

# The Plattsmouth Journal.

Webr. State Historical Society

VOL. NO. LI

PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA, MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1936.

NO. 17

## Expect Large Number Here for League Meeting

Excellent Response to Invitation Sent Out to Officials of 91 Towns to Convene April 22.

Plans are going forward for the regional conference of city officials from 91 towns in this section of Nebraska to be held in Plattsmouth on Wednesday, April 22. The meeting is sponsored by the League of Nebraska Municipalities, to which Plattsmouth and many of the towns in this region belong.

Mayor G. S. Lyons, of Falls City, a member of the League's executive board, will preside over the afternoon business session to be held at the auditorium of the public library. The visiting delegations will be welcomed to Plattsmouth by Mayor George Lushinsky, with a response by Mayor O. H. Persons, of Wahoo.

A splendid afternoon program has been arranged that will include discussions of many interesting problems of city government. The League will be represented by seven men, all of them well versed in the respective subject they will speak upon.

A question and answer period is allotted before adjournment late in the afternoon.

In the evening the City of Plattsmouth will be host to the visiting delegations of city officials at a six o'clock dinner at the Legion community building. Return post cards have been sent to the mayors of all the 91 towns in this region, asking for information on how many will be here from each town, and present indications are the total number will run well in excess of 150.

While the afternoon session is all business, the evening meeting will be devoted to fun and frivolity. Lowell S. Devoe will act as master of ceremonies (sometimes referred to as toastmaster). Prominent visiting officials will be put through some lively stunts and made to demonstrate their respective abilities as mayor, city attorney, police judge, etc.

The principal speaker at this session will be R. Foster Patterson, associate professor of History at Tarkio college, billed as an alphabetical brain trust, who will tell his audience in most humorous vein "How to Run a Municipal Government."

The climaxing feature on the program will be a 30 minute skit, entitled "Model Session of the Town Board" (referred to as council and city commission) in larger towns. A rehearsed cast from the Plattsmouth Dramatic club will present this comedy skit that will keep the visiting city officials in an uproar until the unceremonious "adjournment" of the town governing body, after considering many matters, important and otherwise.

Plattsmouth merchants are asked to display their welcome banners to the visiting officials and aid the city council committee in extending to all who come here that day the true Plattsmouth hospitality—a traditional good will treatment such as has been accorded guests at conventions here in the past, causing them to return home impressed with the friendly spirit of the town and its people.

This is the first time a municipal convention has ever been held here. Towns in this region include both Lincoln and Omaha, as well as points in southeastern Nebraska extending to the Kansas line.

### CHARLES DYKES FUNERAL

The funeral services of Charles Dykes at Pacific Junction Wednesday afternoon, were very largely attended by the friends and neighbors of the community where he had made his home. The relatives from this city were also present at the last rites.

The services were held at the Pacific Junction community church and conducted by the pastor of the Methodist church. During the services the choir of the church gave three numbers, "Going Down the Valley," "Face to Face" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere."

The interment was at the Greenwood cemetery and a large number were present at the committal services.

### HAS HIGHWAY BLOCKED

Icy condition of the paving was responsible for the blocking of Seventh street last night near the Tidball lumber yard and which tied up traffic for several hours.

The grade of the street was covered with ice that made the going very slippery for the traffic and a large truck, northbound slid and skidded acrossways of the highway and effectively blocked all traffic. Sixth street still being closed.

Shortly after the truck was stuck in the roadway, there was a large number of other trucks unable to get by and parked there until the roadway was open for traffic again.

## Road Conditions Show Improvement After Big Snows

Extraordinary Conditions of the Past Winter Makes Inconvenience and Cost to Remove Snow.

The snow blocked roads that prevailed throughout this section of the state and especially in this county, now are being restored to their former excellent condition as rapidly as possible.

It is hoped that the roads will in a short time be back into shape so that travel can be more pleasant to the residents of the farm districts.

The snowy condition was the worst for some twenty years and checked all efforts of the county commissioners and overseers to keep the roads open for travel, they closing as rapidly as they could be opened.

