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## City School Teachers are Voted Contracts

**In Economy Program Board of Education Plans Several Changes and Make Reductions.**

From Thursday's Daily  
The board of education at their meeting this week took up the matter of the selection of the teachers for the ensuing year and also making the several cuts for economy purposes.

The board voted to make reductions of ten per cent in the salary budget of the school system and which will be in addition to the cuts that were made last year.

The election of Superintendent L. S. Devoe was made several weeks ago and the remainder of the teaching force made at the meeting this week.

The teachers selected and to whom contracts were given are as follows:

**High School**  
R. F. Patterson, principal and history; Harold Jordan, commercial; Russell Reeder, science; Jack Figley, English, dramatics, vocational guidance, history; Lucille Nordholm, home economics; Cora Williams, music; Pearl Staats, normal training; Estelle Baird, languages; Florence Beighley, mathematics; Fred A. Rothert, manual training, athletics.

**Junior High School**  
Clara Weyrich, arithmetic and sewing; Jessie Whelan, geography and music; Alice Bly, English and reading; Lillian Garrett, history and civics.

**Grade Schools.**  
Helen Farley, Amelia Martens, Vivian Johns, Bernice Ault, Selma Dehm, Evelyn May, Alice James, Amara Hiatt, Edith Cook, Ruth Tibball, Rose Prohaska, Helen Quimby, Agnes Muenster.

It was decided also to have L. D. Hiatt assist in the band work at the school as at the present time, twice each week.

The board of education in their economy program may have several changes to be made in the schools to keep the expenditures down and which will not detract from the schools in any way. It may be possible that two of the ward buildings now in use, that of the first ward and the Mercerville schools be closed.

## GIVE SHOWER FOR BRIDE

Wednesday afternoon at the close of her school work for the day, Mrs. Leo Thimgan, formerly Miss Hazel Iverson of this city, was given a pleasant surprise and shower in honor of her recent marriage.

Mrs. Thimgan is teaching in district No. 9 and the shower was arranged by the ladies residing in the district and who came to make the event one long to be pleasantly remembered.

The time was spent in games and visiting and the bride presented with many very handsome and attractive gifts that she will cherish as remembrances of the good friends in her school district.

The ladies brought baskets of the good things to eat and which furnished the means of a delicious and much enjoyed luncheon.

## HERE FROM LINCOLN

From Friday's Daily  
C. W. Motter of the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Co., was in the city today looking after some business for his company at the local office. Incidentally while in the city "Red" as he is known among the veteran circles of the state, was calling on his friends in the Legion. Mr. Motter is the publicity head of the state department of the Legion and one of the active and best known men in the ranks of the world war veterans in the state.

## SUFFERS SEVERE INJURY

Walter Rhodes, an employe at the BREX shops, was severely injured while at his work Wednesday. Mr. Rhodes was working on a trestle and fell, and in alighting broke the goggles that he was wearing, inflicting a cut on his eye that is very painful and will make it necessary for the patient to take an enforced layoff from his work.

## FORMING DANCING CLUB

A number of the young people of the city are forming a dancing club which is to be known as the Wednesday Nite club. The club will give private dances in which the members and their ladies participate and expect to use the Eagles hall for the dances. The orchestra for the dances is being arranged by Frederick Gorder. The club may give dances once a week or each two weeks, it is not definitely settled as to this, however.

## Cass County Bar Endorses Judge Begley

**Enter Their Support of the Able and Distinguished Second District Judge for U. S. Post.**

From Thursday's Daily  
This morning the members of the Cass county bar met at the court house to extend their support in the movement for the naming of Judge James T. Begley, of this city, as United States district judge.

The movement for Judge Begley is extending over the entire district and members of the Omaha bar also have added their part in the request that Judge Begley be named to the post left vacant by the naming of Judge J. W. Woodrough as U. S. circuit judge.

Judge Begley ranks as one of the leading members of the district bench in the state and has presided in many of the districts over the state at various times for the sitting judge and also has been called upon to serve with the state supreme court at different times.

The selection of Judge Begley for the post of U. S. district judge would assure one of the ablest selections that could be made from the members of the bench and bar in the state.

