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Eighth Grade Promotional Exercises Held

Large Number Attend Event Held at the Congregational Church at Weeping Water.

The 1939 promotional exercises of the eighth grade pupils of the Cass county schools were held Saturday afternoon at the Congregational church at Weeping Water, under the direction of Lora Lloyd Kieck, county superintendent.

There were 124 of the young people to be promoted and of these 101 were present to take part in the interesting program arranged for the event.

Mrs. Roy Cole, of near this city, played the prelude as the class entered the church for the exercises.

Rev. N. B. Calloway, pastor of the Methodist church at Louisville, gave the invocation.

The rural school chorus was heard under the direction of Rev. Paul Dick of the Mynard U. B. church and gave a very fine part of the program, this being followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag by the entire group.

The rhythm band of Cedar Creek, district No. 31 was present and gave a fine demonstration of their skill.

Superintendent L. A. Behrends, of Weeping Water, gave the welcome to the students and the teachers and which was responded to by Ermond Moore, of Elmwood, district No. 23.

Two fine musical numbers were given by Weeping Water young people who have been outstanding in their work, Lyman Lorenson in a trombone solo and Tom Molden in a well chosen vocal offering.

The address of the afternoon was given by W. O. Sammelson on the subject, "Where Do We Go from Here," the speaker stressing the value of the education in the high school to which the students are now eligible.

Maurie Shirley gave a very charming vocal offering as a part of the entertainment.

The Weeping Water girl's quartet composed of Doris Marshall, Dorothy Everett, Mary Elizabeth Hinds and Marian Fitzpatrick gave a fine number.

The diplomas were presented by Mrs. Kieck to the large class of young people as a token of their very fine work in the grade schools which they are now completing.

Mrs. James Pollard, of Nehawka, on behalf of the Jonathan Cass chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, presented the history awards to the students.

The honor roll of the class of 1939 was read as the closing feature of the program.

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS

Several probate matters were heard in the county court the last of the week, final settlements being had in the estate of C. Lawrence Stull, Frank A. Cloyd, administrator; Edna S. Binger, estate, and in the Gertrude S. Wolph estate, of which Miss Evelyn Wolph is the executrix.

Hearing on the determination of heirship in the estate of T. S. Clifford was had before the court and the rights of the heirs determined.

Hearing was had on the appointment of an administrator, DBN in the estate of Hannah Penn, deceased, owing to the death of Judge W. C. Ratcliff, of Red Oak, Iowa, former administrator, Lester A. Westerland of Prairie Home, Nebraska, was named as administrator.

Hearing was had today in the matter of the estate of J. P. Wortman, deceased, of Portland, Oregon. The deceased left an estate valued at \$42,000, a party of the estate being land in Cass county.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Miss Bernadine Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Graham of Louisville, underwent a tonsilectomy and adenoids operation Tuesday afternoon at the office of Dr. L. S. Pucelik. The young lady came through the ordeal in very good condition and following the operation she was taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Kintz to recuperate.

CAR HAS WRECK

Sunday afternoon shortly before 6 o'clock a car wreck occurred south of the city on highway No. 75 near the Charles E. Cook farm. Several cars, loaded with Omaha Boy Scouts were returning home from a picnic at Arbor Lodge, when one of the cars in trying to pass another, struck one of the large concrete spillways and was overturned. The car was damaged but the five Scouts and the driver escaped with minor scratches and being shaken up to some extent.

Many Attend Funeral Service of Elva Patterson

Hundreds of School Friends and Associates at the Sattler Funeral Home for Last Services.

Monday afternoon the Sattler funeral home was filled to its capacity as hundreds of the school friends and life long associates of Elva Olson Patterson, gathered to pay their last tokens of respect to the young woman whose death had brought such a shock to the community and friends.

The services were conducted by Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, who brought to the sorrowing husband and grief stricken relatives a message of hope in the promise of another reuniting when the cares of earth should have passed away.

During the services Mrs. Gladys Glaze and Miss Fern Jahrig, friends of the departed young matron, gave two of the old and loved hymns, "Sometime We'll Understand" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," E. H. Wescott being the accompanist.

