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## High School Holds Thanksgiving Program

Dr. H. G. McClusky Speaker Is on "Thanksgiving"—Fine Program Presented to School.

The Plattsmouth high school held their Thanksgiving convocation on Wednesday which was attended not only by the student body but a large number of the alumni as well to enjoy the fine program that had been arranged.

The convocation was presided over by Howard Hlz, president of the student council and who introduced the various numbers that made up the most interesting program.

The boys glee club was one of the features of the program and gave two numbers, "The Winter Song" and "Capitol Ship," well rendered and which reflected the greatest credit upon the young men of the club and Mr. Griffin, their efficient director.

The string quartet composed of Rachel Robertson, Mildred Knoficek, William Evers and Wallace Terryberry was heard in "Serenade," a beautiful and well given number.

Miss Helene Perry, member of the school faculty, was heard in one of her always delightful dramatic readings that added much to the interest and charm of the convocation.

The address of the day was by Dr. H. G. McClusky, one of the well known pulp orators of this section of the state, who took as his subject that of "Thanksgiving." The speaker stressed the many things for which all the world and particularly the United States might be thankful at this annual gathering of the peoples to return their universal tribute of appreciation for the things that have come to them in the passing year.

A male quartet, composed of former high school students was heard in three novelty selections, this group being composed of James Nowneck, Louis and Bernard Knoficek and David Robinson. Mrs. J. R. Reeder, former instructor of the group as the accompanist.

Miss Harriett Goos, one of the musically talented members of the high school, was heard in two numbers, "I Passed by a Window" and "Dan Cuba."

The high school at this time also took their gift for the public library and which will be presented for use of the institution.

## MAKING WAR ON BAD CREAM

Those who ship in interstate commerce into Nebraska cream unit for use, are running up against the pure food act as administered in two orders of Wednesday by Federal Judge Munker with parties to whom the cream was consigned in fullest co-operation.

Labels were filed by United States District Attorney Sandall against one 5-gallon can of cream shipped from Independence, Kansas, to the Falls City Creamery company, and against two 10-gallon cans of cream shipped from Narka, Kansas, to the Farmers Union Co-operative Creamery of Fairbury. In each instance it is alleged that the product was moldy, putrid, filthy and decomposed.

In his order for attachment, motion and destruction, the court shows that the party in possession, in each case, has agreed in writing to destruction of the cream.

## THANKSGIVING DAY AT THE MASONIC HOME

Thanksgiving day was observed at the Masonic Home and Infirmary here in the manner established by early Pilgrims, and since memorialized by their descendants, the recollection of which will linger long in the memory of the membership and a host of visitors.

Dinner was served to nearly 150 persons, all of whom are loud in its praise. The menu carried turkey with dressing, cranberry jelly, Parker House rolls, bread, sweet potatoes en glace, gravy with giblets, celery cabbage with mayonnaise, celery, olives, mince pie with cheese, coffee, sherbet, nuts, mints, cigars, and hand made favors.

The fellowship at the table was very pleasant and most enjoyable.

## VISITS IN THE CITY

Howard Hesse, former Plattsmouth boy, who is a member of the Idaho University football team, was here Thursday afternoon to visit for a short time. He was a guest at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Frances Meisinger and also at the George Klingler home, where a group of his old friends had gathered to greet him. Mr. Hesse returned last evening to Omaha to join his team, which will play Creighton there today.

## Thanksgiving Day Very Quiet in This City

Community Service Held Wednesday Evening at Presbyterian Church—Canon Petter Speaker.

Thanksgiving day in this city was very quiet and marked chiefly by the home gatherings over the city where there were homecomings for many from out of the city.

The community service was held at the First Presbyterian church on Wednesday evening where the various churches joined in the observance of the thanksgiving for the benefits that had been given the community in the past year. The address of the service was by Canon Petter of the St. Luke's church, who had as his subject, "Why I Am Thankful." The pastor urged the appreciation of the kindness that had been afforded by the divine will and the need for spiritual thanksgiving for the welfare of the community. The music for the service was by the choir of the Presbyterian church.

The business house of the city were open this morning with all of them closing at the noon hour to permit the business men and their employees the opportunity of observing the day in a proper and fitting manner.

The county offices and the banks were closed for the day, adding to the number that were observing the day.

## PRESENT FINE PROGRAM

The fifth and sixth grades of the Central building Wednesday morning presented the Thanksgiving program for the Junior high school, a fine demonstration of the ability and talent of the young people of these grades.

The program was arranged under the direction of the teachers, Miss Evelyn Lee, Miss Rose Prohaska, Miss Agnes Muenster and Miss Amana Hiatt.

The program given was as follows: Piano Solos, "Schubert's Serenade" and "Humoresque" by Ruth Westover.

