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Senior Class Presents Their Annual Play

First of Two Night Offering of Class of 1939 Held at High School—Is Well Presented.

From Friday's Daily—
The class of 1939 of the Plattsmouth high school last evening gave the first of a two night offering of the class play, a most appreciative audience being present to enjoy the well presented offering.

The class had selected "The Seven Keys to Baldpate," one of the clever dramatic offerings of recent years as the play of the year, this clever comedy drama having been an immense success on the stage and later on the screen.

The play, by George M. Cohan, is one filled with mystery, dramatic and thrilling developments and holds the closest attention of the audience from the prologue until the close of the epilogue that brings to the close the story of a wager and the resultant story of adventure, thrill and love.

Milo Price, local teacher, had charge of the coaching of the cast that has worked on the play for the past several weeks and gave a most pleasing rendition of the roles of the play.

Theodore Baker and Edythe Lushinsky appeared in the roles of "Mr. and Mrs. Eljah Quimby," caretakers of the "Baldpate Inn" and with John Kenneth Bestor who carried the male lead of the play, as "William Hollowell Magee" furnished the opening chapter of the excitement filled sequence that followed.

John Tidball appeared as "John Bland," political fixer, while Miss Gloria Johnson carried the female lead as "Mary Norton," newspaper woman seeking an interview with "Magee" and finding herself in a web of mystery and romance. Maxine Nielsen was cast as "Mrs. Rhodes," companion of "Miss Norton" and an admirer of "Jim Cargan," the corrupt mayor of a city, which role was taken by Ronald Rebal. One of the loved characters of the play is that of "Peters," the hermit, in which role Elmore Brink was very clever.

Mary McCarroll gave a very artistic rendition of the role of "Myra Thornhill," adventuress, who was an active figure in the effort to secure the bribe money of the street car magnate, "Thomas Hayden," played by Stephen Wiles, which had been planted at "Baldpate" for "Mayor Cargan." Thomas Solomon made a very dramatic "Lou Max," one of the real gangster type. Bernard Jackson as "Jiggs Kennedy," police head and his efficient force, Roy Wilson and Robert Yelick, added to the dramatic effects of the play. Theodore Libershal appeared as the owner of "Baldpate" and loser in the bet on the success of the novel written by "William Hollowell Magee."

The second performance of the play will be given this evening at the school and with several changes in the cast, this year a double cast being arranged for the play and which proved a very successful move on the part of the director, Mr. Price. In the performance tonight, Bill Armstrong and Naomi Wood appear as the caretakers of "Baldpate." Roy Hughes as "John Bland," Janet Westover in the role of "Mary Norton," Kathleen Nolte as "Mrs. Rhodes," Rose Mary Steppat as "Myra Thornhill," Clarence Mayabb as the owner of "Baldpate" and Stuart Sedlak as a policeman.

Preceding the play and in the intermission the high school orchestra gave a number of very pleasing musical offerings.

The members of the cast, Coach Price and his assistants are to be congratulated on the success of the play and the very fine manner in which the difficult roles were given. Dorothea Fulton served as floor manager. Theodore Libershal as electrician and Helen Dieter as prompter for the cast, all doing a good job of their tasks and helping in the play's success.

VISITS AT BELLEVUE

From Thursday's Daily—
Mrs. Henry Starkjohn returned home yesterday from Bellevue where she spent the past two days visiting with her two sisters, Mrs. F. A. Schiele and Mrs. S. W. Stefan.

GIVE FINE ENTERTAINMENT

From Saturday's Daily—
Last evening a group of some sixty of the friends and neighbors of John F. Wehrlein, as well as the friends from the Omaha packing and commission houses, gathered at the Wehrlein "shack" on the Platte bottom.

The occasion was a steak fry and those who were present found an ample supply of the most delicious steaks prepared under the direction of George Sexton, well known commission man and farmer. All of the good things that go with the feast had been arranged to make it a very fine treat.

During the evening a short musical program was given by talent from Omaha, which added very much to the pleasure of the occasion.

Engagement of Local Couple is Announced

Miss Laura Mrasek Betrothed to Mr. Vincent Kelley of This City—Popular Young People.

Sheriff and Mrs. Joseph Mrasek announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Miss Laura Elizabeth Mrasek to Mr. Vincent O. Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. F. Kelley of Plattsmouth.

Both of these young people are very well known and have a large group of friends and relatives who are glad to hear of the recent announcement.

