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## Committees for the King Korn Karnival Named

Various Activities of the Post-Season Work Assigned to Fine Group of Committees.

Henry G. Soennichsen, general chairman of the King Korn Karnival, has announced the committees that will function from now until the completion of the big fall festival, September 18th to 21st.

The committees composed Mr. Soennichsen, R. W. Knorr, co-ordinator; Leslie W. Niel, secretary and E. A. Wurl, treasurer.

### Agricultural Committee

Harrison L. Gayer, chairman; James Hall, superintendent; Hon. George E. Nickles, Murray; Hon. Fred Carsten, Avoca; Julius A. Pitz, Hon. W. B. Banning, Union; Henry F. Nolting, J. H. McMaken, Theodore Svoboda, John Hobscheidt, Richard Spangler; Fred H. Gorder, Troy L. Davis, Weeping Water; H. H. Ragoss, Cedar Creek; O. A. Davis, Murray; M. J. Stava, Floyd Becker; E. B. Chapman, Union; Dr. O. Sandin, Frederick Wehrlein, John Kaffenberger, Leonard Born, Elmer Tritsch, Arthur Hanson, Roy O. Cole, Elbert Wiles, Ruel Sack.

### Parades Committee

E. L. McKissick, chairman; Paul Vandervoort, Mrs. James G. Mauzy, Hilt Martin, L. O. Minor, Fred H. Sharpnack, John Sattler, Jr., L. S. Devoe, Harry White, E. O. Vroman, Mrs. H. L. Thomas.

### Farmers Day

Charles Barnard, chairman; Arthur Wetenkamp, John Hobscheidt, John Wehrlein, Karl Grosshans, William Kelly, Donald Born, William Wetenkamp, Earl Becker.

### Program and Entertainment

C. C. Wescott, chairman; E. H. Schulhof, E. A. Webb, R. W. Knorr, Paul Vandervoort, W. R. Holly, George Jaeger.

### Old Settlers Day

Judge C. L. Graves, chairman; George B. Mann, W. H. Puls.

### Finance Committee

Frank M. Bestor, L. O. Minor, Judge A. H. Duxbury, Carl J. Schneider.

### Concessions

Leslie W. Niel, Phillip Hoffman.

### Street Decorations, Lighting

Frank Mullen, John L. Tidball, Carl Ofe, Clement Woster, E. J. Richey, Fred L. Bea, James Farnham.

### Sports Committee

Carl Schneider, Clement Woster, Henry J. Donat.

### Soap Box Derby

Fred Sharpnack, Fred Herbster, John E. Turner, Ray Bryant.

### Publicity

E. A. Webb, C. C. Wescott, Paul Vandervoort.

## MARRIED AT LA PLATTE

On Wednesday afternoon at Papillion occurred the marriage of Miss Eleanor Lauderback, 18, of Omaha and Mr. Jesse L. Taylor, Jr., 20, of La Platte. The wedding was very quiet and the marriage lines were read by County Judge Collins of Sarpy county. Tom Grosshans, a classmate of the groom was with the bride party and witnessed the ceremony.

The groom is well known in this city and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Taylor, well known residents of La Platte. He was a graduate of the Plattsmouth high school in the class of 1934 and in school was very active in his athletic work.

The bride is a well known young lady who was born and reared in Omaha and who has been attending the South high.

The young people will make their future home in Omaha where Mr. Taylor is engaged as a painter at the Hotel Paxton.

The many friends here will join in their well wishes to the young people for their future happiness and success.

## S. S. GOODING POORLY

From Thursday's Daily

The reports today from the Methodist hospital at Omaha are to the effect that S. S. Gooding of this city, undergoing treatment there as the result of injuries suffered in an auto accident, is very poorly. The last few days have shown an apparent loss of strength and a general condition that has caused a great deal of apprehension to the family. The many friends will regret to learn of his condition that is retarding his progress toward recovery from the injuries sustained in the accident.

## ENTERTAIN AT DINNER

Wednesday evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wescott was the scene of a very delightful informal 6 o'clock dinner given in honor of Mrs. Frances Starkey of Des Moines, Iowa, who is visiting the old friends here. Mrs. Starkey was formerly a member of the Queen Esther society of which Mrs. Wescott was sponsor.

The members of the party after the pleasures of the dinner enjoyed a most pleasant time in visiting and renewing the associations of the past year.

Those who enjoyed the occasion were Miss Fern Jahrig, Miss Ruth Patton, Mrs. Starkey and Mr. and Mrs. Wescott.

