

The Plattsmouth Journal.

NEW BRIDGE IS NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

NEW STRUCTURE OVER PLATTE OF STEEL AND CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION.

COST 125 THOUSAND DOLLARS

After Appraisal by State Railway Commission Will Be Placed in Hands of Counties.

The King of Trails auto and wagon bridge over the Platte river, construction of which was started on May 1, 1923, by the King of Trails Bridge company, has now been opened for travel, work on the structure having progressed so far that the use of the bridge will be practical while the smaller details of the construction work can be carried out later while the bridge is in service.

The new bridge, located some 300 feet east of the Cass county end of the present auto bridge, is of all steel and concrete construction, 1,400 feet in length and has a roadway twenty feet wide and sufficient to permit the passage of two cars at any part of the bridge, which was made necessary in view of the fact that the structure was planned to be turned over to the state and Cass and Sarpy counties to be a free bridge as soon as the cost price of the bridge had been received.

The piers of the new bridge are first of steel driven in the river bed to hard rock and these piers are all to be encased with re-inforced concrete and on each of the piers in the main channel of the river steel ice breaks will be set in the piers to avoid ice gorges in the spring break-up of the river. The roadway of the bridge is also of re-inforced concrete and the structure will have a large and heavy guard rail for the safety of those traveling over the bridge.

The approaches to the new bridge are to be graded up to a sufficient height to prevent overflow or trouble from extremely wet weather, having a top surface of clay to the depth of from one to two feet and also a three inch gravel surfacing that will make it dry and comfortable to be traveled in any condition of the weather.

The company that has erected the bridge is composed of stockholders among Plattsmouth and Omaha citizens, the officers of the company being: H. A. Schneider, president; J. B. Root, south Omaha, vice president; Frank M. Bester, treasurer; Scott S. Davis, secretary. These officers with W. B. Cheek and Thomas C. Byrne of Omaha and R. A. Troop of Plattsmouth form the board of directors of the company.

When the company was formed, officers of the organization were made, and the object of the bridge construction was to ultimately provide a free bridge and this was written into the by-laws that at any time that the state or Cass and Sarpy counties were ready to pay over the cost of the bridge that all right and title should be vested in the two counties and the state of Nebraska, the bridge to be operated as a free bridge at such time as the state and counties should decide upon.

At the time that the plans of the bridge were drawn they were submitted to and approved by Roy Cochran, state engineer, with a view to having the bridge comply with all the requirements for a state and federal aid bridge, with the view of having the structure become a part of the state and federal highway system between Omaha and Kansas City.

Later the county boards of Cass and Sarpy counties passed a resolution to apply to the department of public works of the state of Nebraska for the purchase of the bridge at its completion. The two counties under the provisions of the Hughes-Davis bill agreed to make their half of the purchase price of the bridge subject to the collection of tolls by the two counties sufficient to make the cost price to the counties.

The new bridge company will have a small toll office with its own light plant erected at once that will serve to shelter the custodian of the bridge during the time that the structure may be operated as a toll bridge. For the present the King of Trails Bridge company has secured the services of Albert Cotner and Joseph Wooster as the tollkeepers, they dividing the time with each other in caring for the collection and watching the bridge.

In connection with the completion of the new bridge there have been several changes made in the highway leading from the north of the new

bridge, the road being so laid out that it eliminates several dangerous curves in and near La Platte and the new road will come straight from west of Fort Crook to the new bridge.

The road extension prepared under the direction of Sarpy county and the state highway department, will run east of the Huston farm to a point west of the M. P. water tank at La Platte and from where it will cross the tracks of the Missouri Pacific and Burlington, the grade crossing later to be replaced by an overhead crossing according to the plans of the state. From the crossing the road will run southeast to the new bridge.

Officers of the bridge company state that the highway will be graded in a very short time from Fort Crook to the river and already application has been made for the grading of the highway from Plattsmouth to the Platte river and will make the final links in the hard surfacing of the highway from Kansas City to Omaha. The road is now being paved and graded from Fort Crook to Omaha and the next step in the road improvement program is the road from Plattsmouth to Fort Crook.

