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## Mass Meeting at Elmwood Strong for Bridge Here

### Will Back Liberal Policy of State Levy for Crossings at Six Points Along Border.

From Saturday's Daily—

Last evening there was held at Elmwood another of the enthusiastic meetings that have marked the starting of Cass county interest in the proposed program of adequate bridges over the Missouri river to serve the people of the states of Iowa and Nebraska as well as the general traveling public, and along lines that will give all sections of the state suitable bridges at points that are most needed in the main arteries of travel and which include free bridges at Plattsmouth, Omaha, Nebraska City, Sioux City, Blair and Rulo.

The evident sentiment was the same as at the Eagle meeting two weeks ago, that the program could and must be put through to give the connection between the two states and the most advantageous points for crossings on the river were at the points designated.

The meeting last evening was held in the Masonic hall at Elmwood, which was filled to capacity with a very large representation of the people of Elmwood and vicinity as well as from Alvo and Plattsmouth, and a number residing in Otoe county south of Elmwood. Several from the vicinity of Louisville were also present at the meeting.

The atmosphere of the occasion was marked by the display of a fine painting of the proposed bridge at Plattsmouth, one of the series of bridges to be backed by this and other similar organizations up and down the river. This highly appropriate feature of the evening was prepared by Miss Fern Bogner, one of the talented young ladies of that city and served as a real inspiration to the bridge and good roads boosters. Before the meeting adjourned Miss Bogner presented a paper on the subject of the bridge program, which was given a rising vote of thanks on her achievement.

J. A. Gardner, editor of the Eagle, presided over the gathering and introduced the various speakers.

Charles Roper, well known good roads booster and member of the Chamber of Commerce, of Lincoln, was one of the speakers and stated that the work of putting over the proposed good roads and bridge program would take the united effort of the people and should cover a broad and adequate bridge program that would give the fullest representation to the various sections of the state. He touched on the development of the bridge movement along the same line as has been the good roads movement—which was arranged by experts after years of study as to just what is needed. He also complimented County Commissioner C. F. Harris on his work for good roads, which said had won recognition from the county commissioners of the state by his support of the good roads program.

E. A. George, chairman of the legislative committee of the Nebraska Good Roads association, gave a very thorough and clear cut discussion of the program that is now being started in a number of the counties for the extension of the bridge program. The bridge problem for the Missouri was a big problem in South Dakota, he said, and would be doubly so in this state because of the necessity of getting both Iowa and Nebraska legislative bodies behind it, but with the united efforts of all interested communities it not only could, but he felt sure would be made a reality in due course of time.

The suggestion of the bridge at Plattsmouth, Mr. George said, was first broached at the meeting of the Harding Highway association held in Lincoln some months ago, as this highway crossing Iowa in a straight line would find it necessary to divert travel from Red Oak to Plattsmouth to cross the river at Nebraska City or 20 miles to the north from Glenwood to cross at Omaha, when it should continue in the same straight line and cross at Plattsmouth.

Mr. George stressed the fact that in this is undertaken that will assure the completion of all within a comparatively short time. The Rev. F. L. Weigert, president of the Elmwood chamber of commerce, made a very pleasing impression on the large number of visitors with his clever remarks and his earnest plea for looking after the matters in a broad-minded way and by mutual support advance the interest of all sections of the state in true friendly manner. Speaking locally Rev. Weigert urged greater interest on the part of the Elmwood chamber of com-

merce in their community and attendance at the meetings of the chamber of commerce. On motion of Searl S. Davis the chairman and secretary were authorized to name an executive committee of five whose names would be presented at the next meeting to be held in Plattsmouth.

E. H. Vescoff, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Missouri River bridge committee, extended an invitation to the persons present at the meeting and for residents from all Cass county to be present at the meeting to be held at the First Presbyterian church at Plattsmouth on Tuesday evening, February 9th, at 7:30, to discuss further the bridge and to perfect the county organization.

Chairman Gardner suggested the need of a membership fee and a definite working organization and it was decided on motion that the chair appoint a committee to look after drafting the constitution and preparing the list of fees. County Commissioner C. F. Harris was present and gave a few remarks relative to the distribution of the graded roads in the county, stating that the third district had the first gravel in the county, having nine miles of the D. L. D. at Greenwood, that gravel in the county now stood first district, ten miles, second district seven miles and third district nine miles. In addition there was starting an eight mile stretch of graveling from Eagle east on the "O" street road. Mr. Harris also complimented Commissioner Goyer on his work as a commissioner, stating that the third district member had attacked the matter of bridge building in the county and cut to a low figure the cost of construction.

