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## Annual Meeting of Scout District Well Attended

More than Fifty Adult Leaders at Dinner and Business Session Held in Nebraska City

Plattsmouth sent four representatives to the annual dinner and business meeting of Arbor Lodge district, Boy Scouts of America, held in Nebraska City Tuesday evening—E. H. Wescott, long time Scout leader in Plattsmouth; Raymond Larson, for nearly a decade active Scoutmaster; Edward G. Ofe, commander of the Legion, which sponsors the troop in Plattsmouth, and Elmer Webb, who with Wescott and Ofe are members of the troop committee.

Mr. Wescott, one of the vice presidents of the district, presided over the business meeting. Mr. Larson lead one of the discussion groups that considered activities. In a vote on what outdoor activity to sponsor this coming year, the Scout circus of two former years received no consideration, while the "camper" was given nearly twice the support a suggested merit badge exposition received.

Auburn, with a total Scout enrollment little larger than Plattsmouth's 40, won recognition as doing more genuine Scouting than any town in the district. The reason was self-evident. With three troops, the number of adult leaders involved as members of troop committees, Scoutmasters and assistants is nearly as great as the number of Scouts. And of that total of adult leaders, all but three were present at the meeting.

Nebraska City, with three troops, aside from the three district officers residing there, was about the most poorly represented town at the meeting.

Plattsmouth's attendance was 67 per cent of its registered adult Scouters.

All the elective officers of the district were retained except G. M. Corum, of Louisville, a district vice president. As that town has withdrawn from Scout activity, R. N. Opp of Union was named to fill the place. The complete list of elective officers includes: Bert Swalley, Nebraska City, district president; C. D. Damast, Nebraska City, chairman of finance; Dr. C. A. Lutgen, Auburn; E. H. Wescott, Plattsmouth; Rev. B. F. Parnell, Peru, and Mr. Opp, of Union, vice presidents.

Appointive officers will be named later. B. B. Dawson, Cornhusker Council executive, and his assistant, Willis V. Elliott, who is assigned to regular duty in this part of the council, both of Lincoln, attended the meeting.

Although the Arbor Lodge district lost three troops this past year, the number of Scouts enrolled increased from 242 to 299.

The crying need in every town (except Auburn) is for increased numbers of adult leaders and plans were discussed on how to interest more of the men in the respective communities in sponsorship of troops.

### HAVE FIGHT AT UNION

Friday evening Union was the scene of an outbreak that resulted in Harry Speck being severely beaten and who with Charles Clark was brought to this city by Marshal John Morris.

The two young men were arraigned in the county court today and made a plea to the charge of fighting and disturbing the peace.

The judgment of the court was that both of the young men pay a fine of \$25 and costs.

Mr. Speck was given medical attention before going back to his work at Union, as his face had been badly injured.

### CARD OF THANKS

We gratefully wish to thank the relatives, friends and neighbors for their kindnesses to us in the time of our bereavement. Especially do we wish to thank all those taking part in the funeral services.—Mr. and Mrs. Claude Richardson.

### CHECK UP DRIVERS

The efforts of the new state highway patrol to make safer driving has already been shown along highway No. 75. Several local people have been admonished about the necessity of obeying stop signs and other regulations of the road.

The greatest danger does not lie in the fast driving as that of reckless driving without regard for the safety of the car or the danger to other motorists.

Several arrests have been made for the reckless driving and one case of drunken driving and which will be turned over for trial in the county where the offense occurs.

## Cattle Still Affected by Stalk Feeding

Several Cows Are Reported Dying in the Last Few Days From the Stalk Feeding.

The death of cattle from apparently feeding on corn stalks continues to be reported over the county and in this vicinity in the last few days several have lost cows with the cause apparently being that of stalk forage.

The number of cows and cattle that have died in the late summer and fall has been appalling and have cost the farmers of the county a large sum and inflicted heavy losses on many. In several cases six to nine cattle have been lost and many farmers have lost some of their best stock.

Death of cattle in the last few days is reported from the Max Vallery and Joe Bell farms and apparently caused by some malady contracted from the corn stalks.

