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What About the Athletic Field for Schools?

Coming of Spring Season Brings Renewal of Need for Proper Field for Sports

The warning weather which brings the promise of the forthcoming spring season brings with it the urge for the adoption and carrying out of definite plans for the creation of an athletic field for the use of the high school sports in the spring and fall and one that can be made into a permanent field and not subjected to the overflows and damages that has marked the baseball park that has heretofore been used.

The tourist park on Washington avenue has been generally agreed upon as the most logical place for a field of this kind as it is adjoining the high school grounds, is on a paved street and the expense here would be much less as the city is the owner of the park.

While the advantages of a stadium and all that is understood, it is not necessary at this time to go that far with the project but the need of a proper kind of field for the track sports and football games is being felt.

This could be with a little effort be arranged so that a cinder track for the races and track sports could be made that would be lasting and enabling the holding of meetings here with every convenience, as it would permit the participants in races and football games to dress and go to and from the field without having to travel long distances to and from the school.

The residents of the city in general are much interested in this matter of an athletic field as it will aid in the developing of greater athletic interest among the young men of the school and will permit more extensive track meets being held here.

SAYS TWO EARTHQUAKES

After reading the statement appearing in the Journal a few days ago from E. C. Ripple, relative to the fact that this community was visited by an earthquake in 1876, Frank Rauert, who is one of the real old timers in this community, states that Mr. Ripple was right as to the date of the earthquake but that two of these earth disturbances were felt here, the first being in 1868 or 1869 which Mr. Rauert, then a little boy, recalls. Mr. Rauert's father, a babe was taken here by his parents in 1844, coming up the Missouri river in a steamboat from St. Joseph, Missouri, he has since continued to make Plattsmouth his home. Of the 1876 earthquake Mr. Rauert has a very good recollection and states that five days before the event this locality was visited with a terrific rain-storm and which made the creek that then flowed down through the business section, a roaring river. At that time, John Fitzgerald, railroad builder and pioneer of Plattsmouth, was living in a small brick house, while the U. S. government building now stands while a creek was flowing just west and south of the house, coming through where the Elks club and the Bates building now stands and the Bates building was living in a small brick house.

VERY PLEASANTLY SURPRISED

A very pleasant surprise party was tendered Miss Frances Griffin on her 15th birthday anniversary, Friday, the event being planned by Mrs. Griffin and Miss Mildred Cariburg and came as an entire surprise to the guest of honor. The time was spent in games and a jolly time by the young people and in honor of the event Miss Frances was presented with a number of handsome gifts. Dainty refreshments were served at an appropriate hour.

SCOUTS VIEW INDUSTRIES

Saturday afternoon the Boy Scouts took the opportunity of visiting various industries over the city as well as inspecting the postoffice and its workings. The places visited were the Burlington Shops and Telephone offices and in the afternoon a hike out to the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co. sub station.

MRS. BACH POORLY

Mrs. Bach, Sr., who makes her home with her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bach, was taken with a very severe attack on Sunday morning that made the condition of the patient very serious for a time and caused a great deal of apprehension to the members of the family circle. Mrs. Bach is in her eighties and at her age the attack was most serious but the patient has rallied very nicely from the first effects of the trouble and this morning was reported to be resting as easily as possible and showing signs of rallying that have given the family a great deal of encouragement that the patient might soon be able to be over the effects of the illness.

Highway to the New Bridge Near-ing Completion

Small Section of Granite Street Viaduct and Graveling Yet to Complete on Road.

The highway leading to the Missouri river bridge, which will no doubt be later designated as "Livingston Road," is being completed and it is hoped that the present week will see the highway all ready for the graveling that will be the final touches to the fine sweeping driveway that gives this section a real scenic route to and from the bridge and a most alluring view to the traveler that passes this way.

This road is one that winds over the great bluff on the west side of the river and brings the traveler to the bridge approach where a great view for many miles up and down the Missouri is afforded, making it one of the most beautiful views that can be found east of the great Rocky mountains.

The grading and filling that was necessary for the completion of the approach to the Granite street viaduct from Third street, is now all in and the Burlington expects to soon get the piling in for the west end of the viaduct and have this part of the highway, the last piece of construction work, in and ready for service.

The graveling of the road will be the last detail and will then make the highway ready to be accepted by the city, county and state and all ready for service.

