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SEEKING HIGH LEGION OFFICE

REV. CHAPLER IS ENDORSED FOR
DISTRICT COMMANDER

Widely Known Hawarden Pastor and
Legionaire is Put Forward
for Important Post

Rev. Bob Chapler, widely known
Hawarden pastor and prominent Le-
gionaire, is to be a candidate for elec-
tion as district commander of the Le-
gion at the spring convention of Ninth



Rev. Bob Chapler

District American Legion. His candi-
dacy was formally launched at a
Sioux county convention of the Legion
at Hull last Thursday night with the
unanimous adoption of a resolution
favoring his selection for the post. At
the same time the Sioux county Le-
gionaires adopted, without a negative
vote, a similar resolution endorsing
George Paradise of Sioux City as a
candidate for state commander at the
state convention of the Iowa Depart-
ment to be held next summer.

Rev. Chapler has taken a leading
and active part in the work of the
American Legion for many years. He
is at present serving as Director of
Education of War Orphans of the Iowa
Department; vice commander of the
ninth district, and is chaplain of Two
Oakes Post, No. 254, of Hawarden. He
has held office in various Legion posts
as commander, adjutant, service offi-
cer, judge advocate and chaplain. At
the state convention last year he was
a member of the nominating commit-
tee along with Rev. Father E. J. Smith
of Sioux City and J. Keenig of LeMars,
who represented the ninth district. He
was Americanism director of the ninth
district in 1937 and served on the state
Americanism committee in 1936. He
was a delegate from the ninth district
to the last national convention of the
Legion in Los Angeles and is a past
national chaplain of the "40 and 8."

Sioux Center Man to be Deported

Abram Singles, 45, an alien, who
has lived at Sioux Center for the past
16 years, will be sent back to his na-
tive land, Holland, by the Federal De-
partment of Labor at the request of
the Sioux county board of supervisors.
Singles is a single man and since com-
ing to this country has made his liv-
ing as a farm hand but last October
he was taken to the county farm at
Orange City when he was unable to
care for himself. He himself has asked
to be sent back to Holland so that he
can be cared for by relatives. Sioux
county will pay his traveling expenses
to Chicago and from there he will be
conducted by the labor department. He
will leave Orange City Feb. 10th.

Firemen's Ball Friday Night

The Hawarden fire department has
all plans completed for entertaining a
huge crowd at their 47th annual ball
to be held in the City Auditorium Fri-
day evening, Jan. 27th, and it promises
to be a gala occasion. Mel Pester and
his 11-piece orchestra will furnish the
music and there will be featured sing-
ers in addition to the instrumental
music. The advance ticket sale has
been large and an enormous crowd is
expected to lend encouragement to the
fire department by attending this an-
nual function.

Will Take Leading Part in Play

Miss Patty Dawson, who is a stu-
dent at the Nebraska State Teachers
College at Wayne, is to take one of the
leading parts in a drama which is to
be put on Feb. 24th by the Alpha Psi
Omega players. Miss Dawson is a
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Daw-
son of Hawarden and is a sophomore
at Wayne College.

POPULAR YOUNG COUPLE WED

Miss Fern Hedden and Mr. John Wm.
Van Wyhe Married Jan. 18th

Miss Fern Mary Hedden and Mr.
John Wm. Van Wyhe were united in
marriage at 2 o'clock Wednesday af-
ternoon, January 18th, at the home of
the groom's parents in Washington
township, 5 1/2 miles southeast of Ha-
warden, Rev. C. A. Burkhardt, pastor
of Trinity Lutheran church in Hawar-
den, officiating. The ceremony took
place in the presence of a number of
close relatives and a wedding luncheon
was served to the guests.

The bride was attended by Miss
Viola Van Wyhe, a sister of the groom,
while the groom was attended by his
brother, Elmer Van Wyhe.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs.
Anna Hedden of Hawarden and has
resided in this city most of her life.
She is a young lady well versed in the
art of home making and will make an
ideal helpmate for the man of her
choice. The groom is a son of Mr. and
Mrs. John Van Wyhe Jr., prominent
residents of Washington township. He
was born on a farm two miles west of
Craig but has spent most of his life on
the farm with his parents in Wash-
ington township. He is an industrious
young farmer of true worth and for a
number of years past has been assist-
ing his father in his farm operations.

The young couple will go to house-
keeping soon on the old Gerdes farm,
just east of the Van Wyhe home place,
now occupied by Russell Popma, which
they will operate the coming year.

