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Debaters Do Better at Peru Tournament

Make Up for Losses at Crete—Geneva Only School in Lincoln District to Outlast Our 'A' Team

The Plattsmouth high school debaters accompanied by Coach Milo Price were in Peru Friday and Saturday, where they participated in the annual Peru State Teachers college debate tournament along with twenty-three other high school teams of central and eastern Nebraska.

The local debaters made a much better showing than at the Doane college tournament at Crete a fortnight ago.

The Plattsmouth 'B' team, composed of Robert Woest and Homer (Jack) Barton, won from Walton B and by forfeit from Auburn B, but lost to DeWitt A and Geneva A. The Geneva A team was composed of two very good looking girls who later won second place in the tournament. Whether their interest in their good looking opponents had anything to do with Robert and Jack losing this round, we do not know. At any rate, it was a case of—not ten pretty girls, but two very pretty girls. It was necessary to win three of the four qualifying rounds in order to advance to the fifth round, so Plattsmouth's B team stopped there.

The Plattsmouth A team, composed of Harriett Case and John Bestor, lost the first round debate to the Lincoln B team and then qualified for the fifth round by winning the next three in order from Edgar E. Hastings A and Omaha South A. As Omaha South recently won the Missouri Valley debating championship, this latter victory was considered quite a feat in itself.

Saturday morning in the fifth round, Miss Case and Bestor, one of the dozen teams left in the tournament, found themselves pitted against Omaha Central's five year debaters and lost. Only Geneva of the Lincoln debate district teams outlasted Plattsmouth.

Two-Year Record

This is the second year of competitive debating for these four Plattsmouth debaters. During the year 1936-1937 P. H. S. won five debates and lost sixteen. So far this year the record is nineteen won and twenty-four lost. The record of wins and losses participated in by each individual is as follows:

	1936-37	1937-38	Total			
	W	L	W	L	W	L
Barton	1	6	10	13	11	19
Bestor	5	11	11	13	16	24
Case	5	6	11	12	16	18
Woest	1	11	10	14	11	25

These figures give Woest a two-year "batting average" of .305; Barton, .370; Bestor, .400 and Case, .470. Case and Bestor will enter the official district tournament at Lincoln March 18 and 19. Barton and Woest will be alternates.

Lincoln Here Friday Night

In order that the people of Plattsmouth may have the opportunity of witnessing one of these high class intra-school debates, it has been arranged that Coach Kvasnicka will bring his Lincoln high school team here Friday evening, March 11. The Lincoln team will take the affirmative of the national question for this year: "Resolved, that the Several States should Adopt the Unicameral System of Legislation." Harriet Case and John Bestor will uphold the two-house system. The debate will begin at 8:00 p. m. in the high school auditorium. The public is urged to give these young people the encouragement of a large attendance. Admission will be free.

SAFE FROM FLOOD

From Monday's Daily—
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mullen today received a letter from their daughter, Mrs. Lou Henry, from Los Angeles. They were reassured to find that the Henry family were safe from the flood as their home is on high ground although there was high water in that section of the city where they make their home. The school attended by their son, Duane, had two inches of water on the floor and water on the streets made it necessary to postpone school until after the flood water receded.

FINDS FRIEND QUITE ILL

C. A. Rosencrans was at Lincoln Sunday where he visited with Charles C. Parmele, an old friend, at the St. Elizabeth's hospital where he has been for some time. Mr. Parmele is suffering from high blood pressure and a heart weakness that makes his condition very serious.

Mr. Parmele enjoyed the visit very much and was quite alert and inquired of the old friends in this city.

Mrs. George O. Dovey, of Peoria, Illinois, a daughter, is expected in the next few days to visit with her father and brother, Pollock Parmele and family.

Plattsmouth Lady Receives a Fine Recognition

Mrs. L. S. Devoe Selected as First District Chairman of Department of American Homes.

Mrs. John Bettem, of Douglas, president of the First District Federation of Women's clubs, has just announced a very pleasing recognition of the Plattsmouth Woman's club and one of its very active members.

Mrs. Bettem has made the appointment of Mrs. L. S. Devoe as chairman of the department of American Homes for the first Nebraska district.

