



"MISS AUBURN" — Janice Wiles, Plattsmouth

Janice Wiles Wins Over 10 For Miss Auburn '57 Title

Miss Janice Wiles, 19, a freshman at Peru State Teachers College and 1956 "Miss Plattsmouth" was chosen over 10 contestants as "Miss Auburn of 1957" in a contest held there Wednesday evening to select a representative from that city to enter the Nebraska "Miss America" pageant.

Miss Wiles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wiles, was selected from a field of 10, nine of whom are students at Peru State Teachers College. The Auburn contest sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce of that city, is a preliminary pageant to a goal of reaching the Miss America Contest that is held in Atlantic City each year, one many local persons witnessed on TV last year.

All 10 candidates were presented before judges in evening

Sunday Game Ends In Tie In Nine Innings

Plattsmouth and Ralston battled to a tie game, 7-7, here Sunday in a nine inning warm-up prepatory to the opening of the Platte Valley League season.

A good crowd was on hand to see the first appearance of the local team at home. Sponsored by the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce in co-operation with Offutt Air Force Base, the nine appeared Sunday as though fans of this area will see some top baseball during the season.

One of the longest hit balls in the local park was clobbered by Shortstop Patterson for the locals going over 400 feet and landing high above the football stadium bleachers. There was one man on when the round-trip hit was made.

Plattsmouth will open the regular league here on Sunday May 12, when they meet Papillon, Don Wall, local manager said today when league schedules were being posted.

Sleeping Fisherman Causes Much Alarm

Sheriff Ernest Ard of Sarpy County was given several hours of search one evening last week over an alarm about a missing fisherman.

The sheriff received the alarm from a fishing party near the Gretna fisheries at Gretna. One of the party had gone to look at some lines and had not returned.

When the sheriff had searched the area where the fishing party was located they found the missing man peacefully sleeping on the banks of the Platte River.

Francis M. Casey Sues For \$10,000 For Auto Accident

Attorney Francis M. Casey of this city is plaintiff in an action filed in the Sarpy county district court April 20th asking \$10,000 damages.

Named as defendant was David L. Booker, Omaha. The action follows an auto collision between cars driven by the two men on highway No. 75-73 one mile south of Offutt Air Force Base on October 20, 1956.

R. F. Brendel Honored By Commandery

Mt. Zion Commandery No. 5, A. F. & A. M., Plattsmouth, honored past Commander E. Sir Richard F. Brendel at a special past Commanders night banquet held in the Masonic building Friday evening.

In addition to paying tribute to Brendel, the Knights also had as their guests wives of Commandery members and visiting dignitaries from Lincoln, Omaha, Blair and other nearby cities.

Toastmaster for the evening's event was Sir Knight L. J. Hutchinson. Invocation was by Sir Knight Maynard Ramge, Prelate.

Musical entertainment was presented by a trio, Dale Wohlforth, Clin Morris and James Comstock who sang two spiritual numbers "Heaven is Now in View" and "Just a Little Talk With Jesus." They were accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Edwin Morris.

Address of welcome was given by E. Sir Knight R. A. Noell, Commander of Plattsmouth Chapter, Lady Alice Woster in her response told the delegation how thankful wives should be to have the opportunity to be a part of Masonry.

E. Sir Knight Edward F. Wehrbein, Plattsmouth, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska, presented the Past Commander's Jewel to R. F. Brendel, a ritual that has been followed in the local lodge for many years in appreciation of their efforts during the official discharge of their duties.

Dr. William J. Grossman, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church of Omaha, delivered the address of the evening, using as his subject, "Have You Grown Up? Are You Mature?"

Dinner was prepared by members of the Eastern Star and served by Job's Daughters.

Distinguished guests in attendance included Lt. Rizor, Past Commander Mt. Calvary No. 1 Omaha, and Mrs. Rizor; Lillard Jensen, Omaha, Grand Commandery committee on tactics, and Mrs. Jensen; William F. Evers, Past Commander, and Mrs. Evers; Wayne A. Reese, Lincoln, Grand Captain of the Guard and Mrs. Reese; Harold Edwards, Lincoln, Grand Captain General, and Mrs. Edwards, and Edward F. Wehrbein, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska.

Following announcement of her winning the title, Miss Wiles was presented a crown and cape by the reigning Miss Nebraska, Miss Dianne Knotek of Lincoln. As winner of the Miss Auburn title, she will compete in the Miss Nebraska contest June 1 at Lincoln.

