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THE SERVICE JOURNAL

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Hochel-Rhoden Wedding Held At Ft. Jackson, S.C.

Ceremony Held at the Chapel at Fort Jackson, South Carolina—To Live in South

Mr. and Mrs. Gatten Rhoden announce the marriage of their son, Cpl. George Rhoden, to Miss Helen Hochel of Louisville, Nebr.

The wedding rites were read May 1st by the chaplain at the chapel of Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Sgt. Byron and Mrs. Betty Casey, close friends of the couple, were their attendants.

The bride was attired in a Cadet Blue cardigan suit. Her corsage was of pink and white carnations. Mrs. Casey, the bridesmaid, wore a Naval blue suit, with pink and white carnations. The groom and best man, Sgt. Byron, wore their uniforms of the U. S. Army.

Miss Hochel is a graduate of the Louisville high school, class of '43. Cpl. Rhoden is a graduate of Plattsmouth high school, class of '42. He was formerly employed by the H. M. Soenichsen & Co. Miss Hochel has been employed by the signal corps in Arlington Heights, West Virginia, for the past few months.

Cpl. and Mrs. Rhoden will make their home in Columbia, South Carolina as long as Cpl. Rhoden is in the States.

The Journal and the many friends of the couple join in wishing them a long, happy wedded life.

Home From Service

Conley Galloway, who is now in the service as a member of the Merchant Marine, is home for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Galloway of near this city. Conley, who was graduated from the high school in the class of 1942, has been in the merchant marine for the past several months and has just returned from a trip across the Atlantic. He has been given a taste of the danger that the men of the marines and the navy experience in carrying out their missions.

Here from the East

Mrs. Margaret Norlin, of Jackson Heights, New York is here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luke L. Wiles and other relatives and friends.

Ivan Norlin, the husband, is now in the army service in New Guinea, he having been there for some time.

Mrs. Norlin will be here for several weeks visit in the old home and with the old friends.

Enjoys Short Vacation

Pvt. Ronald Rehal, sophomore at the University of Nebraska college of medicine, is home for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Rehal. He has a few days off duty until the start of the semester at college.

Sends Mother Greetings

Mrs. Frank Kalasek, Sr., of this city, was very happily surprised this morning when she received a telegram of Mother's day greetings from her son, Pfc. Frank Kalasek. Frank is stationed with the army in Iceland, where he has been for the past several months and the greeting was one that greatly pleased the mother and other members of the family circle.

Sends Mother Greetings

The following poem was written in honor of Mother's day by Pfc. Robert L. Gradoville, Co. M., 3rd Bn., 5th Marines, Camp Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California. The young marine is a son of Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Gradoville of Fort Lyons, Colo., to whom the poem was sent:

Enjoys Family Gathering

Dick March, 3/cPO, Marine detachment, who is home visiting with his relatives and friends, has been having a number of dinner engagements over this section of Cass county. Monday Dick was at Murray where he was entertained at the home of Earl Lancaster and family at a family dinner. Today he was at Ashland where he was a guest of relatives and was accompanied to that city by Jarvis Lancaster.

Nebraska Nostalgia

The days gone by are sweet and old As you and I have oft been told. And as I lie awake tonight

There comes to me a vision bright Of days when I was nine or ten. That brings my boyhood back again. The daytime seems somehow to mock My efforts to turn back the clock. But when the shades of evening fall I see the picture best of all.

Our house was perched upon a hill. Above a little, rippling rill. That ran from forest into meadow. Sometimes in sunshine, come in shadow.

Beyond the ripples lay a patch Of Suncue, where we built a thatch. Where some of us were wont to loiter. While others went to reconnoiter. To keep us free from adult censure. Here in our home of high adventure. To make a blood hound we would try Of our old Shepherd dog named "Guy."

Each time we hid, along the trail. Old Guy would find us without fail. I snarl again the hazel brush. And hear the warble of the thrush. That mingles with the crow's hoarse caw. From farther up the wooded draw. Where Cousin Frank is playing possum.

