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Wind Storm of Friday Afternoon Causes Damage

Telephone Toll Line Poles West of City Blown Down and Many Trees Are Torn Up.

Late Friday afternoon a severe wind storm swept a section of several miles in length in this county, skirting the west part of Plattsmouth and coming from the south where some damage was done at Murray.

The intense wind preceded a light shower of rain and the force of the wind at Murray was so great that one of the large plate glass windows at the store of Tutt & Brubaker was blown in by the southwest gale, also trees in that section of the county being more or less damaged.

Near this city the wind reaching almost a cyclone-like dimensions, unroofed the summer cottage at the J. E. Wiles farm west of the city on the Louisville road and in this section there were fifteen poles of the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Co. line blown down, which made necessary the linemen working until an early hour this morning to get the line back in service, but it is operating as usual today.

A large tree at the golf course of the Plattsmouth Country club was uprooted and torn out by the force of the wind and which also blew out a large cedar tree at Oak Hill cemetery. Reports of many tree tops torn out and other small damage was reported from the west border of the city where the storm seemed to be the most severe as there was but a few moments of the high wind in the downtown section of the city.

SETTLE CLAIMS IN FULL

Friday afternoon in the district court, settlement was made in full for damages claimed as the result of an auto accident that occurred on December 30, 1935, west of Murray. The plaintiffs in the case were Merelle O. Hamilton and Edna Marie Hamilton, by their next friend and father, Gardner H. Hamilton, vs. M. E. Johnson, the Nebraska Power Co. and the Ohio Casualty Co.

The two girls at the time of the accident were riding in the car of Jesse Scurto of this city and which was struck by the car of Johnson, in the employ of the Nebraska Power Co.

The settlement was made by the Ohio Casualty Co., which carried the liability insurance on the Scurto car. Merelle Hamilton was paid \$150 for the damages claimed and Marie Hamilton received the sum of \$1,500.

VISITS IN CITY

Miss Drusilla Winchester, of Lincoln, who has been appointed to the position of district supervisor of the National Youth Administration in Nebraska, was in the city. She visited a number of the projects that the young men in this work have been doing here and with Superintendent L. S. Devoe discussed plans for future projects that might be available in this city.

The projects that have been used here have aided in the employment of a number of the young men and have served in getting some much needed improvement work in several spots over the city.

DOING VERY NICELY

From Thursday's Daily
Fred W. Guenther, who was operated on a short time ago at Omaha for mastoid, was in the city today to have his head dressed. He has just recently returned home and is doing nicely and it is hoped in a short time will be well on the road to recovery from the effects of the operation.

MOVING TO DETROIT

Walter A. Johnson, who has been making his home at Union, was in the city Wednesday for a short time looking after some business matters. Mr. Johnson is preparing to move to Detroit, where he expects to make his home in the future, his daughter, who is a trained nurse, being located in that city.

DIES AT ALVO

James H. Foreman, one of the well known residents of the west part of Cass county, died Thursday night at his home at Alvo, after a residence of fifty-five years in Nebraska, twenty-seven of them passed at Alvo. Mr. Foreman had been engaged in farming for his lifetime. He was an active leader in the democratic political circles of the county and possessed a large circle of friends in all sections of Cass county. He is survived by the widow and several grown children.

Cass County Historic Society is Organized

Dr. G. H. Gilmore of Murray Named Head of New Society and Judge C. L. Graves Secretary.

Wednesday afternoon representatives from all parts of Cass county gathered at the American Legion rooms at Weeping Water to take the initial steps to form the Cass County Historical society.

There was a very pleasing number of those interested in the preservation of historical places, documents and incidents of pioneer life in this, one of the earliest settled counties in the territory and later state of Nebraska.

The meeting organized with the selection of Dr. G. H. Gilmore as the temporary chairman and Harold Baker of Weeping Water as the secretary.

The organization was perfected by the adoption of the constitution and the election of officers, the following being named:

President—Dr. G. H. Gilmore, Murray.
Vice-President—Mrs. Marion Tucker, Nebraska.

Secretary—Judge C. L. Graves, Plattsmouth.

