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Merchants Win from Nebr. City Boosters

Locals Maintain Their Winning Streak by Turning Back Visitors 6 to 5.

From Monday's Daily— Yesterday the local Merchants defeated the Nebraska City Boosters in one of the best played and most closely contested games staged thus far this season in the Southeastern Nebraska Amateur Baseball League, by the very close score of 6-5. The game was witnessed by the largest local crowd of the season who braved the intense heat and gathered at the Athletic field to watch these two hustling ball clubs battle it out.

The Boosters started the scoring in the fourth inning as they garnered four runs on five hits. In the first half of the eighth inning Cooney led off with a smashing double, then scored on Strok's single. At this point of the game "Gabby" street—local "Dizzy" Dean—was replaced on the mound by "Dusty" Rhoades, hustling third sacker, who efficiently checked the threatening Otoens, allowing no hits and striking out two aspiring Booster batters in the two innings he toiled.

The locals scored their first runs in the fifth frame as their right fielder, O'Donnell powdered the ball for a single to center, "Chuck" Ault then reached the initial sack on an error. Both these Merchants scored on a Texas league single by Herb Sundstrom. Another score crossed the plate in the sixth inning as Street blasted out a double, then scored on Newman's single. In the seventh Sundstrom led off and poked out his third hit of the game. Joe Krejci then scored him by smashing out a double. Joe scored as "Hans" Newman made it "three-for-three." "Hans" later scored on a fielder's choice.

The Platters played one of their best games of the season, accumulating nine hits and committing but one error. For the visitors, Cooney, second-sacker, looked the best, scoring two runs, and collecting a single and a double from his four trips to the plate.

The box score:

Merchants—									
	AB	R	H	PO	A	E			
Rhoades, 3b-p	4	0	0	1	3	0			
Svoboda, 2b	5	0	0	2	0	0			
Sundstrom, lf-3b	5	1	3	0	0	0			
Krejci, cf	4	1	1	0	0	0			
Street, p-rf	4	1	1	0	4	1			
Newman, ss	3	1	3	1	2	0			
Ault, 1b	4	0	0	11	0	0			
O'Donnell, rf-lf	4	1	1	1	0	0			
Haves, c	3	1	0	11	0	0			
Chovanec, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0			
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Boosters—									
	AB	R	H	PO	A	E			
Ray, ss	4	1	2	1	3	1			
Miller, lf	3	1	1	3	0	0			
Cooney, 2b	4	2	2	2	3	1			
Strok, 3b	4	1	2	0	1	1			
Poggemeyer, 1b	4	0	1	11	0	0			
McIntire, c	3	0	1	5	0	0			
Aude, cf	3	0	1	0	0	0			
McCord, p	4	0	0	0	1	2			
Gress, rf	2	0	0	2	0	0			
J. Ray, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0			
32 5 10 24 8 6									

Summary—Two base hits, Street, Krejci, Cooney; stolen bases, Krejci, Newman, 2; judo; sacrifice hits, Rhoades; left on bases, Merchants, 9; Boosters, 9; strikeouts, Street, 9; Rhoades, 2; McCord, 5; bases on balls, off Street, 2; Rhoades, 0; McCord, 1; hit by pitched ball, by Street, 2 (Miller, Jude); hits off Street, 10 in 7 innings; Rhoades, 0 in 2 innings; McCord 9 in 8 innings; Umpires, Fulton, Miller; playing time, 2:05; Scorer, H. Ladik.

Next Sunday, August 8, the Merchants play the Union aggregation at the local Athletic park in a game that has the prospects of being a game with the closeness of yesterday's encounter and a large crowd of baseball enthusiasts is expected from both the two cities represented.

KICK ON PARKING

Several of the business places on North 5th street are complaining that their parking spaces are being taken during the busy times of the day by car owners who have places of business in other sections of the city. The Fifth street dwellers believe that they ought to have more open way to their curbs for their cars and that of their customers.

