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Nebraska Masons Install Officers For Grand Lodge

Judge W. A. Robertson Presents Wm. B. Wanner With Past Master's Jewel at Ceremony

The sessions of the grand lodge of the Masons of Nebraska closed Wednesday at Omaha with the installing of the new officers for the ensuing year.

William C. Schaper, Broken Bow, was elected as the grand master, succeeding William B. Wanner of Falls City, retiring master. Benjamin F. Eyre, Omaha, was elevated as deputy grand master from senior warden; Edward Huwaldt, Grand Island, from grand junior warden to grand senior warden; Carl R. Griesen of North Platte was elevated from senior deacon to grand junior warden.

Lewis E. Smith, Omaha, was re-elected as the grand secretary of the order, a post he has held since 1925.

The new grand master announced the appointment of the following: Bishop George A. Beecher, Hastings, grand chaplain; Hobart M. Corning, Omaha, grand orator; Lute M. Savage, Omaha, grand custodian; William B. Wanner, Falls City, grand marshal; Elmer E. Magee, Lincoln, grand senior deacon; Ernest S. Schlotfeldt, Wahoo, grand junior deacon; Raymond C. Pollard, Nehawka, grand tyler.

Judge William A. Robertson of Plattsmouth, made the presentation of the past master's jewel to Mr. Wanner during the ceremonies.

The new officers were installed by Walter R. Raacke, Central City, past grand master and Virgil R. Johnson, of Beatrice, past grand master served as marshal.

Funeral of John Kopp

Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the chapel of the Sattler funeral home as held the last rites for John M. Kopp, a long time resident of the city, who passed away on Wednesday.

There were many of the old friends and associates present at the services to pay their last tributes to Mr. Kopp and to share the sorrow of the family in their bereavement.

Rev. C. E. Seybolt, the acting pastor of the St. Paul's church was in charge of the religious services, Mr. Kopp having been a long time member of this church.

During the services Frank A. Cloldt and Miss Estelle Baird gave two numbers "Jesus Lover of My Soul" and "Sweet Peace, the Gift of God's Love." Mrs. H. F. Goss playing the accompaniment.

The interment was at the Oak Hill cemetery with the pallbearers selected from the old time friends, comprising George Jordan, B. G. Wurl, George Lushinsky, George R. Sayles, H. M. Soennichsen, C. E. Ledgway.

The survivors of Mr. Kopp are the widow, two daughters, Mrs. Bena Smith, Mrs. George Blotzer of this city; one son, August Kopp of this city; four grandchildren, Lt. Edward H. Smith and Keith Smith of California, Arthur Kopp, Council Bluffs, Mrs. Helen Maddox, Broken Bow; three great grandchildren, Stephen Smith, California, Jerry and Jean Maddox of Broken Bow.

Visits in City

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jameson and Mrs. D. M. Johnson, mother of Mrs. Jameson, were in the city today from the vicinity of Weeping Water and enjoyed a few hours here with relatives and old friends.

Has Tonsil Operation

Thursday Elwood, small son of Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Johnson, was operated on at the Methodist hospital at Omaha for the removal of his tonsils. The lad came through the operation in fine shape and was left at the hospital overnight to recuperate.

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Draws Down Fine

Wednesday the wrath of the law fell upon Jake Waskye, who had been accumulating a large load of intoxicating beverage, that made it difficult to navigate. Warned Tuesday evening of his condition by the police, he had disappeared, it was thought he had followed the advice to return to his place of abode. Wednesday morning, Chief of Police Parker discovered Jake making the rounds of the taverns, polishing up the jag of the day previous, and Jake found himself in the confines of the city jail. Today Judge Graves greeted Jake with the customary \$10 and costs.

Riverview Club

The members of the Riverview club held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Bud Nickles with Mrs. Robert Rea as the associate hostess. The meeting was called to order and presided over by the president, Mrs. Frank Hull.

Mrs. Robert Patterson, the song leader selected the songs for the meeting, "God Bless America," and "The Little Brown Church in the Vale," that all enjoyed very much.

