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Local Stars Enjoy Grand Chapter at Omaha Yesterday

William Baird of This City Receives Fifty-Year Button for Membership in the Order

From Thursday's Daily—Plattsmouth members of the Order of the Eastern Star who were in attendance at the grand chapter of the order in Omaha, report a very fine meeting and outstanding in the colorful settings and the beautiful ceremonies.

William Baird of this city, veteran Mason, was honored at the grand chapter with the presentation of a fifty-year button for his long service in the order. Mr. Baird is a member of Electa chapter No. 8 of Lincoln, where he joined while a resident there many years ago.

Another of the Plattsmouth members participating was Howard Wiles who served as one of the tellers of the election of the officers.

Governor Dwight Griswold was present and extended the greetings of the state of Nebraska to the members of the grand chapter.

Among those who were received into the order at the grand chapter was Justice Edwin F. Carter of the Nebraska supreme court, also the grand master of the Nebraska Masons, and Miss Dorothy Griswold, daughter of Governor and Mrs. Dwight Griswold.

Plattsmouth members attending were Mrs. Wiley Sigler, worthy matron, Miss Clara Weirich, secretary, Mrs. George Brinklow, Mrs. A. H. Duxbury, Mrs. W. F. Evers, Mrs. L. S. Devoe, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wiles, Mrs. Glen Valley, Mrs. John F. Wolff.

George L. Spohn Files for Registrar of Deeds

Prominent Resident of Weeping Water to Seek Democratic Nomination for the Office

From Thursday's Daily—George L. Spohn, Weeping Water, a native son of Cass county, this morning made his filing at the office of County Treasurer John E. Turner as a candidate for the democratic nomination for the office of registrar of deeds.

Mr. Spohn has a wide acquaintance over the entire county and especially in the section where he has made his home for so many years.

In his business experience and knowledge Mr. Spohn has built up a good qualification for public office. For some 17 years he was engaged in business at Weeping Water and for 10 years served his home city as city clerk.

Mr. Spohn has been active in all of the community affairs and has been much interested in the development of the county into one of the greatest in the state.

Westward Ho

From Friday's Daily—This morning at an early hour Don McCarroll, who has been here for the past week visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCarroll, as well as old friends, departed for the west coast and his home in the Los Angeles area. On his return Mr. McCarroll was accompanied by Rex Bourne, who is planning on locating in southern California where so many of the old friends are now located. Mrs. Bourne and little daughter will remain here for the present.

Mrs. Hild Improves

The many friends over Cass county of Mrs. P. A. Hild, will be very much pleased to learn that she is now showing a splendid recovery at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha. Mr. Hild was at the hospital Wednesday and was pleased to find the wife in such splendid condition and it is hoped she may soon be able to return home to this city in a few days.

Suffers Broken Hip

From Thursday's Daily—Theo Davis, prominent Weeping Water resident, was in the city today for a short time to look after some business matters at the court house. Mr. Davis reports a very severe injury suffered by Mrs. Augusta Towle, pioneer of Cass county, who resides at the Davis home. Tuesday evening Mrs. Towle and Mrs. Davis were sitting on the porch at the home and decided to retire into the house and as Mrs. Towle arose she slipped and fell, causing a fracture of the hip. At her advanced age of 93 years the injury is proving very serious.

Mrs. Annabelle Rainey Seeks \$15,000 Damages

Damages Claimed as Result of Being Struck by Car Driven by Randall York Last February

From Thursday's Daily—In the office of the clerk of the district court today, an action for damages was filed by Richard O'Connell, Omaha attorney, for Mrs. Annabelle Rainey, of this city.

The action seeks recovery of \$15,000 in damages for alleged injuries received by the plaintiff on February 23, on highway No. 75, in the north part of the city.

The petition sets forth that the plaintiff was walking along the highway near the Kent service station and cafe on the early morning of February 23, and was struck by a car driven by the defendant and that since that time she has been incapacitated from her usual work. At the time of the accident she was engaged as a cook at the Kent cafe.

Suggest S. S. Davis For Congress

Our friend, the sage of the Nebraska News-Press, Hon. J. Hyde Sweet, states in his interesting daily column that sentiment has been formed for the candidacy of Searl S. Davis of this city for congress. This year Cass and Otoe counties are a part of the second congressional district of Nebraska, represented by Hon. Charles McLaughlin, of Omaha. Mr. Davis has been a very prominent and active figure in the republican political circles of this section of the state for a number of years.