Reading, "Go Ask Your Ma," by Elizabeth Ann Wiles. Mouth Harp Solos, "Home on the Range," "Little Brown Jug," "Home Sweet Home," by Earnie Mathews.

Reading, "Bertie's Thanksgiving," by Sylvia Moore. "Sixth Grade Group, 'Juanita,' 'Abide With Me,'" (Shirley Walling, James Yelick, Frances Solomon, Verona Toman and Joe Noble).

Dance by Doris Canterbury. Reading, "Thanksgiving Joys," by Rachel McMaken. Whistling solo, by June Bomer. Piano Solo, "Goldfish Swims in My Little Bowl," by Blossom Burcham.

Pen Pictures of the First Thanksgiving, by Vernon Toman. Selection on Jew's Harp by Eldon Wright. Piano Solo, by Dorothea Duxbury. Reading, "Thanksgiving Days," by Shirley Walling. Xylophone Solo, by Bill Robertson. Announcer was Wayne Kauble.

## VISIT AT FALLS CITY

From Thursday's Daily. Last evening, William A. Robertson, grand standard bearer of the Grand commandery of the Knights Templar, accompanied by W. F. Evers and Milford B. Bates, were at Falls City, where they attended the inspection of Mt. Sinai commandery No. 8.

Mr. Robertson was the inspecting officer and the local party was most royally entertained by the members of the Falls City commandery.

## HERE FOR THANKSGIVING

The L. R. Feller family drove down from Omaha last evening to visit at the Elmer Webb home over night and today.

## Death Summons Member of Well Known Family

G. A. Mayfield, One of a Large Family of Newspaper People, Dies in California.

For the second time in a two months period death has entered the Mayfield family, taking a younger brother, George A. Mayfield of Artesia, California, from the ranks of this well known newspaper family.

The first brother to pass on was G. M. Mayfield of Omaha and now the second of the family has answered the final summons.

The deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Mayfield, pioneer residents of Cass county and he was also a brother of Lee J. Mayfield, editor of the Louisville Courier and to whom and other members of the family will be extended the sympathy of the many friends over the county.

G. A. Mayfield passed away at his home in Artesia, California, at 5 o'clock in the morning, Saturday, November 24, 1934, after an illness of several months. His death was caused by a stroke he suffered the Thursday morning before, as he sat in his chair reading.

George was born at Greenwood, Nebr., May 1, 1872, and spent his boyhood days in Louisville. He published newspapers in several Nebraska towns, including Stanton and Scribner and in Iowa before going to California, where he was in the newspaper business for several years. He sold his newspaper at Artesia about 12 months ago because of ill health.

Surviving him are his widow, a son, Don E. Mayfield, and a daughter, Mrs. Boyd Bordner; three brothers, E. O. Mayfield, Omaha; A. J. Mayfield, Longmont, Colo.; and L. J. Mayfield, Louisville; two sisters, Mrs. F. A. Secord, Omaha, and Mrs. W. W. Valentine, Los Angeles, Calif., as well as four grandchildren.

He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, also of the Eastern Star, and of the Christian church.

## MEETING AT ELMWOOD

From the crowd that assembled at the Community building at Elmwood last Friday evening to hear the old age pension proposition talked over it would seem that there was a great interest in this nationwide movement to have congress this winter pass a law establishing an old-age pension system, says the Leader-Echo. The Townsend plan provides for giving every man and woman in the United States, 60 years of age or over \$200 per month for life, providing they are willing to retire from gainful employment. The speaker in his explanation of the plan showed how it would work out and would be of great benefit to the whole country. The plan seems logical and was the chief topic of discussion the next day. From what we could see the majority of citizens seemed in favor of the proposition, while some seemed a little skeptical as to how it would work out. No doubt we will hear more of the old-age pension plan within the next few weeks as it is being gradually brought before the people in one way and another all the time.

## VISIT AT NEHAWKA

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Giles and family were at Nehawka Thursday, they attending the annual Thanksgiving dinner of the members of the Sheldon family residing in this section of the state. The dinner was held at the home of Mrs. Emma Sheldon with Mrs. Marion Tucker as the associate hostess of the members of the family.

The dinner was featured by a roasted pig in keeping with the old English custom of the holiday feast. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Sheldon and Jane; Mr. and Mrs. George C. Sheldon and Ruth Ann; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Olive and children of Weeping Water; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wolph and children of Avoca; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Giles and children of Plattsmouth; Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Sheldon and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Conant Wolph and family, Miss Evelyn Wolph and Mrs. Edna Tucker.

## VISIT AT BURLINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Heinrich departed Wednesday evening for Burlington, Iowa, where they are to spend the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Huneke, former residents of this city. They will return Sunday to their home here.

