajicek was the officiating priest. "Bob" was graduated from the Plattsmouth high school in 1933.

Honor Mrs. Randall York--

Mrs. Randall York, of this city, was entertained at a luncheon given in her honor Saturday at Hilltop House, 49th and Dodge streets, following her recent marriage. The pleasant event was given by the co-workers in the Disbursement Accounting office of the Northwest Bell Telephone Co. at Omaha. There were eighteen present.

The centerpiece of the long table was a long and narrow basket of the fall flowers consisting of gladioli and asters. The guest of honor was presented with a corsage of deep pink carnations.

At the close of the luncheon Mrs. York was presented with a Sunbeam Mixmaster and a set of dishes for a service of eight, from the accounting office where she had been employed.

Jubilee Guests--

Among the large group of outstate guests in Plattsmouth for the fiftieth anniversary celebration of the Holy Rosary church Sunday were included

Sylvia Korbel, Agnes Muenster and Selma Diehm.

From Wednesday's Daily--

St. Mary's Guild--

The members of the St. Mary's Guild of the St. Luke's church met Tuesday evening at the pleasant home of Miss Barbara Gering on North 6th street. The ladies spent the evening in preparing and labeling their usual fall output of delicious mince meat for the market. This annual sale is always awaited with interest by the public to secure the delicious mince meat.

After the work period the ladies enjoyed a very pleasant visit and the delicious refreshments arranged by Miss Gering.

Californians Feted at Dinner--

Before Mrs. Ralph Coburn and son, Ronnie and Miss Helen Spicka returned to Oakland, California Saturday, they were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lepert and family last Friday noon. In addition to the Californians, there were present Mrs. Joseph Kafka and daughter, Alice, Mrs. Charles Krejci and children, Mary Jane and Raymond, all of Omaha.

Mrs. Coburn and Miss Spicka were called to Omaha by the death of their father, Joseph Spicka, who was buried last week.

Blevins-Clark--

Miss Cassel Blevins, Nebraska City, and Charley Clark, Union, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Clark, were married October 18 at Rockport, Missouri. They will live in Union. The young man is employed at the bomber plant at Fort Crook.

Miss Cassel, it will be remembered, was one of three persons injured in the auto collision on the Louisville road late in July. At that time four persons will be killed, including Bill Hindman of Plattsmouth.

C. D. of A. Meet--

The members of the C. D. of A. enjoyed a very pleasant time at the home of Mrs. John Hadraba last evening. Bridge and pinocle games were played during the evening after which October birthday greetings were extended. Delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Hadraba, assisted by co-hostesses Mrs. Joseph Wooster and Mrs. John Bergmann. Mrs. Anna Zitka was awarded the pinocle prize; Mrs. Cyril Kalina, the bridge prize; while the guest prize was awarded to Mrs. C. Kocian.

Married a Half Century--

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Copes, Palmyra, Nebraska, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Tuesday, October 28. Mr. Copes was born at Atlanta, Illinois, February 12, 1865, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Copes, and came to Nebraska with his parents when he was 12 years old. Mrs. Copes was born at Greenwood, Nebraska, October 13, 1872, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Rhoden. They were married at the home of her parents October 28, 1891 by Rev. Cyrus Alton, pastor of the Christian church. They went immediately to house-keeping on a farm at Lorton, and have been continuous residents of Otoe county up to this time, except two years spent near Tecumseh.

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Wallace Nelson is Accepted for Naval Service

First of Group Requesting "Life in the Navy" Books Thru This Office to be Enrolled

Wallace C. Nelson, a Murray young man, has become the first Journal-contacted enrollee in the Navy since the start of the Navy's newspaper advertising campaign several weeks ago. There have been a good number of other requests for copies of the book "Life in the Navy," and some of these plan to join, but to Wallace goes the distinction of being the first to enroll. For earning that distinction, he will be sent with our compliments a copy of the Semi-Weekly Journal during his first year of service and we shall hope to hear from him rather frequently concerning progress made.

It was during the Korn Karnival that Wallace came to our office requesting the "Life in the Navy" book—which is still being given free to any and all young men applying for it—and we felt sure that he had every intention of joining this branch of the service which offers such fine opportunities for advancement.

He has enlisted as a storekeeper, 3rd class, and is now awaiting orders to report.

Wallace is a son of the late Harry B. Nelson and Mrs. Selma Nelson, and has resided at the home of his mother in Murray since the death of his father, who was engaged in the hardware business there for a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Uhlir and daughter of Peoria, Illinois, Mrs. Anna Lorenz, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Worsham, Mrs. Eva Egenberger of Des Moines, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Slatinsky of Sedalia, Missouri.

The biggest majority of guests here for the day were from Omaha and the list is too large to mention. Many came from Lincoln and other points in Nebraska.

