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OLIVER SCHIBER DISTRICT COMMANDER AMERICAN LEGION

Union War Veteran Is Named to Head the 12th District for the Coming Two Years

The twelfth district convention of the department of Nebraska, American Legion, met Wednesday at Plattsmouth...

The convention was presided over by Varro Tyler, retiring commander, with a fine program of talks by the various state officers including Reed O'Hanlon, new state commander and Mrs. Gladys Plantenberg, president of the state Auxiliary...

The convention adopted resolutions asking the legislature to increase the state aid fund for veterans from two million to eight million dollars to care for the veterans of world war II as well as I.

The convention elected as the new commander, Oliver Schiber, of Union, one of the well known veterans of the well known veterans of the of the east portion of Nebraska. The new commander is a member of the Union post of the American Legion that he has helped to organize, and is also a former Cass county commander. Mr. Schiber is a member of the Cass County Voiture of the 40 et 8 of this city.

Other officers named were: Vice-Commander—Edward Munson, Lincoln

Chaplain—Rev. E. C. McFadden, Syracuse

Sergeant at Arms—Kurt Meyer, Seward

The 1945 district convention will be held at Plattsmouth.

There were fifteen of the local Legion members at the convention.

Funeral of John Lutz

The St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church was filled Friday afternoon with the old friends of John Lutz who came to pay their last tributes to his memory.

Rev. E. J. Moritz gave the sermon filled with comforting thought and paid tribute to the long and useful life of Mr. Lutz in the community where he had come as a young man and rose to civic leadership.

During the services Mrs. Louise Klinger and Mrs. Ray Herring gave three of the favorite hymns, "Saved by Grace", "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "Peace, Wonderful Peace". Mrs. Frank Bierl served as the accompanist.

The interment was at the Oak Hill cemetery and the pall bearers were old friends and associates comprising C. A. Johnson, Mayor R. B. Hayes, William Kief, E. G. Ofe, B. G. Wurl and M. D. Brown.

Police Court Notes

Wednesday afternoon Charles Allen, Jr., and Robert Hershey of Nebraska City, were arraigned in the police court before Judge C. L. Graves on the charge of disturbing the peace by fighting. The men were arrested by Chief of Police Noah Parker. On hearing the facts in the case Judge Graves assessed a fine of \$1 and costs.

This morning before Judge Graves Fred He'll was charged with intoxication and received a fine of \$10 and costs that were settled and the defendant released.

Expected Home Soon

Mrs. Carl Ulrich, who has been at Omaha at the St. Catherine's hospital, is expected home Saturday. She has recovered nicely from the recent operation and the family are looking forward to the return of the wife and mother at the week end.

Visits in City

Mrs. J. A. Stewart and Miss Dorothy Stewart of Brandon, Nebraska were overnight guests of their son and brother Coach Merle Stewart and Mrs. Stewart. They are enroute to Kentucky.

Session of District Court

Judge Thomas E. Dunbar, of Nebraska City, was here Thursday for a short session of the district court and took up a number of matters that were pending.

In the case of Albert E. Tyler vs. Dorothy Lu Tyler, motion of plaintiff for reduction of payment of child support from \$100 to \$50 a month approved.

Decree was entered in the case of Fred Pitner Forbes and Flora Devonne Forbes vs. Harry E. Alexander, confirming title of plaintiffs to certain real estate.

Judge Dunbar entered an order setting date for hearing the case of Albert Godwin, administrator, vs. Joe Lapidus, et al, also the case of H. A. Schneider, trustee vs. Joe Lapidus, et al. The cases were set for hearing on October 31st.

To Enjoy Outing

Mrs. George Hall and her sister, Mrs. I. N. White, of Omaha, departed last night for Washington, D.C. and New York City.

While in Washington they will be guests at the home of Lieutenant and Mrs. William D. White and will visit the many places of interest in the capitol city. They plan to be away for two weeks and on returning home they will stay in Chicago for a few days.

Blue Birds

We met at the library Wednesday after school. Took care of the business then we sang songs and played games. We decided to take a hike Friday evening. Scribe Jamie Yardley.