A wedding reception and dance will
be held for the young couple at the
City Auditorium in Hawarden this eve-
ning to which a large number of their
friends have been invited.

PART OF RAIN GAUGE STOLEN

Theft Here Will be Investigated
by United States Marshal

The copper overflow container to
the government rain gauge maintained
by Earl V. Slife in Hawarden was
stolen from his premises last Thurs-
day night. The container is a copper
cylinder about 6 or 7 inches in diame-
ter and about 30 inches high and
weighs between 6 and 7 pounds. Pres-
umably it was stolen by someone
interested in selling the metal for
junk although the junk price realized
would likely not be more than 25 or
30 cents, while the cost of a new con-
tainer would amount to several dol-
lars. About a year ago a similar con-
tainer was stolen from Mr. Slife. Mr.
Slife promptly reported the theft to
the weather bureau in Des Moines and
a new copper container has been pro-
vided. In addition Mr. Charles D.
Reed, government meteorologist, has
written United States Marshal John
B. Keefe of Sioux City apprising him
of these thefts asking him to make an
investigation and do what he can to
apprehend the party who took the rain
gauge and to prevent further depreda-
tions of this sort. Stealing govern-
ment property is a serious offense and
one which will not be lightly treated.

Arthur Brooks to be Married

Hawarden friends have received in-
vitations to the wedding of Mr. Arthur
Lee Brooks, son of Mrs. Ralph Brooks,
which will take place at the Wee Kirk
o' the Heather in Glendale, Calif., at
8:00 o'clock on the evening of Wednes-
day, February 8th. Mr. Brooks spent
his early boyhood in Hawarden but has
resided in California for many years.
His old friends here will be pleased to
learn of his forthcoming marriage.

Constructing Work Shop

Work has been commenced on the
construction of a work shop for Geo.
Heldt & Son, who now occupy the
Ritter building with their line of John
Deere implements. The shop is being
built in the southeast corner of the
large warehouse. It will be 20x24 feet
in size and will be equipped with suf-
ficient shop machinery to enable this
firm to handle a large amount of their
repair work.

Accepts Position at Akron

Miss Helen Johnson, who has been
employed at Hilda's Beauty shop for
some time, has accepted a position in
a beauty parlor at Akron and took up
her new duties last week. Miss Lila
Jensen of Sioux Center has taken her
place at Miss Blom's shop.

Entertained Wednesday Evening

Mrs. Mike Engeldinger and Mrs.
Alma Pasetti entertained a number of
friends at a seven o'clock dinner at the
Lilley hotel Wednesday evening. Fol-
lowing the dinner bridge was played.

Ill With Pneumonia

Beverly Lindgren, daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. Emil Lindgren, was brought
to the Hawarden hospital Tuesday
evening suffering from pneumonia.

SERVICE AWARD TO BE GIVEN

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VOTES
TO GIVE ANNUAL AWARD

Recognition to be Given Each Year
to Some Citizen for Outstanding
Community Service

At a meeting of the Chamber of
Commerce directors Monday evening
it was voted to adopt a plan under
which some citizen of Hawarden or
the surrounding community should re-
ceive an award annually for outstand-
ing community service. The plan will
be put into effect this year and the
award for 1939 will be announced at
the annual meeting of the Chamber
of Commerce next fall.

Selection of the person to receive
the award will be made by the board
of directors of the Chamber of Com-
merce and it is announced that no
person shall be eligible to receive this
honor more than once.

Under the terms of the resolution
adopted governing the award it is
pointed out that more than one in-
dividual could be eligible for the honor
where their efforts had been directed
toward the same project, so that one
person might receive the award for
outstanding work in one year and the
next year or some other year another
person might receive the award for
efforts devoted to the same project.

In many cities where annual awards
of this character are presented it has
resulted in the promotion of a high
degree of civic pride, not merely as a
stimulus to individuals to win the cov-
eted honor but that it gives notice to
the world that the community which
sponsors such an award is on its toes
in all lines of civic endeavor.

WILL SING AT WORLD'S FAIR

Sioux County Women's Chorus Will
Go to New York in May

The Sioux County Rural Women's
Chorus has been selected to sing at the
New York World's Fair. This selection
was made by the Iowa State College
extension service as a result of the
music program conducted during the
past year.

The chorus will appear on Rural
Women's Day program May 23, the
day preceding the sailing of delegates
to the triennial conference of Asso-
ciated country women of the world.

