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Local People Hear Adult Society Convicted

Debate Held at the First Congregational Church at Omaha Proves Very Interesting.

There were 1,200 persons present at the First Congregational church in Omaha when the Nebraska Christian Youth staged a trial of adult society charged with "Ignorance, Selfishness and Indifference to the Needs of Youth."

Three members of the Nebraska supreme court presided over the trial, Chief Justice Goss, Justices L. B. Day and Bayard H. Payne, returning a conviction on three of five counts. Governor Cochran was the foreman of the jury.

The jury found society guilty of failure to provide opportunity of employment, failure to provide for constructive use of leisure time and failure to provide preparation for marriage and home life thru prevention of youth's realization of sex adjustment.

It recommended clemency on failure to provide opportunity for employment, pointing out "that society is making an honest attempt but because of unprecedented conditions finds the problem impossible of solution at this time."

Society was found innocent of frustration of opportunity by imposition on youth of militaristic nationalism, and denial of spiritual and religious heritages thru secularizing of life.

"Got Off Pretty Well."

"I feel that adult society has gotten off pretty well in this proceeding," commented Chief Justice Goss. "Since this hearing Sunday is before a court of first instance, there is nothing to do but pronounce judgment on the verdict ordering that society make every effort to amend its failures and weakness. If there be any appeal taken, I hope the full record made here will be available and that the verdict of this court shall be affirmed."

Those from Plattsmouth to attend the trial were Judge and Mrs. A. H. Duxbury, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Devoe, Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Davis, L. M. Gerner and Miss Sylvia Korbil.

HAVE A FINE MEETING

The members of the W. C. T. U. held a very fine meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. O. C. Hudson on high school hill, a large number of the members being in attendance.

Mrs. J. E. Wiles gave the devotion and also was the leader of the meeting.

Miss Elizabeth Spangler gave "This Is the Thing I Do," written by Gertrude Stevens Levitt in honor of Lillian Stevens, national president of the W. C. T. U. for many years.

Miss Olive Gass gave a very interesting discussion of the child labor section of the wages and hours bill. Mrs. E. W. Thimman made the presentation of the Lillian Stevens legislative fund.

Mrs. R. B. Hayes talked very entertainingly on the National Temperance Educational fund.

Mrs. Wiles in closing read a clipping asking the president to halt miniature liquor sales.

A round table discussion followed which was followed with a great deal of interest.

The business session was closed with the W. C. T. U. benediction.

Mrs. Hudson served delicious refreshments at an appropriate hour.

PERU COLLEGE NOTES

Miss Mildred Knofficek appeared on the program of the Musical club of Nebraska City, January 4, 1938.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The annual stockholders' meeting of the Manley Grain Co., will be held Monday, January 17, at 1 p. m. at the grain office in Manley.

HARRY HAWES Mgr.

Excellent opening for produce station Murray, Nebraska. Good proposition for right party. Write Harding Cream Company, Omaha, Nebraska.

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WILL HOLD DEBATE

On Monday, January 17, at 8:15 p. m., at the Eagle's hall at the regular meeting of the Knights of Columbus there will be a debate between the two Plattsmouth high school teams. They will debate the question "Resolved that the several states should adopt a unicameral system of legislation."

After the debate there will be an open forum discussion so that anyone who has any questions about this type of government may ask them. Then there will be an audience decision taken on the question.

The meeting is held not only for the Knights of Columbus but for all those interested in this question. Everyone is invited.

McFarland-Ruse Wedding Held Sunday

Popular Young People Quietly Married at the Presbyterian Manse Sunday Afternoon.

In a very quiet and impressive marriage service Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Presbyterian manse, Miss Isabel Grace McFarland and Mr. Leroy Ruse were wedded.

The young people were attended by Miss Esther Nims, of Washington, Kansas, a childhood friend of the bride and Mr. Bronson Timm of this city, a close friend of the groom.

The bride was charming in a gown of green crepe and with accessories of black.

The wedding occurred on the thirty-first wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman McFarland, parents of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruse are starting housekeeping at once in the Sharpnack apartments on Sixth street and where they will be at home to their friends in the future.

