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Forty et Eight Stage 'Wreck' For Thirty Candidates

Several Local Candidates and Members of New Voture for Otoe County Given the Degree Work

Sunday was a busy time at the home of Cass county Voture No. 1218 of La Societe des 40 Hommes at 8 Chevaux, in this city, the occasion marking the first wreck held in the local voture and bringing here a large delegation of members of La Societe. The meeting also represented the "wrecking" of the members of the newly established Otoe county voture 1015, located at Syracuse, of which Dr. V. Y. Coulter is the chief de gare and Father Elmer McPadden the correspondent.

There were members present from Omaha, Lincoln, Des Moines, Council Bluffs, Nebraska City and the local members from different sections of Cass county.

The public was advised of the event with the arrival in the morning of the "engine" belonging to Omaha Voture 206, with his famous cannon that heralded the beginning of a hot afternoon for the "poor goods" that were awaiting the initiation. The engine remained on the street for the afternoon and was the center of attraction for the young and old.

The festivities started at 1 o'clock when the candidates arrived and the fireworks commenced with appearance on Main street in front of the building quartering the local Societe, of the candidates, garbed in all array of overalls, sweat shirts, and armed with pails, brooms and brushes and for the few moments the staid candidates who embrace many from all activities were busy in cleaning up the street preliminary to the "dinner" served by the wrecking crew to the "P. G's."

The "dinner" completed, the group was returned to the club rooms where the initiatory work was opened and occupied the entire afternoon before the last sections of the work were received and the members fully admitted to the 40 et 8.

The work of the "wreck" was carried out by the wrecking crew of Omaha voture No. 206 and the sessions presided over by August Heller, chief de gare of the Omaha group.

Joe Adams, of Omaha, chief de gare of the state, was present and addressed the members of the fraternity at the close of the initiatory work, as well as presenting the charter to the Otoe county group. Father Elmer McPadden of Syracuse, state grand amonier was also one of the honor guests.

The local voture was highly complimented by the visiting officers for the excellent arrangements for the "wreck" and the fine hospitality shown them.

Distinguished visitors from Omaha comprised Max Berenberg, grand chemist, Billy Wolfe, Bob Larkin, Bill Perlman, Gus Kinney, Leo Patravino. Members from the county included John E. Turner, Alvo Walter Wunderlich, Nebawka, Oliver Schriber and Charles Attberry, Union.

The candidates initiated comprised the following:

- 1 Frank H. Smith
2 Joseph F. Zastera
3 James J. Cullen
4 Raymond P. Westover
5 Harrison L. Gayer
6 Blahoslav R. Zastera
7 Robert A. Cappel
8 David Way
9 Willard Strong
10 Eugene Pratt
11 Wm. Malloy
12 Dr. C. W. Williams
13 Steve Gately
14 James Wheeldon
15 John Bruemser
16 Leo Kraft
17 George Brandt
18 Maux Schreiner
19 Herbert Montgomery
20 George Coupe
21 Sterling Swanson
22 C. Flekerling
23 A. J. Lamborn
24 Joy V. Copes
25 Boyd E. Dodds
26 J. O'Connell
27 Harvey A. Nisk
28 Paul A. Neimann
29 H. A. Stoner
30 Arthur H. Bastler

Pioneer Pattern For Nation of Tomorrow

By Keith Fitch

The United States, during its short existence of less than 170 years has attained the highest standard of living for the largest majority of its people than any other nation in the history of the world.

This fine record can be attributed entirely to free enterprise. What I mean by free enterprise is this: Free enterprise is the opportunity of the people to engage in any vocation they see fit and to invest their time and money in any enterprise they so desire with the possibility of profit or the risk of loss.

After this war if we are to continue to have this high standard of living, we must see that free enterprise is continued.

In the early days of our country when the number of people exceeded the number of jobs, people moved west and made new opportunities. Now that we can no longer move west and expand externally, we must expand internally. This can be done through big business and large manufacturers or free enterprise.

If large manufacturers are not hampered after the war by high taxes and government control, it is my opinion, that they will be able to produce and distribute goods in greater volume at lower prices to more consumers, thus making more jobs available to everyone.

If we stop to consider all that free enterprise has done for us as individuals and for the nation as a whole; we see that free enterprise must be preserved. First, the American system of free enterprise has given adaptability, creative desire, to accumulate and possess to American people. Secondly, American industry particularly big business has been one of the main contributing factors to America's greatness. Thirdly, American free enterprise is one of the main reasons why we are winning and will win this war.

During the last two or three decades there has been a large trend toward socialism in our country. No one political party can be blamed for this as neither of our main political parties can be defined as for socialism. But, if this trend toward socialism is not deflated, we will become a nation such as those seen in Germany or Russia today. Such a government destroys all individual initiative and makes two classes, the very rich and the very poor.