HOLD FAMILY GATHERING

The home of Mrs. F. W. Nolting was the scene of a most delightful family gathering Sunday. At the noon hour everyone arrived with well laden baskets and the delicious dinner was much enjoyed by all. Those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Steppat and family, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Kaffenberger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Verner Kaffenberger, Mrs. P. A. Meisinger and Mrs. F. W. Nolting. Out of town guests were Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Timken of Beatrice, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Spangler and family of Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steppat and family and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Clausen of Omaha.

Hundreds Enjoy Picnic at the 20 Club

Event Sponsored by the Holy Rosary Church of This City Provides Fine Entertainment.

The annual picnic sponsored by the Holy Rosary church of this city was held on Sunday at the Twenty club park, just north of the Platte river and where ideal settings were provided for the staging of the very successful event.

The spacious grounds and trees well provided with tables and seats made it possible for all to enjoy their dinners in comfort and ease. The dinner itself was all that anyone could possibly ask and the well laden plates of the delicious fried chicken and its trimmings, made it a real treat.

During the afternoon the time was spent in visiting and dancing to the music of the Charles Kucera orchestra of Omaha and which also played in the evening until a late hour for the dancing.

The Plattsmouth band under the direction of Peter Gradoville, was heard in an excellent program of popular numbers and marches during the early afternoon to add to the enjoyment of the large group.

There were present large numbers of the former Plattsmouth residents from Omaha, among these being Mr. and Mrs. Emil Stenik, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ptacek, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Janda, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Janda, Anton Toman, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William Kriskey, Herman Nave of Crete was also a guest.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kalasek located in the extreme west part of the city was destroyed Sunday afternoon by fire. The house is located in the hollow north of the Warren Tulene home and the first known of the fire was when Charles Manners, living not far away saw the smoke on the roof and ran to the scene but by this time the blaze had spread through the upper portion of the house.

There was no one at home at the time, the family being at the church picnic north of the city, and the fire gained a strong start before it was discovered.

The neighbors were able to rescue a sewing machine and a dresser which were located near the door in the basement, but otherwise all of the furniture, clothing and equipment of the home was lost in the blaze.

The house is located far from the water mains and it was impossible for the fire department to do any effective work, so rapidly had the blaze spread.

The origin of the fire is unknown as at the time there was no fire in the house.

The house was only partially covered by insurance and the loss will come very heavily on the members of the family. In addition to the furnishings lost a small amount of money left in the house was also burned.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Harley Wiles of this city was operated on Sunday morning at the St. Joseph hospital at Omaha, for a strangulated hernia from which he has suffered for some time. The operation was very successful and the patient is now doing very well.

Mrs. A. D. Asch Gives Instruments to Boys' Home

Junior Band Made Possible Through Gift of Local Woman—Named in Her Honor.

Mrs. A. D. Asch recently made possible the Asch Junior band at the Father Flanagan Boys' Home in Boy's Town. She presented her instruments to the home and the band was immediately organized.

The gift came through a visit of Lawrence L. Langon to Villa Asch. Mrs. Asch showed the instruments to the young man as well as the paintings by Mr. Asch. The visitor, after admiring them, asked if she had any plans for a place for the fine pieces in the future. After learning that there were no close relatives, he suggested that they would make a lovely gift to Boys Town.

Within a few weeks Mrs. Asch visited Boys' Town, bringing the fine collection of instruments as a gift. She was made the guest of honor for the day. Recently Mrs. Asch wrote Father Flanagan offering a choice of her paintings for the home.

The instruments are not only valuable for their intrinsic worth, but they have brought the opportunity of organizing a junior band which lack of instruments had prevented before. Many boys, who otherwise would not have the chance to learn to play, are appreciating the loyal gift.

The boys work three hours a day five days a week on their music. Several boys from the home have done outstanding work in the music field.

COUNTY CHAIRMAN COMMENTS ON THE PAGEANT PARTICIPANTS

Swim Week in Plattsmouth closed with 71 persons registered Saturday evening. The program this year was very successful. 1000 persons took part in the programs over the county. Cass county had the largest Swim Week program in the state.