The bride has grown up here in Plattsmouth, coming here as a child from Washington, Kansas and received her education in the local schools, graduating in the class of 1937. She has been one of the popular members of the younger social set of the city.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ruse of Merna, Nebraska, and has made his home here in the last few years, being connected with the C. A. Ruse Motor Co., and is a young man very popular with a large circle of friends in the community.

ADULTS VIEW ART EXHIBIT

From Wednesday's Daily—The patrons and patronesses of art in Plattsmouth had an opportunity to view some of the old masterpieces in the high school gymnasium last evening. The music was as follows: Richard Cole accompanied by Mrs. Cole sang "Coming Home"; Allen White, accompanied by Jean Knorr sang "Song of Songs."

The art program consisted of a lecture by Mrs. M. E. Vance from the University of Nebraska in which she explained the history and meaning of the various productions. Besides the list of patronesses of yesterday, the following were added to the list: Alpha C. Peterson, Mrs. Edna Westcott, Mrs. L. W. Egenberger, Mrs. H. L. Kruger.

It is the intention to keep this list intact and form the nucleus of an organization of people in the community who are interested in art.

HEARS MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL

Judge W. W. Wilson Monday heard the argument for a new trial in the case of Fay McClintock vs. Michael Hausladen, et al. This was suit for damages as the result of an auto accident and in which the jury returned a verdict of \$2,500 against each of the defendants.

The argument took up the greater part of the day and the matter has been taken under advisement by the court.

ATTEND CHURCH MEETING

From Monday's Daily—This afternoon Judge A. H. Duxbury, Rev. J. C. Lawson, E. H. Westcott and Don Cramer were at Omaha where they attended a meeting of the Federal Council of Churches being held there.

County Conservation Association Elects

Edward Steinkamp Again Heads Group Who Will Serve as Conservation Committee.

Edward Steinkamp was again elected county chairman of the Agricultural Conservation Association at a meeting of the precinct chairmen held at the conservation office at Weeping Water.

Henry Ragoss of Louisville was elected vice chairman and Melvin Todd of Union the third member of the county committee. John B. Kaffenberger of Plattsmouth and Henry Vogt of Elmwood were elected as alternates on the county committee.

Merritt Pollard of Nehawka will be the 1938 treasurer to succeed Evan Armstrong, the 1937 treasurer. D. D. Wainwright was again elected secretary of the association.

The board of directors which is composed of the newly elected precinct chairmen for the 1938 program are:

Salt Creek—Evan Armstrong, Greenwood.

Tipton—Clyde West, Eagle.

Stove Creek—Henry Vogt, Elmwood.

Elmwood—Joe Gustin, Murdock.

South Bend—Martin Blum, Ashland.

Louisville—John Osenko, Louisville.

Center—Edw. Steinkamp, Weeping Water.

Weeping Water—John Mendenhall, Weeping Water.

Avoca—Merritt Pollard, Nehawka.

Mt. Pleasant—Henry Ragoss, Louisville.

Eight Mile Grove—John B. Kaffenberger, Plattsmouth.

Plattsmouth—E. H. Spangler, Plattsmouth.

West Rock Bluff—Alfred Gansemer, Murray.

East Rock Bluff—Major I. Hall, Murray.

Liberty—Melvin Todd, Union.

Nehawka—J. Marion Stone, Nehawka.

ROTARY VIEWS ART WORK

The Rotary club Tuesday had the pleasure of having a very interesting and unusual program given for their entertainment at the luncheon at the Stewart cafe.

Mrs. Nellie Vance, from the extension department of the University of Nebraska, who was here to present the art exhibit at the high school, was a guest of the club and brought with her a number of choice selections from the collection and which was shown for the benefit of the Rotarians. This art showing was very much enjoyed by the club members.

Lee Meyers, musical director of the high school, also had the boys and girls vocal groups at the luncheon and who gave a very fine program as their part of the entertainment.

The high school has an unusually fine group of young vocalists and who were heard in well chosen selections.

The club had the pleasure of having a delegation of Rotarians from Nebraska City here for the meeting, N. C. Abbott, Henry Catron, B. M. Spenser, Ben Thornberg and N. A. S. McLean.

ATTEND MISSIONARY MEETING

From Tuesday's Daily—Mrs. Hallie Perry, Mrs. A. M. Boynton, president, Mrs. V. T. Arn, Mrs. Ted Farmer and Mrs. R. B. Hayes represented the Plattsmouth Woman's Home Missionary society at a group meeting of the society at Omaha yesterday.