Mr. Goyer also made a few remarks on the program for road work as far as the state had determined and which covered the eight miles of graveling and the grading and building and grading of a part of the "O" street road. At the close of the meeting the visitors had a touch of the Elmwood hospitality by having fine sandwiches, pickles, doughnuts and coffee served that was very much enjoyed by the crowd and especially the Plattsmouth delegation that were starting on their long drive home.

There were twenty-eight from Plattsmouth in attendance, they being: Luke Wiles, L. L. McCarty, George L. Farley, J. F. Wolf, E. H. Vescoff, A. S. Ghrist, C. C. Wescoff, R. A. Bates, H. A. Schneider, S. S. Davis, D. C. Morgan, C. C. Barnard, H. C. Sward, C. B. Smith, Frank A. Cloyd, A. H. Duxbury, W. G. Kleck, Andrew Kroehler, David Ebersole, Sam Moyer, Henry Soennichsen, Waldemar Soennichsen, B. A. Rosencrans, M. D. Brown, Herman Thomas, Joseph A. Caspell, F. H. Smith and E. A. Webb.

Among the Alvo residents that were in attendance at the meeting were S. C. Boyles, Carl Ganz and W. W. Costman.

Mr. George suggested that committees be appointed by the Cass county bridge boosters to join with those of other counties that are interested and all get together to put over the program that would be of untold value to all communities of the state and of Iowa. The Lincoln people were enthusiastic over the program and the bridge at Plattsmouth that would give them and the residents of the central part of the state a straight east and west means of travel over the river and accommodate the traveling public.

Digressing from the subject of the bridge Mr. George touched on the move on the Nebraska Good Roads association for an increase of 1 cent in the gasoline tax that would be expended in various counties of the state on their own county roads and not diverted to the state aid or federal aid roads but would be a part of the boosting of the secondary road system of the state.

In reply to a question as to the amount that could be raised by levies Mr. George stated that 1 mill would produce \$2,000,000 while one-half mill would bring \$1,000,000, which under the same rate as that in South Dakota would build three bridges and have some left on the fourth.

Both Mr. George and Mr. Roper emphasized the fact that where the first bridge may be built is not important so long as a comprehensive program is undertaken that will assure the completion of all within a comparatively short time. The Rev. F. L. Weigert, president of the Elmwood chamber of commerce, made a very pleasing impression on the large number of visitors with his clever remarks and his earnest plea for looking after the matters in a broad-minded way and by mutual support advance the interest of all sections of the state in true friendly manner. Speaking locally Rev. Weigert urged greater interest on the part of the Elmwood chamber of com-

## Eagles Enjoy a Fine Time Last Evening at Hall

### Clever Play Is Offered and Social Evening Follows for the Members and Their Friends.

From Friday's Daily—

Last evening the members of Plattsmouth Aerie No. 365 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles with their families and friends enjoyed one of the most pleasant gatherings that has been held in years and one that everyone present will long remember as an evening of the rarest enjoyment.

The first of the offerings of the evening was the play, "Now Adolph," presented under the direction of Roy Olson and which was presented by a cast of the young people of the city. The play was a clever farce comedy and all of the cast was well chosen and gave most pleasingly the various roles in the two act offering which was for laughing purposes only and served well to start out the evening in very fine shape. "Adolph" and "August" were the chief fun makers and in these roles Roy Olson and Paul Vandervoort served to keep the audience in constant laughter, as they appeared on the stage. Miss Elizabeth Sitzmann as "Ada Klock" was most delightful in her part and aided in the fun of the evening. Arthur Platt as "Vern Hutchison" the salesman of the kraut factory of Adolph and August was very pleasing, while Edna Klinger as "Mary Lawrence" the stenographer of the kraut firm added her part to the fun of the evening. Vern Hutchison appeared in the role of a "Timothy Scroggs," the crooked banker and gave a pleasing rendition of his part while Donald Drake was the crooked promoter, "G. Wellington Matthews." Kenneth Vandervoort took the part of the fresh office boy and Mathilde Olson as the waitress of the Little Gem cafe, adding their part to the carrying out of the story and Ed McGuire as the hold, hold burglar, added his part to the fun of the evening.

Following the play there were several short addresses given, W. O. Kettleson, president of the local aerie of the Eagles expressing the appreciation of the order and the audience to the members of the cast of the play and the committee that had arranged the pleasant evening. Mayor John P. Sattler, grant trustee of the F. O. E. also was heard in a short and very appropriate address that covered the work of the Eagles and the many excellent ideas that their fraternity had put into effect in the state and nation.

William Barclay, past state president and also former head of the local aerie, gave a few words on the fraternity, urging the better enjoyment of the members in gatherings of this kind, the members making their aerie lively or dead according to their own personal wishes. He also told of the benefits that are received by the members of the order and the low rates that have made the Eagles the order of the man of small means as well as the man of wealth.

