

Girardot Named Head Chamber Of Commerce

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ing. The lack of such a building has been keenly felt in the past year, preventing many county and state activities from being held here, such as the Future Farmers of America program and exhibit, that was prevented from showing owing to the lack of proper space. Mr. Furse stated the committee in charge of the preliminary work on the auditorium had been studying the proposition and would have adequate plans and figures to submit to residents of this community in regard to the building and its cost. He urged that this auditorium movement be continued to a successful finish in 1950.

marks of Mr. Furse, on motion by E. H. Wescott, a rising vote of thanks was given the retiring president.

President C. C. Girardot, taking up the duties of his office, gave a short talk on the outlook of the year, expressing his appreciation of being selected as president, although it would require time from other activities, but it was the duty of everyone to give some time and services to community welfare. He trusted that every member of the Chamber of Commerce would get in and do their utmost to make 1950 an outstanding year. He stated he would appreciate any worthwhile suggestions or ideas that might be for the betterment of the Chamber of Commerce and Plattsmouth. He hoped to see the auditorium an accomplished fact to give the city and nearby community an adequate meeting place. In speaking of the annual football banquet, Mr. Girardot proposed that plans be started earlier, that the committee might have further time to work out their plans, to secure in addition to state coaches, a coach of national reputation, who might be brought here. Mr. Girardot praised the work of Dick Spangler in the agricultural line, stating that the Chamber of Commerce had need of many of the residents of the country district in the membership and he hoped that this might be realized in the coming campaign. President Girardot appointed as membership committee: Joe Knofke, Orville Nielsen and Harold Alkire, who will start at once on the campaign for membership.

A number of suggestions were offered by the membership at the urge of the new president, that included the matter of two, instead of one general meeting a month; a merger with the Ad Club and the creation of a retail division of the Chamber of Commerce; also that the matter of the formation of a Junior Chamber of Commerce be looked into. One of the suggestions interlocked with the summer band program, was that of having booster and good will trips over the county during the year, taking the band and entertainers and providing treats for the children in the communities.

The agricultural committee reported that the chief objective of the committee for the year was that of "Save the Soil" with an essay contest sponsored in co-operation with the Cass County Soil Conservation district. This project was first started in 1948 and this year there were 64 essays submitted. Cash awards were made to the five winners at the King Korn Carnival. The committee re-

ported that an invitation had been extended to the Cass County Extension Service to hold the 4-H Achievement Day here in 1950 if adequate facilities were available. Richard Spangler was the chairman.

The housing committee reported that they had from 300 to 350 applicants for houses or living quarters and had supplied all that were available as sleeping rooms or living apartments. E. H. Wescott was chairman.

The committee of street lighting and widening gave a very interesting report. Contact with most of the property owners on Main Street reveals that the majority are definitely interested in accepting the plan of Consumers Public Power District for the erection of a new electroliner system on Main street. However, installation of the system should await decision as to whether or not the street shall be widened.

The majority of property owners apparently favor widening of the street, but they are reluctant to indicate a definite favorable decision on this part of the program until a reliable estimate of cost can be obtained. The committee directed the secretary to make request of the city that such an estimate be obtained from the city engineer. The city council has acted favorably on the request. However, the survey has been delayed because of the larger paving projects completed during the summer months. This work will now be undertaken and your committee has the promise of a report in the early part of 1950.

It is recommended that this committee be continued as a standing committee during the coming year and that the program be given close attention and support. This improvement, if completed, will add greatly to a "face lifting" badly needed on Main Street. Clement Woster, Chairman.

The waterways committee of which T. H. Pollock is chairman, reported that a number of interesting meetings had been attended by members of the committee at Kansas City, St. Louis and Omaha to discuss the problems of Missouri river improvement and also of river transportation.