The program of the year was discussed, how much they had done and where they should do more. A new superintendent has been appointed to take the place of Miss Howard. Until her arrival next week, however, the board has been carrying on the work.

The meeting was held at the City Mission, which is located in a district where there are a great many people of the relief class, who need aid. Their children are taken into the mission and given training that will help them in later life and help them to avoid the gang spirit that leads to delinquency and crime.

This mission is operated by the Omaha district of the Woman's Home Missionary society.

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SPLIT DEBATE AT NEBR. CITY

Coach Milo Price's Plattsmouth debaters debated two Nebraska City teams at Nebraska City last Friday night. Homer (Jack) Barton and Harriett Case won on the affirmative, upholding Unicameral legislatures.

Robert Woest and John Bestor lost on the negative. Nebraska City attorneys served as judges. This makes three won and one lost to Nebraska City this year.

The Knights of Columbus will have an opportunity to hear these improving speakers Monday evening at the Eagles hall. In this case, Barton and Case will uphold the affirmative and Woest and Bestor the negative, debating the regular question of this year, "Resolved, that the several states should adopt the Unicameral system of legislation."

Cass County Prisoner Would be Deported

Omaha Attorney in Plea for Joe Altschaffl Says Man Would Return to Native Land.

LINCOLN, Jan. 12 (UP)—Jackson B. Chase, Omaha attorney, informed the state pardon board today that Joe Altschaffl, 36, will be deported to Germany if he is released from the state penitentiary where he is serving a 59-year sentence for shooting with intent to kill.

Altschaffl was only 21 when, without apparent reason he shot his employer's wife, Mrs. Fritz Siemoneit on a Cass county farm near Plattsmouth. Altschaffl, an immigrant German farm hand entered the bedroom where Mr. and Mrs. Siemoneit and their 11-year-old daughter were sleeping and started firing. One bullet struck Mrs. Siemoneit in the arm.

"I am sorry I committed the crime but if you gentlemen will give me a start I will do my part," he told the board.

Sheriff Homer Sylvester and County Attorney J. A. Capwell wrote letters opposing clemency but did not appear at the hearing.

State Probation Officer Mike Krascher said that if he is deported he will be put in a Nazi work camp for two years.

Another prisoner to plead clemency before the board was Corry Maybough, 29, of Shubert, who admitted for the first time that he put eight sticks of dynamite and 75 detonator caps in a car which he stole at Falls City two years ago and drove into Kansas. He wrecked it near Troy, Kansas. A few minutes after he abandoned it the car exploded shattering windows within a radius of a quarter mile. He said he had been using the dynamite for stump blasting. Maybough has served 13 months of a 1 to 5 year term. County Attorney J. H. Falloon opposed his release.

SAILS FOR EUROPE

From Tuesday's Daily—Monsignor George Agius, pastor of the St. John's church, leaves this evening on the Burlington zephyr from Omaha, on the first lap of his journey back to the old world. Monsignor Agius will sail from New York Saturday on the Conte DeSovio, one of the finest ships of the Italian line and expects to reach Naples on January 22.

Monsignor Agius goes to Malta, his boyhood home and where he will visit his sister and brother, Father Marcellus Agius, who has been at Malta for several years following his illness.

In departing "Father Agius" as he is best known to the hundreds of friends is extending his greetings and expects to be back with his parishioners and friends again in the late spring or summer.

The many friends will extend their best wishes for a safe and pleasant voyage and a most enjoyable trip in the land of his youth.

ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT

Herbert Sundstrom, of Plattsmouth, who is an arts and sciences college senior at the University of Nebraska, was elected vice-president of Sigma Delta Chi, journalism fraternity, at a luncheon meeting held Thursday, January 6.

Platters Win Game from the Valley 'Five'

First Team Scores a 30 to 15 Win While the Platter Reserves Take the Juniors 20 to 12.

From Wednesday's Daily—

The Platters annexed another victory in their 1137-38 record last evening when they defeated the Valley team on the Douglas county court, the first team winning by the score of 30 to 15 while the Platter Reserves annexed their contest 20 to 12.

Ray Wooster, veteran forward of the Platters led his team in scoring with a total of 15 points, and served as the spark plug of the local offensive. Rebal and Hayes, who are usually prolific of several scores, annexed one basket apiece and did not get hitting as usual.

