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## Fred Wehrbein, Gertrude Vallery New Monarchs

### Members of Pioneer Families Revealed as Cornland Rulers at Colorful Ceremony Last Evening

The fanfare of trumpets, the rounds of applause and the colorful pageantry of bright hued formal gowns and the more sedate costumes of the men of the royal party and then the king and queen, new rulers of the land of the tall corn. This is a picture of the sight 10,000 interested spectators gathered from this section glimpsed in the crowning of the new king and queen of the Kass County Korn Karnival last evening.

It was a fitting opening of the eighth Korn Karnival and the fifth coronation ceremony that had been carried out in enthroning the monarchs of the realm for the coming year.

The royal throne this year was located in the block from Fourth to Fifth street and where a wonderful and spectacular setting was given the royal reception. The background of the platform was one of the most artistic that has graced a similar occasion, the background as gorgeous and colorful as sunset in the summer kissed cornfields of the state of Nebraska, gold, orange, blue and silver blending in rarest charm, amid this scene the chairs of the newly named royalty awaiting their coming.

Preceding the coronation the American Legion drum and bugle corps gave a drill and exhibition on the court created on the streets and showed a very clever presentation of marching and musical numbers and which had won them second place in the contests at the Nebraska state fair and the Legion state convention contest.

As the thousands began to fill the seats along the sides of Main street for the block and a half as well as points of vantage in the windows and balconies and roofs of the buildings along the street, R. Foster Patterson, former school principal here and now of the Tarkio college faculty, took over the "mike" on the platform for the preview of the coronation. This is a task that Mr. Patterson has graciously performed for the community since the first coronation, a job that no one else seems to do quite as well as this gifted weaver of the word picture of a royal day.

The approach of the past kings and queens of Kornland, Frank A. Cloldt and Miss Martha Kaffenberger, the reigning monarchs, leading the way, followed by the other monarchs of the past, Arthur Hild and Eleanor Swatek Nelson, William F. Evers and Miss June Kell, H. L. Gayer and Lois Troop Bestor.

Then as the former monarchs reached the throne the visiting royalty came to render their tributes to the Plattsmouth festivity, Leon H. Smalley and Queen Mary Givens, of the Hamburg, Iowa, peony show; Queen Bernice Leonovitz, South Omaha; Queen Florana Hayes of the Omaha Junior Chamber of Commerce; Irma Faye Hatter, Sidney, Iowa, rodeo; Dorothy Elmore of the Humboldt fair; Reda Kreifels, of the Nebraska City apple festival and their escorts for the evening.

As the royalty gathered around the throne King Frank and Queen Martha gave their abdication addresses to the residents of the realm of King Korn and expressed the appreciation of the communities of Cass county in the support of the Karnival.

The trumpeters sounded the approach of the royal party and the royal guards in their attractive blue

and gold costumes marched to their stations near the throne.

Then came the counts and countesses selected from the various towns in this section of the county who presented a very lovely picture as they entered, the ladies in varied colored frocks and the darker garments of the counts. This group comprised:

Ruth Wesel, Geo. Kirkhoff, Avoca; Hazel Neitzel, Francis Reinke, Murock; Betty Jean Webb, Ralph Welte, Louisville; Virginia Trumble, Noel Fischer, Eagle; Donna Fleischman, Robert Hill, Elmwood; Edine Copsey, Robert McShane, South Bend; Norma Welte, Victor Shoemaker, Manley; Dorothy Toman, Robert Range, Mynard; Lucille Gruber, Art Johnson, Union; Lois Waggoner, Leo Edgerton, Cedar Creek.

Then came the local princesses and princes selected from the members of the graduating classes of the past two years, who comprised the following:

Mary Alice Ault, Opal Byers, Dorothea Fulton, Eleanor Giles, Frances Hadaba, Ruth Ann Hatt, Shirley Jacobs, Gloria Johnson, Norma Johnson, Mary Kvapil, Mary McCarrroll, Alma Moore, Maxine Nielsen, Kathleen Nolte, Barbara Rhoden, Barbara Stander, Rose Mary Steppat, Margaret Sylvester, Katherine Tschirren, Juanita Wood, Naomi Wood, Anna Austin, Vivian Warner, Alice Bennett, Emilie Gradoville, Maxine Thimjahn.

