

# The Plattsmouth Journal.

VOL. NO. XLIX

PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA, THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 1933.

NO. 21

## Awards Made in Essay Contest in the Schools

Many Fine Papers Received and Judges Find Task One of Difficulty in Awarding.

The following are the winners in the essay contest sponsored by the Retail Section of the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce:

Class 1, including pupils in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades:  
 First Prize—James Webb, of St. John's school.  
 Second Prize—Bobby Jo Libershal, of St. John's school.  
 Third Prize—James Sandin, of St. John's school.  
 Honorable mention—Mildred Knocheck, of St. John's school.  
 Class 2, including grades 7 and 8:  
 First Prize—Patty Cloidt, of Plattsmouth Junior High school.  
 Second Prize—Norma Curtis, of Plattsmouth Junior High school.  
 Third Prize—Marjorie Tidball, of Plattsmouth Junior High school.  
 Class 3, consisting of the pupils in the 9th and 10th grades:  
 First Prize—Wave Smith, grade 9, of Plattsmouth high school.  
 Second Prize—Alberta Timmas, grade 9 of Plattsmouth high school.  
 Third Prize—Grace Welch, grade 10 of Plattsmouth high school.  
 Class 4, consisting of upper class pupils:  
 First Prize—Cecil Comstock, of Plattsmouth high school.  
 Second Prize—Virginia Samek of Plattsmouth high school.  
 Third Prize—Edgar Seitz, of Plattsmouth high school.

This morning C. C. Wescott, chairman of the committee, visited the schools and made the awards to the lucky ones.  
 The greatest interest was taken in the contest and in which all of the schools of the city participated. The number of essays turned in to the committee was large and the decision as to the best was one that the judges had the greatest difficulty in determining.  
 The Journal expects later to publish several of the essays of not only the prize winners but others.

### HAS BROKEN JAW

Early Sunday morning Sheriff Homer Sylvester and Officer David Pickrel were called to the north part of the city where there was reported to be a stormy ending of a house party. The officers found on arrival at the home of the Higgins family that Clyde Taylor, one of the participants of the party was badly beaten up and suffering from a broken jaw. It was alleged that the broken jaw was occasioned when Taylor was struck during the battle. The injured man was brought to the office of Dr. O. C. Hudson for temporary treatment and was then hurried on into Omaha to be placed in the University hospital.

Pending the return of Taylor, there has been no complaint filed against Higgins, who it is claimed, was the one that struck Taylor.

### TO LOCATE AT McLEAN

Mrs. Charles McGuire, long time resident of this city, is leaving this week for McLean, Nebraska, where she will make her home with her daughter, Mrs. William Becker and family. Mrs. McGuire has not been in the best of health and with the death of Mr. McGuire a few weeks ago, she has decided that she will make her home at McLean, where also two of the sons, Charles and Con are also living. The many old friends will regret to see Mrs. McGuire leave the city where she has made her home for so many years.

### VISIT HERE WITH AUNT

Mrs. Merritt Kerr of Houston, Texas, and Mrs. Edna Evans, of Lincoln, are here visiting with their aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Streight, who has been quite sick for the past several days. Mrs. Evans has been here for some time nursing the aunt. Mrs. Streight is past her ninetieth year and the illness has proven a severe strain on her strength.

### NOW RECOVERING NICELY

Gerald Ketelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ketelson, who was critically ill for several weeks from pneumonia, is now doing nicely and on Saturday was brought down town for the first time since his illness. The little lad is now starting to gain after the long ordeal of his sickness and it is hoped that he may soon be back in his former health and be able to resume his school work.

## Young Men Stage a Battle on Sixth Street

Archie Recek Charged in Complaint Today with Disturbing the Peace by Fighting.

From Monday's Daily  
 This morning the court of Judge Charles L. Graves was crowded by a much interested group of young men who had gathered to hear the details of a fistie battle staged late Saturday night on South Sixth street.  
 The complaint was made against Archie Recek, who was charged with disturbing the peace by fighting with Arthur Weiss, residing northwest of this city. The testimony as to the dispute that it was claimed preceded the battle, was conflicting, as the defendant, Recek and Robert Sedlak, a companion, claimed that Weiss had been the one to start the trouble and this was denied by Weiss. The testimony of Leo Boynton, manager of the Eagles dance hall where the parties had been prior to the fight was that Recek had invited Weiss down onto Sixth street. Dr. L. S. Puechik was called and testified that he had treated Weiss late Saturday night and taken ten stitches in five wounds on his face, deep cuts that might have been made by a ring or other objects.

