

Boy Scout Court of Honor Held

The Plattsmouth young men members of the Boy Scouts of America, held their court of honor Tuesday evening May 11, at the auditorium of the First Methodist church. There was a very pleasing number of the Scouts from the three troops to receive their well earned advancements and merit badges.

The court of honor was presided over by R. R. Furse, advancement chairman for this area and the conferring of the awards was participated in by the scoutmasters of the troops, Eugene Lingford, troop 365; Rev. E. C. Williams for troop 366, and Lester Thuman, scoutmaster of troop 367, and William Highfield, explorer scout.

There were a pleasing number of the parents and relatives of the young people in attendance and to witness the conferring of the awards for the work and study of the young men.

From troop No. 365, David Downs, Gerald Otterstein, John Francis Bergman and Ronald Eisernat, were advanced to second class while Ramon Koubek received first class honors.

For the members of troop 366 Rev. E. C. Williams served as scoutmaster owing to the absence of Scoutmaster Raymond Evers. Second class awards were conferred on Tommie Conis, Jim Markham, Willard Christianson and Charles Aylor. Richard Huchner was awarded the first class rank.

Troop No. 367 had a large number of awards conferred by Scoutmaster Lester Thuman, William Hill, Charles Sotman, John Schuetz, Richard Beverage, Jimmy McCune, Jerome Shellenberger, Dewitt Haley and Donald Beins were given second class honors. Ronald Schneider was advanced to first class and merit badges were awarded to Richard Gopen for physical development, public health, personal health and safety.

The Explorers Scout troop, Scoutmaster William Highfield, conferred the merit awards on Charles Gordon Green for athletics and advancement to life scout. Lanny Rozell was advanced from star to life scout and received merit badges for handiwork, physical development, pathfinding and safety. David Priest was awarded badges for business, bird study and photography.

Aged Men are Robbed of \$558 Wednesday

Mark Tomkins, age 74, who lives in a small trailer house east of the Ford garage with his nephew, Osee Butts, 77, was robbed last night of five hundred dollars. Butts told the sheriff that a lady, apparently a gypsy, came in his trailer house last night and told him she was collecting money for a church. Mr. Tomkins who is almost chair ridden, could not stop the lady from going thru his pockets. After she left his trailer house, Mr. Tomkins took his billfold from his pocket and found his savings gone.

Osee Butts, who was outside at the time of the robbery, stated that a car bearing California license plates pulled up in front of the trailer house around 6:30 last night. There were two gypsy ladies and one gypsy man in the car. One of the ladies got out of the car and told Mr. Butts that she was a doctor and began feeling his pockets. He pushed her away. The woman then went to the trailer house where she found Mark Tomkins. A search of the north and south highways by the sheriff's office and State highway patrolmen failed to locate the guilty parties. The car the gypsies were in was a 1942 two-toned blue four door Chevrolet.

Keentime Formal Party Friday Night

The Keentime club, composed of the young people of the city will hold their formal party on Friday evening, May 14 at the VFW club rooms.

It is expected that the event will draw out a large number of young people to enjoy the colorful event.

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Auto Workers Off Jobs



Workers leaving the Dodge main plant in Detroit are handed signs before joining the picket lines as 73,000 Chrysler Corporation employees in the area walked off their jobs to strike for higher wages. Governor Kim Sigler ordered a complaint filed against the strikers under Michigan's new Bonine-Tripp labor law.—NEA Telephoto.

Avoca War Hero Being Brought Back to U. S.

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—The body of the late Pvt. Herman A. Ropers, being returned from Africa aboard the U. S. Army Transport Barney Kirschbaum, due to arrive at New York on or around May 14, will be forwarded at a later date through the American Graves Registration Distribution Center here to Plattsmouth, to the Caldwell Funeral Home, the final destination requested by next of kin.

Next of kin, Mr. Albert Ropers, Rural Free Delivery Number 1, Avoca, Neb., has been notified in advance of the return of the remains, and will receive further notice concerning forwarding to final destinations.

