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## Legion-Auxiliary Delegates Return from Convention

Most Pleasant Time at Scottsbluff—Verdant Fields Produced by Irrigation Interesting.

From Thursday's Daily—

The three American Legion post and six Legion Auxiliary unit representatives from this city at the Scottsbluff convention of the two organizations arrived home at an early hour this morning after traveling the 500 or more miles between the western Nebraska host city and home.

The Plattsmouth delegation is indebted to Mrs. Clifford Jewell (ne Jean Fitch), former resident of this city, for her aid in getting the group located on their arrival Sunday afternoon, and to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kaasch, who placed four rooms in their spacious home on Overland drive at the disposal of the nine men and women from here. Also to numerous other Scottsbluff folks for favors extended. Not only did the Kaasch family provide rooms, but Mr. Kaasch took time from his work as an implement dealer there, to take several of the delegates from here on a very interesting tour of the irrigated district southeast of Gering. It was a revealing sight to see these farms whose owners do not worry about rainfall to produce their crop, while on a few miles further in the foothills dry land farms were barren of vegetation.

Only minor changes in the Constitution and By-Laws of either the Legion or Auxiliary. The summary of policy resolutions passed by the Legion is found in a United Press dispatch published elsewhere in today's Journal, together with accounts of the election of officers in both organizations. Fremont will be host city next year.

Nehawka and Plattsmouth were the only Cass county towns represented. Although there were a number of Twelfth district towns represented the Plattsmouth post colors were the only ones from this district in the mass display on the convention platform and carried in Tuesday afternoon's 3-mile-long parade. There was also a marked shortage of drum and bugle corps from the eastern part of the state, the great distance making it well nigh impossible to transport them.

Plattsmouth Auxiliary unit was awarded the Nell Krause gavel bell trophy for membership increase at time of announcing the awards yesterday, but the Legion's splendid Junior drum corps that has appeared at numerous state and district conventions as well as at Veterans' day programs in conjunction with the state fair wasn't even mentioned as being in existence in the annual drum corps report—until attention of the convention was directed to that fact from the floor. "Just an oversight," they said.

A most enjoyable time is reported at the convention by all the group that attended—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Gayer, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Vroman, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Webb, Mrs. Ed Creamer, Mrs. Otto Keck and Mrs. Faye McClintock.

Adjutant Webb, who lived at Gering in 1910, working for A. B. Wood, publisher of the Gering Courier and half owner of the Scottsbluff Morning Star-Herald, enjoyed meeting many old acquaintances while in the "Valley."

The entire Plattsmouth group also enjoyed visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey J. Heneger, who came down from their home at Veteran, Wyoming (about 50 miles away) to attend the convention. Mrs. Heneger was the first president of the Plattsmouth Auxiliary unit, serving two years, and Mr. Heneger was Legion finance officer here several years, prior to their removal to the west. Mr. Heneger, who was a "ditch rider" for a number of years, gave up that work nearly two years ago, and now, in addition to looking after a combination irrigated-dry land farm, engages in live stock buying and selling as a profitable sideline.

### ARRIVAL OF NEW SON

Mr. and Mrs. Justus J. Lillie of Seward announce the arrival of a son August 27 at the Methodist hospital in Omaha.

### ORGANIZE FOR KITTENBALL

The kittenball fans of the community will have an opportunity of enjoying some weeks of this sport as the King Korn Klub kittenball team is being organized to play now until after the Carnival in September.

The first game will be held tomorrow (Sunday) night at Athletic park where the lights are now installed and ready to go. The U. S. Engineers of Omaha are scheduled to be the opponents of the local players.

There will be other practice games between now and the opening of the Carnival.

The teams which will be secured for the three games at the Carnival will be all Cass county groups and it will be purely a family affair among the Cass county folks.

A large number of old veterans of the game are out getting warmed up and will be ready after a few workouts for the Carnival games.

## Ad Club Has a Discussion of Carnival Plans

Committees Are Busy in Making Plans for the Annual Festival—Covers Wide Field.

