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## Council Discusses Planning And Police Problems

The City council last evening had as their main topics of discussion that of municipal post war planning and the police situation where lack of suitable men and funds has been a decided handicap.

The planning matter was brought up by Councilman W. H. Puls and suggested that the mayor appoint a planning committee of six, two from the council and two from the city at large. Mr. Puls also had several suggestions as to objects to be sought in the planning. First, the repaving of Chicago avenue; second, plan for control of flood water by dikes within and without the city limits, protecting the business section from flash floods; third, remodeling of the sewer system, city to control all sewers, building of sewage disposal plant; fourth, make arrangements to take over the Legion building for city auditorium and remodel for city hall; fifth, extension of water mains; sixth, improvement of road to cemetery to do away with grade railroad crossing; seventh, beautify the parkways along avenues leading into the city. It was pointed out that these were just suggestions and many more could be named if desired. The proposal was voted unanimously and the mayor announced that he would name the committee later.

City Attorney A. L. Tidd had prepared, at the request of the council, an opinion on the proper method of handling the bonds of the cemetery board. The statutes or city ordinances did not provide for the designation of persons to handle the bonds, the city attorney pointed out, altho the ordinance provided the method of handling the funds. It was suggested by the city attorney that the council pass an ordinance to clear this matter up. This was referred to the judiciary committee.

Councilman Rehal presented a request from the Nebraska Masonic Home Association asking that the city take steps to legally close a street on property owned by the Masonic Home association. This street has never been in use but exists on the plat of the city. This was referred to the judiciary committee and city attorney to prepare ordinance.

City Attorney A. L. Tidd stated that in regard to the Perkins House building, he had the matter up with Mr. Cravens of the HOLC as well as Shepherd Taylor of the Martin staff. Mr. Cravens had investigated the hotel building and also the Elks building and was of the opinion that the cost of the remodeling would be too great for the government to assume.

Councilman Puls of the tax and property committee, presented a resolution, that the mayor, clerk and city attorney be empowered to enter into a contract with E. J. Richey for the purchase of the hotel building on his bid of \$300. That the terms be the same as that of the bid, the purchaser to do \$7,000 worth of improvements on the building, that when \$2,000 of the work was finished that title conferred and that the purchaser provide a bond of \$5,000 for the completion of the work. Mr. Tidd stated that he had investigated the matter of the abstract of the building and found that it was in possession of Attorney D. O. Dwyer, who would release it to the city for \$25. It was decided to take this up later.

Chairman Schutz of the streets, alleys and bridges committee, reported that the work on the Bowman corner in the Fifth Ward was completed, that tiling had been placed at another place in the Fifth Ward, tile had been moved to Happy Hollow. Mr. Schutz stated that this work being out of the way it was hoped to carry out the work orders over the rest of the city, held up for so long by the work in the south part of the city.

Councilman Nelson reported that the furnace in the city hall building was completed and doing the job. Mayor Hayes reported that he had checked the probable cost of rock

## Gives Friends Farewell

Last evening Kenneth White, who leaves Wednesday for training in the Marine corps at San Diego, California, was honor guest at a farewell held at the W. C. Soennichsen home on North Sixth street. The members of the group comprised school friends and former associates in high school athletic circles.

The evening was spent in games and dancing until the homegoing hour when the friends joined in wishing Kenneth success in his service. Refreshments were served at an appropriate hour.

The members of the party were: Dick Livingston, Phyllis Kehne, Betty Meisinger, Mary K. Daniels, Dale Pike, Wilbur Eaton, Vivian Kalasek, Annis Lee White, Dick Tritsch, Edward Strickland, Mary Phyllis Soennichsen and the guest of honor, Kenneth White.

## Confesses Additional Crimes

Howard Hinsley, who is being held at the county jail pending the hearing of his case in the district court, has confessed to additional crimes. It was stated at the office of the county sheriff. He has confessed to having stolen a Ford car in Omaha two weeks ago and driving here where he stole a Packard from the vicinity of the Frady garage and drive it back to Omaha. He also confessed to having taken a letter containing a government check, addressed to other parties from a mail box and made away with it.

