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Memorial Sunday Observed in Plattsmouth

Services Are Held at the First Methodist Church for Various Patriotic Societies.

The observance of Memorial Sunday in this city was held at the First Methodist church Sunday morning when the members of the W. R. C. were present in a body with representatives of the other patriotic societies also in attendance.

The opening of the service was most fittingly arranged, the inspiring melody of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" being played on the organ by E. H. Westcott, church organist.

The invocation was offered by Rev. C. O. Troy, pastor of the church and the scripture by Rev. F. I. Finch, director of religious education of the Methodist church. The Rev. Gregory, pastor of the First Christian church, gave the prayer.

Mrs. E. H. Westcott, choir director, was heard in a very beautiful patriotic number, "The Flag Passes By."

The choir of the church gave as an anthem, "Angels of Peace," by Keller, as a special number of the service.

The pastor, Rev. Troy, gave a wonderful patriotic appeal in his sermon and which is given below:

The subject of the sermon was "Our National Soul." Text: "What is thy country? What people art thou?" Jonah 1:8.

The sermon stressed the fact that we are proud of our nationality because we believe that our nation has a soul. That the soul of the nation consists not in its extent of territory, population or wealth and national resources, but in the aspirations of its people and the ideals for which they are willing to lay down their life.

The pastor pointed out that our wealth and power as a nation could never be a guarantee of national perpetuity. Our nation was born out of a struggle for social, religious and political liberty and it is this heritage that we are to preserve unswayed and unspotted as the soul of the nation and pass it on to our posterity.

The sermon set forth the interest of the nation in the individual, the equal opportunity that is the heritage of all. Our debt to those heroes living and dead who contributed so much to our national soul and our task to preserve these ideals that for countless generations to come the future of America may be as glorious as the past.

The recessional was given by Mr. Westcott at the organ, "Onward Christian Soldier."

HAS LICENSE REVOKED

Monday afternoon in the county court a complaint was filed by County Attorney W. G. Kieck against a young man giving the name of John F. Bruce, of Lincoln, who was charged with operating a car while intoxicated and also for running away from an accident that it was alleged was caused by his auto. The accident was claimed to have occurred at Elmwood when the car of Arthur Rase of that vicinity with his wife and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Elmwood, was going west and the car filled with several parties from Lincoln, came along and the car which it was claimed belonged to Bruce, struck the rear wheel of the Rase car and caused its damage, but fortunately none of the occupants were seriously injured. Deputy Sheriff Rex Young and Constable Tom Svoboda were called to the scene and on arriving there found that all of the party had vanished except Bruce, who was unable to get away and was sleeping along the roadway evidently under the influence of liquor. The young man was brought on in this city.

At the hearing before Judge Duxbury he was fined \$25 for driving while intoxicated, \$25 for running away from the accident and also had his drivers license revoked by the court. The sum total of the fine and costs amounted to \$69.50 which was paid and the young man released with the understanding that the damage to the car of Rase would be taken care of.

RETURNS FROM CONVENTION

Mrs. Fred G. Egenberger, of this city, who is patriotic instructor of the Women's Relief Corps, who has been in attendance at the state convention of the society which was held in connection with the G. A. R. meeting at Fremont, returned home Saturday. Mrs. Egenberger found a most interesting convention and one that was filled with a large number of activities from the start to finish and the visitors were shown the most delightful hospitality by the Fremont people.

FINE EQUIPMENT

The majestic cafe has now in operation their new frigidaria system for caring for the ice cream and soft drinks that are handled as a part of the restaurant service and are much pleased with the new equipment which makes for the convenience of the patrons.

WILL UNDERGO OPERATION

From Monday's Daily— Clarence Favors, local service man and former head of the local camp of the M. W. A., who has been at the U. S. Veterans hospital at Lincoln for the past week, was home over Sunday for a visit with the family, returning to Lincoln today. Mr. Favors will be operated on Tuesday for appendicitis and other complications and will probably have to remain there for the next few weeks. He is enthusiastic over the manner in which the patients are treated at the hospital and the constant inspection that is made by the heads of the hospital as to the care, food and treatment of the patients who are at the hospital. The veterans are supplied with every possible comfort and given the very best care while they are at the hospital.

