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## Kenneth Teft Winner of Cass Spelling Meet

Edward Gradoville of This City First in Written Contest; Imogene Van Every Wins Third Place.

The Cass county spelling contest was held Saturday afternoon, February 25 in the district court room of the local court house. The contestants numbered fifty-seven, a very large group for the spelling contest this year. The court room was filled with throngs of people as well as city folks, most of them friends and relatives of the contestants.

The contest was conducted by Dr. Roy Eaton of Omaha, originator of the Eaton spelling book from which the words were chosen. Dr. Eaton conducted the contest in his usual efficient manner, keeping the crowd interested and in suspense as to who the winner would be. The contestants all showed marks of brilliancy and knowledge of the subject of spelling and their work well showed the efforts of their teachers in preparing them for this yearly event.

The local schools, comprising the junior high school and the St. John's parochial school were represented by Mary Jean Hatt, Lois Wolever and Edward Gradoville and John Berlett, respectively. However, Edward Gradoville was the only local contestant that stood up until the final round of the spelling contest and who was pronounced the winner of first place in the written contest.

Kenneth Teft, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Teft of Avoca, representative of District 20 was awarded the honor as the champion speller of the Cass county schools. The young man showed remarkable ability and had mastered each word that was given to him splendidly.

The following were pronounced winners in the various sections of the contest: In the written division Edward Gradoville, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gradoville of Plattsburgh, placed first. Kenneth Teft, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Teft of Avoca was awarded second place. Imogene Van Every, daughter of Mrs. William Van Every was granted third place.

In the oral division Kenneth Teft won first honor. Ruth Ann Finkle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Finkle of Weeping Water, won second honors, and Imogene Van Every received third in the contest.

In addition to their awards each of these winners have received the honor of attending and representing their respective schools in the different contests conducted by the state and World-Herald of Omaha. Kenneth Teft will represent District 20 in the contest sponsored by the World-Herald on April 29. Edward Gradoville and Kenneth Teft will be representatives at the interstate contest to be held in Sioux City, Iowa on April 27 and 28. Imogene Van Every and Ruth Ann Finkle will go to the state fair this fall at Lincoln as representatives of District 22 of Weeping Water.

The judges of the contest were the few selected from the large audience in attendance. County Superintendent of Schools Mrs. Lora Lloyd Kleck presided over the event.

## HEAR A FINE PROGRAM

Monday morning at 9 o'clock the student council of the Plattsmouth high school presented a convocation to the student body. The Parkinson Music Ensemble were here to entertain the group. The ensemble played double-reed instruments, consisting of the oboe, English horn, bassoon and heckelphone. The program was presided over by the president of the student council, Stuart Sedlak.

Members of the musical ensemble have won national recognition as young artists and highest honors at the national high school contests.

## MARRIED AT LOUISVILLE

On Sunday at Louisville occurred the marriage of Vera S. Carse of Carson, Iowa, and Lamont Storm of Macedonia, Iowa. The marriage lines were read by Rev. N. B. Callaway of the Louisville church. David Carse and Doris Dean Storm were the witnesses.

## HAS FINE REMEMBRANCE

Margaret Davis of this city, who has for the past two years been in correspondence with Mary You, a young girl living in the Hawaiian Islands, has received a very pleasant remembrance from the friend. A box received by the Plattsmouth girl contained a bracelet, string of beads and a purse, all made from seeds collected by the donor and also sent a very attractive purse made from leaves collected on the islands.

## A. S. Will, an Early Resident, Dies in Oklahoma

Passes Away at Home of His Son, Fred, at the Ripe Age of Ninety-one Years.

The death of Asgill S. Will, 91, a resident of Cass county for many years, occurred on Thursday, February 22, 1939 at Hennessey, Oklahoma, where he has been making his home with his son, Fred Will and family for some time.

Mr. Will was born in Highland county, Virginia, April 23, 1848, and spent his youth in the state of his nativity and where he was married June 16, 1870 to Miss Barbara Hard. They came west in 1883 and settled in Cass county. Mr. Will locating on a farm in Mt. Pleasant precinct where the family resided for a great many years and where their children grew up.