Reported Resting Easy

Lee Nickles of this city, operated on Wednesday morning at the Immanuel hospital at Omaha, is reported as coming through the operation in excellent shape. It is hoped that he will be definitely better in a few days and soon be able to return home.

Here from Iowa

Mrs. Lois Neuzil and son, Jack, of Manly, Iowa, arrived here Wednesday to visit here with Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Bestor, parents of Mrs. Neuzil as well as the relatives and friends. Mr. Neuzil is the principal and coach of the Manly school.

Undergoes Operation

Miss Bertha Nickles of Murray, was operated on this morning at the Immanuel hospital at Omaha, the operation being of a serious nature.

Lee Nickles a cousin of Miss Nickles, is also at the Immanuel hospital and is doing fine reports received from the hospital states.

Visit in the City

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Riester and son, Frank and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Puls of near Manly were in the city today to attend to some matters of business at the court house.

To Attend Funeral

Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. King, of St. Louis, arrived this morning to attend the funeral services for John Lutz, father of Mrs. King, held this afternoon at the St. Paul's church. Mrs. King was here a week ago to visit the father before his condition became so critical.

Home from Hospital

Mrs. George Swain, who has been at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha recovering from a recent operation has so far recovered that she was able to be brought home this morning. The many friends of Mrs. Swain will be pleased to learn of her return and trust she may soon be able to resume her usual activities.

Discuss Old Buildings

The Cass County Historical society met Wednesday noon at the Hotel Plattsmouth for their monthly meeting and to enjoy an excellent program that had been prepared.

The subject of the meeting was largely that of old and historic buildings of the county and was under the guidance of George L. Farley, native son of Cass county, familiar with many of the historic spots of the county, especially with the schools as he was formerly county superintendent and these were touched upon by Mr. Farley as a part of the history of the county.

J. H. Graves, local mail carrier also added a very interesting talk to the program on the pioneer homes and buildings of the community.

Oliver C. Dovey, member of one of the pioneer families, coming here in 1863, gave the members of the group many interesting facts as to the homes of the early day residents.

Lt. Maxine Cloldt of the WAVES was present and conducted a short question box which was enjoyed by the membership as they brought out many very interesting facts as to the WAVES.

The members voted to make the dues of the society \$1 a year instead of 25c as formerly.

A program committee was named to plan for future activities and Mrs. E. H. Wescott, chairman, Miss Minnie Guthman and George L. Farley.

Legion Auxiliary Meeting Held At Nebraska City

Delegation of Local Ladies Present to Enjoy Program — Mrs. Vesta Thomas Presides

The twenty-third annual district convention of the American Legion Auxiliary was held at Nebraska City on Wednesday.

Mrs. Vesta Thomas district president presided, and brought a touch of home to the Plattsmouth delegation as Mrs. Thomas is a past unit president here as well as at Nebraska City. The locals member had a very pleasant visit with Mrs. Thomas and the members of the Nebraska City unit. Mrs. Thomas is to continue over the coming year.

Speakers at the convention included Mrs. Gladys Plantenberg, department president, Mrs. Genie McGlasson, department habilitation chairman and Miss Emily Gould, department secretary.

The Plattsmouth unit was honored by the presentation of the gavel awarded for the unit that has the largest membership over the quota for the year. The local unit now has 93 paid up members.

A very fine banquet was served the ladies of the Auxiliary at the Bethel Lutheran church and quite largely attended.

These from the local unit attending were Mrs. Gladys Glaze, unit president, Mrs. Margaret Langer, Mrs. Dorothy Janacek, Mrs. Viola Fitch and Mrs. Martha Cuthrell.

Dies in Omaha

Word was received today by W. R. Holly, of the sudden death Thursday afternoon of an uncle, Frank Holly, 71, at his home 2102 Curtis Ave., Omaha. The message did not state the cause of the death.

Mr. Holly was well known in this city as he was a visitor here a great many times during the years that his brother, William Holly, was a resident of Plattsmouth.

