



The Plattsmouth Journal



Honor Convocation Of High School For Year 1943

Young People in Various Activities Given Recognition of Their Services

The honors convocation of the Plattsmouth high school was held this week and the various students who have participated in the activities of the school received their letters and certificates of recognition.

R. G. Glover, principal of the high school presided over the session and presented the awards for the cheer leaders that comprised: Donna Bea Selver, Shirley Burcham and Joyce Brookhouser. Mr. Glover also presented the debate awards to Robert Cole and George Jacobs, winners of the district debate honors.

The commercial awards were presented by Mrs. Loris Long to the following:

Rachel McMaken, B-; Deloma Dooley, B-; Mary Helen Zimmerer, B; Charlotte Steinkamp, B; Frankie Krejci, B; Georgia Carey, B+; Maxine Eckles, B+; Robert Grassman, B+; Mary Gradoville, B+; Kathleen Larson, B+; Doris Lutz, B+; Ruth Gaines, A-; Virginia Hofacker, A-; Donna Bea Selver, A-; Joan Tiekotter, A-; Geraldine White, A-; Betty Henton, A; Mary Jean Hatt, A; Catherine Conis, A.

The citizenship certificates were awarded to the young people by Miss Pearl Staats to:

Catherine Conis, Norma Spidell, Deloris Smith, Jerry Jones, Geraldine Maassen, Patty Libershal.

The athletic awards for the season was given by Coach Merle Stewart in letters and certificates to the following:

Football—Kenneth White, Ed Gradoville, Joe Gradoville, Dick Case, Ray Beverage, Clark Jarvis, Jim Brown, Lavern Rice, Eldon Vroman, Ray Johnson, Charles Grosshans, Ed Strickland, Marvin Essert, Dick Novak, Duane Sack, John Conis, Art Capper, Phillip Eckles, Dale Pike, Student Manager, Bob Gall.

Basketball—Lavern Rice, Eldon Vroman, Sterling Cole, Maynard Hobbs, Joe McMaken, Kenneth White, Joe Gradoville, Dale Pike, Ray Evers, Ray Johnson, Student Manager, Ed Gradoville.

Track—Maynard Hobbs, Ray Beverage, Kenneth White.

Baseball—Bob Wooster, Maynard Hobbs, L. Wolever, Junior Bolden, D. Pike, Ed Gradoville, Eldon Vroman, A. Richards, M. Vinduska, T. Doody, R. Beverage.

The Harriett Case Memorial Award was presented by Supt. L. S. DeVoe to Robert Cole, one of the outstanding students of the high school.

The girl softball honors were presented by their coach, B. E. Evans, were to: Ruby Hollaway, Captain; Betty Smith, Donna Burke, Evelyn Siemonett, Betty Halmes, Rose Thompson, Josephine Sedlak, Donna Mason, Norma Spidell, Betty O'Donnell.

The national honor society list, comprising the members of the class of 1943 having an average placing them in the upper fifteen per cent of the class were:

Maxine Eckles, Raymond Evers, LaVern Rice, Catherine Conis, Doris Lutz, Robert Cole, Mary Jean Hatt, Robert Grassman, Donna Selvers, Joan Tiekotter, George Jacobs.

The music awards were presented by Robert Ashton, director, to the following:

Drill Team—Geraldine White, Mary Jean Hatt, Lois Wolever, Georgia Carey, Donna Bea Selver, Rachel McMaken, Theresa Slatinsky, Betty Smith, Dordas Kuhns, Lois Cohn, Mildred Denson, Josephine Koubeck, Norma Jean Siemers, Betty Gochenour, Audrey Dow, Geraldine Case, Dorothy Allen, Phyllis Taenzler.

Band—Jack Buisling, Lloyd Scott, Donald Forbes, Phyllis Bourck, Eloise Cole, John Conis, Bernard Dow, Edward Berlett, Mary Kay Gorder, Geraldine Maassen, Gene Nolting, Norman Perry, Harold Pickering, LaVern Rice, Delores Ruse, Merle Shyrock, James Short, Donald Skalak, Richard Soennichsen, Mary Kay Sporer, Helen Hough.

