

Quarry City P-TA Installs New Officers

WEEPING WATER (Special) The Weeping Water Parent-Teacher Association met Monday evening May 13, in the school auditorium with Mrs. Truman Lytle, president, opening the meeting with the flag salute.

Rev. C. W. Severn led in prayer. Mrs. Van Horn read the secretary's report and Ed Van Horn gave the treasurer's report in the absence of Mrs. Harold Domingo.

Vern Harter reported the teenage canteen will be closed for the summer and a new chairman will have to be chosen for next fall. Rev. Fred Gardner is moving away and he was the chairman.

The group voted to give \$100 to the school for school needs. Twenty-five dollars is to go for books for the grade school library and the remaining \$75 is to be used for a film strip cabinet, projector, screen and the strips.

Rev. Severn installed the new officers in an impressive ceremony. New officers are Mrs. Arnold Detmer, president; Mrs. Vern Harter, secretary, and Ed Van Horn, treasurer. Mrs. Renos Anderson, vice president, and Mrs. Harry Potts, corresponding secretary were unable to be present.

The dramatic club, under the capable direction of Truman Lytle, presented a one act play. Lytle told the group this is the first year the dramatic club had been organized and they had entered the district contest at Peru this year.

They won two superior ratings, one excellent and one good and Lytle said this was very good. The title of the play was "Under-tow".

Following the meeting Mrs.

Detmer asked for suggestions on what the group would like to be done in P-T-A next year. The mothers of the fifth and ninth grade were hostesses and served cookies and coffee.

James S. Marshall Academy Graduate

Specialist Second Class James S. Marshall, 26, whose wife, Eunice, lives on Rte. 2, Opelika, Ala., recently was graduated from the Seventh Army Non-Commissioned Officer academy in Munich, Germany.

Specialist Marshall, a wheel vehicle mechanic in Headquarters Company of the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment's 2d Battalion, has been in the Army since 1947. A veteran of the Korean conflict, he holds the Silver Star and the Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

His father, J. Nissley Marshall, lives in Weeping Water and he is the grandson of Mrs. Grace DeLes Denier of Plattsmouth.

Death of Mrs. Flora Colby, Desnet, S. D.

Plattsmouth friends will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Flora Colby, 62, Wednesday at Desnet, S. D., where she has been a patient at the Desnet hospital for some time. Death came to Mrs. Colby in her sleep.

Mrs. Colby was a resident of Plattsmouth for several years, being engaged as a member of the staff at the Nebraska Masonic Home.

She has been making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Colby Root, who is teaching at Desnet.

Funeral services will be Friday at Onawa, Ia.

Tony LaHoda returned Monday night from the Methodist Hospital at Omaha. He has been there under treatment for an infection of the liver.

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Talk of the Town

By Margaret Dingman — Phone 241

Joe Grauf of Omaha was enjoying a day off from his work with the OPPD Monday to visit here with his friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Babbitt and daughter, Barbara Lynne, departed by plane Tuesday morning for North Little Rock, Ark., to spend the week with Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Babbitt and two children. Dr. Babbitt has an animal clinic at North Little Rock, locating in that city in February.

Reverend G. E. Seybold, pastor of the St. Paul Evangelical Church, and Robert Aspedon departed Wednesday morning to attend the Iowa-Nebraska Synod at the Savory Hotel in Des Moines, Ia. One hundred and thirty-two churches will be represented at the meeting from Wednesday to Friday.

Third Of Series

Highway Problems Discussed By Commission Secretary

BY OWEN J. BOYLES, Secretary Nebraska State Highway Commission

During the 20's when the highway traffic was growing rapidly and when State and Federal taxation was relatively light compared to present rates, it was possible to levy new taxes to finance new highway capacity without serious difficulty. The gasoline tax which provided an increasing proportion of the funds for the expansion of highway capacity during the late 20's was the most novel of the new taxes. It was accepted as a reasonable impost, with the depression of the 30's the difficulty of levying additional taxes to meet the requirements of the growing traffic became greater. With World War II, and the increase in Federal taxation, opposition to additional taxes became more pronounced. Buyers were willing to pay higher prices for automobiles because automobiles were produced by private corporations in a competitive economy. They might, and did, grumble about the increase in prices but they paid. They had the choice of paying that price or doing without the automobiles and they chose to pay that price. But when it comes to providing the highways, users relied on governments rather than business organizations. Governments could not say that as the cost of construction had doubled they could either pay a doubled gasoline tax or not use the highway. Governments had to ask the people for additional revenues. There was no take it or leave it basis but a "Please Mister, can you spare a dime for a poor highway".

There was rarely an effective device for putting across the idea that additional revenues had to be secured if the citizen was not to pay still larger amounts in terms of higher accident costs, higher maintenance charges, greater time lost. As a matter of fact, it has been shown time and time again that drivers pay more for the use of poor roads than for the use of good roads. For instance, the cost of highway accidents alone, which last year cost the lives of 40,000 persons, due in large part to inadequate highways, with an unestimated economic dollar loss.