Miss Wiles is a graduate of Plattsmouth High School with the class of 1956, where she took part in numerous activities. She was maid of honor in her senior year for Homecoming and Yuletide, a member of chorus and band and on the honor roll for all four years of high school. Graduating in 1956 she won a state scholarship good for four years. She was a cheer leader in Pep Club for two years.

A member of the Evangelical and United Brethren Church, she has held several offices in church groups and is a member of the choir. She is also a Past Honored Queen of Job's Daughters, Bethel No. 24, Plattsmouth.

At Peru she has continued her popularity and accomplishments. She was Queen of the Sweetheart Frolic this year, a cheerleader, member of Purvial Singers and band at the state college and has taken active part in numerous other activities.

Miss Wiles is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Albert, and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Wiles, of Plattsmouth, pioneer families of this area.

Her greatest ambition, she said is to complete four years of study at Peru, travel Europe for a year, and then...

Another contestant from Cass County was lovely Mary Jo Reihart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Reihart of Louisville, a popular and talented young lady of our neighboring city who is also a student at Peru.

Following presentation of crown and cape of gold to Miss Wiles, the top four contestants were presented with Miss America Charm bracelets as a memento of the Auburn pageant.

Stork Wins Race With Local Mother; Both At Offutt

The stork won a race with a local mother here about noon today when a baby girl arrived at the Sam Kelsey home, 815 A. St.

Not expected for some time yet, the first alarm sent hurried calls to Offutt and finally to the sheriff's office. The latter responded post haste with the baby arriving at 11:15 a. m. Shortly after, two ambulances came on the scene in addition to the sheriff's first aid equipment.

Parents are S. Set, and Mrs. John D. Del Rosario. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kelsey and Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Johnson Honolulu, Hawaii. Both mother and daughter are reported in good condition following their experience.

Joanne Bender Masked At Ivy Day Ceremonies

Miss Joanne Bender, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bender of Weeping Water was one of the Nebraska coeds honored at the Ivy Day ceremonies at the University of Nebraska on Saturday.

Miss Bender was masked at the traditional ceremonies by members of the Black Masque chapter of Mortar Board society at the university.

The seventeen girls, all juniors, were chosen on the basis of leadership, scholarship and service to the university.

Miss Bender also enjoys the distinction of being queen of the Kass County King Korn Carnival for 1956.

Sister Dies In Maryland

Mr. and Mrs. George Jaeger received word of the death of Mrs. Jaeger's sister, Daisy Taylor, in the state of Maryland. The news of the death came as a shock to the family.

Mrs. Jaeger departed Friday morning for Maryland to attend the funeral services.

Teen-Age Brawl Broken Up By Sheriff's Office Saturday Night

Mr. Fix-It Looked Like Passed Out Coffee Drinker

"By Gosh, it's happened," was the first thought that passed through the mind of your news reporter Friday when he entered a local business establishment and found a man stretched out cold in a center aisle near the coffee counter.

For some time this Journal man has expected to see somebody overcome from drinking the brew that's brewed in this place.

"Twasn't so, though. It was only 'Terry' Terryberry trying to get the cold cold in John's and Vic's cold box where they store the ice cream.

Carol Potschies One "Midland" Staff Honored

Miss Carol Ann Potschies, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Potschies of Plattsmouth and a freshman at Midland College, Fremont, was one of a group of staff members of the student newspaper to receive recognition this past week when their paper was awarded a First Class Honor Rating in national competition.

Miss Potschies, a graduate of Plattsmouth High School and a member of the staff of The High School Platter here for two



Carol Ann Potschies

Gus H. Nelson, 72 Dies As Result Of Accident April 27

Gus H. Nelson, 72, Weeping Water, died Thursday at an Omaha hospital as the result of injuries suffered on Saturday, April 27th. Mr. Nelson was fatally injured while he was driving from the United Mineral Products Co., quarries to the business section of Weeping Water. The car he was driving ran into cars on a railroad siding.

Mr. Nelson is well known over this section of the state as he has made his home in Omaha for a great many years, was active in Republican political circles in the state and Douglas County.

He is survived by the widow, Johanna, and two stepsons, David and Harold Myers, Weeping Water, two brothers and one sister.

He had been engaged in the operation of the G. H. Nelson Paint Co., in Omaha for many years.

In 1934 he became interested in the United Mineral Products Co., which has quarries at Weeping Water where they also maintain a grinding plant.

Ed Bourcke and Earl Ackerman of Grant, Ia., were here over Sunday to visit at the Fred Bourcke home and with old friends.

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Young Named Prexy Nebraska Auctioneers At No. Platte Meet

Rex Young, popular Cass County auctioneer for many years was named president of the Nebraska Auctioneers Association at their annual meeting held in North Platte over the weekend.