Behind the dainty Dogwood blossom. The vivid voice of memory brings. Those boyhood scenes on fairy wings. The finest gift in all creation. Is subtle, sweet imagination. —Livingston Richey

Junior Senior Prom One Of The Season Highlights

Beautiful Setting at High School Gym for Annual Event—Miss Patricia Liberal May Queen

One of the most colorful events of the school year is that the Junior-Senior prom, and that of 1944 will take a place in the school annals as one of the most delightful and pleasant they have enjoyed for many years.

It has been the custom in the past to stage this event at the close of the Junior-Senior banquet but owing to the fact that many of the class were planning to enter the armed service, the banquet was held early and the prom retained its place as one of the closing events of the school year.

This year the prom was held at the high school gym that had been very artistically arranged by the juniors for the occasion. Festoons of the varied colored crepe paper were used in the decoration of the gym and this feature was carried out in the streamers from the lights of the room. The basketball goals were arranged with decorations of apple blossoms. At the end of the gym the throne had been arranged where the Queen of the May and her maid of honor were to rule over the program of the evening. To be Queen of the May the student chosen was Miss Patricia E. Liberal, one of the attractive and popular members of the student body and member of the senior class, while Miss Belores Kuse, was honored by being named the maid of honor of the festive gathering. The coronation was carried out by Darlene White, placing the crown on the queen.

The scene was very beautiful with the artistic decorations, the bright and colorful formal gowns of the ladies, the large group of happy and youthful faces of the students, adding to the charm of the evening. The traditional May Pole was arranged in the center of the gym and here a group of some twelve of the school girls carried out the May Pole dance, always a very lovely custom.

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Hold Family Reunion

A family gathering was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McQuinn at their home in Union on Sunday, May 7. The reunion was in honor of Art McQuinn, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McQuinn, who celebrated his twenty-sixth birthday Sunday. He departed for service in the Navy, Tuesday, May 9.

Those attending the gathering were: The guests of honor, Mr. and Mrs. Art McQuinn and daughter, Gloria of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Neil, Gene, Helen, Betty, Kaye and Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Neil, Mr. and Mrs. Donald McQuinn and daughters, Ramona and Donna, and Mrs. W. M. Rich of Union; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dore and sons, Billy and Bobby, of Nebraska City; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Schafer and Lyle of Bellevue.

Lt. Iola McQuinn, army nurse at the prisoner of war camp at Atlanta, Nebraska, was not able to attend, but telephoned her best wishes in the afternoon.

A lovely dinner was enjoyed by all; the afternoon was spent in visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McQuinn now have two sons and a daughter in the service with another son expecting to leave sometime next month.

Brothers Meet Overseas

Pfc. Paul Ruffner was agreeably surprised when his brother Bill walked in on him.

Paul has been overseas since September '43 and has been in action in Italy where he was wounded in mid-February. He has been confined in the hospital since then. He was not aware that his brother had left the States. Cpl. Bill Ruffner left the States late in March '44. Finding himself located in Italy he asked the Red Cross help him locate Paul. The two boys spent the day together and how good first hand news from home seemed to Paul.

Another happy coincidence of the day—Paul was awarded the purple heart while Bill was present. Paul says he is recovering nicely from his wound and expects to be back in action soon. He is in the infantry and Bill is with the Quartermaster Depot Co.

Where the moon isn't made for love. The sky is streaked with searchlights. Spotting Tujo's planes above. Where the flashes like a comet. Show the ack-ack in the night. The Zero, whining downward. One less tomorrow night.

Where the ants and lizards play. And a hundred fresh mosquitos. Replace every one we slay. So take me back to Otoo. Where the drug store cowboys yell. For this God Forsaken outpost. Is a substitute for Hell.

Sgt. John A. Oelkers, 37122956. Co. F, 155th Inf., A.P.O. 31-B. c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal.

Returns from the East

Mrs. Bronson Timm and daughter, Margaret Ann, have returned from an extended visit in the east, they having been at New York with Mr. Timm, now in the armed service in the navy. Mrs. Timm and the little daughter had a very fine time and enjoyed the weeks spent with Bronson while he was stationed at Long Island. He was called into active sea duty and the family returned home to Nebraska.

