

### Fred Rea Named New President of Platts. C. of C.

Long Time Treasurer of Organization  
Called to Command of Civic  
Group at Meeting.

From Friday's Daily—  
The Chamber of Commerce at their annual meeting last evening at the public library held their election of officers for the ensuing year and prepared for the opening of the program for the ensuing year that promises to be one of the best in recent years.  
The officers named by the club were as follows:  
President—Fred I. Rea.  
Vice-President—Carl J. Schneider.  
Treasurer—Carl H. Jensen.  
The executive committee will be announced later as well as the naming of the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce by the president.

The good roads committee of which H. A. Schneider was chairman, reported that the committee had not secured any new projects, but that in the paved road program for the county that the "O" street road had received additional paving on both the east and west portions, leaving a gap from Elmwood to Nehawka yet to complete. That the straightening and paving of highway No. 75, north of this city was now getting underway. The committee had kept in touch with the conditions at Lincoln and had kept on the job to see that the projects gained were retained.

Frank M. Bestor, a member of the industries committee reported that several projects had been investigated but that none had been developed.  
Chairman Knorr of the Retail section, gave a resume of the activities of that branch of the Chamber of Commerce devoted exclusively to the retail merchants. The organization had formed rules to bar advertising lines not approved by the group. He also reported that merchant's gift night had been one of the largest successes of the year and that a fine spirit of co-operation was shown by other organizations. The essay and poster contest in the public schools had proven very successful and at small cost to the retail section. The retailers had purchased some 7,378 pounds of roosters on "rooster booster day," also promoting Turkey day in November. The participation in the Mynard picnic as well as Plattsouth day at the county fair had been promoted by the group. The corn show had been a great success and in this feature a fine co-operation was shown by every resident of the city, all organizations, the schools of the county and the residents of the surrounding territory in making it a real community enterprise. Mr. Knorr also thanked the members of the various committees that had served during the year for their fine work. He also paid special honor to Superintendent L. S. Devoe for his excellent work.

E. J. Richey, chairman of the harbor and docks committee, reported that the work on the river was temporarily checked but that it would be pushed as the weather conditions permitted. He thought that the new committee on this subject should go into detail and investigation of docking and landing facilities at this point as river navigation now seemed to be a real possibility in a few years.

R. F. Patterson of the publicity

committee, only member of the committee present, reported that the committee had gained publicity for the corn show in the local paper and also the Omaha papers.

L. O. Minor, chairman of the civics improvement committee, stated no concerted program had been conducted during the year but that several smaller matters had been taken up and carried out for the improvement of the city.

T. H. Pollock, chairman of the agricultural committee, reported that the committee had arranged two meetings here, one being the banquet at which the farm residents had supplied the speakers for the occasion and which was attended by some 250 of the residents. The Norfolk Packing Co., meeting had also been largely attended and was given over to the demonstration of the products of the local factory. Mr. Pollock paid high tribute to G. K. Hetrick, of the Plattsouth Produce and the manager of the plant of the co-operative creamery, the business having grown and the careful handling had brought large outputs of butter and increase in the support of the stockholders in dealing with the creamery, also that the fine work of Mr. Hetrick would in a short time procure for the stockholders dividends on their investment. Mr. Pollock gave an optimistic note for the farmers of the west when he stated that a year ago corn was 15c a bushel, that today it could be sold for 36c and corn loans made at 45c. The government program was making it much better for the farmers and those who had been glad to sell their farms a year ago were now by reason of the government aid able to re-finance themselves and eventually to secure a way out of the years of low farm prices and poor conditions.

George J. Jaeger, chairman of the railroads committee, gave a report that was heard with pleasure, that the BREX shops of which he is superintendent, had been able to carry on through the year at normal activity and aside from one week had been kept at top speed. With the opening of the year there had been 140 men employed and now there were 178 engaged in the shops at a forty hour week. The payroll of the company here averaged from \$12,000 to \$15,000 a month and was a real community asset.

