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## Seniors Prepare for Closing of School Year

Committees Being Arranged to Carry on Final Details of Activities of Graduating.

With the commencement season again only a matter of weeks ahead, the Senior class in Plattsmouth high school begins to make its plans for graduation. There are the traditional activities in which the students have the major part in carrying out the plans among which are the play, sneak day, baccalaureate and finally the commencement program itself.

The class has had as its officers this year George Adam as president; Mata Schackneis as vice president and Florence Schutz as treasurer. For the second successive year, Mr. Harold Jordan has been chosen sponsor. The committee assignments are as follows:

**SENIOR PLAY**  
Play selection committee—Gertrude Valley, chairman; Stuart Porter, Emily Lorenz, Greth Garnett, Virginia Samek, Mr. Figley, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Jordan.

**SNEAK DAY**  
Time and place committee—Robert Hall, chairman; Norma Baumgart, Robert Hirtz, Mary Mrasek, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Patterson.

**COMMENCEMENT**  
Program committee—Mr. Patterson, George Adam.  
Announcement committee—Marvin Trisch, chairman; Amy Elliott, Francis Libershal, Elinore Smetana, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Patterson.

**FAREWELL CONVOCATION**  
Class president, further arrangements to be made later.

**BACCALAUREATE**  
Mr. Patterson, Mr. Jordan, George Adam.

**SENIOR FAREWELL PICNIC**  
Place—Nadine Clodt, chairman; Robert Wheeler, Mr. Jordan.  
Eats committee—Florence Schutz, chairman; Rose Wooster, Ila Taylor, Theodore Yelick.  
Games—Anna May Sandin, chairman; La Verna Rhoden, George Lushinsky, Leo Sikora.

### STEAL CHICKENS

From Friday's Daily  
Last night Deputy Sheriff Jarvis Lancaster was called out to the home of Grover Parriott, north of this city where it was reported that some thief had made off with the occupants of their hen roost. It was found that the party had taken twenty hens and left only two roosters of the flock.

Sheriff Sylvester also was called to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schiessl, west of this city, where they had reported that there were thirty chickens taken. At the Schiessl farm the thieves had forced the lock of the chicken house and proceeded to enter and sack up the chickens. Two empty sacks were found in the coop when the owner discovered the fact of the looting. In this case the owners of the chickens believe that they know the parties that committed the theft and will urge prosecution unless the chickens are returned.

### OPEN TRUCK LINE

Rea McMaken of this city, one of the leading truckers of this part of the state, has opened a line of trucks that will operate between this city and Lincoln and will serve a large part of the towns of Cass county. The truck line will reach Eagle, Elmwood, Murdock, Manley, Weeping Water, Avoca, Nehawka, Union, Murry and Mynard.

The trucks will leave this city each morning except Sunday and will visit the various communities and go on into Lincoln, leaving the capitol city in the afternoon and delivering what they may have at the various places and reach this city late in the afternoon.

The company also will continue the operation of the Omaha truck line to care for the service to the people of this section.

Phone the news to No. 6.

### VISIT AT LINCOLN

Wednesday morning Mayor John P. Sattler, Councilman C. A. Johnson, Councilman Scarl S. Davis, Frank M. Bestor and Attorney A. L. Tidd drove to Lincoln. The party visited the legislature for a few hours and appeared before one of the legislative committees to urge the enactment of legislation that had been proposed for the benefit of the smaller cities of the state. The measures that the local people are interested in is that of city sharing of auto license and gas tax, state aid in maintaining state highways through cities and several minor bills.

## Many to be Here for Meeting of Farmers

Social Evening and Get-Together on March 22nd Promises to be Largely Attended.

The get-together meeting which is planned under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce committee on agriculture and entertainment, for Wednesday, March 22nd, promises to be one of the outstanding events of the year in this section of Cass county.

The meeting will be one that will feature the industries in general of the city and particularly that of the Norfolk Packing Co., which is planning on the expansion of their lines of activity this year.

The company in order to make possible the expansion of their lines of goods that will be packed at the local plant, must have assurance that there will be an adequate acreage here of the various lines of vegetables that will be required for the use of the packing plant. Last year sweet corn was the chief crop, but this year it is hoped to have a large number of other vegetables handled at the Plattsmouth plant and which will make a larger output for the plant and more employment for the residents of this section as well as providing a market for the vegetables from the small farms and tracts near this city.

