

Richard Tritsch 'Young Farmer Of 1957' Winner

Richard Tritsch is the Outstanding Young Farmer of 1957. President Harold Smock of the Plattsmouth Junior Chamber of Commerce announced today.

The presentation of a plaque honoring Tritsch's selection is to be made at a banquet tonight at 7 o'clock at the Lions Club. Also to be honored are Tritsch's wife, Donna, and his landlord and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schneider.

Also to be honored by the Jaycees, but his identity not to be revealed until tonight, is the young man chosen for the Distinguished Service Award for 1957.

The committee in charge of making the Young Farmer selection received seven nominations and found it very hard to select the number one young farmer.

However, they found that Tritsch has made an outstanding record. He farms 280 acres southwest of Plattsmouth and feeds about 150 head of cattle in partnership with his landlord.

In close cooperation with his landlord, Tritsch has completely remodeled the farm home and all of the outbuildings. He built 2 miles of new, permanent fence, built new lot fences, loading chute, squeeze chute and sorting pens. He re-roofed and resided a crib and barn. All the farm buildings have been repainted. He also designed and built a self feeding bunker type silo.

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NEW LANE OPEN — The new west lane of U. S. 73-75 to Omaha was opened to traffic Jan. 20 from just south of the Platte River bridge, on north to Omaha. The scene above looks north at the weighing station where single lane traffic now ends for northbound travelers.

Interest Shown In Cass School Reorganization

Persons from 10 Cass County school districts met here with County Supt. L. A. Behrends last Friday to discuss possibilities of drawing up petitions for reorganization.

Many of those present evidenced interest in the Murray school and or establishment of a new district in the Mynard area.

District represented at the meeting were numbers: 2 Horning, 3 Mynard; 5, Rock Bluff; 6, Rock Creek; 7, Lewiston; 25, 8-Mile Grove; 27, Cottonwood; 45, Little Briek; 55, Amick, and 56, Murray.

If petitions were circulated and completed they would be presented to the secretary of the Cass County Committee for Reorganization of School Districts (Behrends) for the committee's consideration and recommendations. The committee in turn would forward them for consideration and recommendations to the State Committee for Reorganization. Hearings would follow.

'Pipeline Agreement' By City, Railroad

The City Council Monday passed a resolution authorizing Mayor Gold to sign a "pipeline agreement" between the city and the Missouri-Pacific Railroad covering the city's installation of sewer line beneath the railroad's right-of-way on Cemetery Road.

The city pays a \$10 fee for preparation and execution of the agreement and is responsible for maintenance of the line and for any damage resulting from its installation or use.

Cass Sheriff Was On Patrol, Too

The Cass County Sheriff's office maintained around-the-clock patrol and coverage of the west part of the county from the moment the 10-murder Starkweather case developed at Bennet Monday afternoon.

Wednesday afternoon Sheriff Tom Solomon of Cass County was asked to come inside the City Limits of Lincoln and check the College View area.

While the suspect was still believed in Lincoln Wednesday afternoon Solomon was also assigned the Bennet rural roads.

Many Cass County farmers kept their yard lights on all night and had their personal guns in handy reaching spots. Some farmers turned their farm lights on early in the afternoon and spent the nights either in towns or at friends' homes.

The sheriff's office here was a popular place Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday as many persons dropped in to follow the case through the office's short-wave radio.

Aaberg Is CCA-FB Speaker

Herman C. Aaberg, assistant director of the Commodity Division of the American Farm Bureau Federation, Chicago, will be the main speaker Feb. 4 at 8 p. m. at the Weeping Water Auditorium.

The occasion will be a "Neighbor Night" sponsored jointly by Cass County Farm Bureau and Cass County Non-Stock Assn.

Purpose of the meeting is to welcome new members into the organization and acquaint them with the activities of the organization. By the same token, old members may become better informed in regard to the organization.

Aaberg was born near Newman Grove, Neb., July 10, 1902, and graduated from Iowa State College in 1924. Before joining the AFBF Staff in 1944, he supervised a dairy testing association and served as county agricultural agent in Winnebago County, Iowa.

He served as assistant secretary of agriculture in Iowa from 1933 to 1937 and as Iowa representative of the Chicago Producers Commission Assn. from 1938 to 1944.

