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Junior Senior Banquet Held Saturday Night

Sophomores Serve Repast amid Settings of the Spanish Theme Make Colorful Scene

One of the big events in the lives of the juniors and seniors of the high school, occurred Saturday evening in the annual banquet tendered by the juniors to the senior class.

The banquet was held this year in the dining room of the Central school building that had been transformed into a Spanish setting by the artistic efforts of the young people.

The Spanish theme was also carried out in the menu as follows:

- Coctel (Cocktail)
- Pollo de Cream (Creamed Chicken)
- Pattas Majadas Maiz todo grano (Mashed Potatoes) (Cream'd Corn)
- Ensalada Primavera (Spring Salad)
- Pastel Angel y Helado (Angel Food Cake Ice Cream)
- Cafe

The toast list was presided over by Jean Collins of the junior class who extended the welcome to the friends of the senior class in a most delightful manner.

The response for the seniors was given by the class president, Richard Sack.

Miss Mary Evers of the senior class responded to the toast "Accomplishments".

Miss Mary Kay Gorder of the juniors responded to "Malaqueña".

Miss Eloise Cole of the senior class gave a very artistic rendition of Xavier "Cugat's Brazil" that was very much enjoyed by all of the banquet party.

Milo W. Price of the faculty of the school responded for the teachers in a very cleverly given address filled with much wit and humor.

Dr. R. P. Westover, the president of the board of education, responded for the governing body of the school in congratulations to the students for the fine time that had been arranged.

Phyllis Bourck gave a vocal number as her part of the program of the evening from the junior class.

John Conis of the seniors responded to the toast, "Anticipations" and expressed the thanks of the class for the entertainment afforded.

The banquet was served by twenty of the members of the sophomore class who did a fine job of handling the banquet.

The young people as is the custom enjoyed the remainder of the evening at dancing parties.

Shower for Mrs. Norman Moyer

Sunday the attractive country home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Warner was the scene of a very charming shower in honor of Mrs. Norman Moyer, formerly Miss Vivian Warner.

Sgt. and Mrs. Moyer were recently married at Hollywood, California, and are now here visiting the relatives and friends in this city and Omaha.

The afternoon was enlivened by the mock wedding participated in by Mrs. Donald Born as the preacher, Mrs. Fred Fisher, father, Helen Smetana, groom, rose Janca, bride, Mary Joan Lohnes, ring bearer, and Mrs. Elmer Lohnes, mother. Mary Lou Warner played the musical setting for the occasion.

There were many very attractive gifts and Mrs. Moyer was assisted in the opening of the gifts by Georgia Atkinson.

During the afternoon the hostesses served a most delicious luncheon that all enjoyed to the utmost. The hostesses were Mrs. Fred Lugsch, Mrs. Justus Moyer, Omaha, Mrs. Frank Dashner, Glenwood, Rose Janca, Helen Smetana, Mrs. Leonard Terryberry, Mrs. Elmer Lohnes, Mrs. C. R. Hutchison, Mrs. W. S. Wetenskap.

From six deer released a few years ago on the artillery range at Fort Bragg has developed the finest deer herd in North Carolina.

Telephone Co. and V-E Day Calls

An urgent request to the public to avoid unnecessary telephone calls when rumors of peace come and when V-E Day brings us the great news of victory in Europe has made by W. L. Eckles, Area Manager of the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company.

"Between now and V-E Day," Mr. Eckles asks, "When you hear rumors of peace, please wait for further confirmation on the radio or in the newspapers...and do not clog telephone lines by calling newspapers and radio stations."

"Your telephone company will greatly appreciate your co-operation in helping to avert a serious telephone crisis."

Americans Meet Less Resistance in Mindanao

Move Rapidly Nearer Davao Large Port of the Island Held by Japanese

MANILA, (U.P.)— American troops today were reported meeting only slight resistance as they pushed rapidly across Mindanao less than 50 miles from Davao.

The drive was paced by units of the 24th division which swept along the main highway to Davao and captured the village of Fort Pikit, 45 miles inland from the new beachhead on the east coast of Moro gulf.

Fort Pikit is the junction of the north-south road which links the two American columns advancing toward Davao, southernmost of the Philippines islands.

