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Farmers are Guests of Bank at Dinner Party

Prof. L. C. Loeffel of University of Nebraska Main Speaker at Treat of Plattsmouth State Bank.

Despite the unfavorable weather conditions that threatened Tuesday night, a group of some 275 of the farmers of the eastern portion of Cass county, were here to enjoy the evening as the guests of the Plattsmouth State bank at a dinner held at the American Legion building.

This was the second annual dinner given by the bank and proved in every way a fine get-together and one that all of the group will pleasantly remember in the fine social time and the real worthwhile messages of the speakers.

H. A. Schneider, president of the bank, was the presiding chairman and extended the welcome to the group of friends and introduced the various speakers and entertainers of the evening. Mr. Schneider was very clever in his presentation of the numbers on the program. Mr. Schneider stressed the common interest of all of the community in the success of their neighbors.

The Plattsmouth high school orchestra under the direction of David Fowler, gave a fine musical program during the serving of the dinner that was very much appreciated by the large audience and reflected the greatest credit on the talented young people and their director.

The ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary had prepared the repast of the evening, a fine feast of well prepared food and which was most cleverly served by the ladies and the daughters of the members. The menu of the evening comprised:

Prime Roast Beef
Mashed Potatoes - Gravy
Green Beans - Slaw
Jelly - Rolls
Apple Pie - Coffee

Tells of Livestock Need
Mr. Schneider gave some figures from the two precincts in Cass county, not in this section where on thirty farms, comprising 6,080 acres, there were found thirty-four horses, ninety-six cattle and twenty-seven hogs, eighteen without any hogs and nineteen with no cattle. It was this very general condition over the state that had led to the movement to bring back to the farm the livestock that had once been a great asset to the farmer, Mr. Schneider stated.

A pleasant musical feature of the evening was the vocal offerings by three high school girls who are to compete in the contest here for the right to enter the district meet. Verona Toman gave "None But the Lonely Heart," with Ruth Westover as the accompanist; Juanita Sigler, "Dark Eyes" with Mrs. J. R. Reeder as the accompanist and Willa Jean Sylvester in "Honing" with Miss Westover as the accompanist.

Urges Livestock Campaign

The main speaker of the evening was Prof. L. C. Loeffel of the University of Nebraska department of husbandry, one of the best versed men in the state on the problem of the farm and the livestock interests of the state. The importance of the livestock to a successful farm was the theme of the very able speaker and he brought out many interesting facts. The need of some radical steps to restore livestock was shown by the fact that the state had fallen from second place in the nation to eighth, that since 1934 that the trend had been downward and left depleted the livestock that formerly added so much to the success of the Nebraska farm. The drought of 1934 had been one of the great causes of the depleting of the farms as that year found much stock on the farms and without feed to care for them and the result that cattle had been sacrificed and large government purchases made to relieve the situation. The planting of drought resisting stock feeds was pointed out as an important part of the program to bring back the state standing as a livestock producer by the speaker. In the most successful days of Nebraska farming seventy-one per cent of the total farm income had come

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APPOINTED ASSESSOR

The resignation of L. G. Todd, veteran assessor of Liberty precinct, has been received by the county assessor due to the ill health of Mr. Todd. As his successor W. H. Porter, of Union, has been selected by County Assessor W. H. Puls. Mr. Porter is one of the well-known residents of Liberty precinct and was a candidate for county commissioner at the last election.

Platters Shine in Wide Margin Win from Auburn

Blue and White Triumph 48 to 22 With Many Reserves in Action—Rebal Leads Scoring.

From Wednesday's Daily—Plattsmouth high school's basketball squad scored another victory last evening as they downed the visiting Auburn Bulldogs 48 to 22. It was several minutes in the first quarter before the scoring started, but then by the end of this first period the Platters held a 14 to 6 lead, as Hayes and Rebal pounded at the goal.

The second quarter was a more hard fought one, the goals were defended better, and at the half the score stood 23 to 8. A number of reserves saw action in this stanza. Auburn attempted a number of shots, but could not consistently hit the baskets, although they did double their score by the end of the third quarter and were trailing 35 to 16.