The Business Men's Ad club at their session Wednesday had a very large attendance and a most interesting discussion of the plans for the annual fall festival—the King Korn Carnival.

The coronation ball this year will make necessary securing of a new place for the feature of the coronation of the king and queen, the Legion building having been rented for the evening for another attraction.

Other points of the Carnival to be discussed was that of the securing of a movable platform that might be moved when needed and not making it necessary to keep it erected in one spot for the entire Carnival.

The committee in charge is hoping to have the Syracuse band here to take part in one of the programs of the four day festival as a return compliment for the visit of the local drum and bugle corps to that place.

The lighting effects for the business section during the carnival was taken up and suggestions received that the electrolights be supplied with larger lights and reflectors provided to give a greater illumination to the downtown streets.

The pre-carnival committee is one of the busiest of the group as they have to plan several entertainments to take place on Wednesdays preceding the opening of the carnival on September 22. It is hoped to have new and novel attractions for this part of the program and which will stimulate the interest in the carnival.

### LIBRARY BROKEN INTO

From Friday's Daily—

The city seems to be suffering from an epidemic on prowlers and petty thieving, as yesterday the fact of the breaking into the public library was reported to the office of Sheriff Homer Sylvester.

The parties gained entrance to the basement of the building by the north windows and from the basement made their way to the main part of the library.

Some small change was taken from the librarian's desk but no other damage was reported.

The sheriff and chief of police checked the place in the hope of being able to secure finger prints or other clues.

### LEAVES FOR THE WEST

Harley Streets, pitcher for the local Merchants team of the Southeast Nebraska league, in company with Ernest Seitz, departed Wednesday for the Pacific northwest where they hope to be located in the future.

Harley expects to join his brother, Dorris Streets, who has been in the west for the past two years while Seitz will visit friends in that section.

The departure of Streets will be keenly felt by the baseball team as his great mound work and heavy hitting formed a large part of the success of the local team for the past season.

## Murdock Couple Joined in Wedded at Muscatine

Miss Helen Bornemeier and Mr. William Seikjost United in the Iowa City.

The marriage of two of the well known residents of the Murdock community, Miss Helen Bornemeier and Mr. William Seikjost, took place Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock at Muscatine, Iowa.

The bride wore a lovely gown of white satin and made a lovely figure of charm. The groom wore the conventional black.

The wedding was held in the presence of a hundred of the children who reside at the orphanage and the decorations were most attractive for the setting of the happy event.

Following the wedding the members of the party enjoyed a sumptuous wedding dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Seikjost later leaving for Eustice where they will visit for a short time before returning to Murdock.

The bride was born and grew to womanhood near Murdock and was for a number of years the manager of the telephone exchange.

The groom has resided in the Murdock community for a number of years and is one of the enterprising farmers of that section of Cass county.

### WITHERED CROPS

In the most interesting drive to and from Scottsbluff for the Legion convention this week, the Plattsmouth group saw a great deal of withered corn—many fields either burned out, stunted from lack of moisture or riddled by grasshoppers. Almost before they had gotten out of our own back yard, starting as near home as western Douglas county, and continuing with slight variations all the way across the state.

1937 will be just another year in the life of many debt-ridden farmers who sent their seed forth, but will reap no harvest. It is a pitiful sight, and one cannot help but realize that back of these conditions lies the principal reason for failure of the rest of us, who work in offices, shops, etc., to enjoy that "returning" but greatly delayed prosperity we hear so much about.

Then came another picture—a vastly different one—as, after hours of travel through dust infested territory where it scarcely seemed one would be repaid for plowing the land (yet many were doing so because "Hope springs eternal in the human breast") we dropped down into the verdant valley of the Platte. Green vegetation everywhere, farmers with smiles on their faces, placid water finding its way along the laterals to bring to the soil that which, along with sunshine, is needed to produce real crops.

On the trip back, one of the cars came south from Gering through the world's greatest wheat-raising section—the Nebraska Panhandle. There, too, nature has frowned on the efforts of mankind to overcome the handicaps of the last few years. At Kimball, from whence in normal years a million bushels of wheat are shipped, the amount this year has been a scant 10,000 bushels.

