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Program For Graduation Of First Aid Classes

Members of Branches of the Civilian Defense Complete the Essential Ten Lessons

On Sunday, December 13th, at the American Legion Building, at 2:30, will be held the graduation exercises for the classes in first aid that have diligently carried on their work to fit them to carry on the assigned duties in various branches of the civilian defense. The program is as follows:

- W. A. Robertson, Chairman, Civilian Defense Committee, Presiding.
- Invocation—Rev. George Agius, Chaplain O. C. D.
- Singing of America—Audience, Mrs. E. H. Wescott, leader; E. H. Wescott, accompanist.
- Pledge of Allegiance—Leader, Raymond Evers, Eagle Scout and Messenger Civilian Defense.
- Silent Tribute—In memory of our boys in the armed forces.
- The American Red Cross—Remarks by Walter H. Smith, chairman of Plattsmouth branch, American Red Cross.
- Presentation of the members of the Plattsmouth Civilian Defense Committee.
- Presentation of the Graduating Class by Units.
- Staff Corps Unit—Presented by A. H. Duxbury, Commander.
- Firemen and Auxiliary Firemen—Dr. O. Sandin, Chief.
- Auxiliary Police and Regular Police—E. J. Doody, Chief of Auxiliary Police.
- Air Raid Wardens, Fire Watchers, and Emergency Housing and Food Units—Fred Vincent, Chief Air Raid Warden.
- Emergency Medical Corps—Dr. Raymond P. Westover, Chief.
- Emergency Public Works—Hon. Robert B. Hayes, Mayor.
- Emergency Utility Service—J. Howard Davis, Chief.
- Address—Hon. Dwight Griswold, Governor of Nebraska.
- Community Singing—"The Star Spangled Banner," led by Mrs. H. Wescott.
- Benediction—Rev. T. Porter Bennett, Chaplain, O. C. D.
- Music—High School Orchestra Director, Mr. Robert Ashton

In Naval Aviation

Charles W. Lockhart and Lloyd R. Holman, both of Plattsmouth, have enlisted as naval aviation cadets in the United States Naval Reserve and been sworn in at the Kansas City Naval Aviation Cadet Selection board.

Lockhart, who is 18 years old, was graduated from the Plattsmouth high school last spring. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Lockhart.

Holman is 18 years old and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Holman. He was graduated from the Plattsmouth high school last spring, where he was a member of the football team.

When ordered to active duty, they will report to the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight school, St. Mary's college, California, for three months of physical conditioning, instruction in naval essentials, military drill and ground school subjects. After completing this course, they will be sent to one of the Navy's numerous reserve bases for primary flight training.

Receives Promotion

The many friends of George J. Stoll, Jr., will be pleased to learn that he has been promoted to the rank of Corporal, in the military police company of which he is a member. Since entering the service he has been stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, one of the large army posts on the west coast. He is the oldest son of Mr. Anna Stoll of this city.

NOTICE P E O

Chapter F, P. E. O. will meet on Friday afternoon at 2:35 with Mrs. W. A. Robertson. This will be a Christmas party.

Hold Christmas Party

The M.A.O. club enjoyed their Christmas party on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Glenn Valley at Ninth and Granite street, which was in the nature of a covered dish 1 o'clock luncheon.

The ladies of the club had prepared a number of boxes of cookies that will be sent to men in service as a treat from the Plattsmouth ladies.

There was the usual gift exchange and the members found much pleasure in their remembrances to each other at this near approach of the holiday season.

There were eleven members of the club present, and two guests, Mrs. D. S. Sumner and Mrs. Carroll Clark.

John Sanders Home

John Sanders, who was at Omaha for some time for treatment, is now home and gradually recuperating from an attack of pneumonia. At the first of the cause of the illness was not known. His condition was very serious for days and he is still feeling the effects of the illness but is able to be around.

Henry Sanders, who had planned to go to California, the first of the month, remained here to be with the son until the cause of the illness was determined and the patient improved. He left Monday for the west coast where he will spend the winter with his daughter, Miss Ann Sanders.

