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'Merton of the Movies' Class Play a Success

Cast of the Senior Class Give Splendid Production of the Popular Movie Comedy.

From Thursday's Daily—
Last evening the Parmelee theatre was filled to its capacity by a delightful audience to witness the presentation of "Merton of the Movies" the vehicle chosen by the class of 1926 of the local high school as their class play and which in the case of the clever young people was well given and proved most entertaining in every way to the audience.

The struggle of "Merton" the village store clerk of Simsbury, Illinois, to break into the movies as the star of serious roles and his final triumph in the silent drama—not as a great tragic star but as a comedian was cleverly portrayed by the cast of the class and in the stellar role of "Merton" Carl Kell was exceptionally good in every way and brought to the part a strong role of the movie struck youth and in the final scenes the disappointed star resigned to giving up his dreams of the serious drama to enjoy his success as the merry maker for his movie audiences.

In the support of Mr. Kell was a well selected cast and Miss Violette Begley as "The Montague Girl" was one of the features of the evening's offering and with her natural ability in stage roles was very clever.

Stuart Engenberger in the roles of "Amos Gashweiler," the Illinois storekeeper and "Sigmond Rosenblatt," the movie director was one of the chief features of the show and carried out his parts in fine shape.

Miss Catherine Schneider appeared as "Beulah Baxter," movie star and "Mrs. Patterson," the boarding house owner in her usual charming manner and her support of the stellar roles was pleasingly given.

Another of the young people that displayed a great deal of talent in their role was Rudolph Iverson as "Elmer Huff," friend of "Merton" and also as "Jeff Baird," movie director.

Miss Helene Perry brought a great deal of charm to the role of "Tessie Kearns," ambitious scenario writer and whose sympathy had led to "Merton" deciding to cast his lot with the movie colony at Hollywood.

The cleverness of Miss Mary Warren as the "Casting Director" added a real touch of genuine enjoyment to the scenes of the movie studio and added to the interest of the unfolding of the play.

The supporting cast included Warren Taylor as "J. Lester Montague," the realist of the movies who must live the part of his characters whether that of western or moonshiner, while Harlan Gorder as "Harold Parmelee," the hero of the movie, was very well taken. Kenneth Sullivan as "Weller," the assistant director, Charles Taylor as the "Camera Man," Miss Edna Klingner as "Muriel Mercer," one of the movie actresses and August Knoflick as "Mr. Walberg" producing magnate all added to their parts in making the story of the movies a well given and smooth operating production.

Misses Louise Rummel, Florence Nowasek and Jean Spangler appeared as the extras of the movie lot and Theodore Svoboda as the property man of the movie company.

Adding to the entertainment of the evening was the musical numbers given by the high school orchestra under the direction of Leroy S. Fraser and the young people made a decided hit with the large number present at the theater. Miss Alice Wooster, pianist and Miss Helene Perry, dramatic reader also furnished a part of the entertainment with numbers during the intermissions that made real features of the evening.

The class play was under the direction of Miss Delores Bosse, teacher of dramatic art in the high school and her work in the developing of the talent of the young people and her handling of the most entertaining class play deserves a great deal of praise and with the members of the cast she can feel that they have given a production that is a real credit to the Plattsmouth high school and to themselves.

DEATH OF MRS. MARTENS
From Thursday's Daily—
This afternoon at 2:30 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Engelkemier 1924 Locust street occurred the death of Mrs. Margaret Martens, resident of Plattsmouth for the past fifty years. For several months Mrs. Martens has been in failing health and gradually sinking into the last long sleep. The deceased lady is survived by three daughters, Mrs. C. C. Engelkemier of this city, Mrs. Annie Stevenson of Omaha, Mrs. Bert Byers of Des Moines and two sons, Henry Martens of Omaha and John Martens of Idaho. No arrangements have been made as yet as to the funeral.

YOUNG PEOPLE WEDDED

From Thursday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon Rev. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church was called upon to officiate at the marriage of two of the popular and well known young people of the vicinity of Cedar Creek. The contracting parties were Miss Esther Lohnes and Mr. George Schroeder, and were accompanied here by Miss Marie Schroeder, sister of the groom and Raymond Lohnes, brother of the bride, who witnessed the wedding ceremony. The double ring service was used in the wedding service and at the conclusion of the wedding the young people returned to their homes where they were to receive the congratulations and well wishes of their many friends.

