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## Cass County Students at the State University

Forty-one Represent County in the Summer School Work at University of Nebraska.

Forty-one Cass county students, representing eleven different Cass county towns, are taking university work at the current summer session at the University of Nebraska. These students come from Louisville, Weeping Water, Alvo, Avoca, Eagle, Elmwood, Greenwood, Nehawka, Plattsmouth and Murdock.

Eight Weeping Water students are entered on the registration lists. Supt. Wm. L. Armstrong is taking graduate work. Irene M. Davis is a sophomore in teachers college. Kathryn Ellis is registered jointly in teachers college and the school of fine arts. Martha Jameson is a sophomore in the college of agriculture. Maude E. Baldwin is a sophomore in the college of arts and sciences. Edgar Cole is a sophomore in teachers college. Ruth Crozier is a freshman student in teachers college. Virginia Wiles, who teaches at La Junta, Colo., is also registered in teachers college.

Five Avoca students are registered. They are Hazel Baier, a sophomore in the college of arts and sciences; Supt. Leonard Larson, graduate student; Birdie Mae Johnson, teachers college freshman; Fred C. Gollner, freshman in the college of business administration; and Wilene E. Fager, sophomore in the college of agriculture.

Plattsmouth has four students registered this summer. Superintendent-elect L. S. Devoe is taking graduate work. Gerald A. Kvasnicka is registered in the graduate college. Elmer E. Johnson is a senior in teachers college. R. Foster Patterson is taking graduate work toward an advanced degree.

Five Nehawka students are earning college credits at the summer session. Vilas P. Sheldon is registered as a junior in the college of arts and sciences. Ruth Evelyn Chapman is taking work in the school of nursing at Omaha. Supt. E. C. Stimbirt is engaged in graduate study. Jessie E. Livingston is a senior in the college of agriculture. Lenna McReynolds is a junior in teachers college.

Four students represent Eagle at the session. They are Wm. J. Bitter, who is taking graduate work; Supt. J. H. Adee, who is registered in graduate work; Myrtle Robertson, a freshman in teachers college; and Richard Kildee, a third graduate student from Eagle.

Murdock has five students registered for university work this summer. They include Mary McHugh, who is attending the school of nursing at Omaha; Ruth Ann Kuehn, freshman in teachers college; Lela Iva McCrory, who is at the school of nursing; Marybelle Kuehn, who is taking freshman teachers work; and Evelyn L. Kuehn who is likewise taking freshman work in teachers college.

Greenwood has three students in attendance. They are Verna Bates, freshman in teachers college; Dorothy Bell, sophomore in teachers college; and Supt. H. D. Hughes, who is taking graduate work.

Two students attending from Alvo include Lucille Christenson, senior in college of agriculture and Alma Althouse, junior in teachers college. Esther Hartman, of Louisville, is a teachers college sophomore. Lois M. Keffer, of Mynard, is a teachers college junior. Lois E. Lean, of Elmwood, is a junior in teachers college. Lydia Todd, of Murray, is a junior in teachers college. Louis A. Bragg, of Elmwood, is a junior in the college of business administration.

## SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

Fritz A. Fricke, who is at the Methodist hospital at Omaha recovering from the recent operation he underwent, is doing very nicely, the reports from there state. Mr. Fricke has shown very favorable reaction to the operation and it is hoped that he will soon be on the highway to complete recovery.

Journal Want-Ads get results!

## SUFFERS PAINFUL INJURY

Carl Ofe, one of the members of the Plattsmouth Merchants baseball team, suffered a painful injury Sunday while practicing preliminary to the game with Murray. The team was engaged in fielding practice and a thrown ball that Mr. Ofe failed to see, caught him on the forehead and inflicted a nasty gash that required the services of a physician to close. Mr. Ofe was brought on back to this city after having been knocked out by the force of the blow for a short time, and his injuries were dressed by Dr. O. C. Hudson.

## W. C. T. U. Ladies Discuss Conventions

Many of the Members Give Views on Platforms of Political Parties Recently Adopted.

The W. C. T. U. met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. H. Duxbury on Pearl street and with a pleasing number of the members in attendance at the gathering.

The devotions of the afternoon were led by Mrs. Charles Troop, the president of the local union, she selecting the 146th Psalm.

