

Cass Countyan of the Week

Howard Hutchman, Murray Resident Nearly 50 Years



Rev. Howard Hutchman

"I believe I used my handkerchief that day."

Mr. Hutchman met Ida Bodeker in the Murray Sabbath School and saw her often as she lived just across the street from the old parsonage.

Ida's father, Charles H., came to Cass County in 1866. His parents settled in Louisville Precinct.

In 1876, Charles took up his own farm in Mt. Pleasant. His children remember that Charles H. loved to tell stories of the Indians he saw when he was in his teens. They were all friendly and it was common to drive over to the camps and spend a Sunday afternoon watching the bustle of an Indian camp.

One afternoon a young fellow became interested in a papoose in its wood cradle leaning against a tree. He reached down to pick it up and immediately regretted it for the squaw swooped upon him like an eagle in all its fury and drove him from camp.

At another time young Jane (Continued on Page 8)

By Ruth Miller
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"Sir, I suggest we name the town Sam Hill after Sam Latte."

There was an instant protest. Someone suggested Murrayton. In the end brisk little Pleasant View was re-christened Murray after Rev. George Murray, a Civil War Veteran and former pastor.

Today in Murray lives another beloved pastor, The Rev. Howard Hutchman, who told me this story.

Mr. Hutchman came to Murray in 1913. He fully expected Nebraska to be wild west with Indians roaming the country. Instead he recalls neatly fenced fields and good crops. He wrote home, "there is no smut on the wheat stalks and it is so clean. The first Indian I saw was a well dressed man in gray on the train."

Mr. Hutchman was born north of Pittsburgh, Pa. He attended college at Grove City and the Seminary at Pittsburgh which was founded in 1756.

At that time an adage ran "go to Xenia if you're looking for a wife, to Pittsburgh for typhoid fever." Anyone determined to go to the seminary in those days had the extra chore of boiling all the water before using it.

In 1912, he met Dr. John White at "Little Washington, Pa." and suggested a Mid-Western parish. Dr. White promised to keep him in mind. After the 1913 Easter Sunday Cyclone hit Omaha, Mr. Hutchman contacted Dr. White to see if Murray was still on the map. It was and he decided to go.

There was only one time he got homesick in the small plains town. Parcel Post was fairly new about 1912 and one day a package came from home.

It was about six inches square and quite damp. He opened it to find a broken jar of apple butter and some bread. He couldn't even taste it because glass, bread, and apple butter were so intermingled. He says,

Free High School Application Is Requirement

Nebraska School Laws state that the parent or guardian of any pupil desiring to take advantage of free high school education make application, in writing, to the County Superintendent of Schools before July 1 each year.

There are still several students in the County from whom such application has not been made. The cards for making this application were distributed by the several High Schools to eligible students.

If this card has been lost, another may be secured from the Office of the County Superintendent.

Board Re-Hires Clark as County Highway Supt.

The Cass County Board of Commissioners Monday rehired Fred Clark of Union for a third year as County Highway Superintendent.

The fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30.

Clark was hired at the same salary, \$500 a month.

Clerk To Prepare Budget Proposal

County Clerk Chas. Land Tuesday was appointed the budget-making authority by the Cass County Board of Commissioners and instructed him to prepare a budget proposal for the 1961-62 fiscal year.

Although the clerk always prepares the budget in this county, it is a statutory requirement that the appointment and instruction be made annually.

The fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30.



CASUALTY? NOT HE!—Gerald Giggey, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Giggey, was not a casualty of the Kiddie Day parade Wednesday but a participant. He had the easiest "march" of all with brother Bill, 8, doing the leg work for the First Aid team.

Kids Day Attracts Hundreds

Kiddie Day here Wednesday, the annual treat for small fry from Plattsmouth merchants, attracted hundreds of youngsters and, judged by their bustle throughout a busy day, it was a great success.

The day began with a parade with costume judging and prizes (judging was done by the Mrs. Jaycees), followed by free pop corn, frozen treats and rides on a sightseers train.

Weather was ideal (perhaps a little warm for long-suffering adults who had to sweat out their youngsters' last train ride).

Winners in the parade led by the train and the local fire truck were:

- SMALL VEHICLES**—1. Brad Cundall, 3; 2. Kenny Baumgart, 5; 3. Chris Langdon, 5.
- MISCELLANEOUS**—1. Marilyn Edwards, 5 (Indian Princess); 2. Loretta Sharnow, 9, and Kathy Jo Baumgart, 6 (Majorettes); 3. Bill Knorr, 7, Golf Pro.
- PETS**—1. Sharon, 6, and Patrick McGuire, 4 (Footlong Hotdog); 2. Lynn Todd, 8 (Siamese Cat); 3. Cynthia Fitzpatrick, 10 (Raccoon).
- FICTION**—1. Dixie Baburek, 4 (Little John); 2. Jim Sullivan, 6, Pam Muebe, 5, and Pat Stalwick, 2 (Three Bears); 3. Linda Seydlitz, 7 (Miss Muffett).
- COMICS**—1. Ronnie Seydlitz, 5, and Terry Seydlitz, 4 (Fred Flintstone and Barney); 2. John Regner, 5 (Superman); 3. (Continued on Page 8)



NO KETCHUP—First place winners in the Pets division of the parade were Sharon, 6, and Patrick, 4, children of Mr. and Mrs. Mike McGuire, Pam, their Dachshund, "willingly" was sandwiched between half-loaves of bread to become a "2" Footlong Hotdog. (Other photos of parade participants will appear subsequently).

