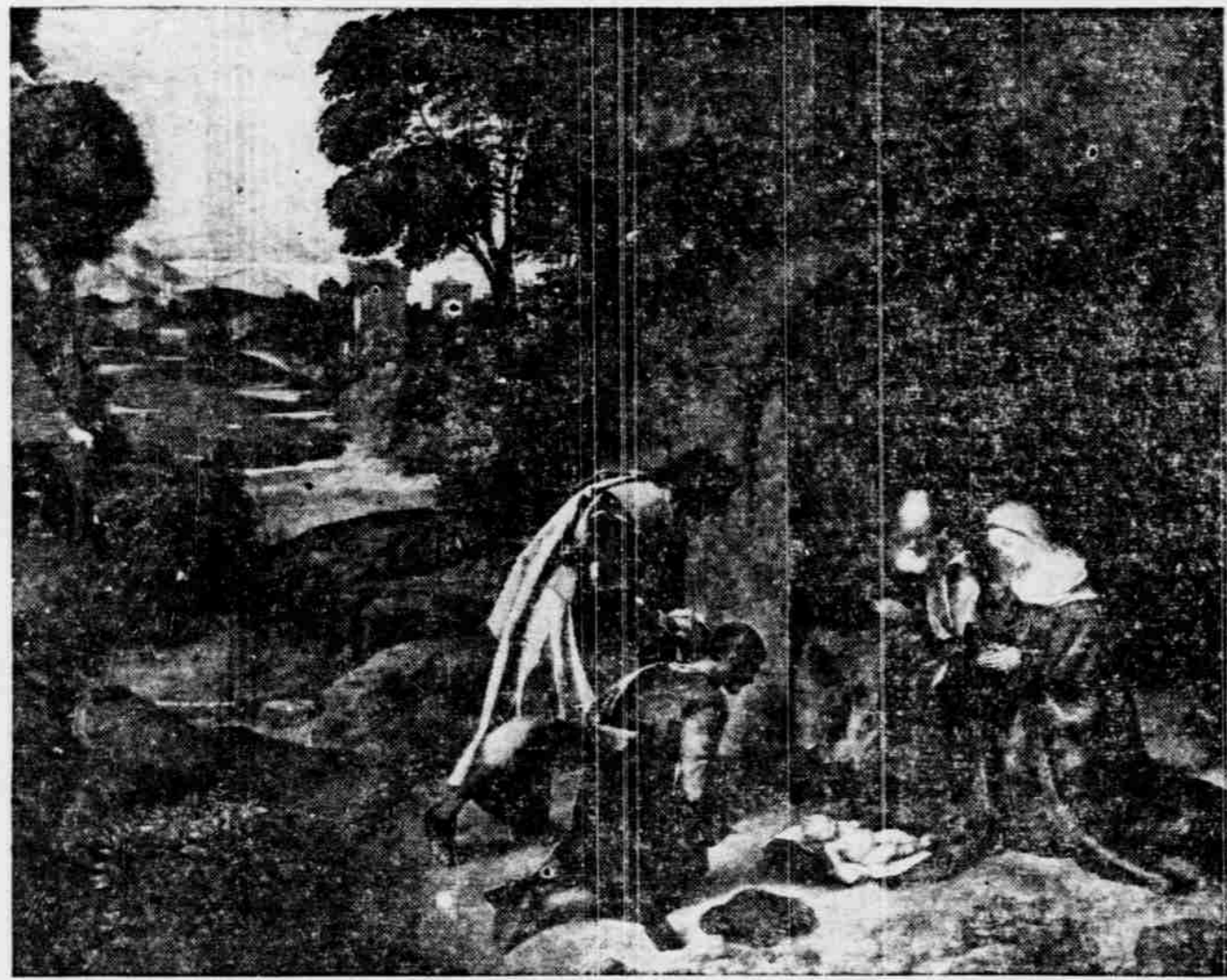




MERRY CHRISTMAS



Noted Art Experts Name Their Favorite Christmas Pictures for Plattsmouth Journal



"ADORATION OF THE SHEPHERDS," GIORGIONE—"Magnificent in conception, superbly designed with strongly contrasting straight and curved forms emphasizing the devotional attitudes of the figures and the emotional content of the picture. Instinct with deep sentiment, the picture moves us as do some of the great old Christmas hymns and carols. . . Humbly and reverently, the shepherds kneel with Mary and Joseph. They form one of the tenderest groups in all paintings."

