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What Is School Spirit?

EDITORIAL
In my opinion, school spirit is the enthusiastic loyalty that a team receives from the students, teachers, and citizens of the city. Of course, there are many other forms of school spirit, but I consider this one very important for any school.

I believe that Plattsouth receives fairly good support from the people who attend our football and basketball games. Many people attend the out-of-town games as well as the home games. This is a very good sign of school spirit because it shows loyalty to our teams.

However, on the other hand, I believe there are some people who have very poor school spirit. These are the ones who, if our teams lose, begin to gripe and complain about how our teams didn't work together or didn't play well. The majority of these people were griping when this last season in basketball.

I believe if our teams received encouragement from the fans they would feel more like working together. But actually, what difference does it make how "good" or how "bad" a team is? Isn't the main idea to support your team with school spirit at all times?

—Kathy Wondra

'Bundle Days Drive' Set for April 23 At Junior High

Campaigning to collect used clothing for a child or adult would be proud to wear, the students of Plattsouth Junior High school will launch Save the Children Federation's 20th Annual Bundle Days Used Clothing Collection on April 23, in behalf of the needy children and adults of the American Southern Mountains area and elsewhere.

The clothing project is conducted by Save the Children Federation, thirty-year-old international organization in Norwalk, Connecticut, which serves the interests of children the world around, in cooperation with leading U. S. educators and more than six million students across the United States.

"This is an important community operation," said Tom Detwiler, sponsor, "Children and their parents in the Southern Mountains and in depressed areas in serious need of this donated clothing which comes from communities all over the country. Both summer and winter shoes and garments are desired — coats, shoes, dresses, suits, blue jeans, dungarees, underwear, gloves. We strongly urge our citizens to respond generously to the call.

"An important new emphasis is being placed this year on the quality of the clothing donated. In years past, it appears that Save the Children Federation has found itself with a vast amount of unwearable clothing — clothing that is beyond cleaning or repairing, disposable only as rags, which it has cost the Federation much money to transport, sort, store and dispose of.

"Parents and friends are urged to contribute wearable clothing, clothing that is outgrown but not worn out — to give generously of clothing a child or adult could be proud to wear." The clothing should be taken or sent to the Junior High school.

Council Awards Certificates of Merit to 39 for Scholarship

If a student does not receive a grade lower than "B-" in any subject during the quarter, he is entitled to a Certificate of Merit from the Student Council. In the 3rd Quarter 21 students from the 7th grade and 18 students from the 8th grade qualified for the Certificate. This is the first time that the 7th Grade has ever excelled the 8th.

Certificate winners by home room:
7A—Connie Adkins, Rebecca Fahriander, Carol Huckaboy, Diane Reimer, Gloria Rozell, Melissa Toman.
7B—Marlene Dickman, Connie Douglas, Sherry Haffke, Linda Herre, Mary Jo Hirz, Christine



John Thompson
Student Interview

For our student interview of the month we selected a fellow who is known for his, by his classmates, friendliness and high grades. He is John Thompson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thompson of 224 North 6th Street in Plattsouth.

John's classmates look to him for leadership. In the 7th Grade, John was elected to the Student Council. This year he is an alternate. He has previously served as president and secretary of Home Room 8B. In addition, he is now serving as vice-president of "B" Band.

Hard work and study has paid off for John in his two junior high years. Ever since the Council began recognizing students for outstanding academic scholarship John's name has been at the top of the list.

John is a member of the First Lutheran Church in Plattsouth. He says he enjoys junior high, the teachers, and the school activities.

Swimming is John's favorite sport. His favorite foods are hamburgers and french fries. Phil Fischer and Dale Fogelstrom are his best friends. His best subject is social studies, and his favorite hobby is collecting records.

John isn't sure what he wants to do later in life. But whatever he does he knows he will be a success.

7D Wins Cage Final from 7A

Thanks to Chuck Ault, Bob Fuller, and Ray Mullican, Home-room 7D won the final game of the basketball tournament from 7A to be declared the champion, 29-14.

Ray Mullican had too much height and Chuck Ault and Bob Fuller were sinking their shots before 7A could get going. Scott Davis and Lenny Bowen led 7A. 7D had gained the finals by beating 7B 20-6 in the semifinals. Tim Kalasek led the winners with 6 points.

7A made it to the finals by winning over 7C 16-4 in the semifinals. Lenny Bowen was high point man with 8.

In the consolation game 7B beat 7C 17-7 behind Lloyd Fitch who scored 8 points for the winners.