Treasurer—Marvin Carr, Eagle.

The dues of the society were fixed at 25c per year and it is hoped that this will enroll all of the residents of the county in the move to make Cass county people historically minded.

The members of the society present had the pleasure of talks by A. E. Sheldon, of Lincoln, secretary of the state historical society, H. D. Patterson, of Pippin, president of the Sarpy County Historical society. Several short talks were given by members of the group and the greatest enthusiasm was apparent in the move to make this one of the largest and most active groups of its kind in the state.

DRAMATIC CLUB MEETING

The Plattsmouth Dramatic club has arranged the functions of the club activities into division of units which will give the members more individual opportunity to show their skill in the lines of arranging and producing plays. The members selected to head the various units are as follows: Alpha Bonge, direction; Lillian Garrett, stage designing; Bernice Weiland, speech; Clement Woster, stage management; L. D. Hiatt, makeup; Paul Vandervoort, play selection.

It is hoped to secure club rooms where a small stage can be erected and the various units have the opportunity of exercising their ideas.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of expressing to the many friends and neighbors our deep appreciation of the many acts of kindness shown us and the sympathy in our bereavement. Also for the tributes to our brother and those who so kindly assisted at the last services, we wish to express our most sincere appreciation.—The Brothers and Sisters of John Vetsnik.

MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE

Thursday afternoon at the court house occurred the marriage of Miss Mary Binder of Schuyler, Nebraska, and Mr. Karl Dahlsen, of Newman Grove. The marriage lines were read most impressively by Judge A. H. Duxbury and the marriage witnessed by Lloyd Woolcott of Weeping Water, and Miss Minnie Hill, clerk in the office of the judge.

Urge Parking Space be Saved for Farmers

Increasing Traffic Problem on Wednesdays and Saturday Nights Discussed at C. of C.

One of the main topics discussed at yesterday's Chamber of Commerce luncheon was the matter of providing adequate parking, and those merchants and their employees who have been wont to drive their cars down town on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and park them in the business section were panned on every hand.

"With an increasing number of people coming to Plattsmouth from over the county to trade, it behooves our merchants to see that every available parking space is left open to accommodate them," said one of the Chamber directors, who urged that local business men and their employees refrain from driving their cars down town at all on these busy trade days. To alleviate the congested parking situation, the Business Men's Ad club and city officials arranged for a supervised parking lot south of the alley between Fifth and Sixth streets, on which gravel has been spread so that it may be used in all kinds of weather. Last Saturday night, this lot was packed with cars and many were parked on lower Main street, while others had to park back to the north and south of Main street on the hills as far as two and three blocks. There was also much double parking on Main street, as owners left their cars momentarily to go into stores and carry out their purchases.

Plattsmouth is glad to have the people of Cass county come here to trade and will make every effort to accommodate them by providing easily accessible parking spaces. Any town residents who continue to drive their cars down in the afternoon and pick out a good spot to park for the evening will be asked to desist from doing so in the future, as every local car thus parked takes up a space that could be used for the accommodation of visitors.

Report was given by A. L. Tidd of progress in arranging the coming flower show, as well as information on when federal money would be available for the building of a dock along the Missouri river here.

Supt. L. S. Devoe gave the directors some enlightening figures on the public school system, showing average cost per pupil here to be as low as in any town of like size in the state. The salary budget of the local school system has been reduced from a high mark of \$53,000 a year in 1929 to \$33,015 estimated for the coming year. In this way it has been possible for the board to give the taxpayers some relief in the mill levy for school purposes, which is below that in many towns, and but slightly above a half dozen or more exceptionally low ones. Withal, he said, the standards have been maintained and high grade teachers employed. The average salary of grade school teachers is \$900 a year and of high school teachers, \$1,200 a year.

Elmer Webb, member of the WPA committee of the city council, spoke of some possible projects that are being considered by the committee for submission to the district office, as well as outlining a proposal from a Kansas City industrial firm desiring to acquire tax foreclosed properties in the smaller towns for industrial purposes, and the Industries committee of the C. of C. was instructed to co-operate with the council in looking up the responsibility of the concern and ascertaining just what they may have to offer along this line.