He was president of the Economics Club of Des Moines, chairman of the National Brucellosis Committee and is president of Livestock Conservation Inc.

Aaberg operated farms in Iowa and owns a general livestock farm in Iowa which he operates with his tenant on a 50-50 live- (Continued on Page 7)

Melvin Todd Is New Commissioner

Melvin Todd today was named commissioner of Cass County District 2 to fill out the unexpired term of Ray Norris who resigned effective Feb. 1.

The term runs through 1958. Todd was named by a special appointment board provided for

such a contingency by law. The board was composed of County Treasurer Mrs. Alice Jayne McShane, County Attorney James Begley and County Clerk Charles Land.

Todd farms near Union, is a prominent stock man and was

once chosen Korn Karnival King. He is a member of a pioneer family in the county.

The three county officials had considered a total of 7 persons for the post. These had been suggested by interested parties or themselves said they were interested.

4 County Officers 'Will File'; 5 Others Are 'Undecided'

Only five of 10 Cass County elective officers whose terms expire this year have said they will file for re-election this spring.

None has said he would not. The others are "undecided" at this point.

To date, no one has filed nomination papers with the County clerk.

County Commissioner Herman Bornemeier — Undecided. County Commissioner from the 2nd District (term expires)—Ray Norris resigned, effective Feb. 1.

Register of Deeds Mrs. Lucille Gaines—Yes. Clerk of District Court C. E. Ledgway—Yes.

Sheriff Tom Solomon—Yes. County Clerk Charles Land—Undecided. Treasurer Mrs. Alice Jayne McShane—Undecided.

Supt. of Schools L. A. Behrends —Undecided. Assessor Clara Olson—Yes. County Attorney James Begley—Undecided.

Surveyor William Coakley—Undecided. Deadline for filing is April 3. The election is May 13.

United Church Women Plan 'Day of Prayer'

The Plattsmouth Council of United Church Women met in the parlors of St. Paul's E & R Church Monday afternoon to plan for World Day of Prayer. Eight churches from Plattsmouth, Murray and Mynard were represented.

Mrs. R. W. Bernhardt, 2nd vice president of the Council is the director of World Day of Prayer which will be observed Feb. 21.

Four services have been planned for Plattsmouth on that day and one service will be held in Murray. Chairmen of the various services are: Adult afternoon, Mrs. Joe Stibal. Adult evening, Mrs. Lloyd Fitch.

Children's, Mrs. Jack Brookhouser. Youth, Mrs. Towner Livingston and Larry Christenson. Murray children's—Will be organized under the direction of the Christian and Presbyterian churches of Murray.

Every man, woman and child is invited to attend one of the services.

Club Here Hears about Dam Plans

The first two of nine dams to be built in the Plattsmouth watershed flood control program are planned for construction next spring.

Plattsmouth's Rotary Club heard about dam construction from the construction engineer for this watershed's projects Tuesday noon at their regular meeting.

Leland Jackson of the State Conservation Service, Syracuse, told the club that the dams will be designed for a life of 100 years.

First dams to be built here are one in west Plattsmouth south of 1st Avenue and west of Maiden Lane and one on the Newton Sullivan farm southeast of the city.

The dams have been designed to reach their silt storage capacity in about 50 years. Before the federal government which pays the entire construction cost will approve construction of a dam, at least 75 per cent of soil conservation practices designed to control sedimentation (silt) of the drainage area have to be in effect.

The community is responsible for a share of the project cost, encompassing acquisition of the dam and water storage sites and legal and extra engineering costs, if any.

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Melvin Todd

Each person mentioned or applying was asked to submit a letter of application to the special board so the members could be sure the one finally selected would be willing to serve when appointed. The 7 were those who had submitted such letters.

Norris announced his resignation at the last Commission meeting Jan. 21. He had served a total of 11 years on the board, two full terms and just over a year of his third term.

The other commissioners are Herman Bornemeier, District 5, chairman, and William Nolte, District 1, vice chairman.

'March on Polio' Is Tonight

The Mothers March on Polio will begin this evening (Thursday, Jan. 30) instead of Jan. 29.

