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## Baccalaureate Service for the Class of 1938

First Presbyterian Church Filled with Large Group of Relatives and Friends of Young People.

From Monday's Daily—

A congregation that filled the large auditorium of the First Presbyterian church to its capacity, last evening attended the baccalaureate service of the class of 1938 of the Plattsmouth high school.

The church was attractively arranged for the service and which added to the impressiveness of the scene.

The gowned and capped class of seventy-four entered the church as the procession was sounded by the organist, Mrs. H. F. Goos, the young people having a special section assigned to them.

Rev. J. C. Lowson, pastor of the First Methodist church, presided over the services.

Following the doxology by the audience, Rev. G. A. Pahl, pastor of the St. Paul's Evangelical church gave the invocation.

The choir of high school glee club students and the congregation joined in singing the hymn, "Jesus Christ the Lord."

Allan White, member of the sophomore class of the high school gave a very beautiful trumpet solo, "The Rosary," a most impressive touch to the service.

The scriptural reading was given by Rev. Lowson and the pastoral prayer by Dr. H. G. McClusky, host pastor.

John Jacobs, one of the talented members of the music department of the school and a junior, gave a vocal number, "Hold Thou My Hand," the accompaniment being played by Mrs. Goos.

Rev. J. W. Taenzler, pastor of the First Christian church, was the speaker of the evening and his sermon follows:

### "The Power of a Son"

J. W. Taenzler

Graduating class of 1938, it is a great pleasure to me, to address you tonight. I trust that all of you are here not just because you are a part of the class of '38 but that you are here seeking for a message that will lead you on the onward path that lies just ahead. As I speak of young men or of the son of man, I wish to include young ladies also.

Darkness was ruling but the day was fast approaching. The blue sky was overcast with a heavy mist. When suddenly I beheld the great sun of the universe come from the east. It seemed to me that it made its climb into the heavens, the mist vanished and the great sun sent forth a glorious light unto the earth.

The sun with its great power brought brightness to the lives of many. Gave strength to the baby chick, strength to the newborn plant peeping thru the earth's crust, in fact, the entire earth was benefited by the powerful sun.

Friends, I see a picture that to me is a beautiful scene and is quite like the picture I just brought before you. My purpose this evening, my highest aim, is to show you this beautiful picture in such manner that it shall continue on in your mind, become a part of you; this picture I have named the Power of a Son.

The world is enveloped by a heavy mist; a mist of problems to be solved, of questions to be answered. This is the background of our picture, dark and dismal, causing a feeling of sadness to come over us. Look! Behold the center of the picture, we see a son, not the sun of the solar system, but the son of man. As he walks, all about him the mist slowly disappears, and the powerful sun sent forth a glorious light of understanding and knowledge unto mankind.

There he is with untold power within his grasp, the son whose name is legion for he is many, he represents the young men and young women of the world, of which you, graduating class of '38 are a most valuable part. He has conquered the sea, crossed the oceans by boat and by airplane, has went to the far south and to the far north; gone west until he came 'round the world. He has drained the swamp and watered the desert and produced food thereon. He has dug down into the bowels of the earth and found coal, precious stones, and various minerals that he has been able to use. He has erected buildings that tower high above the sturdy trees, wrestling with the mighty winds and defying the terrific storms. He has harnessed the electric currents and the rivers, compelling them to work for him. He has the power to remove mountains, and change the entire earth, and bring peace and joy to all mankind.

To use this energy for the most good you must be trained. The great God of the universe who placed us here has endowed us with strength, a mind, and eyes that see visions of the future. Mothers and fathers, great responsibility lies upon your shoulders. Train the boy, the girl, in their early years, lay the foundation with care, meditation and prayer for divine guidance in your task. Teach the growing lad and lassie as they enter into the adolescent age; honesty, cleanliness in mind, body and act, and develop within them a love for their fellow mankind and to love for honest work. Young people, study yourselves, and find your talent, then do all that you can to prepare yourself to use your talent to the greatest possibility for the greatest human good.

Graduating class of 1938, you have walked almost across the room called high school days, soon you shall pass thru the doorway called graduation, a door opening unto what? Is it a door leading to college or university day, or a door leading unto the school of hard knock, where you must work for your daily bread from day to day?

