

Templars Hold Annual Banquet Tuesday Night

Tuesday evening in the Masonic building, members of Mt. Zion commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, met in annual banquet honoring ladies of the Knights and William F. Evers, right, eminent grand commander of the Knights Templar of Nebraska, also Robert Mann, past commander of Mt. Zion commandery for 1949.

Taking part in the very colorful event were many leading members of the order in Nebraska, gathered here to honor the grand commander, a member of the local commandery. Members of Home chapter No. 189 of the Order of the Eastern Star prepared and served the banquet. Tables were attractively arranged with decorations of summer flowers.

Menu embraced: grapefruit cocktail; spring salad; roast beef; relish; mashed potatoes; brown gravy; wax beans; rolls; jam; angel delight and coffee.

Presiding over the banquet as master of ceremonies was Raymond C. Cook, past commander of Mt. Zion commandery, past grand high priest of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska and present grand custodian of A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

Dr. H. M. McClusky, pastor of First Presbyterian church, gave the invocation of the evening.

The superior four, students of the Plattsmouth high school, gave a very pleasing musical touch to the banquet with their offerings. This group comprised Richard Huebner, Ronald Ofe, Bill White and Ronald Vargo.

Address of welcome was given by Herman F. Meisinger, eminent commander of Mt. Zion No. 5, with response by Lady Katherine Wiles, on behalf of ladies of the Templars. Presentation was made by Rt. Eminent Lewis E. Smith, Grand Master General of National Grand York Rite Cross of Honor. The cross of honor and the grand cross of honor of the York Rite Masonry to William F. Evers, grand commander.

Introduction of distinguished guests was made by Raymond Cook, presenting George K. Leschinsky, Grand Island, grand deputy commander; Lewis E. Smith, Lincoln, past grand commander; W. B. Wanner, Falls City, past grand commander; Fred Maloney, Auburn, past grand commander; Herbert White, Omaha, past grand master of the grand council; Carl Griesen, Omaha grand recorder; Rev. Frank E. Pfoutz, Lincoln, grand prelate; C. H. Marley, Omaha, past grand commander.

Harold H. Thom, past commander of Mt. Calvary commandery No. 1 of Omaha, gave the address of the evening, "The History of the Templars," dating from early days, the formation of the christian faith, the record of the Templars as defenders of the faith down through the ages. The Templars from their headquarters on Malta had sustained the crusades to the Holy Land to wrest the birthplace of Christ from the hands of the enemy. As the speaker pointed out, the Order had grown and prospered even under persecution today carrying the banner of faith over the world where the cross guided mankind onward.

The program closed with benediction by Dr. McClusky.

Perfect Attendance For Year
Junior High — High School Building: 8th Grade, Alvina Zastrow, teacher—Byron Finnefrack, Bette Janeczek, Patricia Painter.

7th Grade: Naomi Owen, teacher—Grover Cundall.
Central Building — Amelia Martens Principal: 1st Grade, Amelia Martens, teacher—Carol Ann Shaner.

4th Grade: Viola Miller, teacher—Janet Baumgart, Shirley Gerbeling, Stanley Balthazar.
5th Grade: Rose Prohaska, teacher—Michael Lewis.
5th Grade: Iola Ofen, teacher—Carol Ann Avis, Steven Balthazar, Darrel Sudduth.
6th Grade: Faith Friest, teacher—Barbara Eldece.
6th Grade: Mary Gilliland, teacher—Vernon Aylor, Cecilia Forbes.
7th Grade: Nellie Carlson, teacher—Norman Clark, Eugene Dasher, Marion Plybon, Evelyn Markham.
Columbian School — Zella Traudt, Principal: 1st Grade, Zella Traudt, teacher—Joey Arm.
2nd Grade: Mary Dempster, teacher—Sharon Haecke.
3rd & 4th Grades: Eleanor York, teacher—Caroline Forbes, Jane Nelson, Ronnie Banks, Harold Keys, Robert Markham, Wistersten, School; Lucile Posenrans, Principal — Oral Exline.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Schomaker and granddaughter Beverly Barkhurst, were in Plattsmouth Tuesday to look after some business.

New Pitcher in Game Here Sunday

Baseball fans are to have a treat on Sunday as Joe Mertlich, a pitching star of the South Omaha high school is to be here in the local lineup.

He is locating in Cass county for the summer months and hopes to seize the opportunity of playing ball with the Legion team.

Springfield will be the opponent of the Plattsmouth Legion on Sunday afternoon with the game starting at 2 o'clock.

Seek to Quiet Title on Part Holdrege Street

Another chapter in the long standing question of the closing of a part of Holdrege street in the city of the city, was opened Wednesday with the filing of a suit in the office of the clerk of the district court, by Merritt O. Sudduth, et al. vs. The City of Plattsmouth, a municipal corporation, et al.