Rivalry at PJH

At the end of the third quarter, the PJH Home Room Basketball Tournament and Spelling Contest came to a close. This poem was presented along with a prize by 8A (the tournament champions) to 8D (winners of the spelling contest).

The race is over,
The battle done,
You spelled us down!
The game we won!

You had the brains,
We had the brawn,
But "smarts" won't help you
Mow the lawn.

More life is toll
Than jest or song
We're not so bright,
But we'll get along!

New Scholarship Record Set by 22 PJH Students

People thought it couldn't happen but it did. A record-shattering 22 students, eleven 8th grade and eleven 7th grade, are now proudly displaying the "A" Pin as a result of receiving a grade of 93% and better in all their subjects during the 3rd Quarter.

It was not surprising to learn that eleven 8th grade students had earned the Pin because there were thirteen winners in the 2nd Quarter; however, only one 7th grade student had received the award in the 2nd Quarter. Quite a jump from one to eleven!

The winners by home room:
7A—Scott Davis, Elaine Sharp
7B—John Cicioli, John Meyer, Lyle Mussman, Billy Rishel, Suzanne Solomon, Joyce McLeod.
7D—Chuck Ault, Pam McCool, Connie Skalak.

Roving Reporter: Students Prefer Present Schedule

Ever since it was learned that our school might shift to a split schedule (morning and afternoon) next year, a person new to the school might think he was hearing the "Great Debates." Just about everybody has an opinion about the proposed change, so our roving reporter decided to find out who thought what and why. The question was: "What do you think of the schedule we might have next year, which would mean some students attending in the morning only and others in the afternoon only?" And here are some replies:

LINDA BOWMAN: I don't think I would like the idea because it would mean doing all our work at home. If we did change I would rather go in the afternoon because I like to sleep later!

LINDA ARENDS: I wouldn't like the idea because it would mean more homework at home. If I had a choice I would prefer the morning because the afternoon classes would be too hot.

CAROL SCOTT: I would rather keep the schedule we have now; but if we changed I would prefer an afternoon schedule. That's too early to get up!

CANDY CARPER: I don't think I would like the change. The best thing would be a separate junior high. We've gone on our own schedule for a long time; why can't we keep on like this? If a change took place, I would want the afternoon off to do homework.

JACK DELONG: I wouldn't like the schedule to be changed because we would have to take so much work home. And I don't think we would learn as much because the classes would be shorter.

Teacher Interview

We are happy to say that our Junior High Band Director, Mr. Alan Kreglo, has been selected for the teacher interview of the month.

Mr. Kreglo was born at Auburn, Nebraska in 1938. He attended and was graduated from Peru State Teachers College. Before coming to Plattsouth, Mr. Kreglo taught in California.

Mr. Kreglo is a family man, having a very pretty wife who goes by the name of "Perky" and a three week old daughter "Terri Renee."

Our Band Director's main pet peeve is, in his own words, "Students who can't count measures in their music." Favorite hobbies include fishing, golf, and stamp collecting. Pizza rates as his top food choice. He is an active member of his church and is very interested in community affairs.

We asked about his future plans and learned that he would like to continue teaching music. We are glad to hear that and hope that it will be in Plattsouth.



Mr. Alan Kreglo

24 Report for Intramural Track at PJH

The season to get rid of kinks and straighten out muscles is here for our junior high boys who are interested in track and field activities.

So far 24 boys have reported to Coach Hefflinger and assistants Robert Medina and Tom Detwiler. The schedule calls for a lot of running and calisthenics to get in shape for an intersquad meet the middle of April. The squad: Don Stark, Brad Bourne, Howard Clark, Jack Austin, Lloyd Fitch, Dale Fogelstrom, Steve Sullivan, Tim Kalasek.

Gary Way, Lyle Mussman, Walter Fulton, Dick Osterholm, John Simms, Jack Gorton, Ron Dillon, Dick Spangler.

Jim Wuellings, Dan Wards, Mike Bowman, John Meyer, Eddie Davidson, Dick Church, Darrel Draper and Bob Mohr.

8A Defeats 8C For Homeroom Title

With Walter Fulton grabbing the rebounds and tipping in shots, home room 8A outscored 8C, 34-26 in the finals of the Home Room Tournament.

8C had trouble finding the basket in the first quarter, and by the time they warmed up 8A had a strong lead which they never lost.

Fulton with 14 points was high for 8A. Dick Osterholm and Dick Church each had 10 for 8C.

8A had previously defeated 8D in the semifinals by a score of 36-33.

8C had beaten 8B in the semifinals by the score of 35-10.

