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## George Jacobs, Robert Cole Win District Debate

### Plattsmouth Team Successful at Lincoln Meet and Win Four Straight Debates

New laurels were added to the history of the Plattsmouth high school activities Saturday when George Jacobs and Robert Cole carried off the honors in the district high school debate.

The debate was of districts one and two and offered some very keen competition with teams from Grand Island, Lincoln Central, Ashland and Wakefield.

There were three judges of each debate and their decisions were unanimous in each of the debates for the Plattsmouth young men.

The question that was debated

was that "Shall We Have a Federal World Government After the War?" and the local young men presented their views in a fine manner that won them the district honors, the first time the local school has been so honored since 1939.

The two young men have been much interested in the debate work in their three years in school together and this has given them a clear understanding of this line of school activities. The team has been without the services of a regular teacher and coach but were assisted as far as possible by Vernon Waterman, former teacher here and now engaged at the bomber plant and this aid was very much appreciated by the local team.

## Grass Fires Cause Expense

Grass fires which got out of control last week have caused the telephone company no end of expense and trouble, to say nothing of the scores of persons who have had to do without telephone service.

W. L. Eckles, manager of the local telephone office, said one fire last week resulted in 250 telephones being out of order for 24 hours. The fire had burned away 50 feet of some 200 cables. Repairmen, drawing overtime pay, worked unhaltingly for 24 hours, he said. He revealed the expense of this fire was about \$250.

A second fire, some blocks away, burned the same cable, Mr. Eckles said. The damage here was estimated to be \$150, besides telephone customers being inconvenienced while workmen repaired the lines.

Still two other grass fires called firemen out Saturday. One of the calls was to North 6th street; the other was just this side of the river bridge. Both fires burned out without doing much damage.

## Soon to Enter Service

Enlisted reservists from Cass County leaving for the Army soon: Robert C. Brookhouser, Plattsmouth

Gerhold P. Ruffner, Plattsmouth  
Lavern F. Weyers, Elmwood  
Richard K. Tankersley, Weeping Water

William D. Landis, Plattsmouth  
Wayne L. Comstock, Greenwood  
Olin L. Webb, Louisville  
Floyd L. Renner, Greenwood  
Robert R. Gardner, Eagle  
Roy C. Wahl, Weeping Water  
John J. Hadraba, Plattsmouth  
Frederick L. Jasper, Plattsmouth  
Marvin R. Campbell, Plattsmouth  
Dale E. Younker, Union  
Edward W. Sowards, Ashland  
William P. Coakley, Elmwood  
Kenneth R. Miller, Louisville

Two of the young men reporting at Fort Crook were selected for the navy, Sanford Short, Jr., and Charles Kozak. Kozak is the second of his family in the naval forces, his older brother, James Kozak being already in the coast guard.

## Local Boys in Training

Plattsmouth is well represented in the naval training station at Farragut, Idaho, and three of these have been able to enjoy a visit among themselves. Robert Hall, who is now receiving his basic training at Farragut before being assigned as a pharmacist mate, writes that he is located in a barracks just across the street from the one where James Brown and Dick Noble are quartered. The locals are now out of "quarantine" and able to enjoy more fully the "boot" camp.

## Card of Thanks

We are deeply grateful to our friends for the many acts of sympathy shown us in our hours of need at the death of our beloved one. For the flowers, cards and courtesies we extend our most heartfelt thanks. The children and grandchildren of H. T. Batten

Fresh apple, cherry, boysenberry and mince pies. Fresh daily. Carr's Bakery. Delicatessen and Luncheonette.

## Funeral of Mrs. Nolting

The funeral of Mrs. Katherine Nolting was held Saturday afternoon at the St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church of which Mrs. Nolting had long been a member. The church was filled to its capacity and many were in the club rooms of the church and the exterior, awaiting their opportunity of paying their last tributes to this well beloved lady.

Rev. A. Lentz, pastor of the Christ Lutheran church of Eight Mile Grove, a long time friend, gave the sermon and paid a fine tribute to the memory of Mrs. Nolting, while Rev. Willard Sherman, pastor of the St. Paul's church, gave the Scripture and prayer.

During the services Frank A. rendered two of the old hymns, "Abide With Me" and "Peace, Wonderful Peace." Mrs. Frank Bierl was the accompanist.

The interment was in the family plot at Oak Hill cemetery with the old time friends of the family serving as pallbearers, George Kaffenberger, John F. Wehrbein, Max Valery, Philip Kehne, Henry Stark-john and A. H. Duxbury.

