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Eagles District Meeting Draws Very Large Crowd

Worthy State President Earl Ossenkop Speaks at Session and Gives Inspiring Message

The district convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, comprising the series of Nebraska City, Beatrice, Lincoln and Plattsmouth, met on Sunday at the Eagles hall in this city, it being one of the largest crowds to participate in the fraternal gathering. In addition to the Eagles there was a large number of ladies to enjoy the occasion.

In the session of the district meeting, Earl Ossenkop, worthy state president of Lincoln, was presented by William P. O'Donnell, the local president. The state president made a very inspiring talk and told of the work of the Fraternal Order of Eagles down through the years and the great part the order had in the enactment of much of the beneficial legislation for the common man.

The members of the group had a very fine supper served at 6 o'clock by the local aerie and prepared by the ladies of the Eagles.

Following the supper the members had the pleasure of witnessing a very high class floor show and entertainment that all enjoyed to the utmost. Preceding the floor show President Ossenkop gave a short talk on the support of the Fifth War Bond drive, urging all purchase all additional war bonds possible.

The evening was closed with a social dance for the members and their guests.

Death Of Mrs A. W. Hallam, At Omaha Sunday

Former Resident of This City Passes Away After an Illness of Some Duration

Mrs. A. W. Hallam, 71, a former resident of Plattsmouth, and member of one of the pioneer families of eastern Nebraska, died at 11 a. m. Sunday at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha.

Mrs. Hallam was not in the best of health for some time and in the past two weeks has been at the Omaha hospital, brought there from her home at Lincoln.

Margaret Oliver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Oliver, was born in the pioneer settlement of Bellevue and when a small child was brought with the other children to Plattsmouth where the parents settled and spent the remainder of their lifetime. She grew to womanhood in this city and was educated in the local schools.

She was married to A. W. Hallam, who with a son, Oliver Hallam, of Lincoln, and three grandchildren survives her passing. There are also surviving two sisters, Mrs. Kate Oliver Moran of this city and Mrs. Julia Kades of Omaha, as well as a number of more distant relatives.

The funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 1:30 at the Baptist chapel at Omaha and the body taken to Lincoln for interment in the Wyuka cemetery. Dr. H. G. McCluskey of the First Presbyterian church of Plattsmouth will officiate at the services.

Leaves For Station

Ralph O. Timm, SC 1/c, departed this morning for Omaha and from there will entrain for Bremerton, Washington, to resume his duties at the naval reception center at the great port. Ralph has had charge of the mess at one of the largest centers that handles hundreds of men each day, going to active duty at sea or reporting in on leaves from their ships. He has had a pleasant visit here with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Timm, this being made more pleasant by the fact that his brother, Bronson Timm, also a cook in the navy, was here for a few days.

City Council Votes To Ask Recreational Aid

Will Send Request to Federal Works Agency—Also Discuss Plans for Oakmont Drainage

The city council last evening had a very busy session with a large number of matters coming to the attention of the city legislators, the adoption of the request for federal aid in a recreational program for the city, creation of proper alley and drainage facilities for Oakmont addition and the enlargement of the program for handling flood water that might flow as the result of summer flash floods.

All of the councilmen were in attendance altho Councilman John E. Schütz was called away in the latter part of the meeting by trouble on the electric lines.

Walter H. Smith, county attorney and the chairman of the city committee on recreational facilities, with Orval Nielsen and Milo W. Price, members of the committee and Dean Collins, district official, were present at the meeting. The committee had prepared a request for the city to file with the federal government, asking for federal aid in a recreational program in a defense area community.

The request set forth the need of the community for a definite program for recreation well supervised and handled by a responsible committee. It pointed out the fact that Plattsmouth was in the defense work area, that proper means of recreation should be provided to influence the morale of the young and old, the proper handled facilities would aid in cutting down the delinquency among the young. As the situation now stood the residents here were largely forced to go to Omaha or distant points for recreation.

Under the proposal there would be a city created recreational commission, the money appropriated by the government to be controlled by the council, expended only at the order of the commission.

The amount asked of the Federal Works Agency was \$20,278, this being divided among the needs of the program that included proper housing, equipment, salaries and other incidental expense. The request also pledged the city to turn over \$400 of equipment left from the WPA recreational program, and the community through other activities to raise \$600 to aid the plan.

On motion of Councilman Rehal, seconded by Councilman Olson the mayor and clerk were authorized to sign the application that will be sent to the federal agency.

The city council passed a vote of thanks to the committee for their fine work in the preparation of the application.

A communication was received from a resident of the Oakmont addition for cutting the curb to permit the creation of a driveway. This was referred to the streets, alleys and bridges committee with power to act.

