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Cass County Boys and Girls at Stock Show

Twenty-three Boys and Two Girls to Be in Group Exhibiting at the Great Omaha Show.

Cass county will be represented by 22 boys and 2 girls who have entered their prize-seeking baby beebes in the 4-H club competition which features the twelfth annual livestock and horse show opening at Ak-Sar-Ben coliseum in Omaha next Sunday at 2 p. m.

Noted as being the world's largest in the history of the Omaha exhibitions. Four-H baby beebes to the total of 1,047 will be competing from Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Missouri and other states.

Aside from the outstanding 4-H club competition there will be other big features which will provide not only entertainment but education for the many thousands who will come from all sections of the middle-west. While the horse show will present many of the best pure bred arena performers in the United States there will be other new and additional forms of entertainment.

Important in the program is the Mid-West champion band and drum corps contest and the regional flower and garden show.

A week of special events for all 4-H club members has been arranged. Coupons for free admissions to banquets, shows, tour of the city and other forms of entertainment will be given every boy and girl.

Four-H club representatives from this county are:

Robert Wagoner, Cedar Creek, 2 calves; Paul Dieter, Cedar Creek, 1 calf; Elmer Lee Icke, Plattsmouth, 2 calves; Hugh Stander, Plattsmouth, 2 calves; Virgil Stander, Plattsmouth, 1 calf; George Stander, Plattsmouth, 1 calf; Robert Schneider, Cedar Creek, 1 calf, 3 swine; Nagel Bricker, Greenwood, 1 calf.

Paul Eveland, Elmwood, 2 calves; Myrl Kunz, Elmwood, 1 calf; Lyman Rehmeier, Weeping Water, 2 calves, 4 swine; Lyle Schafer, Nehawka, 1 calf; Ruth Schafer, Nehawka, 1 calf; Stewart Mills, Murdock, 2 calves, 3 swine; James Mills, Murdock, 2 calves; Naomi Rikkl, Murdock, 1 calf; Warren Rikkl, Murdock, 1 calf; Donald Rikkl, 1 calf; Erwin Schlappehoff, Wabash, 1 calf; Merrit Pollard, Nehawka, 2 calves, 2 swine; Paul M. O'Brien, Wabash, 6 swine; Dale Stander, Nehawka, 1 swine; Gerald Stander, Nehawka, 1 swine; Arthur Pollard, Nehawka, 4 swine; Harold Pollard, Nehawka, 1 calf, 1 swine.

SUFFERS INJURED HAND

Mr. and Mrs. George Lushinsky Mrs. Adah Moore, Mrs. Paul Wohlfarth and son, Kenneth spent the week end at King City, Missouri where they were guests of Mrs. Edna Tunnell and husband, Mrs. Tunnell is a sister of Mrs. Wohlfarth and Mrs. Lushinsky, and a daughter of Mrs. Moore.

A bit of hard luck befell Kenneth Wohlfarth Saturday morning. Along with a number of other small articles which he was packing was included a loaded gun. In handling and packing the instrument went off unexpectedly, resulting in injury to Kenneth's right hand and slight injury to his left. The charge from the gun caused some damage to the ceiling of the Wohlfarth apartment in the Coronado.

ATTENDS INSURANCE MEETING

Edgar S. Wescott, of Lincoln, advertising manager of the Bankers Life Insurance Co. of Nebraska, is at Plattsmouth, where he is attending a convention of the representatives of the larger insurance companies of the nation. Mr. Wescott made the trip from Lincoln to Plattsmouth by plane, leaving Lincoln at 11 in the morning and at 5 in the evening was at his destination in Plattsmouth.

VISIT IN THE CITY

Mr. and Mrs. William Schmidtman, Jr., had as their guests Sunday at their home, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hancock and daughter, Kay, of Tekamah, Nebraska. Mrs. Hancock and Mrs. Schmidtman were room mates during the time they were students at the University of Nebraska and the visit was very much enjoyed by all of the party.

LEAVES FOR NEW HOME

Mrs. J. H. McMaken has departed from this city where her lifetime has been spent, for Wymore, Nebraska, where she will make her home in the future with her daughter, Mrs. Gladys McMaken Taylor. It is with the greatest of regret that the friends part with Mrs. McMaken, who in the past years has been very active in the social life of the community and where her family has been among the most prominent in the city.