Victorettes Prepare Party

In view of the Christmas party for the Fort Crook soldiers the hostesses, members of the Victorette club, are calling a special meeting for 7:30 tonight at the Bekins building, the club's new headquarters.

Besides working out plans for the entertainment and the giving of a gift to each soldier, the girls will decorate the hall tonight.

The girls are being aided in their plans to make it a real Christmas for the "boys" by the local women's club members of which agreed to furnish cookies and sandwiches for the occasion.

Here From Des Moines

Corporal Ed Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Howard of Murray, is home for a seven day furlough. At present the youth is stationed in the finance department at Ft. Des Moines where the WAAC's, girl soldiers, are in training. Corporal Howard states that the feminine organization is certainly proving its worth in relieving many men from office work, from driving and other lighter jobs so that they may take up fighting positions. He expects to get his sergeant's rating shortly after his return.

Funeral of G. M. Minford

The funeral services for the late George M. Minford were held on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 at the chapel of the Sattler funeral home, a very large group being here for the services from the community near Murray, where Mr. Minford had long made his home, as well as other relatives and friends from out of the city.

The comforting Christian Science funeral service was read by J. Simmons Davis, of Omaha.

During the services Richard Cole gave two vocal numbers, "Mine Eyes Look Toward the Mountain," and "Shepherd Show Me How To Go," Mrs. Wiley Sigler being the accompanist.

The cortege moved to the Eight Mile Grove cemetery where the interment was made in this pioneer last resting place and near where, in early days, the parents of Mr. Minford had settled.

The pallbearers were old time friends of the family: W. G. Boedeker, president of the Murray State bank, O. A. Davis, Bert Jameson, Major I. Hall, C. M. Reed, W. L. Seybolt.

Among those from points outside attending the services were: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. "Hurd" Minford, of Lincoln; Mayor Troy L. Davis, of Weeping Water; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Irland and Mrs. Otis Irtles. He told the judiciary committee

Junior Class Presents Much Enjoyed Comedy

Talented Young People Of The Class Give "New Fires" as Their Class Offering, Large Crowd.

A large crowd attended the Junior class play at the high-school auditorium last night, and judging by the experience of school officials in past years and even larger crowd is anticipated for the last performance starting tonight at 8 o'clock.

The play, a comedy, "New Fires" by Charles Quindly Burdette, has for its setting a homestead in southern Missouri. A city bred family provides the amusement in the play by the sudden readjustment the members undergo when the father, an author, played by Marcel Viniduska, moves them to this provincial setting.

The Junior actors and actresses knew their lines well and consequently provided the audience with many a laugh. For the past 6 weeks the cast has been painstakingly rehearsing for the play under the direction of Miss Helene Perry, dramatic instructor.

Because of the difficult parts for which they were chosen to play and because they did exceedingly well in their roles the following were lauded for their performances: Donald Bowman as Sid Sperry, Patty Libershal as Anne, Charlotte Jaeger as Olive and Delores Ruse as Eve.

Funds accruing from the sale of tickets will be used for the Junior class banquet which is set at a date in the spring.

Shower Recent Bride

Thursday evening, December 10, Mrs. Ernest McCandless, Mrs. Paul McKee, and Miss Agnes Mahoney were hostesses at Mrs. Paul McKee's home in Council Bluffs, Iowa, at a shower honoring Mrs. Clifford Tunnell and Mrs. Robert Larson of Omaha. Games were played and prizes were won by Marian Anderson and Mrs. Clifford Tunnell.

Each bride received a lovely table lamp from the members of the party.

Refreshments were served at an appropriate time by the hostesses. Mrs. Agnes Moore attended the shower honoring her daughter, Mrs. Tunnell.

