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## Recreational Program is to Open Tuesday

G. M. Corum of Louisville to Be County Director of Work—Plan to Extend to All Towns.

The Citizens Council, who is in charge of organizing a community recreational project for Plattsmouth has succeeded in obtaining the sanction of the Works Progress Administration for a recreational set-up for this city and will have a staff of efficient people to take charge of this work on Tuesday morning, July 28, at the Central school building, at 9:30 o'clock.

A director of music will have charge of band and other instrumental groups and will furnish music for the city as well as offer training for those who wish to obtain it. A number of supervisors will offer entertainment and training in physical training, games, and tournaments for both boys and girls, and will give training in craftsmanship, group singing, dramatic projects. One supervisor will have charge of the primary people.

The supervisors are being carefully chosen as to fitness and training. This is a major project, proved successful in the larger centers for many months, and merits your sincere and whole-hearted support. If that co-operation is given this will be one of the finest things Plattsmouth has done for its young people.

Remember the date, July 28, at the Central school building, at 9:30. School people of all ages are welcome. Adults are welcome to join the band.

Harold C. Hill, of Lincoln, is the district director of this feature of the WPA work and G. M. Corum, superintendent of schools of Louisville, has been selected as the county director and will have the general direction of the work in all parts of the county. Every town in the county is entitled to bring up any of the recreational projects that they may wish for the consideration of the county and district directors. Those interested may call Mr. Corum at Louisville.

The local committee that will have charge of the general program is composed of John P. Sattler, Sr., chairman, representing the Chamber of Commerce; L. S. Devoe, city schools; A. H. Duxbury, American Legion; Mrs. Louis Ward Egenberger, Woman's club; Rev. G. A. Pahl, Garden club; Fred H. Sharpnack, Plattsmouth Business Men's Ad club and E. H. Schulhof, Rotary club.

## JOURNEY TO TOPEKA

From Thursday's Daily  
This morning a group of Plattsmouth residents boarded the special chartered by the Douglas county republicans to make the journey to Topeka, Kansas. The notification of Governor Alf M. Landon, of Pansas, of his nomination for the presidency on the republican ticket will be made tonight. The notification will be made by Congressman B. B. Snell, of New York, permanent chairman of the national convention.

The special train will reach Topeka in ample time for the ceremonies and to take in the points of interest in the Kansas capitol city.

It is expected that a very large number from this state will be at Topeka as special trains will be sent from Lincoln as well as from points farther west in Nebraska.

## SEE BALL GAME

James McKinney and S. S. Gooding, Burlington veterans, returned home today from Chicago where they have enjoyed a short outing. They had the pleasure while in Chicago to see the Cubs and Brooklyn play baseball and in which the Cubs increased their lead in the National league another game.

## ALVO SCHOOLMAN HERE

Superintendent L. M. Hauptman, of the Alvo schools, was in the city Wednesday to look after some school matters and was a caller at the office of Miss Alpha C. Peterson, county superintendent.

## ANNOUNCE MARRIAGE

The announcement is made at Newark of the marriage of Miss Martha Senf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Senf, of Newark, to Lowell McQuinn, of Union, member of one of the well known families of that section of Cass county.

The marriage took place on Thursday, July 16th, at Rockport, Missouri, and the only attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Schaffer, of Union. Mrs. Schaffer and Mr. McQuinn are brother and sister.

## Local Young Men to War-Infested Spain

Byron Halstead, Jr., Member of Crew of Oklahoma and James Robertson, Midshipman, on Ship.

Two Plattsmouth young men are to be given a glimpse of the civil warfare that is rending the Spanish republic as the battleship Oklahoma, on which they are stationed, hastens to San Sebastine and Bilbo, Spain, to protect the American citizens who have sought refuge there.

The Plattsmouth boys are James M. Robertson, II, who is one of the party of midshipmen from the U. S. Naval academy now on tour of the European waters and Byron Halstead, Jr., who is a member of the regular crew of the Oklahoma.

The Oklahoma with the party of midshipmen has been in the northern Atlantic for several weeks as the naval students are acquainted with the actual sea duty and when reaching French ports were notified with other warships to proceed to the Spanish ports and stand by to evacuate Americans that might be in danger as the result of the battles between the revolutionists and the Spanish regulars.