Alfred Gansemer Re-Elected Head Farm Committee

Officers Named for the County Agricultural Committee in Weeping Water Meeting.

From Monday's Daily— Alfred Gansemer of Murray, was re-elected chairman of the Cass County Agricultural Conservation committee during the annual convention of farm delegates held in Weeping Water, at 10:30 a. m.

Also elected to the committee which will have charge of farm program administration in this county were Martin Blum, of Ashland, vice-chairman; Evan H. Armstrong, of Greenwood, third member; John B. Kaffenberger of Plattsmouth, first alternate; and Oscar E. Domingo of Weeping Water, second alternate.

The committee named Aurel M. Cope of Greenwood, to serve as secretary-treasurer of the county Agricultural Conservation association.

Delegates who participated in the county convention were: Merritt F. Pollard, Walter J. O'Brien, George W. Brinklow, Henry E. Iske, James F. Mills, Bernard E. Grady, Robert S. Harris, Edwin Group, Oscar E. Domingo, Alvin A. McReynolds, Cash L. Wiles, Evan H. Armstrong, Martin Blum, Harry E. Arnold, Fred Muenchau, Ralph J. Lindsey, and Alfred Gansemer.

These delegates were elected in the various precincts earlier this month, and at the same time farmers voted for community committeemen. The community committees, under direction of the county committee, will supervise program activities in their respective precincts.

LOUISVILLE MAN INJURED

From Tuesday's Daily— This morning Glen Pankonin, 25, Louisville, was severely injured while engaged in working on a well at the farm home of J. C. Meisinger, west of this city. Mr. Pankonin is a member of one of the well known drilling firms of this section and was engaged with a brother and cousin in doing some work on the well at the time of the accident.

Glen was in the well when the rope holding the large and heavy bucket used to haul up dirt broke and was hurled back into the well and struck the young man on the head. He was severely wounded on the head and was extricated from the well by the brother and cousin and Mr. Meisinger. The injured man was taken in the Sattler ambulance to the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha for treatment as his injuries were very grave.

SECURES MAX BAER'S AUTOGRAPH IN OMAHA

Miss Florence Leamy, stenographer at the Norfolk Packing company, had the thrill of talking with Max and Buddy Baer in Omaha Sunday night. Miss Leamy and her sister were in the lobby of the Omaha theatre when the Baer brothers came out and Max, former world's heavyweight boxing champion, graciously gave them his autograph. It read, "Sincerely a Pal, Max Baer."

LEAVE FOR TEXAS

From Monday's Daily— This morning Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Mayfield departed from Louisville for the southwest where they are planning on spending the winter in Texas where they have been for the past few winters. They will locate in the Corpus Christi section of the state and enjoy the mild and delightful climate of the gulf country.

Woman's Club Holds Meeting at Soennichsen Home

Mrs. L. W. Egenberger, Mrs. Frank Eneal and Mrs. Roy Knorr Assistant Hostesses.

From Tuesday's Daily— Plattsmouth Woman's club members met last evening at the home of Miss Mathilda Soennichsen at 713 Walnut street. Guests of the women included two high school seniors, Misses Helen Blotzer and Phyllis Speck; Miss Pearl Staats and Mrs. Paul O'Brien.

Vice-President Mrs. John Woest presided at the meeting—Mrs. Frank Mullen being absent. The devotionals, taken from the 23rd Psalm, were given by Mrs. George Brinklow. One of the highlights of the business meeting was the distribution of the organization's year books.

Mrs. Frank Horsak served as chairman of the program, which included a number of vocal selections, readings, piano and accordion solos. Miss Wilma Swatek, well known dramatist, favored the group with the reading, "The Lunch Counter." Two vocal selections, "Trust in Him" and "Rockin' in the Wind," were given by Mrs. Samuel G. Schick. Mrs. J. A. Capwell served as her accompanist. John Soennichsen, nephew of the hostess, was heard in an accordion number, "Shubert's Serenade." Miss Catherine Brink was present and gave the reading, which she gave in participation of the 1929 declamatory contest at the high school—"Brotherly Love." Mrs. Capwell favored the group with a number of piano selections.

At the close of the meeting the hostesses served a luncheon. Harmonized colors were carried out in the decorations of the Soennichsen home.

Mrs. William Heinrich has been chosen as devotional chairman for the year 1939-40.