Elmer Sundstrom, chairman of the Plattsmouth branch of the Red Cross, received the following letter from C. Augusta Robb, Cass county chairman:

"My sincere appreciation to you, the other branch officers, your various committees who so wonderfully cooperated with Mrs. E. H. Wescott and Mrs. Norris in making this water pageant of 1937 a success. Every one truly showed the Red Cross spirit and may that spirit continue to grow in the fullness of service to your happiness. Some one has said 'Service is the yardstick by which greatness is measured.' I am sure you will all attain it.

"If possible, express my appreciation to the Plattsmouth band for it added so much to the evening's performance. The drum corps, the rescue squad, and others who gave the true volunteer Red Cross spirit."

ROTARY MEETING

At the weekly luncheon of the Plattsmouth Rotary club Tuesday, L. S. Devoe, superintendent of the city schools, who has just returned from his summer vacation, was the speaker.

Mr. Devoe discussed international relations, one of the chief aims and objects of the Rotary in promoting good fellowship and understanding among the nations. He told of the threat of war several times where the influence of the international Rotary had been felt in making for peaceful solution.

Lawrence L. Langon, of Omaha, a representative of Father Flanagan's Home for Boys was present and gave a very fine talk on the home and its operation. He told of the 4,446 boys that had gone from the home and had made splendid records in their mature life, not one being in any way involved in law violations. He also told of the cost of crime and the work that the Home is doing in rescuing unfortunate boys and rearing them in the proper atmosphere.

VISITING FRIENDS

Miss Darlene Epperson, of Chicago, is here to enjoy a visit at the J. H. Fulton home, being a guest of Miss Velma Fulton.

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HAS ARM INJURED

From Wednesday's Daily— J. E. Haith, residing at 1002 Lincoln avenue, was badly injured this morning when his right arm was lacerated by a circular saw with which he was working.

Mr. Haith was tightening a guide on the saw when the wrench slipped and the arm thrown against the saw, a bad cut being inflicted that tore a large section of the flesh to the bone.

The injured man was brought to the office of Dr. O. C. Hudson where the injuries were dressed and the wound required several stitches to close.

Mr. Haith has been operating a saw mill at the S. T. Gilmour farm south of this city.

River Activity is Renewed as Water Recedes

Laborers Being Added Daily for Repair and Completion of Contracts—Dredging to Start Soon.

With the lowering of the Missouri's waters, work on the river is being renewed. High waters, which prevailed during July slowed up the work but at the same time hastened the cutting of the channel so that further work can be completed.

Last week the Farney Construction company began some pile driving near the city. The Kansas City Bridge company also started work last week. McGeorge's staff is busy with pile driving. Patton Tully Transfer company are working across the river south of the bridge.

Over twenty laborers have been employed recently from the U. S. Engineers office. One staff is working near Union. A dredge has been brought to Plattsmouth for work on the channel. Operation is expected to start this week. Some work on willow mats is being done north of the city.

SURPRISED ON BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Norman Renner, residing near this city, was made a "victim" of a very pleasant surprise on Sunday, July 25th, the occasion being her birthday anniversary.

The members of the party came with well filled baskets of the dainties that can be found on the Nebraska farms and which served to provide a most delicious dinner at the noon hour.

After the dinner the members of the party enjoyed the time in taking pictures, visiting and enjoying group singing.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ahl and son, Don, Mr. and Mrs. Tigner of Weeping Water, Francis Akeson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tigner and children, Velma, Emma and Willard, Mr. and Mrs. Will Renner, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Wagner and son, Bobbie, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Herren, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Baumgart and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Renner and family.

SURPRISED ON BIRTHDAY

On Sunday, July 25th, a very charming birthday dinner was served at the John Alexson home and which honored Miss Irene Alexson. The event was a complete surprise on the guest of honor and the members of the family and friends carried it out so cleverly that she was kept unaware of the significance of the event until greeted for her birthday.

