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Seventy-Five 8th Graders Promoted

Seventy-five Plattsouth students ended their grade school careers Wednesday night at promotional exercises at the high school auditorium. They'll move into the higher ranks of learning next year.

Constance Land and William Long earned the citizenship awards of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The two awards were presented by Mrs. Harvey Gainer.

Certificates of promotion were presented by A. W. Huebner, president of the board of education, and the classes were presented by Mrs. Zilpha Seward and Mrs. James Holy.

Speaker at the eighth grade graduation exercises was Father Max Kops, pastor of St. Luke's Episcopal church.

Jane Fauquet played the professional, and Rev. G. E. Seybold gave the invocation and benediction. Miss Carol Duerfeldt conducted the chorus in singing "Charlottown."

Graduates are Larry Adkins, Ronald Adkins, Geraldine Aldrich, Donald Albee, Linda Aspedon, June Babcock, Kenneth Bachler, Gene Baumgart, Janet Baumgart, Alice Bentley, Sharon Biggers, Carol Bridgewater, Janet Campbell, Larry Campbell, Sandra Clark, Barbara Colbert, Larry Cupdall, Walter Davis, Kenneth Dasher, Thomas Dunham, Doyle Erass, Rosella Exline, Doris Falk, Lauren Fielesman, Julie Floyd, Caroline Forbes, Margaret French, Norma French, Kola Gardner, Shirley Gerberling, Linda Sue Graves, Marlene Haden, Clarence Ham, Gary Hanika, Marilyn Hendricks, James Holoubek and Gary Horan.

Henry Hughson, Robert Hutton, Edith Kammerer, Vernon Kelsey, Ronald Kruntorad, James Lamaseus, Constance Land, Donna Larsen, James Little, William Long, Betty Longmore, Lorraine Lowther, Judy Lutes, Thomas Martin, Janice McGraw, Norman Lee Meints, Peggy Moore, Phyllis Myers, Jane Nelson, James Phillips, Larry Phillips, Dennis Price, Delores Piper, Alvin Ray Plybon, Ronald Reimer, Anna Rhea Shown, Karen Starkjohn, Darrell Sudduth, Jon Roger Sutton, Kathryn Thimgan, Shirley Thompson, Dennis Todd, Albert Tyson, Larry Joe VanderVeen, William Wetenkamp, Patricia Walter and Matthew Wysel.

Man Injured In Jump from Runaway Truck

Forrest Carper of Plattsouth suffered a severe shoulder fracture and other injuries when forced to bail out of a runaway panel truck Tuesday morning.

Carper reported to Deputy Sheriff Charles Land that his truck was uncontrollable when he found it had no brakes while descending a hill on Holdrege street.

Going east at the time, the truck raced down Holdrege, crossed Lincoln avenue, jumped a 27-foot drainage ditch and crashed into a railroad tie fence. Carper jumped from the truck as it picked up speed descending the hill.

He told officers that attempts to slow the vehicle down by engaging a lower gear were fruitless.

Land's report showed that after jumping the drainage ditch the truck struck the fence and bounced back 20 feet. The truck was demolished.

Council Sends Health Board Report to State

City Councilmen in special session Tuesday night authorized a report to the State Health Department in compliance with the recent ruling that a report of the city's prospects for sewage treatment be made to the state by June 1.

In the report, prepared by Attorney Harold Lebens and forwarded to the state, the Council outlines past plans of the community on its sewage disposal plant, and offers to cooperate to the fullest possible extent.

However, the reports point out the financial burden, the general reaction of the public, and the necessity for similar action by all communities on the river.

Seventy Plattsouth Seniors will Receive Diplomas



Seniors Await Diplomas Friday; 70 To Graduate

Scholastic achievements of Plattsouth's graduating seniors will be recognized Friday night at commencement exercises to be held at the high school auditorium. Top scholars among the graduates will receive recognition for their four years of scholastic endeavor.

Seventy Plattsouth seniors will receive diplomas at the graduation exercises. The diplomas will be presented by A. W. Huebner, president of the board of education.

Commencement exercises will start at eight o'clock in the new high school auditorium. Principal speaker will be Dean F. E. Henzlik, dean of the Teachers College at the University of Nebraska. His topic will be "Today's Challenge to the Plattsouth High School Graduates."