From two to three weeks will elapse after arrival of the transport before the distribution center is in position to forward any of the remains. In some cases, the elapsed time will be as much as six weeks.

Armed forces dead originally interred in temporary military cemeteries near the battlefields of North Africa are among those being brought back to this country aboard the Barney Kirschbaum. All are being returned at request of next of kin.

From the Distribution Center to the final destination, the remains are accompanied by an individual military escort from the same branch of service as the deceased, and of equal or higher rank or grade.

Marshall Answers Questions



Secretary of State George Marshall submits to questioning by reporters in Washington during one of the largest news conferences in his career as secretary. First reading a carefully prepared statement, Marshall rejected all suggestions that the United States and the Soviet Union enter into negotiations on major international problems affecting other countries.—NEA Telephoto.

Named Member of Fair Officials

Edwin Schlutz, secretary of the Nebraska State Fair board, announced the appointment of Fred Rehmer, Weeping Water, as superintendent of the Sheep Department. Mr. Rehmer is a member of the Cass County Fair board and a member of the Cattle Feeders' Association and Farm Bureau. Mr. Rehmer has been a member of the State Fair board for the past seven years.

Eagles to Meet Ralston Sunday At That Place

The Plattsmouth Eagles are to have their first D-S-C league game on four Sunday when they meet the Ralston team on the Omaha suburb grounds.

The Eagles are in good shape and with the loss to Springfield as an incentive they will be out for revenge.

The pitching staff should be in good shape for the Ralston game and the heavy hitters ready to unload on the Ralston gang. It is expected that a large group of the fans from this city will make the journey to the north to enjoy the game and give the Eagles moral support in the contest.

Mrs. Frank E. Koubek has returned home from the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha where she has been undergoing an operation, and hospitalization for the past ten days.

Scharfenberg Goes to Post At Nebraska City

The many friends here of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Scharfenberg and family will regret to learn of their forthcoming departure from Plattsmouth for Nebraska City.

Mr. Scharfenberg has accepted a position in the sales promotion



Warren Scharfenberg
Quits post at the Consumers Public Power offices here to accept post at Nebraska City.

department of the Nebraska City Gas & Electric Co., owned by the city of Nebraska City, and expects to take the new position in the very near future. He has for the past twelve years been in the sales department of the Consumers Public Power company in this city where he has been a most efficient and successful worker.

During the time the family has been residents of the community they have been very active in the social and religious life, and will be greatly missed.

Mr. Scharfenberg has been an active figure in the Plattsmouth Masonic circles and has served as the master of the local lodge after serving through the various chairs. He also was a member of the board of education and at this time is secretary of the organization. He also was a member of the Presbyterian church official boards where he has been one of the leaders in the work of the church.

Who the successor of Mr. Scharfenberg will be has not as yet been announced by the Consumers Public Power district.

Union Girl Named Member of Tassels

Mary Lou Garrison, of Union, is among the thirty-one students selected for membership in Tassels, women's pep organization of the University of Nebraska.

To qualify for membership in the organization, those selected must have a scholastic average of at least 80. They must also have participated in other student activities.

Miss Garrison who will be a junior in the teachers' college next fall is majoring in elementary education.

She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Garrison of Union.

Weed Committee Named for Cass County at Meet

A group of the Cass county residents interested in the eradication of noxious weeds, met on Tuesday night at Weeping Water American Legion hall to take some action in the warfare on weeds and to co-operate in a state drive to eliminate weeds that might cause hay fever or other diseases in the summer season.

Bud Amgwert of Murdock, was the chairman of the meeting and later was chosen to head the new committee. Other members of the committee appointed to work with officials in the matter were: Oscar Dominga, Clarence Norris, Weeping Water, farmers; Reddon Grosser, Weeping Water, and C. D. Spangler, Murray, representing the home owners.