In the consolation game, 8D walloped 8B to the tune of 59-14. Danny Wards led the winners with 16 points, followed by Dale Fogelstrom and Butch Clark with 14 each. Phil Fischer was high for 8B with 10.

Cass County Spelling Contest

EDITORIAL

March 31st marked the end of another Cass County Spelling Contest, in which contestants from our school districts were given the opportunity to display their spelling abilities. We think the idea of an annual "spelling bee" is a commendable one because it serves the purpose of creating and stimulating interest in an almost forgotten art; and it provides an opportunity for students of similar ages and interests to participate in healthy competition.

For these reasons we believe our County Superintendent, Mr. Neil Lancaster, deserves a word of praise for his part in organizing and conducting such a worthwhile activity.

In observing first hand the past two contests, our personal observations have led us to make certain judgments which we would like to pass on to Mr. Lancaster and his staff. It is hoped that what we say will, in no way, seem negative or critical because we mean only to make positive and constructive suggestions with a single purpose in mind: to help improve the quality of the contest.

First of all, we have observed that the contest in the past two years has never exceeded 30 minutes in length. We are certain that many of the contestants put in long hours over the past few months in preparation for the contest.

Our previous two entries, Sherry Simons and Dorothy Woster, who won the last two contests, began studying the words as early as September. Even though they won we seriously questioned whether it was worth all the time and effort to participate for less than 30 minutes.

It must be extremely discouraging to the less fortunate contestants who perhaps worked equally as hard during the year, only to find themselves eliminated in the first few minutes.

Secondly, we have observed that the words selected and given are quite difficult, even in the early rounds. We base this on the high percentage drop-out in the beginning rounds.

For example, four contestants in this year's contest dropped out the very first round; by the end of the second round seven more had dropped out; and by the end of the third six more had been eliminated. This left only four contestants going into the fourth round out of the original 21.

In other words, a year's preparation had all gone for naught in the space of three words for seventeen students. We don't know how hard some of these contestants studied and prepared for the contest, but it must have been extremely discouraging to them and their coaches to go down so soon.

Oratory Contest Topic Announced

"Education, The Hope of America" is the subject to be discussed by Plattsouth Junior High students, in the 3rd Annual Civic Oratory Contest to be held during April and May. It was announced today. This is an age of change. Old theories are being discarded.

Former doctrines are being re-evaluated. How can this country prepare to meet these challenges? Only through education. Through education whose goal is the preservation of democracy in governmental, industrial, and scientific achievement.

Through education which develops young men and women with an appreciation of moral, physical, social and spiritual values. Through education which is not content with mediocrity, but which fires student to reach out to the finest and best.

Schools which had participated previously in the Civic Oratory Contest were asked to submit subjects which they felt would be of interest and benefit to students in future competition. The subject as given above was the suggestion of Mrs. Abigail Alexander of Renick High School, Renick, Missouri.

The fifteenth in a series of annual contests sponsored by Modern Woodmen of America, the local contest is under the sponsorship of the Junior High Student Council and the Department of Language Arts. Awards will be distributed by Clement Woster.

According to Mr. Woster, two individual trophies will be given, one each to the winner and the runner-up. Another trophy, to be presented to the school, will be engraved with the winner's name. Five other gold pin awards will be made. All trophies and prizes are provided by Modern Woodmen of America.

In order to select contestants for the final competition, individual home room contests will be held during April. The two winners of each home room contest will meet in a school contest to decide seven contestants for the finals in May.

Individual home room contestants include:
8A—Tanis Baldwin, Darrel Draper, Mike Ferguson, Bob Withers.

8B—Candy Carper, Phil Fischer, Linda Arends, Tye Finney, Joyce Grassman, Carlene Halth, Bob Loffer, Ken Melinger, Ron Marsh, John Thompson, Dixie Wilson, Kathy Wondra.

8C—Tom Arnold, John DeRosa, Susan Evers, Wesley Jorda, Dick Osterholm, Ronda Schwennner, Rosilyn Taylor.

8D—Dixie O'Donnell, Cheryl Tesch, Phillip Lee.

7B—John Cicioli, Billy Rishel, Diane Swabby, Ted Moulas, Gary Way.

7D—Connie Skalak, Susan Rouse.

and officials to talk louder so that the audience can hear. We sat in the front row and found it very difficult to hear at times. Those in the rear must not have heard at all.

7. Encourage the audience to show a little spirit and enthusiasm by applauding. We applauded and jumped with joy when our contestant won, but felt like an odd-ball because no one else even blinked an eye!

