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## Plan Change in Memorial Day Observance

Legion Post Approves Proposal of Committee to Hold Public Ceremony Sunday Nite

At Thursday night's American Legion post meeting, approval was voted the plan of the Memorial day committee to hold the public Memorial day observance on Sunday evening, May 28th, instead of the afternoon of May 30th.

In presenting the plan, Chairman Larson of the committee called attention to the small number accustomed to turn out for this important service when held in the afternoon. Last year, less than a half hundred persons gathered at the community building to hear the capable speaker the committee had brought here for the occasion.

There was some attempt to analyze this seeming indifference, before a motion to approve the change was carried, but the consensus of opinion seemed to be that the trouble lies with changed transportation conditions, which are undoubtedly more at fault than any deficiency in the Legion sponsored programs compared to G. A. R. programs that attracted packed houses in the days of yore.

"Nowadays," said Chairman Larson, "folks are in the habit of making Memorial day the occasion of an automobile trip to distant points—and so do not have time to attend an afternoon program to pay tribute to the nation's departed soldiers and sailors. We believe if the time is changed to Sunday night, people will turn out in large numbers to hear the capable speaker we expect to secure."

### To Continue Morning Tribute

There is no intention of discontinuing the morning tribute at the cemeteries paid by Legion and Auxiliary members to fallen comrades, which includes placing wreaths and flags upon the graves, and the Legion's ritualistic service with the firing of a salute and the sounding of taps.

There was even some discussion of incorporating the speaking program with this ceremony at the cemetery, where, likewise the number present each year is meager.

So, finally, after dissecting the problem, it was unanimously voted to give the committee free hand this year and see what the result will be, so far as interest and attendance is concerned.

Those churches which hold evening services will be requested to refrain on this night, so that all may participate in the memorial tribute of the community to its deceased veterans.

Modern day conditions have had similar effect on Thanksgiving day services, until in many communities a shift was made to the evening before, resulting in greatly increased attendance, and it is hoped the plan to be tried here will work out similarly as regards Memorial day.

The Legion has always felt it is in no position to criticize public conduct when many of the service men themselves follow the trend of this era to make Memorial day a "holiday" in its strictest sense, and so is turning to the plan advanced by its committee in the hope that greater interest and reverence may thus be aroused.

### Junior Baseball

The post also voted to continue its American Legion Junior baseball program again this year, with assistance from the Recreation Service office. Last year's team won the district championship, but was counted out early in the area contests. Boys who received their early baseball training here under the Legion's Junior program have made good in professional baseball, particularly Harley Street, now a promising "farm-out" pitcher of the Cardinals, playing this year with the Decatur team in the Three I league.

The committee named to look after registering the boys and getting the season under way is composed of L. S. Devoe, Frank Rebal, Fred Lusch and Clyde Jackson. Clyde has been connected with every year's

Junior team as a sideline coach and his work with the boys this year will be of valuable assistance to the committee.

### SUFFERS BROKEN ARM

Plattsmouth friends will regret to learn that Mrs. C. J. Southard, wife of the well known Omaha attorney, suffered the fracture of an arm Thursday at the home in Omaha. Her daughter, Mrs. Glen Woodbury, of Nebraska City, is at Omaha with the mother to assist in her care.

## Chamber of Commerce Has Fine Meeting

Plan to Hold General Meeting and Dinner at Next Date on May 18—Hear Interesting Reports.

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce had a very interesting meeting on Thursday at their weekly luncheon at the Hotel Plattsmouth and at which time a great many matters of importance came up for discussion.

It is being arranged to hold a general meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday evening, May 18th, which will be for all members and will be in the nature of a dinner and purely all Plattsmouth program of interest and entertainment. L. S. Devoe is the chairman of the committee in charge.

Attorney A. L. Tidd, of the industries committee, gave a very interesting report on the work of his committee, telling of the interest shown in a recent interview with the Burlington railroad officials, as well as several other matters which were very promising for the development of the city.

Carl Schneider reported on the success of the Fire Prevention day here, the excellent results secured and the interest shown by the people in the voluntary examination of their premises and the suggestions given for safety moves.

T. H. Pollock gave a most interesting account of the flood control meeting held at Nebraska City and in which residents of the territory along the Missouri valley were heard as to their suggestions as to the flood control and prevention. The meeting was one of a large number held by the U. S. Engineers in the interest of preventing future floods in the valley if possible.