Dale Long, Keith Elliott, Roy Wilson, Virgil Stander, Max Chandler, Bill Armstrong, Raymond Smock, Carl Hula, Joe Krapil, Neil Lancaster, Franklin Wehrbein, Robert Meisinger, Richard Cole, Warren Lillie, Donald Wall, John Livingston, Robert Patton, Henry Kaffenberger, Ernest Richter, Louis Kief, John Schoenig, George Rothrock, Harold Huestis, Blon Hoffman, Robert Albert, Ed Hadaba.

The pages of the king and queen made a colorful spot in the coronation ceremonies with their bright colored orange and white costumes and marched to the royal court where they took their places before the princes and princesses. In this group were the children selected by their schools for this honor and comprised:

Clifford Dress, Frances Louise Buechler, District 37; Wilber Morris, Tressa Arlene Koukal, District 37; LaVerne Meisinger, Janice Long, District 27; Robert Galloway, Mary Lou Becker, District 29; Billy Baumgart, Evelyn Katochivil, District 1; Donald Webb, Mary Lou Walling, District 1; Bobby Nichols, Maxine Flint, District 45; Frank Scott, Martina Sporer, 7; Duane Sack, Frances Sack, District 8; Bobby Shera, Gladys Kuhns, District 5; John Elledge, Norma Jean Warthen, District 1; Harlan Hennings, Florine Hell, District 9; Bobbie Morton, Barbara Morton, District 10; Leland Meisinger, Eldell Speck, District 41; Buddy McMaken, Mary Ellen Reed, District 1; Gilbert Peterson, Vera Elaine Peterett, District 97; Lyle Meisinger, Margaret Heineman, District 42; Teddy Smith, Evelyn Waddell, District 15; Richard Gregg, Corine Wenda, District 88; Leon Meisinger, Mallinda Mierderck, District 31; Richard Meisinger, Luella Shafer, District 1; Charles Fulton, Melva June Price, District 1; Richard Quinnett, Helen Lipert, District 2; Emerson Wiles, Patricia Gansemer, District 26; Walter Melvin, Alice Fern Melvin, District 6.

As the court formed a colorful picture near the throne there appeared at the Sixth street entrance of the court, Norman Ashbaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Ashbaugh, bearing the crown of the king with its flashing gems on the satin cushion, heralding the near approach of the king.

Suddenly at the entrance to the court appeared Frederick Wehrbein, his court costume being of the dark

gray and gold trimmed coat and the traditional white knee pants and white stockings, truly a regal king for the 1939 Korn Karnival. The appearance of the king brought a great round of applause along the line of spectators that had thronged the way to the throne.

The king had reached the throne when Marilyn Stoehr, winsome daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stoehr, appeared bearing the gem studded crown of the queen.

The eyes of the vast crowd turned to the entrance to the court where appeared Miss Naomi Day and Miss Catherine Grosshans, the ladies in waiting to the queen, Miss Day wearing a gown of pale green crepe and Miss Grosshans very attractive in her gown of deep red crepe. Both of the ladies carried bouquets of the stately chrysanthemums.

Then in view came the queen—that feature that the thousands had waited the passing time to greet, the queen being revealed as Miss Gertrude L. Vallery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Vallery, and now deputy register of deeds. Miss Vallery was lovely in the flowing gown of white crepe and carrying a bouquet of red rosebuds, while the long flowing train and cape was of the dark green velvet and borne by the charming train bearers, Clemence Woster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Woster, Mary Phyllis Troop, daughter of Mrs. Eva McCarthy and Phoebe White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy White.

As the queen reached the throne she was greeted by the king, who placed on her head the crown, symbol of her reigning as consort for the ensuing year.

The new king and queen then extended their greetings to the large audience and pledged anew the faith in the land of the tall corn and courageous peoples.

One of the features of the 1939 coronation was the royal chorus which was composed of boys and girls from the city schools, under the direction of David Fowler and which gave a very fine musical greeting to the new monarchs.

Following the coronation ceremonies the king and queen with the past royalty and the visiting dignitaries from our neighboring communities, were tendered a reception at the handsome lobby of the Hotel Plattsmouth, the newly decorated and furnished lobby making a very attractive place for the royal party to receive the congratulations of the friends from all sections of the county.

The music for the royal procession, incidental marches was furnished by the Earl Gardner orchestra, which also played for the coronation ball at the American Legion building following the ceremonies on the street. The attendance at the ball was very large and much enjoyed as the members of the party joined in tribute to the new king and queen.