Following the business session the meeting was turned over to the entertainment leader, Mrs. Georgia Creamer, who had arranged a program in keeping with the Mother's day theme, one that all enjoyed.

The hostess served a delicious lunch to complete a very delightful time for all.

The meeting on June 13th will be at the home of Mrs. Greeley Bell with Mrs. Glenn Campbell as the co-hostess.

Club Reporter—

RUTH UNDERGOES OPERATION

New York, June 10. (UP)—Babe Ruth, baseball's all-time home run king, was scheduled for an operation on his right knee today at the New York orthopaedic hospital.

Ruth, 50, entered the hospital last night. He is expected to remain there for about two weeks.

The "lambino," who established the all-time record of 60 home runs with the New York Yankees in 1927, has been bothered recently by the recurrence of an old knee injury which prevented his playing golf. The injury originally was suffered early in his baseball career with the Boston Red Sox. Physicians believe that the operation will enable him to resume golf, his favorite pastime since retiring from the diamond.

Showers Predicted

Showers and occasional thunder storms were forecast for Nebraska today and tonight by M. V. Robbins, meteorologist of the Omaha weather bureau. Higher temperatures were predicted for tonight for the west portion of the state, and for the east portion Sunday.

Rain was expected to fall in quantity over the week end with showers ending in the west portion Monday. Rainfall will total heavy during the next three days throughout the state.

Temperature ranges:— Valentine 61-82; Alliance 48-52; Omaha 63-59; Lincoln 62-58; North Platte 65-55; Sidney 56-49; Chadron 63-50; Grand Island 63-55; Burwell 60-54.

Visits Friends Here

Mrs. Margaret McPherson, of Lincoln, was here Friday to spend a short time in visiting with old friends in the old home, she having spent her girlhood in this community. Mrs. McPherson is a former grand worthy matron of the Eastern Star of Nebraska.

Here from Baltimore

Miss Marie Prohaska, of Baltimore, arrived here this morning for a visit of a month with her sisters and brothers and enjoying a vacation from her work in the east. Miss Prohaska has been employed at government work since 1936 and has been headquartered at Baltimore. The many friends will be pleased to have the opportunity of visiting with the old friend.

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Allied Forces In Greatest Military Attack Of All Time

Italy Scene of Heavy Fighting As The Germans Try To Save Themselves From Destruction.

Allied Headquarters, Naples, June 6. (UP)—The allied 5th army drove the battered Germans in disorderly retreat across the Tiber river on a 17-mile front from Rome to the Typhentian sea today and sent powerful armored columns five miles beyond the river under orders to destroy the fleeing enemy.

Front dispatches said Nazi Field Marshal Albert Kesselring's broken 14th army was offering only the feeblest sort of rear guard resistance as the allied tanks and rifleman burst across the winding Tiber at a score of points north and west of Rome.

At many points the enemy retreat had turned into a disorganized route under the raking fire of allied planes and tanks, and 2,000 Nazi threw down their arms and surrendered to a fast-rolling British column that trapped them on the east bank of the river, near the seacoast.

Every bridge across the Tiber below Rome had been blown up by the fleeing Germans, but 11 of the 14 main spans inside the capital were intact and allied troops were crossing in a steady stream.

Only in the northeastern outskirts of Rome did the Germans offer any determined resistance. A force of enemy tanks was reported battling desperately around the Littoria airport in an attempt to stem the swift allied advance long enough for the main body of Kesselring's troops to escape.

Official sources said the Vatican had been by-passed in all allied operations in and around the city.

"With the capture of Rome, the allied armies in Italy have brought another phase of their campaign to a most successful conclusion," a communique said. "The battle to destroy the enemy continues without pause. Troops of the 5th army are now crossing the Tiber at many places and have advanced some five miles beyond."

French troops on the 5th army's right flank knifed deep into the hills east of Rome, seizing the highway junction of Tivoli, 16 miles outside the capital.

The French thrust threatened the line of retreat for tens of thousands of German 10th army troops falling back slowly before the British 8th army in the mountainous country north and east of the via Casilina.