The country rural women's chorus
which is sponsored by the Sioux Coun-
ty Farm Bureau and the Extension
Home Project Economics program is
composed of 24 members and has been
organized for one year. Last summer
it was one of the four blue ribbon
winners at the Iowa State Fair. Mrs.
W. H. Hospers of Orange City is the
director.

Announcement of this county honor
was made public at the Iowa Farm Bu-
reau Federation meeting at Des
Moines, according to Iris Macomber,
home demonstration agent.

There are 64 Farm Women's choruses
in Iowa and it is an unusual honor
to this group to be selected to repre-
sent the Rural Iowa music program.

Serving 15 Days in Jail

Sheriff Harry Dykstra went to
Council Bluffs Sunday and brought
back Walter D. Hook of that place and
he is now incarcerated in the Sioux
county jail where he is serving a 15-
day sentence. Hook was among the
pheasant hunters who were picked up
in Sioux county last November for
violation of the game laws. He was
found with a hen pheasant in his
possession and when brought before
Justice Sam Blair of Hawarden was
fined \$50 and costs and his gun con-
fiscated. He was released from cus-
tody on his promise to pay the fine
but when he failed to do this as prom-
ised he was picked up and is now
serving the jail sentence in lieu of the
fine. Eleven other pheasant hunters
were picked up in Sioux county at the
same time but all except Hook have
paid their fines.

Suffered Stroke Recently

Mrs. Everett Johnson suffered a
stroke recently and is confined to her
bed. She is 75 years of age and her
advanced years makes her condition
more serious. Her daughter, Mrs. A.
L. Porter of Princeton, Ill., came last
Friday and is caring for Mrs. Johnson.

Daughter Born at Hospital

A daughter was born last Thursday
to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Williams at the
Hawarden hospital. Mrs. Williams and
baby returned home Tuesday.

ANNUAL ICE HARVEST NOW ON

About 50 Men Being Employed by Ha-
warden Ice Company This Week

The Hawarden Ice Company began
their annual chore of filling their huge
ice house Tuesday morning and the
work is progressing rapidly. A crew
of about 50 men is being employed on
the work and it is anticipated that the
job of cutting and storing around 5,000
tons of ice will be completed Saturday
or Sunday. Most of the cutting is be-
ing done by a small night crew equip-
ped with a power saw while the big
cakes of ice are shunted down the
open channel and elevated up the
chutes on power conveyors and stored
in the house during the daylight hours.
Each cake of ice weighs about 225
pounds and when the machinery is
working full capacity the ice is ele-
vated into the ice house at the rate of
about 30 to 40 cakes per minute. About
half of the men work inside the ice
house while the remainder are employ-
ed on the river and along the chutes
and runways. The job is providing em-
ployment for a large number of men
this week who would otherwise be idle.
The ice business is one of Hawarden's
best industries although the harvest
season is extremely short, but the
company has greatly expanded its dis-
tribution radius in recent years and
employs a considerable crew the year
round.

The ice this year is of extremely
fine quality and averages about 11
inches in thickness. The utmost care
is observed in storing the ice to see
that cakes which contain dirt are
shunted aside and not used.

DEATH OF FORMER RESIDENT

Ross J. Weldon Passed Away Sunday
at Paradise, Calif.

Ross J. Weldon, a resident of Ha-
warden in his young manhood and
well known to many of the older resi-
dents of this city, died Sunday at
Paradise, Calif.

Mr. Weldon was the son of Mr. and
Mrs. C. C. Weldon, pioneer Hawarden
residents. He was born December 5,
1873, so was past 65 years of age at
the time of his death. He came to Ha-
warden with his parents as a boy in
the early 80's and grew to young man-
hood here. His father was a carpenter
by trade and built many of the early
homes in Hawarden. The family moved
from here to Colorado more than forty
years ago but subsequently returned
to Iowa and for many years Mr. Wel-
don was engaged in farming near Ak-
ron. He moved to California four years
ago.

Mr. Weldon married Mabel Johnson
at Cripple Creek, Colo., in 1902. He is
survived by his widow, a daughter and
two sons, Mrs. V. E. Preston and Ben
Weldon of Sioux City and George
Weldon of Paradise, Calif., and three
grandchildren. He also leaves a sister,
Mrs. Tom Snyder of Elk Point.

For many years Mr. Weldon was ac-
tive in Masonic lodge circles. He was
a past master of Freedom lodge, A. F.
& A. M., and a past patron of Vesper
chapter, Order of Eastern Star, at
Akron.