The plaintiffs seek the quieting of title to lot eight, in block three, Fitzgerald's addition to the City of Plattsmouth, and the north thirty-three feet of Holdrege street which adjoins the south edge of lot eight, running east from Chicago avenue 214 feet and two inches.

It is set out in the petition that the street in question was dedicated May 25, 1887.

Plaintiff sets forth in the petition that the plaintiff and his predecessors have been in possession of the property for more than ten years prior to 1899.

Attorney Francis M. Casey appears as the attorney for the plaintiff.

Henry Herold Makes Visit At Old Home

Henry Robert Herold, of Los Angeles, California, was here for the week end visiting his mother, Mrs. Eda Herold and his aunt, Miss Barbara Gring.

Mr. Herold is now located at Los Angeles, where the company is erecting a large plant. He moved the first of April from his former home at Oklahoma City, to have charge of carrying out of plans for the new structure.

Mr. Herold was enroute to New York City, headquarters of the company to confer with other officers and report progress of the new plant. It is expected to have the Los Angeles plant open for business by June first. Officers from the east will all be present at the formal opening.

Attorney Matthew Gering Herold, brother of Henry, is expected here to visit his mother and aunt later, while enroute to the west coast for the plant opening in June.

To Attend Church Meeting May 27-28
Robert Reed and Edward M. Egenberger, have been selected to represent the St. Luke's Episcopal church of this city, at the conference Saturday and Sunday, May 27 and 28 at Columbus.

The conference will be on "Laymen's Work in the Church." The sessions will be held at Grace church in Columbus.

LIBERTY BELL REPLICA TO VISIT HERE



Pictured above is the full-size exact duplicate of the Liberty Bell which will be displayed locally and will tour the state as the symbol of the Independence Savings Bonds Drive from May 15 to July 4, which urges the people to "Save for your Independence."

Fifty-two of these bells, touring the nation during the drive, were completely donated by America's copper producers. Companies donating the Liberty Bells are the Anaconda Copper Corp.; Phelps-Dodge Corp.; American Smelting and Refining Co.; The American Metal Co. Ltd.; Miami Copper Co. The U. S. Steel Corp.'s American Bridge Company supplied the stays and hardware used in mounting the bells. The Ford Motor Company is providing the transportation of these bells across the nation.

Replica of Liberty Bell Here June 8th

Nebraska's Independence Drive toward an 11 million dollar goal in E-bond sales before July 4, was launched Monday, May 15. Ceremonies in Omaha and other parts of the state marked the signal for the drive's start.

Walter H. Smith, chairman for Cass county, said that most Nebraskans will have an opportunity to view an exact replica of the historic Liberty Bell during its tour of the state during the Independence Drive.

The bell will arrive in this city on Thursday, June 8. Mr. Smith states. The bell will be here Thursday morning, the exact time to be announced later. The bell will be here until noon.

Leland R. Hall, state director for the Savings Bonds division has informed Mr. Smith that Nebraska's Liberty Bell is scheduled to arrive in the state May 25. Its initial showing will be in Omaha, with stops at Lincoln, Wahoo and Fremont planned for the first week of the Bell's tour.

Nebraska's Liberty Bell is one of 52 donated to the treasury by six American copper companies. The Ford Motor Company supplies the truck on which it is transported, and William Bell, fleet driver, is on loan to the treasury, by his employers, the Watson Brothers Transportation Company of Omaha.

There was a colored map of the district showing the details of the district and its organization.

The president, Mr. Robinson, stated that with the organization of the rural fire protection district, the people of the county can help provide the fire protection that the city of Ashland has provided.

Deputy State Fire Marshall Ekstrand was a guest and before the meeting adjourned was called upon for a few words. He expressed his pleasure in having a small part toward organizing the Ashland district. As important as providing fire protection, Mr. Ekstrand feels that the district will make farm families more fire conscious. Perhaps they can avoid some of the fires 90% of which are caused by carelessness.

Suit Caused by Snow Is Started
A head-on collision in the middle of a snow bank was the basis of a 25-thousand-dollar suit which opened Monday in district court at Omaha.

A jury was selected to hear the suit brought by Eddie F. McGhee, Plattsmouth, Nebraska, against Walter Jones, 122 North Twenty-sixth Street, and Blanche Wheeler, Long Pine, Nebraska.

In his suit Mr. McGhee claims that in November, 1948, he was a passenger in a car driven by Mr. Jones, near Norfolk, Nebraska, according to the suit, there was a large snow bank through which a narrow path had been cleared.

Memorial Day Program at Oak Hill

Memorial day, 1950, will be a very impressive event, one that will help preserve and honor the memory of the men and women of the United States, serving their country, now at rest.

Richard Peck, chairman of the memorial day committee, has arranged a program that will fully express the community reverence and honor to their fallen heroes.