## Plattsmouth Pastor Wedded at Centralia, Ill.

Miss Meta Marie Kaiser and Rev. G. A. Pahl Wedded Tuesday at Home of Bride in Illinois.

From Thursday's Daily

The announcements were received here today of the marriage on Tuesday at Centralia, Illinois, of Miss Meta Marie Kaiser of that city to the Rev. G. A. Pahl, pastor of the St. Paul's Evangelical church of this city.

Following the wedding ceremony the bridal party departed for Chicago where Rev. and Mrs. Pahl will visit with relatives in that city and take a short honeymoon before coming to this city where they will be at home to their friends after September 1st.

Rev. Pahl has been one of the popular residents of the community in his residence here and has a large circle of friends who will learn of his new happiness with pleasure and extend to him and his bride their best wishes for many years of happiness and success. On their homecoming here, Rev. and Mrs. Pahl will receive the heartiest well wishes and the friends extend to the bride welcome to the community where she is to join her husband in his work in the St. Paul's church.

## HAVE STORE REMODELED

The interior of the building occupied by the Matzky Drug Co., is now nearing the completion of a thorough program of redecoration and remodeling that will make it a most attractive as well as convenient business house. One of the chief changes that has been made is that of the prescription rooms and supply department. This has been changed from one small compartment in the corner of the store room to one large and well arranged that extends from the present room clear to the rear of the building, the laboratory being all finished in spotless white.

The main sales room has been repainted and decorated in tones of tan with the darker woodwork that makes a very attractive setting and whose charm is heightened by the green seats and benches used in the soft drink department of the store.

Not the least of the improvements is the fact that the front of the store has also felt the touch of the painter's brush and makes a very fine addition to the business section.

## VISIT IN THE OLD HOME

William N. Baird, of Salida, Colorado, was in the city Wednesday and Thursday to visit here with his sisters, returning today to the west. Mr. Baird, who is a son of the late Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Baird, was born and reared in this city and has a great many friends here who were delighted to have the opportunity of visiting with him. While here he visited with his sisters, Mrs. George L. Farley and Misses Caroline and Estelle Baird.

## RETURNING FROM WEST

From Thursday's Daily

This evening Mr. and Mrs. Val Burk, Mrs. Henry Ofe and Mrs. Fred Haffke, daughter of Mrs. Ofe, are to arrive home from their thirty day outing in the Pacific northwest where they have been guests of relatives and old time friends. They have had a most delightful time in the west and enjoyed the cool and pleasant weather there.

## Scout Writes of Recent Trip to Colorado

Members of Nehawka Party Have One of the Experiences of Their Life in Outing.

(By Billy Rosencrans)

We left Nehawka Aug. 6 at about 11:30. We ate dinner in Lincoln and then a photographer from the Lincoln Journal took our pictures. We camped at Inland, Nebr. (9 miles east of Hastings). We ate our breakfast and then we started for North Platte. About 24 miles we had car trouble but we fixed it and went on. We ate our dinner in a city park at North Platte. We crossed the state line about 6:00 and camped in Sterling, Colo., at 9:30.

We packed our bus and left for Estes Park. The troop stopped in Loveland, Colo. and ate dinner. We entered Big Thompson canyon and on all sides were the sheer sides of the mountains.

Mr. Stimbart (Scoutmaster) got the mail in Estes Park. We pitched a permanent camp in Glacier basin. The next day we climbed 2 miles to Lock Vale. We spent the next three days in climbing up different mountains and going up trail ridge road to the Continental Divide.

We left Estes and camped in Boulder, Colo.

The next day we went to Denver. In the morning a guide took us to the airport, thru a museum and to the zoo. At night we went to a show. We were camped in a Denver Boy Scout cabin. This cabin had a piano, deer horns, guns, a huge fire place and a balcony. We slept on the balcony.

We broke camp at noon and reached Colorado Springs. Everything was high priced so we didn't spend much. We did see the Garden of Gods. At Canon City we went to the Royal Gorge. At the Royal Gorge is the world's highest bridge and steepest railway. We walked across the bridge and then went down the railroad. It goes down 1500 feet. The Arkansas river runs thru the gorge, and we picked up many different kinds of rocks.

We went thru Pueblo the next day and camped at La Juanta. The troop went to a kitenball game that night and then "turned in."

The next morning we started home. We ate dinner at Dodge City, Kansas and supper in Marion. We went thru Topeka, Kans., about 2:00 in the morning. We got gas in Auburn at 4. We reached Nehawka August 18 at 6:30 and the town was still asleep. We Scouts unpacked the bus and then we left for our homes.