After hearing the evidence in the case Judge Graves held the defendant Recek guilty and assessed a fine of \$10 and costs against him for the offense of disturbing the peace.  
 The amount of the fine and costs was settled and the defendant released from the custody of the police.  
 Shortly before the noon hour today, complaint was filed by County Attorney W. G. Kieck, against Archie Recek, on the complaint of Arthur Weiss, charging Recek with assault and battery and with intent to commit great bodily harm.

THE AMOUNT OF THE FINE AND COSTS WAS SETTLED AND THE DEFENDANT RELEASED FROM THE CUSTODY OF THE POLICE.

### FUNERAL OF MRS. RICKETTS

The funeral services of Mrs. Charles Ricketts was held Sunday afternoon at the Sattler funeral home where a group of the relatives and close friends had gathered to pay their last tributes of respect and esteem to her memory. The services were in charge of Rev. C. O. Troy, pastor of the First Methodist church, who gave words of comfort to the bereaved family.

During the services Frank A. Cloidt gave two of the old hymns requested by the members of the family, "Jesus Savior Pilot Me" and "God Be with You 'Till We Meet Again." The accompaniment was played by Mrs. O. C. Hudson.

Following the services at the Sattler funeral home the body was borne to the Oak Hill cemetery where it was laid to the last long rest.

### HERE FOR VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Born are having the pleasure this week of a visit from their grandson, Mervin Frederick Bartek, of Omaha, who will enjoy the Easter vacation here with the relatives. The young man is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bartek and is taking advantage of the fact that the Omaha schools are taking a rest from their activities and which permits his being with the grandparents and other friends for a few days.

### PICK UP WANTED MAN

Sheriff Homer Sylvester Saturday afternoon motored out to the vicinity of Murray where he placed Vern Williams, a farm hand, under arrest for the sheriff of Burt county. The man is wanted in Burt county on a charge of store robbing and was turned over to Sheriff Pitts Sunday and taken on back to Blair to face the charges.

## Plattsmouth Ladies to Attend D. A. R. Congress

Mrs. E. H. Wescott, Past State Regent and Miss Vesta Robertson to Attend Meeting.

Mrs. E. H. Wescott, past state regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Nebraska, with Miss Vesta Robertson, departed Monday afternoon for Washington, D. C., where they will attend the sessions of the Continental congress of the national chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.  
 Mrs. Wescott is one of the representatives of the state at the meeting while Miss Robertson is to be one of the four pages of the Nebraska chapter at the national meeting. Another of the pages will be Mrs. Perry H. Murdick, Jr., of Elizabeth, New Jersey, formerly Miss Helen Wescott of this city.

Mrs. Wescott and Miss Robertson are taking the southern route through St. Louis, Southern Indiana and Ohio, to Kentucky, Virginia and to Washington. On their return they are planning to meet at New York City and then will take the more northern route through Pennsylvania, Cleveland and Chicago, stopping in the latter city for a visit.

With the close of the congress which meets April 17th to 21st, the ladies are planning several side trips, Mrs. Wescott going to Elizabeth to visit at the home of her daughter, while Miss Robertson will spend a short time at Luray and Roanoke, Virginia, with relatives.

### INSTALLED AS VICE-PRESIDENT

Paul Iverson of Plattsmouth, was recently installed as vice-president of the Hastings College Y. M. C. A. for the coming year. He has been particularly active in gospel team work, and has served as devotional chairman for the past year. He will also act as program chairman for 1933-34.

The other new officers installed were Jake Beck of Ong, president; Myron Youngblood of Hastings, secretary; Ralph Hamilton of Minden, treasurer; Charles Compton of LaSalle, Colo., gospel team chairman; Ted Bosserman of Superior, social chairman.

Wayne Van Kirk of Elgin was chosen labor chairman; Francis Ingersoll of Tecumseh, membership chairman; Vaughn Herrin and Jay Logan, both of Hastings, music chairman; L. B. Alexander of Superior, publicity chairman; Troy Organ of Edgar, Christian World Endeavor chairman, and Paul Figg of Hastings, devotional chairman.