The deceased is survived by the wife, Mary; sons, Frank J. George and Arthur; brothers, William, of Omaha; eight grandchildren.

Feeling Much Improved

Mrs. Robert Pankonin, patient at the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha, is reported as doing very nicely. She is under observation and treatment for a skin irritation that has proved quite painful. When improved sufficiently she is expecting to return to this city to the home of her mother, Mrs. A. R. Case.

Honor Old Veteran

The chapel of the Sattler funeral home at 4th and Vine street was filled this afternoon by a large number of the old friends to pay their last tributes to the memory of William C. Tippens.

There was a very large representation of the veteran employees of the Burlington, long associated with Mr. Tippens in his work in the shops, many of them associates for years of the departed.

The services at the home was conducted by Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of which Mr. and Mrs. Tippens had been members.

During the services Frank A. Cloldt gave two numbers, "Sweet Peace the Gift of God's Love" and "Face to Face," Mrs. Russell Reeder being the accompanist.

The Masonic service was conducted by W. F. Evers as master, assisted by the officers of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M.

The interment was at the Oak Hill cemetery beside the wife of the departed. The pall bearers were old time friends of the departed Mayor Robert B. Hayes, Henry J. Donat, Ivan Taylor, Earl Meisinger, E. S. Tutt, L. D. Hiatt.

Holy Name Wins Hard Fought Game By 12 To 6

Omaha Attacks Spearhead By McGill Fleet Footed Back While Joe Gradoville Shines for Locals

By J. J. Coffee (Ulrich)

In a game that featured sustained drives and long runs, Holy Name of Omaha slipped past the local Blue Devils by the score of 12 to 6. This was a game well worth watching, it contained everything with Holy Name's speed and trickery deciding the issue over Plattsmouth's vaunted power.

A large amount of credit for the Blue Devil's showing is due to Joe Gradoville, Plattsmouth right half back. His punting was terrific, one going for fifty-eight yards, he intercepted a pass in the shadow of his own goal, he snagged a pair of passes from Wolover's left arm and on Plattsmouth's scoring drive he pushed up the majority of the yardage.

The first quarter was scoreless with the Blue Devils using Gradoville's punting as their major weapon.

Holy Name threatened early in the second canto when Murphy, Holy Name tackle, blocked Gradoville's kick, Elisworth recovering for Holy Name on the Plattsmouth seventeen. One the succeeding play Gradoville intercepted Delaney's pass intended for Tom Gates, on the Plattsmouth three and returned it to the seventeen.

After an exchange of punts Holy Name drove down the field, sending Bergin over for the marker. Delaney's attempted conversion was blocked by Beverage.

The score at the intermission was 6 to 0 for the visitors.

In the third quarter Plattsmouth drove back sixty-seven yards with Duane Sack mixing up the plays beautifully. Gradoville savagely smashing the line reached the visitors twenty-seven yard line where the attack temporarily bogged down but on the fourth down Gradoville fired to Tritsch out in the flat and he carried the ball all of the way to the visitors sixteen. After several plays Ray Beverage carried the ball through center for the Blue Devils counter. Gradoville's attempted placement hit the goal post, then bounced away.

Holy Name came right back and took the lead with an eighty yard drive featured by Joe McGill thirty-two yard run for a touchdown. Delaney's pass for the extra point was not good.

Plattsmouth then started to drive back, going to the Holy Name four yard line where a mixup in signals caused a fumble and Jeddicka recovered for the Omaha crew. This play cost Plattsmouth the game. It was the break of the game to give

Death Of William R. Haffke In Omaha Thursday

Former Resident of This City Dies of a Cerebral Hemorrhage at the Family Home

The death of William R. Haffke, 55, former resident of Plattsmouth, occurred suddenly on Thursday at the family home, 3404 South 13th street, Omaha, just as Mr. Haffke was preparing to leave home shortly before noon to his work. He was stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage and died almost instantly.

Mr. Haffke was born in this city and spent his earlier years here where he was engaged for some fourteen years with the Burlington railroad in the local shops, leaving here in 1923 for Omaha where he has resided.