#### ELLEN KELLY HERE

Mr. and Mrs. William Kelly of near Manly had as their week-end guest their daughter, Miss Ellen Kelly, who is taking nurse's training at the St. Joseph's hospital in Omaha. While in Cass county, Miss Kelly also visited with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Jirousek as well as her aunts, Mrs. Anton Hula and Miss Anna Jirousek of Plattsmouth.

#### SUFFERS SLIGHT STROKE

Mrs. Anna Slavicek is in Omaha where she was called by the illness of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Dora Janda, wife of Frank Janda, Omaha mortician. Mrs. Janda suffered a slight stroke Monday noon and since that time she has remained bedfast.

#### GUEST SPEAKER AT ASHLAND

From Tuesday's Daily—

Elmer Webb was guest speaker at the regular weekly dinner and meeting of the Ashland Rotary club held at 6:30 last evening, speaking on Tax and Property Problems with which he has worked for a number of years as a member of the city council. The meeting was attended by the County Treasurer, County Clerk and County Attorney of Saunders county, who drove down from Wahoo to be present, also by a number of Ashland city officials who are not members of the club.

### Rev. Lowson is Again Assigned as Pastor Here

Announcement Made This Afternoon as State Conference Closes Session at Lincoln.

The Methodist conference at Lincoln this afternoon received the assignment of pastors for the church in the state and among these was that of the Plattsmouth church, the United Press announces in a special to the Journal.

The members of the local church and the community at large will be delighted to learn that Rev. James C. Lowson, who has served as pastor here for the past two years, was re-appointed to the local post.

Rev. Lowson has proved one of the best pulpit orators that has served the Plattsmouth community in years and his able and vigorous presentation of the Christian cause has been outstanding. A man of wide vision he has been a tower of the community.

#### LOIS GILES TAKES UP DUTIES

Miss Lois Giles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Giles of this city, left on Friday for O'Neill, Nebraska to take up her duties as home economics teacher in that city's high school.

The official opening date of the school was delayed on account of the new addition to the high school building that was being completed. A pantry, model dining room, kitchen and sewing room are in this new building.

Miss Giles received her degree of bachelor of science in home economics when she was graduated in June from the college of agriculture at the University of Nebraska.

#### S. S. GOODING QUITE ILL

S. S. Gooding, one of the veteran railroad workers of the city, whose health has been failing in the past year, is quite ill at the home of his son, Everett Gooding where he has resided for the past several years. Mr. Gooding suffered a severe attack last night that has kept him bedfast for the greater part of the time since. His condition has caused much apprehension to the members of the family circle.

#### ELECTED CLASS PRESIDENT

John L. Tidball, III, who is entering Doane college where his grandfather was an officer and his father a graduate, has just been named as president of the freshman class. John is a graduate of the Plattsmouth high school in the class of 1939 where he was a high ranking student and his many friends here are pleased to learn that he has been honored by his fellow students.

#### ATTEND FAMILY REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Larson and sons, Lars and Ray, were at Nebraska City Sunday to attend a picnic and family reunion of members of the Keys family, held at Riverview park. Mrs. Larson is a granddaughter of the founders of the family group.

#### ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTORS

Since the last report of contribution to King Korn Karnival fund the following have been reported: Ray McMaken, \$25 in drayage; Harry Way, driver for Storz beer, \$10; driver for Seven-Up, \$10 and the Barmettler Biscuit Co., \$8 in merchandise.

### Legionnaires and Auxiliary Enjoy Picnic

Large Group Present at Holly's Cabin Along the Platte Sunday for Delightful Outing.

Sunday the members of the Plattsmouth American Legion and the local Legion Auxiliary unit, staged their annual picnic in the very attractive grove that adjoins W. R. Holly's cabin on the Platte river, north of this city.

The ladies of the Auxiliary and members of their families had prepared a vast array of the good things to eat and which was spread on the long tables cafeteria style, where all could enjoy to the utmost the delightful repast that had been prepared, embracing everything from fried chicken down.

After the delightful dinner and its trimmings the youngsters of the group were entertained in planned games while the older members of the party spent the time in cards and visiting.

Commander George Conis of the Legion and President Mrs. E. O. Vroman of the Auxiliary should be congratulated on the fine result of the picnic and the very large attendance.