Chorus—Edward Berlett, Marie Allen, Herbert Baumgart, Jack Ber-

Enter Bank Employ

Miss Maxine Eckles, who is a member of the graduating class of the Plattsmouth high school this year, has entered the employ of the Plattsmouth State bank as one of their clerks and bookkeepers. Mrs. Charles Walden, who has been a member of the staff at the bank is resigning to join her husband, Sergeant Walden, located at one of the large army camps in the south.

Miss Geraldine White, also a graduate of 1943 has been engaged in extra time at the bank during the school year and will now take up her work as a regular member of the clerk force.

Farm Neighbors Plant Corn Crop For Murray Lady

Splendid Gesture of Friendship Shown by Friends of the A. G. Long Family Today

The farm home of Mrs. A. G. Long east of Murray was buzzing with activity Saturday morning.

Tractors—15 of them to be exact—with 15 farmers were lined up and ready to go. The machines belonged to neighbors of Mrs. Long, and the owners stood by the sputtering engines in the early sunshine and discussed how best to begin the job.

Mrs. Long's farm had been put in readiness for planting some time ago. Not, of course, by her, for such a task is beyond the means of a woman. Mrs. Long, a widow, realized this some time ago when all the farmers were getting ready for the planting season.

Just when things seemed worst, her pleasant surprise came. Thoughtful neighbors gathered at her home. They all pitched in and cleared the land. All details preliminary to planting were taken care of.

That brings the story up to date. The neighbors visit this morning was no surprise to Mrs. Long. Their previous efforts left no doubt in her mind that she had friends, real friends who are on hand when the going is rough.

Today the tractors will crawl over the ground. The men will sweat. When the job is done nine different kinds of hybrid corn—donated by different companies—will have been planted in the fertile acres at the Long farm.

Good neighborliness is not dead in this era. If you doubt this, ask Mrs. Long.

Community Club Meets

Myard Community club will hold its regular meeting Friday night at nine o'clock, with the West Side program committee in charge. The public is invited.

Leave For Leavenworth

In the delegation of 300 of the Nebraska University ROTC that departed from Lincoln Tuesday was Stephen G. Wiles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy H. Wiles of this city, who has been active in the ROTC at the University of Nebraska in his four years there. He is in the engineering section.

James L. Webb, former Plattsmouth young man, a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Webb, was also in the group and is assigned to the air corps.

ett, Phyllis Bourck, Geraldine Case, Betty Ann Albert, Dorothy Cappell, Shirley Chamberlain, Leone Coolman, Eloise Cole, Lois Cohn, Marjorie DeVoe, Rosa Forbes, Jeanne Galland, Ruth Gaines, Mary Jean Hatt, Helen Hough, Ruth Hull, Joyce Hobbs, Josephine Koubeck, Tress Arlene Koukal, Patty Libershal, Rachel McMaken, Joseph McMaken, Donna Meisinger, Betty Meisinger, Wilma Mumm, Vera Peteret, Harold Pickering, June Royer, John Rea, Alberta Ruth, Lavern Rice, Donna Bea Selvers, Mary Kay Sporer, Robert Spangler, Mary Soennichsen, Frances Sack, Norma Seimers, Evelyn Siemonett, Betty Lou Smith, Phyllis Taenzler, John Tiekotter, Edna Mae Vannest, Lois Wolever, Kenneth White.

Ninety-Seven Eighth Graders Are Promoted

Largest Class in the City Grade Schools Receive Promotions at the Ceremonies Last Evening

Not only was the 1943 eighth grade class the largest in the history of Plattsmouth schools, but it also held its promotional exercises Wednesday evening at the high school auditorium before the largest assemblage of parents, relatives and friends ever to gather for eighth grade exercises.

The class numbered 97 students. About 400 persons witnessed the exercises.

An interesting program had been planned and was carried out by the students. Some of the students gave short orations dealing with the lives of national heroes. All the material for these orations was gathered and arranged by the students. Other students gave musical selections for their part in the program.

The program began with the professional by Carol Lou Bernhardt. She was followed by the Rev. T. Porter Bennett who gave the invocation. Then everyone joined in singing before the first oration was given.

Dr. R. P. Westover, president of the school board, presented the students with the diplomas which make them high-school freshmen. School Superintendent L. S. DeVoe presided.

