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Presbyterian Federation Holds Memorial Service

Many of Members Take Part in Praise for Mrs. H. G. McClusky, Long Active Church Leader

The members of the Woman's Federation of the Presbyterian church at their meeting Wednesday afternoon devoted the larger part of the session to a memorial for Mrs. H. G. McClusky, wife of the pastor, whose passing had occasioned a very deep regret among the members of the society and congregation.

Mrs. William A. Robertson, the president of the Federation, presided over the business session. At this time the nominating committee brought in its report as to the officers for the ensuing year, being accepted and the officers will be selected later.

The services in praise of the memory of Mrs. McClusky were in charge of Mrs. Ralph Wehrlein and consisted of the tributes of many of the ladies to the services that she had given in her life in the community and church.

Mrs. P. T. Heineman spoke on "Mrs. McClusky as Our Friend," a fine personal tribute; Mrs. William A. Robertson on "Mrs. McClusky in Church and Community;" Mrs. V. W. Perry on "Mrs. McClusky's Work in State Synodical."

Mrs. J. R. Reeder gave as a memorial song, "How Beautiful Upon the Mountain," Mrs. H. F. Goos being the accompanist.

A special poem was given as part of the service:

A TRIBUTE
The Mistress of the Manse
Has she gone, the mistress of the manse,
With sparkling eye and sprightly glance,
With greeting gay and cherry smile?
Perhaps—but her presence is here
all the while.

We cannot see her in this place,
But the rooms are filled with her
loving grace.
We cannot hear her tones so clear,
But their message is ringing in our
ear.

The touch of her hand we cannot
feel,
But the touch of her life upon us
is real.

The beauty of her face has gone,
But the beauty of her soul lives on.
The flower has gone from this world
of care,
But left for us her fragrance rare,
Has she gone? Her spirit is with us
still.

Urging us to accept the Master's
will,
—Miss Pearl Staats.
The missionary boxes were dedicated to the departed as this missionary work had been very dear to the heart of Mrs. McClusky during her lifetime.

The ladies of Circle No. 4 were hostesses, Mrs. R. W. Knorr being the chairman.

ENLISTS IN AIR CADETS

Dale Nearhood, son of Mrs. Anna Nearhood, enlisted in the air cadet service Tuesday afternoon at Fort Crook. From there he went to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to await transfer to one of the cadet training stations. By enlisting in this service, Mr. Nearhood will have a fine opportunity for advancement and his work will eventually lead to a commission as an officer in the air service of the country.

Mrs. Nearhood, accompanied by Mrs. Fred Drucker, went to Lincoln Monday afternoon to visit with her son before his departure for service in the army air corps.

PARENTS OF DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Larson, residing on Wintersteen hill, are the happy parents of a 10-pound daughter, born to them on Tuesday morning. The little one has been named Sharon Kay. This is the second daughter in the family.

ENROLLS AS READER

Emil Novak, residing in the Mynard community, was in the city Wednesday and while here called at the Journal and enrolled as a reader of the semi-weekly edition of the paper.

LEARNS OF FATHER'S DEATH

From Saturday's Daily—

The message was received here this morning by members of the family, of the death at DeQueen, Ark., of L. R. Pettet, 77, former resident of Custer county, Nebraska.

Mr. Pettet was the father of Ralph and L. R. Pettet of this city, Frank Pettet, now at DeQueen, and J. W. Pettet of Harmon, Oklahoma.

The funeral services will be held on Tuesday at DeQueen and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pettet are to attend the last rites.

Brink-Bryant Wedding Held This Morning

St. John's School Chapel Scene of Nuptial Mass; Will Make Home in Plattsmouth

From Saturday's Daily—

This morning at the chapel of the St. John's school was held the marriage service for two of Plattsmouth's most popular young people, Miss Norma Lee Bryant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Bryant, and Mr. Elmore J. Brink, son of W. N. Brink, of this city.

The wedding marked the culmination of a school day romance, the two young people being students in the high school together, the groom graduating in 1939 and the bride in 1940.

The nuptial mass of the church was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Monsignor George Agius, the junior choir of the church assisting in the singing of the mass.

Attending the bride was Miss Agnes Brink, sister of the groom, while Mr. James Mauzy, jr., was the attendant for the groom.

The bride wore as her wedding gown a navy blue costume with white accessories with a corsage of Sweetheart roses.

Miss Brink chose a gown of dark green, black accessories, with a corsage of Sweetheart roses.

Mr. Brink and Mr. Mauzy wore dark business suits and white buttoniere.

Following the marriage a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Bryant, to a party of some 20 of the relatives and members of the bridal party. The table featured the large and attractive wedding cake as the centerpiece with flowers and the candles adding their beauty to the scene. Misses Margaret and Mariam Fricke and Lavina Troop served the breakfast.

