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## Graveling on Detour Getting Along Nicely

Highway Now Graveled to Within Mile of Mynard Road—Preparing for Fall

The graveling of the detour road that is to be used when the paving of highway No. 75 is in progress, is getting along in very nice shape and the gravel is now within a mile of the Mynard road, the graveling coming north on the highway.

The county is having considerable work done on the detour road between the Louisville and Mynard roads where two bridges have been placed for drainage. These bridges and fills will be just west of the T. H. Pollock land and when completed will place the highway high and dry from the overflows of the creek that may possibly occur.

West of this city a large culvert has been placed on the highway route and when completed the detour highway will be a real road and will be gravel surfaced along the entire line of the road.

Gravel has been placed on the Red Base highway from the detour road at the O. A. Davis corner on into Murray and traffic is being sent that way while the paving work is carried on the main highway from Murray south to Union.

On the northern portion of the project there is still some additional construction work to be done, the highway being changed just south of this city and will swing through the farm of Elbert Wiles just south of here and instead of the present route will cut through the center of the Wiles farm.

## ENJOY A FINE OUTING

From Monday's Daily—

Yesterday the members of the St. John's and Holy Rosary parishes of the Catholic church, with their families, participated in a very fine picnic that was arranged by the local council of the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters of America.

The event was held at the Viterank farm northwest of this city where a fine grove and excellent grass spot made an ideal location for the gathering of the young and old alike.

The members of the party commenced to arrive at the grounds late in the forenoon and by the arrival of twelve o'clock there were many groups of the families and their friends scattered over the hillside through the grove and where under the refreshing shade the contents of the well laden baskets were spread in a fine repast that all enjoyed to the utmost.

Following the bi picnic dinner the remainder of the day was devoted to sports of all kinds and in which the members of the party participated in tug-of-war, races of all kinds, a ball game and of course the horseshoe events for those who enjoyed this form of sport. The popular pastime of Bingo was arranged for those who did not care to take part in the races and other events and gave amusement for a great many while the afternoon was passing.

This is the third year that the annual picnic has been held at this attractive place and which is especially adapted for the purpose of a large picnic as there is plenty of shaded retreats for the diners as well as a large open space that can be used for the various sporting events.

To help make the day more pleasant there was pop and soft drinks served during the day while at the picnic the two societies saw that all received free ice cream.

## TO RETURN HOME SOON

From Monday's Daily—

John Sanders, who has been making fine progress toward recovery from his operation for appendicitis a week ago at the Lory Lister hospital at Omaha, has so far recovered that he will be able to return home by the middle of the week and will spend the remainder of his recuperative period here with his family. He has done splendidly since the operation and has every prospect of a very speedy recovery.

Phone us the news. No. 8.

## Educator Tells of Early Teaching Experience

J. W. Crabtree Tells of Teaching Near Elmwood Where His Keeping Word Was Successful

Secretary J. W. Crabtree of the National Education Association, Washington, D. C., has accepted an invitation to attend a reunion, August 31, at Fairview District School, two miles southeast of Elmwood, Nebraska where he taught nearly half a century ago. Here is what he says about it.

"I had an experience in connection with this district school which I will never forget. I had been teaching in the district for several terms when, in March or April, 1888, I was asked to remain the next year at a slight increase in salary. I promised to remain. A little later when in Elmwood, a nearby village, I was offered the principalship of the Elmwood schools and I agreed to accept but stated that I would need to see the members of the district board since I had promised them for the next year. These members, interested as they were in my welfare, took the view that in fairness to the people of the district they would be compelled to hold me to my contract.

"My teachers at the normal school including the principal thought I ought to go to Elmwood in spite of the decision of the board." They thought the district owed me better treatment than that after several terms of service. I almost decided to go and yet I could not feel fully justified in taking that step. I had been told, and thought myself, that I might never have another chance for a principalship. That view made it more difficult to obey my own conscience. I then told my father about it. He thought these teachers ought to know what was best. He did not, however, like the idea of my going back on my word if I had actually made a promise. He thought it always paid to keep a promise and to do right regardless of cost. I finally decided to go back and work in the same spirit as before.

"I was soon very glad that I went back. There was a satisfaction in it to me during the year. I felt honest pride in having made good my promise. Later board members and parents wondered whether they did right in holding me. It then became my duty to assure them that they did exactly right and that I was glad I had remained. They did right as they saw it at the time but they would have taken the opposite view later on. I felt happy in my work as a result. Imagine my surprise in the following March to receive a request from the secretary of the board of education at Ashland, Nebraska, to visit Ashland immediately if interested in the principalship of the high school. I made the visit and was elected.

