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Hobby Show is Attraction at Central Building

Children Show Many Interesting Exhibits of Their Favorite Hobby—Excellent Collections.

Wednesday afternoon between the hour of 3:30 and 4:30 was held a hobby show in the Central school building. The teachers, with the assistance of their pupils, worked diligently and put forth strenuous effort to make the show a complete success. An open house for all the parents and school patrons was held in order that they may know and see some of the various and interesting hobbies of the youngsters. The exhibition was one that brought out many interesting and educational hobbies and one that was thoroughly enjoyed by the pupils, teachers, and the public at large. Cash prizes were given to the pupils having the best hobbies, the awards being determined by the judges which comprised Mrs. Clement Wooster and Mrs. Clayton Cross.

The following is the list of the winners, their teacher, their entry and the grade they are in.

Marvin Hill, grade 1, won a prize for his Indian coin collection and Miss Amelia Martens is his instructor.

Donald Aylor, grade 2, was awarded a prize for his classified collection of rocks and fossils. Miss Jane Oakes serves as his instructor.

A hobby of airplane model and scrapbooks won a prize for Richard Duxbury, grade 3, Miss Selma Diehm being his teacher.

Raymond Mathers, grade 4, a pupil of Miss Garnette Clare, was the winner of a prize for his model planes.

Arrow heads, a hobby of Jackie Bashus, was pronounced a winner in the show. His teacher is Miss Dorothy Glock, and he is in the fifth grade.

An interesting hobby of Mary Gorder is her art collection that she had entered in the contest in the room of Miss Rose Prohaska, her teacher. She was awarded a prize, she representing the fifth grade.

Ruth Ann Favors, Grade 6, won a prize for her entry of seasonal poems, Miss Marie Nolting being her instructor.

Grade 6, Miss Shirley Martin being another representative, was another winner, the entry being her stamp collection. Her instructor is Miss Agnes Muenster.

HAVE A FINE TRIP

From Thursday's Daily—John V. Svoboda and Joy Miller returned this morning from a business trip of several days through western Iowa, Missouri, part of Kansas and Oklahoma. They made the trip by truck, looking after the delivery of stock for the Norfolk Packing Co., of this city.

On their way south they drove to Glenwood and took the route south to Missouri and then into Kansas and from there south to Tulsa and Oklahoma City. On the return trip they visited at Fort Smith, Arkansas, and Van Buren, Arkansas, made famous by Bob Burns. At Springdale they picked up some material for the local plant and continued on home. The trip was very fine but the weather quite chilly and residents reported the season very backward.

TRACK MEET DATES

The Plattsmouth high school track team will participate in the meet to be held at Ashland on May 5th, one of the most popular meets of the high schools of this section. They will also participate in the meet at Omaha University, both being qualifying for the state tournament which will be held at Lincoln on May 12th and 13th.

RETURNS HOME

From Thursday's Daily—Mrs. Rudolph Iverson and little son returned home today from the St. Joseph hospital where the infant was born on Monday evening, April 10. Both the mother and little son are feeling fine and their return home brings a great deal of happiness to the family circle.

HERE FROM PEORIA

Mr. and Mrs. Harley L. Becker of Peoria, Illinois, arrived in Plattsmouth Thursday to spend some time visiting here with Mr. Becker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Becker and his sisters, Mrs. John Sattler and Mrs. William Schmidtman, Jr.

The many friends of Mr. Becker will be pleased to learn that he is operating a corrective shoe store for children in Peoria.

Cass County Motor Company Safe is Looted

Combination Knocked Off and Old Axle Bar Used to Force Way Into Safe—\$150 in Cash Taken.

From Thursday's Daily—The safe in the office of the Cass County Motor Co., at Sixth and Pearl streets was broken into some time early this morning and \$150 in cash taken from the safe and the robbers made a getaway from the scene.

The robbery was discovered this morning when the office was opened up for business by the employees and at once Sheriff Joe Mrasek and Deputy Sheriff E. J. Doody were called and searched the place for clues and also for possible finger prints on the safe and bar.