Out of town guests here for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Meehan, York, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McNeill, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McNeill, Jr., Mrs. Stephen McWilliams and Mrs. Ernest Miles, of North Platte.

The groom is employed at the Glenn Martin bomber plant at Fort Crook and the young people expect to continue to make their home in Plattsmouth.

TRAIN REMOVAL IS PROBLEM

The announcement that the Missouri Pacific is taking off two of its trains is a matter of concern to this city as well as others along the line, especially in the removal of the "Midnight" train. This train carries almost 75 per cent of the mail received here and especially the early morning mail. Mail from north, east and west is carried by this train from Omaha on south to Plattsmouth, Nebraska City and other southeastern towns.

It is planned, so reports have it, that the mail may be hauled by trucks from Omaha and delivered at the towns along the line for the present at least.

In Nebraska City the Chamber of Commerce has taken up the matter of the removal of the trains and particularly that of the "Midnight." This train has been in service for as long as the memory of the residents here runs and in the days of extensive railroad travel, served as the means of the Omaha visitors to return home.

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Holger Holm to Speak Here February 19

State Director of Federal Housing Administration to Speak Before Chamber of Commerce

With the thought in mind that Plattsmouth is not taking full advantage of its opportunity to house its share of workers to be employed at the Martin bomber plant, the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce has engaged Holger Holm, state director of the Federal Housing Administration, to be its guest speaker



HOLGER HOLM

at the regular noon meeting Thursday, February 19, at the Hotel Plattsmouth.

Mr. Holm will come prepared to explain in detail how F.H.A. loans will finance the construction of homes here for any responsible builder or sponsor who wishes to build suitable houses for sale or rent to defense workers.

A number of such homes with F.H.A. loans are now being built here by J. Howard Davis, but Mr. Holm has made it clear that in his opinion, Plattsmouth has not yet scratched the possibilities, since it is scarcely nine miles from the bomber plant and on the finest kind of paved highway.

In the Omaha defense area, which includes Plattsmouth, there are now 715 defense houses with F.H.A. loans either under construction or completed, and many are already sold or rented long before the bomber plant is even operating. Mr. Holm has repeatedly said that at least double that number will be required in the area, yet Plattsmouth, ideally located for these houses, has built very few of them.

Demand for Living Quarters Fast Increasing

Influx of New People to Engage in Work at Bomber Plant Erings Cause of Big Demand

The demand for house and apartments, furnished and unfurnished, has grown extensively in the last few weeks as many are coming here from distant points to engage in work at the Martin plant at Fort Crook, and seek residence here rather than in Omaha.

Many of the local homes in the past two years have been remodeled to provide from one to two apartments in addition to the regular apartment houses over the city, but these have been found inadequate to solve the problem of housing for the strangers.

Each day there are many families arriving on the search for a location and while the Chamber of Commerce has maintained a listing bureau for apartments and houses they have been unable to supply the demand of the newcomers.

The newcomers, largely seek homes in the smaller rental brackets at this time that are very hard to locate and any who have homes or apartments in this class are urged to have them listed in order to help supply the demand.

GIFTS TO SCHOOL LIBRARY

Our high school library received some very nice issues of the Saturday Evening Post, Times, and American magazines from Mrs. A. J. Trilety which were very much appreciated. Anyone having Life magazine and late Readers' Digests or any other magazines may donate them to our library as we are greatly in need of them. Thanking you—Mrs. Rachel Stones, librarian, L. S. Devoe, Supt.

Locations for Registration for Service

Alvin McReynolds, Chairman of the County Board Gives Locations of Registration Places

Of the estimated 100,000 Nebraskans who will register with the selective service program Saturday, Feb. 14, and Monday, Feb. 16, it is expected that 1070 will come from Cass county. Local Board Chairman Alvin McReynolds said today.

Registration stations in this local board area will be located at the following places: Plattsmouth county court house; Weeping Water, council chambers; Greenwood, fire hall; Elmwood, G. A. R. hall, and Louisville, town hall.

These registration stations will open at 7 a. m. and close at 8 p. m. on both Saturday, Feb. 14, and Monday, Feb. 16.

Men who are to register are those not now registered who reached their 20th birthdays on or before Dec. 31, 1941, and who have not reached their 45th birthdays by Feb. 16, 1942.

Conscientious Objectors Camp at Weep. Water

Former Weeping Water CCC Camp to Shelter Some 100 Objectors —to Work on Conservation

Announcement has been made that the former CCC Camp at Weeping Water has been selected as the location for approximately 100 drafted men who have been deferred from military duty because of religious beliefs.

These men, whose average age is about 24 years, have been classified by their local Selective Service boards as conscientious objectors and have been ordered for the duration of the war into civilian camps that are working on projects of national importance. These men will be required to work 44 hours per week without pay and bear the entire cost of feeding and caring for themselves. The Selective Service agency furnishes only the buildings for housing purposes.

