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Fontenelle Chapter to Entertain Group E. of the D. A. R.

Local Members of the Daughters of the American Revolution to Be Hostesses to Large Group

The first regular business meeting of the year for Fontenelle chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was held Monday evening at the home of the regent, Mrs. F. R. Gobelman with a very large number in attendance.

The ladies are planning of entertaining the members of Group B of the state D. A. R. here on September 19th and at which time there will be members present from the chapters of Omaha, Nebraska City, Blair, Auburn, Weeping Water to participate in the program of business and entertainment. This will be one of the largest meetings held here this year and a very fine delegation is expected from the several places.

At the meeting last evening the members of Fontenelle chapter had the pleasure of having with them Mrs. Sylvia Stewart, who has belonged to the society at other places and will now affiliate with the local chapter, as well as Mrs. C. A. Rosencrans, who is expecting to become a member here soon. Mrs. Helen Murdick, of Benton Harbor, Michigan, a member of Fontenelle chapter was here for the gathering as was Mrs. Pearl Mann, who was engaged in teaching the past year.

A new member was added to the chapter last evening, County Superintendent Lora Lloyd Kleck being welcomed into the chapter by Mrs. E. H. Wescott, past state regent, Mrs. Kleck responding.

The chapter also expressed their appreciation to Mrs. R. A. Bates for the publicity that had been afforded the society in the past.

The evening closed with the serving of dainty refreshments by the hostesses to the group.

The home was very charmingly arranged with decorations of the late summer garden flowers.

Capacity Crowd at Boys Camp

They're hanging from the proverbial rafters at Camp Wheeler this week reports Bob Reade, Plattsmouth Recreation Director. A last minute crowd of twenty-five persons are hitting the great outdoors in this last week of camping at the Plattsmouth Community Camp. This includes 22 boys, 4 leaders, and the one and only incomparable Cookie.

The boys are: Donald Woods, Dick Tischer, Gordon Green, Norman Law, Keith Fitch, Raymond Koubek, Frank Gaines, Ray Tischer, Kenneth Nielson, Dick Dewey, Dwane Nielson, Dick Ferris, Marvin Ferris, John Green, John Rae, Kenneth Fitch, Bob Weeds, Donald Hull, Jerry Pucelik, Tom Pucelik, John Glaze and Dick Maguire.

This camp is particularly fortunate in having the services of Shy Champlin from the Lincoln Project, Harry Dewey and Bill Blossies from the Omaha project and also Frank Shoemaker the state wide naturalist. Mrs. Shell is again cooking and watching gastronomic functions of these Indians.

Enters Military Service

Dr. W. C. Kenner, prominent Nebraska City physician, well known here, has been commissioned as a captain in the United States army medical corps. He has been very active in his profession and has one of the largest practices in the southeast part of the state. Dr. Kenner expects to be called into active duty with the army in September.

Captain Kenner is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kroehler of this city and has a large group of friends here in Plattsmouth, who will learn with interest of his entrance into service.

Attends Court

From Tuesday's Daily—Paul Pouquet, Weeping Water attorney, was here today to look after some matters of business in the district court.

Local Men in Air Service

Eilbert Snodgrass, well known here, where he has made his home for the greater part of his youth, is reported as being in the U. S. air service at Salt Lake City at this time. He was inducted from Thurman, Iowa, and sent to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., thence to Salt Lake City.

Paul Barker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Barker of this city, who enlisted in the air corps some time ago, is now at Fort Logan, Colo. Paul was at Shepherd Field, Texas, for some time in training and is now sent north for special training. He likes the service very much.

Jas. Sandin Served as Guard for the Queen of Holland

Plattsmouth Young Man Now Student At the U. S. School of Music Has Honor

James Sandin, of this city, who is now at Washington and a student at the U. S. Navy School of Music, was a member of the guard which stood by for Queen Wilhelmina, ruler of the Netherlands empire, when she visited President Roosevelt at the White House on August 5th.

Queen Wilhelmina has been the ruler of the far flung Netherlands since she was ten years of age, giving her the longest reign of any monarch now living.