## Omahan And Iowa Bomber Crew Sinks Three Axis Ships

Included Is Lieutenant Clark E. Hughes of Omaha, Nephew of Mrs. W. E. Rosencrans

An interesting story of daring work of American bombing crews comes from the North African scene of action, low level "skip bombing," in which the Americans are especially trained being instrumental in the destruction of axis shipping.

The bomber, a B-25 Mitchell, is credited with destruction of one enemy troopship and two merchant vessels.

One of the officers mentioned in the bombing successes is Lieut. Clark E. Hughes of Omaha, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Hughes and a nephew of Mrs. W. E. Rosencrans of this city, who was greatly thrilled at the record of the young officer.

Other officers were: Lt. Robert B. Grau, Storm Lake, Ia.; Sgt. G. H. Turner, 1903 Sixth street, Council Bluffs, Ia., and Francis Klocke, McCook, Neb.

Capt. Clayton W. Heinlen of East Cleveland, O., described the skip bombing of March 31:

"It's almost like launching a torpedo. You aim the first bomb at the hull of the ship—right at the water line—as you come up on the ship from the side. Then you just let a string of bombs walk right up the side of the ship and over it."

Lt. Ole Veum of Appleton, Minn., who led the first flight, said his tail gunner saw one ship split in two, another go down at the bow and a third also left sinking.

One Mitchell was shot down by German fighters, but all except one member of the six-man crew escaped in a rubber raft and walked through German lines in Tunisia to safety.

Meanwhile, a delayed dispatch reported the five American airmen of the downed Mitchell reached safely after clinging to a rubber raft for 12 hours and going half starved and footsore for four days as they dodged through enemy lines in Tunisia.

## Meets Old Friends

Private Dale Jackson, who is in training in the air corps, has been stationed on the west coast and there had the pleasure of meeting some old friends from home, now living in southern California. He was entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Warren Taylor, the latter formerly Miss Dorothy Elliott of this city. Others at the dinner included Mr. and Mrs. Earle Taylor, so the occasion was a real Plattsmouth reunion.

## Here from Alliance

Mrs. Jack Airtts of Alliance spent the week end with her sister and family, Mrs. George Erb. She also visited with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Million.

## Missouri River Reaching High Stage at This Point

Spring Rise From the Dakotas Causing the River to Near Overflow Stage

The influx of flood waters from the upper part of the Missouri river in the Dakotas, is gradually bringing the big muddy bank full at this point. Several of the low spots southeast of the city have been overflowed and water in the drainage ditches is rising as the result of the growing flood.

So far little of the farming land on the river bottoms has been overflowed altho with a continuance of the high water there probably will be some water on the land nearest the river. Stock has been taken from the T. H. Pollock farm on the north side of the river road to higher ground.

## Guy Clements to Head Second War Loan Drive

Elmwood Banker Selected to Head Campaign—Nebraska Quota Set at \$41,937,000

Guy C. Clements, Elmwood has been appointed Cass County Chairman for the 2nd War Loan which will be launched by the United States Treasury War Finance Committee on April 12, W. Dale Clark, Omaha, Nebraska State Chairman, has announced.

Other committee members will be appointed and announced at a later date. Nebraska's quota has been set at \$41,937,000.

The Treasury must raise \$13,000,000,000, and during the 2nd War Loan they will offer investments to fit every pocket-book. This money is needed to provide food, clothing, housing, transportation and munitions for millions of men over and above the cost of equipment in planes, guns, tanks, ships and other war material.

"The sure way to guard against high prices and inflation is to place our money away from temptation—invest it in government securities. The success or failure of this undertaking will be watched throughout the world," State Chairman Clark said.

## Here on Business

E. P. Stewart, former sheriff of Cass County and one time telegraph operator here, was in the city Sunday for a few hours to visit with old friends and also with his daughter, Mrs. Carl Krazier and family. Mr. Stewart reports that his son, Pvt. Donald Stewart, is still at Camp Crowder Mo., where he has been since his induction in the army. He is in the field signal service.

## Mrs. Lamoreaux Resigns

Mrs. James Lamoreaux resigned her position as clerk of the Cass County ration office, it was announced today. Mrs. Lamoreaux served as clerk since the opening of the ration office over a year ago. Her future plans are indefinite, she said today.

## Card of Thanks

We wish to thank those who were so kind and thoughtful during the illness and death of our husband and father, also for those who sent flowers and cards.

Mrs. Mae House and Ida Harold House

## Receives Promotion

Frank A. Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Nelson of this city, has been given a well deserved promotion at the basic flying school at Minter Field, Calif. He has been promoted from corporal to sergeant, effective April 1. Sergeant Nelson enlisted May 18, 1942 and has been very successful in his military work.