Miss Mrasek, who is nineteen years of age, was a graduate of the Plattsmouth high school in the class of 1938. Since her graduation, Miss Mrasek has been engaged as stenographer in the office of her father, Sheriff Joseph Mrasek and is a young lady of very pleasing personality.

Mr. Kelley is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. V. F. Kelley of this city and is a young man very ambitious and one who takes a very active part in community and civic affairs. At present he is manager of the local Joe's New Way grocery store and is also president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Plattsmouth.

No date for the wedding has been announced by the couple.

WILL APPEAL AWARDS

County Judge A. H. Duxbury has been notified by the Loup River Public Power district that the district will appeal all but two of the awards made by the board of appraisers involving land in Cass county, sought to be condemned for a right-of-way for a transmission line.

The total of the awards and costs is \$19,332.15.

The only two awards not to be appealed is that of \$50.50 to the Kahler Pottery Co., and \$10 to Helen LaTour, both pieces of land being located at Louisville.

RECEIVE PLEASANT NEWS

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Newell Pollard, formerly of this city, will be pleased to learn that they are the proud and happy parents of a ten and a half pound son, born to them at White Salmon, Oregon, on Wednesday, May 10th. This little one is grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Kalina of this city, Mrs. Kalina being at White Salmon to welcome the little one. The many friends will join in their best wishes for the future welfare of the little one.

TO ATTEND TULIP FESTIVAL

From Thursday's Daily—
Dr. and Mrs. P. T. Heineman and daughter left last evening for Pella, Iowa where they will spend the next few days visiting and participating in the tulip festival now in progress in Pella. It is a festival when all of the citizens of the town dress, and dine in the Dutch fashion.

HAVE NEW DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Graui are the parents of a fine nine pound daughter, born at their home on Wednesday. The mother and little one are reported as doing nicely and the occasion bringing much happiness to all of the family circle.

Youth Organization Has Very Fine Meeting

Number of Activities Planned for the C.Y.O. in Summer Months—Have Social Hour.

From Friday's Daily—
The May business meeting of the young men's C. Y. O. of the Holy Rosary church was held last evening at the home of Joseph and Frank Kvapil at 1562 Main street. Associate hosts were Thomas Gradoville, James Kozak, Frank Aschenbrenner, and Kenneth Durell. Around twenty members and two guests, Leroy Bashus and Harley Cottingham, were present.

Due to the absence of the president, Henry Krejci the meeting was presided over by the secretary-treasurer, Joseph Kvapil, this being preceded by the devotionals led by Father J. R. Sinkula.

"Business and Social Reports" was the general theme of the evening's business session. The financial report of the annual spring ball, which was sponsored by the club Saturday evening, April 29, was submitted by the financial chairman and was one which showed a favorable and pleasing profit from the ball receipts. The recent Founder's Day breakfast report was also given.

The club also approved a motion for the purchase of membership pins for all of the present members of the organization.

The C. Y. O. will hold special Mother's Day observance on Sunday, May 14. The young men will receive corporal communion in a body on that day.

A lengthy discussion was held on the formation of a baseball team among the local members. The C. Y. O. team would be scheduled to play various C. Y. O. teams around the vicinity of Plattsmouth. A committee of three, comprising Matthew Sedlak, Thomas Gradoville, and Frank Aschenbrenner were selected to arrange for this formation and schedules.

Plans and arrangements were also completed by the organization to sponsor a benefit card party the earlier part of June. A committee will be selected to carry on the event.

Bernard Knofleek was chosen as committee chairman for the purpose of organizing a C. Y. O. quartet.

Following the business session, the club was very happy to have with them for the first time since his return their moderator, Rev. Joseph R. Sinkula who served as the guest speaker of the evening. Father Sinkula addressed the group on "New Mexico," the state where he spent some time visiting and sightseeing recently. Father Sinkula told of the living conditions in that state, enumerated the peculiarities of the Indians, and described the heavy blizzard and snow storm that New Mexico witnessed, a condition that is very rare and seldom exists. His talk proved very interesting and inspiring.

At the conclusion of the meeting ice cream and wafers were served by the committee, this being followed by a social hour of card playing.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deepest sense of appreciation to the many kind friends and neighbors who were so thoughtful in the long illness of our loved one, to Rev. Walter Kieker, the members of the St. Paul's choir and all who assisted in the funeral services of our loved mother and grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Meisinger.—Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Tritsch and Family; Mrs. Lena Tritsch and Wilma; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Meisinger; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fornoff.