## Hear of 'Good Neighbors'

The Rotary club at their luncheon Tuesday had the pleasure of hearing a very interesting talk from Mrs. L. S. DeVoe, district president of the Nebraska Federation of Women's clubs, talking on the southern neighbors of the United States, comprising Mexico and other of the Central and South Americas, that have been drawn much closer to North America by the great world war. The talk was very interesting and brought out many facts as to the countries.

The club also had the pleasure of having as a guest, Master Sgt. Robert Wurl, home for short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wurl, the young man being greeted by members of the club.

This was the last Rotary meeting for Wilbur Eaton, senior, and Duane Sack, junior, high school members for October.

The meeting was in charge of Fred I. Rea as the program chairman. In the absence of President R. P. Westover, the meeting was conducted by E. H. Bernhardt, vice-president.

Miss Maxine Miller of the high school faculty was a guest of the club and played the accompaniment for the group singing.

## Chaplain Bratt Promoted

The war department at Washington today announced the promotion of a number of Nebraskans in the army and in these was included Lawrence Webster Bratt, chaplain, from First lieutenant to captain. Captain Bratt was the pastor of the First Methodist church of this city when he was called to active duty in the chaplain force of the army.

## Returns to West

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Blunt have returned to their home in Astoria, Oregon, after a three weeks visit here at the home of Mrs. James Ault, mother of Mr. Blunt. Mrs. Ault and sister, Mrs. A. R. Stokes, accompanied them as far as Omaha where they visited their brother, A. M. Renner, at St. Joseph's hospital. Mr. Renner is doing very nicely after an operation.

## Visits Old Home

Joseph Horschack, now in the naval service, was a visitor here Tuesday afternoon to meet a number of the old friends. "Joey" left here when some eight years of age and made his home in Omaha until entering service. He is home from an extended voyage in the service of his country on the high seas.

## Cass County Students At Nebraska 'U'

Six From Weeping Water, Four From Plattsmouth and Six From Louisville

Of the thirty-three students from Cass county enrolled at the University of Nebraska this fall, six are from Weeping Water.

Doris Marshall is a senior in Teachers college. Mary Allen and Lyman Lorenson are both juniors in the College of Arts and Sciences. Grace Steckley, also a junior, is in the College of Business Administration. Jack Herman and Robert Keckler are freshmen.

Louisville is represented by six. Robert Brammer is a senior in the College of Engineering, Maria Lentz is a junior in the College of Agriculture, and Josephine Zastera is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences. The freshmen are Theodore Brunson, Donald Huffman, and Robert McShane.

From Elmwood are Berdena Rose-nov, a senior, and Margaret Cook, a junior, both in the College of Agriculture. The freshmen are David Cook and James Hill.

Arlene Engelkemeier and Ruth Westover, both in the College of Arts and Sciences, and June Griffin, in Teachers College are juniors from Plattsmouth. Bernard Ulrich, is a freshman.

Virginia and Margie Pollard, Nehawka, are juniors in the College of Agriculture. Mariana Schomaker, a sophomore, is also from Nehawka.

Paul Murfin of Wabash is a junior in the College of Engineering and resides in the Love Memorial Library as an army trainee. Mildred Schloppoff, a sophomore in the College of Agriculture, and Minerva Schliefert, a freshman, are also from Wabash.

The freshmen from Greenwood are Betty Jeffery and Eleanor Bricker. Marvin Bender and Vern Jacobmeier, both from Eagle, are freshmen.

Union is represented by two freshmen. They are Mildred Opp and Margaret Opp.

From Avoca is Charles Stutt, a senior in the College of Engineering.

## Looks over Farm

Mayor R. B. Hayes departed this morning for Sac City, Iowa, near where he has farming interests and will look over the new buildings being erected there and the gathering of the crop.

In the absence of the mayor, Councilman W. H. Puls is acting as the mayor of the city.