This suggestion of making the race for congress is being debated by the Plattsmouth real estate man, not unkindly of the fine compliment that is shown in the mention of his name.

Mr. Davis in his knowledge of farms and their problems would be a very capable member of the house if selected and also his fine educational background and clean-cut and practical business experience would make him a very strong man for the metropolitan district.

With opportunity not only knocking on the door, but apparently peering through the keyhole, we may find our friend and fellow Plattsmouthian out in the race for the seat that Mr. Sweet himself, once so acceptable filled.

Old-Timer Here

An old time resident of this community, John Jerry Sage, is in Plattsmouth for a short stay, visiting at the home of Mrs. Ann Graves and son, Perry, and has been down to Brownville for a couple of days, staying with his brother, Henry Sage, 84, another of the old-timers of this section.

The brother, Henry Sage, was stricken recently with a second stroke and his close friends and relatives are expecting him to pass away within a short time and Jerry came down from Denver to see his brother for probably the last time.

The brothers had a good visit and Jerry is ready to go home to Denver in a few days. He has been the guest of his niece, Ann, and her son, Perry I. Graves, and has also seen and visited with a nephew, William Otto Sage, also a Plattsmouth resident.

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Philadelphian Visits Scene of Babyhood Days

W. A. Peterson, of Philadelphia, Here for Birth Certificate, Finds Desired Data

From Friday's Daily—W. A. Peterson, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, arrived this morning on No. 5 over the Burlington, on a mission of trying to locate information that might secure him a birth certificate and attained his desire in the well kept records of the St. John's church of this city.

Mr. Peterson is a son of John Peterson, the man who built the original Burlington bridge over the Missouri river at this point that was completed and opened in 1881. Mr. Peterson had his family with him in the long months of the bridge construction, they living in a house in what was then known as East Plattsmouth in Mills county, Iowa. Here near the banks of the Missouri river in January, 1881, W. A. Peterson was born and a short time later it was desired to have the babe baptized, the mother entrusting this task to two of the kindly neighbors, Mrs. Doty and Mrs. Micklewait. The two neighboring ladies came to Plattsmouth with the babe and took him to St. John's church that they had attended and here Father Lynch, then the pastor, administered the sacrament of baptism.

With the completion of the bridge the Peterson family left here as the husband and father moved to other locations in his bridge building. The incidents of the baptism was often related by Mrs. Peterson to her son and having a desire to have the birth certificate arranged he came to the scene of his birth and found the location of the place of baptism. Rt. Rev. Monsignor George Agius took up the matter and in a few moments located the record and gave a certificate of the same to Mr. Peterson to aid in securing the needed papers.

While here Mr. Peterson met Mahlon Richardson, long time resident of this locality and who lived on the east side of the river and while a boy well recalled the building of the bridge and the Peterson family.

Mothers-Daughters Banquet

The mother-daughter banquet of Christ Lutheran church was held May 1 at 7 p. m. in the church basement. About 80 were served.

There theme was May Day, the room decoration was the may pole, the table decorations were vases of tulips and lilies and the program and menu books were made in the form of baskets filled with flowers.

The program was as follows: Toastmistress—Mrs. Elvira Hennings; song leader, Mrs. Cora Reeder; "Grace," all; "Welcome," Mrs. F. J. Hennings; "Response," Helen Puls; piano solo, Mrs. Esther Meisinger; vocal quartette, Schafer sisters; address, Mrs. Evelyn Franke; song, "Bless be the Tie."

The Menu: Fruit cocktail, chicken pie, mashed potatoes, peas in ramekins, victory salad, may day de fleurous, Parker House rolls, jelly, sunshine ice, wafers, coffee.

The banquet was arranged by the following committee: Mrs. L. A. Meisinger, Mrs. August Simonet, Mrs. Herbert Franke, Mrs. Gerald Meisinger and Mrs. Philip Hennings.

Some of the daughters did the table serving. They were assisted in the kitchen by Mrs. Louis Hennings, Mrs. Lucy Terryberry, Mrs. Harold Ahl, and Mrs. Means.