L. S. Devoe, chairman of the entertainment committee, reported that the depression had produced the effect that people sought to make their own entertainment, that several fine home staged events had been held in the past year, chief of which had been the corn show and also the kittenball leagues which had filled the summer with fine sport and enjoyment to thousands during the summer months. For the future Mr. Devoe urged that the Athletic park be made an all season source of entertainment, track in the spring, baseball and kittenball in the summer, football in the fall and skating in the winter months. He also urged that the Happy Hundred suppers be revived for the winter and that one devoted to the river project be held and for which former governor Arthur J. Weaver, or other noted speaker be secured.

The committee of the American Legion Scout troop through E. A. Webb, chairman, presented a communication in which was outlined the advance of the work on the Scout cabin at Camp Wheeler, the CWA funds and the donations of material by the city, a roof by the Rotary club and other material had advanced to a state

### WE HOPE EVERYBODY CAN Work More Earn More Spend More in 1934

We know you will pay more for Overcoats like these later.

Now \$15 \$17 \$19  
Wescott's  
Since 1879

where but a small additional amount might be necessary, it being estimated that \$125 would probably cover the cost. The American Legion had donated the material in the indoor golf course and which had provided for the partial walling of the interior of the cabin, at least the lower portion of the wall, but that there was still some work that would require material cost, with plenty of labor hours available under the CWA.

President William Baird announced that the time had arrived for the election of new officers and that he wished to thank the directors for their fine support and attendance at the weekly meetings where the average had been from 25 to 30 at each meeting. Mr. Baird stated that the Chamber of Commerce had not developed any enterprises for the year as he had not favored the expenditure of money to subsidize institutions that could not prove self sustaining.

H. A. Schneider complimented Mr. Baird on his work in the past year in the fact that the Chamber of Commerce had been always ready to function when the necessity arose and that such an organization was in constant need in the community.

In the nominations for president, the name of Carl J. Schneider was presented, but Mr. Schneider, vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce for the past year, declined to allow his name to be used for the office.

The name of Fred I. Rea, manager of the local department of the Iowa Nebraska Light & Power Co., was then placed before the meeting by R. W. Knorr and the election made unanimous, altho Mr. Rea made efforts to decline that were drowned in the general demand for his taking the chair.

The nomination and election of Carl J. Schneider as vice-president was made unanimous as was that of Carl H. Jensen for the office of treasurer.

President Rea in taking the chair asked for the same hearty co-operation that had been given the preceding presidents and promised all efforts to see that the Chamber of Commerce functioned well for the coming year with everyone in the lineup for success.

A few suggestions were given for projects for the ensuing year and which will be assigned to the various committees for action as soon as the committees are announced by the new president.

### NOTICE TO REAL ESTATE OWNERS

The 1933 real estate tax due January 1, 1934.

If the first half of your tax is paid before the first of March, 1934, the second half does not become delinquent until August first, 1934. However, if the first half is not paid on or before March 1, 1934, the total tax becomes delinquent and draws 7% interest from that date.

JOHN E. TURNER,  
J.S.-d&w-tf Cass County Treasurer.

### Omaha Officers See Large Scope for River Work

District Engineer at Omaha Sees 4,500  
Men to Be Employed on Missouri  
When Work Reopens.

The newly opened district office for the Missouri river improvement program, at Omaha, is getting prepared to take over the supervising of all river work from the mouth of the Nodaway river at St. Joseph, Missouri, to the mouth of the Yellowstone in Montana. The office force at Omaha has a pay roll of thirty-five persons at this time.

The work at the Plattsouth projects are now a part to be supervised from the Omaha office.

All these employees, District Engineer Young said, have come from the former Kansas City office. About forty additional civil service employees will be hired later. Officials estimate that, when the peak of river work is reached in the spring, approximately 4,500 men will be employed on various contracts in the Omaha district. Contracts totaling \$10,500,000 are being carried out in the district.

### TAX BILLS OF COUNTIES

Nebraska's counties with a million dollar tax bill have dwindled to three—Douglas and Lancaster, containing the two largest cities, and Scottsbluff, center of the irrigation belt of the western part of the state.

