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## REPORT SAYS 'BILLY' O'BRIEN TO GET THE AX

HEAD OF STATE FISHERIES MAY  
LOSE HIS POSITION UNDER  
CHANGE PROPOSED.

William J. O'Brien, who has for the past thirty years been the head of the state fish hatcheries at Gretna, has, according to reports from Lincoln, been scheduled for a downfall in view of a number of changes in the department of which he has long been an important part. Incidentally, Governor Bryan is cited to have ordered Mr. O'Brien to remove from South Bend to the residence at the state hatcheries at Gretna.

A special dispatch from Lincoln to the Omaha Bee gives the following account of the affair that threatens to result in the resignation or removal of the veteran fish expert:

"The governor furthermore stated that in the future George G. Koster, state fish and game warden, would be directly in charge of state hatcheries, located at Benkleman, Valentine and Gretna.

"In political circles it is believed that the governor's action in ordering O'Brien to use the house provided by the state for the hatchery superintendent is a first step toward ousting O'Brien from his job.

Rutenbeck Wants Job

For weeks it has been known here that friends of Gus Rutenbeck, chief state game warden under former Governor Morehead, were working quietly and insidiously to oust O'Brien and get the appointment for Rutenbeck. The story that O'Brien lived at South Bend across the Platte river from the hatchery and abandoned the home provided for him by the state has been circulated in state house circles for many days.

"Few expect that O'Brien will give up his private home, which he built at South Bend, and return to the hatchery house. It is expected that as soon as he returns from Sioux City, Ia., where he was called on business yesterday, and learns of the governor's order, he will tender his resignation, unless the governor withdraws his ultimatum.

Records available at the state house show that O'Brien's action in building a home at South Bend, a few miles from the hatchery, has not detracted from the efficiency of the hatchery. Each year finds that propagation and distribution of fish from the Gretna hatchery has increased.

Politician is Wanted

However, numerous democratic politicians feel that while O'Brien knows more about fish and stocking of fish in streams than anyone in the state he isn't much account in a political way, as all through his 30 years of public service O'Brien has worked steadily in increasing the numbers of fish in Nebraska streams and has paid little attention to production of either democratic or republican votes.

O'Brien and his brother founded the state hatchery at Gretna. His brother is now in charge of the hatchery at Valentine. The two O'Briens probably have done more toward making Nebraska a fishing state than any other two men.

The governor's statement following action of the state auditor in withholding a claim granted O'Brien by the legislature, which has been sanctioned by the governor. The claim was for \$1,200 in back pay which O'Brien asserts is coming to him.

Legislature Granted Increase

Four years ago, the legislature in appropriating a salary for the superintendent of the Gretna hatchery fixed the salary at \$2,400 a year. Leo Stuhr, secretary of agriculture, under whom O'Brien worked, refused to pay this amount and fixed O'Brien's salary at \$2,100.

This year, O'Brien went before the legislative committee on claims and told his story. An appropriation for the \$1,200 back pay was the result, and the governor signed the bill.

Today the governor asserted he didn't understand the circumstances, when he approved the claim and intimated he was willing to stand behind the state auditor in refusing to allow the claim.

The governor did not state whether he intended to give Koster power to choose his own help at the hatcheries or whether he would dictate to Koster as to the personnel of hatchery employes.

### WILL RETURN HERE

The authorities at Quincy, Illinois, have notified County Attorney A. G. Cole that Robert Mertle, or Robert Peterson as he was known here was to be given over to the custody of his adopted parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. N. Peterson of this city and would return to this city in company with Mr. Peterson.

The county judge of Adams county, Illinois, speaks very highly of Robert as a bright young man and one who has the possibilities of a fine man and urges that he be given every opportunity for developing himself. This is the lad that "General Happy" Meikel was charged with having turned away from his home and taken to Illinois.

### LOYAL WORKERS MEET

From Thursday's Daily.

The Loyal Workers aid society of the Christian church was entertained at the home of Mrs. Homer McKay yesterday afternoon. The day was very pleasant and a large crowd of ladies were present to share the hospitality of the McKays. A business session was held and disposed of, then the afternoon was given over to the hostess when visiting was indulged in. The hostess then served a delicious lunch which was very much enjoyed. Mrs. McKay was assisted by Mrs. O. C. Hudson, J. H. Graves, W. R. Robb and Mrs. W. F. Clark.

### FUNERAL OF ELI MANSPEAKER HELD ON WEDNESDAY

Services Held Under the Auspices of  
Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6. A.  
F. & A. M. Yesterday.

From Thursday's Daily.