Sharon Harms Installed Queen of Bethel No. 24, Jobs Daughters

Sharon Harms, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Harms, was installed Honored Queen of Bethel No. 24 of the International Order of Jobs Daughters, June 17, at an 8 o'clock ceremony at the Masonic Temple.

Noveta Hamiston was escorted into the Bethel room by Sheldon Smith, Associate Guardian, where she was introduced as Installing Officer. Other Installing Officers were then introduced. They were:

Guide, Karlene Senf; Marshal, Marjorie Grosshans; Senior Custodian, Jean Wiles; Junior Custodian, Lois Gopen; Chaplain, Nancy Furse; Recorder, Rita Vallery, Musician, Evelyn Morris; Soloist, Jane Fauquet.

The new officers were escorted into the Bethel room by the Installing Guide and Marshal. Sharon Harms was escorted into the room by her father. The Choir and Junior Officers were then escorted into the Bethel room by the Installing Guide and Marshal.

Choir members installed were Karen Farris, Roberta Range. (Continued on Page 8)

Band 1st in VFW Parade

Plattsmouth Band Members participated in the VFW State Convention Parade in Omaha Monday afternoon. The new band director, Alan J. Kregel, was with them, but does not officially take over until July 1.

Fifty-three band members participated, and as an exchange appearance, received \$50, plus first place honors at the parade in the amount of \$35.

State Honors Won By VFW Post And Auxiliary

Lepert-Wolever Post Veterans of Foreign Wars and their Auxiliary, returned Tuesday from the state convention in Omaha with many honors and several state offices.

Lloyd Fitch was re-elected surgeon of the Veterans of Foreign Wars department of Nebraska, Mrs. Lloyd Fitch was elected Department Jr. Vice President of the Ladies Auxiliary. Father Bob Hodgson was elected department Chaplain of the Military Order of the Cootie. Fred Draper, provost marshal, and Rudy Stoll, judge advocate, of the Military order of the Cootie.

Awarded first place in bands in the Veterans parade was the Plattsmouth High School Band. Second place winners in the post colors was the Lepert-Wolever Colors and Color guards consisting of Boyd Evans, Leonard Lutz, Al Smith and Tom Hermson.

Jack Barnard was awarded a diamond stick pin for being one of the outstanding commanders in the state.

Harold Austin carried home the trophy for first in the Veterans State Bowling held the past year, and the Post and Auxiliary were awarded plaques for 2nd place in Community service.

Attending the convention was past No. 6 district commander and past district No. 6 president Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McLean, Post Commander and Mrs. Harold Dukes; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Fitch; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hermson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barnard, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Baburek, Mrs. Wayne Dasher, Auxiliary president; Mrs. Pearl Myers, Mrs. Ruth Bobemeyer, Mrs. Ray Uher, Mrs. Hazel Fitch, Miss Shirley Fitch, Fred Draper, Father Bob Hodgson, Sophia Wolever, and Rudy Stoll.

Mrs. Fitch served in her office as assistant conductress during the convention, and Sophia Wolever on the Credentials Committee.

Robert E. Hansen, senior Vice commander, was the National representative for the Veterans group and Mrs. Lillian Campbell, Chaplain, was the National representative for the Ladies Auxiliary. Mr. Hansen was the speaker at the banquet Monday night that concluded the eventful three day convention.



Robert A. Beverage

Robert Beverage Is Graduate Of Colgate

Robert Allan Beverage was graduated June 12 from Colgate University at Hamilton, N. Y., in their 140th Commencement.

Beverage was in the upper third of his class, and received his degree in Psychology.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beverage of Plattsmouth. The couple's oldest son, Richard Jr. also was graduated from Colgate.

Adlai E. Stevenson was to have delivered the Commencement Address, but due to his unavoidable absence, performance of his duties was delivered by Thomas Hale Hamilton, Ph. D., President of the State University of New York.

Beverage was graduated from the Plattsmouth Schools in 1957. He was selected as a winner of the Alumni Memorial Scholarship of Colgate. There were 1,800 applicants for the scholarship, from these 40 were selected for the coveted honor, the highest recognition that can be given a freshman entering Colgate. He also was a Union Carbide Scholar.

The scholarship had a value of \$1,100 and continued each undergraduate year as long as it was justified by "academic standing, gentlemanly conduct and responsible participation in the life of the college."

The Plattsmouth high school graduate lived up to his qualifications; here at the high school he was an outstanding figure in the athletic department, in both football and basketball. He was a member of the band, active in chorus work, participated in class plays and a member of the letter club.

