

Cook Family Reunion Held At Oakwood Farm

Thirty-first Annual Meeting Attended by Forty-five of the Relatives and Friends

The Cook family reunion was held Sunday, June 18, 1944, at the Percy J. Wheeler home, at Oakwood farm. Forty-five relatives and friends were present, the smallest attendance since the reunions were started thirty-one years ago, in the year of 1913 when this family reunion was first held, at the Phillip Cook home at Weeping Water. All of the family of twelve children were then living, with the exception of Mrs. Jerry Hartman, who passed away in the early eighties. There are now only two members of the original family, Mrs. Caroline Cole, who was ill and unable to attend; the first reunion she had missed in the thirty-one years, and Joseph H. Cook of Plattsmouth.

S. T. Heubner, another member of the group, who always with his cheery greetings, was so greatly missed this year, his death occurred shortly after the reunion last year. Also another death, S. W. Cashner of Denver, Colo., who had been ill for some time, as the years go by there is always sadness mingled with the joy.

Dinner was served under the shade of the great oaks.

After the dinner the group were invited into the parlors of the home by Mrs. Wheeler, where the business meeting was held, and a fine program given.

R. O. Cole, vice president, conducted the business session in the absence of Pres. F. E. Cook. Raymond C. Cook led the group singing that grand old song, "America." Officers chosen for the year: President—F. E. Cook; Vice-Pres.—Roy O. Cole; Secy.—Mrs. Robt. Patterson.

Two deaths and five births were reported.

The program for the afternoon: Piano Duet, Eloise and Mary Margaret Cole; Vocal Solo, Charlene Patterson; Piano Solo, Betty Kroll; Song, "Bringing in the Sheaves," by Bryce Cook, who sang it in four different languages; Vocal Solo, "My Faith in Thee," by Raymond C. Cook; Cornet Solo, "Topsy Love Song," by Richard Cole; Editorial from Burlington, Ia., paper, "A Gentle Gentleman," a tribute to the late Samuel Heubner, was read by Mrs. Robt. Patterson, as follows:

"We were not privileged to know him as long and well as hundreds of his other friends, but in the time we did know Sam Heubner whose funeral was held today, we admired him as a kindly and gentle gentleman.

"Heubner lived a full life. He spent the greater portion of it in Burlington, first as a youngster and later as manager of the telephone company. But Heubner's interest in Burlington was far more than selfish or self centered. He was concerned for others.

"Wherever you met him, in the church, on the street, in his home or office, at a lodge or club meeting in which he revealed, he was always the same gracious, kindly Sam Heubner. He went out of his way to be courteous to strangers or newcomers. He took a sympathetically helpful interest when others experienced travail or hardship because he, too, had known what economic reverses mean.

"Burlington is just a little better city for having in it as citizens so many good folks of Sam Heubner's

MURRAY—seemed in excellent health. We sort of expected to see the Nick Frederick family, also Geo. and Addie Shrader, Les Kniss and family. If we attend again I'll get all the names present for the home folks to read about. Sorry I didn't this time. These folks inquired about many of the folks from Union, Plattsmouth, Murray, Weeping Water and Avoca.

Regards to Mr. Briggs of the Journal staff. Many inquired about him, also my sister, Glenn, who is in a sanitarium at present, can come home in 10 days; has improved marvelously in seven weeks. To her friends who remember her this will be good news. Jim works at Douglas Aircraft every day. We are both fine. When his job is over we'll be seeing you.

Respectfully yours
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P. S. This picnic was worth it even if we did have to save gas for a month.

type. Their loss is always a community one."

Robert Cole gave a very fine talk. Bob was winner of the i-II state public speaking contest at Lincoln this year.

Raymond Cook read, "Sam Heubner—Absent", as follows:

Thus was the record written at the last meeting of the Burlington Rotary Club.

It was an enviable record that was so terminated. For twenty-seven years (with one exception, when he duck-hunted with Paul Harris, founder of Rotary, who granted him special Dispensation) Sam maintained a perfect Rotary attendance. A little over two weeks ago, fatally stricken, he left his sickbed to keep that record unbroken—and to bid us adieu.

