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## Style Show Set for March 29

By R. R. Furse  
C of C Manager

Following a meeting at the Chamber offices this week, Mrs. Jack Brookhouser announced that the date of March 29 has been set for the 1962 Merchants Style Show. Plans for this year's Pre-Easter showing of latest fashions promises to be a greater-than-ever event, with several difficulties encountered in previous years ironed out. Work on this event is already underway so we suggest the date be kept in mind.

### Membership Drive which got underway on Tuesday of last week is meeting with marked success. Half-way mark of the total budget for 1962 was reached the first day in cash and pledges, a most encouraging sign that this is Plattsmouth's year.

At the regular meeting of the Board Thursday, President Ray Story outlined to soliciting teams a clean-up drive to be completed by Thursday of this week. Every effort is being made to contact each individual, however, a lot of time and steps can be saved these business people by dropping into the Chamber office and signing up for 1962.

Arrangements for our Annual Athletic Banquet are underway with Ted Ohnoutka chairman. Contacts are being made and indications are that we will come up with a top speaker for this event. We hope to have an announcement within the next few days.

### Oil and Service Station operators held a special meeting here Thursday night with a representative of the Nebraska Petroleum Assn., present to discuss efforts of the community to attract "tourism" for this area.

The Chamber of Commerce has underway and partially completed a plan to give tourists passing through Plattsmouth an opportunity to acquaint themselves with historical spots in this community, to visit many interesting points that even a number of our own people are not familiar. There are a number of historical sites in Plattsmouth and this area that can be developed into real tourist attractions with a little effort—and while here, these same tourists might drop off a few dollars.

Some humorous incidents occur around this office occasionally. Not too long ago a lady dropped in and insisted she wanted to enter our "Stork Derby". We tried our best to convince this woman that we had nothing of the sort, that we did not feel it an obligation of a Chamber manager, and due to our marital status and age it might be a little embarrassing to attempt such a program at this time. We finally discovered through further conversation she was trying to enter her daughter in The Journal's "First Baby of the Year" contest.

Life, too, can become most difficult in this sanctuary. Opening the office the other day, we met a blast of nauseating permanent hair waving solution odor. We found a can of push-button spray deodorizer and air sanitizer left by our predecessors and put out a few squirts in the most effective areas. It wasn't long 'til the place took on the odor of an "oolala" joint and visitors began viewing us with a suspicious eye. Later we discovered this stuff is titled "Spring Bouquet." It's dynamite, ladies. Don't use it if you're only fooling.

## Groundhog Is Better Eater Than Weather Prophet

The star of Groundhog Day usually sleeps right through the occasion.

Feb. 2, the legendary weather prophet was supposed to emerge from his den and look for his shadow. Failure to cast one means an early spring and a good harvest; the sight of one, six more weeks of winter and poor crops.

In fact, the groundhog hibernates from mid-autumn until March, rarely stirring from his underground burrow. The National Geographic Society reports.

He sleeps so soundly that only

## Lightning Spring Was Nice!

By P. J. Dingman

Remember how nice it was last spring?—52 Friday, 59 Saturday and 58 Sunday.

The low temperature here Sunday was 37. Imagine. The groundhog certainly saw his shadow here, if he was out Friday.

The temperature range:

Day	P.M.	Reading	Pres.	Hi	Lo
Thur.	6:50	58	41	35	
Fri.	5:55	44	52	28	
Sat.	7:10	41	59	29	
Sun.	6:55	37	58	37	

A year ago—U.S. high 77 at Brownsville, Tex.; low 13 below at Bismarck, N. D.; most precip., 2.11 inches at Waco, Tex.

Two years ago—High 82 at Miami, Fla.; low 5 at Burlington, Vt.; most precip., 1.29 inches at Nashville, Tenn.

(Hindu astrologists of India said the world would come to an end today because all eight planets are in an approximate straight line. So, in case you don't see the weather information Thursday, you'll know why).

## Murray Polio Fund Drive Raises \$204

Murray (Special)—The Murray Polio Drive has been completed, and Mrs. Hawley Sayers, chairman for the Murray community, reports that a total of \$204.51 was collected.