Col. Young, dean of Eastern Nebraska auctioneers, has been active in association circles for many years, having served in several offices and last year was vice president.

Lowell McQuin, a newcomer in the auctioneering business, also a resident of Plattsmouth was named secretary-treasurer at the same meeting.

Young has handled the largest share of farm sales in this area for many years. He has also been active in the ring in the sales of real estate and livestock throughout the state and probably has one of widest acquaintances among farmers and in sales circles of any man in a similar position.

Nearing the half-century mark in auctioneering, Col. Young cried his first sale at Beach, N. D., on November 25, 1911. That he says was probably the greatest thrill of his life.

Another, he told a Journal reporter, occurred a few years ago when he sold the "Million Dollar Calf Sale" at the South Omaha Yards at the invitation of Mr. Van Ambaugh, vice-president of the Livestock Exchange. "I started selling at 9 a. m. and never stopped until 4 p. m. and sold over 4,500 head. Highest price was \$92.50 per hundred," Mr. Young said.

The Young family, including his grandfather and father, came to Plattsmouth in 1853, locating six miles south of the city. In 1920 he moved to where the family resides now at 819 South 9th Street.



Rex Young

Born near Plattsmouth, Mr. Young is a member of the Christian Church at Murray. He is a member of Plattsmouth A. F. & A. M. No. 6, Adoniran Council No. 5, the Royal Arch, Knight Templar, and Home Chapter Eastern Star. He is also a member of Omaha Consistory Scottish Rite 32nd Degree and Tanager Shrine Temple at Omaha.

McQuin, new secretary-treasurer, auctioneered a course in an Iowa Auctioneering school a couple of years ago and has spent that time since acquiring experience under Young and on his own, while being steadily employed at Smith's Mens' Wear in Plattsmouth.

Sheriff's Duties Not Always Lead To Crime Cases

Police, sheriffs and highway patrolmen are not always in pursuit of gunmen, thieves, speeders and other law violators.

Here in Plattsmouth one morning last week, a tearful little girl appeared at the sheriff's office holding a dog by its collar. Through streaming tears, she explained to Deputy Sheriff Rhoder that her doggie had broken it's chain. "Mommie works, school is ready to start and I'm afraid my dog will be picked up and put in the dog pound."

Deputy Rhoder, like the good Marine he is, soon had the situation well in hand. He put the young lady and her dog in his car, drove to her home took an old pair of chains he had in the vehicle, cut them up, linked them together and fastened Mr. Dog so he wouldn't get away.

Then he loaded up little Miss Marilyn Vetter and took her to school, showing there is still a lot of love in a lawman's heart—most of them are fathers, too.

Death Of Former Resident, Harry Rice, On West Coast

Harry Rice, 68, former resident of Plattsmouth, died at his home in Buena Park, Calif., on April 29th, after an illness of some duration. Funeral services and interment was held on the west coast.

Mr. Rice was born in Plattsmouth, where his parents were early day residents. He spent his younger years in the old home and received his education here in the Plattsmouth schools.

He was engaged here in the employment of the Burlington at the local shops for a number of years. He later entered the plastering business here for the west coast some twenty-four years ago to make his home.

Mr. Rice was married here to Miss Catherine Hesse, who survives his passing.

Other survivors are brothers, Emmett and Frank Rice, of this city, Fred and Edward Rice residing in California.

Harry J. Stutt Prominent Avoca Resident Dies

Harry J. Stutt, well known resident of the Avoca community passed away at his home early Saturday morning.

Survivors are wife, Ruby Avoca; two daughters, Mrs. Wilma Hart, Miss Jean Stutt, Omaha; one son, Charles, Boston, Mass.; two sisters, Mrs. Mary McNeil, Omaha; Minnie L. Stutt, Boise, Ida. Three grandchildren.

Funeral Tuesday, 2 p. m. Hobson Funeral Home at Weeping Water. Burial at Avoca Cemetery.

Schneider Quits Police Job

Patrolman Wayne Schneider, a member of the Plattsmouth police force for the past three years, resigned from the department Friday afternoon following a controversy with Police Chief John Hobschledt, the resignation to take effect immediately.

Plattsmouth police department has apparently been running smoothly for the past year after a two-year turbulent period that saw many a member of the force leave after a few months service, and at one time a quick resignation of every patrolman in the department.

Mayor Gold said he got the Chief and Schneider together Friday and tried to iron out their difficulties, but little could be accomplished. Gold said, "It's just a matter that somebody has to be boss and you can't have several of them. When it's a choice between the chief and patrolmen, then this has to be the answer."

