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## Class of 1939 Bids Farewell to Alma Mater

Graduating Ceremonies Largely Attended—Fine Program Offered by Members of Class.

From Friday's Daily—

Another chapter in the history of the Plattsmouth high school was closed last evening when at the auditorium of the school the class of 1939 made its farewell appearance as a part of the school life and were awarded the diplomas that represented the completion of twelve years of school activities.

The school auditorium was filled to its capacity by the relatives and friends of the young people to pay their respects to the class that is now closing its school activities.

The settings of the stage where the gray robed class was seated was very tastefully arranged by the committee of the juniors.

Miss Whipple Leonard, '40 sounded the processional to which the members of the senior class, seventy-one in number, entered and took their seats on the stage where they were to enact the last part of their high school careers.

Superintendent L. S. Devoe presided, presenting the various features of an exceptionally fine program.

Dr. H. G. McCusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, gave the invocation and the benediction for the services.

The past year the school has boasted of an unusually fine musical organization, that of the a cappella choir and last evening the senior members of this group under the direction of David Fowler, Jr., gave two very fine selections in a Russian folk song, "The Vesper Hymn" and the interesting Ukrainian folk song, "The Violin Singing in the Street." The members of this group comprised: Maxine Nielsen, Kathleen Nolte, Charlotte Palmer, Shirley Jacobs, John Jacobs, Warren Reed, James Sandin, Gloria Johnson, Ruth Ann Hatt, Rose M. Steppat, Eleanor Giles, Theodore Libershal, John Tidball, Dale Nearhood, Kathryn Tschirren, Vivian Warner, Doris McPherson, Mary McCarroll, Ronald Rebal, Clarence Mayabb, Donald McPherson.

### Presents Salutatory

Miss Maxine Nielsen gave the salutatory of the class, taking as her subject, "The Current of Life." The speaker compared life with a current in which the traveler might find his way to success or to failure by his application of the experiences learned, the current where one might drift or strike out to accomplish other goals that had been set. To accomplish greater ideals was the mark to which those in the current should strive. Miss Nielsen expressed the appreciation of the class for the opportunity of the years of schooling and the mission of those leaving the school to find a larger field of usefulness. To the teachers and the parents she expressed the gratitude for the aid and the sacrifices made, that the students might complete their work and be ready to face the battle of life, better armed in knowledge and poise for the tasks that lay ahead.

### The Valedictory

John Bestor, valedictorian of the class, chose as his topic that of "World Economics," very ably presented and a fine discussion of many of the problems that today are shaking the civilized world. The day was testing the two theories of economics that represented broad differences of thought, the capitalistic theory where the individual might accumulate his capital and retain this, the socialistic or communist: where all property was supposed to be that of common distribution where the individual was a unit in governmental control distribution system. These conditions had been caused largely as the result of the World War when twenty years ago the nations of the world, engaged in conflict, had strained themselves to produce to carry on the warfare, the close of the war had brought a radical readjustment but production had continued until ten years ago when it had slowed down as demand grew less and surpluses accumulated, unemployment came to bring its fear to the minds of the people. With the wrecks of war and

the conditions that followed had risen many of the teachings of today, the leadership of Hitler had found response in Germany because of conditions and in Russia war had laid the train for the revolution that had eventually routed the capitalistic system. The war cost to the United States will be \$100,000,000,000, or a sum that would build 1,000,000 school buildings such as that of Plattsmouth for the nation. The war scares and alarms had played havoc with the existing systems of economics, in off balance as showed by the fact that in Great Britain fifty-six per cent of the purchases had been by government in the pursuit of the armament program. With WPA as a relief problem, the dole in England and other artificial aids in the nations, it was necessary to seek the re-establishment of the world economics and to strive to keep the world at peace that it might find restoration.

In the class associations, one of the popular members has been John Jacobs, who has filled a large place in school activities in athletics and music, last evening his contribution to the program being a splendidly rendered presentation of "A Perfect Day" by Carrie Jacobs Bond, a song in which the fine voice of the singer found full expression. Miss Ruth Westover served as the accompanist.

