

Winners in the Legion Auxiliary Americanism Test

The American Legion Auxiliary has been holding an Americanism contest in the past week offering prizes for the two essays that were selected by the judges as the best in their class.

Mrs. Sophia Wolever, Mrs. W. H. Woolcott and Richard Peck, local Legion commander, were named as the judges, and after checking the many fine essays reached their decision after keen competition.

The first prize in the junior group was awarded to Joanne Thimgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Thimgan, of South Bend, who is making her home here with her grandmother, Mrs. Emily Iverson, and is a freshman in the high school. She is a graduate of the grade schools at South Bend. The prize will be \$2.50.

In the senior group the first prize was awarded to Beverly Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert S. Brown. She is a sophomore in the local high school. Her prize is \$5.00.

The Americanism committee of the Legion Auxiliary in charge of the contest composed Mrs. Edith McQuigg and Mrs. Glen McClure.

The essay of Joanne Thimgan is printed below and it will be followed by the essay of Beverly Brown in a later edition "Our Great American Heritage—Liberty"

When most people think of "our great American heritage—liberty" they think of the free-

dom to do, say, print, and act as they please. But this is not the interpretation that was in the minds of our forefathers when they added the Bill of Rights to the Constitution, or of our English ancestors when they fought and paid with blood for the Magna Carta or the heroic Pilgrims when they braved the perils of the new world and wrote their Mayflower compact.

The liberty with which they have endowed us is a freedom under the law. In freedom of the press they did not intend that anyone could print slanders or misrepresent facts or publish false, injurious statements. They are subject to libel. This certainly is not freedom to print what you please—but certainly does not restrict one from printing what are known to be true facts. The same can be applied to freedom of speech.

One cannot be persecuted because of his religion. One can worship God as he pleases. But for the sake of religion one could not offer human sacrifices as in primitive religions. It would be outside of the laws of our country.

Then there is the freedom of assembly. But this would not long be tolerated if it turned into a "free-for-all" or rioting was in progress. The law enforcement would soon be there to break it up gently or with force.

Within our country there is a group who is using the four freedoms to cover their attempts to undermine our government. They announce their creed and by press, by radio, and meeting openly, they try to indoctrinate good American citizens to be dissatisfied with their way of life. However, their allegiance is not to this, our country, America, but

the country which dictates their policies, propaganda and their dogma. Communists are traitors. They are for Russia, not America. They should be treated as enemies eating at the heart of the United States. We should not tolerate them—we should not allow them to live and grow under the protection of freedom of the press, speech and assembly—to follow a religion which is not devoted to God, but to Russia, who has stated herself in her literature that of all the forms of government beside herself—because in a democracy she is protected by their laws to spread her doctrine.

To protect and preserve this great heritage of liberty for ourselves and our posterity, we should not tolerate such groups within our nation. They do not deserve the freedom and the protection of our laws. We should treat them as Benedict Arnolds—or Aaron Burrs—men with their own country—and give them all free passage to Russia.

Mrs. Bertha Shrader Brought to Omaha

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Nickels, of Murray, returned home Tuesday from a three week stay at Long Beach, Calif., where they were called by the serious condition of Mrs. Bertha Shrader, a sister of Mrs. Nickels.

They found on their arrival at Long Beach that Mrs. Shrader was suffering from the effects of a severe stroke that had affected her right side and rendered her helpless.

On their return Mr. and Mrs. Nickels brought the patient back with them, leaving Long Beach at 9:30 Sunday morning and arriving at Omaha on Tuesday, where Mrs. Shrader was placed in a hospital for care. Mrs. Shrader has a son living in Omaha, who will assist in looking after the mother.

Mrs. Shrader is at the St. Joseph hospital where she will be cared for at the present at least.

Mrs. Shrader is the widow of the late Robert Shrader, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zach Shrader, pioneers of the Nehawka community.

Funeral of Jorgen P. Christensen

Funeral services for the late Jorgen P. Christensen were held on Saturday at the Caldwell funeral home at 7th and Oak street, and was attended by a group of the residents of the Nebraska Masonic Home, where he had made his home since 1931, as well as the friends from over the city.

The services at the chapel and grave were in charge of Bee Hive lodge No. 184, A. F. & A. M., of which Mr. Christensen had long been a member. The oration was given by John R. Hughes, of Bellevue, past master of Bee Hive lodge.

During the services Frank A. Clويد gave two numbers, "Saved by Grace" and "Wonderful Peace," Mrs. H. F. Goos being the accompanist.

