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Home Chapter Of Eastern Star Honors Past Heads

Past Matrons and Past Patrons, With William Baird Honored at Meeting

Home chapter No. 189 of the Order of Eastern Star, Saturday evening had one of the most impressive meetings that has been held recently, paying honor to the ladies who have served as worthy matrons and past patrons of the chapter, as well as William Baird, fifty year member of the order and the charter members of Home chapter.

Despite the bad weather conditions there was a very fine attendance of the members to enjoy the program.

Present as honored guests were the charter members of Home chapter, Mrs. J. M. Roberts, also the first worthy matron of the chapter, Mrs. John E. Schutz and Mrs. Frank A. Clويد, the ladies being greeted by the members as a tribute of their long membership in the order, Mrs. Roberts responded for the charter members.

William Baird, member of the Eastern Star for a half century, was given tribute for his faithfulness. Mr. Baird has retained his membership in one of the Lincoln chapters since the day he was taken into the order. In response to the tributes given, Mr. Baird and Mrs. Baird responded very feelingly.

In the honoring ceremonies Mrs. Henrietta Gorder of Springfield, and Mrs. Glenna McMaken of this city, led in the service. Mrs. Gorder responded for the past worthy matron.

One of the features of the program was the presentation of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Cook, Mr. Cook as the seer with his crystal bowl telling of the accomplishments and service of the past matrons and patrons as well as other of the honored guests.

Rev. T. Porter Bennett, a past patron of the order, gave a short talk that was much enjoyed as was that of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Caldwell, Mrs. Caldwell being a past matron of the chapter at Otoe.

The members of the group enjoyed light refreshments at an appropriate hour.

Legion Auxiliary To Conduct Used Toy Campaign

In Keeping with Custom of Recent Years Toys Will Be Solicited to Be Repaired

The Auxiliary of the Hugh J. Kearns Post of the American Legion are conducting their annual campaign for used toys that can be repaired for use at the Christmas season for distribution to the less fortunate children of the community.

The Recreational Center staff has arranged to look after the repair of the toys, their repainting and making serviceable for distribution. Anyone that has toys that they can donate may take the same to the Center where they will be fitted up and ready for distribution this holiday season. It is planned to probably have the toys ready for the demand on Monday preceding Christmas and at which time the parents may call and select the toys that they wish for the children.

Chill Over State

From Tuesday's Daily—Nebraska weather:—A chill wind that whipped across the state today brought cloudy skies and colder weather that held a promise of additional snow for most parts of Nebraska.

The mercury dropped to a new season's low this morning when Valentine registered a frigid five above zero. Temperature ranges from reporting points were scanty and the Weather Bureau issued only the 38-23 Lincoln range and quoted lows of 23 and 14 at Omaha and North Platte respectively.

What! No Old Furniture

The Victorettes have had but few responses to their plea for lamps, chairs, tables, etc., that they might fix up a club room. They are very anxious to have a pleasant room for the soldiers to play cards and games along with the dancing, so please won't you look around and see if you have something you aren't using any more?

The girls have their meeting Thursday, December 3, and if you will call Mrs. Tritesch, 217, the girls will pick it up that evening.

They are planning a Christmas party for the soldiers and it is their desire to make it as happy an occasion for them as possible with a little gift for each on the tree, so if you have a quarter to spare the Victorettes would appreciate the donation very, very much as they have financed all their parties themselves and it is quite an expense for them.

Grosshans Sale Draws Large Crowd Here Saturday

Twenty-two Milk Cows Offered for Sale and Highest Animal Brings Price of \$170

One of the most largely attended live stock sales in this section was that held Saturday afternoon at the Plattsmouth sale barn, when the Karl Grosshans dairy herd was offered for sale. There were twenty two of the Holstein cattle on the block and all of these brought good prices and a great deal of interest was shown in the bidding.

Mr. Grosshans had a very fine herd and deciding to retire from the dairy business took this means of disposing of the stock.