Here From Camp Rucker

Corporal H. E. Kennedy, who recently arrived from his post at Camp Rucker, Alabama, to visit with his mother, Mrs. Robert Kennedy, during his 18-day furlough, was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Davis and daughters, Margaret and Frances, before going to Sidney to visit a brother, LeVerne, and a sister, Fern. He will return here Saturday to spend the rest of his leave. He expects to receive his sergeant's rating when he returns to camp.

Warning To Coasters

The reports of several narrow escapes from accidents and the menace of coasting down hills into the main lines of travel, has caused Chief of Police Parker to issue a warning to the youngsters to avoid these dangerous spots in their coasting. The use of the hills that lead into the main highways is an invitation to serious injury if not death.

The city has arranged for the use of North 4th street as a coasting spot and each evening there are many out to enjoy the winter sport and with police protection in checking traffic, the other hills are unprotected and a constant source of danger. Parents should check where the children are coasting as otherwise there may be serious accidents.

Returns From Hospital

Mrs. Paul Long, of near this city, who has been at the Clarkson hospital, at Omaha, for the past few weeks, is now home. She has been undergoing treatment and is feeling much improved.

Writes From Montana

George Albert, of Sidney, Montana, one time resident of Cass county, writes to the Journal renewing his subscription and telling of some of the farming conditions in that section. Mr. Albert was engaged in the cattle business for a great many of the forty years that he has spent in the northwest. This summer has been one of the busiest that he has had for many years. Three years ago a water project was started in that section of Montana that furnished water to the farmers for their crops and now every farm has a large sugar beet acreage. They had a fine crop in the area and found that there was a very acute shortage of labor to harvest the beets. The crop was gathered with the aid of Indians, Japs, college and high school students, and even all the business houses of the towns closed in the afternoons to help top beets.

Meets Former Residents

John V. Hatt, of the state department of weights and measures, is home for a short vacation with the family and old friends. Mr. Hatt in his travels over the southern part of the state meets frequently old friends from Plattsmouth. While at York a few days ago he was conversing about Plattsmouth when another man spoke up and stated that he had formerly lived at Murray and gave his name as Dr. B. A. Root, who will be recalled by old friends. His father B. A. Root Sr., for many years served as a druggist at Murray and was one of the real old residents of the place. He is now at York and makes his home with the son.

Another of the former Plattsmouth residents met by Mr. Hatt was George M. Spurlock, one of the leading attorneys of York and who was for several years county judge of Cass county.

Attend Masonic Reunion

Last evening William A. Robertson, past grand commander of the Knights Templar of Nebraska, and William F. Evers, superintendent of the Nebraska Masonic Home, were in Omaha. The two local Masons attended the 104 reunion of the Valley of Nebraska, Scottish Rite Masons.

Mr. Robertson represented the grand commander of the Knights Templar at the reunion.

Avoca Has Breakin

Sheriff Joe Mrasek was at Avoca Wednesday where he was called to investigate a breakin at the tavern operated by George Sudman. The entrance was effected by drilling holes in the back door to release the locks and open the door.

Twenty cartons of cigarettes was reported as being stolen from the stock and also thirty-five cents in pennies taken.

So far no trace of the parties committing the breakin has been found.

Social Workers Flower Club

The Social Workers Flower Club held their annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. J. A. Pitz. Her home was decorated in keeping with the Christmas season.

Mrs. Sack, president of the club, presided at a short business meeting in the presence of 14 members, after which Mrs. Mike Kaffenberger presented a Christmas play. All participated in the singing of Christmas carols.

Santa Claus appeared and gave everyone a popcorn ball. Gifts were distributed from their "Mystery Sister." A great deal of merriment was derived from this. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in visiting as all Red Cross had been turned in.

The hostess was assisted by her daughters, Misses Pauline and Helen, who served a delicious lunch.

Yarns Now Available

Mrs. R. B. Keller announces that yarn is now available to the knitters for use in the army sleeveless sweaters and for the navy turtle neck sweaters. Those desiring the yarn may contact Mrs. Keller.