Rebal had 9 goals for the evening's high scorer, and Hayes made 4, with Reed and Jacobs each sinking three fielders. Fouls were scarce, Davis sinking two charity shots, being the only ones made for Plattsmouth.

Scott was leading scorer for the Bulldogs with 7 points and Meyers was good on the floor work, and also accounting for 6 points.

The box score:

Plattsmouth (48)				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Rebal	9	0	1	18
Hayes	4	0	1	8
Reed	3	0	1	6
Noble	1	0	0	2
Wall	1	0	0	2
Smith	1	0	0	2
Jacobs	3	0	0	6
Davis	0	2	1	2
Martin	0	0	0	0
Velick	0	1	0	0
White	1	0	0	2
23 2 5 48				

Anuburn (22)

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Richards	0	0	1	0
Goddiss	0	1	0	1
Scott	3	1	1	7
Meyers	3	0	3	6
McKinney	1	0	0	2
Peters	0	0	0	0
Banis	0	0	0	0
Yelickton	2	0	0	4
Engles	0	0	1	0
Dustin	1	0	1	2
10 2 7 22				

CALLED TO OKLAHOMA

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lapidus departed Tuesday for Oklahoma City where they were called by the critical illness of George E. Dunscombe, the father of Mrs. Lapidus. The patient was reported as being very low and the daughter left as soon as possible for the south.

During the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Lapidus, Mrs. Joseph Ely is looking after the management of the Hotel Plattsmouth.

SHERIFF RYDER ILL

Cass county friends will regret to learn of the illness of Sheriff Carl Ryder of Otoe county, who is at the St. Mary's hospital at Nebraska City, suffering from a severe bronchial and lung ailment. Monday the sheriff suffered a heart attack that has made his condition more grave and no visitors were allowed the patient.

GORGE CAUSES OVERFLOW

Ice gorges in the Missouri river south of this city near Rock Bluffs has caused some water to overflow into lowlands along the river but doing no particular damage. The water seems to have been the most severe on the Iowa side of the river near Bartlett where the flood water is near the highway at that point.

Nehawka Passes Fiftieth Year as Incorporated Town

Woman's Club Stages Fine Program at the Auditorium—Stories of Early Days Told.

One day last week the Woman's club of Nehawka, a progressive and patriotic organization, given to presenting their city in the best light, gave a foundation meeting and excellent program which dealt with the earlier days of the town.

The railroad came this way during the early part of 1887, and a man named Jones made the purchase of 80 acres of land which he sold to those who desired to buy for either a business location or a home. During the first year there were some thirty businesses established. Two of these are here yet doing business. Andrew F. Sturm who conducts and has conducted a lumber yard during the fifty-two years and D. C. West being connected with the Nehawka bank for a like period. Frank Sheldon established a business house the same year, 1888, but passed away a few years ago. Businesses have changed since and the town has progressed.

At the meeting of the Woman's club last week Mrs. Isadore Tucker, formerly Sheldon, who was born in Nehawka, was selected as the presiding officer for the meeting. The program included three excellent speakers who knew Nehawka and have lived with it during the years. D. C. West, A. F. Sturm and R. C. Pollard.

The first speaker, D. C. West, dipped into the social as well as the business life of the early city, and told of the first May day picnic, held near the mouth of the Weeping Water where fishing and a general good time was had, and told of a lopsided team with a 1600-pound gray blind mare which was used in the elevator to elevate grain and a small pony which did not look the best, together but that did not matter. The two guests with their girls went and enjoyed the picnic, the runt being about five feet and the other a six footer made as good a team as the horses, and on their return paraded the streets and stopped at the place where the gala day was to be ended with a dance which was had. The event was a memorable one, although it occurred fifty years ago, still remains fresh in their minds. Mr. West had his paper prepared and it will be kept as a memorial of the earlier time.

The next speaker was A. F. Sturm, who spoke mostly of the business interests and what they did, how they changed and some finally retired from activity. In connection with the earlier business interests Mr. Sturm told of the organization of the first church, which was organized as a non-sectarian, to which Levi Pollard gave a bell. While the church had not been decided, he gave the bell anyway. However at the time the bell arrived two of the young people of Nehawka were married, it being Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Norris. A number of moving spirits asked Mr. Pollard if it would be all right to take the new bell, still in its shipping crate and serenade the newlyweds, and gaining his permission they did so and were asked to partake of a treat. Then came some complications when a number of the straight laced members objected because the bell had been used for the celebration of the wedding and objected to placing it on the church. So, Mrs. Levi Pollard said take the bell or leave it, it will make a good farm bell as many were used in that day on the farms, so finally it was agreed and the bell was placed on the church, and while it was non-sectarian, it was dedicated to the board of the United Brethren church. Two years later, in 1890, a Methodist church was also built.