The members of this guard who stood by for the motherly monarch were chosen from the outstanding students of the school.

The Navy School of Music was organized in 1935 to train Navy musicians, both instrumentalists and leaders. At this school the blue jacket musician is given the opportunity of obtaining a thorough musical education through an intensive course of study for one year. The curriculum, which consists of instrumental and choral training, ensemble playing, and instruction in theoretical subjects, is comparable to the foremost conservatories of the country.

The Navy School Musician also receives training in military drill and seamanship. In addition the Navy offers its men the best of food, clothing and hospitalization along with a chance of rapid advancement.

Sunday Visitors Here

The home of Mr. and Mrs. James Yelick on high school hill was the scene of a very pleasant family party Sunday when a number of the children and their families were here. The party enjoyed dinner and the time in visiting with each other. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Yelick, Des Moines; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Leacock, Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Yelick and Roxann, Omaha; Jacqueline and Russel Bridwell, Kansas City, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Carr and Bobby and Theodore Yelick of this city.

Home on Furlough

Private James Schafer was home for the week-end to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schafer, and family of Nehawka. Three of his friends came with him, Pvs. Chris Bullington, Ashland, Ky., Jack Ball-schneider, Wausa, Wis., and Francis Stoler, Muscatine, Iowa.

They enjoyed a dinner in honor of James' birthday Sunday. All the boys are in technical radio school and at present are working on the Morse code. They can take between eight and 12 words a minute. They returned to Sioux Falls early Monday morning.

Perry, Ia., Visitors Here

From Wednesday's Daily—Last evening Sam Conis and son, Pete, with Miss Nickolis Pattman, sister-in-law of Mr. Conis, arrived in the city for a short visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Conis. This morning the party with Mrs. George Conis and Tommie, departed for Nebraska City to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. Gus Stavron and family.

Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps!

Beulah Marshall Selected as WAAC Member

Former Plattsmouth Lady is Member of the First Units of the Women's Auxiliary

The many friends of Miss Beulah Marshall will be happy to know that she has been selected as a member of the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps to take officer training at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa. Although she has been a teacher in the Omaha public schools for a number of years, Miss Marshall has successfully completed courses in first aid and motor mechanic which give her even higher qualifications for the work for which she has been selected.

Miss Marshall is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Marshall, who lived here for several years while Mr. Marshall was employed as foreman on the local Missouri Pacific section, but who now make their home in Lincoln. While here, she was an active member of the Methodist church, particularly in the Queen Esther society. She was sworn in as a private at Fort Crook on August 7.

Leslie W. Niel Assistant Postmaster for City

Will Have General Supervision of The Mails and Aid the Postmaster in Many of the Office Duties

Postmaster Milo W. Price will be in or near Lincoln during the remainder of this week. During his absence, Leslie W. Niel will be in charge of the post office.

Effective Sept. 1, 1942, Mr. Niel will become assistant postmaster with the duties of that office and the general duties of superintendent of mails. Mr. Niel has had wide experience with all branches of postal work during the years since the close of World War I, in which he served, and he will be able to aid postmaster in many ways, relative to the continuation and steady improvement of the good mail service which has usually been enjoyed by the Plattsmouth patrons.

The general supervision of the post office and the specific responsibility for the financial activities of the post office will remain in the hands of postmaster Price. These financial activities are continually increasing due to wartime activities and the general increase in the speed of money circulation.

This division of duties will enable Mr. Niel to give his undivided attention to the increasing problems of soldier mail, city delivery extensions as Plattsmouth grows and expands, rural mail and the many other supervisory duties and responsibilities associated with a growing letter and package business, along with continued cooperation with the publications and other educational and advertising mediums.

War Bonds, War Stamps, Vehicle Stamps, Money Orders, Internal Revenue Stamps, Postal Savings Certificates, Migratory Bird Stamps and other kinds of Government paper will be handled by the postmaster with the assistance of Mr. Henry (Amos) Hughson who has been promoted to full time clerk during the absence of Major Larson. Mr. Hughson will also be Civil Service secretary, and assist the recruiting program for war work.

