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Declamatory Contest Brings Many to City

Held Here Saturday at the High School and Central Buildings—Many in Attendance.

The district declamatory contest, participated in by representatives from a large number of the schools of eastern Nebraska, was held in this city Saturday, the entire day being taken up with the various groups in the several classes of the contest.

The contests were held at the high school and Central building auditoriums and a very large number were present to take part and enjoy the excellent programs which were afforded.

Among the schools that were represented were Papillion, Lyons, Shubert, Bellwood, Brainard, Howells, Dodge, Schuyler, Fremont, Columbus, Nebraska City, Blair, Tech high Omaha, North Bend, Stromsburg, Dawson, Gretna, Genoa, Oakland, Auburn, Plattsmouth, Yutan, Benson. The morning session was devoted to the humorous, extemporaneous speaking and oratory sections, while in the afternoon the dramatic section and one act plays were given.

The events were judged by Miss H. Alice Howell, of the department of speech of the University of Nebraska, who had the humorous, extemporaneous, and one-act plays, and Mrs. Lucille Beal Aron of Doane college, who had charge of judging the oratorical and dramatic divisions. The judging was completed after the close of the plays and the decision announced, the results being as follows:

Humorous Division
Class B—Virginia Pakes, Howells, superior, "The Big Game"; Robert Steinhilber, Dodge, excellent, "Tommy Stearns Scraps 'Em";
Class A—Dorothy Maxwell, Fremont, superior, "Home Talent Rehearsal"; Lois Pugh, Nebraska City, excellent, "Brother Take a Bow."

Extemporaneous Speaking
Class A—Harold Griese, Technical High School, Omaha, superior; Dick Maher, Blair high school, excellent.
Class B—Harrell Beck, Lyons, superior.

Interpretative Oratory
Class B—Charles Patterson, Gretna, superior, "Elimination of War"; Byron Walters, Lyons, superior, "Youth Affame"; Doris Jacobson, Stromsburg, excellent, "The Master in the Public Square"; Peggy Person, Genoa, excellent, "The Man Who Played God."
Class A—Robert Conral, Schuyler, superior, "The Big Parade"; Helen Eickman, Fremont, superior, "Challenge to American Women"; Bert Smith, Auburn, superior, "Russia's Struggle for Life"; Carroll Meyer, Columbus, excellent, "The Big Parade"; Bill Pistick, Nebraska City, excellent, "Youth and World Peace."

Original Oratory
Class A—Helen Casey, Columbus, superior, "A Path of Peace"; Bernard Fruhwirth, Benson high, Omaha, superior, "Criminal's License"; Lowell S. Devoe, Jr., Plattsmouth, excellent, "The Sod House Frontier"; John Moseman, Oakland, excellent, "Kindling."
Class B—William McDonald, Hooper, superior, "The One Hope"; Maurine Fusy, Stromsburg, excellent, "Nine Judges."

Dramatic Division
Class B—Natalie Phenix, North Bend, superior, "When the Whirlwind Blows"; Betty Moore, Elkhorn, excellent, "Camille."
Class A—Mary Rittner, Fremont, superior, "The Clod"; Flora Belle Meade, Plattsmouth, superior, "Murder of King Duncan"; Evangeline Johnson, Technical high, Omaha, excellent, "When the Sun Rises"; Leola Pollard, Schuyler, excellent, "Mary, Queen of Scotland."

One-Act Plays
Class B—"Sparklin'", superior, Polk; "The Wedding", superior, Shubert; "Who Gets the Car?", excellent, Yutan.
Class A—"Submerged", superior, Blair; "A Window to the South", excellent, Columbus; "Where the Cross was Made", excellent, Schuyler.

GOES THROUGH STOP SIGN
From Tuesday's Daily—
Senator W. B. Banning, of Union, this morning while driving from the Union road into highway No. 75, failed to make the stop as the sign directed and accordingly was stopped by the highway patrol which was passing and requested to come on into Plattsmouth. He appeared later and found complaint was filed by the highway patrolmen. He acknowledged the passing of the sign and was given a fine of \$10 and costs.

DOROTHY BENNETT PLAYERS HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

Dorothy Bennett Players, heralded as the 'Mid-West's Leading Stock Co.' will present the play, "Uncle Charlie" at the Legion hall Friday night of this week, Febr. 18. Their appearance here is sponsored by the Junior American Legion Auxiliary, who will conduct the advance ticket sale. Following the play, there will be various home talent acts from the stage and a group of the Juniors modeling old time wedding gowns, including several of a century ago. A total of forty to fifty local people will appear in home talent numbers following the presentation of the regular show by the Dorothy Bennett Players.