Denver Guest Returns--

After visiting with her mother, Mrs. Alma Yardley, Mrs. Florence Yardley and daughters and the other members of the late George W. Shrader family, Mrs. Vera Claggett and her daughter, Alma returned to Denver, Colorado Monday. Although here just a short time, Mrs. Claggett enjoyed her visit with relatives whom she had not seen for some time. Sunday she and her daughter were guests at a family dinner party at Mrs. Lulu Wolfe's home. Her visit in Plattsmouth with Mrs. Florence Yardley and daughters was much enjoyed. Her brother, Elmer Yardley, resides in Plattsmouth.

Visit Nebraska City P.E.O.--

Mrs. Alice Woster and Mrs. Marjorie Lohnes of Plattsmouth, and Mrs. Max Wiley of Norfolk, Va., were guests of Chapter CF, P.E.O., at its meeting at the home of Mrs. Richard Kimmel, Nebraska City, Monday evening. Sixteen attended.

Mrs. Woster was a delegate to supreme convention at Vancouver, B. C. in September, representing several southeast Nebraska chapters, and gave a delightfully informal talk on her trip and on personal experiences at the convention, with a few highlights of the business sessions.

Entertained at Dinner--

Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Wunderlich, of Nebraska entertained a small group of friends Tuesday at a wild duck dinner at their lovely home with Mr. and Mrs. George Pollard, Mr. Melvin Sturm, Coach and Mrs. Schmadke, Miss Minnie Hild and Robert M. Walling of this city.

Shuffle and Deal Club--

The Shuffle and Deal club Tuesday evening was entertained at the home of George Jaeger, a fine evening of cards being enjoyed by the jolly party of friends. In the playing Carl Ofe and Dr. W. V. Ryan were winners of high score. Light refreshments were served during the evening.

Made to order rubber stamps at a price considerably below what you've been paying. Prompt service.

RETURN FROM ILLINOIS

Mrs. M. D. Brown and daughter, Renee, who have been spending a few weeks in visiting relatives in Illinois, returned home last evening. They were at West Frankfort and Alton, with relatives and friends. At West Frankfort they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Dunn, parents of Mrs. Brown.

They found the conditions in Illinois very good and with a great deal of employment in the sections they visited, as there are many mines in the southern part of Illinois producing coal, as well as manufacturing plants.

John E. Gilmore Now Captain in Medical Corps

In Service at Rankin Airfield, Tulare, California, Promoted from First Lieutenant.

First Lieutenant John E. Gilmore, in command of the medical corps at the Rankin airfield, Tulare, California, has received the notification of his appointment to the rank of captain in the U. S. medical corps.

Captain Gilmore is a graduate of the University of Nebraska college of medicine in June 1939 and has already been identified with the work in the medical corps since completing his intern work.

Several weeks ago Captain Gilmore made an air tour from California to Chicago and on the trip had an opportunity of a visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Gilmore at Murray, where the new captain was born and grew up.

His work at Rankin field is extensive as he has the examination of the cadets in their entrance into the school for training as fliers.

DOINGS IN DISTRICT COURT

Judge W. W. Wilson was here Tuesday from Nebraska City to hold a session of the district court and passing on a large number of matters pending.

In the case of Joseph M. Sedlak vs. D. O. Dwyer, et al, an action for damages, the case was dismissed by the court on the motion of the defendants.

In Donald Philpot & Fred Koehler, a partnership vs. B. & M. Construction Co., the plaintiffs were awarded judgment for \$198.20 and the Plattsmouth State bank was ordered to pay into the court funds of the defendant on deposit.

Vesta Mae Baker was awarded a decree of divorce from Samuel J. Baker and the defendant ordered to pay the sum of \$15 per week alimony.

In the case of Robert D. Fitch vs. the County of Cass, returned from the supreme court for rehearing, the plaintiff was awarded judgment of \$917.50, with interest at six per cent from this date until paid. This action was for mileage claimed to be due the plaintiff while serving as Cass county surveyor.

In the case of John T. Eecker vs. the City of Plattsmouth, action to set out real estate from the city, special appearance of the city overruled. Defendant given leave to plead.

Robert Simmons vs. Searl S. Davis, Trustee. Motion of the defendant to amend petition of plaintiff, submitted on briefs argued and submitted.

Wanda Scheel vs. Walter Scheel. Plaintiff awarded decree of divorce and custody of child, defendant to pay \$10 per month for care of child.

Margaret Mae Simpson vs. Thomas Madison Simpson, plaintiff awarded divorce and custody of child and allowed \$35 for attorney fees.

Elta Sabs vs. John Sabs. The plaintiff given leave to file amended answer and defendant ten days to answer. Defendant to give \$5 a week.

