

MAO Christmas Party

The M. A. O. club met at the home of Mrs. William Schaub Wednesday evening, Mrs. H. A. Daugherty assisting.

The supper comprised fried chicken and all of the trimmings and was a repast that all enjoyed to the utmost.

After the dinner the meeting was called to order by Mrs. L. W. Niel and the members joined in singing several songs. Mrs. Clark, the reading leader, passed out lists of the

books that members could choose from to read during the year and to make a report on at the end of the year. Reading calendar for December has information on "Children's Books."

The club voted to donate cakes to the Victorettes in the near future. The club members joined in signing a card to be sent to Mrs. Pete Carr, who is a member in the hospital.

The lesson for the month was "Morale in the Home," and "Greetings 'Round the World." Mrs. Cass

Fylvester read a paper of "How the Nebraska Demonstration Club-Started," and the advantage of belonging to the state council, quoting Mrs. Helen Suchy Nelson, Fremont, on the subject: "In union there is strength." Therefore, all out separate little groups, if joined together in one big strong organization with similar groups throughout the world, could really have a voice big enough to be heard in post war plans. The only organization of homemakers, both rural and urban, that is international.

Completes Basic Flying

Cadet Edward H. Smith, son of Mrs. Bena F. Smith of this city, has just completed his basic flying course

Games were played and Christmas gifts exchanged. New members present were: Mrs. Vernon Waterman, Mrs. Harry Bellinger, Mrs. Sarah Knutson, Mrs. Hazel Humiston. A guest was Mrs. R. L. Howe. All expressed their appreciation of the grand time arranged for them

at Marana Air Field, Tucson, Ariz., and has been sent to Douglas, Ariz., for further instructions in this branch of the service. When he has completed the last phase of his training he will receive his silver wings as a pilot in the army air corps.

Cadet Smith is a graduate of the Plattsmouth high school, in 1940, and has attended the University of Nebraska. Before entering the air corps, Cadet Smith was employed by the Coca-Cola Bottling Co., at Oakland, California.

Paints Christmas Picture

In the window at the Wescott's Sons store is a copy of the painting, "In the Year of Our Lord, 1943, An American's Christmas in the Holy Land." The original of this was made by John Falter, U.S.N.R., noted artist of New York City, whose family were residents of Plattsmouth for a number of years. The painting was made for the Esquire magazine, one of the popular publications of the country.

Home Makers Club

The Home Makers club met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Joseph McMaken, with Mrs. Rea McMaken as the associate hostess, a very fine attendance of the members were present to enjoy the meeting. The lesson for the day was on the subject, "Morale in the Home," well presented and covering the need of this moral support in the war times. At the close of the meeting the members of the club enjoyed a Christmas exchange of gifts, and proved to be a delightful part of the afternoon program. Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon by the hostesses.

Intermediate Basketball

The Plattsmouth high school athletic department through the co-operation of local business firms is planning an intermural basketball league to open immediately following the holiday season. This league will include every boy in high school who wishes to play basketball with the exception of the members of the first team. Each team will be sponsored by one of the local business firms—sponsors who have signed are the Black & White Market, Woster Shoe store, the Plattsmouth State bank. One more sponsor is needed and it is hoped that the program might get under way.

It is undecided as to how teams will be governed, but a definite set of rules will be drawn for the league so that all boys will have a chance to participate and we hope become more physically fit. The league will be under the direction of Catch Merle Stewart, assisted by Coach Evans.

Hold Scout Meeting

A very interesting meeting of fifteen members of the Boy Scouts of America and the Scouters, was held on Tuesday evening at the office of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co., with District Chairman Carl Schneider, presiding.

The districts this year have been reduced to county areas, and in Cass county at this time there are in active operation only the three troops in this city and one at Murray.

Ray Arringdale of Lincoln, scout executive, was present at the meeting and discussed the program for the year 1944, that will have special objectives for each month in the year. This program was adopted by the meeting and will be the basis of the Scout work for the year.

Suffers from Pneumonia

Sgt. Ernest Harold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harold, is now in the base hospital at Fort Bliss, Texas, suffering from an attack of pneumonia, word received here states. Sgt. Harold is doing very well and it is hoped will soon be able to be out. Mrs. Harold is now located at El Paso, to be near the husband.

Since locating at Fort Bliss, Sgt. Harold had the pleasure of meeting Pvt. Troy Cotner, of this city, who is now there in training. They are members of an anti-aircraft detachment.

