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## Eagles Take Over the M.W.A. Building Here

One Fraternity Disposes of Interest in Building at 6th and Pearl Street to Another

From Thursday's Daily—  
This morning the Plattsmouth aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 365, became the owners of the building at the corner of Sixth and Pearl streets which has been owned by the Cass Camp No. 332, Modern Woodmen of America.

The sale of the building has been under negotiation for some time between the Eagles board of trustees composed of P. A. McCrary, William Kief, Edward Gobelman, J. E. Schutz, worthy secretary and Arthur R. Blunt, worthy president, and the officers of the Woodmen camp, who had been authorized by the vote of the camp to make the sale of the building.

The Eagles have been working on the plans for the eventual ownership of a building of their own for several years past and having the opportunity of securing the finely located Woodmen building and which was particularly adapted to the use of the Eagles, they have been trying to close the negotiations and finally with purchasing of the structure.

The Woodmen erected the building several years ago, making the upper portion of the building into a large dance hall and lodge room, dining room and kitchen and ample cloak and rest rooms, while the first floor of the building was converted into store rooms and occupied by a number of the business houses of the city.

The Eagles are planning to make the building an ideal one for the use of a fraternity and with several changes and improvements that will add to the comfort and pleasure of the members of the Eagles and permit their various activities to be carried on in a fitting manner.

## TENDER FRIEND FAREWELL

From Thursday's Daily—  
Last evening, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mayfield, who have just recently moved from the J. W. Tritsch farm in the Fairview neighborhood to the Dave Pultz farm five miles south of the former home, were given a very fine farewell and reception well from the neighbors and friends.

At the time the family moved it was impossible to tender them a farewell and last evening the residents of the Fairview community numbering some seventy of the friends and neighbors motored to the new home of the Mayfield family and tendered them a real social treat.

The evening was spent informally in a community meeting and in which a number of the talented members of the party were called upon to assist in the entertaining and which they did in a most royal fashion.

Joe Rhodes gave the vocal selection, while Helen Heim and Val Mayfield, two of the younger members of the party gave a vocal duet that was very much enjoyed by all of the party.

During the evening Henry Hell, Jr., proved a real entertainer with his violin and accordion numbers that everyone appreciated to the utmost. Wilbur Hell added to the interest of the occasion with two whistling selections that received the warmest approval of the audience.

On behalf of the new neighbors, Mr. Greer, teacher in the school in the new community where the Mayfield family has located, gave a very cordial greeting and welcome to the newcomers and expressing the many pleasing associations that were anticipated.

At a suitable hour the ladies of the party produced the well filled baskets and which provided a very bountiful lunch and one that had all of the good things to eat that might be wished for.

## HAS ARM AMPUTATED

From Thursday's Daily—  
Yesterday afternoon at the Immanuel hospital at Omaha Mrs. W. F. Gillespie was operated upon in an effort to check the spread of poison caused by a small infection starting in the thumb of the right hand. The condition of the patient has become so serious that the amputation of the arm at the shoulder was decided upon as the last means of saving the life of the ailing lady.

The trouble started by a small piece of wire being run in the thumb and which apparently healed up and shortly afterwards a splinter was run into the same thumb and at once a severe infection developed and growing worse despite the efforts to drain and check the spread of the poison through the arm and which grew so severe that the amputation was found necessary.

It is hoped that the operation will prevent the development of the poison in other parts of the body and the family and attending physicians are hopeful that it may allow her recovery.

Your ad in the Journal will be read, and they sure do get results.

## NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS

From Thursday's Daily—  
Yesterday the doors of the new soft drink establishment of Louis Kohrell at the corner of Fifth and Vine street opened for business and the newest place of business in the main section of the city was ready for the patronage of the public. Mr. Kohrell and family have just recently moved from Nebraska City and are now a part of the life of the community. Mr. Kohrell in the conduct of the soft drink and cigar store will be assisted by his son, Barrett, and who is a very genial and accommodating young man and will assist very much in the business of the new entertainment place.

## Police Apprehend Boys Charged with Petty Thieving

Loss of Chickens, Brass, Lead and Junk Charged at Door of Several Boys of This City

From Thursday's Daily—  
Yesterday Chief of Police Libersall rounded up several boys who have been under suspicion in connection with petty thieving that has been going on over the city and the boys were turned over to the county attorney to be taken care of.