## MANY ENJOY DANCE

The dance given last night at the American Legion hall in the Bekin building, was one of the most largely attended for many months and many were here from Omaha and outside points to attend the event.

The dance was sponsored by the Holy Rosary parish. The music for the event was furnished by the Lyric orchestra of Omaha which had a program of Bohemian and German numbers as well as the popular selections of the day.

## Well Known Young People are Wedded

Miss Imogene Wall of Oak, Nebr., Married to Shrader Rhoden of Murray Thanksgiving.

The marriage of Miss Imogene Wall of Oak, Nebraska, to Mr. Shrader Rhoden of Murray, took place Thanksgiving day at the office of Judge A. H. Duxbury.

The wedding was very quiet, the young people being unattended and the marriage lines were read by Judge Duxbury in the presence of LaVern Rhoden and Sheriff Homer Sylvester.

Following the wedding the young people departed for Murray to receive the well wishes of the relatives and friends on their new found happiness.

The groom is a member of two of the pioneer families of Cass county and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Rhoden of Murray where he has grown to manhood and where he has been engaged in farming.

## HOWE-WILKEN

In the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilkin of this city occurred a beautiful home wedding November 15, at 5 p. m., when they gave their daughter, Clara, in marriage to Mr. Archie Howe.

On this occasion the bride was attended by her sister, Miss Luella Wilkin and the groomsmen was Mr. Wilson Howe, a brother of the bridegroom.

The bride carried a bouquet of maiden hair fern and roses and wore a blue silk gown as did Miss Luella. The men were attired in dark suits appropriate for the occasion.

The wedding march by Lohengrin, was played by Miss Nora Dreamer as the two couples took their places just before and under a beautifully decorated arch of pink and white crepe paper.

The wedding service, in which the rite ceremony was used, was conducted by the Rev. J. L. Arnold, following which the bridal party and guests sat down to a very delicious two course dinner served by Mrs. Will Westfall, Mrs. Blanche Hassen and Miss Mary Westfall.

At each plate was a favor which fitted nicely into the color scheme. In the center of the well arranged table was a large wedding cake decorated in pink and white and at the top of which was a miniature bride and bridegroom, who lent much to the atmosphere of the occasion.

The best wishes of the many friends are extended to the young people as they establish their home on the Wm. Westfall farm south and west of Murdock.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

## HOLD A FINE DANCE

From Friday's Daily. Last evening a social dance was given at the American Legion hall in the Bekin building by members of Camp Plattsmouth, north of this city. There were a pleasing number in attendance and who passed several hours most delightfully to the excellent music provided. The dance was complimentary and proved a real treat to the young people of the community.

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## Schools to Honor Miss Olive Gass in Special Program

To Recognize Quarter of Century of Service to Plattsmouth Schools Thursday Afternoon.

"Flowers for the living" is the motive which inspired the student council of the high school together with a group of P. H. S. alumni and former students, to plan a convocation program in honor of Miss Olive Gass, daughter of a pioneer Plattsmouth family and for a quarter of a century a teacher in the Plattsmouth public schools. For the last ten years of these twenty-five, Miss Gass was principal of the high school, a record of continuous service which still stands and she is today, the oldest principal in point of service in the history of Plattsmouth high school.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry P. Gass came to Plattsmouth as a bride and groom from Ohio in 1856. Plattsmouth then consisted of a half dozen dwellings and buildings at the foot of a ravine that is now Main street. It was in Plattsmouth a few years later that Miss Olive Gass was born and over a long period of years from a pioneer parentage to the present, Miss Gass has been a part of Plattsmouth.

She received her preliminary education in the schools of Plattsmouth and completed the course offered in the high school in the days when "closing exercises" marked the completion of the course and orations, tableaux and recitations were the order of the day. Then followed a year at a United Presbyterian college at Lexington, Ohio, and later special work in English, literature and history at the University of Nebraska. With this equipment, Miss Gass returned to Plattsmouth to begin her life-work as a teacher in 1881.

Her first assignment was in the primary grades in the Central building in the day when it was a four story structure. About 1893, Miss Gass was transferred to the Columbian building and shortly afterward was made principal of the 5th Ward school and from there was transferred to the principalship of the high school in the fall of 1896.

The mere recitation of assignments and notation of consecutive years of service is a poor criterion by which to judge the meaning of the devotion of a quarter of a century to the Plattsmouth public schools. Miss Gass' service to the community meant far more than length of service, her real contribution was in the fine quality of influence and inspiration which she held before more than two generations of Plattsmouth students. It is for this, that she will be honored Thursday afternoon in the high school auditorium when her former students, co-teachers, school board members and the present student body of more than 300 will gather to pay her a well-deserved tribute.