This committee will work with County Agent Clarence Schmitt and County Superintendent Behrens.

Dr. E. L. McQuiddy, Omaha allergist, told the group of the danger of the weeds in hay fever season and that ten per cent of the population of the state was affected with hay fever. He pointed out that Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas were the greatest hay fever states in the union. This had caused a great many of the people to remove from Nebraska to other states to escape the menace of this annoying malady. The speaker made one statement that was of unusual interest that no colored flowered plant produced pollen that caused hay fever.

W. R. Wicks, Douglas county agent, spoke on chemical weed control and Omaha weed control plans. Their county was planning co-operation with the state group.

The members of the Rotary club had a most interesting program on Tuesday at the weekly luncheon, special programs being dispensed with and the new Rotarians that had failed to give their autobiographies were called upon to do so and also to receive the charge of membership into the club.

President E. J. Richey was presiding officer and the music directed by Orville Nielsen with E. H. Westcott at the piano.

The program chairman of the meeting was Clement Woster, and Herb Freeberg, Bill Knoch, Richard W. Black, Dr. Louis Amato and Walter Gleason were called upon to give the innermost secrets of their youthful years and they with R. R. Furse of the Journal were given the charge in the club administered by J. Howard Davis.

Mr. Jochimsen, a son-in-law of Mr. Solomon, has in the recent weeks, been associated in the store and can be depended upon to maintain the store at the high rate of efficiency that has characterized the store under the regime of Mr. Solomon. He is now in active charge.

The store will carry a full line of the latest and best in the grocery lines as well as a modern and up to date meat market to supply the needs of the patrons. Mr. Jochimsen has been here for the past year, coming from his home at Denison, Ia., and several months ago was married to Miss Frances Solomon, who will assist in the store.

HAY BUNCHER STOLEN

A theft of a hay buncher from the Tom Grosshans farm one mile east of the Murray corner was reported to the sheriff's office Wednesday. Mr. Grosshans stated that the hay buncher was last seen on his farm last Friday. It was discovered missing Tuesday night. The hay buncher was a new GateMan multi-range swinging windrower.

Telephone Company Has Line Damage

Wednesday afternoon, the cable lines of the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Co., running west on Oak Street, were sheared off and as the result the service in the county as far west as Cedar Creek and north to the Platte river was out of commission.

The county road crew was working on building up the road through the low sections of road just east of the Oak Hill cemetery and it is thought by the company that the cab of one of the bulldozers being used in the work, may have caught in the cable and pulled a section out severing the cable and its lines.

The matter was investigated after the lines west of the city were found to be out of commission and Messrs. Newsom discovered the break. Workmen were sent to the scene at once and worked all day today in getting the lines hooked up and ready to resume the normal service. The task was far more difficult than it seems with the proper splicing of the lines.

There were ten of the main lines out of commission and it was estimated that some seventy-five telephones were completely out of service.

The poles of the line were not injured in the road building operations and the break in the line was made in a section between two of the poles and was a clean severance of the cable that was hanging loose when the telephone force arrived at the scene.

No one apparently knew anything of the accident or who was operating the machines at the time of the accident.

Merlin Jochimsen Purchases Local Store

Merlin Jochimsen has completed the deal for the purchase of the meat market and grocery that has been operated by Joe Solomon for the past two years at 437 Main street.

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VISIT AT OMAHA

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Onstead were in Omaha Wednesday where they enjoyed a short outing and a visit at several of the cultural places of the metropolis.

One of the chief points of interest visited was that of the Joslyn memorial with its wonderful collections of art.

'Dixiecrats' Man Presbyterian Church Holds Anniversary



Sunday, May 9, was a notable occasion in the history of the First Presbyterian church in Plattsmouth, the church observing its nineteenth anniversary on this occasion, a history filled with rich memories of service in the city and county in the religious life of the community.

The program of the day opened with the Sunday school services with Ralph Weinlein, superintendent in charge.