Public Library Outstanding Institution

Circulation of Books for the Year 1930 Reached 58,297 or 13 1/2 Per Capita

The Plattsmouth public library is an institution that is gaining national recognition for its services as a real work while factor in the central west and one that has established a real record for service and efficiency.

The report of the library for the year shows that this library has issued 58,297 books in the twelve months period and which makes thirteen and a half books for every man, woman and child in the city of Plattsmouth. The record is one that for a city of this size is outstanding in the United States, as far as known by the American Library Association being the largest per capita circulation of the country.

The Plattsmouth library is also the fourth largest in the state of Nebraska in the number of volumes on its shelves and for efficiency and usefulness it is in a class by itself.

The operating cost of the library for the past year was \$4,300 and which includes every item of expense, salaries, heating, new books, repairs and upkeep of the library in every way.

The governing body of the library is composed of E. H. Westcott, president, Miss Barbara Gering, secretary, R. E. Bailey, Mrs. P. T. Heinemann and Rev. H. G. McClusky.

The great interest and service that Miss Olive Jones, librarian, has given to the library has been a large factor in its continuous development as Miss Jones in this community service has given her home community a service that would cost several thousand dollars a year from another trained librarian, she loving the work and with care and advice aiding the patrons of the library in their search for entertaining fiction or the works of study and reference.

The circulation is estimated on a 4,600 population and at this figure the cost of furnishing the 13 1/2 books and the operating cost of the library makes only 11 per capita and which is a very fine showing for the library management.

MAY USE LEGION BUILDING

Next noon-day luncheon of Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce, June 4th, will probably be held at Legion community building. This meeting will be the occasion of visit from Omaha C of C members, known as the Tribe of Yessir, who planned to come here last week, but postponed the date two weeks.

The room over the Majestic used for bi-weekly Chamber of Commerce luncheons is too small to accommodate anywhere near the number who will be here that day, and the Legion building trustees, sensing the need of enlarged quarters has proffered the use of its building for the occasion free of charge.

MURRAY WINS GAME

The long looked for meeting of the Murray Red Sox and the Manley baseball team took place Sunday at the Manley ball park and with the result that the Red Sox captured the game by the score of 9 to 1. The game was interesting through with many fast plays. Louis Svoboda of the Red Sox was the chief batting star of the game with two two-sackers for the Red Sox. Hopkins for the Red Sox and Sheehan for Manley were the hurlers of the game.

Large Number at Eighth Grade Graduation

High School Auditorium Filled With Pleased and Delighted Audience on Saturday

The graduating exercises of the eighth grade pupils of the county was held on Saturday afternoon at the high school auditorium in this city and a large number of the relatives and friends of the young people to enjoy the fine program and to join in the recognition that the pupils were receiving.

The exercises were presided over by Miss Alpha Peterson, county superintendent of public instruction and who introduced the various features of the program.

The program was opened by a number by the Plattsmouth high school band, one of the best musical organizations in the east portion of the state and who were also heard several times during the program and at the close when they played "America" with the audience joining in the chorus.

Rev. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, gave the invocation and the benediction. The entire class of some sixty-four joined in the flag salute as the exercises opened and made a most inspiring and patriotic touch to the program of the day.

On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, E. H. Westcott, secretary of the organization, gave a word of welcome to the young people of the county on behalf of this city and tendered to them the congratulations on the accomplishment of their grammar graduation.

Miss Flora Jane Boedeker, of Murray, one of the pupils in district No. 56, was heard in a very beautiful piano selection, "The Butterfly" and which was given in a most artistic manner.

The address of the afternoon was by Judge James T. Begley, who gave to the young people words of commendation for their faithful and earnest efforts in the school work and congratulated them on the attainment of this, one of the marks of their educational goal.

The members of the graduating class were also addressed by Superintendent R. E. Bailey of the Plattsmouth schools and who also congratulated the class on their fine work.

The diplomas were then presented to the young people by Miss Peterson with words of praise for the excellent showing that they had made.