## Notice

The undersigned will not be responsible for any obligations incurred by Adah Newton unless authorized by said guardian.

Everett Newton, guardian of Adah Newton

## Jury is Excused

Judge W. W. Wilson here today to hold a session of court excused the jury panel for the November term of the court until in February. This is in order to permit the farmers on the jury to complete their corn shucking and other necessary fall work. There are fourteen women and ten men on the panel; of the ladies twelve are farm women.

## Reopens Shop

Mrs. Florene Tritsch Palacek, who has been with her husband, Captain Frank Palacek, at his station, has returned home and is opening her beauty shop in the Bekin building today. Mrs. Palacek has been engaged in the operation of her shop for a number of years and will be pleased to see her old friends as well as many new ones at her attractive place of business.

Our Delicious Fruit Cakes. The ideal gift for the man in Service. Carr's Bakery, Phone 76.

## New Corn Ceilings

The district Office of Price Administration has just announced that effective October 27 Amendment No. 4 of MPR 346 establishes ceilings for corn.

Section 11 (d): The price established is for No. 2 yellow corn, shelled. Ear corn shall be sold at 2 1-2c per bushel less than shelled corn. Snapped corn shall be sold for 3 1-2c per bushel less than shelled corn.

Section 25 (a): Notwithstanding any other provision of this regulation, any agency of the Federal Government may buy any corn paying therefor not more than the foregoing maximum prices subject to agreement with the seller to adjust said price by paying him in addition thereto not exceeding the difference between the amount so paid and any higher maximum price therefore which may be in effect at any time between the effective date of this regulation and December 31, 1943.

## Attend Church Meetings

Rt. Rev. Monsignor George Agius, pastor of the St. John's church of this city, motored to Lincoln Tuesday where he attended the funeral rites of Father Dennis Fitzgerald, the oldest priest in service in the Lincoln diocese. There were a very large number of the priests in attendance at the mass. Father Fitzgerald recently celebrated his sixtieth anniversary in the priesthood.

Today Monsignor Agius, who is the dean of the Plattsmouth deanery, was at Avoca and Syracuse attending the confirmation services being held in the two parishes of which Father E. C. McPadden is the priest.

## Returns to California

Mrs. H. C. Goodchild, who has been here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Horn, departed last evening for her home at Los Angeles. She was taken to Omaha by her brother and sister, John and Marie Horn, to catch the Union Pacific Challenger to the west.

## Hear from Son

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph V. Kvapil, Sr., of this city have received word from their son, Cpl. Joseph V. Kvapil, USA, that he is now in the south-west Pacific. He is located somewhere in Australia, but so far has seen little of the country.

## Organize New Club

On October 22nd we organized a "Swine for Victory" club at the home of our leader, Richard Cole and we chose Lyle Schafer as assistant leader. The following officers were elected:

President—Lyle Schafer  
Vice-President—Emerson Wiles  
Secretary—Ralph Hild  
Song and Yell Leader—Eldon Meisinger

News Reporter—Lyle Meisinger  
We are going to have another meeting yet this fall so we can get started and look over our material.

Anyone who is interested in a swine club for next year is welcomed to belong to our club.

We enjoyed very much the delicious lunch served by Mrs. Cole.  
Reported by Ralph Hild

## To Visit Son

Mrs. C. F. Guthmann, of Boise, Idaho, who has been east to visit her relatives in the old home at Springfield, Mass., stopped here for a short visit with Mrs. F. R. Guthmann and Miss Minnie Guthmann. She was enroute home to visit her son, Sgt. Joe Guthmann who is home on a furlough from Camp Gruber, Okla., where the new Rainbow division is in training. Lt. and Mrs. Gardner, the latter a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Guthmann, are now located at Great Bend, Kans.

## Iowa Visitors Here

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Turner of Red Oak, Iowa, were in the city over Monday evening as guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wescott.