Rex Young, the veteran auctioneer, was in charge of the sale and is well pleased as was all those who purchased the stock.

The highest priced cow sold was \$170, and all had an average of more than \$100.

Departs For California

Mrs. O. W. Hamberg, who has been visiting here for the past six weeks, departed this morning for her home. She has been here with her mother, Mrs. William Budig, and her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ofc and family. While here in company with Mrs. Budig she visited at Chicago with Paul Budig and family and at Creston, Iowa, with relatives.

Mrs. Bertha Ellington also departed this morning for the west coast where she plans to make her future home and will have the pleasure of the company of Mrs. Hamberg on the way. Miss Ellington is stopping for a visit with a sister at Fontana, California, and later goes to San Bernardino, Calif., where she expects to reside.

Celebrates Birthday

Today was the eighty-first birthday anniversary of E. M. Buttery, one of the oldest residents in the city where he was born and has made his home down through the years. Mr. Buttery is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Buttery, the father being a pioneer druggist in the then scarcely settled village of Plattsmouth. Mr. Buttery was born in the second ward and has always lived in that ward and cast his vote. His present home is just a short distance from the place of his birth.

The day was very quiet as Mr. and Mrs. Buttery are alone at this time, but are anticipating a pleasant visit with their son, Joe, now enroute from Camp Rucker, Alabama, for a few days at home.

Arrival of New Son

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Koke are the proud parents of a fine little son born to them at the family home on Livingston Drive at 6 o'clock this morning. The little one tipped the scales at seven pounds and has been christened Verlin Leroy, this is the second son in the family. The little one is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Koke and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Arnold. The mother and babe are doing nicely.

"V" Home Drive Is Now On In Plattsmouth

Senior Air Raid Wardens To Contact All Homes And Enlist the 100 Per Cent Co-operation

Local muster of the home in Plattsmouth to determine the extent to which they are participating in the total war offensive and making necessary air raid precautions is being conducted on a house to house basis under instructions issued by James M. Landis, director of the office of Civilian Defense.

The senior air raid wardens of the city, headed by Fred H. Vincent, head warden and Roy Olson are to make the canvass of the city and reach every household.

Local defense officials are authorized to award a "V Home" certificate to any home which has made such air raid precautions as are deemed necessary locally and which asserts that it has participated in certain practical measures to strengthen the war effort. These measures include conservation, salvage, refusal to spread rumors designed to divide the nation, and regular purchases of War Savings Stamps and Bonds. The "V Home" certificate is to be signed by the air raid warden or other appropriate local defense official and it is designed as a window sticker for display purposes.

At the same time the protective measures of business establishments in strategic areas are being checked. Director Landis said. This survey will include hotels, large apartment buildings, stores, shops, factories, and office buildings. An official certificate for approved business establishments will attest that "Air Raid Precautions Have Been Taken Here." It also may be used as a window sticker.

"The purpose of this program," Director Landis said, "is to make sure that all homes and all business establishments for which civilians are responsible in strategic areas have made the proper arrangements for an air raid, and that American homes everywhere are fully and actively engaged in constructive war work."

Time to Find Out

"For nearly a year now, the office of Civilian Defense and the various State and local Defense Councils have been instructing people at home and in business and industry in the proper methods of preparing themselves so that raids, when and if they do come, will cause a minimum of damage, distress and confusion. It is now time to find out how well those lessons have been learned—how thoroughly they have been put into operation."

"Along with other government agencies, we have also been urging Americans to wage active warfare against the enemy in their homes by eliminating and practicing intelligent buying policies as to the necessities of life, and by enrolling for volunteer war work."

"Homes and business establishments which meet the standard upon which these certificates are awarded may rightfully take pride in the fact that they are integral fighting units on the home front which, with the military front and the production front, constitute the lines upon which we shall defeat the enemy."

Subject To Consent

Inspection of all property will be subject to the consent of the owner or occupant. To qualify as to air raid precautions, a person must demonstrate that his home meets the essential protective requirement as to blackout, provision of a shelter room, and fire-fighting equipment as deemed necessary locally. The other requirements for the "V Home" certificate will be satisfied by the word of the householder that he is actually living up to them.