Lieutenant Carey Here

First Lieutenant William R. Carey, now located at Fort Bragg, N. C., is in the city to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carey, and the many old friends. Lieutenant Carey has been in active duty with the army since completing his work at the University of Nebraska in 1941, he being a reserve officer in the field artillery when called into service. He is now with the armored forces and prior to going to Camp Bragg was at Fort Knox for a short time. Lieutenant Carey is looking fine and has enjoyed the strenuous training that has covered a great many parts of the country.

Family Reunited

The Searl S. Davis family is now all together after being separated for the greater part of the past few months. Mrs. Davis has returned from Dayton, Ohio, where she has been with her mother, Mrs. Corbin, for several weeks, and the younger son, Corbin Davis, is home from Minnesota, where he has been for the summer taking special studies.

Tire and Tube Quotas Sharply Cut for September

Price Administrator Henderson Announces Cut and Warns of Intensified Conservation Efforts

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25. (UP)—Price Administrator Leon Henderson today announced sharply reduced tire and tube quotas for September rationing and warned that intensified tire conservation efforts would be necessary to meet even essential driving needs.

The OPA also announced a quota of 25,500 new passenger automobiles for rationing during September and recalled all unused quotas of previous months.

The August quota was 13,350.

The quota for new passenger tires to be sold to persons on the "A" list was set at 38,297 compared with 58,308 for August. The grade two tire quota—available only to war workers—was increased from 87,360 to 115,544. Recapped tires were cut from 637,959 to 486,468 and tubes for September were set at 333,450.

Death of Former Resident Occurs at Creston, Iowa

Mrs. Maude Phebus, Resident Here Twelve Years Dies After Short Illness.

The death of Mrs. Maude Phebus, wife of Floyd M. Phebus, former resident of Plattsmouth, occurred the past week at Creston, Iowa, where the family have resided in the recent years. Mrs. Phebus will be recalled by many of the residents of this city as she was a very active figure in the Methodist church and also was a member of the Eastern Star and Rebekahs and in Creston was prominent in the two organizations.

The deceased lady was born at Manchester, Iowa, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Heatherington, and when reaching womanhood was married to Floyd M. Phebus at Alma, Nebraska.

While the family resided here Mr. Phebus was engaged in business and also with the store department of the Burlington railroad, he still being connected with the railroad at their Creston plant.

There survives the husband, one son, Russell Phebus, Iowa City, Iowa; one daughter, Mrs. Pearl Forney, Beaver City, Nebraska; her mother, Mrs. Nellie Thrall, Plattsmouth; two sisters and one brother, Mrs. Ruth Koukal, Mrs. Mary Creamer, Francis Heatherington, all of Plattsmouth. One son preceded her in death.

The funeral services were held on Friday, August 21st at 2:30 at the Methodist church at Creston, Rev. Byron E. Hayes, conducting the services. The interment was at the Graceland cemetery.

WAR BRIEFS

In Egypt tension in the western desert was reported growing with movement of the German armored forces in the southern sector noted by British observers.

British sources believed that now Marshal Erwin Rommel may launch a new offensive against the British desert lines, and in the northern areas observers also spotted Italian troops concentrating and apparently carrying out similar tactical preparations.

In South America, Venezuela today became the seventh South American nation to declare Brazil a "non belligerent."

Iowan Fires First Shot for Liberty on European Soil

Corp. Franklin Koons of Swea City, Iowa, Member of Nangers, Fires the First Shot

LONDON, Aug. 24 (UP)—The first American soldier to fire a shot for liberty on European soil in World War II was revealed today to be Corporal Franklin Koons, a 233-year old farmer from Swea City, Iowa, who interrupted his studies to become a farm auctioneer in order to enlist in the American army May 6, 1941.

Koons was a member of the American Ranger troops that stormed into Dieppe last week along with British commandos, Canadian troops and a few fighting French.

There were three other Americans in this group, and while he has been officially credited with firing the first shot, his companions also fired at about the same time.

