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## Flower Show Attended by a Fair Crowd

Display of Iris and Tulips Is Exceptionally Fine as Well as Wild-flower Groups Shown.

The annual spring flower show which was held at the American Legion building on Saturday afternoon and Sunday, attracted a large number of the flower lovers of the community to enjoy the tastefully arranged showings.

The lateness of the season had back many of the usually blooming flowers at this time of the year, peonies and early roses being missing from the exhibits in the show.

The showing of the tulips and iris however was very fine and many gorgeous groups of these early spring flowers were found in profusion on the tables of the exhibition hall.

The deep red and brilliant yellow varieties of the tulips was one that attracted the attention of the visitors to the show and in the tulips especially the showing was the best in years.

There was a fine showing of spirea as well as other shrubs and garden flowers to add a very delightful note to the settings. The exhibition of the lilies of the valley was also a much enjoyed part of the show.

The miniature rock garden that was a part of the exhibit attracted much attention from the visitors.

There were 68 different persons who made entries in the Flower Show, there being in all 248 entries. The flowers showed up wonderfully well and were of excellent quality, with just a few of the spring flowers missing on account of the season. Everyone who visited the show had highest praise for the splendid quality of the flowers and the exhibition, a thing that had much to do with the setting of the flower show. Also a most excellent display from the schools of original art works, and also in the building of miniature houses and arranging miniature farms and yards and rock gardens.

The winners of the flower show are as follows:

George A. Kaffenberger, grand prize, 2 firsts, 2 thirds; Miss Sophia Kraeger, 3 firsts 4 seconds, 2 thirds; Miss Jennie Whalen, 1 first, 1 second; Miss Lillian Freeman, 2 firsts, 2 seconds, 1 third; Mrs. Emma Fredricka, 1 first, 1 third; Mrs. Bertha Shopp, 1 first, 1 third; Mrs. L. S. Pucelik, 1 first, 1 second, 1 third; Mrs. August Roessler, 1 first, 2 thirds; Ed Gansmer, 1 first; Charles Schenmerhorn, 2 firsts, 1 second, 1 third; Mrs. J. H. Lohnes, 1 first, 1 third; Mrs. Bennett Christwiser, 1 first; Miss Julia Svoboda, 1 first, 1 third; Mrs. J. C. Peterson, 1 first, 1 third; Mrs. L. O. Minor, 3 firsts, 1 second, 2 thirds; Mrs. Mike Vetsnik, 1 third; Mr. Julius Pitz, 5 firsts, 1 second, 3 thirds; Mrs. James Nowacek, 2 thirds; Mrs. Jake Hild, 1 first; Mrs. L. L. Wiles, 2 firsts, 1 second; Mrs. George B. Mann, 2 firsts; Mrs. Ida Tremble, 1 third; Mrs. William Schmidtman, 3 firsts; Miss Margaret Heineman, 1 third; Mrs. A. L. Tidd, 11 firsts, 3 seconds, 5 thirds; Miss Elizabeth Kraeger, 1 first; Frank A. Cloldt, 1 first, 1 third; Mrs. P. T. Heineman, 2 firsts; Miss Mable White, 1 third; Mrs. Clara Westcott, 1 first; Mrs. G. A. Pahl, 3 thirds; Mrs. Carrie O. Cloldt, 1 third; Mrs. H. F. Goos, 5 firsts, 1 third; Ward M. Whelan, 1 first; Shirley Birchmann, 1 first; Margaret Bauer, 1 third; Robert Cappell, 1 third; Elizabeth Kaiser, 1 third; Mrs. Otto Keck, 2 firsts, 1 third; Mrs. William Baird, 1 first; Mrs. Hal Garnett, 1 first; Miss Marjorie Wohlfarth, 1 first; Mrs. Max Fitzmeyer, 1 first.

Miriam Fricke, Margaret Fricke, Walter Bryant, and Elizabeth Ann Wiles, each had a miniature garden display.

