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## Move to Mark Historic Spots in This City

### Effort to Preserve the Location of Many of the Early Historic Places in the City

The cities of Nebraska along the Missouri river are rich in many historic incidents and with the lives and personalities of the leaders of the early days spent in this part of the state. The Coverdale family, being Robert Coverdale of Omaha, who as a boy was a resident of Plattsmouth and where his parents for many years ran a boarding house on what is now part of the court house lawn. The Coverdale family were residents here in the early seventies and eighties and later left this city for Omaha to reside and where the son later entered the employ of the Union Pacific and was engaged with that road at Omaha and Salt Lake City. The father and mother have long since passed on and the son is now a man well into middle age and in his visit here found but few of the associates of the long ago.

## Cass County Legion Picnic on August 4th

### Will Be Held at Louisville and Participated in by Legion and Auxiliary and Friends

The second annual picnic of the American Legion posts of Cass county including the posts at Plattsmouth, Greenwood, Nehawka, Elmwood and Louisville will be held at Louisville on Sunday, August 4th, this decision having been reached at the conference held at that place Sunday morning by representatives of the various posts.

The picnic will be for the members of the American Legion, the Legion Auxiliary and their families and friends and judging from the splendid success of the one held last year will make a real treat to those who are in attendance.

The various posts of the county will join in the supplying of ice cream and pop to the youngsters free and the business men and Chamber of Commerce of Louisville are promising that there is plenty of good ice cold lemonade on hand for everybody.

The day will be featured by the picnic dinners and which will largely be enjoyed in the tourist park at Louisville where there are ample tables in which there are already several entries and both Plattsmouth and Greenwood have strong candidates for the winning honors.

The committee in charge of the picnic is arranging that in the event of the weather being unfavorable on the 4th, that the picnic will be postponed until the succeeding Sunday.

## MANY ENJOY CONCERT

Sunday afternoon one of the most delightful musical events of the season was held at the Nebraska Masonic Home when the members of the Tangier temple of the Shriners came down from Omaha and spent the afternoon at the Home visiting with the aged residents and enjoying the delights of the picnic dinner on the spacious lawn of the Home and where special parking facilities were arranged for the visitors.

After the fine picnic dinner of the visitors the scene of activity was transferred to the east side of the main building where in the cool shade and inviting comfort the band of the Tangier temple gave a very fine program of the standard and popular numbers and which was enjoyed by the large and very appreciative audience.

To add to the enjoyment of the occasion the program was featured by several numbers by the Chanters, members of the Shrine and whose vocal offerings proved a real hit to the audience.

A very large number of the local people were in attendance and felt very appreciative of the opportunity of enjoying such a high class musical treat as that afforded them by Tangier temple.

## MOTOR CLUB MEETS

Last evening the Plattsmouth members of the Nebraska Motor club met at the court house lawn to take the steps necessary to form their unit of the organization and prepare to co-operate with the state organization. The local club named E. J. Richey as the president of the unit and selected the official representative of the Plattsmouth unit James W. Holmes, and who will have charge of all questions that may arise between the local organization and its members and the state organization.

## WILL CHANGE LOCATIONS

N. A. Morrow, who has been in charge of the chicken hatchery in the Hotel Perkins building, is to move his location to the corner of Sixth and Pearl streets where he will take over the official representative of the Sam Moye and will also operate his chicken hatchery during the season. Mr. Moye has a very nice business worked up in the produce line and which Mr. Morrow can handle very nicely in connection with his hatchery and furnish an all season line of activity.

## OLD TIME RESIDENT HERE

Sunday one of the old time residents of this city was here for a short visit and meeting a number of the friends of his boyhood days, this being Robert Coverdale of Omaha, who as a boy was a resident of Plattsmouth and where his parents for many years ran a boarding house on what is now part of the court house lawn. The Coverdale family were residents here in the early seventies and eighties and later left this city for Omaha to reside and where the son later entered the employ of the Union Pacific and was engaged with that road at Omaha and Salt Lake City. The father and mother have long since passed on and the son is now a man well into middle age and in his visit here found but few of the associates of the long ago.

