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## Music Department of Schools Very Active

### Glee Clubs and Orchestra of the Schools Prove Very Popular Feature With Students

The music department of the city schools, particularly that of the high school, has proven a very popular feature of the school activities and a large number have enrolled in the various groups that embrace this department.

The musical activities of the schools are under the supervision of Miss Cora Williams with B. E. Woodward assisting in the work of the orchestra of the high school.

The boys' glee club comprises some twenty-one of the members of the school they being: Tower Livingston, David Robinson, Robert Hall, Louis Knoflicek, Aulton Rolland, tenors; George Adam, Marvin Tritsch, Stuart Porter, George Lepert, second tenors; James Begley, Richard Spangler, Francis Libershal, James Nowack, Gresh Garnett, Francis Yelick, baritone; Gilbert Hinz, George Stoll, Robert Warren, Harold Seay, James Dew, Donald Bushnell, bass. The accompanist of the club is Robert Bestor.

The girls' glee club which meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 o'clock is composed of the following: First Soprano—Jean Hayes, Margaret Shellenbarger, Lucille Albert, Josephine Janda, Mary Lois Wiles, Dorothy Farmer, Catherine Terryberry, Emily Lorenz, Agnes Brink.

Contralto—Maxine Cloidt, Germaine Mason, Constance Ren, Margaret Nelson, Madge Garnett, Nadine Cloidt, Margaret Taylor, Irene Simons.

Second Soprano—Mary Ellen Byers, Virginia Galloway, Helen Price, Doris Peterson, Anna May Sandin, Amy Elliott, Dorothy McCarty, Mary Ann Rosencrans, Ann Margaret McCarty, Lois Bestor, Helen Schultz, Eleanor Swatek.

The high school orchestra which is one of the very popular musical groups of the school has a large and talented enrollment and has proven a most interesting feature of the school life, the following being the membership of this organization: Cornet—Marvin Tritsch, James Comstock.

Clarinet—Otto Stodola, Gwendylen Hansen.

Baritone—Stuart Porter.

Bass—Horn—Ed Howard.

Drums—Kenneth Armstrong, Cecil Comstock.

First Violin—George Adam, Willis Cole, Josephine Janda, Alice Hiatt.

Second Violin—Wallace Terryberry, Lois Bestor, Margaret Bergman, Dean Stanek.

Piano—Margaret Nelson, Vestetta Robertson.

## SEARCH FOR BANK BANDITS

Following the robbery of the Lincoln National bank shortly before noon Wednesday, officers in the territory within a hundred miles of Lincoln were on the alert for possible traces of the robbers and parties traveling on the highways were given the "once over" to check up on their activities.

In this city both the police and county officers were out to land the robbers if possible and watches were maintained at the bridges over the Platte and Missouri rivers.

Two strangers who had called at one of the local banks to get two one dollar bills changed for a two dollar bill, an unusual proceeding, were checked up by the officers but there was nothing on them or in their baggage that would identify them as the Lincoln robbers and they were later released.

## FUNERAL OF ROBERT JORDAN

The funeral services of Robert Jordan were held at 12:30 today at the Sattler funeral home at Fourth and Vine street and very largely attended by the old time friends and associates who have shared with the family the deep sorrow that his passing has occasioned.

Rev. H. E. Sortor, pastor of the First Methodist church, returned from the church conference at Lincoln to conduct the services and spoke words of comfort and hope to the members of the bereaved family circle.

Mrs. E. G. Shellenbarger gave two of the old and loved hymns, "Abide With Me" and "Sun of My Soul."

At the conclusion of the services here the funeral party motored to Ashland, the former home of the family where the body was laid to the last long rest.

## LITTLE GIRL ILL

Dorothy Jean Turner, daughter of County Treasurer and Mrs. John E. Turner, has been quite ill for the past few days, suffering from an attack of what seems to be flu. The little patient has suffered from a high fever and general unsettled condition and which has caused more or less apprehension to the members of the family.

## COURT HOUSE CLOSES

From Friday's Daily—This afternoon the Cass county court house was closed and the officers, deputies and clerks in all departments of the county government forsook their accustomed tasks and bled themselves to the county fair at Weeping Water, enjoying the many interesting sights of the great county exposition.

The county officials were not alone however, as practically all of the business houses of the city had representatives at the fair for the day and the activities in the city were very quiet for the afternoon. This being Plattsmouth day at the fair, the residents here in large numbers gathered to assist in the big celebration of the closing of the most successful county fair.

