

## Fine Concert Presented at High School

The music department of the Plattsmouth city schools gave a real treat to the music lovers of the community on Thursday and Friday evening at the high school auditorium.

The concert was directed by David Fowler, music supervisor of the city schools and was a real showing of the progress that has been made in the musical work of the school in the past year.

It was a very colorful scene with the band in their blue and gold uniforms, some fifty forming this part of the entertainment, while the school chorus with their dark red robes added to the beauty of the settings.

The band showed a wonderful progress in the well selected program that embraced the very best in the musical world, the standard and popular numbers being well presented by the young people of the school. The members of the band also exhibited the instruments that had been purchased in the past year from the funds of the Band Parents Club. The club has served a fine purpose as it has added much to the band in the way of equipment from funds that have been raised through various activities and invested for the further development of the band.

The chorus group of seventy voices has been developed into one of the finest groups that can be found in the high schools of the state, under the training by Mr. Fowler is a real asset to the community life.

In addition to the high school chorus, Mr. Fowler is developing the junior chorus composed of the students from the junior high and grades who are building into a wonderful array of trained voices that will be heard from in the future.

One of the clever features of the concert by the band, was the presentation of "The Rag Time Wedding," with a well cast group carrying out the theme and the musical accompaniment of the band.

Buddy White was a great success as the Narrator of the story and introducing the various participants.

Bill White served as the groom with his bell bottom trousers while Jim Doody was the bride. Burton Gleason served as the father of the bride and Cyril Kocian as the preacher.

The entertainment was one that all of the patrons of the school should have witnessed to fully appreciate just how fine a music department the Plattsmouth high school really has.

## Plattsmouth Sheet Metal Works Moved

The Plattsmouth Sheet Metal Works, operated by M. F. Keiderling, is now settled in the new location at 614 Avenue A, moving there from the former location on Chicago avenue.

The new location was that formerly used by the Wisely auto agency and makes a very handy spot for the sheet metal company, being in the business section of the city and easy of access to the public.

Mr. Keiderling states that he expects to do some remodeling on the building and to make the interior one of the handiest for his line of work in the city.

This company is one of the fast growing industries in the city and has had a great success in its establishment, handling anything in the line of plumbing, heating, air conditioning and oil burner service.

## Judgment Awarded Against Garage

In a district court trial at Lincoln, Alex Dietrich, 645 A. street was awarded judgment of \$436.05 against Andy Leadbrand, the operator of Andy's garage at Greenwood.

Dietrich, who sought \$1,500, alleged that Leadbrand had stopped payment on a check after securing his car and a certificate of title to the car at an auction. The defense maintained that Dietrich did not own the car.

## High Masonic Honor Given Raymond Cook

Raymond C. Cook, who for the past several years has served the Nebraska grand lodge of the A. F. & A. M. as deputy grand custodian, has been named as the grand custodian to succeed Lute M. Savage of Omaha who has served in that capacity since 1927. Mr. Savage, who is in failing health, resigned last Wednesday.

This is a very pleasing honor and a recognition of the fine work that Mr. Cook has given the Masonic fraternity down through the years. In the past two years the work of the deputy custodian has been very heavy as he has visited almost all of the Masonic lodges of the state.

He has served in all branches of the York rite Masons in this city having been master of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6 A. F. & A. M., high priest of Nebraska Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons and commander of Mt. Zion commandery No. 5 of the Knights Templar.

Mr. Cook has had a very prominent part in the Masonic work over the state and in 1947 served as the grand high priest of the grand chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska.

He is a member of the board of trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home in this city and has devoted a great deal of his time to this line of work, helping to make the Home here one of the best in the nation. In the interest of the Home he has visited a large part of the lodges in the state in the past few years.

In the naming of Mr. Cook, the Plattsmouth Masonic bodies have received another added honor to the many that have been given to the local bodies down through the years.

## Local Men Attend Grand Chapter

The grand chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska was held in Omaha the past week and brought to that city a large number of the newly elected officers of the various chapters over the state.

From Nebraska chapter No. 3, there were attending Newton Sullivan, high priest elect, and Raymond Hild, recently elected king of the local chapter. Mr. Sullivan was invested with the high priesthood degree at the meeting.

Others attending from here were Raymond C. Cook, past grand high priest of Nebraska and William F. Evers, long a prominent member of the order.

The grand chapter elected as the high priest for 1949, Plummer T. Martin of Omaha, well known in this city and a member of the board of control of the Nebraska Masonic Home.