Scouts Leave on Hike and Camping Trip This Morning

Will Enjoy Outing of a Few Days Near Cedar Creek on the Will Schneider Farm.

From Thursday's Daily—
This morning the Plattsmouth Boy Scouts departed on a hike and camping trip of several days duration and with Cedar Creek and Camp Quivera as their destination on the pleasant trip, the first outing that they have had this season and which after the long months of school work has been looked forward to with the greatest of expectations by the boys.

The boys are to camp at the farm of William Schneider, while on the trip and will enjoy hiking parties each day and on which they will have demonstrations of the woodcraft part of scouting and the methods which can develop their practical knowledge of scouting.

The party was under the command of Head Scoutmaster Irving P. Wilke, who is assisted on the hike by the senior patrol leaders, Joe Buttery, Lyle Lawton and Warren Taylor, who will have charge of the younger members of the party and assist in the management of the camp and the disciplining of the boys.

The boys making the trip were taken to the camp by Joe Marasek in a large truck as the threatening weather prevented the first plans of hiking to the camping grounds and instead the boys will make shorter hikes to points in the vicinity of Cedar Creek during their stay there.

The following boys made the trip to the camp: Paul Pickett, Garland McCleary, Life Sharp, Robert Hartford, Fred McKaken, Lyle Lawton, Virgil Hutton, Lester Stout, Joe Buttery, Warren Farmer, George Kline, Ted Leacock, Bud Mrasek, Hershel Dew, Chris Bullin, Ellis Champlin, William Nelson, George Caldwell, Ira Mumm, Lucille Livingston, Linville Wiles, Francis Robby, Clair Shallenberger, Ralph Mason, Francis Warren, Warren Taylor.

VERY PLEASANT EVENT
From Thursday's Daily—
The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hitt, in the south portion of the city, was the scene of a very pleasant gathering of little folks on Tuesday afternoon when little Misses Frances Gambin and Jacqueline Grassman entertained a number of their school friends. The pleasant hours were spent in games on the lawn of the home at which a great deal of enjoyment was derived and as the afternoon drew to the close the members of the jolly party were invited to partake of the dainty and delicious refreshments that had been arranged for the event. The entertaining and serving of the afternoon was carried out by Mrs. Hillard Grassman, Mrs. C. E. Hitt and Miss Laura Grassman. The members of the party were: Lucille Viersnik, Rita Liberschal, Fern Land, Dorothy McCarty, Edna Cariberg, Iris Allen, Jean Holmes, Mary Catherine Wiles, Joyce Minter, Mary Ann Highfield, Geraldine Shyrock, Edna May Peterson, Jeanette Hirt, Wauweta Pickett, Richard and Billy Hitt, Norman Gambin, Glenn Cariberg, Frances Gambin and Jacqueline Grassman.

MAKES REAL DONATION
From Thursday's Daily—
Dr. Joe J. Stibal is one of the all wool and yard wide baseball fans of the community and was very much interested in the communication that appeared in the Journal yesterday and has given a very practical demonstration of his support of the team. The doctor has conveyed to the baseball team a check for \$25 to be applied on a general movement for the support of the team and to give the baseball boys a real chance to get a team that will be a real credit to the city and an advertisement for the city as well. The support such as given by Dr. Stibal will give the city a real baseball team.

Have you anything to sell? Tell the world about it through the Journal's Want Ad department.

Plattsmouth Pastor to Serve Eastern Church

Rev. Frank Emory Pfoutz to Serve at First Church of Wheeling, West Virginia.

From Thursday's Daily—
One of the members of the local ministerial circle of the city has received an honor that certainly speaks not only eloquently of the well known ability of the pastor but the city can feel honored that one of its ministers has been called to serve in one of the large city churches of the east.

Rev. Frank Emory Pfoutz, pastor of the First Methodist church of this city and who has, since his pastorate here achieved a very wide recognition over the Nebraska district of the Methodist church, has received an invitation that is a most pleasing recognition of how his services are regarded by the church in general and that his ability is being felt over the larger fields of the church in the nation.

A few days ago Rev. Pfoutz received an invitation from Dr. J. P. Wagner, D. D., former pastor of the First Methodist church of Omaha and now pastor of the First Methodist church of Wheeling, West Virginia, asking the Plattsmouth pastor to come to the West Virginia city and serve as pastor in the month of August while Dr. Wagner is taking his vacation. The invitation has been accepted and Rev. Pfoutz and family will spend their summer vacation in the Blue Ridge mountains of West Virginia enjoying the many points of interest there and the pastor serve the spiritual needs of the Wheeling church, the largest in that city and one of the largest Methodist congregations in that section of the country.