A communication was received from Hugh J. Kearns post of the American Legion asking that the license fee for the street carnival be omitted as in the past and this was approved, the Legion to furnish the proper holding for the grounds and street.

Application for the operation of a pool and billiard hall at 124 North 14th street was received by the council, signed by Joe Larides and V. F. Kelly, to be incorporated as the Playmore parlors. This was referred to the license committee of the council to investigate and report at the next meeting of the council.

Mayor Hayes stated that a number of the business men had discussed with him the matter of a street flusher, he had taken it up with the city of Omaha relatives to securing a second hand flusher and had received a letter from Mayor Dan Butler, Mr. Butler stated he had taken the matter up with the street department and found that all flushers were in use now as newer ones could not be purchased.

Chief O. Sandin of the fire department reported four fires since March 1st.

Plattsmouth Travel Center Of Flood Area

Bus and Truck Traffic From Omaha to the west and Lincoln and Return Pass Through City

Since the start of the destructive flood conditions in the Elkhorn and Platte rivers Plattsmouth has served as the main artery of travel for this part of the west, the only outlet for Omaha and through here flows bus, truck and automobile traffic from the east, west, north and south.

When the Platte river bridge was opened Monday noon the traffic was all routed through this city, busses to and from Los Angeles and Salt Lake rolling through here on a detour into Omaha, while the Burlington buses and also the truck transports were rolling through here to Union and hence west to Lincoln.

Highway 75 has borne the travel of all of the motor traffic and through this city was almost a continuous stream of travel from all directions.

With the opening of the highway out of Omaha much of the travel will be diverted back to highway 6 between Lincoln and Omaha.

Move To Lincoln

Tuesday the L. S. Devoe family who have in recent years made their home in Plattsmouth, loaded their household effects and moved to Lincoln where they are establishing their home and where Mr. Devoe is a member of the staff of the Veterans Administration.

The departure of this estimable family will bring a great regret to the many friends as they have had a large and active part in the community life since they came here from Geneva in 1932.

Mr. Devoe served until a few months ago as the superintendent of the city schools, was president of the Rotary and Chamber of Commerce and was one of the originators of the King Korn Carnival or fall festival that was so popular each year in eastern Nebraska until curtailed by the war. He was also an active figure in the Masonic order, the American Legion and Methodist church circles.

Mrs. Devoe has been an outstanding figure in the social life of the community, being a very talented musician and a leader in the Woman's club work since coming here and also active in the work of the Methodist church and many other organizations. Mrs. Devoe is the district president of the first district of the Federation of Women's clubs.

The family like all have been affected by the war, the son, Opl. Stephen Devoe, being called from his educational work for service in the army and is now in the east in training. The daughter, Marjorie, is still a student in high school and will enter the Lincoln schools this fall.

Returning From Outing

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Stine have returned home from a very pleasant vacation spent with relatives and friends out in the state and also experiencing part of the excitement of the flood conditions in the north part of the state. They visited at Cortland, Nebraska, with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson, the latter a sister of Mrs. Stine and found the family well. They stopped at Arcadia, Nebraska, to be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Esper McCleary, former residents of Plattsmouth and found them doing well. The two sons of the McCleary family are now in the armed service, Garland in the air corps and located at Shepherd Field, Texas, and Maynard, who is in naval training at Farragut, Idaho. They report that the Maynard McClearys are the parents of a new son. On the way homeward Mr. and Mrs. Stine stopped at Comstock, Nebraska, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson, the latter a sister of Mr. McCleary and then on into Omaha to visit Mrs. Belle McHale, an aunt of Mrs. Stine.

Turbulent Platte River Reaches New High Near Here

The usually placid Platte river flowing quietly along in the summer months, was late Monday and this morning, a great torrid sweeping stream that poured its water over many acres of land in this locality, and east of the city was stretched over the farm lands both on this side of the stream and in Mills county, Iowa across the Missouri river.

The Elkhorn and many smaller streams in the north part of the state fed by the heavy rains, swept out of their banks to engulf many of the towns in their wake and finally poured their flood into the Platte to fill this stream and in many places the stream spread over a wide area.

Warnings were received here Monday and many of the residents on the bottom lands east of the city, removed their livestock to new location and the Lester Curtis family, living just east of the Burlington station moved out in the afternoon as the first indications of the coming high water was evidenced. The Platte pouring its waters into the Missouri, rushed southward to rip out new paths for the flood and engulfing the bottom with more water than for many years. The sudden rise last night caught the Ray Harold family in their home, they being forced to abandon the house with the waters several feet deep in the home.