The total gasoline tax collect-

Mrs. Theodore Ptak who underwent surgery Tuesday at the St. Catherine's Hospital in Omaha, is reported as coming along fine. She is in room 349.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Shellenbarger will attend the Veishea Festival in Ames, Ia., Friday and Saturday at Iowa State College where their sons, Jerome and Mike are students.

W. H. Polley returned home Tuesday evening following a hospitalization of six weeks at the Methodist Hospital in Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dean Miller and children, Karen, Larry and Maria of Omaha spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen L. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Ray.

Visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Jones was Mrs. Rosa Beaudette, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence O'Mara, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Farnhotz, all of Wall-hill. Also visiting was Lena Hill of Union and Verna Austin of Omaha, Mrs. Beaudette's sister. All enjoyed a dinner Sunday and a good visit. Also attending the dinner was Mr. and Mrs. Harold Austin, Sr., and Robert Austin.

Mrs. Wayne Rieke, former Jo Non Albin, left Monday morning by train to join her husband, Sgt. Wayne Rieke, who is stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Wayne is there for twelve weeks with the Medical Corp.

Deloss Bond entered the Methodist Hospital in Omaha Monday for dental surgery.

BIRTHS

Son
A son, Michael Jon, 4 pounds, 14 ounces, was born April 27, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Holoube. The occasion was on the mother's birthday. Michael has two brothers, Alan and Daniel. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Holoube. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Ahrens. Mrs. Holoube is the former Enid Ahrens. Daughter

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Baier, Weeping Water, a daughter, May 12, at St. Mary's Hospital, Nebraska City. Mrs. Baier was formerly Velda Dixon.

Son
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cole are the parents of a son, Timothy Michael, born May 14 at the St. Mary's Hospital in Nebraska City. The infant weighed 7 pounds. Mrs. Cole is the former Joan Lewis. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy "Shorty" Cole and Mrs. Ermal Lewis. Great grandmother is Mrs. Mary Irwin of Nebraska City.

Son
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Gray of Louisville are parents of a son, born May 14 at St. Mary's Hospital in Nebraska City. Mrs. Gray was formerly Miss Ruth Persinger.

Son
PFC and Mrs. Ronald Hell, a son, Douglas Allen, born in Stuttgart, Germany, May 10, weighing 7 pounds and 3 ounces. Mrs. Hell is the former Corrine Wiles of Weeping Water. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sprick of Louisville and Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Wiles, great grandparents, are Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sprick of Louisville. Mr. and Mrs. John Hell of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wiles and Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Wright of Weeping Water.

"Blinkers" Read Faster
Are you a "blinker" if you are, chances are you're a better than average reader. According to statistics from the Murne Company of Chicago, good readers blink more often than poor ones. It is generally believed that the blinks make it possible to ignore non-essential objects, such as punctuation marks and other gaps in the text. Normal persons seem to blink at about the rate of 25 times a minute.

Iowan Proves Telephone Is Handy Gadget

Telephones these days are mighty handy little gadgets to have around the home and office.

But they prove even handier if, as Delbert Houston, you could carry one with you. The Red Oak, Ia., resident, a communications truck driver for the CB and Q, was nailed Wednesday afternoon for a reciprocity violation over the use of an Iowa license in Nebraska.

Ticketed by Richard Krejci at the state scale house north of Plattsmouth, Houston decided he wanted to confer with company powers that be in Chicago. Without further ado he climbed a telephone pole near the scale, and plugged in his phone. Chicago, after talking with Houston, wanted more details, so Krejci shined to pole top and from there settled the issue.

A short time later Houston paid \$10 in fines and \$4 in costs levied by County Judge Raymond Case for the reciprocity violation.

And thus ended another saga of the age of marvels.

Jose Ferrer Stars In "The Great Man"

"The Great Man," the Universal-International picture starring Jose Ferrer which opens Sun., Mon., and Tues., May 19-20 and 21, at the Cass Theatre, is a screen adaptation of the controversial novel by Al Morgan that enjoyed a long stay on the best seller lists.

The screenplay, which was written by the author of the novel, is faithful to the original in detailing the fascinating story of a radio-TV star known as "America's beloved humorist" whose death in an auto accident brings about the revelation that in his behind-the-scenes life he was hated by nearly everyone who knew him.

In addition to Ferrer, the cast boasts such names as Dean Jagger, Keenan Wynn, Julie London, Joanne Gilbert, Jim Backus, Russ Morgan, Robert Fouk and, notably, Ed Wynn, in his first serious role on the screen. Ferrer himself directed under the production guidance of Aaron Rosenberg.

The United Automobile Workers convention voted to set up a public review board to guard against any possible corruption or racketeering.

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