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## Baccalaureate Services Held Sunday Night

Presbyterian Church Filled With Interested Auditors for the Services for Students.

The baccalaureate services for the class of 1933 of the Plattsmouth high school were held last evening at the First Presbyterian church which for the occasion was filled to its capacity with the members of the class and the members of the congregations of the several churches that joined in the union service.

The services were participated in by the ministers of the various churches, the class sermon this year being given by the Rev. O. G. Wichmann, pastor of the St. Paul's Evangelical church, whose choir also had the musical program of the evening.

The processional was played by Mrs. H. F. Goos, organist of the church, to the strains of the march the members of the senior class entering and taking their seats at the front of the auditorium.

The church was beautifully arranged with the floral beauty of the early summer flowers and which made a charming setting for the impressive service.

The invocation was offered by Canon W. J. H. Petter of the St. Luke's Episcopal church, the scripture by Rev. C. O. Troy of the First Methodist church and the prayer by Rev. H. G. McClusky of the First Presbyterian church.

The choir of the St. Paul's church under the direction of Miss Margaret Engelkemier, gave the anthem, "Let Us Sing Unto the Lord."

The address of the evening was ably presented by Rev. Wichmann, carrying with it an inspiration to the young men and women of the class in their future life and the need of the sustaining of the physical with the spiritual value of life, that they might attain real success.

Miss Engelkemier was heard in a beautiful solo number, "Lead Me All the Way," given in her usual brilliant manner that has made her one of the best known vocalists in the city.

The benediction was offered by Rev. O. G. Chastain, pastor of the First Christian church and at whose close the seniors marched from the scene of the impressive service.

## CELEBRATE SCHOOL CLOSING

The close of the school year in the Lewiston district was observed on Sunday by a delightful picnic and outing by the pupils and the patrons of the school. The event was held at the school and over 100 were in attendance to enjoy the fine program that had been arranged by the teacher, Miss Louise Rummel and the children of the school.

One of the colorful features of the picnic was the circus parade staged by the school children and which was cleverly given with all of the pomp of the old time circus parade.

The rural school chorus was also heard in several well given selections and which was much enjoyed by the large number present.

The men of the party staged a baseball game that was hotly contested and gave much entertainment for the players and the spectators as well.

Miss Rummel, who has taught this school for the past three years, was presented with a beautiful gift, the token of the pupils of the school and the patrons as well. This gift expressed the high appreciation in which Miss Rummel is held in the community where she has so ably directed the education of the young people.

## CLOSES SCHOOL YEAR

From Tuesday's Daily  
Mrs. George B. Mann, who has for the past term been engaged in teaching in the high school at Clearwater, Nebraska, arrived home last evening to enjoy the summer here with her family. Mrs. Mann has served as principal and teacher of mathematics during her three year service in the Clearwater school. She has a wide reputation for her work in mathematics and has been more than usually successful in her work in the school here as well as at Clearwater.

## ENJOYING VISIT HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Koch, of Madison, Wisconsin, are enjoying a visit here with the parents of Mrs. Koch, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Tidball, Mrs. Koch being formerly Miss Mary Jane Tidball, former teacher in the local high school.

Mr. Koch is connected with the University of Wisconsin where he has been engaged in research work in the entomology and pathology departments of the university. He departed Saturday for a short visit with his parents at Seward, Nebraska, returning later in the week for the visit here over the remainder of the week.

## Death of G. G. Hoffman Comes Very Suddenly

While Working at Home Early This Morning Aged Man Suddenly Stricken and Dies.

From Tuesday's Daily  
This morning at an early hour G. G. Hoffman, 76, one of the highly esteemed and long time resident of this community, died suddenly at the family home on Pershing avenue.

Mr. Hoffman had been in his usual health and this morning on arising had gone out into the yard to look after a few small tasks that he made a practice of doing each day. Suddenly he was stricken with a heart attack and died in a few seconds.

He was born March 12, 1857 at Sohlund on der Spree, Saxony, Germany. He was baptized, confirmed and married in the home church in Germany.

He learned the cabinet making trade in Germany and came to this country in 1882 and settled in Plattsmouth and here he found connection with the Burlington railroad and worked as foreman at his trade for 40 years at which time illness compelled him to retire.