Other American forces in northern Luzon pressed within two miles of Baguio's northwestern city limits and captured two more members of the collaborationist cabinet together with several other Japanese followers.

They were Claro M. Recto, minister of foreign affairs; Rafael Alunan, minister of agriculture and commerce; Gen. Guillermo Francisco, former chief of the Bureau of Constabulary, and Emilio Abello, vice minister of foreign affairs.

Tactical bombers continued steady support of the ground forces in northern Luzon and dropped 270 tons of explosives in the Baleta Pass area, where American troops seized new high positions around the escape route into the Cagayan valley.

Birthday Party at the 40 et 8 Club

Saturday evening was the occasion of the April birthday party of the Forty and Eight club and honoring a group of some twelve members of the social club.

A large and handsome birthday cake had been prepared for the event and this was partaken of by the members of the party.

The members of the club honored were: Evelyn Schoemaker, Ruth Kalasek, Mathilde Long, Helen Vroman, Helen John, John Sander, Ella Kirkpatrick, Theodore and Janet Ptak, "Whitey" Cook, Cleda Wheeler, Marjorie Terryberry, and Clyde Jackson.

Preparing For Senior Play

Seniors of Plattsmouth High are rehearsing busily for their coming class play, to be given sometime in the first of May. The play, "Nine Girls", is the latest thing in a high class mystery drama.

Watch for more news about this unusual "carnival of feminine fury and fun. It's a collegiate thriller with a campus Lady MacBeth."

OCCUPY ITALIAN ISLANDS

LONDON, (U.P.)— Two more Adriatic islands and the important harbor of Sussek adjoining the Italian port of Fiume were in the hands of Marshal Tito's forces today, the Yugo-Slav radio said.

Yugo Slavia broadcasts heard by the British broadcasting commission, reported the liberation of the islands of Cherso and Losinj.

An earlier communique reported the capture of a number of enemy strong points on the outskirts of Fiume.

International Figures Meeting At Washington

Representatives of Britain, Russia and the United States Meet—Many Go to San Francisco.

San Francisco, (U.P.)— The United Nations assembled today on the shore of the Pacific but attention was fixed on Washington where the first big three discussions since Yalta were testing the basic fabric of the world peace structure which San Francisco was expected to produce.

Every train crossing the High Sierras and dozens of planes poured united nations delegates and their advisers into the city where the first world peace deliberations since 1919 will open Wednesday.

But principals in the conference still were absent.

In Washington, President Truman and secretary of state Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., foreign secretary Anthony Eden and Soviet foreign commissar V. M. Molotov were deep in consultations on the thorny Polish problem.

The chiefs of the other two top delegations, foreign minister George Bidault of France and Foreign Minister T. V. Soong of China also have not yet arrived.

San Francisco had assumed the aspect of a stage, partially set, but with the principal actors still in the dressing rooms, arguing about the lines in the first act.

With only 48 hours to go before the scheduled opening of the conference, indications were growing that the Washington discussions would not produce a settlement of the Polish question before the opening conference session.

It was thought likely that the United States, Britain and Russia would transfer the scene of their Polish deliberations to the conference city.

Since the initial days of the meeting are to be filled with minor matters of procedure, a breathing spell of a week or more would be afforded the foreign secretaries in which to grapple with the problem.

The Polish issue has been squarely drawn. The Russians not only back the Warsaw government for a seat at San Francisco, they have reinforced their position by signing a treaty of alliance and friendship with Warsaw. The Americans and British have been equally firm, rejecting a second Russian request for Warsaw representatives and publicly affirming their unity on the rejection unless and until the Warsaw government is reconstituted along the lines agreed upon by the late President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin at Yalta.

The Polish issue hung over the pre-conference activity like a dark cloud. But there were other controversial issues shaping up.

One was the problem of "trusteeship" of colonial areas, particularly regions seized from enemy powers.

This involves the United States, particularly in the Pacific where the U. S. navy and other defense authorities have made plain their determination that strategic islands won from Japan must be incorporated into the American defense system.

It also involves Britain, particularly in the Mediterranean where the British admiralty has made no secret of the necessity of controlling bases which, in the future will protect the security of its "life line" to the middle east and India.