## Henry Guthmann Retires from Banking

### Prominent in Banking Circles—Ill Health Forces Retirement from Bank at Murdock.

A most important change in the business life of Murdock took place Wednesday of this week when the interests of Henry Guthmann and wife in the Bank of Murdock were taken over by Mr. Frank Martin of Omaha. Mr. Martin is the wealthy Omaha business man who for so many years used to be in the mercantile business at Murdock under the name of Martin & Tool.

The bank will be officered in the future by the following gentlemen: Mr. Frank Martin, president; Mr. Carl D. Ganz of Alvo, vice president, and our old friend Henry A. Tool, cashier; with Miss Mary Isabell Tool as the efficient assistant and bookkeeper. It is the intention of having one of the Tool sons (Kenneth, perhaps) come in a little later to be assistant cashier, when he can sever his relations with his present work with the state banking department.

It was some seven years ago that Mr. Guthmann suffered a double mastoid, brought about by the grippe. This operation left him in ill health which he has been unable to overcome; he has tried specialists everywhere in an endeavor to regain his health, but their verdict is that he must seek change of occupation and climate and with this end in view he has disposed of his banking interests and will go west, his immediate destination being Boise, Idaho.

It is needless to say that this community will greatly miss this estimable family, and they can be assured that they leave with the best wishes of all.

## PLATTERS HAVE WORKOUT

The Plattsmouth high school football squad motored over to Pacific Junction Wednesday afternoon to engage the team of that place in a practice game, giving both teams the advantage of a little pre-season experience before they open their regular schedule.

The blue and white squad is not only the largest in years but is also one of the best that has been seen on the local field and bids fair to make a real record for themselves in the coming season of play.

The veterans of the team showed their skill against the Iowa players and their speed and skill allowed them an easy victory in the practice tryout, altho the Pacific Junction team is one of the best that this school has had for several years and the contest was no walkover for the blue and white.

The reserve forces of the local team were given an opportunity of working out by Coach Fred Rothert and the youngsters showed up well, Ronne, Frady and Forbes being particularly effective in their work. The veterans of the team showed well, Wiles, feet back, racing thru the Iowa team for several touchdowns while the line work of the team was the best in several seasons, the two tackles, Stoll and Hinz, and conference, were especially effective in their work of stopping the opponents plays. Henry Donat served as the center for the regulars in the game.

The first game of the blue and white schedule will be on Friday, September 26th at Wahoo.

## WON TRIP TO ST. LOUIS

From Thursday's Daily—K. P. Pence, of this city, the Cass county representative of the Bankers Life Insurance Co., of Des Moines, Iowa, left this morning for Lincoln, to join a group of middle west agents on a trip to St. Louis for a meeting and conference, having been awarded the trip for writing a prescribed amount of insurance. All expenses of the trip are borne by the company and the agents will be given an enjoyable two days outing in the Missouri metropolis as well as opportunity to learn more about their work, during the conferences.

Mr. Pence expects to return home Sunday.

## Cass County Fair Proves a Great Success

### Thursday Sees Very Large Crowd to Enjoy the Most Successful Fair Held So Far

From Friday's Daily—The exhibits at the Cass county fair this year is the best that has ever been collected since the beginning of the fair at Weeping Water. On Thursday, which was an ideal day for the gathering, there was a goodly crowd of citizens of Cass county present. All enjoyed the occasion very much and sociability was the feature of the occasion.

The candidates were in evidence for both parties and their representatives present and with the invitation to "vote for me" which was cheerily passed about, and received with a good natured promise to do what I can for you. An address was made by Hon. John H. Morehead, and which was well received, then followed Attorney Joe A. Capwell, who made a straight out address, calling things their right names and which was well received. Attorney D. O. Dwyer also spoke briefly.

## Agricultural Hall

In this department there were 124 entries of fruits alone, while other entries were as follows: Yellow corn, 28; white corn, 20; red corn, 1; pop corn, 5; oats, 9; wheat, 4; barley, 2; vine products, 109; root products, 98; stalk entries, which consisted of corn, 11; Kaffir corn, 2.

The exhibits in this department, considering the extreme hot and dry weather, were wonderful, especially the exhibit of corn. Of course good stuff was selected for exhibit, but this is always the case, for when one selects anything to place on exhibition, they select the best. This department was under I. N. Hunter and Troy L. Davis.

Under the supervision of Will Kitzel of Alvo, the hog department presented a wonderful display. Hampshires were in evidence and many pens of this breed presented hogs which showed all the way from Grand Champion to fifth, and over every pen could be seen the ribbons fluttering. Then came Chester Whites, of which there were about a half dozen exhibits and all excellent stuff. Duroc Jerseys were exhibited by some six different breeders and all were fine, they all so having many ribbons, for the many hogs which were there. Norman Gake-meier of west of Louisville was the only one to exhibit the old line of sturdy Berkshires, and he has two which entitled him to ribbons getting that he won first and second. The Spotted Poland Chinas attracted much attention and were winners as well of many ribbons.

