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Win Honors, Cash, Acclaim at State Fair

Drum Corps and Drill Team, Second and First Place Winners in Vets Day Competition.

The name "Plattsmouth" was spread all over the front page of the opening day edition of "State Fair" for the year 1940 at Lincoln Sunday. Including the Junior drum corps members wearing their white sweat shirts printed with the Legion emblem and wording "Plattsmouth Junior Drum Corps" members of the high school girls' drill team, veterans and their families and just "visitors," it is estimated fully 200 from here passed through the gates, along with several hundred others from all over the county.

Veterans' day program this year was the best ever and much credit is due General Chairman Nate Grossman and his assistants.

By noon parking places on the grounds were getting scarce. Basket dinners were pretty much the order of the day, although many patronized the eating houses on the grounds.

The parade formed about 12:30, and contained a lot of musical organizations. Lincoln reports say there were 12,000 people in the grandstand for the afternoon program, and two-thirds that number for the evening drum corps and drill team contests.

Plattsmouth post colors were followed by the twenty-five high school girls comprising the drill team, led by Shirley Walling and behind them came the Plattsmouth Legion Junior drum corps, wearing their gold colored helmets.

The parade this year was unusually long, covering some five blocks outside the enclosure and entirely around the half mile track. Heretofore, the parade units have formed just outside the quarter stretch entrance gate and fallen out or into route east at the east end of the track, but this year's parade was too long for that.

After the parade came a speaking program, with Governor R. L. Cochran, Harry W. Colmery, a past national Legion commander, and half a dozen others, including the newly elected state Legion commander, Walter F. Roberts, of Wahoo, being heard over the loudspeakers.

After the program, auto races and a thrilling aerial act.

Evening Competition
More drum corps were entered in the evening competition than at any previous fair or state Legion convention. In the draw for place, Plattsmouth was sixth of nine. Holdrege's near senior corps, first place winners at the Norfolk Legion convention were second on the field.

Marching with a precision that won applause from the large crowd, the Plattsmouth junior corps came within four points of the state champion valve-bugle blowing corps from Holdrege. Most of the four point differential was on music—a handicap that will remain with our corps until the present bugles are discarded and the bugle section equipped with and taught to play valve bugles in the same efficient manner they play the present ones.

West Point corps was there, but a decidedly less pompous outfit than a few years ago and failed to place among the top three corps, the third place going to Beatrice Sons of the Legion—all children of ex-service men. Time was when West Point just about stole the show, with their strutting twin majorettes, but they have slipped badly in the last couple of years.

This is the third consecutive year the Plattsmouth corps has rated second at the state fair.

And then, to further keep Plattsmouth before the crowds, the high school girls' drill team was entered in that competition and earned round after round of applause with their nicely executed formation and baton twirling. They competed against a similar Lincoln drill team, and won the judge's decision for first place. Drill team competition was added this year for the first time, as a number of Legion posts and Auxiliary units over the state are sponsoring drill teams among high school girls and Junior Auxiliary girls.

Besides prorated expense money, additional cash prizes go to the win-

ning organizations, \$50 to the drum corps and \$15 to the drill team.

With a first on drill team, second on drum corps and numerous announcements about our King Korn Carnival, we repeat, the name "Plattsmouth" was well publicized on fair opening day.

Those who took drum corps or drill team members or just "went," enjoyed the day immensely and found many fine exhibits, together with entertainment of all kinds.

Packing Plant Sets New Record in Corn Pack

Saturday Recorded 220,000 Cans of Corn Made Ready for Market—\$4,000 Weekly Payroll

The Norfolk Packing Co., of this city in the midst of the best sweet corn crop since the first year the plant was located here, is setting a fast pace in the canning of the corn and placing it on the market.

Saturday set a new record for the company in its production work, 220,000 cans of the sweet corn being recorded as the work day closed, surpassing any previous one-day result.

The corn also has brought employment to a great many of the young and older people of the community, the veteran employes of the plant being supplemented by a large number of workers for the busy rush of the packing season.