### PRESENT FINE PROGRAM

From Tuesday's Daily  
 Last evening Miss Cora Williams, vocalist and pianist, with Anton Bajceck, xylophone, furnished a delightful program of music to the shut-ins at the Nebraska Masonic Home infirmary. The program was one that featured the old songs of many years ago, the standard classic numbers and a few of the later day popular selections. The program occupied an hour and a half and was one that pleased all of the members of the audience. Mr. Bajceck who gave a large part of the program, dedicated the numbers to the various residents of the Home. Miss Williams was heard in two vocal selections as well as serving as the accompanist of the program.

### ENJOY DINNER PARTY

The home of Mr. and Mrs. William Wetenkamp near Mynard was the scene of a very pleasant dinner party on Sunday, a fine feast arranged for the occasion and which was followed by the pleasant social time and visiting for the afternoon. Those who enjoyed the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Kiser, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Leonard, Mr and Mrs. W. S. Wetenkamp, Beulah and Junior Kiser, Whipple, Shirley, Donald and Robert Leonard, Everett Ellis of Council Bluffs, Frances and Mary Katherine Wetenkamp, William Wetenkamp and Noble Kiser were unable to be present with the members of their families.

### RESUMES RIVER WORK

From Tuesday's Daily  
 William Kriskey, Jr., who has been here for the past two weeks during a shut down of improvement work on the Missouri river, yesterday received a message calling him to Kansas City, Missouri, to resume his work. Mr. Kriskey has been engaged as an engineer on one of the boats used in the work at Jefferson City and will now take up his work at Kansas City.

## Pageant at the Methodist Church Very Impressive

Beautifully Presented Story of "His Last Days," A Holy Week Observance.

From Monday's Daily  
 A large audience filled the Methodist church last evening to witness the presentation of the pageant, "His Last Days," covering the story of the passion, death and resurrection of the Savior.

The pageant was impressively and reverently given and followed with the most profound interest as the various scenes of the pageant was revealed in the course of the evening.

The scenes that were presented were given on the platform at the east of the church and where the special lighting effects made a most beautiful setting of the story of the Lord's last days.

The portraiture of the program were: "The Transfiguration," "The Last Supper," "Gethsemane," "The Betrayal," "Up Calvary's Hill," "The Crucifixion," "The Tomb," "The Commission," "The Ascension."

The pageant musical settings were by E. H. Wescott at the organ and the vocal presentation by Don C. York, whose fine voice made it a very beautiful religious offering.

The close of the pageant found the audience leaving the church quietly and reverently and with a message of the Holy week that they will long retain.

### FARM HOME DESTROYED

From Tuesday's Daily  
 This morning at 1 o'clock the members of the Joseph Safarik family, residing on a farm west of Mynard, had a narrow escape when the farm home was destroyed by flames. The family were sleeping soundly when some of the household were aroused and it was with a great difficulty that all of the family escaped from the house. The flames were spreading fast and in a few moments the large house was a roaring furnace. The residence is that so many years occupied by the A. S. Will family, former owners of the farm and was one of the landmarks in that section of Cass county. The house and all its contents was destroyed and the family barely able to escape with part of their clothing from the raging fire.

### RECEIVES AWARD

Scholastic honors have been rather commonplace with George F. Swatek, Plattsmouth young man and student at the Nebraska university college of engineering, as he has won recognition on many occasions for his fine work in the line that he has chosen as his life's calling. Mr. Swatek, who is a senior at the university has just been awarded the O. J. Fee Award of the college of engineering, this being announced in the Monday award of scholarship honors of the university. Mr. Swatek is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Swatek of this city.

### HONORED FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Lincoln, Nebr., (Special of the Journal)—Midge Helen Garnett of Plattsmouth, first year student in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Nebraska, was among those honored for scholarship in the upper ten percent of their classes at the annual honors convocation held here Monday morning.

Phone the news to No. 6.

## County Officers' Fees More Than Pay All Salaries

Report of How General Funds Receipts Are Handled Given by Taxpayers' League.

It will be of interest to every taxpayer in Cass county and in the city of Plattsmouth to know from whence came the funds which were expended by the county commissioners, and how these funds were expended.

Sometime ago Mr. A. L. Tidd, president of the Taxpayers' League appointed a committee to check the county finances and report to the League, the committee consisting of H. A. Schneider, William Baird and L. O. Minor. The committee procured a complete set of the published report of the commissioners' proceedings and placed these in the hands of the president of the Taxpayers' League of the city of Plattsmouth and a complete check has been made from the report of the county treasurer and from the published report of the proceedings of the county commissioners, and below is given the report which was made at the Taxpayers' League meeting last evening in the public library. Below is given a summary of the moneys received and expended by the county commissioners in the year 1932.