Gold added that he had received numerous letters com-

A group of teen-age Omaha Tech-Hi students, estimated by the sheriff's office to number at least 140, were sent scurrying for cover about 10:00 p. m. Saturday night north of Plattsmouth when they were caught in a beer-vodka brawl.

While running a patrol on back roads and known parking areas near the city Saturday night, Sheriff Solomon and Deputy Rhoder came on what they described as "the largest teenage drinking party in our memory."

Tipped off by farmers in the area, the party was found in progress about two miles north of Plattsmouth and a mile west. Entrance to the area is made at the Missouri Pacific underpass at "Dead Man's Curve."

Driving into the area, the officers discovered an estimated 25 to 30 cars parked in a deep ravine. Parking their car across a bridge leading into the spot, escape was cut off as the south entrance to the grounds was blocked by a washed-out bridge spanning a 15-foot ravine.

The instant the red light on the sheriff's car was turned on, both Solomon and Rhoder said "the place went wild." Caught in the pocket were 26 cars and approximately 140 students. The

officer said, "Someone yelled 'Sheriff' and everyone took off." According to a description of the fray by law officers, some tried to get away in cars, others took off on foot. Beer bottles, whiskey bottles, full, open and empty were flying in all directions. Two cars narrowly escaped dropping into a deep ravine when they attempted to drive south out of the parking space.

Students were rounded up in corn fields, down railroad tracks, many had climbed trees in an attempt to prevent detection. One, appearing at the courthouse Monday morning said he had stayed in a tree all night.

After some semblance of order had been made from disorder, the cars were lined up and ordered through the Sheriff's blockade one at a time where names, license, and registration numbers were taken and all ordered to report to Cass County authorities this week.

Following the checking out of cars, Sheriff Solomon said the next three hours was spent in picking up boys and girls hiding in timber, in trees and deep ravines in the area. In all nearly 100 were checked out. Others succeeded in escaping, most of whom walked back roads into Omaha, they reported.

A check of the parking spot produced hundreds of bottles of beer and liquor, contraceptives, lunches and personal belongings. Officers said the litter was terrific and "looked like an abandoned circus grounds."

Checking the area Sunday morning, Sheriff Solomon picked up two carloads of students who had been in the party that came back to salvage some of the material abandoned in the wild scramble to get away.

One car belonging to a youth in the group was abandoned. It was taken to a lot at the courthouse and is being held for the owner. No registration is in the car.

Solomon said he had had numerous complaints from farmers in the district of "wild parties" being carried on at the place and had been keeping a close watch. He said an attempt would be made to have the road barricaded by the county to prevent entrance into the secluded area. A parade of young people have been going through the sheriff's office today where much of the story is being pieced together. The party was not a school sponsored affair, but made up of a group that had arranged for a school-end picnic.

Both County Attorney Begley and Sheriff Solomon are continuing the investigation, are checking out names taken Saturday night and trying to come to a conclusion of what, if any, charges can be filed.

Both said this was one of the worst affairs they had ever been confronted with and were nearly at a loss as to what action could be taken or what punishment could be meted out.

High School Band Returns From Enid

Plattsmouth High School band members returned from a three-day trip to Enid, Okla., at 5 a. m. Sunday morning, arriving at Union station in Omaha where they were met by parents and friends.

Official confirmation of the local band's members winnings in the contests staged there have not been received, although the local band is said to have picked up "our share."

Complete list of honors and participants is expected to be official in time for Thursday's Journal.

Mrs. Joe Marsh, a sponsor on the trip, stated that "every student conducted themselves superbly and I'm real proud to say they are ours."

She said the band members were well groomed at all times, their behavior was excellent, and in comparison to other band members among the 10,000 appearing at Enid, the Blue Devils rated tops.

Wintersteen PTA Elects New Officers

Wintersteen Parent-Teacher Association met at the school called to order by the President, Mrs. Jean Taylor.

Since this was the last meeting of the year, the election of officers was held for the next school year. Those elected were: Mrs. Kenneth Swaby, president; Mrs. Clayton Rosenkrans, vice president; Mrs. Clifford Mac Grant, secretary; Mrs. George Box, Jr., treasurer and Mrs. Farnum Taylor, Delegate to the Council.

The new officers were installed by Mrs. Jean Taylor.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Winford Dasher, Mrs. Howard Schwenker and Mrs. Joe Erras.

THE WEATHER

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Date	High	Low	Prec.
Tuesday	82	64	.00
Wednesday	76	51	.00
Thursday	64	40	.00
Friday	71	35	.00

Forecast: High in 70's Low tonight in mid 40's. Continued fair and warmer. Sun sets tonight at 7:27. Sun rises Tuesday at 5:14 a. m.

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