This year there has been a strong run on all of the lines of the production, the "dry line" in the winter and early spring keeping the regular force at the plant busy while later came the rush of spinach, tomatoes and now the corn pack.

The payroll of the plant for the week ending last Saturday was almost \$4,000 paid out to the workers.

FUNERAL OF CECIL SCHAAL

Funeral services for Cecil Schaal were held Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 at the chapel of the Horton funeral home at Seventh and Oak streets, a very large number being in attendance at the services.

The chapel was filled to its capacity and many stood on the lawn of the funeral home, it being estimated that 300 were in attendance at the service.

The body had arrived Sunday from Oakland, California, where the young man had died last week and has been lying in state since that time.

The wife, Mrs. Geraldine Schaal, son, Merle, the mother, Mrs. C. F. Zimmerman, his father-in-law, Virgil Sudduth, an aunt, Mrs. Opal Wise, accompanied the body back home.

Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, conducted the services and brought a message of comfort to the bereaved members of the family and friends.

Frank A. Cloidt gave two vocal numbers, "Face to Face" and "Some-time We'll Understand" during the services, the accompaniment being by Mrs. H. F. Goss.

At the close of the services here the body was taken to Weeping Water for the interment at that place.

WILL SELL BONDS

The board of education will meet on Friday evening at the high school building, the purpose of the meeting being for the sale of bonds in the sum of \$35,000 for a new grade school building.

The bonds will be disposed of to the firm making the best bid for the bonds, which are serial, \$4,000 maturing on July 1, 1942 and \$3,000 each year for five years and \$4,000 each year for the next five years.

VISIT RELATIVES HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Horn with Mr. and Mrs. John Horn, all of near Creighton, were here Tuesday to visit at the home of Henry Horn and daughter, Miss Helen, and with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Becker and family.

The Creighton party stopped at Omaha where they visited with George P. Horn, brother of Jacob, Henry and Mrs. Becker, who has been ill for some time. The visitors departed this morning for their home.

Cleda Marie Koukal Wedded Last Saturday

Nuptial Mass Unites Plattsmouth Girl and Former Louisville Man at St. John's Church

Before an altar decorated with the early fall flowers and lighted candles, Miss Cleda Marie Koukal, daughter of Mrs. Ruth Koukal and the late John A. Koukal, was united in marriage to Mr. Warren Francis Wheeler, son of Eugene Wheeler and the late Mrs. Ethel Wheeler, Louisville, Saturday morning at 7:30 at the St. John Baptist church. In the presence of a number of friends and relatives, Monsignor George Agius performed the ceremony.

The couple was attended by Mr. and Mrs. C. Walter Sikora.

During the nuptial mass John J. Cloidt sang "Ave Maria," and "On This Day, Oh Beautiful Mother," Mrs. Cloidt presided at the organ.

The bride was attired in an attractive beige-colored suit with wine accessories. She carried a bridal bouquet of astors and snapdragons. Her attendant, Mrs. Sikora, wore a soldier-blue dress with black accessories to match. Her bouquet matched that of the bride's.

The groom and his best man wore the conventional dark suits and wore boutonnières matching that of their attendants.

Following the ceremony the bridal party and a few relatives and close friends enjoyed a delightful breakfast in the dining room of the Plattsmouth Hotel. The table was decorated with floral bouquets and the centerpiece contained a wedding cake. After receiving congratulations and best wishes from relatives and numerous friends, Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler departed by motor for a short wedding trip to the western part of the state.

Out-of-town guests at the wedding included Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brock, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Phebus, Creston, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marquardt, Avoca, Nebraska; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar H. Cedarholm, Eugene Wheeler and sons, Jim and Harold, Louisville, Nebraska; and Francis Hetherington, Lincoln Nebraska.

Mrs. Wheeler was born and reared in Plattsmouth and received her education here. She attended the St. John's Parochial school here and her high school training was received here, she having graduated in 1935. At that time she was a popular member of the younger set. During the past year the bride has been employed in Omaha.

Mr. Wheeler, a former resident of Louisville, is numbered among the graduates in the Class of 1935 at the Louisville High school. Mr. Wheeler is employed in Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler plan to reside in Plattsmouth for the present.