The members of the graduating class with their teachers are as follows:

- Dist. No. 2—Teacher, Mrs. Katherine Birdsey, Frank Lepert.
- Dist. No. 3—Teacher, Miss Frances Livingston, Lois Gannaway and Mildred Cacey.
- Dist. No. 5—Teacher, Miss Margaret Iverson, Florence Haworth.
- Dist. No. 6—Teacher, Mrs. Dora Trively, Henry Kaffenberger, Arthur Schomaker, Anna Karas, Lois Mead and Le Roy Lovd.
- Dist. No. 7—Teacher, Miss Louise Rummel, Ethan Allen and Geraldine Sudduth.
- Dist. No. 8—Teacher, Miss Mary Ellen Valley, Lena Grauf, John Noteman and Josephine Campbell.
- Dist. No. 9—Teacher, Miss Esther Tritsch, Ruth Alexen and Fred Terryberry.
- Dist. No. 10—Teacher, Miss Goldie Lindsey, Genevieve Albin and Bernice Hathaway.
- Dist. No. 11—Teacher, Miss Mabelle Arthur McQuinn, Erma Eaton, Frances Crawford, Dorothy Shepherd and Laurence Shepherd.
- Dist. No. 13—Teacher, Miss Olive Lewis, Katherine Davis and Vernie Pullen.
- Dist. No. 15—Teacher, Miss Christine Soennichen, Lois Giles, Oscar Brandt, Sterling Hadley, Ellis Schlichtemeier and Velma Smith.
- Dist. No. 17—Teacher, Miss Geraldine Russell, Opal Griffin, Gwen Stites and L. R. Upton, Jr.
- Dist. No. 18—Teacher, Miss La Von Frans, William Cornell and Keith Ost.
- Dist. No. 19—Teacher, Miss Birdie Johnson, Evelyn Friess.
- Dist. No. 20—Teacher, Miss Helen Madsen, Margaret Young, Elsie Pauline Freeman, Paul P. Berner, John Henry Maseman and Charles William Stovall.
- Dist. No. 21—Teacher, Miss Pearl Spangier, Helen Hayes.
- Dist. No. 23—Teacher, Mr. Lloyd Ranney, Aileen Wiles and Wilma Sloan.
- Dist. No. 24—Teacher, Mr. Herbert Hulshuf, Laddie Duckworth.
- Dist. No. 25—Teacher, Miss Florence Shogren, Eugene Nolte, Estelle Beverage and William Ruffner.
- Dist. No. 26—Teacher, Miss Ruth Hogue, Raymond Campbell, Marian Young and J. L. Young.
- Dist. No. 27—Teacher, Mrs. Lucille Gaines, Albert Ulrich.
- Dist. No. 28—Teacher, Miss Helen Vallery, Junior Oliver.
- Dist. No. 29—Teacher, Miss Marie

Traffic Over Missouri Here is Increasing

Hard Surface Road to Glenwood and Showing of Route on the New Maps Brings Tourists

The Plattsmouth Missouri river bridge, formally dedicated a year ago, is doing a gradually increasing volume of business. With a ferry crossing operating only at favorable seasons of the year and none-too-good roads, the Plattsmouth short cut was little known among tourists, and on the opening of its bridge the Plattsmouth Bridge company realized an educational campaign must be undertaken to acquaint people with the advantages offered in coming this way.

Road signs were placed extensively throughout eastern Nebraska and western Iowa pointing to the Plattsmouth bridge, as well as numerous bill-board type signs with pictures and information about the bridge. The State of Iowa got busy and graveled the road to Glenwood, making it an all-weather route.

As soon as this was done the stock trails from all southwest Iowa pointing coming this way. Then the map companies were advised of the bridge being in service and they have helped materially in getting the fact before the tourist eye by showing the new crossing facilities here in their late 1930-31 maps.

On a direct line west with the first all paved highway across Iowa, the Harding memorial highway, this route should be very popular with east to west motorists, southwest Iowa truckers and an ever increasing number of pleasure drivers.

With large investment in the bridge, the amount of toll that must be collected daily is no small sum, and although not up to expectancy yet, the directors are pleased with the steadily increasing patronage of this first year of operation and see in the not far distant future a time when the toll collections will more than meet the overhead expenses and permit of reducing the indebtedness.

Each dollar so applied will make the bridge that much nearer being a toll-free structure. The toll charges are nominal, compared with the cost of crossing at Yankton, as well as numerous other such points where toll bridges flourish. The price here at Nebraska City is the same, but of course on a bridge like that at Omaha with its steadily flowing lines of traffic in both directions throughout the day and evening, it is not necessary to charge such a large toll, and yet be able to make many times more money than the smaller traveled bridges that save the traveler from having to journey many miles out of his way up or down the river to find a crossing point leading into one of the metropolitan cities.

