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American Legion Drum Corps Seen in Splendid Drill

Large Crowd Grooms Popular Organization on Its Initial Summer Appearance.

From Thursday's Daily—
The American Legion Junior drum and bugle corps made their initial appearance in the 1938 summer season last evening in a drill on Main street, witnessed by several hundred who lined the streets and gave the youngsters a hearty hand for their fine work.

The drum and bugle corps has been a popular organization in this section of Nebraska and appeared at many festivals and fairs in the past two years and will also be in great demand this season as a striking feature for the summer entertaining programs of many of the nearby towns.

They will participate in the competitive drill August 2 at the American Legion state convention at Fremont, where thirteen other corps in the state will participate.

The organization has also served to give Plattsmouth some real advertising by their snappy work and flashy appearance wherever they have participated in public gatherings.

Their work last night was excellent and showed a precision and care in their work that demonstrated the excellent training they have received and their playing showed even better than ever. It is a group that the community can feel proud of possessing and well worthy of the wholehearted support of the community.

FIRE DESTROYS HOUSE

From Friday's Daily—
The residence property on Wintersteen Hill, occupied by the Guy Stewart family was gutted by fire this morning shortly before 2 o'clock and Mr. Stewart had a close call in escaping from the burning structure.

The fire was first seen by Michael Taleck, night watchman at the PLEX shops, a short distance away, who gave the alarm. The fire department was delayed in getting into the garage where the fire truck was located but on arrival at the scene did very effective work and the new pumper proved its value in increasing the pressure of the water.

When aroused Mr. Stewart was forced to hurriedly flee from the building with only his night garments and suffered from burns in getting away. The clothing of the family and furniture was all destroyed.

The lower portion of the house was occupied by the Marion S. Taylor family who managed to save a portion of their bedding and household effects.

The origin of the fire was not determined.

MANY ATTEND PICNICS

From Thursday's Daily—
Piamore park north of this city was a very lively place last evening, two large picnic parties from Omaha being there to enjoy an outing in the pleasant surroundings of the park.

The clerks of the Brandeis store, some several hundred in number, formed one of the groups that enjoyed the picnic supper and general good time.

The Nebraska Power Co. employees also had a party of some 200 at the park and they too came with the settings for a picnic supper.

LEAVE FOR WEST COAST

Mrs. Clyde H. Graves and children, Jimmie Bob and Sally Lou, departed Friday for the west coast where they will join Mr. Graves who is now located at Burbank, California, and where also reside the Elmer Rummel family. Mr. Rummel being a brother of Mrs. Graves.

NEW SON ARRIVES

Dr. and Mrs. L. S. Pucelik are the proud parents of a fine 8 1/2 pound baby boy born Thursday night at the St. Catherine's hospital in Omaha. Both the boy and Mrs. Pucelik are doing fine.

PREPARING CAMPAIGN

The committee in charge of the King Korn Carnival are now opening the campaign for the big fall festival which will open on September 21st and continue over September 24th.

The program committee is getting busy and will at once start in lining up the various events for the fall festival, hoping to secure new and high class features to be used in the platform numbers.

All of the popular features that have attracted statewide attention each year will again be used and with the newer attractions it is hoped to make it even bigger and better than ever.

Traffic Cases are Heard in the County Court

Three Offenders are Arraigned on Charges Preferred by Members of Highway Patrol.

Three traffic violation cases were heard Thursday afternoon at the county court before Judge A. H. Duxbury, the parties being brought here by members of the state highway patrol for hearing.

Charles Waite was arraigned on the charge of reckless driving and endangering the safety of others on the highway. He was given a sentence of ten days in the county jail.

Paul Gering was arraigned on a charge of intoxication and was given a fine of \$25 and costs and remanded to the custody of the sheriff until the fine and costs are paid.

Oiliver Laverty was charged with the offense of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and for this offense he was given a sentence of thirty days in the county jail. He had no driver's license and accordingly the court issued an order that he was not to be issued a license for a period of one year.