It is arranged that each war participated in by the United States of America will have a special place of honor.

Services will be held at the G. A. R. plot in Oak Hill cemetery at 9:30 a. m. Tuesday, May 30th, from there march will be made to the Legion plot in the west addition of the cemetery, where the main program will be given.

Musical numbers will be given by the high school band and chorus during the program.

Richard Huebner will give the address of President Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg in 1863.

Miss Tina Woster will read "In Flanders Field."

The narration for the service will be read by Judge Richard Peck as special honors will be given veterans of each of the nation's wars.

The eulogy for the war dead will be given by Howard Hirz, commander of Hugh J. Kearns post of the American Legion.

Colors and color guards of the Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars as well as their firing squad, will participate in the program.

It is urged that as many veterans of the wars as possible be present to take part in the services.

Fine Musical Treat Friday

One of the finest musical events that has been heard in this city, will be afforded the residents on Friday night. This will be the visit of George Johnson, noted organist of Omaha.

He will be heard in concert at the First Methodist church at 8 o'clock Friday evening.

The program is a revelation of the treat in store for the music lovers of the city.

—Program—
Fanfare and Air—(Water Music), Handel.
"Prelude in D Minor," "Jesus, Joy of Men's Desiring," Bach.
Gavotte ("En Style Ancien"), Mowrey-Mearis.
Spring Song, (Song without words), Mendelssohn.
Grand Fantasia on Favorite Hymns, Selected.
Scherzo—Pastorale (Hunting Scene), Federlein.
Cradle Song (Lullabye), Brahms-Mearis.
The Squirrel (Scherzino), Weaver.
Chimes at Eventide (Vacation Sketches), George Johnson.
A Trip Through the Organ, George Johnson.

Debators Are Guests at Rotary Club

Tuesday evening was Rotary Ann night for members of the Rotary club, the ladies joining in the dinner served at the Edith Solomon restaurant in the Hotel Plattsmouth building.

Three of the prominent figures in Nebraska Rotary were here for the luncheon at noon, finding that on this Rotary Ann meeting it was an evening dinner at Arthur Dunbar past district governor, John Carroll of Grand Island and John Knickrehm of Grand Island, they however, left fraternal greetings for their associates.

Gary Hild, junior, and Dan Rohan, senior, gave their talks on Rotary, they serving as members for the month of May. The young men were accompanied by their ladies, Miss Bonnie Meisinger and Miss Patricia Dev.

President Orville Nielsen presided over the meeting.

Stephen M. Davis was the program chairman, preparing a very fine treat for the members and ladies, in the visit of the debate teams of the University of Omaha.

These teams have been champions in their field, taking as their question for debate a most timely topic: "Resolved, The U. S. Government Should Nationalize All Basic Non-Agricultural Industries." The affirmative of the question was presented by Lotte Brady and Irene Wolf, state champions, while the negative of the question was given by Gene Stepp, Jr., and Fred Sheermann, Sr.

The debators gave a fine presentation of the topic, both for and against, enjoyed to the utmost by the members of the dinner party.

"Buddy Poppy" Day Saturday In This City

Saturday May 27th will be "Buddy Poppy" day in Plattsmouth, day set apart for the honoring of veterans of the wars of the nation through the past years.

Wolver-Leper post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their Auxiliary are to conduct the sale of the poppies on the streets here all day Saturday.

Vivid reminder of the days of World War I are the poppies that waved on the fields of France and Belgium, since that time they have been the flower of memory for the fallen heroes of the nation. To the war veterans confined to hospitals and homes over the land, poppy making is a source of income, also enabling the veterans to find a means of rehabilitation in their hospital days.

Funds that are raised through the sale of poppies are used to aid the cause of the disabled and ill in the hospitals. When you purchase a poppy, you are showing honor to the war veteran, aiding a good cause.

The members of the Auxiliary will look after the sale of the poppies all day Saturday so prepare to help the worthy movement.

Campaign for Better Roads
H. G. Greenamyre, of Lincoln secretary of the Better Nebraska Association was in the city Wednesday to visit with a number of friends, interested in the better roads program over the state.

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Go-Head Sign Given Main Street Lighting, Widening Program

Widening of Main street, new curbs, walks, also a new lighting system for the business section of Plattsmouth, was advanced Wednesday night at the meeting of the city council.

A communication was received from the Chamber of Commerce regarding endorsement of the proposition to widen Main street, eliminating four to six feet of sidewalk as may be desired on both sides of the street, giving that much additional space to roadway. The resolution of the Chamber of Commerce also urged the securing of a new lighting system for the business part of the city.

Softball Will Open Season Here Friday

With the weather conditions permitting the softball season of 1950 will be opened Monday night at the field against Timms the champions of 1949.

There will be a band concert given, a short address by Mayor Clement H. Woster as the season greeting, followed by the playing of "The Star Spangled Banner."