He also brought up the matter of establishing community sales in property the city owns, preparatory to eventually erecting a suitable sales pavilion here if the business should warrant.
"King" Harrison L. Gayer, of the Rock Bluff neighborhood, who is an officer of the Farmers Co-Operative Creamery association was present at the meeting as a guest and spoke on farm and city problems, which, after all, he said, are pretty much alike and require the same careful study and planning to solve.
Mr. Gayer stated that in chemical tests of butter over the entire nation,

being conducted by the government, Casco butter, made in Plattsmouth, has held the top rating for this district over a period of weeks since the tests were first started.

Seniors who attended the meeting as guests were Wallace Terryberry and Melvin Sell.

It was announced that luncheon meetings will be continued through June, but may be discontinued during July and August, definite decision on that being left to a vote at a later meeting.

Farm Electrification Program to be Started

Iowa-Nebr. Light & Power Co., Will Start Move at Once Based on Lower Farm Rates.

The Iowa-Nebraska Light and Power company will proceed immediately with a general farm electrification program based upon lower farm rates and extension of lines wherever two farm customers can be secured per mile of new line. District Manager F. I. Rea announced today.

Generally improved business conditions, an increase in electricity used and economies in line construction were cited by Mr. Rea as reasons for the program.

With cheaper electricity available, Mr. Rea believes farmers will proceed at once to electrify homes, barns and farm yards and to use electric power in speeding heavy farm labor, electric refrigeration, radio, modern lighting and other electrical conveniences will be available to farm homes at prices comparing favorably with those of metropolitan areas, he declared.

Copies of the new farm rate schedule and complete information about the line extension program may be obtained at any office of the company.

HONOR MRS. ALBERT TODD

The T. E. Todd home was the scene of a most delightful shower Wednesday afternoon, when Mrs. Harold Overbeck and Mrs. Tom Will were hostesses, honoring Mrs. Albert Todd.

The time was passed in a unique mock wedding and the ladies embroidering their names on quilt blocks for the bride. Many lovely gifts were received by Mrs. Todd.

Delicious refreshments were served, the hostesses being assisted by Mrs. Mayabb, Mrs. Art Weise and Mrs. Russ Todd.

Out of town guests were: Mrs. A. E. Todd, Mrs. A. L. Todd, Mrs. Raymond, Mrs. Emil Meisinger, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cameron.

VISITS IN CITY

Miss Margaret K. Stewart, manager of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, was in the city for a short time Friday afternoon, while en route to Excelsior Springs, Missouri, where she is spending a few days. Miss Stewart was a caller at the Journal to enjoy a short chat and to gain information of the city and its historic record in the territorial and early statehood days. From here she drove to Nebraska City for a few hours visit in that city before going on to her destination.

DIES AT MASONIC HOME

The death of William E. Foshler, 71, resident of the Nebraska Masonic Home, occurred Wednesday afternoon at the Home, where he has been making his home since May 14th of this year. Mr. Foshler was admitted to the Home from Covert lodge No. 11, A. F. & A. M., Omaha. He is survived by the widow and one son and one daughter. The body was taken to Omaha where services will be held at the Haynes funeral chapel.

RETURNING HOME

From Friday's Daily
Mrs. Frank Vetsnik of Edgmont, South Dakota, and Miss Ludmilla Novatney, of Chickasha, Oklahoma, who were here for the funeral of the late John Vetsnik, departed this morning for their homes. Mrs. Vetsnik is a sister-in-law of the deceased and Miss Novatney a cousin of the Vetsnik family.

Class of 1936 Arrive at End of H. S. Careers

Large Audience Present to Greet the Class in Farewell—R. Foster Patterson Class Orator.

Thursday evening the class of sixty-three young men and women who have for twelve years been a part of the city schools of Plattsmouth, closed their high school career when the class of 1936 was given their diplomas for the completion of their work.

The auditorium of the school building was filled by a large group of the relatives of the young people and the patrons of the school to witness this closing act of the school year.

Superintendent L. S. Devoe presided over the exercises which were opened by the sounding of the professional march by Miss Edna Mae Petersen, member of the junior class and one of the talented musicians of the schools.

