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William F. Evers Named to Grand Commandery

Fred B. Dale, Omaha Insurance Man New Commander to Succeed William A. Robertson

The seventieth annual convocation of the grand commandery of the Knights Templar of Nebraska, was held Thursday at Omaha, this year owing to war time activities, but one day being taken in the business of the convocation.

At the session Thursday, Judge A. H. Duxbury, of this city, gave the response for the grand commander to the welcome by F. Plummer Martin of Omaha.

The officers were selected immediately after luncheon yesterday and elevated to the position of grand commander, Fred B. Dale, Omaha insurance man, who succeeds in the office William A. Robertson of this city.

In naming of the officers for the ensuing year by the new commander, William F. Evers of this city was selected as captain of the guards.

Other officers elected: Clarence O. Wilson, Hastings, deputy grand commander; Fred C. Maloney, Auburn, grand generalissimo; Theodore J. Kerr, North Platte, grand captain general; Malcolm H. Holm, Omaha, grand senior warden; Otto E. Bullis, Norfolk, grand junior warden; Jesse D. Whitmore, Valley, grand treasurer; re-elected, Lewis E. Smith, Omaha, grand recorder, re-elected.

Appointed officers: Frank E. Pfoutz, Lincoln, grand prelate; John J. Wilson, Lincoln, standard bearer; Arthur W. Melville, Broken Bow, grand sword bearer; Monte S. Hargrave, Alliance, grand warden; William F. Evers, Plattsmouth, grand captain of the guard.

The 1942 meeting will be at Hastings.

Lora Lloyd Kieck Files for Re-election As Superintendent

Closing Very Successful Term as Director of the Schools of Cass County

From Saturday's Daily—Lora Lloyd Kieck, just completing her first term as the superintendent of education of Cass county, today filed for re-election to the office she has so capably filled.

Mrs. Kieck was engaged in the teaching profession after completing her university work until her marriage, teaching in the county schools and also in the Plattsmouth city schools. Following the death of Judge Kieck, she returned to the school work and was elected four years ago to the office she now holds.

During her administration of the office the schools have been most efficiently operated in all sections of the county, although the past months have offered the problem of keeping the teaching force intact owing to the demands of war work and larger salaries in many of the schools at other points.

Her friends will be pleased to learn that she has become a candidate for re-election.

Son to Fred Barteks

From Thursday's Daily—The many friends here of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bartek, of Omaha, will be most pleased to learn that they were made parents of a fine seven pound and 12 ounce baby boy, last evening. The son was born at the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha and with the mother is doing fine. The little one is grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Born of this city. Mrs. Bartek being formerly Miss Edna Born.

Training in Denver

Raymond J. Case, of this city, who has been in the air service on the west coast, is now located at Denver for a short time. "Joe" is taking special training at Lowrey Field and after several weeks of the training will rejoin his former outfit.

Enlists in Navy

Bernard Knoflicek, one of the well known and popular young men of the community, Friday enlisted in the United States navy and passed the physical examination that will soon make him a member of Uncle Sam's fighting forces. He will leave as soon as the call is received.

Bernard has been making his home on the farm northwest of the city with his mother and his going makes two of the family to go in recent months. Louis, an older brother is now in the United States army.

Plattsmouth Mason Receives Added Honors

William A. Robertson Installed as M. P. Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine

William A. Robertson, who on Thursday retired as the grand commander of the Knights Templar of Nebraska, was given an added honor Thursday when he was installed as M. P. Sovereign of Coeur de Lion Conclave No. 19 of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine.

This organization is composed of distinguished members of the Masonic order in Nebraska, who in their service to the order have performed much service. The membership is small and chosen from those whose service cause them to be elected to this order. Mr. Robertson has been a member for the past few years.

The installation ceremonies were held at the Hotel Fontenelle at Omaha. Other officers in addition to Mr. Robertson installed were: Edward E. Carr, E. Viceroy; Earl J. Lee, senior general; Chancellor A. Phillips, junior general; Charles H. Marley, treasurer; Herbert A. Senter, recorder; J. Robert Cain, prelate; John J. Wilson standard bearer; Reuben E. Knight herald; Edward F. Carter, sentinel.

Attend Conference at Lincoln

County Treasurer John E. Turner was at Lincoln Friday where he attended a conference at the office of State Auditor Ray Johnson. The meeting brought out a number of the county treasurers, sheriffs, members of the legislative council, surety company representatives.

The conference was in regard to need for correcting collecting laws as now existing that make the work of treasurers and sheriffs especially difficult in the matter of tax collecting.