The plant will in the summer season employ at least sixty persons in handling the output and which will run 1,000 cases a day during the peak season.

At this get-together in addition to the program and many social features, the packing company will have a showing of all of their lines of packed products and which can be viewed by all who attend.

### RECEIVES DOUBLE SORROW

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Knorr, who were called to Hastings on Tuesday by the death of Mrs. John Knorr, the mother of Mr. Knorr, received a double shock when Wednesday the aged father of Mr. Knorr passed away.

The father, John Knorr, was 85 years of age and his condition in the earlier part of the winter was more serious than that of the wife who was 78 years of age, but Mrs. Knorr grew much worse and passed away Saturday.

The funeral of Mrs. Knorr was to have been held on Wednesday, but the death of the husband made a change in the plans and the services for both of the aged parents will be held today.

John Knorr was one of the pioneer residents of Adams county, coming there when Hastings was but a hamlet and but a few settlers had braved the dangers of the new west to settle there. Homesteading, Mr. and Mrs. Knorr had a large part in the development of that section of the state.

### NEHAWKA BANK REOPENS

From Friday's Daily  
This morning the Bank of Nehawka was opened to the public after being closed during the period of the "bank holiday." The bank which is operated by D. C. West, long time banker, was given clearance by the state department of banking and will operate without restrictions. The residents of that section of the county are pleased to see this bank again in operation and adding to the business life of the southern Cass county town.

## Declamatory Contest Draws Large Audience

Splendid Array of Talent Offered in the Several Classifications of the Contest.

From Friday's Daily  
Before an audience that packed the high school auditorium beyond its seating capacity last night, a group of nineteen students participated in the annual local declamatory contest to select representatives to the sub-district contest to be held at Auburn on March 28th. There were contests in dramatic, oratory, humorous and extemporaneous speaking. It was one of the best contests of its kind ever held at the school and reflected great credit upon the young people who participated and upon their coach and instructor, Mr. Figley.

Greth Garnett, last year's winner, was again awarded first place in dramatic with his interpretation of "The Bishop's Candlesticks." His fine control of voice and poise in portraying the Bishop and his convict guest was exceptionally well done. George Adam was awarded second with his interpretation of a fugitive doctor in "The White Hands of Telham," a very well presented drama. The judges gave a tie for third to Virginia Samek who ably interpreted "The Lost Word," and Frederick Pricke who vividly portrayed the scene of "The Death of Benedict Arnold."

Pauline Hoehar who has been outstanding in debate work this year did very well in her reading "The Eyes of the Blind." Aimee Jane Thomas was one of two freshmen appearing on the program and her fine work in reading "Inga" gave ample evidence of good material for future contests.

In the oratorical contest, each contestant wrote his own speech for the first time this year and it was an exceedingly close affair between the four speakers. George Adam won first with an oration on the war debts "They Call Us Uncle Shylock." Having previously appeared in the dramatic contest a few minutes before, the speaker had a difficult task. He showed much improvement over his work last year. William Wetenkamp, last year's champion, gave a very forceful address on "The Challenge of Youth for Tomorrow." Dorothy Seimonet, speaking in the oratorical for the first time, was placed third. Her well written speech on "The Cost of War" was the favorable comment of many and she will be back for another year also. George Lushinsky was the fourth speaker with an oration on conditions in Russia entitled "Shall We Remain American."

The humorous section always delights an audience and this part of the program last night was no exception. Anna May Sandin, veteran of many contests, was awarded first place with her amusing portrayal of "At the Photographers." Gertrude Valley was second with her line reading "China Blue Eyes" and William Slayman third with a good character reading "My Brodder, He's So Dumb." Avis Sylvester got many laughs from the audience with her presentation of the characters in "The School Program," and Evelyn Rahn, another freshman who will have further opportunity to develop her dramatic ability, read "The Camera Clicks."

