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## Award Prizes for Yard-Garden Club Contest

150 Entries Made During the Summer for Competition—21 Premiums Given.

Prizes were awarded last week for the yard and garden contest. Miss Anna Harris and Frank Karvanek took first place on their lawn. Second went to L. O. Minor. Mrs. John Crabill was awarded third; A. L. Tidd, fourth; Lillian Freeman, fifth; A. E. Stewart, sixth; Weyrichs, seventh; Mrs. Jennie Whelan, eighth; Mrs. E. J. Richey, ninth; Mrs. Luke Wiles, tenth; Dr. P. T. Heineman, eleventh; Mrs. Marie Kahouek, twelfth; George A. Kaffenberger, thirteenth; Lyle Horton, fourteenth; Dr. R. P. Westover, fifteenth; John E. Turner, sixteenth; Dr. Ryan, seventeenth; John Cloidt, eighteenth; E. H. Wescott, nineteenth; Mrs. F. Blotzer, twentieth; and Wm. Baird, twenty-first.

Ofe's oil station was the only lawn entered in its class but deserves honorable mention. It was one of the beauty spots of Plattsmouth this summer. Other honorable mentions go to:

Mrs. Frank M. Bestor, E. J. De-laney, Mrs. Virgie Frady, Freeman McFarland, Mrs. H. F. Goos, Joe H. Hiber, Mrs. Ernestine Jahrig, Mrs. V. V. Leonard, Mrs. L. W. Lorenz, Mrs. A. O. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Robertson, Mrs. Clement Woster, Mrs. Frank Horsak, Mrs. Edgar Newton, Mrs. E. Ptak, Mrs. Wm. Kieck, Julius Pitz, Amelia Martens, Albina Swoboda, Mrs. Joe Kanka, Henry Horn, Mrs. P. A. Hild, Mrs. John Hiber, A. H. and R. M. Duxbury, Mrs. Bert Coleman, John J. Cloidt, Mrs. John Bauer, Jr., Mrs. Philip Born, J. P. Perry and sisters, Mrs. Walter Ferris, Mrs. R. A. Bates, Mrs. Geo. Baltzer, A. M. Frederich, Mrs. Ralph Hawthorne, Mrs. Cora Hirz, Mrs. C. Hughes, Mrs. C. L. Kniecke, Chas. M. Manners, Mrs. J. M. Meisinger, Mrs. A. R. Noble, Mrs. Vincent Pilney, Mrs. A. Slavicek, Mrs. Joe J. Stibal, W. C. Tippens, Mrs. Chas. Vallery, Mrs. Alva R. Venner, Ada Mann, Mrs. Oscar Gapeh, Sr., James Holmes, Mrs. Geo. A. Meisinger, H. M. Soennichsen, T. M. Patterson, Mrs. J. M. Roberts, W. A. Wells, Mrs. Mattie Wiles, Mrs. C. C. Wescott, Mrs. Joe Kanka, Mrs. C. A. Rawls, Mr. John Alwin.

Many of the beautiful lawns of the city were not among the 150 entries. Rev. G. A. Pahl, Jr., was general chairman of the contest. Mrs. L. W. Egenberger and Mrs. E. H. Wescott had charge of judges. A. H. Duxbury secured the prizes; Mrs. Lillian Freeman was head of the planning information and Mrs. Mattie Wiles had charge of publicity.

The final judging was made September 27 by Mrs. Fred Grouseman of Omaha. Two judgments were made previously by other persons.

## FIRE DAMAGES HOME

The residence property owned by O. E. Finneyfrock on Wintersteen Hill, was damaged by fire at 9 o'clock Sunday morning. The fire seems to have originated from an overheated chimney that ignited shingles around the chimney and made necessary tearing out a large section of the smoldering wood.

The fire was first seen by neighbors some distance away and the alarm given. The neighbors responded and their heroic work kept the fire from spreading.

The fire under the roof required the use of a great deal of water and which caused some damage.

## DELPHIAN MEETING

From Tuesday's Daily: Miss Mia Gering, president of the Delphian society, led the discussion of "Ancient Tales" at the first meeting of the year last evening at the home of Mrs. C. C. Wescott. Other officers who held their positions for the first time were Mrs. C. C. Wescott, vice president, Mrs. L. W. Egenberger, secretary, and Miss Genevieve Whelan, treasurer. The subject for this year's study is Medieval Stories and Modern Fiction. The Delphian organization is in its twelfth year of study.