There is surviving his death the widow, and one son, Floyd, of Omaha, the aged father, C. W. Haffke, one brother, Fred Haffke and one sister, Mrs. Harry Wilson all of this city.

The deceased was a veteran of the first world war.

Graduates as Nurse

On April 28, 1944, at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Denver, Colorado, occurred the joint graduation exercises of the three Catholic Schools of Nursing of Denver: St. Anthony's, St. Joseph's and Mercy.

Among the eighteen graduates of St. Anthony's Hospital school of Nursing was Mrs. Kenneth W. Anderson, the former Miss Elizabeth Anne Ruffner, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Ruffner of this city. Mrs. Anderson has completed her three year training and has been deemed eligible to take the State Board examination in the state of Colorado. Along with the training at her home hospital she had three months affiliation at Children's Hospital and six weeks affiliation at Ave Maria Out-Patient Clinic, both of Denver.

Mrs. Anderson received her elementary education at Eight Mile Grove school and St. John's Parochial school of this city. She attended high school at St. Bonaventure's high of Columbus, Nebraska, and Plattsmouth high, graduating from the local school in the class of 1940. She entered St. Anthony's Hospital School of Nursing in Sept. 1941.

Her husband, Cpl. Kenneth W. Anderson is with the United States Air force in India.

Reported Improving

Reports from the hospital in Omaha are to the effect that Kay Frances, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis McConaha, of this city, is getting along in fine shape. She was operated on Saturday.

Visiting With Mother

Mr. and Mrs. James Dew of Oakland, California, arrived last evening from the west coast and will visit here with Mrs. Nellie Dew, mother of James and also at Council Bluffs with Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Dew and family before returning to the west.

Is Recovering Nicely

The reports from the Doctor's hospital in Omaha are to the effect that Walter Weisse of this city is recovering very well from the effects of illness and the operation he underwent a week ago. His improvement has been very pleasing to the members of the family.

Omaha the victory.

Table with 3 columns: Player Name, Position, and Team/Status. Includes names like Eaton, Howland, Conis, Krejci, Kavakish, Sack, Livingston, Cole, Wolover, Gradoville, Beverage.

Has Close Call

Emil Koukal, well known farmer of near this city, had a very close call from serious injury Wednesday afternoon, while he was engaged in cutting sweet clover. He was operating a tractor on some uneven land and the machine suddenly tipped over and before Mr. Koukal could leap he was caught under the machine. Norman Renner, who was also assisting in the work, was able to extricate Mr. Koukal who escaped perhaps fatal injuries by mere inches.

Medical aid was called and an examination disclosed no broken bones but Mr. Koukal was quite severely bruised.

Church Groups Merger

Last evening the members of the Philaetha and a part of the men's adult Bible class of the First Methodist church, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Perry.

There were twenty-five of the members present and the meeting of the Philaetha class was opened by Mrs. G. O. Schwenneker, president. C. C. Wescott was elected as the teacher for the coming year.

The meeting was for the purpose of the merging of the two classes of the church and Sunday school into a larger adult group that will be known as the United Adult Class in the future. The officers named for the group comprised:

President, Miss Margaret Mapes. Vice-Pres., H. B. Perry. Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. H. B. Perry.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. L. Propst.

Following the business session of the class the members of the group enjoyed games for a short time and the evening was closed by the serving of refreshments.

Here for Funeral

Peter Herold, of Omaha, old time baseball player of this city, was here Friday to attend the funeral of his uncle, John Lutz, and while here to meet a few of the old time friends.

Mr. Herold states that both of his sons are now overseas, Richard being in the army and is now stationed in one of the islands of the South Pacific where he has been for the past several months. Lieutenant Poissall (Bud) Herold is in the land of mystery, India, where he has charge of a large quartermaster detachment that is engaged in handling supplies to the allied troops in the difficult fighting area. Both of the boys in writing home tell of the excessive dampness of the climate, as torrential rains are a part of that section of the world.

Iyopta Campfire

Tuesday the Iyopta campfire group had their meeting at the home of their guardian, Mrs. Glen Jones. We went on a nature hike to the small park on Third street.