TRAFFIC DAY IN COURT

Monday Judge A. H. Duxbury was kept busy in hearing traffic cases in his court on charges preferred by the members of the state highway patrol for violations of the speed laws.

The case of the State of Nebraska vs. James L. Kirk was on trial Monday morning, the defendant being charged with reckless driving and to which he had entered a plea of not guilty. The defendant was charged with reckless driving on highway No. 34 by D. R. Church, member of the state patrol. The defendant entered a plea of not guilty to the charge and the case was tried to the court. The evidence of Patrolman Church was taken and for the defense, Mr. Kirk, Donald W. Jones and Ralph Brown. After hearing the evidence submitted, the court entered an order dismissing the action against the defendant, Kirk.

In the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Bernard Hathaway, the defendant made a plea of not guilty and the hearing of the case set for October 21st.

In the case of Theodore E. Hayden, also on a charge of reckless driving, the defendant made a plea of guilty and the court gave him a fine of \$10 and costs.

HARVEST HOME SERVICE

Sunday the First Methodist church observed their Harvest Home service and with a large number attending. Contributions of fruit and vegetables were offered in profusion and which later will be distributed to the Methodist hospital at Omaha and the Crowell Home for the aged at Blair.

DEATH OF BABE

Funeral services were held Sunday for the new born infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bethel of north of this city. The little one was born at the Kani hospital in Omaha but died shortly after birth. The interment was at the Oak Hill cemetery.

HAIR DRESSING SPECIALS

Permanents, \$1.50; Oil permanents \$2.50 and up. O. K. Beauty Shop, Phone 84.

ATTEND FIREMEN'S MEETING

From Tuesday's Daily— A group of the members of the Plattsmouth Volunteer fire department departed today for Kearney, Nebraska, where they will attend the state convention of the firemen which is to meet this week. A very fine program of real interest and value to the fire fighters has been prepared and will embrace many practical demonstrations of fire fighting methods and equipment. Among those who made the trip were Chief O. Sandin, Herb Schuetz, D. B. Ashbaugh, Robert Wurl, Carl Ofe.

Arrest Youthful Car Bandits for Theft of Buick

Group Also Alleged to Have Taken Car at Weeping Water—Plattsmouth Boy Escapes.

ALLIANCE, Neb., Oct. 17 (UP)— Sheriff Frank Steinacher of Geneva arrived today to take three Weeping Water brothers who allegedly stole an automobile Monday at Fairmont.

The three—Gerald Noell, 17, Harvey Noell, 15, and Harold Noell, 13—were arrested here after a chase by county and city officers. Two other boys, Wayne Kauble, 16, of Broken Bow and Kenneth Loveless, 14, of Plattsmouth escaped from officers.

Sheriff Steinacher said the boys Sunday night stole a car at Weeping Water, abandoning it at Fairmont when they took another machine. In telephone conversation this afternoon with the county attorney of Fillmore county at Geneva, Sheriff Joe Mraesk was informed that Kauble and Loveless also had been captured and held for the authorities at Alliance.

ODD FELLOWS AT LOUISVILLE

From Tuesday's Daily— A goodly number of the Plattsmouth Odd Fellows, O. O. F., visited the Louisville lodge until a late hour last evening. After regular business meeting the two lodges conferred degrees on eight applicants two of which were from Plattsmouth. Glenn Krueger and Durrell Phillips. Members of the lodge were D. S. Sumner, chaplain; Geo. Hall, treasurer; Fred Mumm, warden; Harry Krueger, secretary; Ordell Hennings, vice grand; John Bates, right supporter; to the noble grand and Joe J. Stibal, noble grand. Several members are going to participate in the state convention at Fremont this week.

HAS AUTOMOBILE STOLEN

From Monday's Daily— Last night the 1936 Ford V-8, belonging to Harold Taylor, was stolen at Weeping Water and as soon as the theft was discovered Sheriff Joe Mraesk was notified and at once had an alarm given for the car. It was reported late this morning that the Weeping Water car had been abandoned at Fairmont, the parties then stealing a 1929 Buick sedan at that place and from last reports were heading for the east. The state highway patrol was notified of the theft of the car and a general lookout for traces of the Buick ordered.