## SUFFERS LACERATED HAND

Rex Bourne, while working at the farm of his brother-in-law, Lester Gansemer, near Murray, suffered a badly injured hand Saturday. He was engaged in oiling a feed grinder while it was in operation and his gloves were caught and drew his hand into the machine. The first and middle fingers were badly cut and the bones broken in the two fingers. The injured young man was taken on into Murray where the injuries were dressed by Dr. R. W. Tyson and the broken bones set. He is now at the family home here recuperating from the effects of the accident.

## Aged Man Ends Life by Hanging at Farm Home

Peter Prue, 81, Found Lifeless in Garage at Home of Nephew Sunday—Ill Health Cause.

The lifeless body of Peter Prue, 81, was found Sunday evening at 6:30 hanging from the rafters of the garage at the home of Jess Crooks, a nephew, south of Union.

The aged man had been dead but a short time when the discovery of the body was made and while medical aid was called at once, it was impossible to revive Mr. Prue.

While he has complained of ill health and the advancing years that had made necessary his abandoning of many of his usual activities, he had not given any intimation of the rash act of ending his life.

Mr. Prue had partaken of the breakfast and dinner as usual and seemed in excellent spirits and it was not until the approach of evening that his failure to appear at the home caused the apprehension of the family and the body was located in the garage.

The aged man had conversed with the neighbors just a few hours before the body was found and seemed to be as usual and it was a great shock to learn a short time later that he had ended his life.

He was unmarried and is survived by only distant relatives.

It is expected that an inquest will be held on Wednesday at Union to hear the facts relating to the death of the aged man.

## HAS TRUCK BURNED

Sunday at the noon hour the fire department was called to North 11th street where the small truck of Jess F. Warga, parked in front of the home was found in flames. Mr. Warga had used the truck during the morning and on his return home had left it parked on the paving in front of the house. Sometime later while Mr. and Mrs. Warga were at dinner, a passerby called at the house and informed them that the truck was burning. The fire, caused it is thought by defective wiring, had ignited the gasoline and the blaze was shooting up in the air when discovered and the cab of the truck practically destroyed. The fire was finally checked but only after a great deal of damage had been done to the truck and whether it can be repaired for service is doubtful. The loss of the fire will be quite heavy to Mr. Warga, as there was little insurance on the truck.

## "COAST TO COAST" CAST PRACTICING

"Coast to Coast," the musical comedy, is meeting hearty enthusiasm. The cast of eleven reported for rehearsal Monday evening. Most of the steps and songs have been mastered by the chorus. New costumes, attractively designed, are to be used by the group of young people.

Miss Traux, director, states that she is "100 per cent pleased with the citizens and city of Plattsmouth" and referring to cast and choruses she is "certain neither has been surpassed by any group" with which she has worked. She expects the play to be the greatest success here of any of the seventeen states in which it is being played.

We will appreciate our readers' phone details to No. 6.

## Prominent Young People are Married

Miss Thelma Beatrice Kohrell and Mr. Merrill Herman Meisinger Married Sunday.

Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock occurred the marriage of two well known Cass county people, Miss Thelma Beatrice Kohrell and Merrill Herman Meisinger. The ceremony occurred at the German Lutheran church of Eight Mile Grove, Rev. A. Lentz officiating, uniting the lives of the two young people. Mrs. Lentz played the wedding march from "Lohengrin."

The bride wore a gown of dark rust flat crepe silk, with black accessories, and a shoulder corsage of deep pink Hollywood roses. Their attendants were Glen Kohrell, brother of the bride, and Miss Leona Price, school chum of the bride. The bridesmaid wore a gown of red wine rough crepe with black accessories. The two gentlemen were attired in dark suits. The young people motored to the home the groom's parents for a six o'clock wedding supper. The table was decorated with a large wedding cake and a large bouquet of yellow Button chrysanthemums, a gift of the grandparents of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hennings.

Other guests at the supper were the bride's parents, Herman Hennings and family.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kohrell, well known family of Plattsmouth where the bride has been reared and educated in the Plattsmouth schools, and was a graduate of the class of 1935.

The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Meisinger, prominent family living on a farm near Cedar Creek, where the young people will continue making their home for the future.

## FUNERAL OF LESLIE VROMAN

The funeral of Leslie Vroman was held Saturday afternoon at the Sattler funeral home at Fourth and Vine streets, where old friends and associates of the past years gathered to pay their last tributes to his memory. The Rev. V. C. Wright, pastor of the First Methodist church, spoke comforting words to the family that has lost the loved husband, father, son and brother from their circle.