DEATH OF JAMES VALLERY

James Vallery, IS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Vallery of this city, died Wednesday afternoon at the Lincoln General hospital where he has been for several weeks. He has been ill for the past nine weeks, suffering from pneumonia and complications that have made his case a matter of doubt as to recovery from the beginning.

The deceased was born in Cass county and has made his home in this community for his lifetime.

He is survived by the parents and two brothers, Ernest and Joseph Vallery, all of this city.

FUNERAL OF JAMES VALLERY

From Friday's Daily—
This morning at the Sattler funeral home the funeral services for the late James Vallery were held and attended by a group of the friends of the family.

Rev. Paul Dick, pastor of the Myrnard U. B. church had charge of the services and gave a sermon filled with hope and consolation for those who had been called upon to part with their loved one.

During the services a mixed quartet composed of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Dick, Mrs. Chester Wiles and Raymond Cook, gave three numbers, "The Old Rugged Cross," "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Beautiful Valley of Eden."

The body was laid to the last rest in the Oak Hill cemetery west of the city.

LEAVES FOR CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Edward Schmader, of Louisville, departed Friday for California, being called there by the illness of her sister, Mrs. Eleanor Cooper. Mrs. Cooper is expecting to have to undergo an operation and wishes the sister with her. The ladies are both daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hafke of this city.

SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

Mrs. Frank Libershal, who fractured her leg recently, is reported as very much improved.

Drop Another Mill from Levy for City Taxes

Appropriation Ordinance to be Passed Tonight Calls for 20 Mills, Compared to 21 Last Year

Despite WPA sponsorship of rock surfacing on Lincoln avenue, the purchase for cash of a new fire truck and the building of the fire station annex to the city hall—involving a total cost of more than \$7,000.00—the Plattsmouth city tax levy can be reduced another mill this year. The Finance committee of the council, meeting rather frequently during the past week, has drafted the annual appropriation ordinance that will be presented for passage at tonight's council meeting, providing for a gross levy of 20 mills to carry on the affairs of the city during the 1938-1939 fiscal year. Last year's levy for city purposes was 21 mills. The year before that, 23.4 mills in 1936-37. In 1935-36, 23.6 mills, in 1934-35, 23.8 mills; in 1933-34, 24.4 mills and in 1932-33, 25 mills. Thus a drop has been made in six years of 5 mills—the equivalent of 25 per cent of the present year's tax levy.

City finances are in excellent condition, with the long time overdraft in Storm Sewer No. 1 fund, handed down from many years back, the only fund in the red. Starting last year a small levy was made that will eventually pay off this overdraft. As no bonds or warrants are outstanding, the overdraft does not involve the payment of interest, simply cutting down the size of float balance in the various funds of the city.

The complete table on which the 20 mill levy is based is published in an adjoining column of today's Journal and affords an interesting study of city finances, listing May 1st balances in all the funds, the amount appropriated from each fund, surplus or deficiency, contemplated revenue aside from direct taxes, amount required to be raised by taxation and the mill levy calculated to yield that sum.

Although total appropriations for the year amount to \$62,725.00, unexpended surpluses in some of the funds and revenue from other sources cut down the amount to be raised by direct taxation to \$39,220.00.

Far and away the largest single item of appropriation is the \$21,000 required to meet bond and interest payments during the year. Bonded indebtedness is being reduced at the rate of \$12,000 a year.

Readers are invited to study the table and method used by the Finance committee in arriving at the 20 mill levy—a method that takes into consideration the complete financial status of the city and involves the preparation and study of extensive experience tables to calculate contemplated revenue aside from direct taxes.

One of the principal things entering into this year's reduction is the drop in General fund levy from 2.1 mills last year to 1.2 mills this year, made possible by increased revenue from three liquor stores and nine taverns. Each liquor store, in addition to its state and federal tax, pays into the General fund of the city as occupation tax, \$150, the same as it pays to the state for school use, and each on and off sale tavern pays the sum of \$75 to the state for school use and a like amount to the city. Thus the gross contemplated revenue that will accrue to the General fund from this source for the current year is \$450 for the liquor stores and \$675 from the taverns, or \$1,125.

