

Central Pupils Present Santa Show Thursday

A packed house greeted the 250 boys and girls of Central school when they presented their Christmas program, "At the Court of Santa Claus" in the new auditorium Thursday night.

More folding chairs had to be brought out to accommodate all the persons who wished to see the operetta. Their enthusiasm was more than justified, as the youngsters appeared in their colorful costumes and went through their well-rehearsed actions.

Murdock Joins The Journal as News Editor

William "Bill" Murdock joins the staff of The Plattsmouth Journal with this issue as News Editor taking over the duties of Richard Howe who has had charge of the department for the past four months.

Editor Murdock comes to Plattsmouth from Dodge City, Kansas, where he has been sports editor of the Dodge City Globe for the past two years. Prior to going to Dodge City, Mr. Murdock was associated with the Scottsbluff Star-Herald as news



William "Bill" Murdock editor and also in charge of the city desk.

A graduate of the Missouri University School of Journalism, Murdock had his news editor's position with the Kirshville, Mo. News-Express interrupted by Uncle Sam when he spent three years as Personnel Sargent Major with the Air Force, receiving his discharge in 1945.

Editor Murdock has a wife and daughter, Suzanne, 11, who will follow him to Plattsmouth to make their home as soon as suitable living quarters can be found.

Mr. Murdock will take over his new duties with the Thursday issue of The Journal and will have complete charge of the news department of the newspaper.

Richard Howe has not announced his future plans although he has several offers under consideration.

Ask for Help In Maintaining Lions Building

A plea for aid in maintaining the Plattsmouth Community building has been directed to the public by Fred J. Feldhausen, president of the building corporation, and Ray E. Story, chairman of the rental committee.

Made available to the community by the Lions club, the building's only revenue for upkeep and operation come from rentals, Feldhausen pointed out.

The building is perfectly suited for many kinds of activities, including club meetings, parties, dances, banquets with complete kitchen facilities, shows, and conventions, and gatherings of all kinds. Rentals are very reasonable, Feldhausen pointed out.

Other means of supporting the building are to purchase stock, join the Buck a Week club, buy memorial plaques, and make direct donations.

Final Filing Date Is Dec. 31, 1954

Ivan G. Althouse, chairman of the Cass county ASC committee, has announced today that the final date for filing application for payment with their office under the 1953 ACP program is Dec. 31, 1954.

Any person who has not received payment for practices he has performed under the 1953 ACP in accordance with the ACP specifications must claim payment by filing his application with the county ASC office on or before this date.

Ernest Yenney Funeral Set Wednesday

Ernest Henry Yenney, 45, died in Plattsmouth Sunday morning after an illness of nearly two years. Funeral services will be at 2 p. m. Wednesday in the First Presbyterian church. Rev. Keith Delap officiating. Burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery.

Mr. Yenney was born Jan. 1, 1909, in Fremont, the son of Henry and Laurietta Rogers Yenney. He was married April 26, 1936, to Erna Marie Correll, who survives. They have one daughter, Barbara, and two sons, Darrell and Walter. Other survivors are the parents, and a sister, Mrs. Bert Redmond of Norfolk.

Mr. Yenney was fire chief at Offutt air force base, and a member of Mispah Masonic lodge of Omaha. He was a veteran of World War II. He had moved to Plattsmouth in 1950 after living in Norfolk and Council Bluffs as well as Fremont.

He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran church, and transferred to the First Presbyterian church in Plattsmouth.

A graduate of Norfolk high school, he was active in sports and earned athletic letters four consecutive years. He attended Norfolk business college one year.

From 1936 to 1941 he owned and operated the Yenney delivery service in Norfolk, and during those years he was night captain of the Norfolk fire department. From 1941 to 1942 he was employed by the Norfolk police force, then he moved to Council Bluffs and became a firefighter at Offutt field. He was appointed fire chief in 1949 and held that office until his death.

In 1945 he was stationed in California while serving with the armed forces.

During his residence in Plattsmouth, Mr. Yenney had taken an active part in civic affairs and a great interest in the modernization of the Volunteer Fire Department. Through his efforts many modern innovations were added to the local department's methods of operation and equipment.

He was instrumental in improving fire hazard conditions here and took the leadership in annual inspections and suggestions for removing fire hazards in the down-town area. Before his health failed, he appeared before many local organizations presenting films and delivering talks that made Plattsmouth residents conscious of the value of an efficient fire department.