Erna Meierderks vs. Willie Meierderks. Defendant to pay plaintiff \$10 per week for care of family. Defendant to sell no cattle or hogs without permission of the court.

THE NEED OF TRUST

Our country grows great and good as her citizens are able more fully to trust each other.

Rural Students in High School Number 110

Showing of Young People Completing Their Last Years of High School Are Many.

The non-resident students in the Plattsmouth high school this year is larger than it has ever been in the history of the school. Each year more students have selected Plattsmouth for their high school until the enrollment has reached 111 students. These students come a considerable distance; groups of them riding together in the same car.

The Plattsmouth board of education is redoubling its efforts in order to provide the very best school facilities for these students. The academic, as well as the extracurricular activity program, has been modernized in order to provide the best possible education.

These tuition students bring to the Plattsmouth high school about nine thousand dollars in additional revenue.

Not only is the board of education doing their part in helping the rural students; many people in the community are providing opportunities for work.

The rural students have become an important part of the Plattsmouth high school; both in the economic point of view as well as scholastically.

The following are tuition students: Jean Adams, Margaret Adams, Betty A. Albert, Betty Allen, Marie Allen, Betty Alexen, Marian Baker, Herbert Baumgart, Betty Baumgart, Edward Burlette, John Burlette, Raymond Beverage, Ruth Blotzer, Emilie Eierl, Mary Buechler, Elmer Buechler, Robert Campbell, Kenneth Campbell, Phyllis Carey, Shirley Chamberlain, Lloyd Coffelt, Wayne Coffelt, Eloise Cole, Robert Cole, Leone Coolman, LaVerne Cottingham, Marilyn Dress, Wilma Dooley, Josephine Eastridge, Stephen Fischer, Rosa Forbes, Conley Galloway, Robert Galloway, Bill Gayer, Bette Gayer, Beulah Godwin, Mary J. Godwin, Edward Grauf, Betty Halmes, Pete Halmes, Marie Hamilton, Harlan Hennings, Betty Henton, Lloyd Holman, Veda Horner, John Hoschar, Ruth Hull, James Hutchison, Betty M. Hutchison, Elmer Iske, Clark Jarvis, Sherman Kage, Beulah Kiser, Robert Kraeger, Jordan Kuhns, Bruce Lanum, Alice Lanum, Jacqueline Lanphear, Bonadelle Larson, Kathleen Larson, Louise Lepert, Thelma Lewis, Arthur Lepert, Betty Lepert, Eldon Meisinger, Elizabeth Meisinger, Robert Meisinger, Wayne Meisinger, Wilbur Morris, Robert Nickles, Wilma Nolte, Gene Nolting, Richard Novak, Donna P. Parriott, Elizabeth Perry, Kenneth Peterell, Hertha Pottschies, George Reed, Paul Ruffner, Richard Rummel, Duane Sack, Richard Sack, Jack Scott, Lloyd Scott, Margaret Smith, Shirley Speck, Mary K. Sporer, Doris A. Stander, Patricia Stander, Ted Stokes, Dan Terryberry, Shirley Terryberry, Mary Terryberry, Robert Terryberry, Rose M. Thompson, Dick Todd, Jo Ann Traut, Dick Tritsch, Marcel Vinduska, Shirley Wheeler, Annice L. White, Darryl Wilson, Frances Wilson, Leah Winslow, Robert Woster, Chris Zimmerman, Frank Cummins, Dale Henton, Billy Campbell, Lyle Meisinger.

CHANGE IN MAIL ROUTES

Because of recent consolidation of the rural mail delivery routes of Cedar Creek and Louisville, the following patrons of that community, formerly on the Cedar Creek mail delivery route, will, effective on next November 1, 1941, be transferred to the Plattsmouth post office, and their farm deliveries of mail will be made by the mail carrier on the Plattsmouth rural route No. 2:

Hugo Meisinger, Robert Meisinger, Joseph Wagner, Otis Griffin, J. C. Meisinger, Arnold Meisinger, J. D. Rising, E. J. Ferris, John T. Rice, John Vinduska, Henry Vinduska, Reuben P. Meisinger, Alois Eierl, Emilie Eierl, Franz Peterell, Ralph Howard, Walter Waskel, Louis Wagner, John Henrichsen, Mrs. Carrie Meisinger, Albert J. Meisinger.

YOUNG CITIZENS CONTEST AT GREENWOOD SATURDAY

The committee of the American Legion have selected Wm. Robertson, Jr., Carey Marshall, Bette Gayer, and Willa Jean Sylvester as the representatives of the Young Citizens contest to be held at Greenwood Saturday, November 1. Plattsmouth has taken part in this contest every year since its beginning.