ADDRESSES INSURANCE MEET

From Thursday's Daily—
Edgar S. Wescott, who is manager of the advertising department of the Bankers Life Insurance Co., of Nebraska, is in attendance at the national meeting of the Association of Life Insurance Advertising Managers at Excelsior Springs, Mo. Wescott, who has made a very fine record in his work with the Nebraska Life, was one of the speakers today on the program of the meeting of the association. The meetings are being held at the Elms Hotel.

ATTENDS TULIP FESTIVAL

From Saturday's Daily—
Emil Weyrich, well known photographer and druggist in this city, returned home from Pella, Iowa yesterday where he spent the time attending and enjoying the fifth annual Pella Tulip Festival, which was held May 11, 12 and 13. The festival is held in memory of Iowa's first Holland settlers who founded Pella in 1847.

Thousands of imported Dutch tulips and hundreds of Dutch antiques were shown in downtown store windows. Tulips were seen in full bloom around parkways, school grounds, residential districts and a number of other spots in the city.

During his visit in Pella Mr. Weyrich took many pictures of the festival.

Miss Lois Jean to Become Bride William Barber

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Jean, Former Plattsmouth Residents, to Marry June 3.

Announcement of nuptials to be solemnized in June for a prominent Valley couple was made at a tea given Friday, May 5, from four to six o'clock by Mrs. Nelson Jean at her home on North Sixth street, Donna, Texas, honoring her daughter, Lois, Miss Jean's marriage to W. E. "Bill" Barber, son of T. C. Barber, Brownsville, and the late Mrs. Barber, will take place June 3.

Blossoms in pastel shades with roses and snapdragons predominating were arranged about the reception rooms, the flower tints blending with the formal frocks worn by members of the house party.

The honoree was especially lovely in a full skirted model of peach net the matching basque top being made of insertion and lace. Her corsage, a gift from the bridegroom-elect, was of sweetheart roses.

Receiving with Miss Jean and her mother were the attendants for her wedding. They are Mrs. Tommy Morris, Harlingen; Miss Mary Kathryn Jean, sister of the bride-to-be; and Mrs. Charles Bracht, Harlingen, and Miss Charlotte Barber, Brownsville, sisters of the groom-elect. Spring blossoms fashioned corsages which harmonized with their costumes.

The interesting announcement, reversing the adage about a secret being kept under a hat, was conveyed by silhouette folders heaped in an old-fashioned bonnet held upside down and decked with garlands of flowers. Likenesses of affianced couple, artistically mounted in a booklet and included with the nuptial date, were presented the guests by Mrs. Forrest Graves.

Mrs. J. M. Tischler, San Benito, had charge of the bride's book.

An all-white theme developed in decoration of the dining room, emphasized the bridal theme. White roses and white flower tapers mingled in a crystal bowl centered the table which was lace laid. On the buffet was an arrangement of white gladioli between tall white tapers in crystal holders. Mrs. Vernon Sutphen and Mrs. W. S. Petch, presided at the silver services and served tea dainties that reflected the bridal motif.

About fifty guests were received. Miss Jean is a niece of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Weidman of this city, and she is a young lady well known and liked by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. During her residence in Plattsmouth she has made many friends who are glad to hear of her recent engagement.

ADDRESSES AD CLUB

At the luncheon of the Business Men's Ad club at the Hotel Plattsmouth on Wednesday, Mrs. William Henrichsen, Jr., the assistant manager of the local Credit Bureau, was a guest speaker. Mrs. Henrichsen, who is very efficient and thorough in her handling of this organization, gave a most complete and interesting explanation of the workings of the bureau and its benefit to the business interests of the city.

The club had as guests of the luncheon, Sheriff Joe Mrasek and Deputy Sheriff Emery J. Doody, who enjoyed the opportunity of hearing of the working of the organization.

Auto Accident Claims Life of Auto Driver

M. V. McKnight, Companion of Dead Man Injured in Crash—Members of a Telegraph Gang.

From Saturday's Daily—
This morning shortly after 12:30 Lester Holman, residing north of this city on highway No. 75, was accused from his sleep by a noise and thinking that someone was after the chickens on the farm, arose and securing his shotgun started out of the house. He noticed a light apparently in a ditch south and east of the place and accordingly hurried to the scene.

