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Jay Johnson Recalls Old Times in Plattsmouth

Former Resident of This City Writes
Interesting Letter to the Journal
on This Subject.

St. Joseph, Mo., Oct. 3.
Mr. R. A. Bates,
Dear Mr. Bates:

Just finished reading in the Journal of Sept. 29th your account of James O'Neil and the city of Plattsmouth, which I found very interesting, as I, as a child was taken often to the old O'Neil home south of the Burlington shops, by my father. They had a wonderful spring there on the highway where everybody stopped to quench their thirst, and Mrs. O'Neil kept her milk in pans in the spring water. It seems to me that the water from this spring was piped to your present Burlington depot grounds, but this I have forgotten. You will find lots of ancient history in Plattsmouth if you can only find an old settler—they are few I am sure. Its just possible that Mrs. Peterson (Mrs. Sharon as I knew her) is about your oldest citizen, anyway her memory of things will take you a long way back. When there I remember when all of the Burlington shops were east and north of your present ice house. Plattsmouth Main street ran north and south east of this ice house as far north as your present passenger depot.

The first white boy in Plattsmouth was Fred Mickelwait and the old home still stands and just now I cannot recall any house in Plattsmouth that is older and you should have a picture of it in your paper this week. It's on south 3rd street, two blocks south of Main, the southwest corner. Fred was called Penny because of his size, a 6-footer and weighed 300 pounds and was a brakeman on the M. P., he could get over the cars as spry as any of them.

How many Plattsmouth people know that there was a packing house in your town before Omaha and Nebraska City had them. E. G. Dovey, the father of George, Oliver and Horatio was operating one there 60 years ago right back of the hotel at the northeast corner of Main and 3rd streets. They also operated a general store on the alley just west of it. I think there is a grocery there now.

Its too bad that there is no pictures of all these old places, surely some will show up for the Wescott ("Boss Clothiers") old settler's display in their windows. I could name over many old landmarks that have long disappeared. The Wheeler block on lower Main street, Dr. Donelan's drug store next door, Shannon's livery stable, with the old Platte Valley hotel west across the street and the old D. H. Wheeler home north across Main street where the court house now stands and the Mathews hardware just west of 4th street, the Saunders house on the north side of Main between 5th and 6th and it was just west of this where the "Boss Clothiers"—one price and no monkey business—opened up, and I see the boys still stick to the slogan. Shroyck's little furniture store was next door. Don't remember just what was on the south side of the street, between 5th and 6th streets. Waterman's lumber yard was there, Plummer's grocery and Duke's hardware. Clark was cashier of the First National bank. Clark moved to Lincoln and was banker there for years and Plummer also went to Lincoln and went into the wholesale grocery business. O. F. Johnson had a frame drug store at the southwest corner of 6th and Main. I could name over a long list of old timers but they have all passed on, there is now none as I know them.

I was born in Plattsmouth in 1866 before Nebraska became a state. I regret that I am not going to be able to attend the Old Settlers' reunion—it is a disappointment to me, but can't be helped.

Yours very truly,
J. JAY JOHNSON.

Everything for the student—from penny leadpencils to typewriters. The place to get them—why, at Bates Book Store, of course.

HEAR SENATOR REED

James A. Reed, former United States senator from Missouri, will speak this evening at Des Moines, Iowa, under the auspices of the democratic national committee. Senator Reed will reply to the recent Des Moines speech of President Hoover. The address will be broadcast locally by stations WOW at Omaha and KFAB at Lincoln, at 9 o'clock this evening. This will be one of the chief campaign speeches of the west so do not fail to hear it.

Presbyterian Woman's Mission Society Meets

Entertains in Honor of Westminster Guild, Newly Formed Unit of the Church.

A pleasant evening of the Presbyterian Woman's Missionary society at the home of Mrs. H. A. Schneider, was enjoyed Tuesday, the occasion being in honor of the Westminster Guild of the church.

The program of the evening was in charge of Mrs. Luke L. Wiles.