#### LOCAL SICK PEOPLE BETTER

Mrs. Adam Kaffenberger, who returned home from the St. Catherine's hospital last week following a severe operation, is showing the necessary improvement hoped for at her home. Mrs. Kaffenberger had been in the hospital a week.

Following the effect of a slight stroke that she suffered recently, Mrs. Ignac Straka is said to be gaining and improving at her home on north Maiden Lane street. Mrs. Straka's condition came on very suddenly one evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Koke were in Omaha Saturday and while there visited with Mrs. Louis Schiessl, who is in the St. Joseph's hospital. Mrs. Schiessl is a sister of Charles Koke. Although her condition called for an immediate operation, circumstances were such that it was not advisable to go ahead with the two severe operations until her strength and condition improved considerably.

#### SCHOOL PARADE AWARDS

The following floats were awarded prizes in the rural school parade at the Cass county fair at Weeping Water on Friday:

1st—Louise Rishel, District 3.  
2nd—Velma Fulton, District 27.  
3rd—Ruth Stuhr, District 34, Mr. H. A. Grier, District 56 (tie).  
4th—Mrs. Rhoden, District 60.  
5th—Alice M. Campbell, District 8.  
6th—Mildred Wilson, District 45.  
7th—Miss Schafer, District 80.  
8th—Mr. James Softley, Dist. 20.  
9th—Ethel Stevens, District 21.  
10th—Margaret Dall, District 28, Norma Bornemier, District 19 (tie).  
11th—Beatrice Beverage, Dist. 38.  
12th—Fern Tlustos, District 43, Frances Shellhorne, District 79 (tie).

#### VISIT IN THE CITY

Lee Brown and brother-in-law, Emil Anderson of Oshkosh, Nebraska, were here for a short time on Monday afternoon to look after some business and visiting old time friends, stopping here to visit Dr. G. H. Gilmore, in charge of the historic exhibition of the King Korn Karnival. Mr. Brown is a former resident of Weeping Water.

#### SUFFERS INJURED HAND

Phil Hirz, well known meat market operator, suffered a very severe injury to the thumb of his right hand on Sunday while working on a slicing machine. The slicer cut along the edge of the thumb and removed a large slice of the flesh and the injury bled very profusely and made necessary medical aid to stop the flow of blood.

#### OPERATED ON AT OMAHA

Mrs. Charles Goodman, former resident of this city, underwent a severe operation Monday at the Immanuel hospital in Omaha. She was able to withstand the ordeal in a good condition and at the present is showing considerable improvement. Mrs. Goodman is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor of this city.

#### ASSIGN METHODIST MINISTERS

The ministers of the Methodist church who have been serving the various charges in Cass county in the past year, have all largely been returned to their posts where they have been most successful in their work.

The assignments made at the close of the conference were as follows: Louisville, H. L. Dickerson; Union-Wyoming, L. R. McGaughey, both in the Omaha district. The charges in the Lincoln district receiving appointments were: Weeping Water-Nehawka, W. D. Lenker; Alvo, J. V. Hamel; Elmwood, H. A. Fintel; Greenwood, Ernest Moles.

### Aerial Free Act to Feature Korn Karnival

Captain E. H. Hugo Here With Gigantic Aerial Ladder Truck to Entertain Public.

This year as a feature of the King Korn Karnival there will be a real thrill offered the spectators in the high dive act of Captain E. H. Hugo, one of the best known entertainers in his line in the United States.

The Captain arrived Saturday afternoon with his gigantic fire truck and tower and from the top of which he will make his leap of over 100 feet into a net, an act that has never failed to win the plaudits of the audiences where he has shown.

This free act will be given twice daily, starting on Thursday and over Saturday. The tower is to be erected at Seventh and Main streets instead of at 4th and Main streets, owing to the fact that guy ropes and wires cannot be fastened to the pavement and accordingly the attraction moved to the vacant lot where the truck and tower can be better anchored and ready for the daily thrill for the Korn Karnival spectators.

#### CASS COUNTY GIRLS PLEDGED

The sororities on the campus of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, last week, completed their "rushings" of the girls at the University and particularly of the new students who are coming to Nebraska for their first year.