Committees from the various county bar associations are getting in touch with the attorney general and the Nebraska delegation in congress as well as Senator Norris to urge the naming of Judge Begley.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

An Easter egg hunt for the children of the city and the surrounding communities is being planned for the Saturday preceding Easter, April 15th. The hunt is being sponsored by the local post of the American Legion as a treat to the little folks of the community. The members of the veterans organization will secure the eggs and dyes from donation and contributions from their membership and the work of coloring the eggs will be done by the members of the post.

The eggs after being dyed will be concealed over the city park, school grounds or whatever location may be decided upon, and the children at a given time will be sent on the hunt. Finders will be keepers and a great deal of fun and entertainment will be in store for the youngsters of the community.

Egg hunts and egg rolling is a popular feature in many of the larger cities of the country and should make a real treat for the little folks of this vicinity and it is hoped that many of the children from the farming communities can be here to participate in the festivities of the occasion.

## HERE FROM KANSAS

Mr. and Mrs. John McNurlin of this city have had the pleasure of a visit from their nephew, Ivor Standish, of Norton, Kansas. Mr. Standish who is a son of a sister of Mr. McNurlin and in his boyhood resided in this county, brought a load of cattle to Omaha and took advantage of the occasion to visit with the relatives of Mrs. Standish and himself.

## IN CRITICAL CONDITION

Robert W. Black, an old time resident of Cass county, is very critically ill at the hospital at Omaha, his recovery having been given up as the advanced years and the serious condition of his health has not allowed any hope of his recovery.

## Many Attend Operetta Given by High School

**Presentation by the Girl's Glee Club Proves One of Most Successful School Functions.**

From Friday's Daily  
An audience which filled the high school auditorium last night heard with pleasure a two-act musical comedy "Miss Caruthers Returns," presented by the Girl's Glee club, under the direction of Miss Williams. The Girl's Glee club and sextette and soloists have been heard on numerous occasions in public performances in Plattsmouth, but a most appreciative audience heard the entire group last night in a program which reflected great credit upon the girls and their splendid leader, Miss Williams.

In addition to the musical comedy the pleasure of the evening was also increased by the public appearance of an organization new to Plattsmouth musical circles. This is the Rotary club orchestra composed of E. H. Westcott, G. J. Jeager, S. S. Davis, L. D. Hiatt and Ed Schulhof. This group made a hit with the audience and no doubt will be called upon for further appearances in the future.

The solo work of those who took individual parts and the chorus numbers reflected the splendid talent and training of the P. H. S. Girl's Glee club. In addition to this the special dance numbers added charm to the program. One of the highlights of the evening was the group of popular numbers sung by little Miss Irene La Hoda. Character parts were played by two who have been much in demand in these roles, Gertrude Valery and Anna May Sandin. The following were heard in solo numbers, which were enthusiastically applauded: Mary Ann Rosencrans, Gertrude Valery, Anna May Sandin and Emily Lorenz. Virginia Samek was heard in a very fine piano solo, as was also a girls' sextette composed of Nadine Clويد, Gertrude Valery, Lucille Meisinger, Genene Scott, Wilda Johnson and Rosemary Clويد. The cast of characters was as follows:

Mrs. Jones, matron... Florence Schutz  
Mary, maid of all work, in reality Thyra Caruthers... Gertrude Valery  
Ann, an actress... Emily Lorenz  
Henrietta, studying piano and voice... Virginia Samek  
Merlin, an actress... Elizabeth Wiles  
Patty, studying voice... Mary Ann Rosencrans  
Raphaella, studying painting... Helen Gilmour  
Rose, studying dramatic art... Amy Elliott  
Sarah, studying dramatic art... Marguerite, studying dancing... Aimee Jane Thomas  
Clara, studying dancing... Wilda Johnson  
Bridget, the cook... Anna May Sandin  
Desdemona, Mrs. Jones' niece... Pearl Tompkins  
Ellen, studying dramatic art... Lucille Meisinger  
The following musical numbers were presented:  
A Lullaby... Mary Ann Rosencrans  
The Queen of Movieland... Gertrude Valery  
I was Born in New York... Anna May Sandin  
Clothes... Mary Ann Rosencrans  
Trio Dance... Gertrude Valery, Aimee Jane Thomas and Wilda Johnson  
The World Is Like a Looking-Glass... Chorus  
Popular Numbers... Irene LaHoda  
"I'm Sure of Everything But You;" "Fit as a Fiddle"  
The Melodrama... Sextette  
Piano Solo... Virginia Samek  
My Little Boat... Emily Lorenz  
My Little Pink Gown... Gertrude Valery  
Cast Your Bread on the Waters... Chorus