The interment was at the Masonic plot in Oak Hill cemetery.

Rotarians Visit in City Tuesday

Tuesday J. Hyde Sweet, publisher of the Nebraska News-Press of Nebraska City, Walter Kertley and Edgar Hawley, three of the veteran members of the Rotary club at Nebraska City, were visiting in Plattsmouth and calling on the local members. While here they made up their Rotary attendance. Mr. Sweet has just recently returned from a trip to the southwest where he visited many of the interesting spots in Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Knorr Return From Trip West

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Knorr, who have been spending the past two months on the west coast, have returned to their home in this city and Roy is now busy in the work at the store.

They made the trip to and from the west coast by car, and on the way to the west had a very rough trip. All of one day through Kansas they drove through snow and unfavorable conditions until they reached Mineral Springs, Texas, where the travel was checked by the weather and road conditions prevailed that prevented travel for some two days. Resuming their journey west they arrived at El Paso, Texas, only to find it below zero, a temperature that had not been recorded there since 1894.

From El Paso west to California, the weather was very pleasant, although when they reached Tucson, Arizona, they found a large rodeo was showing in the city; also a golf tournament was in progress, with some of the best golfers in the southwest participating, with the result that places to stay were at a low ebb. The Plattsmouth people were finally able to secure quarters for the night.

In California they spent the greater part of the time with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Knorr, the former a brother of Mr. Knorr, and here they had a fine time and many interesting trips over that section of California. During their stay in Los Angeles they had a very pleasant visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howard, being dinner guests of the former Plattsmouth people.

They also stopped at San Diego with a cousin of Mrs. Knorr and had a fine outing and looking over the great port of Los Angeles, one of the main U. S. naval bases in the country.

They had a pleasant visit at Laguna Beach, with a cousin, John Knorr, and family.

Stopping at Arcadia, California, they were guests at the Carl Whitman home and took in the many places of interest in that part of the coast country.

The Nebraska visitors found the conditions hot and dry for the greater part of the time, although in the last few days before leaving, there was a good rain. Since reaching home they have a letter from Bert Knorr, telling that the drought had been broken and in Los Angeles the water was over the curbs in places.

The Plattsmouth people came home over highway No. 66 and found some snow and hard driving conditions.

Lt. Corbin Davis on Basketball Team

With the Eighth Army in Osaka, Japan: Members of the 25th Infantry Division "Stags" basketball team, which finished the season as "runners up" in the All Japan Basketball Tournament, were presented with Gold Basketball charms by Major General Charles L. Mullins, Jr., Commanding General of the 25th Infantry (Tropic Lightning) Division, at a presentation ceremony Wednesday morning, March 10th, in the General's spacious office at Division Headquarters in Osaka.

The 25th Division "Stags" played a hard fought season and suffered only two defeats during the entire competition. Coming up victorious over FEAF in the tournament playoffs, after previously being defeated in their first encounter with FEAF, the "Stags" fought with renewed vigor only to be defeated in the championship game of the season. The "Stags" dropped into second place after losing to the FEAF five by a score of 57 to 40.

First Lieutenant Corbin Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Davis of Plattsmouth, was one of the outstanding players on the division basketball team.

School District Makes Fine Record

The residents of school district No. 26, located between Murray and Nehawka, have set a high standard in their support of the American Red Cross.

For the second straight year the residents of the district have given a 100 per cent response to the annual roll call. Every family in the school district has enrolled this year as they did in 1947.

Mrs. Parr Young is the chairman of the district and conducted the roll call so successfully. She is desirous of thanking all of the residents of the school district for their most generous response in the worthy cause of humanity. Such organization and cooperation cannot fail.

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Miss Christine Hansen to Live in Illinois

Miss Christine Hansen, long time resident of Plattsmouth, departed Tuesday for Bensonville, Ill., where she is expecting to make her future home.

Miss Hansen has made Plattsmouth her home for a great many years and had an active part in the church and social life down through the years.

Her parents were residents of this community at an early date and she is the last of the immediate family living in this city.

Since the death of her brother and sister, Miss Hansen has made her home alone and in the past weeks has not been in the best of health, making it necessary for her care being arranged for as she was unable to get around as usual.

A nephew, Frank Chassot, of Oklahoma, was here to visit her for a short time and it was arranged that she go to Bensonville, where a large home is maintained by the Evangelical and Reformed church, where she can be adequately cared for and her health watched.

Disposing of her interests here she has gone to the Illinois home to take up her future residence.