Ambassador Claude T. Bowers, is one of the Americans endangered at San Sebastine, the summer capitol of the Spanish government, as he is virtually besieged in his summer home five miles from the city.

The experience will give the crew of the Oklahoma and the midshipmen the opportunity of a first hand view of the latest European war scare.

## STUBBLE FIELD BURNS

Wednesday afternoon fire swept over the stubble in a field on the Elbert Wiles farm south of this city and near highway No. 75. The fire apparently started along the shoulder of the highway where it is thought a match or cigarette thrown away had lit in the dried weeds and grass and soon had a lively fire in progress.

The fire spread rapidly into the stubble and soon was driving fast across the field and was halted from further progress by a cornfield on the north and west. The grain had been removed from the field last week and so the damage to the field was not serious. A number of the fence posts, however, were burned and will make it necessary to have them replaced and the fence restrung.

The fire threatened a section of snow fence in the field but this was saved by the effort of highway workers and residents in that section from destruction in the path of the blaze.

There are many of these fields adjoining the highway and a great deal of care should be exercised by motorists in seeing that inflammable matches or cigarettes are not thrown out into the dry grass and weeds as a very serious fire can be easily started and which might be hard to check.

## RECOVERING FROM OPERATION

The many friends of Miss Mary Solomon will be pleased to know that she is now improving following an operation for appendicitis that she has undergone at the hospital at Rushville, Nebraska. Miss Solomon has been at Rushville at the home of an uncle and while there was taken ill and expected to return home to receive treatment, but was some better and then a few days later was taken with a very acute attack of appendicitis that made an operation necessary.

## Frank Buttery Dies as Result of Auto Accident

Long Time Resident of This City Dies at Omaha as Result of Injuries Received When Hit by Car.

Frank F. Buttery, 66, who was injured Wednesday afternoon at 10th and Mason streets, Omaha, near the Burlington station, died Thursday night at the Nicholas Senn hospital as the result of his injuries.

The report of the accident as given by Omaha police officers was to the effect that Buttery alighted from a southbound street car, walked around the back of it and in front of a northbound car and stepped into the side of the car of Sebastian Comore, which was also going north beside the northbound street car.

The injured man was taken to the Nicholas Senn hospital where it was found that his condition was very serious as he had suffered skull injuries, the most dangerous, as well as the compound fracture of one leg and the fracture of several ribs. His brother, M. E. Buttery, of this city, was called to Omaha Wednesday night and again Thursday afternoon as Mr. Buttery continued to sink, the brother arriving in time to be with him at the last.

Frank F. Buttery was born in Plattsmouth, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Buttery, were pioneer residents and he has lived practically his lifetime in this community. When completing his school work Mr. Buttery entered the services of the Burlington in their local machine shop and continued in the service until some six years ago when he was retired from the shop service after a long and faithful service. Being still in good vigor, Mr. Buttery was assigned to flagman duty at Omaha and removed to that city.

Since locating at Omaha Mr. Buttery has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Margaret Tefft, who with the one brother, M. E. Buttery, survive his passing.

During his residence in this city Mr. Buttery was active in the community affairs and served for a great many years as a member of the city council from the second ward and was several times mentioned as a mayoralty candidate.

The funeral of Mr. Buttery will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Brailey & Dorrance chapel at Omaha. The body will be brought here for interment in the family plot at Oak Hill cemetery. There will be a short service held here at the grave.

## ENJOYS VISIT HERE

Dr. A. S. Fritchman, of Decorah, Iowa, was here Wednesday afternoon as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Gobelman, the latter a sister-in-law of Dr. Fritchman. Dr. Fritchman is en route home from the grand lodge of the Elks which has been in session at Los Angeles. The lodge at Decorah had their drill team at the grand lodge and attracted a great deal of attention by their snappy work and were among the best teams to show at the big meeting.

## SUFFERS FROM INFECTION

Max Bowman, South Sixth street barber, has been laid up for several days as the result of an infection that first was noticed on a finger and which has caused him a great deal of pain and the swelling of his arm. The condition of the patient was such that he was taken to Omaha where he will receive treatment at a hospital and which it is hoped will clear up the infected area.

