

# Crown New King and Queen of 1949 King Korn Karnival

## Melvin R. Todd-Mary Soennichsen Named at Annual Coronation

King Melvin R. Todd is himself a descendant of those pioneers that helped make Nebraska. His grandfather, L. G. Todd, Sr., having come west from New York in 1854 to make a home in the west. He helped construct one of the first log cabins in the frontier village of Plattsmouth, later devoting his life work to farming and stock raising in Cass county. He had a great influence in territorial days and later when the State of Nebraska was admitted to the Union in 1867, he was a leader in the public life of the new state. L. G. Todd, Sr., was very active politically and in 1877 was the Greenback candidate for governor of Nebraska. The second of the Todd family, L. G. Todd, Jr., continued in the family course as a farmer and stock raiser and also in the public life of Cass county and eastern Nebraska, serving as a member of the Nebraska legislature in 1918-1919. He was also president of the Bank of Union, and of the Farmers Co-operative Company at Nehawka.

## Soldier Held For Selling Army Property

Army authorities are holding for investigation at Fort Crook a sergeant in the army, formerly stationed at Fort Crook, now home on furlough from his present station in Idaho.

The man was picked up on Monday by Sheriff Tom Solomon on suspicion of having taken a pressure cooker from a local home and later sold it for \$5.00.

This opened the investigation that has disclosed some \$700 worth of government property that has been missing from Fort Crook and covering a period from July, 1948 to February, 1949, while the suspect was engaged as a supply sergeant at the Fort. The articles alleged to have been taken and sold included blankets, shoes, sheets, pillow cases and four white hospital blankets that were taken and which were found at the home of the suspect.

The man it was stated had made confession of his taking the articles and disposing of them in Plattsmouth to various individuals in the months that he was operating. He carried the articles out of the Fort in barrack bags.

The army officials and representatives of the FBI as well as Sheriff Solomon are investigating the case and seeking to collect the articles that were taken and disposed of to individuals.

It was stated at the office of Sheriff Solomon that the man who gave the name of Jesse Phillips, made a written confession of taking the property and disposing of it.

When the army authorities are through with the man it is expected a charge of taking the pressure cooker will be filed by the local officials.

## Essay Contest Awards Given Out Saturday

The awards in the Cass county soil conservation essay contest will be given at the platform at the King Korn Karnival on Saturday, September 17th at the conclusion of the School and Children's day parade.

The successful winners were: Bryce Kraft, district 79, Louisville, first.

Marvin Oehlerking, district 70, Wabash, second.

James Stacey, district 22, Weeping Water, third.

Jean Rae Brown, district 32, Louisville.

Carol Sylvester, district 80, Nehawka.

The Journal will, commencing Monday publish the essays that were awarded the prizes. All are splendid and reflect the thought of the young people on this important problem of the people of the west.

Melvin Todd, our new king, was born in Cass county 39 years ago and is living in the home where he was born. He attended and graduated from the schools at Union, later attending the University of Nebraska, where he was active in leadership of campus life, being a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, member of the Green Goblin's and Corn Cobs, also a member of the staff of the Cornhusker, official publication of the University. He was married in 1931 to Miss Ruth Schanot of Nebraska City. They have two children, Melvin, Jr., 13, and Nancy Kay, 11.

King Melvin operates the 540 acre Springdale farm near Union. He has served as AAA committeeman for Liberty precinct, member of the board of directors of the Farmers Oil Co. of Nehawka, director of the Cass County Farm Bureau three years, and secretary for two years. He helped organize the Cass County Livestock Feeders association, serving for three years as president and one year as vice-president. He has just been re-elected as the president of the Nebraska Livestock Feeders association.

Mr. Todd is a member of Nehawka Lodge No. 241 A. F. & A. M.

The mother, Mary Todd, resides in Union and is Journal representative there.

This is our new king, truly a worthy representative of the golden west of Nebraska.

Our lovely queen, Mary Phyllis Soennichsen is a granddaughter of early residents of Cass county (Continued on page 8)

## Gambling Games And Devices To Discard

Gambling devices such as slot machines and Bingo, banned under the orders of Attorney General James H. Anderson, are to be eliminated from Cass county as well as other sections of the state. Wednesday evening they were out of the various clubs in this city and as far as could be learned, in all sections of Cass county.