Reproduced here are world-famous paintings, named by directors of three of the nation's leading art museums as their favorite treatment of the Christmas subject. Maurice Block, director, Henry E. Huntington Gallery, San Marino, Calif., chose "Adoration of the Shepherds," left, by Giorgione, 15th century Venetian master. Perry T. Rathbone, director of the City Art Museum of St. Louis, also likes the "Adoration" theme, but prefers Hugo van der Goes' delineation, right. Favorite of William M. Milliken, director, Cleveland Museum of Art, is Filippino Lippi's "Holy Family With St. Margaret and St. John," center.



"HOLY FAMILY WITH ST. MARGARET AND ST. JOHN," LIPPI—"I see this, my favorite Christmas painting, every day and after a million views of it, one's eyes are called back to see new wonders in its brilliant color, in its design, in the beautiful relation of figures within the circular form."



"ADORATION OF THE SHEPHERDS," VAN DER GOES—"This is van der Goes' masterpiece and I believe it the greatest Christmas picture ever painted because of its sincerity and deep feeling, its combination of realism and imagination, because it expresses with equal emphasis the humanity and divinity of the event and because of the perfection of the artist's technical means of expression." The picture, familiarly known as the "Fortinari Altarpiece," hangs in the Uffizi Gallery, Florence.

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Sheriff Issues Warning Notice To Farmers

The Sheriff's office issued an "on guard" notice to all farmers today. Sheriff Solomon warned all farmers to be on a watch for corn and chicken thieves. No reports of any corn or chicken thefts have been reported in Cass County but in view of such thefts in adjoining counties the sheriff's office feels that it will only be just a matter of time before they start working in Cass County. Corn thieves are backing their trucks up to outside corn cribs, usually held by wire, cutting the wires and loading up a full load of corn in a few minutes. Last week a dump truck backed up to such a crib in Otoe County and in a few minutes loaded up approximately fifty bushels of corn and made a safe getaway. If at all possible farmers should make sure that proper action is taken on their farms to safeguard against such thefts. Farms where such thefts can be easily made should not be left unattended at night. Such thefts on farms usually occur also when the corn cribs are out of sight from the farm house and in areas where farmers have been attracted to some event in the nearest town.

Farmers should take down the license numbers and description of all suspicious looking vehicles, especially trucks, seen in their area, and report them to the sheriff's office immediately. In an attempt to ward off such thefts the sheriff's office is at present patrolling county roads on various nights of the week and are stopping all suspicious looking vehicles for a check. Numbers of suspicious looking vehicles are radioed to Omaha or Lincoln via the two-way radio in the sheriff's car and in a few minutes the owner's name of the vehicle, whose license number had been radioed in, and his criminal record if any are radioed back to the sheriff's car. Persons with a criminal record are checked very closely.

Theft of cattle and hogs remain at about the same level throughout the state with a slight increase now, and then. Only one hog theft has been reported in Cass County. Farmers should count their hog and cattle herd frequently. Well secured windows and a padlocked door on the chicken house will stop the biggest percentage of chicken thefts.

Prisoner Builds Fire in City Jail

Raymond L. Green, a section gang worker, was taken into custody by the city police Friday night on charges of intoxication. He was fined \$10 and costs in Justice court Saturday by Judge Graves. Green and another prisoner who was serving time for being found under the influence of alcohol the second time in Plattsmouth and according to the sheriff's office served time in Alcatraz built a fire in the main cell block of the city jail early Saturday morning. The police extinguished the fire before any damage was done.

Business Houses Close Christmas Eve and Christmas

The business houses of the city affiliated with the Plattsmouth Business Men's Ad club, are to close their places of business on Wednesday evening, December 24th, at 6 p. m. This is in honor of Christmas Eve.

It is urged that all shoppers take notice of the closing hours and have their purchases made before 6 o'clock Wednesday evening. This closing is a fine gesture of recognition of the work of the employees of the stores during the holiday shopping season. It will enable the merchants and their employees to be home with their families on Christmas Eve and to attend the special Christmas services at the various churches.

This will make a real Christmas to all who are working in the stores and one that they will deeply appreciate.

Jack Davis Serves In Mediterranean

Jack P. Davis, seaman, first class, USN, son of Walter C. Davis of 248 East Silver street, Plattsmouth, is serving aboard the destroyer USS Henley, operating in the Mediterranean area. The present cruise of the Henley has truly followed the Navy's enlistment slogan, "Join the Navy and see the World." She has visited such ports in the Mediterranean as: Gibraltar; Algeria; the island of Malta; the French Riviera, Izmir, Turkey; Trieste; Venice and Taranto, Italy; Bone, Algeria; and several ports in Greece.