Three garden projects from Wintertown Hill school. Phyllis Taenzler, Ruth Woest, Theresa Ann Slatinsky, Leon McCarter, Ray Larson, and Frank Cheval, each entered one or more bird houses.

The paper cutting display was from the first ward. The bird study from the 6th grade. Protect the birds study, from the fourth grade. Sand table exhibit, Columbian first and second grades. Junior and senior high school art exhibit.

The committee were especially gratified at the interest taken in the flower show by the exhibitors.

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## WILL VISIT IN OHIO

From Monday's Daily—  
Mrs. H. G. McClusky left yesterday morning for Columbus, Ohio in company with Dr. and Mrs. C. N. Allison of Falls City, Nebr. Dr. Allison is an elder commissioner to the Presbyterian General Assembly, which convenes at Columbus the present week. This gives Mrs. McClusky an opportunity to visit with her brother who lives in Columbus and also to attend sessions of the national biennial meeting of the Woman's Board of Home and Foreign Missions, which meets in conjunction with the general assembly.

## Death of George P. Meisinger at Omaha Hospital

Lifelong Resident of Cass County Called to Rest After Illness of Several Months.

From Wednesday's Daily—  
This morning at 5:50 at an Omaha hospital George P. Meisinger, 60, lifelong resident and member of one of the prominent families of the county, passed away. Mr. Meisinger has been in poor health for several months and was recently operated on in hope of giving him relief but without success.

The deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Meisinger and was born on the farm west of this city and where he made his home during his younger years. He was born July 25, 1876.

He has followed the avocation of farming for many years until in his declining years he moved with Mrs. Meisinger to this city where they have enjoyed several pleasant years in the home on Rock street.

He is survived by the widow and two brothers, John Meisinger, Jr., of this city and C. J. Meisinger of Cedar Creek. Two children and a sister have preceded him in death.

The body was brought here to the Sattler funeral home to await the funeral services. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the St. Paul's Evangelical church of which he was a member for many years. The interment will be at the Glendale cemetery south of Cedar Creek.

## THE TALE OF A FAITHFUL DOG

Proving the value of a faithful dog was evidenced recently when Chet Wiles, while en route from his home in Mynard to his father's home, three miles distant, lost his jacket in the roadway. During the day the faithful dog of Chet's was seen lying on the jacket in the center of the road, and as the vehicles approached he would go to the side of the road until the cars passed by, always returning to lie on the jacket. Some of Chet's friends who recognized the dog, made futile attempts to take the jacket and the dog and return them to the owner, but the dog was faithful to his charge and refused to allow anyone to touch the garment or himself.

Later in the evening, David Taylor, seeing the dog's plight, tried in vain to coax the dog into his car, so that he might take him to Chet's home. Failing in the attempt he then motored to the Wiles home, but finding them gone, chanced to see Miss Alice Wiles in the city and explained the dog's predicament about which Miss Wiles, with some friends, visited the scene of commotion, and calling the dog by his name "Pal," gained recognition from the canine, who allowed the party to assist him and his owner's jacket into the car and be taken home. "Pal," having gone without food for many hours, while on duty, was the recipient of a large bowl of fresh milk and a bone, for which he felt very grateful.

## LEAVING FOR WASHINGTON

Homer Lutes and Jesse Scurto are leaving Saturday for Washington. They will visit relatives there and also travel through the west.

Miss Veda Lee Shiffer is going with them as far as Merna, Nebr., where with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lutes, also of Plattsmouth, she will spend Decoration day.

## Judge Jessen, Mrs. C. F. Paine Speak in Elmwood

Fourth Meeting of Cass County Historical Society Held Saturday Afternoon.

Judge Paul Jessen, president of the Otoe County Historical society, addressed the Cass county society at its fourth meeting at the G.A.R. hall in Elmwood Saturday afternoon. He urged the preservation of pioneer history and stated "Anyone who is unmindful of the acts of his ancestors is not likely to leave a record of which his descendants will be proud."

