

Past Master Night at the Masonic Lodge

Tuesday evening Plattsmouth lodge No. 6 of the A. F. & A. M. held their annual observance of Past Master night, one of the big events of the year in local Masonic circles and drawing a very large number of the membership out and many visitors from lodges in the immediate vicinity.

The banquet honored Charles M. Mead, of Murray, 52nd master of the lodge since its creation and installation in 1856. Edmund A. Donelan, pioneer of Nebraska territory, was the first master of No. 6 and Mr. Mead, ninety years later in 1943 served the lodge in that capacity.

The dinner had been arranged by the committee of the members of the lodge headed by Ralph Wehrlein and Elmer Tritsch and was served by the members of the committee. It was very much enjoyed and showed the skill of the men in arranging and preparing as well as serving. The menu was as follows:

- Grapefruit Juice
- Combination Salad
- Baked Ham
- Mashed Potatoes
- String Beans
- Parkerhouse Rolls
- Cranberry Jelly
- Apple Pie Deluxe
- Coffee

Following the dinner the program of the evening was presided over by James F. Begley, well known local attorney, whose father, the late Judge James T. Begley, had been master of the lodge in 1921-22. Mr. Begley made a most pleasing toastmaster.

The invocation was offered by Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, long an active figure in the local lodge.

The address of welcome to the members of the lodge, past masters, grand lodge officers, and visiting Masons was given by Stephen M. Davis, as Verner A. Meisinger, the present master, was unable to act owing to a recent illness.

The response to the welcome was given by J. Howard Davis, on behalf of the past masters. Mr. Davis was master in 1943.

The Murray-Meisinger quartet composed of Olin Morris, James Comstock, Dale Womhardt and (continued on page eight)

James Howland Injured Near Weeping Water

James P. Howland, of Weeping Water is at the Lincoln General hospital at Lincoln as the result of a severe accident that he sustained Monday at the Chris Hansen farm, three miles east of Weeping Water.

Mr. Howland, trouble shooter for the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company, was making repairs on the line at the Hansen place while the family were absent from home. Eugene Allen, employed by the Hansen's, returned from the field to get a drink of water and discovered Mr. Howland lying on the ground at the foot of a pole.

The pole had broken while he was working on it and he was hurled to the ground where he was found, suffering hip and foot injuries and also apparent head injuries and possible internal injury. He was taken to Weeping Water to the office of Dr. Kunkel and later taken on into Lincoln for hospitalization.

Mrs. Howland accompanied her husband to the hospital.

Knights Templar to Stage Banquet

The members of Mt. Zion commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, of this city, are planning their annual dinner for Wednesday, May 4th at 6:30 at the Masonic building. The ladies of the Sir Knights will be guests as well as a large number of visiting grand commandery officers.

This will be one of the big events of the year in the social activities of the commandery and the committee in charge is planning on making this a memorable occasion for the Knights and ladies.

Jap Field Piece Will Decorate Court Lawn

Work was started on Tuesday to prepare the foundation for the Japanese 175 MM field piece that was donated by the war department of the U. S. to the Hugh J. Kearns post No. 56 of the American Legion.

The artillery piece is to be located on the lawn at the south front of the Cass county court house, located on the spot where for a great many years a large cannon of civil war days occupied a place of honor. The old cannon was grabbed up early in the second world war for scrap iron for munition making purposes.

The new Jap field piece comes mounted on the carriage and this will be sunk together with the wheels in a concrete base and bolted in for security.

The artillery piece arrived several months ago and has been kept in storage until the Legion was prepared to go ahead with the plans for having it installed.

The new artillery piece is one of the type largely used in the late war by the Japs, no doubt has often been used in firing on the American forces in their invasion of the war empire of the Japs. To those who did not serve in the orient in the war, the piece will be a interesting study of the last war and its weapons, but to those who had service over in the islands and Japan the piece will be rather commonplace.

One old world war I veteran when looking over the gun remarked "it does not look as dangerous as the Greenwood post cannon, that was here in the twenties to be used in a parade."

Ray Wysel Attends Studebaker Meeting

Ray Wysel, the rustling and progressive local agent of the Studebaker automobile company is back east where he was called on Sunday.

He is spending the week there at the Studebaker school for sales and service and also the general meeting for Studebaker dealers and distributors.

