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Undermining of Bridge Approach Closes Highway

State Highway Department Closes No. 75 North of the Platte River Bridge Sunday Night.

The falling Platte river Sunday left in its wake a washout under the paving on highway No. 75, just north of the Platte river bridge, which caused the closing of the highway and bridge to travel shortly after 6 o'clock last night.

The state department hurried a force of workers to the scene and started to try and fill the washout with sandbags to prevent the further sinking of the paving and endangering a considerable section of the concrete paving. The travel over the bridge Sunday was exceptionally heavy as all of the eastern Nebraska truck, bus and auto travel has in the past week been routed through this city and the result was the closing of the highway caused a great deal of inconvenience to the traveling public.

The state department late in the afternoon curtailed the travel to a few cars whose owners were en route home, but later this was rescinded and all traffic prohibited over the damaged section of the roadway. The Cotner bus was able to make the trip to this city at 5:40 but on the return was forced to travel via the Missouri river bridge and Glenwood to Omaha.

Work was carried on all night at the bridge to try and repair the damage and allow travel to be resumed, but the washout continued and the workers continued to place sandbags in the washout trying to reinforce the paving and checking further spread of the washed out area.

The closing of the bridge created a traffic problem in this city as the hundreds of autoists who were out for a Sunday holiday sought to get to their homes north of the Platte river. Chief of Police Lishersal and Officers Pickrel and Stewart were kept busy all night in directing the traffic through the city to the Missouri river bridge, Mayor George Lushinsky also serving as a traffic officer to help handle the congestion.

The bread trucks that supply this territory were sent around by the Iowa side of the Missouri river and Omaha newspapers that usually arrive here at an early hour were not available until later in the day.

HAS VERY BUSY TIME

Sunday evening and today were busy times at the Missouri river auto bridge, east of this city, which was carrying the volume of travel from this part of the state into Omaha and return.

With the closing of highway No. 75, one of the busiest in the state, it was necessary to divert the travel to and from Omaha via the Missouri river bridge, Glenwood and Council Bluffs.

The force of toll keepers was reinforced by H. A. Schneider, president of the Plattsmouth Bridge Co., and Carl J. Schneider, who remained at the bridge until very early this morning. Carl Schneider continuing on the job until 4 this afternoon.

The bridge company, in face of the emergency made the flat rate of fifty cents, regardless of the number of passengers, from the regular rate charged and which was a much appreciated accommodation to the traffic. The autoists who were in straitened circumstances were also very generously cared for by the bridge operators and no one turned back from reaching their homes, also many were in very slim financial condition.

DIES AT MURDOCK

From Monday's Daily
Lyle Horton of the Horton funeral home, was called to Murdock this morning by the death of "Grandma" Crawford, one of the oldest residents of that section of Cass county. The deceased lady was in her 95th year and has been in failing health for some time due to her advanced age. She is one of the old time residents of western Cass county where her sons, Robert and James Crawford reside in the vicinity of Murdock. The funeral arrangements will be in charge of Mr. Horton.

SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

C. C. Wescott was a visitor at the clothing store of C. E. Wescott's Sons Saturday afternoon for the first time in several weeks, remaining for a short time and greeting a number of the friends. Mr. Wescott is recovering nicely from his operation and treatment and is feeling very much better. It is hoped that he may soon be able to resume his usual activities. He was also able to teach his Sunday school class at the Methodist church on Sunday as usual, the first time in a great many weeks.

Clover Farm Store Moves to New Location

John Hatt Moves Business House From Masonic Building to South 6th Street.

From Monday's Daily
The Clover Farm store which has been operated by John V. Hatt in the Masonic building on Main street, is locating in the building on South Sixth street where the Mullen market was formerly located.

The stock of merchandise was being moved today to the new location and Mr. Hatt busy in getting the stock lined up and the shelving placed in the building in readiness for business.

The building has been remodeled and arranged following the fire on New Year's day that did considerable damage to the structure and is now in first class shape in every way.

Paul Wohlfarth, the contractor, has had charge of the repair of the building which has taken some time as it entailed the placing of a large part of the floor as well as removing of partitions and the taking out of the large ice box that was in use by the Mullen market.