North of this city the full force of the flood swept down and soon was flowing over the lowlands on the north of the stream and with the rise of the waters, Sheriff Joe Mrasek, who had maintained a visit with Deputy Sheriff Doody at the Platte river bridge had the structure closed for travel at 3 a. m. as the stream rose to within inches of the bridge structure, overflowing the highway at the north approaches of the bridge. On the south side of the Platte the water rose over the lowlands and a swift current broke through and over the banks to send a stream to the Merritt beach and threatened the Grover Parriott farm home. The flood waters in their angry spread threatened the vicinity of the Plattsmouth city water pumping station and sandbagging was necessary on the north of the large settling basins.

The main line of the Missouri Pacific remained intact in the flood waters and the bridge and trestle served as the only outlet for hours for this city. The early morning Burlington Zephyrs found it necessary to use the Missouri Pacific tracks and bridge because of a wash-out near Bellevue and the Rock Island Rocket, from the west used the Missouri Pacific to get on into Omaha.

Bus and truck travel as well as individual cars were able for a time to get into Omaha and Lincoln by using highway No. 34 and the bridge over the Missouri river but this too was later closed on the Iowa side of the river as the flood waters swept over the highway.

The local people employed at the Martin plant at Fort Crook were unable to reach their work this morning the traffic being closed off on account of the flood.

It was not until near the noon hour that the traffic over the Platte river was resumed with car owners and drivers cautioned as to the danger that might develop. A further rise was thought possible in the Platte from heavy rains of last night.

Return To California

Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Troop motored to Omaha taking with them their son, Jack Troop and his wife, of Los Angeles who have been visiting here for the past ten days.

During the stay of Mr. and Mrs. Troop here they have been guests at many pleasant family gatherings and on Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Jack von Gillern and children, Jack, Jr., and Roger came down from Lincoln to visit over Sunday. The family were all guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Troop in this city Sunday.

American Patrols Thrust Near Cherbourg as Troops Advance German Held Railroad Bases

ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, London, June 13. (UP)—American invasion armies cut half way across the Cherbourg peninsula and patrols were reported probing the approaches to the port, but the front dis-

patches timed at 1:10 P. M., today said the Germans had rallied around Carentan and Montebourg and that street fighting again was under way in both towns.

Allied supreme headquarters officially confirmed the capture of Montebourg and Pont l'Abbe, as reported earlier today by U. P. war correspondent Henry T. Gorrell. Headquarters also said the allies had captured Le Ham, three miles southwest of Montebourg and Trudin, seven miles east of Caen.

"The news is really gratifying," it was said at headquarters in commenting on reports apparently filed earlier than Gorrell's dispatch, saying that the Germans had fought their way back into the streets of Montebourg and Carentan under cover of artillery, mortars and tanks.

Later it was said at supreme allied headquarters that despite the progress of German counter attacks at Montebourg and Carentan, the general situation on the Cherbourg peninsula was "very gratifying."

Gorrell was half a mile from Montebourg, Nazi hedge hog base, 11 miles southeast of Cherbourg, when the enemy counter attack began. He saw U. S. artillery lay down a white smoke screen and shield American positions as the Germans advanced. House-to-house fighting then developed to the crash of mor-

Rationing News

Quotas of new passenger tires are too low nearly everywhere to handle all applications from B and C card holders. These quotas will remain low for some time. Therefore, OPA must carefully choose among the applicants and issue tires first for most important uses. Many applications flooding Boards are not deserving of certificate issuance at this time for the reason applicants have failed to recap tires. Number of passenger tires being recapped has greatly decreased since B ration holders became eligible for new tires May 1.

Truck Tire Shortage Acute—Many local Boards have had no truck tire problems in recent months because they have been forcing truckers to recap at least as many tires as they replace. This is done by requiring truckers to supply them with copy of invoice of all truck tires recapped showing serial number of tires. A record is then kept in local board office on each trucker which indicates the number of new tires issued to him as well as the number of tires which he has had recapped.

German General Killed

London, June 13. (UP)—The German high command reported today that a General Marcks, whom it identified as "commanding general of an army and defender of the Cherbourg peninsula," was killed at the front in the course of heavy fighting. The general may have been Lt. Gen. Erich Marcks, formerly commander of an infantry division.

Historical Society will Meet

The regular monthly meeting will be held at noon on Wednesday, June 14th at the Hotel Plattsmouth. All members of the Historical society are urged to attend. 9-3dlw

Fight By His Side—Buy Bonds

REDS OPEN DRIVE

Stockholm, June 13. (UP)—Helsinki dispatches to the newspaper Aiton Bladet said today that the red army had opened an offensive in the far north, attacking German positions along the Litsa river which empties into the Barents Sea, 35 miles west of Murmansk.

The reported offensive at the northern end of the Finnish front followed by three days the red army attack on the Karelian Isthmus above Leningrad, where the Finns were being driven back toward Viipuri.