The extemporaneous contest was a very close affair between Stuart Porter and George Lushinsky. Both drew for subjects on current affairs an hour before coming onto the platform. This contest was so evenly matched that it was difficult to reach a decision. Stuart, who was placed first, discussed "Agriculture and the Farmer," and George "The Last of the Lame Ducks." Both had their subjects well in hand and presented them without the use of notes. Either of these boys would creditably represent the school in any similar contest.

During the evening, Mrs. Figley and Miss Williams were heard in two duet numbers for which they are becoming very popular and the high school orchestra under the direction of Miss Williams played at the opening of the program.

Those who had the difficult task

of judging were Mrs. James T. Begley, Miss Helene Perry, Miss Lillian Garrett, Mr. J. Howard Davis, Mr. L. D. Hiatt and Mr. R. F. Patterson.

### SHOPS TO REOPEN

The Burlington Refrigerator Express Co. shops in this city, which have been closed since Saturday as the result of the nation wide banking holiday will resume activity on Monday morning. The order was received this noon by Superintendent George Jaeger from the headquarters of the company and which will mean that the plant will again be in operation on the regular schedule.

## Presbyterian Auxiliary Holds Its Election

Mrs. A. J. Tritley Is Named to Head Organization of Ladies of the Church at Meeting.

The Women's Auxiliary society of the Presbyterian church, met in regular session Wednesday afternoon. The program of the afternoon was election of officers, which resulted in the following:

President—Mrs. A. J. Tritley.  
1st Vice President—Miss Florence Terryberry.

2nd Vice President—Mrs. Luke Wiles.

Secretary—Mrs. Sterling Ingwerson.

Treasurer—Mrs. John Gorder.

The members feel that they have chosen splendid officers to lead them in the activities of their organizations.

An appreciation of the work of the outgoing officers was expressed by Mrs. C. E. Hartford.

Mrs. J. F. Gorder voiced effectively the appreciation of the fine and capable service Mrs. Mike Trisch has rendered as president of the Auxiliary for the past four years, and in behalf of the society presented her with a handsome pottery vase.

The hostesses of the afternoon were Mrs. Paul Ambrose, Mrs. Luke Wiles and Mrs. Wiley Sigler. Very delicious refreshments were served by them. The tables were graced with bouquets of pussy willows, announcing the near approach of spring.

### WILL ATTEND BANQUET

From Friday's Daily  
In telephone conversation with Coach D. X. Bible of the University of Nebraska this morning, he informed Mr. Patterson that he and Ed Weir would come to Plattsmouth on the night of Thursday, March 30, for a banquet in honor of the basketball team. They will bring with them the pictures of the Pittsburgh football game, which will be shown following the banquet. Coach Bible will speak at the banquet. There has been a good bit of confusion in attempting to arrange this date, due to the banking holiday and the change of the basketball tournament, and the fact that Coach Bible and Ed Weir are booked ahead for appearances from week to week, the final date was set as Thursday, March 30, and Coach Bible will be here that night without fail. Many individual members of the Chamber of Commerce in their meeting this week expressed themselves highly in favor of a meeting of this kind, which would not only make it possible to meet Coach Bible and Ed Weir for the first time, but to see the football pictures, and pay honor to the great season which the basketball team has had. A committee will call upon the men of the community who are interested in this affair, sometime during the next few days and it is hoped that there will be a splendid crowd out to hear Coach Bible and see the Nebraska football pictures.

### NEW ARRIVALS

From Friday's Daily  
Two new arrivals are reported this week to add to the population of the city, a fine little son arriving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Grauf, while a little daughter has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Elliott. The little ones are doing nicely and the occasion has brought a great deal of happiness to all members of their respective family circles.

## Charles McGuire an Old Resident, Dies Early Today

Veteran Railroader Succumbs This Morning to Heart Attack After Illness from Flu.

Charles McGuire, 76, veteran railroader employee, died early this morning at the family home on North 9th street as the result of a heart attack that had been induced by several weeks of severe illness from influenza.

Mr. McGuire had only recently been able to be around from a seven weeks illness and which had kept him bedfast, but he was able to be around in the last weeks and down in the business part of the city several times.