Those attending were: County Treasurers—John E. Turner, Plattsmouth; E. H. Wisenstine, Madison; Floyd C. Taylor, Scottsbluff; Earl Brownfield, North Platte; Carl E. Berg, Lincoln; Earl C. Mudge, Beatrice; L. H. Diers, Seward.

County sheriffs—Albert W. Elsasser, Omaha; G. Royal Hanson, Holdrege; P. A. DuChene, North Platte; Daniel Sanders, Grand Island; Worthy B. Wood, Hastings.

Walter R. Johnson, attorney general; Roger V. Shumate, director of research, legislative council; Frank Brady, tax commissioner.

Surety company representatives—Fred Oschenbein, Walter E. Larzelere, Harry Mallo, Fred Liles.

Attend Presbyterial

Yesterday in Lincoln at the Fourth Presbyterian church was held the annual meeting of the Nebraska City Presbyterial Society. Mrs. Virgil Perry, who has been serving as treasurer of the board in the place of Mrs. McClusky, attended the board meeting on Thursday as well as the meeting yesterday. Mrs. Lottie Kiel of Nebraska City was elected treasurer of the society, an office held for many years by Mrs. McClusky, and Mrs. Perry was elected to be Presbyterial secretary of children's work. Those who attended the meeting yesterday were Mrs. Harrison Gayer, president of the local Presbyterial federation, Mrs. Carl Schneider, Mrs. Jake Tritsch and Mrs. Oliver Meisinger.

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Many Plattsmouth People Attend Commandery Banquet

Bishop Howard R. Brinker Principal Speaker of Occasion; W. A. Robertson, Toastmaster

From Friday's Daily—Last evening the grand commandery of Nebraska Knights Templar closed their annual convocation with a banquet at the Masonic temple at Omaha, at this time their ladies being guests as well as the representatives from all of the commanderies of the state.

The settings of the banquet table were lovely with carnation in red, white and blue.

William A. Robertson, of this city, retiring grand commander of Nebraska, presided over the banquet toast list and presented the various distinguished guests.

The principal speaker was the Rt. Rev. Howard R. Brinker, Episcopal bishop of Nebraska. Bishop Brinker had as his subject "Friendships in These Times," a masterly message of the need of fraternal ties and fellowship in the world that is torn by strife and danger.

There were 200 present at the banquet and among the group was a large delegation from Mt. Zion commandery of Plattsmouth, in tribute to the retiring grand commander, Mr. Robertson, member of No. 5.

Among those present from this city were: Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Horn, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Roy O. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Gayer, Mr. and Mrs. Don Stever, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kraeger, Judge and Mrs. A. H. Duxbury, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wehrbein, Mr. and Mrs. George Brinklow, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Clodt, Mr. and Mrs. John Rummel, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Meisinger, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Evers, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wiles, Rachel and Billy Robertson.

The convocation held the annual past commander's banquet on Wednesday, attended by a great many of the past commanders of lodges in this section of the state and their ladies. The banquet party was addressed by Judge E. F. Carter, grand master of the A. F. & A. M. of the state. Later Mt. Calvary commandery No. 1, Omaha, staged a reception for the visiting Sir Knights and their ladies.

Completes Plane Course

Anton Hindman, and Edward Randolph of Plattsmouth have completed a course in airplane engines and have accepted positions with the Boeing Consolidated Airplane plant at Wichita, Kas. Another Nebraska boy, Clinton Holt of Crawford, completed the same course and also started working at the Wichita plant.

The Omaha university offers a complete shop and aeronautics training program including condensed courses in welding, sheet metal, aero engines and cable splicing.

Mayabb to New Position

Clarence Mayabb, who has been engaged here with the Consumers Public Power district, as salesman at their local salesroom, has resigned his position to go to Omaha. Mr. Mayabb has secured a place as salesman at the South Omaha store of a new efficient and pleasant salesman and his many friends will be pleased that he has secured this new position.

Attend Banquet

From Thursday's Daily—Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Cole and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Cook of this city motored to Omaha this afternoon where they will attend the annual banquet of the grand commandery of the Knights Templar of Nebraska, held at the Masonic temple. This is the closing feature of the grand commandery that is in session today. Mr. Cole and Mr. Cook are past commanders of Mt. Zion commandery of this city.

Happy Event

From Saturday's Daily—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bierl of near this city are the parents of a fine little son, born early today at the St. Mary's hospital at Nebraska City. All are doing well and the occasion brought much happiness to the family circle. Mrs. Bierl is the former Leona Meisinger and the little one is the first grandson for Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Meisinger of this city.