The 8th and 5th army fronts were linked in a continuous front winding 70 miles inland from the Tyrrhenian coast, through Rome and down into the Sacco valley, and the almost pocketed German 10th army appeared to be fighting only a desperate rear-guard action in an effort to extricate the bulk of its forces.

Here from Texas

Sgt. Jerry White with Mrs. White and their son, Roger, are here to enjoy a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. White and Mrs. W. H. Mason as well as other relatives and old friends. Sgt. White has been stationed at Camp Helen, Texas, as a member of an anti-aircraft group, being transferred there from Fort Sheridan, Illinois, where he served for several months. The many friends here are pleased to enjoy the opportunity of enjoying meeting with the White family.

Uncle Sam's Daughters

Serving at the bond and stamp sales desk at the Cass Theater the coming week are: Sat.—Mrs. Ernest Elliott Sun.—Mrs. Lorine Urish Mon.—Miss Joan Tickotter Tues.—Miss Phyllis Bourck Wed.—Mrs. Leonard Fitch Thurs.—Mrs. Hilliard Grassman

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Attends Funeral Service

County Commissioner Sam T. Gilmour, was in Omaha today where he was in attendance at the funeral of Fred Majors, 62, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Gilmour, who passed away on Tuesday at the family home, 1402 North 24th street. Mr. Majors was a resident of this city some thirty years ago, his home being on the site of the present Coronado apartment house.

Mr. Major has been a sufferer from heart trouble for some time and his condition has been gradually growing more severe until his death.

There survive his passing, the widow, Ora; two sons, Charles W., and Ralph, both of Omaha; one brother, Frank, and five grandchildren.

Mrs. Gilmour is visiting in California with her son and daughter, William and Helen Gilmour, and was unable to be here for the funeral services.

Tells Of Spirit Of Americans As They Cross Channel

Men Trained in the Roles They Are to Play in the Great Liberation Landing

By Henry T. Correll, U. P. War Correspondent Aboard an Assault Craft in the English Channel, June 6.—We are aboard a LCT, one of hundreds of assault vessels moving silently into the early morning half light toward the French coast.

All the men have been thoroughly briefed and know their exact role. They are prepared to wade fields of bullet ridden mud and slime after vaulting Adolf Hitler's steel and concrete defense wall. They know they are playing for keeps.

As I write this dispatch, our boys are peering skyward at a low flying formation of their own aircraft. It is being flown low so our troops will be able to identify our newly marked planes when they zoom over the beaches.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower's invasion message has just been read to them. I stood behind their commanding officer and observed their expressions as he warned of savage fighting ahead. They were serious. Many of them chewed their gum a little bit faster than usual, but I could detect no evidence of fear.

When the C. O. finished the entire unit burst into resounding applause, five minutes later they were again playing poker on army blankets laid out on the steel deck of the LCT, or keeping time to radio jazz from America by tapping their booted toes on the fenders of the assault vehicles poised for the landing.

Standing around in their gas-impregnated clothing, these American boys are just as confident as their C. O. but they are conscious that many of them are not going to come back.

Goes to Hospital

Mrs. V. T. Arn, Sr., was taken to Omaha Friday night where she entered the Clarkson hospital for observation for a few days. Mrs. Arn has not been well since Wednesday and it was decided to have her sent to the hospital for a short time. She was taken to the hospital by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kraeger, the latter a daughter.

Goes to Michigan

Last evening Eleanor Giles left for Ann Arbor, Michigan, where she will visit her sister, Lois, until her school term is over on June 10th. After that date both girls will spend some time in Chicago and Detroit before returning to Plattsmouth together.

Card of Thanks

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation for the flowers, cards and calls during my recent stay at the hospital. These kindnesses helped make the days more pleasant, and I am truly grateful. Mrs. Walter Steinkamp

All Denominations Join In Prayer Service At Theatre

Many Gather to Offer Supplications for the Victory of the Nation and Safety of Men

This noon the ministers of the various churches of the community, with a large group of worshippers, joined in the prayer service offered for the American men and women that are bearing arms for the nation in many fields of battle and particularly in this time of stress as the invasion for the liberation of France is under way.