TALENTED VOCALIST HERE

From Thursday's Daily—Mrs. C. J. Johnstone, of Sheridan, Wyoming, is here to enjoy a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Walters, having been in attendance at the radio show in Omaha the past week, where she was one of the most popular soloists at the crystal studio at the radio show. This talented lady was announced by "G. R." as the exclusive contralto from the west who broadcasts from WOAW every fall. Mrs. K. R. Spenser was the accompanist for Mrs. Johnstone.

While in Omaha Mrs. Johnstone was the recipient of a number of very pleasant social events, singing at the Douglas county hospital for the benefit of the patients there on Saturday and her numbers were very much enjoyed.

Mrs. Johnstone was also entertained at several dinners and luncheons given by the Omaha friends at the Athletic club and the Hotel Fontenelle.

A musical tea in honor of this popular vocalist is planned for the coming week by friends in Omaha. Mrs. Johnstone was formerly Miss Marguerite Walters of this city and Plattsmouth people who have enjoyed hearing her are loud in their praise of her very beautiful voice.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

From Thursday's Daily—Yesterday afternoon, Miss Georgia Sullivan, daughter of Mrs. E. E. Porter of this city, who has been at the Shriners hospital at St. Paul, Minn., for the past several months, returned home for a visit with home folks. The course of treatment and the skillful work of the surgeons at the hospital have done a great deal toward effecting a cure and adjustment of the lower limb of the young lady which has been badly affected for years and which has caused what was thought to be a permanent deformity. The treatment and adjustment of the limb has made it possible for the lady to abandon the use of crutches and she wears the leg in a brace which will be removed on the return of the patient to the hospital after her stay at home. The many friends here are delighted to learn of the improvement of the young lady and trust that she may in time be allowed the full and free use of the limb.

HAS CAR DAMAGED

From Friday's Daily—This noon while Jean Spangler, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Spangler of south of this city, was engaged in driving from the High school to the home of relatives in the south portion of the city, he suffered a very severe damage to his Ford coupe. The car, traveling over the wet and muddy surface of the Chicago avenue paving, skidded near the intersection of Marble street and the left wheels of the coupe swung into the curb with great force, causing the front wheel to be damaged so badly that it was necessary to secure a new wheel before the car could be moved while the rear wheel had several spokes knocked out of it.

LOCATES IN FLORIDA

From Friday's Daily—F. A. Thackeray, wife and four little sons, departed yesterday by auto for Bradenton, Florida, where they are expecting to make their future home. Mr. Thackeray locating there to go into business with his father who has recently moved to that place and started into business.

The Plattsmouth friends of this estimable family regret very much to see them leave this city, but trust that they may enjoy to the utmost their life in the new home in the southland.

MOVED INTO YOUNG HOUSE

From Friday's Daily—The W. N. Brink family have completed the moving of their household effects from the Barclay property at the corner of Fifth and Pearl streets to the house of W. R. Young adjoining his new home south of the Columbus school.

PLATTSMOUTH YOUNG PEOPLE ARE MARRIED

Mr. William Goucheour and Miss Rowena Stones Wedded at Council Bluffs.

From Thursday's Daily—Yesterday morning Miss Rowena Stones and Mr. Wm. Goucheour, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. George Stones, slipped gently away to Council Bluffs and were united in marriage by Rev. DeLong. Thinking to surprise their friends but during their absence Mrs. Harry Rainey, a sister of the bride, and Mrs. Fred Vincent, took possession of the house and proceeded to surprise them. On their return home in the evening they were greatly surprised to find some 40 guests waiting to partake of the sumptuous 6 o'clock dinner and extend congratulations. At the proper time the guests were served into the beautifully decorated dining room tastefully arranged with long streamers of pink and white crepe paper caught in the center of the room with a little bell which clearly rang while the guests were being seated and ending at each corner of the table. The color scheme was carried out throughout all the dinner course. The bride's cake was made of pink and placed in the center of the table with pink and white candies on either side. Later in the evening some 50 relatives and friends came in to join in the merry-making. They were cordially invited into the parlor which had been made ready for dancing, music being provided earlier in the day, and all took part in the entertainment until a late hour when dainty refreshments of cake, fruit salad and lemonade were served by the hostess, also fruit and cigars were passed by the newlyweds. All departed wishing the young couple a happy and prosperous life.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Stones of Plattsmouth and grew to womanhood in this vicinity and is a popular young lady and highly respected by all who know her.