### ASK FOR AFFIRMATION

Affirmation was asked of the supreme court Wednesday by attorneys for the Brinn-Jensen company of Omaha of a judgment entered in its favor in an action brought by Lloyd E. Peterson, Nebraska City attorney, who lost an eye in a collision of his car with one driven by J. R. Porter, salesman for the company. Porter and his driver were killed in the accident. The lower court held that the contract of employment gave Porter the legal status of an independent contractor and did not create the relation of master and servant. The plaintiff contended in addition that under what is known as the entrepreneur theory, he was entitled to recover because the employer having opportunity to protect himself against loss by reason of wrongful acts of his employee was liable. This theory is based on the fact that as in most cases the employee is judgment proof one suffering from his wrongful acts has no recourse.

### CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Today was the ninetieth birthday anniversary of Mrs. Martha Christwiser of this city, who has been one of the loved and honored figures in the community for the long years of her residence in Cass county.

For many years Mrs. Christwiser and her husband, the late Bennett Christwiser, made their home on a farm in the Murray-Nehawka community and later came to Plattsmouth where they have since resided.

Mrs. Christwiser despite her great years is able to be around as easily as one many years younger, being down in the business section of the city Thursday to look after her usual shopping and business.

The birthday anniversary was observed today by a fine turkey dinner at the family home and which was enjoyed by a number of the relatives of this fine lady.

In honor of the anniversary she received a large number of greeting cards from friends, congratulating her on the attainment of this ripe old age.

### TRIAL COST HIGH

The trial of the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Paul Winton, tried here on a change of venue from Otoe county, cost the sum of \$539.01 and for which Clerk of the District Court C. E. Ledgway has billed Otoe county. Winton was charged with arson and secured an acquittal by the jury.

## Basketball Schedule is Announced

Papillion Replaces North on Local Schedule—Good Prospects for the Season.

The basketball season for the Platters will open in this city on Tuesday evening, December 14th, when Papillion, who has replaced North high on the local schedule, will be here for the battle.

The schedule has home and home games with the Pappio and Nebraska City quintets and all of the old foes of past years, Auburn, Ashland, Glenwood, Wahoo and College View.

The complete 1937-38 schedule is as follows:  
Dec. 14—Papillion here.  
Dec. 21—Weeping Water here.  
Jan. 11—Valley there.  
Jan. 14—Glenwood here.  
Jan. 18—Nebr. School for Deaf here.

Jan. 21—Nebraska City here.  
Jan. 28—College View here.  
Feb. 1—Nebraska City there.  
Feb. 8—Auburn there.  
Feb. 11—Ashland there.  
Feb. 18—Blair there.  
Feb. 22—Papillion there.  
Feb. 25—Wahoo here.

The lineup for the year shows very bright prospects for a good fast team and many veterans are included in the squad that is now out for practice each afternoon and evening.

The seniors this year on the squad comprise Captain Ray Wooster, Joy Miller and Ben McCarty, all veterans.

The juniors number several that saw plenty of action last year and these include Robert Hayes, Ronald Rebal, Donald Wall, Granville Stigler, Warren Reed, John Jacobs, Allen Persinger, Stephen White.

The sophomores include Joe York who showed well last year, Ed Smith, Kenneth White, Warren Albee, Harold Stander, Harley Cottingham, Austin Rhoades, Keith Broman.

The freshmen out this year include several who looked good last year in the eighth grade team, Carter Minor, Corbin Davis, James Yelick, Harry Shiffer, Joe Noble, Tom Gradoville, James Mauzy.

Coach Clark Boggess is well pleased with the outlook and the fans will look forward to the opening clash here to see the blue and white in action.

New rulings this year will be of especial interest to the fans and that eliminating the jump at center after each goal. Under the new rule the jump is made at center at the opening of the game, then on baskets the ball is put in play under the basket of the team that has scored the basket, being passed out from anywhere along the line beneath the basket. The ball is again played at center in the beginning of the second half and also in case of a double foul.

### TO MOVE TO THE WEST

Thursday night the auction sale of the household effects of the Oscar Shrader home was largely attended, the sale being held at the residence on North Sixth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Shrader are expecting to leave on Sunday for Santa Ana, California, where they are to locate and will make their home in the future.