It is planned to check the air raid precautions by business concerns first. Certificates for this type of property are now available. The "V Home" window stickers will be available in about 30 days. Meanwhile, home-owners will have an opportunity to prepare their homes so they will be eligible for the award. Defense councils are given the privilege of reproducing these stickers for their own use at their own expense if they wish.

Qualifications of a "V Home" are

Gas Dealers Get Busy

From Tuesday's Daily—County gasoline dealers crowded into the office of the Cass County war price and ration office as soon as the doors were open this morning. This was the first of two days set for dealers to register.

Board officials also wish to remind dealers that when filing an application they must know their total storage capacity, their unfiled storage capacity, and the inventory as of Nov. 30.

Miss Buster Blauvelt, clerk of the board, reported that with numerous last minute requests for supplemental gasoline rationing, the staff has been kept so busy that it was difficult for her or her assistants to get out to lunch.

However, she reports that those needing extra allotments of gasoline immediately were taken care of first. Others will have to wait until the applications can be handled.

Miss Blauvelt again wishes to remind the public that the hours at the ration board are from 9 a. m. to 12 noon and from 1 p. m. to 4 p. m. The office closes Saturday at noon.

Lincoln Visitors Return

The home of Attorney and Mrs. W. A. Robertson was the scene of a very pleasant house party for Thanksgiving and the weekend. Their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Murphy and children, Vesta Lee and Thomas Garfield, and W. G. Robertson of Lincoln were here until over the weekend.

On Thanksgiving day the family group were joined at dinner by Miss Mable White, Miss Dora Fricke, Captain John Dickerson, USA, and his mother, Mrs. Dickerson of Minneapolis. Captain Dickerson is enroute from Panama where he has been stationed, to San Francisco.

described in the following, which will appear on the back of each certificate signed and issued by the air raid wardens:

This is a "V" Home!

We in this home are fighting. We know this war will be easy to lose and hard to win. We mean to win it. Therefore, we solemnly pledge all our energies and all our resources to the fight for freedom and against fascism. We serve notice to all that we are personally carrying the fight to the enemy in these ways:

1. This home follows the instructions of its air raid warden, in order to protect itself against attack by air.
2. This home conserves food, clothing, transportation and health, in order to hasten an unceasing flow of war materials to our men at the front.

3. This home salvages essential materials, in order that they may be converted, to immediate war uses.
4. This home refuses to spread rumors designed to divide our nation.

5. This home buys War Savings Stamps and bonds regularly.

We are doing these things because we know we must to Win This War.

Business Establishments

Business establishments will be approved if they meet the following standards as to organization, equipment, and training for air raid protection:

1. Appointment of a Defense Coordinator or establishment of a centralized defense command.
2. Organization, training and testing of employees for civilian defense protective services.
3. Provision and installation of necessary equipment for the protective services.
4. Provision of adequate mechanical means by which all warnings will be received and transmitted to personnel or others on the premises.
5. Tested provisions for immediate blackout of all lights visible outside the building.
6. Recommended measures for protection of personnel and equipment from blast or concussion.
7. Establishment and maintenance of liaison with local defense authorities, to assure cooperation in protective measures affecting the surrounding area or community.
8. Compliance, in general, with the recommendations contained in the OCD instructional pamphlets most applicable to the particular type of establishment.

Rural Schools Feel Effect Of Drain Of War

Conditions Growing Out of War With Expanding Defense Work Makes School Problem Serious

Thousands of rural schools are closing as teacher shortages mount, as gas and tire rationing drastically affect transportation, and as the need for additional farm labor causes parents to withdraw their children from school.

Yet in 1940 there were one million more young people under 16 years of age in rural than in urban America and from these same rural areas must be drawn half of the fighting men for this nation's war for freedom and a large part of the workers in war industries, points out Dr. Floyd W. Reeves, former director of the American Youth Commission, who presided over a recent conference of educators and agriculturists sponsored by the Committee on Rural Education and the American Council on Education.