TO LEAVE FOR CALIFORNIA

Lieutenant Edwin Kalina, who has just recently returned with the 17th infantry with the maneuvers in northern Minnesota, was here for a visit over Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Kalina. The maneuvers made strenuous work for the officers and men as they worked out problems in actual warfare.

Lieutenant Kalina is to leave in a short time for Camp Ord, California, where the 17th infantry will have their post in the future, leaving the familiar home base scene at Fort Crook, after a long term of assignment there. The 17th came to Fort Crook from the south shortly after the close of the world war and has been stationed there ever since.

A large number of the enlisted men and quite a few of the officers are citizens of the mid-west, several being from this immediate locality.

RETURN TO DAKOTA

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kell and Ervin Mineki, of Huron, South Dakota, who were here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Seybert and with other relatives in this part of Cass county, have returned home. Mr. Kell is a nephew of Mrs. Seybert.

WALLACE AT WEeping WATER

OMAHA, Sept. 4 (UP)—Democratic Vice-Presidential Nominee Henry A. Wallace will spend next Monday and Tuesday in Nebraska talking to farmers and small businessmen. Chairman William Schall, of the state committee, announced today.

Wallace's itinerary: Monday—Weeping Water, Tecumseh, Fairbury, Superior, Blue Hill, and Hastings. Tuesday—St. Paul, Central City, Schuyler, and Fremont.

Weeping Water was selected as the place for the first speech in order that the former secretary of agriculture can answer arguments of the 1938 Corn Belt Liberty League which started there, Schall said.

Monday Marks Opening Day of City Schools

Despite Holiday, Children Respond to Call for Start of the New School Year Here.

The school bells rang Monday morning for the opening of the public schools of the city. Despite the fact that of the Labor day holiday, practically all of the students were on hand ready for their initial work assignments.

Several new teachers were noted in the high school especially, meeting for the first time the students with whom they will work the coming year.

Superintendent L. S. Devoe was at his desk early in the morning to assist the parents in getting their children assigned and looking after the new group of children making their initial step into school life.

The athletic and music departments will at once start their activities. Mr. Flora with his band group and Coach Hoffman with the football squad making their first start at getting ready for the coming season.

Junior Chamber to Have Part in Korn Carnival

Live Wire Boosters Will Take Part in Organizing the Mardi Gras Parade for Carnival.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday noon at the Hotel Plattsmouth to take up a number of matters of importance, among them, that of the Chamber participation in the King Korn Carnival.

The members of the Junior C. of C. are taking a large part in the handling of a number of the features, among them that of the Mardi Gras parade and dance to be held one night of the carnival. There has been a very strong demand for a night parade and it is hoped with the active backing of the business and professional groups that it can be made an outstanding event. The group will contact the residents and business people to see their reaction.

RETURN FROM VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Jess N. Elliott returned Sunday from a pleasant outing in Missouri. They were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Preveitt, the latter a daughter of Mrs. Elliott, enjoying the stay with the family very much. Mr. Elliott reports the crops in Missouri looking very fine.

NAMED ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Rev. F. C. Weber of Murdock has been elected president of the Cass County Church Fellowship association. Rev. John L. Kemp, Weeping Water, is vice president, Rev. W. D. Lenker, Weeping Water, is secretary-treasurer.

Teachers of County Attend Institute Here

Institute Staged at Court House Here Saturday with County Superintendent in Charge.

The annual Cass County Teachers' institute was held on Saturday at the district court room with County Superintendent Lora Lloyd Kieck in charge.

There were seventy-three of the rural teachers of the county registered for the meeting and a great deal of interest was shown in the fine program that had been prepared for the instruction of the teachers. The discussion of training courses and problems afforded a very timely field for the well selected speakers.

The group was welcomed by Mrs. Kieck, and then came the interesting program.

Mrs. E. H. Wescott opened the program with musical selections. "Better Writing" was discussed by J. A. Savage, supervisor of writing in the Omaha public schools. Then came an address by Dr. W. H. Thompson of the Omaha University.