Koons is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver B. Koons, farmers living near Swea City. Corporal Koons was in the first contingent of the AEF which landed in Ireland last January and subsequently was accepted as a volunteer in the first battalion of the American Rangers.

Grant County Winner in State Scrap Collection

Small County in the Sandhills With 637.95 Pounds Per Capita Proves Winner of \$1,000

OMAHA, August 26th. (UP)—Grant county—out in the sandhills where ranches and farms are far apart and roads always a hazard—amassed a scrap pile of 637.95 pounds per capita to take first prize of \$1,000 in the state-wide scrap collection contest The Omaha World-Herald announced today.

Judges in the contest, sponsored by the Omaha newspaper, went through the bulging files of county reports yesterday at Lincoln to select the winners. The judges were E. F. Carter, chairman and supreme court justice; Max Junkin, Smithfield farmer, and Mark T. Carter, State Salvage Committee Secretary.

Hooker county, also in the Sandhills, ranked second with 541.44 pounds per capita, winning the prize of \$500. Grand total for the contest from the state's 93 counties was 136,171,012 pounds or 103.4 pounds per capita.

In the business firms division Boyd Worley, proprietor of "Boyd's Dinette," Norfolk, Neb., was the winner with \$1,130 pounds. He receives a prize of \$300. Second highest business firm was the Monahan Cattle Company, Hyannis, with 55,970 pounds.

Vernon Moran of Hyannis, Grant county, won first individual honors with 96,970 and will receive \$150. Second highest individual was E. E. Hester, Dundey county, with \$1,835 and third was R. W. Garrison, Loup county, with 75,054.

In the junior organization division, the \$50 first prize went to the Nebraska City future farmers of America chapter, whose high school members brought in 444,996 pounds. Second largest report came from the Benkelman Boy Scouts with 418,417 pounds; third was the Bloomfield 4-H club, 159,500 pounds; fourth, girl's scout troop Na. 2, at Schuyler, 147,333 pounds.

Presentation of awards to all winners will be at the governor's hearing room, Lincoln, Aug. 28.

Receives Masters' Degree

Miss Lois Giles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Giles, returned home Sunday from Ann Arbor, Michigan, after completing work during the summer which led to the Master of Arts degree from the University of Michigan. Miss Giles will begin her duties on September 14 as a teacher in the nursery school of the University of Michigan Elementary school at Ann Arbor.

Signs Up with 'Seabees'

Monday Reginald Monasmith and Pat Reed were in Omaha where they spent a few hours and while there were duly signed up as members of the "Seabees," new naval construction organization that has been anxious to secure skilled mechanics for the work that this branch of the service is to carry on. Both of the local men have been skilled workers on the Missouri river improvement program for the past few years and are especially adapted to this line of work. Both of the men will be given ratings of petty officer first class.

Rainfall Brings Joy to Residents of the Farms

Heavy Rain in This Section Gives Needed Moisture to the Lands and The Corn Crop

Cass county Tuesday received a fine rain that will add to the making of the corn crop, reviving vegetation and making the ground ready for the fall plowing.

The rain starting gently near the noon hour Tuesday, continued, gradually increased in intensity, until the late afternoon when a drenching rain fell from 4:30 to after 6 o'clock and later in the evening again started in to add to the moisture.

The rainfall here was 2.40 at 8 o'clock this morning and was one of the best of the summer, lacking the violence of many of the summer storms, residents of the farming sections reporting the rain was all absorbed by the thirsty earth.

From reports received here the rain was apparently general over the county and in the adjoining counties in this part of the state.

Back from Western Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mason and daughter, Patty Ann, are back from their western vacation trip to Salt Lake City and other scenic western points.

Believing that a vacation spent traveling in the west would be enlightening to them as well as educational to their daughter, the family went to Salt Lake City via the Royal Gorge, the Big Eagle Pass, and the Brighton Pass—a route of unusual scenic grandeur.