Two Plattsmouth and one Weeping Water girl are listed in the pledges which were released Sunday by the sororities, the students pledged being Jean Knorr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Knorr, who is to join the Kappa Alpha, and Miss Frances Cloldt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Cloldt, who is pledged to the Pi Beta Phi. Miss Cloldt is affiliating with the sorority of which her sister, Miss Maxine Cloldt, was a member while at Lincoln. Miss Doris Marshall, of Weeping Water, has been pledged by the Alpha Omicron Pi.

#### HOLD RELIGIOUS SERVICE

Sunday the Glenwood district of the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints held an all day meeting at Pacific Junction, the event being very largely attended by members of the church and Sunday school. A number from this city were at the meeting and participated in the very interesting program of the day.

A number of the Sunday school group were given the rite of baptism by immersion in the waters of Keg Creek, the baptism being performed by the church heads in this locality.

Those from Plattsmouth to receive the rite of baptism were: Howard Burcham, Jr., Mrs. Dorothy Young, Edward Young, Iri Chandler, Billy Blunt.

Elder Claude C. Carter of the local church, assisted in the services and found them very inspiring.

#### VISITING IN CITY

Raymond Fox, member of the 1939 law class of Creighton university, is here as a guest at the home of County Attorney and Mrs. Walter H. Smith. Mr. Fox is a resident of Emery, South Dakota, and has just completed his examination for the bar of the state of Minnesota where he is locating. He has been made a member of the bar of Nebraska.

### Pleased with Progress on Oil Well to Date

President A. L. Tidd of Golden Rod Company Receives Very Flattering Reports.

The Golden Rod Oil Co., which was organized by Cass county people for the purpose of drilling for oil in this locality, has been well pleased in the last reports that have been made on the progress of the well that is being sunk on the farm near Murray which is operated by William Sporer and sons, Chester and Martin.

The officers of the company are A. L. Tidd, president; E. A. Nutzman, vice-president; W. G. Boedeker, treasurer and W. C. Soennichsen, secretary.

Mr. Tidd states that "the well has been drilled without stock selling campaigns and that the company has now under lease some 10,000 acres in this section of Cass county. Real drilling on the well started in February and it has now reached approximately from 1,000 to 1,400 feet, and where it is believed that behind the shale now being drilled will be found real oil bearing sand." Mr. Tidd states that the well drilling has been closed down "to set the casing to bring in a real well," in which he has real faith in the success.

Mr. Tidd states that a state geologist was here, stating that the well had furnished best specimen core that had been developed in the state. The geologist assured the company that the well was located on the highest point of the Nehawka anticline, on the east slope of the Nehawka area where was thought the best chances of oil.

Mr. Tidd in commenting on the well proposition stated: "The opportunity to take chance investment will be open for another ten days, but no solicitation will be made, but it is desired that no one, if the well is successful, will have the right to say they had no opportunity to become a part of the company."

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL ELECTS

The Christian church Sunday school held their annual election of officers at the session on Sunday at the church, the following being chosen.

Superintendent—J. H. Graves.  
Junior Supt.—Lester E. Thimgan.  
Cradle Roll Supt.—Mrs. Rex Young.  
Secretary—Clayton Sack.  
Treasurer—Miss Aileen Reed.  
Librarian—Glen Phillips.  
Pianist—Evelyn Gooding.

The superintendent of the Sunday school, J. H. Graves, has served ten years in this capacity and which have been eventful years in the development of the church school. Lester Thimgan has served three years as the head of the junior department and his work has added much to the efficiency of the work.

#### RED CROSS CHAPTER MEETING

The Cass county chapter of the American Red Cross held a meeting on Saturday at Murock with the officers of the organization in attendance. The meeting, which was presided over by Elmer Sundstrom, vice-chairman, was largely given over to the discussion of the roll call for the year. There are many of the chapters that have failed to carry on the roll call and have membership below the required standard of membership to maintain a chapter. It is urged that these groups be built up to the standard required by the national organization.

#### TOPS SOUTH OMAHA MARKET

Henry F. Nolting, one of the best known farmers of west of the city, was on the South Omaha market Monday with a load of twenty-six 192-pound butchering stock hogs. The hogs topped the market for the day at \$7.90 and were excellent stock. They are Spotted Poland China breeding.

#### RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Emma Christwieser, who has been in the Methodist hospital recuperating from a recent operation, returned home this week and was taken to the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. Hansen at Nehawka.