He was married to Ernestine Lade who survives him, and to which happy union four children were born, two dying in infancy and two survive, Mrs. J. Frank Dalton of Los Angeles and Mrs. C. E. Haney of Hollywood, Calif.

He lived at his home in South Park for 43 years, which he built shortly after arriving here.

He was one of the few living charter members of St. Paul's Evangelical church of this city. For several years he served as secretary and he helped design the church in 1897. The altar, the arch above it and the pulpit he made with his own hands.

Mr. Hoffman was highly esteemed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him and to the old time friends and associates his death will bring a sincere regret and sorrow. In their bereavement the family will have the fullest measure of sympathy of the many old time friends and neighbors.

## ANNOUNCE LOCAL WINNERS

The local winners in the recent olympic bridge contests, have been announced by the committee checking the hands of those who participated in this world wide card contest. The local winners in the games held here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Richey, are Mr. and Mrs. Glen Woodbury, east and west, Mrs. C. E. Hartford and Mrs. E. A. Wurl, north and south. It will be some time before the international results are announced as hands from all parts of the world must be checked for scores and as to how the hands were played.

## DELIVERS ADDRESSES

From Tuesday's Daily  
Monday afternoon R. Foster Patterson, principal of the local high school, in company with Frank A. Cloldt, departed for Pritchard, Nebraska, where Mr. Patterson was the speaker at the commencement exercises of the high school and Mr. Cloldt was heard on the program in a vocal selection.

This evening Mr. Patterson will speak at Sumnerfield, Kansas, where he has made the commencement address for the past three years. Mr. Cloldt also will be featured on the program of the evening.

## Council Restores Fund Control to Fire Department

From Tuesday's Daily  
New Ordinance Will Give Department Right to Regulate Own Fund—Reject Other Ordinances.

The city council met last evening at the city hall with all of the members except Councilman Rehal of the third ward, present, and at once the members launched into the business of the session.

Chairman Farley of the judiciary committee reported unfavorably on proposed ordinances Nos. 702, 703 and 704, recommending that the measures be not passed.

The first of the measures was that on No. 702, allowing levying of an occupation tax on insurance companies and agencies and turning the same over to the fire department fund and the fire department. The report of the committee that the ordinance be killed was defeated 5 to 4. Webb, Jasper, Tippens, Marshall and Vroman voting no and Bestor, Farley, Luschinsky and Johnson voting aye.

It was moved that the ordinance would be taken up later for the final reading.

The committee report against the other ordinances were adopted without trouble, Marshall casting the only negative vote against the report.

Chairman Webb of the claims committee reported that the land that the city had sold to J. H. McMaken near the Missouri Pacific depot had proved to be mostly street. He also discussed the new law that governs the sale of real estate by the cities, providing for the advertising of sales and the regulation by the city council.

Chairman Johnson of the streets, alleys and bridges committee reported that he had reached no conclusion with the county commissioners on the culvert in the south part of the city near the feed yards.

Chairman Jasper of the cemetery committee asked that the council grant permission to have the cemetery cleaned up and also that a twenty-four inch tube be placed at the north entrance of the new cemetery. This was ordered done under the supervision of the committee.

The finance committee of the council then presented a resolution asking for the transfer of \$135 from the general to fire hydrant rental fund and \$90 from the general to the street lighting fund to care for back bills. This was adopted unanimously.

The famous ordinance No. 702 was against brought on the scene and City Clerk Thomas proceeded to read the ordinance for the third and last time.

The ordinance was amended by Councilman Bestor that the funds raised by the occupation tax by the city should be placed in the fire department fund and under the supervision of the treasurer of the department. In the vote for the final passage of the ordinance all voted for the measure with the exception of Farley.

Councilman Luschinsky asked that the lights be placed in Garfield park for the summer season as there were large numbers gathering there at night, making a disturbance for the residents of that section. If a light was turned on many would seek a darker spot and leave the park to peace and quiet. The clerk was instructed to notify the park board to have the light turned on.

Councilman Bestor suggested as the time might be near "To Sing Sweet Adeline Again," the city council should give thought to the licensing fees for the sale of 3.2 when that beverage becomes legal in the state. There was no action taken at this time, however.