The ladies had a very interesting review of the national conventions of both the democratic and republican parties, particularly as regarded the planks of the platform relative to prohibition, these representing the viewpoint of many of the well known leaders of the nation. Those who took part in the review were Mrs. Howard Davis, Mrs. S. A. Wiles, Mrs. W. L. Propst, Mrs. A. H. Duxbury, Mrs. Charles Troop and Mrs. V. T. Arn.

After the review by the ladies named above the general discussion of the parties and platforms was participated in by the members of the group.

At the close of the afternoon dainty and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess and which were greatly appreciated by the members of the union and their friends.

## ACTIVE IN CLUB WORK

The residents of this city, especially the members of the Plattsmouth Woman's club, will be interested in learning of the activity of Mrs. Allen J. Beeson, now of Long Beach, in club work.

Mrs. Beeson served as president of the Plattsmouth club for two terms and when the family removed to California, she continued her activity in the club work. She became a member of the Ebell club, the oldest Woman's club unit in California and has attained a very responsible position in the work of this club. Mrs. Beeson has just been elected as auditor of the club, a position of much importance as the club handles between \$250,000 and \$300,000 a year in funds and the business of the club.

This club was founded many years ago by a man named Ebell, one of the early residents of the west coast, making it an active organization for the women of Long Beach and which now has several of the clubs in the different cities along the coast. The club has a building of their own and is recognized as one of the most active in the west.

The past year Mrs. Beeson served as one of the division presidents, the club being divided into divisions of fifty members each.

## SUFFERS INJURED FOOT

Mrs. Clifford Owens suffered a very painful accident Monday afternoon at the family home in this city. In her household work Mrs. Owens had gone outside the house and not seeing a large piece of glass lying on the ground, stepped on it. The glass flew up and caused a cut on the instep of the left foot, the cut severing a small vein. The injury bled very profusely and it was necessary to have the patient taken to the office of a physician where the injury was dressed and the patient able to return home. The injury will make it very inconvenient for the patient for several days, however.

## Mynard Ladies Entertain for July Bride

Miss Vivian Livingston is Guest of Honor at Miscellaneous Shower at Community Club.

The village of Mynard was again the scene of a very pleasant social event on last Wednesday afternoon, when the ladies of the Mynard Community club entertained at a miscellaneous shower in honor of one of the members, Miss Vivian Livingston. At the appointed time a large number of guests arrived and were welcomed at the door by two of the active hostesses, Mesdames Sherman Cole and Glen Wiles, and Mrs. Elbert Wiles, who took charge of the gifts also. A profusion of garden flowers were very tastefully arranged about the hall with the bright-hued yellow flowers of mid-summer predominating. The decorations consisted of yellow and white crepe paper.

As soon as the guests had all arrived, receipt cards and pencils were passed and each one wrote her favorite recipe for the bride-to-be. These were collected and placed in a recipe box and presented as a gift by Mrs. Sherman Cole and Mrs. Roy O. Cole to Miss Livingston.

A contest, "A Shirtwaist Romance" was conducted by Mrs. Raymond Cook and a prize was given to Mrs. C. E. Cook for the most correct answers.

A "Tom Thumb" wedding was the next feature of entertainment, and afforded much enjoyment to the guests as well as to the guest of honor, as it was a complete surprise to her. The cast was selected from the school in which Miss Livingston has been teaching and from the Sunday school at Mynard.

Previous to the bridal procession, little Mary Margie Richardson sang "The Wooden Soldier and the China Doll," after which the wedding march was played by Dorothy Toman. Then the ribbon bearer, Margaret Ann Valery and Dorothea Fulton unwound the streamers that formed the aisle for the bridal party. Then Richard Cole, as the minister, entered, marching most reverently, attired in a dark suit with a long-tailed coat, spectacles, high stove-pipe hat, and carrying a cane. Next came the little groom, Robert Cole, attired in a black colonial suit with white shirt and white hosiery. He was accompanied by his best man, Clayton Sack. The little flower girl, Margaret Smith, entered carrying a tiny basket from which she scattered flower petals.

The bridesmaid, little Alta Marie Phillips was beautiful in a pink costume, carrying a pink bouquet. Following her came little Eloise Pearl Cole with a rose rayon pillow bearing the ring.