The game opened slow and both teams were largely on the defensive, the first four minutes of the struggle was scoreless until the Platters dropped in a basket to start the march to victory. The end of the opening quarter showed the Platters leading 7 to 5.

In the second stanza of the game the Platters unloosed their attack and held the Valley team to one basket while they extending their lead to 15 to 7.

With the third quarter up, Coach Clark Boggess substituted freely from the squad and gave a large group a chance to see service and a rest for the veterans who had battled so well in the opening half of the game. The score at the close of the third quarter was 28 to 9 for the Platters.

Miller at guard played an excellent game and served to check the attempts of the Valley team to score.

The box score of the game:

Plattsmouth—	FG	FT	PF	TP
Wooster, f	7	1	0	15
Smith, f	0	0	1	0
Hayes, f	1	1	1	3
McCarty, f	1	0	1	2
Rebal, c	1	0	0	2
Jacobs, c	0	0	0	0
Reed, g	2	0	1	4
Miller, g	2	0	1	4
Wall, g	0	0	0	0
	14	2	5	30

Technical foul.

Valley—

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Allen, f	0	0	4	0
Kirchman, f	0	0	0	0
Johnson, f	3	0	2	6
Blake, f	0	1	0	1
James, c	1	0	0	2
Anderson, f	0	0	2	0
Harris, g	0	0	1	0
Samsom, g	3	0	1	6
Lantell, g	0	0	0	0
Switzer, g	0	0	1	0
	7	1	11	15

Referee, Welmer, Omaha; Timekeeper, Armstrong, Plattsmouth; Scorer, Johnson, Valley.

DIES AT HOSPITAL

From Monday's Daily—The death of Carl John Thystrup, 60, of Union, occurred Saturday evening at the Methodist hospital at Omaha where he has been for some time under treatment.

The deceased was a native of Denmark and has made his home in the United States for the past twenty-eight years and has been engaged in his work as a carpenter.

He is survived by the widow, Carrie, two sons and one brother, the latter living at Council Bluffs.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Horton funeral home and with a large group of the old friends attending. The Rev. W. A. Taylor of Union conducted the services and the body was taken to the East Union cemetery where it was laid to the last rest.

DIES AT OMAHA

From Monday's Daily—Mrs. Maude E. Albee, 51, of Omaha, died Saturday evening after an illness of some duration and which had given no hope of her recovery from her malady. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Earl J. Albee, one son, Eugene, her mother, Mrs. Laura A. Stevens, all of Omaha, and one brother, Ernest A. Stevens, Woodbine, Iowa.

Mrs. Albee was a sister-in-law of W. P. Albee of this city.

The funeral services were held this afternoon at the Brailey & Dorrance chapel at Omaha and interment at Hillcrest.

ASKS DEED SET ASIDE

From Monday's Daily—This morning an action entitled John H. Fowler, trustee vs. Harry and Thelma Albin, was filed in the office of the clerk of the district court. The petition alleges that on December 7, 1937, the plaintiff recovered a judgment in the county court against Harry Albin for \$971.30, that on November 10, 1937 a judgment for \$159 was obtained in the court of Justice C. L. Graves.

It is further alleged that the defendant Harry Albin on November 10, 1937, executed a deed to certain real estate and bills of sale to personal property to Thelma Albin.

It is asked that the deeds and bills of sale be set aside.

County Board Holds Its Annual Meeting Tuesday

E. B. Chapman, Chairman of Board, Set Estimate of Expense at \$176,200 for the Year.

The Cass county board of county commissioners held their annual meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the court house and organized for the year with E. B. Chapman, Union, chairman; G. L. Farley, Plattsmouth, vice-chairman and H. C. Backemeyer, Greenwood, junior member.

The board had presented a request from the Cass County Agricultural society for an appropriation of \$2,000 for the operation of the fair and society for the year. The request was granted and \$2,000 appropriated for the work.

Raymond J. Larson, of Plattsmouth, was named as a member of the Soldiers' Relief commission.

Dr. J. W. Brendel of Avoca, was named as the county physician for the ensuing year.