There was some discussion on the request of the city treasurer for authority to pay interest coupons from the general fund of the city where there was sufficient amounts available. It was voted that where it was possible that the coupons might be paid from the general fund and reimbursed from paying funds later. The following claims were ordered paid by the council:

Carl Egenberger, street work	\$ 21.60
George Taylor, same	23.40
Walter Byers, same	13.53
John Kubicka, same	17.55
Fred Kunemann, burying one dog	.60
John L. Tidball, material	9.90
Cloidt Lumber & Coal Co., material	11.80

## DEPART FOR FORESTS

From Tuesday's Daily  
This morning a special train of some fifteen coaches west bound over the Burlington, passed through this city. The train was filled with young men recruited for the reforestation work of the government. The train was destined for the west coast where a large part of the work is planned in Washington, Oregon and northern California.

## Guy Clements Chosen President of Bankers Group

Well Known Elmwood Banker Selected at Meeting of Group 1 of State Association.

Guy L. Clements, Elmwood, was elected president of group 1, Nebraska Bankers association, at the close of the Tuesday afternoon session of the organization at the Lincoln hotel at Lincoln. Other new officers are F. J. Patton, Blue Springs, vice president, and R. W. Heim, Dawson, secretary. Retiring president is Earl H. Wilkins, Geneva.

Judge Bayard H. Palne, speaker for the banquet, final event of the meeting, declared that "legislation passed since March 4 appears in the guise of emergency measures, but the form of the government has been actually changing. Swallow your love for the old forms, and get in tune with the times."

He commended the Roosevelt note of last week and said that it will control in advance the thought at the world economic conference. He also discussed the Glass banking bill. Introduction of his speech was an outline of economic history up to 1929, and its consequences. He gave credit to Roger Babson as being the only leading economist who actually predicted the coming predicament of business and banking.

Presiding at the banquet was Byron Dunn, president of the Lincoln Clearing House association, and Claude S. Wilson was toastmaster. Entertainment included accordion numbers by Lulu Jo Hyland, a vocal presentation by Margaret Newcomer, Betty Van Horne and Helen Betty Brehm; a dance by Dorothy Bloom and Theda Chapaton, and a tap number by the Clark twins.

## SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

Judge C. L. Graves, accompanied by his children, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Royal and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Derieg, of Lincoln, visited Omaha Sunday to spend a few hours with J. D. Graves, brother of Judge Graves. Mr. Graves, whose home is at Peru, has been at one of the Omaha hospitals for the past several weeks taking treatment for a heart attack and is now feeling much better. It is hoped that he may soon be able to return home but will have to remain inactive for a long period as his condition has been most grave.

## HERE FROM COLUMBUS

Henry F. Speck, former Plattsmouth resident, with his daughter, Miss Hazel, and son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Sullivan, were in the city Sunday to visit old friends. Mr. Speck has been located at Columbus for the past twenty-five years and engaged on the Columbus Telegram, which is owned by Congressman Edgar Howard. The family spent the time in looking up a number of the old friends and neighbors while here. Mrs. Sullivan was formerly Miss Violet Speck.

## HELPS ORDAIN PASTOR

From Tuesday's Daily  
Rev. H. G. McClusky was at Dunbar this afternoon to help license, ordain and install A. J. Cidar as pastor of the Dunbar Presbyterian church. Mr. Cidar has completed his theological course in the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary, and takes up his pastoral work at Dunbar.

## Death of Mrs. C. F. Vallery, an Old Resident

Passed Away After Long Illness—Was Born and Spent Lifetime in This Community.

From Wednesday's Daily  
Mrs. C. F. Vallery, who over a period of many months has been gravely ill from heart trouble, last evening gently sank into the last long rest at the family home on Vine street. During the long months Mrs. Vallery has had all the care and comfort that loving hands might give, but failed to rally and gradually grew worse.

Mary Catherine Snyder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Snyder, pioneer residents of Cass county, was born at the family home near Plattsmouth on December 9, 1869, growing to womanhood in this community and where she was educated. On November 19, 1899, at the U. S. parsonage, near this city she was united in marriage to C. F. Vallery. The family continued to make their home at the farm west of Plattsmouth until thirteen years ago when they moved to this city and located in the home on Vine street where they have since resided. Mrs. Vallery was a lady who was held in high esteem by all who had the pleasure of knowing her and in their bereavement the family will have the deep sympathy of the many friends.