8. Award prizes of significance in addition to the first and second place ribbons.

It is our sincere hope that the people responsible will make an evaluation of the Annual Cass County Spelling Contest.

—MR. DETWILER

Dorcas Society

EAGLE (Special)—The Immanuel Lutheran Dorcas Society members met at the church Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Clyde Althouse hostess. Ten members were present, who answered roll call by repeating Bible verses, pertaining to the Easter season.

The topic leader, Mrs. Claude Gerhard, led the discussion on "Love begins at home."

The members arranged an annual all day church cleaning day for Wednesday.

The Nebraska City Ladies Aid members will be invited to the Eagle Dorcas Society meeting and 10 o'clock luncheon May 2.

Pastor Robert Grote of Fremont will be installed at Immanuel Lutheran church April 29, with a social and pantry shower following the services.

The society members will again serve a cold drink and cookies for the school children who attend the Vacation Bible School—Mrs. Eida Schroeder, secretary.

SHORT DATE

Hartford, Conn.—In order to keep a date with his girl friend, an inmate of the state prison jumped over the wall.

Donald Lareau made a clean jump but found state police officers waiting for him. They had been informed of his plans. Lareau offered no resistance and was returned to prison.



ATTEND FESTIVAL—Pat Jordan, left, and Velda Nickels of Plattsouth High School posed for this picture during attendance last weekend in Lincoln at the University of Nebraska Fine Arts Festival.

Farm Families In State Repay \$7,371,620

LINCOLN — Nebraska farm families repaid \$7,371,620 in principal and interest in U.S. Farmers Home Administration loans last year, Heasty Reesman, the agency's State Director, announced in Lincoln.

This was 12 per cent above collections of the previous year in the State. A total of 568 Nebraska families completely repaid their loans in 1961.

Reesman said the Farmers Home Administration loan program is an outstanding example of those USDA activities producing large returns to the U.S. Treasury which nearly balance out initial cost.

"The repayment record of Nebraska farm families demonstrates their willingness to make sacrifices now in order to develop sound, and efficient farms for the future."

"Farmers Home Administration makes loans to young farmers, small farmers attempting to improve their operations, farmers whose equities have been wiped out by the low returns of recent years, and those hard hit by natural disaster. Loans are made to both part-time and full-time farmers. Before these borrowers came to the Farmers

Home Administration, they were unable to obtain credit from any other sources.

"During the past 25 years about 2 million arm families have borrowed \$5.5 billion from the Farmers Home Administration and its predecessors. To date they've repaid more than \$4 billion of this. Most of the amount outstanding has not fallen due. Interest collections far exceed losses on principal."

LOSES LEGS TO WALK

Battle Creek, Mich. — Four-year-old Susan Stuck's legs will be amputated so she will be able to walk some day.

Susan, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stuck, suffers from a disease that makes it impossible for her leg muscles to develop. After treatment she will be able to walk on artificial limbs.

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PRE-SEASON SALE
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Connie's Column
by Constance Thome

GRANDMA-SAVERS
Free advice from Mrs. Arthur Frieden of Iowa — just in time for Easter dinner!
Grandkiddies can't help spill, but you can save your tablecloth. Give youngsters a pastel place mat, right on top of the cloth. Call it an extra Easter treat! Small mounds of jelly-beans, at each top corner, make it even more festive.

HONEY-BUN SALAD

Turn a canned pear-half face down on each salad plate; toothpick a full-size marshmallow to the pear's plumpest part. Add two "ears" at the top, from green pepper strips. Give the pear extra "shape" with a sift of paprika. Ring those Easter bunnies with shredded lettuce, and pass the dressing!

HAM DANDY

As Easter nears, note this. Canned ham bakes to perfection, bathed in maple-flavored syrup! Cross-hatch and clove the ham, if you like. Pour on syrup at the start — about one-third cup per pound. Twice during the baking, baste with more syrup. An easy Easter treat!

AT LOOSE ENDS

No more sobbin' over a bobbin that runs out unexpectedly, while you sew! Mrs. Edith R. Howe of Storm Lake, Iowa, draws several inches of thread through a red wax crayon, before winding the bobbin. As wind-up nears, red thread tells her it's time to change.

CAPTURED SUNSHINE

April showers bring May flowers, but they don't bring washday tears — not since most Moms have discovered gas clothes dryers! Gas keeps this Spring's flower-splashed fabrics brighter...dries them gently, quickly. You'll swear they smell like sunshine! Sunniest note: a gas clothes dryer costs less to install, less to operate. Saves clothes, which also saves money. Save a day soon; see your local gas company or gas appliance dealer.

Connie
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