Chairman of the "Lifts On" campaign this year for Plattsmouth is Mrs. Russell Schaak. Porchlights should be turned on at 7 p. m., and a mother in your neighborhood will come calling for your contribution to the March of Dimes.

Mrs. Pearl Myers and Mrs. LeRoy Wilson are co-chairmen for the city of Plattsmouth.

Put your light on tonight from 7 to 8 for the Mothers March on Polio. Your help is needed.

The following ladies will act as captains for their areas. The list was compiled by chairman Mrs. Russell Schaak.

Wintersteen Hill—Mrs. Melvin Dittmore. Valley View—Mrs. Leo Osterholm.

Thayer Street—Mrs. Harvey Bruns. Oakmont Drive—Mrs. William Maston.

Hillcrest—Mrs. George Smith, and Mrs. Norma Schmidt. High School Hill—Mrs. S. A. Zwanzig.

Lincoln Avenue — Mrs. Marie Richards. Hurst Traller Court — Mrs. Robert Russell.

First Ward—Mrs. La Verne Liddick and Mrs. John Rishel. Park Avenue and Columbian School—Mrs. Robert Gail.

Talcott Addition—Mrs. Charles E. Ault. Others are Mrs. Albert Pitzer, Mrs. Glen Kaffenberger, Mrs. Warren Scott, Mrs. Wm. Mayle, Mrs. James McMillan, Mrs. Herb Baumgart, Mrs. Walter Bryant, Mrs. Clark Finney, Mrs. Donna Catron, Mrs. Earl Winscot, Mrs. C. Ahrens, Mrs. G. Bishop, Mrs. C. Painter, Mrs. Irene Smith and Mrs. Mack Freeman.

Also Mrs. William Woolcott, Mrs. Rose Day, Mrs. B. K. Rhoden, Mrs. Lyle Ladd, Mrs. Blanche Hitchfield, Mrs. Doran Bowman, Mrs. Paul Kell, Mrs. W. Ullmann, Mrs. Harry Beltinger, Mrs. Glenn Eaton, Mrs. Elmer Haffke, Mrs. Donald Skalak, Mrs. Clem Woster, Mrs. Ernest Harold, Mrs. Wayne Dasher and Mrs. Edwin Bieckett.

William Becker of Lincoln was here for a short time Tuesday with relatives and friends and looking after business affairs.

Sheila Marsh 'Homemaker Of Tomorrow'

Miss Sheila Kaye Marsh has been named the Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow in Plattsmouth. It has been announced by the General Mills, Inc., of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Miss Marsh received the highest score in a written examination on homemaking knowledge and aptitudes by graduating at the high school. Mrs. Gibbs girls at the high school. Mrs. Gibbs making instructor.

Her examination paper now will be entered in competition with those of 289 other school candidates or the title of All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow and will also be considered for the runnerup award in the state. For her achievement she will receive an award pin designed by Trifari of New York.

Each State Homemaker of Tomorrow will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and an educational trip with her school advisor to Washington, D. C., Colonial Williamsburg, Va., and New York City. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded the second ranking girl in each state. The school of the state winner receives a set of the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

The national winner will be named April 17 at a banquet in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City.

Miss Marsh, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Marsh, and is a senior. She has held offices of treasurer, secretary and vice president of her local FHA Chapter; active in PEO Club, now serving as vice president and National Honor Society. She is a member of the girls quartet and has been a member of the band four years.

Miss Marsh, an honor roll student has also had 5 years 4-H work. She was crowned FFA Sweetheart for 1957-58.

Essay Contest Sponsored by VFW Auxiliary

Plattsmouth High School students are eligible for the local division of the 23rd annual National Essay Contest of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

They'll compete for \$10 and \$5 prizes on the local level with winners eligible for the state contest and the state winners being entered in the national contest with top prize of \$1,000 and a gold medal.

Locally, the VFW Auxiliary is sponsoring the contest. Mrs. Dick March is chairman of the essay committee.

A list of rules will be posted on a bulletin board at the high school, Mrs. March said.

Students in the 9th through 12th grades are eligible to write no more than 1,000 words on the subject, "America's Future Is Up to Youth."

After judging and awards on the local level, winners' essay will be entered in the state contest to compete for awards from the State Auxiliary and state medals presented through the national organization.