The stealing of chickens from the Michael Hill home as well as the theft of brass and lead from the Plattsmouth Water Corporation warehouse on North Sixth street are among the depredations that will be charged against the boys and the police also have several other jobs in which the boys are suspected. The building formerly occupied by the Plattsmouth hotel on east Main street was visited a few days ago and an attempt made to steal the electric light fixtures from several of the rooms of the building and which the police are investigating to discover if possible the connection of the boys with this offense.

The case will be taken up Saturday and the fate of the four boys decided as to the extent of their confinement with these offenses and what should be done with them to prevent further depredations.

## CLEANING UP LOT AND GETTING GRASS SEED IN

The past couple of nights have seen much activity at the Legion building and premises, with a fatigue squad out to assist in cleaning up the lots and placing the ground in condition to be sown to grass seed, which work was done yesterday by Henry Jesper. Henry is always ready and willing to assist in every way possible and in addition to giving the labor to the sowing of grass seed, he also trimmed the shrubbery he donated and set out last year around the front of the building.

Further work remains to be done along the west side of the building, where a chimer driveway will permit getting in and out of the side door entrances and more handy delivery of groceries to the kitchen.

On addition to the work being done on the outside, a steel gang has been busy on the inside, strengthening the I beam supports to permit removal on one of the center posts. This work is being done in order to permit the use of the building by the F. O. E., who plan to hold a series of fights there during the coming year. The steel work was under direction of W. T. Distell, Garold Holcomb and Tom Walling, who with their assistants have done a splendid job.

When the grass and shrubbery in front of the building get to growing, it will present a much improved appearance over last year and really aid in showing off the building.

## FUNERAL OF JOE PARKER

From Thursday's Daily—  
Yesterday afternoon the funeral services of the late Joe Parker were held at the Sattler funeral home on Fourth and Vine streets and with a number of the old time friends and neighbors in attendance. The services were conducted by the Rev. H. E. Sortor who gave words of comfort to the bereaved family and friends. Mrs. E. H. Wescott gave a number of the old time hymns during the services. The interment was at the Oak Hill cemetery.

Mr. Parker is survived by two sons and three daughters, Jean Parker of Oregon; Ernest Parker of Beatrice and Misses Lela and Vivian Parker of Omaha and Clarice Parker of York.

## ATTEND BAR BANQUET

From Friday's Daily—  
Last evening Judge and Mrs. James T. Begley, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Turpin, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Kieck and Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Dwyer motored to Nebraska City where they attended the banquet of the Otoe county bar association. The bar association made the presentation of the portraits of the former county judges to Otoe county in the afternoon and a banquet was held in the evening. Judge Frank S. Howell of Omaha was the main speaker of the evening.

## Investment of Sinking Fund of Public Schools

Money Raised to Pay Off Bonds of \$65,000 for the High School Building at Maturity

The bond issue of \$65,000 for the new high school building in this city, which runs for a twenty year period has been aided or rather the action of the board of education a few years ago in making investment of the sinking fund has given material gain to the sinking fund in the interest derived.

For a great many years the money accumulated to retire the bonds at the expiration of their life, was allowed to remain idle in the treasury of the county and with the advent of Earl Davis on the board of education the policy of investing the sinking fund was adopted and which has been since continued by the board and with the result that the school fund has gained something like \$1,200 each year from this source and which drawn from the investment and makes a large amount each year in the sinking fund.

The sinking fund has largely been invested in city warrants at the rate of six per cent while \$2,000 of the fund is carried in city bonds at five and a half per cent, which means that the taxpayers are paying interest to themselves as the money borrowed by the city on these bonds and warrants return to the schools which the taxpayers also support.

In the last financial report prepared as to the sinking fund of the school it was shown that there was \$32,522.43 invested in the bonds and warrants, all but two bonds valued at \$2,000, being held in the six per cent warrants.

The board also reported that the sum of \$7,062.74 was on hand to pay interest on school bonds. The total amount invested and on hand in the sinking fund on the date of the report in 1928 was given as \$39,585.17, and as the fund grows and the opportunity is offered more investments will be made to give as large a return to the school funds in interest as is possible.