Local High School Approved

Superintendent L. S. Devoe has been informed by Chairman of State Committee A. A. Reed of Lincoln, Nebraska, of the high school's honorable recognition by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary schools.

Plattsmouth high school has been placed on the list of secondary schools. This action was taken at the forty-seventh annual meeting of the association in Chicago, March 23-28, 1942.

Local Men Win Promotions in Army Rank

Dr. Wilbur S. Eaton, M.D., and Dr. John S. Egenberger, D. D. S., Appointed to Grade of Captain

Two of the Plattsmouth professional men that have been called from their practices as physician and dentist to serve the needs of the troops of the nation have just received promotion.

Dr. W. S. Eaton of this city, who has been for over a year in active duty at the Fort Crook transport base as physician and surgeon, has been officially notified that he has been commissioned as captain from the rank of first lieutenant. Dr. Eaton was called from the reserves as a second lieutenant and has won a very rapid promotion in his line of service. He has, during his service, been engaged in special training at Denver and has just returned from Washington.

Captain John Stuart Egenberger, youngest son of Mr. L. B. Egenberger of this city, was called into service from Omaha, where he had established a dental practice and was one of the leaders of his profession in the metropolis. Commissioned as lieutenant he was first sent to Camp Robinson, Ark., remaining there until some time ago when he was sent to Pennsylvania for training in special lines. The notification of his promotion was in a recent announcement by the war department of members of the medical and dental service of the army.

State Supreme Court Sustains County

From Saturday's Daily—In the case entitled King vs. Cass County, Nebraska, the supreme court of the State of Nebraska yesterday decided in favor of Cass county. This case was appealed by J. A. King upon the decision of the district judge in favor of the county. The appellant asked the court for damages by virtue of the widening of a road by the county near South Bend. The county contended that the highway had been constituted a public road to the width of 66 feet by statutory proceedings in 1880 and the widening of the road in question did not exceed the 66-foot width.

In the trial of the case in the district and supreme court the plaintiff was represented by C. S. Wortman of Ashland and the defendant, Cass county, by County Attorney Walter H. Smith.

Government to Hold Sale

The government is announcing the sale of a number of buildings, sheds, garages and other small structures located on government owned property in the Wahoo area. The sale will be held on Tuesday, April 21 and anyone interested is urged to get in touch with the representatives of the government at Wahoo.

Young Soldier Visits Here

Corporal Richard Hiber, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hiber, Jr., of Hastings, Neb., is in the city on a furlough from Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. Corporal Hiber is here with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hiber, and his aunts and uncle, Mrs. Frank Bestor and family, Mrs. Rudolph Iverson and family and Joseph Hiber and family.

NEBRASKA LEMONS

The question of lemons or oranges usually brings up the thought of California or Florida, but we have right at home a record breaking lemon. At the Plattsmouth State bank there is on exhibition a three pound lemon, plucked from the tree at the farm home of Art Troop, south of Plattsmouth.

Bonds and Stamps Campaign Opens Throughout County

April 23rd to 30th Set Aside for a House to House Canvass for Voluntary Pledges

In a nation wide move to secure pledges for the purchase of war bonds and stamps, house to house and individual solicitations are to be made securing pledges to make purchases of the bonds and stamps.

The campaign in Cass county will be from Thursday, April 23rd to Thursday, April 30th, during which time there will be volunteer workers out to secure voluntary pledges for the purchase regularly of either bonds or stamps in as large an amount as possible with the ability of the one making the pledge to fulfill.

Each community has its own volunteer group to do the work of reaching the people direct. In this city the Chamber of Commerce has charge and are securing a large number of workers to make the personal canvass.

Mr. Lillie states that he feels that his two years of service in the city hall as mayor, gives him a thorough understanding of the needs of cities and towns over the state, the need of legislation for the betterment of city and county governments. During the administration of Mr. Lillie as mayor the city has made reductions in its interest rate by the refunding of bonds and also believes his understanding of police and street problems will fit him to pass on legislation for the cities.

Chairman Don Stever of the local committee on salvage for war use, is offering a number of suggestions as to what to salvage and where these articles can be found around the homes.

In the attic—brass or iron beds discarded, discarded electric equipment, metal ornaments, magazines and books, old lamps and lighting fixtures.

In the garage—old tires and tubes, old auto batteries, tire chains, pieces of old metal.

In your cellar—old hardware that may be on hand, old kitchen utensils, toys, furnace parts, pieces of iron, brass or copper piping, all old tools radiators.

In the yard—tires used for swings, wire fencing, tools, chains, buckets, metal porch or garden furniture.

Place all articles in separate boxes, segregate materials, do not mix metal, paper, rubber, rags.