Mr. Goucheour is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Goucheour, also residents of the neighborhood and an honest and upright young man and well worthy of his choice of a life's companion.

The wedding dress of the bride was of blue satin trimmed in cream colored lace with hat and coat to match. The young couple will make their home in Plattsmouth where the groom is employed as painter in the Burlington shops.

GIVES DINNER FOR FRIEND

From Thursday's Daily—A very pleasant 6 o'clock dinner was given last evening at the home of Miss Nettie Jirousek on West Oak street in honor of Miss Frances Bentley, one of the forthcoming brides of the fall season. The table decorations were in pink and white, making a very pleasing color tone picture for the occasion. The hostesses were assisted in serving Misses Rose Prohaska and Miss Eleanor Baumgart of Omaha.

After the close of the dinner the members of the party enjoyed many games that assisted in the pleasantness of the occasion while the bride to be was showered with much free and wholesome advice on her future married life.

After several hours of fun and frolic the ladies were the guests of Misses Josephine Rys and Fressie Hackenberg at a theatre party at the Parmele theatre in honor of the bride to be.

Those attending the occasion were: Misses Nettie Moore, Emma Johnson, Florine Tritsch, Cecelia Palack, Josephine Rys, Rose Prohaska, Anna Palack, Sarah Baird, Lillian Palack, Cressie Hackenberg, Mildred Schlatter, Pauline Parker, Nettie Jirousek and the guest of honor Miss Frances Bentley.

In connection with the theatre party it is reported from the Burlington offices, where the young ladies are employed, that the party entered they are expected to approach the marriage altar. Just who was first, however, the Journal will not divulge.

MOVES TO IOWA

From Friday's Daily—Thomas W. Glenn, who has made his home here for several years, departed yesterday with Mrs. Glenn for Hamburg, Iowa, where they will make their home. This was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn before locating in this city and they will find many pleasant associations with the old friends there as well as the relatives who are making their home there.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fornoff, well known residents of Cedar Creek, have purchased the Glenn home and are now nicely located there and will receive a hearty welcome from the people of Plattsmouth and add to the splendid citizenship of the city. Mr. Fornoff was a caller at the Journal office today and had the daily edition of the Journal sent to the new home.

News from all over Cass county in Daily and Semi-Weekly Journal.

IN CITY FOR WINTER

From Thursday's Daily—Former County Judge Allen J. Beeson, wife and daughter, have with the coming of the fall season decided to remove from "Cloverlodge" their country home west of the city and reside for the winter in the Coronado apartments where they are now getting settled. The children are now largely at school and away from home and the discomforts of the hard journeys in the winter season to and from the farm, has led the judge to decide that he will bask in the delights of "tore" heat in the apartment house until the good old summer time calls the participant back to the farm to enjoy their most pleasant home there.

CAR SMASHES INTO GROUP OF WORKERS ON PAVING THURSDAY

Ford Coupe Skids on Slippery Pavement and Strikes Number of Men on Paving Gang.