This recognition is an honor that the church here as well as the community in general is pleased to learn of as Rev. Pfoutz has in his service here proved a real leader in his church work and his sermons and leadership have placed him in the front ranks of the pastors of his faith in the state of Nebraska.

While the friends here are pleased to see these honors and recognitions come to their friend, Rev. Pfoutz, they are serving notice that the city people need not plan to permanently lose away the genial Nebraska minister as he is desired out here where the west is the best.

In addition to the Wheeling call Rev. Pfoutz is to make the commencement address at the Jennings seminary at Aurora, Illinois, the coming month.

ESTIMABLE FAMILY LEAVES
From Friday's Daily—
The many friends of the family of the late Dr. P. J. Flynn regret very much to learn that this estimable family that have for the past few years made their home in this community have departed for Omaha where they expect to reside in the future. In the life of the community here this family have been very active. Mrs. Flynn having been a leading figure in the work of the Plattsmouth Woman's club as well as in the social activities of the city and with her pleasant personality and ability contributing a great deal to the advancement of the city and the two sons, Allison and Damian have completed their educational work in the city schools here and were in their residence here leaders in the school life of the community and the younger daughters of the family also were well known figures in the social activities of the city and the departure of the family leaves a hard place to fill among the large circle of friends. In their new surroundings and in the circles that they may move the Flynn family will have the most sincere good wishes of the friends here for their future welfare and success and the attainment of the happiness that they so well deserve.

SUFFERS INJURED HAND
From Saturday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon while fire inspection was being held at the Burlington shops, William Heinrich, an employe of the tin shop, was the victim of a very severe accident that was occasioned in the explosion of a fire extinguisher tank. This was the twenty-fifth tank that Mr. Heinrich had inspected and as he tripped the control of the tank it suddenly exploded and the result was there was very severe injuries received by the workman. The palm of the right hand was badly lacerated and nine stitches were required to be taken and the right knee was also very badly bruised as the result of the explosion. The injured man was given medical aid as soon as possible and the injured members treated and Mr. Heinrich made as comfortable as possible although it will be several days at least before he recovers from the effects of the accident and can resume his former activities. However it is fortunate that the accident was no worse and the young man feels well pleased that he escaped with as little damage as he did.

LEAVING THE HOSPITAL

From Friday's Daily—
Mrs. Elmer Webb, who was operated on ten days ago at the University hospital, Omaha, is expected to be able to leave the institution tonight for the home of her sister, Mrs. L. R. Feller at 4537 West street, where she will remain for a week before coming home. Despite the seriousness of her operation she has made splendid progress right from the start and her ability to leave the hospital at this early date is pleasing to the relatives and friends.

Miss Irma Mayfield, another Plattsmouth patient at the hospital, who was operated on a week ago Monday for appendicitis, was able to return home yesterday afternoon, and was brought down in the car of John Schutz. She is also making splendid progress and will soon be in her usual good health.

Death of Mrs. D. C. Wilcke at Spokane, Wash.

Mother of Mrs. P. F. Goss of This City Passes Away at Ripe Age of 89 Years Wednesday.

From Friday's Daily—
The announcement has been received here by the relatives of the death on Wednesday evening at Spokane, Washington, of Mrs. D. C. Wilcke, mother of Mrs. P. F. Goss of this city and a lady well known in this community where her friends are visited often at the home of her daughter in the past.

In the past few years Mrs. Wilcke has not been able to travel owing to her advanced years and has been at the western city where two of her daughters are residing. The news of the death of this estimable lady brings a great regret in this community where her friends are extensive and in their sorrow the members of the family have the deep sympathy of these old acquaintances.

The deceased lady was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, October 14, 1837, and was married in her native land to D. C. Wilcke, they coming to the United States in 1878 and having since made their home in this country. The family for several years resided at Missouri Valley, Iowa, and other points in the central west and have a very wide acquaintance in the eastern portion of Nebraska and western Iowa.

There remains three daughters as well as the aged husband to mourn the loss of Mrs. Wilcke, Mrs. P. F. Goss, Plattsmouth Mrs. Philip Usher and Mrs. Clara Lloyd of Spokane, Washington.