## Howard Hinsley Is Given Term In Penitentiary

Given Four Years on Grand Larceny and Auto Theft, Terms to Run Concurrently

This afternoon in a lull in hearing arguments and motions, Judge W. W. Wilson took up the matter of the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Howard Hinsley. The young man was charged by County Attorney Walter H. Smith with grand larceny and auto theft and to the charge made a plea of guilty.

Judge Wilson sentenced the young man to serve four years in the state penitentiary on both counts, the terms to run concurrently or a straight four years.

## Home On Furlough

Master Sgt. Robert Wurl, who has been stationed in the army communications school at Camp Westover, Mass., is here to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wurl, as well as the many old time friends. Master Sgt. Wurl is changing stations and after the visit here at home will be ordered to his new assignment.

## Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. James Rishel of this city are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Sarah Louise Rishel, to Ellis Omer Schlichtemeier, U.S. N.R., of Omaha, son of Mr. and Mrs. Omer Schlichtemeier of Nehawka.

Miss Rishel is a graduate of Plattsmouth High school and attended Nebraska State Teachers College at Peru, University of Omaha and University of Nebraska.

Mr. Schlichtemeier graduated from Nehawka high school and from Nebraska Wesleyan university, belonging to Phi Tau Sigma, and where he received his masters degree in science. He is now a member of the U. S. Naval Reserves at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine at Omaha, where he is completing his junior year. He is a member of Phi Rho Sigma, medical fraternity.

Both young people belong to pioneer Cass county families. They will be married in December at the First Methodist church at Plattsmouth.

## Receives Promotion

The host of friends here of Second Lieutenant Richard Hirz, son of Mrs. Cora Hirz of this city, will be pleased to learn that he has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant of Engineers. Lieutenant Hirz has been in the service for the past year and a half, entering as a private and in this period won advancement to the new rank. Stationed in his earlier training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, he is now at Fort Dupont, Delaware with his engineering unit. Dick is a graduate of the class of 1934 of the local high school.

## Suprised On Birthday

Betty Hild was suprised on her 12th birthday Sunday by a small group of her friends. Games were played at which Joann Lentz, Deloris and Joy Hild and Joann Franke won the prizes. After the gifts were opened, delicious refreshments were served by Betty's mother.

Guests were: Nancy Tritsch, Doris Franke, Deloris, Dorothy and Joy Hild, Valerie Mayfield, Joann Lentz, Joann Franke, Deann Lewis, the grandmothers, and Eunice Hild.

## Greetings From Iceland

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kalasek had a pleasant surprise on Monday when a cable-telegram message was received from their son, Pvt. Frank Kalasek, who is in service in the army and located in Iceland. The message was a birthday greeting to her mother on her anniversary and was very much appreciated.

## Scout Troop 376 Meets

Boy Scout Troop 367 met Monday at 7:00 p. m. Eight Boy Scouts and the scoutmaster were present. We had roll call, collected dues, and then studied the scout laws and other Boy Scout requirements. After studying for about one-half hour we wrote letters to Irl Chandler, a boy scout from our troop that has moved to Bremerton, Wash. Every scout wrote a letter. When we had finished our letter writing we started a war against wasps. We killed about three hundred of them. Larry Thimgan got stung by one. We will meet again next Monday night at 7:00 p. m.  
Bernard Dow,  
Troop Scribe

## Honored On Birthday

Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Harris was held a surprise birthday dinner for Earl Harris and his daughter, Mary Jane, whose birthdays were Thursday. The cake was baked by Mrs. Virgil Arnold.

The event was a complete surprise and everyone involved had a very enjoyable day.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lancaster, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hathaway and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Koke, Verlin and Sonny, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hamilton and Duane, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Rouse and family, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Arnold and Freda, Mrs. Earl Harris, Beverly Ann, Gertrude and the two honored guests, Earl Harris and Mary Jane.

## Receives Assignment

Word has been received here stating that 2nd Lt. Lyle Y. Lawton has been assigned instructor of Military Law in the "Army Engineering School at Fort Belvoir, Va., where Lt. Lawton has been stationed the greater part of the past year in army officer training.