Mrs. George L. Farley, president of the missionary society spoke for the members, a very cordial and warm welcome to the guild girls, into the activity of church work.

Miss Helen Warka, president of the guild, responded. In her talk she unfolded the four-fold problem of the guild—Study, Recreation, Worship and Service.

Mrs. Robert Troop, the oldest member told of church activities when she was a girl. The long miles they walked to Sunday school, how they committed the Westminster catechism and earned a Bible. Mrs. Troop still has the Bible that she thus won.

All enjoyed Miss Cora Williams in a vocal solo, "Thy Will Be Done." Miss Estelle Baird serving as accompanist.

The girls of the guild, under the direction of Mrs. H. G. McClusky, rendered a pageant entitled, "Youth's Ideals on Trial." Youth was portrayed by Miss Helen Warka, the Herald by Miss Gertrude Valley, while the symbolical clouds of war, crime, race prejudice, alcohol, ignorance and indifference were taken by Fern Stivers, Mildred Koska, Eleanor Olson, Ruth Warka and Wilhelmina Henriksen.

The social hour followed under the direction of Mrs. Marjorie Lohnes, was lively and very enjoyable to all of the group.

Two new members were added to the guild at this time and will enter on their work in the society in earnest.

Delicious refreshments were served by the committee, Mrs. H. A. Schneider, Mrs. H. F. Goos, Mrs. C. E. Hartford, and Mrs. Fred Noiting, brought the delightful evening, enjoyed by everyone, to a close.

The week from October 9th to 15th has been designated as Fire Prevention week in Nebraska and in pursuance of the battle against the causes of fire, Chief O. Sandin is urging the citizens to take all possible steps to help in the cause.

There has been a marked reduction in the number of fires in recent years, due largely, to the fact that the citizens are taking a greater interest in seeing that their homes and business houses are kept free from possible fire hazards.

The cleaning up of debris and rubbish lying around makes an added safety to the homes as it lessens the chance of fire being started. Defective flues are another fruitful source of fires and the chief urges that there be examinations and checks made by the property owners of their chimneys.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Mrs. W. H. Puls, who has been suffering from a bone infection for some time was taken to Omaha Wednesday where she was placed in the Nicholas Senn hospital for treatment. Mrs. Puls will remain a few days at the hospital and it is then expected that she will be able to return home and relieved of her trouble.

Opening of the Corn Festival a Gala Occasion

Colorful Parades and Band Concert
Feature the First of Four-
Day Entertainments.

The opening day of the fall festival and Korn Karnival was a most gala occasion in Plattsmouth and one that furnished a lively program of entertainment from noon until late in the evening.

Throughout the day the corn palace in the Masonic building was the attraction for a large number of visitors to inspect the corn, fruit and other articles which were being shown.

The formal program of the day opened at 1:30 with C. C. Wescott, chairman of the program committee presiding at the platform at Fifth and Main streets. The Karnival was started with the address of welcome by Mayor John P. Sattler to all the residents of the adjoining communities.

The Plattsmouth high school band, under the direction of L. D. Hiatt, gave a short program of music at the platform that was much enjoyed.

The program of the early afternoon, staged at the platform was contributed by the young people of the community and proved a fine treat altho the chilling winds made the occasion disagreeable for the performers. The high school girls gave several numbers and vocal solos were contributed by Jack Fogley of the high school faculty and David Robinson, well known young tenor. The accordion and saxophone duet by Mildred Murray and Arnold Meisner was also a feature. Anton Bajeck, well known xylophone artist furnished several selections in his usual clever manner.

The Plattsmouth Merchants and the Four Mile Creek team staged a battle on the baseball diamond at Athletic park that resulted in a victory for the Creekers by the score of 15 to 1. Becker was able to hold the local team while March was hit freely and many errors added to the scoring of the visitors.

The Children's Pet and Novelty parade was the crowning feature of the afternoon and hundreds of the little folks in all manner of costumes with pets, wagons and character costumes were in the line of march. The parade was headed by the American Legion drum corps and consisted of several divisions, the high school band leading the second division.