The Soil Conservation District will act as the using agency to furnish field work that will aid in soil and water conservation. The Cass Soil Conservation District is not sponsoring the camp, but instead is utilizing available labor to assist farmers in carrying out soil and moisture conservation practices on their farms. The district will plan and supervise the work program, and work will be done only on district-cooperator farms. In contrast to the policy of restricted operation that governed the CCC, work may be done on any district-cooperator farm in the county.

Tools and equipment will be made available by the Soil Conservation district.

The first consignment of men is expected to arrive in Weeping Water in about 30 days.

ACCEPTS NEW POSITION

Jeanne Quinnett, a graduate of the class of 1940 of the Plattsmouth high school commercial department, is now engaged at the office of Searl S. Davis, local real estate and insurance dealer. Miss Quinnett succeeds Mrs. Dale Bowman who was formerly with Mr. Davis for two years.

Local People Find the East Very Busy Place

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Holmes Returns From Outing of Several Weeks in New Jersey

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Holmes, who have just returned home from a visit of several weeks in the east, principally at the home of their son, Ralph S. Holmes and family, at Camden, New Jersey, report the east humming with activity.

On leaving here they took the "Eagle" train to St. Louis and then on east via the "Jeffersonian" another of the streamliners. Mr. Holmes in speaking of the trip states that the two best trains they enjoyed were the "Eagle" and the Burlington "Zephyr" on which they returned home from Chicago.

Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. Holmes found was a great hive of government workers of all kinds with living quarters at practically a premium and everywhere was evidence of the governmental activities, building after building devoted to the many departments of the government.

One of the places they enjoyed very much was that of Philadelphia. Mr. Holmes finding a treat in watching the life of the great city, its hundreds of thousands of people thronging the streets, the heavy demands on transportation, shuttle trains, subways, busses and regular trains and street cars loaded down with travel in every direction. For miles in the vicinity of Philadelphia reside the commuters who work in the city or in Camden and other points in New Jersey, traveling to and from work and the opening and closing of the work day brings a great rush of travel.

Everything in that section of the country is keyed to the defense program, many great plants like the R. C. A. devoting all of their energy to the defense production and constantly operating to produce supplies needed while the shipyards are teeming with energy.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes were impressed by the high prices that food-stuffs are demanding, eggs at 59c a dozen, milk at 18c a quart and potatoes and meat are constantly on the raise. They purchased a pound and a half of steak while there that cost 95c. Light luncheon that ordinarily cost here from 25 to 35 cents, reach 55 cents and dinners range from 85c to \$1.50 and nothing elaborate at that.

MANY INJURED IN WRECK

From Friday's Daily—
Sheriff Joe Mrusek was called to the vicinity of Weeping Water last evening by a serious auto crash that occurred two miles north of Fort George at the intersection of the Elmwood road and highway 50.

A car driven by Bill Finley, Weeping Water young man, was coming south and at the intersection crashed into the side of the car driven by Royal Meyer, damaging the cars badly and all of the party severely bruised and cut as well as shaken up.

In the Finley car was Verner Amick, while the Meyer car had a party of Weeping Water young people, returning home from the Cass county basketball tournament at Elmwood. In the Meyer car was Julia Weisman, Jim Weisman, Ronald Jorgensen, Clint Wilkerson, L. Prall and Elmer Michaelson.

The injured parties were taken on into Weeping Water where their injuries were dressed by Drs. Pease and Herman and later they were sent to their homes, all suffering some injury.

VISITORS IN THE CITY

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lohnes of Cedar Creek were here Thursday for a few hours and while here Mrs. Lohnes called at the Journal to have her subscription renewed to the semi-weekly edition for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Levings, of Omaha, were also here Thursday and enrolled as readers of the Journal for the coming year. They are former residents of this city.

AIDS IN COMPILING BUSINESS SURVEY

Donald Nelson, of Murray, a student of the college of business administration of the University of Nebraska, has been instrumental in the compilation of a business survey of employer opinion. This survey was conducted by Delta Sigma Pi, professional fraternity in the business administration field. He is a member of the fraternity and has helped make the survey a success.

Historical Society Holds Annual Election

All of Present Officers Renamed and Excellent Program Enjoyed At Luncheon

The Cass County Historical society held its annual election of officers on Wednesday at the luncheon held at the main dining room of the Hotel Plattsmouth, a group of some 28 of the members being in attendance.

This organization has been very active in the past few years in campaigns to preserve the records and incidents of the early history of this county and eastern Nebraska, for the future generations. Through the efforts of many of the members there has been a great deal of valuable information secured on the early residents and their times.

In the election of the officers, all the present efficient leaders were renamed, comprising:

President—Dr. G. H. Gilmore, Murray.
Vice-President—Myrtle Wood, Wabash.