"Education is an integral part of the war effort, and without the public school we cannot have this education. It is significant that Great Britain has increased appropriations for public education each year since the war began," he said.

The United States Office of Education stated last summer that the country faced a shortage of 50,000 school teachers this term. More recent estimates have indicated that there may be a shortage of 100,000 teachers before the close of the present year. In the rural areas, the most acute shortages exist in the fields most needed to support the war effort. For example 1,744, or 21.5 per cent of the teachers of vocational agriculture left teaching last year.

One state has already reported that 1,500 schools have closed since the opening of the current school term. The shortage of teachers which is bringing about such widespread closing of schools is caused primarily by inductions into military service and by the stimulus of higher wages paid in war industries. But there are other strong factors. Dr. Reeves observes. Among these are the lack of suitable housing for teachers, unsatisfactory living conditions, increased living costs, migration of rural teachers to a larger school system, transportation difficulties, and the social prestige attached to active war duty.

There are three methods by which this serious emergency can be averted, Dr. Reeves points out. Teachers themselves must have "a determined, intelligent desire to preserve the life blood of democracy—education—and with a courage matching that of our soldiers... follow their line of duty and defend our children against the forces of illiteracy, disunity, and ignorance... Many must sacrifice when shorter hours and higher pay beckon to other work," he quotes from the conference report, "The Rural Child in the Wartime Emergency."

Local, state, and federal governments must increase their financial support of rural schools. Local financial support can be increased through upward readjustment of property assessments and raising of local school taxes for schools. State legislatures in their next sessions must find new and additional sources of revenue to offset the probable diminishing revenues in excise, sales, motor vehicle, and gasoline taxes. The federal government must adopt a policy of extending financial aid to education to states in proportion to their needs because in many areas there will be no other means by which schools can be supported.

The third method of combating the emergency must be exercised by the local community. Former teachers, persons who are only partially trained for teaching, and persons who have never taught but who have the education, practical experience or other appropriate qualifications must be called into service. Essential pupil and teacher transportation, under strict limitation and control, must be maintained. In rural communities where it may be necessary to employ school children for farm work, they should not be recruited from school until

Announce Marriage

The announcement has been made of the marriage of their son, Warren F. Taylor, and Miss Dorothy Elliott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Elliott of this city.

The wedding occurred at 7:30 p. m., Saturday, November 21st, at the Federated church at Flagstaff, Arizona. Rev. Eugene A. Hessel, pastor of the church, performed the double ring service.

Attending the bride and groom was Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Dew, old time friends from Plattsmouth.

The bride wore a blue wool ensemble with accessories of black. Her corsage was of gardenias and roses. Mrs. Dew had for her gown rust colored wool and a corsage of pink sweet peas.

The wedding party was entertained, following the ceremony at the Saguara club near Flagstaff, the dinner party being arranged by a group of the friends.

Both of the young people have grown up in Plattsmouth, where they have a great many friends and both are graduates of the Plattsmouth high school.

Mr. Taylor is employed at Flagstaff as an instrument man by the United States general survey.

Otto Lutz New President Of Mynard Club

Interesting Meeting On Friday and New Officers Selected for the ensuing Year

The members of the Mynard Community Club and their families enjoyed a "Fellowship Supper" at the Mynard Community Hall, Friday evening November 27, at seven o'clock. After the supper the business meeting was opened by singing "Rig-A-Jig" and "When They Ring Those Golden Bells", led by Mrs. George Mumm and Mrs. Roy O. Cole accompanist.

President Richard O. Cole presided over the meeting. Roll call and the reports of the various committees were given followed by the election of officers for the coming year. The new officers were elected as follows: President, Otto Lutz; Vice President, Mrs. Louis Kief; Secretary, Pauline Wilson; and treasurer, Charles C. Barnard.

In closing President Cole thanked his officers, committees and the club members for their fine work and cooperation given him the past year.