A break down of the total:

Club donations	\$ 6.50
School cards	19.01
Mothers March	60.90
Coin collectors	6.39
Surrounding Community	70.48
Ten Activities	34.73
Boy Scouts	6.50

Total \$204.51

Mrs. Sayers thanked "all those responsible for helping her make this drive a huge success." The total is up \$12.25 this year.

"A special thanks to the Marching Mothers and Community Marchers, Mrs. Joe Richter, Mrs. Frank Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Joe Hoschar, Mrs. Dale Wohlfarth, Mrs. Ron Hostetter, Mrs. Leon Gansmeyer, and Janet, Mrs. Chas. Martin, Mrs. Henry Hobscheidt, Mrs. Raymond Lancaster, Mrs. Eugene Nolte, Mrs. Laurance Gregg, Mrs. Harold Rice, Dorothy Farris and Boyd Rouse," she said.

"The Boy Scouts held a party and dance this past week and the proceeds were donated. For this we owe thanks to Scoutmaster Olin Morris." John Collins of Collins Grocery helped the teenagers in their project for Polio.

Dana Hoschar, teen chairman, along with Clarissa Gruber, Charles Sayers, Olin Redden, Dennis Richter, Carol Collins, Orville Albers, Ellen Sprieck, Carol Farris, Nancy Mrasek, Patty Wohlfarth, Ginger Vest, Bessie Read, Paul Rice, Gene Noel, Janet Gansmeyer, Sherri McKusky, Connie and Vicki Fitzpatrick, also helped to make the teen activities a big success.

A hayrack ride will be held later for those assisting Miss Hoschar.

Date	High	Low	Prec.
Feb. 1, 2, 3, 4, 1962			
Thursday	40	20	00
Friday	54	30	00
Saturday	60	30	00
Sunday	58	16	00

Forecast: Cloudy, windy and snow showers. Highs in teens.

Sun sets tonight at 5:45; rises Tuesday at 7:31 a.m.

## Wakes Up Hungry

Unlike many of his rodent cousins, the groundhog, or woodchuck, does not store food for the winter. He lives on body fat accumulated in a summer of steady eating that may balloon him to four times normal size.

When the groundhog does awake in early spring, looking much thinner and trimmer, he apparently gives no thought to weather. He's thinking only of romance and food.

One woodchuck may eat a ton of hay in a season; he can put

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## BOY SCOUT WEEK



## Boy Scout Week To Be Marked In Plattsmouth Feb. 7 thru 13

National Boy Scout Week will be observed by the local Scouts and their leaders Feb. 7-13.

The theme features the family, emphasizing the important part it plays in the development of boys, of Scouting and of America.

During this week Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorers are interpreting this program to the public.

The local Scouts will observe this week with a display of activities, projects and equipment at Consumers Public Power Co. All Scout officials are cooperating in a comprehensive program that will be of interest to all.

Participating are:

- Pack 399—Cub master Harry Porter, sponsored by V. F. W. Post No. 2543, and 63 Cubs.
- Pack 399—Leader Fred Fischer, sponsored by V. F. W. Post No. 2543, and 8 Webelos.
- Pack 368—Cub master John Herford, sponsored by St. John's, and 16 Cubs.
- Troop 368—Scoutmaster Gerald Otterstein, sponsored by St. John's and 23 Scouts.
- Troop 369—Scoutmaster Wm. Spradlin, sponsored by the Lions Club, and 43 Scouts.
- Post 399—Advisor Russell Nielsen, sponsored by J. Chamber of Commerce, and 20 Explorers.

The displays will be open for public viewing Feb. 7-13 from 7 to 9 p.m., each evening.

Demonstrations and films will be shown Saturday, Feb. 10, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 3 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 11, each Scout will attend church.

Pack and troop 368 will attend church at St. John's.

Pack 399 will attend service at the First Methodist church.

Explorer Post 399 will go to the Presbyterian Church.

Troop 369 will attend the Presbyterian Church.

All Scouts are instructed to wear their Scout uniforms throughout this week of observance.