SWIMMING LESSONS GIVEN

The board of education of the Plattsmouth city schools have arranged that the local high school students may have the use of the swimming pool at the Bellevue college in the future and each Friday will be Plattsmouth day at the pool, if there is sufficient interest taken in the matter by the students. The swimming instructions and training are a part of the physical education program of the schools and has been attracting much attention as there were some forty out Friday for the training.

The board pays the expense of the use of the swimming pool and the students are expected to find the means of transportation to the pool at Bellevue college, eight miles north of this city.

BURIED AT LINCOLN

Waldo J. B. Porter, 34, passed away at the Lincoln General hospital in Lincoln, Thursday morning at 8 o'clock, following an illness of three weeks. Death was due to peritonitis. He is survived by his wife, Jean Kearns Porter, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Porter of Crawford, a brother and a sister. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Castle Roper and Matthews chapel, with burial in Wyuka. For the past several months, Mr. and Mrs. Porter had made their home in Plattsmouth. Mr. Porter was brought to Lincoln a week ago Friday to undergo an operation from which he did not rally. Mrs. Porter is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kearns of this city.

CHANGE IN MAILS

Owing to the fact that northbound train No. 107 on the Missouri Pacific will be earlier in reaching this city the time for closing the mail at the local postoffice will be 6:15 p. m. instead of 7 p. m. as at the present time. The patrons are urged by Postmaster Holmes to mail as early in the day as possible.

Junior Church Holds Annual Banquet Sunday

Parlors of St. Paul's Church Filled With a Very Large Gathering of the Membership.

From Monday's Daily—Last evening at 6:30 the St. Paul's Evangelical Junior church held their Fourth Annual banquet. The decorations were blue and white.

The menu was as follows: California Cocktail Potatoes au Gratin Tenderloin Asparagus Tips Spring Salad Date Roll Parker House Rolls Coffee Nuts and Mints

The serving and preparing of the banquet was in charge of Mesdames August Engelke, J. E. Meisinger, Katherine Nolting, Mary Henrich, George Kaffenberger, Charles Herren, William Puls, J. M. Kaffenberger.

After the good things of the banquet had been disposed of the thirty-eight members present enjoyed a series of toasts from members of the Junior church.

Frank Schackneis, Jr., treasurer of the Junior church, presided over the banquet as toastmaster, and in his clever way called upon the speakers. The topic being "The Tree." Part One: "The Tree in Summer." A Root, Miss Frances Henrich; B. Trunk, Miss Margaret Albert; C. Bark, Mrs. Mike Kaffenberger; D. Branches, Miss Clara Wickham; E. Leaves, Miss Amelia Martens.

Part Two: "The Tree in Winter." Rev. O. G. Wichmann.

At the conclusion of the speeches all members joined in the singing of the Junior church song "Take My Love and Let It Be."

Then came the election of officers for the coming year. The following were elected: President—Miss Frances Henrich. Vice President—Miss Clara Wickham. Secretary—Donald Born. Treasurer—Miss Sophia Kraeser. Chairman of all Committees—Miss Eva Wichmann. Organist—Miss Lovisa Albert.

FUNERAL OF CHILD HELD

The funeral services of little Doris Arelene Freel were held on Saturday at the Sattler funeral home and attended by a very large number of the friends and neighbors who shared with the bereaved relatives the sorrow that the passing of this little one had brought to the family circle.

The pastor of the First Methodist church, Rev. Harold E. Sorter, gave to the bereaved ones the message of hope that the teachings of the christian faith gives at the hour separation at the door of death and hold the promise of another brighter day when the sorrows of the earth shall give way to the happiness of the hereafter.

Mrs. E. B. Shellenbarger sang two of the old songs, "Asleep in Jesus" and "That Sweet Story of Ours" during the service.

The body was borne to Oak Hill cemetery where it was laid to rest last long rest.

Doris Arelene was born May 9, 1928, and passed away on February 6, 1930, after a short illness and a sudden taking away of the little one was a terrible blow to the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Freel, and the grandparents and other relatives.

ENJOY ROUND TABLE

From Tuesday's Daily—The weekly luncheon of the Plattsmouth Rotary club was featured today by a round table in which the members of the club offered suggestions as to the movements in which the Rotary could be the most effective as well as the community enterprises and interests in which the spirit of Rotary would be a force for upbuilding.