## Court House Briefs

First hearing was had in the county court Friday in the estate of Louis Wondra, deceased. Charles Wondra was named as the administrator by Judge Paul E. Fauquet.

In the matter of the estate of Veronica Fornoff, deceased, first hearing was had in the county court and the court appointed Dargard Reichstadt, a grandson, and Carl J. Schneider as the administrators.

First hearing was had in the estate of Lester Jenkins, deceased. No appointment of administrator was made at this time.

In the county court Friday marriage license was issued to Robert Dankleff of Elmwood and Betty Jean Bohn, of Eagle.

In the office of County Judge Paul E. Fauquet Friday afternoon marriage license was issued to Kenneth Peteret, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Peteret, and Miss JoAnn Gansmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ciel Gansmer of Nehawka.

Marriage license was also issued in the county court Saturday to William Martin Burk, son of Mrs. Agnes Taylor and Phyllis Porter, daughter of



THANKFUL PRAYER... Grateful for the opportunity accorded them as displaced persons, Eustachy Kozopas and his wife, Katherina, from the Ukraine, offer a prayer at the rail of the S. S. General Bundy as the vessel docked at Boston. The ship arrived with 600 persons seeking a new life in America.

## Goodwill Train to Leave State on Tuesday

The Nebraska Goodwill Train will leave the state December 21 state CROP director Dwight Dell announced today.

Previously scheduled for December 10, Nebraska's contribution to the needy peoples of Europe and Asia was postponed when a shortage of shipping and storage facilities in southern ports caused export delays. The shortage has been caused by port tie-ups on the east and west coasts, resulting in an overburdening of New Orleans and other Gulf harbors.

CROP's national office in Chicago has assured Dell that transportation and storage will be available by December 21.

Meanwhile, the state director announced that many counties in the state are continuing solicitations and collections of foodstuffs. He explained that storms and blocked roads in the western part of Nebraska have made the additional 11 days gained in the campaign valuable.

Plans for county and area dedication ceremonies are being made at the present time, Dell stated. Many communities had already prepared celebrations which must be re-organized but he voiced the belief that additional time will give many towns a better chance to ready extensive programs.

An incomplete report of state progress shows a total of 79 carloads of foodstuffs and about \$20,000 on hand at the present time, Dell said.

## Mayor Rogers Is Doing Very Well

The reports from the bedside of Mayor A. B. Rogers at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha are to the effect that the patient is doing as well as possible under the circumstances. He has showed considerable general improvement but is still under constant care.

The specialists who are on the case are studying the condition of the patient and it is expected that a definite decision may be made as to the cause of the illness and its relief.

John H. Johnson, William Howland and Jim Alkire, students at the University of Nebraska, were here for the week end visiting their parents and many friends.

## Masonic Home Is Presented Gift

Sunday the Nebraska Masonic Home of this city was visited by the members of the Florence, Nebraska, Betel of Jobs Daughters, who came down to spend the afternoon at the Home.

The young ladies of the Bethel, presented to the Home two radios that will be a source of great pleasure to the members of the Home family, to add to the radios that are already a part of the equipment of the Home.

The members of the Bethel also presented a very interesting and much enjoyed program during the course of the afternoon that helped make the occasion of the visit one to be long remembered.

## Returns Home from Omaha Hospital

Miss Audrey Dow, who was operated on for appendicitis last Monday at the Methodist hospital in Omaha, has recovered in very fine shape and was able to return home Saturday afternoon. She will spend a few days recuperating before resuming her duties as deputy in the office of the register of deeds.

Miss Ester Sheldon is a Medical patient at General hospital Lincoln.

## Cass County Men Go for Induction

The first assignment of Cass county young men called under the provisions of the selective service act will be sent from Cass county this week.

A group of six was sent today (Monday) to Omaha for examination and induction into the armed service.

The second group, some fifteen, will leave on Wednesday, December 23 for Omaha and service.

The county selective service board made public one of the regulations that covers the registration of the teen ages. When a boy reaches his eighteenth birthday, he must within five days following the birthday, register at the county draft board, in this city, so that he may be classified and his exemption, if any be examined by the board.

The selective service office lacks the interest and excitement of the war days as in that time, there were always large groups at the office and preparing for their call to active military service.

## County Treasurer Reports Fine Meeting

County Treasurer Ruth Patton returned home Friday from the sessions of the State Association of County Treasurers that has been meeting in Omaha the past week in connection with the group meetings of the other associations.