## DISMISSES CASE

Judge Munger at Lincoln ruled adversely Thursday afternoon to John Chovanec and dismissed his suit against Continental Construction company, tried Tuesday and Wednesday in federal court. The court found from the evidence that Chovanec and his wife gave the company a contract for a right-of-way across their farm near Plattsmouth and didn't do so because of fraud or duress. Therefore no cause appears for cancelling the contract, as Chovanec asked, or for awarding damages because of injury to the farm. In the memorandum opinion Judge Munger says the repeated emphatic denial of Chovanec that he signed the right-of-way contract can't be accepted, and that his willingness to repudiate this signature tends to discredit all his testimony. The company's agent's denial that he told Chovanec the company could lay a pipe line across his farm without his consent, having the right of eminent domain, is found more persuasive. The court finds no evidence of duress and adds that Chovanec is a capable, experienced man, and wasn't intimidated. There is conflict of evidence over whether the contract was signed before the notary who acknowledged it, but Judge Munger says there isn't sufficient proof that it wasn't.

## SUFFERING FROM PNEUMONIA

From Thursday's Daily  
George W. Rhoden, one of the well known residents of Cass county, is critically ill here at the home of his son, Galen Rhoden and family. Mr. Rhoden is suffering from pneumonia with which he was taken down Tuesday and has been in very serious condition since that time. Mr. Rhoden has not been well and the death of Mrs. Rhoden which occurred last Wednesday night, came as a great shock to him and added to the illness that he is now suffering, makes his condition most serious.

## VISITS OLD FRIENDS

William Hesser and son of San Fernando, California, are enjoying a visit here with D. A. Young and other members of the Young family as well as the old neighbors south of this city. Mr. Hesser is a son of W. J. Hesser, an old time resident of near this city and who operated a greenhouse on his farm for a great many years. The family have resided in California for many years. The Hesser family were neighbors and friends of the Young's for many years and the visit here is one that has brought great pleasure to the old time friends.

## PRESENT PROGRAM

From Friday's Daily  
This afternoon a number of Plattsmouth ladies were at Nehawka where they took part in the program of the Nehawka Woman's club, the meeting being held at the home of Mrs. D. C. West. Those who participated in the program were Mrs. A. S. Christ, who gave her review of "The Women Writers of Nebraska" and Miss Aimee Jane Thomas who was heard in a reading. Mrs. J. T. Begley, who had arranged the program, and Mrs. Herman L. Thomas also visited the meeting.

## New Ford Auto Agency Opening in This City

**C. A. Ruse of Merna, Nebraska, Moving Stock Here to Open Up Local Auto Agency.**

From Friday's Daily  
This morning C. A. Ruse, of Merna, Nebraska, arrived here to complete the arranging of the new Ford agency that he is establishing here, several truck loads of equipment also being on the way for placement in the building.

Mr. Ruse has been prominent in the automobile business in the west part of the state for a great many years and has agencies at Merna and Anselmo, where he has been very successful.

The new agency will be established at once and it is hoped that in a few days Mr. Ruse will have his cars and other lines placed and ready for the service to the public.

The city has been without an active Ford agency since George K. Petring, former Ford representative, moved his stock to Norfolk to operate the agency there. The decision of Mr. Ruse to open the agency here will be the source of great satisfaction as it will insure the occupancy of one of the most attractive buildings in the city and brings here a splendid citizen and one who will be an asset to the community.

The Ruse family will remain at their home at Merna until later when Mr. Ruse can arrange for their residence here.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. MCCOOL

The funeral of Mrs. Lovina McCool, 78, was held on Thursday afternoon at the Sattler funeral home and attended by a large group of the old friends as well as the relatives from Omaha.