Find Stolen Car

From Thursday's Daily—Last evening Sheriff Joe Mrasek received the message of the theft of the car of Jesse M. Allison, 2003 Country Club boulevard, Omaha. The car had been parked by the owner in the parking lot of the Nebraska Power Co. at 5 o'clock and when the owner returned at 7 last evening the car was missing. The sheriff started a search for the auto and it was later found near the Martin Sporer farm near Murray. There was nothing disturbed in the car and the sheriff had it towed into the Murray garage where it was claimed by the owner this morning.

Gives Commencement Address at Stella

From Friday's Daily—Superintendent L. S. Devoe of the Plattsmouth city schools, was the speaker at the graduating exercises of the high school at Stella, Nebraska, last evening.

There was a fine class of twenty young people and among the membership was Mary Jean Schulz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schulz, residents of this city for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Devoe were very much pleased to meet the Schulz family, Mrs. Schulz being a member of the board of education at Stella. Mrs. Robert Lee Hartford, of Kansas City, Missouri, with her children, was present to enjoy the graduation of the sister, Miss Schulz. Mrs. Devoe accompanied Mr. Devoe to Stella for the exercises.

W. H. Bornemeier Files for County Commissioner

Will Seek the Republican Nomination in the Third District of Cass County

William H. Bornemeier, one of the prominent and well known residents of the west part of Cass county, filed late Saturday for the republican nomination as county commissioner in the third district.

Mr. Bornemeier is a native of Cass county, born March 29, 1879, at Murdock where his parents were early day settlers. He has spent his succeeding years in that locality where he has assisted on the farm with his parents and since 1901 has been farming for himself. Mr. Bornemeier has been a very successful farmer and has made a specialty of swine raising.

Familiar with the problems of the people of the county, Mr. Bornemeier is submitting his name for the consideration of the voters.

Conshie Camp Opens At Weeping Water

WEeping WATER(Special)—The arrival of men on the forenoon and afternoon trains and a double-decker Sante Fe bus, Friday, loaded with men marks the opening of the Civilian Public Service camp, using the former CCC camp grounds. Eleven men were already here so the total at present is about 125. The capacity mark will be set tentatively at 150.

On hand to greet the incoming members of the camp were Dr. Henry Fast, general supervisor of all conscientious objector camps, G. G. Yoder, temporary supervisor, formerly in charge of a similar camp at Denison, Iowa, and Erwin C. Goering, former high school teacher at North Newton, Kansas. The men who arrived were from Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, the Dakotas and Kansas.

These men will receive no wages for their work. They or their churches furnish all food and all living necessities. If possible the men pay for their own keep, if not possible their church denomination pays their expenses.

These men will do soil conservation work under the supervision of the Cass Soil Conservation office, with H. A. Millen, director and Howard Ellis, project superintendent. They will carry on the erosion work and other projects such as did the boys of the CCC camp.

The camp will observe all rules and regulations governing all such camps, which are operated under the selective service system. Leaves of absence to go into town or for furloughs once a year will be granted at the discretion of the camp administration.

GUEST IN THE CITY

From Friday's Daily—Mrs. Robert Reed, of Denver, former Plattsmouth resident arrived last evening for a visit here in the old home. Mrs. Reed is a house guest of Mrs. James G. Mauzy.

Just arrived. Atlas of the World at War. All battle fronts, 25c each.—Bates Book Store.

Eighth Grade Promotional Exercises of Rural Schools

Will Be Held Wednesday, May 20 at 2 O'Clock at Weeping Water Agricultural Building

The eighth grade promotional exercises of the rural schools of Cass county are to be held on Wednesday afternoon, May 20 at the agricultural building in Weeping Water under the direction of Lora Lloyd Kieck, county superintendent.

The speaker of the day will be Glen A. Anderson, well known as one of the leading speakers of this part of the west who will have a fine message interspersed with cartoons and pictures.

The program of the afternoon is as follows:

Processional—Tress Arlene Koukal.
Pledge of Allegiance—Audience.
"America"—Eighth Grade.
Invocation—Rev. W. D. Lenker.
Piano Solo—Tress Arlene Koukal.
Reading—"Ted Tries Match Making"—Donald Warlick.
Piano Solo—Mary Alice Nelson.
Vocal Solo—"Silver Threads Among the Gold"—Evelyn Siemonet.
Reading—"Our Flag"—Charles Shera.
Piano Solo, "Gavotte in D"—Jean Sand.
Address, "Sunrise or Sunset"—Glen A. Anderson.
Presentation of History Awards—Daughters of the American Revolution.
Historic Contest—Cass County Historical Society.
Presentation of Diplomas—Lora Lloyd Kieck, County Superintendent.
"God Bless America"—Eighth Grade.
"The Star Spangled Banner"—Eighth Grade.
Benediction—Rev. W. D. Lenker.
Music directed by Mrs. E. H. Westcott.