Rotary loomed large in the life of Sam Heubner. To him it was not something casual or incidental—it was part and parcel of his existence—he lived it, joyed in it, exemplified its teachings. No man in Burlington Rotary was better known and liked throughout the District than Sam.

When the writer first became a member of Rotary, some twenty-three years ago, Sam was the very efficient secretary of the Burlington club. As the then editor of The Lurro, we frequently consulted Sam for items of interest, and he most kindly and enthusiastically cooperated. Each Tuesday he trotted to our office with his carefully tabulated record of attendance at the last meeting, which headed each issue of the bulletin. We dubbed him "Statistical Sam," and, for no reason at all, he called the writer "Uncle Phil."

Of the men who formed the membership at that time, only a handful remain—and now from that diminishing group has been removed the most lovable luminary of the old regime. Frequently have we felt the wistful tenderness of that line by Charles Lamb, "Where are they gone, the old familiar faces?" At each meeting we glance about and note the steady infusion of new blood, and the diffusion of the old. All as it should be, perhaps, and yet how comforting to have the eye alight upon an "old familiar face," like that of dependable, affable Sam. And now, he too, has gone to join those who have gone before (Billy McFarland, George Washburn, Ned Phelps, Doctor Osborne, Leon Eisfeld, to mention only a few) and we are without that shining link that bound us to the Rotary club of the early days. "All, all are gone, the old familiar faces."

Sam's virtues were homely ones, and this seeks to be a homely tribute. He did not aspire to the flaming heights, and no brilliant light went out when he slipped into the shadows. But certainly by his death there was extinguished a warming and cheering glow that had cast its beneficent spell upon all who knew him. Friendliness, with Sam, was not forced; it came easily and naturally, and sparked in the clasp of his hand and the light of his smile. And by the tinge of that smile we shall always remember him.

We wish Sam were here to read what we have attempted to express. Perhaps some of it should have been said before he so bravely bade us adieu. If he were here, we know full well what his reaction would be: a beaming, cherubic smile would light up that "old familiar face," and he would say, "Thanks, Uncle Phil."

Piano Duet Mrs. Roy O. Cole and Eloise Cole; Vocal Solo, "Paper Doll," by Bryce Cook. The meeting closed by singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Raymond Cook dismissed us in prayer, thus we closed our meeting.

Those from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. Adam Cook, Gandy, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kroll, Betty Kroll, Omaha; Mr. Harold Peterson and Robert Glenn Omaha Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cook, and son, Bryce, Bellevue, Neb.; Mrs. Lenora Cook, Elmwood, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cook, Alva.

UNION ITEMS

By Journal Field Representative

The funeral of Lt. James Crunk was held at the Baptist church Tuesday. Lt. Crunk was killed when his plane crashed in Washington last week. The services were conducted by a chaplain from the Lincoln Air Base. An honor guard, bugler and color bearers also came from Lincoln. The Union American Legion post also assisted. Interment was at the East Union cemetery.

Word has been received from Art Mead, fighting with the American forces in Italy, that he is safe and feeling good. He was among the first American troops to enter Rome. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Mead. Another son, George, is serving with the U. S. Navy.

1st Lt. Iola McQuinn of the Army Nurses Corps is spending a furlough with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McQuinn of Union A/S Art McQuinn is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McQuinn.

A/S Marshall Everett is spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Everett.

Misses Alyce and Ellen Christensen, who are attending the University of Omaha, spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Christensen.

Busy Little Cooks

Our cooking club met at Bonnie Topfiff's home, June 14.

All members were present. Bonnie Topfiff and BeNe Cundall gave a demonstration of a custard. We had a talk about foods, too. For the next meeting we are to make a Puffy Omelet and other things, too.

Our next meeting is to be held at Naomi Roloff's home, June 23.

Refreshments were served.

News Reporter, Joy Hild

Entertains For Guest

Monday afternoon Elizabeth Perry, entertained at her home a number of young friends in honor of her cousin, Virginia Lee Perry of Harlingen, Texas. The young people spent the time in enjoying musical numbers and visiting. Mrs. Virgil Perry, mother of Elizabeth, served a much enjoyed luncheon at an appropriate hour.