The cannon which graces the lot near the Nehawka bank was next in consideration, and Mrs. Sturm asked Raymond C. Pollard to give a history of its life and what it had been used for. Mr. Pollard traced the history of the cannon. Away back during the earlier days this cannon was the property of the United States and was sent to Omaha at the

time of the building of the Union Pacific railroad and was mounted on a flat car to fight Indians with who were harassing the workers constructing the railway. After the construction of the first portion of the Union Pacific the cannon was placed on a boat by Governor Thayer and taken to St. Joseph as a means of defense against bands which infested the river between Omaha and St. Joseph. After the trip was made the cannon was shipped back to Omaha and placed in one of the parks of that city. Later it was loaned to a committee of citizens at Springfield where it remained until a party of citizens at LaPlatte came and appropriated it, and later on a like party from Plattsmouth appropriated it and took it to Plattsmouth where it remained for a number of years, when a party of boys and men went to Plattsmouth one night and brought it to Nehawka. A party of people from Plattsmouth came to Nehawka to take it back. They were met by the people of Nehawka, who ringing a bell called out almost the entire town and it was not possible to get the cannon. However, it seems now as though the old gun has found a permanent home in Nehawka.

Glen Allen is Victim Robbery and Attack

Well Known Young Man Held Up on Third Street Late Saturday; Money and Watch Taken.

Glen Allen, well known young man residing in the south portion of the city, was held up and robbed of some \$40 in cash, a gold watch as well as his keys and a pocket knife and also was viciously assaulted by the robbers late Saturday night.

The attack occurred near the Feed Center building on Third street as Allen was on his way to his home. Going south on the sidewalk he saw a car along the roadway and as he came by a man stepped out of the car and started toward him and then commenced the attack as he resisted the efforts to rob him.

The rain of blows on Allen resulted in the breaking of the right jaw and apparently he had been struck over the back of the shoulder by some weapon as severe bruises were found there later and he also suffered bruises on the chest. The man had then gone through the clothing of Allen and tore loose from its leather strap a large and valuable gold watch which was taken together with the money which he was carrying loose in his pocket and keys and a knife also in the pocket.

The assailant had then got into the car in which a companion had remained and the car drove west on Pearl street to Fourth and then had apparently turned into Main street. Mr. Allen reported the robbery and the officers at once started out to try and locate some clue of the men but without success. The victim of the assault was not able to give a good description of the men altho the assailant had seemed familiar to the robbed man.

The police and Sheriff Mrasek and Deputy Sheriff Doody continued the search through the night for any possible trace of the robbers or the stolen articles but without success.

SPORTSMEN CLUB

Meeting of the Cass County Sportsmen club will be held at the Public Library in Plattsmouth on Friday, February 10, at 8 o'clock p. m. Election of officers will take place at this meeting; other important matters to be transacted.

Every member should be present. A. L. TIDD, Acting President.

CARD OF THANKS

To Rev. J. C. Lawson, Mr. Horton, singers, the pallbearers, the neighbors and friends for their kindness and assistance and sympathy shown during the death of Mother and Grandmother Mary A. Wilcox—The Dare Family.

Big Valentine Dance, Sat. Feb. 11th.

A. L. Tidd Talks on River Program at Tekamah

Tells of Work Here and Urges Support of Definite Program for Water Rate Advantages.

From Wednesday's Daily—Last evening Attorney A. L. Tidd, T. H. Pollock, of the local Chamber of Commerce river navigation committee, accompanied by Herbert Minor, motored to Tekamah, Nebraska, where they attended a Missouri river booster banquet.

While en route, to Tekamah they stopped at Blair for a visit with John I. Unruh, a one time Plattsmouth business man and a long time friend of Mr. Pollock.