In the post-war world in order to prevent another war, we must have: (1) One year's military training for all between 18 and 21. (2) A small highly trained army capable of immediate expansion, and (3) preservation of our navy and air forces now second to none.

We have all read and heard of the many wonderful inventions we will have after the war. But, if we do not preserve our American way which means free enterprise, all of these wonderful inventions shall come to naught.

Gives Friend a Party

From Tuesday's Daily—Last evening the members of the Plattsmouth Fire Department entertained at "Camp U-R-8", the W. R. Holly place north of the city. The event was in honor of Pvt. Muri Jones, home on a furlough from the army, a former member of the fire department.

The event was most pleasant and in the cool and attractive surroundings made an event long to be remembered by those who attended. Cards and visiting were the diversion of the evening.

At a suitable hour a delightful luncheon was served to heighten the pleasures of the evening.

To Visit in East

Sunday evening City Treasurer and Mrs. M. D. Brown motored to Omaha from where their daughter, Kenec, entrained for the east. Miss Brown is to visit her aunt, Mrs. L. F. Trimpe and family at Washington, D. C., and later expects to go to Annapolis, Maryland, to attend the June week festivities of the United States naval academy, one of the great social features of the academy year. At Annapolis Miss Brown will be the guest of Midshipman Allan White.

Wm. O'Donnell Elected Trustee Of Eagles Monday

President of Plattsmouth Lodge Given Honor—Carl Ossenkop Worthy Grand President

At the state convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles held Monday at Omaha, William P. O'Donnell, president of the Plattsmouth Aerie, was named as a member of the board of trustees of the state organization. This is a pleasing recognition of the fine work that Mr. O'Donnell has carried out in his association with the fraternity and also a tribute to the Plattsmouth aerie, that has in the past furnished two state presidents, W. M. Barclay and Arthur Kief, Mr. Barclay also being a trustee for a number of years.

The state convention named as "the grand worthy president, Earl Ossenkop, of Lincoln, who succeeds Dode Hamilton of Omaha. Other officers elected included:

P. J. McCarty, Omaha, vice president; L. E. Watt, York, Ralph C. Towell, Beatrice, and W. P. O'Donnell, Plattsmouth, trustees; A. Reynolds, Alliance, conductor; M. Wagner, Columbus, chaplain; George Alexander, Grand Island, outside guard; W. E. Kaltenback, Fremont, inside guard; John C. Miller, Nebraska City, treasurer, and Charles L. Bates, Hastings, secretary.

Five hundred delegates and guests heard talks by William Weatherald, Zanesville, O., grand national treasurer, and Edward O'Brien, Marion, O., national deputy auditor.

A class of 63 candidates was initiated Monday afternoon at ceremonies conducted by members of Omaha lodge 28 under the direction of George Tank, Davenport, Ia., Nebraska state organizer and past grand worthy president from the organization department of the grand lodge at Kansas City, Mo.

The convention closed Monday night with a banquet, L. G. Kahn, Omaha, was chairman of the state convention committee.

Runaway Car Creates Excitement Here Sunday

Sunday, a car belonging to Clarence Williams, left parked on South 11th street, created a great deal of excitement when the car started a runaway trip down the hill for a distance of some two blocks. The brake on the car had apparently released, with the steep grade started rolling on down the hill, narrowly escaping crashing into a car in which a party of four ladies were seated, then hitting a light pole that deflected the course of the car and prevented it hitting a truck of Glen Valley, Leslie Niel was sitting in the living room of his home at the foot of the hill when he glanced out and saw the car coming apparently straight for the Neil home, but as it struck the curb line it plowed into the lawn and was stopped.

Mrs. E. H. Wescott, past state regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution, gave the citizen-award to the two of the class that had been selected by their fellow students and teachers for their conduct and citizenship in school. The two honored were Margaret Heine-man, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. P. T. Heine-man, and Eugene Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith.

The class was presented by Mrs. Zilpha Seward and Miss Maxine Miller of the faculty, to the board of education and were greeted by Dr. R. P. Westover, the president of the board, who presented the certificates of the class members.

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Many Attend Service

The baccalaureate services of the class of 1944 were held on Sunday evening at the First Presbyterian church and very largely attended by the relatives and friends of the young people of the class.

The juniors of the high school had tastefully decorated the church auditorium in the spirea and the colorful iris of the spring season that aided in making a most attractive setting for the members of the graduating class, dressed in their royal blue gowns and mortarboard caps.

The musical program of the evening was given by the mixed octette of the high school under the direction of Miss Dorothy Auble, a very fine setting for the splendid service.

Rev. J. W. Taenzler of the First Christian church offered the prayer while the scripture and the benediction was given by Dr. H. G. McClusky, the host pastor.

The class speaker was Rev. T. Porter Bennett, of the First Methodist church who had a very forceful message for the members of the class and their relatives and friends.

