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P. H. S. Team Ranks Among State's Six Best

Debaters Advance to Quarter Finals in State Tournament Held at Lincoln Last of Week.

Saturday afternoon in Lincoln the final curtain was lowered on this season's debate contests. Omaha North high school was awarded the class A state championship trophy and will represent Nebraska at the National tournament to be held in Maine or California. North defeated Sidney in the final round of the state tournament.

The Plattsmouth High school entry, Case and Bestor, proved that their fine record made at the district contest a month ago was no "fluke." They qualified for the quarter finals by drawing a bye, losing to Grand Island and then defeating Kimball, last year's runner-up team. Only six teams survived the three qualifying rounds: Omaha North, from the Omaha district; Norfolk, from the Wayne district; Sidney, from the Scottsbluff district; Hastings, from the Hastings district, and two teams from the Lincoln district—Lincoln and Plattsmouth. With the possible exception of the Omaha district, Plattsmouth is in the strongest debate district of the state, not only this year, but over a period of years. The fact that only the Lincoln district qualified two teams for the quarter finals is proof enough for this year.

Standing among the half dozen teams from which the state champs were to be selected, Plattsmouth drew Hastings for the next round and lost. Harriet Case had improved remarkably since the district tournament. John Bestor lived up to his district tournament record of being the best debater in the Lincoln district. Yet they were only Juniors and lacked some of the polish of the Hastings team.

Few teams composed of Juniors from a school the size of Plattsmouth high school have ever gone so far. Seldom has any Plattsmouth team, whether depending on brains or brawn or both, ranked with the state's top half dozen. The larger schools do have the advantage.

Compete in 54 Debates

The Plattsmouth debaters have competed in 54 decision debates this year. In 26 of these a P. H. S. team was declared the winner.

These opportunities for practice and improvement are due to the attitude of the school officials. Even though all debate work here is done outside of school hours, which is not true of any other state tournament team, Supt. L. S. Devoe and Principal J. R. Reeder, with the support of the Board of Education, have been very liberal in arranging these many opportunities for competition with the best in Nebraska, and the results fully justify the extra-time work put in on this activity by History Teacher Milo Price and the students who have labored hard and long to attain perfection.

Through competing with the best, Plattsmouth's debate team has become one of the best.

DOINGS IN COUNTY COURT

From Monday's Daily—

This afternoon a hearing was had on complaint filed by County Attorney J. A. Capwell against Glen Brittain charging him with assault, the complaining witness being Frances McCart. The court after hearing the evidence assessed a fine of \$25 and costs.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

The first half of the 1937 real estate taxes will be due and payable on May 1st at the office of the county treasurer.

JOHN E. TURNER,
County Treasurer.

MYNARD COMMUNITY CLUB

The Mynard Community club will meet at the community building on Friday, April 29th. All members are urged to attend.

MANY ATTEND CONTEST

The amateur contest held at the high school at Blair, brought out some twenty-two contestants from the various sections of the state, the event being witnessed by 750 people, with 300 turned away.

There were three prizes offered, the first going to the McGrew Brothers of Tekamah, the second to Billy Rose Canterbury of this city and the third to the Fisher Sisters of Blair.

The winning of the second place by the Plattsmouth young lady is very gratifying to her many friends as she has proven a very fine entertainer in her many local appearances.

Wedding of Prominent Young People

Miss Hilda Friedrich and Mr. Glen Kraeger Married at Eight Mile Grove Church.

Wedding bells rang for Miss Hilda Friedrich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Friedrich of west of Plattsmouth, who was united in the bonds of holy matrimony with Mr. Glen Kraeger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Kraeger of southwest of Plattsmouth, at the Christ Lutheran church at 11 o'clock Saturday morning by Rev. A. Lentz. The double ring ceremony was used.

The bride was attended by Mrs. Verner Friedrich, sister of the groom. The groom had as his best man Mr. Verner Friedrich, brother of the bride.

The Lohengrin bridal chorus was played by Miss Malinda Friedrich, sister of the bride, as the bridal party entered the church. During the ceremony, Miss Wilma Friedrich, youngest sister of the bride rendered a solo, "Because."

The bride was attired in an aqua blue crepe dress with accessories to match; a corsage of sweet peas and roses.

The bridesmaid wore a navy blue viscose crepe dress with accessories to match; a corsage of sweet peas and roses.