Mrs. Devoe has been a very active figure in the local club since her residence here and is one of the leaders in the various lines of the activities of the organization.

The department of American Homes is one of the important committees as it covers the home planning and activities that have made the American home on the highest standards of the world in living, planning and management.

LEAVE FOR SOUTHLAND

From Tuesday's Daily—
Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Minor departed this morning by auto for Warrensburg, Missouri, where they will join Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Dutcher, the latter formerly Miss Mathilde Valley of this city and aunt of Mr. Minor.

The party will leave in the car of Mr. Dutcher for a three weeks tour of the southland, motoring to Natchez, Mississippi, where they will enjoy trips through that part of the south where the annual festival of observance of the old south is being staged. The great stately mansions of antebellum days are thrown open to the public and the gracious ladies and gentlemen of the old south appear in the costumes that were a part of the days before the blighting hand of war swept out the gentle living of the great plantations.

The party will motor on to Florida to visit at the various noted winter resorts on the east coast and returning they will travel the gulf coast country to New Orleans where they will visit for several days and enjoy the points of interest of this noted city of the south.

PROTECT WILD GAME FLIGHT

The flight of the wild ducks and geese northward to their summer feeding and breeding grounds, is being watched from the southland to the Canadian border by United States game wardens.

The flight is very heavy and thousands of the game birds were seen Monday headed for the north at the approach of the spring season.

There were five of the federal game wardens here Monday and Deputy Sheriff Homer Sylvester and Deputy Cass Sylvester were stationed along the Platte to see that there was no illegal shooting. Reports of shooting of birds along the Missouri river had been reported and if caught a severe penalty will be forthcoming.

VISIT CHARLES PALMER

From Tuesday's Daily—
After a short business meeting held at the Christian church last night, the members of the board went in a group to Omaha to visit C. D. Palmer, a member of the board who is in the hospital there.

Those making the trip were D. C. Reed, E. G. Ofe, J. R. Stine, Rev. J. W. Taenzler, M. S. Kerr, Roy Carey, J. H. Graves and Lester Thimgan.

Farm Placement Program Speeded by Springtime

Local Office of the Nebraska Employment Service Has Made Number of Placements.

Spring activity on Cass county farms is gradually stimulating the farm placement program of the Nebraska State Employment Service according to Edith Solomon of the Plattsmouth office.

While placements to date have been limited in number they have in most instances been of a permanent nature. As spring work gets under full sway the number is expected to increase.

The peak in farm placements is usually not reached until harvest.

An adequate supply of well qualified farm laborers is available for Cass county farmers, according to Miss Solomon. They include tractor operators, farm couples, general farm hands, day laborers, dairy hands and orchard hands. Some who have been employed in the past year have become available recently.

In referring agricultural labor to farm employers the Employment Service uses the same care as in placing workers in other specialized jobs. To be classified and referred as a farm hand by the local office, an applicant must have considerable farm experience, a definite interest in farm work and preferably to have been reared in a farm environment.

For the convenience of Cass county farmers the local office has appointed volunteer farm placement representatives in various parts of the county. These representatives either refer local laborers to farm employers or communicate the request to the Plattsmouth office.

The volunteer representatives are: Elmer Hallstrom, Avoca; Ralph Green, Elmwood; O. E. McDonald, Greenwood; H. B. Koop, Louisville; G. A. Rutledge, Nehawka; G. A. Stites, Union; D. D. Wainscott, Weeping Water.

BABE BORN IN CAR DIES

From Wednesday's Daily—
While August Stohlman, farmer from south of Louisville, was racing to Omaha last night with his wife to reach the hospital, their child was born just as the car arrived in Omaha and before the party, delayed, could reach the hospital.

Plans had been arranged for the delivery at the Kani hospital and at 10:30 last night the expectant mother became ill and at once the party prepared to leave their home for the hospital, calling in the meantime Dr. O. C. Hudson of this city who had been in charge of the case.

Dr. Hudson advised the Stohlman family that he was leaving at once for Omaha and they also started on their race with the stork. Mr. Stohlman drove the car at fifty, sixty and seventy miles an hour in the attempt to reach the hospital, but in less than an hour after the first sickness the child arrived.