She received many pretty gifts for the anniversary. The members of the party all came with baskets that carried something to be a part of the dinner.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Anton Meisinger, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Meisinger, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Alexson, Mr. and Mrs. Tinus Bomberg and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Alexson and family.

SUFFERS FROM APPENDICITIS

Vern Hendricks has been confined to his home for the past few days by an attack of appendicitis that has made it necessary for him to remain bedfast. Mr. Hendricks has suffered a chronic attack of the ailment and which may not require an operation at this time.

Genevieve Bloom Chosen as 'Miss Plattsmouth '37'

Forty-Nine Outstanding Beauties in Pageant—Miss Veda Capps Named as Runner-Up

Miss Genevieve Bloom was crowned "Miss Plattsmouth, 1937" at the second annual Plattsmouth unit beauty pageant held at the Legion community building Tuesday evening. She was crowned at the close of the ceremony by Miss Bette Burns, "Miss Plattsmouth, 1936," against whom she gave stiff competition for the crown last year.

The title gives Miss Bloom a free all-expense trip to the official state pageant at the state fair at Lincoln in September. As the fair dates are too late for the winner to go to the national pageant this year, "Miss Nebraska, 1937" will go to the 1938 "Miss America" contest instead, Miss Jones, of Nebraska City being the state representative there this year.

Miss Bloom is a beautiful 18-year-old girl, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Bloom. Her closest rival for honors was Miss Veda Capps, a striking brunette, 16 years of age, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Capps. Bouquets of roses were presented the winner and runner-up by Mrs. Foster May, with the compliments of Henry Jasper, florist. The two girls and their escorts were also guests of the Tas-Tee Shop following the evening's entertainment.

Miss Bloom was sponsored by Farley Furniture and Miss Capps by the Pease Style Shop.

The five outstanding beauties chosen by elimination were Joan Moore, Laura Mrasek, Genevieve Bloom, Veda Capps and Thilje Summers.

Considering the extremely warm night, a very fair sized audience was present.

Judges from Omaha

The pageant was sponsored by the Hugh J. Kearns Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary. The Finance committee of that organization, composed of Mrs. Faye McClintock, Mrs. P. Y. McPetridge, Mrs. Fred Herberster, Mrs. Eugene Vroman, Mrs. C. A. Marshall and Mrs. Raymond Larson, together with Past President Mrs. H. L. Gayler and Mrs. Elmer Webb handled the various arrangements.

Foster May, WOW Newscaster, acted as master of ceremonies and carried the program through without a hitch adding a bit of the well-known "Man on the Street" witticism and interviewing the two winners before the microphone. Mrs. P. Y. McPetridge introduced Mayor George Lushinsky, who in turn presented Foster May. Judges for the contest were Lester Palmer, Omaha municipal judge; Wm. J. Kotera, chief engineer of WOW, and Mrs. Foster May.

Tunnel sound system carried the program, being furnished through courtesy of Farley Furniture.

Clever numbers between acts were given by local entertainers. Misses Shirley Mason and Shirley Seiver presented a military tap dance number and an encore. A quartet, composed of John Tidball, John Jacobs, Dick Hall and Bob Valley sang two numbers. Miss Mildred Knoflick played a violin solo. All of the numbers were accompanied by Mrs. Everett Pickens.

A Pleasing Picture

The forty-four contestants made a lovely picture as they entered to music by Mrs. Robert Reed and were announced by Foster May. Girls, with their sponsors, were:

Rose Marie Cloldt, Bach's Store; Sophia Bierl, Betsor & Swatek Co.; Beatrice Arn, Black & White Grocery; Leona Price, Burlington Route; Darlene Benedict, Carl's Market; Irene Hayden, Cass County Implement Co.; Dorothy Simeonett, Cloldt Service Station; Joan Moore, J. W. Crabbell, Jeweler; Laura Mrasek, Don's Barber Shop; Vivian Warner, Mrs. L. W. Egenberger, Insurance; Mayonnie Sylvester, Ellis & Larue; Genevieve Bloom, Farley Furniture; Anna Marie Rea, Fetzner Shoe Co.; Norene Kaffenberger, John Frady Garage; Alice Vinduska, F. G. Fricke & Co. Drugs; Lorraine Beverage, George Hall, Plumber; Katherine Grosshans, Harris Band Box Cleaners;

