

# Atkinson Group Wins Class C Award

## Veterans' Wives Capture Honors for Work Toward Hospital

By a Staff Writer  
ATKINSON — The Atkinson Veterans' Wives club has won statewide recognition for the town in the "Build a Better Community Contest" sponsored by the National Federation of Women's clubs.

The Holt county group won first place in the class C division in Nebraska, and announcement of the win was made Friday at the annual convention of the Nebraska Federation of Women's clubs held in Omaha.

The AVWC was cited for its amazing record of conceiving a memorial hospital

for the town of Atkinson, launching a fund-drive, raising approximately 25-thousand-dollars — all in a little more than a year!

Mrs. Lou Verzal, who was AVWC president in 1949, was summoned to Omaha to receive the award. Other officers during the campaign last year were: Mrs. Marcellus Schaaf, vice-president; Mrs. F. J. Mancuso, recording secretary; Mrs. Roy Dickerson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Robert Gaylor, treasurer.

Meanwhile, new officers have been installed and they hope to push construction during 1950. They are: Mrs. Ed Humpal, president; Mrs. Don Carroll, vice-president; Mrs. G. E. Gonderinger, correspond-

ing secretary; Mrs. E. C. McKay, recording secretary; Mrs. Charles E. Chace, treasurer.

Extraordinary features of the AVWC is the fact there are only 14 members. All are wives of service veterans.

"Build a Better Community" competition was divided into classes according to size of the clubs.

Lexington was presented first prize among group A clubs, those with more than 150 members. First prize in group B, clubs of 51 to 150 members, went to Howells. Honorable mention in class B was awarded Valley, Columbus and Gordon.

Atkinson was first in class C, clubs of up to 50 members. Honorable mention went to Stromsburg, Milligan and Itasca.

Final awards in the nationwide contest will be made at the general federation convention in Boston, Mass., on June 1.

A spokesman for the Atkinson group said Monday the 14

members are hopeful of winning national recognition for their accomplishments. At least, they're going to try!

Four Atkinson women attended the state convention last week. Besides Mrs. Verzal, who received the award in behalf of the AVWC, were Mrs. Dickerson, Mrs. Donald Davis, and Mrs. Chace.

Meanwhile, a new site for the Atkinson Memorial hospital has been selected.

At a recent meeting of the hospital committee, a site on State street, just 4 blocks from the main square of Atkinson, was selected as the building site. The location is now city-owned and was recommended to the committee by the hospital site committee. The group voted to accept the recommendation of the committee.

The location is legally described as block 37 of Kimball and Blairs addition to Atkinson. It will provide a readily accessible building place and is located on a street which is blacktopped and is the main street into the city from the

east. It will be only 2 blocks west of highway 20.

Ground-breaking ceremonies are being outlined now, and more news will be announced shortly.

Mrs. W. H. Hasbroock, of West Point, was elevated from vice-president to president at the close of the annual convention.

## M'Eachen Dies; Heart Victim

ATKINSON — James A. McEachen, 55, of Lincoln, former chairman of the state liquor commission and former Lincoln businessman, died of a heart attack Thursday night at his ranch northwest of Atkinson.

He was appointed to the liquor commission in 1935 and served 10 years. In Lincoln he had been president and partner of the Pegler - McEachen company, wholesale grocers, now Pegler & Co.

Mr. McEachen had come to Atkinson from his home at 1704 Dakota, Lincoln, to look after his agricultural interests.

Mr. McEachen was born June 12, 1894, in Cuming county, the son of Robert A. and Adelaide Burke McEachen. He was educated at Wayne high school, Wayne State Teachers' college and the University of Nebraska where he was a member of Delta Chi fraternity. He married Edna C. Pegler in Lincoln on August 15, 1923.

From 1916 to 1921 he farmed at Wayne. In 1921 he joined the First National bank at Randolph where he was cashier from 1922 to 1925. He entered the wholesale grocery business in Lincoln in 1926.

Mr. McEachen was a member of the first liquor commission when it began to function in 1935. He served until 1945. He was appointed chairman for a two-year term beginning in 1937 and was serving as chairman immediately prior to leaving the board. He was elected president of the National Con-

ference of State Liquor administrators in 1944.

During World War I he served in the army signal corps at Ft. Logan, Colo., and in the officers training corps at Louisville, Ky. He was a 32nd degree Mason.

Survivors include: Widow, sons—James A., Jr., a medical student at Western Reserve university, Cleveland, O., and Edmund, a law student at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Mrs. McEachen is the daughter of Mrs. E. A. Pegler, of Lincoln, and sister of Don Pegler, new president of Pegler & Co.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 p. m. Saturday at Westminster Presbyterian church.

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## Sample Ballot

### CITY OF O'NEILL, NEBRASKA

City Election, April 4, 1950

#### FOR MAYOR

Vote for ONE

☐ Jack E. Davis ..... By Petition

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#### FOR CITY CLERK

Vote for ONE

☐ O. D. French ..... By Petition

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#### FOR CITY TREASURER

Vote for ONE

☐ John C. Watson ..... By Petition

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#### FOR COUNCILMAN FIRST WARD

Vote for ONE

☐ L. M. Diehlman ..... By Petition

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#### FOR COUNCILMAN SECOND WARD

Vote for ONE

☐ Tony Asimus ..... By Petition

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☐ Raymond Eby ..... By Petition

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#### FOR COUNCILMAN THIRD WARD

Vote for ONE

☐ DeEtta Bellin ..... By Petition

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☐ C. E. Jones ..... By Petition

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#### FOR POLICE JUDGE

Vote for ONE

☐ H. W. Tomlinson ..... By Petition

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### SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7

City Election, April 4, 1950

#### FOR MEMBERS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION THREE-YEAR TERM

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☐ George Shoemaker ..... By Petition

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