## To Reach Juvenile Delinquency Over the State

### E. M. Pollard, Head of Department of Public Welfare, Tells of Visit to This County

Thursday, July 18th, I had a conference at Plattsmouth, Cass county, with Judge James T. Begley, district judge, W. G. Kieck, County Attorney, and Miss Alpha Peterson, County Superintendent of Schools. The purpose of this conference was to ascertain whether there was not some sound plan which would reach and cure juvenile delinquency before our youth are committed to correctional or penal institutions. This was the first conference I have had with county and juvenile authorities looking towards the establishment of a definite policy, state wide in its scope, the purpose being to save our youth by exercising humane and sensible supervision over the wayward child, both male and female, who is beginning practices that will lead almost invariably to a life of crime. While the parole system, now a fixed policy in most of the states, is fairly successful in rehabilitating criminals, yet the experience of other states thus far demonstrates clearly that it is easier to prevent crime than it is to cure the criminal after he becomes involved with law enforcement officers.

The plan agreed to at Plattsmouth, on the part of the Cass county officials, contemplates that the probation officer shall function as the representative of the juvenile court in handling all juvenile delinquencies. It is expected that the probation officer will act through the attendance officers of the various schools of the county. This attendance officer is chosen by the school board to act in that capacity where the teacher or the superintendent of schools is so burdened with other duties that they are unable to serve.

This plan has two salient advantages. First, it gives the county, through the probation officer, information when the child first starts in his waywardness by absenting himself from school. Where the teacher or the attendance officer cannot cope with the situation the matter is to be presented to the probation officer who in turn will present it to the judge in an informal manner and a study will be made immediately of the home environment of the child and where necessary requires the child will be placed on probation. Second: This consolidation will result in an immediate appeal to the state by preventing the necessity of committing these children to state institutions and to the counties in saving the cost of criminal prosecution.

This plan also contemplates keeping the child in his own home, except under conditions where the child's future conduct demands his removal from an environment that will likely make out of him a criminal. It is also expected that the probation officer will make an investigation of all applications for divorce where there are children involved. Governor Weaver tells me that the records of the Board of Pardons shows that many of the cases coming before them are traceable to school delinquency and to broken homes.

The last legislature enacted House Bill No. 103 which increases the minimum attendance required on the part of pupils from 120 to 160 days, according to the number of months of school furnished in each district. The county superintendent of schools is charged with the enforcement of this law. The superintendent must depend upon the school authorities to bring this about. It is expected that the probation officer, through the attendance officers of the various schools, will carry into effect the provisions of this law. In other words, we are seeking to consolidate in each county all the public regulations, state and local, governing the welfare, from the standpoint of public supervision, of children under one head. Only about 10 per cent of the children of the state would be affected by this procedure. The other 90 per cent do not need any correction or supervision other than what they receive in their own homes. This 10 per cent, however, comprise the class out of which our criminals come. It is this class that needs supervision. This procedure will enable the public authorities to supervise such children and direct their conduct during the formative period of their lives, and I believe will prevent in most cases their entering a life of crime.

## SUFFERS SKULL FRACTURE

From Tuesday's Daily—John M. Clarence, who was injured several days ago while working at the saw mill of the Livingston Brothers ten miles south of this city, was taken to Omaha yesterday and placed in the University hospital where he was found to be suffering from a skull fracture and his condition has grown quite serious and caused much apprehension from the attending physicians and friends.

At the time of the accident Mr. Clarence was engaged in assisting in getting a large slab of wood from the saw and the end of the long plank caught against the saw and the plank was hurled into the face of Mr. Clarence, scraping the skin from the face and forehead of Mr. Clarence and terribly lacerating his face. At first it was not thought that he had sustained other injuries but a later examination disclosed the fracture of the skull which makes his case a very dangerous one.

## PIONEERS OF CASS COUNTY

The State Journal of Sunday had a short illustrated sketch of a number of the pioneers and near pioneers of Cass county and among these were a number of well known residents of Plattsmouth and Elmwood.

In the residents of this city whose portraits adorn the article are Alfred W. White, one of the pioneers of 1855 as well as George E. Dovey, who since 1863 has been prominently identified with the business life of this city and vicinity. The sketch also has the pictures of C. C. and E. H. Wescott, who while not pioneers are observing the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Wescott store here by their father, C. E. Wescott.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Huffman of near Elmwood and Miss Maggie Stokes of Elmwood also comprise the Cass county group that has been selected as representing Cass county pioneers.

## RELEASE MAN

### From Monday's Daily—Last evening the night police force gathered up a stranger who was found on the streets at a late hour and whose actions seemed to be suspicious and it was thought that perhaps the man was a deserter from the army as he wore part of the issue clothes of the soldier. Inquiry this morning by Chief of Police Libershal at Fort Crook failed to locate any demand for the man at that post and he was accordingly released.