The bride entered on the arm of her father, Clarke Wiles, who wore spectacles, dark coat and white trousers. The little bride, Frances Evelyn Wilson was adorable in a white lace bridal dress with a long flowing veil of net, with little Delores Smith as train bearer. The marriage lines were solemnly read and the marriage vows taken most seriously after which the bridal party were seated on small chairs, on the stage, and a vocal duet, "The Tin Soldier and the Doll from France" by Mary Margie and Jimmy Richardson was effectively rendered. At the close of the song, a messenger, Jacqueline Wetenkamp, entered the stage and announced the news of the arrival of a lovely lady who is soon to be married. In response, the bridal party requested the messenger to go and bring the lovely lady. She at once leaves the stage and immediately returns with Miss Livingston, who congratulates the tiny bridal party which then arises and marches off the stage and down the aisle to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, amidst hearty applause from the audience.

The gift table at the back of the stage was lovely with heaps of gifts and suspended over it was a large white wedding bell with yellow and white streamers extending to the corners of the table. Miss Livingston was seated and was assisted in unwrapping and displaying the gifts by the Misses Grace Livingston, Janet Valery, Winifred Rainey and Florence Wiles.

Refreshments consisted of punch and wafers, with Alice Barbara Wiles presiding at the punch bowl, assisted

by Mildred Casey, Frances Wetenkamp and Helen Gilmour.

While the committee in charge are being congratulated for their efforts in handling these social activities so successfully, they desire the public to know that it is thru the splendid cooperation of the ladies of the Community club who have so willingly contributed the necessary help to bring it about. The committee takes this means to thank everyone who helped in any way.

## Asks \$25,000 Estate Because of Contract

Plattsmouth Man's Petitions Says Family Took Care of James Japson.

John C. Peterson, Jr., Plattsmouth, filed a petition in county court at Lincoln Tuesday asking that the \$25,000 estate of James Japson, former Plattsmouth man who later lived at Havelock, be turned over to him. He claims that Japson had made a contract to turn over the estate to the Peterson family. The action is for specific performance of contract.

It is claimed by the petitioner that Japson was an eccentric man and that he was not familiar with the English language, altho he had lived in this country fifty years. He was a personal friend, it is stated, of the petitioner's father and the Petersons were his only friends and associates.

The Petersons were prevailed upon to move to Havelock after Mr. Japson moved there to work in the Burlington shops. It is claimed they moved there under a promise that if they would do so, Mr. Japson would will all of his property to them, as he had no relatives.

It is claimed he would have carried out his intention had he not suffered an injury which caused his death. It is alleged in the petition that Japson was given care during his illness by the Petersons.

## ROTARIANS HOLD MEETING

The Rotary club held a very interesting meeting Tuesday at the dining room of the Hotel Riley where they were served their regular weekly luncheon by the Brown cafe.

The meeting was under the leadership of William Baird, who had prepared a very interesting program of discussions and talks for the members of the club.

President P. T. Heineman of the local club, gave a very interesting talk of the recent conference at Columbus of the presidents and secretaries of the clubs of this district. The proceedings of the Columbus meet was followed with the greatest interest by the members of the club.

Robert Walling, the official fisherman of the club, who has been sojourning in the Wyoming mountains, told of the fishing that he had enjoyed and which drew the praise and envy of the club.

Judge James T. Begley was the speaker of the day and gave a very fine talk on "Neighborliness." The distinguished speaker pointed out the value of friendly association, the common interest that brings together the residents of the smaller communities and where this spirit is found much stronger than in the larger places of the nation.

The usual songs were enjoyed by the club with Frank Clويد as the song leader.

## ATTEND EQUALIZATION MEET

From Wednesday's Daily  
County Commissioners Fred H. Gorder of Weeping Water, E. B. Chapman of Union and George L. Farley of this city, with County Assessor W. H. Puls, were at Lincoln today. The party was in attendance at the meeting of the state board of equalization which is setting the levies for the coming year and also making the reductions in the valuation of the real estate and other property in the various counties of the state. The Cass county board of equalization made a flat reduction of 15 per cent in the real estate of the county as well as other special school reductions in high school districts.

## Largest Crowd in History at the Ak Den Show

Plattsmouth Furnishes Her Full Quota, but is "Crowded Off" the Speaking Program.

From Tuesday's Daily  
Although Plattsmouth furnished ten times as many spectators at the Ak-Sar-Ben den show in Omaha last night as any of the other towns invited, speaking time on the program was "hogged" by speakers from other points until Master of Ceremonies James Rodman informed R. Foster Patterson, who had driven here from Lincoln, where he is attending summer school in response to request to deliver a five minute speech, to "cut her short," when it came his turn to speak, and Mr. Patterson did just that. In addition he spoke out clear and distinct so that every word could be heard throughout the building and received unstinted applause at the conclusion of his 45 second appearance.