It is thought that the parties secured entrance to the building through a door in the basement of the structure and from where they had easy access to the show room and offices which are located on the street level floor of the building on Pearl street.

The parties had secured a heavy bar from a part of an axle and with this had knocked the combination off the safe and then forced the safe open. There was from \$140 to \$150 in cash taken from the safe as far as the management is able to ascertain.

It is thought that the robbery occurred some time after 1 o'clock and was evidently very quietly carried out as an employee sleeping on an upper floor was not aroused by the burglars.

ARREST RECKLESS DRIVER

Considerable excitement was created in the main section of the city this morning shortly after 8 o'clock when a driver of a car plowed through the traffic on the streets in a reckless manner and narrowly missed hitting a small girl at the Fifth and Main street intersection. Calls were made for the police and sheriff, and Officer Dave Pickrel as well as Sheriff Joe Mrasek and Deputy E. J. Doody, took out in search of the man. After cruising around the car was discovered coming east on Pearl street and turning north at Sixth street and where the car was overhauled by the sheriff and deputy and the driver taken into custody. The man gave the name of Ralph Surface and his residence at Union. It was found on investigation at the court house that his driver's license had been revoked for a year last fall and that he was operating without a license. The matter was turned over to County Attorney Walter H. Smith to file a complaint against the man.

RECEIVES RECOGNITION

Ronald Schlichtemeier and family of Elmwood enjoyed Sunday dinner at the Omer Schlichtemeier home. Their son, Ronnie was rejoicing over a beautiful pin received that day for one year of perfect Sunday school attendance.

Stuart Schlichtemeier, who is attending school in Lincoln spent the week end at home where he helped his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Omer Schlichtemeier celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

HERE FROM ARIZONA

Wilber Hennings, who has been at Phoenix, Arizona, where he has been engaged in the grocery business, is here for a visit with his relatives and old friends. He has enjoyed the Arizona country and much pleased with the conditions there. He will probably remain here several weeks with the members of the family.

Death of L. C. Todd Occurs in California

Member of Prominent Cass County Families Dies at Long Beach—Third Death in Week.

Louis C. Todd, 80, a member of one of the pioneer families of Cass county, died Wednesday at his home in Long Beach, California, after an illness of some time and making the third death in the Todd family in a week. Levi G. Todd, of Union, a brother, died last Thursday, and on Sunday, Harold Todd, a son of L. C. Todd, died at Imperial and was buried there Wednesday.

Mrs. George C. Sheldon of Nehawka, with Mr. Sheldon had started to drive to Long Beach, called by the illness of the father and when reaching Imperial found the brother of Mrs. Sheldon gravely ill and who died while they were there.

Mr. L. C. Todd has made his home in California for several years and prior to that time was one of the best known residents of the Nehawka community and active in the business life of that community.

Mr. Todd was the father of a large family and among the surviving children are Mrs. George C. Sheldon, Nehawka; L. G. Todd, Waterloo, Iowa; Mark Todd and Mrs. Genevieve Hoffmaster of Imperial; Mrs. Paul Tighe of Sioux City.

COMPLETE BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Coach B. A. Hoffman has completed the baseball schedule for the high school team, which will give them some excellent games before the close of the school year. The Platters have played Creighton Prep and Tech already this year. The remaining games will be as follows:

April 21—Weeping Water here at 4 p. m.
April 25—Technical high here.
April 28—Papillion, there.
May 2—Papillion, here.
May 3—Lincoln, there.
May 12-13—State meet at Lincoln.

May 18—Weeping Water, there.
There will be home and home games with North high of Omaha after the state meet.

At the game with Weeping Water tomorrow Joe York, John Jacobs, Ralph Stava and Allan White will be out of the lineup owing to the music contest at Fremont.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Donald Wall, severely injured three weeks ago in an auto accident at Council Bluffs, is now home, although still bearing the effects of the accident. Don suffered a back injury that made necessary wearing a cast and which he is still wearing, although able to be up and around. The present cast will be removed shortly and X-rays taken and then a lighter cast applied to strengthen the back. Donald however, is expecting to be able to resume his school work for the remainder of the term, he being a member of the senior class.