The services were in charge of Rev. O. G. Wichmann, pastor of the St. Paul's Evangelical church, who in his remarks brought comfort to the members of the bereaved family and held out to them the reuniting of their lives in the great beyond.

During the service Mrs. Ray Herring gave two of the old hymns as solo numbers, the accompaniment being played by Miss Margaret Engelmeier.

Mrs. McCool, who made her home here for many years, is survived by four sons, Albert, George and John Harkins and Mitchell McCool; two daughters, Mrs. Fritz Nelson and Mrs. Bert Rels, all of Omaha.

The burial was at the Oak Hill cemetery west of this city.

## REV. HUNTER HERE

From Friday's Daily  
Rev. A. W. Hunter, who is now engaged as field representative of the Wesleyan university at Lincoln, was in the city last evening for a few hours visiting with his friends and former church members. Rev. Hunter was the pastor of the local Methodist church for a number of years and has many old friends here who were delighted to meet him.

## CUT TEACHERS' PAY

Greenwood, Neb.—The board of education cut teachers' salaries 15 percent for next year and elected the following: H. E. Warren, superintendent; Frieda Waitzel, principal; Lee Knole, Thelma Lesley, Lenora Lawson and Helen Marley.

## Honor Roll of High School for Third Quarter

**Students Outstanding—Students with Perfect Attendance Records for Third Quarter.**

Below is given the list of students who have been outstanding in their grades for the third quarter of the school year:

**Honor Roll**  
Seniors—George Adam, Sam Arn, Norma Baumgart, Donald Bushnell, Greth Garnett, Alice Jeffries, Margaret La Hoda, Francis Libershal, Emily Lorenz, George Lushinsky, Leona Meisinger, Stuart Porter, Marcella Ramel, Virginia Samek, Anna May Sandin, Mata Schackels, Floyd Shanholts, Elnore Smetana, Gertrude Valery.  
Juniors—Lois Bestor, Martha Kaffenberger, Dorothy McCarthy, Mary Ann Rosencrans, Lillian Sedlak, Dorothy Seimonit.  
Sophomores—Mildred Cacy, Bessie Carey, Naomi Day, Lois Giles, Virginia Trively, Alice Wiles.  
Freshmen—Stephen Davis, Marjorie Fitch, Mary Ann Gradoville, Viva Palmer, Phyllis Peters, Alberta Timmas.

**Perfect Attendance.**  
The students whose attendance record for the third quarter has been perfect is given below:

Seniors—George Adam, John Allen, Helen Amick, Alice Jeffries, Francis Libershal, Leona Meisinger, Mary Mrasek, Anna May Sandin, Florence Schutz, Floyd Shanholts, Ha Taylor, Marvin Tritsch, William Wetenkamp, Theodore Yelick.  
Juniors—Lois Bestor, Isabelle Dew, Alice Hiatt, Wm. Highfield, Wayne Hiner, Paul Jahrig, William Jensen, Martha Kaffenberger, Edwin Kalina, Ellen Kelly, John Kelly, Bernard Knofleck, Earl Lamberson, Edward Martin, Lucille Meisinger, Anna M. McCarty, Earnest Newton, Inga Reichstadt, Francis Roderick, Robert Seibert, Edgar Seitz, Barbara Spangler, Ruby Sutton, David Taylor, Marion Taylor, Oliver Taylor, Margaret Yelick.  
Sophomores—Arnold Buechler, Mildred Cacy, Donald Cotner, Lois Giles, Henry Kaffenberger, Mary Lindeman, Ernest Richter, John Rishel, Ernest Seitz, Avis Sylvester, Lucille Vice, Ernest Zitka, Dorothy Zitka.  
Freshmen—Betty Bullin, Rosemary Clويد, Stephen Davis, Mildred Dooley, Mildred Dvoracek, Marjorie Fitch, Louise Fitzmeyer, Wilma Fredrick, Mary Ann Gradoville, Ira Harris, Joe Hendrix, Mary M. Kline, Glen Kohrell, Thelma Kohrell, Eugene Nolte, Leona Price, Anna Marie Rea, Walter Sikora, Alberta Timmas, Mason Wall, Donald Wurga, Arthur Wurga.

