

Cass County Girls in Peru Festivities

Cass county was well represented at the annual May Festival of Peru State Teachers college, the 39th in the history of the school.

The king of the festival was Lloyd Darrow of David City and the queen was Miss Betty Nichols of Dawson. Miss Nichols is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Nichols of Murdock and is majoring in commerce. She is a mem-

ber of Beta Beta Beta and the White Angels and a member of the student council.

Miss Marian Pratt of Elmwood, a sophomore, was a member of the group of attendants to the King and queen.

The frigate bird has the habits of a pirate. This odd looking sea bird steals much of its food from other birds, forcing the victim to give up the prize by a literal "shakedown" twist from its powerful beak.

Methodist Group Hears of Trip to Old World

Thursday evening in the Memorial Room of the Methodist Church the Gleaners Circle was hostess to members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. R. C. Humiston, presided over the business routine; Mrs. Edgar Newton had the devotionals. Miller Hurst was heard in two solos, "Mother Machree" and "The Best Things in Life are Free" with Mrs. J. Howard Davis accompanist.

Mrs. H. B. Perry, as program chairman for the society introduced the distinguished guest for the evening, Mrs. Hazel Smith of Omaha, one of the Mary Foster group who recently made a tour of Europe. Mrs. Smith in her very charming manner gave a resume of her trip, showing pictures of various places visited and also displaying souvenirs which she brought with her.

The tour was sponsored by the Nebraska Consolidated Mills and their product Mothers Best Flour and was originated by Mary Foster, better known to radio listeners as Jean Sullivan. It came about after the return of Lawrence Youngman who accompanied the Farmers' trip abroad and in conversation with Mary Foster the suggestion was born "How about a women's group visiting the European countries, to learn about the operation of the Marshall Plan, military government operations—and also "doing things women like to do—sightseeing and shopping."

Twelve women made this trip by plane—none of whom had ever travelled in the air before. It took 14 flying hours from New York to Paris with a slight delay of two hours enroute, making a total of 16 hours altogether.

The first stop of any length was Paris, where the ladies were impressed with the vast pocket size of the automobiles. The reason for this they were told was the fact that "petrol" is so rationed. The word petrol takes the place of our word gasoline and while on their trip the word gasoline was never heard. The French people are encouraged in black market dealings; they think nothing of it—it is a part of their life. The value of the franc is 318 to one American dollar; on the black market at



LIKE A PAGE OUT OF THE PAST . . . Take a look at the faces giving this empire a bad time. It's possible you may be seeing them again this season, wearing the same sneers but different uniforms. This picture, taken in 1937, shows two members of the original St. Louis Cardinals, "Gas House Gang." Manager Frankie Frisch (left) and shortstop Les Durocher staging a verbal battle at the plate during a tight game. The boys are back together again, only Durocher is manager of the New York Giants and Frisch is one of his coaches.

least 375. Places of interest viewed by the American ladies were Eiffel tower, Napoleons tomb, Palace of Versailles with its 1800 rooms and 57 stairways. Napoleons tomb remains intact and was not ordered bombed as Hitler greatly admired Napoleon and spared his tomb. In Paris the stores close for two hours for lunch each day. The children come from school, industry shuts down and everything stops for two hours. The serving of food in restaurants and elsewhere is an art and profession in Paris. All meals are served beautifully no matter how meager the fare.

From Paris the group went to Versailles. Here they viewed the Mediterranean which they found "just as blue as described," and beautiful.

The trip into Italy was beautiful as to scenery but showed more of the war destruction, with their bombed buildings still standing in their ruins. Here they saw the women washing clothes on the rocks at the edge of the sea. The ox-drawn carts and vehicles; water being pumped from wells by horses going round and round. The housing situation is so bad in most of this over-populated country that there are no yards as we think of yards.

Much signs of poverty is seen due to the fact of the large number of people and not enough raw materials with which to maintain a high standard of living. Italy will have to develop their chemical fertilizers in order to support their food equal to supply the demand. The trip to Genoa was much enjoyed as was the tour of Rome with its beautiful ancient buildings and 400 palaces. Among the places visited were St. Peter's cathedral, the coliseum and schools. The schools are mostly government supported or at least aided by the government, but here again the over populated sections make crowded schools, and very inadequate equipment and facilities. One school had 7,000 pupils each pupil going but two hours per day because of the crowded conditions. The visitors were amazed at the cleanliness of the students and school rooms. The girls wore white smocks and the boys dark blue, but when the visitors remarked about this the teacher told them to "look underneath" where they found ragged and dirty articles of clothing.

One of the inspiring points of the trip was the audience the visitors had with the pope at

the Vatican, who received them very graciously and talked with each individually. In closing her remarks on Rome and Italy, Mrs. Smith said "they do need CARE packages" and would welcome same.

Throughout all the points visited the women sensed keenly the fear of communists by the natives. They know there are only two powers left—the United States or Russia—and they do not know for sure which side to "bet on." In France and Italy the inhabitants welcomed the Americans for the most part and expressed gratitude for what they had done to "help bring liberation to our country." However in Germany many of those contacted left the impression of mixed feelings as they viewed the bombed homes and buildings as if to say "remember you America did this to us." The speaker remarked that evidently they had forgotten who sired the war.