The invocation was offered by the Rev. V. C. Wright, pastor of the First Methodist church.

A group of the senior girls, Marjorie Fitch, Kathryn Armstrong, Anna Marie Rea, Wilda Johnson, Grace Wiles, Louise Rishel, Sophia Bierl, Clea Koukal, June Sumner, Aimee Jane Thomas, and Rosemary Cloldt, gave very charmingly, "Welcome Pretty Primrose," by Pinski.

The farewells for the class were given by the two high ranking students of the class, the salutatory by Miss Viva E. Palmer, who spoke of the value of the school in the imparting of the training of knowledge to the student, who in turn must strive to gather from this knowledge the attainment of their education. In the school the student was trained in the practical values of education as in the home they received the training of manners and in the church the spiritual education.

Miss Alberta Timmas, the highest ranking student, was the valedictorian of the class and had as her subject that of "Education," which in her able manner she brought as the message of new knowledge gained from that of the past and this passed on to the future for further enrichments. The school taught the value of thinking and the analysis of the facts as given to make the basis of the true education. One of the present day educational problems was that of the use of leisure time, to provide high values from the use of this leisure.

Principal J. R. Reeder, sponsor of the class, introduced the speaker of the evening, R. Foster Patterson, of the history department of Tarkio college, of Tarkio, Missouri, former principal of the Plattsmouth schools.

Mr. Patterson, in his clever and entertaining manner, gave a very fine address that was interspersed with many clever stories. In his main address Mr. Patterson stated that the high school commencement brought to the parent the realization that the child was no longer the one that they had guided their first steps to school, but young men and women ready to assume their responsibilities in life. In the course of his address on "The Promise of American Life," Mr. Patterson stressed the necessity of the preservation of those things that had made the country great, the spirit of individual liberty that had produced the great advances of the nation and its leaders, comparing the right of the American today to worship his religion free from the announcements of persecutions that marked many of the nations of the world and where the individual was reduced to a mere cog in a great governmental controlled machine. Mr. Patterson pointed to the American right of free speech that was guaranteed by the constitution as well as the protection of individual initiative under our system for the acquiring of property and its protection under the laws. These are all a vital part of the American life and Mr. Patterson urged that the class hold them high in their minds as they journeyed out in life to meet the world. He also expressed his deep appreciation of being back in the community where he had served as an educator. In his closing Mr. Patterson pointed out to the class that all that anyone

acquired from life was that which they had put into it, to share with others the benefits of their lives and to be an inspiration and aid to their fellow man.

"The Song of the Years" was given by a mixed group of the class, Marjorie Fitch, Kathryn Armstrong, Anna Marie Rea, Wilda Johnson, Grace Wiles, Louise Rishel, Sophia Bierl, Clea Koukal, June Sumner, Aimee Jane Thomas, Rosemary Cloldt, Joe Hendrix, Edward Hadraba, Grant Howard, Ralph Hennings, Stephen Davis, Chester Kell, Floyd McCarty, Donald Warga, Arthur Warga. Mrs. J. R. Reeder served as the accompanist for this and the preceding musical number.

The Jennie Dodge award was presented by Mrs. L. O. Minor, of Fontenelle chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, to Miss Kathryn Armstrong, as the outstanding student in American history in the class.

The award of the scholarships was made by Superintendent Devoe and who announced that the regent scholarship, offered by the University of Nebraska, had been won by Dana Baird, who had passed the most successful examination. The other scholarships given for the highest ranking students were awarded to Miss Alberta Timmas and Miss Viva Palmer.

Mr. Devoe also announced the honors won by the students in their senior year.

Scholastic honors, membership in the National Honor society, were won by Kathryn F. Armstrong, Alberta Jeanette Timmas, Charles Howard Dow, Viva E. Palmer, Mary Ann Gradoville, Stephen Meek Davis, Marian H. Wiles, Grace Louise Wiles, Floyd R. McCarty, Marjorie M. Fitch, Commercial certificates awarded in the commercial department of the school were awarded to Viva E. Palmer, Wilma A. Friedrich, Mary Ann M. Gradoville, Grant W. Howard, Thelma Beatrice Kohrell, Kathryn F. Armstrong, Nancy Leona Price, Martha Solomon, Aimee Jane Thomas.