Gerald Hennings Home

Gerald Hennings, S 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hennings, who has just completed his "boot" training at Farragut, Idaho, arrived home Thursday for a visit with the members of the family and his old time school friends. Gerald is looking fine and has enjoyed his training in the period very much. He is now preparing to enter the active service in the navy and an assignment to duty when he returns to the station.

Meet on the Coast

Ralph O. Timm, who is stationed at Bremerton, Washington, in the naval base, in charge of the feeding of the many sailors that are in and out of the base, had the pleasure of meeting one of the Plattsmouth boys a few days ago. This was S2/c Lowell (Gus) Hopkins, who just recently completed his training at the Farragut, Idaho, station. He was a Bremerton to await his assignment to active duty. The Plattsmouth men had a very pleasant visit with each other.

Leave for Armed Forces

The following Cass county men left this morning for active duty in the armed forces:

Joseph Robert Murphy, Lincoln; Milton Howard Nelson, Omaha; Gerald Adam Meisinger, Ashland; Noble Donald Boidan, Decatur; Arthur Leslie McQuinn, Omaha; Leo R. Meisinger, Louisville; Marshall Eugene Everett, Union; Francis Robert Slavicek, Plattsmouth; Cassimer Walter Sikora, Plattsmouth; Henry Arthur Davis, Louisville, Elwood Woodrow Miller, Weeping Water; Kenneth Leroy Cottingham, Plattsmouth; Jerry Joe Konfrst, Plattsmouth; Henry Charles Kloepfer, Omaha; James Richard Shingel, Plattsmouth; Lewis Glen Grauf, Plattsmouth; Lyman Edward Lorenson, Weeping Water; John Laurence Alden, Union; Floyd Silas Stratton, Lincoln; Donald Wilson Harris, St. Joseph, Mo.; Donovan Platt Ricketts, Auburn.

Somewhere in New Guinea

Where the rain is like a curse. Each day is followed. By another slightly worse. Where your tent is always mucky. And your clothes are always damp. Where shaving is a fortune. And a man feels like a tramp.

Where a white woman is never seen. Where the sky is always cloudy. And the grass is always green. Where that something beside the buzzing. Of mosquitos robs men of their sleep. Where there isn't any whiskey. And atahrine is very cheap.

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Now At Ft. Leonard Wood

Pvt. Menford H. Biggs, who enlisted here several weeks ago, is now located at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri where he has been since leaving Fort Leavenworth. "Bud" was formerly in the army at Fort Crook and has one enlistment that should greatly assist him in his present service.

Goes to New Station

AC Raymond Evers, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Evers of this city, is now located at Santa Ana, California, where he is stationed in the U. S. Air Force and is being given additional training. Cadet Evers was formerly at Lubbock Field, Texas, and is now to receive further advanced work in this important branch of the armed service.

Here for Visit

Pfc. Ray Withan, of Chappell, Nebraska, is here for a visit with his friends and school associate. Pfc. Ronald Rehal, both of the young men are members of the sophomore class of the University of Nebraska college of medicine at Omaha and are having a short semester vacation, school resuming Monday.

Moving to Lincoln

Judge and Mrs. A. H. Duxbury and family are preparing to move on Monday to Lincoln to make their home in the future, they having purchased a new home in the east section of the city in the former University Place. This will be nearer the U. S. Veterans hospital where Judge Duxbury has his work as a member of the rating board.

Robert H. Ray is Now Reporter on Army Paper

U. S. Army Forces in the South Pacific.—Private First Class Robert H. Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford H. Ray, Neligh, Nebraska, has been appointed a reporter for the Imperial, a weekly army newspaper. Ray collects from his organization general and sports news and human interest stories for The Imperial, which serves a contingent of troops in the 40th Infantry Division.

Following induction October 9, 1942, at Fort Crook, Nebraska, Ray was assigned to duty in the Pacific Nov. 27, 1942. He is a member of a battalion intelligence section.

He was graduated from Neligh High school in 1935, and studied business administration three years at University of Nebraska.

—Neligh Leader
Mrs. Mary Helen Ray of the staff of County Treasurer Ruth Patton, is the wife of Mr. Ray and the many friends of this couple will be greatly interested in learning of his work in the South Pacific.