Holman found a car overturned in a ditch north of the protecting fence and in the car, a 1937 coupe, were two men, one apparently being conscious and moaning while the other was apparently dead.

Mr. Holman hastened to the residence of Karl Grosshans to give the alarm, but found that the car in the wreck had torn down a pole and put the telephone line out of service. Mr. Grosshans hastened on into this city to secure help and notify the authorities.

Sheriff Joe Mrasek, Deputy Sheriff E. J. Doody, Dr. L. S. Pucelik and several volunteer assistants, hurried to the scene and were able to extricate the men from the car.

The car had apparently come from the south and failed to make the proper turn north of the Grosshans place, in some manner missing the turn and the car then ran for some distance along the shoulder north of the fence and between the guard rail and the ditch. The car had continued its wild course until striking a culvert and where it had apparently upended and then turned on its side.

One of the men was identified as D. W. Crum, 39, of Seward, owner of the car and who had been driving, he having been almost instantly killed by a severe head wound. The second man was found to be M. V. McKnight, of Hickman, who was partially conscious and seemed to be suffering a shoulder injury, although not thought to be in a critical condition.

The Horton ambulance was called and McKnight taken into Omaha to be placed in the St. Joseph hospital by the Horton ambulance while the dead man was brought on into the Horton funeral home.

Both men were found to be members of a gang of telegraph linemen of the Burlington, working in the vicinity of Bellevue, they having been visiting in this city earlier in the evening and were apparently on their way to Bellevue at the time of the accident.

Relatives of the dead man, D. W. Crum, were located at Calhoun, Missouri, his home, and where the body is to be sent for burial.

TO GRADUATE AT KEMPER

Among the one hundred and forty-nine cadets at the Kemper Military School, Boonville, Missouri, to be graduated at the ninety-fifth commencement exercises of Kemper, scheduled for May 25, will be Stephen M. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Searl S. Davis of this city. He will be graduated from the Junior College at Kemper.

Commencement week exercises during May 23-26 will include music recitals, public speaking exhibitions, military, athletic exhibitions, band concerts, a dress parade, a commencement ball, presentation of athletic, military, scholastic and general awards. Events will be culminated with the formal commencement exercises at which Colonel A. M. Hitch, superintendent, will preside. Hundreds of visitors from many middle-western and southern states will throng on the Kemper campus to be in attendance for the various exercises.

RETURN FROM FUNERAL

Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Stibal, who have been at Lidgerwood, North Dakota, in attendance at the funeral services for the aged father of Dr. Stibal, returned home Friday afternoon.

They have the deep sympathy of the many friends in the bereavement that has come to them.

COUNTY COURT DOINGS

Friday was a very busy day in the probate section of the county court, a large number of estate hearings coming up before Judge A. H. Duxbury, several of the estates being closed and the executors and administrators discharged.

Final settlement was had in the estate of T. S. Clifford, deceased with Thomas Clifford, a brother, as administrator, closing the affairs of the estate.

Final settlement was had in the estate of Mrs. S. K. Harmon, deceased, of Weeping Water, C. E. Tefft being the executor of the estate.

The will of the late Levi G. Todd, of Union, was offered in court and the appointment made of Mrs. Mary G. Todd as the executrix of the estate.

Music Director Has Many Duties Over County

Full Week of Activities Mark Work of Recreation Center Musical Department.

One of the largest filled schedules of any of the activities of the Recreation Center of Cass county, is that of the music department of which Peter Gradoville is the head.

On Monday morning the director has the students of clarinet and altos of the city schools to instruct and on Monday evenings the Plattsmouth municipal band has their drill and instruction.

On Tuesday Mr. Gradoville is out in the county, visiting at Murdock from 9 to 10 o'clock to work with the Murdock high school band. From 10 to 12 he is at Alvo to serve as instructor to the school band. Tuesday evening he is at Elmwood, 7 to 8 o'clock being taken up with the school band and from 8 to 10 with the Elmwood city band.

Wednesday afternoon Mr. Gradoville is busy with his radio work and orchestra practice.

There are a number of formal concerts over the county of which he is director, Elmwood on Wednesday from 8 to 10; Weeping Water, Thursday from 8 to 10 and Murdock on Friday from 8 to 10.

On Friday morning Mr. Gradoville has work here with the Plattsmouth high school band group and on Saturday there are group practices.