At the close of the service the body was borne to the Oak Hill cemetery where it was laid to rest beside the mother and others of the family circle that had gone on before. The pall bearers were old friends and school mates of the past years, they being Earl Taylor, Robert Vallery, Norris Hennings, John Urish, Robert Slavicek, Alvin Johnson.

LEAVE FOR THE EAST

From Tuesday's Daily—Mr. and Mrs. William Ainsworth Robertson and children, Miss Rachel and Billy departed for the east this morning where they will visit for the next two weeks and enjoy the graduating exercises of the United States naval academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

On the way to the graduation they are stopping at Hagerstown, Maryland, where they will be guests of cousins of Mr. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. R. Black and family, Mr. Black being county clerk of Washington county, Maryland, and was recently here on a visit while en route west.

James M. Robertson, II, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, is a member of the graduating class at the naval academy.

HUMBOLDT HERE SUNDAY

The local Merchants baseball team will play the Humboldt team here on next Sunday at the Athletic park, the management of the team states.

The Humboldt team is one of the fast organizations in their part of Nebraska and comes here with a well balanced group to meet the locals who are now hitting a good stride.

The Merchants have a very effective team in both hitting and fielding and excellent pitchers in Thimman, Thierolf and Sedlak, Jacobs, one of the local staff will probably be out of the game owing to his recent operation.

RETURNS FROM SCHOOL WORK

Cecil W. Comstock returned home Saturday from Vesta, Nebraska, where he has been teaching for the last year. Cecil has had a very successful year in teaching and has been re-elected as teacher and principal of the Vesta high school. He will teach history, English, typing, and dramatics for the coming year. He is to take special work at the University of Nebraska this summer in preparing for his work. The young man is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Comstock of this city.

Hirz-Slavicek Wedding Revealed to the Family

Reveal Marriage Occurred at Blair at Same Time of Mrasek-Kelley Nuptials.

In a marriage that took place on April 30 at Blair, Nebraska, before Judge John A. Carrigan, Miss Jeanette Hirz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Hirz, and Mr. Robert Slavicek, son of Mrs. Frank Slavicek were united in marriage, this being the second surprise wedding that was announced Sunday. The wedding took place on Sunday evening, April 30 at 8:30.

The happy couple was attended by Miss Laura Mrasek and Mr. Vincent Kelley who were also married during the same evening.

This was the third surprise wedding announcement in Plattsmouth during the last two weeks, the wedding of this popular young couple coming as a complete surprise to their many friends and relatives.

The bride was dressed in a plum-colored dress and she wore black accessories.

The bridesmaid wore a dark tailored suit with light blue accessories.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Hirz of this city, where she was born and reared. She is a young lady who is well-liked and popular in this city. A graduate of the Plattsmouth high school in the year of 1937, she has been employed as a stenographer in the law office of Attorney Joseph A. Capwell.

The groom is the only son of Mrs. Frank Slavicek who resides in the west part of the city, he also having been born and reared in this city. A young man of splendid character, Mr. Slavicek is employed in the local Joe's New Way grocery store.

The many friends and relatives of this happy couple wish them a happy and successful wedded life in the future years. They will make their home in this city.

SPECIAL DAY FOR 4-H LEADERS

4-H club leaders who find it possible to attend the special program prepared for them on May 29th, as the opening day of Boys and Girls Club Week, in Lincoln will feel well repaid for the many worthwhile ideas and the inspiration for conducting 4-H clubs they are bound to receive.

Monday, May 29th, from 10 a. m. to 9 p. m. will be known as Local Leaders' Day. The program is arranged to interest not only those who register for the week, but for every local leader of a 4-H club and all the public who have been taking part in any of the general extension programs. Cass county 4-H club leaders are invited and urged to attend if at all possible.

MAKE GUILTY PLEA

Monday afternoon in the county court Zene Denman and Robert Martin, of Omaha, were arraigned on the charge of illegal fishing on the farm of William A. Metzger without the permission of the owner. The two men made a plea of guilty to the charge of Judge A. H. Duxbury then gave a fine of \$25 and costs to the defendants, this however being suspended during the good behavior of the defendants and they to pay the costs. The costs were paid and the parties released to return home.

SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

Byron Galland and children and Mrs. H. D. Everett of Union were in Omaha Sunday where they spent the afternoon with Mrs. Galland who has been there recuperating from an operation. They reported that she is showing rapid improvement and may, perhaps, be able to return to her home here about Friday.

RADIO ANNOUNCER HERE

Russell Jensen, WJAG radio announcer at Norfolk, Nebraska, arrived here Saturday evening and spent the week-end with his relatives in this city. Mrs. Fritz Kaffenberger, Mrs. John Wehrbein, and Mrs. Harry White being his aunts.

SUFFERS BROKEN LEG

Charles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Martin, residing south of the city, suffered the fracture of his left leg Sunday morning at the farm home. Charles was trying to ride a horse in the barnyard and apparently was bucked off the horse and as he fell the horse kicked him and with the result that the leg was broken just below the knee. The injured youth was brought here to the office of Dr. L. S. Pucelik and later to the St. Joseph hospital at Omaha.

Young People Reveal Marriage at Papillion

Miss Cary Zimmerman and Mr. Harold Mead Wedded at Papillion on April 30th.

The fifth wedding to be revealed in the last two weeks is that of Miss Cary Zimmerman, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Zimmerman of Plattsmouth and Mr. Harold Mead, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Mead of near Union. The wedding ceremony was very quiet, the couple motoring to Papillion, Nebraska Sunday afternoon, April 30 where they were pronounced man and wife by Judge Harry Collins. They were attended by a couple from Papillion.

The marriage was kept a complete secret and this week the happy couple had made the revelation of their wedding, the event coming as a complete surprise to their many friends and relatives.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Zimmerman, prominent farmers who reside in Mynard. Born and reared in Cass county she is a young lady who has a host of friends who wish she and her husband the best of success in their married life. Prior to her marriage she had been employed by a number of business houses of this city.

The groom is a young man well known in Plattsmouth, Murray, and Union, he being the son of Mr. and Mrs. William "Bill" Mead. He was also born and raised in Cass county, his parents being farmers who run a small dairy near Union. Mr. and Mrs. Mead expect to farm in Cass county.

VISIT WITH RELATIVES

Mrs. Grace Hall and daughter, Miss Elizabeth Hall, of Grant, Nebraska, are here for a visit with the relatives and friends in this city and vicinity, at the home of their son and brother, Major I. Hall and family and other relatives.

Sunday Mrs. Hall and daughter, with James I. Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Luke L. Wiles, motored to Glenwood, accompanied by I. R. L. Wiles, of St. Louis, Missouri, the youngest of the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Wiles. They visited at Glenwood with Mrs. B. B. Dean, the eldest of the Wiles family and sister of Mrs. Hall, Luke and I. R. L. Wiles. On the way home they came by way of Omaha to visit with Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Wiles and family for a short time.

HEAR FISH STORIES

Tuesday at their luncheon the members of the Rotary club had a most interesting story of fishing at the Minnesota lakes given by Carl Ofe, who with Rotarian Fred Lugsch, Carl Schneider and Rudolph Iverson have just returned from an outing of a few days. The fishing was excellent and the local fishermen caught a nice array of the game fish and had a fine outing.

Robert M. Walling told of the intercity meeting at Glenwood in which a large group from this city participated and heard a very fine program.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

H. E. Becker, who has been at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha for the past several days, taking treatment as the result of a severe nose hemorrhage, was able to return home Saturday. He is being kept quiet at the home for a few days and it is hoped will have no serious results of the attack.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Becker are Long Residents

Both Born in Liberty Precinct Where They Have Been Active Factors in Its Development.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Becker, who in the long years of their life have made their home on the farm in Liberty precinct, have the distinction of being born in that locality and which they have seen grow from a few scattered farms to one of the most thriving parts of Cass county.

Both are members of pioneer families that came to Nebraska in the territorial days and their forebears had an active part in the winning of the west from the wild Indian country to a land of farms and prosperous villages and towns.