## MUST WRITE IN CANDIDATE

Secretary of State Swanson Thursday informed the Revolutionary Workers league (Marxist Internationalists) the names of presidential and vice presidential candidates must be written in on the Nebraska general election ballot rather than entered by means of stickers.

The secretary furnished this information in a letter to Hugo Oehler of New York City, the league's campaign manager.

## CALLED TO WYOMING

Ed Stava, who has been residing at the farm south of this city, has been called back into service of the Union Pacific and left last night at 11:40 for Green River, Wyoming. This is the mountain division of the Union Pacific and Mr. Stava will take up his work as a relay telegraph operator. This is a very nice position and will take Mr. Stava into the pleasantness of the mountain country at this heated time of the year and is doubly appreciated by him.

## Free Expense Trip in Store for Lucky Girl

"Miss Plattsmouth of 1936" to Be Chose August 4th—To Compete at State Fair.

Who is "Miss Plattsmouth of 1936?" Tuesday night, August 4th several out-of-town judges will determine which local young lady is to bear the title of "Miss Plattsmouth, 1936," when an official unit show of the Nebraska State-wide Beauty Pageant will be held here, at the Cass theatre under the direction of the King Korn Klub.

The local event is being sponsored by the Nebraska State Fair, Lincoln, where the state pageant will be held, Sept. 9 and 10, 1936. Two hundred unit show winners will compete at Lincoln in the official Nebraska pageant.

The young lady selected here will be awarded a free all-expense trip to the State-wide Beauty Pageant at the Lincoln Fair. If successful in winning the title of "Miss Nebraska, 1936," she will receive a free, all-expense trip to Atlantic City, where she will represent this state in the "Miss America" Beauty Pageant late in September, and compete for the national title, a large cash award, free trip to Paris and other prizes.

The show here will be one of the many local pageants planned this season by the Nebraska Fair. According to Perry Reed, secretary-manager, approximately 6,000 girls will compete for the state title this year in approximately 200 local shows.

Each unit winner will have all expenses paid and will be royally entertained while at Lincoln.

The local show will be staged in a strictly clean and high-class manner. Girls will wear sports, afternoon or evening attire, bathing suits not being permitted. Out-of-town judges will elect the local winner.

The presentation is said to be very beautiful, interesting and exciting. Together with extra stage attractions, a full evening's entertainment is assured.

Who is "Miss Plattsmouth, 1936"? A list of the entrants is elsewhere in this edition of the Journal.

## FIRE SWEEPS FIELD

Thursday afternoon fire, originating it is thought from a threshing outfit, swept over a wheat field stubble at the farm occupied by W. H. Melsinger south of Cedar Creek and some ten miles west of this city. The grain had fortunately been removed and was saved, but the blaze spread rapidly and destroyed all of the straw that had been stacked on the field. There was a large group of the neighbors on hand to assist in fighting the fire that otherwise would have spread into other fields and caused much damage. The wind fortunately was blowing away from the direction of the buildings on the farm that otherwise might have been swept by the fire. The loss of the straw is a severe one at this time owing to the shortage of feed over the country.

## CHEVIES WIN FROM GLENWOOD

From Thursday's Daily  
The Glenwood Merchants kitten-ball team came over last evening from our neighboring city to tangle with the Chevies, the result being that the locals were the winners by a 17 to 0 score. The Chevies had an easy time of the game and were able to score freely, while their excellent game held the Iowa visitors from crossing the plate.

## Nice Reduction in City's Bond Indebtedness

Refunding Program is Cutting Down Interest Rate—Quite a Few Non-Optional, However.

Outstanding indebtedness of the City of Plattsmouth has been reduced \$80,000.00 in the past five years—a record that any city might well be proud of in these strenuous times and that is frequently commented upon as remarkable by bond dealers.

This reduction, \$34,000.00 was paid off in the past two fiscal years, as shown by the auditors' report for the past bi-ennium. These included bonds falling due in the respective years and several bonds that were temporarily in default from the immediate preceding years. For practically a year now, there has been no default in bond principal and the financial affairs of the city are in such shape that none is contemplated. At no time in recent years has there been a default in the payment of bond interest.

