

Faculty, Pupils Desert Schools Friday, June 13

Joint Commencement at City Auditorium; Teachers Take Advance Courses; School Heads Lecture.

On Friday, June 13, 37,000 school boys and girls, and 1,300 teachers will exchange adieus for the summer vacation. With the exception of students of Technical High school which is operated on a different plan, this host of pupils and instructors will be away from their classrooms until the first Tuesday of next September.

Technical High school will be reopened on June 22 for another school year, the yearly schedule of this institution being based on four quarterly periods.

The joint commencement exercises of Central, Technical, South and Benson High schools will be held in the city auditorium on Friday night, June 13, when 750 young men and women will receive their diplomas.

The speaker on this occasion will be Prof. A. G. Crane of the University of Wyoming at Laramie. He will speak on "The Open Road."

Approve Staff.

During the week of June 8, the board of education, according to custom, will meet to approve the teaching staff for the next school year. This list merely insures service without designating the assignments to schools. The assignment will be announced at a special meeting on the first Monday of next September.

During the summer months, D. M. Finlayson and his staff of workmen will go over the schools to make repairs and improvements. With the opening of schools next September the new North High school at Thirty-sixth street and Ames avenue will be opened. This will be an important addition to the public school system.

Superintendent To Lecture.

Georgia Cline of Central school and Katherine Oliver of Train school, also will attend University of Washington. Leon O. Smith, assistant superintendent of schools, will deliver a course of lectures at the same institution on the education of gifted children. J. H. Beveridge, superintendent of schools, will lecture at the University of Chicago. Belle M. Ryan, assistant superintendent, will lecture on administration and supervision at the University of Nebraska. Vina Crabb of Druid Hill school expects to go to Los Angeles to take a special summer course. Hildur Folin of Bancroft school will go to Vineland, N. J., to specialize, during the summer, in teaching subnormal children.

CAVALRY HORSES HURT IN CRASH

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., May 31.—Three horses with the cavalry troops which left Beatrice yesterday for Fort Riley, Kan., were injured, one seriously, when a car in charge of three men crashed into the troops on a bridge 10 miles south of this city.

GIRL DIES FROM PITCHFORK WOUND

Clearwater, Neb., May 31.—Clara Boling, 12, daughter of John Boling, a farmer of near here, was seriously caught on a pitchfork after sliding down a haystack, died following a second operation last night.

Plattsmouth Preparing for Masonic Grand Lodge Visit

Plattsmouth, Neb., May 30.—Plattsmouth is making preparations to entertain the Nebraska grand lodge, A. F. and A. M., on its visit here in a body Tuesday afternoon, June 3, for the laying of the cornerstone of the new \$125,000 infirmary to be constructed this summer on the Nebraska Masonic Home grounds here. The delegation will come from Omaha by special train over the Burlington, arriving here at 2:15 p. m. and returning at 5 o'clock. Autos will meet them at the station and convey them to the home at the opposite edge of town. All business houses will close during the afternoon for the cornerstone ceremonies.

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Captain Bert Thorpe and Inspector Jack Pszanowski Both Groomed for Next Chief of Police of Omaha by Their Friends; Which Will It Be?

Thorpe, "Harney Cop," Has Envyable Record as Detective; Cited for Riot Work Here.

By GENE ROUSE.

Meet Omaha's next chief of police. He is—

Which will you have? Capt. Bert Thorpe represents that division of the police known as "harney" cops.

Inspector Jack Pszanowski represents the "plain clothes" division.

Both are strong contenders for the chief's chair when Peter H. Dillon retires in July.

Friends of both point out the superior ability of their choice. None will say anything against the other. Both have risen from the ranks, learning the game in the school of experience.

Thorpe joined the department January 18, 1910. Pszanowski was appointed December 8, 1908.

Thorpe became emergency officer in 1921, after 11 years on a beat. He became desk sergeant the year following, field sergeant in 1923, and was promoted to a captaincy in October, 1923.

The present inspector of police walked a beat for six years and on July 1, 1914, was made a detective. He was appointed lieutenant of detectives and placed in charge of the auto theft bureau. A year later he was given a captaincy in the detective division and on July 12, 1923, was made inspector, second ranking officer of the department.

Cited for Riot Work.

Both have been cited many times for meritorious conduct in line of duty. Thorpe was cited for bravery in 1919 by Mayor Smith for courage under fire. During the courthouse riot he was trapped on the upper floor by flames, through which he plunged to leave the building and obtain ammunition for the trapped peace officers. He returned through the gunfire of the mob.

Perhaps the most outstanding instance in Thorpe's career dates back to April 12, 1912, two years after he became a member of the department.

Jim Muse, a crazed negro, had killed his wife and her chum, Florence Banks, at his home, 1822 Cumine street, then set fire to the house, barricading himself within.