Sheriff to Start Collection Personal Taxes

At Request of County Commissioners and Taxpayer Groups, Drive to Start.

Sheriff Homer Sylvester upon whom devolves the task of serving and satisfying distress warrants issued on delinquent personal taxes, is to start a campaign of levies over the county to secure property to cover the amount of taxes that are owned by the delinquent taxpayers.

The action is taken by the sheriff at the urgent request of members of the board of county commissioners and various groups of taxpayers over the county.

The sheriff's office had previously served notice on all those who had delinquent personal taxes and a large number responded but it is desired by the county that more drastic steps be taken to see if additional taxes cannot be secured.

TO SHOW UNI OF NEBR. FOOTBALL PICTURES HERE

C. A. Marshall, director of the Junior Drum Corps, has been endeavoring for some time to secure a showing of the University of Nebraska 1937 season football pictures in Plattsmouth for the drum corps members and as many of the interested public as could be accommodated at the dining room of the Plattsmouth Hotel.

Yesterday he received word that the pictures will be brought here on Friday of this week, February 18, being the only time they will be available until sometime in April. He accepted the date and arrangements are being made accordingly.

The plan calls for a dinner for the drum corps boys at the hotel dining room at six o'clock. Limited space makes it impossible to serve other than the boys and the visiting men from the athletic department of the University at this dinner.

However, at the conclusion of the dinner, when the picture program begins at 7:30, a number of interested followers of the Cornhuskers can be accommodated. To help bear the expense of bringing the pictures here and the banquet for the Drum Corps boys, the public will be asked to pay 25 cents for the privilege of seeing the pictures. Only a limited number of tickets will be available, due to small size of the room, and while they last may be secured from Henry Soenlischen, treasurer of the Junior Drum Corps. These tickets are for the picture program only and do not include the dinner, which only the Drum Corps boys will attend.

In addition to the football pictures there will be shown two reels of the Drum Corps pictures in color taken last fall at the Athletic field by Emil Weyrich.

COURT HERE FRIDAY

District Judge W. W. Wilson of Nebraska City, will be here Friday morning at 9:30 to hold court. Clerk of the District Court C. E. Ledgway states. There are a number of matters pending which will be taken up by the court at this time.

RETURN TO CITY

Mr. and Mrs. P. Y. McFetridge, who have been spending the winter in Hastings, have returned to Plattsmouth.

Former Plattsmouth Girl is Wed in Omaha

Miss Aura Franks Becomes the Bride of Richard Hayes Finnell, of Hamburg, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Monte C. Franks announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Aura Lorene Franks to Mr. Richard Hays Finnell of Hamburg, Iowa.

The wedding took place Friday, February 11th, at one o'clock, Rev. E. L. Duker of Third Presbyterian church officiating. The ceremony was simple but very impressive, the double ring service being used. The bride's father gave her in marriage.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

The bride was very charming in a blue crepe gown with navy blue accessories and a corsage of sweet peas and rosebuds.

Miss Franks was educated in the Omaha schools, being a graduate of Benson high school.

Mr. Finnell is the son of Rod Finnell and the late Mrs. Finnell of Hamburg, Iowa, being old and prominent residents of that vicinity.

He is a graduate of the Hamburg high school and also was graduated from Tarkio college, Tarkio, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Finnell departed by motor on a southern honeymoon, visiting at Exelsior Springs and other points south. They will stop at Kansas City for a short stay with an uncle, Mrs. Finnell, Alvin E. Thomas and wife and on their return will be at home in Omaha at 4527 Leavenworth street, the groom having the home in readiness for his bride.

Miss Franks is a former Plattsmouth girl, being born in this city but moving to Omaha when a small girl, her mother being the former Drusilla Thomas of this city.

The many friends join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Finnell much happiness in their new home.

SPEAKS AT ROTARY

Attorney A. L. Tidd was a guest of the Rotary club on Tuesday at their weekly meeting and gave a most interesting talk that was appreciated very much by the members. Mr. Tidd had as his subject, "The Soul of a Nation," in which he took up the discussion of state papers of the presidents of the nation, stressing the religious touch that was found in the messages and documents of the presidents, particularly in those of Washington and Lincoln, representing the spirit that had underlain the foundation of the American Republic.