The net bonded indebtedness of the city at this date amounts to \$244,500.00. During the coming year of 1937 serial bond payments falling due total \$9,500, as follows: \$3,000, January 1; \$3,000, April 1; \$2,900, June 1, and \$1,500, July 1. Interest expectancy on all outstanding bonds for the same period is around \$9,750—a reduction from the interest paid in past years, brought about by (1) the retirement of bond principal and (2) the refunding of numerous bonds at lower rates of interest.

July 1, 1935, \$45,000 in 6 per cent registered warrants were funded into bonds bearing 4 1/2 per cent for a saving of 1 1/2 per cent. July 1, of this year, \$23,000 of 5 per cent bonds were refunded at 4 per cent for a saving of 1 per cent. In addition another optional issue of \$16,000 that has heretofore borne 5 1/2 per cent have been reduced to 4 1/2 per cent for the six months interest period ending October 1, this year, and 4 per cent thereafter, through voluntary agreement between the holders of said bonds and the city.

This coming Monday night, the city council will receive bids for the refunding of an additional \$45,000 of optional outstanding bonds, of which \$21,000 are optional for payment August 1, and \$24,000 December 1. This just about cleans up the optional bonds—in fact there are no more that can be refunded until next year and then only a limited sum of \$9,000 more becoming optional during 1937.

There are six outstanding issues of serial bonds that have unpaid balances not yet due, totaling \$87,500, \$61,000 of which are drawing 5 1/2 per cent interest, \$9,500, 5 per cent interest, and \$17,000, 4 1/2 per cent—none of which can be refunded because of the non-optional manner in which they were issued. If these bonds could be refunded at the prevailing rate of 4 per cent and lower, an additional yearly saving of \$1,000 in interest could be made. However, as drawn, they must run to maturity dates, the last of which is April 1, 1943. The interest will be cut down considerably each year through payment of the serial portion of these bonds, as they become due, \$9,500 in 1937, \$11,000 in 1938; \$13,000 in 1939; \$9,000 in 1940; \$4,000 in 1941; \$40,000 in 1942 (including \$39,000 maturity of one issue) and \$1,000 (also maturity) in 1943.

The finance committee of the council has sent invitations to bid to a large number of middle western bond houses for this \$45,000 offering of next Monday night, and with the splendid record of bond payment during recent depression years and the low bonded indebtedness compared with many other towns in the state, expects to receive a very satisfactory bid thereon.

The bond figures given above do not include the bonded indebtedness of Plattsmouth school district for the high school building built in 1917. This issue becomes due a year hence, but will be paid in full at maturity from the proceeds of a sinking fund that in late years has been invested in good revenue-producing securities—awaiting the time when this non-

optional, non-serial twenty year issue should become due. So it may truthfully be said that the bonded indebtedness of the school district amounts to practically nothing at the present time.

Since neither the county nor the state are bonded for a single penny, the outstanding obligations against Plattsmouth real estate and other taxable property is confined wholly to city bonds, now \$80,000 less than indebtedness of five years ago, and being reduced by sizeable amounts each year.

## Suits for \$35,700 Filed for Auto Wreck Near Here

W. P. Wortman Estate and Mrs. Lucy Newell Bring Action Against Nelson C. Champlin.

From Saturday's Daily:  
This morning in the office of the clerk of the district court two actions for damages were filed, the result of the accident on the Louisville road on Saturday, July 11th, as the result of which Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Wortman received fatal injuries, Mrs. Lucy Newell, Miss Helen Wortman, Nelson C. Champlin and Eugene Snodgrass were injured.

One action is filed by F. A. Wortman, of Malvern, Iowa, administrator of the estate of W. P. Wortman, deceased, against Nelson C. Champlin of this city. In his petition Mr. Wortman sets forth that the death of Mr. Wortman occurred as the result of the accident near this city. In his petition the plaintiff alleges as his cause of action that the defendant failed to keep lookout, failed to have auto under control, failed to drive auto on right hand side of road, when entering intersection, failing to give adequate warning or signal of approach, operating his car at excessive rate of speed, failing to reduce speed before entering intersection.

The plaintiff as administrator of the estate sets forth that the deceased was 69 years of age and capable of earning \$5,000 per year and that the sum of \$10,000 is asked by the estate as damages.

The second cause of action is for the sum of \$700, which the administrator asks to cover the cost of \$600 for funeral and \$100 for the hospital costs of Mr. Wortman.