The groom and best man wore the conventional spring suits.

After the ceremony a wedding dinner was given at the home of the bride's parents.

The center of the wedding table was decorated by a three tier wedding cake, baked and decorated by the mother of the groom Mrs. Jake Kraeger.

The bridal couple left immediately after the wedding dinner for a short honeymoon after which they will return to the home of the groom.

Those attending the wedding and wedding dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Jake Kraeger, Rev. and Mrs. A. Lentz and daughters, Maria, Joan and Anna Mae, Malinda and Wilma Friedrich, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Friedrich.

FINDS CONDITIONS EXCELLENT

Attorney A. L. Tidd returned home Saturday from a visit of several days in the southwest part of the state and where he had the opportunity of viewing a great deal of the country in that section. Mr. Tidd was as far west as McCook and reports that the wheat in that section seems excellent and is looking fine and of excellent height. He also stopped at Cozad and Grand Island to look after business affairs and found wheat in that section was showing excellent progress and a promise of a good crop.

HERE FROM CHICAGO

Mr. and Mrs. John Warga, of Chicago, are here to enjoy a visit at the home of the brothers and sisters of Mr. Warga in this city and vicinity as well as the many old time friends. Mr. Warga is engaged in operating a large drug store in Illinois and has been located there for the past several years as manager for the Walgreen company and later as the owner of a store of his own.

BRINGS IN COYOTES

John Kettlehut of Nehawka was in the city Tuesday afternoon and brought with him one old and seven young coyotes that he captured at his farm near Nehawka.

Cass County Historical Society Meets

Interesting Program Presented at the Court House on Saturday Afternoon.

The Cass County Historical society met Saturday afternoon in the district court room of the course house. A number of the members throughout the county attended. Dr. G. H. Gilmore of Murray presided over the meeting.

Miss Flora Belle Mead opened the program by reading the history of Pine school, written by William Coatsman. This was followed by "My Father's Work," by Mrs. Martha Spriegel Young of Nehawka. She told of the work of Rev. Frederick Spriegel in establishing churches in this area. He went from community to community, holding services in the most centrally located homes, and returning as often as possible.

The history of rural free delivery was then explained by Miss Myrtle Woods of Wabash. She said that the first route in Nebraska was in Tecumseh, established on November 7, 1896. The first carriers received \$25 a month and worked all day long. These wages have gradually been raised, however. A meeting was held in Plattsmouth in 1901 to establish rural routes in Cass county.

Albert McReynolds gave a brief outline of the "Cass County Historical Magazine," by Glen Rutledge of Nehawka. This magazine gives the history of 51 ghost towns in Cass county. A special map of Plattsmouth and the surrounding ghost towns, seven of them, is being secured.

The memorial service to be held in the Young cemetery on May 29 was announced. It is sponsored by the Young Cemetery association to pay tribute to the old cemeteries.

The meeting was closed by a round table discussion conducted by Mrs. L. O. Minor. Three topics were discussed, pioneer graveyards, historical markers and permanent headquarters. A number of the old graveyards were named and the locations given. These were recorded for reference in rebuilding work.

The most important historical places in each community are to be chosen by a committee, and these places will be marked first. This was decided upon in the discussion on historical markers.

The reasons for having permanent headquarters were discussed. Dr. Gilmore read some of the interesting and amusing items from the record of the justice of peace from 1859 to 1873. A committee will be appointed to work out the histories of the pioneer families in each township to be kept at the headquarters.

The meeting was then adjourned, the work discussed to be carried on throughout the county by the members of the society.

SUFFERS SERIOUS INJURY

While Rodney S. Briggs, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leland S. Briggs of David City, and four companions were riding their bicycles in the country near David City, the lad was struck by a passing state highway truck. The handle bar of his bike caught the side of the truck drawing the wheel and the lad under the truck, which ran over him, breaking his left leg between the knee and ankle. The lad was taken to the hospital in David City where he is being treated. Examination showed only the break of the larger bone of the left leg, which is very fortunate considering the nature of the accident. He is getting along as well as could be expected. The accident happened last Saturday afternoon. The young lad is grandson of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Priggs and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hartwick of Plattsmouth.