The funeral services were held at Spokane and the interment made in the cemetery in that city.

ENJOY 'HOBO' PARTY

From Friday's Daily—
The members of the Knights of Columbus and their families had a real time last evening in the "hobo" party that had been arranged at their hall at 7th and Chicago avenue, and the attendance of the members and their families was very large and until a late hour fun and amusement reigned supreme in the meeting of the fraternity and their guests.

There were a number of special features of the evening including the boxing bout staged by Jerome and Ignatz Kriskey and in which these two lads were given a prize by the Knights. "The Hobo Wedding Trip" with Marie Horn and Alice Wooster as the features was another of the fun producing features of the evening as was John Svoboda as "Slippery Sue" the chef of the occasion.

The hall was very attractively arranged for the occasion with a small "K. C." box car as well as a cottage where the "hoboes" received their handouts. A large number of willows also served as a part of the decorative scheme of the evening.

A "hobo" orchestra discoursed sweet music during the evening and to which the members of the jolly party danced until a late hour and regretfully departed for their homes at the close hoping that another pleasant event of this kind might be staged again in the future.

SOCIAL WORKERS FLOWER CLUB.

Wednesday afternoon the Social Workers Flower club met with Mrs. Fred Nolting, the meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. Hull. After a short business session the meeting was then turned into a shower for Mrs. George Mumm, one of the club members, who was just married a few days ago. The shower was a surprise for the bride. She got a number of lovely presents which she will use in her new home. It was a miscellaneous shower.

After the show delicious refreshments were served the members of the club and then all departed wishing Mrs. Mumm much joy and happiness in her new home. The bride was formerly Miss Nettie Spangler.

All local news is in the Journal.

Move to Make Celebration of 4th a Success

Ad Club Pledges Support to Celebration Sponsored by Chamber of Commerce.

From Friday's Daily—
The Plattsmouth Ad club, composed of the business men of the community, at their session yesterday voted to support the movement for the holding of a Fourth of July celebration to be sponsored by the chamber of commerce.

The fitting and proper observance of the anniversary of the national birthday is a movement that should receive the heartiest support and should be made a notable occasion each year as this city as the county seat owes it to the community here as well as in other sections of the county to stage a real old time celebration that will pay fitting homage to the spirit of the forefathers in making this a great free republic.

If the event is to be celebrated there should be little time lost in getting ready for the celebration as the committees in charge will have a busy month in getting the details worked out and the ball started rolling to put over the celebration in proper shape.

As the date of July 4th this year will fall on Sunday the event will be celebrated on Monday, the 5th instead and this date will make it much more convenient for the business houses of the city to join in the celebration as last year the date fell on Saturday and they were compelled to remain open for the days of the various business houses and evening an depriving the owners and their employes from participating in the celebration.

With the spirit shown by the Ad club other organizations should get busy and start the ball rolling for a real old time celebration of independence day for Plattsmouth and all Cass county.

DELIGHTFUL BIRTHDAY PARTY

From Friday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon a very delightful time was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Maury on south 9th street on the occasion of the third birthday anniversary of Master James Maury, Jr. and the occasion was one in which the large number of little folks in attendance had one of the most pleasant times of their lives and in which the mothers of the little ones also participated. The house was very attractively arranged with the spring flowers and amid this pleasant scene the time was spent in enjoying games of all kinds that proved an untiring source of joy to the members of the party. At an appropriate hour dainty refreshments were served that added to the completion of the enjoyment of the members of the party and the large birthday cake with its candles added to the beauty of the occasion.

In honor of the event many handsome gifts were received by Master James. Those attending the occasion were Shirley Walling, Robert Allen Seal, Joe Frank Noble, Renee Brown, Billy Cloutier, Corbin Davis, Billy Dovey, William Knorr, Betty Ann Liberschal, Richard Bering, Warren Reed, William Young, Dayton, Ohio, John Soenichsen, Janet and Ruth Westover, Mary Catherine Wiles, Elizabeth Ann Wiles, Corrine and Robert Hallstrom, Avoca, Shirley Keck, LeVone Hill, Dorothy Will, Richard Bell, Dora and Bessie Hughes, Catherine Shallenberger, Betty Jean Wetzel, Omaha, James Douglas Brown, James Maury.