Mr. Wysel will have the pleasure of meeting dealers from all parts of the country, looking over the gigantic plant that produces this popular make of car that the local man has been very successful in handling. On his return he will be able to give the patrons the benefits of his course of training.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Switzer of Nehawka were county seat visitors Friday afternoon.

NEBRASKA WOMAN WINS NATIONAL POULTRY AWARD

Doris Bockelman, Pierce, Nebraska, receiving Master Poultry Raiser trophy from Roscoe Hill, Lincoln hatcheryman, after winning first place in the nationwide Hy-Line Farm Flock Laying Contest. Under Miss Bockelman's good management her 121 Hy-Line layers shelled out 32,774 eggs in 12 months to make an average of 270.9 eggs per bird. Second place went to Mrs. Coy Gilbert, Mio, Iowa, whose hens averaged 270.6 eggs. Poultry raisers from nine states vied for the national honor. A similar contest is now in progress in which more than 1300 farm flocks in 20 states have been entered.

Charles Walden of the Plattsmouth Creamery, local distributors for the Hy-Line Chicks in this area, reports that to this date they have delivered and booked nearly three times the number of Hy-Line Chicks as in any previous year, and with a late season just getting underway. Mr. Walden stated that here in Cass County are numerous farm flocks that surpass the 200 egg per year mark.



KING OF THE CATS... Flash (that's his name), grand old man of the cat world, poses grandly alongside his birthday cake, proud of attaining his 24th birthday anniversary. Owned by Mrs. Lena Ellgan of Chicago, Flash is something of a Methuselah in the animal kingdom, the average life span of a cat being around 12 years, and he has eight more lives to live!

Senator Metzger to Talk to the C of C Tonight

This evening at the main dining room of the Rainey coffee shop at 6:30 Senator William A. Metzger will be a guest of honor and discuss with the members of the Chamber of Commerce many of the facts regarding the legislation before the present unicameral body.

Senator Metzger with the benefit of several terms experience in the legislature, is able to give the membership a very clear insight into the workings of the body and the importance of much of the legislation that they will be called upon to consider in the remainder of the session.

Some of the large items of "must" legislation is yet to be passed upon and it will be a very fine opportunity for the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce to gain some valuable information from the viewpoint of an experienced legislator.

Senator Metzger is making the trip here to give his opinion and facts as he may have learned them in the days of the present session and as well to gain from the local membership their views of pending legislation.

In addition to the tax measures that are still to be faced there is also the highly contested matter of the rights of the state normal schools to grant B A degrees to their students that may wish to attend these schools, as well as others that involve the state highway program and operation of this important part of the state program.

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Funeral Service for Edward Jay Boedeker Held

As the new day was dawning in the early morning hours of last Friday, one of our beloved citizens was called from this earthly tabernacle to the land of eternal rest.

Edward Jay Boedeker, the son of sturdy pioneer, Christian parents Adolph and Matilda Boedeker was born in Cass county, Nebraska, about one mile north of Murray on May 28th, 1879, and departed this life April 15, 1949, at the age of fifty-nine years, ten months and seventeen days. When Edward was about one year old, his parents with him and his elder brother, Frank, moved to what has long been known as the Ad Boedeker farm southwest of Murray, where "Ed" as he was affectionately known, grew to manhood. Here he attended the public schools and aided his parents and brothers in the labor and duties so essential and common to farm life at the turn of the century.

Death of Rita Libershal Early Tuesday

The calling of Miss Rita Libershal, 31, to the last rest early Tuesday morning brought a profound shock to the hundreds of friends in this city where she has lived her lifetime.

She was born in Plattsmouth, April 16, 1918, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Libershal, and grew up in this community, where she was graduated from the local high school in the class of 1936. Since leaving school she has been a very active figure in the community, as she was engaged for a number of years in the office of the Plattsmouth Water company as clerk and in the past few years has been engaged in a clerical capacity at the office of the Cass County Welfare department, remaining there until her failing health made necessary her leaving the post. She has in recent months been largely confined to her home by the illness.

There is surviving her passing, the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Libershal, two sisters, Mrs. Joe Noble, Downer's Grove, Illinois, and Patricia of this city. Also surviving is a niece and the aged grandmother, Mrs. John Libershal, Sr., aged 95.

The funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 9 a. m. at the St. John's Catholic church and the burial at the Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Visiting hours at the Sattler funeral home will be Friday from 7 to 8 p. m. and recitation of the Rosary at 8 o'clock, at the funeral home.