TO MAKE CHANGE IN SHOPS

From Monday's Daily— This morning Mrs. Gladys Inman Hall, who has been operating the Hotel Plattsmouth beauty shop, closed her connection with the establishment that she has conducted since coming here from Council Bluffs. Mrs. Hall is not, however, retiring from the work as a beautician, but expects in a short time to resume business in a new location and with all modern and strictly up to date equipment.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Roy Benedict, who has been at Omaha undergoing treatment and an operation, was so far recovered that she was able to return home Monday. She is still, however, far from well and will undergo further treatment.

Death Calls Mrs. Bethards on Sunday

Plattsmouth Lady Goes to Last Rest Last Evening Following a Long Period of Ill Health.

Following a long period of ill health, Mrs. Sarah Bethards, wife of Littleton Bethards, local shoe cobbler, passed to her last reward at the family home on Orchard Hill, which is situated in the west part of the city. Death came at 8:15 p. m. Sunday as the result of a cancer malady from which she has suffered for the past several months. The deceased had been bedfast since June.

Sarah Jane Hatfield, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Hatfield was born in Decatur county, Iowa on June 3, 1883 and passed away Sunday, October 15 at the age of fifty-six years. She was united in marriage to Littleton Bethards, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bethards of Pickwick county, Ohio, on July 2, 1902 at the Leon, Iowa court house, Justice of Peace Ed Beck performing the ceremony.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bethards located in Centerville, Iowa where the former was engaged as a cobbler for five years. Then the couple undertook the task of farming in Decatur county, Iowa and farmed for about five or six years, and following this period of farming Mr. Bethards' health became impaired and he was forced to return to his former vocation—that of shoe repairing. The Bethards family came to Plattsmouth on January 4, 1929 and have been numbered among the esteemed families of this community.

The deceased and her husband celebrated the passing of their thirty-seventh wedding anniversary this year. Beside the husband, Mrs. Bethards is survived by four sons, E. G. Bethards, Allerton, Iowa; R. D. Bethards, Des Moines; William Lloyd Bethards, Omaha; Kenneth of Plattsmouth one daughter, Mrs. Cecil Ramsey of Van Worth, Iowa also survives her passing.

The body was taken to the Horton funeral home on Oak street. Funeral arrangements have not as yet been completed pending the arrival of the members of the family.

SAILOR VISITS HOME PORT

Richard Rea, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred I. Rea of this city, is home to enjoy a week's stay with the home folks before returning to his duties in the navy.

Richard is in service with the United States navy and is a seaman on the U. S. Mississippi, one of the large battleships of the Pacific fleet and which has been made thoroughly up to date as one of the effective fighting ships. The fleet has its headquarters at San Pedro, the great Pacific coast naval station.

Richard has sought to get in touch with other Plattsmouth boys in the service on the west coast but so far has failed to meet any of these, many of whom were old schoolmates here in Plattsmouth.

The young sailor likes the service very much and feels that he has received a great benefit from the experience in the navy.

FOREMAN AT GLENWOOD

H. E. Tucker, who has been publishing the Tabor (Iowa) Beacon, last week became foreman of the Glenwood Opinion Tribune, succeeding Les Hubler, who has been there some ten years. Mr. Tucker is known here, being the husband of the former Fern Stivers, who graduated from Plattsmouth high school and worked for some time at the Pease Style Shop.

Coincident with the change, some new type is being installed and the machinery gone over. Elmer Webb, Journal employe, spent Sunday in Glenwood doing work on the linotype machine.

PARENTS OF FINE SON

Old friends will be pleased to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Forbes, Jr., are parents of a fine seven pound son, born to them at their home in Santa Monica, California, Friday, October 6th. The mother and little one are doing very nicely and the little one is the object of much admiration from the members of the family circle. Mrs. Forbes will be remembered as the former Grace Welch of this city.

Death of Former Union Resident at Bloomfield

John Clarence, Long Prominent Resident of Near Union Found Lifeless in Trailer Home.

John Clarence, 60, a resident of Union for many years, who has for the past fifteen years been residing at Bloomfield, in the north part of the state, was found dead last Thursday in the trailer home where he made his home. Mr. Clarence had been keeping house for himself since going to Bloomfield and had located his house near a service station, the employees of which, failing to see Mr. Clarence as usual, investigated and found the lifeless body.

Some thirty years ago Mr. Clarence was a figure in one of the sensational cases in the history of Cass county when John P. Thacker, also a resident of near Union, was killed in a quarrel on a farm north of Union. Mr. Clarence was charged with the crime and was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced but was later paroled.

