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## \$10,000,000 Plane Plant To Be Erected at Fort Crook North of This City

### Estimate that Plant will Employ 20,000 Persons When in Operation—Construction May be Started within Thirty Days

## WILL BE BOON TO THIS PART OF WEST

### Located Along Main Highway within Easy Access of Both Railway and River Transportation, New Bomber Assembly Plant to Produce 1,200 Year

Plans virtually are completed for the construction of four aircraft assembly plants—including one at Fort Crook, a few miles north of Plattsmouth—to turn out 12,000 bombers from parts manufactured by the automobile industry.

Officials estimated that the \$10,000,000 light bomber assembly plant at Fort Crook may bring employment to 20,000 persons. The plant will be operated by the Glenn L. Martin Co., of Baltimore.

It was believed construction work would start within a month or so. The plant reportedly will cover between 100 and 200 acres, thereby necessitating additional land to that now available on the Fort Crook military reservation. For testing the bombers, it was said an airfield with runways 5,000 feet long would be needed.

The plant, when completed, will be the largest in the Omaha territory, with the exception of the railroads. It was pointed out that the Armour and company meat packing plant has a \$10,000,000 plant and employs about 2,300 persons. Washington reports said the bomber plant probably will employ 10 or 12 thousand persons on its main shift and might run three shifts.

Kansas City, Mo., like Omaha, has been selected as one of the sites of the two plants already agreed upon by national defense officials. The war department soon will announce location of the others, both of which will be located in the middle west.

Authoritative quarters said the four plants would have a capacity of 400 planes monthly, a production rate that would require two and a half years to complete the 12,000-plane program.

The production of bombers, both heavy and medium, was described as "perhaps the greatest need" in the nation's rearmament drive. From a military standpoint, it was said, the output of bombers is becoming "increasingly acute" in view of pressure by the British for more bombers for retaliation raids against Germany.

The Omaha and Kansas City plants, which will be devoted to assembling medium bombers, each are expected to turn out 100 planes monthly. They will go both to the United States and England. The Kansas City plant will be operated by the North American Aviation corporation.

It was estimated the other two plants, to assemble heavy bombers, would cost more than \$10,000,000 each.

Officials at Washington said the war department has funds available to construct the assembly plants but that appropriations might be sought at the new session of congress to defray costs of the plants.

The world's fastest bombing planes—the newly-designed B-26 models—probably will be built at the proposed ten million dollar bombing factory, it was believed today.

The planes are an exclusive model, recently proved by the Glenn L. Martin company, which will operate the plant. The planes are streamlined medium bombers of semi-high wing design with tricycle landing gear. Weight of the bombers is approximately 15 tons and each ship carries a crew of five.

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## Plane Plant Big Boost to Central West

### This Section Should Derive Much Benefit from United States Defense Plane Factories

The announcement from Washington that the plans for the erection of assembling and bombing plane plants in this part of the west had been approved brought a great deal of pleasure to the residents of this territory.

The location of the plants here in the heart of the nation is a move to safeguard the national defense against possible attacks from invaders by placing the resources of the fighting forces in the part of the nation where they will be safe from attack.

Here in the Fort Crook area where one of the plants is to be located is every facility for transportation, good living conditions and excellent labor supply. Six miles from Plattsmouth the plant would have the advantages of a suburban home for the employees with the best and most healthful surroundings and free from many of the dangers that are to be found in the congested areas of the east and west coasts. Near the army post it will have the advantage of military service if needed and as well its nearness to the city of Omaha offers many advantages of labor facilities.

Local civic organizations should in every way co-operate with the government and war department in getting the plant established and giving all aid to see that it is one of the best in the nation.

The industries committee of the Chamber of Commerce feels well pleased with the announcement of the location of the plant in this vicinity as through Chairman A. L. Tidd they have had considerable correspondence in the matter. On May 29th the local committee had written to Mr. Glenn Martin, of Baltimore, whose company will be in charge of the operation of the plant, giving at that time facts as to the advantages of this territory. In reply it was stated that should the government decide to locate plants in the west, this locality would receive full consideration.