The many friends regret to see them leave the community where they have so long made their home, but join in their best wishes for the success of this estimable couple.

### TO ATTEND DISTRICT MEETING

Two or three carloads of Plattsmouth Legionnaires will attend the eighth district convention at Benson next Thursday night. It is quite probable they will leave here in time to take in the banquet, the exact hour of which is not known as yet. A copy of the official program has been sent for. Commander E. G. Ofe and H. L. Gayer are looking after transportation arrangements for the trip. Plattsmouth will be host to the twelfth district convention next year.

### AN APPRECIATION

The ladies of the Leonard Aid express their appreciation for the kind patronage of their many friends Thursday evening.

### ATTEND MASONIC MEETING

A number of Plattsmouth Masons were at Nebraska City Friday evening, where they attended the banquet and meeting of Western Star lodge No. 2, A. F. & A. M.

There was a very large representation present from the nearby lodges to enjoy the fine banquet and to witness the ritualistic work.

Raymond C. Cook, of this city, deputy grand custodian, served as the master of the lodge in the conferring of the work and Carl J. Schneider, past master of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, officiated as senior warden.

Others attending from here were County Treasurer John E. Turner and Frank A. Cloldt.

## William E. Norris Fined for Malfeasance

Veteran Justice of the Peace of Tipton Precinct Given Fine of \$100 and Costs.

From Friday's Daily—This afternoon in district court before Judge W. W. Wilson, William E. Norris, veteran justice of the peace of Eagle, was fined \$100 and costs on the fifth count of an indictment filed last July 7th by County Attorney J. A. Capwell on the request of the attorney general.

The count on which the hearing was had charged malfeasance in office in asking and demanding more fees than lawfully due him. This was in a case entitled W. R. Litch vs. C. W. Carr and others.

The defendant at the preliminary hearing and plead not guilty, but today he changed the plea to that of guilty and placed his case in the hands of the court.

Judge Wilson stated that in view of the age and condition of the defendant and the recommendation of the county attorney and deputy attorney general, the court would be lenient and imposed the fine of \$100 and costs, and allowing him to retain his office as justice.

Mr. Norris was represented in the hearing by the Hon. J. J. Thomas of Seward, prominent member of the Nebraska bar.

### DEATH OF AGED LADY

Mrs. Millisa Cline, 87, a resident of Plattsmouth for many years, died Friday morning at the county farm west of this city, where for the past three years she had made her home.

Mrs. Cline had resided in her own home for many years until her advanced years made it necessary for her care and she was taken to the farm.

She is survived by two sons residing in Omaha as well as several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the Sattler funeral home at Fourth and Vine streets, Rev. J. W. Taenzler conducting the services.

Interment was in Oak Hill cemetery in the west part of the city.

### RED CROSS DRIVE COMPLETED

While a few more late enlistments may be secured to the Plattsmouth chapter of the American Red Cross, the roll is now practically complete with 179 enrolled for the year.

The chapter last year had an enrollment of 230, due to the energetic efforts of Chairman Sundstrom, Ed Schulhof and their aids in all sections of the city. This year owing to the necessity of being constantly at his work at the sand and gravel pits, Mr. Sundstrom was unable to devote more than a short time in evenings to the work. It was found by many of those soliciting in the various blocks in the business section that the conditions prevented many that joined last year from enrolling.

### GOING TO WEST COAST

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Engelkemeier of near Nehawka, were here Wednesday to spend a few hours attending to some matters of business. They are leaving for the west coast and are expecting to locate at the U. S. movie capitol city, Hollywood, California.

## Chamber of Commerce Has Meet Thursday

Many Matters of Interest Discussed by the Members in Plans for Future Advancement.

The regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held Thursday, the directors meeting at luncheon at Stewart's. A very pleasing number of the directors were in attendance.

A communication was received from the good roads association in which they opposed the curtailment of federal funds for road construction, which was proposed to lessen government expense. No action was taken, however.

A. L. Tidd and T. H. Pollock, who had attended the meeting of the Associated Industries of Nebraska, at Omaha, gave a very fine report of the meeting. The association had been very enthusiastic in the plans for the securing of industries in the state and a fund of \$50,000 had been arranged with which to advertise Nebraska and place before the world her many advantages as a manufacturing center.

