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Odd Fellows Lodge To Place Building In Excellent Shape

Born Temporary Mortgage and Plan to Complete Renovation of First Floor of Structure

About four years ago the members of the I. O. O. F., realizing the need for a new roof on their building at Third and Main street, and the aggressive membership, containing a great many young men, decided to take steps to have the building repaired and placed in proper shape.

The roof was renewed and a complete repair of the outer wall and the redecoration of the interior of the second and third floors completed.

The funds of the lodge at that time was invested, and accordingly the members decided on getting a loan from the grand lodge of Nebraska, since that time a great many departed to work for the government, so the older heads of the lodge worked on faithfully, until on Tuesday evening, February 8th, they were able to stage the burning of the mortgage before the session of the membership with several of the grand lodge officers attending the meeting. There was a large number in attendance.

When the materials are available again, the ground floor of the building will be completely renovated and repaired with a new front and will then be let out for commercial purposes.

Two years ago the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs decided to organize a young girls club, known as the Theta Rho Girls club, that has a goodly number of members and a grand body of young women striving to better themselves and helping others.

Early Morning Alarm

The fire department was called out at 5:20 this morning by an alarm at Loh's place on South 8th street. A refrigerating machine in the basement of the building had become heated and filled the lower floor and part of the upper part of the building with a great deal of smoke. The trouble was corrected in a few moments and the danger of a serious fire was eliminated. With the storm and high wind a fire getting a good start, would be a very serious danger.

Church Group Meets

Friday evening the members of the Adult Fellowship class of the First Methodist church met at the parsonage with Rev. and Mrs. T. Porter Bennett as the hosts of the evening.

There was a short business meeting of the class and this was followed by the Bible Quiz, conducted by Rev. Bennett and proved most interesting to the members.

Rev. Bennett is one of the Victory speakers of the city and gave a short talk in support of the Fourth War Bond drive.

The evening closed with the serving of refreshments to complete a most pleasant evening.

Inklers Enjoy Cards

The Inklers card club were entertained on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Frank Schiele in the Schudde apartments on Webster boulevard. The evening of bridge showed Mrs. Schiele as the winner of high score and the second score as that of Mrs. Robert Cappell. Mrs. Schiele served a very much enjoyed luncheon at an appropriate hour.

GOES TO KEARNEY

Mrs. William Shea departed Friday night for Kearney, Nebraska, where she will visit with Mr. Shea at the hospital where he is receiving treatment.

VISITING WITH MOTHER

Mrs. Jack Farmer of Great Falls, Montana, who is visiting her mother, Mrs. Dora Parr of Springfield, Neb., plans to return to her home soon.

Sheriff Kept Busy

Sheriff Joe Mrasek and Deputy Sheriff Emery Dooey were kept busy on Thursday afternoon and evening in looking after the keeping of traffic moving on the highways over the county. With many roads drifted it was a battle to keep the main highways open and many trucks and cars were reported as being off the road and some in ditches. Highway No. 75 was open and only in spots was the condition bad. The east and west highway from Union to Lincoln was one of the worst of the highways and two maintainers were busy last night working over the road to keep it open.

John Hoschar Is Named Lieutenant In The Air Corps

Murray Young Man, Graduate of Local School Completes Training at Spence Field, Georgia

Spence Field, Ga., Feb. 12.—John Daniel Hoschar, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilford E. Hoschar of Murray, Neb., was appointed a second lieutenant in the army of the United States, Air Corps, and awarded the proud silver wings of the Army Air Force Pilot on Feb. 8, in colorful graduation exercises at this Advanced Single Engine Pilot School of the AAF Training Command.

A graduate of Plattsmouth high school, Plattsmouth, where he was a member of the Glee Club, he worked as an assistant butter maker prior to his enlistment in the Army Air Corps.

Feed the Birds

The heavy snow of Wednesday and Thursday has proven a real hardship to the birdlife of this section as it shuts off a great source of their food supply. The open winter that has prevailed through this part of the west has brought many birds here that will suffer greatly in the snow unless aided by their human friends.