HERE FROM SIOUX CITY

Robert Glock, a student at the Methodist church at Sioux City, Iowa and John Glock, who is attending normal school at Wayne, Nebraska, visited over the weekend with their sister, Miss Dorothy Glock. They also visited with their grandfather, W. P. Cook. On Saturday they went to Nebraska City and Peru, viewing the apple blossoms and visiting Peru Normal.

HUNDREDS MAKE TOUR

Highway No. 75 through this city, was massed Sunday by hundreds of automobiles joining in the apple blossom tour through the orchards at Union and on south as far as Nemaha county. Special arrangements had been made at the orchards to permit the public to have a full view of the wilderness of blooms that now mark that part of Nebraska. While the caravan through here was largely of Omaha cars, there were many from other counties in the east part of the state and western Iowa. The caravan started early in the morning as many made a whole day of outing and stopping at places of interest along the way.

John E. Turner Files for Office of Co. Treasurer

Present Occupant of the Office Will Seek Republican Nomination at the Primaries.

Late Tuesday afternoon County Treasurer John E. Turner made his filing for the nomination for re-election subject to the wishes of the voters at the republican primaries.

Mr. Turner has served most efficiently in his office and in his service has handled hundreds of thousands of dollars for the taxpayers of Cass county.

In his service Mr. Turner has carried a heavy burden at times as in the earlier years much uncertainty in banking affairs made his responsibility even greater than usual and his constant care and watchfulness saved the county from possible losses.

This is the first filing for the office to be made and the many friends of Mr. Turner will be pleased to learn that he will again seek the office to which he has devoted his splendid ability and judgment in administering to the best interests of the taxpayers.

PRESENT FINE PROGRAM

From Wednesday's Daily—

Last evening the residents of the Nebraska Masonic Home and in firmly were treated to a very delightful program which was arranged by the Home chapter No. 189 of the Eastern Star of this city, Mrs. Frank Barkus being the chairman.

The event was in the nature of a "roving program," the various numbers being given at each of the buildings by the entertainers. The program was very interesting and varied to furnish high class entertainment.

Mrs. H. F. Nolting gave one of her delightful accordian solo numbers and Betty Ann Albert, youthful musician, a piano selection.

A Dutch dance in costume was presented by Marilyn Kleck, Shirley Hudson and Marilyn Reed, Shirley Seiver being the accompanist for the group.

Don C. York was heard in one of his always pleasing vocal solos and was accompanied at the piano by E. H. Wescott.

Burton Rishel, high school musician, gave a trumpet solo, "The Holy City," with Mr. E. H. Wescott as the accompanist for the number.

Emil J. Weyrich presented a fine group of educational films and also colored and artistic pictures of the Yellowstone park and homes and gardens of this city. Miss Clara Weyrich assisted her brother in the showing.

TRANSFORMER STRUCK

From Monday's Daily—

A large transformer in the alley just north of the Bekins building was struck by lightning this morning about 6:30 during the rain storm. The bolt placed the electric service out for a short time in that vicinity but the damage was soon repaired by the workmen of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co. The lightning made quite a display in the neighborhood when the bolt struck.

AN APPRECIATION

I wish to thank everyone for the nice cards, letters and beautiful flowers which were sent me while I was in the hospital. I appreciated them all so much and will long cherish this thoughtfulness of my friends.—Bernice Halme.

Lodge Observes 50th Annivers'y of Its Founding

Elmwood Odd Fellows Host to Visitors from Lodges at Avoca, Nehawka, Weeping Water

Monday, April 25th, marked the fiftieth anniversary of the Elmwood Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which was organized April 25, 1888, with a charter membership of sixteen. Of this number only one is living at this time, L. F. Uhley, a Past Grand, who was stricken with paralysis some months ago and has been making his home with a son at Louisville since then.

The members of the lodge at its inception were Stephen Hulfish, Mr. Uhley, Charles D. Clapp, William De Les Dernier, John Gyger, Charles Rivitt, N. E. Marshall, Jacob Schlaneker, A. B. Dickson, W. H. Beck, James Turk, James H. Greene, David McCague, Cyrus Alton, C. C. Cowell and Ed A. Dorr. In the order of its being chartered, the lodge became Elmwood Lodge No. 160 and has continued in existence now for fifty years. The charter was signed by Grand Master George H. Cutting and Grand Secretary D. W. Cline.

