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## Juniors Hosts to the Seniors of High School

Annual Junior-Senior Banquet and From Proves One of Colorful Events of School Year.

Saturday evening the annual junior-senior banquet of the high school was held at the American Legion hall, proving a very colorful climax of the school year and the graduating days of the school.

This year the junior class members and their sponsors, Misses Florence Beighley and Estelle Baird, had chosen as the motif for the banquet settings, that of a western ranch and which was most strikingly carried out in the decorations.

### Realistic Western Scene

The banquet hall was walled by a very realistic appearing fence and on which appeared the carvings so often found as tokens of the cowhands. The ceiling of the hall was formed by the dark blue paper with the silver stars, making a very beautiful setting, a large moon also shining its rays on the banquet scene. In the center a campfire lent a cheerful glow to the scene. The pillars of the hall were arranged in the form of a cacti found in the western desert and which had been most cleverly planned.

The tables were arranged with table cloths and napkins of the checkered red and white design in true western style, the old fashioned kerosene lamps also being used in the table decorations to make a real old time touch to the scene. Each table had as its centerpiece a corral with miniature cattle and cowhands as figures.

The place cards were small cowboys very artistically arranged while the nut cups were made in the form of cans of vegetables that had been opened by the camp "cookie." The toast lists were arranged in the form of large sombreros to add another western ranch touch to the scene.

The western theme was carried out in the menu served by the ladies of the Methodist church, this being:

- Cactus
- Conchas - Bloody Steak
- Shorts - Sage Brush
- Stuffed Horns
- Pebbles - Soap Weed
- Sand Cherries - Greasy Sinkers
- Hoista Shoe
- Java Jersey - Knick Knacks

### The Toast List

The toast list was one that brought out many very clever responses from the young people of the school and the faculty and board of education representatives. Shirley Seiver, junior class president, presided and introduced the various speakers.

Raymond Wooster of the junior class extended the welcome of the class to their guests of the evening.

Joe York, of the freshman class, was the speaker for this group who are just completing their first year in the high school.

Joseph A. Capwell, president of the board of education, took as his subject, "Facing the Horizon," his topic coming most appropriately for the young people who are soon to leave the high school.

The boys quartet, one of the popular musical organizations of the school, gave a much enjoyed part of the evening program with their well rendered selection.

Ronald Rebal, of the sophomore class, responded in a very clever way for his class which will next year have the task of the annual banquet on their hands.

Dale Bowman, of the seniors, told of the "Cowboy's Lament" and the feeling of regret felt by the seniors now that the happy carefree days of school are coming to a close and the stern realities of life must be faced by the seniors.

Mr. Milo Price, in "The Round Up," expressed the sentiments of the school faculty as they are losing from the school another large group of the young people and with whom there has been most pleasant relations.

During the serving the "Hi Hatters" played a very delightful program and at the close of the banquet they played for the dancing party that followed and which was a most delightful close of the evening, the

dancing continuing until the midnight hour.

The following committees had charge of the banquet arrangement: Menu—Marie Hughes, chairman; Margaret Ann Pitz, Chester Foster, Marie Thomason, Gavin Farmer.

Hall Decorations—Pat Cloldt, chairman; Frances Cloldt, Kathryn Grosshans, Twila Fay Hendrix, Alice Mae Campbell, Laura Mrasek, Shirley Keck, Jean Knorr, Joan Hall, Mary Gayer, Jane Rebal, Clara Tomman.

Invitations: Margaret Ann Valery, chairman; Mary Alice Shiffer, John Urish, Florabelle Meade, Eleanor Minor, Joy Miller.

Dance—Beatrice Arn, chairman; Ray Wooster, Laura Mrasek.

Property—Dick Hall, chairman; Clarence Cuthrell, Leonard Wieland, Dale Long, Ben McCarty, Beryl Shanholtz, Virgil Urish.

Table Decorations—Robert Woest, chairman; Irene Anthes, Marion Olson, Betty Vobrill, Frances McCart, Harley Minniear, Glen Carlburg, Winifred Kaffenberger, Mary Ellen Kaufmann.

## Blown Safe and Fire at the Cass Theatre Monday

Popular Playhouse Scene of Excitement Monday Afternoon for Several Minutes.

The Cass theatre was the scene of a great deal of excitement Monday afternoon shortly after 4:30 when a small fire was discovered in the office of the theatre, located off the balcony, and a few moments later a blown safe was revealed.