The soil conservation and flood control committee reported on the work that has been done in this section of Cass county, Judge Paul E. Fauquet being the chairman. Working in conjunction with the Soil Conservation Service and with the Cass County AAA committee, considerable work has been done upon farm lands in the Chicago Avenue flood basin. About seventy-five acres of land have actually been terraced and results observed.

During the month of April, a program was held upon the farm lands of Mr. H. A. Schneider at which time the actual construction of terraces had been started. Dr. G. E. Condra, Mr. E. G. Jones, and a number of other men on the state level of soil conservation were present and addressed a representative group of Plattsmouth business men.

The results of the small amount of work done were observed in June when it was quite generally observed that the flood waters on Chicago Avenue during the hard rain storm were reduced and our work was credited with the difference.

The committee feels that the development of the basin will be stalemated unless and until funds become available to assist both in the construction of structures and in the development of conservation practices upon the smaller and more rugged acreages. It is impossible to persuade the owners of very small or very rugged acreages to spend the necessary funds to engage in proper practices because the costs to them are out of proportion to their immediate foreseeable benefits. We feel therefore, that the property owners directly to be benefited by flood control should organize themselves into a political subdivision for that purpose and be thereby prepared to assess themselves the cost of the program. Your committee

is now engaged in raising funds for the expenses of such organization.

The council feels very strongly that this committee should be continued for another year. It appears that a flood control district will not be formed within the life of this committee. When such a district is formed, the committee will only be necessary for the purpose of maintaining a working relationship.

One of the reports of the greatest interest to the residents of the city was submitted by the committee on street marking. The committee reported that in August a drive was instituted to raise funds for marking the streets of the city. The city was divided into districts and two-men teams assigned to cover them. The chairman of this committee was Don J. Arundel, and the report submitted was as follows:

"Total proceeds of this drive amounted to \$574.00 and of this sum we have expended \$194.17 for street markers on Main Street, First Avenue and Avenue A; for house number supplied donors and freight. We have a balance of \$380.83 on hand which we will use to purchase additional street markers. Our thought is to mark the city's highways first and as many other main traveled streets as funds will permit. While the drive for funds met with limited success we will be able to make a reasonable showing of marked streets for our 1949 efforts. The City Council could probably complete the project with an appropriation of around \$400.00."

Called on Sad Mission to the East

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spangler of Murray were called to Dover, Illinois, Saturday by the sudden death of Mrs. Spangler's father, Clarence Myer. The Charles Spanglers had just returned from spending ten days with Mrs. Spangler's parents at Dover where a family reunion with Don Myer, her brother from Columbia, Missouri, was enjoyed. At that time the father was in perfect health apparently and the death message came as a very great shock.

Mrs. Charles Spangler has been a resident of the Murray vicinity a short time but has made many friends who will regret to learn of her sorrow.

Have Tonsils Removed

Monday, Donna and Sharon Larson, children of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Larson, of this city, underwent a tonsilectomy at Murray, the operation being performed by Dr. R. W. Tyson. The little girls were returned home Monday afternoon and are now feeling well over the effects of the operation.

FIVE IN FAMILY STRICKEN BY POLIO



Still alive and healthy, thanks to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, are the five children of Mrs. Sidney Brickley, Mountain Grove, Mo., who were all hit by polio. They are (beginning left, rear, reading counter-clockwise) Jenny Lee, 14; Gerald, 11; Donald, 7; Judy Ann, 9; and Libburn, 18.

THE "POINT" OF THE STORY behind Mrs. Sidney Brickley's five smiling children lies simply in the fact that they are today happy and healthy.

Only a few months ago, few readers would have recognized them, for these five children of a remote mountain hamlet were amongst the more than 40,000 persons in the United States who were struck down by the record infantile paralysis epidemic which swept the nation during the past 12 months.

The region about Mountain Grove, Mo., is both healthy and isolated, and largely due to these two factors modern medical facilities here are meager. But infantile paralysis is a respecter of neither

geography, climate nor social class. One after the other these robust children were stricken with this terrible disease. To the Brickley's, with the income of an average mountain family, the expenses connected with modern medical care and treatments were helplessly beyond their means—the thought was staggering.