Fire Chief Martin Dineen entered the house and Muse sprang from the smoke-filled room, slashing his way to the street with the knife he used to slay the women. The knife struck Dineen across the throat through the upturned rubber collar and inflicted a gaping cut in his shoulder. Muse turned upon Fire Captain Jacks, threw him to the floor, and while in the act of slaying him with the knife, Patrolman Thorpe entered the fray. The scuffle between Thorpe and Muse ended when Thorpe fired a bullet into Muse's brain.

Thorpe was also cited in 1913, when he obtained soldiers from Fort Omaha to aid in the devastated area swept by the tornado.

Pszanowski Daring, Too.

The duties of a patrolman are distinct from those of a detective. While Thorpe was distinguishing himself through quick thinking and action in emergencies, Pszanowski, also a pa-



troolman and later a detective, was keeping pace in other fields.

"Gentleman Jack," Pszanowski, patrolled one of Omaha's toughest districts. In one skirmish with a drink-crazed man he prevented John Hamilton, 1814 Ohio street, from killing his infant child. Hamilton had driven his wife from the house and was going after the infant. Just as Pszanowski entered the place the man was moving to crush the child's head between his hands. In the struggle, Pszanowski rescued the infant.

Once, Pszanowski, attracted by the whines of a half-frozen dog, found Fred Leopold, Fremont farmer, freezing in a snowdrift. The patrolman carried the man to his own home, where he revived him.

Both Thorpe and Pszanowski deviated occasionally from their beats while in uniform. Thorpe once captured two swindlers from Denver with \$1,900 of stolen money on their person. While off duty one night, mingling with downtown sightseers, his attention was attracted to two men under the influence of liquor. He observed them for a while, then when confident they were not merely drunk, he arrested them. Investigation and search at the police station revealed they were the fugitive swindlers.

Picked Up Swindlers.

Pszanowski, using the detective instinct while off duty, once noted the peculiar clicking of heels which seemed to pass signals between two men on opposite sides of the street at the postoffice. He called the patrol wagon, then when it was nearly arrived at the scene, arrested the two men and a third, who proved to be a farmer they were trying to "fleece." They were later identified as men sought for confidence games.

Upon appointment to the detective department Pszanowski was teamed with Delbert Rick. Together, they obtained evidence that later convicted Arthur Hauser for the murder of William H. Smith, cashier for the Women of the World. They also gained a reputation for catching more pickpockets while together than any other team of detectives at that time.

They were continually assigned to murder cases. Among the more important were the murder of James Nickel, bank clerk, in an underworld

resort; the Ada Swanson hatchet murder and the Rapp-Schroeder triple murder.

After his appointment as head of the auto theft department, Pszanowski

"Gentleman Jack," Plain Clothes Graduate, Has Captured Scores of Notorious Crooks.

was commended by Police Commissioner Dan Butler for the arrest of Ray Smith, notorious Kansas City gunman, who had terrorized Dundee in robberies, the last of which was at the Unlike home. Pszanowski cornered Smith in a Harney street home, where he entered alone and, covering the bandit with his gun, forced him to surrender.

In July, 1923, he was commended by Governor Bryan for recovery of 35 stolen automobiles taken by an organized ring. The gang was broken up.

Both Pszanowski and Thorpe have the respect and admiration of men under them.

Which is the next chief of police?

Church Dedication.

Table Rock, Neb., May 21.—Dedication of the new Community church at Mayberry, west of here, will take place Sunday evening. Rev. W. C. Porter of Crawfordville, Ia., will deliver the dedicatory sermon. A male quartet from Pawnee City will sing.

Alumni Meet at Nebraska U. to Be Held June 4 to 7

Former Students to Return to Alma Mater for Commencement Week Festivities.

The third annual roundup of alumni of the University of Nebraska will be held in Lincoln, June 4 to 7. More than 1,000 former students of the university throughout the middle-west are expected.

Opening program is to be on Ivy day, June 4, an annual event on the campus. A daisy chain will be formed by the junior, sophomore and freshman girls followed by an Ivy chain former by the senior girls is a feature. The May queen, whose identity is kept secret until Ivy day, is to be crowned. Small children will give a Maypole dance and members of the Women's Athletic association are to dance for the queen.

Symbolical planting of the Ivy at the library will take place in the afternoon of June 4. Harris Poley of University Place is to give the Ivy

day oration. Honorary societies will choose members for Mortar Board and representants from the junior class. Registration of all alumni will be held at the headquarters at the Temple building on June 5. Alumni council meeting follows an informal luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce. Banquets, entertainments by the university players and dancing will close the second day of activities.

The alumni of the class of 1904 will be honored by a breakfast at the Chamber of Commerce on June 6. Class meetings and a pageant closes the morning session. Emory Buckner, attorney of New York city, will deliver the alumni oration on the afternoon program. Victor B. Smith of Omaha, president of the Alumni association, will conduct the general alumni meeting. A medal meet for alumni held at the stadium follows. Sketches from "The Wishing Ring," the 1924 Kosmet club production, will be given in the evening.

Commencement is scheduled June 7 on the campus. Glenn Frank, editor-in-chief of the Century magazine will be the speaker of the day.

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