The class is to be congratulated on the selection of their orator, Dr. O. H. Werner, professor of education of the University of Nebraska, who had as his subject, "The Demands of Democracy," a masterly presented comparison of life in a dictatorship and that of a democracy, the exploitation of the individual in a totalitarian state and the sovereignty of the individual in the democracies of the world today. Dr. Werner congratulated the class and the young people in their excellent addresses as expressions of the youth of a land of freedom. To them and their vision lay the future years of national life. Dr. Werner told of the world awaiting with anxiety what might be transpiring behind the walls of chancelleries of the world, what steps might be made to further disorganize the world's balance of power. Dr. Werner compared the dictatorships of Germany, Italy, Russia, Japan and Spain where democracy has long since vanished and whose shadows fall on the free nations of the earth today.

Americans who had been in these foreign countries had returned to their own homeland rejoicing and more appreciative of the benefits of the life here in freedom and individual rights. The speaker brought this home with dramatic effectiveness by reciting Dr. Henry Van Dyke's "Home Again."

The speaker took as his theme the four great principles on which the democracies are founded, Freedom, Opportunity, Justice, Vision, these things having given freely opportunity for common liberty. The advance of the United States had been marked with changing reforms, the gradual adoption of the universal ballot, the elimination of property, class or racial qualifications for voting that had prevailed in many states. Comparing the right of the American to the free ballot the speaker pointed to the fact that in a dictator country the vote was cast as ordered or else the voter found himself in concentration camps. The speaker stressed the fact that all men were equal in the American voting, one vote being as good as another, here in this land of freedom the right to religious worship was guaranteed and the citizen might practice his belief free and unharmed, while in foreign nations ministers and worshippers alike felt the force of government oppression, speech and freedom of the press had helped keep the torch of liberty glowing in this land of ours, the speaker declared.

Dr. Werner urged that the class of 1939 carry on the American tradition of keeping the door of opportunity open to those who might come after them. While conditions had brought many complaints of the lack of opportunity, the speaker gave several cases where courage and determination of individuals had made the success desired.

Justice in this nation with jury trial, the right of appeal and the elimination of secret legal cabals was compared with those of some foreign countries where the prisoner is tried by his accusers, the trial secret and

the power of the defense dictated by the accusing body.

Vision had made the nation, Dr. Werner declared, it had brought the men and women seeking freedom from an old world and pioneers from the east to found this part of the nation where we now live and enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Miss Rose Mary Steppat, who has been one of the outstanding students of the music department, gave the number "Pale Moon" by Knight, whose very lovely melody was given a fine interpretation by the singer. Miss Ruth Westover was the accompanist.

Miss Caroline Baird, regent of Fontenelle chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution gave the Jennie Dodge memorial history prize to Miss Janet Westover, whose record in the four years in high school has been outstanding in this history study.

The scholarship awards were made by Superintendent L. S. Devoe, who also announced the high ranking students of the class. John Bestor was given a regent's scholarship at the University of Nebraska as the high ranking student of the class and Miss Maxine Nielsen was awarded the scholarship offered by the denominational colleges of the state. Regent scholarships won by examination tests were given to Homer "Jack" Barton and Stephen Wiles. The third ranking member of the class was John Benton Livingston and in order the other ten were Janet Westover, Helen Dieter, Veda Capps, John L. Tidball, Emilie Gradoville, Dorothea Fulton, Kathleen Nolte, who was awarded the scholarship of the state normal school.

Miss Eleanor Giles gave one of the most difficult vocal selections that is heard in school programs in the selection, "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice" Saint-Saens from "Samson and Delilah," a very fine rendition. Mrs. J. R. Reeder was the accompanist.

The diplomas were awarded by Joseph A. Capwell, the president of the board of education and who offered words of congratulation to the members of the class on their exceptionally fine record.

Following the presentation an informal reception was given the members of the class in greetings from the relatives and friends.