Chairman Tidd and the committee on June 6th took up the matter with Senator George W. Norris and explained the fact of the correspondence and data given the manufacturing plant.

## VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE

Pete Robert Lancaster, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Lancaster of this city, has volunteered in the United States land service by appearing at the local selective service board. Mr. Lancaster was one of the young men registered here in the selective service and now voluntarily offers his service to his country rather than await his drafting. His number was 930 V.

## ATTEND GRAND CHAPTER

Henry F. Nolting and Lester W. Meisinger, past high priests of Nebraska Chapter No. 3, R.A.M., were in Omaha Wednesday evening. They attended the grand chapter meeting and banquet.

## Football Squad is Honored by Civic Banquet

### Large Representation of the Men of Community Present to Pay Tribute to Fighting Team

From Saturday's Daffy—Last evening at the American Legion auditorium, the members of the 1940 football squad of the Plattsmouth high school were honored guests at a banquet sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. The event brought together 165 of the men and boys of the community in a well deserved recognition of a hard-fighting and hard-working bunch of boys and young men.

The hall was arranged with touches of the red, white and blue, the tables featuring cut out footballs and the theme was also followed in the menu cards.

Floral decorations were donated by Henry Jasper, local florist. The banquet was prepared by the ladies of the Catholic Daughters of America, the serving being by the younger members of the organization.

The menu comprised: Fruit Juice Cocktail, Virginia Baked Ham, Individual Cat Fish, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Whole Kernel Corn, Buttered Rolls, Spiced Pears - Cole Slaw, Jelly - Pickles, Apple Pie - Coffee.

The program was presided over very happily by Vernon Waterman of the high school faculty, making the presentation of the various participants most entertainingly.

Ordell Hennings, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, was introduced and extended the welcome to the football squad and the men of the community. He expressed the feeling of appreciation of the Chamber for the co-operation of the public.

An unexpected trophy was awarded the team when Thornton Baker on behalf of the Black & White grocery, made presentation of a football made of meat which was handed to Captain Joe Noble, and will serve as a treat at a lunch of the senior football gang later.

Coach Elton A. Hoffman told of the fine work of the squad the past year, their determination, courage and ability to get in and fight when the going was the hardest. He expressed his pleasure at working with the players and to the seniors expressed warm appreciation, to the boys that remain, his hopes of another fighting and battling team for the 1941 season. He also praised his assistants, Dow Armstrong and Glenn Fosnot.

Captain Joe Noble expressed the appreciation of the team for the banquet, the support of the public in the past season, the fine fellowship of the squad, the common desire to do their very best for the team and school.

Departing from the list of responses was the two very charmingly given numbers by the high school girls' sextette composed of Gertrude Cloidt, Jaunita Sigler, Maxine Graves, Wilma Nolte, Willa Sylvestre and Dorothea Duxbury. The girls are among the features of the music department of the school of which Leland Flora is the director. Thelma Kruger was the accompanist.

Dale Bowman, a member of the alumni of the high school and a former football player, told of the plans made by Ernest Schubeck and himself for the formation of an alumni and former letterman club of Plattsmouth, they finding a fine response from the former grads here and at other points. The first activity of the association was the presentation of a trophy to the player voted the most valuable by the members. The award was based on that of sportsmanship both on and off the field and the general service to the school and team members. This was awarded by a large vote to Joe Noble, retiring football captain.

Captain Noble in his response stated that no one could fail to be very happy at receiving the trophy, but in his opinion there were no outstanding players this year, but

eleven hard-fighting football boys.