It has been well said, "That there passes by the school teachers desk, doctors, lawyers, statesmen, engineers, and geniuses of finance and business." What an opportunity the teacher has to exert an influence for good upon this continuous procession. Miss Gass began her service in Plattsmouth in the days when "activity program," "extra-curricular activities," and other current educational ideas had not been born in the language of pedagogical lore. The radio was an undreamed of marvel and the airplane a mechanical impossibility. Latin, Greek, astronomy and philosophy were formidable branches of the curriculum and teachers were well grounded in the requirements of a classical education.

How much happiness it must add to the years in the evening of her life to look back through these years, at the long list of students who passed by her desk; to see many who have distinguished themselves in honorable fields and a host of others who have gone out to fill places of fine community responsibility.

Since her retirement from active teaching in the Plattsmouth schools, Miss Gass continued her activity as a music teacher and to this day, is active in civic and community organizations in which she is interested. She has passed the years lightly and retains still a keen mind, a spark-

## Louisville and Weeping Water Over the Top

Cement City Heads the List in Number of Red Cross Members—Roll Call a Success.

Once again the Louisville branch of the Cass County Chapter, American Red Cross comes to the front by enrolling over 200 members.

The Ash Grove Lime & Portland Cement company turned in a list of 142 members for a full 100 per cent enrollment of its employees. One of these gave \$5 and the remaining 141, the customary \$1 membership fee each. Lyman-Richey Sand & Gravel company, second largest industry in Louisville, enrolled 39, for another 100 per cent record. This is a wonderful record and in keeping with the long established custom in Louisville of supporting the Red Cross, following the disastrous flood there in 1923, when Red Cross aid stepped into the breach and helped to restore homes to those who had lost all their earthly possessions in the raging flood waters. It is a sign that Louisville does not forget.

The efficient local officers there are well organized and very Red Cross minded, knowing the value of this National organization. They are: Elmer Sundstrom, chairman; A. K. Frolich, vice chairman; C. J. Pankonin, secretary-treasurer and W. S. McGrew and H. B. Koop, directors.

The Survey committee that had a part in the membership drive is composed of Mrs. E. H. Worthman, Mrs. Fred Brammer and Mrs. Elmer Sundstrom.

Hats off to this loyal Branch of the Cass County Chapter, American Red Cross!

**Weeping Water Second**  
Weeping Water follows with 100 members and a \$5 contribution, exceeding its quota by fifteen members. Mrs. Lloyd Behrends, is chairman of the Weeping Water branch; Miss Rough, secretary, and Mr. Mogensen, treasurer. Mrs. Ray Norris is chairman of the Life Saving committee. Three cheers for these loyal workers and members.

Nehawka, Mynard, Murdock, and Union have a total to date for the four branches of 114 and are continuing to accept membership dues in the hope of raising their quota.

The roll call chairman is deeply grateful for these loyal workers and members. We hope to go over the top with other branches not heard from. The need will be greater than ever before. The past year has been bad enough with 103 disasters and the burden of carrying on regular relief work.

Those who have enrolled this year will never regret or miss the dollar they have given to carry on the work of the American Red Cross serving humanity for 53 years.

## HOLD RABBIT HUNT

The vicinity of Union was the scene of an extensive rabbit hunt on Wednesday when a group of thirty-five men of the St. Wenceslaus church parish carried on the hunt for the bunnies.

These rabbits will be used in a hasenpfeffer feast for the needy Bohemian families at Omaha. There were three hundred of the rabbits bagged in the Union hunt, about half the number wanted for the feast. The hunters will stage another hunt near Hooper the coming week to arrange for the feast to be held on January 5th.

## ENTERTAIN AT DINNER

The Ledgway home on Wintersteen hill was the gathering place of a number of the relatives on Thanksgiving to enjoy the day in visiting as well as partaking of the fine dinner that had been prepared for the holiday occasion. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ledgway of Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. William Kreager and family of Mynard; Mr. and Mrs. George Haase, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Snyder and family, C. E. Ledgway and John Ledgway, Sr.

## ENJOY DANCING PARTY

Among the out of town guests here for the dance sponsored by the Holy Rosary parish were Misses Marie and Helen Yelinek and Miss Helen Placek, of Omaha, who were guests here of friends and enjoying the delightful dancing party.

## HAS NOTABLE RECORD

Joy Vallery, senior in the Thomas Jefferson high school at Council Bluffs, has had a notable record in his school work and one that is unusual to find. The young man is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Vallery, former residents here, where he was born and attended the grade schools in this city.

The young man plays end on the Thomas Jefferson football team and is the captain of the team as well which won the city championship from the Abraham Lincoln school. He is also the president of the senior class of 1,500 members as well as being a captain in the ROTC of the school. He is also the sports editor of the T. J. school paper.

This recognition is unusual for one student to receive and certainly speaks well for the ability and popularity of the young man with his fellow students.