Home On Sad Mission

Wilbur Eaton, well known member of the high school athletic teams of the past year now an apprentice seaman at the Great Lakes training station, is home for a brief visit with his parents, Captain and Mrs. W. S. Eaton. He was called home by the death of his grandfather, H. W. Eaton, superintendent of the Douglas county schools, whose funeral was held on Monday at Omaha.

Not Feeling Well

Mrs. H. A. Schneider has for the past week been suffering from what seems to be an attack of the flu and has been confined to the home for a great deal of the time.

Have Many Guests

The luncheon of the Rotary club was featured by a great many guests who were in the city and guests of the members of the club.

Talks were given by Rev. T. Porter Bennett, of the First Methodist church, and Lieutenant Service, of the Woman's Army Corps.

Guests of the club included: George Adam, Chicago, V-12 trainee; Midshipman Allan White, U. S. Naval academy, Cadet Corbin Davis, U. S. military academy, Fred G. Dawson, of Detroit and representatives of the W.A.C.

Guests At Hiatt Home

Mrs. F. A. Russell and daughter, Lada Rae of Williston, North Dakota are guests at the L. D. Hiatt home. Mrs. Russell will be remembered as Genevieve Goodman a former resident. They are also visiting in Omaha with a brother Charles Goodman and family.

Visits In City

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Manasek of Omaha with their little daughter, Beverly Jean, were in the city Sunday to spend a few hours at the home of Mrs. R. A. Bates, aunt of Mrs. Manasek.

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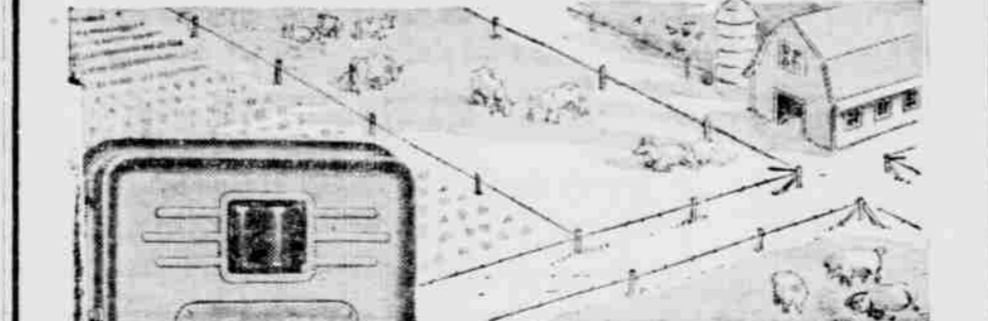
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Guests at Buttery Home

The home of Mrs. M. E. Buttery was the scene of a very pleasant family gathering on Sunday. The relatives coming in to enjoy a visit with Mrs. Buttery. Those forming the party were Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Buttery, Billy and Betty, of Sioux City, Iowa, Mrs. Maxine Gavron of Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Buttery of Omaha, Mrs. C. W. Foster of Glendale, California, mother of Mrs. Ernest Buttery, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Younker, Marilyn and Ralph of Union.

District Court Notes

In the session of the district court Saturday a number of orders were entered by the court.

In the case of Both Barnes Gregg vs Harold Richards, order was entered by Judge Arthur Thomsen, of Omaha, confirming report of referee and division of the shares of the parties.

In the Village of Louisville, a municipal corporation, vs Harry E. Stevens, trustee, confirmation of sale was ordered by Judge W. A. Robertson.

In the case of Joseph M. Sedlak vs Ferdinand Duda, judgment on the mandate of the supreme court was entered. It was ordered by the court that the mortgage held by the defendant Duda on lots 20, 21, 22, Block 4, Duke's addition to the city of Plattsmouth, stand cancelled and that all cloud be removed from the property in favor of the plaintiff, Joseph M. Sedlak. It was ordered that the property in question be turned over to the plaintiff in a period of twenty days. Judgment in favor of the plaintiff was also entered in the sum of \$1,541.

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