Farmers May Secure More Gas For Operating

AAA Also Announces The Crop Allotment Payment Rates For 1943 For Corn and Wheat

AAA and ODT have announced that farmers whose Certificates of War Necessity provide for an insufficient amount of gasoline may obtain an emergency ration from their local Rationing Board for December and January. They may also appeal through the county Farm Transportation Committee for an adjusted Certificate.

Announcement was made Friday of the following AAA crop allotment payment rates for 1943: corn in commercial area, 2.6 cents; wheat, 9.2 cents. Emphasis is placed on the fact that farmers must meet their war crop goals in order to earn full AAA crop payments.

The Department of Agriculture has announced an export program designed to help move some of the United States' wheat supply into Mexico, Central America, Cuba, Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela. The wheat supply in this country as of July 1 was 1.6 billion bushels. The export program provides a 20 cent subsidy until December 22.

Under the recent Byrnes wage stabilization order the Secretary of Agriculture is given control over all farm wages not exceeding \$24000 annually. This order also provides that no farm employer can decrease wages below the top wage paid between January 1 and September 15, 1942, for comparable work without approval by the Secretary.

Reports indicate that the general farm price level for the month ending November 15 was 169 percent of the 1909-14 average, with the general level of prices paid by farmers at 158 percent of the 1910-1914 level and farm wages reaching 220 percent of the 1910-1914 average. The estimate cash farm income, including benefit payments, is 15.6 billion in 1942, which is 79.3 percent above the 1929 level.

The Department of Agriculture will use every resource at its command to ease the shortage of farm labor in reaching 1943 production goals. This program will be directed to make labor available in six ways. These include: (1) the shifting of workers from non-essential into essential crops; (2) the retention of essential key operators and workers on farms through changes in deferment and employment policies of the Selective Service System; (3) the transportation and training of workers of surplus areas who can become year-around workers in the more diversified areas, particularly the dairy regions; (4) the transportation of seasonal workers to work in the harvest of specialty crops; (5) the use of high school youth during the summer months, and (6) the use of volunteer city people to aid during the critical harvest season.

Departs For West

Mr. B. H. McCarroll and daughter Mae left Wednesday morning on the west bound Challenger for Modesto, California.

While there Harry will also visit his son, Don, who is in training at the Merced flying school; also with a daughter, Mrs. C. D. McIntyre. He plans to see a lot of sunny California and spend the winter there.

Miss Mae has accepted a position as a stenographer at Lathrop, where a new defense plant is being opened. She expects to begin work on her arrival.

Ill At Hospital

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Tilson of Murray has received word that their son, Robert, who for the past two weeks has been stationed at Camp Butner, North Carolina, is ill with the "flu" and is in a hospital at this time.

His new address is: Pvt. Robert L. Tilson, Co. "E," 311 Inf. APO 78, Camp Butner, N. C.

Promoted To Captain

Aulton Rolland, formerly of this city, has been promoted to the grade of captain in the army, word received here states. Captain Rolland is in the field artillery service and is stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, one of the large training centers for this branch of the armed services.

Captain Rolland was in the artillery regiment of the ROTC at the university of Nebraska and two years ago was called into service and since then has advanced from second lieutenant to captain. The many friends here will be pleased to learn of his promotion.

Captain Rolland is a son of Mrs. Earl Redd of this city.

Prominent Nebraska Families Are United

Wedding of Miss Cecile Mitchell and Lieutenant Clark Kuppinger Takes Place at Nehawka

In a very simple and pretty home wedding on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Marion Tucker, at Nehawka, Miss Cecile Mitchell of Nehawka and Lieutenant Clark Kuppinger, of Omaha, were married.

The home was attractively arranged with the white tapers and chrysanthemums.

The marriage lines were read by the Reverend A. B. Small, pastor of the United Brethren church of Nehawka, before a group of the members of the family.

The young couple were unattended.

