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Here's Details of Santa's Visit to Plattsmouth

Shrill Blasts of Whistle on the Big River Boat Lewis to Denote Arrival at Platts Dock

When you hear three shrill blasts from the big steam whistle on the Lewis, grant Missouri river dredge boat, about 1:30 Saturday afternoon, that will be the signal designating the arrival of Santa Claus and his escorts at the Plattsmouth dock.

Arrangements have been made for Captain Friemonth of the Lewis (tied up here for the winter) to meet Santa at Omaha and conduct him safely down the river to the Plattsmouth dock. Mr. D. D. Thornton, chief of the U. S. Engineers office at this point will also be in the party to point out to Santa the various engineering problems encountered in making the old Missouri navigable.

To Arrive About 1:30

At the dock, Santa will be received by Mayor George Lushinsky and presented the massive key to the city. City councilmen, volunteer firemen, members of the reception committee and others who care to come will also be there to welcome Santa.

At the moment he arrives at the dock—about 1:30—the whistle on the Lewis will sound three prolonged blasts.

One of the interesting features of the arrangements is the method to be used in passing word of Santa's arrival at the dock to the engineer on the Lewis, around the bend more than a mile upstream, so he will know when to blow the whistle. As trees and river bank prohibit a clear view, a squad of uniformed Boy Scouts under direction of Ray Larson, Scoutmaster, will wig-wag the signal. The first boy nearest the dock will wig-wag to the next and so on up through the timber to the boy nearest the big boat. If you want to see how quick a group of trained Scouts can handle a message of this sort, be at the dock when Santa arrives.

A Colorful Parade

The fire truck will be used to bring Santa up into the city, where he will be met on lower Main street by the Plattsmouth Municipal band and a grand parade formed to escort him up town. Leading this parade will be 10 boys with American flags marching four abreast. These boys have been chosen from the Junior Drum Corps because of their snappy marching ability and training. They will be under the direction of C. A. Marshall and if you want to witness a pretty sight you want to see this spear-head of the Santa Claus parade.

The line of march will be west to 4th street, north on 4th to Vine, west to 6th, south to Pearl, west to 7th, north to Main and east on Main to the platform at 5th and Main, where Walter Smith will preside at the "mike," informing everybody of Santa's movements.

Also on this platform will appear the Guard of Honor, composed of children selected from the rural and grade schools of the county and city. King Frank Cloldt and Queen Martha Kaffenberger, who will greet Santa as he is presented to them by Mayor Lushinsky.

Honor Guards to Meet at Hotel

Members of the Honor Guard are to congregate at the lobby of the Plattsmouth Hotel not later than 1:15 p. m., from whence they will march in a group to the platform.

Following the reception for Santa at the platform, the parade will reform and march to Santa's headquarters in the following order: Flags, Plattsmouth band, Guard of Honor, Santa with King Frank and Queen Martha in the royal car, Mayor and city officials and all the boys and girls of Cass county who come to see Santa.

After personally handing his treat to the hundreds of his little friends, Santa will go to the Recreation Center to inspect the work of repairing toys being carried on there, enjoy a short rest and return to the dock to proceed down the river to Kansas

City, stopping for a brief call at Watson, Mo., on his old friend McNeal, whom he failed to see last year due to the plane crash.

WILL SPONSOR DANCE

The Plattsmouth Golf club is sponsoring a dance on Saturday evening at the American Legion building, the proceeds of which will go to the maintenance of the club and course. Pick's Hi-Hatters of Nebraska City will furnish the music and the public is invited. This is to aid a very worthy civic project and should have a very generous patronage.

Royal Arch Masons Install Officers Monday

Large Number Attend the Ceremonies at the Masonic Temple Last Evening.

The newly elected and appointed officers of Nebraska Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons, were installed Monday evening with a large number of the members in attendance.

Leslie W. Niel, past high priest, served as the installing officer. Lester W. Meisinger, past high priest as marshal and L. L. Wiles, past high priest, served as chaplain. The officers installed were:

High Priest—Charles L. Carlson. King—John E. Turner. Scribe—Leonard Born. Treasurer—Frank A. Cloldt. Secretary—W. F. Evers. Captain of the Host—George Brinklow. Principal Sojourner—Ivan Deles Derner. Royal Arch Captain—L. L. McCarty.

Master Third Vail—L. L. Horton. Master Second Vail—J. L. Stamp. Master First Vail—Harry Tinch. Sentinel—W. S. Wetenkamp.