Plattsmouth Mfg. Company Holds Party

Saturday evening the operators and employees of the Plattsmouth Manufacturing company held their annual Christmas party at the plant of the company in the Legion building. The party had been looked forward to with great pleasure by the employees as well as Mr. and Mrs. Charles Babien, operators of the plant, the result justified the anticipation that they had felt over the event.

The room had been suitably arranged for the occasion and the party opened with the serving of a fine dinner early Saturday evening at which there were present all of the employees and their husbands or friends to enjoy the excellent repast and the good fellowship that prevailed among the group.

The occasion was marked by the visitation of Santa Claus and the distribution of gifts among the employees and the management.

The employees had joined in the presentation of gifts to Mr. and Mrs. Babien as a token of the pleasant relations among employees and their employers. They received an electric roaster and a set of dishes from the workers and in turn each of the workers received a large box of chocolates and beautiful hand painted scarfs.

After the gifts distribution had been completed, the members of the party spent the time in dancing and visiting until the home-going hour arrived.

It was announced that each of the employees of the company would receive a week's vacation with pay as a present from the company, and that they would receive a bonus for their faithful service during the past year.

The members of the group were also informed that after the first of the year they would all receive an increase in their pay.

Olsons Spend Holiday Here

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Olson of Whiting, Indiana, arrived in the city Sunday to visit here at the home of Mrs. T. E. Olson, mother of C. R. and with the brother and sisters.

They will also visit at Avoca with Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson, parents of Mrs. Olson and the many friends in that locality.

Honor Departing Friends

Sunday evening a party honoring Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Edwards who are soon to make their home in Norfolk, was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Schreiner. Other hosts and hostesses were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Christensen and Mr. and Mrs. Miles Elloe.

Sale of Farm Land in Meyers Estate Friday

Friday afternoon the sale was held at the court house of two sections of land belonging to the estate of Mary Meyers, deceased, located north of Avoca on the "O" street road.

The land brought a good price and the sale was attended by a very large number of interested parties from this section of Cass County. The total of the sale amounted to \$60,500.

The north section of land was sold at \$200 an acre or a total of \$32,000 and was purchased by Lawrence Erhart of Wabash, a son-in-law of the deceased, while the south section of the land was sold at \$178 an acre or a total of \$28,500. This section was purchased by Ernest Havenman of Avoca.

This sale was very pleasing to the parties interested as the land is in an excellent location.

Attorney W. L. Dwyer of Weeping Water was the referee in the sale and the firm of Smith & Lebens of this city were the attorneys.

Local Group at Highway Program Near Glenwood

Saturday the formal opening of the paving on highway No. 34 from this city to Glenwood was held after a delay of over a year due to the rebuilding and re-routing of the highway.

To attend the brief ceremonies at the highway near the second bridge east of the Missouri river at 9:30 a. m. were members of the Iowa State Highway department that has charge of the construction work, making the final approval of the paving. Glenwood was represented by Mayor Rodman, Harry Slikkveer, president of the Chamber of Commerce and William E. Brown, the publisher of the Glenwood Opinion-Tribune. The Plattsmouth group comprised Mayor Clement Woster, H. A. Schneider, president of the Plattsmouth Bridge company, R. R. Furse, publisher of the Plattsmouth Journal, E. H. Bernhardt, of the Norfolk Packing Co., Fred P. Busch, president of the Plattsmouth Business Men's Ad club, Fred I. Rea of the Consumers Co., Robert Cappell, engineer of the Plattsmouth Water board and Carl Chriswiser, local photographer, who was able to get a number of views of the new highway paving.

This highway as it is now built is one of the best in the west and it is well above possible overflow of the Missouri river lowlands in the spring season.

Midshipman is Home for Holiday

Midshipman Richard Livingston arrived home Sunday from Annapolis, Maryland, where he is attending the Naval Academy, and will remain here with his mother, Mrs. Lillian Livingston and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Baekck of this city and B. W. Livingston of Mynard, until after Christmas.

He must report back to the academy by New Year's however.

Schools Observe Christmas Holiday With Programs

Friday afternoon the Plattsmouth high school and junior high school held a special program in observance of the Christmas season at the high school auditorium.