Abraham Lincoln Becker was born on the farm of his parents, a mile and a half north and two and three-quarters miles east of Union, on February 16, 1863, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Becker naming him in honor of the great president then guiding the nation through the horrors of the civil war. The father of Mr. Becker at the time was serving with the armed forces of the Second Nebraska in guarding against the Indian attacks feared in the northern part of the state. In that early day A. L. Becker soon was able to do his share in the work of farming and stock handling and which was later to be the source of his greatest success. In his boyhood days he was engaged by John Oldham pioneer farmer and stockman to help on the farm and with the long and hard hours of farm work of that time he established the rugged character that later carried him to much success. In that day and time, the farm worker arose at the first signs of the approach of dawn and labored until long after the dusk had come to complete their shores around the farm. Serving Mr. Oldham well and faithfully, in March 1886 Mr. Becker visited the place that has so long been his home and finally as a young man he purchased the property where for many years he farmed and where his family was reared to manhood and womanhood.

Mr. Becker on June 23, 1887 was married to Eva L. Taylor, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Taylor, the former a native of Virginia, who came west to locate in Cass county and later married Barbara A. Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Lynn, some of the earliest residents of southeastern Cass county. Their wedding occurred at the Methodist church which was situated where now the James Niday farm is located, the church building later being moved into Union.

Mr. Becker became after a few years one of the leading stockmen of the eastern Nebraska territory and his ability in judging stock, in feeding cattle and swine soon brought him into the ranks of the leading farmers of this section of the state and at his farm home northeast of Union great feeding sheds, elevator and barns made it a show place for that part of the country.

In later years Mr. Becker engaged in the mercantile business in Union with members of his family, but his real love and which he still regards with his old time vigor and shrewdness, was that of the stock raising and marketing of the cattle and hogs and at which he was among the best, consulted by those who wished the ripest judgment on the handling of their livestock.

Mr. and Mrs. Becker in their beautiful and hospitable home reared a fine family that are still with them and active in the life of the community in which they live. Henry Becker resides at Union, Roy Becker is engaged in farming near that place, Mrs. Otto Ehlers, a daughter and Mr. Ehlers are also in the farming activity of Liberty precinct, Miss Mary Becker resides at Union and John Becker is engaged in farming also to carry on the family tradition. Ray F. Becker, twin brother of Roy, is the register of deeds of Cass county, selected at the last election and now living in Plattsmouth.

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TRESPASS ON FARM

Deputy Sheriff E. J. Doody was called Sunday to the Metzger farm near Cedar Creek where two strangers were reported as trespassing on the property. It was found that two men, claiming Omaha as their residence had entered the farm and started fishing without the permission of the owner and it was claimed were preventing the cattle from being able to secure water. It is expected that charges will be filed against the men this afternoon.

Rotarians and Anns Attend District Meeting

Intercity Meeting at Glenwood Honors New President, Fred Haas and Mrs. Haas of Omaha.

Monday evening the Glenwood Rotarians were hosts to an intercity meeting of the International Rotary and which brought to that city Rotarians and their Anns from Ashland, Plattsmouth, Omaha, Council Bluffs, Red Oak, Malvern, Tabor, Shenandoah, Nebraska City, Blair.

The event was arranged in honor of Fred Haas, newly-elected district president, of Omaha, and Mrs. Haas.

The members had a very fine dinner arranged for them by the Glenwood people and a very fine program that was filled with many interesting features. Frank A. Cloyd of this city led the singing for the large group and Al Standfield, president of the Rotary club was the presiding officer.

William Jeffers, president of the Union Pacific railroad was the speaker of the evening and gave a fine talk on the present day conditions of the nation, gathering from his long years of practical service in the railroad and business world practical knowledge that he applied to the present conditions that exist in the United States.

Among those who attended the meeting from this city were Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Richey, Judge and Mrs. A. H. Duxbury, Mr. and Mrs. Art Troop, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mullen, Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Rea, Richard Spangler, Mrs. Nellie Spangler, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Cloyd, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Devoe, John E. Frady, John P. Sattler, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bernhardt, Mr. and Mrs. George Hetrick, Mrs. Fred Lugsch, Robert M. Walling, Elmore Brink and Stephen Devoe, high school members of the club.