Yet, farmers are plowing their fields anew—getting ready for the next year—hopeful that "things will be different."

### RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Floyd Clark, who has been at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha, was able to return home Thursday. Floyd was given a minor nose operation Monday and has responded very nicely to the treatment.

### TO COACH IN NEVADA

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Godwin departed Thursday for Fernley, Nevada, where Mr. Godwin is to coach this year in the high school. Fernley is a very fine little city some thirty miles from Reno.

Mr. Godwin coached for several years at Lovelock, Nevada, where he made a splendid record in producing successful teams in both football and basketball.

They were given a very pleasant surprise on Wednesday just on the eve of their departure for the west when Mr. and Mrs. Gene Salet of Carson City, Nevada, stopped here for a short visit en route home from the east. Mr. Salet was a pupil of Mr. Godwin at Lovelock and he is now taking over a coaching position at Carson City and the former teacher and pupil will be located only some sixty miles apart in the mountain state.

## Asks Damages as Result Cycle-Auto Crash

Glen Daniels of This City Files Action Against Herbert Cappen of Weeping Water.

Glen Daniels of this city Wednesday afternoon filed a damage suit in the office of the clerk of the district court for \$26,046, against Herbert Cappen of Weeping Water.

The petition states that on June 19, 1937, the plaintiff, Daniels, was operating a motorcycle on highway No. 75, south of this city and at the time he had as a passenger Zella Brizendine. The petition also claims that the motorcycle was equipped with a front light as required by law and two reflectors at the rear. It is alleged that at the time of the collision with the car of Mr. Cappen, the motorcycle was going at the rate of fifteen miles an hour.

It is alleged that as the cycle was being driven south the car of Cappen, also traveling south came back of them and struck the motorcycle, throwing both occupants off and killing Miss Brizendine and seriously injuring the plaintiff and for which the damages are asked.

The charges against Cappen are that he was driving at an excessive rate of speed and in violation of traffic regulations.

The firm of George T. Sullivan and Granville P. North of Omaha, filed the suit for Mr. Daniels.

### TO HOLD MEETING HERE

On September 16th Group B or the Nebraska Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, will hold an all day meeting in this city, the meeting and luncheon to be held at the Hotel Plattsmouth, guests of Fontelle chapter of this city.

There will be three chapters from Omaha, as well as chapters from Blair, Fremont, Nebraska City, Plattsmouth, Weeping Water and Auburn in attendance.

There will be speakers of prominence to speak on matters of the greatest interest to the society.

### KILLED AT FREMONT

From Saturday's Daily—W. W. Burlage, who was the representative of the Lefebvre Corporation, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in this territory, for some time, was killed last Saturday, word sent here by his former employer states.

Mr. Burlage was a frequent visitor to this city in calling on the Journal and the various county officers at the court house and who regretted to learn of his death.

He was killed in an auto accident near Fremont.

### GIVE NICE PROGRAM

From Thursday's Daily—Last evening in connection with the merchants' regular Wednesday night program, the exceptionally large crowd was entertained by a musical program given by Glen Puls and Hector Balzard on the banjo and guitar. The two young men furnished a fine program of well selected numbers and which proved a decided hit with the audience.

## Thirty-Second Reunion of the Wiles Family

One Hundred and Fifty Are in Attendance at the Gathering at Garfield Park.

Thursday Garfield park in this city was the scene of merriment and activity as the thirty-second annual reunion of the Wiles family of Cass and Mills counties was held.

The weather was excellent and enabled large groups to come from a distance, many being here from Mills county, Iowa, as well as the representatives of the family from the central part of Cass county.

The park made a very fine place for the reunion and it was voted to have the 1938 reunion here as it is a more central point for all of the families.

The dinner as the noon hour was the chief feature of the occasion and all were seated at the long table symbolizing the family tie as all broke bread together. There was a splendid feast arranged by the ladies of the group and which was enjoyed to the utmost.