Sheriff Tom Solomon moved as soon as the order was issued, to contact all known places where there might have been any gambling in operation, ordering these practices to cease and in accordance with the mandate of the attorney general.

The elimination of bingo comes as a blow to many here, as this game has been purely one of entertainment in this locality with small prizes offered, the game sponsored by church or small social groups. The games were largely patronized by older persons who found in many cases, their only diversion at this corn game. While in Omaha the game of bingo might have been highly commercialized, it was largely a social pastime in this city and other spots over Cass county.



Queen Mary Phyllis Soennichsen and King Melvin R. Todd

## Gold Rush Day Theme Adds Color to Korn Karnival Ceremonies

Wednesday another chapter was added to the eighteen years of the King Korn Karnival in Plattsmouth and Cass county, years that have been filled with wonderful programs and pageants that rendered tribute to this great section of the west, and its productive contribution to the welfare of the nation.

The brilliant coloring and wondrous beauty of the coronation of 1949 is the result of hard labor on the part of the coronation committee and the ladies of the city that have arranged and carried out the theme of the "Gold Rush Days" as the basis for the Karnival background. This committee was headed by Mrs. A. B. Rogers.

The distant mountains as pictured on the royal stage, gave the inspiration of those stirring days. Upon this stage was enacted the beautiful coronation ceremonies, witnessed by many whose forebears were among the arduous seeking pioneers that crossed the Missouri river to start their trek westward toward the land of golden promise. They found instead perhaps not the gold hidden in the hills and mountains, but the gold that now comes from the corn and grain of the Nebraska farms.

Our announcer Harold Lebens, in his opening remarks, has told a part of the creation of this fall festival:

"To those of you who are seeing the Coronation ceremonies for the first time, and to many of you who have not watched the growth of the King Korn Karnival, we would like to tell you something of the tradition behind the King Korn Karnival.

"Eighteen years ago the first street festival, featuring the corn show, was held in Plattsmouth, and in 1935 the idea of a coronation was added. Each year since, except during the war, a King and Queen has been crowned with a ceremony designed to set the carnival mood. We have had distinguished Kings and Queens. Many of them are here tonight and many of you remember all of them.

"In 1935, Harry Gayer and Mrs. Lois Bestor became the first King and Queen of King Korn Land.

"1936—William Evers and Mrs. June Wehrbein.

"1937—Arthur Hild and Mrs. Eleanor Nelson.

"1938—Frank Cloldt and Mrs. (Continued on page 5)

## Prizes for Parade On Children's Day

The parade that will feature Children and School day on Saturday, September 17th promises to be one of the most colorful of the carnival and will be held at 2 o'clock. The various classes in the children's parade will be as follows. Chairman Audrey Dow, announces:

- 1—Doll Buggies.
- 2—Taylor tots.
- 3—Tricycles.
- 4—Wagons.
- 5—Scooters.
- 6—Motor Bikes.
- 7—Bicycles.
- 8—Pontes.
- 9—Animals and Pets.
- 10—Mother Goose Rhymes.
- 11—World-Herald comics.

Each child participating will receive a free ride at the carnival and first, second and third in each class will receive ribbons.

There will be \$10 in prize money given to children entering parade as World-Herald comic strip characters: First, \$3.00; second, \$2.50; third, 2.00; fourth, \$1.00; fifth, 75c; sixth, 50c; seventh, 25c.

The Fairmont Creamery Co., will present each child with a poppie.

The children are asked to line up in front of the Cass Theatre on Main street between 6th and 7th street at 1:30 for judging.

All groups, Bluebirds, Cub Scouts and Campfire Girls are invited to take part in the parade.

Mrs. E. M. Ruby had several White Cling peaches that measured 10 1/2 inches around.

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## Contract Let For Work on Masonic Home

Tuesday at the meeting of the official board of the Nebraska Masonic Home at the Masonic Temple in Omaha, a contract was let for the construction of paving and a new steam line at the grounds of the Nebraska Masonic Home in this city, the first step in the start of the construction of the new addition to the present Home.

The contract was let to the Miller Excavation and Construction company on a bid of \$12,572.92, work to be started at once on the project.

This contract is for work that will be necessary at the Home and grounds before the start of the building program, that will be the next step in the expansion program that will complete one of the largest and finest Masonic homes in the country.