All Scouts urge interested citizens to visit their display.

## Sgt. Berlett Killed in Laos Accident

The death of Sgt. Theodore James Berlett in a training accident in Laos (Southeast Asia) has been reported.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Berlett of Plattsmouth and was stationed with the 82nd Paratroop Division in Laos.

Sgt. Berlett had been in the paratroops since 1951.

Details of the accident were not reported.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced later by Caldwell-Linder Home here. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Prudzik of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will officiate when services are held and burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery here.

Sgt. Berlett was 29. He was born Aug. 5, 1932, at Fort Crook, son of Edward and Anna Pillar Berlett. He was married at Fayetteville, N. C., in 1960 to Elsie King.

She survives along with his parents; brothers Edward George and Thomas of Omaha and John of Plattsmouth and sisters Rita Ann and Grace of Omaha and Louise of Plattsmouth.

Sgt. Berlett spent his life here until joining the paratroops. He was a graduate of St. John's School and attended Plattsmouth High School. He was a member of St. John's Church.

He was reported killed Jan. 28.

## Groce, Molck Can Seek Appointment To Naval Academy

Washington, D.C. (Special)—Two Plattsmouth youths have been named to compete for appointments to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

Congressman Glenn Cunningham told The Journal today that the Plattsmouth boys are Fred G. Groce, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Groce, and Gary W. Molck, son of Mrs. William Molck.

The two Plattsmouth boys will compete with four other Nebraska boys each for top alternate spot in the Academy selection process. Cunningham had two vacancies to fill at the Naval Academy and is required by Navy regulations to select one principal nominee for each vacancy, plus five "competitive alternates" who will be given consideration when the principal fails to qualify or for other national vacancies.

Cunningham said he had an unusually fine group of applicants this year. He said Plattsmouth has consistently produced more than its share of outstanding candidates during his five years in Congress, and he has been pleased to give nominations almost every year to Plattsmouth boys.

The houses were north of the shops and mostly occupied by shops workers.

Mr. Koubek came to Plattsmouth when he was just 4 years old. His wife, also of an early family, came here when she was 17.

Mr. Koubek pointed out that most of the early Bohemian settlers came first to La Platte to work in the quarries and then moved on to the Plattsmouth Shops.

They had been farming families in their own country and so they settled on the west edge of town, which was largely unsettled timber, and raised geese, ducks and gardens.

Mr. Koubek's home place was 46 acres north of Maiden Lane. He recalls walking from there to work in the Shops, oftentimes through his-deep snow.

That was before the eight-hour day had become a household phrase and the Shops workers were on the job from early morning until 8 to 10 at night, and sometimes as late as 12 o'clock.

James Rebal's broom factory stood just west of where Mr. Koubek now lives. As a young man Mr. Koubek worked there for \$15 per month. He and Mr. Rebal turned out 50 dozen brooms each month to sell to the Burlington.

Those of you who are now receiving good wages in the Shops consider this: Mr. Koubek's wages were 12<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> an hour! Add those of you who have a few private opinions about taxes after having made out Income Tax will be interested in the fact that Mr. Koubek first bought it there just \$12.

At the time Mr. Koubek worked in the shops the entire engines were constructed there. There was even a brass foundry where the bells were cast. There was also a planing mill and blacksmith shops. An immense lumberyard with 40 foot piles of lumber kept 4 gangs constantly busy.

## Extension Report Tells of Year's Service in County



CHAMPION—Many Extension Service events point toward the annual Cass County Fair at Weeping Water. For 4-Hers it's the climax of the year's project preparation. Diana Dietl of the Cass County Fancy Feeders 4-H Club of Nehawka showed the Grand Champion in the 4-H Beef Show at the Fair.

## Cass Countyans of the Week

## Koubeks Symbolize Bohemia's Contribution To Plattsmouth

By Ruth Miller  
Nehawka  
Special Correspondent

H. A. Koubek's earliest memories of this city are of two rows of houses settled over-complacently along a dirt road amidst an endless sea of prairie and along with a few businesses bearing the name "Platts-mouth".