The citizenship honors of the class, given for a high type of school citizenship was given the following: Kathryn F. Armstrong, Rosemary B. Cloldt, Stephen Meek Davis, Floyd R. McCarty, Anna Marie Rea, Charles Howard Dow, Grant W. Howard, Marjorie M. Fitch, Grace Louise Wiles, Alberta Jeanette Timmas, Rita Ann Libershal, Viva E. Palmer, Sarah Louise Rishel, Marian H. Wiles.

The class was then presented to J. A. Capwell, president of the board of education and who presented to the young people their diplomas, the following being given their diplomas:

Helen E. Albert, Mildred Allen, Kathryn F. Armstrong, Charles Eugene Ault, Dana R. Baird, Darlene Edna Benedict, James W. Benedict, Sophia Frances Bierl, Amber V. Bomer, LeRue M. Bomer, Zella Mae Brizendine, Bette Barbara Bulin, Rosemarie A. Burcham, Cecil W. Carr, Rosemary B. Cloldt, Stephen Meek Davis, Charles Howard Dow, Mildred Marie Dvoracek, Harvey Bernis Eggle, John H. Farris, Marjorie M. Fitch, Louise J. Fitzmayer, Wilma A. Friedrich, Richard Karl Gahl, Mary Ann M. Gradoville, Edward J. Hadraba, Joseph R. Hendrix, Ralph Michael Hennings, Mary Margaret Henton, Grant W. Howard, Wilda Elizabeth Johnson, Chester Lee Kell, Thelma Beatrice Kohrell, Glen E. Kohrell, Clea Marie Koukal, Mari Jane Long, Rita Ann Libershal, Frances Marie Lillie, Floyd R. McCarty, Mary Jane McClure, Eugene O. Nolte, Viva E. Palmer, Fern Potts, Nancy Leona Price, Anna Marie Rea, Sarah Louise Rishel, Melvin A. Sell, C. Walter Sikora, Martha Solomon, Hugh Standler, Jr., Carolyn June Sumner, Wallace M. Terryberry, Aimee Jane Thomas, Alberta Jeanette Timmas, Arthur J. Warga, Donald J. Warga, Anna Margaret Wiles, Grace Louise Wiles, Marian H. Wiles, Mildred Josephine Wilson, Marjorie Jane Wohlfarth, Imogene Worthan, Mason Wall.

VISITING IN THE CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Ebinger, of Plainview, old time residents of this city, were here today visiting with the relatives and the host of old time friends of the family. Mr. Ebinger has been a member of the board of directors of the state hardware association for a number of years and while attending a meeting at Lincoln, decided to drop down to see the old friends. They are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weidman, the former a brother of Mrs. Ebinger.

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Honors Awarded to Students of the High School

Awards Given in Various Field of Activities for Past School Year as the Term Closes.

The students listed below are those honored at the annual convocation of the school for their work in the different lines of the school activities, the awards being presented by the various department heads, Miss Hornung, home economics; L. L. Starrett, commercial; Fred A. Rothert, athletics; Wayne Alvord, American government; Miss Pearl Staats, citizenship; Miss Clara Weyrich, bookkeeping; J. R. Reeder, national honor society; H. T. Griffin, music; Home Economics—Winifred Kaffenberger.

Certificate of Attainment—Aimee Jane Thomas, Leona Price, John Farris, Viva Palmer, Grant Howard, Richard Gahl, Hugh Standler.
Commercial Certificates—Aimee Jane Thomas, Grant Howard, Leona Price, Kathryn Armstrong, Viva Palmer, Wilma Friedrich, Mary Ann Gradoville, Martha Solomon, Thelma Kohrell.
American Government—Wayne Falk.