Donald desires to express to the friends who visited him and remembered him with cards and messages, his deep appreciation of making the stay at the hospital more pleasant.

GIVES SMALL JUDGMENT

From Friday's Daily—The jury trying the case of Louis A. Rottenmaier vs. August Ossenkop, an action for damage, deliberated the issues of the case yesterday until 4:15 in the afternoon when they returned a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$1,000.25.

The action had been for damages in the amount of \$25,000 for alleged injuries received in an accident on the Louisville road west of this city on October 22, 1938, when a car of the plaintiff was hit by a truck owned by the defendant and which was driven by a man named Johnson.

SUFFERS BACK INJURY

George Dody, a government rock quarry employee, was taken to the St. Joseph's hospital where he will spend a few days taking treatment for a back injury that he suffered at the quarry Tuesday. He was taken up by Dr. L. S. Pucelik, local physician.

CALLED TO KEARNEY

George Troop and daughters, Mary and Annette, Mrs. Lester Gaylord and Mrs. Kenneth McCarthy departed for Kearney, Nebraska where they were called on account of the serious condition of Mrs. George Troop who has been ill for some time. The condition of Mrs. Troop is quite low and the members of the family were called to her bedside.

Waterways Construction Co. is Low on Bids

Stand to Receive Contract for \$600,000 Contract on the Missouri River Project.

The possibilities of the early start of a \$600,000 army engineer project on the Missouri river between Blair and Onawa, Iowa, was very bright today as the bids for the work have been opened.

The apparent lowest bidder on the work was the Waterways Construction company, whose main offices are at Kansas City and whose local offices have been here and at Onawa, Iowa, with I. C. Callister in charge. The contract is one of the largest let on the upper part of the Missouri river and will be chiefly dike and reventment work, it was stated at the office of Colonel William Hogue, district engineer.

It is hoped to get the work started within a ten day period and the work on the river pushed rapidly so all possible repairs can be made and dikes ready for the expected high water in June.

Completion during the winter months of six new pilot canals at various points to direct the course of the river has speeded work a year, it was stated at the Omaha office.

The engineers will start placing markers in the river next month so the Socony Vacuum Oil company will have a channel for their barge lines.

GAS MAIN BREAKS

There was considerable excitement at Louisville Thursday afternoon when the natural gas main that supplies that city was broken and for a short time the gas was escaping at a lively rate until the line could be closed and repaired. A large county road maintainer in working on the roadway near the school building, cut into the main and caused a hole in a small section and from which the gas escaped. Clarence Busche, employe of the gas company from Ashland was called to assist and while workmen were engaged in replacing the broken section of main, the residents of the city using gas were warned to be on the watch for the return of the service. All traffic was kept from the vicinity of the lead and all smokers or any possible danger from fire kept from that section of town.

HERE FROM MARYLAND

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. R. Black and daughter, Etta Ray, of Hagerstown, Maryland, are here for a visit at the home of Mrs. James M. Robertson, as well as with Miss Jessie Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gamer, Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Westover and family and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Robertson and family. Mrs. Black is a cousin of Mrs. Robertson and well known to many here where she has frequently visited in the past. She was formerly Miss Etta Ray and served as attendant at the wedding of Mrs. Robertson.

Mr. Black is the county clerk of Washington county, Maryland. They are en route home from the west coast where they attended the San Francisco exposition.

VISITS IN OLD HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Olson of Emeryville, California, were in the city Friday afternoon for a short time visiting with old friends and looking over the scenes of his boyhood days. Mr. Olson who has been away from this city for a great many years, attended school here in his youth. They were en route to Des Moines, Iowa, to visit a brother of Mr. Olson, G. A. Olson, former local photographer.

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Indian Habits Described by Dr. Gilmore

Well Known Murray Authority is Guest Speaker at Auxiliary Meeting Friday Night.

From Saturday's Daily—Due to the music contests at Fremont, many of the members of the Junior Legion Auxiliary were unable to attend the entertainment arranged in their honor at last night's regular monthly meeting of the Senior Auxiliary held at the home of Mrs. Leslie Niel. The adults turned out in large numbers, however, and the attendance, including guests, exceeded thirty.