So far, the Plattsmouth bridge has not been used enough for inter-city meetings. Aside from a visit back and forth between Plattsmouth and Glenwood Rotarians practically nothing has been done in the line of good-will promotion between Iowa and Nebraska neighbors who live only a proverbial stone's throw from each other, and yet through the barrier of past years have never fraternized.

Plattsmouth Legion post is planning an early meeting with Glenwood Legionnaires as its guests and will later on return the visit. Other civic bodies could do likewise—and instead, the bridge was clamored for for years is here and at our disposal.

Decorations Day Program is Announced

Will Be Held at the American Legion Community Building, Saturday at 2:30 p. m.

The observance of memorial day will be held in this city on Saturday, the day opening with the decoration of the graves at the Oak Hill cemetery by the W. R. C. Legion, and Legion Auxiliary.

The exercises at the cemetery will be held jointly by the patriotic societies of the city, the G. A. R. service being held by the few survivors and the W. R. C. at the mound in the old addition to the cemetery, the American Legion furnishing the firing squad for the service, while at the Legion plot a service will also be held later in the morning preceding the decoration of the graves.

The afternoon program will be at the American Legion community building and will be presided over by W. G. Kieck. The program will be as follows:

- Assembly Call—W. Roy Holly
- "America"—Audience
- Led by Quartette
- Invocation—Rev. H. G. McClusky
- Salute to the flag—Audience
- "The American's Creed"—Audience
- Quartette—Mrs. Schall, Robert Bestor, John Frady and Dr. Westover.
- Gettysburg Address—Madge Garnett
- ROLL CALL
- Civil War—Mrs. Lois Troop
- Spanish-American—Louie Reinackle
- World War—Com. G. R. Holcomb
- Songs—Margaret Shellenbarger
- Address—Judge A. H. Duxbury
- Benediction—Rev. H. G. McClusky
- Taps—W. Roy Holly

WILL TOUR WITH BAND

Glen Brittain, who is a student at Father Flannigan's Home in Omaha, is here for a vacation of a week with his relatives, preparatory to leaving soon for a trip with the band of the Home over the greater part of the country. The Father Flannigan's band has a nation-wide reputation and will be heard in concert in many of the cities of the country, the funds to be used in the enlarging plans of the Home.

LETS PAINTING CONTRACT

The contract for the painting of the outside woodwork of the library on which bids were recently called for, was let this morning at the meeting of the library board and was awarded to F. R. Gobelman of this city. The work will be started at once.

May Day Fete is Held at State Teachers College

Miss Leona Hudson, of This City is the Queen of Annual May Day Festival.

The annual May day fete of the State Teacher's college at Peru was held at the stadium of the college on Monday evening and was staged and directed by Miss Phyllis Davidson and the class sponsor, A. V. Larson of the faculty of the school.

Miss Leona Hudson of this city, May queen, tall, dark and graceful, was chosen by the boys of the class. The procession consisted of the trumpeters, pages and flower girls. Then came the queen and her attendants, the train bearers, maid of honor, crown bearer and attendants. They were followed by a group of villagers. The queen was crowned and the villagers in festive garb danced in celebration of the crowning.

First there was the dance of greeting, followed by the wand drill, the travelers, couple dance, ace of diamonds, amaryllis and finally the winding of the May pole. One hundred and fifteen girls took part in this part of the program.

Costumes were especially attractive. The queen appeared in a long white satin gown and carried an arm bouquet of white flowers. Her maid of honor wore rose, the train bearer's dress was blue and white, the maid of honor, crown bearer and attendants, they were followed by a group of villagers. The queen was crowned and the villagers in festive garb danced in celebration of the crowning.

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DIES AT HASTINGS

From Monday's Daily— The message was received here at noon today announcing the death of Frank Kauble, Jr., which occurred at an early hour today at the state hospital at Hastings, where he has been for the past three years. The deceased will be remembered here by the older residents of the city, where he spent his younger years and was for a great many years engaged as a clerk in the local Burlington office and later in a number of the retail stores. Since the death of the parents a number of years ago he has made his home largely in Omaha until his poor health compelled his being taken to the state hospital. He is survived by one brother, Henry Kauble, who resides at Omaha, and one sister, Mrs. A. D. Caldwell of Geneva, Nebraska.