The paving is necessary to provide means of getting to and from the Infirmary and main building when the construction work is started, also to care for the heating of the structures and for the new units when erected.

The awarding of this contract is a step that will be of the greatest interest as it means the time is drawing near when the full building program will be realized.

The latest plans call for a new structure to provide care for the aged and ill of the order and a beautiful chapel-auditorium lodge room will be part of the program.

## Mrs. George Snyder Has Heart Attack

Mrs. George W. Snyder, for many years a resident of near this city, is at the Immanuel hospital at Omaha where she was taken Monday as the result of a heart attack.

Mrs. Snyder has in recent years made her home in Omaha with her daughter, Anna Snyder.

The many old friends in this community will regret to learn of her illness and trust she may soon be able to return home.

Mrs. Raymond C. Cook, another daughter, has been with the mother in Omaha a great deal of the time since her illness.

## Notice Flower Show Exhibitors

The exhibitors in the King Korn Karnival Flower show, located in the building of the Cass County Motors, 6th and First avenue, are notified that they may call for exhibits and containers after 6 p. m. Saturday.

The show will close Saturday evening and it is desired that all articles belonging to exhibitors be removed as soon as possible after the close of the show.

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## Bids on Memorial Gateway Held Up

The board of education met Monday evening to receive bids on the construction of the memorial gateway to Athletic park that has been pending for some time.

This gateway was projected as a memorial to veterans of World War II, and toward the project the local American Legion post had agreed to make a donation of \$1,000 which was hoped could be supplemented by funds from the board of education.

The first call for bids brought in a bid for \$8,800 and as this was thought to be greatly higher than had been anticipated, the bids were rejected and another call for bids was made.

The last bids were opened Monday and it was found that the Union Construction Co. of Lincoln had bid \$5,018 for the job and Ira Johnson \$7,600. These figures were rejected as being too high for the funds available, and will make necessary the erection of a temporary gateway to the grounds.

Verne Amick entered the Veteran's Hospital for surgery and is reported as recuperating nicely.

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## City Votes to Aid Band of City School

The city council at their regular meeting on Monday evening voted to aid the city high school musical department and band by the contribution of \$750 from the amusement fund of the city, also to save interest on warrants by the loan of \$6,000 from the bond and interest fund to the road fund to make payment in full for the new city road maintainer equipment just recently purchased.

At the meeting Monday night, Mayor A. B. Rogers was absent, driving to Omaha to see his daughter depart for St. Charles, Missouri, to enter school. President of the City Council Frank A. Rebal, presided over the meeting.

The council heard two of the residents of the south part of the city on complaints of road conditions and Councilman Sam Arn, explaining that the city had just secured a new head for the street department, and would be able to use the new maintainer on the roads and eliminate much of the complaints in a short time.

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## Rotary Enjoys Alaska Pictures

The Tuesday program of the Rotary club took the members through the means of motion pictures to the little known possession of the United States, the territory of Alaska.

The meeting was presided over by President Orville Nielsen with Bill Knorr and E. H. Westcott conducting the musical program.

John McKenzie of the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph company, was a visitor at the luncheon.

The program of the day was in charge of Richard Black as chairman and a very fine motion picture offering entertained the group, this including the thrilling travels of Father Hubbard, noted Alaskan priest, whose travels and service in Alaska has won his lasting fame. The films shown included "The Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes," the views of ghost towns of the northland that held the close attention of the audience. Carl Chriswiser served as the operator of the machine.

Mrs. Perry Minnear was operated on Monday morning of this week at the Lutheran hospital in Omaha. The patient is recovering nicely.

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## Izaak Waltons Honor Veteran Of the Club

Tuesday the Plattsmouth chapter of the Izaak Walton league held their regular meeting at the club rooms of the Forty and Eight society in the Bekins building with a very pleasing attendance of the members.

The business session, presided over by President Glenn Pankonin, was short, the meeting turned over for the observance of "Bert Pollock" night, this event was arranged for at the last meeting and brought out many that came to honor the veteran sportsman who has spent the long years of his useful life in this community.

Clement Woster, vice-president of the chapter, a close friend of Mr. Pollock, presented the genial guest of honor for an evening of informality and friendship. Mr. Pollock was induced to tell a little of his experiences in his earlier years, in hunting amid local scenes and out in the state, then a paradise of the hunters, where almost any variety of wild game could be found, many of these (Continued on page 8)