Young people, there comes unto you a tremendous challenge. You are standing today before the door of opportunity. With determination to win the great battle of life, regardless of the cost you may be called to pay, open the door to opportunity, and step inside. Listen and you shall hear the call of our Father and Mother, crying unto you, to succeed, to go on and never say quit. They have built their dreams about you and their ever thought was for your success. The poet tells us of the call of our parents in a more beautiful way than I can present it to you.

"Do you know that your soul is of my soul such part. That you seem to be fiber and core of my heart? None other can pain me as you, dear, can do.

None other can please me or praise me as you. Remember the world will be quick with its blame if shadow or stain ever darken your name. Like mother, like son, is a saying so true.

The world will judge largely of mother by you. Be this then your task if task it must be.

To force this proud world to do homage to me. Be sure it will say when it's verdict you've won. She reaps as she sowed, Lo! this man is her son."

Next you will hear the call from the world's need. Suffering humanity, some on the brink of death, gone past the door of opportunity never to return, body and character broken; they call unto you saying warn your children of the fate that is ours.

Lead men up from the valley of darkness, abolish the great evil of war; solve the labor problem, industry, agriculture, prohibition, immigration and all other problems and questions that stands between the world and progress. Create a spirit of true brotherly love among all. Make it easier for the youth of tomorrow to really live, because you have removed some of the stumbling blocks and bridged the dark chasms.

Listen, graduating class, and you shall hear the call of the Christ. He, the greatest of all men is saying unto you, take thy cross and follow me. I was in the world to bring peace and joy to all, sin nailed me to the cross on Calvary. As I was perfect he you also perfect, as I went forth, go ye forth among your fellow men and win them to the way of right living. I gave you a new commandment that ye love one another. Prove to the world that this can be practiced in your everyday life.

Class of '38, the challenge is made unto you, the destiny of the world lies within our reach. The power is yours, to save humanity from degeneration and death. What will the destiny be?

Look! again we see the picture, and everywhere he moves, the mist of problems to be solved and questions to be answered, the mist slowly disappears. There he stands in all his power and beauty of clean, true, manhood, an emblem of purity and virtue, saintly women and noble men. Members of the class of '38, will you be found tomorrow, the center of the great living picture, The Power of a Son?

ATTENDS BANKERS MEETING

H. A. Schneider, president of the Plattsmouth State bank, was at Lincoln Tuesday where he attended the sessions of the first district Nebraska bankers, group two of the state association.

There were many very interesting speakers present and the general aspects of the business of banking in this section of the state were thoroughly discussed.

Other Cass county bankers present were Elmer Hallstrom of the Farmers' State bank of Avoca, Carl D. Ganz of the Farmers and Merchants bank of Alvo and Guy L. Clement of the American Exchange bank of Elmwood.

## Flower Show Committee is Well Pleased

Great Interest Shown by the Outside Communities Particularly Pleasing to Workers.

The fifth annual spring flower show is now history. It was the unanimous opinion of those who visited the flower show, and of the committee that it was one of the best, if not the best held in this city. The committee first wish to express thanks to the Plattsmouth Journal for its cheerful co-operation and good words for the flower show, and in advising the public of the time, place and what to expect in the way of achievement by the flower show.

There were many, many things to encourage the Garden club, the flower show committee, and the exhibitors, and a few things of disappointment.

The greatest disappointment was the little interest shown by those who ought to at least lend a little encouragement to so worthy a project by their presence and their compliments or criticisms, that each year may grow better. Of those who enrolled as visitors, there appears the name of one county official, two city officials, four directors of the Chamber of Commerce and seven business men.

There were visitors from five states outside of Nebraska, being four from South Dakota. There were four from Nebraska, nine from Union, eight from Avoca, as well as guests from Weeping Water, Elmwood, Nebraska City, Louisville, Otoe, Papillion, and Murray. There were four from Council Bluffs, and twenty-two from Omaha. There were four participated in the judging of the flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Rapp of Council Bluffs, Mrs. J. R. Reed of Council Bluffs, and Miss Sophia Kraeger of Plattsmouth.

Plattsmouth has received many, many compliments from Omaha, and among them, two of the most esteemed, is the fact that Omaha came to Plattsmouth to secure two of its judges for its spring flower show to be held in the City Auditorium on June 4th and 5th. Miss Sophia Kraeger, and Miss Julia Svoboda have been invited by the Omaha flower show committee to act as two of the judges.