Mr. Tidd also reported on a water and soil conservation meeting that he had attended and at which former Governor A. J. Weaver, pioneer river navigation advocate, had been present and discussed the advancement of the river work and the need for greater conservation of the natural resources, to prevent the soil from erosion and the waters of the streams to be placed to natural purposes.

The matter of the active operation of the new dock and warehouse east of the city on the Missouri river water front was also discussed at some length. The question was brought up as to what governmental department would have charge of the operation of the dock, the county, federal government or the city, all of which have been parties in the project.

Searl S. Davis urged that all members of the Chamber of Commerce take interest in and study the proposed farm bill that has just been presented to congress for their consideration, the measure vitally affecting the west farm states.

### DIES AT DENVER

From Friday's Daily—The announcement was received here today by old friends, of the death of Mrs. W. R. Bryan, former resident of South Bend precinct and Plattsmouth.

Mrs. Bryan had reached a ripe age and since the death of Mr. Bryan several years ago, she has resided with her daughter, Mrs. Clara Miller, at Denver and at whose home she passed away.

It is expected that the funeral will be held Monday or Tuesday at the Ashland cemetery where Mr. Bryan is resting.

### TO VISIT IN WEST

Friday afternoon Bronson Timm and Leroy Ruse departed for the west coast, where they will enjoy a visit with friends for some time and expect to see a great deal of the southwest enroute. They are making the trip by auto.

Last summer the two young men made a trip to the west by motorcycle that covered several weeks and took them through Mexico to California and up the west coast.

### DIES AT LINCOLN

Jennie M. Critchfield, 71, a former resident of Cass county, died on Friday morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. George M. Porter, 345 North 20th street, in Lincoln.

Miss Critchfield was a member of one of the prominent families of the west part of Cass county, making her home at Elmwood for a number of years and later moving to Plattsmouth.

### AN APPRECIATION

We wish to express our deepest appreciation of the patronage afforded us at the chicken pie supper. The result was splendid and we are very grateful to the people of the community.—The Woman's Federation of the Presbyterian church.

### NEW MINISTER HERE

From Thursday's Daily—Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Lowson and their family arrived here last evening and are now settled in the Methodist parsonage and Rev. Lowson on the job as the pastor of the local church.

The family comprises Rev. and Mrs. Lowson and their three daughters, one of whom is remaining at Ceresco to complete her school work as she is a senior in school at that place.

Both the pastor and wife are members of the Eastern Star, he being a past worthy patron and Mrs. Lowson serving as "Ruth" in the Ceresco lodge.

## Rebekahs Elect Officers for the Year

Mrs. Hilda Coffman Named Noble Grand for the Year—Miss Marie Kaufmann Honored

From Friday's Daily—The Rebekahs held their annual election of officers last evening, a large number of the members being in attendance to take part in the proceedings. The following were elected:

Noble Grand—Mrs. Hilda Coffman. Vice Grand—Mrs. Mary Mumm. Secretary—Miss Marie Kaufmann. Treasurer—Mrs. Freeman McFarland.

The following officers were re-appointed to the various positions and will be installed later with the elective officers:

Chaplain—Mrs. George Hall. Right Support to Noble Grand—Mrs. T. E. Olson. Left Support to Noble Grand—Mrs. Henrietta Ofe.

Right Support to Vice Grand—Mrs. Harry Kruger. Left Support to Vice Grand—Miss Gerda Peterson.

Conductress—Mrs. Alice Hafke. Warden—Mrs. Alice Ofe. Musician—Miss Mildred Hall. Inside Guard—Miss Bertha Ellington.

Outside Guard—Miss Fern Jahrig. The local Rebekah lodge is very much pleased over an honor that has come to one of their active members, Miss Marie Kaufmann, who has been selected as deputy district president of district 7-A of the Rebekahs. The appointment was made by Mrs. Hattie Chamberlain, president of the national Rebekah assembly.

Miss Kaufmann has been active in the work of the order for years and has served as local secretary for a long period and also has been identified with the state organization. She will have charge of the installing and inspection work in Cass and several of the adjoining counties.