Through his efforts locally he had attained wide respect among fire department members and surrounded himself with hundreds of friends throughout the community. His local contributions will long be remembered by those with whom he worked.

Mispah Masonic lodge will hold graveside services. Visiting hours will be from 3 to 5 and 6 to 9 p. m. Tuesday at Sattler funeral home.

Cpl. Kirk Sponsors Orphan at Party

Army Cpl. Larry E. Kirk of Greenwood will sponsor a French orphan at a European Communications Zone party in France this Christmas.

Corporal Kirk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Kirk of Greenwood, is a clerk-tylist in the zone's 60th Station hospital in Pottiers, France.

Kirk entered the Army in March 1953 and arrived overseas in August 1953.

Presenting Balloons at Soennichsen's



Kenny Cottle, representative of the Wonder Bakers at Omaha, presents balloons Saturday evening to Penny Lee and Vicki, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Moore, Plattsmouth, at Soennichsen's big opening. Cottle is still going strong after inflating and handing out thousands during the two days. Penny and Vickie were given a few extra as this picture was taken—their daddy is a polio patient at Veteran's Hospital in Omaha where he has been confined for the past two and one-half years.—Journal Photo.

Rites Tuesday In Plattsmouth For Mrs. Range

Mrs. Alice Range, 92, died at her residence at 920 avenue E Saturday evening after several years of illness. Funeral services will be at 2 p. m. Tuesday in Caldwell-Linder chapel, Rev. Max Kors officiating. Visiting hours at the chapel will be 4-6 and 7-9 p. m. today (Monday).

Mrs. Range was born Dec. 9, 1862, in London, Canada, the daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Oliver. She came to Plattsmouth in 1879 and on April 13, 1881, was married to Frederick Range. The wedding was in St. Luke's Episcopal church, Rev. Burgess officiating. Mr. Range died in 1946.

Mrs. Range was a charter member of Home chapter No. 189 of the Order of Eastern Star, and was past matron of the order.

Survivors include two sons, Alvin of Plattsmouth and Fred of Cheyenne, Wyo.; a daughter, Mrs. J. L. Meisinger of Denver, Colo.; eight grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Burial will be in Oakhill cemetery.

HERMAN SCHWEPPE STILL CONFINED WITH ILLNESS

Herman Schweppe, of near Murdock, who has been ill at his home for the past several months is improving very slowly. He is confined to his home a great share of the time and doctor's orders are for continued rest.

—Journal Want Ads Pay—

Santa Will Visit Sick Youngsters

Santa Claus has announced that he will be happy to call on Plattsmouth youngsters who are confined to their homes and unable to come see him.

From his headquarters at the Gas Co. office, where hundreds of boys and girls have flocked to see him already, Santa said he has a complete list of how good or bad each boy or girl has been, but that his records don't tell which ones are sick and not able to be outside.

So you sick boys and girls have your mother or father call Santa's helper at phone No. 7199, and you'll be taken care of.

Others can visit Santa at the Gas Co. office any night the stores are open.

Two Wrecks At Same Spot Saturday Night

Two accidents happened at the same spot two miles west of Plattsmouth Saturday night, one at 5:35 p. m. and one seven hours later. Five persons were injured in the second accident, a youth shaken up in the first, and three cars badly damaged.

John Kafenberg of west of Plattsmouth was the first person on the scene for both accidents, and reported both to Sheriff Tom Solomon.

As Kafenberg was going to town at 5:35 p. m., he came on a car driven by Carey L. Rohlfis, 16, of Plattsmouth which had hit loose gravel and rolled over on a steep embankment. He was shaken up but not injured.

That night, as Kafenberg was driving home, he came across a two-car collision at the same spot. A car driven by Terry I. McBride, 17, was traveling east and was in a collision with one driven by Mrs. Anna L. Barr of Louisville who was going west.

McBride received several head lacerations; Mrs. Barr had body cuts and bruises; her husband Vern received a bruised forehead; son Carl had a deep chin cut; and son Richard had a bruised knee.