Parade Prize Winners

The committee in charge of the parade was composed of Mrs. Henry Ofe, Jr., Mrs. James Mauzy, Mrs. J. T. Begley, Mrs. John F. Wolf, Mrs. William Woolcott and Superintendent Devoe. A total of 350 entries competed in the six divisions, 150 of them being in the comic strip section for which extra prizes had been supplied by Omaha newspapers. This section was fully two blocks in length and comprised a large number of very striking costumes.

The following is the results of the judging:

Division 1, Ponies—Joseph Kvapil, first, \$1 cash; Mary K. Wiles, second, 75c cash; Tony Dooda, third, 50c cash; Glen Lutz, fourth, 25c in trade.

Division 2, Bicycles—Bob Taylor, first, \$1 cash; Bobbie Webb, second, 75c cash; Warren Reed, third, 50c cash; Leo Welch, fourth, 25c in trade.

Division 3—All Vehicles other than Bicycles—Jimmie Kozak, first, \$1 on "Spirit of '49"; Carter Miner, second, 75c, on goat and clown; Charles Pagon, third, 50c, on goat and wagon with corn; Floyd Taplett, fourth, 25c in trade on boy and rabbit, "Welcome to Plattsmouth."

Division 4—Pets other than Ponies—Betty Ann Thomas, first, \$1 cash; Donella Mason, second, 75c cash; Norman Perry, third, 50c cash; Billy Knorr, fourth, 25c in trade.

Division 5—Doll Buggies—Renee Brown, first, \$1 cash; Charlotte Jaeger, second, 75c cash; Katherine Brink, third, 50c cash; Dorothy Lynch, third, 25c in trade.

Division 6—Comic Characters from the Newspapers—BEE NEWS prizes: Girls—Kathryn Shellenbarger, first, life size doll (Maggie); Mary Jean Hatt, second, walking doll (Mumsey) Shirley Keck, third, walking doll (Mickey Mouse); Sylvia Moore and Lucille Moore, fourth, walking doll (Felix the Cat) and Anna Mae Simmons, fifth, walking doll. Boys—Jimmie Webb, first, football (Jiggs); John Kenneth Bester, second, pencil box and drawing equipment (Poppe);

Bobby Hayes and Donald Burcham, third, fountain pen (Skipkie and Sookie); Richard Petring (Ike) and John Livingston (Bob McNutt), 4th prize, Scout knife; John Tidball (Mike) and Phillip Rosencrans (Inspector), fifth, pen and pencil set.

WORLD-HERALD—Heien Hiatt and George Mark, first, 3 months subscription each (Moon Mullen's relatives); Ruth A. Hatt and Kathryn Barkus, second, 3 months subscription (Toots and Casper).

MERCHANTS' PRIZES (Comic division)—Dorothy Ann Wili and Wilma Swatek, first, \$1 cash (King Korn Maidens); Mary Phyllis Soemichsen, second, 75c cash (Japanese girl); Sanford Short and James Short, third, 50c cash (cowboys); Joan Tiekotter and Troy Cotner, fourth, 25c in trade (Martha and George Warhington).

The Seventeenth infantry band of Fort Crook gave a fine program of music at the stand following the parade and while the judges of the parade were making their choice of the winners.

The evening attraction was the Kangaroo Kourt parade and in which some 200 took part, the paraders being all persons who had been sentenced in the past two weeks at the Kangaroo Kourt. The parade was colorful and many startling costumes and skits were to be found in the line of march among the staid men and women who took part, the carnival spirit reigning in the long lines of marchers. The wild Indian drum corps and the "Little Jerman band," furnished the music in addition to several solo offerings by the marchers.

Following the parade the residents of the city enjoyed the dance at the American Legion building for several hours.

MOVES TO NORFOLK

From Saturday's Daily

George K. Petring, who for the past eleven years has operated the Ford automobile agency in this city, today started the removal of the stock and cars of the legal establishment to Norfolk.