## Retirement of Well Known Police Figure of Omaha

### James Grace, One Time Chief of Police of Plattsmouth Retires From Omaha Force

James Grace, alias "Daddy" Grace, 427 North Twenty-eighth avenue, Omaha, well known and beloved veteran police officer, passed through the exit of the South Side station for the last time as an active police officer Saturday afternoon. He retires officially August 1, at the age of 80 years, but has leave-time to his credit and so began his actual retirement Saturday.

Mr. Grace served as chief of police of Plattsmouth in the late nineties and after his retirement here located with his family at Omaha. Mr. Grace began his service on the South Side as emergency patrol driver when the motor power for the patrol wagon was a team of spirited horses. At the time of annexation in 1915 motor cars were substituted for horse-drawn vehicles and from that time on for many years he acted as patrol conductor on the emergency crew, but advancing years led him to transfer to the station where he was made jailor and court officer.

At One Time Railroad Man Prior to joining the South Omaha police force, he was employed by a local railroad company, was in business for himself and later still, a member of the special police force at the Omaha packing plant. He was a guard on the grounds during the exposition of 1898.

Mr. Grace has had many exciting experiences on the police force during the last twenty years and the tales he could relate would fill a small volume. He will take a complete rest until next year when he plans to take an extended trip to visit relatives and friends.

There was genuine sorrow and regret among the police officers on duty at the station Saturday when "Daddy" for the last time as an active officer passed through the front door of the station and huskily responded to the "good byes" of his comrades. He was well liked and highly respected by all of his fellow officers.

## CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

From Wednesday's Daily—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGuire, North Ninth street was the scene of a very pleasant gathering of little folks yesterday, the occasion being the ninth birthday anniversary of little Miss Reta Becker of Osmond, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. McGuire, and in honor of the occasion a number of the young folks of the neighborhood were invited in to spend the afternoon. The time was spent most delightfully in games of all kinds and which made the event one of more than usual pleasure to all of the jolly party.

The home was very prettily arranged in the summer flowers that added a colorful touch to the scene. In honor of the event the guest of honor received a large number of very attractive gifts that will be cherished by the little lady. At a suitable hour dainty refreshments were served and which were featured by a large and handsome birthday cake with its glowing candles and which had been prepared by Mrs. Edgar McGuire for the event. Those enjoying the occasion were Dora and Mildred Elledge, Betty Bull, Ann Marie, Helen and Margaret Reed, Helen and Dorothy Lynch, Pattie, Mary and Betty Briggs of Winner, South Dakota, Dorothy Rapp of Chicago, Marguerite McClintock, Mary and Reta Becker of Osmond.

## OFF FOR MINNESOTA

Joseph Hadraba, well known druggist, and his son, Robert, departed Monday via the auto route for northern Minnesota where they are to enjoy the next two weeks in resting and fishing in the lakes of that section of Minnesota. The trip has been anticipated very much by Mr. Hadraba who enjoys fishing and will have the opportunity of making some real catches in the lake country of the northland.

## Local People in Auto Wreck Near Union

### Mrs. Joe Mertis and Daughter, of This City and John Bergmann of Manly, Hurt

From Tuesday's Daily—Last night a very serious auto accident occurred on highway No. 75 three and a half miles southwest of Union and in which two Plattsmouth ladies, Mrs. Joe Mertis and daughter, Miss Anna, and John Bergmann, Jr., of Manly were injured.

The party in the car of Mr. Bergmann were coming north from a trip to Nebraska City and Mr. Bergmann was driving the car, a Whippet coupe, at the time of the accident and the party claims at the time that the speed of their car was not over twenty-five miles an hour. They saw a car approaching from the north and in a few moments a third car appeared also coming from the north and tried to pass the first car and as they swung around the car the brakes on the passing car, locked and the car crashed headon into the Whippet coupe of Mr. Bergmann and with the result that the coupe was shoved to one side of the road and for a considerable distance.

The car that crashed into the Bergmann coupe was a Buick sedan and was driven by a young man giving the name of Brown and claiming Nebraska City as his home. It is claimed by the members of the wrecked party that the Buick was traveling at some forty miles an hour, a not unusual speed on the highway.