Associate hostesses were Mesdames Bessie Aschenbrenner, J. A. Capwell, Fay McClintock and R. P. Westover.

At the brief business session plans were discussed for the county convention here next Wednesday, the annual Memorial day observance and the football banquet the organization will serve Monday night.

The sum of \$5 was voted to the community milk and shoe fund.

Although not participating as an organization in tree planting activities to observe Arbor day, individual plantings of the different members are to be reported as part of the conservation program the Auxiliary sponsors.

Enrollment of additional members for the current year in the gavel belt contest will be undertaken. The local unit has won the belt two successive years and one more will entitle them to permanent possession. Other minor routine matters concluded the business session.

Dr. Gilmore Guest Speaker

Dr. G. H. Gilmore, of Murray, a well known authority on Indian habits and possessor of a large display of Indian relics, many of which he has personally unearthed from the early day mounds throughout this part of the country, was presented as the guest speaker, giving the group some very interesting information. He had a table loaded with relics that included knives and other weapons of defense, fashioned from stone, various utensils, etc. The ladies and Junior members enjoyed his enlightening talk and equally interesting display which has taken a long time and much effort to accumulate.

Quizzer Bee Fun Fest

It had been planned to hold a vox pop quiz contest between Juniors and Senior Auxiliary members, but due to the small number of Juniors all present participated, with prizes going to Mesdames Raymond Larson and J. A. Capwell for their high rating in answering questions drawn from the "askit-basket."

Delicious refreshments followed, and it was a late hour when the members and guests departed, feeling this had been one of the most interesting meetings held in recent months.

The May meeting on the 19th will be held at the home of Mrs. Otto Lutz near Mynard. The meeting will honor Gold Star mothers, Mrs. Ed Tritsch is chairman.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to our patrons and many kind friends, who in any way helped us to win the ninth weekly prize and also second in the grand prizes. We also wish to thank the merchants for making it possible to get more playground equipment in the rural schools, assuring them it will be deeply appreciated.—Teacher and Pupils of Dist. 30.

DOROTHEA SIEMONEIT

DANCE, APRIL 29TH

A social dance will be given Saturday evening, April 29th, at the American Legion building. Sponsored by the Young Men's C.Y.O. of the Holy Rosary church. Music by Charley Kucera and his band. Modern and old-fashioned music.

See the goods you buy. Careful but how about the goods when descriptions are alluring enough, you get them?

DEATH OF VETERAN SHOWMAN

Residents of this section of the west who have often enjoyed the Landis shows in the summer seasons, will regret to learn of the death of Lew Landis, owner and founder of the shows. The death of Mr. Landis occurred the past week at Emporia, Kansas. The shows opened at Fort Scott, Kansas just before going to Emporia.

W. A. Robertson Generalissimo of Knights Templar

Sixty-seventh Annual Conclave at Grand Island Names William T. Albrecht Grand Commander

The sixty-seventh conclave of the Knights Templar of Nebraska at Grand Island Friday named William T. Albrecht of Lincoln as the commander of the Nebraska Templars.

William A. Robertson, of this city, past grand master of the A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, was advanced to the position of grand generalissimo of the order.

Other officers selected at the conclave were: Arthur J. Denney, Fairbury, deputy commander; Clarence Wilson, Hastings, senior warden; Fred Malony, Auburn, junior warden; Lewis E. Smith, Omaha, recorder; Jess Whitmore, Valley, treasurer; Fred B. Dale, Omaha, captain general.

The conclave in 1940 will be held at Lincoln.

In the competitive team work Omaha commandery was first with Auburn second, Lincoln, third, and North Platte fourth.

RECEIVES STIFF SENTENCE

Friday afternoon Ralph Surface of Union was arraigned in the county court on a three count complaint, filed by County Attorney Walter H. Smith, charging the young man with Count one charged the defendant with operating a car in a reckless and dangerous manner. Count two charged him with operating a car while intoxicated and count three charged him with operating a car while without a driver's license, his traffic violations.