In addition to the shops, other businesses were early attracted to Plattsmouth.

The streetcars were installed here even before Omaha got them. There was a well, 20 feet across, out by the cemetery from which the water came for power.

There was a jelly factory, too. Many of you will remember the canning factory of not too long ago but do you recall that there was another one even before that? Julius Pitts' dad raised and picked peas for that concern.

Speaking of peas, Plattsmouth had a gardener just on the edge of town. He paid laborers 50 cents a day to hoe his gardens.

And of course in the late 1800's the "Evening News" came to town and Plattsmouth had a regular newspaper.

Mr. Koubek worked in the shops from 1899 to 1932 when an injury caused him to quit. At that time he took up in earnest a fascinating hobby which he has kept up since.

Scattered about the Koubek home you will find numerous gracefully carved items which must have required long hours of painstaking care.

For instance, there is the lovely stable which holds the Christmas figurines. There is the huge ship, and the polished rack on which the clock sits.

But most of all there are the bottles with the thousands of things constructed in them. One

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## PTA Meeting Is Open To Public

The public is invited to attend a program sponsored by the Junior-Senior PTA to be held in the Central school cafeteria Feb. 6, 7:30 p.m.

"What Should Be The Role of Federal Government in Education" is the topic to be discussed by a panel of students from the high school speech class. These students will discuss the government's present role in education at local, state and federal levels and the goals the government should try to achieve. Mrs. Judith Westerhuhr is the teacher.

The junior high cappella choir under the direction of Mrs. Westerhuhr will complete the program.

Refreshments will be served following the program.

The annual report of the Cass County Extension Service for 1961, the 4th annual one published by The Journal as a special section of the paper, appears in this issue.

Material on county Extension affairs was prepared by County Agent Clarence Schmadelke, Home Agent Mrs. Kay Leiding and their office assistant, Judy Domingo.

Material of a more general agricultural nature was supplied by the University of Nebraska Extension News Service.

The Journal added some photographs of events the past year and solicited advertising from firms and individuals interested in the success of agriculture in Cass County.

The result is the Report which appears each year in advance of the Extension Service annual banquet.

The banquet this year is Thursday night, Feb. 8, at the Agricultural Auditorium in Weeping Water. Guests of honor will be past County Agents and County Home Agents, honored because the event celebrates the centennial of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

For details of the meeting, for reminiscences of the past year in county agriculture and Extension work and for a glimpse of the historical past as seen through the Service, see THE 1961 REPORT OF THE CASS COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE. Section B, 6 pages.

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## 10 from County Get UN Degrees

Ten students from Cass County received degrees, one "with distinction" Saturday morning at mid-year commencement exercises at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

James R. Vincent of Alvo received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering degree "with distinction."

Other Countyans graduating: B.S. in Agriculture—Richard G. Rueter, Murdock.

B.A.—Larry L. Long, Plattsmouth; Ned F. Tolman, Elmwood.

B.S.—Larrie E. Bell, Alvo.

B.S. in Business Administration—Roberta Knapf Poppe, Weeping Water.

B.S. in Civil Engineering—Roger G. Gilmore, Alvo.

B.S. in Mechanical Engineering—Paul O. Kupke, Louisville.

B.S. in Education—Veim a Smith Glantz, Elmwood.

Master of Science—Clarence J. Garrison, Elmwood.

There were 357 graduates in all.

Among 26 graduates commissioned in joint Army-Navy-Air Force ROTC ceremonies were Second Lieutenants Richard Rueter of Murdock and Ned Tolman of Elmwood.

As principal speaker at the ceremonies, Dean of Facilities Adam C. Breckenridge told the newly commissioned officers: "During your lifetime, which will take you into the next century you may face tasks of greater proportion than mastery of technical features of military hardware.

"You will be called upon to assume many of society's burdens, even of its very survival. You will be called upon to use your intellectual talents to help develop things not now even imagined, and you will give your share of attention to the matter of living peacefully with your fellowmen."

## Freeburg Practice Teaching Here

Don Freeburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Freeburg of Plattsmouth, is doing his practice teaching in physical education and biology at Plattsmouth High School.