The theatre was being cleaned up when an unusual noise was heard on the balcony and an investigation revealed that a waste basket of paper was burning briskly and causing a great deal of smoke. It was attempted to extinguish the blaze with a small extinguisher and the fire department was called and with the use of chemicals soon had the blaze out without any serious damage save a great deal of smoke on the top floor of the theatre.

It was discovered Monday morning that a large safe that had stood near the foot of the stairs to the balcony was missing and it was thought that the safe had been taken late Sunday night. Monday while the theatre was being cleared of smoke, the missing safe was located in the ladies rest room of the building where the door of the safe had been blown, apparently by dynamite, the force of the explosion also damaging some of the fixtures in the room as well as a section of the floor where the safe had rested.

The manner in which the safe blowing was handled leads authorities to the view that the work was done by the same group that last week blew a safe at Weeping Water and burglarized several places in Avoca.

While the theatre is located in the main section of the city and next to the Plattsmouth Hotel, no sound of the explosion was felt there or in the residences nearby.

The safe, one of the large and ponderous type, has not been used in many years and it is doubtful if anyone has the combination, the safe not being in use since the earlier days of the theatre.

### HERE FROM NEW JERSEY

Sunday morning Mrs. Perry Harvey Murdick, II, with her infant son, Perry Harvey, III, arrived from their home in Fanwood, New Jersey, to visit here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wescott, parents of Mrs. Murdick. The coming of "Tad," has proven a real event in the Wescott household and as the first grandchild he is receiving his full share of recognition. Mr. Murdick accompanied the family as far as Benton Harbor, Michigan, where he stopped to visit his parents, Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Murdick. He expects to come here in June to join the members of his family in a visit in this city and Lincoln.

### CONFINED TO HOME

Ralph O. Timm has been confined to his home in the west part of the city for the past two days as the result of a severe cold and complications. It is hoped that he may be able in a few days to resume his usual activities "under the Anheuser-Busch."

## Young People are Wedded in Omaha Monday

Miss Laura A. Grassman and Mr. Joseph Manacek Married at Residence of Father Tyner.

Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the residence of Father George Tyner in Omaha, was celebrated the marriage of Miss Laura Grassman of this city and Mr. Joseph Manacek of Omaha.

The simple and impressive ring marriage service of the Episcopal church was celebrated by Father Tyner, who is serving as rector of the St. Luke's church of this city, of which the bride is a member.

The wedding was very quiet and attended by Mrs. Mary Manacek, mother of the groom and Mrs. Robert A. Bates of this city, aunt of the bride and with whom Miss Grassman has made her home since childhood.

The bride wore a traveling gown of blue sheer wool, trimmed with gray fur and with hat and accessories in tones of gray. She wore a corsage of gardenias.

The groom wore a business suit of gray. He also wore a boutonniere of gardenias.

Following the wedding the members of the bridal party enjoyed a very attractively arranged dinner at Dixon's and in which the table settings were appropriate to the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Manacek departed Monday night for a honeymoon trip to the west coast, visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Romero, the latter a sister of the bride, for a short time and will also en route stop at Salt Lake City and Boulder Dam.

On their return they will be at home after June 1st to their friends at their home, 1553 South 25th avenue, Omaha.

The bride was born in this city, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Grassman, spending her childhood and school days with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Bates, graduating from the Plattsmouth high school in the class of 1930. She has in the past few years resided at Omaha where she has been engaged in stenographic work. She has many friends here who will join in their well wishes to this estimable couple.

The groom has made his home in Omaha for his lifetime and is now employed as an engineer on the Union Pacific where he has been in service for the past several years. A young man of fine character, he has a large group of friends in this city and Omaha who will be pleased to learn of his new happiness.

### HONORED BY YESSIR TRIBE

From Tuesday's Daily—Sheriff Homer Sylvester and Deputy Sheriff Cass Sylvester, were honor guests today noon at Omaha, the Tribe of Yessir, of the Junior Chamber of Commerce inviting the local law enforcing officers as well as members of the Omaha police department as guests.

This special recognition is given the local officers for their fine work in apprehending two much wanted men here a few weeks ago, the men now facing trial at Kansas City, Missouri, for the murder of a federal operative at Topeka, Kansas, from where they were fleeing when captured by Sheriff Homer Sylvester and Deputy Cass Sylvester.