Kind friends assisted them in contacting the local representatives of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, and this organization moved swiftly to assume a responsibility which was beyond the scope of these mountains. March of Dimes funds paving the way, the best and most modern treatment brought new health and new futures to the

children and ease of mind and gratitude to their parents.

"I am writing to thank you for what you did for my children," writes the mother from her cabin on the Missouri mountainside. "I just can't say enough for the foundation. I don't know what we would have done without help from it."

"It sure is a wonderful thing. My five children are well and walking again. I wish I could say enough words to express the feeling I have, but words just can't express it. If there is ever anything I can do to help the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, I would be only too glad to help. And I say again, many, many thanks for what has been done for our family."

Livestock Feeders In Annual Drive

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coln. Mr. Stratman is authorized by the county officers to solicit and collect their membership fees of \$5.00, and will soon be calling on farmers in the county. It is hoped by the county officers that Cass county farmers will receive Mr. Stratman in the same fine and cooperative manner that they have always received the local men.

Officers and directors of the Cass County Livestock Feeder's association are: Howard Phillips, Nehawka, president; Will Minford, Murray, vice-president; Chas. Boedeker, Murray, secretary-treasurer; Fritz Seimonit, Plattsmouth; Frank Hobscheidt, Union; Clyde Wenzel, Eagle.

Chas. Docherty to The Masonic Home

Charles Docherty, 65, long a prominent figure in the business life of Omaha, is now a resident at the Nebraska Masonic Home in this city.

Mr. Docherty has been a patient at the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha for the past six months after being partially paralyzed as the result of a stroke.

His career in Omaha has been one of unusual activity in many lines. He was one of the best known advertising men in the metropolis for years. He was one of the founders of the Tribe of Yessir and was the president of the Omaha Advertising club. Mr. Docherty was one of the sponsors of the Community Playhouse in Omaha and played in many of the plays there in the past years. His last stage part was in that of "The Late George Appleby" last year.

Mr. Docherty was in the photo-engraving business since 1921 and until recently had been engaged in the printing business.

NOW IN OKINAWA

Cpl. Elburn Covert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Covert, of this city, writes his parents that he is now stationed on the island of Okinawa, which has been under the American occupation since latter part of World War II. He was in the island of Luzon in the Philippines for several months after re-enlisting in the army.

Major and Mrs. Robert B. row and family, who have been spending the holiday season in Louisville, Kentucky, returned home Saturday after a most pleasant stay in their old home city.

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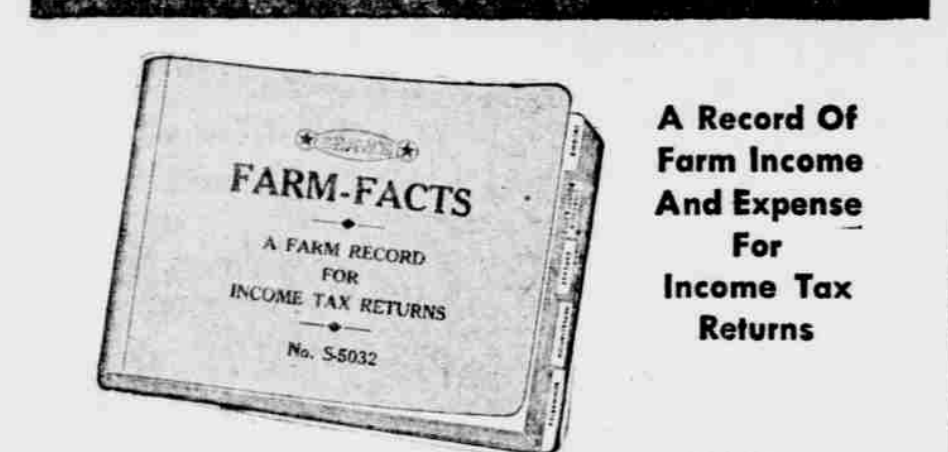
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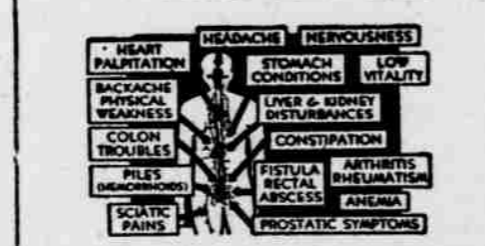