The second suit filed was that of Lucy Newell vs. Nelson C. Champlin, in which the plaintiff asks the sum of \$25,000 in damages for injuries received in the wreck in which the plaintiff's brother and sister-in-law were fatally injured. The same allegations as to the neglect of the defendant is made as in the other suit.

## WILL VISIT AT YELLOWSTONE

From Thursday's Daily  
Frederick Fricke departed this afternoon for Ashland where he will join his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Fricke and they will depart Friday for a vacation trip in the Yellowstone national park. They are driving through and will enjoy a visit at a number of the places of scenic beauty while en route.

## UNDERGOES OPERATION

Charles, Jr., four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fulton, was operated on Tuesday at an Omaha hospital for the removal of his tonsils and adenoids and the little lad came through the ordeal in fine shape and is now doing very nicely and it is hoped in a short time may be well on the highway to recovery.

## VISITS IN THE CITY

Mrs. George Vogel of South Bend was a visitor in the city Wednesday afternoon to look after some matters of business and was a caller at the court house, visiting at the office of Miss Alpha C. Peterson, county superintendent.

## AN APPRECIATION

We wish to thank the many friends and neighbors who assisted us in checking the fire at our farm and assure them that their fine work and friendly aid will long be gratefully remembered.—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Melsinger and family.

## Gibbs Shows to Visit This City Coming Week

Will Show at the Old Ball Park on Chicago Avenue Under Auspices of the American Legion.

The Gibbs Amusement Enterprises, consisting of eight shows, seven riding devices and numerous concessions, will appear in Plattsmouth this coming week, under auspices of the local American Legion post, being located on the old ball grounds adjoining Chicago avenue in the southwest part of town.

The Gibbs Shows are appearing at Auburn this week and were in Nebraska City last week. Prior to that, they played a number of Iowa towns, the last of which was Atlantic.

From here they will go to Omaha to appear at the annual St. Lucia celebration staged by the residents of "Little Italy."

The contract here was negotiated by Ralph Gibbs, son of the owner of the amusement concern, after his brother, who is lot superintendent, had driven up from Auburn to stake off the grounds and determine whether they were sufficiently large to accommodate the various shows and rides.

One of the features of this concern is the large number of rides which they carry, as compared with many similar amusement enterprises. Including two children's rides, there are a total of seven. The feature ride is the loop-a-plane, which was one of the top notch thrillers at the Century of Progress exposition in Chicago, and is now being introduced in the middle west. A 15 cent charge is made for this ride, but all the others are offered at 10 and 5 cent admission.

"Our shows are clean and refined," stated Mr. Gibbs, Jr., "and my father is on the job all the time seeing they are kept so. He will not countenance objectionable concessions of any kind, and we have played many towns for as high as four and five successive years." Telephone conversation with the sponsoring organization at Nebraska City, where they appeared last week, bore out this statement.

The shows, traveling by motor convey, will arrive here some time Sunday.

## PURCHASES NEW HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Ofe, who for the past year have been making their home in this city where Mr. Ofe is manager of the Ofe Oil Co., have purchased a new home and will once more be permanent residents of the city. They have bought the residence property of Rex Young at the corner of Pershing avenue and Holdrege streets which they have been renting since moving here. This is a very desirable property and will make them a most comfortable and well located home. The many friends are pleased to see them permanently located here and in such a delightful home.

## TO VACATION IN WEST

Mrs. F. W. Nolting is departing Sunday on a visit to the west coast and where she expects to spend some time visiting with relatives and old friends. She will spend some time at Billings, Montana, with Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Heitzhausen and family. Mrs. Heitzhausen being a daughter. Later she will visit with her sister, who resides at Olympia, Washington and also will visit friends and relatives at Tacoma. While on the coast she expects to visit many of the places of scenic beauty.

## ASKS FOR DIVORCE

An action has been filed in the district court in which Luella Fisher is the plaintiff and Adolph L. Fisher, the defendant. This is an action for separate maintenance and the petition states that the parties were married on August 2, 1928, and are now residents of Cass county.

## VISIT AT FARM HOME

Miss Clara Schlichtemier of Nehawka was a guest of Mrs. H. F. Hendricks south of this city Wednesday and Thursday of this week.