Following the installation of the officers the members enjoyed a very fine luncheon arranged by the members of the chapter.

COMFORTRACTOR SHOWN BY A. O. AULT AT CEDAR CREEK

Wonder what great-grandfather would have said if he could have seen the ultra-modern COMFORTRACTOR that A. O. Ault, local MM dealer presented at Cedar Creek on Dec. 12th. In all probability he would have muttered "Tain't possible!" and walked away. But the fact remains that Minneapolis-Moline's newest tractor creation is a reality, fully equipped with all the modern luxuries enjoyed only in pleasure cars, yet able to perform all the functions on the farm that the ordinary tractor can, including use as a stationary power unit. It may have been dreamed of by some artist visualizing the tractor of the future, but it remained for Minneapolis-Moline, the pioneer of the modern tractor industry, not only to have that vision, but to bring it into existence. The Comfortactor protects the farmer from the weather, dust and elements, it's better for his health, as well as more comfortable. This tractor offers real protection. The safety glass all around and air circulation and temperature control features indicate clearly that it's built for the safety and comfort of the operator as well as to get work done. It costs more than open tractors, but good farmers well realize its worth.

The amazing thing about this tractor is its versatility. It combines the functions of the ordinary farm tractor with a powerful farm truck and an efficient passenger vehicle and is streamlined in the 1939 mode of trucks and automobiles. It has all the power required to pull four fourteen-inch bottoms under ordinary conditions.

VISITS IN THE CITY

J. L. Young, one of the prominent residents of near Murray, was in the city Saturday afternoon to look after some business and while here was a caller at the Journal. Mr. Young is a firm believer in newspaper advertising as he has just run a far sale ad in the Journal that cleaned up his hogs advertised for sale, in a few days, and in the past he has also been very successful in his advertising.



I'll Be Seeing You In PLATTSMOUTH Saturday, Dec. 17

Yes, sir, Boys and Girls, when the shrill blasts of the whistle on the dredge boat Lewis are heard about 1:30 Saturday afternoon, Santa and his party will be arriving at the Missouri river dock, and in less time than it takes to say 'Jack Robinson' he'll be up town to greet his old Cass county friends again. Of course you'll want to be on hand to greet him . . . and he'll be disappointed if you aren't. So whisper the news to 'Dad' and 'Mom' and let nothing keep you away!

A Gift for Every Boy and Girl

On this pre-Christmas trip to Plattsmouth, Santa is not coming empty-handed. In his pack will be a gift for every boy and girl who calls on him at his headquarters—after the platform program, when he has been introduced and welcomed by the King and Queen and members of the special Guard of Honor, composed of rural and grade school children of this vicinity. Bring the kiddies to see Santa!

Shopper's Guide

In this issue of the Journal will be found the ads of Plattsmouth stores carrying large and complete Christmas stocks. Readers will save both time and money reading these ads—which contain news of importance to the shopping public. Read the ads!



Plattsmouth Youth Loses Arm Result Accident

William Vallery, 15, Has Arm Caught by Revolving Shaft at State Industrial School.

William Vallery, 15, of Plattsmouth, inmate of the state industrial school at Kearney, had an arm amputated just below the elbow at Kearney hospital late Tuesday after he was injured in the school laundry. Boys at the school were chinning themselves on a revolving shaft. A rope which the boys had tied to the shaft "for fun" caught Vallery's arm and pulled him into the shaft almost completely tearing off his arm. All of his clothing except his shoes was removed from his body. The boy remained conscious and was able to walk from the building. He was taken to Kearney for medical aid.

TO VISIT IN THE EAST

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Tiekotter and family are leaving for a holiday trip to the east and where they will enjoy a month in looking over the many places of interest in the east, including New York City, Washington and Richmond, Virginia. They are to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Merle Rainey in New York, a sister of Mrs. Tiekotter and after visiting in that city go to Washington and Richmond, where they will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cross, Mrs. Cross also being sister of Mrs. Tiekotter.

TO SPEND VACATION AT HOME

Harriet Goos, Joe Hendrix and Marjorie Tidball of Plattsmouth will be home from Doane college to spend the Christmas vacation, December 16 to January 3. The last week before vacation was filled with special activities varying from sacred Christmas concert of the choir of sixty voices to the formal Christmas dinner in the Frees Hall dining room.

LEAVING FOR DETROIT

From Monday's Daily—Charles Bennett of this city, is leaving today for Detroit where he will visit with an uncle in that city and may possibly spend the winter there.