The last speaker of the evening was "Link" Lyman of the coaching department of the University of Nebraska. Mr. Lyman complimented the team for a great record this year that had brought them into the East Central Six leadership. He spoke of a number of other meetings over the state where he had contacted championship teams. The talk of Mr. Lyman was most interesting as he told of incidents and games of his long service on the Cornhusker team, the professional football and the coaching department of the University of Nebraska. He praised the excellent work of Coach Elton Hoffman, his untiring work with the boys of the squad, his love of the coaching and training of boys that had been so evidenced in the confidence of the team. The remarks of Mr. Lyman that Plattsmouth had never had a better or more devoted and hard working coach, brought a great response from the audience.

Following the program Mr. Lyman presented the pictures of the Iowa State-Nebraska game at Lincoln, showing the type of play that had given Iowa a lead in the first half and the ripping offensive of the Cornhuskers in the last half of the struggle. A part of the Oklahoma game was also shown. The pictures were enthusiastically received by the fans who remained until the last recorded play was shown. Mr. Lyman explained the plays as the pictures were revealed.

## Basketball Schedule for the Season Released

### Sixteen Games Secured for the Blue Devils, Which Includes Several New Teams.

The basketball schedule for the 1940-41 season has been released by the athletic department of the school and shows sixteen games face the local team, carrying them up to the district and state tournament time.

This season for the first time in a number of years, North of Omaha will be on the schedule on a home and home booking. South High, Tech of Omaha, Beatrice and Havelock are also larger school teams that have been signed.

The Glenwood and Nebraska City games will be continued this year as these teams are the oldest foes of the locals.

The schedule is as follows: Dec. 10—North (Omaha) here. Dec. 17—Tech (Omaha) there. Dec. 19—South (Omaha) there. Jan. 7—Valley here. Jan. 10—Glenwood (Iowa) there. Jan. 17—Nebraska City there. Jan. 23—Beatrice here. Jan. 25—College View, there. Jan. 28—Glenwood (Iowa) here. Feb. 1—Havelock there. Feb. 4—Ashland here. Feb. 13—Tech (Omaha) here. Feb. 18—Nebraska City here. Feb. 21—Wahoo there. Feb. 28—Bethany there. Date (tentative)—North (Omaha) there.

## FEW ATTEND CONVENTION

The convention of the twelfth district of the department of Nebraska, American Legion was held Thursday at Seward, a small delegation attending from this part of the district.

Plattsmouth post had four Legion members and two of the auxiliary at the convention while Union and Nehawka also had representatives, the only three posts from the county to be present.

In supporting the candidacy of H. L. Gayer for the district commandery, the Cass county members had fine support from the Nebraska City and Syracuse posts, but the Lincoln post, the largest in the district, supported Paul Beck, the Seward candidate who was named.

The local people report a very interesting time and program prepared by the Seward post. The distance kept many from this section attending the banquet and evening social features.

## LOST OR STRAYED

Fox hound, tan and white. Lost about 10 days ago. See Henry G. Klinger. d7-3td-1tw

## 'Little People' Ones Who Pay War's Burden

### Terror, Pain, Starvation for These Victims . . . and Heroes of the New World Conflict.

Onto the shoulders of the "little people" falls the full burden of terror, pain and starvation in this new war. Most strikingly does Paramount's "World in Flames" depict three historic meetings as it covers the events of the last decade. Actual pictures taken by newsreel men feature the sequences. The first "Peace Forever" runs back to 1929 when U. S. Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg received the Nobel peace prize for his part in the Briand-Kellogg pact with fifteen world powers promising to refrain from war forever. Japan proved the pact worthless two years later with armed invasion of Manchukuo.

Second in the sequence, "Peace in Our Time," in 1938, Manchukuo, Ethiopia, Austria is gone. Spain is falling. Czechoslovakia is threatened. Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain flies to Berchtesgarden to meet Hitler and returns with a paper promising "peace in our time." Actually, Europe had won a short truce at the price of Czechoslovakia.

Third episode, "No More Peace," is staged in 1940. With Mussolini and Count Ciano looking on, Hitler explains German war aims to Goering, Himmler and Hess. Poland is crushed and the Third Reich now wages open war against the democracies.

These three historic meetings are incidents in the swift transit from peace to war, accurately pictured in this stirring feature, "World in Flames."

