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Select Winners in Young Citizens Contest Saturday

Thelma Ward, Duane Harmon, Weeping Water, Ruth Ann Ganz, Dale Ganz, Alvo Winners.

The contest to determine the young people to represent Cass county in the Young Citizens contest was held on Saturday at the court house, with a large number from all sections of the county in attendance.

The contestants were judged on personality, mental aptitude, tests and a physical examination to determine their health condition.

The contest was presided over by Miss Alpha C. Peterson, county superintendent as the chairman of the county.

The judges of the intelligence and personality tests were selected from the teachers of the county, being Supt. G. M. Corum, Louisville; Supt. Johnson, Murdock; Supt. Behrends, Weeping Water; Supt. Hauptmann, Alvo; Principal Mary Wilson, Avoca and Principal R. Foster Patterson, Plattsmouth.

The physical examination was made by Dr. R. P. Westover of this city.

The schools represented in the contest were Plattsmouth, Weeping Water, Union, Avoca, Louisville, Murdock, Alvo.

The decisions of the judges in the contests awarded the honors as follows:

Girls

First—Thelma Ward, Weeping Water.
Second—Ruth Ann Ganz, Alvo.
Third—Wilma Keech, Weeping Water and June Gray of Avoca, tied.

Boys

First—Duane Harmon, Weeping Water.
Second—Dale Ganz, Alvo.
Third—Carroll Nutzmans, Avoca.

The two highest in each of the classes will be eligible to attend the district contest, the state contest being sponsored by the Nebraska American Legion and the World-Herald.

The following young people took part in the contest:

Josephine Ayres, Alvo, age 16; Lucille Backemeyer, Murdock, age 16; Wayne Bornemeier, Murdock, 16; Donald Cotner, Plattsmouth, 17; Catherine Davis, Union, 16; Clifford Dean, Avoca, 15; Dale Ganz, Alvo, 14; Ruth Ann Ganz, Alvo, 13; Lois Gile, Plattsmouth, 15; June Gray, Avoca, 16; Jean Group, Louisville, 16; Norman Gakemeier, Louisville, 17; Duane Harmon, Weeping Water, 16; Carl Hula, Plattsmouth, 17; Wilma Keech, Weeping Water, 15; Val Mayfield, Louisville, 15; Donna Jean Mickle, Avoca, 14; Victor Miller, Alvo, 16; Bernard Morris, Union, 15; Alice Jackman, Louisville, 15; Ruth Neitzel, Murdock, 17; Carroll Nutzman, Avoca, 15; Max Haines, Weeping Water, 17; Daniel Ruge, Murdock 17; Wren Stites, Union 16; Thelma Ward, Weeping Water, 16; Alice Wiles, Plattsmouth, 17; Clarence Younker, Union, 19.

DISTINGUISHED MASON

Mr. Lewis E. Smith, 33, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Nebraska, is of the opinion that that state has the unique distinction of having the Senior Past Grand Master; Senior Past Grand High Priest; Senior Past Grand Commander within the United States, and the Senior Thirty-third Degree Honorary in the Southern Jurisdiction, says the Scottish Rite News. The Senior Past Grand Master, Mr. John J. Wemple who now resides in Oklahoma, was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska June, 1884, to June, 1885. Mr. Francis E. White, 33, is the other senior official as referred to and was so presented and introduced at the Knights Templar Triennial held at San Francisco, Calif.

ASKS FOR DIVORCE

An action was filed Tuesday afternoon in the office of the clerk of the district court, entitled Elmer R. Fitchorn vs. Georgia B. Fitchorn. The action is one for divorce and in his petition the plaintiff sets forth that the parties were married on July 14, 1931, at Omaha, and have since made their home in Cass county. Cruelty is the basis of the action.

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VISITING IN CITY

Clyde Crosby, of Denver arrived in the city Sunday afternoon for a short visit here with friends and with his cousin, Miss Sophia Redmond, at the Nebraska Masonic Home.

Mr. Crosby has been visiting at Knoxville, Iowa, his old home, for a short time and is now on his way home.

He is a brother of Mrs. Edith Oaks, formerly of Silver City, Iowa, well known here and with whom Mr. Crosby makes his home in the west.

Kaffenberger Family Holds a Reunion Sunday

Ideal Weather Makes Occasion One of Greatest Pleasure for the Members of Family.