## Spend Sunday At Omaha

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wescott were in Omaha today where they enjoyed the day visiting with their daughter, Miss Alice Louise Wescott, who is in training at Lincoln.

## With Local Firm

Arthur Ofe, called back here to report for examination for the armed service, is now engaged in the Black & White department of the H. M. Soennichsen Co. Mr. Ofe is awaiting his assignment for limited service and in the meantime will assist in the store.

## Birth Of Son

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Crawford of this city are the happy parents of a fine eleven pound son, born on Sunday at the Lutheran hospital at Omaha. The mother and little are reported doing well and the event brought a great deal of pleasure to all of the family.

## Announce Birth

Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Melvin L. Thoms are announcing the birth of a daughter, Carolyn Jean, Oct. 22nd, at St. Mary's hospital at Nebraska City.

Mrs. Thoms is the former Minnie Lange of Otoe. Sgt. Thoms is in New Guinea.

## Taken To Hospital

Mrs. Martha Wetenkamp was taken to the Methodist hospital at Omaha today where she will receive a general checkup and treatment. Her condition has not been the best for several months. She was taken up in the Caldwell ambulance.

## Visits in Lincoln

Shirley Wheeler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Wheeler, was a visitor at Lincoln over the week end. She accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dick and daughter, Dorothy, of Glenwood, to Lincoln for the Kansas-Nebraska game and the party were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Halter.

## State Chairman Urges Speedup Of U. S. O. Drive

Several Counties Over the Top and Others Approaching Their Quota for Campaign

Thomas C. Woods, state chairman of the United States War Fund of Nebraska, today, issued a statewide appeal to county chairmen and to every United War Fund worker in the state. "Let's get the job done this week," he urged. "Several counties are 'over the top' or about to reach their quotas. A large number are approaching their goals and a few are lagging."

"I want to congratulate Hayes County, which was the first to go 'over the top' and I sincerely trust that every county in the state will join Hayes County this week. Several communities and counties were late in getting started, but they can make up for lost time by 'driving hard' this week and concentrating all their energies in the final push to our state goal of \$956,000."

"Reports from every section of the state, especially the rural areas show that splendid work is being done by War Fund workers and that the War Fund is being heartily supported by the people of Nebraska. This is another example of Nebraska citizenship in action."

"It is my sincere hope that Nebraska will be among the first states conducting their campaigns during the latter part of October to reach its goal, and I am just as hopeful that Nebraska will be among the foremost states in the nation in over-subscribing its quota by a large percentage. For that reason, I am making this statewide appeal, asking every county not yet over the top to redouble its efforts to reach its goal at the earliest possible moment. It is a great cause for which we are working—the job of keeping high the morale of our men in the armed services and the great work of humanity in bringing relief to the starving, stricken peoples of the United Nations. I know that Nebraska will answer the call just as it has answered every call of this country in filling the war needs 'in a big way'."

Latest reports to reach the United War Fund office show that the following counties have reached their quotas:

Hayes, Hamilton, Loup, and Blaine.

Others which expect to go "over the top" early this week are:

Cherry, Dawes, Hall, Chase, Jefferson, Nuckolls, Franklin, Knox, Stanton, and Buffalo.

All counties report great enthusiasm and determination to reach their quotas at an early date.

## Texas Visitors Here

Mrs. W. J. H. Petter and daughters, Margaret and Virginia, of Greenville, Texas, are in the city for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Tritsch, parents of Mrs. Petter. The family have made their home in the south for a number of years. Canon Petter is in charge of a parish of the Episcopal church in that part of Texas.

## Stops in City

Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Elmer A. Webb of Lincoln, were here to stop for a short visit with the friends while enroute home from Omaha where they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Fellers and family.

Mr. Webb expects to be here on next Thursday to attend the twelfth district convention of the American Legion. He is the assistant state service officer, with offices at the U. S. Veterans hospital.

## Visits with Mother

Mrs. Vincent Slatinsky of Sedalia, Missouri, arrived Sunday for a visit here with her mother, Mrs. Cyril Janda and at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pitz and family.