Not Always Smooth Sailing

It seems that one has to take the
bumps connected with any business
and Jesse Vearrier discovered Monday
that there are some pretty severe ones
in connection with the ice business.
While preparing to start the annual
ice harvest he was out on the river
inspecting the ice when his feet sud-
denly slipped out from under him and
he went down with a thud. "Carp" Van
Sickle was with him and assisted him
to his feet when he suddenly went
down again striking the back of his
head with considerable force. His scalp
was quite badly cut and he was obli-
ged to visit a physician to have it taped
up.

Youth Taken to Reform School

John Nyhof, 15, former Ireton youth,
whose parents now live in Hawarden,
was taken to the training school for
boys at Eldora on Tuesday of last
week. The boy was brought into court
last September on a moral conduct
charge and was paroled to Mayor
Holtdorf of Ireton and Dick Zeuten-
horst, a farmer living near Ireton. He
violated his parole and thus the parole
was revoked and he was taken to El-
dora where he will remain until he is
21 years of age.

In Hospital at Rochester

Miss Catherine Norberg left on
Tuesday of last week for Rochester,
Minn., for a check up at the Mayo
clinic and it was decided that an op-
eration was necessary. Her parents,
Mrs. and Mrs. Oscar Norberg, went to
Rochester Monday thinking the opera-
tion was to have been performed on
Tuesday morning but word from them
states that the operation was post-
poned until today.

WPA RECORD IN SIOUX COUNTY

ACHIEVEMENTS OF WPA LISTED
BY STATE ADMINISTRATOR

Total of \$459,441 Has Been Expended
in County of Which WPA Con-
tributed \$254,498

Two hundred forty-four persons are
now employed on 10 Works Progress
Administration projects in Sioux coun-
ty, according to a special report re-
leased today by George J. Keller, state
WPA administrator.

One construction project is provid-
ing employment for 199 workmen
"certified" by the county relief office
for WPA employment and seven "non-
certified" supervisors. The five non-
construction projects are employing
31 women and seven men.

Since the start of the program in
the fall of 1935, the federal govern-
ment has spent a total of \$254,498 on
the projects in Sioux county while the
various projects sponsors spent a total
of \$204,943 to bring the grand total
expenditure to \$459,441.

All construction projects in Sioux
county are under the supervision of M.
K. Kjerland, area engineer stationed
at Orange City. The non-construction
or women's and professional projects
are under the supervision of Mrs.
Gladys Hudson, W & P field super-
visor stationed at Council Bluffs.

Farm-to-Market Roads

The money expended on farm-to-
market road improvements in most
Iowa counties exceeds that spent on all
other projects combined, which in
Sioux county amounts to nearly three
times the amount spent for all other
WPA projects. The present project,
started in June, 1938, replaces 19 pre-
vious projects that were restricted to
specified localities, and is drafted on a
county-wide basis. Allocations of funds
for the present project are \$104,540 in
federal funds with \$84,380 of county
funds pledged. Two hundred and six
WPA workmen are employed on this
work.

Since the beginning of WPA the
county has paved one mile of new
roads and has one mile of paving under
construction; surfaced 105 miles;
graded 6 miles; cleared and grubbed
180 miles of existing roads. A total of
395 new bridges and culverts have been
built and 197 repaired. Twenty-five are
under construction or repair at the
present time. Three hundred square
yards of riprap have been installed,
and nearly two miles of highway fence
have been repaired. For these improve-
ments the federal government has ex-
pended a total of \$178,438 and the
county has spent \$160,083 to make a
total of \$338,521.

Keller's report pointed out the two-
fold advantage of the rural road pro-
gram: "Since most of the WPA labor-
ers are unskilled the building of rural
roads can best utilize their labor, pro-
viding profitable employment near
their homes for men who otherwise
might be on the county relief for their
subsistence, and at the same time re-
turning to the sponsors the maximum
of return for the money spent."

Streets, Sewers Improved

Hawarden's street and sewer im-
provements under federal aid started
early in December, 1935, when the first
WPA project was started for straight-
ening Dry creek and building levees
through town to prevent flooding dur-
ing heavy rains or thaws. Some 6,000
cubic yards of earth were moved be-
fore the project closed in October, 1936,
having cost in federal funds \$6,922 and
\$172 in city funds. Plans provide that
the work may be continued when the
labor supply may make its operation
mutually profitable.

Eight miles of streets were graded
and 600 feet of concrete culvert pipe
installed under a project started on
March 29, 1937. On July 21, it was
closed to release laborers for harvest
work, resuming activity on September
22. Federal expenditure totaled \$3,717
and city expense was \$920.