The business session was held after the dinner and the following officers were named for the year:

President—C. L. Wiles.  
Vice-President—L. L. Wiles.  
Treasurer—Howard E. Wiles.  
Secretary—J. I. Hall.

The oldest member of the family present was George Wiles of Weeping Water, one of the last of the representatives of the older branches of the family.

The records of James Hall, veteran secretary of the family records, showed that in the year there had been six deaths in the family, three marriages and seven births recorded.

The remainder of the afternoon was devoted to a program that was very cleverly arranged by Mrs. Herman Meisinger, with members of the family group taking part. The program was much enjoyed and Mrs. Meisinger deserves much credit for the splendid results she attained.

### NETSTERS AT SHENANDOAH

Friday evening a group of the local tennis players journeyed over to Shenandoah, Iowa, where they met a group of the exceptionally fast tennis artists of southwestern Iowa.

The Iowa players showed an 8 to 4 margin over the Plattsmouth visitors at the close of the games.

The Shenandoah club has five large courts electric lighted and which was a place of real activity until the last match was played at 10:00.

Tiddall was winner over Carter, 6-3, 6-1 in singles while Tiddall and Lars Larson won from Carter and Jeary, 6-3, 4-6, 9-7 in a hard fought game.

Ray Larson won from Brown, Shenandoah city champion by the score of 6-3, 12-10, both players fighting hard through the match.

Ray Larson and Giles won in doubles from Tyner and Rotthen 6-3 with just one game played.

George Sayles lost to Anderson, one of the outstanding players of the Iowa team, 6-4, 6-3, while in the doubles Anderson and Majors won from Sayes and Root, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.

### WILL RESIDE HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Laase, who have been at Sioux City, Iowa, for the past two weeks, returned Wednesday evening and will now take up their residence here.

Mr. Laase is to continue his work in the vocational department of the city schools which he has been looking after for the past two years, for the present at least and they will make their home here.

Mrs. Laase was the former "Miss Plattsmouth," Genevieve Bloom.

### ATTEND ROTARY MEETING

From Friday's Daily—George K. Hetrick, Frank A. Cloldt and Searl S. Davis, members of the local Rotary club, who have been vacationing and unable to attend their local meeting, last evening drove to Greenwood to make up their attendance. They report a very fine meeting with the friends from across the river.

### ATTENDING CRETE CAMP

Warren Reed and John Gayer of this city are enjoying the ten-day period at Camp Strader at Crete, Nebraska. This camp period has the attraction of having Glenn Cunningham, noted track star and Ed Weir of the University of Nebraska coaching staff, as members of the camp instructors. The boys will have the opportunity of special instruction in track, football and basketball from the two noted athletes.

### STUDENTS REGISTER

Monday and Wednesday, J. R. Reeder, with the help of Marjorie Fitch and Rosemary Cloldt registered 289 students at the Plattsmouth high school. There were 92 freshmen; 72 sophomores, 68 juniors, and 57 seniors. There will be more registering between now and the first day of school.

## Party of Midshipmen Pay a Visit to City

Six Nebraska Young Men, on Vacation Leave Arrive for Short Stay at the Starkjohn Home.

Friday afternoon a party of six young midshipmen from the U. S. naval academy at Annapolis, Maryland, arrived in the city for a short stay at the Henry Starkjohn home while en route to their various homes over the state.

The party comprised Karl Stefan, of Bellevue, James Milligan of Ord, Frank Lomax of Broken Bow, Clark Fuller of Sidney, James Ginn, of Maynard, Russell Hedgecock, of Morseland. They left Annapolis at 9 o'clock Thursday morning and arrived in Plattsmouth at 5 o'clock Friday evening.

The party traveled 1184 miles in reaching here and drove in relays to make a real record in getting back home to Nebraska.

Mr. Stefan is a nephew of Mrs. Starkjohn and in honor of the visiting party a fine dinner was enjoyed at the Starkjohn home before the various members of the group started for their homes, some having to travel to the extreme western part of the state.