The Rev. Johnson who consumed most of the time before Mr. Patterson's "turn" hails from Missouri Valley, which didn't have a large enuf delegation present to be stood up by themselves. Plattsmouth hasn't been in the habit of sending large delegations to Ak shows in late years and may not do so again for some time to come.

The crowd last night is described in the Omaha papers as the largest in the history of Ak-Sar-Ben and estimated as around 4,500. Plattsmouth sent a hundred car caravan and a delegation estimated at upward of 350, headed by the band. Thanks are due Clarence Cotner, owner of the Plattsmouth-Omaha bus line for placing the services of his bus at disposal of the committee for transporting the band to and from Omaha.

Thanks are also due A. R. Blunt for furnishing an extra car to convey Masonic Home residents to the show, as well as to those who took one or more of these people in their cars.

The show, "A Word to the Wives," while falling short of many we have seen in the old Ak den at 20th and Lake streets, was an artistic arrangement that provided a glimpse into the future when women will rule the land and men take up domestic pursuits. The stage settings throughout were very elaborate.

At the conclusion of the last act, came the "break" for the lunch stands, and although preparations had been made for a veritable army, the supply of near beer, buttermilk and coffee soon disappeared as a result of the heavy onslaught. The hot dogs lasted the evening out, however, and there was no excuse for anyone going home without at least one hot dog.

As stated above, it will probably be some time before Plattsmouth again sends as large a delegation to an Ak show as went last night, and the committee who arranged with Mr. Patterson to come here from Lincoln with a splendid 5-minute message for the audience feel disappointed in the treatment received after Plattsmouth had furnished the bulk of the crowd from any one surrounding territory.

## RETURN FROM OUTING

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Walling and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ward Egenberger returned Sunday from their outing of the past two weeks, spent in the mountain sections of Wyoming. They enjoyed a visit at Sheridan, where Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Adams, parents of Mrs. Walling reside, as well as at Storey, where their fishing camp was located. They enjoyed very much the coolness of the mountain country and bring reports of some real fishing in the mountain streams. The party made the trip by automobile and had a very fine time both in going and returning.

## SPENDS VACATION HERE

Miss Alice Bullin, who is engaged in the offices of the Mutual Benefit & Life association is home to enjoy a two weeks vacation at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Bullin. Miss Bullin will spend the time in the rest and quiet of the home and with the many old time friends in this city.

## CHECKS JAIL BREAK

Deputy Sheriff Ray Becker, jailor, detected one of his "boarders" making an attempt at a jail delivery Saturday. The prisoner had started to try and dig out the mortar from the bricks in the wall, with the intention of making a hole in the wall large enough to permit his reaching the outside and liberty. The labor of the man was for nothing, however, as the jailor in making his inspection detected the work and the prisoner earned a stay in the steel cell of the jail building where he will find it impossible to escape.

## Second Suit Filed in Union Auto Collision

Nathan White, Defendant in First Suit Now Brings Action for \$7,800 Damages.

Following the filing of a suit for \$25,000 damages for injuries in an auto accident, by Charles Pike of Union, against Claude Lane and Nathan White, a second action has been filed in the district court.

The suit is one filed by Nathan White against Claude Lane, in which he asks for personal damages and damage to his Pontiac coach in the sum of \$7,800.

In the petition of the plaintiff, filed by his attorney, W. A. Robertson, it is set forth that the wreck occurred on May 29, 1932 on highway No. 75 east of Union. It is alleged in the petition that the defendant, Lane, was operating his Chevrolet coach in a neglectful manner, that the brakes on the car were ineffective and that the defendant failed to take proper notice of the traffic on No. 75 when he drove into that highway from highway No. 24.

The first suit arising out of the accident was filed against White by Mr. Pike, a passenger in the car of Mr. Lane, who was also made a defendant in the action.

## GIVES ADDRESS ON CHINA

The congregation of the First Methodist church had the pleasure Sunday morning of hearing an address on China, given by R. Q. Brown, of Omaha, a well known traveler and layman of the church. The speaker discussed the history of China, the present condition of the nation and its future. The speaker has traveled extensively in the Chinese republic and gained a great insight into the nation and its people. He predicted a great future for the nation and its position as a great factor in the world powers in the next fifty years. The address was followed with much interest by the audience and gave them a fine understanding of the little known nation of China.