Following are the members of the graduating class of 1939:

Donald Keith Akeson, Charles W. Armstrong, Mary Alice Ault, Anna Leona Austin, Theodore R. Baker, Jr., Homer Wheeler Barton, Alice Veronica Bennett, John K. Bestor, Elmore J. Brink, Donald Lee Burcham, Opal Irene Byers, Veda M. Capps, Willis Max Chandler, Helen Barbara Dieter, Keith Lee Elliott, Dorothea Helen Patricia Gradoville, Louise Giles, Emilie Libershal, John Louis Gradoville, Frances Catherine Hadraba, Ruth Ann Hatt, Robert Howard Hayes, Roy J. Hughes, Bernard A. Jackson, Dale Jackson, John H. Jacobs, Shirley L. Jacobs, Betty Jean Jasper, Gloria Anne Johnson, Norma Jane Kvajil, Hazel E. Kelley, Mary Jane Kvajil, Theodore Michael Libershal, John Benton Livingston, Edythe Lynn Lushinsky, Mary Jean McCarroll, Anna Mary McMaken, Donald Irvine McPherson, Doris Irene McPherson, Clarence LeRoy Mayabb, Alma Mae Moore, Dale Roland Nearhood, Maxine Faye Nielsen, Kathleen Nolte, Charlotte Emilie Palmer, Ronald Franklin Rebal, Warren Joseph Reed, Barbara Isabelle Rhoden, James J. Sandin, Stuart Joseph Sediak, Helen Marie Sikora, Thomas Spencer Solomon, Barbara Louise Stander, Virgil F. Stander, Rose Mary Steppat, Margaret A. Sylvester, Charles J. Tasler, Dorothy Maxine Thimjahn, John Leonidas Tidball, Dorothea D. Toman, Kathryn Elizabeth Tschirren, Nola Betty Valley, Donald R. Wall, Vivian Nadine Warner, James L. Webb, Janet Marie Westover, Stephen G. Wiles, David LeRoy Wilson, Neoma Edith Wood, Jaunita Wood, Robert S. Yelick.

### RECEIVES PLEASANT NEWS

Rae F. Patterson of this city received the pleasant news Friday evening that he was the proud grandfather of an eight and a half pound boy, being born Friday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Patterson at San Francisco. The little one, who with the mother is doing fine, has been named Michael Jeffery. Mrs. Rae F. Patterson, of this city, was present at the home to greet the arrival of the new grandson, the first in the family. It is needless to say the occasion has proven very happy for all of the family circle.

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## Promotional Exercises of the Eighth Grade

Sixty-eight Young People of Junior High School Promoted to the Senior High School.

From Thursday's Daily—

The Plattsmouth high school auditorium was the scene of a large gathering last evening when the eighth grade promotional exercises took place at 8 o'clock. Sixty-eight pupils were promoted from the junior high to the senior high school at the exercises.

The general theme of the orational discussion was the local, and national parks, nationally known scenic spots, and musical composers which the students addressed the audience for about five minutes each.

Superintendent L. S. Devoe presided over the exercises and presented the various musical numbers as well as the speakers. The processional hymn was played by Miss Catherine Conis, this being followed by the invocation which was given by Rev. J. W. Taenzler, pastor of the First Christian church.

The orations on the local parks were given by Lars Larson, who centered his talk on "The History of the Athletic Park," and Miss Catherine Conis, who addressed the audience on "The Management of Plattsmouth Parks." In the national park orations, "Yellowstone National Park" was discussed by Miss Charlotte Steinkamp, and "Yosemite" was the subject of Miss Joan Tiekotter. "The Black Hills," a nationally known scenic spot, was discussed by Miss Ruth Gaines; "Mt. Rainier," Mary Jean Hatt; and "Carlsbad Caverns," by Miss Katharine Reeves.

Joseph Highfield and Keith Dasher were heard in a vocal duet, "Home, Home on the Range," Miss Ruth Westover serving as the accompanist.