Mr. Whitzell Dies, Funeral Was Today

Jesse D. Whitzell, 89, a resident of the Nebraska Masonic Home from Wymore, died Friday in an Omaha hospital. Funeral services were at 2:30 p. m. today (Monday) at Caldwell-Linder funeral home, Rev. Erwin Kell officiating. Burial will be in Oakhill cemetery.

Mr. Whitzell had been in the Masonic Home three years, admitted through Wymore lodge No. 104, A. F. A. M.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. L. D. Densmore of Lincoln.

Merchants at Murdock Join In Dedication

Twenty-two Murdock merchants joined with the Murdock Farmers Co-operative Saturday in dedication ceremonies for the town's new giant grain elevator by serving a free pancake feed held in the fire hall.

Although the elevator was completed last July at a cost of nearly \$150,000, dedication of the large new concrete building was delayed until following the fall harvest that has found the new elevator filled nearly to capacity.

Nearly 1000 residents of the area were served over 2000 pancakes, sausages and coffee followed by a tour through the giant new building.

First registered delivery of grain received into the new elevator was brought in by Lawrence Zoz, who trucked it in Saturday morning.

Owned and operated by the Murdock Co-operative, Robert Lichtenberger is manager, who was actively engaged in supervising the big crowd at the pancake feed. He was ably assisted by Louis Wendt, president, and board members August Rieke and Leonard Fornoff, Mrs. Leonard Fornoff and Mrs. Darwin Schulte.

Although the elevator was constructed to serve farmers of the area, about half the capacity is reserved for storage of government loan grain for the next six years. Much of this grain was shipped into storage soon after the building was completed.

At the present time, Mr. Lichtenberger said the elevator is filled nearly to capacity following harvesting of the 1954 crop.

City and County Join the Nation In S-D Day

Plattsmouth and Cass County will join the rest of the nation Wednesday in observing the country's first "S-D Day," designed to bring the daily traffic death rate from more than 100 down to absolute zero.

While the program would be worthwhile if it works for just the one day, it is part of a long-range plan. Safe-Driving Day is to prove that it CAN be done.

Are There Cattle Rustlers In County

One farm family near Murdock is sure there are cattle rustlers loose in Cass County.

At the Herman Schweppe farm near that city, two animals, one steer and a small calf have disappeared from the farm during the past two months with not a trace or trail of either left behind.

The last critter lost was a small calf only weeks or two old. A search of the entire area has failed to shed any light on the mystery and the Schweppe family are convinced the animals were stolen.

Lutherans Ship Carload Grain To Aid Needy

Three Cass County Lutheran Churches joined forces here the past week to ship a carload of corn products to needy persons in Asiatic countries, Palestine, Germany and other areas of the world.

The 850 bushels of corn left Manley Saturday for Omaha where it will be processed into meal and syrup for shipment overseas through the "All-Lutheran Food Appeal" organization with headquarters in Minneapolis.

Full cooperation in the grain drive was given by Christ Lutheran Church, Rev. A. Lentz, pastor, and Emanuel Lutheran Church, Rev. Melvin Meyer, pastor. Many members of Trinity Lutheran Church, Rev. John Unger, pastor, contributed.

Committee for Christ Lutheran included Franklin Wehrbein, chairman, Otto Schafer, Arthur Penke, Hugo Meisinger, Glen Kraeger and Dale Hild. Committee of Emanuel Lutheran included John Neumann, chairman, Herman Raeber and Fred Gaebel.

The car leaving Manley Saturday was the 123rd car load of grain to be shipped from Nebraska this fall by Lutheran churches. The car represented the first contribution from this county to the All-Lutheran Food Appeal, however these churches did contribute heavily to the "Friendship Train" about six years ago.

Area covered by contributions to the car included churches members from the Platte River to Nehawka and from Murdock to Manley where the new elevator handled the loading without charge by Herman Arends, manager of the Manley Co-operative Grain Company.

Leonard Stohlman and Glen Kraeger contributed to the project by supervising the shelling without charge to the cooperating churches.

PROPERTY CHANGES HANDS
"Ham" Chovanec of the First Realty Co. of this city, has announced the sale of the L. J. Eiserman property at 618 Chicago Avenue, Oakmont to Gerald H. Sharpnack.

Sponsored by President Eisenhower's action committee for traffic safety, it is to demonstrate that traffic accidents can be reduced when each motorist and pedestrian accepts full responsibility for observing the letter and spirit of all traffic regulations.