Miss Evelyn Henry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Henry, is the class valedictorian and Miss Barbara Sullivan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Sullivan is salutatorian. They completed the four years of high school with top averages in the class of 70.

The commencement program is as follows: Processional, Michael Shellenbarger. Invocation, Rev. Harold Mitchell.

Salutatory... Barbra Sullivan Valedictory... Evelyn Henry "Crusaders Hymn"... Girls' Sextet Address... Dean F. E. Henzlik "Rockin' All Night"... Mixed Octet

Presentation of Scholastic Honors... T. I. Friest D. A. R. History Award... Mollie C. Gobelman Presentation of Class... Wm. N. Floyd

Presentation of Diplomas... A. W. Huebner Benediction... Rev. Keith Delap Recessional... Michael Shellenbarger

Eleven of the graduates were recently recognized at Honors Convocation for being selected to membership in the National Honor Society. Seniors are selected because of high scholastic achievement, character, leadership and service mainly gained during high school. Fifteen percent of the class membership is eligible.

Plattsouth seniors picked to the Society are Patricia Brown, Evelyn Henry, Bill Hoschar, James Jacques, Janet Kalasek, Yvonne Nelson, Lorna Nerste, Jacqueline Rasmussen, Jacqueline Reno, Barbara Sullivan and Patricia Todd.

Also at the Honors Day Convocation, Jacqueline Reno received the Harriet Case Award. Barney Elting has served as class president of the graduating class which completes its affiliation with Plattsouth high school Friday night. Other class officers are Barbara Sullivan, vice president; Peggy Frans, secretary; Thomas Zastera, as treasurer.

Graduates are: John Albin, Ray E. Adkins, Jr., Patricia Alyce Bailey, DeLoris Beins, Elma Bomberg, Edith Mae Brittain, Patricia A. Brown, Dale A. Bruns, Duane M. Burbee, Janice Ann Caldwell, Gary Campbell, Harold Demaree, George Eberhart, Bernard H. Elting, Harvey D. Eledge, Fred M. Emmert, Jack L. Paris, Larry Fauquet, Wayne Feldhausen, Byron D. Finnefrock, Shirley Wylene Fitch, Peggy Jo Frans, Sally A. Fulton, Richard M. Glaze, Helen Fae Gunsolley, Alice Carolyn Haase, Eleanor Ingrid Haden, Carol Anne Henney, Evelyn Henry, Valeria Anna Holman, Billy E. Hoschar, Donald L. Hutchinson, James Dale Jacques, Betty Janecek and Janet Kalasek.

Elaine Kaslon, Ramona E. Kelsey, Charles V. Kerns, Wanda Little, Gail Ann Martin, Beverly Ann Meisinger, Yvonne Nelson, Ella Marv Nielsen, Lorna Faye Nerste, Mary Alice O'Donnell, H. Leslie O'Neal, Patricia Ann Painter, Larry L. Pierce, Joan Marguerite Pink, Jacqueline Jill Rasmussen, Jacqueline Reno, Douglas Lee Rohlfis, Phyllis Louise Schless, John Dean Schreiner, Jon M. Schuetz, Fred R. Sevbold Zella Marvden Shown, Anita Spidell, Larry D. Stones, Shirley M. Strough, Barbara Ann Sullivan, Jean Kathryn Margaret R. Toman, Loren D. Thimgan, Patricia Ann Todd, Tompitt Larry Valley, Van F. White, Ruby Faye Wilson, Lyle Wood and Thomas James Zastera.

Explosion Rocks House; Two Workmen Injured

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Two-Hour Search Held for 3-Year-old

A two-hour search Tuesday for three-year-old Carla Hobbs ended on Wintersteen Hill nearly a mile from where she came up missing.

She had been at the V. F. W. club where her grandmother, Mrs. Gladys Hobbs, was helping to prepare for the Gold Star tea that night.

She disappeared from the area, with the unsuccessful search following.

Miss Hobbs was found hours later in a store on Wintersteen Hill, was identified by a customer, and returned to the Curtis Hobbs home by Earl Albee.

Central County Roads, Bridges Are Damaged

Budget troubles starting cropping up for two of the county's three commissioners this week.