The Rotary quartet gave a very pleasing musical number, "The Bell of St. Mary's" one of the most beautiful and effective quartet numbers that has been offered in the musical world.

Boy Scouts in Fine Court of Honor Service

Feature of Boy Scout Week Enjoyed by a Large Number at High School Last Night

From Tuesday's Daily—The members of the Plattsmouth troops of the Boy Scouts last evening held their court of honor at the high school gym and which was attended by practically every member of the two troops, the city, as well as the scoutmasters and the executive committee of the Scouts.

The beautiful ceremony was in charge of six boys from each of the troops under the direction of Scoutmasters Roy Perkins and Ray Larson and made a most attractive scene as the candles that marked the Scout laws were lit by the boys of the troops.

In this ceremony the heads of the scout movement, J. F. Reider and Carl Cunningham as well as the members of the executive committee, E. H. Westcott and T. H. Fallock, Henry Chas. McMane, Donald Wurga, Arthur Wurga, Carl Hula, John Rishel.

Promoted to 2nd class—Ordel Hennings, Lawrence Rhoades, Greth Garnett, Robert Rummel. Promoted to 1st class—Robert Dector.

HELPS GUARD GOLD

Monte A. Streight, former resident of this city, who at the present time is making his home at Portland, Oregon, has had one of the big experiences that comes into the lives of the express messengers when they are sent out on the road to guard and protect valuable consignments of merchandise and money.

Mr. Streight, who is a veteran express messenger, was one of those sent from Oakland to Vancouver, British Columbia, where they received the cargo of \$18,000,000 in gold that was sent from China and Japan to the San Francisco mint to be made into gold coin.

The shipment consisted of Japanese gold bars packed 25,000 to a case and which will be made into American gold coin at a very strong profit to the Japanese bankers who shipped the coin to this country. The trip was one that was made under the utmost precautions to protect the gold both on the ocean trip and on being transferred from the British port to San Francisco. It is needless to say that the express messengers felt a real relief when the gold was taken from them and transported from the train to the mint with hundreds of guards protecting the shipment.

HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

W. R. Holly, past commander of the Legion post of this city and the promotion manager of the local post, was honored Sunday at a most charming dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Brown. The decorations were in keeping with the Valentine season and the event enjoyed by a small group of friends of the guest of honor. After the dainty repast was completed Mr. Holly was presented with a gift that will be long treasured and will be found most useful to the recipient in the future.

SUFFERS INFECTED FOOT

From Tuesday's Daily—Miss Vestetta Robertson, one of the popular members of the junior class of the high school, is suffering from the effects of an infected foot that has been giving her a great deal of annoyance and which has since Saturday kept her confined to her home. It was first thought that there was a sprain of the ankle but the member growing more painful, medical aid was called and it was found that an infection existed that required lancing and which has proven very painful.

Platters to Attend Peru Tournament

March 7th and 8th Set as Dates for Southeast Basketball Classic; Meeting Saturday

Tentative arrangements were made at a called meeting of officials held at Peru Saturday morning for the regional basketball tournament to take place at Peru, March 7 and 8. Superintendent J. A. Jimmerson, Auburn, chairman of the executive committee, called the meeting of the officials who made the preliminary arrangements subject to change if it is deemed wise to do so.

District tournaments will be held February 28 and March 1 at Stella, Dawson and Syracuse for the accommodation of those schools that have fewer than 100 enrolled in the high school. If seven or more are entered in the district play, the winner and runner-up will be eligible to compete in the regional meet at Peru.

The winner and runner-up of the Peru tournament will be the only teams from the southeastern part of the state to enter the state tourney to be held the following week.

Plans call for the direct admission to the regional meet for these schools: Nebraska City, Auburn, Falls City, Louisville, Papillion, Peru, Plattsmouth, Sterling and Humboldt.

The participating teams probably will not know in advance whom they will meet in play, as drawings for the pairings will not take place until late, in conformance with the state athletic association recommendations.

Two referees will be selected to officiate the games and officials of all the schools who are to play in the tournament will be asked to submit to J. A. Jimmerson at once the names of two or more suitable officials, and from the submitted list two will be selected by the executive committee.