## WORKING ON ROADS

From Friday's Daily—  
County Commissioner George L. Farley has been out in the country a great deal in the last few days looking after the road conditions which as the result of the very heavy snowfall and extreme depth of the frost the past winter, have been very poor.

On the K. of T. highway just south of this city on the east and west road that leads to the turn at the Spangler farm, there has been a soft spot developed that has caused a great deal of inconvenience to travel and made necessary the use of a large amount of crushed rock to try and form a solid basis for the road, but the "frost warts" has been very hard to deal with. Another of the bad places on the highway has been that north of Union and which caused travel to be detoured several days on account of the extreme soft condition of the road and the development of the mud hole.

These soft spots are the result of water and frost and occur in what seems to be the driest parts of the roadway. The snow dragged to the sides of the roadway and the ditches has had a tendency to retain the frozen condition and water unable to seep out along the sides of the road has gathered in the pockets beneath the dry section of the highway and finally with the frost coming out of the ground has developed a very soft spot that grows worse as it is by the seepage water until a large mud hole is developed and then the road is a real problem to take care of.

Now, in a report recently issued it is stated that after 16 years of hard services, the brick and asphalt surfaces have required least repair.

This exhaustive experiment is in full accord with the reports from many localities. The modern trend of paving secondary and market roads, is bringing asphalt into prominence, as fulfilling all the necessary conditions without excessive cost.

## RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

From Friday's Daily—  
Father George Agius, pastor of the St. John's Catholic church of this city, who has for several weeks been at the St. Joseph hospital at Omaha taking treatment, has so far recovered that he has been able to return home to this city and is now at his residence here. The priest will not, however, be able to resume his parish work for some time or to hold the church services, but in the quiet and restfulness of the home it is hoped he may soon have a speedy restoration of his former good health.

Large size maps of Cass county on sale at Journal office, 50c each.

## OBSERVE GOOD FRIDAY

From Friday's Daily—  
The observance of Good Friday, the day set aside by the Christian world to mourn the anniversary of the crucifixion, the climax of the passion of the Savior, was most impressive in the Plattsmouth churches.

Special services were held in the St. Paul's Evangelical church, the St. John's and Holy Rosary Catholic churches held the services of sorrow. The three hours meditation was held in the Catholic churches from 12 (noon) to 3 o'clock and attended by large congregations who were going and coming during the course of the afternoon.

The St. Luke's Episcopal church having no pastor did not hold the morning service of the three hours devotions during the afternoon.

Mr. Lewis has in recent years been engaged in operating a dry line over the city and continued at this up until the last few months when his failing health commenced to tell on him and has in recent weeks kept him confined to the home, he gradually growing weaker until death came to his relief.

The deceased was a native of Jackson county, West Virginia, where he was born December 3rd 1859, and in that locality he spent his boyhood and younger days, being married there to Miss Martha Thomas on November 5, 1882. Shortly after the marriage the family came west and located at Plattsmouth where they have since made their home and where the family has been reared to manhood and womanhood and where the deceased was a good citizen and a loyal friend, in his quiet and unassuming way making many friends who regret very much to learn of his passing and share with the members of the family circle the sorrow that his death has occasioned.

Mr. Lewis is survived by the wife and nine children, Mrs. W. D. Kellison, Shattuck, South Dakota; John Lewis, New Raymer, Colorado; Mrs. Charles Hall, Pelican Rapids, Minnesota; Edgar Lewis, Nebraska City; Mrs. Fred Stull, Omaha; Mrs. John Welland, Loyaltown, South Dakota; Mrs. W. H. Coffert, Plattsmouth and Mrs. A. A. Stillger, Huntington Park, California and Glen Lewis, Plattsmouth.

The body was taken to the Sattler funeral home pending word from the children residing at distant points.

## FUNERAL OF LELAND BENNETT

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The American Legion post of which the deceased was a member, assisted at the church as well as the church gave words of comfort to the bereaved family circle and read a short sketch of the life of the departed. During the service Mrs. E. H. Wescott sang two of the loved ones. What a Friend We Have in Death, and the beautiful number, "Taps."