### LOSES INDEX FINGER IN PRESS ACCIDENT

From Friday's Daily— "Andy" Robinson, Journal job printer, lost the major portion of the index finger of his right hand in a press accident this afternoon. With the motor running he sought to move the pony cylinder press and the index finger protruded past the framework to be caught by one of the spokes of the idler reverse gear, stripping the flesh from the bone back as far as the second joint. He was hurried to the office of Dr. L. S. Pucelik and taken on into Omaha to St. Joseph's hospital for amputation.

This is the first major accident and second lost time accident to occur in the Journal office in the 37 years of ownership of the late R. A. Bates and Mrs. Bates who succeeded him as publisher in 1934.

### VISITING AT W. S. SMITH HOME

From Saturday's Daily— This morning Mr. and Mrs. Troy Holmes arrived from Chicago to visit at the home of his sister, Mrs. W. S. Smith of Murray. They were accompanied by Mrs. Nora Douglas of Waukegan, Illinois. They will visit at the W. S. Smith home for a number of days and also will be guests at the home of a brother, J. W. Holmes and wife of Plattsmouth.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the neighbors and friends and residents of Murray for assisting in every way possible to save our property from destruction by fire. These acts of kindness will long be very pleasantly remembered.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Campbell and Family.

## John K. Chapel Speaker before M. E. Federat'n

Large Number Attend Meeting and Enjoy Story of Experiences of One Time Russian Resident.

The Women's Federation of the First Methodist church of this city met Thursday afternoon at the church parlors where a large group of members and visiting guests were present for the regular meeting and the excellent program that was given during the afternoon. The Naomi circle served as hostesses, the members of this circle comprising Mrs. Joseph Wiles, who was the chairman, assisted by Mrs. Howard Wiles, Mrs. Ray McMaken, Mrs. Albert Funk, Mrs. James Yelick, Mrs. Walter Propst, Mrs. Daisy Sherwood, and Mrs. Pearl Mann.

The business meeting of the afternoon was presided over by the federation president, Mrs. William Heinrich. Mrs. J. C. Lawson led the devotionals. Reports of the work and progress that the federation has made during the past year were given.

Following the business session all enjoyed a delightful program. Mrs. E. H. Wescott rendered a beautiful solo, "America for Me," her husband, E. H. Wescott, serving as her accompanist.

Following the musical number Mrs. Ray McMaken presented the main speaker of the afternoon, John K. Chapel who spoke on "International Affairs," as he has lived and witnessed it during the years previous to the Russian revolution and the many months of bloodshed following the Communistic reign. Mr. Chapel told of his experiences while traveling through Europe in the summer of '37 as the guest of his godmother the Dowager Queen Marie of Rumania, King Christian X of Denmark, President Karl Ulmanis of Latvia and President Kallio of Finland.

Through these channels Mr. Chapel has been able to meet many of the friends and family relatives with whom he associated and thus met heads of various governments on the continent. He described the inner workings of Communism, and the World war relations with the present unrest. Mr. Chapel has lectured throughout the United States, Mexico, and South America as well as traveled to every corner of the earth while in the service of the Russian government and the family of Prince A. N. Duro-patkin.

Following the talk Mr. Chapel answered a number of questions that his audience had asked. Refreshments were served following the program of the afternoon.

### CLASS STUDIES IMPLEMENTS

The boys of the eighth grade agriculture class visited the Vallery implement store on Thursday afternoon to complete their study of implements. No time or energy was spared by Mr. Vallery in getting the machinery assembled and prepared for the demonstration. He demonstrated the implements, showing the class how each one worked. The boys were very much interested and asked many questions about each. The tractors seemed to be the favorite with all, and some of the boys almost decided to be farmers so that they might drive a tractor.

Mr. Vallery made the boys very happy by giving each a cap, a pencil, a yardstick, and a candy bar.

### VISIT AT SULLIVAN HOME

From Saturday's Daily— Mrs. J. A. Collins of Houston, Texas and Mrs. J. M. Green of Falls City left for Falls City after spending the week here visiting with their sister, Mrs. Arthur Sullivan and family. Mrs. Collins expects to spend some time in Falls City before returning to her home in Texas.

### HERE FOR WEEK END

From Saturday's Daily— Mrs. Floyd Sealock and children, William, Dorothy Jean and Floyd, Jr., of Omaha, arrived here last evening for the week-end at the home of Mrs. Sealock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William P. Sitzman.