Another fact the committee is being forced to recognize is a decreasing amount of special improvement assessments, as many of the older paving districts are running out and by 1943 the only collectable amount from this source will be delinquencies, as the last district runs out that year. Where a few years ago \$8,000 to \$10,000 contemplated income could be safely counted on from this source, this year the estimate has been cut to below \$5,500.

Mr. and Mrs. John Murdoch of Nehawka, were business visitors in Plattsmouth yesterday.

CAR CREATES EXCITEMENT

A car parked on North Third street on Thursday caused considerable excitement in that section and particularly at the Coronado apartment house. The car, belonging to one of the men engaged in river work, broke loose and started rolling down the hill and by the time it reached Vine street was going at a very good rate of speed. It crashed into a city fire hydrant, breaking it off and a geyser of water some thirty feet shot up into the air. The water company had the water shut off after a few moments but not until a great deal had been wasted and cut down the pressure at outlying points.

Rebekahs Have Installation of the New Officers

District Deputy President Mrs. Leo Peters and Staff of Greenwood Here for Meeting.

From Friday's Daily—
Last evening the local lodge of the Rebekahs held their installation of officers and with a very large number of the members present to take part in the interesting ceremonies.

Mrs. Leo Peters, of Greenwood, district deputy president, was the installing officer and was assisted by the members of her staff in inducting the officers. Those installed were as follows:

Noble Grand—Mrs. Hilda Coffman.
Vice-Grand—Mrs. Fred H. Mumm.
Secretary—Miss Marie E. Kaufmann.
Treasurer—Mrs. George Hall.
Warden—Mrs. Fred Hafke.
Conductor—Mrs. J. W. Taylor.
Chaplain—Mrs. W. H. Ofe.
Supporters to the Noble Grand—Mrs. Emma Olson, Mrs. Henrietta Ofe.
Supporters to Vice-Grand—Mrs. Harry Kruger and Gerda Peterson.
Musician—Miss Mildred Hall.
Outside Guard—Bertha Ellington.
Inside Guard—Fern Jahrig.
Those here from Greenwood were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Paulus, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Brunkow, Mrs. Edith Etheredge.

HONOR NEWLYWEDS

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Austin, whose marriage occurred a few days ago, were honor guests at a ball given on Thursday night at the Murray hall by a group of the friends of the young couple and which was very largely attended.

Dancing was enjoyed until a late hour and during the course of the evening Charles Howard, on behalf of the friends, presented Mr. and Mrs. Austin with a fine forty piece set of silverware which will serve in their new home as a reminder of the many friends and associates in this part of Cass county.

Mrs. Austin was formerly Miss Alice Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hill and one of the popular young women of the Murray community.

DIES IN THE EAST

The news has been received here by friends of the A. E. Stewart family, of the sudden death of Mrs. W. E. Buckley, sister of the late Mr. Stewart. Her death was caused by a sudden heart attack similar to that which caused the death of Mr. Stewart. Mrs. Stewart, who has been in California, flew back to Pennsylvania for the funeral.

ATTENDS CONVENTION

Edgar S. Wescott, of Lincoln, head of the advertising and publicity department of the Nebraska Bankers Life Insurance company, is at Chicago this week. He is attending a meeting of the advertising representatives of national insurance companies and a very large group is in attendance from all sections to take part in the program.

ENJOYING VACATION

Miss Lillian Sedlak, efficient clerk in the office of the county assistance director, Paul Vandervoort, is enjoying a vacation from her duties. She is spending the time in a well deserved rest from her duties.

Auto Party Injured as Car Turns Over

George Volk Severely Injured and Others Suffer Minor Accidents in Wreck Sunday Afternoon.