The Scouts who made this trip were Lester Shrader, Ivan Hansen, Jack Wunderlich, Dean Nutzman, Marion Hoback, George Poulos, Clark Bates, Wesley Stone, and Bill Rosencrans. Mr. Stimbart is the Scoutmaster, Burnell Adams assistant Scoutmaster, Glen Rutledge, publicity agent and Mr. Stimbart's father, chief cook. The boys worked in shifts at the meals.

We were stocked up with provisions of all kinds before we left. Looked like a grocery store on wheels. We enjoyed the food thoroughly and are most grateful to all of those that contributed and helped to give us such a wonderful trip.

## NAVAL ENLISTMENTS

During the fiscal year ended July 1, 1935, the Omaha Recruiting station made 285 first enlistments in the navy, and 51 re-enlistments. Nebraska, except the eight western counties, South Dakota, and the Iowa counties of Fremont, Mills, Pottawattamie and Harrison, comprise the Omaha recruiting district. Thirty-six first enlistments will be made during the month of September.

## VISITS IN CITY

From Thursday's Daily

Ernest Ahrens, one of the leading and highly esteemed residents of the Nehawka community, was in the city today for a few hours to look after some business at the court house and visiting with the old time friends here. Mr. Ahrens accompanied Dan Anderson of Nehawka this far, Mr. Anderson continuing on to Omaha.

## ENJOY PICNIC PARTY

From Thursday's Daily

Last evening a group of some forty-five to fifty of the residents of the territory west and north of this city gathered at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bieri for the celebration of the close of the threshing season.

The men of the community who have been busy during the harvest took time off to enjoy the occasion and the ladies had surely carried out their part of the program in the large baskets and dishes of sandwiches, fried chicken and all the trimmings to make it a real treat.

## Dr. Cummins is Confirmed as Postmaster

Long Time Resident Here Will Take Over Plattsmouth Office as Soon as Possible.

The confirmation of Dr. Frank L. Cummins as postmaster at Plattsmouth was made by the senate Thursday afternoon and the new postmaster formally notified of the action on his appointment.

Several weeks ago the announcement was received here that Dr. Cummins had been recommended for the post, being one of the three highest in the examinations for the position.

The appointment will be made effective as soon as possible and the office placed in the hands of the new postmaster to carry on the work. This is the first change in the post-office since in 1922 when J. W. Holmes, present postmaster was appointed by President Harding and he has served since that time under the Coolidge and Hoover administrations.

The many friends of Dr. Cummins will be very much pleased to learn that he has been officially confirmed in his position and will be ready to enter on the duties of the office and there is no doubt that he will give the patrons a fine administration of the office.

Dr. Cummins is a member of one of the pioneer families of Cass county and one that has long been identified in democratic circles, his father in early days being one of the democratic leaders and Dr. Cummins with his brothers were all strong adherents of the democratic party.

## FAIR BOOSTERS HERE

From Friday's Daily

This morning the auto caravan of county fair boosters arrived in this city for a short stay and meeting the residents here in the interest of the great county industrial exposition.

The party was accompanied by the Weeping Water band which enlivened the trip with concerts at the various towns through which they passed.

With the boosters was Troy L. Davis, mayor of Weeping Water, who in his usual genial manner invited all of the residents here to be present at the fair and see the wonderful showing of the farms and schools of the county.

Others in the party included H. H. Ragoss, of Cedar Creek, president of the fair association, Frank E. Woods, secretary and Carl Tefft, head of the agricultural section.

## SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

Mrs. Grace Mills of Fort Crook, who was so severely injured two weeks ago in an auto accident north of this city, is reported as showing some improvement at the Omaha hospital where she is being cared for. Mrs. Mills' injuries were very severe and to add to these the shock of the death of the husband in the wreck had served to make her case doubtful. She was operated on recently and has since been making as good progress as the nature of her case would permit.

## GOING TO COLORADO

Elizabeth Worl was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schomaker on Sunday. It was certainly a surprise to them, for they had not seen her for eight years. She was on her way home to Haxton, Colo.

## Plan Public Wedding at the Korn Karnival

Serious Minded Ceremony to be Complete with Gifts and Overnight Trip for Newlyweds.