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Leland Oliver Bennett, son of Edward R. Galligan and Olive Bennett was born June 7th, 1892 in Naples, South Dakota.

Departed this life March 26th, 1929, at the University hospital in Omaha, age of 36 years and 8 months, 20 days, after two weeks of serious illness.

He became a member of the Methodist church when a young man and was a faithful Christian until God called him home.

His mother, one sister and three brothers preceded him in death. 'Tis hard to break the tender cord  
When love has bound the heart;  
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UNDERGOES OPERATION

From Friday's Daily—  
This morning Mrs. Bernard Rakow was operated on at Omaha as the result of an illness of a short duration and which it is hoped will give the patient relief from her illness and place her on the highway to recovery.

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## Death Calls C. H. Lewis, Old Time Resident

Has Made His Home Here for the Past Forty Years—Good Citizen and Good Citizen

From Saturday's Daily—  
Last night at the home in the south part of the city occurred the death of Charles H. Lewis, an old time resident of the community and who has been a familiar figure in this community for more than forty years.

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## OPENS NEW CLEANING PLANT

From Saturday's Daily—  
Anton Rys, former Plattsmouth boy, who has been located at Bloomfield, Nebraska, for some time past in the operation of a cleaning plant has returned to his birthplace and is now located in the room in the Bookmeyer building just west of Ward Clark's barber shop. Mr. Rys and his outfit arrived here yesterday and he is now busily engaged in the setting up of the machines for the cleaning and pressing of clothes and expects to get started in business as soon as the plant can all be assembled and gotten in running order.

## Fifty Years Service with the Burlington

R. H. Patton Celebrates Half Century of Service Friday—Was First Apprentice Here

From Saturday's Daily—  
Yesterday Robert H. Patton of this city rounded out fifty years of service with the Burlington railroad, having served this length of time in the local shops of the railroad company and where he has given the finest measure of service to his employers.

Mr. Patton enjoys the distinction of being the first apprentice in the paint shop of the railroad company, entering the railroad service as a boy and has saw the greatest scope of the railroad shop activities in this home shop of the Burlington & Missouri River railroad company, knowing personally many of the men that have since risen high in the officialdom of the railroad company and had a great part in the making of the present great Burlington system.

Mr. Patton has in all of these years made his home here and in the pleasant and cozy home in the south portion of the city has reared his fine family and been a prominent and active figure in the community life.

The veteran painter is still in the service when he first started as a boy and while the years have taken their toll he is still active and able to give the service as faithfully as in the past altho in the past few months Mr. Patton has been suffering some from neuritis that has made necessary his receiving medical attention.

The many friends here will join in their congratulations to this old time railroader and trust that he may have many more days of active service with the railroad and in the community.

## SAVES HOME FROM FIRE

From Saturday's Daily—  
The John Elliott family residing north of the city owes the fact that their home was not destroyed by fire yesterday, to S. S. Gooding, an old friend of the Elliott family. Mr. Gooding had gone to the Elliott home to see Mr. Elliott in regard to some plowing and while Mr. Gooding was at the house awaiting the return of Mr. Elliott from the barn, a pan of grease that was cooking on the kitchen stove started to blaze and parcels of the burning grease caught the woodbox afire and soon had a very good blaze going. Mr. Gooding made attempts to get the fire out and was finally able to locate a waterbucket and put out the blaze but in so doing suffered more or less injury himself. Mr. Gooding had one severe burn on the face and the hands and forearms suffered quite a severe scorching in the fire fighting, but fortunately the injuries were not severe enough to require the services of a physician.

## Q. Z. SOCIETY ELECTS

From Friday's Daily—  
Yesterday afternoon the members of the Q. Z. society of the Presbyterian church were entertained at the home of Mrs. Raymond Larson on west Granite street and Mrs. Ernest Trumble assisted as associate hostess.

In the business session of the society the chief matter to demand the attention of the members was the election of the officers for the year, the following being named:  
President—Mrs. James Bulin.  
Vice-President—Mrs. J. H. Palack.  
Secretary—Mrs. R. J. Larson.  
Treasurer—Mrs. R. W. Knorr.