He praised the pioneer spirit of independence and ability to work out the solutions to their troubles. "When the real history is written," he said "it will not be the story of soldiers and statesmen who worked in the spotlight, but of those individuals who came to the west with faith to conquer adverse conditions and who thought only of building homes and raising families."

A duty of this generation, stated the speaker, "if only from a spirit of reverence to those who changed the wilderness to a garden, is to pass on to the next generation a soil as rich and a government as democratic as those received by this generation."

Mrs. C. F. Paine, State Historical Society Librarian, gave an interesting resume of the Latta papers which had been brought into the state library. She also told of the process through which the papers were preserved. They were finally sent to Chicago where they were mounted on heavy cardboard and the set now makes two large volumes.

The librarian also told of work that has been accomplished recently along the line of collecting material of value in historical societies. Surveys have been made of all the newspapers in the United States.

Mrs. Paine praised the D.A.R. for the initiation of the call for each community to preserve their own vital records. She also described the record of records in the National Archives in Washington, D. C. As a summary to her talk, Mrs. Paine quoted clippings and advertisements from early Cass county papers.

Dr. G. H. Gilmore presided at the business meeting. A short discussion of legislation for the preservation of cemeteries was held.

Mrs. Guy White extended an invitation to the group to the annual Young cemetery picnic which is to be held Sunday, May 30, at the Guy White home.

An interesting display was that of a 13-star flag by Edward Bornemeier.

## PRESENT OPERETTA

Pupils of districts 45 and 3 presented the operetta "Awake, 'Tis May" at the Mynard community hall Friday evening as their last day of school program. Special numbers were given between acts of the play. Mary Ellen Woster sang a solo. A song and tap number was given by Betty Ann Albert and piano solos were played by Jacqueline Wetenskap and Eloise Cole. All the pupils of both schools participated in the costumed character parts. Mrs. Chester Wiles is teacher of district three and Miss Alice Barbara Wiles, of district 45. Refreshments were served following the entertainment.

On Sunday district three held their last day of school picnic at the Myrdon Wiles farm. Games followed a bounteous picnic dinner.

District 45 also held their final picnic on Sunday. They met at the E. H. Spangler home for a basket dinner and an afternoon of games.

## VISIT AT LINCOLN

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tritsch and son, Bobbie, and Mrs. Andrew Kroehler, mother of Mrs. Tritsch, were visitors at Lincoln Sunday where they visited with Mrs. Mathilda Ramsel who is a patient at the St. Elizabeth hospital, where she recently had a major operation and is recovering nicely. Mrs. Ramsel is much encouraged and expects to be able to return home in a week or two. Returning home, the party came via the historic town of South Bend and Louisville.

## RECEIVES LIGHTNING BOLT

Louis Ross had a very startling experience the past week in being on the receiving end of a lightning bolt while working on his farm near Nehawka. Mr. Ross, riding a horse and accompanied by his dog, started after the cows and during this time a very heavy shower came on and with it a lightning display, one of the dazzling bolts stunning Mr. Ross and it was with difficulty that he later was able to reach the house. Dr. Walters was called and was able to restore the lightning victim to some extent and he is still showing the effects of the shock.

## American Legion Junior Auxiliary Organized Here

Janet Westover Elected President at First Meeting—Mrs. Otto Keck, Sponsor.

From Wednesday's Daily—  
A Junior American Legion Auxiliary chapter was organized in Plattsmouth at a meeting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Westover last evening. 19 real daughters of members of the American Legion were placed on the roll as charter members.

Janet Westover was elected president of the group. Mary Gayer is vice president; Shirley Keck, secretary; Rose Mary Steppat, treasurer; Kathryn Barkus, chaplain; Mae Capper, historian; Ruth Westover, musician; and Mrs. Otto Keck, sponsor.

This is the first independent Junior auxiliary to be organized in Plattsmouth. The young members follow the same plan of meeting as the Legion Auxiliary and are sponsored by the older group. The Junior auxiliary is a service organization. Among their lines of work they make Christmas toys for hospitals, make scrap books, sponsor parties in the Veterans' hospital, etc.