Commencement of the St. John's School Held

Large Number Attend the Program Held at the K. of C. Hall Last Evening

From Wednesday's Daily— The close of the school years of the St. John's parochial school of this city was held at the Knights of Columbus hall last evening and the event attended by a very large number of the relatives and friends of the young people.

The program was one that reflected the greatest credit on the young people and showed the splendid training that all of the participants had received at the hands of their teachers. Ursuline sisters, who have labored so earnestly with the children.

The entertainment program was as follows:

- Welcome—William Reddie
- Playlet, "The Quack"—6th, 7th & 8th Grades
- Song, "Little Mothers"—Small Girls
- Playlet, "Dottie's Dream"—3rd, 4th Grade Girls
- Playlet, "Cousin Emogene's Visit"—6th & 7th Grades
- Song "We Want Pie"—4th & 5th Grade Boys
- Playlet, "How the Story Grew"—7th & 8th Grade Girls
- Song, "The Jolly Bootblacks"—Small Boys
- Playlet, "You Tell Her"—6th, 7th & 8th Grade Boys
- Song & Drill, "Topsy Turvy"—3rd & 4th Grade Boys
- The Ghost in the Boarding School—6th Grade Girls
- Song & Drill, "The Merry Dairy-maids"—5th Grade Girls

The valedictory of the class of eight members was given by Joseph Case, who in a very able manner expressed the appreciation that the pupils felt for the instruction that had been given them by the teachers and for the thoughtfulness of the parents that had made possible their schooling.

Father George Agius of the St. John's church gave a few remarks and words of commendation for the work of the school and the excellent showing that the class has made.

The address was delivered by Father A. Wagner, who extolled the school work and the need of the religious training in the life of all persons as fitting them for the responsibilities of citizenship and service to the nation of which they were a part.

The awards of the school for the year were then made and the following announced:

Diploma for the completion of the 8th Grade conferred on: Joseph Case, Caroline Heigl, Richard Rea, Ruth Slavick, Ernest Zitka, Dorothy Zitka, William Starkjohn, Stella Hyde.

Prize for general excellence awarded to the 8th Grade as follows: Joseph Case, Caroline Heigl, Richard Rea, Ruth Slavick, Ernest Zitka, Dorothy Zitka, William Starkjohn, Stella Hyde.

Prize for perfect attendance at school awarded to: Faustine Nowacek, Joseph Case, Theresa Alteschoff, Anna Alteschoff, Catherine Gradoville, Charles Gradoville, Margaret Ann Pittz, Theodore Libershal, Barbara Zitka, Leonard Sikora, Joseph Kvapil.

Prize for Christian Doctrine awarded to: Barbara Zitka, Theresa Sedlak, Anna Alteschoff, Rose Brink, Clara Pittman.

Prize for progress in music awarded to: Catherine Gradoville, Margaret Ann Pittz.

Diploma for proficiency in Penmanship awarded by the A. N. Palmer Co. of Chicago, Ill., to: Joseph Case, Caroline Heigl, Richard Rea, Ruth Slavick, Ernest Zitka, Dorothy Zitka, William Starkjohn, Stella Hyde.

Pin for progress in Penmanship awarded by the A. N. Palmer Co. to: Patty Clodt, Raymound Westover, Joseph Kvapil, Leo Welch, Florence Sedlak, Clara Toman, Mary Alice Shifter, Emily Kratochvil, Theresa Sedlak, Catherine Gradoville, Eileen Case, Margaret Ann Pittz.

IMPROVING BUILDING

Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., owners of the building occupied by the Ladies Toggery, the Knorr Variety store and the Ault & Lohnes pool hall, business houses and the upper floor of which is occupied by the Masonic hall, are having the rear of their buildings improved. The woodwork of the building is being painted and placed in first class shape. The lodge will probably later take up the work of remodeling the front part of their building which has been contemplated for some time.

MORE COYOTES REPORTED

Charles Hatcliff of near Murray and Ray Rosenow of Elmwood are the latest to report coyote scalps at the office of County Clerk R. Sayles. The two gentlemen each sent in one scalp and received the usual \$2 per head for the animals.