Many Attend Becker Funeral Rites

The funeral services of Abraham Lincoln Becker, native born Nebraskan, held Saturday afternoon at Union, was very largely attended by old friends from all sections of eastern Nebraska, and particularly from this immediate vicinity where he has lived a long and useful life.

The services were at the Baptist church at Union of which faith Mr. Becker was long a member, the structure overflowing with the large number gathered for the last tribute.

Rev. J. T. Sawyer, pastor of the Union Methodist church, had charge of the service, bringing a message of comfort and hope to the bereaved family and friends. He also gave a short sketch of the life of Mr. Becker and a tribute to his personal character and service to the community where he had lived.

Frank A. Cloidt, of this city, gave two of the songs, favorites of the departed, "Face to Face" and "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again." The Masonic service at the church was conducted by Raymond C. Cook of this city, deputy grand custodian of the grand lodge of the A. F. & A. M.

At the grave in the East Union cemetery, William A. Robertson, of this city, past grand master of the A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, with the members of the Nehawka lodge of which Mr. Becker was a member, conducted the services. The pallbearers were old time friends and Masons, W. A. Ost, E. A. Nutzman, Henry A. Schneider, Herman and George Comer and John Everett.

AN APPRECIATION

We wish to publicly express the thanks of the Cass County Selective Service board and also the state board for the fine patriotic service given at the time of the last registration. Their volunteer service has been invaluable in the handling of a big job most acceptably. We certainly appreciate it.—Cass County Selective Service Board.

HOME FOR SHORT VISIT

Kenneth Ault, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Ault of Cedar Creek, is home from Fort Benning, Ga., for a visit with the parents and many friends in this section of the state. Kenneth has served his training in the paratroop section of the air services and has been awarded his rating.

Board of Education Committees

The following are the committee assignments for the coming year. Committees are to act in the case of emergencies, but matters of broad concern and policy are to be submitted as recommendations to the board of education:

SUPPLY COMMITTEE—Robert Cappell, E. G. Ofe, F. A. Cloidt.
FUEL COMMITTEE—E. H. Bernhardt, Dr. R. P. Westover, Robert Cappell.
BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE—E. G. Ofe, E. H. Bernhardt, F. A. Cloidt.
FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE—F. A. Cloidt, E. G. Ofe, Dr. R. P. Westover.
STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE (health, dancing athletics)—Dr. R. P. Westover, Robert Cappell, E. H. Bernhardt.

Cass County Boys Respond to Call To Service

Fine Group of Young Men Will Leave Monday for Service for Their Country Where Needed

From Friday's Daily—Monday morning the following young men of Cass county will be called into the service of their country and will be taken to Omaha on the 6:10 P.M. train for examination: Cecil Charles Fosberg, South Bend John Reginald Bishop, Plattsmouth Cecil William Niday, Union Willis Richard Vogler, Louisville Oscar Edwin Brandt, Nehawka John Jack O'Donnell, Plattsmouth John Philip Kafenberg, Plattsmouth Huber Charles Stroy, Murdock Philip Keil, Junior, Murray Robert Charles Meyer, Weeping Water

Lucian Henry Hraban, Greenwood Elmer D. Rueter, Alvo Levard Calvin Richmond, Union Frank Henry Lepert, Plattsmouth Arlie William Ragoss, Louisville Clyde Harry Althouse, Eagle William Francis Ruffner, Omaha Hebert George Carter, Louisville Dale Roscoe Bird, Elmwood Frank Allen Nelson, Plattsmouth Norman Otto Peters, Woodland, Cal Earl Cleverton Wiles, Jr., Weeping Water

Marvin Woodrow Stapp, Plattsmouth Warren Carl Harmer, Weeping Water James Joseph Hraban, Greenwood Walter Edward Fornoff, Plattsmouth Floyd Webster West, Elmwood John Alexander Marquardt, Avoca Lloyd Ernest Trumble, Eagle Albert Toman, Colorado Springs Colo.