The funeral services of the late Eli Manspeaker were held yesterday from the late home in the Coates block and attended by a large number of the friends who had known the deceased during his long years of residence in the state and in this city.

The services at the home, as well as at the grave, were in charge of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6. A. F. & A. M., and Rev. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church and chaplain of the lodge held the services at the home. The Masonic quartet composed of Dr. R. P. Westover, Rev. H. G. McClusky, Frank A. Cloldt and E. L. Minor sang two of the old hymns, "Jesus Saviour, Pilot Me" and "Now the Day is Over."

After the services at the home, the body was borne to Oak Hill cemetery, where it was laid to rest with the appropriate ritualistic service of the Masons being used in the ceremony. William A. Robertson, past master of the lodge, conducted the service at the grave.

The pall bearers were also members of the Masonic order being D. E. Eberhart, D. G. Anderson, P. T. Range, John Bauer, Orin Davis and John Wehrlein.

### ENTERTAIN AT DINNER AT FONTE- NELLE LAST NIGHT

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Young of Fremont Entertain for Miss Donelan and Mr. Brown.

From Thursday's Daily.

Last evening at the Hotel Fontenelle in Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Young of Fremont entertained at dinner some twelve guests in honor of Miss Margaret Donelan of this city and Mr. Karl Brown, of Papillion, whose marriage will occur this coming summer.

The dinner decorations were in pink and white, the floral centerpieces being of pink roses and lavender sweet peas and these were also used in the favors of the evening, corsage bouquets for the ladies, buttnaies for the gentlemen of the party. Place cards appropriate to the forthcoming happy event were also used in the settings of the very pleasant party.

A number from this city were in attendance at the dinner in honor of the two young people who are soon to be married.

### ENTERTAIN AT RADIO PARTY.

At their home north of Weeping Water, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ruby entertained a large number of their friends at a radio party last Tuesday evening. A most pleasant time was enjoyed by all those in attendance in listening to the Plattsmouth radio concert which was pronounced to be one of the finest that has been heard and much commented on by the members of the party. Following the concert a number of musical selections were given by Mrs. Heber and Floyd Ruby on violin, Bernard Ruby, banjo, and assisted by Mrs. Sooten at the piano that completed a very pleasant evening. The company was entertained with dainty refreshments served by the hostess. The members of the jolly party on departing voted the event had been one of the most delightful that they have enjoyed.

### INSTALL NEW LIGHTNING ARRESTORS ON LIGHT LINES

The Nebraska Gas and Electric company have just completed the installing over their lines from this city south through Murray, Union and Nehawka of the latest in the way of lightning arrestors on their electric lines. The new oxide film arrestors, the last word in the way of safety devices for electric lines, has been placed on the line of the company and adding to the efficiency of the service to the consumers.

Advertise your wants in the Journal for results.

### P. E. O. SOCIETY OF STATE ENDS ITS MEETING LAST NITE

Two Plattsmouth Ladies, Mrs. William Baird and Mrs. E. A. Wurl, Go to Seattle

From Friday's Daily.

The state convention of the P. E. O. society of the state of Nebraska closed its sessions last evening at Omaha and the general expression was that this had been one of the very successful meetings that the order has held in recent years and one filled with the greatest of interest to everyone attending.

The meeting was of particular interest to the Plattsmouth membership owing to the fact that Mrs. William Baird, one of the members of Chapter F, had served as the state president for the past year and in whose election the chapter has felt a great deal of pride. Mrs. Baird had a large part in the formation of the plans for the state convention that has just closed and the success of the meeting in every way is a tribute to her excellent judgment and that of the committee having the program in charge.

One of the matters of much interest here is the fact that the convention voted to send two of the past state presidents to the supreme chapter at Seattle in the summer, as representatives at large of the state and to join with the group delegates. For this honor, Mrs. William Baird of this city and Mrs. Elizabeth Robertson of Beatrice were chosen. The group delegate from this portion of the state will be Mrs. Emil A. Wurl of this city, one of the leaders in the work in the state. The delegates will be taken to Seattle on a special train leaving Omaha over the Burlington and at Billings, Montana, they will be joined by the Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Minnesota delegations and the central western delegates all travel together into the city of the northwest for the national meeting.

The state convention at their closing session last evening named the new officers for the year as follows: Miss Lula Wolford, Lincoln, president; Mrs. Maude Hendy, North Platte, vice president; Mrs. Nell H. Grantham, Kearney, second vice president; Mrs. Harriett Salter, Pierce, organizer; Mrs. Viola J. Cameron, Omaha, recording secretary; Mrs. May Bond, Fairbury, corresponding secretary; Mrs. M. P. Funkhouser, Omaha, treasurer.