EASTERN STAR MEETS

From Friday's Daily—
Last evening the members of Home chapter No. 189, Order of the Eastern Star held a very interesting session at their lodge rooms in the Masonic Temple and during which the chapter received a number of new members by initiation into the order. The work was carried out by the local officers in a very impressive manner and the mysteries of the Star given most effectively by the officers. The new members being received were Raymond C. Cook, Rev. W. R. Robb, W. R. Holmes, Miss Eleanor McCarty, Mrs. Glen Vallery.

Following the session of the chapter the members were invited to the dining room where a dainty and delicious luncheon was served that added to the completion of the evening of the greatest interest and pleasure.

RETURNS TO DUTY

From Friday's Daily—
County Clerk George R. Sayles, who has for the past two weeks been under the weather and taking a course of treatment as well as a slight operation at one of the Omaha hospitals, has so far recovered that he has been able to return home and after a few days of recuperation in the pleasant surroundings of the home was able this morning to resume his work at the office.

MAKING IMPROVEMENT

From Friday's Daily—
The Nebraska Gas & Electric co., that has been giving the patrons here a very high class of service and in order that the small defects in the service that has occurred in the last week might be corrected the company is having a new transformer installed in the block on the south side of Main street between Fourth and Fifth street, where there has been several times when the service was out owing to the heavy load. Manager Rea of the lighting company has been on the job looking into the matter and as the result he has secured the transformer that will prevent the overloading of the transformer.

Death of Mrs. Margaret Martens Brings Regret

One of the Old Time Residents Here and Whose Passing Occasions a Real Sorrow.

From Friday's Daily—
The death of Mrs. Margaret Martens, which occurred here yesterday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Engelkemier on west Locust street, has brought a very deep sense of regret to the host of friends in this city who have known the deceased lady through the more than half century that she has lived in this city.

Mrs. Martens was born eighty-seven years ago and came to Plattsmouth in 1874 with her husband, Joseph Martens to make her home and has since lived here in her quiet and unassuming way helping in the upbuilding of the community and by her simple, homelike and devoted christian character making a large circle of devoted friends who are parting with her with the greatest of regret. It was in this city that the deceased lady reared her family and several years ago suffered the loss of the husband and has since that time made her home with her sons until their removal from the city and since that time has resided with the daughter, Mrs. Engelkemier on her moving to this city. Since last winter she has been in failing health and in the last few weeks it was recognized that the end was not far off as she gradually sank into the last long rest. Of the family there remains the daughters, Mrs. Engelkemier of this city, Mrs. Bert Byers of Des Moines and Mrs. Anna Stevenson of Omaha, as well as the two sons, Henry Martens of Omaha and John Martens, who has been living in Idaho for some time past.

At the close of the recital the presentation of the award for the year was made by Monsignor M. A. Shine, there being a number of prizes offered by the Catholic Daughters of America for the children and which were presented to the winners of the various classes. The prize for the highest average was won by Agnes Brink while the four children having a perfect record of attendance at school were Esther Phillips, Helen Wolcott, Enberg Reichstadt and Ignatz Kriskey.

MOVING TO IDAHO
From Friday's Daily—
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mutz and family, old time residents of the vicinity of Murray and who have been living for the past year at Omaha, being located at 2105 Grand avenue, are forsaking the state of their early residence and going to the Pacific northwest where they are expecting to locate at Emmett, Idaho, where they will make their home there in the future. Mr. and Mrs. Mutz were in Plattsmouth yesterday visiting with the old friends and departed from here for the west.

LITTLE DAUGHTER ARRIVES

From Friday's Daily—
The advent of a little daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Evi Spier occurred yesterday at the Methodist hospital in Omaha yesterday. The little lady tipped the scales at 11 1/2 pounds and is a fine little American young lady. The occasion has brought a great deal of pleasure, not only to the proud parents, but to Grandpa W. J. Streight and the great grandmother, Mrs. H. J. Streight. Mr. Spier was formerly Miss Mariel Streight of this city.

Blank books at the Journal office.

Make 1926 a Year of Progress!

Why We All Smiled!

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One day in a bank in another town we saw a little boy on his knees beside a chair. We wondered what he could be doing there.

That boy was starting a Savings account and he was too small to use the desk to write his name for the bank's records. He had to stand on his toes to hand the card through the window.

Every body in the bank was watching the lad.

When he was thru he tucked his little bank book into his inside pocket and started home with his grandmother. At the door he stopped to give one more look at the bank—HIS bank.

Every one smiled. It's fine to see a little boy starting to win success.

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