From Friday's Daily—Yesterday afternoon, Miss Artensia McCrary while out motoring on Chicago avenue was the participant in a very unpleasant auto accident that resulted in the smashing up of the car that she was driving as well as the injury of two men employed by the John Kern Construction on the paving work on Rock street. The young lady was driving the Ford coupe belonging to her brother, Douglas McCrary and thought to take a spin out along the paving on Chicago avenue. The paving was quite slick with the rain and soft mud and when near the Rock street intersection where the paving work is going on, the car skidded and evidently got out of the control of the driver as it swung at full speed into a group of men who were working near a very large tool box, the result being that two of the men were caught between the car and the heavy tool box, the box being forced some distance as the result of the impact.

One of the men escaped with severe bruises on the shoulders and other parts of the body as he received more glancing blows, but one of the men was rather severely hurt as both of his legs were caught and badly bruised and injured, so much so that he was unable to get out today and was confined to his room, the full extent of his injuries having not yet been determined.

The car was badly damaged, the entire front end being smashed up by the force with which the car hit the box. Miss McCrary suffered a severely cut lip as well as numerous bruises that are proving very painful and causing a great deal of annoyance to the wreck victim.

It is stated by the workmen on the paving that the young man who was the most severely injured in the accident expected to be married in the next two or three days and as a change in date for the marriage as the young man is hardly in shape for participation in the happy event.

ENTERTAINS FOR BRIDE-TO-BE

From Friday's Daily—Last evening the J. P. Johnson home on Rock street was the scene of a very pleasant gathering of the young ladies employed in the Burlington offices at the shops, who had been invited to enjoy the delightful occasion arranged by Mrs. Johnson and daughter, Miss Emma, in honor of Miss Frances Bentley, whose marriage to Mr. John H. Palack will occur soon.

The home was very tastefully decorated with the flowers of the late fall season that lent their charm to the attractive surroundings of the home and in which the ladies found a great deal of pleasure.

The evening was spent in fun-tan, the playing of this fascinating game proving a real diversion to the members of the party and in which Miss Mildred Schlatter and Miss Lillian Palack proved the winners of the contests. Miss Bentley was presented with the guest prize of the evening.

At a suitable hour dainty and delicious refreshments were served that added to the enjoyment of all of the members of the party.

Those attending the occasion were Misses Nettie Moore, Josephine Rys, Mildred Schlatter, Sarah Baird, Nettie Jirousek, Celia, Anna and Lillian Palack, Cressie Hackenberg, Florine Tritsch and the guest of honor, Miss Frances Bentley.

MRS. GREBE IMPROVING

From Friday's Daily—The condition of Mrs. George Grebe at the Paxton Memorial hospital in Omaha is reported as showing very favorable indications in the past few days and the relatives here are hopeful that at the present rate of improvement the mother may be able to return home in a short time. Mrs. Grebe is now in her seventy-first year and has been quite poorly for several months, but it is hoped that she may soon be able to return home as she has found contentment in the hospital far from pleasant and prefers to be home with other members of the family circle.

PARENT-TEACHER BODY TO CONDUCT COURSE BY MAIL

State Organization Closes Annual Meeting; Miss Chloce Baldrige, Peru, Nebraska Head.

From Friday's Daily—A correspondence course in parent-teacher association work, the product of a Nebraskan, has been adopted by the national board of managers of the Parent-Teacher Congress of America, it was announced in Omaha Thursday night.

The course was written by Miss Chloce Baldrige, professor of rural education at the Peru (Iowa) State Teachers' college, and has been given through that school. It is to be the standard work of the national parent-teacher group, the announcement states and will be broadcast through the country.

The action was taken after Miss Baldrige addressed the national board of managers, whose fall meeting closed at the Blackstone hotel Thursday night. She explained the course in detail, and showed its advantages to teachers going to districts where parent-teacher groups do not exist.

