

KANSAS CITY MAN SPEAKS BEFORE OMAHA REALTORS

Fredric Sharon Tells of Progress Made by Real Estate Men of Missouri City.

Omaha real estate men enjoyed a visit during the week from Fredric C. Sharon of Kansas City, vice president of the National Realty Association. He was a guest of the Omaha Real Estate board at the noon meeting last Wednesday at the Omaha Chamber of Commerce. He told the board of the things the Kansas City board has accomplished, particularly in the matter of being recognized as official appraisers for the county and city. He said the board also has been recognized as the official appraiser for all trustee and referee sales. Appraisers were formerly appointed by the district judges and this was considered unsatisfactory, as men were sometimes appointed who were not well enough versed in real estate values to be competent appraisers.

The Omaha Real Estate board has made progress in the way of getting more and more of the important appraisal jobs in the city. For some years the board has maintained an efficient appraisal committee and has pushed hard for business, until today the standing of the appraisal department of the Omaha Real Estate board is more than 100 per cent better in the community than it was up to three or four years ago.

During Wednesday afternoon the Omaha real estate men went to Council Bluffs in a body, where they had been invited by the board of that city. They took their Kansas City guest along and in the Bluffs were met by the real estate men, who took them around the city in automobiles. In the evening the Council Bluffs fellows gave the Omaha men a banquet at Eagles' hall, where good fellowship flowed as wine used to flow in the old days.

President Billange of the Waterloo, Ia., board was among the speakers, as was President Harry Christie of Omaha. The quartet of lively realtors of Omaha staged one of their spectacular "janitorial" songfests. Those who made up the quartet among the Council Bluffs men were Hugh Wallace, Dean T. Smith, Ed F. Williams and Julian Swanson. Frank Selby assisted at the piano.

Increase Hudson Sales Force



Owing to the brisk buying of automobiles this spring, Guy L. Smith has recently added three salesmen to his retail force. They are, from left to right: Harold G. Bell, Ralph G. Adams and Clyde E. Masters. All of these boys have had a considerable experience in the automobile business and Smith expects this trio to be fast contestants for retail sales in Omaha.

VALLEY

The Junior class of the Valley high school gave a party Thursday evening for the Freshmen at the home of Hazel Foster.

C. E. Byars attended the State Editors' association meeting at Lincoln last week.

Rev. S. N. Horton spent two days in Omaha last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Eddy went to Omaha Thursday to attend the funeral of Charles McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dyck of Omaha were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Monahan Sunday.

Mrs. Earl Garner and H. Wallstrom spent the week-end with relatives at Scribner.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Lloyd Tuesday.

Lawrence Wackland spent the week-end with his parents.

Mrs. C. H. Webb went to Omaha Thursday.

Mrs. John Fitzgerald is spending a few weeks with her father at Decatur, Ia.

Mrs. Lilliefors sold her Valley residence to George Zies and left the last of the week for Montana to join her husband and children.

George Zies moved into the house vacated by Mrs. Lilliefors Wednesday and John Lentill moved upon the Zies farm Thursday.

Mrs. N. W. Gaines of Fremont assisted her husband in the gospel services at the Methodist Episcopal church Saturday and Sunday evenings.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Missionary society was Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Kopp. A special program was followed by a lunch and a silver offering for missions was received.

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THREE AMERICANS ON CAPTURED SHIP

Prisoners Landed in Denmark Along With German Prize Crew From Raider.

Copenhagen, March 2.—John Cameron, captain of the American schooner Beluga; his wife, Mary, and their 4-year-old daughter, Janita, of San Francisco were the only American prisoners on board the Spanish steamship Igotz-Mendi, which went ashore on the northern extremity of Jutland, Denmark, while attempting to reach a German port.

Captain Cameron says that the Germans fed and treated all of the prisoners well until a Japanese succeeded in escaping, after which all were kept below for 23 days.

A German official statement of February 25 stated that the German auxiliary cruiser Wolf had returned home after 15 months in the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific oceans.

A British admiralty communication of the same date said that the Wolf sank 11 ships and a number of sailing vessels. Later reports showed that the Igotz-Mendi, after its capture last May, was placed in charge of a prize crew and a number of prisoners from the sunken vessels transferred to it.

The Igotz-Mendi followed the Wolf for four months, until they were separated south of Ireland. The German prize crew has been interned.

Wife of Wealthy Ranch Man Seeks Divorce and \$15,000

Bessie Gertrude Freeman seeks divorce and \$15,000 alimony from George W. Freeman, who she says is a wealthy Cherry county ranch owner, in her petition filed in district court Saturday.

She alleges he has treated her with extreme cruelty and says that on one occasion he threw her arm out of joint by jerking her. They were married at Hot Springs, S. D., June 27, 1914. She asks absolute divorce and custody of a 4-year-old adopted son, Marion.

L. D. Spaulding Is Elected Real Estate Treasurer

L. D. Spaulding last week was made treasurer of the Omaha Real Estate board, to succeed George Wallace. Wallace resigned the position when he left the employ of the First Trust company to become assistant secretary of the North American Life Insurance company.

Colonel Nance is Pleased At Prospect of Improvements

Colonel J. T. Nance, commandant at the Fort Omaha balloon school, announces that he has been officially informed that the project for enlarging the school has been approved.

"I cannot say when active construction will begin," said Colonel Nance, "but I trust that it will be immediately. The project calls for the building of temporary mess halls, baths and toilets to accommodate the men who will be housed in tents. The tents will be flooded."

"The buildings will be erected on Florence field and we expect them to be large enough to care for six additional balloon companies. The accommodations should care for between 2,000 and 2,400 men."

It is understood at Fort Omaha that men have been ordered to fill up the vacancies made by the departure of balloon squadrons who have completed their training, but nothing definite is known of the time they will be ordered to report. In all probability they will consist of national army men now in cantonments.

John W. Gamble to Make Talk Before Ad Sellers

John W. Gamble, chairman of the executive committee of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, will speak to the Advertising and Selling league of Omaha at the Hotel Fontenelle Monday night on "The Vital Reserve in Every Man." A mysterious visitor in the city, a man heralded as a man of international prominence, will also address the league.

Children Sell Their Skates To Help Junior Red Cross

When Principal Anderson of Edward Rosewater school called at school headquarters to report 100 per cent Junior Red Cross membership she stated that several children had sold their roller skates that they might have money with which to be identified with this movement.

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