### NAMED COUNTY JUDGE

The board of county commissioners at their meeting Tuesday made the appointment of C. E. Tefft of Weeping Water as county judge, serving during the absence of Judge Duxbury in the east. Mr. Tefft is one of the deans of the Cass county bar and has had a long experience in probate matters which will make him a most efficient occupant of the county bench. Judge Duxbury will be absent several weeks at Washington and the east and the conduct of the court and the handling of all the matters of the county judge's office will be up to Judge Tefft with the assistance of Miss Minnie Hild, clerk of the office.

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### BOARD REORGANIZES

From Tuesday's Daily—The board of education of school district No. 1, met last night and organized for the ensuing year. J. A. Capwell was re-named as the president of the board, Roy Knorr, vice president, and Miss Marie Kaufmann was selected as the secretary.

Mr. Frank A. Cloldt is retiring from the position of secretary after thirteen years of very faithful and efficient service. He has in his term of office had the handling of the closing of the bond issue which will be paid out in August and leave the district free of bonded indebtedness.

Miss Kaufmann, who has been named to succeed Mr. Cloldt has had a large experience in this line of work and will make a most efficient official.

## Judge Wilson Hears Argument in Twiss Suit

Defendant Company Files Motion to Strike Out Parts of the Petition of Plaintiff.

District Judge W. W. Wilson Monday at Nebraska City heard a motion of the defendant in the case of Marjory Twiss vs. the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Co., to strike portions of the petition of Miss Twiss.

She claims damages on three counts: that she has a right to recover under the company's pension plan because she was wrongfully discharged; because she was slandered by the company, and because the company refused to give her a "service letter" stating the reason for the discharge; inability to get this letter, she says, prevents her from obtaining a job with another company.

The defendant company moved to strike portions of the petition which, if sustained, plaintiff's counsel said, would emasculate the pleadings and virtually dismiss the suit. The defendant also asked that the plaintiff include in her petition the booklet put out by the company setting up the details of its pension plan. Plaintiff's counsel said the 23-page book would encumber the record.

Judge Wilson, after hearing two hours of arguments, told the attorneys to submit briefs and said he probably wouldn't rule on the motion, in view of the length of the petition and the importance of the points involved, until some time next month.

### ROTARIANS GIVE REPORTS OF DISTRICT CONVENTION

From Tuesday's Daily—Reports of the district convention at Fremont were given at the Rotary club luncheon this noon. E. H. Wescott told of the new member reception given in play form by the Omaha club. Frank Cloldt described the Wishing Well which has been sponsored by the Sioux City club.

Dr. R. P. Westover, in his report, paid high tribute to the Fremont high school a cappella choir. He also told of the doll exhibit which was made by the Kearney Rotary club. Mac McLean of Nebraska City described the favors at the banquet which were sent from 33 countries. Fred Lugsch made a few statements and a general survey of the convention was given by Searl Davis.

Judge A. H. Duxbury told of some of the outstanding addresses and told of trophies awarded this year. Carl Ofe had charge of the program.

Four members of the Nebraska City Rotary club were guests. J. Hyde Sweet of the Nebraska City News-Press; Walter Kirtley, lumberman; and A. M. Stephenson, hotel manager, were here. Robert Valley, senior, and Robert Woest, junior, were also introduced as high school guests for the month of May.

### LEAVES FOR THE SOUTH

Mrs. Grace Parker, of Lincoln, who has been visiting with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Davis, departed Monday evening for Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She will enjoy a visit in the south with a niece for some time and enjoy the many places of interest.

## Mrs. Otto Wilson Talks of Indians at Club Banquet

Installation of Officers Held with Mrs. Elmer Sundstrom Presiding; Many Guests.

Mrs. Otto Wilson, state chairman of Indian Welfare, was the main speaker at the annual Plattsmouth Woman's club banquet held in the K. C. hall Monday evening. She talked of the Omaha ("Upstream People") tribe. Their reservation is at Macy, Nebr. Mrs. Wilson described the colorful pow-wows, told of the Indian songs and musical instruments, and of the foods which are peculiar to the white man. She also gave interesting details of their legends and burial customs.

Mrs. Wilson was dressed in a complete Indian costume. She also displayed pictures of the Indians on the reservation in their various activities. In closing the speaker named as contributions to the white race by the Indians, trails, plants, medicines, dress, music, art, literature, additions to the vocabulary, expressions, clothing, recreation, and place names.