He studied pre-medicine for two years, and was selected to study in Germany during the 1959-60 academic year under the Junior Year in Munich Program sponsored by Wayne State College of Detroit. Under the program, Beverage attended the University of Munich and traveled throughout Germany along with other American students admitted to the program. He was the only student from Nebraska in this group, and one of four men selected from Colgate for this particular program.

Since his graduation he has been visiting his family and friends in Plattsmouth, and plans to enlist in the Army.

Mrs. Fitch Gets State VFWA Office

Mrs. Lloyd Fitch of Plattsmouth was elected Junior Vice President of the Department Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

She received this honor at the annual convention held at the Sheraton-Fontenelle Hotel in Omaha. Approximately four hundred delegates attended.

Mrs. Fitch has been active in veterans work in this community for 12 years. She is a past Auxiliary president and a past district president.

She has worked with numerous community service projects, bringing many State and National honors to the local VFW Post and Auxiliary with her record books which have been submitted for contests the past seven years.

This year she was named Outstanding Community Service Chairman in Nebraska and Outstanding Citizen Chairman.

Mrs. Fitch is a teacher in the Omaha Public School and church school superintendent of the First Methodist Church of Plattsmouth.

These rank the highest on her list of Activities aside from being a mother and a housewife.

Her new duties as a Department Officer of the Ladies Auxiliary will be Department Community Service Chairman and Chairman of the Audit Committee.

Her husband, Lloyd, was re-named Department Surgeon to the VFW Department of Nebraska.

Mrs. Taylor of La Platte Dies Here at 69

Mrs. Rosie Taylor, 69, prominent La Platte resident, died June 19 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clark Jarvis, Plattsmouth. She had been in failing health five years.

She was the daughter of the late Peter C. and Johanna Anderson Norgard, born April 7, 1892. She married Edward H. Taylor, Nov. 5 1905; he died in September, 1953, at Omaha.

She made her home in La Platte for 55 years and was a member of the Danish Lutheran and La Platte Community Church and the Sunshine Club.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Clark Jarvis of Plattsmouth, Mrs. Roy Knutson, and Mrs. Gordon Hanson of Sioux Falls, S. D.; four sons, W. J. Taylor, Denver, Colo., Wayne H. Taylor, Golden, Colo., Dale H. Taylor of La Platte, and W. G. Taylor of Beatrice.

Also surviving are 21 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and a brother, John Norgard of Alhambra, Calif.

Funeral services were at 2 p. m. today at La Platte Community Church with the Rev. Melvin Shafer of the Mynard EUB Church officiating. Burial was in La Platte Cemetery.

Visiting hours were Wednesday afternoon and evening at Caldwell-Linder Funeral Home here, which was in charge of arrangements.

Conditioners Stolen Here

Five two-ton Gibson air conditioners were stolen here Monday night in a break-in at Ray and John's Sales and Service warehouse near the Missouri-Pacific Railroad depot.

Police are investigating. They said a lock was forced. The broken lock was discovered by Patrolman Ed Hobson at 2:10 a.m. The loss of the air conditioners was learned on a check by the ambulance dealers the next morning.

Nothing Else To Do?

Someone, a vandal, perhaps, pried out a driver vent pipe at Plattsmouth Cleaners during the night, police reported Wednesday. There seemed to be no motive for the act, they said.

W. S. Bond, 71, Of Peru Dies

W. S. Bond, 71, of Peru, formerly of Plattsmouth, died Tuesday night at St. Mary's Hospital, Nebraska City.

Funeral services will be Friday at 2:30 p.m. at Casey Funeral Home in Auburn. Burial will be in Prairie Union Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth; six children—Leon, Louisville; Ernest, Plattsmouth; Deloss, Union; Walter, Enid, Okla.; Mrs. Ralph Cowan, Rockport, Mo.; and Mrs. Ray Gault, Jackson, Mich.; 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



JOBS DAUGHTERS OFFICERS—Installed as senior officers of Bethel No. 24 of Jobs Daughters here Saturday night were, from left: front—Shirley Foster, guide; Dorothy Farris, senior princess; Sharon Harms, Honored Queen; Sandra Spangier, junior princess; Nancy Bulin, marshal; second row—Sharon Farris, second messenger; Linda Stander, junior custodian; Rheda Jean Boardman, treasurer; Lucky Meyer, musician; Valerie Gorton, librarian; Nancy Mrasek, fifth messenger; back—Mary Ann Sharp, inner guard; Wanda Jenkins, outer guard; Clarissa Gruber, chaplain; Gay Gansemer, recorder; Carol Schreiner, third messenger and Carol Smith, fourth messenger.



JUNIOR OFFICERS—Bethel No. 24 junior officers are, from left: front—Genevieve Nolte, Dixie Wilson, Dale Parks, Linda Bowman, Candy Carper, Susan Evers, Marilyn Hutchinson; back—Dorothy Woster, Mary Lochman, Nancy Tilson, Kathy Stapp, Laurie Nettelman, Ileen Peterson and Pat Hollaway. (Journal Photos by Keener Price).