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## Easter Day One of Beauty in Plattsmouth

Record Congregations Are Found in All of the Churches of the City at Services.

Easter day of 1938 brought out record breaking congregations at the churches of Plattsmouth and amid settings that were fitting to the inspirational message of the day, that of the everlasting life.

The beautiful weather permitted the full glory of the Easter parade and the church attendants brought a very colorful touch to the scene. Pastors of the city were unanimous in estimating that church attendance was without a doubt the largest in many years.

### St. John's Church.

The St. John's Catholic church was filled both at the first and second masses and 227 were served the Eucharist at the services with the handsome interior of the church beautified in the glowing candles, flowers and the reflections of the stained glass windows adding a touch of color to the interior of the church.

The masses were celebrated by Father Robert Salmon, who also gave a very inspiring sermon to the members of the congregation on their faith and the duty of the observance of the church teachings.

### Holy Rosary Church

The Holy Rosary church in the west portion of the city also brought out a large congregation at both masses for the Easter day service, celebrated by Father J. R. Sinkula, who offered inspiring sermons at both of the masses. The church was beautiful in the flowers and the candles to add to the impressiveness of the mass.

### First Christian Church

The First Christian church had the largest attendance in a ten year period at the Sunday school and worship hours there being 292 present at the services.

The baptistry of the church was a mass of flowers with a large white cross to mark the center of the platform.

The pastor, Rev. J. W. Taenzler, challenged the members of the church to roll away the stone from the unbelieving world that the Christ might live in the hearts of those not now allied to the church.

The choir of the church gave the anthem, "Why Weepst Thou" and a solo by David Robinson, "Calvary." The holy communion was served at the morning services.

In the afternoon two mothers and one girl of the Sunday school were received in the church through baptism.

At the evening service Mrs. Hal Garnett and Mrs. M. S. Kerr gave a very beautiful duet number.

### St. Paul's Church

A very fine Easter service was held yesterday at the St. Paul's church. The Knights Templar of Mt. Zion commandery were present for their Easter observance. The church was filled to capacity. Rev. G. A. Pahl preached on "Immortality, A Present Fact," based on John 11:25-26. Warren Taylor sang a solo, "Open the Gates of the Temple" and the choir sang "Mightiest King of Kings."

Mrs. Freda Stibal had complete charge of the evening service and worked in the Easter theme very beautifully, using a candle-lighting service, recitations and a short address on Easter. This service was also very well attended.

### First Methodist Church

The First Methodist church had a full day of beautiful and impressive services for the Easter day which opened with the sunrise service at Garfield park. Judge A. H. Duxbury gave in his able manner the message of the first Easter day to the large group of the young people.

The church was arranged most strikingly for the services with lavish use of the flowers on the platform and the chance to lend their beauty to the message of the glad Easter day.

Rev. J. C. Lawson, pastor of the church, brought a strong presentation of the message of the day in his sermon, "The Reality of the Invisible," one of the most able of the Easter thoughts of the day. The choir at the morning service gave the

anthem, "Peace" by Maunder, one of the most beautiful of the Easter musical messages.

In the evening the presentation of "The Rock," religious drama, was presented by a very strong cast and in which Milo Price as "Peter" gave his performance so vividly that the story will long be remembered. This was the 42nd time that Mr. Price has enacted this role.

### Presbyterian Church

The Easter services at the Presbyterian church began with the early sunrise meeting which was held in the church auditorium. Miss Harriet Goos led this meeting. Jean Knorr presided at the pipe organ and accompanied Eleanor Giles and Harriet Goos in their solos, which were greatly enjoyed. All the young folks participated in this service. Dr. H. G. McClusky, the pastor, brought them an impressive Easter message, "Living Our Resurrected Lives."

Long before the hour for the morning worship service, the church auditorium was filled, chairs being used in every available space. The beautiful flowers, used on the chancel and on every window, brought their own sweet message of the day, while the illuminated chancel cross placed in the church by the Westminster Guild girls, and the table spread for the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, silently called every attendant to deeper reverence and worship.