The service was very impressive as the various ministers led in the words of prayer for the safety of loved ones, for the final success of the great principles that are involved in the war.

Raymond Cook sang as a solo, "The Lord's Prayer," with Mrs. R. O. Cole as the accompanist while Frank A. Cloldt served as the leader for assembly singing of "God Bless America."

The ministers participating in the prayer service were: Rev. Eli Cook of the Mynard U. B. church, Canon George Tyner of the St. Luke's Episcopal church; Rev. J. W. Taenzler, First Christian church; Rt. Rev. Monsignor George Agius of the St. John's Catholic church; Rev. G. E. Seybolt of the St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church; Rev. T. Porter Eennett, First Methodist church, and Dr. H. G. McClusky, First Presbyterian church.

Present Recital

Thursday evening was the annual recital of the piano pupils of Mrs. J. M. Roberts, and the voice pupils of Mrs. E. H. Wessett, held at the attractive home of Mrs. Roberts on high school hill. The home was filled with the relatives and friends of the young people to enjoy the fine program and the opportunity of hearing the young students in both the piano and voice.

The students in both classes showed marked talent and in the more finished of the students real artistic rendition of the members was demonstrated.

The audience joined in the pledge of allegiance to the flag and in singing the national anthem. "The Star Spangled Banner," Miss Thelma Kruger serving as the accompanist. The piano students comprised Beverly Meisinger, Betty Hill, Carol Ruth Davis, Donald Jones, Ronald Schneider, Jan Schantz, Florence Reed, Lois Schroeder, Phoebe White, Richard Jones, Buddie White, Janice Long, Thelma Kruger, Eloise Cole, Clementine Woster. This group had solo numbers as well as duets and instrumental trios.

In the vocal group were Bonnie Toppliff, Florence Juda, Clementine Woster, Phyllis Bourck. The number given by Phyllis Bourck was particularly interesting as the number was the work of two former Plattsmouth ladies, Clara Mae Morgan and Helen Wescott Murdick, they furnishing the lyrics and music. Mrs. L. S. Devoe served as the accompanist for the vocal numbers.

Signs Debt Bill

Washington, June 10. (UP)—President Roosevelt has signed the bill increasing the national debt limit to \$260,000,000,000 and reduced the cabaret tax from 30 to 20 percent, the White House announced today.

An Appreciation

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking all those who so kindly remembered me during my stay at the hospital, for the cards, flowers, and gifts that helped make the stay more pleasant. Janice Ann Caldwell

KEEP ON... Backing the Attack! WITH WAR BONDS

Back from Wyoming

R. C. Jahrig, who was called to Newcastle, Wyoming, a short time ago by the death of a brother-in-law, Julius Bock, returned home last evening, remaining to attend the funeral service. Mr. Jahrig reports that his sister, Mrs. Bock, is still in very poor health and under constant treatment.

Miss Helen Hunter, niece of Mr. Bock, who was also at Newcastle, has remained for a visit with an aunt Mrs. William Philpot, at Arnold, Nebraska, and also with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brewer, at Callaway, Nebraska. Mrs. Brewer is a sister of Miss Hunter.

Polish And French Leaders To Visit At Washington

General DeGaulle to Visit at American Capitol With President Roosevelt to Discuss Policies

Washington, June 10. (UP)—Gen. Charles DeGaulle's decision to come to Washington and the Polish prime minister's current visit today emphasized the difference of the roles the United States is playing in the political problems of France and Poland.

DeGaulle's proposed visit late this month or early in July was announced as Polish Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk neared the end of his visit here as President Roosevelt's guest.

Both the Polish and French situations have plagued allied diplomats since early in the war. While they are alike in some respects, they also have striking contrasts.

The major common factor, and the one which highlights both Mikolajczyk's and DeGaulle's missions to Washington, is that in the midst of allied military and economic warfare victories, both France and Poland to date represent major political failures on the part of the allies.

Both countries will be the battle grounds for the summer offensives against Germany. But, as those campaigns start, there are as yet no agreed-upon plans for restoring civil governments in either as they are liberated.