Plan Court of Honor

The committee in charge are busy planning the Mother's day court of honor, to be held here on next Sunday, Mother's day. The mothers of the Boy Scouts that will receive advancement work are especially urged to attend this court, dedicated to the mothers of the Scout membership, to participate in the program.

The court of honor will be held at 8 p. m. at the First Methodist church, a special invitation is given all boys that are interested in the scouting work to attend, also the parents that may be interested in the movement.

The troops that will participate will be 366, Methodist church, whose scoutmaster is L. A. Caldwell, and Dwight Edwards, assistant, with 367, the Christian church troop, Lester Thibman, scoutmaster, Rev. J. W. Taenzler, assistant.

Program

Mother's Day Court of Honor, B. S. of A. Plattsmouth—First Methodist Church Sunday, 8 P. M., May 14 1944 Presiding—C. J. Schneider, Dist. Chairman Bugle Call Presentation of Colors Pledge of Allegiance Invocation—Rev. J. W. Taenzler Song "America" Scripture—Rev. Taenzler Remarks—Mr. Schneider Advancement Committee Presentation of Merit Badges Second Class First Class Star Life Song "America the Beautiful" The Flight of the Eagles—Mrs. Wm. Evers Scouting—Rev. Taenzler Retire Colors Benediction The public is invited. Especially the boys of Scout age (12) and over, and their parents

Honored at Family Dinner

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Fred Uhlik entertained at their home at a family dinner party for Robert Slavicek, who is to leave Thursday for the armed service and expects assignment to the Marine corps. The repast was enjoyed by some eleven of the family.

These attending were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Krings and daughter, Mrs. Frank Slavicek, Mrs. Lillian Renner, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Slavicek and Rodney.

Sailor Reaches Port

City Treasurer and Mrs. M. D. Brown have received word from their son, S1/c James Douglas Brown, who is in the Pacific area, announcing that he had arrived at unknown port, the first time in several months. He will be able to enjoy the feel of the old earth again after the days and nights spent on the ocean.

Hears from Sons

Mrs. Elizabeth Clark has had word from her son, Charles Clark. He is in the Merchant Marines somewhere in the south Pacific; is feeling fine; has gained 20 pounds and likes the work very much. Pvt. Wayne Clark is in New Orleans, La., in a R. R. Battalion; he has been in the service three years and two months.

Erickson - Hitt

The marriage of Miss Erickson and William Duane Hitt, 3/c carpenter's mate, U.S.N., took place at the Presbyterian church at Monterey, California, April 5, at 8:30 o'clock in the evening. The single ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Stuart Campbell Potter. The bride wore a white chiffon gown with fingertip length veil trimmed with orange blossoms at the crown. Their attendants were Elvira Mickelson, friend of the bride, and Darcy Edwin Jones, 3/c machinist's mate, U.S.N. The bridesmaid wore a pink chiffon gown and carried an old fashioned bridal bouquet of gardenias.

A reception was held at the Earl Butts home in Pacific Grove, California following the wedding. At the reception many fine gifts were presented to the newly-married.

The bride is a graduate of the Roseau High school with the class of 1939. The following year she finished a course of study and practice at the Duluth School of Beauty. She has been employed in California the past year.

Mr. Hitt is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hitt of Louisville, Neb. He is a graduate of the Milby High school in Houston, Texas and has been in the Navy the past two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Hitt plan on making their home at Del Monte, Calif., for the present being that Mr. Hitt is stationed at the Monterey Auxiliary Naval Air Station and Mrs. Hitt is employed at the Del Monte Naval School.

William O'Donnell Re-elected President Of Eagles Lodge

Plattsmouth Aerie No. 365 Holds Annual Election on Thursday Night—Have a Fine Year

Plattsmouth aerie No. 365 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles held their annual election of officers at the lodge room in the Eagles building, on Thursday evening.

The Eagles have had a very successful year under the leadership of William P. O'Donnell, as the worthy president, being able to pay off all of their indebtedness on their building up as well as very large membership. In the election of the officers the members returned Mr. O'Donnell to the past he has filled so well.

The other officers selected included the following: Worthy Vice-President—Edward Kohrell Secretary—B. G. Wurl Treasurer—William H. Woolcott Chaplain—Marvin Deaver Conductor—Charles Janacek Trustee—J. R. Scott

Inside Guard—Norman Baker The Eagles are planning an extensive program for Sunday at the hall opening with the business meeting and initiation at 2:30.