The interior of the store has been decorated in green and white and is very attractive in every way and when the paving is completed along Sixth street will be well located for business.

Mr. Hatt will arrange a formal opening later when the store is all arranged, but is now able to take care of the trade as usual.

GIVEN SURPRISE

Clifton Gooding, one of the popular students of the high school, was given a most pleasant birthday surprise at his home on his 17th anniversary. The young man was assisting his father, E. L. Gooding, in repairing a car Saturday evening, when he was sent into the house to secure some needed article. As the young man opened the door he was greeted by the school friends with shouts of surprise.

After the shock of the surprise the guest of honor joined the other members of the party in games and contests that passed the time most delightfully.

In honor of the occasion the young man was given a very fine array of gifts as remembrances of the jolly party.

Rev. and Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Edward Ofe, Sunday school teacher of Clifton, were guests of the young people.

The evening was closed with the serving of a very dainty luncheon and which was featured by the handsome birthday cake.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

From Tuesday's Daily
This morning Miss Josephine Clifford, who has been confined to her apartment at the Hotel Plattsmouth, since her accident three weeks ago, was taken to Omaha. Miss Clifford will be placed in a hospital for examination and treatment, she apparently not showing the progress that was hoped for in her case. She fell on the sidewalk on North 8th street during the snowy and icy weather and may have suffered a hip fracture.

GO TO MISSOURI

Sunday afternoon Mrs. Fred Sharpnack and little son, Jerry, with Mrs. Emmons Ptak, mother of Mrs. Sharpnack, departed for Savannah, Missouri. Mrs. Sharpnack will take a course of treatment at the hospital at Savannah for a short time.

Rotary Club Has Fine Meeting Monday Night

Edward F. McFaddin of Hope, Ark., Director and "Bob" Hastings, Dist. President, Here.

Last evening the members of the Plattsmouth Rotary club with their ladies, entertained an intercity meeting of the club at the Legion auditorium on Vine street.

There were over 100 in attendance at the pleasant session with a large group from Shenandoah, Glenwood and Red Oak, Iowa, while Council Bluffs sent Mr. and Mrs. Ray Meyers, the former a past district president. Nebraska City was represented by genial Harry Rice at the meeting.

Dr. H. G. McClusky, local president, presided and gave the official welcome to the visiting members and their ladies to the most happy event.

District President "Bob" Hastings of Crete, gave a short talk and in which he touched on the affairs of Rotary in the 19th district, the activities that the various clubs had carried on. He urged all the clubs to send representatives to the spring conference that is to be held at Aberdeen, South Dakota, in April, a meeting that will be filled with a great deal of inspiration to the groups that comprise western Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota.

Edward F. McFaddin, long one of the leaders of Rotary, gave a fine talk on the purposes of the organization, the carrying out of the aims and objects of the society. Mr. McFaddin urged the membership to live in their daily lives the principles on which Rotary is founded, that a better world might be realized through the fellowship of the members.

The dinner was served by the American Legion auxiliary, who had arranged a most delicious repast that was exquisitely served amid the most attractive surroundings.

The tables were arranged with the candles and the flags of the various nations to symbolize the international aspect of the Rotary.

HAS PECULIAR ACCIDENT

Several days ago, Hillard Grassman, while engaged in window decorating at the Bates Book store, was the victim of a peculiar accident. Mr. Grassman in arranging some crepe paper had placed a tack in his mouth and while working the tack slipped down his throat. The victim of the accident felt little inconvenience over swallowing the tack. This morning Mr. Grassman was taken with a very violent coughing spell and suddenly up came the tack, having lodged in the windpipe. It is needless to say that the appearance of the tack has been a great relief to Mr. Grassman.

JUDGE WILSON HERE

Judge W. W. Wilson of Nebraska City, long time leader of the Otoe county bar, was in the city Monday afternoon to visit with his friends and look over the city. Judge Wilson has just recently filed for the office of district judge in the second judicial district, comprising Cass, Otoe and Sarpy counties. Judge Wilson has been in practice since 1896 at Nebraska City and served on the state supreme court commission until that body was dissolved by the legislature. He has since been engaged in his private practice. Judge Wilson was accompanied by his daughter.