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Highways Are Most Important To the State

Termed the state highway program "the most important thing facing Nebraska today," Ben J. Sallows, newly appointed management consultant for the highway department, said he has agreed to spend the next year in helping the state solve it.

The Alliance businessman said that he would be unable to spend more than that amount of time away from his personal affairs.

"One of our greatest difficulties is our access roads—from the farms and ranches over to the state highways already built," he said. By explanation, he recalled the attention attracted this past year when 3,000 head of cattle were driven overland from a ranch for sale in Alliance.

"Driving of stock used to be common practice," he continued. "Now they are trucked from the farms. Where formerly they were driven to the nearest market center for shipment, now they are trucked to the processing points in Omaha, Lincoln, Sioux City, and Denver."

The highways must be prepared for the increasing traffic, he asserted, pointing out the abandonment of branch lines by railroads. This he termed a serious threat to the state unless preparations were made to meet the problem.

For the first time in history, Sallows pointed out, the state has a program for highway development as the result of the work of the planning of the state highway committee. He said the state now needs to develop the plan.

As to his own work, Sallows said no definite tasks have been assigned him and he will spend the balance of the week in study of highway needs, financing, etc. Next week in conference with the governor and state engineer, he said, a program of his duties will be decided.

He expressed the opinion that he would be called upon to assist in surveying needs for new projects to be listed for construction.

Progress already has been made in highway improvement, he declared, and roads went into the winter "in the best condition I have ever seen them."

Henry Keller, wife and grandchild, of Odebolt, Iowa, were guests in the city for the New Year with relatives and friends.

Obituary of Martin Zaar

Martin S. Zaar, son of Carl John and Matta Zaar, was born on his parents' homestead near South Bend, Nebr., April 3, 1873. He grew to manhood in this community, attending school in his home district.

He was united in marriage March 9, 1898 to Miss Lucy Duerr of Louisville. They settled on a farm near South Bend where they lived until December, 1945, when they moved to Omaha, where they have since resided.

He was a member of the Methodist church in Ashland until he made his home in Omaha at which time he affiliated with the Plymouth Congregational church of that city.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, Lucy; one daughter, Mrs. Florence M. Blum, of Omaha; one brother, Axel Zaar, of Ashland; one sister, Mrs. Emma Calder of South Bend; one nephew, three nieces and a host of relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, four brothers, one sister and one adopted son, Harry.

He passed away at his home at 4724 North 39th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, on Christmas Day 1949 after a short illness. The funeral services were held at 2:00 p. m., Wednesday, Dec. 28, at the Plymouth Congregational church. Burial was in Forest Lawn cemetery in Omaha.

Fred Schneider Buried at Elmwood

The funeral services for Fred Schneider, 57, of Prairie Home, were held at Elmwood on Tuesday afternoon at the Evangelical church. He was born in Elmwood.

Mr. Schneider died Saturday as the result of an accident at his farm home when the tractor he was operating overturned on him.

He had lived in the Elmwood and Paimyra communities for a number of years before moving to Prairie Home about twelve years ago. Survivors include his wife, Maude, sons, Donald and Dean, daughter, Mrs. Ruth Taylor, Lincoln. He had one brother, Carl, of Elmwood, and a sister, who lives on the west coast.

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