Tax reports show an even ten counties submitted total tax bills over the \$1,000,000 mark in the peak tax years of 1929 and 1930. The last of the seven to be eliminated by lower valuations and levy reductions was Gage which went out with the 1933 reports.

Douglas county had not yet reported its complete figures but they probably will be around \$10,000,000 again for 1933. Lancaster reported a total of \$3,669,527 while Scottsbluff county with about a \$200,000 reduction from 1932 stayed in the million dollar class with a total of \$1,126,992.

Gage county was the only other one in the million dollar group in 1932 but its tax bill dropped from \$1,016,763 to \$882,811 last year.

The ten counties whose tax figures were above \$1,000,000 in 1929 and 1930 were Buffalo, Custer, Dodge, Douglas, Gage, Hall, Lancaster, Lincoln, Madison and Scottsbluff.

Madison, whose total was only \$595 above the million figure in 1929 and \$10,483 above in 1930, was the first to be eliminated as the tax reduction move began in Nebraska.

The other nine counties still footed million dollar totals in 1931 but in 1932 Buffalo, Custer, Dodge, Hall and Lincoln all went below that figure, and last year Gage also dropped out.

### THE STARS

The gems of night are bold and gay,  
Their radiant beauty seems to stay.  
To encourage the traveler and dispel his fear,  
As he peers through the darkness, they seem very near.

He reaches out his hand to grasp a beam,  
Fluttering through the darkness,  
Like an interrupted dream,  
A quaint little caper saves him a fall,  
O'er the rock steeps and crumbling wall.

Polaris is a guide for the mariners tossed,  
On the ocean waves, he fears to be lost,  
But when that gem appears in the sky,  
He can steer rightly instead of awry.

As the gems of the night light up the heavens,  
The traveler is impressed by the sizes and sevens,  
And returns thanks for what the Creator has made,  
To inspire humanity in life's terrestrial parade.

—J. R. T.

John L. Hild, one of the well known young farmers of west of Mynard, was in the city Friday for a short time looking after some business matters and reported the roads to be very hard to travel in a great many places.

### Passing of a Pioneer of Cass County

Sketch of the Life of Mrs. Mary McConaha Who Came Here in 1860 to Settle at Rock Bluffs.

Another of Nebraska's early pioneers passed away when Mrs. Mary Elizabeth McConaha died at the home of her son, Robert, near Herman, Neb., on December 28, 1933.

Mrs. McConaha was the daughter of John Latta, who operated a saw mill on the Iowa side of the Missouri river opposite Rock Bluffs about 1860. He furnished lumber which went into the building of the earliest houses in Plattsouth, Nebraska City, Glenwood, Iowa, and other points.

Mrs. McConaha was born in Shenango county, Pennsylvania, on March 2, 1845. The family came west in the summer of 1847, and after a journey of three weeks by river steam boats, arrived at Port Huron, Iowa, on the Mississippi river. The family then started westward over land, journeying by ox teams. The next ten years were spent in Iowa, for the most part at Washington and in Page county. As they journeyed they found no bridges; all streams were forded except the Des Moines and Skunk rivers, which were crossed on rope ferries.

About 1860 the family moved to Rock Bluffs, Nebraska. There on Sept. 25, 1862, Mary E. Latta was married to John McConaha. The couple immediately returned to Pennsylvania where they spent two years and then came back to Nebraska and settled in Cass county west of the present town of Murray. They were then on the extreme frontier as there was no other settler between them and the Rocky mountains, five hundred miles away. Residence was maintained in Cass county until 1892. During this period Mr. McConaha obtained a license to practice medicine and built up an extensive practice, although he continued to operate his farm and reside on it.

The farm was sold in 1892 to the late Meek Davis and is still owned by his son, Troy Davis. The family then moved to Washington county where a farm was purchased and Dr. McConaha continued his practice. This farm was sold in 1904 and the family moved to New Bloomfield, Missouri. There Dr. McConaha died in 1920. The home being broken up Mrs. McConaha spent the remaining years of her life in various places with her children, except two years which she spent in Murray with her cousin, Mrs. Sadie Oldham.