A sewer extension program was
opened on December 2, 1937, providing
for construction of a half-mile of sew-
ers with catch basins. The storm sew-
er lines empty into Dry creek which
had previously been straightened and
cleared to carry off the flood waters.
The project was completed on July 6,
1938, at a total cost of \$8,940 of which
\$2,970 was city funds.

Water Mains Extended

Sioux Center's water mains were ex-
tended 7,123 feet with connections and
manholes under two allocations, start-
ing in January, 1936, and completed in

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COMET CAGERS WON AND LOST

Defeated Sioux City Trinity but
Lost to Alcester Cubs

Playing heads-up basketball the Ha-
warden Comets romped to a 43 to 28
victory over the Sioux City Trinity
cagers here last Friday, but were
checked by the Alcester Cubs 29 to 36
in a hard fought game at Alcester
Tuesday night.

Against Trinity the Comets looked
superb. The ball handling and passing
of the entire team was the best seen on
the local court this season. Trinity,
however, fought gamely and allowed
the Comets only a 20 to 17 lead at the
half. It was during the final two
periods that the locals really clicked as
the ball rolled in from all angles to
completely smother the Sioux Cityans.
On Tuesday the Comets met deter-
mined resistance from the scrappy and
sharp shooting Alcester Cubs. The
Comets scored first but trailed 2 to 10
at the first quarter and 13 to 20 at the
half. The final two periods were played
on nearly even terms as each team
collected 16 points.

Keiser, elongated guard from Alce-
ster, was the outstanding player on the
floor, consistently sinking long shots
as he wished the net for a total of 15
points.

Friday night the Comets will be
given another severe test when they
meet the Rock Rapids cagers on the
home court. Early this season the
Comets dropped a 26 to 27 decision to
the Raiders in one of the most excit-
ing and thrilling games ever played
between these two schools. The Raid-
ers have a rangy quintet which has
established a reputation of being one
of the most dangerous in northwest
Iowa. Traditional rivalry between these
two schools should make Friday's
game one of the feature attractions of
the local hardwood.

Next week the Comets will battle
for honors in the county tournament
at Orange City. The first encounter
for Hawarden will be with the Orange
City high school at 7 o'clock on Thurs-
day evening. If successful in the initial
round, Hospers will furnish the oppo-
sition for Friday with the possibility
of meeting Sioux Center in the semi-
finals on Friday afternoon. The Orange
City quintet, however, has made rapid
improvement throughout the season
and is expected to give the Comets
strenuous opposition if they are to be
successful in their first tournament
venture.

DEPART ON BIG CONCERT TOUR

Three Hawarden Young Men Members
of Morningside College Choir

Members of the Morningside College
choir left Saturday on their annual
tour, which will include concerts in
over 20 cities. The tour extends
through Tennessee and Virginia to
Washington, D. C., where they will
give a concert on Jan. 27th. A coast to
coast broadcast over the Columbia
network from the capital has been
tentatively scheduled. The choir's it-
inerary, began in St. Louis where they
gave a concert Sunday evening. From
there they went to Nashville, Tenn.
Other places where they will appear
are Bristol, Va.; Johnston, McKees-
port and Pittsburgh, Pa.; Gary, Ind.;
Aurora, Rockford and Freeport, Ill.;
Charles City and Mason City, Iowa.
Upon their return to Sioux City the
choir will give their concert there.

Roger Hodgson, James McNally and
Norman Gerfe of Hawarden are mem-
bers of the choir and these young men
are also members of the men's quar-
tette. Mr. Hodgson and Mr. McNally
made the trip with the choir last year
but this is Mr. Gerfe's first year at
Morningside.

Hockey Team Plays Two Games

The Hawarden hockey team has
played two games during the past
week. They went to Le Mars last
Thursday evening where they were
defeated by the score of 4 to 3. Le-
Mars has one of the strongest hockey
teams in this section and recently
defeated Brookings 5 to 1 and Flan-
dreau 4 to 2.

Sunday afternoon the Rock Valley
team played here but were no match
for Hawarden's fancy skaters, the lo-
cal team winning 22 to 1.

The Hawarden team will play at
Hudson next Sunday afternoon.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precipi- Temp. Temp. tation
Jan. 19 ..	33	13	
Jan. 20 ..	45	21	
Jan. 21 ..	36	11	
Jan. 22 ..	20	-5	
Jan. 23 ..	28	15	.01
Jan. 24 ..	35	24	
Jan. 25 ..	39	16	