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## 4th of July Auto Races will be Run This Afternoon at 3 o'clock

### ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS

#### CURRENT COMMENT ABOUT PEOPLE AND THE THINGS THEY ARE DOING HERE.

As we go to press we learn that the auto races will be held this afternoon at three o'clock if it is not raining. Weatherman Shilling is predicting fair weather and says it is clearing up in the west. The American Legion Carnival will also be held this evening if the weather is favorable.

The new band stand and judges stand at the Fair Grounds proved to be a delusion and a snare. When the rain came the roof leaked and it was discovered that the real roofing was still rolled up under the floor. The judges and the band boys were the wettest people out there.

The Chamber of Commerce Band, twenty-five in number was employed to give a concert at the Court House Park last night and the concert was given on schedule time. Only a few people huddled in the little north porch of the Court House or sat in their cars out in the streets. "The band never sounded better."

If John E. Evans had been here yesterday, there would have been a United States flag at the head of the parade. In later years he never failed to be there himself with Old Glory or to have someone else carry the standard. Won't someone take up this work and see that no patriotic parade ever happens in North Platte again without the flag at its head.

Reports from the Free Auto Camp Ground are to the effect that 623 tourist autos used the grounds during the month of June. During June a year ago the number was 184. Counting an average of four passengers to a car we have 2,500 people or about ninety people every day spending some time on the grounds. Some stayed two or three days, others only a few hours. It means something to North Platte to be located on the Lincoln Highway.

County Treasurer Souder has issued 3,577 automobile licenses so far this year. This is not all the automobiles in the County for some have avoided paying the license to date and others are keeping their cars at home on account of the expense. Mr. Souder has plans for getting the rest of the auto owners to pay up when he gets around to collect he will get the money.

The price of gasoline which we are informed has been higher here in North Platte than at places east or west of us was reduced the last of the week to 22 cents. This places us in the class with the other towns on the Lincoln Highway.

We are not able to announce the prize winners in the Fourth of July parade as the judges did not have the right amount of money at their disposal and awarded too many prizes. The matter will have to be gone over again unless more money is raised.

The Nebraska Telephone Co. filed more than two million dollars worth of property in Nebraska to the Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. We saw the papers which were filed in Lincoln County and the thing that struck us most was the revenue stamps. There were two one-thousand and dollar stamps and a lot of other of smaller denominations. The thousand dollar stamps were about as big as four ordinary postage stamps and were mighty interesting to a printer.

No one can explain why we have more children in North Platte this year than we had a year ago. The school census shows 149 more boys and girls of school age now than at this time last year. The general impression has been that some people had moved away from our city when the shops closed and work became hard to get. Now comes the statement that we have increased rather more than usual. Since Mr. Elliott has taken the census for a number of years we cannot accuse him of not getting all of the children last year for he is very careful in his rounds to get all that should be gotten. The census is right and we have the children, so we may just as well make the best of it. Be glad that we have them and go to work trying to make North Platte a better place in which to raise them.

What might have been a serious fire was averted in a little air hole between the sidewalk and the building now occupied by the stone Drug Co. yesterday about noon. A fire cracker thrown into the hole is believed to have been the cause. The department responded but the fire was put out without turning on the water.

A fire alarm was turned in Sunday night from 203 W. Eighth where a garage was on fire. The building was used by a Mr. Greeno but inquiry at headquarters failed to disclose which one. An auto valued at \$1300 was a total loss. The blaze was extinguished by the department.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hirsch and daughter Mildred left this morning for Ohio to visit relatives for several weeks.

Miss Gladys Coker of Sutherland is the guest of Mrs. Ruth Szemore this week.