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International to Stage Demonstration

The Stiles Implement Co., of Plattsmouth and Union, are sponsoring a demonstration on Friday from 11 a. m. to 7 p. m. at the Ackley farm, a quarter of a mile north of the Union corner on highway No. 75.

The demonstration will give the public the opportunity of seeing some of the latest and most up to the minute farm machinery produced by the International Harvester Company.

The Farmall "C" Tractor will be featured in the demonstration that will also include mounted plow, pull type plow, lister cultivators and disc harrows. Everyone interested in the latest farm machinery are invited to attend.

PHS Wins from Louisville, Score 7 to 2

The PHS Bluedevils literally stole a baseball game Tuesday from Louisville High School. Coach York's baseballers brought the game out of the fire by stealing 10 bases and collecting nine well timed hits.

Good infield play coupled with the excellent mound work of Merle Dasher netted the Bluedevils a 7-2 win. Dasher allowed five hits and whiffed 11.

Captain Robbin Nerste and Dasher were the powers at the plate along with a well hit triple by Bill White early in the game.

R. Brown of Louisville had things well in hand up to the fatal sixth. He was pitching four hit ball and had sent 14 Bluedevils back to the dug out via the three strike route before his arm gave way and Weener replaced him for the rest of the game.

Louisville had a 2-0 lead at the last of the fourth with equal distribution of hits at the plate. Also the Louisville boys weren't quite as ragged in the error department, having only one error for the seven innings matched with six for PHS.

It is the hope of Coach York and the American Legion Manager Russ Nielsen that the Bluedevils will get enough experience during the school baseball season to have a red-hot Legion ball team for the summer program under Nielsen's tutelage.

Judge Graves Has Busy Court Session

Judge C. L. Graves has had a busy time in the municipal court the past few days with a run of traffic law violators that have left the treasury richer by several dollars.

George W. Spoker, arrested by Officer Hanes, posted a cash bond of \$7 that was forfeited in court. The charge against the defendant was that of speeding.

Donald Christman was charged with having improper license plates and gave a cash bond of \$10 that was forfeited in court.

Emil Heckman was charged with failing to stop at a stop sign and was given a fine of \$3 and costs for the offense.

Arthur L. Larson was arrested and charged with speeding and placed a \$6 cash bond that was forfeited in court.

Carl W. Norquist was taken in on a charge of reckless driving and his cash bond of \$10 was forfeited in court.

Court House Briefs

Petition was filed in the county court Wednesday by Mary Huntman, asking for the probate of the estate of her husband, Henry Huntman, deceased of near Avoca. The petition asks for the appointment of H. A. Crozier of Weeping Water as the administrator. The estate is estimated at real estate of the value of \$207,000 and personal property of \$30,000.

Complaint was filed in the county court against LeVail Schnirl, charging him with disturbing the peace at Greenwood. A second count giving liquor to a minor was dismissed by County Attorney Walter H. Smith. Judge Peck after hearing the case imposed a fine of \$5 and costs on the defendant for disturbing the peace.

In the office of the clerk of the district court Wednesday petition was filed in the Mat-

Chicago Avenue Flood Basin Plans Near Completion

For the first time in this area Soil Conservation experts will have the opportunity of developing a flood control project in conjunction with a soil conservation program, according to plans announced this week by Atty. Paul E. Fauquet, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Flood Control Committee.

Working with committeemen E. J. Richey, Fred Lugsch, Hugh Stander and Ray Wissel, Mr. Fauquet reports that 75 per cent of the acreage in the Chicago Avenue Basin has been signed up. Comprising some 600 acres to the south of the Louisville road, this water shed, responsible for thousands of acre feet of water pouring down the avenue following heavy rains, will be brought under control.

Working in complete harmony with land owners in this area, the soil conservationists plan the construction of terraces extending through the averages from the Louisville Road to Highway 75 and beyond, with a complete disregard for fence lines. Possibly several small retainer dams will be constructed in the deep gullies in the area, with the complete project constructed in a manner that will not only be of great benefit to the lands involved, but is expected to control and retard run-off waters responsible for the serious flooding during the spring and summer months.

Tentative plans as of this date call for the initial dirt moving job to get underway on Thursday of next week. At this time it is expected that Dr. G. E. Condra, together with his group of technical assistants from the University of Nebraska will be here to supervise the starting of the project. In addition, Mr. Fauquet and his committee plan ground breaking ceremonies to include talks by prominent personages from state headquarters, together with heads of local organizations to commemorate this eventful occasion.