The ladies enjoyed shopping in Florence and Rome where they secured some leather goods items and linens.

In Germany they visited Munich, Nuernberg, and other historic and now well known sites. They found the military government in Germany in full force and doing a fine job, however they also found much bomb damage still in evidence. Munich was 70% destroyed and Nuernberg 80%. They visited the halls of justice where the war criminals were tried and also the court where they were hanged. The people are working under difficulties in rebuilding—and it will take years perhaps decades to rebuild the cities to their former grandeur. The American government in Germany is trying to teach the German people about the true America, no one needs to come to these classes but it is entirely voluntary. There are 395 refugee camps in the state of Bavaria.

Switzerland, with its natural beauty was much enjoyed by the tourists. Zurich with its 350,000 they found a most modern city; they also enjoyed beautiful Lake Lucerne, the famed summer resort. Brussels is trying courageously to overcome the result of Nazi occupation.

The people of Belgium are willing to work day and night to get recovery, and will definitely make good working toward the goal of being self-supporting, by 1952 the date limit set by the Marshall Plan.

Holland was the most different country of all visited. It is

practically built on the water and is below sea level, necessitating building the houses on high piling, the reason for the country being described as "built on tree tops." The Dutch people are very thrifty, and are making a come back in spite of their great suffering during occupation. Their big industry is flower raising and many beautiful shows of these are given.

The group journeyed to England and London going over the North Sea for a rough crossing. Here they visited Westminster Abbey, No. 10 Downing Street, Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle, Big Ben, with its minute hand measuring 14-ft. in length and the chimes weighing eight tons. England as the time the visitors saw it was still terribly rationed as to food and clothing, although some restrictions are now lifted.

Mrs. Smith held the audience's complete attention and her visit and talk was very much appreciated by all.

A committee from the Gleaners Circle served refreshments using the Mavbarket motif.

Lincoln Visitors Here for Sunday

The home of Mrs. Anna Nearhood was the scene of a very pleasant family party on Sunday as members of the family circle came in to spend the day with the mother. Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Nearhood and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Nearhood were here from Lincoln and were accompanied by Evelyn Giebe, a sister of Mrs. Nearhood.

Malden Allen, of Gillett, Wyoming, is here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Allen as well as the old friends.

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Dear Editor:

To Mr. Fowler and the members of the chorus and Plattsmouth high school band, I wish to congratulate you for the wonderful concert you gave. The citizens of Plattsmouth

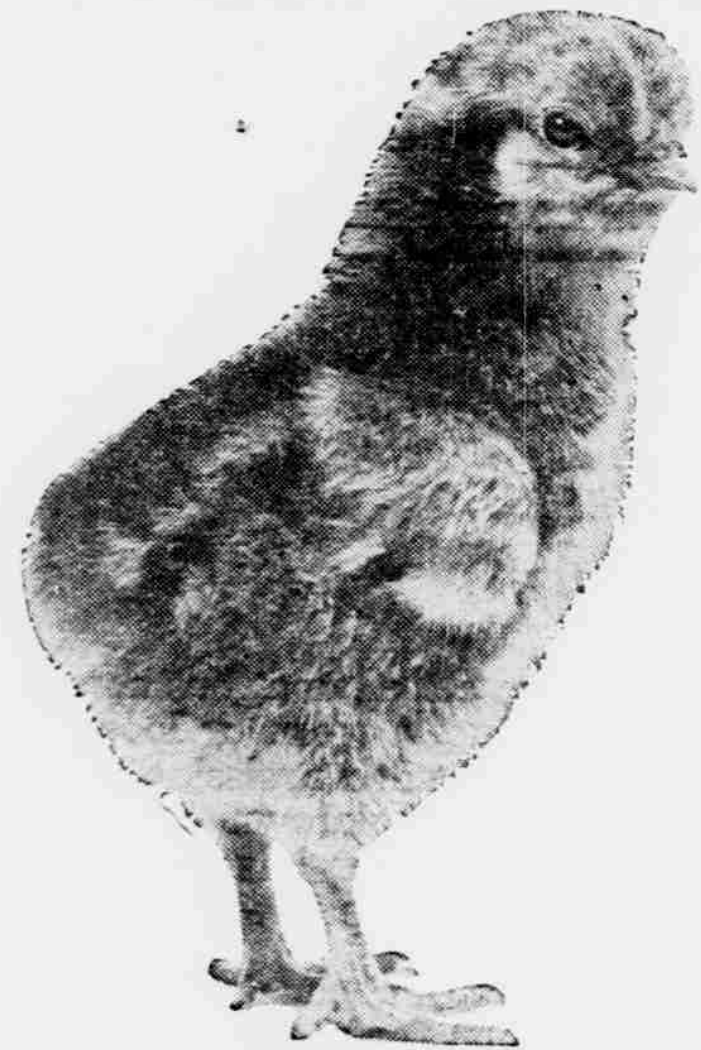
should be very proud of Mr. Fowler for his interesting efforts, also be proud of the talented young people it has in our schools.

I am sure that there will be no "child delinquency" in our young people who are interested in music.

Music in our schools not only trains the pupil to play and sing, it teaches co-operation, harmony, good will, also pride in doing their best.

I am not a "proud parent" of either a chorus member or band members, but I say congratulations again to all. Best wishes to Mr. Fowler. Well Wisher.

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