Householders and others are urged to join in the feeding of the birdlife that it will not perish in the snow and cold. Breadcrumbs, scraps from the table, or grain may be scattered out where the birds may secure it. Place the food in sheltered places where snow may be cleared away and the birds will soon locate the food supply, tied to the windows or shrubs is another method of feeding that was formerly employed.

Do what is possible to help out the birds in this snowy period and your reward will be large.

Going to California

Dr. R. P. Westover and daughters, Miss Janet and Miss Ruth, are departing Sunday for the west coast where Dr. Westover is planning a two weeks visit and the daughters will enter the University of California at Los Angeles. Miss Janet, a graduate of the University of Nebraska, is taking post graduate work and Miss Ruth will continue her studies.

Young Officer Here

Lieutenant Edward H. Smith, U. S. air corps, who has been located at Douglas, Arizona, is here to visit his mother, Mrs. Benna Smith and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kopp, as well as the many old friends. He is looking fine and has been completing his special training in the southwest.

Taken to Hospital

This morning Mr. Frank Shoebottom was taken to Omaha in the Caldwell ambulance and entered the St. Catherine's hospital. The patient has not been well and he will be placed in the hospital for treatment and observation.

Here from Omaha

Mrs. Margaret Tefft, of Omaha, was here today to spend the day with her aunt, Mrs. M. E. Buttery at her home.

Jackson Promoted To Master Sergeant In England

Local Young Man On Return From London Finds That He Has Received Advance in Grade

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jackson of this city has received word from their eldest son, a member of the Eighth Air Command, stationed in England, the information that he is now advanced to the grade of master sergeant in the air corps, a pleasing honor for his service.

Bernard writes that he had enjoyed a visit with his brother, Tech, Sgt. Bernard Jackson, and on his return to his post received the warrant of his promotion to the higher grade.

The two brothers are members of the same command and Dale has served as a turret gunner on the ships that have been engaged in many missions in the war.

Soldiers Life in Greenland

Master Sgt. Robert Wurl, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wurl of this city, tells of the daily life of the Americans on this far northern island where routine duty is the usual grind of the garrison forces. Bob writes that in the eating line they have canned asparagus once or twice a week and as the others in his mess do not like this he benefits thereby, also that ham and liver spreads and canned mushrooms can be bought in the post exchange—Bridge is one of diversions of the men and Bob is keeping his playing up to par with the foursome that he made the trip to Greenland with, they having a great time in the contests and disputes over the games and the scores.

Bob writes that he had a very interesting experience when he engaged in an argument with one of the service men over the matter of a book by R. Kent and also as to the best methods of reading to secure the greatest result of time. It turned out that the soldier Bob was arguing with was Donald Kent, son of the author, and the two are now the closest of friends. At this time of the year in Greenland the sun gets about as high as you can spit and one can see it for two hours in the early afternoon. There is much snow and of the hard white variety that squeaks when you walk on it.

Bob writes that the country is wonderfully beautiful in its wild way and a great treat to the residents from more temperate zones. The mountains rise toward the skies and the great fjords are a sight long to be remembered. He states that he saw three Eskimos who waved and said "Hokay! Hokay!"

The box score of the game was as follows:

PLATTSMOUTH		FG	FT	PF	TP
Cole, f	4	0	2	8	
J. Cradoville, f	2	0	1	4	
Cradoville, c	0	0	0	0	
Livingston, c	3	2	4	8	
Pihs, g	0	2	2	2	
Vroman, g	0	2	2	2	
Eaton, g	0	1	2	1	
Woliver, g	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	12	6	14	30	

ASHLAND		FG	FT	PF	TP
Miller, f	0	0	2	0	
Churchill, f	5	1	3	11	
Kuhl, f	5	1	2	11	
Hughes, c	0	0	0	0	
Myers, c	0	0	0	0	
Darst, g	1	1	1	3	
Lackey, g	0	0	0	0	
Bates, g	0	0	0	0	
Reece, g	0	0	0	0	
Baer, g	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	11	3	9	25	

Hold Dancing Party

Friday evening a very much enjoyed dancing party was held at the Eagles hall, there being seventeen couples invited to join in the event. The square dances were used and enjoyed by the group for several hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Copenhaver, of Lincoln, had been secured for the evening and provided the music as well as the modernized calling of the dance.