At least one business meeting must be held per month. Other meetings may be social in nature. Plans were made for summer outings and high hopes are held for attending camp. A picnic was planned for the next meeting which is to be held June 4. At the present time, Lincoln has a strong Junior Auxiliary in this district. Plattsmouth is the first new organization to be opened this year in this district. Nebraska City expects to organize soon.

Girls above 12 years of age who are daughters of members of the American Legion are admitted to membership. Charter members are: Mary Gayer, Janet Westover, Shirley Keck, Jane Persinger, Betty Jean Vroman, Kathryn Louise Barkus, Rose Mary Steppat, Veda Capps, Shirley Walling, Ruth Westover, Helen Larson Barkus, Thelma Capper, Marguerite McClintock, Mae Capper, Betty Gayer, Maxine Neilson, Jane Rebal, Dorothy Turner, and Dorothea Duxbury.

Mrs. H. L. Gayer and Mrs. Otto Keck who had charge of the organization meeting served refreshments following their business session.

## CAR IS OVERTURNED

Sunday afternoon several members of the Dasher family suffered minor injuries when the car they were riding in was overturned on the Louisville road near the Heil farm west of this city.

In the car were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dasher, Clifford and Winfred Dasher and Miss Zella Brizadine, with Clifford Dasher doing the driving.

As the car was approaching a narrow bridge at the foot of a hill another car was also coming to the bridge from the west and Clifford Dasher slowed down to give the approaching car the right of way onto the bridge. As the brakes were applied the front wheels of the car of the Dasher family locked and the car was turned over into a ditch and the occupants suffered minor injuries from broken glass.

Mrs. Dasher was the most severely hurt, she sustaining an apparently badly sprained knee and cuts on the hand while Mr. Dasher also suffered cuts on the hands, the other three members of the party receiving minor cuts that are not thought serious.

The members of the party were brought on into Plattsmouth and given medical attention.

## Eastern Cass County Swept by Heavy Rain

Damage Considerable at Local BREA Sheds and Plant of Packing Co.—Much Corn Washed Out.

From Wednesday's Daily—  
Storms starting shortly after 12:30 last night, brought one of the heaviest rains that has visited the eastern section of Cass county in the past two years and bringing in its wake a great deal of damage to property and crops.

The rain was accompanied by a very brilliant electric storm and high wind and afforded one of the old fashioned summer storms to the residents of this community.

The rainfall in this city registered 2.20 inches and fell in a short time, bringing with it flooding waters from the hills down into the lower sections of the city and rushing on its way through the business section along Sixth street and Main street.

With the sewers filled at their entrance the waters soon swept down Chicago, Washington and Lincoln avenues, large amounts of debris being borne on the crest of the waters and which soon poured into the business sections. The inlets into the new Sixth street sewers were blocked with the floating pieces of wood and grass and weeds that sealed up the entrances and despite the efforts of the volunteer workers and firemen, it was almost impossible to keep them in shape to carry any large amount of water.

Automobiles parked along the business streets also afforded a place for the lodgment of debris and several of the cars left parked along Sixth street were banked almost the height of the car with limbs, grass and other debris. One car parked near the Wurl store accumulated a great deal of this waste and the water was forced into the car and damaged the contents of several grips that were parked in the car. All of the way east along Main street huge banks of sticks, grass, cans and other refuse were piled against cars and stood this morning as evidence of the force of the storm.

One of the greatest sufferers from the force of the storm was the BREA shops where the waters rushing down from the south swept through the shop yards and caused damage to material there and in the shop buildings and which will require some time to get cleaned up. The water also swept into some of the buildings used by the Norfolk Packing Co. as storage rooms for their stocks of canned goods and the damage here will amount to considerable.

With the force of the water down main street the old brick paving in the subway entrance was torn up and will require replacing with new brick.

All of the land on the Missouri river bottom south of the road to the river was inundated by the water from the subway and the city sewers and fields planted had all of the crops washed out or buried under the debris. The flood waters also swept over the recently constructed baseball diamond but without serious loss.