Sunday, which was an ideal beautiful autumn day, the annual Kaffenberger reunion was held at the old homestead of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Kaffenberger, Sr., where their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Graham now reside.

At the noon hour dinner was served on one large, long table underneath the huge autumn trees, covered with their gorgeous colored leaves. The centerpiece was a huge bouquet of autumn flowers, and it certainly made an impression that everyone will remember for a long time.

The afternoon was spent in playing cards and games and in visiting with each other.

The committee in charge forgot nothing in the way of conveniences and entertainment for all present and everyone was very grateful to them for their work. Everyone will be looking forward again to their next meeting.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John M. Kaffenberger, Sr., Mr. John Kaffenberger, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Klitz, Mr. and Mrs. George Kaffenberger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Graham and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tschirren and family, Mr. George Kaffenberger, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. John B. Kaffenberger and family, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Kaffenberger, Jr., and family, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Kaffenberger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kaffenberger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kaffenberger and family Mrs. Margaret Kaffenberger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Melsinger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Hillficker and family, Mrs. Mabel Engelkemier and family, Miss Vernie Melsinger.

POLICE HAVE BUSY TIME

From Monday's Daily
Officers Dave Pickrell and Roy Stewart had a very busy time last evening on investigating cases of stolen and abandoned cars in several parts of the city.

A 1927 model Chrysler sedan was reported to have been stolen from near the corner of Eighth and Locust streets and which the party taking was able to make a clean getaway.

Later in the evening the police discovered a model T Ford abandoned near the Ford garage where it apparently had been left due to lack of gasoline. The car bore a Missouri license number.

Bill West left his Ford parked near the J. W. Crabill store last night and when he returned to secure the car it was found to be missing. The police were at once notified of the taking of the car and after a search it was found to have been abandoned near the Oscar Gopen residence on Washington avenue with all of the gas drained out, as well as the work clothes of Mr. West stolen.

PLAYS HORSESHOE GAME

Sunday afternoon a number of the horseshoe players of this city and a group from west of this place engaged in a tie game at the home of Otto Peterleit. The Plattsmouth team was composed of Guy Bestor, Ed W. Thimgan, John Schoemann and John Boetel, while the opposition team included John Parkening, August Simonel, August Kell, Adam Stoehr and Otto Peterleit.

Union Ladies Guests Here of Local W. C. T. U.

Splendid Program Is Presented by Local Ladies and Visitors During the Afternoon.

The Plattsmouth W. C. T. U. were hostesses Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. B. Hayes to a large group of the Union members of the W. C. T. U., the two Union participating in an exceptionally fine program and one filled with excellent talks by the ladies.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. E. H. Westcott, local president, who welcomed the visitors and which was responded to by Mrs. Ivan Balfour of Union, president of the union there.

Mrs. W. H. Porter and Mrs. R. H. Anderson had charge of the devotions and had as their reference the 24th verse of the 18th chapter of Proverbs.

The Union voted unanimously to make Mrs. Charles R. Troop, for many years the head of the local union, president emeritus of the organization as a tribute to her great services.

The program of the day was one of the high spots of the history of the local organization and the splendid address were very much enjoyed.

"The Blessedness of Belonging," Miss Nickum.

"The W. C. T. U. Must Continue in Devotion and Influence," Miss Olive Gass.

"Sacrifice and Service on the Part of Present Leaders," Union W. C. T. U.

"Well Planned, Inspiring and Helpful Meetings," Mrs. John Gordon.

"Educational Campaign," Mrs. R. B. Hayes.

Miss Mildred Hall gave a very beautiful piano number and also played for the singing of "Nebraska."

Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. R. B. Hayes, Mrs. Mary Spenser and Miss Olive Gass.

FUNERAL OF MRS. MAXON

The funeral services of Mrs. W. E. Maxon were held on Sunday afternoon from the Sattler funeral home at Fourth and Vine streets and with a large number of the old friends and neighbors being in attendance.

On Sunday, October 8th there were services held at Santa Ana, California, by Hermosa chapter No. 105 Eastern Star, Mrs. Maxon being a past worthy matron of the chapter.

The services here were conducted by Rev. C. O. Troy, pastor of the First Methodist church who gave words of comfort to the members of the bereaved family and the friends.