Roy Edward McKinstry, Louisville Harry Lloyd Bates, Lincoln Walter George Fulton, Plattsmouth Maurice Ralph Shirley, Weeping Water

Richard Friedrich Hirz, Plattsmouth Marion Grover Hoback, Nehawka Harry William Porter, Plattsmouth Francis Earle Warren, Burbank, Cal. John Joseph Cloidt, Plattsmouth Robert Wallace Stander, Louisville Lester Charles Frohlich, Elmwood Easil Harrison Little, Humansville, Mo.

Lester Harvey Vinduska, Plattsmouth Harold Oris Vogler, Louisville

Give Fine Exhibition

From Thursday's Daily—Last evening the residents of the city and the visitors here for the weekly Merchant's night, had a new thrill in the blue and golden garbed members of the Plattsmouth high school band appearing in a marching drill on Main street.

The band made a most impressive picture as it moved east down high school hill to the business section of the city where the exhibition was staged. The band shows a snap in its movements and the marching ranks are such as to reflect the fine training that they have had in their practices.

The band is a credit to the city and every resident feels a just pride in the hard-working boys and girls that have made the band possible and for the leaders that have had the development of the organization.

HERE FROM IOWA

From Friday's Daily—Mrs. Kenneth Hendricks, of Nodaway, Iowa, arrived here this morning for a visit at the home of her son, Kenneth Hendricks, Jr., and family. Mr. Hendricks is a former resident of Louisville and since being employed at the Martin plant at Fort Crook has moved to Plattsmouth.

—FOR VICTORY: BUY BONDS—

Senior Class Holds Its Last Convocation

Members of Class Provide Fine Program for the Entire Student Body and Faculty

By BERNARD ULRICH

The senior class of 1942 of the Plattsmouth high school Friday held their last convocation in the auditorium of the school where for the past four years they have passed so many pleasant days in the search of education and the enjoyment of many friendships. The program was varied and was one that gave many of the class an opportunity of demonstration of their talent.

The convocation was presided over by Bill Robertson, president of the student council.

The program was opened by an instrumental trio, composed of Cary Marshall, Bill Robertson and Sanford Short.

Two vocal numbers were given by Juanita Sigler with the accompaniment by Dorothea Duxbury. May McCarroll was presented in a very excellent reading as the third number of the program.

Maxine Graves, one of the popular vocalists of the high school was heard in two numbers with Miss Duxbury as the accompanist.

Shirley Terryberry gave a well chosen reading as her part of the program.

The "Gay 90's" quartet comprising Maxine Graves, Margaret Fricke, Willa Sylvester and Elizabeth Wiles, furnished an unusual treat to the class offering.

Wilbur Claus and Thelma Kruger, popular young pianists each were heard in piano solos artistically presented.

The senior drill team, composed of boys of the class gave a fine exhibition that the class and faculty enjoyed very much. This group comprised Bill Gayer, leader, Leonard Bashus, Milt Allen, Leo Allen, Cary Marshall, Conley Galloway, Lawrence Ellingson, Wendell Bratt, Ralph Hill and Russ Nielsen. Willa Sylvester and Jerry White favored the members with vocal solos.

The will and class prophecy was read by John Slatinsky and brought a striking outlook for the members of the class down through the years that lie ahead of the members of the 1942 class as they leave school.

Must Apply for Sugar for Canning For the Summer

Five Pounds to Be Allowed Under Ration Per Person for Use in Canning

The Cass county ration board has received instructions that for the purpose of use in the canning season there will be five pounds of sugar allowed the stamp holders.

The holders of ration books and stamps should make application at the office of the ration board in the basement of the court house in order that their requests may be acted upon and they given the right to purchase this sugar.

Parties who had an excess of sugar at the time of the issuance of the ration cards and did not receive their cards, are also to report in order to file their application for the use of five pounds in order to keep their status of their supply correct and able to obtain sugar when needed.

The sugar rationing committee reports that there were 16,946 persons registered in the registration of May 4th to 7th.

ASSESSORS MAKE REPORT

The office of County Assessor W. H. Puls was a busy place Thursday afternoon and today with four of the assessors of the county making their reports. George Spohn of Weeping Water City, John Hopkins of Weeping Water precinct, Roy Coatsman of Greenwood precinct and John Libershal of the first ward of Plattsmouth have completed their work.