Here from Texas

Mrs. Ray Shafer, of Texas City, Texas, is here for a visit with the relatives and the old time friends for a few days. This is the first visit back in the old home for Mrs. Shafer and she is enjoying very much the opportunity of meeting the old friends.

Large Number Attend Eighth Grade Exercises

Fine Group of Boys and Girls Close Grade Work and Ready for High School This Fall

There was a very large number present Tuesday evening at the high school auditorium to witness the promotional exercises of the eighth grade of the city schools and a fine group of boys and girls were given their certificates of advancement.

Superintendent R. I. Frost of the city schools presided over the exercises of the evening.

The procession for the class march was by Jaels Schmidman.

The invocation was given by Rev. T. Porter Bennett of the First Methodist church, who also offered the benediction at the close of the program of the evening.

The audience joined in the singing of the national anthem and at the conclusion the pledge of allegiance to the flag was given, led by John H. Johnson, one of the members of the class.

A number of the talented members of the class were heard in special musical numbers. The boys chorused in "Sing 'Till the Clouds Roll By" and "Bells of the Sea." Ann Schneider presented a clarinet solo, "Melody in F"; the girls small group, comprising Edith Smith, Jeannette Rhylander, Mary Jo Rehal and Alice Gradoville, giving the number "Star Lullaby"; Carol Lou Bernhardt in a vocal selection, "My Task" while the girls chorus gave "May Song" and "Children's Prayer" from Hansel and Gretel.

The class poem, an original offering was given by Margaret Heine-man as a part of the program and was enjoyed very much as was the class history by Elva Jean Smock, both making a very fine record of the grade school days of the class members.

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Mynard To Hold Memorial Service

Will Pay Honor to Those Who Passed Away and Those Now In the Armed Service of Country

The Mynard Community club, one of the live wire organizations of Cass county are preparing to hold their memorial services on Friday evening, May 26th, at the Community building.

This service will honor the men of the community that have served in other wars of the nation and those who are now engaged in the battles for the preservation of the republic on land, on sea and in the air. The community has a large number of the young men of the community now in the armed service and in practically all parts of the globe where the American forces are engaged in service.

The speaker for the memorial service will be Judge William A. Robertson, assuring a very fine message in keeping with the thought of the day and the spirit of service of the men and women of the nation.

Owing to the general work on the farms, the program will be opened at 9 p. m. to enable all that may desire to attend the meeting and enjoy the fine treat that has been arranged.

It is especially urged that the families of the boys in the services attend the services and also any that may wish to come have a most cordial welcome.

Plead Not Guilty

This morning in the county court before Judge Paul E. Fauquet, three parties were arraigned on charges of violation of the narcotics act. The complaints were filed by County Attorney Walter H. Smith and the defendants were represented by Granville P. North, of Omaha.

Lawrence Boylan, of Omaha, made a plea of not guilty to the charges and the preliminary hearing was set for Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Ross Hillyer also made a plea of not guilty, waiving the preliminary hearing and was bound over to the district court. Both Boylan and Hillyer were released on bonds of \$2,000 each signed by E. C. Finley, of Omaha, a property owner in Cass county.

Corra Lee Seymour, alias Roby Ross, also made a plea of not guilty to the charges as preferred and was transferred to Omaha for hospital care.

Undergoes Operations

Monday two Plattsmouth ladies, patients at the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha, underwent operations. Mrs. Walter Steinkamp was operated on for gall stones and her condition is reported as most favorable. Miss Margaret Hodgett also was operated on for tumor and her reaction is reported as well as possible. Dr. L. S. Pucelik, physician of the ladies, was at Omaha to take part in the operations.

Returns from Hospital

William Nelson, who was injured some two weeks ago in an accident at the Martin bombing plant at Fort Crook, was able to return home Saturday and is now at the family home recuperating. The many friends are pleased to see Mr. Nelson home.

Married at Court House

Saturday afternoon Judge Paul E. Fauquet was called upon to celebrate the marriage service for Sebastian Bree and Martha Peppone, both of Omaha. The marriage was witnessed by Ignatius Peppone and Nancy Peppone, also of Omaha. The groom is a member of the armed service and is home on furlough.

Suffers from Illness

Marilyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Koukol of this city, has been quite ill for the past few days, suffering from a combined attack of the mumps and the measles.

Pioneer Pattern For Nation of Tomorrow

N. Kavakieh

Today the nation is involved in a state of turmoil which has never been equalled in the history of mankind. Today, we as a nation are engaged in a paramount struggle for the preservation of the rights and ideals that we have held dear for many years.

Our mighty nation was founded by a group of determined, clear-thinking individuals who were not only thinking of themselves, but also of the future generations to come. These men, the pioneers of our democratic type of government, fostered the idea that all men were created free and equal and that the government should be "of the people, by the people, and for the people."