Officers Elected—Miss Baldrige was elected first vice president of the Nebraska branch of the national congress, the annual convention of which coincided with the meeting of the national board. Other officers chosen were: E. L. Novocny, Central City, Neb., president; Emma Schwerin, Hartington, vice president in charge of organization; Mrs. E. M. Roberts, Grand Island, vice president in charge of public welfare work; Miss Maude Berry, Lincoln, vice president in charge of education; Mrs. Noel S. Wallace, Omaha, vice president in charge of home service; Mrs. B. C. Wildman, Normal, vice president in charge of health work; Mrs. Howard Saxton, Omaha, historian; Mrs. Dan Stephens, Fremont, parliamentary; Mrs. A. J. Storms, Auburn, recording secretary; Mrs. A. H. Sherwood, Omaha, treasurer. Mrs. H. Wertz, of Lincoln, president, was elected in 1924 for a two-year term.

Work of the W. C. T. U. in the United States in accomplishing the passage of the prohibition law was cited by W. R. Pate, president of the Peru State Teachers' college, as an example of the way in which educational institutions of the country may be used to influence the country's destiny. His topic was "Education and the State."

"In 1872, the W. C. T. U. was organized," Mr. Pate said, "and forthwith proceeded to have certain laws passed in every state in the union. These laws were to the effect that there should be taught in all the schools in the states the harmful effects of alcohol and drugs."

"The children to whom this was taught," he said, "soon grew to be voters. And just ten years after they did, the eighteenth amendment was passed. The influence of education on countries has been shown in the rise and fall of Sparta, Athens, Rome, China and Germany. The type of the education in a country determines that country's destiny."

"The perpetuity of a republican form of government in this country is dependent on universal public education. Europe was able to get thru the war because it had an educated nobility from which leaders could be picked. When Russia killed its nobility and murdered the czar and his family, its leadership was gone. See what happened to Russia."

"The United States depends for leadership upon leaders picked from the masses. Therefore, if we are to have educated leadership, we must have universal public education. There is no other way for the perpetuation of a republican government here."

Home Training Stressed—"Homes are not built in a few weeks or a few months, but through the long years that precede the time of mating," declared Dr. Valeria Parker, director of the department of protective measures of the American Social Hygiene association, New York, at the closing session of the convention Thursday evening. Her theme was "The Adolescent Age."

"The adolescent age," continued Dr. Parker, "should be the happiest period of life. It is that period when new and powerful energies are brought into being. It is that age when the human being feels able to do or to be anything that he desires. This adolescent youth must be kept in the proper environment, where he will have a sufficient amount of work and play and his questions as to the mysteries of life must be answered truthfully. It is thus that the proper spirit and desire for home-building may be fostered."

HAS TONSILS REMOVED

From Friday's Daily—This morning Mrs. J. F. Dyke, residing in the south portion of the city was operated upon at the office of Dr. H. C. Leopold for the removal of her tonsils. The operation proved very successful and the patient is reported as resting easy and feeling much improved from the effects of the operation.

SHOWER FOR BRIDE TO BE

From Thursday's Daily—On Friday evening of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Falter was given a miscellaneous shower for Miss Francis Bentley whose marriage to Mr. John Palack is to occur in the near future. Miss Mildred Schlatter and Miss Nettie Moore were the hostesses of the occasion. Miss Bentley received many lovely gifts. The evening was spent playing bridge. Those present were Misses Nettie Moore, Mildred Schlatter, Josephine Rys, Emma Johnson, Nettie Jirousek, Florine Tritsch, Cecelia, Anna and Lillian Palack, Sarah Baird, Cressie Hackenberg, Mrs. Anton Hulka, Mrs. J. P. Johnson, Mrs. Guy White, Mrs. J. P. Falter, Mrs. William Bentley, Mrs. J. Griffith, Misses Doris Griffith, Edna and Dorothy Bentley and Miss Eleanor Baumgart of Omaha.

LITTLE GIRL INJURED

From Friday's Daily—Yesterday afternoon a very serious accident occurred on High school hill that fortunately did not result fatally for little Mary Ann Highfield, who was struck by a car and knocked down onto the concrete paving. The accident was unavoidable on the part of Ronald Thomas, who was driving the car that struck the girl. The little girl had been brought up in the vicinity of Ninth and Main street by her father, William Highfield, in a small Ford truck and the little girl after getting out of the truck came around the rear end of the truck directly in front of the Ford touring car driven by young Thomas.