### PLANT MANY TREES

The Plattsmouth cemetery board have just made an additional improvement for the future beautification of the cemetery plot. One hundred and fifty Chinese elms have been placed over the various sections of the cemetery to add in the future to making it more attractive. There has been a great many trees in the old cemetery but the newer section has been in need of more trees to aid in the beautification of the last resting places of the loved ones.

## Weeping Water Ladies Enjoy a Fine Style Show

Ladies Toggery and Group of Plattsmouth Girls Demonstrated—Miss Jessie Baldwin, Sponsor.

The Weeping Water Woman's club enjoyed a treat Tuesday afternoon when their subject was "Staple Fabrics and How to Know Them," by Miss Jessie Baldwin, who gave a most comprehensive talk about wools, silks, linens and the newer fabric, rayon, which included the newest product of all, the spun rayons. Miss Baldwin had prepared a fine exhibit of materials which were exhibited, and which were viewed more closely at the close of the program.

Mrs. Stanley Wood talked on the subject of "Accessories Which Are Necessities," saying that the present type of clothes require certain accessories to make them complete and that these accessories must be chosen with care.

Mrs. Neil Munkres was on the program for a style show and she delighted the members of the club by bringing Fred Busch, manager of the Ladies Toggery of Plattsmouth, with his assistant, Miss Marie Vallery and six models from the Plattsmouth store, who put on a fine display of ladies ready-to-wear. Dresses, suits, coats, house coats, pajamas, and negligees were modeled with the proper accessories with all street clothes, and the Weeping Water club women appreciate the fact that Mr. Busch and his helpers were willing to bring the display to Weeping Water. Music was furnished during the style show by Mrs. H. S. Harmon, and during the intermission Mrs. R. W. Knorr and Mrs. L. S. Devoe, of Plattsmouth played two piano duets which were greatly enjoyed by all present. The young ladies who acted as models were Frances Hadraba, Dorothea Fulton, Lewanna Kelley, Lillian Chovanec, Maxine Nielsen and Shirley Jacobs, all of Plattsmouth.

### BROODER HOUSE BURNED

From Thursday's Daily— Last evening shortly after 8 o'clock the brooder house at the home of Otto Pitz on Livingston road, was discovered to be on fire and despite all efforts the structure was burned and also 250 baby chicks, purchased yesterday, were consumed by the flames. The fire was started, it is thought, from the brooder stove and soon had the structure a mass of flames. The fire department was called to the scene and succeeded in saving the barn nearby the brooder house which was threatened by the flames.

### TAKE TRIP TO LINCOLN

Miss Doris Wall, teacher of the Pleasant Ridge school, Dist. 41 took her sixth, seventh and eighth grade pupils to Lincoln Saturday, April 29 where they visited the state capitol, museum, fire house, police station and many other points of interest. The trip was enjoyed by all. Members of the classes are Shirley Speck, Emille and Regina Bieri, Shirley Chamberlain, Wayne Meisinger and Elmer Isaac.

### TO VISIT IN CITY

Mrs. Ann Minor of Rochester, New York is in Plattsmouth to spend several days visiting with her two nieces, Mrs. Carl Schneider and Mrs. Arthur Wetenkamp. Mrs. Minor arrived Sunday and expects to remain here for some time visiting with the two families as well as her many former friends before returning to her home in the east.

### CARD OF THANKS

We gratefully wish to express our deep appreciation of the aid and assistance given us in the time of need during the fire at our home Wednesday night. The members of the fire department and friends and neighbors all have our heartfelt thanks.—Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hartz.

## Mrs. Elizabeth Meisinger Dies Friday Evening

Long Time Resident of County and Widow of Late Phillip H. Meisinger—Ill for Months.

Mrs. Elizabeth Meisinger, 75, died Friday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lena Tritsch on Locust street after an illness that has covered a period of the past few years. Her condition, however, has been critical only the past few days when she was stricken with plural pneumonia and gradually sank into the last rest.

Elizabeth Lutz was born near Pekin, Illinois, October 12, 1863, her childhood and early girlhood being spent in that locality. When at the age of two years her father passed away and when she was twelve years of age her mother was called by death. She was a member of a family of ten, five brothers and five sisters.