### THE FOURTH AT NORTH PLATTE

#### DAY STARTS OUT BRIGHT BUT A GOOD RAIN FALLS FROM TWO O'CLOCK ON

The Fourth of July started at daybreak with the firing of salutes by the boys and more enthusiastic young men. Later the flags began to appear and by nine o'clock there was hardly a store or a home that did not display the national colors in some way. At ten o'clock the big parade formed on south Locust and traversed the principal streets of the city. Headed by Chief Spillner and his aides on horseback the long line of marchers, horses, autos and other attractions filled the streets with life and color and held the attention of throngs of people along the sidelines. Following the parade, exercises were held on the Court House lawn. The North Platte Ladies Band played several numbers which were highly applauded. The little children representing the 17 nations sang America and carried American flags. J. G. Beeler spoke on nationalization and Americanization and was roundly applauded. Miss Anna Kramp thrilled her hearers with the words of patriotism as she presented badges to those who have become 21 since last Fourth.

Following these exercises, many picnic parties were held in the different parks and then the people began to turn toward the race grounds where the big auto races were to be held.

At two o'clock a big crowd had assembled at the Fair Grounds and the races began. The first was a Ford race with seven entries. The three miles were covered in 4:17 by Noel Bullock with Peter Meyer second and Paul Simon third. The Lincoln County Special was started next but just then the rain started and after the first lap the race was called as the cars could not keep the track. Everyone started for home upon the announcement that the races would be run the following day if the weather would permit. The rain kept on all the rest of the day and the two carnivals and the other out door attractions were out of the question. The picture houses were crowded early as was the dance at the K. C. Hall. It was a million dollar rain but it put a close to the celebration almost as soon as the first drops fell.

#### SCOUTS CLOSE FIRST CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN WITH AWARDING OF CARDS.

The Boy Scouts have completed the first round of the Clean-Up campaign and have given out the 100 per cent cards. Many householders have placed these cards in the windows and are justly proud of them. The scouts will make another inspection during August and at that time will award cards to any who did not get around to put their places in good shape before the first campaign. Scout Executive Stephens announces this morning that he will be glad to look over any place which was overlooked by the scouts or where there is any dissatisfaction about the reward. He asks any one to call him by phone if there is any question on the matter.

#### GIANT FLAGPOLE IS ERECTED IN FRONT OF CENTRAL SCHOOL BUILDING.

An iron flag pole, measuring eighty feet from the ground to the gilded ball on the top, was erected in the parking at the west entrance to the Central High School. It was shipped in sections, bolted together, and the joints waterproofed. The pole is set in a block of concrete which is five feet deep and four feet across. It was purchased by the Class of 1920 and presented to the schools. No flag has been yet found which is big enough to make a showing on this pole.

Miss Harriet Murrin left this morning for Grand Island to enter business college.

### WOMAN WAS A VICTIM OF FAST DRIVING AT THE RACE TRACK SATURDAY.

After the preliminaries last Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Alvora Nelson traveling partner of Noel Bullock in their aviation stunts, asked Mr. Bullock if she might drive the car about the track a few times just to see how fast she could go or something of that kind. Bullock reluctantly allowed her to do this and after several laps she apparently lost control of the machine and it went over. She was instantly killed. Her face and body were horribly crushed, one leg and one arm broken and death was instantaneous. Mr. Bullock notified her relatives and her husband came and took the body to Boise, Idaho where she formerly lived. It was reported that she and Mr. Bullock were to have been married soon but that has been denied.

### BODY OF MAN DROWNED IN THE PLATTE MAY BE HERE AT NORTH PLATTE.

The relatives of Carl Lance who was drowned in the South Platte river near Ogallala Sunday June 26th are offering a reward of \$250.00 for the recovery of the body. When drowned Lance was twenty five years of age, height five feet eight and one half inches, light hair and dressed in Blue Overalls with white stripe and blue shirt. If body resembling description is recovered from the river any where along its course notify Charles Lance, Grant, Nebraska. If identified reward will be paid promptly.

Mr. Lance was wading in the river, and stepped into a hole. He never came up.