Both Chicago and Washington avenues were buried under five to six inches of soft mud and grass, sticks, cans and all kinds of refuse were scattered along the length of the highways and which will keep the street department busy for a considerable time.

Reports from the nearby territory are to the effect that fields were badly washed especially in the Rock Bluffs community. Both the Four Mile and Eight Mile creeks were out of their banks and the low lying land along the creeks was under several inches of water this morning.

## HERE FROM KANSAS CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Brandt and little child, of Kansas City, were here at the week end to enjoy a visit with the old time friends and relatives. They were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stander, the latter a sister of Mr. Brandt. While here Mr. Brandt had the pleasure of meeting a large number of the old time friends and renewing old acquaintances.

## ENJOYED PLEASANT VISIT

Robert Glock, who was one of a class of forty-seven of Plainview high school who also had honorable mention, being an outstanding student, graduating last week, is a visitor in Plattsmouth for the week-end and until Wednesday of this week with his sister, Miss Dorothy Glock, a teacher in the Plattsmouth schools and his grandfather, W. P. Cook. They were members of a dinner party Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Briggs and Mrs. Briggs' sister, Mrs. Lydia M. Davis, of Donnellson, Iowa.

## Catholic Women Name Mrs. Rauth New President

Annual Convention of Plattsmouth Deanery of National Council Held in K. of C. Hall Monday.

Mrs. John Rauth of Manley was elected president of the Plattsmouth Deanery of the National Council of Catholic Women at the annual convention which was held at the Knights of Columbus hall in Plattsmouth Monday. Mrs. Carl Zaiser of Avoca is the first vice president and Mrs. Frank Mullen, of Plattsmouth, second vice president and chairman of the parochial P. T. A. Miss Alma Lemke of Nebraska City was chosen as secretary; Mrs. J. J. Cullen of Avoca, treasurer; Mrs. T. C. Walsh of Douglas, auditor; and Miss Phyllis Straub of Avoca, delegate at large.

Father E. C. McFadden of Syracuse and Father Erasmus Genglor of Nebraska City gave the main addresses of the convention. Father McFadden spoke on "Confraternity of the Christian Doctrine" and Father Genglor on "Communism."

Program Presented.  
Mrs. T. C. Walsh of Douglas presided at the morning session. The meeting opened with registration, invocation, and assembly singing of "America." Delegates from Palmyra led the flag salute.

The Parent-Teacher association of the St. John's parochial school served the noon luncheon.

A boy's quartet and a girl's quartet from the local high school furnished musical numbers during the noon hour. The boys were accompanied by Jean Knorr. Edna Mae Petersen accompanied the girls.

An interesting program was given during the afternoon. Miss Edna Mae Petersen of Plattsmouth gave a piano solo. Misses Anna Marie Rea and Betty Vobril sang "Ave Maria." Billy Knoclock played a piano solo and a reading was given by James Sandin.

Miss Margaret Jane Robinson of Manley furnished a musical number. Two small girls from Douglas sang for the group. Nebraska City furnished as musical numbers, a string duet and a horn solo. A playlet, "Good Medicine" was also given by the Nebraska City delegates. Two 4-H girls from Nebraska City demonstrated the Catholic Girls' Youth program. They gave a demonstration of the process of baking bread.

Nine Towns Represented  
Monsignor Adolph Mosler and Monsignor George Agius of Plattsmouth, Monsignor Edward Hagan of Dawson, Rev. John A. Kean of Douglas, Rev. A. M. Faessler of Nebraska City, Rev. Jerome Wolfe of Paul, and Rev. E. C. McFadden of Syracuse were the priests who attended the convention.

Nebraska City extended the invitation for the September meeting of the deanery. The meeting closed with the benediction by Rev. A. M. Faessler.