Mrs. McConaha was the mother of ten children: J. Elmer McConaha, Denver, Colo.; Jennie and Jessie, twins, who died in 1867; Ernest C. McConaha, Hartington, Neb.; Mrs. Allen Barker, Gordon, Neb.; Robert E. McConaha, Herman, Neb.; Everett James, who died in 1884 at the age of ten years; Mrs. Wenzel Whitman, Gordon, Neb.; Mrs. E. C. Van Vallen, College Springs, Iowa and Earle F. McConaha, St. Louis, Missouri.

In addition to the seven living children Mrs. McConaha leaves six immediate relatives, one sister, Mrs. Margaret Cain, Oakland, Oregon; twenty grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

Mrs. McConaha in early life united with the Presbyterian church but in later life was affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church. She was a devoted mother, a kind neighbor and a sincere friend. Those who have known her can only speak of her with praise for her good deeds and gentle disposition.

Funeral services were conducted at the farm home Saturday and interment was made in the Mt. Pleasant cemetery Sunday afternoon.

### ENTERTAINS FRIENDS

From Thursday's Daily  
Last evening Edgar Wescott was host to two of his former classmates of the Plattsouth high school as well as their fathers in a most pleasant dinner party. The jolly group enjoyed a fine dinner that had been prepared by Mrs. Wescott and the remainder of the evening was spent by the fathers and sons in visiting and renewing acquaintances. Those who enjoyed the occasion were E. A. Wurl and son, Robert, Rea F. Patterson and son, Edward and E. H. Wescott and son, Edgar.

Phone news items to No. 6.

Thomas Walling Company  
Abstracts of Title  
Phone 324 - Plattsouth

The lower food cost figures say "YES IT WAS a good idea changing to Hinky-Dinky!"

Dromedary  
Whole Segment  
GRAPE FRUIT  
or Royal Red Pitted  
CHERRIES  
No. 2  
Cans 2 for 23c

HINKY DINKY

Ad for Plattsouth, Tues., Wed., 9-10

Campbell's  
SOUPS 2 cans 15c  
Choice of Vegetable, Vegetable  
Beef, Tomato, Tomato Okra or  
Tomato Vermicelli.

Fancy Pink  
SALMON  
1-lb. Tall  
Can 2 for 23c

BOILING BEEF (RIB), choice lean quality, lb. . . . 4 1/2c  
PORK SAUSAGE, Bulk, Old Plantation season'd, lb. . . . 6c  
BEEF STEAK (Shoulder Cut), finest quality, lb. . . . 10c  
PORK STEAK, from young pork shoulders, 2 lbs. . . . 17c  
FRANKFURTS, Armour's large size, lb. . . . 7 1/2c  
BACON SQUARES, Armour's choice quality, lb. . . . 9c

LETTUCE, fresh, crisp California Iceberg, head. . . . 5c  
CELERY, California, fancy, fresh, large stalk. . . . 10c  
CARROTS, fancy green tops, Calif. Bunch. . . . 5c  
YAMS, fancy Louisiana, U. S. No. 1 grade, 5 lbs. . . . 25c  
IDAHO HOME BEAUTY, JONATHAN or STAYMAN WINESAP  
APPLES, fcy. eating and cooking. . . \$1.89 bu., 4 lbs., 25c  
EXTRA FANCY WASHINGTON  
EATING APPLES, extra lge. size Delicious, doz. . . . 39c  
Winesaps, large size, per dozen, 29c  
FANCY CALIFORNIA SWEET, JUICY NAVEL  
ORANGES, small size for juice, doz. . . . 17 1/2c  
Medium Large, dozen, 25c Extra Large, dozens, 39c