Russia is concerned through the strategic necessities of her western frontier and—should she become involved in the Pacific war—in her possible demand in the far east.

The French are concerned over the fate of Dakar, West African base which President Roosevelt once described as the key to the approaches of South America, and, to a lesser degree, over her North African possessions and French Indo-China.

Suffers Death

London, (U.P.)—Joseph Kramer, S. S. commandant of the Belzen "death camp" has been tried and executed, the Evening Standard said today.

Rev. Bennett at Ashland Sunday

Rev. and Mrs. T. Porter Bennett were at Ashland Sunday where they participated in the memorial service held at the First Methodist church for Sterling Eugene Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Graham, a naval aviator, killed in the Philippines on October 29th.

There was a very large number of the family and friends in the community present to participate in the memorial to this fine young man who had died in the service of his country.

The American Legion post of Ashland participated in the service and the flag of the United States was presented to the members of the bereaved family.

Allied Forces in Italy Advance on Widening Fronts

Advance to the Po River in Fast Movements That Cover 25 Miles in Two Days

ROME, (U.P.)— American and British tanks neared the Po river today after surging 20 to 35 miles north from Bologna in less than 48 hours.

Eighth army units had smashed within 2500 yards of the airfield at Ferrara, key road center three miles south of the Po.

Modena, other immediate objective of the northward push, also was directly threatened, but a partial news blackout hid the position of Fifth army forces driving on the city.

Allied force headquarters reported that after "good progress," Fifth and Eighth army troops were nearing the River Po at several widely separated places—an indication they had fanned out along a wide front after breaking loose on the Po plain.

Measured due north of Bologna, a 35-mile advance would put the Americans virtually on the banks of the Po, last big river barrier south of the Italian Alps, guarding the back door to Hitler's Bavarian redoubt.

The Germans were fleeing in disorder after the Bologna breakthrough, their retreating columns hammered and harried by allied air forces. Minefields, rather than enemy resistance, slowed American troops in the area northwest of Bologna and just south of the Panaro river.

The British advanced toward Ferrara astride the Po di Primaro river, which flows through the city.

Adding to the German woes, Italian patriots were reported on the rampage behind the Nazi lines in northern Italy. A communique from patriot headquarters in occupied territory told of numerous successful ambushes throughout Piedmont.

(The BBC reported that the Italian government had told Apennine patriots that the hour to strike had come, and they should act according to secret instructions given them earlier.)

Funeral of Chas. Herren Saturday

The funeral services of Charles Herren, 84, were held on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock at the Sattler funeral home which was filled to the capacity with the old friends from this section of Cass county where Mr. Herren had so long made his home.

Rev. J. W. Taenzler, pastor of the First Christian church, had charge of the services and brought the message of comfort to the bereaved relatives and old friends.

Two of the old hymns, "Rock of Ages" and "Abide With Me" were given during the services by Mrs. C. J. White and Mrs. Jess Hodge, Lester Thimman playing the accompaniment.

The pall bearers were selected from the old friends and neighbors of the past years. They were Fred Lutz, Ben Noell, John Libershal, Henry Timm, W. H. Puls, and Edward Gradoville.

The interment was at the Oak Hill cemetery.

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Battle For Bavarian Alps Opens; Reds In Heart of Berlin, Yank Junction Reported

LONDON, (U.P.)— Russian armored spearheads were reported probing into the heart of Berlin from three directions today, clanking along Unter den Linden and other famous streets within one to four miles of Potsdamer Platz.

The German radio said Adolf Hitler was in personal command of the defense of Berlin. The red army had driven 10 miles deep into the enemy capital and held possession of a fourth of it.

A dispatch from Germany through Switzerland said "the battle of Berlin is practically over" and a United Press report from Moscow said the plight of Berlin was becoming graver by the hour.

The Luxembourg radio reported without confirmation that Russian and American forces had met south of Berlin in the area of Torgau, on the Elbe. But dispatches from the U. S. 9th and first armies said the historic junction apparently had not been made. Neutral correspondents reported from Germany that red army tanks were blasting their way down Unter den Linden, historic street on which in other days Hitler's vaunted legions paraded.