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## AN OLD RESIDENT

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Mr. Staats arrived in Plattsmouth on September 16, 1877, crossing over on the transfer boat from the railroad landing on the Iowa side of the Missouri river. He has since with the exception of some three years when he first came to this state when he lived at DeWitt and Lincoln and Weeping Water. When he first arrived at Weeping Water he recalled that he enjoyed a banquet given by R. W. Hyers on the occasion of Mr. Hyers being elected for his first term as sheriff. The Staats family moved from Weeping Water to this city in 1880 and have since made their home here continuously. In his residence here Mr. Staats has largely been engaged in service in the post office of the city, serving as dispatcher in the office for some nineteen years and later served as deputy postmaster for three years until he was retired on a pension for his faithful service to the government. Since the installation of the city scales he has filled the position of weighmaster.

## Harry Knabe Wins Many

Harry Knabe, who has a large number of Hampshire hogs on exhibit was the winner on them of five grand champions, sixteen first prizes in the various combinations and six second prizes, making on all the prizes which his stock won, twenty-seven.

## Vernie Pullen Wins Often

Vernie Pullen of near Murray was the winner as a boy only, fourteen ribbons, they being 3 firsts, 4 seconds, 2 fourths and one fifth. Vernie is a breeder and lover of the Spotted Poland China hogs and sure knows how to raise and care for them as was evidenced by his winnings.

## Makes Hit on Duroc Jerseys

John Schaffer who is not quite ten years old and the first year in the pig club, had the following winnings to his credit. John is the son of Philip Schaffer and for a young lad, knows a lot about hogs, and pins his faith to the wonderful Duroc Reds. His winnings are: First on junior boar, first on junior gilt, first on litter, first on get of sire, first on produce of Junior Champion on both boar and gilt, in all he was winner of nine firsts and 2 Junior champions.

John also took third prize on poultry, and first on best pumpkin.

## That Honey Exhibit

One of the very finest of the exhibits in any kind or class was that of the honey which was exhibited by Charles and James Warga of south of Plattsmouth. They had an electric light which alternated turned on and showing the goodness of the best and attracting much admiration for the purity of their goods.

## Will Hold Convention of County Sunday Schools

### Cass County Association of Council of Christian Education Meets at Louisville Oct. 6th.

The annual convention of the Cass County Association of the Nebraska Council of Christian Education, will be held on Monday, October 6th, at the Methodist church at Louisville, is the announcement made by the committee in charge.

At the convention a very interesting program has been prepared and the new officers of the association will be named, the nominating committee to select the names to be presented to the convention being W. T. Adams, Plattsmouth, D. E. Franz, Union and Elmer Sundstrom, Louisville.

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## High School Students Hold Fine Program

### Very Interesting Offering Is Given at Close of Football and Platter Drives.

From Friday's Daily—As a climax to the annual football and Platter ticket drive being staged at the high school this week, an all school convocation program was held this morning. The arrangement of the program was under the direction of the senior class with Paul Iverson, president and Miss Bieghly, sponsor. The program was very enthusiastically received by the student body and sets a high standard for the future programs of the year. It also demonstrated again that there is a wealth of talent in the student body for school programs.

President Paul Iverson introduced Gertrude Valley who acted as master of ceremonies in a pleasing and clever manner which added much to the presentation of the talent. The new Plattsmouth high school band was introduced as the first number. This is a new organization in high school, organized this year with B. E. Woodward as director. The band presented three numbers, "Strong Arm March," a waltz "Azure Skies," and a stirring march, "The Hosts of Freedom." The student body generously applauded this new organization and know that it will add much to the pep at football and basketball games. Mr. Woodward has directed the orchestra for the past few years but this year will devote his full time to the band with Miss Williams having charge of the orchestra.

The Boys Glee club which sings today at the county fair was heard in two numbers, the popular "Bells of St. Mary's" and "The Open Road." The talent shown thus far, the Boys Glee club should be a splendid organization this year.

The third feature of the program was a highly amusing clever skit presented by James Begley and Jean Hayes. These popular young people entertained the audience with a scene from a park bench in any large park.

Miss Williams, new music supervisor was heard by the students for the first time in two beautiful solo numbers, "In the Garden of My Heart" and "Little Boy Blue." Miss Williams' voice certainly made a hit with the high school students.

To add another touch of humor to the hour, Gertrude Valley, master of ceremonies, and James Graves, freshman comedian, amused the audience with a rapid fire exchange of words wherein James endeavored to get a story across the footlights.