The game is to open at 7:55 with the Merchant All Star taking the field against Timms the champions of 1949.

This will be the opportunity of seeing many of the old time stars in action, as well as the champions of last year. The lineup of the teams will be as follows:

Merchants: "Gus" Hopkins, pitcher; Frank Krejci, catcher; H. Ward, first; Ralph Timm, second; Herb Schuetz, short; Cecil East, third; Carl Hala, left; Joe Case, center and Bernard Jackson, right; Jake Keller and Marvin Richards, utility.

Timms: Stanley Cole, pitcher; Fay Spaidell, catcher; Chas. Ault, first; Eldon Vroman, second; Don Blotzer, short; Jack O'Donnell, third; Bill Goehner, left; Merle Stewart, center; Maynard Hobbs, right; Craigmile, Dasher, utility.

Donat's and the Firestone will play the second game. In case of postponement the program will be held Sunday night.

James Doody Is Home from School
James Doody, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Doody, is home from the State Teachers' College at Kearney, completing his freshman year at the college.

Jim has lettered in track this spring and has been very active in the sports section of the activities at Kearney, where he is taking physical education as his major subject.

Jim has just recently been initiated into Phi Tau Gamma fraternity, one of the active groups on the campus.

ENOY FISHING
B. H. G. Elting and son Barney of this city, are spending a part of this week at Longville, Minnesota, where they are fishing and enjoying an outing.

Joining them at Longville is Tom Fennell, of Sioux City, an old friend.

O. W. Finney of Murray and Clark Finney of this city were in Omaha Monday to look after some business matters for their contracting firm.

Second Training Class Is Starting
A second class of "Veterans On The Farm Trainers" is being started at Weeping Water. All veterans who are interested in joining the class which is to start about the middle or latter part of June please contact immediately the Superintendent of Schools, or Clarence Nutter, of Weeping Water. Those who intend to join should know that this is the last year in which they will be able to enroll in this program. There will probably be a small enrollment and plenty of room for all who care to enroll.

Mr. and Mrs. Wildon Switzer and family of Nehawka, were among the attending Armed Forces day at Offutt Field, Sunday.

Steinkamps Purchase Home
Mr. and Mrs. William F. Steinkamp have purchased the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence J. White, Jr., located at 692 Oakmont Drive. The transaction was handled by Miss Loris B. Long, local realtor.

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Court House Briefs . .

In county court Tuesday, first hearing was had in the estate of Henry Franzen, deceased. The will was admitted to probate by Judge Richard Peck. Elmer Hallstrom of Avoca was named as administrator. Attorney Raymond J. Case appeared as attorney for the estate.

In county court Monday afternoon, marriage license was issued to Donald K. Smith of Lincoln and Miss Hazel L. V. Isaac of Louisville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Isaac.

Tuesday morning in county court Ralph H. Surface of Union was arraigned on a charge of drunk driving, making a plea of guilty. Judge Peck gave a fine of \$35 and costs in the case and suspended the drivers' license of the defendant for a sixty day period.

Monday afternoon Miss Bessie Kurzama and John Kniken of Omaha were married at the office of Judge Richard Peck. The wedding was witnessed by Lena Benis and Alois Munch of Omaha.

In county court Wednesday complaint was filed by George McKnight, inspector for the state railway commission, against L. M. McDonald, charging the defendant with operating a motor vehicle without proper carrier permit. The charge was brought under section 75-228 of Nebraska statutes. The defendant made a plea of guilty to counts one to six, receiving a fine of \$15 on each count.

History Group Hears of Early Days in West
A fine discussion of early day residents of Cass county from early Indian tribes that lived on bluffs near the Missouri river, also of the early day settlement of Omaha. Bluffs, was held Wednesday at a meeting of the Cass County Historical Society. Members of the group had their noonday luncheon at the Edith Solomon restaurant prior to the program arranged by the committee in charge.

C. T. Kivitt, of the State Historical society was here for the meeting, bringing with him some very interesting films showing excavations made in different parts of the state, where ancient Indian burial places, villages and early dwellings had been discovered and brought to light by workers from the state historical society.

In the pictures shown were views from Queen Hill south of Plattsmouth, where last summer a large Indian burial ground had been uncovered by engineers working clearing off the land. This burial ground had been visited by many from the state society.

Talks on early day history of Rock Bluff were given by two veteran members of the bar, D. O. Dwyer of Weeping Water and A. L. Tidd of this city, telling of historical incidents of the pioneer town and its people. Mr. Tidd has made a study of the history of this part of Nebraska, contributing a great deal to the state historical society research.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Hendricks, daughter, Marilyn, and Mrs. Edward Donat, of this city, were guests Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. Fern Hendricks in Omaha. The event was a surprise on Mrs. Hendricks on the anniversary of her birthday.