## NEW STORE OPENING

From Saturday's Daily  
Hatt's Market, the Clover Farm store in this city, was opened today for its first day of business, the store room in the Masonic building being prepared in rush order for the opening.

The store is decorated in green, this color being used in both the exterior and interior of the store, making a pleasing effect.

The shelving which is of the standardized type was erected by Paul H. Wohlfarth, local contractor, who made a record job of getting this part of the store ready for the opening day.

The opening of the store was recognized by the retail section of the Chamber of Commerce which sent a handsome bouquet as a greeting to the new business house.

## SEED MEN ARE BUSY

The local merchants who deal in seed for the farm have been very busy for the past week and large amounts of seed have been disposed of to the farmers of this community.

The sale of sweet clover has been exceptionally high this year the seed men report and this demand seems much larger than usual, although there is always a large amount sold. Small gardeners have also kept the seed dealers busy as the stocks for the home gardens are purchased and planted. There is prospect for a great many vegetable gardens being planted this year by the residents of the city as the means of assisting the family budget both this summer and for the next winter season.

## DEATH OF MRS. RICKETTS

From Saturday's Daily  
Mrs. Charles Ricketts, 53, passed away last evening at 7:45 at the family home here following an illness of some two weeks, suffering from a severe nervous breakdown which led to death. The deceased lady was born at Blue Springs, Missouri, where she resided for some twenty-five years, later the family moving to Kansas where they lived until three years ago when the family came to this city. Mrs. Ricketts is survived by the husband, two children, Mrs. Ina Scarbrough, Blue Springs, Mo., and Clifford Ricketts of day afternoon at 2:30 from the Sattler funeral home. The interment will be at Oak Hill cemetery.

## ENTERTAIN FRIENDS

From Saturday's Daily  
Last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Smalley on North Seventh street, was the scene of a pleasant gathering of young people, school friends of Glendora Smalley. The young people spent the evening in visiting and dancing to the radio music as well as several games being held to help round out the pleasant evening. At a suitable hour dainty and delicious refreshments were served.

## TO VISIT HERE

George E. Dovey, pioneer resident of this city, who has been making his home at Falls City for the winter with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Falter, came up Friday to spend the next few weeks here with Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Patterson, the latter a daughter of Mr. Dovey. Mr. Dovey was taking advantage of the excellent spring weather today to be out and enjoy meeting the old friends.

## Seeks Foreclosure of Tax Title to Country Club

**E. J. Delaney of This City Seeks Foreclosure of Claim for Tax Sale Certificate.**

From Saturday's Daily  
This morning in the office of the clerk of the district court an action was filed entitled, E. J. Delaney vs. Plattsmouth lodge No. 739 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Delaney seeks foreclosure of a tax certificate of which he is the owner, against property held by the defendant order and what is known as the Country club at the southwest outskirts of the city. The defendant has assignment of tax certificate claims from William Barclay and which are a part of the claim in the present suit.

The Elks lodge and golf club three years ago joined in forming a Country club association and in which stock was sold to a large number of the members of the two organizations as well as to the general public. The title of the property is held, however, in the name of the Elks.

## A HAPPY OCCASION

From Saturday's Daily  
Painting is far from the mind of Charles Fulton, well known decorator, as an event in his family this morning occupies the center of the stage. This was the birth of a fine little daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Fulton, the little miss weighing seven and three-quarter pounds. All are doing nicely and the parents are rejoicing in the fact that their household now comprises a boy and a girl.

The Junior high school boys' glee club and the high school boys' glee club were heard during the program under the direction of Miss Williams and Miss Garrett.

The judge for the contest was Miss Lucille Neals, formerly of Doane and now head of the department of speech of Tarkio College, Tarkio, Missouri.

At the annual meeting of the association, R. Foster Patterson principal of Plattsmouth high school was re-elected president; Supt. J. R. Bitner of Fullerton, treasurer, and Miss Leona Sparks, dramatic teacher at Columbus, secretary.

In scoring points for a mythical district championship, Omaha Central scored 10 points; Plattsmouth 9; Fremont 6; Omaha Tech 5.

The Plattsmouth speakers were trained by Mr. Figley and they have more than responded to his training and interest in their work and both the speakers and their coach may feel proud of the honor they have brought to the school and community.