Every possible effort was made to buck the forces of nature in the great snow but without success. Even the purchase of a rotary snow plow at the cost of \$10,000 to the county could not have kept the roads open as even this plow could clear but a few miles each day.

The storm is now past and with favorable conditions the highways will soon be back in the very best of shape that they had been maintained in up until the terrific siege of winter weather.

### SUFFERS FIRE LOSS

Herman Meisinger, one of the well known residents of the Mynard community, seems to be the real hard luck member of that vicinity.

The latest of the misfortunes to befall the family was on Wednesday when the brooder house at their home with 500 young chicks was destroyed by fire. The house was totally destroyed and all of the chicks killed and which will be a serious loss, as the chicks were doing nicely and soon would have been spring fliers.

Mr. Meisinger himself sometime ago suffered the fracture of his leg while at work at the Mynard elevator and just a few months ago was down with the smallpox which with the latest hard luck seems about enough for one family to have in the space of a year.

### GIVE FINE PROGRAM

The members of the senior high school had a very pleasant treat afforded them Wednesday afternoon when Dean Johnson of the men's department of Drake college at Des Moines, with a group of the students from that school were here for a short time. There was a small string ensemble, baritone and soprano soloists in the party and who gave a most appreciated selection of numbers for the entertainment of the local students.

### FUNERAL OF HARRY NORTHOUTT

From Saturday's Daily: The funeral services of Harry Northcutt, well known here, was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Bralley & Dorrance chapel, 19th and Cumings streets, Omaha.

The services were largely attended by the relatives and old time friends to pay their last tributes to the memory of the departed.

Following the Omaha services the body was brought to this city for interment in Oak Hill cemetery west of this city. Covert lodge No. 11, A. F. & A. M. of Omaha, of which Mr. Northcutt has long been a member, had charge of the services at the grave.

## To Award Special Membership Cards

Eight Legion Members Have Record of 18 Continuous Years—Four Others Can Qualify.

From Thursday's Daily: There arrived in the mail today eight special membership cards for distribution to Legion members paid up for the current year, all of whom have now attained fifteen or more consecutive years of membership in the organization. These will be distributed at tonight's monthly meeting.

Seven of the eight, George Conis, A. H. Duxbury, Raymond Larson, Fred Lugsch, Otto Lutz, Henry G. Soemichsen and Elmer Webb have all belonged to the local post since the year it was organized in 1919, thus qualifying for eighteen continuous years of membership. There are several other local Legionnaires who can qualify for this and smaller number of year awards as soon as 1936 dues are paid.

Another card to be distributed tonight goes to W. G. Kieck, who has a record of fifteen years in the local post, dating back to the time he came to Plattsmouth in 1922. In addition, he held prior membership in other posts, so, like the others named, has a continuous record running back to the year of organizing the Legion.

Raymond Larson, who belonged in 1919, went to Odell, where he organized and was first commander of the post there, but transferred his membership back here before the close of 1920, thus giving him the continuous membership in this post.

In a letter from Department Adjutant Dudley accompanying the 15-year (three star) red and blue cards, he states: "Due to the fact that fellows may have belonged to some other posts than the one to which they now belong, we are not issuing five and ten year (one and two star) cards at present, but these will be along later. I want to congratulate you fellows on the excellent membership record that you have kept down through the years and to assure you that to date yours is the only post outside of Lincoln and Omaha that we have found keeping such records."

As the years go by, a continuous membership record in the service men's organization will be increasingly prized by those entitled to the same.

### FUNERAL OF GEORGE MANN

The funeral of the late George B. Mann were held on Thursday afternoon at the Sattler funeral home, a large company of the old friends and neighbors gathering to pay their last respects to his memory.

The Rev. V. C. Wright of the First Methodist church, had charge of the services and brought the message of the scripture on the life of immortality as well as paying a very fine tribute to the life and services of Mr. Mann in the community where he spent practically his lifetime.

Mrs. E. H. Wescott gave two of the old hymns, "Lead Kindly Light," and "The Home Over There," both of which had been favorites of the departed.