There is surviving his passing a sister, Mrs. Edgar Fletcher, of Union, and a brother, Bert Clarence, residing in the north part of the state.

The funeral services were held at Bloomfield Sunday.

HEAR OF FLOOD CONTROL

The story of the government engineers' work to secure flood control of the waterways of the country was related Tuesday at the weekly luncheon of the local Rotary club. Lieutenant Whipple, of the office of the U. S. Engineers at Omaha was the guest speaker.

D. R. Thornton, local area engineer on the Missouri river improvement program, was in charge of the program and presented Lieutenant Whipple as the speaker.

Lieutenant Whipple gave a very thorough explanation of the work that is being carried out on the Missouri river and which will in the completion of the program be able to control unusual flood conditions that prevail in the various territories near the river. Already the waters are being lessened by the diversion into irrigation projects along the Platte and other streams and with the full operation of the Fort Peck dam it is expected that flood waters may be impounded at the headwaters of the Missouri and which will also serve to provide adequate water when needed in the low water seasons along the river.

Among the guests at the luncheon was Guy L. Clements, Elmwood attorney.

VERY SERIOUSLY ILL

Mrs. James Tigner, resident for many years near Murray and Union, is in very critical condition at this time at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha she was taken very ill Sunday with a sudden heart attack and hurried to the hospital. She has been in failing health for several years but the attack on Sunday was much more severe than any she has suffered heretofore.

MOTOR FROM CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mullen and Mrs. Lon Henry, of Los Angeles, California, are in the city to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mullen, their parents. They made the trip from the west coast by auto, leaving Los Angeles Friday night and rolling right along to reach here last evening. While here they will enjoy the opportunity of visiting with the many old time friends.

Plattsmouth Mason Honored by Fraternity

W. A. Robertson Named Knights Commander, Court of Honor, at Washington Consistory.

At the consistory of the grand council of the Scottish Rite Masons of the United States at Washington Tuesday, several Nebraskans were honored by advancement in the order and among those elevated to the thirty-third degree were Chief Justice Robert G. Simmons and Bishop George A. Beecher of Hastings, well



William A. Robertson

known in this section of the state, Bishop Beecher being formerly at the Trinity cathedral at Omaha.

Elected as Knights Commander, Court of Honor of KCCH, were a number of distinguished Nebraska Masons and among these William A. Robertson of this city, past grand master of the A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska and now Generalissimo of the grand commandery of the Knights Templar of Nebraska. Included in this group is Governor R. L. Cochran as a member of the Knights Commander, as well as Lute M. Savage, grand custodian of the A. F. & A. M. and Past Grand Masters Archie A. Smith, Pender; John R. Tapster, North Bend.

In the group elevated to the thirty-third degree is Chancellor A. Phillips of Cambridge, also a former Plattsmouth resident.

Frank C. Patton of Omaha, is grand inspector guard for Nebraska, and grand prior of the grand council of Scottish Rite Masons.

IOWA VISITORS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. "Jim" Serhagl of Mason City, Iowa, and Joseph Serhagl of Buffalo Center, Iowa arrived in Nebraska Friday and since that time have been visiting in this city and Omaha. In Plattsmouth they are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Janda and Mr. and Mrs. Julius Pitz and family as well as other friends.

Joseph Serhagl's wife, the former Miss Mary Vodicka who passed away Tuesday, July 4, was a niece of the Cyril Jandas, and a cousin of Mrs. Pitz.

In Omaha the Serhagls will be guests of the Charles, Tom, and Cyril Janda families. Before returning to Iowa they will visit with other friends and relatives in Omaha.

ACTIVE IN DRUM CORPS

Dr. G. L. Taylor, former resident of Murray and Plattsmouth, who also in his residence here was very active in promoting the junior Legion drum and bugle corps, is still active in that line of work at Kearney, his present home.

Dr. Taylor was one of those who started the local corps on its very successful career and the Kearney Legion post is fortunate in having him as one of the guiding spirits of the group. Dr. Taylor is the secretary-treasurer of the board of trustees which has charge of the corps.

SPEND SUNDAY HERE

Misses Frances Cloidt and Jean Knorr, students at the University of Nebraska, were here over the week end visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Cloidt and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Knorr.