Lowell Stephen Devoe, who was one of the winners at the district declamatory contest, was also present and gave his oratorical selection, "The Sod House Frontier," one of the best heard at the contest and which interestingly told of this period in the history of Nebraska.

MANY ATTEND SERVICES

There was a group of some 300 present at the Sunday evening services at the Callahan church near Murdock last evening. Judge and Mrs. A. H. Duxbury of this city, were in attendance and took part in the program of the evening. They showed pictures of the Red Cross convention and also glimpses of the places they visited on their recent trip through the east from Virginia to Canada and many places in the east part of the dominion.

FILED DAMAGE SUITS

Ole Olson, doing business as the Olson quarries, today filed an action in the district court against Guy L. Thomson, as trustee of the Missouri Pacific Railroad competition. The petition alleges that the defendant railroad company switched a car onto the siding at the quarry at which was a loading dock, that a defective pin on the car caused the chute to tip and a truck and driver employed by the plaintiff was thrown into the railroad car, damage suffered by the car as well as injury to the driver. There are four causes of action and the sum of damage asked is \$942.

COUNTY COURT NOTES

In the matter of the guardianship of Martha G. Wiles, continuance was taken to Friday.

Hearing on claims in the estate of Charles D. Keltner was held this morning.

FAMILIES MAKE CHANGE

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Wiles and family following their farm sale have moved into Plattsmouth, and the Taylor Cuthrell family has moved on the farm thus vacated.

FUNERAL OF CHARLES RENNER

The funeral services for Charles Renner were held Sunday afternoon at the family home in the west part of the city and attended by many of the old time friends and relatives, to whom the passing of Mr. Renner had come as a distinct shock.

The services were in charge of Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, who brought a comforting message to the members of the family and the many acquaintances of the departed. During the services Frank A. Cloidt and Miss Estelle Baird gave two of the favorite hymns of the deceased, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "Nearer My God to Thee."

Interment was at the Oak Hill cemetery.

Passing of Old Resident of Cass County

George Maurer, Resident of Eagle Community and Universally Respected, Dies.

George Maurer was born on the 17th of June, 1863 in the town of Ottenheim, Germany. He was the son of John George Maurer. In the fatherland he grew to manhood, receiving his schooling and his baptism and confirmation in the church of his homeland.

As a young man in his early twenties, he came to America in that stream of immigration in the 80's of the last century. He came to the Eagle vicinity for a while, then resided in Plattsmouth for ten years or so. He later returned to Eagle and with his brother, John, farmed a piece of land north and west of Eagle.

His brother John passed away in 1931 and since that time he has lived alone on the farm, declining health and illness bringing him to the end of the journey on the 10th of February, 1937, his age being 74 years, 7 months and 23 days.

Another brother, Charley Maurer passed away January 30th at Miami, Florida.

There are no immediate relatives with the exception of one brother and one step-brother still living in Germany as far as is known. Three nephews in Florida and three cousins in Eagle constitute the relatives in this country. George and Henry Trunkenbolz and George Reitter, all of Eagle, are the cousins living in Eagle and Mrs. Anna Rockenbach living in Alva, Okla.

Mr. Maurer lived very much to himself, living humbly and without ostentation his life among his neighbors and friends.

Services were held Saturday, February 12 in Trinity Lutheran church of Eagle, Rev. R. F. Rangelier officiating.

VISIT AT PERU AND AUBURN

From Monday's Daily—
Mrs. Glenn Vallery, accompanied by Miss Emilie Peterson of Madison, Nebraska and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peterson of Omaha drove to Peru yesterday where they visited at the home of Mrs. Anna Peterson. In the afternoon the party drove to Auburn, where they visited at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rothert and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Peterson and family.

OMAHA PARTIES MARRIED

Late Saturday evening at his home on west Pearl street, Judge A. H. Duxbury was called upon to join in matrimony. N. Paul Johnson and Miss Mary F. Biglow, both of Omaha. Following the wedding the members of the bridal party returned to their homes in Omaha.

Weiss-Starkjohn Wedding This Morning

Popular Young People Married at St. John's Parsonage—To Make Home Near This City.

A quiet wedding occurred this morning at 10:30 at the residence of Rev. Father Robert Salmon.

The contracting parties were Miss Ella M. Weiss and Wm. T. Starkjohn. Only immediate relatives of the happy couple were present to witness the ceremony. Mr. Starkjohn's best man was Albert Weiss and the bridesmaid was Miss Mata Schackneis of Omaha.