Mr. Petring has secured the Ford agency in the north Nebraska city and which will be operated as the Petring Motor Co., in the future. The Norfolk plant is one of the best in that section of the state and should offer a very much larger field for the automobile business for Mr. Petring.

The machine shop and other equipment of the Plattsmouth Motor Co. will be left here, only the stock of parts and the cars on the floor will be taken to Norfolk.

The matter of the establishing of a new Ford agency will be taken up later and it is expected that the Ford people will have a representative located in this city soon. The plant and building which is owned by Mr. Petring is one of the best in the state and will no doubt be occupied in a short time.

The departure of the Petring family which will take place the middle of the coming week, brings a great regret to their large circle of friends as they have been very active in the social and business life of the community. Mr. Petring has been active in the Rotary club and is serving as secretary of the organization as well as the Elks and American Legion. Mrs. Petring is one of the leaders in the work of the Episcopal church as well as the Woman's club and other social organizations.

PHYSICS CLASS TAKES FIRST FIELD TRIP

From Friday's Daily

Yesterday the physics class under Mr. Reeder, went on a field trip, to the Ford garage. There the class studied the model of the V-8 style motor.

The model has been constructed so that all the working parts, which are kept in motion by an electric motor, can be viewed.

Mr. Reeder stated he believed the visit was very beneficial to the class as it enabled them to see how a motor operates while in use.

PRESENT FINE CONCERT

From Friday's Daily

The Louisville city band under the direction of Prof. G. M. Corum was one of the features of the evening offering of the Korn Karnival and the fine program given was one that was very much appreciated by the visitors to the city and the local people. This band is one of the popular musical organizations in the county and deserve much credit for their work.

Battle Over Cedar Trees Near Union

Residents of Cass County Community
in Federal Court to Seek
Injunction.

Federal Judges Munger, Gardner and Kenyon were the arbiters Friday at Omaha, as 17 landowners around Union, sought an injunction to prevent the police from chopping out red cedars.

It is already a matter of gall, L. R. Newkirk, assistant attorney general, explained to the judges—red cedar gall, which damages apples, especially Jonathans. The gall travels back and forth from cedars to apples. No spray will stop it. So the state prohibits growing of red cedars within two miles of orchards having one thousand or more trees.

Four large orchards within this radius of Union are involved—50 acres owned by W. B. Banning, 40 acres by L. T. Wilhelmy and the University of Nebraska experimental orchard at Union.

The people around Union whose red cedar trees will be chopped if judges deny the injunction application, and a census of their trees as submitted by L. M. Gates, state entomologist, and Dwight Felton, deputy secretary of agriculture, are:

Leroy R. Upton, 12 trees; John C. Hensel, 24; Creed F. Harris, 19; Herman C. Ross, 20; Jesse L. Pell, 42; Amos McNamee, four; Joseph Lindsey, 41; Jefferson D. Cross, 25; Reuben D. Stine, 63; William L. Stine, 10; George Everett, 8; Charles F. Morton, 38; David F. Kendall, 9; Mount Hope cemetery, 14; George Ray, 1; Walter A. Johnson, 17; Norman C. De Les Derrier, 3.

They don't want them cut down because of ornamental value and utility in acting as windbreaks. D. O. Dwyer, attorney for the cedar owners, said the cedar trees were valued at more than five thousand dollars.

"The case will stand or fall on the relative value to eastern Nebraska of the red cedar trees or the Jonathan apple industry," Newkirk stated.

SENTENCED TO PEN

August Krause, resident of near Nebraska City and William Douty of near Union, were placed on trial in the district court at Nebraska City on Wednesday. Both of the men plead guilty to the charge of breaking and entering.

The men were arrested some two weeks ago at the Douty home by Sheriff Thimigan of Cass county and Sheriff Rydner of Otoe county, they being wanted for the burglary of the John Vantine home near Nebraska City.

Krause was given a sentence of ten years in the state penitentiary by Judge James T. Begley.