Miss Patton, as the president of the association, presided at the meetings and reports a fine attendance and fine program throughout. Among the speakers were Chief Justice Robert Simmons, who discussed the "Boys and Girls County Government," that is now incorporated, and to promote the study of the governments of the counties.

Robert Armstrong was also on the speakers list as representative of the Association of Omaha Taxpayers. He had as his subject, "Balancing the Budget." Senator Kenneth Wherry addressed the joint sessions of the various groups.

Governor Val Peterson was the main speaker at the banquet that was one of the highlights of the meetings.

## Treasurer's Office Proves Very Busy

The office of the treasurer of Cass county is swamped in the past week with the rush of tax payments that are sent in from outside as well as the taxes paid direct at the office.

The heavy work and rush has delayed the sending out of the receipts to some extent but these will be mailed as rapidly as possible. The receipts are mailed out in the order that the payments are made and the taxpayers can rest assured they will receive their receipts in the order that they have been received.

## Missing Boy Returns to Home Thursday

Charles Phillips, who resides on a farm two and a half miles east of Murray, and who was reported Thursday as missing from home, is back at home reports from the office of Sheriff Tom Solomon states. The boy came home Thursday night near the evening meal time and quieted the fears of the family and friends that he might have been caught in the storm of Wednesday night.

## District Meeting of Eagles Held Here On Sunday

The members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles held their district meeting in Plattsmouth Sunday. It being one of the most largely attended in several months, with large delegations present from the surrounding territory. Buses brought large delegations from Lincoln and Fremont while both North and South Omaha, Council Bluffs and Nebraska City members were here for the event.

The crowd filled the building from the opening of the afternoon until the close of the evening program.

During the afternoon there was an initiation of some nineteen candidates into the order, the initiation work being in the hands of the local officers, headed by Frank Robbins, worthy president of the Plattsmouth Aerie.

While the men of the order were attending the lodge meeting the ladies were entertained at a theatre party at the Cass theatre.

The entire group were treated to a very fine supper at 6 o'clock that had been prepared and served by the members of the Catholic Daughters who had arranged a very fine menu that was very much enjoyed by the large group that filled the dining hall of the building.

Following the dinner a floor show was presented for the entertainment of the members and their ladies, the group representing the show were from Omaha and gave a real entertainment that was appreciated by the crowd that packed the main hall of the building.

The evening was closed with the dancing party for which the Pick's Top Hatters of Nebraska City furnished the music.

Those attending agreed that it was one of the largest and most enjoyable events that the local aerie has enjoyed.

## V.F.W. Plan Christmas Party for the Children

The Leperet-Wolver post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of this city are planning a party to be held for the children of Cass county on Wednesday, December 22, at the club rooms of the V. F. W. in the Nierste building, just opposite the court house. The party is to start at 2 p. m.

The children of the county of grade school age are to be the guests of honor for the event and will find plenty of entertainment and fun at the club rooms as well as meeting Santa Claus.

It has been arranged to have an elaborate and extended motion picture to help entertain the children and in addition there will be special entertainment provided by Mrs. Jean Lockin and her pupils to round out this part of the program.

The main attraction of the afternoon will be the visitation of Santa Claus who will bring with him treats for the children and the best wishes of the holiday season.

It is expected that a very large number will participate in the good time.

## Neighbors Care for Corn Crop at Mayfield Farm

Raymond Mayfield is at home from Clarkson hospital, at Omaha, where he spent two and one half weeks. Friday and Saturday, of last week, 35 men gathered at the Mayfield farm near Weeping Water to take care of his corn which was still in the field. About one hundred acres were shucked, although muddy conditions in the field slowed the work down, somewhat. While the men were busy, fifteen women were in the kitchen preparing meals for the men. This is a sample of Cass county friendship, and neighborliness, and the reason we all love to live in Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gobelman and children of Union were visitors here Saturday to spend a few hours trading and visiting friends.

Marion McCrory is reported to be doing well at the Bryon Memorial hospital where he underwent surgery last week.

# JOURNAL STARTS DRIVE FOR FUNDS TO ELECTRIFY CASS COURTHOUSE CLOCK

## How High Is Up? Santa Claus Has Royal Welcome Here Saturday



Santa Claus, with flowing white beard and regal red costume, received a royal welcome to Plattsmouth Saturday afternoon and for a period of several hours held sway at the Cass county court house to the group of almost 1,500 children and several hundred of the parents that had come to look and visit with Santa.