Besides the \$1,000 first prize, national prizes are \$500 for 2nd, \$250 for 3rd, \$100 for 4th and 10 prizes of \$10 and 10 of \$5 each for honorable mention. Second through 4th also get medals.



Richard Tritsch

Tritsch grows 100 acres of legumes on the farm and has established 17 acres of grassed waterways. He has built 11 miles of terraces. He owns his own anhydrous ammonia applicator and regularly fertilizes his crops.

He is a farm bureau member and is County ASC precinct committeeman. He is a trustee in the Murray Presbyterian Church, member of the Plattsmouth Masonic Lodge and is Charter Vice President of the Plattsmouth Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is also a veteran of World War II.

The Plattsmouth Junior Chamber of Commerce is proud of its selection for the Outstanding Young Farmer for 1957, a spokesman said today.

Leslie Niel, Plattsmouth Postmaster, attended a two day school for postmasters from a 4-state area Friday and Saturday at Wichita, Kan.



MEMORIES RENEWED — Paul Jahrig, 809 N. 11th, and Mrs. Amy Perkins, Brisbane, Australia, look over an autograph book Jahrig signed when a visitor in her home as a serviceman during World War II. Mrs. Perkins is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jahrig and his mother Mrs. Ernestine Jahrig here.

Mrs. Amy Perkins, Brisbane, Australia

Snow's Treat for Visitor Here

The snow of a week ago was a particular delight to Mrs. Amy Perkins, visiting here with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jahrig and his mother, Mrs. Ernestine Jahrig.

It was only the second time Mrs. Perkins, 60, of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, had seen snow.

The other time was here 8 years ago when she visited America the first time to call on former servicemen whose acquaintance she had made during World War II.

Queensland is Australia's "Florida." Mrs. Perkins says, so snow never falls there. Low temperature is in the 40's in winter. That would be next summer, (judged by the American seasons), for it's late summer in Brisbane now.

This time on her 10-month trip to 16 states to visit former service friends and their families, Mrs. Perkins will get to see the seasons change, "something you hardly notice in Australia."

Like Jahrig, 42, the others she visits became her friends when she opened her home to them during the 1940's. Mrs. Perkins was then and is now an active participant in the Australia-America Assn., an organization dedicated to "foster and encourage better relations between the two countries."

During the war, Brisbane and other Australia residents made life away from home a lot more bearable for many service people. GIs were guests in their homes, particularly at the weekends, for "tea." ("Tea" being 6 o'clock supper.)

Jahrig, who works in the Shops here, spent a year in Australia reading for 18 months and two campaigns in New Guinea. He was in Co. L of the 126th Infantry, 32nd Division.

What did he think of Australia? Well, he'd like to go back for a visit some day, perhaps return one of Mrs. Perkins' visits. The people were wonderfully friendly, like Mrs. Perkins who helped out in a Red Cross canteen besides inviting servicemen into her home.

A housewife, Mrs. Perkins is keenly interested in people and traveling. But traveling on buses, thank you!

"I'd be lost without buses," she says. She's making her entire trip in the U.S. by bus and using 185 inches of tickets by actual measurement.

So far, she's been around California after her boat docked at San Francisco and to Oregon. She came directly here from Los Angeles. Her next stop is Arkansas.

In one respect the current trip is a lot easier than the one eight years ago.

Then, Mrs. Perkins worked in a cannery in Oregon to earn money for her travel expenses since rigid currency restrictions prohibited taking American dollars out of Australia and she was only allowed to bring along 10 Australian pounds.

This time, she could take enough money for her expenses.

And what does Mrs. Perkins think of Americans? They're the friendliest, she says. She gets real enjoyment out of visiting in the U. S. "My family is really growing," she says.

Australians lead simpler lives and have more leisure than Americans, Mrs. Perkins thinks. "We don't have all the great labor saving devices you do or do things on such a colossal scale."

She'll return to her home in the spring of the year (after leaving the U. S. in the fall) and Australians will be asking the same thing people in Cass County were wondering about last spring.

Will there be enough moisture to break a year of bad drought? Knowing the answer can be "yes," people here would no doubt send their best wishes along.

Australians will likely hear about Plattsmouth from Mrs. Perkins, for the Australia-America Assn. features as speakers American visitors or those lately back from visits to America.