### LESS RAIN IN JUNE THAN FOR NINE YEARS AND TEMPERATURE HIGH.

The monthly report of Weatherman Shilling for the month of June shows the highest temperature to have been 95 and the lowest 50. The average was 72 which is 4 degrees above the normal. The total precipitation was one and one-third inches. The normal for June is three and one-fourth inches. Since the first of the year we are 3.69 inches of rainfall behind the normal. The strongest wind was 21 miles an hour. There were 13 clear days, 11 partly cloudy and 6 cloudy.

### THE SCHOOL CENSUS OF NORTH PLATTE SHOWS A HEALTHY GAIN OVER LAST YEAR.

Fred Elliott, census enumerator for the Board of Education of North Platte, has just completed taking the school census for this year. On July 1st there were 2,553 children of school age residing within the limits of the school district. Of these, 1,290 are boys and 1,263 are girls. This is an increase of 149 over the census taken a year ago.

### CARNIVAL AND DANCE TO BE HELD THIS EVENING IF WEATHER PERMITS.

The Legion announced this morning that they would hold their carnival and dance this evening if the weather permits. The boys made elaborate preparations for a big carnival, one that would please everybody and it is hoped that the people can enjoy the fun.

### AMERICAN LEGION ANNOUNCES 1320 AS LUCKY NUMBER FOR ESSEX CAR.

The holder of the ticket 1320 can have his Essex car by notifying the American Legion. The ticket was paid for by A. A. Thornburg, an American Legion man but it is not known yet whether he sold the ticket or bought it for himself.

Miss Bethel Waldo returned to Terry, Montana this morning after visiting at the home of her brother Glen Waldo.

Miss Gladys Cooper returned to Sutherland this morning after celebrating the Fourth in the city.

Miss F'la Karriger and grandfather W. H. Grinstead of Miltonville, Kansas, arrived this morning to visit at the home of the former's father Geo. Karriger.

### LODGE, CHURCH AND SOCIETY

#### COMING MEETINGS IN THE VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS OF THE CITY.

**PHILOS GUNA CLUB**  
Will be entertained Wednesday at the home of Mrs. W. V. Hoagland.

**ANN HAZELTINE**  
Meeting with Mrs. Eli Hansen 503 south Pine, Thursday afternoon.

**CAMPFIRE COUNCIL**  
Will meet at the home of Mrs. M. E. Crosby Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

**BAPTIST**  
Bible Group meets Thursday afternoon with Mrs. P. M. Sorenson 307 east Second street.

**CHURCH HELPERS**  
Will be entertained Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Jung, 602 West 6th. She will be assisted by Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Howard.

**PRESBYTERIAN AID**  
Will meet in the church basement Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A cooking demonstration will be given at 3:30. Mrs. Bowen and Mrs. O. D. Elder will act as hostesses.

#### SOUTH SIDE FARMERS SEND WORDS OF APPRECIATION TO SEC. BARE.

June 27, 1921.  
To Ira L. Bare,  
Sec. Chamber of Commerce,  
North Platte, Nebr.

We, the undersigned farmers and others, who have crossed on the ferry and foot bridge and used the transportation so generously provided for our accommodation by the North Platte Chamber of Commerce, hereby express our appreciation of the courtesy and assistance thus rendered to us:

- Scott Reynolds
- Fred M. McClymont
- J. K. Browning
- John Hahler
- Fred Grulke
- J. T. Lloyd
- W. A. Kelso
- M. C. Westfall
- George Rhodus
- Blanche Mylander
- Mrs. H. A. Shaner
- G. W. Eddy
- J. H. Johnston
- Carl Swarp
- Ernest Swartz
- V. E. Soderman
- Bert McMurtry
- J. P. Collins
- Norman White
- J. L. Zeiger
- J. V. Diener
- Marshall Orton
- Robert Freese
- Lloyd Well
- Julius Schram
- W. O. Nunamacher
- G. C. Nunamacher
- Robert Kunkel
- Frank Facka
- P. O. Mulliken
- W. P. Snyder
- Roy Swartz
- F. W. Conneally
- J. A. Soderman
- Harry Diener
- W. W. Hunter
- M. Craven.