Athletics—Football letters: John Gayer, Harry Stodola, Wayne Falk, Norris Hennings, Donald Mrasek, Clark Finney, Walter Sikora, Joy Miller, Raymond Wooster, Max Seitz; Football certificates: Tom Kriesky, William Carey, Mason Wall, Jack Forbes, Russell Arnold, Robert Valery, Elmer Newton, Earl Taylor, Alvin Johnson, Basketball letters: Don McCarrill, Wayne Falk, Elmer Newton, Joy Miller, Basketball certificates: Raymond Wooster, Joe Hendrix, Jack Forbes, Max Seitz, Track letter: Max Seitz, Track certificate: Earl Taylor, Baseball certificates: Eugene Ault, Marian Wiles, Max Seitz, Harley Minnner, Leonard Holubek, Donald Wall, Howard Nord, Clarence Cuthrell, Ronald Rebal, Robert Hayes.

Citizenship Certificates—Freshmen: Maxine Nielsen, John Livingston, John Tidball, Berta Ault, Harriett Case, Sophomores: Shirley Selver, Gavin Farmer, Robert Woest, Jean Knorr, Eleanor Minor, Dick Hall, Frances Cloldt, Juniors: Mildred Knofleek, Mary Jane Mark, Betty McCarty, Margaret Will, Charles Bennett, Bernice Holubek, Edna Mae Petersen, Rachel Robertson, William Carey, John Gayer. Seniors: Kathryn Armstrong, Rosemary Cloldt, Marjorie Fitch, Rita Libershal, Viva Palmer, Louise Rishel, Alberta Timmas, Grace Wiles, Floyd McCarty, Marion Wiles, Stephen Davis, Anna Marie Rea, Charles Dow, Grant Howard.

Bookkeeping Awards—Margaret Will, Ella Mae Ruffner, Herbert Stander, Mary Jane Mark, Charles Bennett, Rosemary Stander, Melvin Sell, Betty McCarty, Genevieve Bloom, Lova Sell.
Music Awards—Boys: Donald Burcham, John Cloldt, Richard Cole, Stephen Davis, Gavin Farmer, Clark Finney, Ed Hadraba, Dick Hall, Dick Hatt, Joe Hendrix, Ralph Hennings, Joe Hoschar, Richard Hoschar, Chester Keil, Robert Kiser, Theodore Libershal, John Livingston, George Mark, Clarence Mayabb, Floyd McCarty, Warren Reed, Philip Rosencrans, Bill Rosencrans, James Sandin, Stuart Sediak, Walter Sikora, Harold Stewart, Wallace Terryberry, John Tidball, John Ulrich, Robert Valery, Donald Warga, Ray Wooster, Richard Yelick. Girls: Beatrice Ann, Amber Bomer, Kathryn Barkus, Alice Campbell, Veda Capps, Frances Cloldt, Pat Cloldt, Rosemary Cloldt, Mildred Dvoracek, Marjorie Fitch, Dorothy Fulton, Eleanor Giles, Harriet Goos, Frances Hadraba, Joan Hall, Ruth Ann Hatt, Margaret Henton, Gloria Johnson, Norma Johnson, Wilda Johnson, Eloise Jones, Betty Kalina, Clea Koukal, Mary McCarrill, Betty McCarty, Maxine Nielsen, Charlotte Palmer, Jane Persinger, Edna Mae Petersen, Anna Marie Rea, Jane Rebal, Rachel Robertson, Dorothy Ruffner, Maymie Schwenneker, Shirley Selver, Mary Alice Shiffer, Barbara Stander, Rose Mary Steppat, June Sumner, Harriett Tidball, Clara Toman, Kathryn Tschiren, Margaret Ann Valery, Vivian Palmer, Janet Westover, Grace Louise Wiles, Mary Kay Wiles, Margaret Will, Mildred Knofleek, Jean Knorr, Betty Valery.

HERE FROM WASHINGTON

Mrs. Helen Gasset and daughters, Dorothy and Helen Nora, of Yakima, Washington, are enjoying a visit at the home of Mrs. Gasset's father, Perry Graves, and with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherd Graves, at their home in Rock Bluffs. They are expecting to stay several weeks and will visit over the historic places of Rock Bluffs where the Graves family have been residents since the pioneer days of Nebraska.