George Volk, well known farmer of near this city, was severely injured and Henry Volk and Paul Bartek less seriously injured shortly after noon Sunday when the car in which they were riding was overturned several times on the Louisville road near the Warner farm.

The party was coming to Plattsmouth in the car of Mr. Bartek and when coming down the hill the car started to skid in some loose gravel and despite the efforts of the driver to control the car it was overturned several times and badly shaking up the occupants.

Paul Bartek suffered a number of cuts and bruises as the result of the car overturning and also Henry Volk was cut and bruised and had a very severe neck injury that required medical attention and has caused him a great deal of pain and suffering. George Volk was so severely injured that he was taken on into Omaha and placed in a hospital for treatment. He was suffering from what was thought a fracture of the arm and collar bone.

The car was badly damaged as it was turned over a number of times before coming to a final stop.

DOINGS IN COUNTY COURT

Hearing on claims was held in the estate of George Maurer, deceased, of Eagle, Henry Trunkenboltz, administrator, being here for the hearing.

In the matter of the guardianship of Sophia Nielsen, deceased, order was entered to permit the investment of \$3,000 in U. S. bonds.

In the estate of James I. McCarthy, deceased, Theodore McCarthy was named as executor of the estate.

VISIT OLD FRIENDS

From Saturday's Daily—
Mrs. Will Ofe, Mrs. Henrietta Ofe, Mrs. Alvina Roessler and Mr. and Mrs. Val Burkel were in Kalston yesterday where they spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Altman, old neighbors while residents here. A covered dish picnic dinner was enjoyed at the noon hour, and the afternoon spent in driving through the parks, markets and other places of interest in Omaha.

SHOWS SOME IMPROVEMENT

George A. Kaffenberger, who is at the Methodist hospital at Omaha undergoing treatment, was reported as being slightly improved this morning after a very critical day Friday. His condition was such that the members of the family were called to the hospital Friday afternoon, the patient having a severe sinking spell. Later Friday night he rallied, however, and seemed much better.

AN APPRECIATION

With the deepest gratitude we wish to express to the many kind friends and neighbors our heartfelt appreciation of the many acts of kindness and words of sympathy in the death of our loved one. Also we wish to thank those sending the beautiful flowers and taking part in the funeral services.—Mrs. John Kaffenberger and Family.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to take this means of expressing my deep appreciation to my many kind friends for the beautiful flowers and cards sent me during my long illness. Their many acts of thoughtfulness and expressions of friendship will long be cherished as pleasant memories.—Mrs. Pete Carr.

TO VISIT IN CITY

From Saturday's Daily—
Flo Holcomb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garold R. Holcomb, will arrive Sunday from her home at Kankakee, Illinois, for a visit here among the school friends and former playmates. She will be a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Selver.

START ON TENNIS COURTS

Work was started Friday on the tennis courts at the old Walker place on North Fourth street. This is a project of the NYA and when completed will give two very fine courts for the use of the tennis players of the city and vicinity and afford a means of good healthy exercise to the young people of the community.

The courts are to be leveled and clayed to make a good hard and fast surface for the play.

Paul Iverson Goes to Church at Hastings

Following Ordination Here in Local Church, Will Become Assistant at Hastings.

Paul Iverson of this city whose examination was approved by the Presbyterian synod of Nebraska several weeks ago, is to become the assistant to the Rev. A. B. King, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Hastings.

Rev. Iverson will be ordained at the First Presbyterian church in this city, Sunday, September 4th, this being the church which he attended as a child and carried his membership until entering the study for the ministry of the church.

Immediately after his ordination Rev. Iverson will leave for Hastings to take up his active duties as assistant pastor. The friends of the young minister are pleased to learn of his new assignment, as the Hastings church is one of the largest and most important in the state and will give him a large field of activity.

UNION SWIM WEEK

The Red Cross swim week for Union is over and a fine week it was with 66 enrolled for instruction and average daily attendance was 59.