Miss Glada Chesnut, Mrs. Zelpha Seward and Mrs. J. R. Reeder, home room teachers of grades 8a, 8b and 8c respectively, were in charge.

The Rev. T. Porter Bennett ended the exercises with the benediction.

Returning to Duty

This morning Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Gobelman were in Omaha to spend a few hours at the Union Station with Commander A. F. Fritchett, USN, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Gobelman, who is returning to duty after a fourteen day leave at his home at Decorah, Iowa. Commander Fritchett is in the medical service of the navy and located at Honolulu, being there at the time of the bombing by the Japs in December 1941. He was in charge of the naval hospital at the time of the attack. Being in active service for over two years he was given a short leave home and made the trip by plane to San Francisco. Mrs. Fritchett accompanied her husband as far as Omaha and will remain there for a time before her mother, Mrs. David Hiatt, of Sidney, Iowa, being in very critical condition at one of the Omaha hospitals.

Seek Title Quiet

In the office of the clerk of the district court, C. E. Ledgway, two suits to quiet the title to real estate have been filed. One is that of Clifford H. Gray, et al., vs James O'Neill, et al., and the other that of Floyd L. Woodlow, et al., vs Francis Forbes, et al. William A. Robertson appears for the plaintiff in both cases.

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Reports for Duty

This morning Charles C. Clark departed for Omaha from where he reports for active duty with the merchant marine. He left Omaha this noon with other enlisted men for his station of duty.

Old Friends Meet

W. W. Biggs, of the faculty of the University of Nebraska, was here today for a short time to visit with his old friend and college associate, Dr. Foster Patterson. Mr. Biggs was formerly the superintendent of schools at Summerfield, Kans., and later receiving his degree and the position on the University of Nebraska faculty.

Wins High Rank

Junior Warrant Officer Thomas S. Solomon, son of Joe Solomon of Plattsmouth, received a telegram today announcing the promotion to Chief Warrant Officer in the Army Air Force.

Warrant Officer Solomon has been in the service for four years, and has climbed, in that time, from a \$21-a-month private to his present position which pays \$300.75 a month.

'Freshies' Initiated

The boys of the Eighth grade promotional class had a very exciting time last evening following the exercises, at least those that were down in the business section of the city. Members of the high school classes were lying in wait for the new freshmen and planned to "initiate" the youngsters. Naturally the freshmen sought to escape and caused a great deal of shouting and racing along the streets as the lower classmen sought shelter.

The penalty of capture by the upper classmen, was the removal of the pants of the victims, and it is reported that two suffered this punishment, others compromised with the captors.

The police finally swooped down and the intiation was all over.

Funeral of Adam Stoehr

The St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church was filled to its capacity Wednesday afternoon for the funeral services for Adam Stoehr, one of the prominent residents of this section of Cass county, the many old friends and neighbors gathering for their last tributes to his memory.

Rev. Willard Sherman, the pastor of the church, brought a message of comfort to the members of the bereaved family and a tribute to the long life of Mr. Stoehr in the community.

During the services Frank A. Cloidt gave two of the hymns, "Just As I Am," and "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling." Mrs. Frank Bierl being the accompanist.

The interment was at the Oak Hill cemetery west of the city beside the home of Weldon Stoehr. The pallbearers were former neighbors and friends: Donald Born, Walter Forstoff, Arnold Heil, Garold Keil, Arthur Spreick and Clifford Stoehr.

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Mrs. E. T. Dutcher, of Warrensburg, Mo., is arriving this afternoon to be a guest here at the home of Mrs. H. F. Goos and with Mrs. Henry Herold. Mrs. Dutcher is a former resident of this city.

Don't forget Lugsch Cleaner's Wednesday Special. Men's suits and top coats and spring coats—Plain dresses and mannish suits, cleaned and pressed for \$1.00. Hats cleaned and blocked 50c. Cash and carry.

California Visitor

Mrs. Albert Staats is here visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Johnson. She plans to return to her home in Pasadena, Cal., sometime next week.

Suggestions For Writing To Men In Service

Compiled by OWI From Personal Contacts With the Men in the Armed Services

Washington, May 27. (UP)—Here are some suggestions for you when you wonder what to write to men in the armed services.