DID APPROPRIATION LOSE?

In an opinion given to a query by Stanton county officials by the office of the attorney general, a question has arisen as to whether or not the matter of voting approval of the appropriation of money from the county general fund for farm bureau purposes carried.

The fact of the returns showed that 3,422 persons had voted for the measure and 3,253 against the appropriation in Cass county.

The ruling of the attorney general's office is that the majority must be a majority of the TOTAL vote cast and which in the Cass county case as well as Stanton was much larger than the number cast on the initiative measure. The total vote of Cass county was 7,167 and the proposition lacked a majority of the total vote.

Local county officers have watched with interest the rulings and will probably await more definite ruling on whether the mere majority was sufficient to put over the measure.

LEAVING FOR CALIFORNIA

Eddie Todd and brother, Russ Todd, are leaving in the next few days for the west coast and California. They expect to leave Tuesday if possible and will make the trip in the new Buick that Eddie Todd has recently purchased and which will have a trans-continental tryout.

Mr. Eddie Todd will spend the winter with relatives and the many old time friends and also look after his business interests on the west coast which are quite extensive. Russell Todd is joining his wife and children who are now all located in and near Los Angeles and where he will make his home with the other members of the family.

With reports of zero weather in the west part of Nebraska and Wyoming, the Plattsmouth men are preparing to take the southern route to Los Angeles and the west coast.

SPORTSMAN'S MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Cass County Sportsman's club at the public library, in Plattsmouth, on Friday, December 16, 1938, at 8:00 o'clock p. m. All members are urged to be present. Important information in regard to establishment of farm game bird sanctuary.

By COMMITTEE.

Emery J. Doody to be Deputy for Sheriff Mrasek

Popular and Well Known Resident of This City Will Serve New Sheriff as Assistant.

The people of Cass county will be pleased to learn that Sheriff-elect Joe Mrasek, has appointed as his deputy in the office, Emery J. Doody, well known resident of this city.

Mr. Doody has made his home here since 1931 when he came here as the manager of the Plattsmouth Feed Yards and in which position he made a large circle of friends among the people of the county. For the past two years he has been conducting the All-in-One Manufacturing Co., of this city and at which he has been very successful.

Mr. Doody is married and has a family of the wife and two children and is a young man of most pleasing personality. With his ability and good judgment he will be in a position to give the people of Cass county a real service in the office of deputy sheriff and be a most valuable assistant to Sheriff Mrasek.

TO ATTEND TOURNAMENT

The Plattsmouth high school has an unusually strong basketball schedule this year including Omaha Tech and two basketball tournaments. The big interest in December will be the Auburn tournament December 21, 22 and 23. Plattsmouth and Tecumseh will open the tournament on December 21 in the Class A division. The strong teams in this tournament will be Auburn, Humboldt, Nebraska City and Plattsmouth. Auburn playing on their own floor will have some advantage but both Nebraska City and Humboldt have a veteran team. They will no doubt be strong contenders.

Coach Hoffman is taking 10 men to this tournament.

GO TO THE SOUTHLAND

Mr. and Mrs. George K. Hetrick departed Sunday for Curio, Texas, where they are expecting to spend the holiday season visiting with old time friends of Mr. Hetrick. They expect to enjoy a real southern observation of the Christmas holiday.

SERVICES AT CEDAR CREEK

Sunday evening at the Cedar Creek community church a special candle lighting service was held by the young people of the Sunday school and church, the event being under the direction of Mrs. Evelyn Franke, superintendent of the Sunday school. A very beautiful service was held with the lighted candles and Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church gave a short sermon on the significance of the Christmas season. During the services Frank A. Cloldt gave a vocal number, "Holy Night" with Miss Estelle Baird at the piano.

'Vinc' Kelley is President of Junior C of C

First Regular Meeting and Organization Plans Membership Drive in the City.

The first regular meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce was held Tuesday evening at the Recreation Center and the organization was perfected and ready to start the enrollment of members and then ready for their participation in the community work.

The chapter had their by-laws and membership regulations ready and which provided that the membership shall be from the young men of the community from eighteen to thirty-five years of age.

The officers selected to head the new group were:
President—Vincent Kelley.
Vice-President—Ray Bourne.
Secretary-Treasurer—Ordell Hennings.