The music was filled with the Easter joy, and rendered in a very inspiring manner, under the direction of Mrs. Everett Pickens. "The Lord is Risen Indeed," by Brackett, was the choir number, while "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones," by Davis, was a trio sung by Mrs. Pickens, Mrs. Karl Keil, and Mrs. Hill Martin.

Mrs. Goos used "Trust" by Barnard and "Supplication" by Syrsinger, for prelude and offertory selections. The sacrament of infant baptism was observed for Barbara Ann Sullivan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Sullivan; Sandra Sue Schaeffer, daughter of Robert Schaeffer and Alice Bull Schaeffer, of Des Moines, Ia.; Velda Jeanne Cady, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cady; and Jeanette Joyce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Scharfenberg.

One feature of the service was the dedication of several gifts and memorials placed in the church in recent months.

The chancel cross and two communion bread plates were given by the girls of the Westminster Guild. Two silk flags, the American and the Christian, were given by Miss Pearl Staats' Sabbath school class.

Twenty-four leather-seated chairs were placed by Mrs. M. C. Brown of Oak Park, Ill., in memory of her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Brown were former members here and were always faithful in their church duties.

Two walnut flower stands, beautiful in design were placed in the church by Miss Bertha White of Los Angeles, Calif. One in memory of her mother, Charlotte Valley White, the other in memory of her aunt, Amelia Valley Streight. Mrs. White and Mrs. Streight were devoted and loyal members of this church.

The massive bouquets adorning these stands yesterday, were given by Will Streight, in memory of his wife and Mrs. White. One of the beautiful lilies on the chancel was given by Mrs. Kittie Roberts, in memory of her husband, J. M. Roberts, a former elder in this church.

The impressive ordination to the high office of elder was held just prior to the commemoration of the Lord's Supper, consecrating Carl J. Schneider to this office.

Dr. H. G. McClusky had for his sermon theme "The Resurrection in Fact." This message was the culmination of a series of sermons the pastor has been preaching, "The Need of a Resurrection," "The Possibility of a Resurrection," "Working for a Good Resurrection," and "A Victorious Life," all of which prepared the minds of the worshippers for the message, "The Resurrection in Fact" which was clearly presented by him yesterday, to the inspiration of all listeners.

### VISITS RELATIVES HERE

Harry L. King, of St. Louis, arrived here Sunday to be a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto E. Lutz for a short time and to attend the funeral services of A. H. Shindebower this afternoon.

## Extension Clubs Hold Fine Group Meeting

Seven Clubs Represented in Session at Presbyterian Church—Mrs. John Woest Group Chairman

Tuesday the First Presbyterian church was the scene of a very fine gathering of ladies, members of extension clubs in this area, some seven being represented in the meeting and all contributing a part to the fine program.

Mrs. John Woest, group chairman, presided and was re-elected to this position by the members. Miss Jessie Baldwin, county home agent, whose experience has been very extensive in the club work of the county, was present and gave a most interesting talk. Miss Baldwin discussed plans that were being made for the ensuing year in the extension department.

Miss Evelyn Wolph, of Nehawka, chairman of the Nebraska council of demonstration clubs, discussed the state convention which will be held June 8 to 10 at Lincoln and urged the members to attend.

The different clubs were then called upon to offer the program and the following interesting entertainment features were given:

Song—Shirley Chamberlain.  
Reading—Mrs. Frank Horsak.  
Flute Solo—Mrs. Elbert Wiles, Mrs. Wiley Sigler accompanist.

Reading—Mrs. Lester Melsinger.  
Vocal Duet—Mrs. M. S. Kerr and Mrs. P. L. Ren, Mrs. Don Seiver accompanist.

Piano-Accordian Solo—Mrs. Henry Nolting.  
Vocal Solo—Mrs. J. R. Reeder, Miss Jean Knorr, accompanist.