Training as Gunner

Rapid City Army Air Base, S. D.—The safety of a quarter million dollar bomber and its invaluable crew depends to a large extent on the skill of the armorer-gunner. On his shoulders fall the responsibility for the operating efficiency of the ship's guns and turrets. His cool nerve and his sharp eye with a .50 calibre machine gun have made him the scourge of enemy planes all over the world.

At the Rapid City Army Air Base, Sgt. Harold D. McFarland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McFarland, 1124 Lincoln Ave., Plattsmouth, Nebraska is going through advanced phases of training as armorer-gunner on a Flying Fortress bomber preparatory to going overseas to strike a blow against the axis.

Visits Fauquet Home

Mrs. Emil Fauquet of Albion, Nebraska, mother of County Judge Paul E. Fauquet, enjoyed a visit Wednesday afternoon and evening here and at the home at Weeping Water, returning today to Omaha. Mrs. Fauquet came to Omaha with friends and will join them for the trip back to Albion.

Relative, special friend, sympathy and convalescent Christmas cards. Bates Book Store.

ARMY CHAPLAINS CITED FOR GALLANTRY AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

FIGHTING U. S. ARMY CHAPLAINS ARE DECORATED—Since the beginning of the war decorations for gallantry in action and distinguished service have been awarded to 51 chaplains in the U. S. Army. Included in the total number of total decorations, three chaplains have received the Distinguished Service Cross; 21 have received the Silver Star; 17 wear the Purple Heart; seven have been honored with the Legion of Merit; three have the Croix de Guerre of the Free French, and one has earned the Soldier's Medal. Many of the awards are made in the field and reports are necessarily slow in reaching the Office of the Chief of Chaplains in Washington, and it is obvious that the record is incomplete.

ARMY CHAPLAIN CASUALTIES—In proportion to the number of men engaged the number of casualties among U. S. Army chaplains is perhaps greater than in any previous war. Since the opening of hostilities 85 chaplains had become casualties up until November 24 last. Of this number 16 were killed in action or died as the result of wounds. Twenty-six died as the result of sickness or accident, nine were wounded and one is reported missing in action. The number of chaplains held by the enemy as prisoners of war is given as 33.

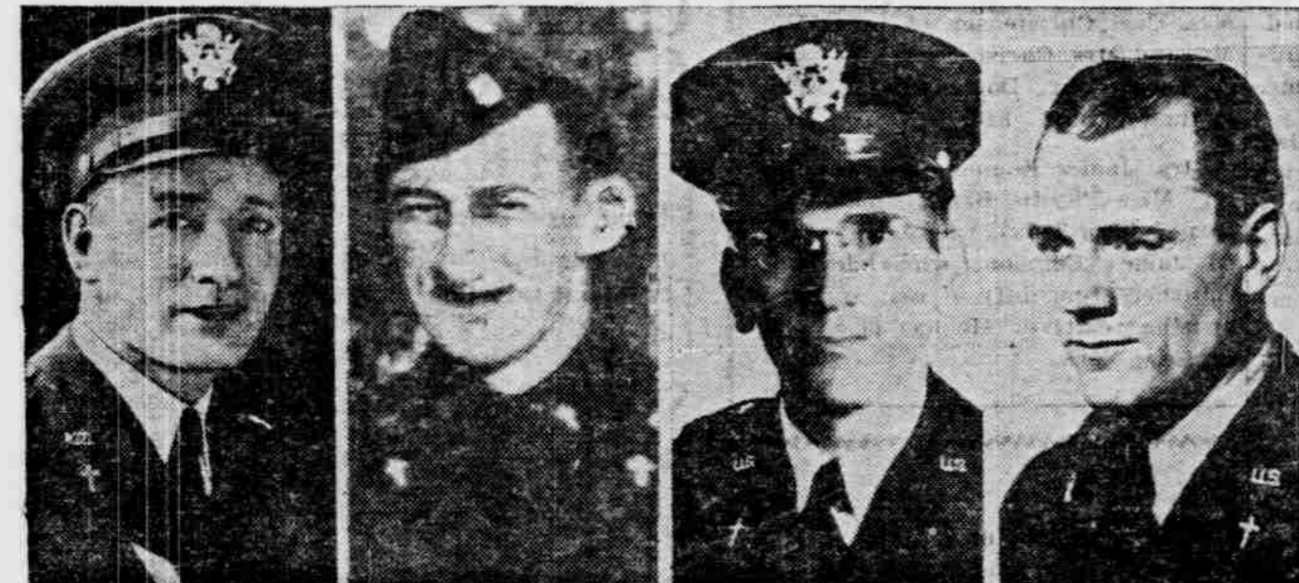
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