Miss Elizabeth Perry gave an original poem that had been written by Miss Pearl Staats, "Our Ninetieth Anniversary," a very lovely poetical history of the church.

T. H. Pollock, one of the long time members of the church and an elder in the organization, gave a delightful series of Reminiscences of the old days and the time when he was first entering the Sunday school and church and recalling many of the old pioneer members.

Members of the classes of the beginners, intermediate classes and Mrs. H. G. McClusky, and Mrs. E. M. Bernhard, gave songs of greetings to the Mether.

The class of Mrs. Henry Donat gave a historical sketch of the church that was very much appreciated.

The morning service at 10:30 was opened by the organ prelude by Mrs. Verma Gow, organist of the church, a beautiful setting for the inspirational service of the day.

The regular service of the day was featured by special reference to the anniversary and Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the church, in his sermon, "The Mission of the Church." The holy communion was celebrated and partaken by a very large congregation.

At 1 o'clock the members of the congregation were invited to partake of the covered dish dinner arranged for the ladies and served in the Fellowship room of the church where all the members joined in the breaking of bread and the interchange of friendship.

The afternoon service was carried out in expression of appreciation of the historical importance of the day. The choir of the church gave a program of worshipful music in keeping with the spirit of the day.

Dr. Elwood A. Rosevear, pastor of the Dundee Presbyterian church, Omaha, was the guest speaker and was at his best with his fine voice and deep and powerful message. Dr. Rosevear discussed the history of the early christian church, the development of the present day religious life in the nation. The speaker stressed the need for opposition to the spread of communism in the western world as a potential danger to the christian world and its doctrine of peace and love.

The program of the day closed with the reception held in the Fellowship room where the anniversary cake was presented and formed a part of the refreshments of ice cream, cake and coffee.

One of the pleasant features of the afternoon was the presence of Mrs. Russell Reeder of Fremont, who had served as the choir director here, she presenting a group of songs.

Carl Schneider, elder of the church, read greetings from the members away from Plattsmouth, who sent reminders of the old friends and congratulations to the church.

Colored Man Held Here for St. Louis Police

A twenty-three year old colored man from St. Louis, Mo., was taken into custody yesterday north of Plattsmouth by Sheriff Solomon and Col. Beckman of the State Criminal Bureau for investigation. The colored man is wanted by the St. Louis police department on charges of rape-murder, which occurred in St. Louis on May 4, 1943 to a four year old girl.

A twenty page statement was taken from the colored man by the sheriff. The colored man was working on the section gang out of Murray at the time of his arrest. We will be returned to St. Louis by the St. Louis police.

Clean-Up Days Set for May 17-18-20-21

The city council held their regular meeting on Monday night with all members present and a great deal of interest shown in the session that followed.

The council voted to have Clean-Up Days in Plattsmouth this month, May 17-18 for the north side and 20-21 for the north side of the city. The city will furnish the trucks to haul off the debris collected over the city and have it hauled away without extra cost to the property owners. No ashes will be hauled however by the city trucks and the material collected by the trucks must be placed near the lot curbs where it can be secured without extra labor.

There was some informal discussion of the matter of paving on west Locust street (Avenue C) and the closing of the now open creek along the line of the paving, definite action will be taken by the council at a later session.

The residents from the south part of the city seeking to have their real estate amounting to something like a block, out of the city limits were present and it was pointed out that the city lacked the power to set out the lots. The property owners were advised that their next step was to have a suit started in the district court to have the case ruled on by the courts.

Licenses for recreational parlor were issued to W. Carson Poe and Warren Bollmeier.

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Tangle Over Film Showing



Fighting flared in front of the Roxy theater in New York City as police, avowed Communists and Catholic War Vets tangled when a jeering crowd of more than 4,000 persons congregated at the theater where the anti-Communist film, "The Iron Curtain," opened. The man in the center is staggered by a sharp left.—NEA Telephoto by Andrew Lopez, NEA staff photographer.

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