The deceased was one of the old time employes of the Burlington railroad, starting his work at Wymore in 1879, and for many years was one of the well known figures in the maintenance of ways department of the railroad as section foreman at this city. Mr. McGuire when a young man entered the railroad service and was the successor at Waverly of E. P. Braken, later vice president of the Burlington railroad, in later years he was transferred to this city where he remained as foreman until his retirement in November, 1922. For the past eight years he had been on the retired list of the railroad and in the enjoyment of a well earned rest and the reward of his faithful service had spent the last years of his life.

Charles McGuire was born June 21, 1856, in Donegal, Donegal county, Ireland, spending his boyhood in his native land, migrating to the United States in 1873 at the age of seventeen years. Mr. McGuire was married forty-one years ago at Gretna, Nebraska, to Miss Bridget Dolan. The family have resided here for the greater part of their wedded life.

Mr. McGuire is survived by the widow, four sons and one daughter, Charles McGuire, Bancroft, Nebr.; Thomas and Edgar McGuire of this city; Con McGuire of McLean, Nebraska and Mrs. William Becker of McLean; also a brother, Con McGuire of York, Pa.

In the loss that has come to them the family will have the deepest sympathy of the many friends who have known and esteemed this splendid citizen in the long years of his residence in our community.

The funeral services will be held at 8:30 Monday from the St. John's Catholic church in this city.

### HONOR PLATTSMOUTH MAN

George F. Swatek, senior in the college of engineering at the University of Nebraska, has been honored by his associates in the college by selection as chairman of Engineers Week at the University. This is a signal recognition and voted by the several hundred members of the college to outstanding members of the department. Mr. Swatek has won several honorary recognitions for his high standing at the state university and this latest is a pleasing tribute to him in his last year in the school. Engineers Week is held in May and is one of the big events of the closing days of the university year. Mr. Swatek is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Swatek of this city and was a graduate of the Plattsmouth schools in the class of 1927, being the highest ranking student of the class.

### SECURES NEW POSITION

Harley Cecil, who has been an assistant manager of the Denver branch store of Montgomery-Ward & Co., has received a nice promotion in his work that will also make him again a resident of Nebraska. Mr. Cecil has been named as the manager of the large store at Scottsbluff, Nebraska, one of the most important points in the western part of the state and where the company has an important store and trading point.

Mr. Cecil is to take up his duties in the new post on Wednesday morning and will move his family to that city to make their future home.

The friends here will be pleased to learn of his advancement to the position of manager of this large store and in which he can exercise his extensive ability and knowledge.

### INTEREST IN ESSAY CONTEST

There has been a great deal of interest shown by the young people of the city in the essay contest which has been sponsored by the retail section of the Chamber of Commerce. There has been already some 400 papers handed in to the various teachers of the city and parochial schools. The subject is "Why I Should Trade in the Town Where I Live."

The fathers and mothers of the youngsters should enter into the spirit of the occasion by helping the ambitious boys and girls who are striving for the prizes.

## City Conventions Name Candidates for Councilmen

Both Parties Name Candidates for the Offices in the Various Wards of the City.

From Saturday's Daily  
The city conventions of the democratic and republican parties were held last evening, the democratic hosts gathering at the city hall and the republicans at the public library.

### Democratic Meeting.

At the democratic convention the meeting was called to order by Claud C. Smith, city chairman, and the organization was perfected by the naming of D. O. Dwyer as chairman and Frank Smith as secretary. There being only the councilmen to name the convention was soon organized into caucuses of the several groups to select their candidates. The following candidates were then reported and confirmed by the convention:

### FIRST WARD

Councilman—Frank M. Bestor.  
Committee—John A. Libershal, Mrs. Kate Morgan.

### SECOND WARD

Councilman, long term—W. C. Tippens.  
Councilman, short term—Michael Bajack.  
Committee—W. A. Swatek, Mrs. Etta Gorder.

### THIRD WARD

Councilman—W. H. Pule.  
Committee—Frank Libershal, Mrs. J. B. Livingston.

### FOURTH WARD

Councilman—J. C. Brittain.  
Committee—George Conis.

### FIFTH WARD

Councilman—Arthur Kief.  
Committee—William Kief, Mrs. Hattie Marshall.

A resolution asking that the city be divided into two wards and to submit the matter on the ballot in April, 1933, was rejected by the convention.