Song—"Dear Little Girl in Blue," Shirley Seiver as vocalist, Margaret Taylor as the "girl in blue."

Piano Solos—Betty Ann Albert.  
The ladies then enjoyed a delightful style show and in which the members enjoyed a wedding in which the participants wore 17th century costumes. Mrs. Ray Larson being the bride and Mrs. Milo Price the groom. Mrs. Don Seiver played the wedding march. All members were dressed in gowns of their own designing and making.

Refreshments closed the session.

### HAS CAR BURNED

From Tuesday's Daily—William Gerlach, residing west of Leonard, had his car destroyed by fire late last night on the Louisville road near the Eight Mile Grove Lutheran church. The young man had been in Omaha doing some trading and after stopping here for a time, started home. En route the car suddenly burst into flames, caused it is thought by defective wiring. The car was very badly damaged and later was brought in to the Cass County Motor Co. garage here.

The young man was brought on into this city and later was arrested by Officers Lancaster and Pickel on a charge of intoxication and held here over night.

This afternoon a charge of intoxication and disturbing the peace was filed against the man by City Attorney Davis, it being alleged that he had attempted to talk to several young ladies here on the streets.

This afternoon the defendant was arraigned before Judge C. L. Graves and received a fine of \$10 and costs for intoxication and \$15 and costs for disturbing the peace by accosting young girls on the street.

### SCORE FOR TARKIO

Stuart Porter and Don Cotner, former P. H. S. athletes scored points for the Tarkio College track team in the Hastings Relays last Saturday. Tarkio finished second behind Emporia Teachers in a field of 11 colleges.

Porter placed second in the discus with a toss of 134 ft., 1 in., and was fourth in the shot put with a mark of 42 ft., 3 in. Cotner leaped 22 ft., 1 in., to win second in the broad jump. He was also clocked in 10.4 seconds in his heat of the hundred yard dash.

Tarkio will meet Wm. Jewell college in a dual meet here Thursday afternoon in a meet that is slated to determine the Missouri conference champion.

Another Plattsmouth product, Geo. Adam, is captain of the Owl team.

### PLAN RECEPTION FOR AGRICULTURAL AGENTS

The Cass County Farm Bureau board is sponsoring a dinner and reception for D. D. Waincott and J. M. Quackenbush at the Nehawka Auditorium, Friday evening, May 6th at 7:00 o'clock.

The dinner and reception is a tribute to Mr. Waincott who has served the county for the past nine years as their agent and also a welcome to Mr. Quackenbush, the new agent who is just coming into the county.

The board is welcoming anyone in the county but can only accept the first 400 reservations, due to lack of facilities. Plates will be 35 cents each and reservations must be made by Monday, May 2nd.

## Woman's Club Has Reports of Convention

Very Interesting Meeting Held at the Home of Mrs. G. K. Hetrick Monday Evening.

From Tuesday's Daily—

The Plattsmouth Woman's club met last night with Mrs. G. K. Hetrick, Mrs. William Heinrich led the devotionals, reading from the Bible the twenty-third Psalm. The reports of committees and officers were given. The banquet to be held on May 2 was discussed, and the program decided upon.

The meeting was then turned over to the delegates of the club who attended the 35th annual convention of Women's clubs at Nebraska City April 5. Mrs. Frank Horsak gave an interesting account of the program for Tuesday, the first day. Mrs. Y. McPetridge continued, giving the program of the evening and Wednesday. Mrs. L. S. Devoe, chairman of the American Homes department of the Woman's club, then exhibited books, and posters used in the exhibit at the district convention. A reprint of the wall paper used in Martha Washington's bedroom was shown.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses. They were Mrs. C. C. Cotner, Mrs. D. E. Waller, Mrs. John Wolf, Mrs. Joseph Stodola, Mrs. Robert Reed, Mrs. G. L. Farley, Mrs. D. S. Sumner.