Frass for Bugles Blow Taps for Japs.

Plan Farewell for Selectees

The Cass county group of selectees that will be called to the colors on April 28, are to be given a more fitting farewell than just merely going to the railroad station and load onto the train. The Plattsmouth high school band is preparing to do their part to demonstrate the feeling of honor that the community has for these men that are going to serve their country. The band will give a short program of patriotic music at the station as the men and their relatives or friends gather to see them leave for the training camps.

By means of a recently adopted "screening" process Cadet Hadraba will be placed in the type of duty for which he is best suited. Instruction received at the replacement training center will be the first step toward Hadraba taking his place in the Air Corps as either pilot, navigator or bombardier.

Physical conditioning and discipline are basic virtues of the new training for future members of air crews, as directed by Lt. Col. W. A. Robertson, commanding officer.

COMMERCIAL CLUB SPEAKER

Thursday afternoon the first year commercial club at the local high school was very fortunate in having as their speaker Miss Fletcher, who has been living in Honolulu, Hawaii. For her topic she chose "The First Air Raid of the Islands."

Matt Herold Here

Attorney Matthew G. Herold, of New York City, is in this city for a visit for a few days with his mother, Mrs. Henry Herold. Mr. Herold was called to Chicago on some legal business and took advantage of the occasion to come to the old home for a brief visit.

While a resident of New York City for a great many years, Mr. Herold has always retained his touch with the many friends in the old home and enjoys the opportunities to visit here in Plattsmouth.

Mayor Lillie Files For Unicameral Nomination

City Executive Will Seek Position of Senator from the Third District

From Thursday's Daily—This morning Mayor Arnold J. Lillie, executive head of Plattsmouth for the past two years, filed as a candidate for the nomination for senator from the third unicameral district of Nebraska, comprising Cass and Sarpy counties.

Mr. Lillie is a native of Cass county, and spent his boyhood on a farm in this county, and feels from his experience and observation that he has an understanding of the farmer and his problems. He later served in the regular army and since that time has been engaged in the barber business in which he has been very successful.

Remember the campaign opens Thursday and give the solicitors a warm and kindly welcome when they call on you. They are doing this work without pay and also helping to bring out more financial aid for the nation now at war.

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Aviation Cadet

SANTA ANA, April 15—Doing his share to "Keep 'Em Flying" Edward J. Hadraba, age 23, son of Joseph F. Hadraba of Plattsmouth, has become an aviation cadet at the Air Corps Replacement Training center. It was announced here today by army officials.

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Chamber of Commerce to Aid Bond Drive

Local Civic Body to Help Cause of Sale of War Bonds and Defense Stamps

There was a large attendance at the meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce at the Hotel Plattsmouth on Thursday to take part in the meeting that was devoted largely to the discussion of aiding in the drive for the sale of defense bonds and stamps.

Carl J. Schneider, of this city, is chairman of the county committee on the securing of the pledges of the residents of the county to purchase the war bonds and stamps. Mr. Schneider explained the plan that is one of soliciting voluntary pledges of aid from those able to do so, of purchasing a stated number of bonds or stamps either monthly or weekly as long as financially able. In this manner it is hoped to raise the funds for the helping out on the war and without the necessity of compulsory withholding of contributions.

The chamber of Commerce voted to take up the campaign in this city and to secure solicitors that will cover the city with the pledge cards and each individual solicited to do what they can. The announcement of the exact opening date of the campaign will be made in the Journal in the next few days.

Mayor-Elect Robert B. Hayes was present at the meeting and had the pleasure of greeting the members of the civic group so closely interested in the city government.

It was urged that all of the membership of the Chamber of Commerce that can do so to attend the County Defense banquet at the Cass County Agricultural building at Weeping Water on Tuesday April 21.

Many Local People To Attend Defense Council Banquet

Event to be Held at Weeping Water Tuesday, April 21. Will be Addressed by Gov. Griswold

A very large delegation from this city and immediate vicinity is expected to go to Weeping Water on next Tuesday evening, April 21, to attend the banquet arranged by the Cass County Defense council. The banquet will be held at 7:30 p. m., central wartime, and be at the building of the Cass County Agricultural society.

Governor Dwight Griswold will be one of the main speakers and discuss many of the war problems as they affect Nebraska and the need for the response to the demands of the time, war conditions.

Walter F. Roberts, of Wahoo, coordinator of war efforts in the state, and also a past state commander of the American Legion will be a speaker also and discuss the necessity for prompt action for defense.

The program as arranged is appearing in the Journal.

Everyone that can should arrange to be present and hear the talks and discussion as to Cass county's efforts in the war.