Before the driver of the car could check it, the car struck the child, knocking her down but, fortunately, causing no dangerous injuries. The force of the blow caused the child to be knocked unconscious and she remained in that condition for some time. Medical aid was called and it was found that the child had several severe bruises on her face and body and one of her fingers were fractured but nothing more serious. The many friends of the family are glad to learn that the little one was not more seriously injured and that she was able to sit up today, still feeling a little sore and stiff over the accident but not in serious shape.

ENTERTAINS FOR GUEST

From Thursday's Daily—The very attractive home of Mrs. Fred Lugsch on West Pearl street was the scene of a most pleasant bridge party yesterday afternoon when Mrs. Lugsch entertained a few friends in honor of her guest and former associate in war work at Camp Pike, Arkansas in 1917-18, Miss Madeline Milheim, of Fort Scott, Kansas, who has stopped off here on her journey home from the Presidio at San Francisco.

The home was tastefully arranged with decorations of the bright hued fall flowers that added a pleasing touch to the scene and made the settings one of the greatest charm to all of the party.

There were three tables of bridge and in the playing Mrs. Emil Ptak received the first prize, Mrs. F. R. Gobelman the second and the consolation prize was awarded to Mrs. A. H. Duxbury. The guest of honor was also present with a very beautiful and attractive prize.

At a suitable hour a dainty two-course luncheon was served that added to the enjoyment of the members of the party and closed a most enjoyable afternoon for all of the party.

SHOWER FOR BRIDES OF FALL SEASON AT NEHAWKA THURSDAY

Mrs. Nelson Berger and Mrs. Henry Ost Hostesses at Very Charming Pre-Nuptial Event.

One of the most delightful pre-nuptial events that has characterized the fall season, was held yesterday at the pleasant Berger home—stead near Nehawka, when Mrs. Nelson Berger with Mrs. Henry Ost of Ashland entertained a very large party of the brides and neighbors in honor of Marguerite Lopp and Cleed Berger, sisters of Mr. Berger, whose marriages occur this month.

The charm of the attractive farm home was enhanced by the bounteous use of the bright colored flowers of the fall season, dahlias and red berries of the bitter sweet forming the chief note of the decorative plan of the afternoon.

In the entertaining Mrs. Berger and Mrs. Ost were assisted by Mrs. W. R. Young and Mrs. Raymond Berger of Plattsmouth. The ladies enjoyed the time in preparing and delivering to the brides to be their favorite recipes as well as words of advice as to how to properly manage a husband, both of which will prove of the greatest value to the guests of honor in their future years.

In carrying out the plans of the shower in honor of the brides to be, very novel and attractive methods were used by the hostesses that added the greatest interest to the occasion. Miss Berger was first made aware of the array of gifts when the little Misses Betty Jorgenson and Dona Ross, attired as Uncle Sam's mail carriers appeared bearing the gifts that were lavish and beautiful and made a real task for the mail carriers.

The gifts for Mrs. Lopp were artistically concealed in an attractive artificial well arranged in the dining room of the home and the bride to be secured the gifts from the old oaken bucket that was drawn to the top of the well overflowing with handsome gifts that will long be treasured by the recipient.

After the shower a very dainty and delicious luncheon was served by the hostesses that added to the enjoyment of the occasion and served to complete the day of the rarest pleasure for all of the members of the party, numbering some seventy of the friends and neighbors.

Among those attending from this city were Mrs. Mollie Berger, mother of the brides to be, Mrs. Raymond Berger, Mrs. William Woolcott and Mrs. W. R. Young. The marriage of Miss Cleed Berger to Mr. Fred Smith of this city and that of Marguerite Lopp to Mr. George Tedge of Omaha is to take place in the present month.

The friends in the county will be much interested to learn of the wedding as the two brides have made their home at Nehawka for their lifetime prior to the removal of the family here two years ago.

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