There will be no December meeting as it falls on Christmas Day. The next meeting will be Friday evening January 29. The newly elected officers will be installed.

Studying Mechanics

A letter to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cook, from their son, Harvey, Jr., who is located at Fort Francis E. Warren, near Cheyenne, Wyo., states that he has been placed with a group studying automobile mechanics. Private Cook left Plattsmouth with a contingent of inductees October 20.

competent public authorities have determined that the need cannot be filled by adult workers. Policies should be adopted to safeguard the health of youth of school age, their education, and their social needs, if so recruited. Every effort should be made to provide some schooling, even though the months of the school term do not run consecutively, and even though pupils must work part time while they attend school.

"Rural children must sacrifice," concludes Dr. Reeves. They must sacrifice many of the pleasures and privileges that would normally be theirs. They must walk to school when once they rode. They must help where the demands of war have taken their elders from farm and home. But they must not be made to sacrifice the right to understand and cherish democracy, the right to be trained for vocational tasks ahead, the right to cultivate and enjoy good health, and the right to prepare intelligently for their part in the great war we are waging and the great tasks of forging a lasting peace."

Wickard Appeals For Greater Effort On The U. S. Farms

Stresses Need for Greater Production on the Farms for 1943 to Aid United Nations

Washington, Nov. 30.—(UP)—Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard, warning of more food rationing ahead, appealed today to farmers for a "dawn to dark" effort to increase food production in 1943 to help the united nations.

He asked for a 10 per cent increase in livestock products without reducing total crop acreage and pledged government aid to farmers "through all the means available" to meet the record goals.

The 1943 farm products goals call for more meat and milk—"all we can produce"—more poultry and eggs (more vegetables high in food value, more corn and less wheat, more peanuts, more potatoes, dry beans, and peas, more long-staple and less short-staple cotton.

"The goal represents the most crucial and important task our farmers have ever been asked to perform," Wickard said in announcing the new program "the role of American food in the war strategy of the united nations puts the farmer on the front line and dictates the trends of our 1943 farm production program."

"Hitler uses starvation and looting as a weapon of conquest. The United Nations strategy calls for the use of food as a weapon for liberation to build ever-increasing power against the Axis."

Production up to the goals—calling for the fourth successive year of record farm production—still would fall short of meeting food needs of the United Nations, Wickard said. Many foods will have to be rationed.

"Because of labor shortages and fewer machines, farm families will have to work from dawn until dusk if they are to meet their goals," Wickard said. "We in the public service can do no less."

At least one-fourth of all 1943 food production will be needed for the military forces and lend-lease, he said. That would be double the 1942 requirements. There will be less food in 1943 for civilian consumption.

Married at Nebraska City

Virgen Bethards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bethards, and Erl Price, son of Mrs. Nancy Price, were joined in marriage Saturday. The couple were united by the county judge of Otoe county, D. R. West in the courthouse at Nebraska City.

Accompanying the couple to Nebraska City for the purpose of witnessing the ceremony was Miss Nora Shafer and Junior Bethards, both of this city.

Miss Bethards attended high school in Lineville, Iowa, and moved here with her parents recently when her father began working as a mechanic at the Chevrolet garage.

The groom, well known in and around Plattsmouth, attended Plattsmouth high school. He is employed at the Phillips "66" service station and he and his young wife will make their home here.

Returns From Hospital

Adam Stoehr, who has been confined to St. Catherine's hospital in Omaha following an operation, was returned to his home yesterday afternoon. Mr. Stoehr appreciates the efforts of his friends who made his stay at the hospital as pleasant as possible by visiting, sending cards and gifts, and making telephone calls.

Card Of Thanks

We wish to most gratefully thank all those who were so kind to us in our recent bereavement for the beautiful flowers, the expressions of sympathy and particularly do we wish to thank Mr. Frank Clويد and Mr. W. F. Evers for their services at the funeral.

Mrs. Robert Ex Frans
Mrs. Belle Frans and Family
Mrs. Sterling Ross