The summary given here of the source of the funds is taken from the county treasurer's published report for the year 1932.  
 General fund January 1st to December 31st, 1932.

Balance Jan. 1, 1932.....	\$ 11,288.21
From taxes—Jan 1 to June 30, 1932.....	51,788.92
From taxes—July 1 to Dec. 31, 1932.....	44,684.67
Miscellaneous—Jan 1, to June 30, 1932.....	24,337.63
Miscellaneous—July 1 to Dec. 31, 1932.....	11,645.89
Fees in Treasurer's office, Jan. 1 to June 30, '32.....	6,609.22
Fees in Treasurer's office, July 1 to Dec. 31, '32.....	5,030.36
Total General Fund.....	\$155,384.00

The balance shown in the general fund on January 1, 1933 was the sum of \$29,731.82, deducting this balance from the total funds shown above will show the amount of money that was expended by the county commissioners for general governmental purposes in Cass county in the year 1932, in the sum of \$125,652.18. Of this sum there was collected in taxes on the property of the people of Cass county the sum of \$96,473.55. The items listed above as "miscellaneous" and "Fees in treasurer's office" shows the fees that were collected by the several county officials and turned in to the county treasurer and amount to \$47,036.35; and there was received from the county farm the sum of \$586.75. The collections made by the several county officials show that the county officers have been self-sustaining without the payment of any taxes for the purpose of paying salaries or supplies or telephone service. The salaries of the several county officials and assistants are as given in the table below:

SALARIES IN 1932	
Assessors.....	\$ 5,242.67
Co. Attorney's office.....	1,620.00
Co. Clerk's office.....	3,605.63
Co. Judge's office.....	2,282.50
Co. Surveyor's office.....	626.20
Co. Supt's office.....	2,895.42
Co. Treasurer's office.....	4,451.97
Dist. Clerk's office.....	3,000.00
Register of Deeds's office.....	2,283.16
Sheriff's office.....	4,257.21
Co. Commissioners.....	3,570.75
Total.....	\$34,815.55

It will be observed as above stated that the fees from the several county offices collected by them and turned in to the county treasurer together with the fees collected by the county treasurer amount to \$47,036.35. The total amount paid by the county commissioners to the county officers for their salaries and the salaries of all clerks employed in the county offices, including the amount paid to all precinct assessors amounted to \$34,815.55. There was paid out for general supplies to the county offices the sum of \$9,945.75. There was paid for telephones \$1,141.00, and janitor's salary \$1,127.00, making a total of \$47,029.80; or leaving a balance out of the fees collected the sum of \$6.55.

The other items of expenditure

### FROM THE GENERAL FUND ARE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

SPECIFIC EXPENDITURES	
Mothers Pensions.....	\$ 4,494.11
Provisions for poor.....	15,785.41
Provisions for Co. Farm.....	1,916.71
Salary County Farm.....	1,500.00
County physicians.....	1,175.25
Total.....	\$24,869.48

SUMMARY (Disbursed from Gen. Fund)	
Salaries, Supplies and Telephone.....	\$ 47,029.80
For care of poor.....	24,869.48
Other larger items.....	17,349.43
Miscellaneous.....	26,403.47
Total.....	\$125,652.18

The last item above marked "miscellaneous" \$26,403.47 consists of a vast number of smaller items which cannot be grouped and classified. The above does not deal with either the road fund or the bridge fund. These will be discussed in a separate report, as they were presented to the Taxpayers' League in a separate report.

If the taxpayers took more interest in the work of the Taxpayers' League they would learn the details of where their money goes that is paid out in taxes. Every taxpayer ought to be interested, and every taxpayer ought to attend the meetings of the Taxpayers' League, for its function is gathering the information and bringing it concisely to the taxpayers so they may know what is being done and where curtailing of expenses might be made without injuring the efficiency of a government.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

The American Legion post of Plattsmouth will have an Easter egg hunt for all the children in the city of Plattsmouth and all the children in the Plattsmouth trade territory. It is the intention of the American Legion Auxiliary to color over 1,000 eggs which will be hid in some convenient spot in the city.  
 All the children living either in Plattsmouth or in the Plattsmouth trade territory who are interested in this project are asked to assemble at the court house lawn at 2 o'clock Saturday. It is absolutely necessary that they be at the court house lawn at this hour in order to take part.

Each child will be limited to two eggs. This is in order to allow each child to find at least one egg.