The contrast is even more striking in the picture showing Chamberlain holding aloft his copy of the famous Munich Pact and the picture of English Tommies lying face downward on the beach at Dunkirk who had found another sort of peace in less than two years. And in another, showing Teutonic troops entering Paris, while leaving, on the outskirts of the city, a wagon load of huddled and silent children is headed for—destination unknown. Yes, it is the "little people" who bear the burden of this modern day warfare.

Great men, grim events, dictators, princes, potentates, generals—and those same "little people"—are the actors in the great drama that required eleven years of our times to make; that was photographed by the staff of more than 200 Paramount newsreel photographers from their strategic spots all over the world, and then assembled from more than 10,000,000 feet of living history.

When men undertake to show in a short hour the twisted path from the Kellogg-Briand Pact that promised world peace to the flaming horror of the world at war in 1940, they must have the material to back up their story. And these Paramount newsreel men certainly have it.

It is the story of how world depression fattered the drive to dictatorships; how dictators thrived on the world's weakened democracy; and finally, how the revitalized tide of democratic faith has begun to fight back.

It is a picture that everyone should see to appreciate our own country and the liberties we enjoy, and while the Journal seldom advises its readers to see any picture, we can say this one "will scour your soul of the last vestiges of indifference." It is being shown at the Cass Wednesday and Thursday nights.

## LEARN OF DAUGHTER'S ILLNESS

From Thursday's Daffy—Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Kalina departed Tuesday night for Bingen, Washington, in response to a message as to the illness of their daughter, Mrs. Newell Pollard. Mrs. Pollard was taken with an acute attack of appendicitis on Monday and hurried to a hospital at Hood River, Oregon, where an immediate operation was performed. The condition of the patient was reported as serious but not critical at the last word from Hood River. The parents will reach her bedside tonight or Friday.

## WORKING IN EAST

The many friends and relatives of Vincent O. Kelley will be pleased to learn that he is now employed in Hasbrouck Heights (Bergen county) New Jersey. Mr. Kelley, who helped organize the local Junior Chamber of Commerce and served as its first president, is employed in an airplane factory which is assisting in national defense. Although he is working in New Jersey, Mr. Kelley expects to be transferred to Philadelphia, Pa. It is to Pennsylvania that Mrs. Kelley and little daughter, Karan Kay plan to go the forepart of next year.

## Rebekahs Hold Election of Officers

### Miss Mildred Hall Is Noble Grand—Installation Will Be Held at a Later Date.

Thursday evening Aud of Promise lodge No. 40, of the Rebekahs, met at the lodge rooms in the I.O.O.F. building to hold their annual election of officers, a very fine attendance of the members being in attendance.

The Plattsmouth lodge is one of the oldest in the state and was organized in the early eighties, serving during the ensuing years as one of the strong fraternal groups of the city.

The election of officers resulted in the following being named: Noble Grand—Miss Mildred Hall. Vice Grand—Mrs. W. H. Ofe. Secretary—Miss Marie E. Kaufmann. Treasurer—Mrs. Gilbert Storm.

Miss Kaufmann has an outstanding record as a member of the order in the local organization as well as in the state. She has served for twenty-five years as the secretary, making a fine record of efficiency in this important lodge post.

The other officers of the lodge will be appointed by the newly-elected noble grand and all will be installed later by June Kyles, of Greenwood, district deputy president.

The lodge members were pleased to have with them last evening Mrs. Lydia Davis, of Indianola, Iowa, a member here, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. S. Briggs.

## CHRISTIAN LADIES ELECT

Ladies' Aid society members of the First Christian church met Wednesday and carried out the organization's annual business—election of officers. Three of the ladies were re-elected to their respective posts. Mrs. E. G. Ofe will head the society for the coming year and will be assisted by Mrs. L. D. McKinney, vice-president; Mrs. J. R. Stine secretary; and Mrs. Chester Minniear, treasurer. Mrs. Minniear begins her third year as treasurer of the society. The newly-elected officer is Mrs. Stine. In addition to the election of officers, reports were submitted and the ladies learned that they have sufficient funds on hand with which to meet all of the present indebtedness. Members of this society were able to finance all of the work necessary in the improvement of the kitchen.