The interment was at the family plot in Oak Hill cemetery, the pall bearers being members of the club of which Mr. Mann had belonged, as well as representatives of the Journal, being E. H. Schulhof, Judge C. L. Graves, F. R. Gobelman, B. G. Wurl, Carl Graves and Frank Smith.

### HERE FROM SHELDON

From Saturday's Daily: Joe Krejci, teacher at the junior high school at Sheldon, Iowa, is here to spend the week end visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Krejci, as well as the relatives and old time friends. The Sheldon schools are enjoying their spring vacation and Joe will remain here over Sunday with the home folks. He has had a very fine season and is much pleased with the work in the Iowa school, one of the largest and most up to date in that section of the state.

Commercial printing of all kinds at the Journal office.

### ENJOYS NAVAL TRAINING

James Robertson, II, midshipman at the Annapolis naval academy, is enjoying very much the training experiences that he is receiving at this great naval school of the government. The school year is now slipping to a close and many new activities are awaiting the midshipmen. James is going out for the rowing team and has been having a strong workout for a crew on the racing shells that are used in the training of the students. One of the summer events that is looked forward to by all of the midshipmen is that of the cruise which takes place in the summer and the experience on the training ship.

## High School Athletic Department Has 'Mixer'

Members of Football and Basketball Teams, Select Bill Carey, Wayne Falk as the Captains.

From Thursday's Daily: Last evening the members of the football and basketball squads of the Plattsmouth high school, held a much enjoyed "mixer" at the high school gym and which was attended by all of the young men that had taken part in these sports.

One of the chief features of the evening was the 6:30 luncheon that had been arranged by the eats committee for the occasion and at which time the lettermen of the two teams selected their captains for the ensuing year.

The football team selected William Carey, quarterback last year and one of the outstanding players of the team in the past two years. Carey in the coming season will have fourteen lettermen to assist in the team and which affords a bright outlook for the season.

For the position of basketball captain, the lettermen named Wayne Falk, guard on the present team, who has been one of the hard fighting players of the past season. There will be six lettermen back on the basketball team this year and an unusually fine group of young players that will make the outlook for the 1936-37 season one of the best for many years.

The group enjoyed participating in several games as well as boxing and wrestling among the boys that was much enjoyed by the jolly party. The members of the squads as well as Coach Fred Rother, feel that the coming season should be one that will make history in the athletic circles of the Plattsmouth high school.

### COMMUNITY PREPARES TO KEEP HOLY WEEK

A carefully prepared course of sermons preached by local ministers will be heard by all those who attend the nightly services during Holy Week, beginning on Monday next, April 6th. Each church will open its doors in turn. Services at 8 p. m.

Monday, "What is Truth?" by Rev. V. C. Wright in the Presbyterian church.

Tuesday, "What Shall I Do with Jesus?" by Rev. G. A. Pahl, in the Methodist church.

Wednesday, "Art Thou a King?" by Rev. Wm. J. H. Petter in St. Paul's church.

Thursday, "What Evil Hath He Done?" by Dr. H. G. McClusky, in St. Luke's church.

### VISITS IN CITY

Joe Rudolph, of Eagle, was in the city Wednesday afternoon to visit with his acquaintances and also promoting his candidacy for the legislature from the third district composed of Cass and Sarpy counties. Mr. Rudolph is one of the well known residents of the west part of the county where he has grown to manhood and where he has many friends. While in the city Mr. Rudolph was a caller at the Journal office for a short time.

### SELECTED CHAIRMAN

Miss Martha Gorder was chosen chairman of the May fete committee at the meeting Wednesday morning. The May fete will be given on the Peru State Teachers College campus.—The Peru Pedagogian.

## Cass County Students Entered in Music Contest

Number From the Several Schools Place—Dale Ganz of Alvo Superior in Medium Voice.

The district music contest of district No. 2 of Nebraska high school activities association, was held Friday at the South Omaha high school, some 1,400 music students from this part of the state competing in the events.

The list of entries included many from the Cass county high schools and a large group of these placed as excellent in their work and will be eligible to take part in the state contest.

Dale Ganz, of Alvo, who has been featured in contests in the past secured the rating of superior, the highest in the contest, he scoring in boys solo medium range.