During the services Mrs. Hal Garnett and Mr. Frank A. Clodt were heard in a beautiful duet number, "Peace, Wonderful Peace," and Mr. Clodt in a solo number, "Face to Face."

The interment was at the Oak Hill cemetery and the pall bearers were J. H. Graves, W. A. Wells, L. W. Niel, P. F. Rihn, H. B. Perry and Clifford Randolph, who bore the body to the last resting place.

IS APPOINTED CHAIRMAN

Mrs. D. C. Morgan, who has been at Lincoln, visiting, has returned home to take part in the last weeks of the campaign. Mrs. Morgan states that she has been named by Mrs. Ketchum as committee chairman for Plattsmouth. Mrs. Morgan has announced the appointment of Miss Anna Heisel as vice-chairman for the city. Mrs. Morgan is expecting to open a headquarters for the committee and the ward workers which will handle the literature and other matters for the candidates on the democratic ticket.

HONORED AT SALT LAKE

Residents of Cass county will be interested in the honor that has been conferred on Miss Jeannette Guthmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Guthmann of Boise, Idaho, formerly of Murdock, Miss Guthmann, who is a student at college at St. Mary's-of-the-Wasatch Catholic college for girls, has been selected as the assistant editor of the college paper, "Mountain Peak." Miss Guthmann is a granddaughter of Mrs. F. R. Guthmann of this city.

C. L. Wiles Has Leg Broken by Corn Binder

In Attempting to Check Runaway Team Well Known Farmer Is Thrown from Binder.

C. L. Wiles, one of the prominent farmers of this portion of Cass county was very severely injured Monday afternoon while returning home from his work in a field. Mr. Wiles was driving three horses hitched to a corn binder and as he was driving along the highway near the Glen Wiles farm, a car came suddenly from behind and passed the horses at a high rate of speed and frightened them.

The horses, frightened by the sudden appearance of the car, started to run and Mr. Wiles was forced to exert all of his strength to try and halt them. In his effort to check the team he apparently lost his balance on the binder and fell from the machine. As he struck the roadway one of the wheels of the binder and its lugs passed over the left leg, fracturing the member.

Mr. Wiles called for help and his son, Chet, working in a nearby field came to his rescue and loaded the father into a car and brought him on to his home near this city, where Dr. Westover was called and the member set.

Mr. Wiles is still suffering a great deal from the effects of the injury and which will keep him on the inactive list for some time at least.

HOLD INVESTITURE SERVICE

From Tuesday's Daily
Last night at the high school the Boy Scout Troop No. 364 held a very impressive investiture service at which Roland Landis, Theodore Libershal, Vern Long and Keith Broman were taken in as Tenderfoot Scouts.

The ceremonies were presided over by Scoutmaster Larson and participated in by a number of Scouts. The entire American Legion Boy Scout committee was in attendance and each member was called upon to make a few remarks to the troop.

Following the Scout meeting the committee held a business session, disposing of several problems and arranging for a future program.

The present troop now has almost reached its full strength in membership, but there still remains a waiting list of some 20 boys who desire to become Scouts. There is a great need of some organization which will sponsor another Scout troop, that these boys may be given the advantage of Scouting.

OBSERVE COLUMBUS DAY

Sunday morning the members of Monsignor M. A. Shine chapter of the Knights of Columbus, received corporal communion at the St. John's church where in a body they were given the sacrament by Father George Agius, pastor of the church.

Following the communion and the mass the members of the order were entertained a breakfast at their hall where the members of the Catholic Daughters of America had arranged a delicious repast for the knights and which was much appreciated.

ASHLAND VISITORS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Russell and Miss Violet Russell of Ashland were here over the week end as guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Patton. Mr. and Miss Russell are nephew and niece of Mr. Patton. The visit was one that was enjoyed to the utmost by the members of the family circle.

Last Survivors of Survey Party Have Reunion

E. M. "Mart" Buttery of This City, Wm. Hagedorn, Hay Springs, Have Pleasant Visit.

E. M. Buttery of this city, who with Mrs. Buttery are visiting at the home of their son, Elwood Buttery, at Hay Springs, has had the pleasure of a visit with a companion on a surveying party some fifty-one years ago.

The Hay Springs News has a very interesting account of the meeting:

In 1883 Wm. "Dutch Bill," Hagedorn and E. M. "Mart" Buttery were members of a gang surveying the western boundary line of Nebraska. The other day, after fifty-one years, they met again in Hay Springs, near the scene of their endeavors when the country was young and raw.