"Heaven Can Wait" was a solo rendered by Miss Katharine Reeves, Miss Westover being her accompanist.

One of the main features that was enjoyed by all present was the exhibition of drum and bugle work by members of the American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps. Cary Marshall and Donald Martin served as assistants in the exhibition. The boys taking part in this part of the program were Albert Richards, Coleman O'Bryan, LaVerne Rice, Joseph McMaken, George Jacobs, Robert Grassman, Troy Cotner, Lars Larson, Donald Steppat, Raymond Evers.

"Musical Composers" served as the theme for the five young people who gave a sketch of the lives of some of the famous musical composers, these being "Bach," "Handel," "Stephan Foster," "Paderewski," and "Francis Scott Key." LaVerne Rice, George Jacobs, Bernice Anderson, Georgia Carey, and Katharine Reeves, respectively, giving the talks.

The eighth grade mixed chorus, under the direction of David Fowler, musical director of the local high school, was heard in two numbers, "Czechoslovakian Dance Song," and "Moving Along."

Miss Donna Bea Seiver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Seiver, was seen in a tap dance, her sister, Miss Shirley Seiver, being at the piano.

A vocal duet, "The Punny Old Hill," was given by Misses Joan Tiekotter and Miriam Fricke.

Misses Lois Wolever and Geraldine White sang a duet, "Just a Cottage Small by a Waterfall," Miss Ruth Westover serving as the accompanist for both duets.

Miss Nellie Rainey was heard in a humorous reading during the evening, "Giggling Lizzy," a topic very well given by Miss Rainey.

Miss Shirley Price was heard in a fitting guitar solo.

Mary Jean Hatt was heard in a piano solo and Misses Catherine Conis and Nellie Rainey were heard in a piano duet.

Miss Helene Perry and Mr. Blon Hoffman presented the eighth grade girls and boys, respectively to the audience.

J. A. Capwell, president of the board of education, was present and awarded the promotion certificates to the thirty-seven girls and thirty-one boys.

The D. A. R. citizenship awards

were given during the evening by Mrs. E. H. Westcott, a local member of the Pontenelle chapter. Those receiving the outstanding achievement of citizenship were selected this year by the classmates themselves, the girls choosing Miss Catherine Conis as the highest ranking girl citizen, and the boys selected Kenneth White as the best boy citizen.

The program of the evening came to a close with the song, "Auld Lang Syne," sung by George Jacobs, this being followed by the benediction given by Rev. Taenzler.

Misses Helene Perry, Ellen Ubben, Genevieve Pohlan, B. A. Hoffman, Dow Armstrong, and David Fowler, Jr. served as the teachers in the Junior High school for the school year of 1938-39.

The following is the list of pupils that were promoted to the senior high school last evening:

Bernice Anderson, Georgia Carey, Mary Ellen Carr, Alice Chappell, Catherine Conis, Deloma Dooley, Nellie Eastridge, Edith Foreman, Miriam Fricke, Ruth Gaines, Mary Jean Hatt, Virginia Hofacker, Helen Hough, Doris Johnson, Jean Johnson, Lila Jones, Rhoda Hes, Frankie Krejci, Doris Lutz, Rachel McMaken, Nola Meisinger, Shirley Price, Alyce Prohaska, Nellie Rainey, Betty Fae Reed, Katharine Reeves, Donna Bea Seiver, Nora Shafer, Charlotte Steinkamp, Edith Taylor, Matilda Taylor, Joan Tiekotter, Dorene Welland, Geraldine White, Ellen Winters, Lois Wolever, Betty Ann Wright, Robert Austin, James Blunt, Cloid Brizzen, Fredrick Bruce, Walter Bryant, Troy Cotner, Wayne Dasher, Keith Dasher, Buddy Eledge, Raymond Evers, Robert Grassman, Raymond Harold, Joe Highfield, James Holcomb, Sterling Hopkins, George Jacobs, Danny Jackson, Lars Larson, Alvin Rakow, Darwin Rhoden, Albert Richards, LaVerne Rice, Roy Rice, Donald Snyder, Donald Steppat, Kenneth Loveless, Joe McMaken, Harold Neell, Coleman O'Bryan, Richard O'Donnell, Kenneth White.