The suggestions are not from morale officers but come straight from 6,130 men in the armed services and were compiled by a special service officer for the Office of War Information.

If you want your letter to bring a grin to your soldier correspondents face write what he likes to read:—That you and the family are anxious for their return, what you are doing financially, what you and the family are doing to help win the war, who is marrying or dating whom, who (especially girls) has asked about him, and intimate gossip.

"And get this straight," one soldier said, "letters seem more important sometimes than ammunition." Even Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Brereton, Commander of the U. S. forces in the middle east, said so in a broadcast from New Delhi recently. According to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, allied North African commander in the Pacific, "writing regularly to soldiers in the service is definitely contributing toward winning of this war."

Seniors at Work

The close of the 1943 high-school year finds many high-school seniors holding part time jobs in local businesses. Most of these students have been working since the beginning of school in the fall. An arrangement by the school whereby seniors attended school a half day and worked the other half day proved not only beneficial to business men who were having a hard time operating with a war labor scarcity, but also to the students who gained valuable knowledge from actual experience. A number of the boys expect soon to be called to service.

Following is a list of the students and their place of employment: Margaret Ann Adams, Cass Drug Store; Gertrude Bernice Anderson, Jacobs Cafe; Mary Alice Arnold, Style Shop; Robert E. Austin, Cohns New Way Lunch; Herbert H. Baumgart, Phil's Market; Emilia Bierl, Egenberger Insurance Agency; Fred Bruce, Egenberger Grocery; Jack LeRoy Buisling, Hinky-Dinky; Georgia Maria Carey, Ration office; Catherine Conis, county superintendent office; Troy H. Cotner, Taxi; Phillip Virgil Eckles, Telephone company; Raymond F. Evers, Bauer Garage; Robert C. Grassman, Omaha offices Union Pacific; Charles H. Grosshans, U. S. Engineers; Raymond Otis Harold Jr., Black and White Market; Mary Jean Hatt, county assistance office; Nadine Evelyn Heigl, Shea cafe; Joe E. Highfield, Hinky-Dinky; George E. Jacobs, Lockers; Doris Eileen Johnson, Knorr Variety store; Frankie Mae Krejci, telephone office; Edward Kubicka, Soennichsen's; Doris Mae Lutz, water office; Richard O'Donnell, Egenberger grocery; Roy Rice, Burlington railroad; Albert Richards, Taxi; Shirley Ver Nell Speck, Soennichsen's; Charlotte June Steinkamp, Tidd law office; Don Steppat, Kent Oil Co.; Joan Katherine Tiekotter, county treasurer's office; Bernard E. Ulrich, Lorenz Brothers Market; Geraldine White, Plattsmouth State bank; Kenneth Ray White, Taxi; Matilda Glaubitz, Tas-Tee Shop; Dorothy Mabel Woodruff, Jacobs Cafe; Wilda Maxine Eckles, Plattsmouth State bank; Zora Ruth Gaines and Mary Helen Zimmerer plan to take civil service positions. James D. Brown is in the Navy; Clark Boyd Jarvis is in the army.

Destroy Unused Stamps

Washington, May 26. U. P.—The Office of Price Administration urged housewives today to destroy unused red and blue ration stamps which have expired and to view with suspicion any attempts to solicit their surrender.

Card of Thanks

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To Visit in Red Cloud

Troy Cotner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cotner will leave Friday to visit an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cotner and son, Dayle, in Red Cloud. The visitor is a member of the senior high school class and expects his call to the army early in June.

Visits Friends Here

Pollock Parmele, of Lincoln, was a visitor in the city Wednesday to spend a few hours visiting with friends and looking after some business matters.

Return From Illinois

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Toman have returned home from Rockford, Illinois, where they have enjoyed a visit with their son, Pvt. Raphael Toman, stationed at Camp Grant one of the large army training posts in the northern part of the United States. They found the son doing fine and now busy with his basic training and expecting later to be sent to a specialized school.

Mr. and Mrs. Toman were much impressed with the immense size of the camp that is one of the famous camps of the first world war and where the then 86th division of the national army was trained.

Hans Christensen Old Resident Of County Laid to Rest

Services Held at Weeping Water For One of the Beloved Residents of That Community.