Sunday when possible Mr. Gradoville has orchestra practice and drill to start out a very busy week of activities.

INTERESTING EXHIBIT

As a part of the music week observance in the city, an unusually interesting exhibit, especially to the older residents of the city is that of musical organizations of the past in Plattsmouth, is shown in the east window at Wescotts.

The pictures show the great interest that has been felt in this community in music from the earliest times, including the development of bands formed from early day German and Bohemian emigrants here who with their old world love of music soon added their part to the community life.

Then there are pictures of the church music groups from the various religious houses of worship, groups that were staged in many light operas as well as cantatas so popular in the nineties and the early years of the new century.

The pictures that represent music life in Plattsmouth, would of course not be complete without E. H. Schullhof, bandmaster and who has helped keep musical instruments and groups well in tune, this also being shown as a part of the exhibit.

The showing is a truly pictured saga of music work in Plattsmouth and vicinity.

INTERNE AT NEW ORLEANS

Marvin Tritsch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Tritsch, will be placed as an interne in the United States Marine hospital at New Orleans following his graduation from Creighton University at Omaha in June. Mr. Tritsch has majored in the field of dentistry and during his years at the university he has made an enviable record in his line of profession.

Cass County Extension Club Chorus Heard

Outstanding Feature of Music Week Given at Methodist Church on Thursday Afternoon.

One of the most enjoyed musical treats heard in the city for some time and which was an outstanding feature of the music week observance here, was the presentation of the Cass County Extension Club chorus under the sponsorship of the music committee of the Plattsmouth Woman's club at the First Methodist church.

This group is composed of some thirty-five of the women of Cass county who have a deep interest in the development of music culture in their organizations and homes. They have been under the direction of Mrs. J. R. Reeder, an outstanding figure in musical work in the county and former music instructor in the Elmwood and Plattsmouth schools.

The members of the chorus made a very colorful picture in gowns of dull red tones.

The group singing of the chorus was very beautiful and their numbers embraced some of the best known and lovely of the standard compositions. In this group "God of All Nature" by Tochaikowsky and "God Bless America", the closing number were splendidly given.

Mrs. R. C. Shellenbarger of Plattsmouth, sang the Hebrew Melody, "Kol Nidrei."

Mrs. Reeder, director of the group, gave a solo, "Don't Talk to Me of Spring", in her usual talented manner.

Mrs. Henry Ruhga, of Elmwood, who had a very fine soprano voice, gave a vocal solo of outstanding quality.

The vocal trio composed of Mrs. Eugene Nutzman, of Nelawka, Mrs. Walter Farmer of Ashland and Mrs. Fred Creamer of Elmwood, gave a fine rendition of "Little Mother of Mine" by Burleigh.

An unusual feature of the afternoon had the audience afforded them in the piano quartet given on two pianos by Mrs. Elbert Wiles and Mrs. Roy O. Cole and Mrs. L. S. Devoe and Mrs. R. W. Knorr. The ladies gave as their offerings, "Hungarian Rhapsody" by Franz Liszt, and "March Militaire" by Franz Schubert.

Mrs. J. R. Reeder, director of the chorus and Mrs. Roy O. Cole, accompanist, were presented with a beautiful bouquet on behalf of the ladies of the group in recognition of their work. The presentation was made by the little daughters of two of the members.

At the close of the program, the Plattsmouth ladies of the group served dainty refreshments in the church parlors.

TO LOCATE ON WEST COAST

Mrs. Etta Gorder, of Springfield, was in the city Friday for a short time to visit with the old time friends. She reports that her son, Harlan Gorder, who has been engaged in the operation of a drug store at North Platte, has disposed of his business interests and with the wife is leaving for the west coast where they will visit and probably locate in the future.

JOHN JACOBS MENDING

The reports from the Anton Kani hospital at Omaha are to the effect that John Jacobs is rallying nicely from the effects of his illness and operation for appendicitis. John has so far recovered that he can now take nourishment and it is hoped to have him home by the middle of next week.

WILL RETURN FROM HOSPITAL

From Saturday's Daily—
Fred Guenther, who is in an Omaha hospital recuperating from a recent illness, will be brought to his home here in Plattsmouth Sunday. The many friends and relatives of this good man will be pleased to learn that he will be able to return home so soon.

..... Royal Dance Sat. Nite. Paul Sing Electric guitar orchestra. At the Legion Ballroom, 25c.