The convention voted to leave the selection of a city chairman to the candidates and the members of the committee.

### Republicans Meet.

The republican convention was presided over by H. A. Schneider as the chairman and William Schmidtmann, Jr., as secretary, the meeting rapidly organizing into ward groups for the naming of candidates for councilmen. The convention selected the following to be their candidates:

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Councilman—William Baird.  
Committee—E. A. Webb, Mrs. William Schmidtmann, Jr.

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Councilman, long term—John L. Tidball.  
Councilman, short term—Henry Jasper.  
Committee—J. H. McMaken, Mrs. W. F. Evers.

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Councilman—George L. Farley.  
Committee—O. C. Hudson, Mrs. John F. Wom.

### FOURTH WARD

Councilman—George Lushinsky.  
Committee—W. D. McCrary, Mrs. F. R. Gobelman.

### FIFTH WARD

Councilman—E. O. Vroman.  
Committee—Albert Stokes.

The convention adopted the resolution asking that the matter of the division of the city into two wards be placed on the ballot.

### HERE FROM LOUISVILLE

From Friday's Daily  
This morning Ernest and August Pautsch, two of the well known residents of Louisville, were in the city to attend to some matters at the court house. They were called here by the hearing in the estate of Mrs. Ernest G. Pautsch in the county court.

## Honor Well Known Louisville Citizen Sunday

Wendell Hell, Old Time Resident Hale and Hearty as He Passes Eighty-fifth Year.

From Saturday's Daily  
Wendell Hell, member of one of the well known families of Cass county, has just passed his eighty-fifth birthday and in honor of the event was given a fine birthday observance by the relatives and friends. The following from the Louisville Courier tells of the occasion:

Wendell Hell is eighty-five. Sunday evening, March 12, a large number of relatives and friends gathered at Mr. Hell's home on North Hill, served a tasteful six o'clock supper and spent the evening very happily.

Mr. Hell, at eighty-five, is healthy and feels fine. "I can drink about six cups of coffee a day," he says proudly, "and you see that my appetite is good." Mr. Hell moved from Illinois to Nebraska many years ago. He settled west of Plattsmouth when that town was a mere jerk-water and Louisville had not yet come into existence.

"Hard work never killed anyone," maintains Mr. Hell, "and I saw many hard times in this state." For the present he suggests that folks do without many of the things they do not need and which do not contribute to their happiness anyway. He feels that conditions will be better after while. One thing he says is sure, "In the old days we used to make laws and keep them. Today we have a lot of laws, too many, and the men at the head of the government don't care if anyone keeps them." He reads the papers daily and studies them.

Mr. Hell spends his time at wood-working. He works at his "carpenter" trade every day, he says. He has a little shop near the house in which he constructs many household appliances.

He notes a difference between the pioneer folks and those of today. "We learned to take many chances when this state was settled. I can remember of going out into storms, hunting alone late at night, and doing things that people today would be scared of," he says with a wave of his hand. "But only one thing is necessary, anytime," he said earnestly, "and that is trust in the Lord. No danger is big enough to hurt you then."

Those who attended Mr. Hell's birthday party were: Mr. and Mrs. John Hell and family; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hell and family; Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hell and family; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hell and family; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hell and family; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hell; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hell; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rohrdanz and family; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meisinger and family; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kupke and family; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Meisinger and family; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Elseman; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stander and family; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wendt and family; Mrs. George Heier; Morris Amelang and Rev. T. Hartman and family.

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The quilts were numbered and voted on in that manner, with the result that in the pieced quilt department the first prize was won by Mrs. Betty Barrows, Murray, "Flower Garden," while the second prize was awarded to Mrs. Jennie Klimm, "Indian Wedding Ring." In the applique group, the first prize was won by Mrs. Sterling Ingwerson, "Conventional Pattern," the second, "Ohio Rose," won by Mrs. Reese Hainstain, Louisville. In the embroidered quilts, the first prize, "Floral," was won by Mrs. Bennett Christwiser and the second, "Conventional," by Mrs. John Parkening. In the silk, wool and velvet quilts, the first prize was awarded to Mrs. Ida Cole of Mynard and the second prize to Mrs. Etta Gorder.