That will be the major objective of DeGaulle's trip here to see President Roosevelt—to get him to agree to recognize the French committee of national liberation as the provisional government of France.

The objective of Mikolajczyk's trip was said officially to be a courtesy visit. Although no plan to settling the Russian-Polish dispute was under discussion, officials hope that the weeklong conversations may open a way through which the Poles and the Russians later can resume negotiations.

The United States is playing a different role in each case—attempting to act as a conciliator in the Russian-Polish dispute but actually acting as the holdout on recognition of DeGaulle.

The differences are manifested in arrangements for the visits of DeGaulle and Mikolajczyk. The Polish premier came here on President Roosevelt's invitation after extensive conversations in London with Undersecretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr. DeGaulle comes at his own request having asked if he could see Mr. Roosevelt and if so, when. The U. S. has had no one of ambassador rank assigned to the French committee in Algiers for several months.

The Russians already have recognized the French committee, now called the Provisional government by DeGaulle, and there are indications that the British would go as far. But the United States refuses to commit itself to any government prior to the time when all the French people can choose it.

Attempt Assassination Of Crown Prince At Rome Meeting

Occasion Is Turning Over of Government to Ivanoe Bonomi Underground Leader

Rome, June 9. (UP)—A wild burst of gunfire, apparently aimed at Crown Prince Umberto, broke up a Royalist demonstration before the Quirinal Palace today as Marshal Pietro Badoglio turned over the government of liberated Italy to a new regime headed by Ivanoe Bonomi, 71-year-old Italian underground leader.

Umberto to whom King Victor Emmanuel delegated all his royal powers after the liberation of Rome last Sunday, was making one of his first formal appearances in the capital since he fled to escape the German occupation forces last September.

He had just stepped out on a palace balcony to wave to some 5,000 Royalist demonstrators gathered in the Piazza Quirinale when the revolver shots rang out.

Police searched the crowd and in the confusion arrested the wrong man. The gunman escaped.

First reports from eye witnesses indicated the man was attempting to stage a counter demonstration against Umberto, but it was not clear whether he actually had fired at the prince.

The gunfire followed disclosure that Umberto had appointed Bonomi premier of liberated Italy to succeed Badoglio who had refused flatly to undertake the task of forming a new cabinet acceptable to political elements.

Bonomi was recommended to Umberto by the all-party Italian committee of liberation, composed of political leaders from Naples, Salerno and Rome, which met here last night under Badoglio's chairmanship.

The new premier told the United Press, in an exclusive interview, that he hoped to have his government formed by tomorrow noon.

Bonomi promised a thorough-going purge of all pro-fascist elements from public office and revealed that Count Carlo Sforza, Benedetto Croce, and the communist leader, Palmiro Togliatti, had accepted his invitation to enter the cabinet.

District Court Notes

Judge Wm. A. Robertson held a short session of the district court on Thursday to hear a number of matters pending and disposing of orders in several cases.

Decree of divorce was granted in the case of Ella Arnold vs Russell Arnold, the defendant being in the armed service was represented by Walter H. Smith, appointed by the court. The plaintiff was granted the custody of the minor children, the title to personal property of the parties and for an allowance of \$50 a month.

In the matter of the Home Owners Loan Corporation vs T. S. McMaster, an order confirming the sale of the property was entered by the court.

In the divorce action of Elsie McClintock vs Fay McClintock, a decree of divorce was granted the plaintiff, the custody of the minor children and the award of support money in the sum of \$25 a month.

In the action of Liliana Golden vs Noel Golden, the decree was modified to grant exclusive custody of Edgar Dean Golden to the defendant.

Hit Romanian Fields

Allied Headquarter, Naples, June 10. (UP)—Bomb-carrying Lightnings attacked the "only remaining oil refineries in the Ploesti area" of Romania today, it was announced officially.

The target of the Lightnings was the Romanian American plant, from which clouds of black smoke rose after the attack. The fighter bombers were escorted by other Lightnings. They flew at low level 500 miles across the Balkans.

About 100 enemy planes were encountered over Romania and a number were shot down.