### EPWORTH LEAGUE HAS PICNIC

From Friday's Daily.

The members of the Epworth League have been planning for some time to hold a hike and picnic and had fixed the date of the pleasurable event for last night, but when the time for the hike arrived the cold and disagreeable weather made a change in the plans necessary and it was decided that instead of getting out in the damp evening atmosphere the party would be held in the church parlors.

The time was spent in games of all kinds at which much enjoyment was derived and in order to give a little more of the atmosphere of the great outdoors marshmallows were toasted over candles, each one being given a tiny candle for this purpose. Other refreshments that had been arranged for the hike were served in the church parlors. The jolly party enjoyed the time spent in the refreshments in relating stories and a general social time.

### VISITS FROM ILLINOIS

Mrs. V. P. Meredith writes from Decatur, Illinois, to renew their subscription and to send regards to old Louisville friends. Mrs. Meredith was formerly Mrs. Isaac Bates of this city. She reports that she and her husband are in good health. They expect to go to Denver this coming summer and will then stop off in Omaha to visit her children and family and she is looking forward to seeing her little great-grandson, Bobbie Lee Mayfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mayfield. Mr. Meredith is associated with his brother in a storage and furniture business, and they are expert packers of china and silverware and movers of household goods and have a large business establishment.—Louisville Courier.

### DRAWS LUNCH CLOTH

From Thursday's Daily.

At the drawing of the beautiful hand made lunch cloth raffled off by Mrs. George Lamphere yesterday afternoon, the fine piece of work was secured by G. E. DeWolf, who held the winning number, 130. In this connection, Mrs. Lamphere desires to thank those who took chances and made possible the successful disposition of the lunch cloth.

### HAS A BUSY DAY

From Thursday's Daily.

Yesterday was a real bargain day for Henry Klinger as he was kept on the go from early in the morning until late last night and when the last chicken had been stowed away he had purchased just exactly one ton of chickens and 170 gallons of cream and seventeen cases of eggs.

### RETURNS FROM OMAHA

From Friday's Daily.

Rev. and Mrs. McClusky returned last evening from Omaha. Mrs. McClusky has been in attendance at the P. E. O. convention being held this week, and where she delivered the address of the afternoon on Wednesday. Yesterday Rev. and Mrs. McClusky were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Graham, president of the First National Trust company of Omaha, at a May breakfast in the First Presbyterian church. Mr. Graham entertained a "bing party." Mrs. Graham, a large number of her neighborhood friends.

### BARGAIN DAY DRAWS OUT GOOD BUSINESS

Despite the Fact that Weather Had Made Roads Rough City Well Filled with Shoppers.

From Thursday's Daily.

The community bargain day has become a real husky youngster in this community as this event is now two years old and held the second anniversary yesterday and in honor of the occasion there were many in the city to participate in the buying festival.

The weather man had been frowning on the prospects of the day, but with the brightening skies yesterday there were many coming in from the country districts and joining the residents of the city, taking advantage of the buying opportunities that were afforded by the merchants.

While not one of the largest days from the point of persons visiting the city, the day was very fair from a business standpoint and in fact many of the stores did a much better business than usual.

### EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

Plattsmouth, May 16th.

The committee having in charge the program for the W.O.A.W. radio concert on May 15th wishes to express to the members of the party who were performers and otherwise assisted, their appreciation of the cordial interest and splendid support given to this new and fascinating enterprise.

We also wish to express to the Editor of the Plattsmouth Journal our appreciation for his very generous co-operation and use of space in the columns of the Daily and Weekly paper.

We feel that Plattsmouth as a community is fortunate in having presented the first community program and are satisfied that our city is more places and on the lips of more people than at any one moment in her history.

Respectfully,  
E. H. WESCOTT, Chairman  
SEARL S. DAVIS  
GEORGE E. DEWOLF  
ELMER WEEB  
ED H. SCHULHOF,  
C. of C. Radio Committee.

### PLATTSMOUTH LADIES HONORED

From Thursday's Daily.

The state P. E. O. convention at Omaha this week has placed Plattsmouth on the map quite definitely and shows that the Plattsmouth ladies are deserving of the highest recognition and that the state extends this recognition. Mrs. William Baird is the retiring state president and at the banquet on Tuesday night at the Blackstone, she was presented with a large basket of roses from the B. L. L. of Plattsmouth, which came as a very pleasant surprise to the recipient. On Wednesday, Mrs. H. G. McClusky was on the program and at the evening session, Mrs. E. H. Wescott gave a pleasing vocal number and was presented with a beautiful bouquet of roses by the state chapter.