Secretary—Alvin McReynolds, Nehawka.
Historian—Judge C. L. Graves, Plattsmouth.

The organization voted to donate \$5 as a prize to the student in the schools of Cass county preparing the best history of Cass county schools.

O. C. Dovey of this city, pioneer of the state, was presented and gave a very interesting account of the steamboat days in this part of the west. Mr. Dovey came here with his parents in 1863, the father starting a store in this community and for many years the stocks of food, clothing and shoes handled, came by steamboat up the Missouri. It was this period that Mr. Dovey so interestingly related. He also told of many of the prices in goods that prevailed at that time in this part of the west.

Alvin McReynolds, secretary, also gave a very interesting talk on the work of the society and its importance to the people of Cass county in preserving the early day history for posterity.

YOUTHS ENTHUSIASTIC

The mechanics course to be offered by Plattsmouth high school soon for out of school youths (OSY) is getting an enthusiastic welcome. Many youths welcome a chance to take a "feeler" course for the purpose of determining whether or not they should seek further specialized training in a chosen field of mechanics. It might be well for girls interested in mechanics to take such training for they may soon be called upon to operate and maintain much of our nation's machinery.

Courses which may be offered:

1. Motor Mechanics—Operation, care and repair of tractors, trucks and automobiles (including welding, tempering, drilling, shaping and machinery repair).
2. Metal Work—including welding, tempering, drilling, shaping and machinery repair.
3. Woodworking—(Elementary carpentry).
4. Elementary electricity.

The age limit is 17 to 25 and the youth must be registered with the State Employment Service. The course is generally offered for a period of eight weeks with not less than 15 hours of instructional time per week.

Mr. Armstrong requests anyone interested call him, phone 402.

Deeds, Mortgages and all sorts of legal blanks for sale at the Journal

Father-Son Banquet Held at First Methodist Church

Large Number Fill Church Parlors for Fine Banquet and a Most Interesting Program.

From Thursday's Daily—
The dining room of the First Methodist church was the scene of a most enjoyable Father-Son banquet last evening, prepared and served by the ladies of the Gleaners circle of the church.

The decorations were of a patriotic nature and well chosen for the month of February that marks the birthday of two of the great presidents, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. Clusters of flags were centerpieces for each table, with small flags flying over each nut cup. The tables were so arranged to form the victory "V."

There were seventy-eight of the fathers and sons seated around the tables at the banquet was served.

Rev. L. W. Brait served as the toastmaster for the occasion in his usual genial manner.

The welcome was extended by E. H. Westcott on behalf of the Fathers while Marvin Lillie made the response for the Sons to fittingly start the program of the evening.

L. S. Devoe, superintendent of the city schools, led the group singing with E. H. Westcott and Roy S. Olson at the piano. Mr. Olson gave a vocal number and two very fine piano solos that were very much appreciated.

David Fowler, director of music at the high school, presented the double octet in a group of three numbers that made a deep impression, the voices of the young people being of exceptional charm and beauty.

The speaker of the evening was Rudy C. Miller, of Omaha, president of the Frye Aircraft Co., Omaha; vice-president of Frye Aircraft Company, St. Louis and Denver; president of the Aeromotive Supply Company, Omaha; president of the North Central States Aviation Conference, which comprises seven states in this area; counsel for the National Aeronautics Association for the State of Nebraska; supply officer of the Civil Air Patrol of the Nebraska Wing; served as president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Omaha, during the years 1938 and 1939; formerly manager of the Omaha Municipal Airport. As you would expect from a man of these interests in aviation, Mr. Miller spoke on the "Rapid Growth and Developments of the Aircraft Manufacturing Program." During the close of the evening Mr. Miller answered many questions which were put to him by the boys and men.

TO ATTEND MASONIC MEETING

From Thursday's Daily—
This afternoon Raymond C. Cook, grand master of the third val of the grand chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, with Frank A. Cloidt and Edward Wehrlein, departed for Falls City. They are to attend a meeting of Eureka Chapter No. 5, Royal Arch Masons, this evening. Mr. Cook is to make the main address of the evening at this colorful Masonic gathering, opening with a banquet at 6:30.

William A. Robertson, past grand master of Nebraska, and William F. Evers, superintendent of the Nebraska Masonic Home, who are in Omaha to attend the official meeting of the board of control of the home, expect to also attend the Falls City gathering if possible.

CALLERS AT COURT HOUSE

From Friday's Daily—
Among those out in the county visitors at the court house today were Attorney Carl Ganz, Alvo; H. V. Bricker, well known Greenwood resident; H. E. Warden of near Union and George Pollard of Nehawka.

ATTENDS FUNERAL SERVICES

From Friday's Daily—
County Attorney Walter H. Smith was at David City today to attend the funeral of a cousin, Mr. Smith served as one of the pall bearers at the services.