The meeting at Tekamah was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and a very large group of the residents of the nearby territory were present to take part in the meeting. Lyons and Oakland having large groups present.

H. L. Webster, chairman of the Tekamah Chamber of Commerce river committee, presided and presented the speakers.

Captain H. Swenholz of the U. S. engineers, spoke of the history of river navigation on the different rivers and the advantages that had been found in the improvement of waterways. Lieutenant W. Whipple, of the Omaha engineers office spoke along the lines of the flood control of the river and its adjacent waterways, much of which has yet to be perfected and placed in a position where it can be made workable.

Mr. Tidd was the main speaker and from his long experience and leadership in the development of the Missouri river navigation and dock program here, gave many very interesting facts.

He suggested that one good terminal between Omaha and Sioux City would be enough to give adequate service to northeast Nebraska's river traffic needs.

"Swat the Lea bill" was his recommendation concerning the proposed legislation now pending in congress which would authorize the interstate commerce commission to fix rates for river-hauled freight. The I. C. C. would base such rates on existing railroad rates, he predicted. "This part of the country needs freight rates based on the cost of transportation," he declared.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of Mary A. Wilcox who passed away Jan. 19 and whose birthday Feb. 4 is remembered:

Gone is the face we learned to love so dear,
Silent the voice we loved to hear,
Too far away for sight or speech,
But not too far for thoughts to reach.
Sweet to remember her who once was here,
And who the absent will be remembered still.
—Sadly missed by son, Clyde, daughter-in-law, Alma, Grandchildren Wallace and Donna.

BIRTH OF SON

Friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Recek, now residing at Sangor, California, were informed Monday of the birth of a seven pound baby boy to them on Saturday, February 4. Mr. and Mrs. Recek are well known here where they had resided on Main street prior to their removal to the west coast last July where they have resided since that time. Mrs. Recek was the former Miss Carolyn Kalasek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kalasek, Sr., of this city.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

A meeting of the Cass County Historical society will be held at the church at Avoca, Saturday, Feb. 11 at 2 p. m. Plan to be present. An interesting program has been planned and tea will be served after the meeting.

DR. G. H. GILMORE, President.
A. A. McREYNOLDS, Secretary.

Legion Bldg. Good Music. Adm. 25c.

HENRY GOOS BETTER

From Wednesday's Daily—Last evening Chief of Police Barclay, William Schmidtman, Jr., and Clement Woster were at Omaha where they visited with Henry F. Goos at the Clarkson hospital. They found Mr. Goos feeling very fine and the best that he has for many months and it is thought that his operation will now give him permanent relief from his long standing illness.

Plattsmouth Debaters Show Well at Midland

Two Teams Taken By Milo Price to the Fremont Meeting and Make Excellent Showing.

The Plattsmouth first team debaters went to Fremont Thursday evening. Two teams made the trip with Mr. Price: John Morris debating with Homer Barton and Harriet Case debating with John Bestor.

Friday morning at 9 o'clock these two and fifty-six other teams started through a four round qualifying contest, the list of schools entering one or two teams in the tournament to compete for the title Omaha North was defending, includes: Yankton, Falls and Vermillion, S. D. Hastings, Kearney, Lincoln, Aurora, Wymore, Edgar, Lyons, DeWitt, North Platte, West Point, Holdrege, Geneva, Crofton, Blair, Plattsmouth, Walton, Wayne, Rand Island, Pilger, Emerson, Beatrice, Auburn, Norfolk, Benson, North, South and Central of Omaha.

In order to enter the elimination bracket, a team was required to win two or more of Friday's four debates. Case and Bestor won four of their four while Morris and Barton won three.

Such schools as Lincoln, Hastings, Omaha Central and Kearney also won seven of the first day's eight debates.

Taking first one side, then the other, of the proposition, "Resolved that the United States should establish an alliance with Great Britain," Case and Bestor defeated in order Omaha Benson, Omaha North, the defending champs, Lyons and North Platte. Morris and Barton lost to Holdrege then won from Geneva, Wymore and Auburn.