This being the fiftieth anniversary, it was fitting and proper that the lodge celebrate the passing of its birthday, with the lodges of the district, Avoca, Nehawka, Weeping Water and Elmwood, joining in the celebration.

There were some ninety of the members of the district present, together with Grand Master Roy Butler, of Gering; Grand Secretary E. S. Davis of North Platte and Grand Treasurer Jefferson, of Waverly.

Morris Peterman acted as master of ceremonies for the celebration and kept the program moving nicely from beginning to end. The speakers included, besides the visiting grand lodge officers and Mr. Peterman, B. I. Clement, L. A. Tyson, J. P. Cobb, Henry Mollen, Louis Carsten, Fred L. Carsten and James Turner.

Besides the speaking program, a dinner was enjoyed by the Elmwood Odd Fellows and their visitors.

Many changes have taken place in our social and economic structure since the Elmwood lodge came into being in 1888. High wheeled bicycles, the forerunner of the pneumatic tire model that became the craze of the nineties, were just coming into use. Horse drawn trolleys were operated in many cities. Truly the last half century has been one of repeated development in every line of commerce and art.

DIES AT MASONIC HOME

Arthur C. Jewell, 82, died Sunday at the Nebraska Masonic Home where he has resided since September 17, 1926. Mr. Jewell was born in Jo Laviess county, Illinois, June 18, 1856, but for the greater part of his lifetime has made his home in Sappy county and Omaha. He was engaged in the real estate business in Omaha for a great many years.

Mr. Jewell was a member of Paphion lodge No. 39, A. F. & A. M. and from which he was admitted to the Masonic Home.

There is surviving the widow, Mrs. Eleanor Jewell and one daughter, Mrs. A. W. Bellwood, both of Omaha, as well as three sons.

The body was taken to Omaha by the Clare mortuary and burial will be at Bellevue.

LEWISTON RESIDENTS NOTICE

There will be a stockholders meeting held at the Lewiston Community Center, on Thursday, May 5th. Election of officers and all members are invited.

MRS. LULU WOLFE,
Secretary-Treasurer.

PUBLIC SALE

At the Floyd Richardson home, on Ferry Road Near the Missouri River Bridges, on—

Saturday, April 30, 2 p. m.
Farm implements, household goods,
Fishermen's Supplies
FLOYD RICHARDSON, Owner

Phone news items to No. 6.

RETURN FROM VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Searl S. Davis have returned from Boonville, Missouri, where they enjoyed a weekend visit with their son, Stephen Davis. While at the Kemper academy dress parade Sunday they had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Alex Maddox, formerly of this city. The Maddox family are to locate at Sioux City soon where Mr. Maddox is engaged in river improvement work.

Mr. Davis reports that fruit in that section of Missouri was badly damaged by the heavy frost experienced there a week ago and which did a great deal of injury.

Clerk of Court will Make Race for Re-Election

C. E. Ledgway Makes Filing as Candidate for Republican Nomination for Clerk of Court.

C. E. Ledgway, clerk of the district court has made his filing for re-election to this office in which he has proven a very careful and painstaking public servant.

"Chick" as he is known to hundreds of his friends over Cass county, is an official that is tireless in his work in the office and is ready at all times to aid the seeker after information in anything that pertains to the clerk of the district court records.

Mr. Ledgway has an important post in seeing that records of the court are properly kept and those familiar with the office can well realize the efficient manner in which these records are handled. The clerk is also administrator of many trust funds that must be accurately and carefully handled and in which he has shown himself a careful public servant.

Mr. Ledgway will be a candidate for the republican nomination and is the first filing made so far for the office.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY

The senior class play "Shirt Sleeves," will be presented Thursday and Friday nights of this week, promptly at 8 o'clock. A matinee will be given Wednesday at 3:45 for the school children.

"Shirt Sleeves" is a light, domestic comedy of three acts which will please all of you. It typifies a mid-west, American family with their many laughs and heartaches which all of us experience.

Raymond Wooster plays the part of the admirable but not perfect father; Eleanor Minor is his spoiled wife, long used to luxury; Beatrice Ann oldest daughter, who is badly spoiled. The twins are Frances Clويد and Dick Hall, who are mischievous but also have their good points. Robert Woest is the oldest son and independent. Iola Rosencrantz is the maid with Joy Miller as her dynamic lover. Gavin Farmers is a ruthless business man who lets nothing stand in his way. Richard Cole is a lover and has his own ideals in regard to love. Betty Voboril and Katherine Grosshans are just girls. Maria Thompson is the daughter of a racketeer. There are other parts too numerous to mention.