Misses Grace and Emma Brown came yesterday from Yakima, Wash., where they have been teaching during the past year. They are guests at the J. E. Sebastian home. Both were teachers in the city schools in North Platte last year. They are enroute to their home in Pennsylvania where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. Mary Thornburg left this morning for Soldier Summit, Utah, to visit at the home of her daughter Mrs. Geo. Bay.

Miss Anna O'Connell returned to Grand Island this morning after spending a few days with her parents.

Mrs. Frank Palmer returned to her home in Sutherland this morning after celebrating the Fourth in the city.

Mrs. Dorothy Jeffers went to Ogallala this morning to transact business.

### R. C. HASTINGS HOLDS LUCKY NUMBER AND WINS THE ESSEX CAR.

R. C. Hastings, 893 east Second street, held the lucky number yesterday, 1320 was the number that drew the car. It was announced last evening that A. A. Thornburg won the car but this was a mistake as Mr. Thornburg an American Legion member turned in the money for that number, having sold the ticket.

### SWIMMING HOLE TO BE MADE SAFE IF ORGANIZATION IS EFFECTED.

C. F. Temple this morning on his own responsibility issued a call for a meeting this evening at the Franklin Auditorium, of all men and women interested in swimming. He wants to organize an association of swimmers to make the sport safe. He has in mind the employment of an expert life saver who lives in this city now. This man would be on duty from dinner time until dark. He with other volunteer swimmers would see that no one who could not swim went out of his depth, would assist them in learning to swim and would in emergency help those who can swim. The meeting is to be held at the Franklin Auditorium this evening at 8 p. m. Everyone interested is invited.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Elsie Coates of Sutherland spent yesterday in the city.

Dixon Optical Co., Eyesight Specialists.

T. A. Roberts returned to Sidney yesterday after visiting local friends.

John Vandevaar of Wallace transacted business in the city yesterday.

Margaret Walker returned from Sutherland Saturday where she was the guest of friends.

Mrs. George Anderson returned to her home in Brady Saturday after shopping in the city.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Lions of Omaha were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Butler over the Fourth.

Miss Francis Westring of Lincoln, Nebr. came Sunday to visit at the home of Miss Violet Maddox.

Jack Raue came from Kearney Saturday to spend the Fourth with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Raue.

Mrs. P. J. Maddigan returned to her home in Minneapolis, Minn. after visiting at the Geo. Karriger home.

Mrs. Roscoe Zimmer and daughter Gladys came from Cozaj Saturday to visit at the W. H. Leddy home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Brogan of Keystone came Sunday to visit at the home of the latter's sister Mrs. Pearl Maddox.

Louis Trexler who is employed in Fairmont, Nebr. came Saturday to spend the Fourth with his mother Mrs. Geo. Trexler.

Miss Fannie Small left Saturday for Mentor, Kansas after visiting at the home of her sister Mrs. Glen Waffo for several months.

Mrs. Chas. Robertson returned to her home in Omaha this morning after visiting at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson.

Miss Bettie Turpie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Turpie returned from Fondulac, Wis., where she has been attending school during the winter months.

Troops 3 and 5 of the Boy Scouts took an overnight hike to Dick's grove Friday and came home Saturday morning. About thirty boys went and they must have had a good time from the reports which they gave upon their return. Scoutmaster Floyd Daniels was with them.

The North Platte Battery and Electrical Co. has taken possession of the west room in the new building at the corner of Locust and Sixth Streets. Jess Sharp is the Manager. This is the Vesta Station which was formerly located in the building next to the Ritter Hotel. Mr. Sharp has fixed up a very convenient electric station there and is ready to look after the electrical needs of any kind of automobile.

Up-to-the-minute Building material information may be yours if you consult with us. We have to know the exact conditions. If you are wondering if you should build lets talk it over. We will give you advice + show you why it is right.

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