### PATIENTS DOING WELL

Reports from the Clark hospital in Omaha are to the effect that Mr. and Mrs. John P. Sattler, Jr., are showing excellent progress and it is thought that Mr. Sattler will return home this evening or Sunday to complete his recuperation here.

Mrs. Sattler is gaining in strength and able to take nourishment as well as securing rest and her injuries seem to be healing nicely, but it will be some time before she will be able to leave the hospital.

### HERE FROM GREENWOOD

From Saturday's Daily—There were several of the residents of near Greenwood present at the court house today to attend the sale of land of the Harry Rourke estate. B. M. Hanson, the administrator, conducted the sale and the land was sold to G. Denning of near Greenwood.

Others here from that locality were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Welton, W. H. Bond and Henry Flood of Lincoln.

### MAKES GUILTY PLEA

Gerald Hendress, arrested in Omaha Tuesday on a forgery charge, was arraigned in county court on Wednesday afternoon. The young man was charged with forging the name of Herbert Stoll of Nehawka to several checks.

The young man made a plea of guilty to the charge and was bound over to the district court for action in the matter.

## Fathers and Sons Join in a Fine Banquet

Eight Mile Grove Church Scene of a Very Fine Gathering of the Fathers and Sons.

The Eight Mile Grove Lutheran church was the scene of a very delightful gathering the past week when the annual Father and Son banquet was held at the church parlors and attended by a large number of the fathers and sons of the community to enjoy the fine repast that had been prepared for the occasion. The banquet was held at 6:30 and the menu was as follows:

- Roast Beef - Dressing
- Mashed Potatoes - Gravy
- Green Beans - Pickled Beets
- Cranberry Salad
- Bread - Butter - Jell
- Cherry and Pumpkin Pie
- Coffee

The banquet was given by the sons honoring the fathers, the committee in charge being Reuben Meisinger, Elmer Stoehr, Ernest Hild, Cedar Creek, Forrest Engelkemeier, Murray; Leroy Hennings, Louisville.

Rev. A. Lenz, pastor of the church, presided as the toastmaster and very cleverly presented the various numbers on the program.

The address of welcome on behalf of the sons was given by Leroy Hennings and responded to by Jacob Kraeger, for the fathers, in a very fine manner.

The male quartet composed of Arthur Hild, Glen Kraeger, James Schafer and Rev. Lenz gave two very fine numbers, "Dear Old Girl" and "I Miss Her." Miss Marie Lenz was the accompanist for the quartet.

E. H. Wescott played for the group singing and also gave two exceptionally fine piano solos that were very much appreciated.

L. S. Devoe, superintendent of the Plattsmouth schools, was present and gave a demonstration of magic that held the audience highly entertained.

Fred Koehler, one of the well known musicians of the vicinity of Murray, gave several accordin numbers that added greatly to the delight of the audience.

The main address of the evening was given by Mr. Erb, supervisor of shorter courses in the agricultural college of the University of Nebraska. The highlights touched by the speaker were clear thinking, motives pure, love your God and trust in Him secure.

The oldest father at the banquet was J. C. Meisinger, youngest father was Earl Albert of Louisville, the father of the most boys was Otto Puls while the father of the most children was Otto Schafer of Nehawka.

### SIGNS OF CHRISTMAS

The near approach of the Christmas season is shown in the business section of the city where piles of the fir and cedar Christmas trees are displayed for the inspection of the purchaser. Several are already placing the trees in the holders along the curbs.

Window decorations and dressing up the interior of the stores are also lending the holiday touch to the business part of the city.

### PROTEST CLEMENCY

LINCOLN, Dec. 3 (UP)—Ralph A. Wever, of Plattsmouth, filed today with the state pardon board a petition signed by several hundred Cass county residents asking that the board refuse clemency to Mrs. Inas Wever, his sister-in-law, at the December hearing.

Mrs. Wever will appear before the board December 8 to plea for a reduction of the life sentence imposed nearly seven years ago after she was convicted of the poison murder of her husband. Mrs. Wever insists she is innocent of the crime.

### PROGRAM AND PLATE SUPPER

You are all cordially invited to attend a program and plate supper at the Keil school, Dist. 97, Thurs. eve, Dec. 9. Ruth Alexen, teacher.

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