The end of courtship and the beginning of a happy wedded life is in store for some young couple of this community during the coming King Korn Karnival, Sept. 18 to 21, inclusive. Not only will the couple be given a free wedding, including the license, services of a minister, flowers and accessories, but will receive in addition numerous gifts from local business firms and an overnight wedding trip to Omaha, with dinner at some popular Omaha night spot, the bridal suite in one of the large Omaha hotels and various other entertainment the following day, including shows, etc.

At its planning meeting held last night, the Program committee decided to include a public wedding among the features of the carnival—not a frivolous or burlesque performance in any sense of the word, but a serious-minded, honest-to-goodness wedding of some serious-intentioned couple to be selected from among the applicants by the committee, and whose identity will be kept secret until the hour set for holding the same.

The only difference between this and an ordinary wedding attended by friends and relatives, will be the increased size of the audience. The contracting parties will plight their troth on a stage bedecked with flowers as the audience wishes them a long and successful wedded life. The regular routine would be followed, issuance of the license and then performance of the ceremony. The ceremony can be made more elaborate by inclusion of attendants, flowers girls, etc., or set along more simple lines, but in the event the plan is gone through with, the committee will lend every assistance in making it a serious ceremony becoming the occasion.

Applications will be received by the Program committee, of which C. C. Wescott is chairman, the committee reserving the right to determine which of the applicants be accepted, and the identity of the contracting parties will be kept an absolute secret up to the hour set for the ceremony, when they will be taxed to the platform. It is even possible a double wedding may be held, but nothing definite about that.

On the other hand, if there are no applicants, the committee will drop the plan. Any couple desiring to be thus publicly married should apply to the committee chairman at once.

Applicants may apply in person or by mail and at least one of the contracting parties must be a resident of Cass county. A canvass made this forenoon indicates the total value of merchants' gifts to the bridal couple will run well over \$50 to say nothing of the other features to be provided.

## Other Entertainment Planned

In addition to the wedding, there were planned at last night's meeting a number of more colorful stunts to be held on the platform at Fifth and Main, such as diaper changing contests for both men and women, a whisker shaving contest, and several others.

The diaper changing contest has proven popular at state fairs throughout the east and some record time has been recorded, with a man now holding the world's record to date.

In the whisker shaving contest, certain members of the Korn Karnival Whisker club would be given a shaving mug and the razor of their choice, starting at the sound of the gong, the winner being he who first completes the job without drawing blood and with an absolute clean-shaven face. Of course, mirrors will be provided before each contestant, together with water, towel and powder.

The program committee has some other new ideas under consideration, which will be released from time to time, and the best of the lot, including the wedding, incorporated in the official program to be issued around the first of September. Anyone having suggestions to offer, communicate them to the chairman of the committee, C. C. Wescott, or one of the members, Ed Schulhof, George Jager, R.

W. Knorr, Paul Vandervoort, Elmer Webb or W. R. Holly.

This committee is planning the entertainment for Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Thursday is to be Farmers' day from early morning to late at night, with the program for that day entirely of their making and now being arranged by the Farmers' day committee headed by Charles Barnard, the other members being Arthur Wetenkamp, John Hobscheidt, John Wehrlein, Karl Grosshans, William Kelly, Donald Born, William Wetenkamp and Earl Becker.

## Patterson as Announcer

R. Foster Patterson, who was program director last year, has consented to come here each afternoon and evening from his home at Tarkio, Mo., to officiate before the microphone. His announcing last year was one of the high lights of the show, and he will even handle the Thursday Farmers' day program, garbed in the attire of an agriculturist, rather than that of a soft handed schoolman.

There will be a band every day and much other entertainment.

## Masons and Star Stage Picnic at Plamore Park

Over 400 Gather to Enjoy Afternoon and Evening Honoring R. Foster Patterson and Wife.

Thursday afternoon the members of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M. and Home chapter No. 189 of the Eastern Star, with their families, gathered at the attractive Plamore park near La Platte.

There were some 400 of the party gathered at the park as the afternoon drew to a close to join in a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foster Patterson, who are leaving the city for their new home at Tarkio, Missouri. Mr. Patterson has been one of the officers of the Masonic lodge and one of the active figures in Masonry over the state.

To add to the pleasures of the occasion the Shine band of Omaha was on hand and served to add a great deal to the entertainment features of the picnic party, their program being one that embraced many of the standard and popular musical selections of the day.

There was present two of the grand lodge and grand chapter officers, W. A. Robertson, grand senior warden and Mrs. Golda Wiles, grand Adah of the Star to join in the pleasant event.

The members of the party had come with well laden baskets that provided a feast of all of the dainties that could be desired to complete this pleasant part of the picnic.