MARRIED HERE SATURDAY

The marriage of Miss Edna Eva Gilbert of Creighton, Nebraska and Mr. Foster Asher Crowell, of Hastings, took place Saturday afternoon at the residence of Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Pahl of the St. Paul's church. The young people were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schaeffer of Weeping Water, who witnessed the ceremony.

VISIT IN THE CITY

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Vallery and their daughter-in-law, of Lincoln, were here Saturday to enjoy a few hours visit with the many old friends and relatives.

PROJECT IS HALTED

From Monday's Daily:
The public works project 676, which included the clerical workers at the office of the county judge, was halted today. The allotment for the work has been exhausted and which will be temporarily closed until additional funds are secured. The notification of the suspension of the work was given to Judge Duxbury by the employment office at Nebraska City and it is hoped that the necessary funds may soon be available to continue on with the work later. Some four employees are affected by the order.

Highway 75 Open to Traffic Over the Platte

Strengthen Faving North of Bridge and Traffic Resumed Monday Shortly After 4 p. m.

The cars and trucks are again traveling over highway No. 75 north of this city after being closed for almost twenty-four hours, due to a washout on the north side of the Platte river bridge.

The highway was closed to traffic Sunday evening and since that time workmen were busy in repairing the damaged roadway and strengthening the section of paving that had showed signs of sinking due to being undermined. The ban on travel was lifted Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock and traffic was resumed altho slow signs were placed on the highway in the vicinity of the washout.

The busses and other traffic were operating today on their regular schedule and the usual heavy traffic flowing through the city on the way both north and south. With the road closed Monday there was only those who had business that were to be found on the highway, the long trip via Glenwood to Omaha restricting travel to those who were forced to make the trip.

The repair of the bridge on No. 6 near Ashland, has diverted the Lincoln traffic that has been routed through here for the past two weeks. The rivers at this point are getting back to normal, altho still high and unless something unforeseen occurs the ice trouble and high water will be safely passed at this point.

HAVE SPLENDID MEETING

The W. C. T. U. met on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. E. Wiles, an unusually large number of the members being in attendance at the meeting and to enjoy the fine program that had been prepared.

Miss Elizabeth Spangler had the devotions, the 100th psalm being selected for the afternoon. Following this feature the flag salute and prayer was given.

Rev. V. C. Wright, pastor of the First Methodist church, was introduced to give a book review that was appreciated to the utmost. The review was of the life and activities of Carrie Nation, noted militant prohibitionist of Kansas, whose activities against the liquor traffic in the late nineties and the early 1900's made her a national figure. The book was the experiences of Mrs. Nation herself and was graphically given by Rev. Wright and left a very strong impression on the audience.

The afternoon was closed with the serving of dainty refreshments by the hostess.

MOVING TO ILLINOIS

L. A. Warlick, who has been farming in the vicinity of Murray, was in the city Monday afternoon for a few hours and while here was a caller at the Journal, renewing his subscription. Mr. Warlick and family are moving to Illinois where he has a farm near Greenville, and which he will farm for the coming summer.

ATTEND SHERIFF MEETING

Sheriff Homer Sylvester and Deputy Sheriff Cass Sylvester, were at Osceola, Nebraska, Tuesday where they were in attendance at a conference held by the law enforcing officers of several of the eastern Nebraska counties, discussing various problems that are met with in the discharge of their duty.

Local Orators to Attend the District Meet

Every One of Four from Here Entered at Sub-District to Go on—Sandin Places First.

From Wednesday's Daily
With one first and three seconds, Plattsmouth high school led the seven schools entered at the sub-district declamatory contest in Nebraska City yesterday in total number of points scored. Nebraska City followed with two firsts and one second. Incidentally, every one of the four contestants entered from here in the original oratory, extemporaneous, dramatic and humorous classifications, by virtue of their placings, are slated to go on to the district meet at Blair Friday and Saturday of next week.

It was a distinctive victory for Plattsmouth high school and speaks well for the oratorical and dramatic training received in the local schools under Wayne Alvord and Lumir Gerner, instructor of public speaking.