Later Mr. Will and wife retired from the farm and built a fine home on Chicago avenue in this city, making their home there until in 1922 when they moved to California where in 1930 Mrs. Will passed away.

There is surviving the passing of Mr. Will five sons and three daughters, Fred Will, Hennessey, Oklahoma; Newton Will, Kettle Falls, Washington; Mrs. Chris Spangler, Oak, Nebraska; Grover Will, Kirby, Oregon; Tom Will, Van Nuys, California; Dora Will and Mrs. Minnie Windham, Long Beach, California; Robert Will, Burbank, California.

The funeral services were held on Saturday at the B. W. Coon funeral home at Hennessey, with Rev. A. S. Pearce conducting the services. The body will be taken to California for interment beside Mrs. Will.

## 4-H CLUBS GETTING UNDERWAY

1939 4-H club organization has gotten off to a good start with 26 clubs organized and many more scheduled to meet soon to perfect their set-up.

Forestry clubs lead in number with baby beef, swine, dairy, bird and rope clubs attracting their proportionate share.

Girls clubs who confine their work to (1) a beginning, (2) an intermediate, and (3) an advanced project will this year be studying Learning to Sew, Girls Room a Place to Live, and Meal Planning and Preparation. Lead training meetings will be held for leaders of groups carrying these projects as soon as the clubs are organized. These training meetings bring assistance in subject matter and general club management problems.

4-H application blanks are available at the extension office. Why not organize now and get off to a good start with your 1939 project.

## MORE NAMES TO FUND

Additional names as received by Mrs. Frank Mullen, treasurer for the milk and shoe fund of the Woman's club is as follows: Mike Bajeck, 50c; A Friend, 25c; Dr. and Mrs. P. T. Heineman, \$1; Mrs. Henry Jacobs, 25c; Ofe Oil Co., \$3; Joe's New Way, \$1; Vinc Kelley, 50c; Judge Jesse L. Root, Omaha, \$1; Simon White-trink, 25c; Mrs. R. C. Jahrig, 50c; Fern Jahrig, 50c. So far the funds collected have reached the amount of \$16.59.

## WILL WORK IN OMAHA

From Monday's Daily— George Sabatka, well-known young man of this city and former clerk in the Hinky-Dinky grocery store, was transferred to Omaha where he will be located in the future. He started his duties as clerk in the Hinky-Dinky store at 45th and Military avenue in Omaha today.

## Mrs. Frank Kozak Dies at Home in West Part of City

Suffers Stroke Friday and This Morning Heart Attack Proves Fatal to Patient.

From Monday's Daily— Mrs. Anna Kozak, wife of Frank Kozak, passed away this morning at 8:10 at the family home on Vine street after a very short illness of the past three days. Mrs. Kozak suffered a severe stroke Friday evening and since had remained bedfast until her death. Early this morning her condition was said to be improved but shortly after dawn she suffered a heart attack and passed away to her eternal reward at the age of 53 years and 5 days.

Anna Roucka, daughter of the late Frank and Anna Roucka, was born on February 22, 1886 in what used to be Austria-Hungary where she was reared through earlier days. In 1906, with her parents, she came to America to settle and make her future home. The family came directly to Nebraska, residing in Plattsmouth where they have since made their home in the west part of the city, and where Mr. and Mrs. Roucka passed away several years ago. On June 14, 1915 she was united in marriage to Frank Kozak and since their marriage they have made their home in the place where she passed away.

There is left to mourn the passing of the wife and mother, the husband, Frank Kozak; two sons, James and Charles; one daughter, Mrs. Dillard Wales, all of this city. There is also one sister, Mrs. John Neitzel of Omaha as well as three brothers, Charles Roucka of St. Louis, Missouri; Joseph Roucka of Sedalia, Missouri and Peter Roucka of Wisconsin. There is also an aged aunt, Mrs. Josephine Cechal who survives her passing.

The passing of Mrs. Kozak comes as a severe blow to the members of the immediate family as well as the many friends and neighbors. Her sudden death removes a loved figure from the household activities of her home.

