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State Homemaking Honors Go To Pair Of Local Girls

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CRETE—Sharon Range, president of the local Future Homemakers of America chapter and state FHA secretary, and Betty Morris, past local president, were awarded the State Homemaking Degree at the Crete Officer Workshop.

This is the highest individual honor to be achieved in FHA. They are among the 30 members throughout the state to earn this degree this year. Miss Range and Miss Morris are the second and third candidates to receive this award for the Plattsmouth Chapter.

Requirements for this award include the earning of junior and chapter degrees. Recipients must be outstanding in activities and personal service in the homemaking program and their local FHA chapter.

Betty is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Opal Morris of Murray and Sharon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Range of Plattsmouth.

For the second consecutive year, the Plattsmouth chapter received the award of honor chapter, being one of eleven of the 45 chapters attending to be so honored. Sharon Range accepted the award in behalf of the chapter. During the past years activities members met the 19 qualifications required.

Another honor came to the chapter when Betty Smiley was elected to the office of district recreation chairman. Betty has belonged to FHA one year and has earned her junior and chapter degrees. Next year she will be recording secretary and will start work on her state degree. Betty will be a junior in high school. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Smiley of Fort Crook.

Other nominees for district officers from Plattsmouth were Carol Hunt for vice president and Rita Range for historian.

Sharon Range, Carol Hunt, Betty Smiley, Rita Range, and Marjorie Grosshans were delegates to the workshop. Miss Lynas Schwendemann attended as advisor. The group presented the opening ceremony for the general session Thursday evening.

Helping with the workshop was Carol Hunt and Sharon Range who were discussion leaders. Betty Smiley and Rita Range served as recorders for discussions, and Marjorie Grosshans was hostess for a discussion group.

The workshop is held for the benefit of the delegates to become better officers and leaders in school and community.

Another Old Timer Steps Down:

Swaps Shoe Shop For Farm

By Jerry Sharpnack
Journal Staff Writer

Tim Woster came within two months of observing his 50th anniversary as a shoemaker in Plattsmouth. But he's decided to retire this week.

Mr. Woster, now 67, came to this country in 1906 from Vienna, Austria, where he served a four year apprenticeship.

He said the only "payment" he received during the apprenticeship was board and clothing. His first wage in this country was \$6 a week.

He began work in Plattsmouth at the Fetzer Shoe Store. He continued to work in the same location after his son, Clem, purchased the store in 1941.

Clem sold the store this week, so Mr. Woster decided he, too, would leave the shoe business.

He does not, however, plan inactivity for himself. His home is situated on an acreage south of town and he said he will be busy mainly with farming from now on.



RETIREES AFTER HALF CENTURY — Tim Woster is shown at work. At the right is hammer with handle nearly worn through after 50 years use. Journal Photo.

not quit until that handle was worn through. However, we feel that had happened, say, 10 years ago, he merely would have bought a new one.

Part of the equipment Mr. Woster will take with him is a hammer which he has used since 1906. The hammer was in such constant use throughout the years grooves are worn in the handle which fit the contour of his hand.

When he first started in the business, he vowed he would

Monies Needed Locally

Paul Fauquet Says \$30,000 Must Be Raised For Floods

Tentative plans were proposed during Monday's flood control meeting for obtaining sufficient funds locally for the establishment of a suitable watershed program.

The some 50 people who attended the meeting held at the Lions Club building heard Paul Fauquet outline a program whereby Plattsmouth businessmen and residents would be expected to provide voluntarily the local share of \$30,000.

This sum would include costs of actual construction, fees and maintenance. The federal government would supply an additional sum of more than \$100,000, he said.

Mr. Fauquet, who is chairman of the flood control committee, said property owners would be assessed according to (Continued on Page Five)

Woster Shoe Store Is Sold: Sale Planned

Sale of the Woster Shoe Store was announced today by Clement T. Woster, proprietor. Name of the purchaser was not revealed.

A close-out sale will be held starting tomorrow.

Mr. Woster was affiliated with the store since 1925 when the store was owned by Joe Fetzer. At that time, Mr. Woster worked there part-time after school.

After his graduation, he worked for Mr. Fetzer full time until he purchased the store in 1941.

Mr. Woster always has been active in community affairs. He served three terms as mayor during 1948 and 1949 and from 1951 through 1954.

He served with the city council and the fire department in addition to many other civic organizations.

He now plans to devote full time to his insurance business.

Mr. and Mrs. Woster have four daughters, Mrs. Jerry (Clementine) Colling of Omaha, Priscilla, Debbie and Dottie.

D. M. Bowman Elected To State VFW Veep

Dale M. Bowman was elected junior vice-commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Nebraska during the annual VFW State Encampment held this week in Omaha.

A large group of Plattsmouth VFW members attended the three day encampment.

Swim and Baseball Programs Are Set

Two programs for Plattsmouth young people will get under way Monday.

A baseball league will be formed under sponsorship of the Chamber of Commerce.