Following the play and the addresses the members of the party that desired were entertained at cards at which a great deal of fun and enjoyment was derived.

## James Zoubeck Jr. is Sentenced to Penitentiary

### One to Five Years Is Handed Out to Young Man in District Court Today.

From Friday's Daily—

This morning in district court before Judge James T. Begley, the case of the State of Nebraska vs. James Zoubeck, Jr., was called for trial on the request of the defendant that he be allowed to enter a plea of guilty to the charge of having received stolen property.

On the reading of the complaint the defendant entered the plea of guilty to the charge and offered no comment as to why sentence should not be pronounced against him. Judge Begley, in view of the fact that the defendant had made a confession of his crime, as well as exposing other minor offenses in this community, made the sentence lighter than otherwise fixed the term of imprisonment at from one to five years in the state penitentiary at Lancaster.

This being the second penitentiary charge that had been filed against the young man his sentence could have been made a great deal heavier but as he had made a clean confession on the story he was allowed the lighter sentence, although it could have been extended to ten years.

The crime with which Zoubeck was charged was that of receiving stolen property, it being charged that he had in his possession a number of articles that were taken from box cars robbed in various parts of the state and which had been turned over to him by Jack Khoutek, who had been an associate of Zoubeck in his previous term in the state penitentiary and who led to his receiving his second sentence.

Until room can be secured at the state penitentiary the young man will be kept here at the county jail under the custody of Sheriff E. P. Stewart.

**Go to the Bates Book Store for your school supplies.**

## Bridge Meeting Tuesday!

### There will be bridge meeting held at Plattsmouth Tuesday evening at which the plans for the Missouri river bridge will be discussed.

The meeting will start at 7:30 sharp and it is hoped to have visitors from Omaha, Glenwood, Pacific Junction, Nebraska City, Rulo, Blair and Sioux City as well as every community in Cass county. Everybody is invited to be present. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the First Presbyterian church, 7th and Granite street. Come out and enjoy the discussion of the important bridge building program.

## Pleads Guilty to Theft of McMaken Buick

### Harold Manners in Jail and Served Three Months in Jail and Fined One Hundred Dollars.

From Friday's Daily—

This morning in the county court before Judge A. H. Duxbury complaint was filed by County Attorney W. G. Kleck against Harold Manners, charging the young man with taking a Buick roadster, the property of Joseph McMaken, Jr., in the city of Plattsmouth in February, 1925.

The defendant was taken into custody yesterday on information that was supplied by James Zoubeck, Jr. in his confession and which formed the basis of connecting up the defendant with the alleged car taker. When brought in court this morning and complaint read by the county attorney, the defendant was given some very wholesome advice by Judge Duxbury on the practices that he had followed and which had brought him several times to the bar of justice and each time on more serious charges. Mr. Manners stated that he had forsaken his former associates and the unfortunate affair that he was now involved in was one that had occurred a year ago and that since that time he had tried to walk in the straight and narrow path.

Mr. Manners entered a plea of guilty to the charge preferred against him and was given a sentence, \$100 fine and three months in the county jail.

## King of Trails Bridge Company Elects Officers

### Officers are All Re-elected—Affirm Turning Bridge Over to the State and Counties.

From Thursday's Daily—

Yesterday morning at the Chamber of Commerce in Omaha was held the annual meeting of the King of Trails Bridge company, whose stockholders are largely residents of Plattsmouth and Omaha, to take up the matters pertaining to the new bridge that the company erected and opened for travel last November over the Platte river north of this city.

There was a very large representation of the stockholders of the company in attendance at the meeting, to whom the reports of the various officers as to the bridge, its expenses and income were given.

The company also took up the matter of the election of officers for the ensuing year and all of the present officers were re-elected, consisting of the following:

President—H. A. Schneider, Plattsmouth.  
Vice President—J. B. Root, Omaha.  
Secretary—Searl S. Davis, Plattsmouth.  
Treasurer—F. M. Bestor, Plattsmouth.  
Directors—T. C. Byrne, W. B. Cheek, Omaha; R. A. Troop, Plattsmouth and the other executive officers of the company constituting the directorate.

The company stockholders adopted a resolution re-affirming their former statement that they would turn the bridge over to the state of Nebraska and the counties of Cass and Sarpy at the construction price, to be operated as a free bridge or in such manner as the state and counties might determine.

Valentines for all of the family, the sweetheart or friend can be found at the Bates Book and Gift shop. Secure your assortment now while the lines are still fresh and unbroken.

## Many Thefts are Revealed in Shakeup Here

### Arrest of James Zoubeck, Jr., Following by Discovery of Many Thefts in This City.

From Thursday's Daily—

This morning the office of County Attorney W. G. Kleck was a very busy place in the investigation of the revealing of the responsibilities for many thefts that have occurred in this city in the last year and which up to this time the perpetrators have escaped punishment.