She was a kind and loving mother and had led a quiet life tending to her home and children. The undying love for her children will always live as a precious memory to those who are left behind to bear this loss.

## PLAN SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Ralph Keckler, Mrs. Neil Nunckles, Mrs. Nelson Berger, Mrs. John Woest, Mrs. Skyle Miller Jr., Mrs. Harry Fisher, Mrs. G. R. Eveland, Mrs. R. A. Kuehn, Miss Evelyn Rolph, Miss Rossi Gerard and Mrs. Everett Spangler, members of the Cass County Economics Council met at the Agriculture Extension office, Thursday Feb. 23rd to discuss plans for club activities for the summer months. High lights in the discussion brought out plans for achievement days, state meetings of the Nebraska Council of Home Demonstration Clubs, availability of summer study material, and fairs.

The afternoon session was shared with project club presidents on parliamentary practice pertaining to nominations and elections, and acquainting themselves with factual data of our own county. This discussion brought out some interesting information which will be used as a guide in working out future home demonstration programs for the county.

**ATTEND BEAUTY SHOW**

Mrs. Hulda Weidman, Miss Florine Tritsch and Mrs. Floyd Yelick were in Omaha Sunday where they attended a meeting of the Trans-Mississippi Beauty convention, at the Fontenelle hotel. There were many fine exhibitions shown and talks on the beautician work of the present day.

The convention is for four days and a number of other operators of this city are planning to attend some of the meetings.

**VISIT IN CITY**

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Royal of Lincoln and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Graves of Omaha were here Sunday to spend the day visiting with Judge C. L. Graves and old friends.

## STILL SUFFERS FROM INJURIES

Hillard Grassman, who was injured the last week in the fire at the Bates building, is still suffering from the effects of the burns he sustained in attempting to extinguish the fire. One ear and the side of his face is still very sore and swollen from the effects of the burns and makes necessary the bandaging of the face for some time yet. He is, however, looking after his work at the Bates Book and Stationery store.

## Funeral Services of Martin Fred Ruby are Held

Services at Mynard Church—Interment Later at Horning Cemetery When Weather Permits.

Funeral services for Martin Fred Ruby, 30, were held Tuesday afternoon at the United Brethren church at Mynard and attended by a large number of the old friends of the deceased and his family.

Rev. Paul Dick, pastor of the church, conducted the services and brought a message of comfort to the members of the bereaved family circle and the friends.

A mixed quartet composed of Mrs. Lucille Wiles, Mrs. Beryl Dick, Raymond C. Cook and Rev. Paul Dick, gave three numbers during the services. "Going Down the Valley," "Sometime We'll Understand" and "Sweet Bye and Bye."

The pall bearers were Chester Wiles, Ray Abel, Earl and William Lindner, David and Arthur Toman.

The interment will be made later at the Horning cemetery south of this city when the weather conditions permit, the snow preventing reaching the cemetery. The Sattler funeral home had charge of the services.

Martin Fred Ruby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Ruby, was born at Oberlin, Kansas, October 18, 1908 and died at Lincoln, Nebraska, February 25, 1939, aged thirty years, four months and nine days.

He grew to manhood in and near Mynard where the greater part of his lifetime was spent. He was of a kindly disposition and friendly to all he knew.

He leaves to mourn his passing his parents, his only sister, Mrs. Margaret Beckman, two nieces and one nephew; all of Mynard and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Ruby of McCook, who were here for the funeral services.

The relatives and many neighbors join in extending sympathy to the immediate family in their bereavement.

## CALLED ON SAD MISSION

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howland and family and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Shanholtz and family were called to West Plains, Missouri, Saturday by the news of the sudden death of Mrs. Gentry, mother of Mrs. Howland and Mrs. Shanholtz. The death of the mother was very sudden, the result of a heart attack.

The deceased was the mother also of Mrs. Con Lynch and Charles Gentry, who formerly resided here but are now living in Washington.

## FISHING SEASON OPENS

From Wednesday's Daily—

Today was the official start of the fishing season in Nebraska, altho the general weather conditions were far from ideal for the anglers. The base season is from March 1st to April 20th and from June 15th to Nov. 30th. The season also is opening today for catfish, crappies, sunfish, bullheads, perch and blue gills.