Saturday morning Morris and Barton met Kearney's team with the "personality plus" girl debater. This loss eliminates one of Plattsmouth's teams. Case and Bestor drew Omaha Benson's other team in the first Saturday round and won. Then against Hastings they tried too hard and lost. Teams undefeated on Friday required two defeats for elimination, so Saturday afternoon found the Case-Bestor combination pitted against Geneva. They won and drew Omaha Central's Missouri Valley (1939) champion team. The three judges all said "Central" so Plattsmouth went out—with only five of the original fifty-eight teams remaining. Lincoln high school, coached by Gerald Kvasnicka, won the trophy.

DIES AT GREENWOOD

William Harry Leesley, 55, died in Greenwood, Tuesday. Surviving are his wife, Margaret; eight children, Mrs. Catherine Sheehan of Manley, Mrs. Elizabeth Leaver of Waterloo, Mrs. Mabel Keckler of Gardner, N. D., Margaret, Alice, Joseph and Robert at home, and William of Greenwood; seven grandchildren. Funeral at 2 p. m. Friday at the home, C. A. Park officiating. Opal Gladner will sing. Burial in Greenwood. Castle, Roper & Matthews. Pall bearers: Emmett Landon, Sidrid Foreman, Jack Dribble, Watson Howard, Bernard Grady, Jess Olson.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to those who were so kind and thoughtful to us in the loss of our dear and precious mother.—E. L. Shrader, Dora Murray, Wm. H. Shrader, Fern Gish, Lester Shrader.

Rubber Stamps, large or small, at right prices at the Journal.

Superintendent Devoe Renamed as School Head

Board of Education Re-elects Present Efficient Head of the City Public School System.

The board of education at their meeting Monday afternoon at the high school building re-elected Lowell S. Devoe, present superintendent of the city schools, for a term of three years.

The selection of Mr. Devoe will prove very pleasing to the patrons of the schools of which Mr. Devoe has been head for the past seven years and under whom much progress has been made in the schools in every way.

Mr. Devoe came here seven years ago from Geneva where he has been superintendent and prior to that had served as superintendent at Oxford and Nelson with earlier teaching work at Stella and Lebanon, Nebraska.

Under the superintendency of Mr. Devoe there has been a large increase in the enrollment of the city schools, the high school at this time having 390 students, the largest enrollment in the school history and maintained at a very high standard of efficiency.

The board of education under the term of Mr. Devoe had carried out a program of reductions in operating costs that has been met by the superintendent in maintaining a high standard regardless of the necessary curtailments made in payroll expenditures and today the schools are in an excellent shape.

Mr. Devoe during his residence here has been a very active figure in the community life and to his suggestion and inspiration was born the "King Korn Carnival," in which he was a potent figure in arranging and getting this annual fall festival underway. He has also been active in the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and in Methodist church circles and in each of these he has brought his usual efficiency and good judgment to aid in their progressive work.

Mr. Devoe and his fine family have made themselves many friends in Plattsmouth and vicinity and who are most happy that they are to remain in this community and Mr. Devoe to head the schools.

4-HERS WIN AWARDS

Virginia Pollard of Nehawka was one of four girls in the state to win a trip to the annual 4-H Club Week in Lincoln, as a result of the 4-H canning contest sponsored by Ball Bros. company. Virginia won first place in the county contest and sixth in the state contest and also six dollars in cash.

Several other Cass county club members and leaders have been awarded trips to Club Week for outstanding work. The fortunate ones were Marie Anderson, clothing club girl, Mrs. L. W. Rase, Murdock leader, LeRoy Ahrens, county wine club champion, and Richard Cole, corn club champion. Marie Ruth Pollard will receive a trip to the annual 4-H Conservation Camp at Seward for outstanding work in wildlife conservation activities. The Early Bird Poultry club of Nehawka feel proud over having won the trophy awarded by the Gooch Milling company to the outstanding poultry club in the state. Oren Raymond Pollard is leader of the club.

RETURNS TO OHIO

From Wednesday's Daily—Mrs. Honor Young, of Dayton, Ohio, who was called here by the death of her mother, Mrs. W. H. Seybert, departed today for her home in the east. She has been here since the funeral visiting her sister, Mrs. C. A. Marshall and family and other relatives.

VISIT IN CITY

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Jones, of Bel-den, Nebraska, arrived Saturday to enjoy a visit here at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Pickens and with the new granddaughter, Patricia Ann.