Mr. Hagedorn has made his home near Hay Springs for many years and Mr. Buttery arrived last week to visit his son.

The magnet of chance thus drew these two old-timers together again after a half a century of living.

Fortunately the editor was present while the two old gentlemen were reminiscing.

Back in the eighties when Mr. Buttery and Mr. Hagedorn were young men together in Plattsmouth, an engineering firm headed by G. W. Fairfield, was awarded a contract to make a survey to better establish the west boundary of the state of Nebraska. After due consultation with the parents, the boys received permission to hire out to the engineering firm and make the trip west.

At that time only one railroad crossed the state, so the party disembarked at Sidney and twenty-six miles north of town began their work.

Mr. Buttery was a "chainman" and Mr. Hagedorn acted as a "moundsman" on the crew of sixteen that composed the party. At this point in the reminiscing Mr. Buttery remarked, "you can well imagine what a boy like me felt who had been rolling pills back in Plattsmouth. I was soft and before long I found it out." Mr. Hagedorn had been doing heavier work, and was not so aware of the many miles covered each day.

As mentioned before, the survey started on the Snake Creek 26 miles north of Sidney and north to the South Dakota boundary. At this time there were no towns in the Valley, there were no railroads, in fact there were very few white men in N. W. Nebraska. Fort Robinson was really the only settlement, and the survey party used it as a supply base.

For six months the sixteen men labored to place markers for the west boundary. Eight men worked in two groups. There were two transient men, two chainmen, two moundsmen, two cooks, two teamsters, two flagmen, the boss, one who wrote field notes and several others for general work. The "moundsmen" job was to chisel the necessary number in stone and dig a hole to place it in and hide it from the Indians. It was not uncommon for the Indians to come along and dig up some of the valuable markers if they were not properly covered. For this work "Dutch Bill" carried a chisel, spade and hammer. "And believe me" he said, "they sure would get heavy at times."

Each day a definite number of miles were supposed to be covered. This varied between 22 and 24, and it was all walking. Often, however, it was impossible to cover more than 2 miles a day due to the thickness of the timber, or the hardness of the badland country north of what is now Harrison.

After several months at the work Mr. Buttery came down with the mountain fever and was very ill. During his illness, he was given the privilege of seeing his grave dug and the inscription placed upon his grave stone, but as he said, "I fooled them and got well." Mr. Buttery recovered from his sickness, but only after a hard struggle and through the thoughtfulness of his comrades. They would tear the lean meat from the bacon and give it to "Mart" be-

cause the fat parts he could not eat. It was after this that Mr. Buttery came up from 165 pounds back to his normal weight of some 210 pounds.

"Were there many Indians?" I asked. "Sure they were roaming all over this section of Nebraska and Wyoming hunting and fishing. We, however did not have any trouble with them." The party did have one good scare. Looking to the west someone discovered hundreds of moving objects. "The Indians are coming," was the warning. Immediately the boss, Mr. G. W. Fairfield, gave orders that every man must take care of himself, and "don't build fires." After anxious waiting, it was discovered that the Indians were several hundred horses out grazing.

Game was on all sides. Deer, antelope, birds of all kinds, in fact the men became tired of even the smell of wild meat. Water was sometimes a problem. Getting north toward the South Dakota line, the badlands were encountered, and here was the only time that the group suffered at all for water. It was almost impossible to get good fresh water, so the water standing in semi-stagnate pools was used during the period.

The life around the camp fire after the day's work was completed, was always enjoyable. The two groups of eight would always camp together at night. Cards, and games furnished the amusement. A very fortunate event took place, when a group of Indians forgot to take along a football after, they had broken up their camp. The boys used the ball for the rest of the time and derived a lot of pleasure from it.

About this time back in '83, the surveying job was completed and the "gang" broke up to go their own ways. As the group headed toward civilization, many were offered jobs on ranches. Hagedorn accepted a position on the Greenwood ranch north of Sidney and worked for a while. Buttery said that he had railroading in his blood, and he went back to Plattsmouth and started to work for the C. B. & Q.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Buttery and Mr. Hagedorn are the only two living out of that crew of men. Buttery said he had been able to follow each of them in later life.