The deceased lady is survived by the husband, three step-children, Fred Vallery, Sterling, Colorado; Mrs. Josephine Spence, Quick, Nebraska, and Max Vallery, who resides on the farm near this city; one brother and two sisters, Andrew J. Snyder of this city, Mrs. James Gilmour of Ulysses, Nebraska, and Mrs. Mattie Morrow of Burwell, Nebraska.

## ALVO WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

The Alvo high school won the Cass county baseball championship by defeating the following teams: Louisville, Elmwood, Murdock, Weeping Water and Greenwood. Much of their success has been due to the very good throwing of Dallas Fifer, a junior this year. He has been averaging about 10 strikeouts per game.

Loran Schuelke has been catching a good brand of ball. Don Shelton has been performing very well at short and Elton Keller and Howard Johnson have been fielding exceptionally well. All of these fellows together with Virgil Wood have been using the stick to good advantage also.

Friday afternoon Alvo closed a successful season with a close win over Lincoln high 10 to 9, avenging a former defeat. The score was 9 to 2 in favor of Lincoln up until the 8th inning when Alvo staged a four run rally followed by another four run rally in the ninth to bring in the winning run. Virgil Wood started the 8th inning rally and Loran Schuelke the ninth inning rally.

The first five men up in the 9th hit safely, Schuelke starting with a double and Wood followed with a triple. This was followed by three doubles with Donald Skinner bringing in the winning run.

Fifer showed his superiority over Stall of Lincoln by striking out 9 men to Stall's 3.

## VISIT LOUISVILLE CHURCH

A group of the members of the Methodist church of this city, visited Sunday at Louisville where they conducted the services at the Methodist church of that place. Rev. Robert D. Murphree, pastor of the Louisville church, had a large funeral service to conduct during the afternoon and the baccalaureate services at night, so requested the Plattsmouth men to assist by conducting the morning service.

Judge A. H. Duxbury was the speaker at the morning service and spoke on the importance of the church work and especially of the Sunday school from which the adult church is supplied by membership. Don C. York was heard in a vocal offering at the service and the accompaniment for which was played by E. H. Wescott. The Plattsmouth men enjoyed the visit with the Louisville people very much.

## PREPARING TO WIDEN ROAD

From Monday's Daily  
The county road force was busy today on the road north of this city leading from the old highway No. 75, east to the vicinity of the rifle range. The road is located between the John Rutherford and a part of the Stull land. It was desired last year to have this road closed and a new road constructed north near the Burlington tracks but this was refused by the board of commissioners, who ordered the old road to be widened and placed in good shape for travel. The work will not be extensive on the road and it will be placed in shape for travel.

## State to Save Its Lands from Farm Entry

Asks the Federal Government to Withdraw Ninety-five Acres in Hooker County.

State Land Commissioner Conklin thru State Surveyor Lawson, has sent a protest to the federal land office against listing two tracts in eastern Hooker county as open to homestead entry, alleging that the land belongs to the state of Nebraska. One tract in question contains 80.44 acres and the other 14.76 acres. The largest tract is along the east side of section 36, T. 23 No., R. 31 W., 6 p. m., and the other is a part of section 36, T. 22.

The federal office has listed these tracts as open to entry for a period of ninety days after July 26. Each tract is described as lots 1 and 2 of the two sections.

"The facts are the land belong to the state of Nebraska," said State Surveyor Lawson, having been decided to the state in 1875. The confusion is the result of the resurvey made by Surveyor Alt in 1896. Settlers were unable to find corners and Alt was employed by the government to make a survey. Instead he made an independent survey and cut off a narrow strip averaging thirty rods from one state section and a lesser amount from the other. His lines did not bound the lands of the state. Nebraska insists on recognizing only those lines and boundaries established under the original survey. That policy is supported by a number of supreme court decisions of this state. We are asking that the tracts be withdrawn from the list of public lands open to entry."

## TO ORGANIZE BALL TEAM

Plattsmouth after several years of intermediate baseball teams, has the promise of a well organized team that will fittingly represent the city and give the fans the opportunity of some real baseball.

A meeting was held last evening of ball players who comprise the Murray Red Sox of the past two seasons, as well as a number of fans and it was decided that if possible the team would be located here in the future.