An ambulance was called from Nebraska City and Mrs. Mertis and daughter and Mr. Bergmann taken on to that place to have their injuries dressed. Mrs. Mertis suffered the breaking of two ribs and perhaps more serious internal injuries. There are very large numbers of breeders of pure bred chickens in the middle and eastern portions of Cass and Sarpy county and eastern Saunders county who will be here with their coops of chickens and demonstrations of the value of the very best of poultry.

The show here will be staged at the American Legion Community building, a very large and spacious auditorium where the chickens will be exhibited and viewed by the public and where the show will be of easy access to the general public during the course of the exhibition.

Special coops for exhibition purposes will be secured from the state and which will be placed through the hall to allow the chickens to be shown at their best.

The local Chamber of Commerce and business men will co-operate in the show and a large array of valuable prizes for the various events will be offered, this feature being handled by the agricultural committee of the Chamber of Commerce of which T. H. Pollock is chairman.

Miss Helen Egenberger and Miss Emma Johnson were joint hostesses at a very charming miscellaneous bridge shower on Monday evening at the Egenberger home, honoring Miss Mildred Schlater of Denver, whose marriage to Mr. Sanford Lacy of Denver will occur in the fall season.

The home was very attractively arranged in a color scheme of pink and white and in which the rich hued flowers of the late summer season were used most effectively.

The greater part of the evening was spent at bridge and in the playing Mrs. Guy Long was the winner of the first prize and Miss Jeanette Weber of the second honors of the evening.

## STILL QUITE SICK

From Wednesday's Daily—The reports from the hospital at Omaha state that Mrs. Leona Hart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kief of this city, is still very weak and does not seem to regain her strength as had been hoped for and the condition of the patient was such that another blood transfusion was made a few days ago that for a time seemed to revive the patient. The condition of Mrs. Hart is such, however, that it will require several weeks at least before she can be definitely on the highway to recovery.

## KITCHEN KLATTERS MEET

The Kitchen Klatter 4-H club met at the home of Miss Helen Johnson July 18, 1929. Two muffin demonstration teams were organized, one being Eula Pace and Mary Lois Wiles and the other Helen Gilmour and Elizabeth Wiles. Many plans were made for going to the camp at Murray. The meeting was adjourned at 5 o'clock. The next meeting will be held July 29th.

## RECEIVES SAD NEWS

### From Tuesday's Daily—Misses Alpha Peterson, county superintendent, and her sister, Miss Gerda Peterson, departed today on a very sad mission, following the receipt of a message that their nephew at Sheridan, Wyoming, Roy Enberg, was in very critical condition and that their brother-in-law, J. N. Enberg was at the Mayo hospital at Rochester, Minnesota, and was to undergo a very critical operation Wednesday.

The nephew, Roy Enberg, 34, was taken ill early in the year and was taken to his parents and was taken to the hospital at Rochester where an examination gave but little hope of his recovery and he was sent on back to Sheridan and where he has since been cared for in the hospital at that place, gradually growing weaker until the last few days when hope of his recovery has been abandoned. While at Rochester, the father, J. N. Enberg, was sent through the clinic and his condition found to be more serious than thought and as the result was that he was ordered to the hospital and has for the past six weeks been very poorly and will have to undergo a number of operations.

Mrs. Enberg has been with her husband and on receipt of the word of the sinking of the son at Sheridan will go to him while Miss Alpha will come to Rochester to be with her brother-in-law while Miss Gerda will go with her sister to Sheridan.

## HOLD SOCIAL MEETING

From Wednesday's Daily—Yesterday afternoon the members of the Women's Relief Corps held a very pleasant social meeting at the home of Mrs. Julius M. Hall on Orchard Hill and which was attended by a very large number of the members and their friends to enjoy the excellent time that had been arranged for them. The afternoon was spent in visiting and the enjoyment of the program which consisted of several piano numbers by Miss Louise Rishel, several vocal numbers by Mrs. Gladys Groff and Mrs. Robert Troop in her clever manner presenting several readings. As the afternoon was drawing to the close the hostesses, Mrs. L. B. Egenberger, Mrs. John Elliott and Mrs. Hall, served a most delicious luncheon that all appreciated to the utmost.