Hans Peter Christensen, 83, retired farmer and a Cass County resident for many years, died Tuesday morning, May 25, at the Clarkson Hospital, in Omaha, after an illness which has lasted several weeks. His condition became serious, about two weeks ago, when he was removed from the home of his son to the hospital.

Mr. Christensen was born March 17, 1860, in Denmark. After his marriage, fifty years ago, he and his wife came to the United States, locating first in Massachusetts, and later coming to Cass County, where the family lived on a farm in the vicinity of Weeping Water. Following the death of his wife, Mr. Christensen left the farm and went to California, where he lived for six years, then returned to Weeping Water to make his home with his son, Leo Christensen. While in his native country of Denmark he served with the Danish army.

Mr. Christensen was well known and beloved in the Weeping Water community. His was a life of usefulness to the end of his days. Since returning to Weeping Water to spend his old age, his delight was in his grandchildren, his garden and keeping things in repair about his son's home and helping his neighbors. His kindly ways and his helpfulness will be cherished by those who knew him. Surviving him are six sons, Walter and Helmar, both of Long Beach, Cal., Louis, of Omaha, Jack, Manilla, Iowa; Miller, of Nehawka, and Leo, of Weeping Water, and three daughters, Mrs. Roscoe Sill, Newport, Neb., Mrs. John McCune, and Mrs. Hugh Sinclair, both of Omaha.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the Hobson funeral home, in Weeping Water, with burial in Oakwood cemetery. Rev. W. D. Lenker of the Methodist church was in charge of the services.

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Senators Name Matzke Chairman State Council

Organization Meeting Thursday to Start in Study of Needs of State for Next Legislature

Sixteen state senators chosen for the 1943-45 legislative council elected Senator Stanley Matzke, Seward, as chairman at an organization meeting Thursday but deferred action for a month on launching electric power and Platte water inquiries.

Meanwhile, Matzke said, preliminary facts and maps on power facilities and the Platte valley watershed will be prepared by Roger Shumate, council research director. Matzke was empowered to call another council meeting late in June.

The power investigation was ordered by the legislature to include facts on operation of both public and private power organizations to help in shaping a future policy for state power legislation. The Platte water inquiry, also asked by the legislature, is slated to furnish information on irrigation water supplies and recommendations on whether to permit diversion outside the valley of any surplus.

The council was directed to make reports to the 1945 legislature.

Matzke served as vice-chairman of the 1941-43 legislative council, whose major study into reform of the state taxing system was junked when a bill to revise assessment procedure died this spring in legislative committee.

Senator John Mekota, Crete, was chosen vice-chairman. Advisability of increasing the state trust fund from which income goes for relief of needy veterans of World War and their families may also be studied by the council. Sen. John Doyle, Greeley, asked that it be considered.

"If we are to give the same treatment to the 150 thousand Nebraskans in the armed forces today, the original two million dollar fund may need to become six millions or more," Doyle said.

Other subjects assigned the council for 1945 reports are:

Advisability of establishing an annual audit for the state highway department and board of control. Bonding of state employees, whether revisions should be made in present bond practices and whether the state should pay premiums.

The question of whether fee-collecting state offices should be allowed to continue spending such income direct or whether it should be reported into the state general fund and be appropriated back only as needed.

Pioneer Dies

Ed Emery, Cass County pioneer, passed away last night at his home in Omaha. Mr. Emery was one of the early residents of this part of the county and leaves behind him many old friends. He was liked by all who knew him, and was known to everyone.

The funeral will be held at the Glendale Mortuary in Omaha at 2:00 p. m. Saturday, with interment at the Horning cemetery, south of Plattsmouth. The Masonic order will be in charge.

An Appreciation

We desire to take this opportunity of expressing our deep appreciation of the many kindnesses shown to us in the illness and death of our mother and grandmother. We wish to thank you all for these expressions.

The Children and Grandchildren of Mrs. Martha Christwiser.

Justice Takes A Holiday

Rock Port, Mo., (UP)— Justice took a holiday in Atchison county. The manpower problem and the crop situation are of first importance.

Circuit Judge Ellis Beavers recessed court until June 30 and announced:

"There'll be no more jury trials until farmers get their crops in."