"Community Relations" was discussed by Dr. L. O. Taylor of the Omaha University, and "Child Welfare in Cass County" by Miss Frances Lomax, director of child welfare in Cass county.

In addition to the addresses of the morning session, Mrs. P. T. Heine-man gave a fine talk on "Nebraska Birds," Mrs. Ray Norris on "Red Cross" and Henry Davis on "First Aid."

JUNIOR PARADE AT CO. FAIR

A new feature for the parade on the final day of the Cass county fair will be the Junior Section open to any child living in Cass county and under the age of fifteen years. No written entry is necessary and cash prizes will be awarded in each of the four divisions of this section which will lead the parade.

Your child may enter in either: (1) Decorated bicycle with the rider preferably in costume; (2) Decorated doll buggy; (3) Miniature float mounted on a coaster wagon; or (4) Any character from a story or nursery rhyme.

Those participating will meet in front of Binger's lumber yard fifteen minutes before the time scheduled for the parade. To number the contestants and have charge of this event will be Mrs. H. D. Bowers and Mrs. R. P. Hobson of Weeping Water and they will be glad to answer any questions regarding this section.

The first prize in each division will be one dollar, the second seventy-five cents, and the third fifty cents.

As the entire theme will be patriotism it is urged that this be made the dominant factor. Let this new portion of the big parade be a success and let your child compete for one of the twelve cash prizes being awarded.

GRAVES FAMILY REUNION

The Graves family reunion was held this year at the pleasant community park at Bellevue, honoring the Sarpy county members of this pioneer family of the west.

The park provided a fine setting for the reunion and the day was spent in visiting and enjoying the picnic dinners that the ladies had provided for the happy event.

From Plattsmouth and Cass county were Judge C. L. Graves, the last of the children of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Graves, founders of the family here, J. H. Graves, Mrs. Anna Graves and son, Perry Graves, Walter Byers, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Royal of Lincoln.

VISITING HOME FOLKS

Miss Beatrice Seybert, of Chicago, is here to spend a short time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Seybert and her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Seiver.

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TO TEACH IN NORTH PLATTE

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Giles and daughters, Eleanor and Lois, motored to North Platte Sunday, taking Miss Lois to that city, where she starts her teaching work in the junior high school home economics department. Miss Giles taught last year in the O'Neill high school and was re-elected to that school this spring, but had opportunity later of entering the larger school system at North Platte and accepted.

This is a fine recognition of the teaching ability of this talented young teacher, who has made such a splendid record in her university and teaching work.

Annual Football Roundup Starts at High School

Coach Hoffman Starts First Workouts and Trials for Team for the Coming Year.

High school footballers fresh from the summer vacations heeded the call of the wild Monday and Tuesday afternoon to gather at Athletic park for the first workouts.

The team will have a number of veterans around which Coach Hoffman will build his team this year, a great deal of very promising material being on hand to start the season. With the first game of the season only a week away the coach will give the players a strenuous workout.

In the tryouts Tuesday evening Corbin Davis and Charles Kozak were at ends. Bill Gayer and Malden Powell as tackles, Tom Gradoville and Don Martin as the guards, Leroy Bashus and Bill Cloidt at the center post. The left of the line comprised Leonard Sikora and Chas. Grosshands at the ends, Don McBride and Grover Parriott at tackles, Martin and Gerald Petet at left guard, Martin and Larson were tried at quarterback during the first practices.

In the backfield candidates are Harry Shiffer, Kenneth White, Joe Noble, Jerry White, Jim Yelick, hard hitting back of last year. In the younger players Grosshans, Tom Doody, Larson, Rhoden and Dick Noble, Jerry Bennett offer much promise.

WOMEN'S CHORUS AT FAIR

A concert by a choir of farm women from eleven counties drew several hundred persons to the 4-H club building at the Nebraska State Fair at Lincoln Sunday. Counties represented were Cass, Cuming, Fillmore, Garfield, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Richardson, Seward, Thayer, and Madison.