Winifred Kaffenberger, Dr. A. E. Johnson; Alice Jane Hirz, Knorr's 5c to \$1 Store; Ellen Kaffenberger, Kroeber's Hardware; Maxine Neilson, Kruger Wallpaper and Paint Store; Marjorie Fitch, Ladies Toggery; Jeanette Hirz, Lugsch Cleaners and Launderers; Marie Hughes, Mullen's Market; Mary Jane Marks, Norfolk Packing Co.; Virginia Leesley, Ofe Oil Co.; Veda Capps, Pease Style Shop; Edna Mae Petersen, Petersen's Recreation Parlor; Thilje Summers, Plattsmouth Bakery; Mildred Knoflick, Plattsmouth Creamery; Mary Ann Highfield, Plattsmouth Feed Center; Margaret Sylvester, Railway Express; Helen Ulrich, William Schmidtman; Inga Reichstadt, Ed Schulhof; Helen Jane Kopp, Sharpnack's; Louise Fitzmayner, Shea's Cafe; Dorothy Beverage, H. M. Soennichsen Co., Inc.; Violet Rabb, Tas-Tee Shop; Gertrude Brink, A. L. Tidd, Attorney; Margaret Ann Valley, Valley Implement Co.; Margaret Taylor, Wescott's Sons; Jane Rebal, Wurl's Store; Ethel Senf, Mauzy Drug Co., and June Keil, Bauer Auto Supply Co.

Other entries who were unable to be present were Lorraine Reichstadt, Bowman's Barber Shop; Martha Summers, Farney's Cafe; June Sumner, Jacobs Cafe; Leona Meisinger, Patis Hardware and Implement Store, and Betty Valley, Valley Service Station.

In addition to the sponsors of girls, a list of more than forty business firms of the city co-operated by complimentary entries and had their advertising messages read by Foster May and their names printed on the large bills.

The ten outstanding girls picked by the judges on the second recall were Leona Price, Joan Moore, Laura Mrasek, Genevieve Bloom, Mary Jane Marks, Veda Capps, Thilje Summers, Mildred Knoflick, Louise Fitzmayer and Gertrude Brink.

Dance for Contestants Following the pageant, a complimentary dance was given for the contestants and the public. The Avalon nine-piece orchestra played. Pete Gradoville is director and six of the players are from Plattsmouth. A floor show was presented during intermission at the dance by the small daughters of Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Canterbury. Billie Rose gave a Mae West number as well as a song and tap dance number. Doris presented a fine acrobatic dance that drew plenty of applause.

DIES AT OMAHA

Mrs. Nellie Stoner Wolf, 51, wife of Fred Wolf, Benson merchant, died Sunday night at her home, 6508 Maple street after a lingering illness. Mrs. Wolf was a former resident of Weeping Water.

She moved to Omaha seventeen years ago and has since made her residence in Benson. She was a member of the St. Paul Methodist church, Narcissus chapter of the Eastern Star and Belle Rebekah and the Benson Woman's club.

She is survived by her husband and two sons, Owen Stoner of Omaha and Lee Stoner of Ravenna, stepchildren, Dale, Robert, Calvert, Laura Mae and Mrs. Virgil Reynolds, all of Omaha, brothers, John of Weeping Water and McGrady of Avoca, Owen of Powell, Weeping Water, and Owen of Powell, sisters, Mrs. Ida Jacobson of Minneapolis and Mrs. John Erskine of Weeping Water.

Funeral services are to be held on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock at the Kremer funeral home and at 2 o'clock in the Methodist church at Weeping Water. Rev. G. A. Randahl, of Grace Methodist church, Omaha, will conduct the services.

E. H. SCHULHOF ILL

E. H. Schulhof, one of the popular residents of the city, is confined to his home suffering from a case of what seems intestinal trouble. He has not been well since Sunday and Tuesday afternoon was forced to remain home and under medical care.