The Mother's day program will be held at 4:30 in the afternoon with Milo W. Price as the guest speaker.

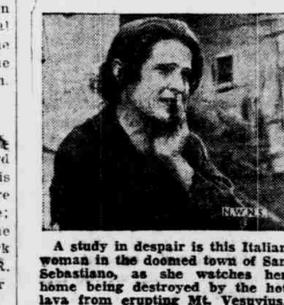
Lunch will be enjoyed by the group at 5:30 in the afternoon and at 7 in the evening an entertainment will be presented.

All members and wives, mothers of members and mothers of members wives are invited to attend.

PREPARING SCRAP BOOK

We understand that Mrs. James Manzy is preparing a "Service Scrap Book," with biographies of service men from this county and with as many pictures as she can obtain from the boys. When completed she plans to give the scrap book to the Plattsmouth library. Service people interested might send snapshots direct to her.

Volcano Victim



A study in despair is this Italian woman in the doomed town of San Sebastiano, as she watches her home being destroyed by the hot lava from erupting Mt. Vesuvius.

Tech Sergeant Dale Jackson Is In Switzerland

Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jackson Notified of the Fate of Son by War Department

Added comfort was given Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jackson of this city today, a message being received from the war department that their second son, Tech. Sgt. Dale Jackson, was an interned prisoner in Switzerland.

The American plane and the crew evidently had been forced down over neutral Switzerland and the crew interned under the international rules by the Swiss government. The parents will be notified later of the name and number of the internment camp where Dale is held and be able to send him food, clothing and other articles of comfort.

The internment in neutral Switzerland is much better than the fate of those held in the Axis prison camps and the prisoners have more privileges of communication with the folk at home.

MOTHER

This is to you Mother, the only one for me. Sending you my greetings across the deep blue sea. I've had a lot of sweethearts, but none to compare. I can see you in the doorway, as you wait for me back there.

You made my boyhood happy, you were always dear and kind. You always taught me right from wrong and never seemed to mind. You were always there to help me, as I struggled through the years. At last I had to leave you with all your grief and tears.

I pray that God will bless you and keep you in his care. So when I leave the battlefield, I know you'll still be there. I dream of you each evening as I'm about to go to sleep. I promised you I'd be back again, this promise I must keep.

I can still remember the last time I was home. You said "Dear Son, be careful." "How long will you be gone?" You were so brave the day I left. I'm thankful for you, Mom. Keep up your faith, don't give up. I'll be back when this war is won.

Although the years have come and gone since we have had to part. I think of you each night and day, you are always in my heart. I know you won't give up the fight although you're growing old. You'll always be the same to me, you have a heart of gold.

This is the day that's just for you, there's nothing more beautiful to say. I pause in my work to salute you. Mom, on this Dear Mother's Day I'll never be able to repay you, no matter what I do. But if this day came every day, I'd set it aside for you.

This day of yours, is almost gone, the sun is sinking low. I'll have to say Goodnight Mom, but please before I go. I'll say a special prayer for you, and then be on my way. That God will protect and keep you safe, until next Mother's Day.

Bridal Shower

A lovely party was given at the Glen Valley home last evening when Miss Selma Diehm and Miss Rose Prohaska honored Miss Thelma Tritt at a miscellaneous shower.

The color scheme in pastels was carried out in the favors and refreshments.

Games were enjoyed by the group, and in these Miss Madge Garnett and Miss Anelia Martens were winners.

Many beautiful and useful gifts were received by the honoree, Miss Tritt, whose marriage will occur in the near future.

Miss Agnes Muenster of Council Bluffs, Iowa, was an out of town guest.

Home to Visit Parents

Captain and Mrs. John H. Gayer and their small son, John Jr., arrived at Lincoln Sunday to visit with Governor and Mrs. Dwight Griswold, parents of Mrs. Gayer. During the ten day leave from his station at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, they also expect to visit Mr. and Mrs. Harrison L. Gayer, the parents of the captain. Captain Gayer is a radar officer at Harrisburg.