The purposes of the new organization as outlined in the meeting will embrace many excellent standards as the goal of the young men:

1. To aid the senior Chamber of Commerce in all community matters where possible.
2. Bring out and strive for new projects in the community.
3. Build a better young citizenship.
4. Promote civic, industrial and educational activities.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS OF AMERICA

The Royal Neighbors of America held their annual election of officers on Monday evening at the lodge rooms in the Modern Woodman building.

There was a fine attendance of the members and the following officers were selected:

Oracle—Mrs. Freda Stibal.
Vice-Oracle—Mrs. Minnie Renner.
Recorder—Mrs. Sadie Jones.
Receiver—Miss Malinda Friedrich.
Chancellor—Mrs. Margaret Kaffenberger.
Marshal—Mrs. Louise Klinger.
Inner Sentinel—Mrs. Pearl Meisinger.
Outer Sentinel—Mrs. Emma Kaffenberger.
Manager—Miss Wilma Friedrich.
Flag Bearer—Mrs. Emma McMaken.
Physician—Dr. R. P. Westover.
The officers will be installed at the first meeting in January.

DECORATE CHURCH BUILDING

The exterior of the First Methodist church has been given a touch of the holiday season in the decorations that have been arranged by the members of the congregation.

The tower has been arranged with decorations of evergreens around the open arches and on the interior of the tier of blue lights have been arranged which at night makes a very beautiful sight with a sky like hue to the tower.

Around all of the windows of the church there are evergreens being used in the decorative plan and which make a most attractive sight and real Christmas like atmosphere to the downtown church.

PROGRAM - PLATE SUPPER

Given by Kenosha school at Lewiston Community Center, Friday, Dec. 16, 8 p. m. Everyone invited.
ALICE CAMPBELL,
Teacher.

Phone Rates are Increased at Weeping Water

Railway Commission Finds That Rates Asked by Lincoln Company Are Reasonable.

With Commissioner Good dissenting, the railway commission Tuesday authorized the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company to increase rates at its Weeping Water exchange. The schedule of charges approved provides: Business, individual, \$3.75; business, extension, \$1.00; residence, individual, \$2.25; residence, extension, 50 cents; business ten party farm, \$2.25; residence, ten party farm, \$1.75. The company had asked \$4.00 for business rate. The proposed rates increased business 75 cents a month and residence 50 cents, with farm metallic line service as at present.

Testimony by the company showed that under the old rates it was out of pocket in excess of \$3,000 a year, not including a return on the investment and bond interest, while the new rates will still result in an operating deficit of \$1,806. A fire destroyed the central office equipment a number of months ago, and a building was constructed to house the new equipment, adding \$9,845 to the investment.

The commission order says that as the proposed schedule will fail to return out of pocket expenses, with no return upon the investment, and so that the community may continue to receive telephone service, it finds it is in the public interest that the application be granted with the exception of the business rate. The commission says \$3.75 a month for business is more in line with charges at exchanges of like service. The new rates become effective Jan. 1. Objectors did not challenge the figures, but pleaded severe financial straits of the community due to crop failures.

Mr. Good said in his dissent that the economic situation should not be wholly ignored, and that the rate payer should not be penalized because of crop failures and the fire. He says that the reports of the company shows that as an integrated system it is earning a reasonable net income, and that if the commission approves an advanced rate at any exchange showing a deficit it should, to be consistent, go into rates where exchange reports might reflect an unwarranted high scale, unwise to undertake at this time.

VISIT IN OLD HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Sherman, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Lois Troop, of Lincoln, were here Sunday for a few hours to visit with old friends in the city where they formerly resided. While here they were callers at the home of Misses Mia and Barbara Gering and other of the old friends.

Mr. Sherman is better known as "Cy" Sherman, the sports editor of the Lincoln Star and Journal and who started his newspaper career in Plattsmouth many years ago on the Journal, then owned by his father, the late C. W. Sherman. He has over a long period of years however been located at Lincoln and following his profession of journalism.

INJURED IN CAR WEECK

Sunday afternoon on highway No. 50, three and a half miles south of Weeping Water, an auto driven by Alfred Oehlens was overturned and as the result Peter Jurgensen of Avoca was badly injured altho the other occupants of the car were not seriously hurt beyond being badly shaken up. Mr. Jurgensen was thought to have suffered an injured back and neck and which made necessary his being taken to a hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sudman of Avoca were also in the car.

The accident was caused when the car was caught in the loose gravel along the roadside and the car unable to be controlled by the driver and overturning as the result.

LOST

One 10 gallon oil can on Cedar Creek road. Finder please phone 537. L. L. McCarty. 1tw