Judge Begley questioned Krause stating that it was his third appearance before him on charges of stealing and the fourth time he had been convicted of felony charges. He told Krause he was a dangerous man to run at large and that although others were trying to keep him out of prison he was trying to get in by his actions.

Krause had served two previous terms in the state prison and a term in the reformatory. The court reminded him and that he had shown that he was not trying to reform and that prison was the best place to keep him.

Krause told the court he was 28 years old and had passed the second grade at school. He admitted that he knew right from wrong and said that he had never used violence in his many escapades.

William Doty, partner of Krause, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one year in the state penitentiary in connection with the Vantine farm home burglary. This was Doty's first appearance before Judge Begley.

Krause and Doty were arrested a few days after the Vantine burglary and most of the goods recovered. In the articles found in possession of Krause at that time were several that were identified as having been taken in other burglaries that have occurred within the past few months.

RECEIVES A FINE

From Friday's Daily

This morning in police court before Judge Charles L. Graves, a complaint was filed against Emil Nixon, a resident of the south part of the county with intoxication. The young man was gathered in last evening by Officers Pickrel and Stewart and lodged in jail over night. He was given a fine of \$10 and costs this morning and arrangements were made to settle the same and the young man released from custody.

Old Settlers Hold Reunion Here Thursday

Forty-fourth Reunion Held Here This Year—Many Enjoy Fine Program Arranged.

For the forty-fourth annual Old Settlers' reunion this year the scene was shifted to this city from the usual meeting place at Union. The change was made as the residents of Union did not feel equal to staging the event this year and accordingly the joint Union-Plattsmouth reunion was held at the Eagles hall here.

The reunion opened Thursday morning with Attorney D. O. Dwyer presiding in his usual pleasant manner. The visitors were welcomed by M. S. Briggs of this city and responded to by P. F. Rihn of Union.

The morning program was devoted to musical numbers by the Rock Bluffs and Union orchestras and a delightful reading by Miss Anna May Sandin.

The crowd was much larger at the afternoon session and the hall filled to its capacity by the young and old to enjoy the program. The chief address of the afternoon was by Hon. Byron Clark of Omaha, a pioneer of Cass county. Mr. Clark spoke of the early settlement of the county and of the hardships of the pioneer residents. In discussing modern day problems he urged a lowering and more equitable division of the taxes with the recognition of the needs of the railroads to be not unduly burdened in contrast to the truck and bus lines.

The address of Major J. W. Pearman, 40 years ago, was read by Judge C. L. Graves.

The persons registering at the reunion were: Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Briggs, P. F. Rihn and C. B. Smith, of Union; D. O. Dwyer, Judge C. L. Graves, Perry L. Graves, Phillip Sauter, Walter Propst, A. L. Tidd; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mougey, Union; Dr. J. H. Hall; Dr. G. W. Todd and George B. Lehnhoff, Omaha; H. W. Valley, Mrs. Grace Walker Johnson, Lincoln; Mrs. Mathilda Gopen Snyder, Mrs. S. A. Davis and Miss Alice Davis, Lincoln; Mont Robb, Union; Byron Clark, Omaha; D. A. Young, George Mark, Jr., Mrs. Vesta Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Alda Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Crunk, Miss Bertha Crunk, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Morris, Miss Ruth Morris, Union; Mrs. Nellie Parmele Agnew, Lincoln; L. J. Mayfield, Louisville; Mrs. Edgar Newton, A. S. Graves; Mr. and Mrs. George L. Prentiss, Pasadena, California; Mrs. Guy White, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Eigenbrodt, Lincoln; Mrs. Fannie Richey Dickson and Miss May Richey, Lincoln; John M. Fitch, Nehawka; Mrs. F. H. Mumm, Mrs. George Mumm; C. E. Heebner, Nehawka; F. W. L. Dunkak, Mrs. Bertha Skinner Gilmour, Raynard Gilmour, Mrs. Jennie Klimm; Troy L. Davis, Weeping Water; Miss Jessie Robertson, Miss Janet Westover, Mrs. S. W. Short, Mrs. M. E. Jameson, Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stamp, Mrs. V. T. Arn, Mrs. Ellsworth Taylor, Mrs. Dora Clark.