In the "E" flat saxophone contests Vern Rawalt, of Avoca was given the rating of excellent, while in the French horn section Donald Kelley of Elmwood was also rated as excellent.

In the small string groups competing in the events the Plattsmouth high school group scored excellent against the stiff competition of Omaha North and Omaha South.

Jane Meier of Weeping Water was rated as excellent in the 'cello section of the contest.

In the girls' solo, low range, Jane Robinson of Weeping Water was rated as excellent for her fine number.

Judges of the contest were Elias Blum, director of music at Grinnell college; Mrs. Gertrude Nourse, Drake university, and Rudolph Seidl, director of instrumental music of the Council Bluffs high school.

### GIVE FRIEND SURPRISE

A surprise party honoring the eighteenth birthday anniversary of Miss Marjorie Wohlfarth, was given on Thursday evening at her home on North 16th street. The event was planned by a number of the friends and which proved a real surprise to the guest of honor.

The evening was spent in games and pastimes that made the time pass most delightfully for all of the party.

At the close of the evening dainty and delicious refreshments were served and which added to the enjoyment of all of the members of the group.

Those attending the party were the Misses Aimee Jane Thomas, Anna Marie Rea, Mary Alice Shiffer, Joan Moore, Jean Brady, Edna Mae Peterson, Rachel Robertson, Patricia Cloldt, Rita Libershal and Miss Wohlfarth.

### DIGGING NEW SEWER

While the excavation is going on North 6th street for the new sewer and paving, Melvin Bekins, owner of the three story store and office building, is making provision for the future. He is having a large sewer dug from the main sewer on Sixth street into the building. The new sewer will care for the future needs of the building for drainage and gives a better fall than the former sewer.

Roy Taylor and his workmen are engaged in putting in the sewer and have the task of drilling through a five foot wall into the coal room of the building where the new sewer will be laid to await its need in the future.

This is real foresight and will save digging up the paving at a future time when the need of a new sewer is felt.

### CANDIDATES IN CITY

Despite the snow and storm of Wednesday two of the candidates for district judge were in the city to visit with the voters in the interests of their candidacies. These were Judge W. W. Wilson of Nebraska City and Judge C. S. Wortman of South Bend. Judge Wilson is visiting as many residents of the district personally as is possible. Judge Wortman is making his campaign one largely of speeches in the various communities over Cass, Otoe and Sarpy counties.

### HAVE PLEASANT MEETING

From Friday's Daily: Last evening the employes of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co., of Plattsmouth and Humboldt, were here to enjoy a get together and sales meeting. The evening was largely given over to the demonstration of an electric dish washing machine. The members of the force were shown all the workings of this device that is to aid in the labor of the kitchen.

Following the demonstration the group was served a very much appreciated luncheon from the Shea cafe and which aided in the completion of a most delightful time.

## C of C Hears Report of Dock Committee

Interesting Report Given by Messrs Richey and Pollock on Trip to Peoria, Illinois.

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce at their meeting Thursday noon, had the pleasure of a very fine report from the docks and harbors committee of the civic body, presented by T. H. Pollock and E. J. Richey.

The docks and harbors committee has just recently returned home from Peoria, Illinois, where they spent a few days looking over the development of the river navigation at that point. The committee detailed the very favorable reports that they had received from the leaders of the city government and business men at Peoria as to what the navigation had done to aid their community in the bringing there of several very large manufacturing plants that had added to the commercial life of the city and made it one of the leading manufacturing points in Illinois. This was made possible the committee had been told, by the low rates for raw materials shipped in and the low rates that placed their finished products on the market.

The committee detailed their visits to the various plants and the great municipal dock where barges are constantly arriving and departing for the ocean ports to bring in raw material and deliver the manufactured products of the Peoria plants. Cecil Carr was the representative of the senior class of the high school at the meeting.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Sattler, Jr., are preparing to stage the annual Easter egg hunt for the smaller children of the city on next Saturday afternoon. The event will be held on the spacious grounds of their estate and where the eggs will be concealed and the children at a given signal will start in on the hunt for the gaily decorated eggs. Last year there were several hundred of the eggs dyed and concealed and which made a very pleasant treat for the children.