In 1882 she came west to Nebraska where on February 2, 1882, she was married to Phillip H. Meisinger, a friend of her childhood back in Illinois, who with his six brothers had come west to found a home in the fertile farming section of Cass county. They were married by Rev. Spreigel, of the Lutheran church. They settled on the farm where they lived until moving to Plattsmouth where they made their home for the remainder of their life.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Meisinger, two, Mary and Walter, preceding the mother in death. There are surviving two daughters and a son, Mrs. E. H. Tritsch, Mrs. Lena Tritsch, of this city, Carl Meisinger of Omaha and a foster son, Henry Fornoff. There also survives one sister, Mrs. J. P. Falter of Lincoln, brothers, Phillip Lutz, of Exeter, as well as two sisters-in-law, Mrs. John Lutz, of Idaho, and Mrs. Henry Lutz of Pekin. There are also two granddaughters and three great grandchildren.

Mr. Meisinger preceded the wife in death on August 21, 1928.

The funeral services will be held on Monday afternoon at 2:30 from the St. Paul's Evangelical church of which the deceased was a member for a great many years.

The Sattler funeral home will be in charge of the services.

### PLEADS NOT GUILTY

From Saturday's Daily— This morning in the county court Charles Wheeler was arraigned on a complaint filed by County Attorney Walter H. Smith, charging the defendant in nine counts of poultry stealing, resisting an officer and as a habitual criminal.

Wheeler is one of the two men captured a few days ago by Sheriff J. M. Mrasek and Deputy Sheriff Emory Doody.

To the charges, Wheeler made a plea of not guilty, the preliminary hearing being set for Wednesday, May 17th. Bond was fixed at \$1,500 and in failure to supply this the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff.

Weis, the second of the men, who has been at Omaha, being treated for injuries received from shooting in his capture, will be moved to the hospital at the state prison at Lincoln until he can be arraigned on similar charges as that against Wheeler.

### ATTENDS FUNERAL SERVICES

From Friday's Daily— Miss Margaret Scotten was at Omaha this morning where she attended the funeral services of the late Miss Lillian Murphy, former resident here. The services were held at the Holy Name church in Omaha at 9:30 and the body brought here for interment.

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### CONDEMN BUILDING

The city of Plattsmouth has received the recommendation from the State Fire Prevention association that the brick building on lower Main street, formerly the Perkins House, be torn down. It is found to be a fire trap and dangerous and should be removed.

The matter has taken no steps in the city as yet and this will probably be taken up at the meeting of the city council next Monday.

## Schools of Cass County Showing Garden Interest

Teachers and Students Work on the Beautification of School Grounds and Surroundings.

Three rural school districts in Cass county have sent in their response by writing and describing the progress made in cooperation with the junior department of the Plattsmouth Garden club, who are promoting and urging the beautification of rural school grounds among the schools of Cass county. The reports were received by Mrs. William Schmidtman, chairman of the junior department of the Plattsmouth Garden club.

District 42, with Miss June Kell as its teacher, reported that four ash trees, two spirea bushes, a number of currant bushes, rose bushes, and iris, have been planted and have built and set up a number of bird houses on the school grounds.

Miss Velma Fulton, teacher of District 27, reported that her school has planted a weeping willow tree, two mock orange bushes, lilac bushes, and a variety of other plants.

Twenty-five elm trees, ten spirea bushes, a vegetable garden, as well as a number of other plants were set out by District 38 of which Beatrice Beverage is the teacher.

This makes a total of five district schools from which Mrs. Schmidtman has received a response pertaining to their efforts in cooperating with the local garden club in the beautification of the rural school grounds. The five letters received up to date were from Miss Ann Harris, teacher of school district 72, Hilda Neeman, rural school teacher at Palmyra and the three mentioned today. A very fine report from each was submitted, and it is hoped that the other schools in the county who are assisting in the beautification of the rural homes and gardens will submit their progress along this line.

### APPRAISERS MEET

The appraisers appointed to estimate the damage of a small tract of land near Murray, condemned for road purposes, made their report late Friday afternoon in the court of Judge A. H. Duxbury. The appraisers W. F. Nolte, Charles Reed and John Hobscheidt, Sr., viewed the premises in company with County Attorney Walter H. Smith.

The hearing was attended by Clara and Fred Druecker, owners of the property and representatives of the state highway department.

The amount of the damage was fixed at \$1,180 for the owners of the property by the appraisers.