### COUNTY COURT ACTIONS

Friday was a very busy day in the county court with probate matters occupying the time of Judge A. H. Duxbury.

Final hearing and settlement of the trusteeship of the estate of the late David Babbington was held and the trustee, J. A. Capwell, discharged.

Hearing was held on the application of Frank J. Domingo, guardian for Frank Ranney, for the change in bonds.

The court admitted the last will and testament of John F. Hirz, deceased, to probate and made the appointment of Fred J. Hirz as the executor CTA.

Hearing was had in the determination of heirship of Emma A. Burdick, estate.

Petition for final settlement in the trusteeship of Anna Geiser, deceased was heard and the trustee, Frank A. Cloidt discharged.

### CAPTURE STOLEN CAR

From Saturday's Daily—  
Last night the police force and Sheriff Joe Mrasek received the information that a car had been stolen in Nebraska City and asking that a watch be kept for the car. Shortly after midnight the car was seen going south on highway No. 75 from Omaha, and the police started pursuit but were distanced. Sheriff Mrasek was then contacted and he notified Sheriff Ryder at Nebraska City and Mrasek started in pursuit and overhauled the car north of Nebraska City where the arrest was made. The car had been taken by a 15-year-old Nebraska City boy to go to Omaha to see the girl friend, it was explained.

### COACH TO WEST COAST

From Saturday's Daily—  
This morning Bion A. Hoffman, athletic coach of the Plattsmouth high school departed for his summer vacation, which will also include study and training. The coach will visit in the east for a short time and then goes to the Pacific coast where he will spend several months in training and study preparatory to the opening of school here next fall.

### CALLED HERE BY ILLNESS

From Saturday's Daily—  
Mrs. Rose Marie Saxton, of Los Angeles, arrived in the city today in response to a message announcing the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Howard Burcham, who has been very sick for the past several days.

### LEAVES FOR NEW HOME

Carter Minor departed Friday for Kankakee, Illinois, where he will join his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Minor, who are now making their home there and where Mr. Minor is the superintendent of the water company. Mr. L. O. Minor, injured some time ago, is now slowly improving.

The many young friends of "Cart" regret to see him leave the city and the associates of his boyhood days, and his going will be felt in the high school of this city where he was a very active figure in athletics and the various activities. The past year he was a very prominent figure in both the football and basketball teams.

## Hinky-Dinky Store Robbed of Large Store

Front Door of Store Fried Open and Robbers Jimmy Safe Setting in Front of the Door.

The burglarizing of the Hinky-Dinky store and the prying open of the safe with the theft of between \$800 and \$900 in currency and checks was revealed this morning shortly after 7 o'clock.

The crime was discovered when an early morning customer visited the store and discovered that the front door of the store was open and the lock apparently jimmied. Near the door was the safe which had its door shattered and the combination dials broken off. The customer discovering the robbery located Officer David Pickrel, who called Ordell Hennings, store manager, and Sheriff Joe Mrasek, who hurried to the scene.

It was found that the door had been pried open and from this fact it is thought that the robbery occurred at an early hour this morning as the night police reported checking the front door at 2:30 this morning and at that time it was apparently locked and in proper condition.

The safe that was pried open is of a light type and largely for fire protection and was apparently easy for the burglars to attack. With the knobs knocked off the safe the robbers pried open the door to the safe, bending the upper part of the door in getting it open.

There was something like \$517 in checks in the safe which Mr. Hennings had stamped for deposit in the Plattsmouth State bank and which will make it difficult for the robbers to dispose of these. There was a large envelope of currency containing something like \$350 in the safe and which was also taken.

Sheriff Joe Mrasek visited the store as soon as the alarm was given and had the safe covered to prevent the destroying of possible fingerprints that might have been left by the robber.