The trout season will open on April 1st.

## VISIT IN KEARNEY

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rabb of Omaha and Miss Margaret Hoschar and Marvin Stapp of Plattsmouth motored to Kearney Saturday evening to visit Mrs. Leslie Potts, sister of Mrs. Rabb and Margaret who is taking treatment at the hospital there. They found Mrs. Potts very much improved and planning to return to her home in a few months. The foursome returned to Omaha Sunday evening.

## School Caucus Largely Attended Last Night

Voters Select List of Able Candidates From Which to Pick Three Members for Board.

The voters of school district No. 1, met last night at the auditorium of the high school to name the candidates for the board of education at the coming election in April. Due to the resignation of Mrs. Pearl Mann, there will be three members named at the election this year or half of the board.

The meeting was called to order by J. A. Capwell, board president, who stated the purpose of the meeting and also read the report of the school expenses and interesting facts as to the growth of the enrollment with lower costs and smaller teaching forces.

The report made by the board of education gave some very pertinent facts as to the operating cost and enrollment of the schools as well as the teachers engaged in the schools from 1920 to the present date.

**Moneys Spent by Years**

1930	\$66,834.80
1931	66,680.11
1932	65,099.76
1932	51,186.02
1934	47,312.91
1935	44,453.74
1936	46,081.84
1937	44,816.48
1938	41,918.69
Teachers engaged—1930-31	40; 1938-39, 32.
Enrollment—1930	high school, 284; total, 859.
Enrollment—1939	high school, 392; total, 996.
1924 assessed valuation of district	\$2,363,432. Levy, 22 mills.
1929 assessed valuation of district	\$2,081,808. Levy, 16 mills.
Amount in sinking fund created by high school bonds, to be left available for an emergency	\$1,973.

The meeting was organized by the selection of Searl S. Davis as the chairman and L. W. Niel as the secretary of the meeting and at once the nominations were made for the offices.

The chair pointed out that it would be necessary to name four candidates for the three year term and two for the two year term or vacancy. For the two long term memberships the following nominations were made: Dr. O. C. Hudson, Marie Kaufmann, Mrs. Henry Starkjohn, R. W. Knorr, S. S. Davis, Henry Jacobs, Dr. R. P. Westover, John V. Svoboda, Dr. W. V. Ryan, Robert Cappell and Mrs. John L. Tidball.

There were some 148 persons present and while few did not vote the tellers found it a real task in the counting of the votes for the candidates and which resulted in the nomination of:

Dr. O. C. Hudson,  
Searl S. Davis  
R. W. Knorr  
Robert Cappell.

These candidates all received good majorities of the total vote cast by the convention.

For the two year term the names of J. C. Comstock, E. H. Bernhardt, F. I. Ae, E. G. Ofe, Dr. W. V. Ryan, John V. Svoboda, Mrs. Henry Starkjohn, and Elmer Sundstrom were placed before the caucus.

The nomination of E. G. Ofe and E. H. Bernhardt was made very easily as they were winners by wide margins.

The caucus was one of the best held here in recent years both in number attending and the excellent democratic feeling and fellowship shown by all attending the meeting.

## HERE FROM LINCOLN

From Wednesday's Daily—

Ben Schwartz, of Lincoln, was here today to visit with old friends for a few hours and returning this afternoon to Lincoln. Mr. Schwartz, who was formerly connected with the Norfolk Packing Co. here is expecting to return soon and take up his work with the local company again.

## AIDS MILK AND SHOE FUND

The board of directors of the Associated Charities met Tuesday at the Recreation Center and voted to turn their funds over to the milk and shoe fund and hospital uses. They will also be glad to receive shoes that can be repaired and used.

## ENGLISH CLASS AT LIBRARY

The sophomore English class of Mr. Lumin Gerner made a delightful visit to the Plattsmouth public library Friday where they spent the afternoon seeing and learning the various uses and methods of finding different books in the library. Misses Verne Leonard and Olive Jones, librarians, assisted the young people in their endeavor to increase their knowledge about the uses of the library.