The defendant entered a plea of guilty to the charges and the court asked that witnesses tell what they knew of the affair. Testimony was offered that the defendant had driven his car down Main street at something like forty miles an hour, had narrowly escaped hitting a small child at Fifth street, then drove south and hit the Bryant garage building. He had later run into the curb on south 6th street and drove away and then came down Seventh to Pearl and there drove over the curb and onto the sidewalk for some distance.

The court after hearing the evidence and the plea of the defendant, gave the young man a sentence of sixty days in the county jail on count one; a fine of \$200 on count two and on count three a sentence of six months in the county jail and a two year loss of his driver's license after his release. The jail terms are to run concurrently.

The defendant was then turned over to Sheriff Joe Mrasek to carry out the sentence.

HERE FROM CALIFORNIA

Mrs. John Jaske of Los Angeles, California, arrived in Plattsmouth Thursday evening where she will spend the next month visiting here with her mother, Mrs. James Jelinek and her sisters, Mrs. James Sedlak and Mrs. Anna Zitka. During her stay here she will also spend some time visiting in Omaha with her sister, Mrs. Mary Gruidel as well as other friends and relatives.

OBSERVE ARBOR DAY

The grounds of the Cass county sheriff's residence was the scene of a great deal of improvement being made today, the planting of trees, shrubs and flowers in commemoration of Arbor day. A number of Chinese elms were planted on the lawn as well as a group of other shrubbery, which makes it now look one of the most attractive places in the city.

Fire Prevention Day Successful in Every Way

Day of Checking Over Fire Hazards Here Culminates in Fine Banquet Last Evening.

From Friday's Daily—The city of Plattsmouth from public buildings to the smallest dwelling was checked yesterday for fire hazards by a volunteer force of representatives of the Nebraska Fire Prevention association, school children and members of the Boy Scouts and from their findings and information is to be given the property owners and tenants for their knowledge and safety from fire.

Through the day the inspectors visited the business section, making 141 inspections while in the residential section 1,200 blanks were returned by school children on fire hazards in the home and many personal contacts made with property owners as to needed changes and improvements for making for cleaner conditions and less fire hazard.

The event was arranged by the Plattsmouth fire department through the courtesy of the Nebraska Fire Prevention association, the latter sending a force of trained inspectors here for the day and the local firemen arranging the program of the day and the local co-operation.

The Banquet

The program of the day culminated last night in a fine banquet at the American Legion building which was quite largely attended by the residents of the community.

The ladies of the Methodist federation had arranged and prepared the very fine dinner, which was enjoyed to the utmost. The tables were attractively arranged with red candles and nut cups which with the white linen made a very attractive setting. A small house was placed in the center of the dining rooms and which carried out the fire inspection theme.

The banquet comprised the following menu:

Fruit Cocktail
Escalloped Potatoes
Baked Ham
Combination Salad
Green Beans
Hot Rolls - Butter - Jelly
Strawberry Shortcake
Coffee - Mints

Preceding the serving a number of songs were given by the banquet party with Frank A. Cloude as the leader and E. H. Westcott at the piano.

Following the banquet the formal program of the evening was opened by Carl J. Schneider, the chairman of the local firemen's committee in charge of the event, who in turn presented Joe Cryan, president of the state association for fire prevention.

Mr. Cryan stated that the fire prevention days were made over the state and it was their hope that it would give Plattsmouth greater civic appreciation of fire prevention that might save lives and property by the exercise of proper care in the business places and homes. He expressed the appreciation at the aid of the local firemen, the fire co-operation of the people in general. The result had been that the condition was found very good but room for improvement over the city. The findings of the inspecting party were to be prepared and recommendations turned over to the property owners.

Tells of Inspection

Mr. Cryan presented Fred Sabin secretary of the State Fire Prevention association, who gave some very interesting facts as to the local inspection and what it had revealed. He presented to the banquet party the fine group of men that had carried on the inspections, members of the Scouts that assisted in the inspection and the members of the fire department. The secretary stated that they had received back 1,200 blanks used by the school children in the homes of the city, these will be read and checked and several prizes awarded later to the ones making the best report. There were two important questions to be considered by homeowners and householders: Do you use gasoline or other inflammable material for dry cleaning?

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