As a splendid conclusion to a wonderful program, Margaret Shellenbarger, to whom the student body never tires of hearing, sang two numbers and was called back for a third. She sang "You Brought a New Kind of Love to Me," "When the Sun Calls the Lark," and "Ro-Ro-Rollin' Along." Miss Baird accompanied.

The convocation programs will be under the direction of the student council and a complete calendar for the year will be forthcoming in the near future. Announcements of these programs is always made in advance and the friends and patrons of Plattsmouth high school are cordially invited to attend.

## C. D. OF A. HOLD MEETING

From Friday's Daily—Last evening the members of the Catholic Daughters of America were most delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. John L. Hadraba on Rock street, a pleasing number of the members being in attendance.

The hostesses, Mrs. Hadraba, Mrs. W. T. Distell, Mrs. W. H. Woolcott and Miss Eleanor Hiber, had arranged a pleasing diversion for the evening in cards, pinocle and bridge being arranged as the entertaining features. In the pinocle games Miss Margaret Bergmann was the prize winner and at bridge, Mrs. Frank M. Bestor.

The ladies also enjoyed a short business session, discussing plans for the work of the St. John's parochial school as well as for the play that the ladies are to present the last week in September.

At a suitable hour dainty and delicious refreshments were served that added much to the enjoyment of all of the members of the party.

The guests of the occasion were Mrs. John Kubicka, Miss Ann Neitzel of Boise, Idaho, and Miss Margaret Bergmann.

## SPONSORS CHOSEN

From Friday's Daily—The Sophomore class on Wednesday chose Mr. Kvasnicka as their Sponsor and on yesterday, the Freshman class, largest group in the high school, elected Mr. Reeder as Sponsor. Both of these men have taken an active part in the extra curricular program of the school and are eminently qualified to work with these two classes. In addition to the class, Mr. Kvasnicka has the Platter and Debate squad and Mr. Reeder the Boy Scout work.

## ON WAY TO WEST COAST

Jay D. Rising, vice president of the Chase National Bank of New York City, one of the largest financial houses in the world, with Mrs. Rising, are here for a visit at the home of Mrs. Rising's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Livingston, south of here, to California, making the trip in their new Nash roadster, remaining on the west coast until May or June, as Mr. Rising has many business affairs to look after for his bank at several of the west coast cities. This is the second trip that Mr. Rising has made across the continent for his bank. While here Mr. Rising will also look over his land interests here, he being the owner of the large tract of land near Cedar Creek known as the "Dovey section."

## Suggests Way to Check Crime Waves in State

### Attorney A. L. Tidd of This City Writes on Effective Way of Stopping Crime Breeding

Attorney A. L. Tidd of this city is offering a suggestion on the best manner of checking the crime waves in the country by the effective means of disrupting the harboring places for the criminals. In a letter to the Lincoln Journal Mr. Tidd has the following: "Plattsmouth, Nebraska, September 19, 1930.

"Editor Journal: "Lincoln, Nebraska.

I have just been reading suggestions of the Bankers Committee, on dealing with the bank robbery situation. The suggestions to my mind are fundamentally wrong. There is only one way to successfully do away with the crime situation, and that is to pursue the same principles that were pursued in the elimination of yellow fever in the Panama Canal Zone. Destroy the "crime nests" in the metropolitan cities. If the breeding places of crime were wiped out then crime waves will disappear, and bank robberies will cease.

If the Nebraska Bankers Association and the proposed patrons will demand that the Metropolitan press of Omaha and Lincoln turn the press batteries on the underworld of Omaha and Lincoln the breeding places and hiding places for crime will rapidly disappear.

The Chicago press is half heartedly making such a crusade. If the crusade were nation wide and carried on in real earnest it would not take long to clean the underworld out. It can only be done by the Metropolitan press leading the crusade. The question is will it be done? If not, why not?

"A. L. TIDD."

## SELECT STAFF OF PLATTER

The first issue of "The Platter," local high school paper, for the 1930-31 season, will be issued the first week in October, school authorities are announcing, the members of the staff now getting their organization perfected for the work.

This year the staff comprises the following: Carroll Sutton, editor; Richard Spangler, business manager; Ed Wehrlein, assistant business manager; Vestetta Robertson and Patricia Ferrie, associate editors; Robert Harvick, athletics; George Stoll, jokes; Constance Res, alumni; Kenneth Trively, circulation manager; Josephine Janda, Charles Menendahl, typists. The different classes are represented by George Lepert, senior; Catherine Terryberry, juniors; Emily Lorenz, sophomores; Lois Bestor, freshmen.