## Dies at Masonic Home

Sunday evening at the Nebraska Masonic Home in this city, Mrs. Mae Simmons, who has been a resident at the Home since November 15, 1941, passed away.

Mrs. Simmons was born April 28, 1881, at Wilcoxville, Nebr., and has spent her lifetime in that section of Nebraska, with her husband operating a hardware store at Beaver City, Nebr., for a number of years. After the death of the husband in 1928, Mrs. Simmons continued to run the store for some time but later disposed of her interests there. In 1941 she came to the Home here with her sister, Mrs. Cora Ager, who is surviving the passing of Mrs. Simmons. They were admitted from Beaver City Lodge No. 93, AF & AM.

The body was taken to the Caldwell funeral home at 7th and Oak streets and from there will be sent to Beaver City for the funeral services on Wednesday and the interment will be at that place.

In addition to the sister, there is also surviving several nieces and nephews, Mrs. Grace Annes, of Omaha, past grand worthy matron of the Eastern Star is a sister-in-law.

## Woman's Club Hear "Human Problems in the Present War"

Very Able Address by Rev. Francis Degelman, S. J. of Creighton—Mrs. Devoe Discusses Plans

The Plattsmouth Woman's Club held a very interesting and well attended meeting last evening at the library auditorium where Mrs. J. C. Peterson, Mrs. Ted Harris, Mrs. Wm. Baird and Mrs. Sanford Short acted as hostesses.

Mrs. E. H. Bernhardt was program leader and introduced Walter Smith, who in turn presented the speaker, Rev. Francis Degelman, S. J., Student Counsellor at Creighton University, Omaha. Rev. Degelman gave a very sincere and practical talk on the topic assigned him, that of "Human Problems of the War" and proved himself a very capable speaker. His insight into the "human problems" of student life in his capacity of counsellor qualified him to present the subject in an intelligent and forceful manner.

Reports of the District War Service Conference held at Tecumseh last week were given by Mrs. W. H. Woolcott, Mrs. E. G. Shallenberger and Mrs. L. S. DeVoe. Mrs. DeVoe was introduced to the club as the newly elected President of First District and responded with appropriate remarks, looking toward the projects which will be sponsored under her regime, among which is the Nursing Scholarship Gift. This is a gift of \$250.00 to be used to help some girl in her nursing profession.

Musical numbers given by members of St. John's School Choir, with Tommy Pucelik at the piano, were much enjoyed and reflected splendid training in this department of the school.

The next meeting will be April 19th at which time election of officers will take place.

## Return from Funeral

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carey, Mrs. Mae House and Ida, and Mrs. Frank Parsell returned Friday evening from Pierce, where they attended the funeral of Floyd House.

## Seaman Here on Leave

Seaman 3rd Class John Royer, son of Mrs. Thelma Royer, 213 South 3rd St., is here on leave before departing to his new base at Boston. Previously based at Seattle, Seaman Royer is a baker and served on board a ship in the Aleutian Islands area. He was in the navy some time before our declaration of war.

## Here from Shenandoah

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hudson and children, Val Gene and Rosalie, were here from Shenandoah, Sunday to visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hudson.

## Many Community Women Devote Their Time Producing Surgical Dressings

Plattsmouth Group Have Given Much Time to the Preparation of Needed Bandages

"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do much, but I can do something. What I can do, I ought to do, and what I ought to do, with God's help I will do."

A fitting motto and one well depicted by the spirit which inspires the faithful women who daily sacrifice time, ease and pleasure to make possible the completion of the quotas of Surgical Dressings assigned to the Cass County Red Cross.

Why are volunteer workers needed? Why don't factories make them? Why so many needed? The answers are the commercial manufacturers have neither the facilities nor the labor to make the huge number necessary in war time.

During the last four months of 1942, 80 million Red Cross surgical dressings were turned over to the Army, these being sent directly from the source of production to the Army Medical Depots in this country or to Russia and Australia. None are returned to Red Cross warehouses.

Of this number Cass County has already shipped 53,400 dressings, with another 51,000 ready for shipment very soon.