The evening was one that all enjoyed and other dances of this type may be staged here as this dance was such a great success.

Entertain Relatives

Helen Smetana and Rose Janca entertained a group of girls on Monday evening in honor of Ann Knieke, who is here from Washington, D. C.

Those present were: Helen Farley, Madge Garnett, Thelma Tritt, Alice Hiatt, Wilhelmina Henrickson, Eula Potts, Edith Farley, and the guest of honor, Miss Knieke.

Home from Camp Hahn

Sgt. Robert Pankonin, who is in service with the army at Camp Hahn, California, is home for a visit with Mrs. Pankonin and the other relatives and old friends. Mrs. Pankonin is the former Catherine Strickland of this city.

Death of Old Resident

Fred M. Emshoff, 87, a long time resident of the Avoca community, occurred last night at the family home where he has been ill for some time. The Caldwell funeral home of this city was called and the body brought here to be cared for until the funeral.

Fred M. Emshoff was born in Germany, December 21, 1856, and when eleven years old was brought to the United States, the family first locating in Wisconsin where he resided for a period of seven years and then came west to Nebraska and for a period of fifty-seven years has been a resident of Cass and Otoe counties, residing in the Avoca community.

Mr. Emshoff was married to Miss Sophia Buchholz, who survives his passing as well as five sons and one daughter, Henry J., Kansas City, Mo.; Fred E., Otoe county; John, Cass county; William and Ernest, Otoe county all in the Avoca community, and Mrs. Elsie Berner, Otoe county. There is also surviving a sister, Mrs. Sophia Heins, Lake Wilson, Minnesota, twenty-six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Blue Devils Win From Ashland By 30-25 Score

Add Conference Meet to their List of Wins on the Maples at Ashland Last Night

The Plattsmouth Blue Devils last evening added Ashland to their string of court victories by the score of 30 to 25, also adding to their score in the Central Six conference race.

The Ashland team gave the locals a good fight throughout altho the Blue Devils massed a 13 to 4 lead in the opening quarter of the game and were never headed after the start.

Sterling Cole and Dick Livingston, center, led the Blue Devils in their scoring, they having eight apiece, massing more than half of the Plattsmouth tallies. Churchill, who played football the past season against the Blue Devils, was an outstanding scorer of Ashland, he and Kuhl each massing eleven points.

The locals at the half time led by the score of 13 to 13. Joe Gradoville, Livingston and Vroman doing the sharp shooting for the Plattsmouth quintet in the first half.

In the second half of the game Sterling Cole bore the scoring part for the Blue Devils with his eight points to keep the team in the lead.

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Hughes, c	0	0	0	0	
Myers, c	0	0	0	0	
Darst, g	1	1	1	3	
Lackey, g	0	0	0	0	
Bates, g	0	0	0	0	
Reece, g	0	0	0	0	
Baer, g	0	0	0	0	
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Referee: Patten; Umpire, Lund, Wahoo.

Visit at Lincoln

Staff Sgt. Dale Nearhood and his mother, Mrs. Anna Nearhood, have returned home from Lincoln where they have visited relatives. Sgt. Nearhood was visiting with his grandfather, Valentine Glebe, and aunt, Miss Evelyn Glebe. He also had the pleasure of visiting with many of the old friends, having been employed at Lincoln between the time of graduating from school and entering the armed service.