Original oratory, interpretative oratory and extemporaneous were presented on the afternoon program. Edwin Hesseman of Nebraska City, speaking on "The Constitution of the United States" won first place in the original oratory group, with James Webb, of Plattsmouth, speaking on "Breaking the Depression," placing second.

Plattsmouth had no entries in interpretative oratory. First place went to Robert Armstrong, Jr., of Auburn, and second to Esther Barkhurst of Nebraska City.

In the extemporaneous group, with subjects relating to the government's TVA program assigned speakers one hour before time to appear, Arlo Wirth of Dunbar speaking on "Distribution of the Power" was awarded first place, with Stephen Davis, Plattsmouth entry, running him a close second with his speech on "The Recent Supreme Court Decision on the TVA."

The Evening Program
Dramatic and humorous numbers were reserved for the evening program, with plenty of competition in each of these groups.

In dramatic, Frances Hardy, of Nebraska City, was first with her offering of "Fifty-Two" and Kathryn Armstrong, of Plattsmouth, second with "Daddy Doc."

The humorous class had a contestant from every school entered in the meet and some fine numbers were given. As previously predicted by the Journal, Plattsmouth had one contestant who was certain to take first place in the sub-district and probably go through the state meet, in the person of James Sandin. Jim came through with flying colors to the loud applause of all those present and won first preference by his masterly presentation of "Ladies Aid at the Local Theatre," which he has given before a number of local luncheon clubs and civic meetings since winning the local contest here two weeks ago. Second place in this group went to Leota Tonsing, of Syracuse, on her offering, "The Yanks are Coming."

Of the local group winners, two are Freshmen and two Seniors. James Sandin and James Webb came into the high school this year following their graduation from St. John's Parochial school last spring. Stephen Davis and Kathryn Armstrong are Seniors, the former being a member of the Public Speaking class.

Louisville, with entries in original oratory, dramatic and humorous, was the only other Cass county school represented at the meet.

The attendance at both the afternoon and evening programs is reported as having been very slim, in fact the Plattsmouth visitors and Nebraska City students just about comprised the entire afternoon audience, and the night crowd was little larger.

The contest was judged by R. Foster Patterson, member of Tarkio college faculty and a former national college champion speaker. Third place awards were announced, but only first and second place winners are eligible to go on to the district meet. Plattsmouth was the only school entered to have all its contestants place.

The entire local group will com-

pete in the stiffer competition at the Blair meet, and the Journal renews its prediction that "Plattsmouth has one contestant, at least, who will go through to the state meet."

District Meet to Be Held at Blair

Blair, Neb., March 16.—Sub-district winners of high school oratorical honors competing this week will meet March 20 and 21 here in the annual district declamatory meet. Supt. I. J. Montgomery of Blair is in charge.

The district includes five sub-districts, as follows:

No. 1—Washington, Burt and Douglas counties (except Omaha).

No. 2—Cass, Otoe, Nemaha and Richardson counties.

No. 3—Colfax, Dodge, Sarpy and Saunders counties.

No. 4—Platte, Nance, Butler and Polk counties.

No. 5—Central, Technical, North, South and Creighton Prep high schools of Omaha, and Fremont high school.

Submit Plan for First Missouri River Wharf

Federal Engineers to Conduct Hearing on Proposed Plattsmouth Structure—50x250 Feet

Plans for a dock on the Missouri river at this point are being given consideration by U. S. engineers, who must approve such construction, according to a formal notice sent to all communities in this area. The proposed dock is the first to be submitted for approval along the entire section of the river now being made navigable.

According to the notices, sent out by Captain Herbert B. Loper, District U. S. Engineer, the dock is to be a creosoted wooden structure, 50 by 250 feet, supported on creosoted piling and will extend to the authorized channel line just east of this city.

The plans submitted for approval also include a warehouse 30 by 200 feet constructed of wood and corrugated metal, having a floor elevation of 955 feet, which is 1.4 feet above standard high water.

Captain Loper announces in the bulletin that the federal engineers will take written arguments for and against the proposed unit until the 14th of March.