October 10th we had a dinner to pass our rank. Mrs. Ted Akeson and Mrs. E. H. Bernhardt were guests of honor. They were entertained at the home of Mrs. Glen Jones.

Mrs. Jones is going to give a Halloween party for the Iyopta and Netab groups. Scribe Kathleen Feldhouser

The Campfire Group

The Ohlhi group went on a picnic Tuesday, Oct. 17, 1944 up by the stand pipe and had a very nice time. Next time we will meet at Marlene Alban's house and have a Halloween party.

Treasurer: Mary Burdie Guardian: Miss LaSuer

Friends Have Outing

Dean and Mrs. Thompson of the University of Nebraska, are to be guests in the city Sunday, visiting with Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Knorr, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cloldt and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Starkjohn. All three Gate families have summer homes at Henning, Minnesota, and have many pleasant times there each year. The group is planning a steak fry at the Starkjohn farm Sunday.

Burlington Leader Addresses Local Chamber Commerce

Val Kuska, Agricultural Development Agent, Tells of Needs of State For the Future

The regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Thursday at the Hotel Plattsmouth had as the guest speaker of the occasion, Val Kuska, of the Burlington railroad, veteran agricultural development agent, who discussed the needs of the state and presented a clear picture of what might be done in the way of relief of the conditions.

L. A. Caldwell, president of the Chamber of Commerce, presided. Mr. Kuska's remarks in part were:

"The Missouri River Basin is comprised of Northern Kansas, Northern Colorado, most of Wyoming, Montana and North Dakota, all of South Dakota and Nebraska, part of Minnesota, Iowa and Missouri. Therefore Nebraska, being entirely within the basin, is vitally concerned in any plans for future development of the Basin, as regards agriculture, industry or commerce.

"Soil and climate of the Missouri River Basin generally are favorable to agriculture, except that precipitation is a limiting factor. Undoubtedly, the low crop value of \$7.56 per acre is one reason for the loss of 200,000 population in the Basin during 1930-1940.

"Despite inadequate rainfall, the Basin has abundant water resources in its streams and underground flow. Some of that water has already been put to beneficial use on 5 million acres. Present plans for development in the Basin will add 4 1/2 to 5 million acres more for irrigation, which should raise production levels create 50,000 new farm homes, bring 500,000 more people to the cities in the basin, and increase property valuations by \$500,000,000.

"In Nebraska, only one million acres are now irrigated but, under proposals pending, an additional one and one-half million acres can be irrigated by gravity flow or pump installations by utilizing some of the 6,802,000 acre-feet of water poured out of the state every year by Nebraska streams, as well as ground water supplies.

"All the proposed projects are in settled communities, requiring a minimum of strategic materials, labor and time to build. If authorized and constructed, they can contribute materially to the production of essential war foods. Then, in the postwar shift to peacetime occupations, these irrigated areas will provide productive lands for returning servicemen and war-wor'ers.

"Irrigation development makes intensive agriculture possible and provides stability in production in areas of low rainfall where otherwise it would not be possible.

"The benefits most directly affecting agriculture are, FIRST, increased population, which means a larger market for processed goods. While Nebraska has 45 percent population during 1930-1940, Scotts Bluff county with about one-half its cropped acreage under irrigation, gained 18 percent.

"Second, stabilized and increased crop production. Irrigation doubles and triples yields of many crops and maintains them at those levels. Assured and adequate feed supplies make possible a THIRD benefit—stabilized and expanded livestock production and feeding. Irrigated land supports 6 and one-half times as many animals units as non-irrigated grazing land can maintain.

"If Nebraska's potential irrigation projects had been in operation during the drought in 1934, there would have been sufficient feed in the state to make unnecessary the disposal of 496,526 head of cattle on 39,495 farms.

"The Sand Hill region is one of the best cattle producing areas in the country but, until irrigation assures grain and feed supplies in surrounding counties, most of the cattle raised in the sand hills will continue to be fattened in eastern feed lots and Nebraska feeders and processors will get only a small share