In the past three years in which the United States has been engaged in this world-wide conflict, it has poured its immense wealth and resources into the struggle for the common goal towards which we, and our allies are so earnestly striving.

The tempo of our wartime life today has been stepped up to a pace that a few years ago was entirely undreamed of. There have been many changes to which we found it necessary to adapt ourselves. The way we eat, the way we dress, the way we work, yes, even our manner of thinking has become different in many ways.

All this makes the individual who is looking into the future ask the question, "What will be the necessary changes that will be needed to change our booming industries and other activities back to the normal pace of peace time life?" I believe that this is the thought that is most eminent in the minds of a majority of the people. What will we have to do? Will there be another depression worse than the last one? What will we do with all the men who will be mustered out of our armed forces? These and many other similar, difficult questions will have to be answered.

Surely the government shall have to bear the greater part of this burden and to do so it shall have to be one that is competent, efficient, and honest. It will have to be backed whole heartedly by the public. A house divided, cannot stand. Old political and party hatreds, I think, should be forgotten and that all of the factions should weld themselves into a force working for a lasting peace.

Our humming mills and factories will have to be changed to peace time production, but slowly in order to prevent a surplus to cause a market crash. Our fighting men will have to be reestablished in their old jobs and some provision will have to be made for the people now filling those positions. Our nation will undoubtedly play an important role at the peace tables when the war ends. What kind of terms shall we present?

The forefathers of our country were strong, independent men and I believe they intended our country to be so. They lived simply and were honest and sincere in their dealings with others. The nation of the future should also follow some such pattern.

When our enemies have been defeated we must control our hatred and deal with them justly if we are to avert another world conflagration instead of crushing them under our heels, we must show and educate them to see that they are equal to their fellow men and not superior to them.

In summing up my points of view I believe the nation of the future will have to function and exist as our pioneer forefathers did. It will have to be independent and democratic in form with the people as a whole playing a large part in its workings. It shall have to be thoroughly honest in its dealings with all other nations. It shall have to be able and willing to take an active part in the betterment of all mankind the world over. It must be like a pioneer facing a wilderness, strong, sturdy and clear-thinking in order to survive after the chaos of the present conflict is over.

Seniors Give Hard Work To Class Play

Not Only Cast of "Magnificent Obsession" But Also Staff of Assistants Give Best Efforts

The production of a high school class play is one that demands the faithful services of practically all of the class in some capacity to see that the play is not only well presented by the cast, but all of the details of the casting and stage equipment must be arranged by the various committees as well as properties and advertising, ushering and a hundred and one small details must be looked after.

The members of the cast producing "The Magnificent Obsession" comprised the following members of the class: "Martha," a housekeeper, Phyllis Kehne; "Nancy Ashford," friend of the Hudsons, Eileen Aylor; "Helen Hudson," wife of Dr. Hudson, Patty Libershal; Dr. Malcolm Fyle, colleague of Dr. Hudson, Jerry Jones; "Monti Brett," a cousin of Helen Hudson, James Short; "Joyce Hudson," daughter of Dr. Hudson, Charlotte Jaeger; "Bobby Merrick," a friend of Joyce, Edward Gradoville; "Dr. Wayne Hudson," an eminent surgeon, Bob Woster; "Perry," a handy man, Don Bowman; "Mr. Wickes," an acquaintance of Dr. Hudson, Ruth Farmer; "Marion Lawson," Dolores Ruse; "Jack Dawson," a friend of Bobby, Marcel Vinouska; Extras, Shirley Burcham, Eg Strickland.

The director of the play was Mrs. Helene Iverson and the class sponsor was Miss Jessie Whalen.

In the presentation of the play on Thursday of Friday the ushers were Bernard Dow, Louise Lepert, Bob Wohlfarth, Millie Kazocek, Gladys Rhodes, Uretta Finnefrock, Donna Mason, Betty Albert.

The committees comprised the following: Properties—Ruth Hall, Mary Wetenkamp, Marie Allen, Betty Albert.

Advertising—Ed Strickland, Dick Novak, Shirley Burcham. Stage Manager—Don Bowman. Assistant Stage Managers—Bill Goehnen, Bonnie Walters, Deloris Ruse, Uretta Finnefrock. Special Effects—Jerry Jones. Accompanists—Eloise Cole, Betty Ann Alberts.

Vocal Numbers—Phyllis Bourck, Jeanne Galland, Phyllis Taenzler, Cate, Marion Wanda, Proppet, Eloise Kule, Marjorie Devoe, Kenneth Tietotter, Keith Fitch, Kenneth Fitch and Jack Berlette.

Consults Specialist

Grover Parriott, Sr., residing north of this city, was in Omaha today where he was consulting a specialist as he has been suffering a great deal recently from ear trouble. It is hoped that his condition may be improved and he relieved.

Negroes Have Outbreak