Two of the Omaha guests visited the Lincoln flower show in the forenoon and the Plattsmouth flower show in the afternoon and had this to say by way of comparison, that Plattsmouth had several varieties of flowers that were not in the Lincoln exhibit, and that the flowers that were exhibited here held their form and beauty of appearance much better than the flowers exhibited in the Lincoln flower show.

VISIT RELATIVES HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Troy S. Holmes of Chicago and Mrs. Nora Douglass, of Waukegan, Illinois, arrived Saturday evening by auto from the east to visit at the home of Mr. Holmes' brother, J. W. Holmes. They were joined Sunday night by Mrs. D. R. Churchill, of Twin Falls, Idaho, who is a sister of Mr. Holmes. The party had dinner Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Smith at Murray, also a sister of the guests. They are all house guests at the Holmes home.

MONSIGNOR MOSLER HERE

From Tuesday's Daily—

Rt. Rev. Monsignor A. M. Mosler, pastor here of the Holy Rosary church for some time and now pastor of St. Patrick's church, Havelock, will be here over night as a guest of Father Joseph R. Sinkula. Monsignor Mosler will officiate at the Forty Hours devotions being held at the Holy Rosary church. The occasion will permit many of the old friends to meet the genial prelate.

LEAVE FOR SOUTHWEST

Sunday afternoon Ralph Timm and Howard Hinz departed from this city to spend their relatives and close friends. Miss Chandler resumed her school activities in Peru this week.

Those who participated in the trip were Herbert Chandler and Gene Krane of Bellevue, Ruth Slavicek and Florence Kalasek, all of this city.

## TO ENJOY EXTENDED TRIP

Saturday Dr. and Mrs. W. V. Ryan departed by auto for an extensive tour of the south and eastern seaboard that will take them over a wide area of the country.

They are to travel through Kentucky into North Carolina, stopping at Raleigh and then on to Richmond and Washington, D. C., then on up the east coast to New York, Maine and over into Canada with visits at Quebec and Montreal. They then return to New York state and later on to Detroit and home.

## Shrader Rhoden Files for Office of Co. Sheriff

Young Murray Trucker Seeks Support of Democratic Voters at the August Primaries.

Shrader Rhoden, popular young Murray trucker, has entered the race for county sheriff, filing late Monday for the democratic nomination at the August primaries, bringing the democratic total filings to six so far in the campaign.

The new candidate is a member of two of the pioneer families of the east section of Cass county and is a native son of the county, his parents Mr. and Mrs. Alex Rhoden having long made their home in the Murray community.

He is engaged at the present time in the operation of a truck line out of Murray.

## CARS HAVE SMASHUP

Sunday afternoon automobiles of Peter Carr, local baker and Fred H. Rutherford, crashed at the intersection just east of the Taylor school house on the Louisville road.

Mr. and Mrs. Carr were out for a Sunday drive and coming north on the road just east of the school, while Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford were coming west on the Louisville road going on to their home.

There was a school picnic in progress at the time and cars parked along the shoulder of the road so that the view of the two roads was partially blocked and it was not until the cars were close that the danger was seen and then too late to avoid the smashup.

Both cars were so badly damaged that it was necessary to have them brought in by a wrecker.

The occupants of the cars escaped with a severe shaking up and bruises and Mrs. Carr may have suffered rib injuries as she was suffering a great deal when brought to this city to be treated at the office of Dr. R. P. Westover.

## APPROVES PROJECT

The announcement has been made at Washington of the approval by the president of a number of WPA projects and which includes one sought by Plattsmouth for the past year.

The Plattsmouth project is that of the improvement of Oak Hill cemetery and for which the sum of \$1,178 has been allocated by the government and will be used in connection with material to be supplied by the cemetery board and the city.

The improvement proposed is that of an office building and also a store house for the equipment of the cemetery and tools.

The request for the allotment was made some time ago by Mayor Lushinsky on behalf of the city and is now in good likelihood of being soon started.

The project will now be placed on the approved list for the consideration of D. F. Felton, state director of the WPA.

## VISIT AT PERU

Sunday, a group of young people were in Peru where they visited and enjoyed the many high points of interest. They accompanied Miss Jane Chandler of Bellevue who was here visiting her relatives and close friends. Miss Chandler resumed her school activities in Peru this week.