Buy War Bonds and Stamps Regularly

Let's Win the Peace, Too—Buy War Bonds

Historical Society To Back Move For New Building

Large Amount of Pictures, Documents, Relics, Should Have Proper Housing Protection

Last evening the Cass County Historical society held their meeting at the Hotel Plattsmouth, a Dutch treat luncheon preceding the regular business of the society.

Dr. G. H. Gilmore, of Murray, the president, presided over the most interesting discussion.

Miss Myrtle Wood, of Wabash, was at the meeting and related the many points of historical interest in the Wabash and Elmwood communities that was very interesting to this group that is endeavoring to preserve the historic places of the county.

Mrs. Verna Goos reported on the manner in which the historic places in Dodge county are being marked and the manner of raising funds for the work.

Mrs. W. A. Robertson, member of the committee of Chapter F, P. E. O., that is sponsoring the erection of a fireproof building to house the large collection of relics that have been offered the society made her report.

The Historical society voted to accept the sponsorship of the P.E.O. in this most worthy objective, that of opening the drive for the erection of the building as one of the post-war projects of the community, to start when peace comes.

It was voted to have the next meeting on the second Wednesday of March, the matter of the hour being settled later.

Looks After Roads

County Commissioner Sam T. Gilmour was a busy man Friday as he was out with the road crews that were battling to get the roads open as far as possible and in the least possible time. The machines and men were working on the Louisville and Cedar Creek roads which they had well in hand at the close of the day. The Mynard and Rock Bluff roads will also be visited today and opened up and then the work on the connecting roads will be started.

Commissioner Gilmour had his men on the job as soon as it was possible after the storm to give needed relief to the residents who were storm bound on their farms.

Showing Improvement

Mrs. Mattie Egenberger, former resident of this city, now residing at Long Beach, California, writes to friends here that she is now improving from the effect of her fractured arm, sustained here when on a visit last fall. Mrs. Egenberger also states that she is expecting to move as new owners of the apartment house are expecting to reside there. She also reports that it is raining on the coast at the time the letter was written.

Here from Colorado

Misses Mary Ann and Theresa Sedlak, who are employed at Cheyenne, Wyoming and living at Fort Collins, Colorado, are here for a visit at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Sedlak.

Departs for Duty

Pfc. Charles Tasler, who has been home for a ten day furlough, departed last evening for Fort Jackson, South Carolina, where he is stationed at this time. The visit home was one that was very much enjoyed by the family and many friends of Charles.

Have New Son

A son was born on Tuesday evening at 10:30 at the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Engelkemeyer, well known residents of this section. All are doing well. The mother is the former Marie Nolting of this city.

Confer on Superintendency

The members of the board of education held a meeting Friday evening to confer the matter of the resignation of J. S. Devoe as the superintendent of the Plattsmouth city schools, and the selection of a successor.

The board has received a number of applications from school men over the state and these were discussed by the board but no action was taken.

It is hoped that the selection may be made before the departure of Mr. Devoe for his new post with the Veterans administration at the Lincoln office.

Stephen G. Wiles Lieutenant In Engineer Corps

Local Young Man Graduates From the Engineer Officers Candidate School, Fort Belvoir, Va.

Stephen G. Wiles, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy H. Wiles, of near this city, has been graduated from the engineer officer candidate school, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, on February 9, 1944. He is now a second lieutenant in the corps of engineers, Army of the United States.

He was born on January 23, 1922, growing up on the farm near this city and later attending the Plattsmouth schools; graduating here in the class of 1939. He later attended and graduated from the University of Nebraska where he was a member of the ROTC. He entered the armed service April 19, 1943 and has been in active training since that time.

Boy Scouts to Aid Drive

Chairman V. F. Kelly of the Fourth War Drive in Plattsmouth, conferred this noon with the Scoutmasters of the city and secured the pledge of the organization for the participation of the Boy Scouts in the drive.

The boys of the various troops will make a house-to-house canvass of the city starting Saturday in the interest of the drive. This is a fine patriotic move on the part of the Scouts and will make it possible to reach every home in the community.