There were a large number of the residents of the Nebraska Masonic Home to join in the party and which included Albert E. Baker, who has been a member of the Masonic order for the past seventy years and is now entitled to the Jordan medal for the oldest living Mason in the state. Mr. Baker is a member of Oliver lodge No. 38 of Seward.

## IN SERIOUS CONDITION

Reports from the Methodist hospital at Omaha are to the effect that S. S. Gooding of this city, who is there undergoing treatment, is in very serious condition. Friday an operation was performed in the hope of giving him relief, a blood clot formed in the side being removed and it was disclosed that the bladder had been displaced in the accident which occurred here two weeks ago. Mr. Gooding also is suffering from the effects of an injury to his neck that has made it necessary to keep this in a cast and all of these with his advanced age makes his condition very grave.

## VISITS IN OLD HOME

From Friday's Daily

Mrs. John Sneed, of Sioux City, Iowa, departed this morning for her home after a very pleasant visit here with her aunt, Mrs. J. H. Adams and a number of the old time friends in this city and vicinity. Mr. Sneed, one of the well known engineers on the Burlington has been feeling poorly of late and which has kept him from his run on the O'Neill line for some two weeks.

## Lowest Tax Levy Here in Recent Years

Sizeable Reduction in School and School Bond Levies Accounts for Most of the Cut.

Plattsmouth taxpayers will pay the lowest tax levy of recent years based on assessed valuation, for the year 1935 taxes, now being figured in the office of County Clerk George R. Sayles. The total tax per \$1,000 valuation this year will be \$46.10, or \$1.50 under last year's \$47.60. The 1933 tax levy, highest since 1929, was \$51.50 on the \$1,000, while in 1932 the amount was \$49.50. Prior to that, real estate was assessed approximately 15 per cent higher, the mill levy being correspondingly lower, but the net results about the same in dollars and cents. Careful checking of the figures reveals a steady decline in tax levy every year except 1932, beginning back in the year 1929, when the depression started, and although the cuts have not been large, except last year, when \$4.20 on the \$1,000 was lopped off the high levy of 1932, the sum total of these reductions has brought about a considerable saving to the taxpayers.

Comparison of this year's levies with those of the past three years, reveals the following:

	1925	1934	1933	1932
State	\$2.15	\$2.10	\$2.35	\$2.37
County	3.05	2.90	2.81	2.23
Road	.90	1.00	1.00	.90
School	23.60	23.80	24.40	25.00
City	14.60	15.80	19.00	17.00
Sc. Bond	1.80	2.20	2.20	2.00
Totals	46.10	47.60	51.80	49.50

Comparison of this year's levy with that of last year shows an increase of 5 cents on the \$1,000 valuation to the state fund, an increase of 15 cents for county use and a decrease of 10 cents in county road fund, the collections from which in this city revert back to the city for use on the streets.

The city levy is cut 20 cents on the \$1,000 valuation, from \$23.80 to \$23.60. In 1932, the city levy was \$25.00 and 1933, \$24.40.

The larger part of the reduction has been in the school and school bond funds. As noted from the table above, the school reduction is \$1.20 on the \$1,000 valuation and the bond reduction 20 cents, or a total of \$1.40 of the \$1.50 cut, accounted for thru these two items alone, while the city cut of 20 cents is offset by an increase in the combined state, county and county road of 10 cents, to make the net reduction of the first four funds only 10 cents.

One of the pleasing facts connected with the school bond fund is that in 1937 it will run out and the entire cost of the high school building will have been raised through this twenty year levy that has varied around \$2.00 on the \$1,000 valuation each year. When this runs out that much more can be lopped off the tax burden. Also, after next year, there is a decrease in principal payment on outstanding bonds of the city amounting to several thousand dollars, that will permit reduction in the city levy required to meet present payments of principal in the sum of \$12,000 to \$14,000 and interest of about \$10,000 each year, or a total of half of the present city budget required to make payments of interest and principal on outstanding indebtedness, much of it of many years' standing. Were the city as free of bond obligations as is the school district, the city levy could be cut almost in two.

Besides the \$23,000 bond and interest requirements, other large items in the city budget include fire hydrant rental of \$5,750 a year, street lighting, \$2,900 a year; police department, \$3,300 a year, to say nothing of library, general fund, cemetery, parks and various other funds from which some expenditure is required even in these times of curtailed expenditure.

From Friday's Daily—

Miss Betty Louise Marshall who has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Justus Lillie for the past few weeks left for her home in Council Bluffs today.