Mrs. E. H. Wescott gave two numbers that had been requested by the members of the family circle, "Sometime We'll Understand" and "The Old Rugged Cross," songs that had been favorites with the departed in his lifetime.

The body was laid to rest in Oak Hill cemetery beside the members of the family circle that had preceded him in death.

Relatives here from distant points were the widow and small children of Ravenna, Mr. and Mrs. Verdon Vroman and family of Chicago, Elton Vroman, another brother of Mine-doaka, Idaho, Mrs. Emma Kunes, of Ravenna, and Mrs. Lelia Deal, of Omaha, daughters of the deceased.

## HOLD FAMILY PARTY

The country home of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Vallery was the scene Sunday of a very pleasant family party, members of the Livingston family gathering there for a general good time and weiner roast at the close of the delightful autumn afternoon.

The event had been arranged in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Vallery, newly wedded members of the family, and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rising, who are leaving soon for California where they will spend the winter.

The members of the party enjoyed the toothsome weiners and the other dainties provided as well as the opportunity of a real family get-together.

Those who enjoyed the event were Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Livingston and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Livingston and family of Louisville, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hild of near Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Wiles, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Ptak, Mrs. Young, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Vallery and family.

## ENJOY FAMILY REUNION

From Monday's Daily: A number of relatives gathered at the J. W. Crabill home yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. I. King and daughter, Mrs. Martha Carol, with her small daughter came from Superior Saturday. Mrs. Harry Northcutt and son, Richard, with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Don Fischer and baby, all of Omaha were also guests at the Crabill home. Mrs. King is a sister to J. W. Crabill and Mrs. Northcutt is a sister of Mrs. Crabill. Mrs. Carol and daughter left last evening to visit in Nebraska City. Mr. and Mrs. King are spending a few days at the Crabill home.

## Unearth Bones of Prehistoric Dwellers Here

Thought Bones of Grain Eating People That Lived Here Long Before the Redmen.

From Tuesday's Daily: William Spangler uncovered another burial ground of an unknown people on the old Babbington place yesterday noon while digging in the back yard. The layer of bones is about five feet below the surface and about a foot deep. They seem to have been dropped into the grave with no regard to position. At least six skulls were removed yesterday. They were in a bed, one on top of the other. Structural bones of the bodies seem to be lying in every direction with no organization as to natural positions. It is believed that the tribes followed the practice of letting the body decay and the bones dry before burial. This grave seems to carry out the theory.

This is the second burying ground that has been found in the vicinity. Many of the bones were crushed and broken before the digger realized that he was not digging through the roots of a tree but through graves. As yet no pottery or trinkets have been discovered in the strata.

Dr. G. H. Gilmore, of Murray, who has long been a student of the prehistoric dwellers of Nebraska and the plains country, also having uncovered a number of Indian villages, visited the scene Monday and today.

Dr. Gilmore states that the shovel type of the teeth indicate that the early dwellers had been grain eaters, the smooth under surface of the teeth also being another indication of this fact.

The doctor is of the opinion that the bones are the remains of a people that resided in this part of the west before the coming of the red man.

The type of burial is what is known as bundle burying, the skeletons being exposed to the air and elements until they are bleached and are then sorted out and placed in the graves, a large number of the bodies being placed in one grave. Burial at a cliff edge was another of the customs of these early people in the opinion of the Murray scientist, after observations of many grave excavations.

## IN DISTRICT COURT

Judge D. W. Livingston was here Monday to hold a short session of district court, taking up several matters of importance.

In the case of Metzger vs. Keil, an application for injunction to restrain the defendant from entering on the farm of plaintiff, planting crops, the matter was taken under advisement.

In the case of Clarence Schulke, et al vs. Rogers, an application for a restraining order to prevent the defendant from interfering with the plaintiffs from their entering on farming land and planting crops. A temporary injunction was granted by the court.

There were a number of motions heard also by the court.

## HERE FROM OKLAHOMA

Mrs. Emma Smith, of El Reno, Oklahoma, is here to enjoy a visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Katie Hild and family and the old time friends in this section. This is the first visit of Mrs. Smith here in six years in the community where she spent her early childhood days.

## C. J. Schneider New President County Bankers

Sam Waugh of Lincoln Main Speaker of the Evening—Banquet Attended by 115.

From Tuesday's Daily: C. J. Schneider was elected president of the Cass County Bankers Association at the annual meeting held in Avoca yesterday. R. M. Hanson of Greenwood was named vice president and W. G. Boedeker, secretary-treasurer.