Give the boys a cordial welcome and treat them with every honor when they call at your home to aid the bond drive.

Social Workers Flower Club

The Social Workers Flower club held their February meeting on Wednesday, February 9, at the home of Mrs. Joe Sykora, Mrs. George Mumm being the associate hostess.

The meeting was opened by the recitation of the Lord's Prayer, and followed by the members joining in the singing of "America."

The regular business meeting was held and at which time the members received a card from Dean Snyder, now in the armed service, thanking the club for their remembrance to him.

The club had 100 per cent membership present and the occasion was very much enjoyed by all.

At the close of the afternoon the hostesses served a delicious luncheon that all enjoyed very much.

The next meeting will be March 8, at the home of Mrs. Georgia Creamer, with a covered dish luncheon at noon and all day quilting.

Cousins Have Meeting

Mrs. M. E. Buttery of this city has received word of the fact that two of her grandsons, Ernest Buttery, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Buttery of Omaha, and Donald Younker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Younker of Union, had met. Both of the young men are in the United States navy and accidentally met in one of the un-named ports that they visited. The visit of the two cousins was very much enjoyed. They both entered the navy at near the same time.

Raymond Pollard Installed As Grand Tyler Of Masons

Large Number of Nebraska Masons at Nehawka for the Impressive Ceremonies

Cass county that has furnished many distinguished members of the Masonic order down through the past years, was again honored on Wednesday evening when Raymond C. Pollard of Nehawka was installed as the grand tyler of the grand lodge of the A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

There were eighty members of the Masonic order present, ten lodges being represented in the group, as the impressive charges were given the new tyler.

W. E. Wanner, of Falls City, grand master of the A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, was the installing officer, and was assisted by William A. Robertson of this city, past grand master of the Nebraska A. F. & A. M., as the marshal, Raymond C. Cook, deputy grand custodian of the grand lodge as the chaplain.

Following the ritualistic work the members were served refreshments by the committee of the Nehawka lodge.

Attending from this city were William A. Robertson, Raymond C. Cook, W. F. Evers, superintendent of the Nebraska Masonic Home, J. R. Reeder, and Roy O. Cole of Plattsmouth lodge No. 5 A. F. & A. M.

Hold Family Party

The members of the congregation of the First Methodist church last evening enjoyed a "Get Together Evening" at the church where there were ninety-six of the members and their families gathered to enjoy the occasion in the church parlors.

The members enjoyed group singing, led by Mrs. E. H. Wescott, with Mr. Wescott at the piano.

The program was in charge of Mrs. Fred Bourck and Mrs. Edger Glaze and was very interesting to all of the party.

The members enjoyed a number of mixer games to become better acquainted with each other; these were very much enjoyed by all of the group.

The program was participated in by a number of the members of the church and Sunday School, and among these was a recitation by Dick Cramer that was very much enjoyed and two piano numbers by Harold Pickering.

Rev. T. Porter Bennett, the pastor of the church, gave a short talk on the spirit of friendship and offered the prayer.

A number of the students of the Wintersteen Hill school under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. C. A. Rosencrans, presented a very clever number that everyone enjoyed. The youngsters taking part comprised Douglas and Jackie Reno, Byron Finnrock, Raymond Adkins, Comma Ann Kelley, Edith Brittain, Henry Siebert and Sally Sykora.

Marilyn Bourck gave a very delightful vocal solo with the accompaniment played by Clementine Westover.

The Plattsmouth high school girls, comprising Marjorie Devoe, Phyllis Bourck and Ruth Ann Nelson, gave several vocal numbers and were accompanied by their teacher, Miss Miller, Ruth Ann Nelson also gave two trumpet solos that showed artistic appreciation by the musician.

A number of games were enjoyed under the direction of Mrs. Edger Glaze and in these Mrs. Logan Covert, Mr. and Mrs. Harry White