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ORGANIZE CAMPFIRE

A group of Camp Fire girls met at the Elks hall Saturday, Feb. 7, for their first regular meeting. At this meeting they selected the name "Onchiota" for their group, and the following officers were elected: President—Wave Smith. Vice President—Wilda Johnson. Secretary—Shirley Covert. Treasurer—Betsy Rhoades.

Reporter—Almee Jane Thomas. The girls have started working for their national Camp Fire dues. Mrs. R. Foster Patterson is guardian of this group.

County Court is Busy with Jury Trials

Judge Duxbury Serves as Referee in Several Suits of Civil Matters Before Jury

From Tuesday's Daily—These are strenuous days in the county court as for the past two days Judge A. H. Duxbury has been enjoying the novelty in his court of having two jury trials staged and the demand for the jury has kept Constable Tom Svoboda busy in rounding up prospective talesmen who have had some difficulty in explaining to the court the need for their presence elsewhere.

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HOLD A PLEASANT MEETING

From Wednesday's Daily—The Women's Home Missionary society of the Methodist church held a very pleasant meeting last evening at the home of Mrs. Emma Pease and with a very pleasing number of the ladies being in attendance.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. R. E. Bailey, the president, while the devotional section was in charge of Mrs. R. B. Hayes.

A very pleasing part of the program was the enigmas which were given by Mrs. V. E. Handley.

The program was that of "The Emigrant," with Mrs. V. L. Hellich in charge of the program and a very interesting time was enjoyed in the various glimpses of the life and impressions of the new arrival in this nation from the old world.

The discussion took up the work at Ellis and Angel Isles and at the Boston receiving stations. As a feature of this program Miss Helen Virginia Pease gave a very clever reading, "I Am the Emigrant," this talented young lady being attired in an old world costume.

The society also voted to have a Washington supper on Friday evening, February 21st, this to be held at the First Methodist church.

At the close of the evening Mrs. Pease served very dainty refreshments.

EXCITEMENT AT ELMWOOD

From Wednesday's Daily—Last evening Constable Tom Svoboda was called out to Elmwood where there was more or less excitement created over the fact that three of the residents there had been involved in a whisky party. The men had been gathered in by the village marshal, William Long, and were in the jail to await the coming of the county officers.

On the arrival of the constable at Elmwood it was found that the two men in jail were Ralph Lynn and "Cy" Leagh and that the whisky had been found in a restaurant owned by a man named Boylston, there being a half gallon of the spirits which evidently was potent, judging from the condition of the men when they were brought here. The third of the trio was left at Elmwood on the request of the authorities at that place and promised to appear and testify as to where the liquor came from and the owner thereof.

Young People Joined in Wed-lock Today

Miss Freda Born United in Marriage to Mr. Arthur Sprieck of Near Louisville

From Wednesday's Daily—This afternoon at 3:30 at the residence of Rev. H. G. McClusky occurred the marriage of Miss Freda Born and Mr. Arthur Sprieck, both well known young people of this portion of Cass county and whose marriage will be learned of with the greatest of pleasure by a very large circle of friends.

The young people were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Will Bartek, of Omaha, the latter a sister of the bride.

The marriage lines were read by the Rev. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church and the impressive ring service was used in the joining of the hearts and lives of this estimable couple.

The bride wore a very attractive gown of pink georgette, the picture hat, slippers and hose being in the soft shades of pink, while Mrs. Bartek, matron of honor, wore a modish frock of poplin georgette. Both the groom and best man were attired in the dark blue suits.

Following the wedding the bridal party returned to the home of the bride's parents, eight miles north-west of this city where they are to make their home for the present at let, and Mr. Sprieck handles a part of the large farm which is so extensive as to make it hard for Mr. Born to attend to it alone.

Both of the contracting parties are natives of Cass county, the bride being the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Born and has grown to womanhood on the farm north-west of this city and in her pleasant personality she has made a very large circle of warm friends in this community. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sprieck of near Louisville, one of the prominent families of that locality. He is a young man of the highest standing in the community and one who has the respect and confidence of everyone in the community.

The host of friends among whom the Journal is numbered, join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Sprieck many years of happy wedded life and the most abundant success.

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HAVE A FINE SIGN

The Black & White grocery has a very fine sign that was installed the first of the week over their part of the Soenichsen building. The sign is an I. C. A. production, the Black & White being the local store of this allied grocery company.

Just a few of the Cass county maps left. While they last, 50c each.

Phone your news to the Journal