Sam Waugh, formerly of Plattsmouth, gave the main address at the banquet last evening. He told of his recent trip to Germany to attend the Olympics. He described the trip to Germany with the teams and pronounced the members a fine group of representatives. He gave a vivid description of the opening of the Olympics with the runner carrying the fire from ancient Athens, the march of the representatives from each country, the olympic oath, and the arrangement of the flags of the different countries around the great stadium. He praised the Nebraska representatives, Francis and Amen, for their work in Germany. Mr. Waugh is now executive vice president of the First Trust company of Lincoln, Neb.

Ganz Toastmaster. C. D. Ganz of Alvo acted as toastmaster at the banquet attended by 115. N. C. Abbott, superintendent of the school for the blind at Nebraska City, spoke upon the state institutions of Nebraska. Introductions were made by J. R. Cain, vice president of the Omaha National bank and M. Weil, president of the National Bank of Lincoln, Elmer Hallstrom, past president, introduced the toastmaster.

Music was furnished during the banquet by the Avoca orchestra and special numbers were offered by Carl Straub at the piano, and by Miss Bertha TeSelle, violin. Miss TeSelle was accompanied by Miss Jean Stult. Tables were decorated in autumn colors. Bouquets of chrysanthemums and gold colored candles tied with red tulle were used as centerpieces on the tables in the auditorium. Nut cups represented chrysanthemums in fall colors and brilliant autumn leaves were used as wall decorations. The banquet was served by the Ladies Aid Society of the Congregational church.

Afternoon Session. E. R. Straub, president of the Farmers State bank of Avoca, gave the address of welcome opening the meeting of the members of the association yesterday afternoon. The response was given by C. J. Schneider, assistant cashier of the Plattsmouth State bank. Otoo bankers were special guests at the meeting and a response was given by Charles Wood, cashier of the bank of Talmage, for this group. A. W. Gordon of Omaha, president of the Loan and Building Association, talked upon tax issues at the next session of the legislature. Carl D. Ganz, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants bank of Alvo, spoke on the Liability Amendment. Experience F. H. A. was the topic of the address by O. C. Hinds, cashier of the First National bank of Weeping Water.

Wives of the members of the county association were guests at the home of Mrs. Elmer Hallstrom at a tea during the afternoon. Members of the association which were represented at the meeting were Farmers and Merchants bank of Alvo, Farmers State bank of Avoca, Bank of Eagle, American Exchange bank of Elmwood, Union State bank of Greenwood, Home State bank of Louisville, Nehawka bank, Plattsmouth State bank, First National bank of Weeping Water, and Nebraska State bank of Weeping Water. Two member banks were not represented.

Plattsmouth will be host to the next bankers association, to be held on Columbus Day, 1937. Those who attended the banquet last evening from Plattsmouth were Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cloidt, Mr. and Mrs. Will Robertson, Judge and Mrs. A. H. Duxbury, Hazel Baier, County Treasurer and Mrs. John E. Turner.

## NAOMI CIRCLE ENTERTAINS LADIES OF COMMUNITY

From Wednesday's Daily: Rev. G. A. Pahl of the St. Paul's church spoke on Sweden at the meeting for inter-denominational ladies yesterday afternoon in the Methodist church. He told of the life and industries of the country and described the cooperative marketing system in Sweden. A vocal solo was given by Mrs. Hal Garnet. Wauneta and Granville Sigler offered instrumental music. They were accompanied by their mother, Mrs. Wiley Sigler. One hundred attended the meeting. The Naomi circle of the Methodist Ladies Federation was hostess.

## Cass County Historical Group Hears Hauptman

Committees Named for By-Laws and Program at Meeting in Alvo—Historian Appointed.

Superintendent Leo Hauptman of the Alvo schools spoke at the meeting of the Cass County Historical Society yesterday on the topic of "Means I Have Taken in Historical Research." He told of experiences in gleaming material for feature articles for the Nebraska City newspaper and of the research for the book on the life of T. J. Majors. The meeting was held in the Methodist church of Alvo yesterday afternoon.

Dr. Gilmore, president, appointed a committee on by-laws. Members are Mrs. Marion Tucker, Alvin Reynolds, and Wm. Ost, all of Nehawka, and Wm. Robertson of Plattsmouth. Miss Hazel Baier of Plattsmouth and Mrs. Carl Ganz of Alvo were named on the program committee. The group voted to hold four meetings during the year—two in the eastern part of the county and two in the western. The next meeting will be held in Plattsmouth. Miss Hazel Baier was appointed as county historian.