DRIVE PROVES SUCCESSFUL

The drive for the benefit of the Plattsmouth Legion Drum and Bugle corps conducted recently proved to be a huge success, a total balance of \$288.41 being placed on hand in the treasury. Fred Herbster, chairman of the drive, announces the following receipts and expenditures of the drive:

Receipts	
Bake Sale	\$ 25.50
Boxes	55.28
Raymond Evers, total north side donors	111.35
Seannichsen, total of south side donors	70.50
Golden Spike award	60.00
Total amount in treasury beginning of drive	18.18
	\$340.81
Disbursements	
Fetzer Shoe Store	\$ 3.00
Golden Spike trip expense	16.00
Drum repairs	6.00
Cleaning Clothing	27.40
	\$ 52.40
Total balance on hand, \$288.41.	

BIRTH OF SON

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Arnold of Union, are the parents of an eight-pound boy born to them at the home of Mrs. Arnold's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Griffin at Union. Mrs. Arnold was the former Miss Ella Griffin, and the little one is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Arnold of this city. Both mother and son are doing fine.

FOR SALE CHEAP

Automatic Deep Well Pump, complete with motor and pressure tank. —Charles Staska, Murray, Nebr.

Baccalaureate Services Held Sunday Evening

Services Held at First Presbyterian Church—Rev. J. C. Lowson Gives the Sermon.

From Monday's Daily—The First Presbyterian church, as usual, was filled to its capacity last evening when the baccalaureate service for the 1939 senior class of the Plattsmouth high school took place.

Amid the scene of well-arranged floral decorations of lilies and ferns and the impressiveness of the service, the senior class of seventy-two members were seated in the center of the church, blue and white streamers being placed on the sides of the pews. E. H. Wescott, organist of the Methodist church, played the prelude and processionals.

The doxology, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow," was sung by the congregation.

Dr. H. G. McClusky, the host pastor, pronounced the invocation as the service began.

Wilbur Hall rendered a beautiful solo, "The Blind Ploughman," his sister, Miss Mildred Hall serving as his accompanist.

Rev. J. W. Taenzler, pastor of the First Christian church, presented the scripture reading during the evening. He took two passages of scripture, first from Philippians, third chapter, and portions of the chapters of First Corinthians.

The pastoral prayer was given by Rev. Paul Dick, pastor of the Mynard U. B. church.

The Methodist church choir, Mrs. E. H. Wescott being the director, sang a fitting number, "Eye Hath Not Seen," by Gaul.

A four-group committee representing the junior class of the high school served as ushers for the baccalaureate service, these being Harley Cottingham, Edward Smith, Ralph Stava and Joe York.

E. H. Wescott served as the accompanist at the console of the church organ for the Methodist choir, processionals and recessional.

Rev. J. C. Lowson, pastor of the Methodist church, gave the sermon of the evening, his remarks being very inspirational, interesting, encouraging, and educational. "Excelsior" was the topic from which he addressed the students. Rev. Lowson's sermon follows:

"Excelsior"

I was present at a gathering of men some time ago, and the chairman in the course of introducing the speaker said: "Most of us here are mediocre . . . that meant most of us were just the ordinary run of individuals who did not excel in anything. But he went on to say, "We have with us tonight a speaker, a champion, a man who excels in his profession." Now, these remarks set me thinking. Why are there so many mediocre people in the world? Why are there so many people who are satisfied not to be able to excel in anything? Why do so many people become soon satisfied with themselves as they are?

We used to have a movie entitled "It is Tough to be Famous," but if I had anything to say, it is not half so tough to be famous in these days as it is to be one of the vast multitude of ordinary people who are among the unwanted. The number of the unemployed grows larger . . . every known profession is overcrowded . . . a dozen men available for every opportunity for a better position. And the greatest question and problem we face today is "What are we to do with our latent man power?"

At any rate it would be well for you young people to remember this world into which you go forth is entirely different to that in which your father began. The world into which you are about to enter is not exactly waiting for your coming—it is not preparing a place for you. You are not going forth into a world in which there is suitable work for every man and woman. You are going forth into a world of keen competition—a world in which the opportunities to succeed, as the world calls success, are a thousand times less than they were say fifty years

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