The Cass county board of county commissioners is backing the plan and calling on all drivers to be especially careful on the county's gravel roads and of the dead-end roads which are the scenes of so many accidents.

Mayor Leo Meisinger has issued a proclamation calling for extra care in city driving.

A few tips on how to survive S-D Day are presented by the president's action committee: Be sportsmanlike; obey all traffic signs; keep speed reasonable; start earlier and drive slower; let the other fellow have the right-of-way; stay in lane; don't pass unless there's plenty of room; obtain and review a copy of your local traffic regulations.

Reduce speed at sundown; stay behind another car at least one car length for each 10 miles of speed; stay in your lane at hillsides and curves; be extra alert at intersections; give signals; don't drive when you drink; have brakes, lights, windshield wipers, tires and steering checked; if the weather is bad, don't drive unless you MUST.

It'll also be S-W (Safe-Walking) Day, as pedestrians must take much of the blame for traffic fatalities. Remember that a hundred or so pounds of flesh is no contest to 3,000 pounds or more of steel.

For Pedestrians, these rules are in order: Cross only at crosswalks; look both ways; cross only on proper signal; watch for turning cars; don't walk out from behind parked cars; if you must walk along the road, walk on the left facing traffic; carry or wear something white at night, so you can be seen.

The nation marked its one-millionth traffic fatality until three years ago. Don't you become No. 1,114,342.

Open Nights Will Include Thurs., Friday

Plattsmouth stores will be open until 9 p. m. every night from this Wednesday until Christmas, business men have decided, adding this Thursday and Friday to the earlier list.

That makes "open" nights Dec. 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22 and 23, with all businesses closing at 5 p. m. Dec. 24, Christmas Eve.

The extra open nights were decided on because of the unexpected rush of business, according to Chamber of Commerce Manager Chuck Allen.

Santa Claus will be on duty at his headquarters at the Gas Co. office each night the stores are open. Also, he will be available to visit boys and girls who are confined and unable to go visit Santa.

Mrs. Frank Sand submitted to an appendectomy Wednesday at St. Mary's hospital in Nebraska City.

Choral Concert Tuesday

Nearly 130 boys and girls from Plattsmouth high school will sing during the high school mixed chorus' choral concert in the high school auditorium Tuesday at 8 p. m., Melvin McKenney directing.

Only part of the concert will be Christmas music, McKenney said, because he wants to give the group the experience of singing many types of music.

The first semester chorus is made up of 128 high school students, and after the second semester starts it will be cut to about 80 of the better voices and those who read music best. The group will participate in the Ak-Sar-Ben choral clinic in Plattsmouth Feb. 10, the district music contest in March, and at least one more choral concert at the school. In addition, the boys quartet, girls quartet and girls triple trio are rehearsing or being selected, and a madrigal group will begin its activities with the annual caroling at the Masonic home and city schools.