Interesting reminiscences were given of pioneer days by Mr. McKinnon whose father came to Rock Bluff in 1865 and by Mrs. Elizabeth Carr whose father, John Q. Adams, was a pioneer of 1863. Following the meeting, the ladies of Alvo served a tea. Mrs. Charles Edwards poured. Other members of the committee were Mrs. Carl Ganz, Mrs. A. B. Stromer, and Mrs. Leo Hauptman. Fifty attended the meeting.

Thirteen new members were added to the roll yesterday bringing the total membership of the society to exactly 100. A report was given that over 2800 visited the historical exhibit during the King Korn Carnival held in Plattsmouth.

Attending the meeting from Plattsmouth were J. H. McMaken, Hazel Baier, Judge C. L. Graves, and Albert Grey.

## WESTMINSTER GUILD ENTERTAINS GUESTS

From Wednesday's Daily

Girls of the Westminster Guild entertained at a guest night last evening at the home of Mrs. Marjorie Lohnes. Devotionals, led by Ruth Warga, were followed by a report of the Presbyterian Young People's conference held at Blair July 1 to 8. Eleanor Olsen attended the meeting of about 90 young people. Dr. Stevenson, a member of the National Board of Education of the Presbyterian church was director of the conference. Dr. Shupe of Fairbury was also active there. Among the interesting instructors was Mrs. Heliker, formerly a missionary to India. Four class periods were held during the day for the delegates from eastern Nebraska and western Iowa. The afternoon was devoted to recreation and the evening to social activities.

Games were played following the report. The committee in charge of last evening's entertainment was Mrs. Marjorie Lohnes, Sue Simonton, Ruth Warga, and Marjorie Wohlfarth. Guests were Bernice Kaffenberger, Helen Hofacker, Lois Brandhorst, Jeanne Ray, Maybelle Taplett, Maybelle Gorder, and Helen Fiala.

Phone news items to No. 6.

## City Planning Committee Has Many Projects

Suggestions Prepared to Submit for Future Action in Improving City and Its Settings.

The city planning committee, of which A. L. Tidd is the chairman, has prepared resolutions that will be presented to the city government as the suggestions of the body for future improvement projects over the city.

All of the suggestions in the resolutions worth while projects that would be of lasting improvement to the city and when it is possible should be taken up and given prompt action.

One of the proposals is that of the city acquiring the former Elka building on Sixth street, which structure is rapidly deteriorating and while formerly one of the handsome structures in the business section, is now in very bad shape. This building is urged as a possible site for a Y. M. C. A. and for the Cass County Historical society, or to be used as a city hall.

The board also is urging that the WPA project for a sunken garden at 12th and Main streets be pushed to completion and work started as soon as possible.

The planting of trees over the city to replace those killed by the drouth this past summer is also one of the improvement plans urged, individuals and societies being urged to see that more trees are planted.

The committee also urges that the old one story building on the school campus, once used for high school purposes, be repaired and placed in shape for use instead of going to ruin, that it be converted into a museum or community building.

The rock surfacing of Lincoln avenue from Third street south to the intersection of highway No. 75, is also urged as a public improvement project, this being important as the BREX shops and the Norfolk packing plant are located along that thoroughfare.

The landscaping of the grounds of the Columbia school is urged by the committee as a part of the program of making the city more attractive to the visitors.

## HAVE FINE PROGRAM

The local Rotarians enjoyed a very novel and interesting program Tuesday at the weekly luncheon at the Plattsmouth cafe. In this program C. A. Rosencrans was the leader and had worked up a clever program. In this Mr. Rosencrans took the role so popular now with radio broadcasts, that of "the man on the street." It was very much of a surprise and Clate received many compliments on the array of questions that he had arranged to ask his fellow Rotarians.

Dr. R. P. Westover was the song leader and the usual songfest was enjoyed by the group.

President Frank A. Cloidt presided over the meeting and all were on hand with the exception of one member, lured away by the call of the squirrel, but promising to make up his attendance.

With the close of the vacation period the club has been able to resume its old time 100 per cent attendance at the meetings.

H. E. Mullican, real estate man of Lincoln, was a guest of Searl S. Davis at the meeting.

## ON TEACHERS' PROGRAM

Taking part in the activities of the annual convention of District 2 of the Nebraska State Teachers association to be held in Omaha Oct. 29 to Oct. 31, will be one of the teachers from the Plattsmouth public schools. Jessie Whalen, instructor in history, will speak on "Arousing Interest in a Unit" during the sectional meeting of the social science teachers.

Addresses by prominent figures in the field of education, musical programs and a historical pageant will be highlights of the general sessions and interesting and instructive programs have been arranged for the sectional meetings during the convention.