RECEIVES QUAIL SHIPMENT

Attorney A. L. Tidd, who is an enthusiastic worker in the wildlife movement in this section of the state, received a shipment of quail Saturday and which he will release later in the proposed game and bird reserve south of this city and east of highway No. 75. The quail, once very plentiful in Nebraska, is now almost extinct and it is in the hope of replacing them over the state that they are being secured for distribution.

CASE IS DISMISSED

From Monday's Daily—

When district court convened this morning Judge W. W. Wilson found that the case of Dick Baker, special administrator vs. Albert Flaming, et al, had been settled.

Settlement was in the sum of \$3,000.

The jury was excused by Judge Wilson until Wednesday when they will be back for duty.

Cass County Students in Farmer Fair

Twenty-six of the Cass County Young Men and Women to Take Part in Program.

Twenty-six Cass county students at the University of Nebraska college of agriculture are taking an active part in the twentieth annual Farmers Fair to be held on the agricultural college campus in Lincoln Saturday, May 7.

The following students are participating: Louis Knoedick, James Wall, Dick Spangler, Milford Smith, Roy Roehenbach, Wayne Domingo, Louis Clymer, Weldon Switzer, Bob Pollard, Boyd Mayfield, William James, Wayne Bornemeier, Marjorie Ziuk, Mina Jean Young, Doris Hall, Merle Eveland, Alberta Timmas, Ruth Ann Sheldon, Edith Schomaker, Frances Rehmeier, Dorothy Leesley, Lucille Backemeyer, Loreta Ruge, Mary Belle Kuehn, Lois Giles, and Wilene Fager.

The Fair, offered each year to people throughout the state by the students will offer the real "old-time" fair atmosphere to the large number of visitors expected.

There will be a midway with entertainment for young and old, exhibits that will stress agricultural improvements and ideas, an "Education Circus" that will have everything from blue ribbon horse show winners to wild calf catching by Nebraska football players, boxing and wrestling, and "Campus Capers," the student's own show.

Starting the big day will be a parade thru downtown Lincoln at 10 in the morning, featuring floats representing college departments and groups, the university's prize winning livestock, and late models in farm machinery.

Presentation of the Goddess of Agriculture, an outstanding senior girl, will be the first event of the afternoon, and following will be a style show in which home economics students will model fashions for women visitors.

Another feature of the fair will be Hospitality day, all senior girls throughout the state being invited to spend the day on the campus as guests of the home economics department.

In the full day's entertainment offered, the "Equestrian Circus" and "Campus Capers" will round out the afternoon program, with the finals of the campus boxing and wrestling tournament taking place in the evening. Closing event will be a dance in the student activities building as the finale of the Fair.

SURPRISE DINNER FOR A FORMER MURRAY RESIDENT

Mrs. Vilas Tucker and Nellie Tucker of Callaway entertained at the Chas. Tucker home on April 24th at a birthday dinner in honor of Mrs. Robert Burr's past birthday.

At noon a bounteous dinner was served cafeteria style to a number of relatives and friends. Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Naylor, Mrs. Louis Amm and son Homer, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wilbourne and Maxine, Mr. and Mrs. George Dunkel and sons, Gerald and Dwaine, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bayless, Charles Dill and daughter, Daisy Dean of Gandy, Nebraska, Arthur Baker of Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. John Pierce and daughter, Wilda, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Huenefeld, Mrs. H. B. Schneringer, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Van Antwerp and daughter, Marian, Mr. and Mrs. Vilas Tucker and children, Raymond, Goldie, Edna Lee and Janette, Miss Letha Bayless, Lowell Yohn, Edwin Kolbo, Charles Tucker and Nellie and the honored guest, Mrs. Robert Burr.

DEPART FOR HOME

From Monday's Daily—

Mr. and Mrs. Garold Holcomb departed this afternoon for their home at Kankakee, Illinois, after a visit of some ten days here with the old friends and neighbors. Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb made many friends while here as residents and their visit has been one that all joyed to the utmost. En route home they will stop at Knoxville, Iowa, for a visit at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles M. Gradoville.