## DIES FROM INJURIES

From Wednesday's Daily  
Dominick Venditte, 22, of 1818 Martha street, Omaha, who was injured on July 13th at the sand pits north of this city while swimming, died Monday evening at the St. Joseph hospital at Omaha.

Venditte suffered a broken vertebrae of the neck when he dove into shallow water at the edge of the sand pit and was taken to the Fort Crook hospital and later to the St. Joseph hospital for treatment.

The funeral services were held today at Omaha for the unfortunate young man.

This makes the third fatality of the season at the pits where several hundred gather each day and evening to swim.

## RECEIVE SAD NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Tidball motored to Omaha this morning where they are to meet the funeral party of Miss Harriett Reed, a niece of Mr. Tidball. The death of Miss Reed occurred Tuesday at Rochester, Minnesota, the body now being enroute to Boulder, Colorado, for interment. Miss Reed was a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Lucius Reed of Boulder, the latter being a sister of Mr. Tidball. The Tidball family spent some time with the relatives at Omaha before the departure for Colorado.

## Death of Mrs. Harriett S. MacMurphy

Veteran Newspaper Woman and One Time Resident of Plattsmouth Dies at Los Angeles.

From Wednesday's Daily  
Mrs. Harriett Sherrill MacMurphy, 83, long time Nebraska newspaper woman and a resident of Plattsmouth in the seventies and eighties, died Sunday at Los Angeles, where she had been making her home with a sister, Miss Mary P. Dakin.

Following the cremation and funeral services at Los Angeles, the interment will be at the Oak Hill cemetery in Plattsmouth.

Mrs. MacMurphy is survived by one other sister, Mrs. Helen Liddell of Los Angeles, and one brother, Talbot D. Dakin of Omaha.

The husband of the deceased lady, John A. MacMurphy, came to Plattsmouth at an early day and established the Nebraska Herald, being assisted in the editorial work of the paper by the wife. Later they engaged in newspaper work at Blair, Schuyler, Wahoo, South Omaha, Geneva and Beatrice.

## A Pure Food Leader.

For more than 50 years Mrs. MacMurphy had been a newspaperwoman in Nebraska and for many years, beginning in the early nineties, she was an authority on household economics with The World-Herald. Later she served for a period as special writer with the Omaha Daily News, returning to The World-Herald at the height of the pure food agitation.

To Mrs. MacMurphy was given a large amount of credit for the enactment by congress of the national pure food law. Following its passage she served under four Nebraska governors as state pure food inspector.

## Trailed Covered Wagon.

Mrs. MacMurphy came to Nebraska territory in 1863 with her family, driving a single buggy behind the covered wagon. They came from Waukesha, Wis., to Floyd, Ia., where they spent the winter and settled at Decatur, Neb., on the edge of the Omaha reservation. Here Harriett became acquainted with the Fontenelles and other Indian families. The Indians called her "Little Sister."

She was an intimate friend of the half-breed wife of Henry Fontanelle, brother of Logan Fontanelle, "last chief of the tabe Omahas." Later she wrote a book, "The Story of the Fontenelles."

At Macy she was a teacher. In her classes were the children of Major Furnas, Indian agent of the Omaha reservation and later governor of Nebraska. Later she was a pupil at Brownell Hall for two years. She would have been the first girl to be graduated, but finances forced her to leave without her diploma.

## Organized Woman's Club.

For many years she wrote of women's club activities for The World-Herald, retiring on a pension in 1925.

She was active in formation of the Omaha Woman's club and became a charter member and first head of the domestic science department. She was a member of the Episcopal church, W. C. T. U. and the Y. W. C. A. She was the first president of the Women's Press club of Omaha and at the time of her death was its honorary president. She belonged to the Political Equality league and was made a member of the Nebraska Writers' guild, and belonged to the Academy of Sciences and the Nebraska Pioneers' association.

In Holt county she established a homestead of 480 acres. She fenced the land and helped to build her own claim shanty.

For some years before leaving for Los Angeles she occupied a cottage, Ti Zhing, which she had built of paving stones on Bellevue boulevard. In her yard she would point with pride to the oldest oak of Fontenelle forest.

Joseph Davis of Des Moines, who has been here visiting with his mother, Mrs. Lydia M. Davis, a member of the staff at the Nebraska Masonic Home, returned to Des Moines last evening.

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