Mr. Schulhof's illness made necessary the postponement of the installation of officers of the local Knights of Columbus last evening. Mr. Schulhof is the newly elected grand knight. The installation will be held on next Tuesday night.

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Old Time Resident Writes of Old Plattsmouth

Memories of Boyhood Stirred in Lee Tutt by Story of the Sylvester Brothers.

Sheriff Homer Sylvester, whose daring capture with his brother Cass, has brought national fame, has received many letters of commendation, but he received in the last few days one of especial interest as it comes from a resident of Plattsmouth in the long ago, back in the seventies and eighties. This is reprinted for the benefit of those who may recall the writer and the associations of youthful days in the old town by the river.

The letter is very interesting as a part of the older days and brings to mind many of the builders of the city. The letter follows:

Yakima, Wash., July, 1937. Sheriff Homer Sylvester, Plattsmouth, Neb. I saw the article regarding the arrest of the Topeka, Kansas, murders in the August "Startling Detective." All stories would not appeal to me as this one as I was born in Plattsmouth the last day in 1866, so you can see I'm no spring chicken. You and your brother sure deserve great credit for the master way in which you handled this extremely dangerous situation. Fifty-four years have gone into the discard since I left the Nebraska hills and in all that time, spent in a "print shop," I have never seen the word Plattsmouth in news print. You surely have put it on the map for keeps. The Journal was our leading paper in those days, edited by Mr. Sherman. His son Charlie and I were good friends. I carried papers on the Journal in the late seventies. Forty-five cents a week was my bountiful stipend and the boys had to do the collecting of 15c a week. The Independent was also published there by a man named Bushnell.

Hawksworth was master mechanic, Tom Marsland was yardmaster and D. E. Thompson at Lincoln was "chief mogul" of the B. & M. R.R. Latham was freight agent, assisted by Jim Donnelly and Sam Mathews. Sam Barker was leading stockman and Morrissey Bros. had a large elevator north of the B. & M. depot.

To my memory comes the names of many of those distant days. Following are a few: Dr. Livingston and family, Theo., Bob, Guy, Anna and Janet; Jay and Ed Johnson; Ed and Joe McMaken; Jim, Tom and Sam Patterson; Lawrence, Ed and May Dutton; Chas. Barnes; Marcus Spurlock, Chas. Dabb; Ed Green; McElwain; Wheelers; H. E. Palmer and family; Gasses; Pollocks; Robines; Vallers; Doyves; Wintersteens; Sherwoods; Tutts; Rufiners; Ed Geyger; Will Clement and Dal Jones. This may not interest you, being years before your advent but the kids of those days will well remember the happy days they spent, swimming in the bayou, gleaning hazelnuts and hickorynuts from the productive hills, walnuts from the old abattoir and strawberries from old Platte bottom.

I would like to hear from anyone of those days or their descendants and I'll answer telling of this beautiful western home. This is a mecca for the sportsman, deer and elk roam the hills, the rivers and adjacent lakes teem with silver salmon and trout. Small game is plentiful and fruits grow in profusion.

More power to you, Adois. LEE E. TUTT, 101 Hall Ave., Yakima, Wash.

FUNERAL OF HARRY FORBES

From Monday's Daily— Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Crosby-Carlson-Mayer mortuary in Omaha, a large number attending the last services and accompanying the cortege to this city for interment in Oak Hill cemetery.

Harry E. Forbes, 37, died late Friday at his home, 4672 Mayberry avenue, Omaha, after an illness of seven months, he having spent some weeks in the hospital in an attempt to give him relief from a very serious brain tumor.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Forbes, old residents here and where he was born and reared. For the past twelve years he has made his home in Omaha.

He is survived by his wife, Helen E., son, Jack E., 3; one sister, Mrs. Fred H. Wynn, of this city; and four brothers, Clarence and Clifford of Plattsmouth, George of Missouri Valley, Iowa, and Fred, who is also residing in Iowa.

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