### Musical Program

Numbers on the musical program carried the Indian theme. Mrs. E. H. Wescott sang "Pale Moon." She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Perry Murdick of Fanwood, New Jersey.

A sextette from the seventh grade of the Plattsmouth schools sang "Indian Dawn." They were accompanied by Thelma Kruger. Miss Lois Brandhorst directed. Members of the group were Misses Jeanette Shryock, Barbara Lamphear, Betty Jo Wilson, Betty Ault, Maxine Graves, and Dorothea Duxbury.

Piano solos were played by Mrs. Robert Reed. Her selection were "L'Alouette" by Glinka and "Pierrelle" by Chauvaine.

Mrs. E. H. Wescott, accompanied by Mrs. Murdick, led the group singing during the evening.

### Install Officers

Following the program installation of officers was held. Mrs. William Baird, retiring president, gave a farewell message and turned over the gavel to Mrs. Elmer Sundstrom. A past president's pin was presented to Mrs. Baird by Mrs. James Begley of Lincoln, a past president of the Plattsmouth Woman's club.

Mrs. Sundstrom called upon the new officers for their pledge of service. They are Mrs. Wm. Heinrich, vice president; Miss Georgia White, recording secretary; Miss Wilhelmina Henriksen, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. L. W. Egenberger, treasurer.

### Out-of-Town Guests

Among the out-of-town visitors who were introduced were Mrs. James Begley of Lincoln, past president; Mrs. W. S. McGrew of Louisville, district chairman of public welfare; Mrs. A. B. Doan, president of the Louisville Woman's club; Miss Phyllis Straub of Avoca, former district chairman of music; and Mrs. Perry Murdick of Fanwood, N. J. Past presidents who were in attendance were Mrs. E. H. Wescott, Mrs. James Begley, Mrs. J. F. Wolf, Mrs. Robert Reed, and Mrs. Wm. Baird.

Tables carried the spring theme. Butterfly napkins and celophane basket nut cups in pastel colors; centerpieces of bouquets of spring flowers and May baskets filled with fresh flowers gave the tables a festive air. Large baskets of flowers stood at either end of the hall and large multi-colored butterflies were suspended from the lights. Butterflies were also used at the tables as decorations. White candles in crystal holders were lighted on the tables. Mrs. John Wolf was chairman of the decoration committee.

Members of the Catholic church served a lovely banquet menu. Sixty-four attended.

### WIN SUPERIOR RATING

A superior rating was won by the Weeping Water girls' sextette at the state contest in Hastings Friday night. The girls' small voice group offered the stiffest competition of the contest as more schools entered than in any other division. The students and their director, Mrs. Everett Pickens of Plattsmouth, are to be commended upon their fine work.

### MRS. WILLIAM OFE ELECTED GUARDIAN

Mrs. William Ofe was elected district outside guardian at the annual district Rebekah convention held in the Elks hall in Omaha Wednesday. A short morning session and afternoon meetings and an evening session were held. Ten lodges were represented.

Five representatives from the Bud of Promise, Lodge number 40 of Plattsmouth attended. They were Mrs. William Ofe, Mrs. Hilda Coffman, Mrs. Fred Haffke, Mrs. George Mann, and Miss Anna Heisel. Both Mrs. Mann and Miss Heisel appeared on the day's program.

Elva Kelley of Lincoln was one of the outstanding leaders on the program. She conducted a school of instruction during the afternoon.

## Local Scouts Advanced at Syracuse Meet

Twelve of Plattsmouth Troop Receive Advancements and Merit Badges for Their Work.

From Wednesday's Daily—Carter Minor of the Plattsmouth Troop, No. 364, advanced from a second class to a first class scout at the bi-monthly court of honor at Syracuse last evening. Nine boys, Cary Marshall, Don Martin, Billy Hula, Ralph Hilt, Jimmy Mauzy, Gerald Hennings, John Soennichsen, Ed Hiber, and Tom Solomon stepped from the ranks of tenderfoot into second class. George M. Mark received merit badges in electricity and in plumbing. Bill Rosencrans was honored by a merit badge in camping.

The court of honor in the Eagles hall of Syracuse was attended by 125 scouts of this section of the state. This is probably the largest gathering for several years. Members of the Syracuse troop presented a clever preliminary program. An impressive pageant of the history of the declaration of the scouting principles was given.

E. H. Wescott is advancement director of the troop committee. He had charge of the awarding of ranks and merit badges. Raymond Larson is the Plattsmouth scoutmaster.