Following the wedding ceremony a dinner was served in honor of the bride and groom and participated in by the members of the families of the young people.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Kuppinger are to enjoy a short honeymoon before the groom returns to Alaska where he is in the service of the army.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd T. Mitchell of Amarillo, Texas, and a member of the Sheldon family, pioneer settlers in Cass County, while the groom is a grandson of the late Byron Clark, for many years a solicitor for the Burlington railroad and a resident also of Cass county.

Undergoing Treatment

George Stander, one of the long time residents of the Plattsmouth community, is at the St. Joseph hospital at Omaha where he has been undergoing treatment. Mr. Stander will probably undergo an operation in the near future after the preliminary treatment.

Mr. Stander is a member of one of the pioneer families of this locality and Louisville and was born here in Cass county.

Entertain Friends

Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wolfarth entertained at their home in the south part of the city, having as their guests, old neighbors here for a visit. The guests at the dinner and for the evening of visiting was Mrs. Katherine Rakow and children, Alvin and Carol Louise of Washington, D. C.

District Court Notes

In the office of Clerk of the District Court C. E. Ledgway, an action was filed today entitled, The Federal Farm Mortgage association, vs Blanch Rhoden, a widow, et al. The action is one to seek foreclosure of real estate.

Returns To Duty

Staff Sergeant James H. Jones, who has been here for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Edna Jones, and other relatives and friends, departed Wednesday night for Rapid City, South Dakota. Sergeant Jones is in the U. S. air corps and for the past two months has been stationed at Rapid City.

People Not To Go Hungry Under Food Restrictions

Secretary Wickard Warns However That Many of the Things Desired May Be Missing

Washington, Dec. 11. (UP)—American housewives today must begin to make more drastic changes in their housekeeping habits. Official broadcasts indicate that the war will invade the kitchen in a big way in 1943.

Drastic cuts in canned food supplies, "points" rationing of meat and curtailment of fats for soap manufacture are only the major specific changes on the horizon. Rationing of dairy products also is likely.

"No one will need to go hungry," according to food administrator Claude R. Wickard. "We will be the best-fed nation in the world."

But he and other officials trying to feed the United Nations warned that some eating habits of the American people must change. Wickard's theme will be that the United States is going to have to give up some of its food luxuries and concentrate on essentials. An educational campaign will start soon.

At his first press conference as food administrator, Wickard said the prospects were good that American civilians, American armed forces and the Allies would have enough food to meet needs—"I emphasize needs as against what people might like. I'm not saying that you may not go hungry for some of the things you would like."

Delta Deck Christmas Meeting

Miss Mathilde Soenichsen entertained members of the Delta Deck Bridge club last night. All members of the club were present to participate in the exchanging of Christmas gifts which were drawn from a basket carried around the table by Mrs. F. R. Gobleman.

The center of the dining table had been made up to look like a lake upon which was the figure of a skier. Members found their places at the table by a complex method which involved recognizing the baby pictures of other members.

Those receiving honors at bridge were Mrs. F. R. Gobleman, Mrs. L. W. Egenberger, and Amelia Martens.

Leaves For the West

Mrs. Dana Sleeth, who has been visiting with old friends here as a guest of the Wescott family, departed today for her home at Portland, Oregon, Enroute to Portland she will stop at Walla Walla, Washington for a visit with her son in the army. A son-in-law of Mrs. Sleeth is engaged as a captain on one of the large clipper ships that are used in ocean travel.

Hears From Son

Mrs. Anna Harris of this city has just received a letter from her youngest son, Gilbert Harris, who has been in service in the navy for the past two years. The son writes that he was in the convoy that brought the Americans and British forces to North Africa. He reports that he is well and having a great experience.

Participate In Convention

County Treasurer Ruth Patton and Register of Deeds Lucille Horn Gained were at Omaha today where they attended the convention of county clerks, commissioners, register of deeds and treasurers.

This is the first session of the association since the new officials have taken office.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all of our kind friends and neighbors for their sympathy and acts of kindness in our bereavement. Also we wish to thank those who sent flowers and took part in the funeral service.

Mrs. G. M. Minford
Will A. Minford
Mrs. Elbert Wiles
George Minford