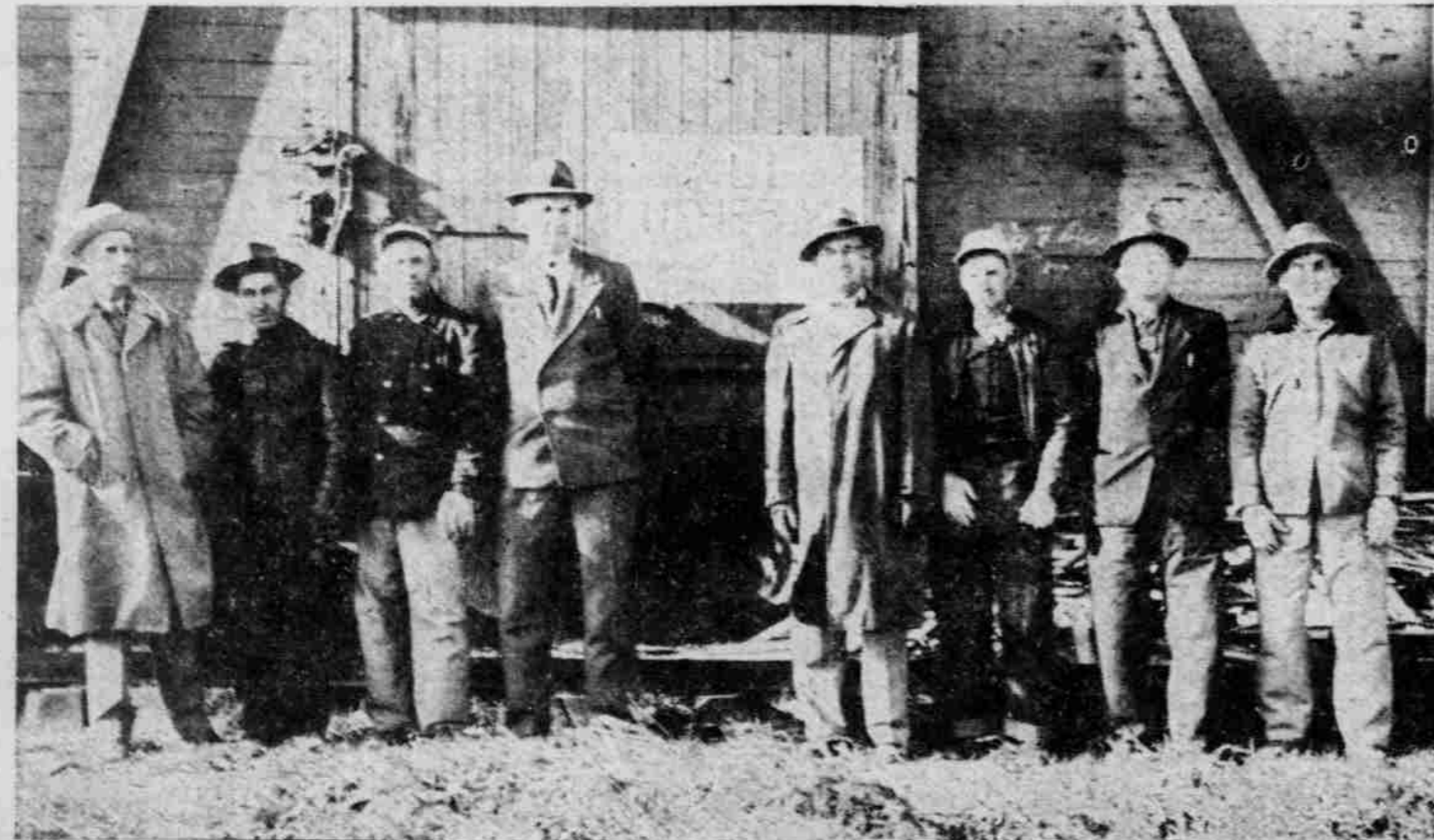
McKenney explained that the first semester is considered to be a training period, since many students coming in from rural schools haven't had the opportunity to do part singing, and all freshmen are undergoing their "voice change" or have just done so.

Members of the boys quartet to take part in Tuesday's program are Terry Ernst, Bob Carr, Bill Todd and Marion Hild.

Madrigal members are Janice Wiles, Joan Mason, Gail Peterson, Carolyn Robinson, Mary McCarthy and Rosemary Nelson, all alices; Nancy Perry, Nancy Siemonek, Beverly Harris, Minnieetta Frazer, Joan Egenberger, Margaret Eiting, all sopranos; Doug Reno, Terry Ernst, Bob Carr, Dan Huebner, Stuart Nielsen and Elwood Johnson, basses; and Marion Hild, Roger Hild, Bill Todd, Jon Ulrich, Jim Ulrich and Mike Shellenbarger, tenors.

The program will include "Mary Had a Little Lamb," "Res My Shoes," "A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes," "Onward, Christian Soldiers," "Jingle Bells," all by the chorus; "Climb in' Up the Mountain" by the boys quartet; "Lo, How a Rose Ere Blooming," "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Lullaby of Christmas Eve" by the Madrigal group with Shirley Story soloist; "The First Noel," "Joy to the World," "Silent Night," and "No Man Is an Island."

Carload of Grain Goes to Needy



Standing before a carload of corn containing 850 bushels donated by members of Christ Lutheran Immanuel and Trinity Lutheran churches for needy in foreign lands, are Otto Schafer, Franklin Wehrbein, Hugo Meisinger,

Rev. A. Lentz, Rev. Melvin Meyer, Fred Gaebel, John Neumann and Herman Raeber. The grain was shipped Saturday from the Farmer's Co-operative new elevator at Manley.—Journal Photo.