Mr. Stohlman stopped at a filling station in Omaha and attempted to secure aid, a police ambulance reaching the scene after some delay and then it was found that the babe just born was dead. The mother and child were then taken to the Douglas county hospital. It was found that life had gone from the child although the mother was in very good shape. Dr. Hudson was finally called and rushed to the Douglas county hospital to look after the case and have Mrs. Stohlman removed to the Kani hospital. She is reported as doing very well.

DISTRICT COURT TODAY

From Monday's Daily—
District Judge W. W. Wilson was in the city today to hold a session of the district court and hearing the case of Hilton vs. Clements, an action in regard to the settlement of the George Berger estate of which Guy Clements was the executor.

There was a large number of the members of the bar from outside the city to take part in the hearing, among these being Harry Gruninger, assistant attorney general, of Grand Island, H. G. Wellensiek, Grand Island, R. H. Snell, Omaha, L. E. Peterson, Nebraska City.

RETURNING FROM HOSPITAL

From Wednesday's Daily—
Mayor George Lushinsky was in Omaha today where he visited at the Clarkson hospital and on his return was accompanied by his grandson, Frank Lushinsky, who has been there recovering from an appendectomy. Frank is now feeling much better and after recuperating at home for a short time will be able to resume his school work.

Beryl Shanholz, another Plattsmouth boy, who has undergone an appendectomy at the hospital, is expected to be able to return home this afternoon or Thursday as he is now doing very nicely.

Mrs. Sundstrom is Re-Elected as W. C. President

Large Attendance at Home of Mrs. P. Y. McPetridge—Frank Gradoville Speaker.

From Tuesday's Daily—
The Plattsmouth Woman's club had a very interesting and well-attended meeting last night at the home of Mrs. P. Y. McPetridge. Mrs. William Heinrich gave the devotionals on "Friendship." Mrs. Clark Boggess was made an honorary member of the Woman's club in appreciation of her work with the Girl Scouts, which is sponsored by the club. Miss Wilhelmina Heinrichs presented two senior high school visitors, Miss Winifred Kaffenberger and Miss Frances Minnien.

Miss Heinrichs then presented Frank Gradoville who gave a very interesting talk on the Philippine Islands, telling of the history, geography, language, climate, the Filipino race, the diseases and United States influence and control of the islands. Of especial interest were the many beautiful souvenirs which he brought back from the east.

After examining the many interesting things of the Orient, the club held the election of officers. Mrs. Elmer Sundstrom was re-elected president; Mrs. William Heinrich vice-president; Mrs. Frank Horskak secretary; Mrs. Frank Mullen, treasurer; Mrs. Don Cramer, corresponding secretary.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Frank Mullen, Mrs. Frank Horskak, Mrs. Milo Farney, Mrs. I. L. Kocian.

CLOSE TO EXCITEMENT

George A. Kaffenberger, of this city, who is visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. A. Spacht and family at New Rochell, New York, has had a touch of real excitement and thrill. The Spacht family home is just two doors from the Levine home at New Rochell, which household was stunned by the kidnapping of their thirteen-year-old son. The Spacht family are friends of the Levines and have shared their anxiety as the family sought to contact the kidnapers and assure the return of the boy to his home.

MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE

The marriage of Miss Ella Fesser of Murdock and Clarence Boyd Franz, of Odell, Nebraska, occurred Saturday afternoon at the court house. The marriage lines were read by Judge Duxbury and the ceremony witnessed by Henry and Arthur Fesser, brothers of the bride. The party returned to Murdock following the wedding services.

ATTENDS MASONIC MEETING

W. A. Robertson was at Lincoln Sunday to attend in his capacity as grand master of the A. F. & A. M., the meeting of the Scottish Rite educational loan fund committee. He was accompanied back to Lincoln by his daughter, Miss Rachel, home for the week end, who resumes her work at Doane college.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Mrs. Fred Bourck of this city is at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha where she was operated on Monday. She is reported as doing as well as possible and it is hoped will soon be on the highway to recovery.

High School Students to Try for Scholarship

Regents Scholarship Test Will Be Offered to Students of Plattsmouth High School.