Among other of the Plattsmouth ladies active at the state meeting is Mrs. E. A. Wurl, president of Chapter F, of this city, who is one of the delegates from Nebraska to the national convention to be held this summer at Seattle.

### TAKEN TO KIRKSVILLE

From Thursday's Daily.

Last evening, Dr. H. C. Leopold departed for Kirksville, Missouri, where he accompanied Frank Janda, Jr., of this city, who has been feeling poorly of late and who will go to the Missouri city for an operation and treatment. The many friends of Mr. Janda in the city are hopeful that he may find relief from his illness in the operation and treatments at the Still hospital.

### HAS TONSILS REMOVED

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday at the Methodist hospital in Omaha, Ralph Barthold of this city was operated on for the removal of his tonsils which have been giving him more or less trouble and which it was thought to be the indirect cause of his long suffering from rheumatism. The operation has been very successful and if possible Mr. Barthold will return home this evening or in the morning.

### HONOR STUDENTS ALL STAND HIGH IN THEIR RECORDS

Of Highest Seven in Senior Class  
Four are Boys—Frank Gradoville is Valedictorian.

The senior class of 1923 of the Plattsmouth high school has made a fine record which they may certainly be proud of and the class of forty young people, twelve of whom are young men, certainly speaks well of the efficient conduct of the school when it is noted that the highest ranking student, Frank Gradoville, has a standing of 94.44, which is higher than the rank in most of the schools of the state in graduation. The seven students chosen as the honor students of the school are Frank Gradoville, Harold Mullis, Joe Weber, Ursula Herold, Edith Farley and Helen Wiles, these students ranking in the order given and with boys heading the class, and Mr. Gradoville and Mr. Mullis will therefore be the valedictorian and salutatorian at the commencement exercises next Thursday evening at the high school. Every one of these seven students have an average of ninety or better for each year of their four years of high school work.

Contrary to the general view of the public that the athlete-student is not the apt scholar, the class of 1923 offers a striking example as the four high ranking boys have been very active in the athletic work of the school. Frank Gradoville has letters in basketball, football and baseball; Joe Weber in football and baseball and Harold Mullis in basketball, football and baseball. John Warga in football and baseball.

### CHILDREN COME HOME FOR MOTHER'S DAY

The children of Mr. and Mrs. William Stohman came home last Sunday with their families in honor of Mother's Day and brought with them well filled bags of good things and a cat, including some fine cakes, and spent a happy day under the parental roof.

Mrs. Stohman has been ill for several weeks with stomach trouble and ailments, and was not able to partake of the splendid dinner and supper, but she was very happy to have her children and their families with them on this occasion. Her sister, Miss Pauline Thimigan, of Omaha, has been here caring for her during her illness and assisted in entertaining the visitors Sunday.

The children present were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gaebel and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Brunkow and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stohman and family and William Stohman, Jr., who resides at home. Each child brought a beautiful bouquet of congratulations for mother. In the evening their pastor, Rev. T. Hartman came in to offer his congratulations and best wishes. The many friends of Mrs. Stohman will wish her a speedy recovery from her illness.—Louisville Courier.

### FUNERAL AT HAMBURG

The body of Joshua Andrews, who died at the University hospital in Omaha on Wednesday evening, will be taken from Omaha direct to Hamburg, Iowa, the old home of the family and where the funeral services will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the burial made there in the family cemetery. The Andrews family were for a great many years residents of Hamburg and vicinity and it was there that Mr. and Mrs. Andrews were married coming to Plattsmouth some twenty years ago and where they have since resided. The four children with the wife were at Omaha when the death messenger called their loved one. The children surviving are: James, of this city, William, Mrs. Sarah Collins and Sandy of Omaha.

The old friends here will join in extending to the widow and children their deepest sympathy in the hour of their sorrow.

### SMALL FIRE OCCURS

From Friday's Daily.

This morning the fire department was called to the residence of Fred P. Busch on North Fifth street and Mr. Busch with his fellow firemen hastened to the scene of action and discovered that the roof of the house was the location of the blaze, but fortunately only a very small place was burned in the roof. Prompt work resulted in putting out the fire and it was only a few moments after the place was discovered by T. C. McCarty, who was passing by, until the fire department was on the job. The loss will be very slight to the property and for which the owner feels very grateful.

### ARRIVAL OF LITTLE ONE

From Saturday's Daily.

This morning at an early hour a fine little son arrived at the Harold Flochart home in this city. The little one and the mother are both doing nicely and the occasion has brought a great deal of pleasure to the members of the family.

### SENIORS HAVE GOOD TIME

From Friday's Daily.