The members of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M. of which Mr. Parmele was long a member, conducted the services at the grave at Oak Hill. W. F. Evers serving as the master.

The pall bearers were selected from the close friends and associates and were John Wehrlein, Reese Hastain, of Omaha, W. L. Propst, A. W. Clodt, Waldemar Soennichsen, James G. Mauzy.

Those from out of the city to attend the services were: Mr. and Mrs. Reese Hastain, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kuppinger, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hunter, Judge J. L. Root, Robert Walker, Mrs. Nellie Agnew, Omaha; Mrs. Albert Deegan, Chicago; Jack Patterson, West Virginia; Robert Clark, Mr. Becker, Papillion; Mrs. Juliet Atwood Cobb, Sioux City; Jack Parmele, Myron Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Pollock Parmele and family, Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. George O. Dovey, Peoria, Illinois.

There is surviving the widow, one son, P. H. Murdick, Jr., of Cleveland, Ohio, and Miss Charlotte, residing with the parents. There is also surviving the daughter-in-law, Mrs. P. H. Murdick, Jr., formerly Miss Helen Wescott of this city and the infant grandson.

The death came as a great shock to the family as Dr. Murdick was in very good health, it was thought, and had been actively engaged in the pastorate of the Peace Temple M. E. church where he has served for the past five years. Dr. Murdick was formerly pastor of the Trinity M. E. church of Lincoln.

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## Arthur Troop Named Head of Rotary Club

Charter Member of Local Club With Unblemished Attendance Record is Selected as Head.

The Rotary club at their meeting Tuesday selected the officers that will be at the head of the organization in the coming year and who will take their seats in June to guide the destinies of the organization. The following were named:

President—Arthur Troop.  
Vice-President—E. H. Spangler.  
Secretary—George Jaeger.  
Treasurer—Elmer Sundstrom.

Directors—L. S. Devoe and a tie between the other two candidates for the position and who will draw later for the honor.

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### ATTEMPT BREAKIN

Some time Monday night an attempt was made to break into the office of the Tidball Lumber Co., at Seventh and Pearl streets. The parties had broken out a part of a small window in the rear of the back office room but failed to get the whole window open as it was stuck with paint and refused to give. In attempting to gain entrance the parties had knocked down several shovels and other heavy articles that startled and evidently frightened away the parties.

The break in was investigated by Chief of Police Libershal and Sheriff Homer Sylvester and fingerprints were obtained from the window by the sheriff.

## Funeral of Mrs. T. E. Todd Held Tuesday

Large Number of Friends From This Section of County Are Here for the Last Rites.

The funeral of Mrs. T. E. Todd was held Tuesday afternoon from the Sattler funeral home and brought together a large group of the old time friends and associates to pay their last tributes to the memory of this splendid woman who had been so suddenly taken from the home circle.

Rev. J. W. Taenzler, pastor of the First Christian church, of which the deceased had been a life long member, conducted the services and in the words of the scripture carried the message of the life that knows no ending as the reward of a faithful Christian life.

Mrs. Hal Garnett and David Robinson gave three numbers, "Jesus Savior Pilot Me," "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "Nearer My God to Thee," with Mrs. O. C. Hudson at the piano.

The interment was at the Oak Hill cemetery west of the city and a large cortege accompanied the body to the last resting place.

### HAS A FINE TRIP

W. R. Young, the auctioneer, returned home Saturday night from a trip to the east in which he combined a pleasant sightseeing trip with one of business. In going Mr. Young crossed into Canada with visits at Toronto and Montreal, two of the best known of the Canadian cities, going from Canada down into New York state and where he held a sale of the property of the Sheldon farm at Ellenburgh Depot.

The sale was one of the largest held in that part of New York and as the farm was one that had been occupied for several generations of the family there was a great many articles to offer as well as stock and machinery.

After the sale Mr. Young journeyed on to New York City for a sightseeing trip and also a trip on the Hudson river and over into New Jersey.