Reports of damage to roads and bridges as a result of the Saturday night rain storm in scattered localities across the county will mean that the budget will take a beating.

Commissioner Ray Norris of Weeping Water, second district director, reported at the board meeting Tuesday that damage in his district was extensive. Several roads were made impassable as a result of rains ranging up to five inches.

The Weeping Water Commissioner said that several bridges have been weakened and are impassable at this time. Many culverts and other bridges were also damaged and are in need of repair.

Damage was primarily to wings and headwalls, along with considerable washing in some localities. Areas hardest hit were from Manley to Weeping Water.

Third District Commissioner Herman Bornemeier learned that at least three bridges were badly damaged in his South Bend precinct. Three culverts are out and a box culvert about half damaged as a result of the flood. There was no damage in the first district.

The very heavy by highly scattered rains presented a contrasting picture downstream. Norris, upon checking the damage, found that creek beds were overrun and water spread up to a quarter of a mile in width. But at the edge of the water, farmers continued to plant corn and go about their spring crop program, and dust was being blown profusely.

The blow came just as commissioners were looking forward to a most productive year in road construction, maintenance and surfacing. It will probably be necessary to divert some funds that had been earmarked for new construction for repairs and maintenance, the Commissioners explained while here Tuesday.

PLEADS NOT GUILTY Harry Willms of Plattsouth pleaded not guilty in county court to a charge of drunken driving and has asked for trial by jury. Arraigned before Judge Raymond J. Case, Willms posted \$125 bond for appearance at hearing in county court May 7.

Lady Injured as Cars Collide on Bridge Tuesday

A Weeping Water woman suffered undetermined injuries and was treated by a Weeping Water doctor when a car in which she was riding was struck from the rear by another vehicle.

Mrs. Helen Appling suffered the injuries when the William R. Sheehan vehicle collided with the rear of a car driven by Richard D. Appling.

Sheehan told Sheriff Tom Solomon that he started to pass the Appling car but pulled back in suddenly when he observed a car approaching from the opposite direction. The mishap occurred Tuesday on the new bridge at Weeping Water.

Damage to the Sheehan car was heavy.

Beckman Cited for Improvements to Court House Lawn

John Beckman, custodian of the courthouse at Plattsouth, has received the commendations of County Commissioners for the improvements to the courthouse lawn.

Commissioners Monday, extended their commendation to Mr. Beckman for his efforts to seeding the lawn and in making the area more appealing.

The courthouse area is more beautiful this spring than at any time in recent years.

Mrs. Blotzer, Here 65 Years, Dies Thursday

Mrs. Frank Blotzer, Sr., native of Germany and resident of the Plattsouth community most of her lifetime, died early Thursday morning, May 20, at the Harry Meisinger home.

Daughter of George and Anna Marie Wagner, she was born in Germany on November 8, 1863. She came to the United States as a young lady and to Plattsouth on April 12, 1887.

She was married to Frank Blotzer at Cedar Creek on May 28, 1887. Mrs. Blotzer was a member of St. John's Catholic church.

Surviving are six children, Mrs. W. J. Schneider of Ithaca; Mrs. H. A. Meisinger, Mrs. Fred Hirz, John Blotzer, Mrs. Howard Wiles and George Blotzer, all of Plattsouth. Ten grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren also survive.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one son, Frank. Funeral services will be held Monday, May 24, at St. John's Catholic church at 9 a. m. with Mscr. George Agius and Rev. Raphael Chonta in charge. Burial will be at Holy Sepulchre cemetery. Rosary will be at 8 p. m. Sunday and visiting hours will be from 3 to 5 and from 6 to 8 Sunday at Sattler Funeral Home. A classified Ad in The Journal costs as little as 35 cents

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and Blade (military honorary) for leadership in military activities on campus. He won the Iowa Engineer award for excellence in technical writing.

His memberships in campus organizations include American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Phi Eta Sigma (Freshmen honor scholarship fraternity), Pi Mu Epsilon (honorary mathematics fraternity), Phi Kappa Phi (scholastic honorary), and Order of Sextant (Navy ROTC honorary).

Friest is enrolled in the Navy ROTC program at Iowa State, and probably will be called to active duty following graduation.