It is hoped a complete program will be ready for publication in Monday's Journal.

Chris Metzger Talks on Live-Stock Exchange

The Rotary club at the regular weekly luncheon on Tuesday had the unusual pleasure of hearing a discussion of the live stock business from one of the best informed men in this section of the state, Chris E. Metzger of Cedar Creek, long active in the live stock market at Omaha, and a former president of the live stock exchange.

Mr. Metzger took up in detail the functions of the activities of the Omaha live stock exchange and similar exchanges through the United States, through which the live stock transactions of the country is operated. The Omaha exchange is one of the largest in the nation and Mr. Metzger's work there had made him very conversant with the functions of the exchanges. He told many interesting experiences in the buying and selling of livestock and the activities of the many bureaus pertaining to the production, processing and delivery of meat to the consumers.

Attorney Richard Peck was the program chairman and presented Mr. Metzger to the members of the club.

President J. Howard Davis was the presiding officer and was greeted by one of the best attendances in several weeks, a matter that was most gratifying to him.

H. C. Yeager of Nebraska City was a guest of the club for the luncheon.

Friday Holiday in Plattsmouth

Friday will be Arbor day in Nebraska, the one holiday that this state has given to the nation, the birthday of J. Sterling Morton, whose message in early day was "Plant a Tree".

In honor of the holiday, the Plattsmouth State bank will be closed all day and the offices at the Cass county courthouse will also be closed and the officials and clerk have a day off.

Otherwise the day will be just Friday with all stores open and the shops and other industrial plants right on the job.

Use Journal Want Ads



FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT... The American Institute of Architects honored its most illustrious member, Frank Lloyd Wright, by awarding him its annual Gold Medal at a convention banquet in Houston, Tex. He is shown receiving the award from Douglas W. Orr (right) of New Haven, Conn., president of the institute.

Knights Templar Hold Conclave at Hastings

The 77th annual conclave of the Knights Templar of Nebraska opens today at Hastings and a very large number is expected to attend the meeting from all parts of the state.

John J. Wilson of Lincoln, grand commander, will preside over the conclave. The program will feature competitive full form openings and Knights Templar drills Thursday afternoon and the annual grand commandery banquet in the evening.

Arthur W. Melville, Broken Bow, grand commander, William F. Evers, Plattsmouth, grand generalissimo, Dr. George K. A. Leschinsky, Grand Island, grand captain general, Thomas D. Thomas, Columbus, grand senior warden, George O. Sizemore, North Platte, grand junior warden, Ruben E. Knight, Alliance, grand treasurer, Carl R. Greisen, Omaha, grand recorder, Rev. Frank E. Ploutz, Lincoln, grand prelate, Charles O. Showalter, Omaha, grand standard bearer, Guy L. Raber, Scottsbluffs, grand sword bearer, John G. Morris, McCook, grand warden.

A. G. Reid Reported as Being Improved

William Atchison, Jr., of Elmwood was in the city Tuesday to look after some matters of business and while in the city called at the court house to visit with a number of the old friends.

Mr. Atchison states that A. G. Reid, prominent resident of the west part of Cass county, a former county commissioner, is showing improvement in health. He has been at the Mayo clinic at Rochester, Minnesota, and while there underwent surgery, his response has been very good. It is hoped he may soon be able to return to Elmwood. The failing health of Mr. Reid was primarily responsible for his resignation from the position of county commissioner.

Art Troop Returning from the Hospital

Arthur Troop, prominent local farmer and Rotarian, who has been at the St. Mary's hospital at Nebraska City for the past several weeks, has so much improved that he is expected home today (Thursday) and will recuperate at the farm home south of Plattsmouth.

WILL OPERATE DELIVERY

Robert Long, who has been engaged with the Griffin taxi line, is now starting to operate a delivery system in this city and will look after the deliveries from the various stores. He is well acquainted with the city and should make a most efficient man in this line of service.

BAPTIZED SUNDAY

Mrs. Marguerite Cowart celebrated her birthday Sunday by being baptized and confirmed at the St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church by Rev. E. J. Moritz, her daughter, Luella, was also baptized.

TO UNDERGO OPERATION

Mrs. Frank Strough, of this city, who has not been in the best of health for sometime was taken Wednesday to Omaha where she entered the Methodist hospital. Mrs. Strough will spend sometime in being treated and will then undergo an operation.

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