The names of the men in the gang were: G. W. Fairfield, the boss, two transient men Sol Pitcher and A. M. Fairfield. A Mr. Leeland from Weeping Water wrote the field notes. The chainmen were Buttery and Harley Needleton. Needleton came from Illinois. The flagmen were John Hill-ton, Ohio and one Sprague. Moundsmen were Len Skinner and Ike Cecil. Two cooks Al Willvering, and Bill Brantner. Teamsters Will Sprague and Neil Gaston.

Sol Pitcher became known in Sheridan county, because the he stayed back and later became the first county clerk. He also picked out the ranch for Wm. Hagedorn. The one he lives on today and homesteaded in 1886.

TO ATTEND CONVENTION

From Wednesday's Daily
William R. Holly and E. P. Stewart will depart this evening for Miami, Florida, where they will attend the American Legion national convention. They are to play with the Ralston post band of Omaha, the only musical organization from Nebraska to be at the convention. The party will have their special coaches attached to the midnight train of the Missouri Pacific and on the trip will stop at many of the southern cities including St. Louis and New Orleans. On the return trip they will travel via Washington and New York and with a side trip to Boston, the band giving a concert at Watertown, Wisconsin.

SHOWER FOR BRIDE

On Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. J. Engelkemier, Misses Eva Wichmann, Margaret and Emma Albert entertained at a shower in honor of Mrs. Glen Terryberry, formerly Miss Margaret Engelkemier. The afternoon was spent playing the fascinating game of Bunco in which Mrs. Emma Frederich won first prize.

The bride received many beautiful gifts from her friends which will be remembrances in future years.

Congressional Candidates Pay Visit to City

Henry C. Luckey, Democrat and Marcus L. Potet, Republican, Address Voters Here.

Saturday evening the residents of this city had the opportunity of hearing the two candidates for congress in the first district, Marcus L. Potet, republican, and Henry C. Luckey, democratic candidate.

Mr. Potet arrived here Saturday evening from a day's tour over the county and in which he had been heard in the towns in the central and north portion of the county.

In his address given here at the corner of Fifth and Main streets, the republican candidate voiced strong opposition to many of the acts of the Roosevelt recovery program and particularly attacked the agricultural provisions of the act that had been placed in force since the advent of the new administration.

Mr. Potet urged the advent of younger men into the public life of the nation and the carrying out of constructive programs along lines less radical than that of the democratic administration.

Mr. Luckey in his address used the Gomer system of loud speaking and was heard by the large audience in all parts of the business section. He pledged his support to the Roosevelt administration and to the carrying out of the measures that in his opinion would make for the permanent recovery of the nation. In his remarks Mr. Luckey gave the resume of the stand that he has taken in regard to national policies as follows:

"Realizing that the rehabilitation of agriculture must be one of the main foundation stones in our national recovery program, I shall work for the parity of prices between agricultural and industrial products. Restore the purchasing power of the farmer and you will start the wheels of industry and re-employment labor.

"I favor the conservation of our streams and the proper development of our water power by the people. "In the recovery program the interests of all classes must be taken into consideration—producer and consumer alike.

"I am in favor of preserving our American ideals. Private initiative must be encouraged by fair profits and fair wages. Facism and communism can best be curbed by giving equal opportunity to all and special privileges to none. I deplore the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few at the expense of the masses. Human rights must be placed above property rights.

"Reasonable provision must be made for the rehabilitation of the destitute and unemployed. Every encouragement should be given to the 'Back to the Land Movement' and the 'Rehabilitation Farm Steads.' The policy should be to provide opportunity for the needy to help themselves and become self-sustaining.

"A reasonable and workable old-age pension should be adopted. "I am in sympathy with labor and can whole-heartedly support the labor plank as set forth in the Democratic platform.

"The soldiers, veterans and their dependents are entitled to just and equitable treatment. Irregularities and unfair discriminations should be corrected. Legislation tending toward that end will receive my full support.

"I favor the conscription of all natural resources, capital as well as man power, in case of war. The manufacturing and sale of munitions and instruments of war should be under strict government control. Take the profits out of war."

VISIT IN THE CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rokhar and daughter, Miss Elsie Rokhar, were here Sunday as guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hiber and the Frank Bestor home. They were accompanied by Miss Lois Bestor, who is now attending the University of Nebraska. Miss Rokhar is teacher of Spanish in the Lincoln city schools.