Maxwell House  
COFFEE  
3-lb. can, 77  
1-lb. can. . . . 26c

Hinky-Dinky  
COFFEE  
3 lbs., 55c  
1 lb. . . . 19c

Silver Leaf  
Soap  
Chips  
5-lb. Pkg. . . . 29c

So-Taste Soda or Oyster  
CRACKERS  
or Certified 2-lb.  
Grahams Caddy 21c

PALMOLIVE,  
CAMAY or  
BLUE BARREL  
SOAP 4 bars 19c

First Prize Narrow Grain Corn, No. 2 can, 3 for. . . . 25c  
County Fair Tomatoes, No. 2 can, 3 for. . . . 25c  
Santa Clara Prunes, medium size, lb., 10c; 3 lbs. for. . . . 29c  
Fancy Blue Rose Rice, 3-lb. cellophane bag. . . . 19c  
Mixed Nuts, lb., 13c; 2 lbs. . . . 25c  
Peerless Almonds, lb., 13c; 2 lbs. . . . 25c

FLOUR HINKY-DINKY  
5 lbs., 25; 10, 49 \$1.69  
24 lbs., 93c; 48 lbs. . . .  
CROWN JEWELL \$1.49  
48-lb. Bag . . . . .

Pal Brand  
Peanut Butter  
1-lb. 13c 2-lb. 23c  
Jar Jar . . . . .

### Colored Man Arrested at Union Stealing Coal

Gives Name of E. Mackey of South  
Omaha—Apprehended by the  
Railroad Officers.

From Saturday's Daily  
Early this morning a force of Missouri Pacific special agents, headed by Agent Kirk of Falls City, discovered that a box car loaded with coal was being looted in the yards at Union, a colored man having his truck loaded with some 1,500 pounds of semi-hard coal that had been removed from the car.

Sheriff Homer Sylvester was notified of the apprehension of the man and he was placed under arrest and brought on to this city. He gave the name of E. Mackey and his residence as South Omaha.

Mackey stated to the officers that two other men had been with him but they were evidently able to make their escape as no trace of any other men was discovered by the officers. This morning complaint was filed against Mackey in the county court before Judge A. H. Duxbury.

### HERE FOR FUNERAL SERVICE

James Kinkead, a former Plattsouth resident, was here Wednesday to attend the funeral of A. W. Crisman, who had died in Omaha on Monday. Mr. Kinkead is a brother of Mrs. J. R. Crisman, daughter-in-law of the deceased. Mr. Kinkead is a member of the printing fraternity, starting in this trade many years ago at the office of the Journal and News in this city, but since 1902 he has been engaged in work at Omaha and Council Bluffs. "Jimmy" is one of the veteran printers at Omaha through long years of service and is now with the Journal-Stockman at South Side, taking up work with them a number of years ago.

### RETURNS TO HOME

Friday afternoon Mr. C. B. Wintersteen, who has been visiting his cousin, Miss Olive Gass, left for his home in Minneapolis, Minn. Mr. Wintersteen believes that he and Miss Gass are the only ones left of their generation.

Mr. Wintersteen also recently visited his "buddy," Mr. Will Ely of Des Moines, Ia. These two gentlemen are veterans of the Civil war, and are of the same age, 91 years old. There are probably very few soldiers of the Civil war who have a "buddy" living.

Mr. Wintersteen is making the trip from Minneapolis and back alone, although so advanced in age.