Leonard Yates is Serving in Japan

With the Eighth Army in Hachinohe, Japan—Private Leonard L. Yates, 19-year-old parachutist of Plattsmouth, Neb., is now serving with the 11th Airborne division in Northern, Honshu, Japan. Pvt. Yates is a messenger assigned to "I" Company, 511th Parachute Infantry Regiment stationed at Camp Haugen, Hachinohe, Japan. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Yates, reside at RFD No. 2, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

The Plattsmouth "trooper" entered the Army at Ft. Omaha, Neb., in September of '46 and joined the airborne at the Fourth Replacement depot at Zama, Japan, in January of '47. Pvt. Yates qualified as a parachutist at the 11th Airborne Division Training Center at Yamoto, Japan, in March with class 31 and as a gliderist at the same school in September of '47. At the present time Yates has thirteen parachute jumps to his credit.

Ordell Hennings and Wife Move From City

Ordell Hennings, manager of the Hinky-Dinky store at McCook has been here for the past few days visiting with his old friends, and departed Wednesday for his place of business.

Mrs. Hennings accompanied Ordell and locating at McCook, where the household goods have been moved and where they will make their home.

The many friends will miss them very much and trust that they may find every success and happiness in the new home.

Mr. Hennings has been located in the west part of the state since the fall and likes the location there very much.

Funeral of Gerald Lee Sharp

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon for Gerald Lee Sharp, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Sharp, former Plattsmouth residents.

The boy had taken sick with the measles and Sunday his condition became much worse and by 5 o'clock in the afternoon he had sank into a coma and it was advised to have him taken to a hospital, but he passed away a short time after arrival.

The lad was a nephew of Mrs. Leslie W. Niel and Alonzo Hackenberg, of this city, who were in attendance at the funeral as was also Mr. Niel.

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Mrs. Katie Kime Dies at Home in Nehawka

Mrs. Katie Kime, a native of the Nehawka community, died Sunday at her home after an illness of some two weeks.

The deceased was born on June 2, 1863, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kirkpatrick, pioneer settlers, in that part of Cass County. She grew to womanhood in the community where she died and was one of the well known figures in that section of the county. In 1897 she was married to the late Michael Kime, long an active figure in the public life of that community. Some eighteen years ago Mr. Kime died.

There is surviving the passing of Mrs. Kime, two children, Gilbert and George, both of Nehawka, and five grandchildren. One son died in infancy.

The body is at the Hobson funeral home at Weeping Water to await the arrangements for the funeral.

Girl's Class Basket Ball Tournament

In as much as the Senior and Junior girls were busy with other and very important affairs and failed to field teams, the tournament narrowed itself down to the Sophomores, eliminated by the Freshmen, 23-13. Jacqueline Schubeck scoring 10 points.

The Seventh graders stopped by the Eighth grade girls 17-0, in which Mary Lohnes was high scorer with three field goals for six points.

Then the final game in which the Freshmen beat the Eighth graders 20-3, with Margie Kief leading the barrage with eight points, thus bringing her tournament total to 15 points.

Mrs. R. A. Bates is Still at Hospital

Mrs. R. A. Bates, the owner of the Bates book store, is still at Omaha, where is still taking treatment at the St. Joseph hospital and will probably be there for some time.

She is suffering from extremely high blood pressure and will require complete rest and treatment to reduce this trouble that has affected the eyes and other general conditions of the patient.

The address of Mrs. Bates is room 310, St. Joseph hospital, Omaha.

Mrs. Joseph Manasek, a niece, and Paul Grassman, a nephew, are living in Omaha and able to be with the aunt a part of the time.

HOLD FIRE PRACTICE

The residents of the city were aroused Wednesday evening by the sound of the fire sirens on the fire trucks, fearing that a two alarm fire was raging.

Investigation proved that the

occasion was merely the semi-annual official fire practice, arranged by Chief Henry Donat for the firemen. The practice proved very successful in getting the firemen for a trial spin and finding all of the equipment in fine working order.

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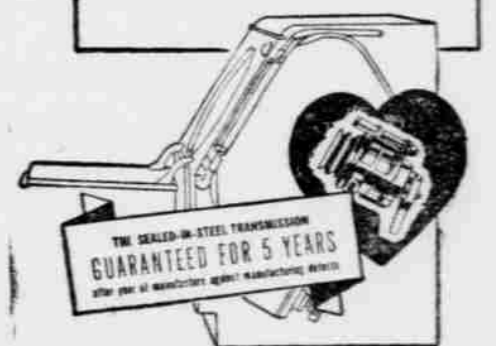
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