The dramatics class directed by Mrs. Alta Reed, presented the "Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, one of the best known Christmas stories that is always a treat at the near approach of the holiday season. In this the various roles in the beloved story was taken by Robert Cannon, Bill Little, Pete Hill, Leon Elliott, Tom Cornwell, Gerald Michaelson, Rita Kilpatrick, Donna Richards, Darlene Snelmer, John Green. This dramatic sketch was effectively presented by the young people of the class. The musical setting of the story was given by a special chorus arranged by David Fowler, musical director of the school.

Mr. Fowler also presented the large school choir in three of the Christmas carols that were enjoyed by the group.

B. E. Evans led the entire group in the singing of the Christmas carols that made a most impressive part of the program.

There were individual programs held in the rooms of the grade schools presented by the pupils and arranged by the teachers and treats and gift exchanges among the students.

DRAWN DOWN FINE

Civil R. McPherson, section gang worker, was arrested Saturday afternoon by the sheriff's office after caught coming out of the city jail under the influence of alcohol. In County Court Monday morning McPherson Pleaded guilty and was fined \$15 and costs.

Court of Honor For Five Held At Weeping Water

(Special)—Highlighting the week's activities for the boys of Weeping Water, was the Eagle Court of Honor, held at the High School auditorium, Friday evening, December 19th, when five of the Boy Scouts, from Troop 200, all juniors in the Weeping Water High School, received the high rank of Eagle Scout with Honorable Val Peterson, Governor of Nebraska, present to present the Eagle badges, and to give the address of the evening.

Mayor C. V. Wallick welcomed the audience, and Frank M. Chase, Scout Executive, responded. Lawrence Houseman sang "Stout Hearted Men," accompanied by Miss Katharine Ellis at the piano. Wayne Nelson, secretary, presented the troop, and Supt. Forsythe introduced the Cub pack and leaders, then their awards. From Troop 43, in Lincoln, Jack Greer presented the Eagle candidates and had charge of the Eagle ceremony.

Harold C. Elliott presided at the meeting with Rev. John C. Pryor, who led in the opening prayer, and the officers and the speakers of the evening, the parents of the five boys, the five Eagle Scouts from Lincoln, and the Weeping Water Eagle candidates all on the platform. Seated in the front row in the auditorium were the remainder of the Boy Scout Troop No. 220, the Cub Scouts and their leaders, all in uniform, making a colorful picture. Just before the meeting closed the scoutmaster was presented with a bronze model of a Boy Scout, about sixteen inches high, bearing Mr. Stacey's name and the names of the five Eagle Scouts.

As Mr. Stacey was unable to be present at the meeting, Mrs. Stacey was called to the platform to receive the gift. The five boys who won Eagle honors were James Ambler, age 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ambler; Donald Gray, age 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Gray; Jerry Stone, age 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Stone; Rudy Stratton, age 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russel Stratton, and Charles Wallick, age 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Victor Wallick. Following the exercises at the high school auditorium a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Wallick for the new Eagle Scouts, the five

Lincoln Eagle Scouts, the officers and their wives, Governor and Mrs. Val Peterson and the parents of the Eagle Scouts. Mr. and Mrs. Miles Johnson, of Lincoln, accompanied their son, Paul Johnson, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey W. Swindle came with their son, John, Mr. and Mrs. Swindle (Lois Johnson) are both former residents of Weeping Water, and their parents were well known people of this community, so John's taking part in the ceremony was an added interest to their friends here. D. D. Wainwright and daughter, Pat, of Lincoln, were also present at the ceremony.

Pauline Pitz Dies Suddenly

Pauline Pitz, daughter of Mrs. Antonia Pitz, died very suddenly Monday morning at 2 o'clock at the family home in this city. Death came as the result of a severe heart attack that came on suddenly as the young woman had seemingly been in the best of health.

Pauline Pitz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius A. Pitz, was born in Plattsmouth, November 22, 1917, and has lived here all of her life. She attended the Plattsmouth schools. She has been engaged in work at the Nebraska Masonic Home.

She is survived by the mother, Mrs. Antonia Pitz, two sisters, Helen, at home and Mrs. Margaret Ann Cuthrell, all of this city. She was preceded in death by the father. The funeral services will be Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock at the Holy Rosary church. The Rosary will be recited Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the Sattler funeral home at 4th and Vine streets.

HERE FROM CALIFORNIA

Charles Eaton and Marion Schlieske, who are attending school at Nampa, California, arrived here Saturday for a visit with the relatives and old friends.

Charles is going onto Colfax, Iowa, where he will spend the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Wilbur S. Eaton and his brother and sisters while Mr. Eaton will be here to visit his mother, Mrs. Mary May Troop and grandfather, Claude Carter.

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