One hundred and seven officers, delegates, and visitors from Nebraska City, Paul, Syracuse, Palmyra, Manley, Douglas, Dawson, Avoca, and Plattsmouth attended the all-day session. 125 were served at the noon luncheon. Members of the committee in charge of the luncheon were Mrs. A. G. Bach, Mrs. Joe Libershal, Mrs. Henry Starkjohn, Mrs. John Bergman, Mrs. Lucy Gaylord, Mrs. John Meisinger, Mrs. Cyril Kallina, and Mrs. Elmer Webb. Pages for the convention were Misses Anna Marie Rea, Cleda Koukal, and Lillian Chovanec. Mrs. Frank Mullen, president of the Plattsmouth parish, acted as general chairman for the convention.

## Funeral Rites for Pioneer of this County

Services for Mrs. Elmira McDonald Bring Large Group of Friends to Murray Wednesday.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 p. m. from the Christian church in Murray for Mrs. Elmira Patterson McDonald, 79. Rev. C. L. Shubert of Omaha conducted the rites. He used the 23rd psalm as his text and paid high tribute to this faithful member of the church. She was the oldest person on the church roll but attended the services regularly, often walking to town from her modest home a mile and a quarter distant.

"Sometime We'll Understand" and "Asleep in Jesus" were the numbers given by the quartet, Mrs. Leonard Lutz, Mrs. R. A. Noell, C. L. Shubert and Louis Sack. Pall bearers were Charles Read, George Nickles, Alvin Long, Will Minford, Ed Tutt and Ora Davis. Interment was made at the Horning cemetery.

Elmira Ellen Patterson was born September 17, 1857 near Rock Bluffs. She was the eldest daughter of Levinus and Emily Patterson, well-known pioneers to this county. She attended school at Rock Bluffs and was a student at the Naomi Institute of which her father's cousin, Joe Patterson, was the builder and a teacher.

After finishing her school work, Elmira taught two terms in Butler county, she also taught west of Eight Mile Grove and in later years in the Horning school. She was married March 11, 1878 to Hiram McDonald and the couple went to Pennsylvania to make their home in Washington county during the next four years. Two children, Grace and Oscar were born in Pennsylvania.

The family returned to Nebraska to live near Plattsmouth. Here another daughter, Florence, blessed the home. After living on several farms in this section, the family moved to the home east of Murray where Mrs. McDonald has lived during the past forty-four years. Slightly over a year after moving into this home, Mr. McDonald died, in 1893.

Elmira faced the problem of supporting her family and lifting a mortgage from the home. She became a seamstress and carried herself and her family through a trying period to bring happy security to all. Another great loss came with the death of her daughter, Florence, in 1907. Since the marriage of her other daughter and son, Mrs. McDonald had lived alone contentedly at her beloved home. Her "good neighbors" often brought her into Plattsmouth to do her weekly trading.

She was active in the aid society and study club, being the oldest active member of both organizations. Her sweet, contented disposition made her loved by all who knew her.

She leaves a daughter, Mrs. W. L. Mellinger of Los Gatos, Calif.; a son, Oscar McDonald of Manley; four grandchildren, Maxon Mellinger of New York City, Margaret Mellinger of Los Gatos, Mrs. Marguerite Meyer and Robert McDonald; and two great grandchildren, Billy Meyer and Leonora McDonald. Five sisters and a brother also survive, Mrs. Etta Moore of Murray; Mrs. Belle Moore of Grand Junction, Colo.; Mrs. Lillie Joy of Alta Vista, Kas.; Lycurgus Patterson of Narka, Kas.; Mrs. Rannie Black of Kansas City, Mo.; and Mrs. Lottie Virts of Los Angeles, Calif.

Among those who came from a distance for the services were Mrs. W. L. Mellinger of Los Gatos, Calif.; Mrs. Margaret Boston of David City; Miss Hattie Patterson, Mrs. Marie Melbern, Mrs. Minnie Wood, Mrs. Margaret Brendel, and Miss Ella Thomason, all of Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. James Gilmour of Ullyses; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cutler and Rev. and Mrs. Shubert, all of Omaha; and Mrs. Mary Hesselrofer and two sons and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hild, all of Council Bluffs.

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