The revealing of the story was started a few days ago when the authorities arrested James Zoubeck, Jr. in connection with the exposure of a gang of small town store robbers made at Lincoln and from which the activities of the gang has led to a number of Plattsmouth men being involved in the net that has been thrown out by the office of Sheriff E. P. Stewart.

At the examination of Zoubeck at Lincoln was followed by his return here to this city for trial on the charge of receiving stolen property, there being a large amount of articles of various kinds revealed at his home that had been brought here by Jack Khoutek, ex-convict and friend of Zoubeck and which had been concealed here by the two men. It was reported to the Zoubeck family that the goods were legitimately secured and were left at the place there by Zoubeck and Khoutek and later when quizzed at Lincoln Zoubeck told of his connection with the affair and with the result that the officers recovered a large part of the goods and have them now in their custody.

This morning a complaint was filed in the county court against James Zoubeck, Jr., charging him with receiving stolen property of the value of more than \$35 and to which charge the young man entered a plea of guilty and was bound over to the district court for trial.

At the examination of Zoubeck made at the office of County Attorney W. G. Kleck by Mr. Kleck and Sheriff E. P. Stewart, there was revealed the long chapter of car robberies and petty thefts that have been going on here for the past year. Zoubeck stated that he with his companions had been implicated in a number of these thefts, acknowledging his part in the taking of the Joe McMaken car and recently that of W. E. Rosencrans, both of which were later recovered but the identification of the parties not made until this time. Several other small jobs such as tire thieves and smaller articles were also made clear by the confession of Zoubeck.

In his statements Zoubeck involved Walter Burke, now serving a three year term in the state penitentiary on the charge of illegal possession of liquor and also Harold Manners of this city.

Following the confession of Zoubeck the arrest of Manners was made by the authorities and he was brought to the court house to be investigated and to determine just what complaint would be lodged against him by the county attorney.

## School supplies at the Bates Book Store.

### Willing Co-operation

### IT'S STRANGE how little things will sometimes liven us up and refurbish our own opinion of ourselves.

### FOR INSTANCE, writing out a neat, personal check—a check which whispers "Here's a trustworthy, businesslike man, a bank customer"—instead of digging into purse or pocket for commonplace coins or currency.

### YOU'LL FIND a trim check-book awaiting you at this bank, and a courteous, accommodating man who will look after the opening of your account. Why not today?

**THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK**  
THE BANK WHERE YOU FEEL AT HOME  
PLATTSMOUTH NEBRASKA

## RUNS NEEDLE IN FOOT

### From Friday's Daily—

Mrs. Ernest Roemer of Lincoln, former Plattsmouth lady and sister of George Lushinsky of this city, was the victim of an accident a few days ago that was not considered serious at the time but has since made it necessary for the lady to be removed to the hospital. Mrs. Roemer was working around her home and stepped on a needle that penetrated into the bottom of her foot and which was impossible to get out. The victim of the accident did not think seriously of the accident and several days elapsed before going to a surgeon and then it was found that it was impossible to detect the needle in the foot even though an x-ray was used. The foot has become quite painful and the lady has since been removed to the hospital for treatment and to locate if possible the missing needle.

## Death of Mrs. Lucinda Brittain at Capital City

### Aged Lady of This City Passes Away After Illness of Some Duration Last Night at Lincoln.

From Saturday's Daily—

Last evening at the hospital at Lincoln where she has been taking treatments for a long period of time, Mrs. Lucinda Brittain, aged resident of this city answered the final summons and sank peacefully to her last long rest.

At the time of her death Mrs. Brittain was in her eighty-third year and the greater part of her lifetime was spent in this community in which the family settled in the late seventies. The deceased was the widow of John C. Brittain, Sr., a veteran of the civil war and during her residence here as long as her health permitted Mrs. Brittain was very active in the W. R. C. circles.

To mourn her loss there remains two sons, John C. Brittain and Walter and Walter Brittain of this city. For many years "Grandma" Brittain, as she was affectionately known, resided in the south portion of this city on the homestead where she had spent so many years and in her year of life here she has enjoyed the high esteem of a very large circle of friends who will sincerely mourn her death.

The body will be brought to this city this afternoon at 4:30 and will be accompanied on the last journey by the son, John C. Brittain, and taken to the Brittain home to lay in state.

The funeral will be held on Monday afternoon at 2:30 from the First Methodist church and the services will be conducted by Rev. Frank Emory Pfoutz.

## FINE BOY ARRIVES

From Thursday's Daily—

The home of Max Bowman and wife has been made very happy by the arrival there of a fine little son and heir that came to gladden their home Tuesday evening. The occasion has brought a great deal of joy to the parents and all concerned are doing very nicely.