The present quota of 30,000 sponges has been started, which divided among the 11 workrooms over the county, will be finished in the allotted two months time. The next quota of 39,000 sponges may cause some concern to the chairmen due to the numerous demands upon the time of the faithful workers due to housecleaning, victory gardens and so on, but a few moments reflection upon the ever increasing need of these dressings for our boys the gnawing possibility that a few hours neglect to help the demand for more dressings may have caused one single one of our boys to

suffer the lack of a fresh dressing to bind his wounds will surely spur our good women, young and old, to greater speed and greater sacrifice of time in surgical dressings rooms. These ladies have given the following hours:

	Hrs. Min.
Miss Caroline Baird	382-35
Mrs. Kate Hild	285-19
Mrs. Mike Tritsch	275-
Mrs. Minnie Pike	217-30
Mrs. Henry Schneider	202-05
Mrs. Helen Zitka	198-
Mrs. Edith Donelan	189-
Mrs. A. J. Trilety	181-10
Mrs. Clara Knorr	153-20
Mrs. F. A. Cloidt	152-25
Mrs. Nellie Hamblin	141-35
Mrs. Charlotte Wantock	140-
Mrs. Helen Woolcott	134-40
Mrs. Helen Sorenson	133-
Mrs. Kittie Roberts	121-25
Mrs. Christina Born	107-40
50 Hours or More	
Miss Dora Fricke	95-05
Mrs. Rex Young	91-35
Mrs. Loene Schmidman	90-49
Mrs. Frances Templar	89-30
Mrs. Abbie Schwenker	79-
Mrs. May Farley	78-25
Mrs. Alice Hadraba	77-35
Mrs. Marcia Davis	74-05
Mrs. C. C. Cotner	72-55
Mrs. F. A. Fricke	72-35
Mrs. Louis Tiekotter	72-15
Mrs. Nettie Lushinsky	71-45
Miss Barbara Gering	70-15
Mrs. Muriel Pearson	66-25
Mrs. Iola Ofe	66-10
Mrs. Hilda Coffman	64-50
Mrs. H. C. Tiekotter	64-30
Mrs. John Buzzello	64-
Mrs. Agnes Valkhart	63-25
Mrs. Lorene Urish	58-
Mrs. Chas. Manners	57-05
Mrs. W. F. Evers	57-
Mrs. Viola Fitch	55-45
Mrs. Marjorie Johnson	55-
Mrs. Lura Keller	54-30
Miss Frances Koebel	51-55
Mrs. E. G. Ofe	51-10
Mrs. H. F. Goos	50-

## Loses Much Property

The residence of George Halsey, on Wintersteen, has been looted of a great deal of property of various kinds, it was revealed on Monday by Sheriff Joe Mrasek. The family had been located elsewhere and had left a great deal of their household effects and provisions in the home.

Sunday they returned to the house and discovered the loss that included a great deal of groceries and provisions. The sheriff is working on the case. It is hoped he will locate the stolen articles and the party taking them.

## Celebrates Birthday

Sunday was the eighty-first birthday of Charles Troop, one of our long time and highly respected residents. Mr. Troop quietly spent the day at the pleasant family home on Chicago avenue, and at the noon hour was honor guest at the family dinner.

Mrs. Troop had arranged a special birthday dinner and the members of the family present included Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Troop, Mr. and Mrs. Jack von Gillern and sons, Jack and Roger, of Lincoln, all joining in the greetings to the guest of honor.

## To Move Soon

Pvt. Leonard Sikora was home Sunday to spend the day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sikora and the many friends. He has been attending a military police school at Fort Omaha since his induction into service and this has been closed down the last of the week. Just where he will be stationed in the future he does not know.

## In Induction Center

Friends here of Milford B. Bates, Jr., will be interested in learning that he has joined the millions of young men in service in the army. He has just reported at the Arlington Reception Center at Arlington, and will be trained as an air cadet.

## Ill from Throat Infection

In recent weeks there has been a great many cases of throat infection in the community and one of the latest is Donald Snyder. The young man is attending Tech High in Omaha and on Saturdays is engaged at one of the Hinky-Dinky stores. When he was home the past week end he took ill and has since been confined to his bed and under medical treatment.

## Goes into Service

Stephen DeVoe, son of Supt. and Mrs. L. S. DeVoe, departed this morning on the Eagle over the Missouri Pacific, for Fort Leavenworth, where he is to report for duty. Stephen, a student at the University of Nebraska, enlisted last year in the reserves at the university, many of whom are being called now, to active service.

## CARL DROEGE DIES

Carl Droege died unexpectedly of internal hemorrhages at an Omaha hospital Sunday night following an operation. He had been employed in postal service at Omaha for the past 15 years.

He is survived by his widow and children; his mother, Mrs. Lena Droege; a sister, Mrs. Gail Connors; and a brother, Emil Droege of Green River, Wyo.

The funeral services will be held at St. Cecilia's Catholic church in Omaha, Thursday morning.

## Called Here By Death

Clarence Engelkemeler, who is in the air service at Los Angeles, Calif., is here for a short furlough, being called here by the death of his wife's mother, Mrs. Katherine Nolting. Pvt. Raymond Rikli, a grandson of Mrs. Nolting, is also here from Fort Sill, Okla., where he has been in training for some time.