Finns attacked on the Arctic front slams attacked on the Arctic front after a violent artillery barrage.

Cel. Gen. Eduard Dietl is reported to have about seven German divisions along the upper end of the soviet Finnish front, which has seen relatively little activity in this war.

ars and SS's and the clatter of German machine guns, pistols and carbines, he wrote.

Meanwhile, at headquarters good news was expected within a relatively short time.

Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's American army holds at least two-thirds of the allies Norman beachhead, it was revealed, with nearly 160,000 U. S. troops already announced as engaged in combat on the Cherbourg peninsula.

The fighting reached new peaks of violence at both ends of the French battle front as the Germans lit back hard in a bid to check the American gains and the British began a full-scale envelopment movement on Caen, eastern anchor of the Nazi defenses.

The British threw a ring of armor around Caen and were battling heavily against the German garrison which holds the most stubborn strong point encountered so far in the invasion.

Violent tank battles continued in the area of Caen and Tilly-Su-Seulles, 12 miles to the west. The British armor was pouring round after round into three German panzer divisions concentrated in that sector.

To the southeast the Americans were making "very satisfactory" progress in a drive to flank Ste. Lo, ancient citadel halfway across the peninsula. They were reported to be within less than six miles of it. More than 10,000 German prisoners have been counted, it was announced officially.

Montebourg by-passed enemy strongholds 14 miles southeast of Cherbourg and three villages to the northeast fell to another American column pushing up the main Paris-Cherbourg highway, Henry T. Gorrell, U. P. war correspondent, reported from the front.

While the main forces were advancing less than 12 miles southeast of Cherbourg, swift mobile American patrols surged ahead and probed the approaches to the port, allied headquarters revealed.

The German's meantime, were estimated to have thrown 14 to 15 divisions—one-fourth of their armies in western Europe—into an all out attempt to save Cherbourg, one of France's best ports and main objective of the first phase of the invasion and drive the allies back into the sea.

The highway junction of Pont l'Abbe was captured by the Americans in a five-mile advance from Ste. Mere Eglise, 20 miles southeast of Cherbourg, toward the west coast of the peninsula.

Candidate For Governor Home From Vacation

Visits With Daughters in New England and Also Stops at Washington to View City

George W. Olson returned Sunday night from a vacation trip back to New England and the east coast, visiting his daughters, Mrs. W. E. Kocian and Miss Eleanor Olson, both of whom reside in the Boston area.

The visit was one purely of pleasure and the democratic candidate for governor of Nebraska found little time to discuss or indulge in political planning while on the trip.

He found the Kocian family and Miss Esther fine and enjoying life very much and he was most favorably impressed with New England and the many attractive cities that he visited while on the trip.

Mr. Olson stopped for a short time at Washington to look over the city and its many places of beauty that the governmental agencies have created, to make it one of the greatest capitals of the world. He did not however mingle with the political great while in the capitol city.

Draws Heavy Fine

Monday afternoon Dallas Redden was arraigned in the county court before Judge Paul E. Panquet on a charge of disturbing the peace, on Sunday, June 11th near 6th and Pearl streets. To the charge as preferred, the defendant made a plea of guilty and was given sentence by the court.

The penalty in the case was suspended for a year, the defendant being paroled to Sheriff Joe Mrasek and the following stipulations added. The defendant is not to indulge in any disturbance or vicious habits, not to frequent any place in Plattsmouth where malt or spirituous liquors are sold, while in Cass county to report once a month to Sheriff Mrasek, refrain from the use of alcoholic drink. In addition to the parole the defendant was required to pay a fine of \$100 which was supplied and the defendant released.

Visitors At Gilmore City, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Snodgrass and Phyllis Snodgrass accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Linford Dasher were visiting three days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Cran at Gilmore City, Iowa.

While there they were sightseeing and also visited the "Grotto of the Redemption" at West Bend, Ia. The grotto is constructed of colored stones, pebbles, marbles, crystal rocks and petrified wood collected from the world. It exhibits in artistic settings the most complete geological collection in the United States. The art value because of its gifts is estimated at one million dollars. It is constructed by Rev. P. M. Dobberstein, Roman Catholic priest at West Bend. The stations of the cross are huge statues.

Although it now being a rainy season in that part of the country, the Plattsmouth people saw some of the nicest corn and pasture country. They also saw the hemp factory where rope is made and the DeKalk company, where the hybrid seed corn is sorted and dried, at Humboldt, Iowa.

Only eight miles southwest of Pont l'Abbe lies the communications center of La Haye du Puits, through which pass the single track railway and west coast highway that comprise the Cherbourg garrison's last practical routes of escape.

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