In Salt Lake they visited the Mormon temple. Many relics of the Mormons of Brigham Young's time proved very interesting to them. Of especial interest to the Masons was an old speedometer which the Mormons used on their covered wagons long before most persons knew what a speedometer was.

The family did not overlook a visit to the great salt lake while there. It impressed them as a very beautiful sight, but they thought it looked more like a huge mass of snow than a lake.

On their return trip the Masons left Pueblo on the Missouri-Pacific Colorado Eagle. Traveling difficulties all along the way, going and coming, were experienced, as trains are busily engaged in moving troops.

John Bestor Home

John K. Bestor came home after resigning his job at Sidney, Nebraska, where he was employed as assistant to the chief engineer on the ordnance plant work. He is in Lincoln today making arrangements for attending his fourth year at the University of Nebraska.

According to Bestor workmen are needed at Sidney. A scarcity of machinery and equipment also exists.

In June after finishing his four year course at the University the graduate plans to enter the army. He will be well prepared for any army post, as he is taking officers R. O. T. C. training in field artillery at the university, Mr. Bestor will be commissioned a second lieutenant.

Return from Hospital

Tuesday afternoon Ray Bourne was in Omaha where he visited at the hospital with Mrs. Bourne and their baby. The family was in excellent condition and was able to come home.

Two More Families Buy Homes in New Oakmont Addition

Frank Shoebottom Family and the Charles Thomas Benedicts Purchase the New Homes

The two new homes completed last week in Oakmont addition found ready buyers and the new owners will occupy them at once.

One of the homes was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shoebottom, who have been renting one of the Oakmont homes since March. They have become acquainted with Plattsmouth and their fine neighbors in Oakmont and have decided to buy a home and make Plattsmouth their permanent residence. The Shoebottoms have two boys, Eugene and Dennis Ray, to enjoy the new home with them. "Denny" is the youngest resident in Oakmont and the first child to be born in the new addition.

The other purchasers, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas Benedict, are newcomers to Oakmont and have chosen Plattsmouth as their home after considering several of the other new residential areas in this section. The Benedicts have two small boys who will take their places among the several junior members of the neighborhood. Mr. Benedict is employed at the Martin Bomber plant.

Twenty families now occupy homes in Oakmont addition and one more will be completed this week. Construction on the last four houses is being pushed and they will be completed this fall. At the present time the War Production Board is granting no more priorities for construction of homes in this area. It is hoped that this ruling may be changed to permit building of more homes in Plattsmouth as many of the Martin employees express a preference to live here if homes were available for them. The Chamber of Commerce and others interested are making every effort to secure permission and material for further homes.

Here from Ft. Leonard Wood

Sunday Staff Sergeant Louis Kief and Mrs. Kief arrived in the city from Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., where Sergeant Kief has been stationed since his enlistment in the army. He has charge of the supervision of the cooks and bakers and food preparation.

Since their marriage Mrs. Kief has made her home at Rolla, near the army post, and she will now resume her work as a teacher in the schools of Cass county.

There were a number of the children here Sunday at the Kief home to visit with Sergeant Kief and wife, Mrs. Pauline Morse and son, Leo, and Amelia Kief of Omaha coming down to join the family.

August Kief another of the sons, is now in service and has been located at Camp Wolters, Texas. He entered the service from Pekin, Illinois.

Death of Aged Man

Sheriff Joe Mrasek was called Sunday morning to South Bend where the dead body of Fred Weaver, an old resident of that locality had been found. Mr. Weaver has been living alone since two sons were called into the armed service and as he had not been well, neighbors had been keeping a check on him each day to see if he needed aid. Sunday morning shortly after 9 o'clock when the neighbors called at the place he was found lifeless just outside the door of the house where he had apparently been stricken.

The body was taken in charge by the Marcy mortuary of Ashland who will look after the funeral arrangements.

Calls from Leavenworth

Sunday morning Edward Austin, local man, who was taken to Leavenworth, Kansas, Friday for induction in the army, called up to greet his friends here, the message coming to Miss Mary Kvapil with the word to offer all of the friends his regards. He is expecting soon to leave the induction center.