Trucks and cars left the park daily at 1:30 p. m. To all those who so kindly provided transportation the boys and girls and chapter chairman are most grateful, for without your help the 23 boys and girls could not have earned their swimming buttons. Twenty-three passed the tests and one, Bernard Morris, the senior life saving.

Miss Augusta Robb, chairman, expresses sincere appreciation to Mr. Morris, D. B. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hathaway, Mrs. Louis Burbee, Mildred Burbee, Mrs. Vic Clarence, Mrs. Ralph Pearsley, Mrs. George Lutz, Mrs. W. O. Martin, Mr. Booher, Mr. Whitworth and D. R. Frans for always being on hand to transport the children.

Splendid cooperation of all the children and the helpers made it a real success. Mrs. Ralph Opp, assistant, was kept busy with the olive oil bottle as a result no sunburns.

RETURNS FROM VACATION

From Friday's Daily—
Miss Evelyn Gooding returned last night from her vacation trip. She went with her aunt, Marie Speck and her cousins, Arleen and Donna Speck, who joined her at Lincoln. Much of the time was spent with her uncle, John Speck, and family at his home in Casper, Wyoming. They also visited at Thermopolis and at Billings, Montana before returning home.

VISIT OLD HOME

From Saturday's Daily—
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hickson, of Omaha, were here today to spend a few hours calling on old time friends. The Hicksons lived here a great many years ago and have lived in Omaha for the past twenty-five years. Mr. Hickson is an employe of the street railway company.

FILES SUIT IN COURT

From Saturday's Daily—
An action was filed in the district court this morning entitled Bena Smith vs. Will H. Smith. The action is one for divorce. The petition states that the parties were married at Nebraska City on January 5, 1916.

Clergyman is a Candidate for Commander

Rev. Jerome L. Fritsche, of Kearney, Present Chaplain, Has Strong Backing for High Office

Among the candidates for commander of the Nebraska department of the American Legion is Rev. Jerome L. Fritsche, of Kearney, who is supported unanimously by Buffalo County Post, No. 52, of his home city. The resolution, adopted by that post, commends Dr. Fritsche to all Legionnaires and directs that it be forwarded to department headquarters at Lincoln, so that it may be handled in the regular order of business before the nominations committee at the 20th annual department convention to be held at Fremont August 1, 2 and 3.

Dr. G. L. Taylor, former member of Plattsmouth post, and now an active member of the Legion at Kearney, writes the comrades here:

"No doubt by this time you know that Rev. Jerome Fritsche of Kearney is a candidate for department commander. I have been personally acquainted with Dr. Fritsche for the past two years and he is a high. He is a wonderful talker, has a commanding appearance, and is a hustler. As for education, he holds five degrees. But the strongest point in his favor is that he has no political ambitions or tie-ups. He is one who, as state commander, when called upon to go before other civic groups will, by his dignity and ability, give a very favorable impression of the American Legion. So take my word for it; you won't go wrong by supporting 'Jerry.'"



DR. JEROME L. FRITSCHÉ

Served with Combatant Troops
Dr. Fritsche, pastor of St. Luke's Episcopal church at Kearney and now serving the Nebraska department as chaplain, served with combatant troops and not in a clerical capacity during the war.

He is a charter member of Schofield Barracks Post, No. 7, Honolulu, H. I. served that post as commander for two terms, was delegate from Hawaii to the New Orleans national convention in 1922, served as chaplain of posts at Denver, Colo., Salina, Kansas, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and Kearney.

Dr. Fritsche is also vice president of the Cornhusker Boys State. He served as department commander of Disabled American Veterans, department of Colorado, in 1929.

In accordance with tradition, the Plattsmouth delegation to the state convention goes uninstructed either as to department commander or the place of holding the next annual convention.

MANY ATTEND MEETING

There was a very large attendance Wednesday night at the meeting held by the South Bend Taxpayers league at the Fairfield school house in district 92.

The various candidates for county offices had been invited and a large percentage responded to the invitation to meet the voters of that section of Cass county. They were presented by Mrs. J. F. Knecht to the gathering and several made short responses.