The faculty advisor of the staff will be Gerald Kvasnicka, head of the history department.

The Platter has been in operation for the past seven years and the first issue this year will commemorate the eighth milestone of the school paper. It has been a very valuable part of the school activities and has left the students that have passed through the school a very fine printed record of the progress of events there.

## PLATTSMOUTH BOYS GIVEN DISTURBING PEACE FINES

Four Plattsmouth youths, Alexander Campbell and Leroy, Harold and Everett Elliott, paid fines of from \$10 to \$25 each in South Side police court Thursday for being drunk and disturbing the peace. They were arrested at Twenty-fifth and O streets, Wednesday night.

Harold Elliott, who tried to get away when police officers approached, was fined \$25. Leroy and Everett each drew \$10 fines, and Campbell forfeited a \$15 appearance bond.—World-Herald.

## Suit Filed in Court Here Over Mexican Mine

### Bavianora Mine and Property Owned By Local Men Covered in Suit Against A. S. Will

From Saturday's Daily—This morning an action was filed in the office of the clerk of the district court in which George O. Dovey, trustee for the First National bank, Carl S. Foster, receiver of the First National bank, Charles C. Parmelee, Fred G. Egenberger, Frank E. Schlatter and A. G. Cole are the plaintiffs and Asgil S. Will is the defendant. The case is a petition in conversion and covers a property bought by Mr. Parmelee, Mr. Egenberger, Mr. Schlatter and Mr. Will, in the state of Sonora, Mexico, many years ago.

It is alleged in the petition that the plaintiffs in the action secured a judgment in the United States district court for the Southern district of California in which the court held that Parmelee, Schlatter and Egenberger were the owners, each of one fourth interest in the Bavianora properties in the state of Sonora, Mexico, that the court held that the defendant Will was trustee of the property, holding the legal title of the mine and other property in such office of trustee. It is further alleged that the property in question was placed with the First National bank as security and that G. O. Dovey, cashier was trustee for the same and that now such interest is held by the receiver of the First National bank. The interest of Frank E. Schlatter is now held by A. G. Cole of Denver, Colorado.

It is claimed that sometime in 1929 or 1930, the defendant, A. S. Will sold the properties in question to W. Harrison Jones and others of Los Angeles, failing to notify the plaintiffs or to make any accounting of the same.

It is asked that the plaintiffs be given judgment against the defendant Will in the sum of \$120,000 as their share in the property which they claim was sold and in which they have not shared.

The property in question is located in the state of Sonora, and is largely composed of a gold and silver mine and which was operated by the local parties for some time.

The mine in question was purchased in 1908 by the Plattsmouth firm of John T. Evans and Emil Sturzenegger, then residents of South Bend, the plant in Mexico being operated by the local people for some two years and later was leased. The outbreak of the Madero revolution in 1910 caused the starting of a long period of uncertain and dangerous conditions and prevented the mine from being operated in the long series of revolutions and counter revolutions that followed the Madero regime. In the enactment of the land laws of Mexico the ownership of lands and properties of foreigners was made unlawful unless they had held the land over a number of years and in order to hold the possession to the land, Mr. Will was granted citizenship papers in the republic of Mexico and the title to the land vested in him.

HERE FROM CALIFORNIA

From Thursday's Daily—This morning E. Sturzenegger of Los Angeles, California, long time merchant, visited in the city company with Joe Knecht, who has had the management of the business at South Bend formerly conducted by Mr. Sturzenegger.

The gentlemen have just returned from a trip to Canada where Mr. Sturzenegger has land interests in Alberta and also visited a number of the interesting places in that section of the country.

Mr. Knecht visited a short time at Los Angeles and in company with his old friend, Mr. Sturzenegger, made the boat trip from Los Angeles to Vancouver, British Columbia and thence by train back to this section.

## WILL ATTEND COLUMBIA U.

From Friday's Daily—C. A. Spacht, former teacher in the Plattsmouth high school and last year head of the Bellevue junior college, is leaving Saturday for New York City where he will enter the Columbia university to carry on his studies. Mrs. Spacht and the children are to accompany Mr. Spacht and they will spend the winter in the east. Mr. Spacht will study for his degree as master of arts and sciences. Mrs. Spacht is a daughter of George A. Kaffenberger of this city and the family have been here for some time visiting.

## HAS TONSILS REMOVED

District Judge James T. Begley, who has had more or less trouble in the last few months from an affection of the tonsils, was operated on Thursday at the hospital at Omaha. The patient came through the ordeal very nicely and it is hoped will have a permanent relief from the annoyances of the throat trouble.