Fuller, Ginn and Hedgecock are members of the first class at Annapolis and Stefan, Lomax and Milligan are members of the third class at the academy.

They had a fine trip that covered practically half of the United States and took them through many states on speedy journey back to Nebraska.

The midshipmen will have a short vacation at home before reporting back to the academy in September.

### BREAK INTO SCHOOL

The high school building which in the past has been the target of prowlers, was again broken into Wednesday night.

The prowlers secured entrance by breaking a window and then searched the building without success.

There is no money kept at the school and from a financial standpoint the visitation was a failure for the parties breaking in.

### REJOICE IN NEW DAUGHTER

From Thursday's Daily—

This morning at 6:30 at the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha a fine little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John V. Svoboda of this city. The mother and little one are both doing nicely and the event brings the greatest happiness to all of the members of the family circle. Mrs. Svoboda was formerly Miss Helen Kouhek of this city.

### HERE FROM LINCOLN

B. M. Hanson, who just recently closed out his banking business in Greenwood, was in the city Thursday afternoon to attend to some matters at the court house and visiting with friends. Since the liquidation of his bank, Mr. Hanson has been located at Lincoln and is engaged in the real estate and insurance business at present.

## Plattsmouth Midshipman in an Auto Crash

James M. Robertson, II Scratched and Bruised in Crash Near Kentland, Indiana.

From Saturday's Daily—

James M. Robertson, II, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Robertson of this city, arrived home last night suffering from many cuts and bruises as the result of an auto accident that he and party of other midshipmen from the U. S. Naval academy at Annapolis sustained early Friday morning.

Mr. Robertson with five other midshipmen residing in the west had left Annapolis Thursday, their car being heavily loaded with their suitcases.

The trip had been very pleasant until around 5 o'clock Friday morning when near Kentland, forty-five miles east of Chicago. The boys were driving around a curve on a hillside when one of the front tires blew out and the car started to swing. The driver was unable to control the car and it turned over, a part of the group including Mr. Robertson, being knocked unconscious in the wreck. How many times the car was overturned they do not know as it was lying along the roadside badly wrecked when they became conscious of the wreck.

When Mr. Robertson regained his faculties he was trying to gather up his belongings as the suitcases of several of the party were forced open in the impact and their wearing apparel scattered over the roadway.

Three of the party that had ridden in the front seat were apparently the most seriously affected by the wreck as when Mr. Robertson and two of his companions came to, the other three young men were gone, apparently being taken on by passing motorists.

The wrecked party were able to reach a town and from where they made the rest of the journey by train. Mr. Robertson was met at Omaha by his parents and brought on home to rest up from the effects of the accident.

Mr. Robertson will be here for a three week period with the home folks.

### RETURN FROM MOTOR TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wetenkamp and daughter, Mary Catherine, have returned home from a very interesting motor trip that they enjoyed through the south and west part of the state.

They left here last Thursday, making the trip on highway No. 6 on the way to the west and had a fine opportunity of observing vrop conditions on the way.

The corn west of Lincoln was burned badly by the heat and dry weather Mr. Wetenkamp states and a great deal of small grain was still in shocks as they observed on the way westward.

They enjoyed a very pleasant visit at McCook with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Warga, the latter a sister of Mrs. Wetenkamp. The Wargas like their home in the west very much and Mr. Warga is kept very busy at his work for the Burlington.

The corn near Holdrege, Mr. Wetenkamp states from his observation, will hardly make good fodder.

On the return home the family came over No. 20 to the east and found that east of Kearney the conditions in crops were much better and gradually improved the further east they came.

### NEW CAPS ARE HERE

The caps that will be worn by the 1937 King Korn Carnival boosters are on hand now and the gentlemanly salesmen will soon be passing among the residents to dispose of the headgear that will be the latest fashion note until after the festival.

The plaid effect of the caps lend a touch of Scotch to the chapeau and a small yellow feather also adds to the decorative effect of the cap.

C. A. Rosencrans is the chairman of the cap committee and the headgear is being placed in various stores of the city for sale.