### HERE TO HOLD COURT

From Friday's Daily: Judge Daniel W. Livingston, of Nebraska City, was here today to call the docket for the April term of the district court, as well as taking up the matter of orders and other pressing business. Judge Livingston has been busy with his court work and has not as yet been able to do any of his campaigning for the re-nomination to the bench. He expects, however, to get out soon to meet the old friends before election day.

### AN APPRECIATION

We desire to express to the many kind friends and neighbors our deep appreciation of their splendid aid to us during the fire at our home Wednesday. Also we wish to thank the Lincoln Telephone Co., and their employees for the prompt work in giving the alarm. We shall long gratefully remember these acts.—Herman Meisinger and Family.

### HERE FROM MURDOCK

Mr. and Mrs. John Scheel, of Murdock, were here Thursday with their grandson, Ed Joachim. They were visitors at the court house and while in the city Mrs. Scheel was a very pleasant caller at the Journal office to spend a few hours.

## Plattsmouth Masons Confer M M Degrees

Very Large Attendance of Members and Visitors from Many of the Lodges in County.

From Friday's Daily: Last evening Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M. at their regular meeting conferred the Master Mason degree on two of the young members, Frederick and Franklyn Wehrbein.

There was a very large attendance of the members present, not only from the local lodge, but many visitors from the Weeping Water and Nehawka lodges to witness the conferring of the work.

The local officers conducted the ritualistic services in a most impressive manner on the candidates.

R. Foster Patterson, senior warden of the lodge, came up from his college work at Tarkio, Missouri, to assist in the initiation, he having been the principal of the high school here when the two young men were graduated.

W. A. Robertson, grand senior warden of the Nebraska A. F. & A. M., gave a few remarks during the session of the evening.

The committee in charge had prepared and served a very much appreciated luncheon at the conclusion of the ritualistic services.

### FEDERATION MEETING

The Woman's Federation of the Methodist church held a very delightful meeting on Thursday afternoon at the parlors of the church, a large number being in attendance at the event.

The Naomi circle of the federation served as the hostess of the occasion and a most interesting program was given, the ladies giving representations of the "Women of the Bible." There were thirty characters represented and the ladies and the characters they represented were: Mrs. W. G. Kieck, "Eve" and "Ruth"; Mrs. Woest, "Sarah"; Mrs. P. J. Wheeler, "Rebecca"; Mrs. J. E. Wiles, "Marian"; Mrs. Justus Lillie and Mrs. James Mauzy, as attendants of "Marian"; Mrs. W. F. Evers, "Hannah"; Mrs. Robert Hill, "Esther"; Mrs. James Mauzy, "Mary Magdalene"; Mrs. Justus Lillie and Mrs. William Highfield, "Mary and Martha." The "Gleaners" were given by Mrs. Val Burkle, Mrs. R. H. Patton and Miss Ella Kennedy.

The story of each of the Bible women was read by Mrs. Alice Crabbil Woster and the musical setting given by Mrs. L. S. Devoe.

Dainty refreshments closed the session of the afternoon.

### MANY ENJOY ENTERTAINMENT

From Saturday's Daily: The physical education department of the junior high school gave a very fine exhibition of their work last evening at the high school gym, witnessed by a very pleased audience. The youngsters showed the excellent training that they had been given and both the boys and girls classes acquitted themselves in a fine manner.

### SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

The many friends of Mrs. A. H. Duxbury will be pleased to learn that she is very much improved over her severe attack of bronchitis. Mrs. Duxbury was suffering very much from this affliction for several days, but is now responding to treatment and it is hoped she will soon be able to resume her usual activities.

### DOING VERY NICELY

J. H. Graves, who has been at the Thornton & Minor Clinic, at Kansas City, Missouri, for some four weeks, is doing very nicely following the treatment for a chronic ailment. Mrs. Graves, who is there with her husband, is expected home in a few days, while Mr. Graves will remain for a longer time recuperating.

From Saturday's Daily: Mr. and Mrs. Henry O. Bowers of Greenwood, were here this morning to look after some matters of business.