Those who participated in the trip were Herbert Chandler and Gene Krane of Bellevue, Ruth Slavicek and Florence Kalasek, all of this city.

## Funeral of William C. Ramsey Held

One of Largest Held in Omaha as Thousands Pay Tributes—Twenty-five From Here Attend.

Funeral services for William C. Ramsey were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Scottish Rite cathedral at Omaha, which was filled to its capacity by hundreds of the friends of the departed from every walk of life.

The services were deeply impressive in their simplicity, truly typical of the kindly and unassuming life of Mr. Ramsey in the half century that he was given of life.

Rev. Phillips, pastor of the First Congregational church, of which Mr. Ramsey had been a member, gave the prayer following the organ prelude to the service.

The Masonic burial service was given by William A. Robertson, of this city, grand master of the Nebraska Masons and a life long friend of Mr. Ramsey from school day associations.

The final prayer was given by Bishop George A. Beecher, of Hastings, Episcopal bishop of western Nebraska and grand chaplain of the Masonic order.

The floral tributes were the largest that have been seen at a funeral in Omaha, a silent tribute to the memory of the departed.

There were some twenty-five old friends from Plattsmouth at the service.

The World-Herald in their issue of Sunday had a very beautiful tribute that truly expresses the lifetime attitude of this former Plattsmouth man:

William C. Ramsey  
William C. Ramsey wore his tender heart upon his sleeve, and few men gave as generously of affection and friendship, or were more unselfish in support of good causes, or were more firm in allegiance to principles. Extremely modest himself, he was quick in praise of others.

His too-early death comes as a great shock and a great loss to many, many individuals and groups. They knew the staunchness of his character, the even balance of his mind, the largeness of his heart. He believed in ideals, not as neglected theories but as a program of action, and when he worked for a cause he lifted his standards high. Inevitably he became a leader in Masonry, a force in the higher councils of the bar, a useful citizen in thankless tasks.

Omaha has need of such men. In the death of Mr. Ramsey the city suffered a distinct loss, compensated only by the remembrance of his helpful life and the fact that from such a life there ever flows a widening and enduring circle of good.

## FUNERAL OF DARWIN PITZ

Monday afternoon a large group of the young friends and friends of the family gathered at the St. Paul's Evangelical church to pay their last respects to Darwin Pitz, local youth, whose death at the week end had brought a very deep regret among the many friends.

Rev. G. A. Pahl, pastor of the church, of which the departed had been a member and earnest worker, conducted the services.

The music was furnished by the octette from the music department of the high school, of which he was an active member in the band and glee club. The Sunday school class to which he belonged sang a hymn, "He Leadeth Me, Oh Blessed Thought," accompanied by Miss Leona Meisinger.

## HERE FOR HOLIDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Burdick and children of St. Edward, Nebraska, motored down Tuesday for a visit at the home of Mrs. Burdick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Schneider. Mr. Burdick returned last evening to his work but will return for the week end with the family here.

## HERE FOR FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mutschall of Nemaha were in Plattsmouth Monday attending the funeral of Darwin Pitz. Also here from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Tutt of Murray and Mrs. Frank Shackneis and Max and Fritz of Omaha.

## HERE FROM IDAHO

H. R. Neitzel, of Boise, Idaho, is in the city for a short visit at the home of Mrs. F. R. Guthmann and Miss Minnie Guthmann, while en route to the east. He is going to his old home at South Bend, Indiana, to visit with relatives and look after some business matters for a short time.

While here Mr. Neitzel also drove to Murdock to visit with his brother, Louis Neitzel, well known merchant of that place. Mr. H. R. Neitzel was located at Murdock for a number of years in the banking business before he moved to Idaho.

## Cass County Grain Growers League Formed

Frank A. Parkening of This City Named President of New Organization Last Evening.

From Wednesday's Daily—

About 200 farmers met last night at the Community building at Elmwood and organized a Cass County Grain Growers Liberty League. The following officers were elected: Frank A. Parkening, Plattsmouth, president; William Atchison, Elmwood, vice president; Herman Bornemier, Alvo, secretary; Ed Bronkow, Ashland, treasurer.