Late Nazi broadcasts said other soviet tanks were in the Mariendorf district and Lichterfelde 4 miles southwest of the famous cross roads in the heart of Berlin, from which Unter den Linden is a mile or so distant.

Swedish reports quoted one of the last air passengers out of Berlin as saying the city was in a state of chaos and partial anarchy. In many districts he said, civilians were hunting down Gestapo agents and dealing with them summarily.

A Moscow dispatch said Russian siege guns lined up hub-to-hub from the northwestern to the southern fringes of the city, together with hundreds of Stormovik assault planes, had "pulverized virtually the entire area toward the center of Berlin."

They said soviet tanks were rolling along the broad tree-lined avenue with guns blazing. White flags were flying in the center of the city, the Swiss radio said.

"Fierce battles are raging, but the battle of Berlin is practically over," the Swiss said.

Luxembourg broadcast said the big Tempelhof airdrome in southern Berlin had fallen to the Russians.

The soviet high command announced the capture of one-quarter of Berlin and placed spearheads within four miles of the Unter den Linden as of yesterday.

Moscow dispatches said the red army was pounding all the main thoroughfares leading to the Alexanderplatz, less than a mile from the Unter den Linden.

M. S. Handler, United Press staff correspondent in Moscow, cabled that the German position inside Berlin was deteriorating hourly.

Paul Joseph Goebbels, Nazi propaganda minister and gauleiter of Berlin, was reported to have fled the capital less than 24 hours after a promising to remain with the inhabitants in a stand to the death.

Behind him, however, even women and children had joined in manning hastily-erected street barricades against the onrushing soviet. Anti-aircraft guns in the capital's great defense system were deflected and used as anti-tank guns.

Russian armored columns burst through the barricades and brought flaming buildings down around the German garrison with almost pointblank artillery fire.

They were advancing on a solid 25-mile front from the northeast corner of Berlin. Sixteen districts in the eastern and northeastern part of the city were captured yesterday alone.

Eighty square miles of Berlin's 332-square-mile area were cleared. Scores of war plants, an auxiliary power station, a tramway depot and other strategic



Hymn Sing at Methodist Church

Sunday evening the members of Methodist church sponsored the Adult Fellowship of the First hymn sing at the usual meeting hour in the evening.

There was a group of some 100 present for the service and it was very much enjoyed by all participating in the pleasure and beauty of this song fest.

Mrs. S. E. Hatcher was the program chairman and the scripture lesson was given by L. J. Hutchison, the prayer by Rev. T. Porter Bennett, the pastor of the church.

Milo Price, one of the members of the Fellowship gave a short talk on the work of the fellowship that was very much enjoyed by the members of the class.

Mrs. Earl Carr gave a solo number as a part of the service.

The singing was led by Don C. York and the accompaniment played by Miss Mildred Hall.

The Fellowship is planning another sing May 6th at the church.

Sunday Proves Very Quiet Day

Sunday, the first under the all day closing of the taverns, made the business section of the city very quiet and few were to be seen on the streets in that part of the city.

The dry area was one that included the private clubs as well as the taverns and no beer or other drinks were to be found.

Many of the residents of the city journeyed to Omaha to spend the afternoon while others remained around the homefires for the day.

Weather Forecast

High—54
Low—50
Precipitation—1 1/4
Nebraska forecast—Partly cloudy today, except showers extreme southeast; cooler. Partly cloudy tonight, cooler east and central portions; low tonight 35-40; northwest; 40-45 southeast; Tuesday partly cloudy with little change in temperature.

buildings were captured. More than 8,000 Germans were killed or captured yesterday, the soviet high command said. It reported that fighting continued "day and night without a single hour's interruption."

While the main Russian armies aimed at the heart of Berlin, reserves of Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First White Russian group swung northwest and southwest in a bid to encircle the capital and its defenders.

Arbor Day Nebraska Holiday

Monday marks Nebraska's own holiday, Arbor Day, originated by J. Sterling Morton, one of the pioneers of Nebraska whose charge to "the early settlers of "Plant Trees" led to the development of forestry in this section of the west.

The sage of Arbor lodge will long live in history for his example to the people of the new west on the development of their state and making use of their advantages in the way of horticulture.