It is hoped that it may be possible to secure the use of the grounds east of the Burlington depot which was used for many years as a diamond, but the past year has been pastured. The land is now under lease but it may be possible to secure this land and with a little work place it in shape for the playing this season.

If the grounds can be secured it will give them an excellent ball field but in the event that it cannot be secured the team would probably be able to use the Athletic field of the high school on Washington avenue. The players expect to meet later to organize their team and get ready for the season, it being hoped to stage a game here on next Sunday afternoon.

## IS ENJOYING VACATION

Mrs. Belle Stoner, who is now located at Glenwood, was here for the past week enjoying a part of her vacation with her son, Hillard Grassman and family and other relatives. Mrs. Stoner departed Saturday afternoon for Omaha where she will spend the remainder of her vacation with her son, Paul Grassman and family and with her daughter, Miss Laura Grassman, returning from there to her work in the Iowa city.

## Frank Vetesnek, Former Resident, Dies in Dakota

Veteran Engineer of the Burlington Passes Away at Home in Edgemont, South Dakota.

From Wednesday's Daily  
The message was received here this morning of the death last night at Edgemont, South Dakota, of Frank Vetesnek, 56, former Plattsmouth resident and a veteran engineer of the Burlington railroad.

The deceased was reared to manhood in this community where his parents resided on the farm west of this city which is now operated by the sons, John and Michael Vetesnek. In his youth he entered the services of the Burlington in their train service and since had been engaged with the company on the lines in the north-west. Thirty-five years ago he removed to Edgemont and since made his home in that city.

Mr. Vetesnek is survived by the widow and two children, Frances and Joseph, who reside with the parents at Edgemont. There are also four brothers and two sisters who mourn his death, John and Michael of this city, Joseph of Great Falls, Montana, Anton W., of Omaha, Mrs. Joseph Libershal and Mrs. Joseph Holly of this city.

The many old friends regret to learn of the death of Mr. Vetesnek and extend to the bereaved family their deepest sympathy.

## SELL MANY ROOSTERS

From Monday's Daily  
The last four days of the past week, designated as Rooster-Booster days in this city, during which time an extra fine price was paid on roosters, saw a very large number handled here. The response of the people of the country to the poultry prices was such that the amount secured almost doubled that which was at first thought would be marketed. The four days brought many from all parts of Cass county as well as adjoining communities and who were well repaid for their journey in the excellent prices.

The special days closed Saturday night when the guessing contest on the number of kernels of corn that the roosters in the various coops along the business streets would eat.

The referees in the affair were Dr. Taylor and Rex Young with D. D. Wainwright as umpire. They were assisted by John Wehrlein, E. H. Spangler, Ralph Wehrlein, Henry Born, Louis Frederick, Max Vallery, W. S. Wetenkamp, Carl Schneider and Bob Hartford. Each rooster was fed all the corn it could eat and the person guessing the nearest to the number it did eat was given a prize. A large crowd gathered around each bird and displayed a great deal of interest.

The bird on display in front of the Black & White store ate the largest number of kernels, being a total of 297. The following were the winners: Hatt's grocery, the bird ate 66 kernels and prize was won by Frances Kvapil; Knorr's Variety store, 363 kernels, won by James Kaffenberger; Warga Hardware, 342 kernels, won by Dale Dooley; Red & White, 100 kernels, won by Barbara Rhoden; Black & White 397 kernels, won by Frank Sutton; Farley Furniture store, 137 kernels, won by Louis Konfrst; Mullen's Market 261, won by Erl Price; Bates Book store 175 kernels, won by John Cloldt, Jr.; A. G. Bach, 167, won by Wayne Wells; Egenberger Grocery 41, won by Helen Smetana; Bestor & Swatek, 226, won by M. J. Stava; Hoffman Produce Co., small bird 166, won by John K. Bestor, large bird 143, won by Alph Beverage; Wescott Clothing Co., 255, won by George Adam; Wentworth Bakery, 226, won by Mrs. A. F. Seybert.

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The Journal is informed by the receiver of the First National bank, that representatives of his office will be in Plattsmouth to close the bank affairs as soon as possible. The receiver has not received the dividend checks from Washington, but as soon as they arrive the settlements will be made here at Plattsmouth.