### WORKING ON VIADUCT

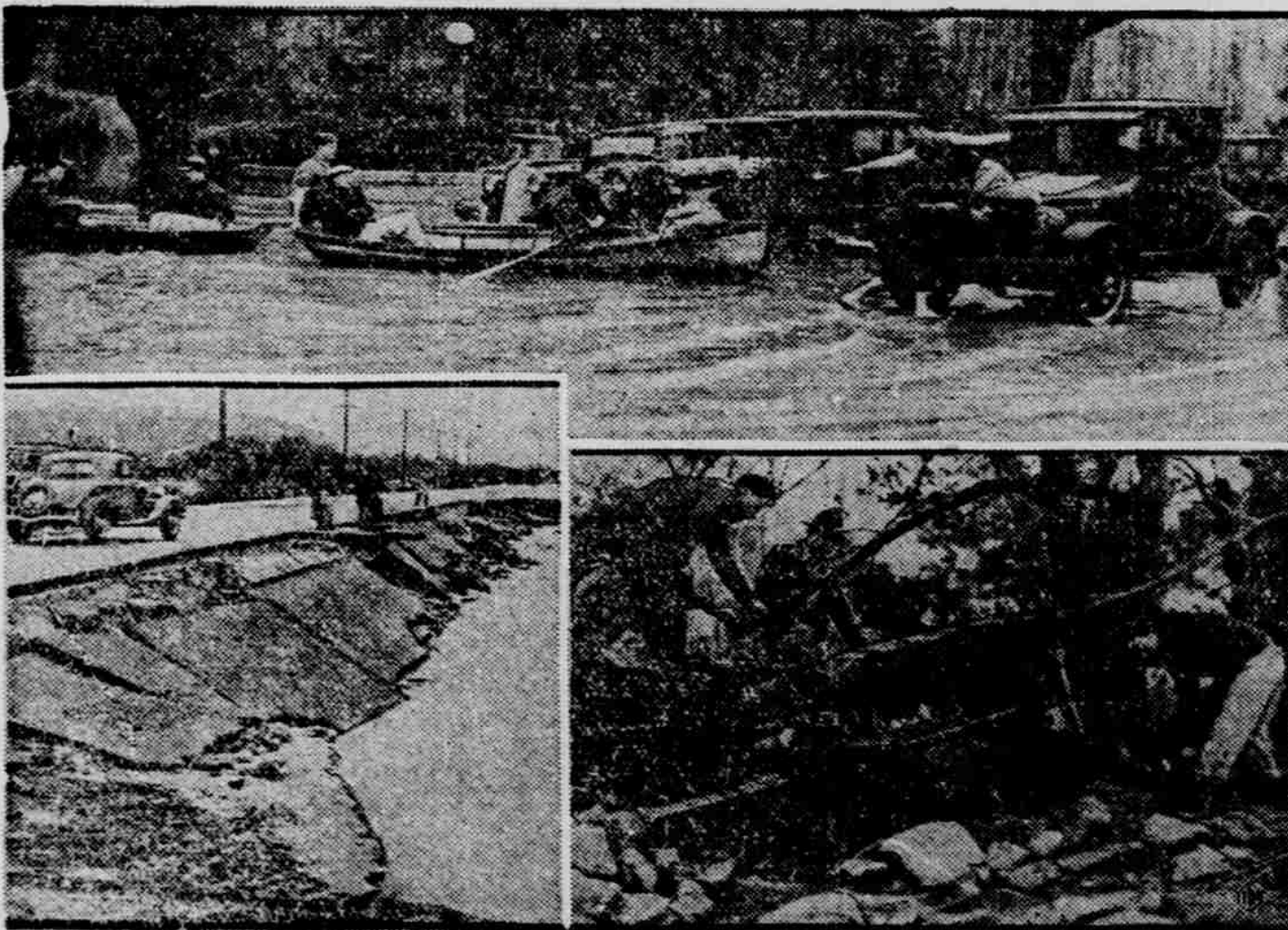
The work on the viaduct north of this city on No. 75 has been continuing on with a small force of men engaged, the work being chiefly the driving of pile, three of which have been placed. It was expected to pour some concrete today but which was delayed by the storm.

The bridge workmen engaged in the construction of several small bridges north of the viaduct has been going on also for some time. These bridges are built so as to permit the construction of a sufficiently high grade for the road and also to permit the passing of flood water in case of the overflow of the Platte river in the spring season.

### PROTEST TREE DESTRUCTION

From Friday's Daily  
The Plattsouth Woman's club at their meeting last evening adopted a resolution in which they took a definite stand against the destruction of trees over the city.  
"The Plattsouth Woman's club deplores the destruction of trees over the city, known over the state and nearby territory for beautiful trees."  
"We join the civics committee of the Chamber of Commerce in protest of the promiscuous slaughter of one of our greatest natural beauties."

### After California's Disastrous Rainstorm



These pictures attest to the severity of the rainstorm suitable means of transportation. Left, a section that deluged Southern California, taking a terrific toll in lives and property. Top, a street scene in Los Angeles, where canoes turned out to be the most away and almost completely buried, being dug out.