The holiday in this city was limited to the closing of the offices at the court house and the Plattsmouth State bank was also closed for the day.

Rob Rea Training at the Great Lakes

Robert Irvin Rea, 29, husband of Mrs. Velma B. Rea, Murray, Nebraska, is receiving his initial Naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

His recruit training consists of instruction in seamanship, military drill and general Naval procedure. During this period a series of aptitude tests will be taken by the recruit to determine whether he will be assigned to a Naval Service School, to a shore station or to immediate duty at sea.

When his recruit training is completed, the seaman will receive a period of leave.

Undergoes Operation at Boise, Idaho

Sheriff and Mrs. Joe Mrasek received a telephone call from their eldest son, W. E. Mrasek of Boise, Idaho, Sunday evening.

Mr. Mrasek told of his wife having been operated on Sunday morning for a severe case of appendicitis. He was on the road at the time and was not able to reach Boise until after the operation.

Mrs. Mrasek is the former Carlene Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Thomas of Nebraska City.

GERMANS USE ANTIQUES

LONDON, (U.P.)— The Luftwaffe is so hard up it has taken to using museum pieces, 9th air force pilots reported today.

Of two German planes shot down Sunday, one was an obsolete World War I biplane.

Journal Want Ads For Results

PARIS, (U.P.)— Three American and one French army opened the battle for Nazi Germany's last retreat in the Bavarian Alps today amid a flurry of reports that other American forces south of Berlin had linked up with the red army to merge the western and eastern fronts.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U. S. 3rd army shot out in front of the Bavarian offensive with a sudden armored lunge south along the Czechoslovakian border into the Danube Valley 120 odd miles northwest of Berchtesgaden.

Patton's flying tank columns reeled off as much as 32 miles in as many hours, sweeping up thousands of stunned Nazi prisoners and liberating at least one enemy prisoner of war camp with hundreds of allied captives.

Late dispatches said the 3rd army crossed the Naab river on a 7-mile front after capturing Habburg and Schwarzenfeld and pushed southeast 4 to 5 miles to the Kennmuth and Wilhof areas. At Kennmuth they were 23 miles north of the Danubian fortress of Regensburg, little more than 70 miles from Munich and 123 miles from Berchtesgaden.

The Third army's blazing drive through Bavaria came as American and Russian armies to the north converged on the shattered Nazi divisions trapped in the Oder-Elbe corridor around Berlin.

Unofficial reports hinted strongly that American First army and soviet patrols already had made contact on the Elbe river east of Leipzig and that a full-scale juncture of the allied armies would be announced imminently in Washington, London and Moscow.

Rumors of another juncture between U. S. Ninth army and Russian skirmishes in the western suburbs of Berlin also were flying about headquarters but official spokesmen refused all confirmation.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters said all arrangements for the link-up with the red army had been concluded and front correspondents said American forward columns were being fitted with special identification in preparation for the juncture.

First army troops captured and completely cleared Dessau, 52 miles southwest of Berlin, last night. At that point they were only 31 miles west of the Russians at Truenbreitzen, a southwestern suburb of Berlin.

U. S. Ninth army troops were only a few miles farther from Truenbreitzen in their bridgehead across the Elbe river in the Barby area.

There still was no confirmation of German reports that the Ninth army was storming the Elbe farther north at Wittenberge, 62 miles northwest of Berlin, in an attempt to break across and join the assault on the capital.

Far to the west, British troops were reported to have launched their final assault on Bremen after the Nazi garrison rejected a surrender ultimatum, and another British column fought into Harburg, directly across the Elbe river from Hamburg.

Field dispatches said the Britons had captured a secret order issued by Adolf Hitler in which the fuhrer admitted the collapse of all organized resistance in the west and called upon his troops to wage a guerrilla war.

Greenwood Boy In Naval Training

Lorain V. Stothet, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Stuthet, R. R. Greenwood Nebraska was graduated recently from the Naval Air Technical Training Center located at Norman, Oklahoma. While at the Norman school he studied the aviation specialty field for which his recruit training aptitude tests showed he was best suited, and is now eligible to earn a petty officer rate.

The newly graduated man is now awaiting further duty orders either to sea or to a Naval base.