The Cass County Women's Chorus represented Cass county at the fair. Out of the eleven groups, Cass county's group had the rare privilege of broadcasting over Radio Station W. O. W. between 3 and 3:30 p. m. Sunday. Under the excellent leadership of Mrs. J. Russell Reeder, the chorus sang the solo number "A Merry Heart."

Members of the chorus will sing at Nehawka Wednesday, and will again be heard at the Cass County Fair at Weeping Water Friday, September 13.

MRS. GUTHMANN BETTER

Mrs. F. R. Guthmann, who was very ill recently, is now much improved and able to be around. Mrs. Guthmann was a sufferer from a severe attack of pneumonia, and friends will be glad to hear she is improving.

MRS. HALMES IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. John Halmes is in the St. Catherine's hospital, where she underwent a major operation Sunday morning. Although still very weak, hospital attendants reported her condition as good.

IN OMAHA HOSPITAL

Mrs. Ed Stava entered the St. Catherine's hospital, Omaha Monday, where she is undergoing medical treatment.

Knights of Columbus Hold Installation

District Deputy Charles McDonald of Omaha Serves as Installing Officer—Hear Fine Lecture.

From Wednesday's Daily
Last evening Monsignor M. A. Shine council of the Knights of Columbus held their installation of officers at the lodge rooms in the Eagles building, a very pleasing number being present to participate in the ceremonies.

The officers were named in June but owing to the summer vacation the installation had been put off until the opening of the fall season.

Charles McDonald, of Omaha, district deputy, served as the installing officer, the following being inducted into office.

Chaplain—Rev. Joseph R. Sinkula. Grand Knight—Walter H. Smith. Deputy Grand Knight—James J. Holy.

Chancellor—Theodore Svoboda. Recording Secretary—John J. Cloidt.

Financial Secretary—W. H. Woolcott.

Treasurer—W. A. Swatek. Lecturer—Frank A. Neugebauer. Warden—Theodore Ptak. Advocate—Louis Svoboda. Trustee—John M. Meisinger.

Inside Guard—E. H. Gradoville. Outside Guard—John L. Hadraba.

Following the installation the members had a very fine address by the Rev. Paschang, pastor of the Holy Cross church of Omaha, state chaplain. The speaker discussed the work of the Knights of Columbus as American citizens, as loyal members of their church and their position in the troubled world of today.

The local council also plans a campaign for membership to build up the organization to its proper strength.

TO ELECT AAA PRECINCT CHAIRMAN, DELEGATES

To Owners and Operators of Farm Land in Cass County:

On Monday, September 9, at 8:00 p. m., meetings will be held in the different rural precincts for the purpose of electing AAA precinct committees for 1941 and delegates to the county convention. The AAA farm program is so constituted that all farmers have a voice in choosing from their own number the men who will administer the program in the precinct and in the county.

Following is the schedule of the different meeting places. All will be eligible to vote in the precinct in which they own or operate farm land in 1941.

Avoca precinct, Sunny Hill school, Dist. 94;

Center precinct, Manley school, at Manley;

East Rock Bluff precinct, at East Rock Bluff school;

Eight Mile Grove, Cedar Creek school house;

Elmwood precinct, Murdock Consolidated school.

Greenwood, Jordan's hall, Alvo;

Liberty precinct, Banning hall at Union;

Louisville precinct, at Oak Grove school;

Mount Pleasant precinct, Philpot school;

Nehawka precinct, Nehawka high school.

Plattsmouth precinct, Mynard community building;

Salt Creek precinct, at Greenwood high school;

South Bend precinct, at Fairland school, Dist. 34;

Stove Creek precinct, at G. A. R. hall, Elmwood.

Tipton precinct, at Eagle school house.

Weeping Water precinct, County ACP office, Weeping Water;

West Rock Bluff precinct, Murray school building.

JAMES COMSTOCK HOME

Mr. and Mrs. James Comstock of this city have the pleasure of having with them Sunday their son, James, of Barberton, Ohio. James is now employed by the Babcock & Wilcox Co., at Barberton, one of the large plants of its kind in the east, following his professional work as engineer. He is very much pleased with the situation and with his work.