All interested boys from 8 to 12 years of age inclusive are asked to be present at the athletic field Monday at 6:30 p. m. Registration for the program will get underway at that time.

The Red Cross swim week also will begin Monday. Children are asked to register for the swim program at the law offices of Smith and Lebens.

Peck Resigns County Post To Take High Federal Job



H. M. Soennichsen, Chris Bulin and Cecil Karr

Pioneer Merchant Honored:

H. M. Soennichsen Given "Man of the Year" Award

By Bill Burton
Journal News Editor

H. M. Soennichsen, the grand old man of Plattsmouth, was last night presented the Lions Club plaque for outstanding community service.

The award—top for civic accomplishment—was made by Lion Cecil Karr in the Lions Community Building.

The 89-year-old merchant could only say "thank you," when the presentation was made.

H. M. Soennichsen was born in Germany in 1866 and came to Plattsmouth at the age of fifteen in the year 1882.

An uncle, Peter C. Hansen, was in the grocery business and H. M.'s first job was driving the delivery wagon.

In 1889 he and George Lehnoff formed a partnership and in 1891 Mr. Soennichsen purchased an odd shaped lot at the junction of Chicago Avenue and Seventh Street where he erected a building which was known as the "Five Corner Grocery."

In 1895 he retired from the grocery business to sell coal but in 1897 he returned to the selling of groceries in partnership with A. H. Weckbach until Mr. Weckbach's death in 1904. Mr. Soennichsen continued the business which was located in one of the rooms now owned by the Forty and Eight, but in 1913 the business was moved to a new building which he erected on vacant lots a few doors west.

In this building a dry goods department and china were were added.

In 1922 he purchased the building (Continued on Page 4)

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The appointment of County Attorney Richard Peck as chief assistant U. S. attorney in Nebraska was announced yesterday.

Attorney Peck revealed his future plans as he offered his resignation from the county office to the commissioners at a special session in the Cass County building.

The local lawyer and prosecuting officer will leave the part-time \$2,800 a year post effective June 30. At that time he will also give up his private law practice. He is associated with Atty. James Begley in the law firm of Begley & Peck.

The commissioners accepted the resignation with "deep regret" and said they will soon appoint a successor to Attorney Peck.

The corporal, Carl Bengtson, told investigators his back was ripped open by a man who he could not identify. Bengtson said the assault occurred as he sat in his car with three girls.

He showed officers a six-inch flesh gash on his back. The wound was caused by a beer can opener, he said.

Corporal Bengtson told officials the attack was unprovoked. The assailant was arguing with another group at the time, he said, and suddenly turned on him. He reached into the car and hit him several times and then slashed him, he said.

Automobile registration numbers were furnished investigators.

Lights were mounted on the beach at Holman's during the past week, following a final warning to the proprietor, Lloyd Holman, by county commissioners. The tavern nearby, owned by Holman, was threatened with loss of its license by County Attorney Dick Peck.

The owner was warned the lights were needed to keep things in the beach area in order.

He was appointed to the new post by Atty. Gen. Brownell. He will serve in the Omaha office of the U. S. Attorney.

He will also resign from his post with the Cass County Veterans Service Committee, the appointee said.

His letter of resignation to the commissioners follows: "I have been tendered an appointment by the attorney general of the United States to serve as chief assistant United States attorney in the State of Nebraska beginning July 1, 1956.

"To accept this appointment it is necessary that I resign from my present official position and take leave of absence from the law firm of which I am a member.

"Therefore, my resignation as Cass County attorney effective at the close of business June 30, 1956 is submitted herewith.

"Serving this Board and the people of this county in the office of county attorney has been a most enjoyable experience. I shall always be grateful for the confidence and trust which was placed in my hands during the years of my tenure in office.

"Please accept my thanks for your fine co-operative spirit exhibited many times during periods of difficulty and my best wishes for your continued success in giving to the people of this county the best government possible."

AWARD TO FUTURE FARMERS—Roy Smith, center, is shown receiving a \$100 check from Plattsmouth Journal News Editor Bill Burton for a club project which will result in the building of a cattle, fruit tree and other vegetation spraying unit which will be available free of charge to farmers in the county. The check represents the \$100 award given the Journal by Ak-Sar-Ben for outstanding service to agriculture. The FFA unit will build the sprayer under the supervision of Don Hansen, at right, in charge of agricultural studies at Plattsmouth High School. Journal Photo.

ANOTHER FACELIFTING — The Cass Bar at South Fifth Street is another local business establishment to "dress up" for the summer. Proprietor Earl Alexander has painted the exterior a bright pink.

Stop and Shop, But Don't Fight, Judge Warns a Customer

A Plattsmouth man learned this week it is cheaper to confine his grocery activities to shopping.

The man, Raymond G. Nault, paid police court fines and costs totaling \$29 after "unsettling" Reed's Market.

He pleaded guilty to intoxication, disturbing the peace, and provoking an assault on Dewey Reed, proprietor of the store.

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