The bride's dress was of Holland blue satin with black accessories. The groom wore a dark suit.

The young couple have a large circle of friends in this city and vicinity who will wish them success in life.

Both attended Plattsmouth high school, being members of the class of 1935.

Following the ceremony a three course wedding dinner was served at the home of the bride's mother.

Those present besides the bridal party were Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Starkjohn, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Starkjohn, Mr. and Mrs. Art Weiss and Mrs. Frank Schackneis of Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Starkjohn left for an extensive trip through the south. On their return they will start housekeeping on the Starkjohn farm six miles west of this city.

They will be at home to their many friends after March 1.

The bride is the only daughter of Mrs. Martha Weiss who resides west of town and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Starkjohn.

DEMOCRATIC CITY CONVENTION

The democratic voters of the city of Plattsmouth will meet in mass convention at the district court room in the Cass county court house on Wednesday, February 23, 1938, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:

- One city mayor for a term of two years.
- One city clerk for a term of two years.
- One city treasurer for a term of two years.
- One police magistrate for a term of two years.
- The voters of the various wards will nominate their candidates for the following offices:
- One councilman for the first ward for a term of two years.
- One councilman for the second ward for a term of two years.
- One councilman for the third ward for a term of two years.
- One councilman for the fourth ward for a term of two years.
- One councilman for the fifth ward for a term of two years.

The convention will also look after what other business that may properly come before it.

J. HOWARD DAVIS, City Chairman.

RECEIVES RECOGNITION

Aulton D. Roland, of this city, who has long been active in the Boy Scout work in this community, has received a very pleasant reminder of his services in the Scout work as a leader and trainer.

He has received a letter from James E. West, national Scout executive in which Mr. West expresses appreciation for his services in the past in the Scout work.

UNDERGOING TREATMENT

From Tuesday's Daily—
P. A. McCrary was taken to Omaha this morning where he entered the University hospital for treatment. Mr. McCrary has been suffering from carbuncles on the back of his neck for the past week and they have grown so severe that hospitalization is necessary.

SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

There will be a meeting of the Cass County Sportsman's club, at the public library, on Friday, February 18th, at 8:00 o'clock p. m. Honorable Frank B. O'Connell, or his assistant will be present to address the club. All sportsmen are urged to be present.

—By the Committee.

FUNERAL OF MRS. FULLAGAR

From Monday's Daily—
Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Fullagar were held this afternoon from the Horton funeral home at Seventh and Vine streets and attended by the many friends that the deceased lady had made during her residence here at the Nebraska Masonic Home.

The Episcopal burial service was conducted by Father George Tyner, of Omaha, acting rector of the St. Luke's church in this city, of which Mrs. Fullagar was a member.

Frank A. Cloidt gave two numbers during the service, "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Face to Face," Mrs. J. M. Roberts being the accompanist.

The interment was at the Masonic plot in the Oak Hill cemetery.

Snow Brings Crop Relief Over State

Ranges From Two to Twelve Inches Over Nebraska—Breaks Long Period of Drouth.

By United Press

From Wednesday's Daily—
Nebraska crop prospects took on a brighter aspect today as residents discussed the drouth breaking snow which ranged from 2 to 12 inches.

The snow, which began falling early Tuesday and continued today at some points was the principal topic of conversation because it came at a critical time for winter wheat.

"We have a chance for a winter wheat crop now where before it was quite questionable," said A. E. Anderson, state and federal crop statistician.

"Observers have reported that most of the wheat apparently is still alive and this snow will go quite a way at this time of the year."

He pointed out, however, that the snow contained below normal moisture. Lincoln received 7.2 inches of snow which furnished .34 of precipitation. Ordinarily 10 inches of snow makes 1 inch of moisture.

Seward reported the heaviest fall—12 inches. Ten inches were reported at Polk and McCool. Highways remained open throughout the state. Roads were slippery especially in the southeast corner. Trains were 10 to 40 minutes late.

Additional snow reports: Gresham, 9 inches; Clay Center, Fairmont, and Geneva, 7 inches; Kearney, Fremont, Columbus, Grand Island, Hastings and Wahoo, 6 inches; Norfolk, Beatrice and Red Cloud, 5 inches and North Platte and Scottsbluff, 2 inches.

WEDDING OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Saturday at the parsonage of the St. John's church occurred the marriage of Miss Mary Theresa Wagner and Mr. Linford Elbert Dasher, both of this city.