The visitation that was sponsored by the Plattsmouth Business Men's Ad Club, brought several thousand people into the city from the surrounding territory desiring the fact that the wet roads and slush made the going anything but pleasant.

Santa made his first appearance at the Hotel Plattsmouth where he was greeted by a large delegation of the children representing the various schools of the county, forming the escort that accompanied Santa from the hotel to the basement of the court house where he held sway.

Santa was represented by Merton Jochimsen, local merchant, who gave a fine impersonation of the patron of the holiday season. Santa was the most popular figure in the city, at the court house he was swamped by the children desiring to present their requests to Santa making the task of distributing the treats one of difficulty.

There were 1,300 sacks of the treats that comprised candy, fruit and nuts given away and following the distribution the main street was filled by the happy little folks on their way home or to enjoy the show at the Cass that drew many of the older members of the group.

It was a real success, bringing a great deal of pleasure to the youngsters and to the business men that had promoted the event.

Attend State Meet at Omaha This Week  
Lucille Horn Gaines, Cass county register of deeds, was in Omaha on Wednesday and Thursday to attend for a short time the session of the convention of the County Clerks and Register of Deeds. The session had the pleasure of an address by Senator Kenneth Wherry of Nebraska and a fine banquet that closed the session.

Also attending the commissioners sessions were County Commissioner Herman Bornemeier, of Alvo, County Commissioner Parr Young of Nehawka and Commissioner Charles Stoehr of this city and County Assessor W. H. Puls, Miss Ardyth Hall, county welfare director and Miss Coretta Pfann of the welfare office.

Mrs. Harry Richardson is enjoying a visit at Bristol, Nebraska, where she will be with her parents for some time.

The boy is reported to have confessed taking \$130 from the station and proceeded to invest the money in various trinkets and articles to get rid of the money. When held here he had on him a watch that it develops was purchased with a part of the stolen funds.

## Youth Confesses to Omaha Crime

The office of Sheriff Tom Solomon has been informed that Arthur Cayrette, 12, who was picked up here Wednesday by Deputy Sheriff Shrader Rhoden, has confessed to the fact that he had committed the break-in at a Phillips "66" Oil station at Omaha.

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## Christmas Party for Holy Rosary Church

The members of the Holy Rosary church will meet in Rosary hall on Sunday, December 19th for an annual Christmas party. A buffet dinner will be served at 6:30. Sound films on the Christmas theme and several animated cartoons will be shown for the children. Awards to the altar boys and choir members will be given at this time.

## Anti-Inflationist

Dr. Edwin C. Nourse, chairman of the economic advisory council, has been named as top coordinator to draft an anti-inflation program by President Truman.

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Cass County's "Big Ben" that has ticked away the hours atop the courthouse for over half a century will not be lost. Plattsmouth residents will rally around The Journal's drive for funds to reconition the clock as a gift to Cass County.

For over 50 years, with few interruptions, the big clock adorning the dome of the county building has been toiling the minutes and hours to cityites and visitors. It was with a feeling of despair that Plattsmouth received the news that the big clock would toll no more. Hundreds of local people through the years have begun and ended their day by the great hands of its four faces, to the east, the west, the north and the south.

It was a coincidence that the old courthouse clock struck its last just 57 years to the day following installation on December 8, 1891 by the Seth Thomas Clock Co.

Looking up the history of the clock, The Journal found the citizens of Cass County had already paid for the clock twice. When first purchased, payment for the clock was made to a representative of the company. This representative failed to forward the money to the company which later brought suit against Cass County and the latter was forced to pay again.

Feeling that Cass County residents had already done their share in paying for the clock twice, that Plattsmouth has been, and always will be the greatest beneficiary, The Journal believes it only fair that our residents modernize the old time piece and restore it to its proper place in the community.

With Carl Schneider of the Plattsmouth State Bank acting as treasurer of the Clock Fund, The Journal starts the campaign off with a donation of \$25.00. C. Ed Miller, 513 Third Ave., was second on the list with \$5.00, with Bob Walling a ready giver with the next \$5.

Contributions to the Clock Fund may be mailed or left at The Journal office or at the Plattsmouth State Bank. All contributions, no matter small or large, will be acknowledged in the columns of this newspaper. It is estimated that close to \$100,000 will be needed to electrify the clock and place it in top operating condition. It has been suggested that chimes will be added if donations are generous enough to stand the expense.

Plattsmouth must not sacrifice "Big Ben." Donations are asked from every man, woman and child in Plattsmouth and vicinity, as well as from all clubs and civic organizations. Make them generous and let's do the job right.

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