FINE DAIRY SALE

Rex Young, well known auctioneer, has just returned from a trip to Keith county, where he held a dairy sale for John L. Stander, former Cass county man. Mr. Stander has been operating a dairy at Roscoe, near Ogallala, which has been most successful, but he desired to close out a part of the herd and has had a most successful sale in every way. This was the first cow sale in Keith county in eight years and the result was very pleasing. Some of the cows offered brought over \$100, the sale average being \$80 per animal.

The Standers have conducted their dairy for some years and have been securing 110 gallons of milk at each milking. They still have thirty-five head of fine pure blooded Ayrshire cattle that will be used on the dairy farm.

ATTEND VETERANS MEETING

From Wednesday's Daily
Last evening John Lutz, Charles L. Carlson and Mayor George Lushinsky, were at Omaha, where they attended a meeting of the Burlington veterans. The meeting was addressed by a representative of the pension department of the railroad, discussing with the representatives from various points, the matters pertaining to the pension system and retirement methods of the railroad.

UNDERGO TONSILECTOMY

Several of the local people have undergone tonsil operations in the last few days. These have all been performed locally and the patients are recuperating at their homes. On Saturday Edward Stava of south of the city and Mrs. John L. Hadraba were both given a tonsilectomy, while Monday Louis Harris was operated on. All are doing nicely and showing a nice improvement.

Louisville Man Sought in Murder Case

Man Known as "John Osborne" Is Wanted for Murder Investigation at Omaha Reveals.

Some six years ago a strange character came to Louisville, living in a shack along Mill creek near the Missouri Pacific station, the man who had given the name of John Osborne, being more popularly known as "Boss John."

He had built a number of row boats and from which he derived his nickname, also being interested in supplying bait to fishermen as well as renting the boats at the state recreational park.

Three weeks ago he disappeared from his accustomed haunts and considerable anxiety was created that he had frozen while wandering around on one of his frequent drinking sprees. James Jones, who lives in one of the shacks near the creek, was perhaps the closest to Osborne, and reported that he had been acting queerly for several days before he disappeared. The last he had seen of Osborne he had said he was going to see Dr. E. H. Wortman.

Jones related that Osborne had often complained that someone was prowling around his shack and that he thought they wished to kill him. He changed his sleeping place each night and never spent two nights successively in the same place, alternating between his shack and an old garage.

Later Osborne was reported in an Omaha hospital where his action led to the police being notified and he was held for investigation, being photographed and finger printed. The photographs and prints are thought to be his undoing as he was later reported to Omaha police as being wanted in connection with a murder charge and that a reward of \$2,000 was offered for his capture.

An Omaha detective was at Louisville to investigate the case and try and locate some trace of the man. Louisville people are of the opinion that Osborne, which name is now thought to be an alias, had a sister living in Omaha.

MANY ATTEND SALE

One of the largest attended sales in this section was that held by Otto Schaefer and Son, at the Schaefer farm west of Murray, where a large array of horses as well as Duroc bred gilts were offered for sale.

The horses offered for sale were among the best that has been placed on sale in this section in a long time, bringing good prices, some as high as \$200 apiece from the bidders.

There were many of the bidders from the neighboring state of Iowa as well as from many of the adjoining counties in Nebraska, the competitions being keen as the animals were offered.

Rex Young of this city officiated at the sale and was much pleased at the result of the auction.

VISIT SPRINGFIELD LODGE

Tuesday evening William A. Robertson, grand senior warden of the Nebraska A. F. & A. M., was at Springfield to attend the meeting of the Springfield lodge and assisting the officers in the conferring of the degree work, other visiting masters also being in attendance. He was accompanied by County Treasurer John E. Turner, County Attorney W. G. Kieck and Frank A. Cloldt. Springfield is the old home of Mr. Kieck and he is a past master of the Masonic lodge at that place, so he was among old time friends and neighbors.

RETURNS FROM EAST

Mrs. Albert Funk, who has been visiting at Baltimore, Maryland, where her daughter, Miss Alice Marie Funk, who has been located there for the past several years. Mrs. Funk had a very delightful time at Baltimore with the most interesting trips to many nearby points which included Washington. While at Washington she had the privilege of viewing the capitol and watching congress in session.