In addition to this there will be races for every child on the athletic field immediately after the egg hunt. There will be races for all ages. The winners will receive a prize in Easter eggs.

Fred Herbster is committee chairman for this project. He will be assisted by Jim Farnham, Dr. Taylor, L. S. Devore and Commander Olson.

### URGES FORESTATION

The Journal is now preparing and will, at an early date, publish a supplement of the current number of the paper, giving an accurate and exhaustive account of forestry, past and present, in Cass and Otoe counties.

It will be shown with illustrations, what the pioneers of this section found on their advent into the country what nature had provided for them in the way of trees and other foliage.

It is perfectly safe to assert that both Cass and Otoe were better and more plentifully endowed with valuable timber than any section of the territory. Oak, black walnut and hickory grew in abundance in the eastern portion of both counties, many of them of enormous size and in splendid physical condition.

The Journal's aim in this publicity will be to show the Franklin D. Roosevelt \$250,000,000 reforestation project what this part of Nebraska possesses as a field for both reforestation and forestation, and to gain the national interest which it is so justly entitled to in this respect.

This supplement is being prepared by J. P. Sweezy, a former newspaper man of Omaha.

## Mynard Players Again Score Bit Hit with Playlet

"The Country School" for the Second Time Fills Community Building to Its Capacity.

From Wednesday's Daily  
 "The Country School," entertainment feature that was made famous among thousands of radio fans by Earl May of KMA, has served as the basis of the sketch that was prepared by Raymond Cook of this city and presented by the members of the Mynard community club.

This sketch was first given at the community building at Mynard on March 31st to a packed house and again last evening the building was filled with a delighted audience to enjoy the fun and entertainment of the clever and well presented feature.

The cast faithfully and carefully presented the various characters that the KMA entertainers have made so familiar and their work was such as to reflect the greatest credit on all of the group. Mr. May was impersonated by Raymond Cook, who in appearance and cleverness was the real Earl to the life.

So great was the attendance that many who had come to enjoy the event were forced to return disappointed in not hearing the clever entertainment.

The members of the cast that gave the sketch were Ray Born, Townner Livingston, Vivian Hill, Lawrence Leonard, Katherine Wiles, Charles Bernard, Jennie Cole, Noble Kiser, Richard Livingston, Richard Spangler, Mrs. Olga Wiles and Mr. Cook.

So popular has this feature proven that many have urged Mr. Cook and his company to produce the "school" in this city where a larger auditorium might be available, as the two performances already given have proven that it is a real treat in the entertainment field.

### SENIOR CLASS PLAY

The Senior class of Plattsmouth high school will present its annual class play on Tuesday night, May 9. During the past several weeks a committee of the class has been reading a large number of late plays and last week they selected a splendid comedy entitled, "Believe It Or Not." This play is a strictly high-class production, which will give the unusual talent of the Senior class an opportunity to stage a play in keeping with past successes of Senior plays in Plattsmouth. The cast will be directed by Mr. Jack Figley, assisted by Mr. Harold Jordan, the class sponsor, and a large committee of other class members who will have charge of stage properties and arrangements.

The cast is as follows:  
 Plumber..... Greth Garnett  
 Maid..... La Verna Rhoden  
 Follis..... Marvin Tritsch  
 Jackson..... George Adam  
 Harriett..... Emily Lorenz  
 Nancy..... Gertrude Vallery  
 Uncle Silas..... William Wetenkamp  
 Inspector..... Virginia Samek  
 Bridget O'Hara..... Alice Jeffreys  
 Mrs. Pottle..... Pauline Hoschar  
 Gladys..... Mata Schackneis  
 Jane..... Nadine Cloidt  
 Detective..... Stuart Porter  
 Process Server..... Robert Hirz

### SURPRISED ON BIRTHDAY

Mrs. William Schneider of Cedar Creek was given a very pleasant surprise on Sunday when a party of some forty-two of the relatives and friends gathered to assist her in the observance of her birthday anniversary. The members of the party enjoyed a fine dinner as a feature of the day and the time was then spent in visiting and a general good time among all of the happy group. Those who were present to attend the event were: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schneider and sons, Donald and Leo, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Scheff, all of Ithaca, Nebraska; Mr. and Mrs. William Stivers, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stivers, Glenwood, Iowa; Mrs. Rachel Noyes, Louisville; Mr. and Mrs. John F. Wolf, Plattsmouth; Mrs. Henry Mckenhaupt, Sterling; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baumgart, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Schneider and family, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Schneider of Cedar Creek.