### MAKES LUMP SETTLEMENT

In the district court at Omaha Wednesday approval was made by the court of a settlement of Arthur Salerno, a former materials man in the employ of the BREX here for his claim for damages. The settlement was made by the insurance company carrying the compensation for the sum of \$400 for the injury sustained in 1937 here by Mr. Salerno in cranking a tractor.

### HERE FROM PLAINVIEW

Misses Kathryn and Helen Barkus of Plainview, Nebraska arrived in Plattsmouth to spend the next week here visiting with the many friends and relatives. While here she will also visit in Union with her grandmother, Mrs. L. G. Larson, who resides at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. E. Foster.

### SUFFERS FRACTURED LEG

Marion Taylor, well known plaster and concrete worker, suffered the fracture of the tibia of the left leg Thursday evening. Mr. Taylor had a fall and which caught his leg in such a manner the bone was fractured. The injured man was given aid at the office of Dr. W. S. Eaton.

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## Death of Old Time Resident of Plattsmouth

Byron Golding, 64, Native Son of This City Dies at Lincoln Hospital After Long Illness.

The death of Byron Golding, 64, occurred Thursday shortly after the noon hour at the Lincoln General hospital where he has been for the past few weeks and was operated on a week ago for a kidney ailment.

For the past few years Mr. Golding has been in failing health due to a heart ailment which has made it necessary at different times to take treatment at hospitals but without the desired relief.

The death of Mr. Golding removes from the community life a man who was born and reared in Plattsmouth and for the greater part of his life has been actively identified with the business interests of the city.

The parents of Mr. Golding, Levi and Dorothea Golding, were among the early settlers of the Jewish race in this part of the west, coming from St. Louis to Plattsmouth in the early seventies with a number of their relatives, members of the Nathan and Solomon family. The Golding family settled here while the others moved westward to Lincoln to make their home. It was in this city that Mr. Golding was born and grew to manhood, receiving his education in the local schools.

On reaching manhood Mr. Golding started on a business career that has occupied his lifetime, first being engaged as a traveling salesman for one of the large wholesale houses of the country and which he continued until his physical condition made necessary his retirement.

After the death of the father a great many years ago, Mr. Golding resided here with his aged mother and tenderly cared for her until death called her to rest. Since that time he has made his home alone and found his greatest pleasure in the association with the old friends, many of whom were school day associates.

Several years ago in conjunction with Dr. J. J. Stibal, Mr. Golding established a variety store here and in which he was actively engaged up to the time of his going to the hospital at Lincoln.

To those who had the privilege of knowing and understanding him, Mr. Golding was a warm and loyal friend and to these his death comes as a most sorrowing loss.

Unmarried, he was the last of the immediate members of his family and is survived by a number of cousins and an uncle by marriage. The cousins are Mrs. Sam Samuels, Miss Bertha Nathan and L. L. Solomon of Lincoln, and the uncle, I. Nathan, also of Lincoln.

Funeral services will be Sunday at 11 a. m. at the B'Nai cemetery at Omaha, 48th and Grand avenue, two blocks off Ames avenue. The parents are buried at this place.

### TO VISIT AT COLUMBIA

From Saturday's Daily—  
Miss Maxine Cloidt, teacher of the high school at McCook, Nebraska, arrived home this morning on No. 6 over the Burlington to spend a part of her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Cloidt. Sunday Mrs. Cloidt and Maxine will motor to Columbia, Missouri, to visit with Miss Frances Cloidt, student at Stephens college.

### PREPARING FOR LEVY

From Friday's Daily—  
Dr. O. E. Liston, member of the board of trustees of Elmwood village, was here today for a few hours to attend to some matters at the court house. The Elmwood trustees are preparing for the annual village estimate and levy which will be made soon for the next fiscal year.

### VISIT IN CITY

From Saturday's Daily—  
Mrs. E. H. Pankouin and Miss Carrie Schaffer of Weeping Water were business and social visitors in Plattsmouth today. During their visit they were pleasant callers at the Journal to renew their subscriptions.