The organization passed resolutions protesting against the allotments that are limiting the farm acreage to such a point that it is impossible, so they feel, for farmers to successfully operate their land, and asked for repeal of the compulsory crop law.

Some time was given by this organization to the discussion of the increased taxes the farmers are paying this year. It is likely the Cass county league will give attention to the tax problem confronting the people of the county.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY PARTY

At the beautiful country home of Mrs. Georgia Creamer, south of this city, a number of the relatives gathered on Sunday to assist in the celebration of her birthday.

The members of the group came with well laden baskets of good things to eat that provided a wonderful dinner at the noon hour and followed by a glorious afternoon of visiting and renewing the ties of the bygone years.

The little grandnieces of Mrs. Creamer rendered several very beautiful songs as a part of the afternoon entertainment, the accompanist being Mrs. Forrest Shrader.

The two delicious and attractive birthday cakes were prepared by Mrs. Alma Yardley and Mrs. Isabel Gerlock, sister and niece of the guest of honor.

Those participating in the happy occasion were Mrs. Alma Yardley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Shrader and Velma, Mrs. Alex Rhoden and son, Shrader Rhoden, Mr. and Mrs. Omer Yardley and sons, Deemer and Norman, Donlee and daughter, Maryann, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Yardley and Helen, Lulu and Janice, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Shrader and Bobbie, Marlyn and Yvonne, Mr. and Mrs. Don Rhoden, Mrs. Harry Albin, Delbert, Marlyn, Jononne, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gauer, Mrs. Glen Kaffenberger, Devonne, John Nottleman, Sr., Alex Campbell, John Hath.

## TRIP IS CUT SHORT

Ralph O. Timm and Howard Hinz returned home Tuesday evening from a projected trip to the southwest and California. They reached Kansas City Sunday night but were advised that it would be best not to attempt the trip farther to the southwest owing to weather conditions and travel facilities, so they accordingly returned home.

## RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Carl Chriswiser, who has been at an Omaha hospital for the past ten days recuperating from an appendectomy, was able to return home Sunday night. He was brought home by L. F. Otto, of Auburn, a brother-in-law. Mr. Chriswiser will recuperate at home before resuming his work at his place of business.

## Union Girl is Member of 1938 Creighton Class

Edith Elizabeth Foster, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Foster, Graduates From Nurse's School.

OMAHA, May 25 (Special)—Edith Elizabeth Foster, Union, will represent Cass county at the annual commencement exercises of Creighton university, where she will be a candidate for a graduate nurse's certificate.

Miss Foster, a senior in the St. Joseph's hospital unit of the Creighton university school of nursing, has been a member of the girl's basket-



EDITH E. FOSTER

ball team and of the glee club. The exercises will be held June 2.

Commencement week, to which relatives and friends of graduates are cordially invited by President Joseph P. Zuercher, S. J. will begin Sunday morning, May 29, with religious exercises in the University church.

"Senior Night" will be held Monday when students and faculties will bid goodbye to their graduating seniors. Programs will be held by the individual schools.

The annual University-Alumni spring convocation and banquet will be held Tuesday evening, with William Jeffers, president of the Union Pacific railroad, as principal speaker. Honors and awards earned by students during the year will be distributed.

Baccalaureate services will be held in the University church Wednesday evening, with the address delivered by the Rev. John B. Furay, S. J., of Mundelein, Ill.

Thursday morning, commencement exercises will begin with the traditional presentation of a national flag to the university by the seniors, with the procession then moving to the University gymnasium, where degrees will be awarded to more than 250 graduates. Commencement speaker will be James H. Furay, AB '98, vice president of the United Press association. At the commencement exercises, Mr. Furay and Mr. Jeffers will be awarded the honorary degree of doctor of laws.

COMMEMORATE WESLEY CONVERSION AT M. E. CHURCH

From Tuesday's Daily—

A very impressive and interesting service was held last night at the Methodist church in commemoration of the two hundredth anniversary of the spiritual awakening of John Wesley, originator of Methodism. A special order of service, "Aldersgate, 1738-1938," telling by song and word the experience of John Wesley at Aldersgate street, had been secured and was followed last night.

Following the service, those present heard the radio broadcast of Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, who gave a short talk and read the Methodist ritual of the Lord's Supper. Communion services were then held, after which the congregation was dismissed with prayer by Rev. J. C. Lowson.

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