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## CARS HAVE SMASHUP

From Monday's Daily—Last evening a rather serious auto wreck occurred on the highway leading into Murray and just east of the bathing beach, when the Ford car driven by a young man named Chriswisher, of Nehawka, crashed into the large Studebaker touring car that was driven by Roy Turner of this city. There was a great deal of traffic along the road and it is claimed that the Chriswisher car was without lights and its presence was not noticed by Mr. Turner until too late to avoid the collision.

The cars were both smashed up to a greater or less extent but fortunately none of the occupants of the cars were injured and were able to return to their homes.

## Plan for the Tri-County Poultry Show

### The Event Will Be Held in This City on December 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th

The Tri-County Poultry show, participated in by the poultry raisers of Cass, Sarpy and Saunders counties will be held on December 10th to 13th inclusive, the committee in charge having reached this decision at a meeting of the directors.

This year the poultry show will be held at Plattsmouth, the first time that the show has come to the eastern part of the area comprising the three counties and will bring a great deal of interest to the poultry raisers as well as Mills county, Iowa.

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## Graveling and Paving on the King of Trails

### Completion of Road Gravel North of Nehawka Will Close Union Road for Travel

The paving of highway No. 75 from Omaha to Union will cause a great deal of activity in the way of road work through this section of the graveling of the detour that will be used during the actual paving of the main highway, as well as the paving.

The first active start on the paving work will be east of Union where the contractors force has been located and will start in on the work of getting the first of the concrete surfacing ready. The work was planned to start at the Glen Perry farm and go on south from that location, but the necessity of making a change in the electric line poles has caused a delay and the work of paving will start at the south end of the highway.

The road from Union west to Nehawka that will be used as the detour highway will be marked and placed in active service and this road will run from Nehawka north to the Red Ball highway where the travel will be routed for the present through Murray and thence north through this city until the detour west of Murray and Plattsmouth is completed and graveling and paving of the highway will be closed for the paving purposes.

The selection of the detour road was not made until a very short time before the letting of the paving contracts and as there has been a number of very extensive pieces of culvert and bridge work to look after the work of getting this road from Murray north to the Platte bottom in shape has caused some delay but the highway work will be on in full blast in a short time.

## NOTED DANCER HERE

From Tuesday's Daily—Yesterday Attorney W. C. Frampton and Mrs. Frampton and their daughter, Miss Eleanor and William Lehnhoff, motored down from Lincoln and enjoyed a visit here at the home of Mrs. P. D. Lehnhoff and daughter, Miss Tillie.

This is the first visit of Miss Eleanor in Lincoln for some time as she has been kept very much in the east by her stage career, being under contract with the Keith-Albee circuit and which also controls the Orpheum circuit in the central west.

Miss Frampton has had a very brilliant stage career and as a dancer has scored a great triumph on the Orpheum circuit as well as eastern circuit. Miss Frampton has spent three years in the New York City area with the Keith-Albee company and prior to that time was at Los Angeles for five years with the dancing act that has made such a decided success.

This talented lady is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and since leaving school has devoted a great deal of time to her art, being a graduate of the Denis-Shawn school of dancing and which prepared her for the wonderful success that she has achieved on the vaudeville stage.

While here Miss Frampton entertained Mrs. Lehnhoff and daughters and the members of the party at luncheon at the Barclay Inn.

## HOLD PLEASANT PARTY

From Wednesday's Daily—Last evening the country club was the scene of a very pleasant gathering on the occasion of the Elks card party and which drew out a very pleasing number despite the intense heat that had made the day one of the greatest inconvenience to the residents of this locality.

The members of the club found the surroundings at this delightful spot most alluring and a temperature that was much lower than down in the main part of the city.

The evening, however, failed to bring any pinocle players to the card party and this feature of the club was omitted and the playing confined to the playing of bridge.

In the contests Dr. R. P. Westover was the winner of the gentlemen's prize and Mrs. Charles Peterson, Jr., of the ladies.

The committee in charge of the entertainment comprised Mrs. Harry Platt, Mrs. R. P. Westover, Mrs. Rae McMaken and Mrs. Thomas Walling.

## RAIN BRINGS RELIEF

From Wednesday's Daily—The rain that fell over the greater part of eastern Nebraska yesterday afternoon and last evening, brought a welcome relief from the intense heat and sultry conditions of Monday and Tuesday and while in this locality the rainfall was not heavy it was most welcome to every resident of this section and did much good in the freshening up of the crops. The temperature ranged through the state from 90 to 100 and in this city the highest mark reported was 95 degrees although the closeness of the atmosphere made the condition much worse.