The wedding was very quiet and the marriage lines were read by Rev. Robert Salmon, pastor of the church.

The young people are starting housekeeping at once, their home in the south part of the city being ready for their occupancy.

Both the bride and groom are well known in the community where they have grown to manhood and womanhood. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wagner, residing near this city and where she has spent her lifetime, while the groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dasher, he was born at Greenwood but has lived here since a small boy. Mr. Dasher is an employe of the BREV shops in this city.

ASKS FOR STAY

From Monday's Daily—
In the district court today request for a stay in the case of the HOLC vs. Peter and Mary Jorgensen. The request, filed by Attorney C. E. Tefft, is for a stay of nine months from the date of confirmation of foreclosure.

VISITS OLD FRIENDS

From Tuesday's Daily—
Mrs. Etta Gorder, of Springfield, was in the city today to visit with the old time friends in this city for a few hours. Mrs. Gorder was accompanied by her son Frederick, who also had a pleasant visit with his friends.

Death of Mrs. Elizabeth Schafer at Creighton

Deceased Was a Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hennings, Long Time Residents of Louisville.

Mrs. Elizabeth Schaefer, nee Hennings, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hennings, was born Oct. 24, 1872, near Plattsmouth, Cass county, Nebr.

On April 13, 1873, she was baptized in the name of the Triune God and at the age of 14 she was confirmed in the Lutheran church.

She entered holy wedlock with Mr. John Schaefer Feb. 25, 1892. To this union five children were born.

In 1910 the family moved to a farm five miles east of Creighton where they resided for a period of 21 years. Then they moved to Plainview for two years. Since then they made their home with their daughter Mattie and son Fred.

She has been sick and suffering for the last 25 years. Last spring her condition became serious and on June 16, 1937 she suffered a stroke. Since that time she was confined to her bed in a helpless condition. The first months after she became helpless she was at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jerome Scheinost. Then on Dec. 6, 1937, she was taken to the home of her son, Fred.

On Feb. 12 at 2:45 a. m. the good Lord called her away from this vale of sorrow and pain at the age of 65 years, 3 months, and 19 days.

She leaves to mourn her departure her husband, Mr. John Schaefer, five children, Harry of Weeping Water; Mrs. Jerome Scheinost of Creighton and Mrs. Foster Crowell of Jerome, Idaho; 11 grandchildren, 6 brothers, John of Taylor, Nebr.; Nicholas, Jacob, Charles, Ferdinand, and Philip of Louisville; three sisters, Mrs. F. A. Shafer of Norfolk, Mrs. George Schafer of Caldwell, Idaho, and Mrs. Edward Hell of Louisville, Nebr.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Feb. 13, 1938 at the Eden Valley Lutheran church, Rev. K. Fenske officiating.

W. C. T. U. MEETS

From Tuesday's Daily—
The W. C. T. U. met yesterday at the home of Mrs. Ona Baird. Mrs. Anna Wiles led devotions, reading from Acts and I John, the third chapter. Mrs. E. W. Thimigan had charge of the program about medical temperance and in memory of Frances E. Willard. Miss Olive Gass read a paper on alcohol, Mrs. V. T. Arn read a paper on Marihuana, a Serious Social Problem. Mrs. J. C. Lowson read about how Miss Willard's kiss won a child for the temperance cause. Mrs. Joe Wiles read Kindly Thoughtfulness of Our Great Leader to one of her associates. Mrs. R. B. Hayes who had visited in Washington, D. C. told the members of the status there of Frances Willard. Mrs. Thimigan then closed the program with reading the Fortune of Life. The meeting was closed with the W. C. T. U. benediction, after which Mrs. Baird served delicious refreshments.

NAMES ARE OMITTED

In the account of the birthday observance of Percy J. Wheeler, appearing in the Journal, the names of several of the guests were inadvertently omitted. These were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nielsen, Maxine and Russell; Mr. and Mrs. Major Hall, Dick and Joan and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Peterson, Milo and Leonard.

SPENT SUNDAY HERE

Miss Gertrude Vallery, who is attending Van Sant school in Omaha returned home Saturday to spend the week-end here. Gertrude enjoys her new work but said it seemed good to get back to her home town and see the home folks.

FOR RENT

Lovely country home at Avoca, bath, toilet, furnace, garden, pasture, chicken houses, three-quarters of a mile to high school, all for \$15 a month. William Gerlach, 310 Mason St., Omaha, Nebr. 110-17-24w