From Wednesday's Daily—
Plattsmouth high school seniors will again have an opportunity this spring to compete for the 250 tuition scholarships to the University of Nebraska at Lincoln that are offered by the board of regents. All entries must be received by the university by March 14. The scholarship tests will be given in the high school April 11 and 12.

Last year 1889 students in 425 Nebraska high schools competed in the contest, with 220 of the winners now in school. More than 1,000 students have used the scholarships since the contest was first instituted. By March 1 230 schools had entered the 1938 contest. The awards, valued at approximately \$70, are good for the freshman year at the University of Nebraska. The scholarships pay all tuition fees except matriculation, registration, medical, and student union.

The scholarships are awarded on the basis of scores made in an English classification test, two psychological tests, an English composition test, and a test of reading ability. In addition to the 250 scholarships, a number of honorable mention certificates are given. Holders of these get the use of any unclaimed scholarships after September 1.

Each fully accredited and each minor accredited school may enter any students in the upper fourth of the graduating class. Each school is allowed at least two contestants even though this number may constitute more than the upper fourth of the graduating class in small schools. They must be certified by the superintendent or principal as having graduated at mid-year or as eligible for graduation at the end of the school year or by September 1.

FILE FOR COUNTY OFFICES

The list of filings for county officers was increased by two on Saturday afternoon, when filings were made in the office of County Clerk George R. Sayles, for register of deeds and county attorney.

Mrs. James T. Begley was here Saturday and entered her name as a candidate for the democratic nomination for county register of deeds, at the August primary. Mrs. Begley is the widow of the late Judge Begley and has been at Lincoln with her son, James F. Begley, a student at the University of Nebraska.

Walter H. Smith, well known young attorney, filed as a candidate for the democratic nomination for county attorney at the coming primary election. Mr. Smith has been engaged in the practice of law here since last July and is a graduate of the Creighton university school of law. He has been very successful in his work at the bar and during his residence here has made many friends.

WILL GIVE LECTURE HERE

Dr. Thomas Finley, of Omaha, will be the speaker here at a community meeting on Sunday evening at 7:30 at the First Methodist church.

The subject of Dr. Finley's talk will be "Causes and Cure of Cancer," which will be illustrated with slides and will be a splendid opportunity for the public to gain a greater grasp of the menace of this disease which is now claiming the second greatest number of persons of any malady.

WILL MAKE RACE

County Attorney J. A. Capwell announces that he will be a candidate for re-election to the position that he has filled for the past year. Mr. Capwell stated that he did not expect to make the actual filing at once as the primaries will not be held until in August.

He served as county attorney in 1923-24 and then retired to private practice and in 1936 was elected to the office to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Judge W. G. Kieck to the district bench.

LEAVE FOR OHIO

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Huffer, who have recently disposed of their farm near Mynard, departed Tuesday night for the east where they expect to make their home at Eaton, Ohio.

Mr. Huffer has made his home in this locality for the past fifty-seven years and is one of our best known and highly esteemed residents. He was for many years engaged in railroad work as an engineer, but in the late years he has made his home on the farm in the Mynard community.

Mr. and Mrs. Huffer will have the Journal accompany them to the new home in Ohio.

Happy Hundred Banquet for the Basketball Team

Cullen Wright, Well Known Speaker Will Give Main Address—Coach Boggess and Team Guests.

The Happy Hundred committee of the Chamber of Commerce is planning for another community banquet to be held at the American Legion building on March 15 at 6:30.

As a special feature of this banquet Coach Boggess and the 1938 basketball team will be the guests of honor and will have a prominent place on the program. The speaker for the evening will be Cullen Wright, the Will Rogers of the middle west. Mr. Wright needs no introduction to the business and professional men of Plattsmouth. A number of the Rotarians and members of the Chamber of Commerce have heard him speak at Omaha, Nebraska City and Lincoln. He is characterized as a humorist, tale spinner, lecturer, inspirational talker and general "pepper up."

Dr. P. T. Heineman will have charge of the arrangements at the Legion hall. The banquet will be served by the ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion. J. W. Holmes is supervising the sale of tickets.

This banquet is county wide and friends of Plattsmouth throughout Cass county are urged to attend.

SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

The many friends of Mrs. Frank H. Johnson, former resident here and near Weeping Water, will be pleased to learn that she is now showing improvement at the Lincoln General hospital where she has been for the past week. Mrs. Johnson had been ill of pneumonia at home for two weeks before she was taken to the hospital and placed under an oxygen tent. She is now up and expects to return to her home soon, she states in a letter to Mrs. J. H. Adams.

Many of the older residents will recall Mrs. Johnson as Miss Grace Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Walker, pioneer residents.

Mrs. Johnson would appreciate hearing from the old friends, her address being 2020 South 27th st., Lincoln.

CONFIRM SALE

District Judge W. W. Wilson while here Tuesday holding a session of court, confirmed the sheriff's sale in the case of Lillian F. Hofferts vs. Sarah M. Wortman, et al. The sale was confirmed and deed ordered to the defendant, Sarah Wortman.

The remainder of the time of the court was taken up in hearing a large number of motions and arguments of attorneys.

TO RETURN HOME

W. A. Becker, in critical condition at the Clarkson hospital for several days, is so much improved that it is hoped to have him back home in a few days. It is expected that the fractured arm and shoulder would be placed in a cast today and he would then be able to come home to recuperate.

VISIT WITH SICK

Otto Lushinsky and William H. Mason were at Omaha Saturday evening where they visited with relatives and friends at the Clarkson hospital, among these Frank Lushinsky, C. D. Palmer, Beryl Shanholz and W. A. Becker.

County Meetings to be Held on the Farm Program

Precinct Committeemen to Meet on Thursday—Other Meetings Later Over County.

Provisions of the 1938 farm program as prepared for the cornbelt states or north-central region will be discussed with all precinct committeemen at a meeting in Weeping Water scheduled for Thursday, March 10th. Community meetings in Cass county will probably begin about March 15th.

The county agricultural conservation committee composed of Edward Steinkamp, Henry Ragoss and Melvin Todd and the agricultural agent, made plans for the educational meetings with the committeemen following a district conference at Tecumseh where they discussed details of the program with other counties in this area and representatives of the state ACP committee.

In 1936 and 1937, farmers who have taken part in the program have been accustomed to thinking of their acreages in terms of soil-depleting base and soil-conserving base. In 1938, they will make their plans around a soil-depleting goal instead of a soil depleting base. This soil-depleting goal corresponds to the acreage of depleting crops which a farmer planted in 1937 in order to obtain the maximum payments for diversion from his soil-depleting base.

If a farmer plants an acreage of soil-depleting goal in 1938 and also meets certain other provisions of the farm program, he will receive his maximum farm payment. The actual acreage of depleting crops planted with the acreage planted on participating farms in 1938 should correspond quite closely with the farm acreage planted to depleting crops in 1937 on the same farms if those farms were in full compliance in 1937. The amount of payment for full participation in 1938 should also correspond quite closely to the payment in 1937 or average higher.

In the case of corn however, the corn acreage of corn limit of 1937 was intended to be the usual or customary acreage of corn on the farm. The corn goal for 1938 in the commercial corn producing area will be a reduction from that corn limit figure of last year. The farmer in such area who meets this corn goal will receive an additional payment for the "adjustment of his corn acreage."

The county committee and their clerks are busy at the present time tabulating figures and making adjustments in order to give each farm in the county its proportionate share of the total depleting goal of corn goal established for this county. It is hoped that the county committee can give each farmer a good indication, if not the final figures, for his depleting goal and corn goal by planting time.

NOT TO TAKE VOTE ON BEER

The residents of Louisville are not to have the opportunity to vote on whether or not the sale of beer shall be permitted in the town, as was first proposed.

Some time ago the village board received a petition asking that the matter of the sale of beer be submitted to the voters at the April election. The board granted the prayer of the petition and the clerk was notified to submit the proposition.

Later on the village board took up the matter with the state liquor commission and were informed that the petition was not binding on the board and accordingly the former action was rescinded at the meeting of the board.

The ruling of the state commission will mean that the sale of the foaming beverage in the village will be legal and the vote denied on the proposition.

HERE FROM LINCOLN

William Smith, of Lincoln, is here to spend a short time visiting at the home of his brother, John Smith and family, as well as with the many old time friends in the city and vicinity. Mr. Smith has made his home in Lincoln for the past eleven years.