At the close of the afternoon the hostesses served dainty and delicious refreshments which were appreciated very much by all of the members of the party.

## ENJOYS VISIT HERE

From Friday's Daily—  
Last evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. Con Lynch was the scene of a very pleasant gathering of friends when a group of Omaha Eagles and their ladies gathered there at the close of the lodge session to spend a few hours most pleasantly at cards and social conversation. Those who were here to attend the event were Mr. and Mrs. William Voss, Mr. and Mrs. George Barley, Mrs. Anna Austin of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Burrows and Mr. and Mrs. Con Lynch.

## RETURNS TO THIS CITY

From Friday's Daily—  
Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Wilcox who have been making their home in Lincoln for the past year have decided to return to Plattsmouth, their old home to reside and are being located in the Douglas residence property on high school hill. The many friends of this excellent family are pleased to learn that they are again to be residents of this community.

## LAI'D TO LAST REST

The funeral of William Simons was held on Tuesday afternoon at the First Methodist church and with a very large group of the old friends being in attendance at the last services. During the services Mrs. E. H. Wescott sang two of the old and loved songs, which with the words of consolation of the pastor brought a sense of comfort to the members of the bereaved family circle.

A. M. Peterson of Sedalia, Missouri, came up last evening to enjoy a short stay with the family here. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson will move in a short time to Sedalia, having sold their residence property to Edward Gradoville.

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## Plattsmouth Students Score High Honors

Sub District Declamatory Contest at Auburn Results in Victory for Talented Local Speakers

From Saturday's Daily—  
With Clelland Retelsdorf winning first in Extemporaneous and Chris Bullin taking first in Oratory, Plattsmouth high school scored heavily in the Sub-District Declamatory Contest held at Auburn last night. Twenty-four speakers representing Cass, Nemaha, Otoe and Richardson counties were present to take part in the four departments: Extemporaneous, Oratorical, Dramatic and Humorous readings. First place in Dramatic was won by Delores Deadman of Falls City and the Humorous section was won by Aurora Rapp of Auburn. The victorious speakers will take part in the District contest to be held in the near future as soon as a time and place can be selected.

Chris Bullin's victory over five opponents was a triumph for him in as much as the winner of last years District contest was competing as well as the boy from Avoca who placed Chris out in the county contest. Plattsmouth was competing as well as the boy from Avoca who placed Chris out in the county contest. This is a difficult field to excel in as each speaker must draw his subject by lot an hour before he appears on the stage. Platform ease and ability to analyze a subject on the floor were the assets which won Clelland first honors. His subject was "Mussolini's Mysterious Machine."

Mr. Patton was ably represented in the Dramatic section by Doris Young who won first place in the recent county contest. The competition in this group was perhaps keener than in any other and that Doris did not place came as a distinct surprise to many. Her subject was the Humorous field, Plattsmouth was represented by Ruby Carter who placed second in the county. Ruby, likewise did a splendid piece of work and Plattsmouth may feel that while neither of these were awarded places by the judges, they ably represented the local school.

Chris Bullin, the winning Orator and Doris Young and Ruby Carter have been under the training of Miss Mary Jane Tibball while Clelland Retelsdorf has been trained by Mr. R. Foster Patterson.

The following is a summary of the results of the contest:  
Extemporaneous—Clelland Retelsdorf, Plattsmouth, first; Marshall Howe, Auburn, second; Ethel Beer, Honey Creek, third.  
Dramatic—Delores Deadman, Falls City, first; Lillemore Taylor, Auburn, second; Nola Wittse, Honey Creek, third.

Oratorical—Chris Bullin, Plattsmouth, first; Robert Stever, Auburn, second; Clarence Norris, Avoca, third.  
Humorous—Aurora Rapp, Auburn, first; Delores Parr, Honey Creek, second; Mary Jane Houston, Falls City, third.

ELECTED TO TEACHING FORCE

From Friday's Daily—  
Miss Edith Farley of this city, who has for the past year been teaching at Nehawka, has been elected as a member of the teaching force of the Plattsmouth schools and will take one of the positions in the grades here at the opening of school in next September. Miss Farley is a graduate of the local school and also has taken training at the University of Nebraska and has for the past few years been engaged in teaching in the schools of the county.

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