He is one of 16 seniors of Tartu (Mo.) College who are practice teaching.

Freeburg last week was named one of six seniors on the Deans Honor List at the college.

A Classified Ad in The Journal cost as little as 50 cents.

## What Is Scouting?

WHAT IS SCOUTING? Scouting is a boy looking up to a man and wishing in his heart that he could be more like that man—and the man admiring the boy and wishing he were more like him.

Scouting is a group of boys sitting around a campfire in silence. No words are spoken, but the group is being welded into a team.

Scouting is a group of boys pulling together with a group of men for the common good. It is men doing things with rather than for boys.

Scouting is mother sewing on merit badges and an entire family proud of each advancement. Scouting is noise and action and food and fun. It is play and release from restraint, yet it is purposeful and resultful.

It is a boy setting his own goals and pushing himself toward their accomplishment. It is a man rating high what a boy is reaching for.

Scout is the President of the United States—and the newest eight-year-old Cub Scout.

It is the youth of America today in earnest about America's tomorrow.—Walter McPeck.

## M. R. Cooley, 72, Dies; Rites In Omaha Today

M. R. Cooley, 72, Omaha, former Plattsmouth resident, died Friday morning, Feb. 2.

He had been ill one week and was a patient at Veterans Hospital in Omaha.

He was born 1890 at Audubon, Iowa.

He was married to Edna Baker of Sioux City, Iowa, Feb. 8, 1919. They had no children.

The couple lived in Plattsmouth 17 years when he worked with the Army Engineers. Prior to this time, they farmed near Murray.

They had made their home in Omaha, 4108 Lafayette, since moving from Plattsmouth.

He maintained his membership in the American Legion Post No. 56 of Plattsmouth.

Surviving are the wife, three brothers, Harold of Mt. Etna, Iowa, Howard of Corning, Iowa, and Ted of Anita, Iowa; Three sisters, Mrs. Ivan (Neal) Marshall of Cozad, Mrs. Georgia McDonald of Atlantic, Iowa, and Mrs. Eunice Nelson of Wiotra, Iowa.

Services were today at 1 p.m. at Swanson's Funeral Home in Omaha.

Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery, Plattsmouth.

## Mrs. Lucille Wiles Earns BS Degree

Mrs. Chester (Lucille) Wiles was graduated with a BS Degree in Education at the Omaha University.

Mrs. Wiles was among the 255 graduates participating in ceremonies at the Field House, Jan. 27.

She has been a teacher in the Kindergarten at Brown Park School for the past five years.

Mrs. Frances Schiefert of Louisville also graduated with a BS Degree.

## 'Oklahoma' Has Brilliant History

The musical "Oklahoma!" has been famous since 1943. It is one of the best-loved musical plays in the United States.

Before it was made into a motion picture, "Oklahoma!" had been seen and heard by more people than any other musical in theatrical history.

"Oklahoma!" will be presented Feb. 16 at 8 o'clock at the High School Auditorium, by the High School Vocal Department.

Call Your News And Social Items to 2141

## Tractor Test Summary Is Available

LINCOLN — A summary of 26 tractor tests conducted by the Nebraska Tractor Testing Station in 1961 has been published by the University of Nebraska. Copies may be obtained at County Extension Offices throughout the State.

Tractors produced by eight different companies were tested during 1961, according to L. F. Larsen, engineer-in-charge of tractor testing at the College of Agriculture.

The tractor test summary includes horsepower ratings on power take-off or belt pulley as well as drawbar. The drawbar tests were expanded this year to include fuel consumption at 50 per cent, 75 per cent and maximum horsepower.

In addition to results of tractor tests conducted in 1961, the Nebraska Tractor Test Summary includes results of tests conducted on all tractor models which were on the market Jan. 1, 1962.

Larsen says the 1962 tractor testing season will open about the middle of March. A total of 26 tractors have been registered for testing in 1962.

## Commission To Meet

The Cass County Board of Commissioners will meet here at the Court House Tuesday, beginning about mid-morning, for their regular first session of February.