## HAS MOUTH OPERATION

Ralph Timm, who was very severely injured in May in an auto accident, was operated on at Omaha Wednesday to correct an injury that he had suffered in the wreck affecting the roof of the mouth. The operation required several stitches and was a trying ordeal for the patient. It is hoped that this will eliminate any need of future treatments.

## LEAVES FOR WEST COAST

Henry Sander, veteran driver of the mail truck from the postoffice to the Burlington and Missouri Pacific stations, departed Wednesday for the west coast where he plans to spend the winter with his daughter, Miss Anna at Long Beach. Mr. Sander has in the past few years made a practice of wintering on the coast to enjoy the milder climate.

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## Royal Arch Masons Select Officers of Grand Chapter

### Raymond C. Cook Advanced in Line of Succession—Elmer Magee of Lincoln, High Priest.

From Thursday's Daffy—The two-day session of the grand chapter of Nebraska of the Royal Arch Masons closed last evening at Omaha with the banquet and the installation of officers of the grand chapter.

In the selection of the officers Raymond C. Cook, of this city, who has served as grandmaster of the first veil, was advanced to the office of grand master of the second veil. Elmer E. Magee, Lincoln merchant, was chosen as grand high priest of the chapter.

George H. Holdeman of York was elevated from grand king to deputy grand high priest. E. M. Boyington, McCook, who has been grand scribe, was chosen grand king. William T. Poucher, Tekamah, from grand captain of the host became grand scribe.

Benjamin F. Pittman, Chadron, grand treasurer; Lewis E. Smith, Omaha, grand secretary; and Motler C. Bullock, Ashland, grand chaplain, were renamed.

Paul A. Wilcox, Omaha, from grand principal sojourner, became grand captain of the host. Elmer G. Englehorn, Alliance, was elevated from grand royal arch captain to grand principal sojourner. Dr. David C. Milton, Lincoln, was elevated from grand master of the third veil to grand royal arch captain. James W. Gillette, Norfolk, from grand master of the second veil was made grand master of the third veil. Doyle O. Sorenson, Omaha, was named grand master of the first veil.

Luther B. Hoyt, Omaha, was re-named grand sentinel.

A past grand priest's jewel was presented to Aron by Lewis E. Smith, past grand high priest, at a grand chapter dinner, under direction of York Rite Central council of Omaha last night. Later the order of high priesthood was conferred on 54 high priests-elect from over the state. John T. Dysart, Omaha, president of the order, presided.

## ANNUAL DINNER AND SHOW FOR JUNIOR DRUM CORPS

From Thursday's Daffy—Last night there was held at the Hotel Plattsmouth the annual dinner for junior drum corps members, followed by a picture show treat for the boys through courtesy of Guy Griffin of the Cass theatre.

Besides the boys, members of the Legion drum corps committee and Commander Rebal were present.

The corps has had a most successful year, taking third place at the department convention, second place at the state fair and first place at the Ak-Sar-Ben fall show, as well as special honors and a trophy at the Golden Spike celebration in Omaha last spring.

In fact they have just about tops among all the outfits playing straight bugles, but cannot successfully compete against valve-buffe equipped corps.

## CHARLES WARGA TO FE HEARD ON THE RADIO

D. R. Topfiff, local DeKalb seed corn dealer, will escort Charles Warga to Lincoln Monday, December 9, when Mr. Warga will broadcast over radio station KFAB, Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Warga just returned from Chicago after being royally entertained by the DeKalb Seed Corn company.

Mr. Warga cannot speak too highly of the company and their quality seed corn which won him such honors he has received and will receive at Lincoln.

Let's tune in and hear our own Nebraska champion. Cass county is proud of Mr. Warga.

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