The board then made the estimate of the expense of the county for the year:

General Fund	\$ 68,000
Poor Relief	35,000
Road Fund (Includ. Drag)	35,000
Bridge Fund	30,000
Mother's Pension	5,000
Soldier's Relief	1,200
	\$176,200

DISTRICT PRESIDENT COMING

Mrs. Eugene Nutzman, of Nehawka, twelfth district president of the American Legion Auxiliary has accepted the invitation to attend the January meeting of the Plattsmouth unit, to be held at the home of Mrs. Raymond Larson, the district vice president, Friday afternoon, January 21st. A number of Nehawka unit members will accompany her.

Mrs. Nutzman was chairman of the Auxiliary's department legislative committee last year and is familiar with the legislative aims of the Legion and Auxiliary, especially the Universal Service law now before congress. At the meeting she has consented to speak on this bill and will bring the members and invited representatives from civic and patriotic women's organizations of the city a full and complete understanding of just what this measure proposes to do to insure continued peace, and how, should war inevitably come, its provisions will do much to increase the nation's ability to combat the enemy. It is sometimes referred to as the universal conscription bill, inasmuch as it provides, among other things, for the conscription of material resources as well as manpower in case of war.

This month is devoted to Legislation on the Legion Auxiliary's calendar, and besides her discussion of the Universal Service bill, Mrs. Nutzman will touch briefly on other phases of the legislative program supported by these two organizations—the Legion and the Auxiliary.

Mrs. A. H. Duxbury is chairman of the Legislative committee of the local Auxiliary unit.

HERE FROM MANLEY

From Tuesday's Daily—William Sheehan, Sr., the assessor of Center precinct as well as all around good fellow, was in the city today to attend to some matters at the court house and was accompanied by his sons, William, Jr., Joe and Mike.

SECURE DIVORCES

District Judge W. W. Wilson on Monday granted decrees of divorce to Bessie Welmer from John B. Welmer and to Vida S. Martis from Joe B. Martis.

'Nature Trail' Meeting is Held Here Tuesday

Large Number Attend Interesting Meeting; Excellent Talks Heard on Natural Resources.

From Wednesday's Daily—

Yesterday afternoon a meeting was held at the Plattsmouth Recreation Center for the purpose of promoting interest in the "Nature Trail," a project of the recreation service. A large group of people interested in flowers, birds and trees attended the meeting.

M. B. Jenkins, director of forest research at the University of Nebraska Conservation and Survey division, gave a fine talk on the conservation of the financial resources in connection with the nature trail. Mr. Jenkins states that he is very interested in the nature trail because it will give an opportunity for people to study woody plants, such as trees, and shrubs, and their relationship to wild flowers, birds and erosion.

"In that connection," he said, "I would like to make the statement that we are rapidly losing our native trees and shrubs and wild flowers due to overhauling. Those plants will not exist under the intense methods of agriculture. But I feel the proposed trail, passing through a zone where a large number of our trees and shrubs can be studied and the wild flowers growing beneath them, will cause people to become conscious of our resources."

Mr. Jenkins said that in the near vicinity of Plattsmouth there is a much larger variety of species of woody shrubs and trees and wild flowers than can be found in any other like area of the United States. This gives the opportunity of birds and wild life.

The Nature Trail, Mr. Jenkins explained, is a proposed foot trail along which the various trees and shrubs will be worked, giving both the botanical and common names so that people will become familiar with the names of their native trees.

At this meeting Mr. Jenkins proposed that Plattsmouth join up with other river towns in encouraging a river drive extending from Sioux City through to Rulo to follow the edge of the bluffs all along the river the entire distance for a pleasure drive.

Mrs. Ruth Fleming, nature specialist of the state recreation division gave a talk on the cultivation of the natural resources of flowers and birds. She will be here for a few days at the service of any individual or organization who is interested in the nature trail. She hopes to get schools and organizations interested in the trail so that they will sponsor it. She will go from here to Omaha to get ideas from the trail being laid by the NYA in the bird sanctuary of Fontenelle forest.

Dr. G. H. Gilmore of Murray, president of the Cass County Historical society, talked on the things of historical interest that are now covered and which could be uncovered to the education and interest of the people on the nature trail.

A great deal of interest was shown at the meeting and it is hoped the nature trail project can be perfected in the near future.

COMMISSIONER BACKEMEYER

From Tuesday's Daily—This morning Henry C. Backemeyer, newly appointed