### MURRAY WELL APPROVED

After many trials a good and substantial well has been obtained for the Murray water system. The agents of the government were in Murray and gave the well an exhaustive test. The flow of water when the pumps were applied was such as guaranteed a sufficient supply of water for all ordinary purposes. With the well now approved by the government, the city now goes forward and invites all who may need water to see City Clerk C. H. Boedeker that the connections may be made.

### ATTEND MISSIONARY MEETING

Mrs. V. T. Arn and mother, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Fred Howland, Mrs. J. C. Lawson and Mrs. Robert Hayes were at Omaha where they attended the meeting of the missionary societies of the Methodist church.

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## Platters Third in Track Meet Held at Ashland

Reed and White Star as Locals Garner Several Events—Relay Team Beats Former Record.

The Plattsmouth high school track team garnered third place at the Ashland meeting Friday afternoon in showing class in the track events and placing in several of the other tests of the meet.

Arlington was the winner of first place for the third successive year and now retains the trophy that they have held a partial title to for the past two years. Lauren Spangler of Arlington was the high point man of the meet with twenty-five points to place his team out in front.

Warren Reed and Allan White and the other members of the Plattsmouth group dominated the sprint events that brought them into the third place in the meet, Ashland being second.

Plattsmouth in the 880 relay set a new record, 1:38.1 and was a very fine showing on the half mile dirt track and facing a stiff wind more than half the way. Robert Riecher, Joe York, Allan White and Warren Reed comprised the winning team.

The 100 yard dash was won by Reed with White second, the time for the event being 10.7.

Reed was also first in the 220 with his running mate, White, in second place. Time—25.0.

In the mile Wilkinson of Arlington was the winner with Warren Allbee of Plattsmouth third and Malen Powell of Plattsmouth in fourth place. Time 5:05.

In the broad jump, won by Spangler of Arlington, Joe Phillips placed fourth. Spangler won with a distance of 20 feet, 6 inches.

The 440 was won by Long of Blair, with Clarence Favors of Plattsmouth fourth. Time—56.2.

In the high jump Joe York of this city was tied for third place. The event was won by Robinson of Ashland. Height, five feet, four inches.

### TO OBSERVE MUSIC WEEK

From Saturday's Daily— The Cass County Extension Club Chorus will observe Music Week next week by presenting a program on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 at the First Methodist church in this city. There will be no admission and everyone in Plattsmouth is cordially invited to attend the entertainment. The program is as follows:

"Cribbin'" ----- Pestloza-Moore  
"Star of the Summer Night" ----- Woodbury

Chorus -----  
"I Know a Lovely Garden" ----- D'Hardelot  
"Kol Nidrei" ----- Hebrew Melody

Mrs. R. C. Shallenbarger, Plattsmouth  
Piano Accordion Solos—  
"There's a Gold Mine in the Sky" -----  
"Jolly Coppersmith" -----  
Mrs. Henry Nolting, Plattsmouth

"Dark Eyes" ----- Riegger  
"Lift Thine Eyes" ----- Mendelssohn  
Chorus -----

Reading, "Deadman's Curve" -----  
----- Mrs. Arlo Pratt, Elmwood  
Solo ----- Mrs. Henry Ruhga, Elmwood  
"God of All Nature" ----- Tschalkowsky  
Chorus -----

"Little Mother of Mine" ----- Burleigh  
Mrs. Eugene Nutzman, Nehawka; Mrs. Walter Farmer, Ashland; Mrs. Fred Creamer, Elmwood

Two Piano Numbers—  
March Militaire ----- Schubert  
Hungarian Rhapsody ----- Franz Liszt  
----- Mrs. L. S. Devoe, Mrs. Roy Knorr, Mrs. Elbert Wiles

Mrs. Roy Cole  
"Happy Song" ----- Teresa Del Riego  
"God Bless America" ----- Irving Berlin  
Chorus -----

### LEARNS OF FATHER'S DEATH

From Saturday's Daily— Dr. J. J. Stibal of this city received the sad news this morning of the death of his aged father, Joseph Stibal of Lidgerwood, North Dakota. The father and mother of Dr. Stibal have both been in very poor health for some time and bedfast a great deal of the time. Recently Dr. and Mrs. Stibal were at the home of the parents and remained a short time with their loved ones.

In his loss Dr. Stibal will have the deep sympathy of the many friends in this community.