MURRAY DROPS ONE

The Murray Red Sox in an exhibition game with the South Side Stars of Omaha, dropped a 7 to 4 contest Thursday afternoon at the Athletic park. The Omaha team had as their hurler, Richard Herold, former Plattsmouth young man and with a good fast back of him Arnie the visiting artist held the Murray sluggers in control.

You'll enjoy shopping in Plattsmouth stores. Don't be fooled by the so-called "greener pastures" of a foreign trading point!

Platters Win from Thurman; Score 47 to 0

Iowa Visitors Badly Outclassed in All
Departments of the Game by
the Blue and White.

The Plattsmouth high school football team added an impressive victory over the Thurman, (Iowa) team Friday afternoon, winning the contest 47 to 0 and having three other touchdowns that were not counted.

The first scoring of the locals came in the first few moments of the game when on the kickoff the Thurman team who were receiving failed to touchdown the ball and Porter, center of the Platters, hurrying to the enemy goal touched the ball down and six points were chalked up.

The second score came in a short time in the opening quarter when a steady march was taken up by the Platters, Arn carrying the ball in a series of runs that finally brought the ball to striking distance of the Thurman goal and from where Bill Ronne smashed through for the needed touchdown. Armstrong booted the extra point in nice form, setting the score at 13 to 0.

The locals scored again in the opening period when after Hirz, who had been sent in to play a half position fumbled the kick of Thurman but recovered and lost five yards, he then skirted the end for a touchdown on the next play. Ronne, who served as the battering ram of the locals crashed center for the extra point. Score 20 to 0.

The Platters scored in the second quarter when after the Thurman team stiffened their defense the locals were held for some time, but finally started the old smashing drives. The ball was worked into the Thurman territory and Hirz with a beautiful end run carried the ball thirty yards to the Thurman two yard line before he was stopped. Arn planged through center for the touchdown and Armstrong placed a neat kick for the extra point.

The interference of the Platters was the best that any of the blue and white teams have shown for years, the players giving perfect blocking out for their ball carriers.

The visitors showed more determined defense in the last of the game and the touchdowns were not as rapid as in the opening half.

The Platters scored on the steady drive of smashes and end runs by Arn, Hirz and Ronne, carrying the ball to the visitors ten yard line and from where Hirz, with perfect interference skirted the end for the touchdown. The boot of Armstrong brought the extra point to bring the local total to 33.

The next scoring occurred as the last quarter opened. The ball was brought into the enemy territory with the end runs by Hirz and Arn and smashes by Armstrong and Ronne with the perfect work of their team mates. Hirz ran the end for a touchdown but Platts was offside and the score refused. Adam skirted the end to bring the ball to the visitors five yard line. On the opening of the last quarter Adam came around the end for the coveted touchdown. The extra point was a pass Hirz to McCleary and the tally 40 to 0.

Coach Rothert sent his reserve force into the battle at the last of the final quarter and the new team with Armstrong and Hirz continued the battle, stopping the threatened rally of Thurman and added another touchdown. The score was made on a touchdown by Hirz on an end run, the team taking the visiting players out in line shape to open the way for the runner. Hirz skirted the end for the extra point. The score, 47 to 0.

The starting lineup of the teams was as follows:

Platts	Thurman	
Rummel	LE	Jenkins
Luschinsky	LT	H. Garren
Yelick	LG	Fowles
Porter	C	Grey
Wetzkamp	RG	Seyoc
Seitz	RE	French
Garnett	RT	A. Garren
Arn	RB	W. Crouse
Adam	LH	Reld
Armstrong	RH	C. Crouse
Ronne	FB	Leka
Referee	Farrish, Creighton; Um- pire, Bexton, Carnegie; Headline- man, Hargrove, Omaha.	

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