John Rishel has been stepping forward with some fine contributions to the Plattsmouth troop. He is now junior assistant scoutmaster and had a great deal to do with the advancement of the group of tenderfoot members.

Elmer Webb, a member of the troop committee, Ed Ofe, August Cloldt, and Raymond Larson drove cars for the scouts. E. H. Wescott, John Rishel and Mr. and Mrs. Hilt Martin also attended.

Scouting is gaining in strength throughout this section of the state. Each year shows a greater number of hard-working, interested young men falling into line in the all-around program of the Boy Scouts. Plattsmouth may be proud of the group of boys that in the near future will be taking over the leadership of the community.

### HAS SOLUTION FOR PROBLEM

Attorney W. A. Robertson, conversing with a Journal representative Tuesday, offered a possible solution of the dust bowl problem. The well known attorney is of the opinion that the government should take over the section designated as the "dust bowl," then gather all of the dandelion seed that can be secured in this part of the country and have them taken to that section and planted. If the dandelions cannot battle the problem then the section better be given back to the Indians. This is an idea that Henry Wallace or who ever has charge of the winning of the west should look into.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all the friends and neighbors for their assistance and sympathy at the time of our bereavement. Also we wish to thank all those taking part in the funeral services, for the beautiful flowers and the use of cars.—Mrs. Ida Adkins and Family. d&w

## Community Joins City Campaign for Cleanliness

Volunteer Fire Department to Begin Inspection of Business Houses Thursday Morning.

Cooperation in the Clean Up—Paint Up—Fix Up—Plant Up campaign is to be found throughout the city of Plattsmouth. Although rainy weather prevented some of the activity on Monday and Tuesday, Wednesday finds the community busy.

Members of the Volunteer Fire Department met at the city hall last evening and made plans for the semi-annual inspection of business houses beginning Thursday. Eight men will be active on Main street. Dr. O. Sandin, chief, Carl Ofe, Fred Lugsch, William Schmidtman, Jr., Clement Wooster, Robert Jacobs, Robert Wurl, and Franklin Kief are doing the work this year. These eight men were selected from the 25 men enrolled.

Inspection this year will be made by the entire group. They will visit all the business houses inspecting wiring, basements, chimneys, lamp cords, runways in cellars and will remove all rubbish from alleys. All fire hazards will be removed and the firemen will become better acquainted with the exits of buildings and method of fighting any possible fire. A check will also be made of all school buildings.

Schools are also cooperating in the movement. Yards have been cleaned and a number of new trees planted. Some painting has been done in the buildings. A fine set of posters are being made by the students for exhibition in the windows downtown. Display windows on Main street carry the "clean-up" theme where possible. Specials on paints, wall paper, varnishes, cleaning equipment, garden tools, plants, and seeds are a part of the campaign display. It even extends to fresh house dresses, new spring suits, and tasty menus for the week.

Activity is probably greatest in the residential district. Curtains are to be found on the lines this morning, paper hangers are busy as well as repair men. Cans of rubbish are standing in the alleys ready to be disposed of by the city employees.

Water mains are being flushed today and Thursday north and south of Main street respectively by the Plattsmouth Water corporation.

### START SOUTHEAST PLAY

The Southeast Nebraska Amateur baseball league of which Plattsmouth is a member, will start their season on Sunday, the weather permitting. The league has a fifteen game schedule and which will continue through May, June, July and a part of August.

The opening day of the league will see Plattsmouth at Nebraska City to play the Wurtele's Wreckers, the McCord Boosters, also of Nebraska City, will journey to Auburn and the Weeping Water CCC boys will take on Union at the latter place.

Fair weather is promised for Sunday and the teams are expecting a good start on the season work.

The league, entering its first season, is limited to non-salaried players. Although regulations set forth a 23-year player limit, it is permissible to use three men over that age. Word from managers indicated that in few instances will the older players be used.

The 15-game schedule calls for three rounds. The first two will be home-and-home, with site of the third round contest being decided between the rival managers. In any event proceeds are divided equally between the two teams.

The players of the local team lined up for the season are Eugene Ault, Dell Sylvester, Harley Streets, William Smith, Laurence Rhoades, Tom Kriskey, Chet Smith, Marion Wiles, Tom Grosshans.

H. Lutman, of the local recreational center will be the coach of the team.

Remember to send a card to your mother on Mothers' Day, May 9.—Full line at Bates Book Store.

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