The boys of the senior class today were enjoying themselves by appearing in fatigue costumes of overalls and blue shirts and generally celebrating the approaching close of the school year. The American problems class of the high school composed of seniors had been preparing to have a great treat in dainty candy, but when the time for the treat came it was found that someone else had beat them to it and made away with the candy. However the class took the matter like true sports as it was all in the class anyway.

### GLASS PLAY WILL BE GIVEN AT PAR- MELE TUESDAY

"Believe Me Xantippe" Will be Presented by a Well Chosen Cast of Senior Class Members.

The class of 1923 will have as the class play of the year the pleasing comedy drama, "Believe Me Xantippe," which on the stage and on the screen, where the leading role was portrayed by the late Wallace Reid, has pleased many hundreds of the lovers of the drama. The play is one of exceptional cleverness and for the leading roles of the play Harold Mullis and Miss Edith Farley have been selected while others comprising the supporting cast are: Elmer Johnson, Leonard Born, Charles Egenberger, Frank Gradoville, Roy Olson, Joe Weber, Mary Margaret Walling and Gladys Elliott.

In addition to the play the high school orchestra will play and specialities between acts will be given by students of the high school.

### ENJOY CARNIVAL PARTY

From Saturday's Daily.

Last evening the Married Folks club decided to once more renew their usefulness in a dip into the pleasures of the carnival and the delights of the merry-go-round, Ferris wheel and the host of shows at the grounds of the Luchman carnival company and accordingly they moved out in force and took in the whole bill at the grounds to aid the efforts of the American Legion who are sponsoring the carnival. Those taking part were: Messrs. and Mesdames H. W. Smith, J. V. Hart, Frank Bestor, E. C. Harris, J. F. Warga, H. E. Burdick, Lawrence Sprecher, James Bullin, Ed Fullerton, J. F. Wolf, W. K. Krecklow, J. E. Sanderson.

### BUYS TRUCK LINE

Ernest H. Buttery, who has been engaged in operating a truck line between this city and Omaha, has disposed of his truck to William E. Propst, and retired from this line of work. Mr. Propst, who is operating the garage at 7th and Vine street, will continue to run the truck line, however, and look after the wants of the public in this respect.

Mrs. Albert Funk of near Memphis is here enjoying a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Perry and her other relatives and friends.

### BURLINGTON MAKES CHANGE ON TRAINS

No. 1, Westbound, and No. 10, Eastbound, Are Restored Under the New Schedule.

The Burlington route is announcing a change in their train schedule which is quite extensive and which among other changes restores back on the train lists No. 1 and No. 10, which were taken off during the winter months. The time on many of the trains will be shortened and made more efficient for the traveling public.

Train No. 1 will leave Chicago at 5:30 p. m., arriving at Plattsmouth at 6:30 and reaching Omaha at 7 o'clock, leaving Omaha at 7:10 and arriving at Denver at 7:55 p. m.

Train No. 10 will have a schedule one hour and five minutes faster than last year and will leave Denver at 11:30 a. m., Lincoln 12:58 a. m. and arrive at Omaha at 2:25 a. m. and leave that city at 2:35 a. m. and arrive at Plattsmouth 3:15 a. m. and reach Chicago at 3:55 p. m.

### HOLD FAMILY REUNION

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Shopp has been the scene of a very pleasant gathering the last few days when for the first time in fourteen years all of their children gathered to hold a real reunion and to spend the time with the parents. Mrs. L. E. Hanford of McCook, Mrs. W. S. Pirie of Omaha, Mrs. Carl Dalton of Lincoln, Mrs. Morris McGrew of Burwell, and W. H. Shopp and Miss Marjorie Shopp of this city formed the family circle. The occasion was one that all enjoyed and which will long be fondly remembered by all of the family.

### OFFERED ANOTHER DATE

So pleasing was the Plattsmouth night radio program that the management of W.O.A.W. has offered talent from this city another date, probably about the middle of July, and it is quite certain the same will be accepted, being furnished as before under auspices of the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce. Letters are now coming in from all over expressing appreciation of the program, and it will be a week or more yet before the winner of the \$5 long distance reception prize can be determined.

### RECEIVE GOOD NEWS

Friends here of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Chapman of Baker, Montana, have just received word of the arrival of a new son at their home on May 12th and who, with the mother, is doing very nicely at the hospital at Baker. The Chapman family were former residents of this city, Mrs. Chapman being formerly Miss Ruth Johnson.

### PURCHASES REPAIR SHOP

George Decker has purchased the repair shop and filling station on South Sixth street, formerly owned by Clifford Clark, and is now operating the same. Mr. Decker is a very general and pleasant gentleman and in his new location should have a generous patronage from his many friends.

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