"I wondered how it had happened. I learned later that Doctor Hobbs of Elmwood, when attending a medical convention in Ashland and hearing that they needed a high school principal, had told them of my having been elected at Elmwood and why I had not accepted. Members of the board told me afterward that that which appealed to them and which gave me an advantage over more experienced men, was my going back to the district at a financial sacrifice in order to keep my word. It aided in giving me the confidence and affection of the people of Ashland during my six years as principal and superintendent.

"There is no telling how much it meant to me to keep that promise. It doubtless helped me to receive promotions. It helped me to live a more honorable life than I should have lived had I started out on the other plan. So, after all, those fine directors, in carrying out their obligations to the district, actually conferred a greater favor on me than they would have done by accepting my resignation. I am anxious to visit that school and community. Those friends would cross the continent for me. I shall cross it to see them."

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## OLD RESIDENTS WRITE

The Journal has just received a renewal from one of the former residents of this city, Mrs. Cora Wayman Daniels, daughter of John Wayman, who some fifty years ago operated a foundry and machine shop in this city. The Wayman family were among the first subscribers of the Journal when it was established in 1881 and have been constantly on the list since that time and while they have not resided in Plattsmouth for many years, they still keep in touch with the old home community through the medium of the Journal.

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## WILL ATTEND DINNER PARTY

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## ACCEPTS NICE POSITION

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Miss Betty Sitzman of this city today started in on her duties as a bookkeeper at the Omaha National bank at Omaha, a very fine position and with one of the largest banks in the state. Miss Sitzman is a well qualified lady for the position as she has had an extensive experience in this line of work and was formerly the employe of the Plattsmouth State bank in this city where her work was of a very high standard. She has been enjoying a vacation and the offer of the position in the large Omaha bank was such that she decided to accept it and will start her work today. The many friends in this city of Miss Sitzman will be pleased to learn that she has been chosen for this position and in which she will be a most valuable assistant for the bank.

## SEVENTY-NINTH BIRTHDAY OF TWINS OBSERVED

Loran Davis and Mrs. Laura Peterson Celebrate Passing of Their Anniversary

This city has the honor of being the place of residence of two of the oldest twins of record so far in the state in the persons of Loran Davis and his sister, Mrs. Laura Peterson, who have just observed their seventy-ninth anniversary at the home of their niece, Miss Ella Kennedy, with whom they have made their home for the past two years.

The report of the discovery of the oldest twins on record aged 87 at Los Angeles, leads to the belief that the Plattsmouth people are among the oldest in the state if not the oldest.

Mr. Davis and his sister, Mrs. Peterson, were born in Ohio but brave for sixty-three years made their home in Nebraska and the greater part of the time in Plattsmouth. Mrs. Peterson residing here for all of these years while Mr. Davis for a number of years was engaged in railroad work at Colorado City but of late years has returned to make his home here. It was in this city that the sister was married to Rasmus Peterson who has preceded her in death a number of years.

## Rotarians Enjoy Address by L. C. Oberlies

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Mr. Oberlies is now connected with the publicity department of the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Co., and on his visit yesterday was accompanied by C. W. Motter, head of the publicity department of the company and who was also a guest of the Rotarians as was Chester Bowes of Council Bluffs, Iowa, a well known authority on the Iowa city.

Mr. Oberlies discussed in his own clever manner the relationship of the employer and the employe, his long experience in his various activities giving him a broad vision of both the employer and the employe and his remarks were much appreciated by the members of the Rotary, being enlivened by the bright and sparkling humor of the speaker as well as the meaty discussion of a very important subject.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS PICNIC

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The party embraced all departments of the Sunday school from the smaller children to the adult classes, and the members of the congregation having cars were kind enough to assist in the success of the event by conveying the Sunday school to the shade and comfort of Riverview park. A fine luncheon was enjoyed and the opportunity given for games and sports of all kinds that added very much to the pleasure of all those in attendance.

## Hinky-Dinky Store to Open in This City

Lease Building of H. M. Soennichsen Next to Journal for New Business House

From Wednesday's Daily—  
The Hinky-Dinky stores, a chain organization that has a number of stores in Omaha, are soon to enter this city with one of their business houses as the deal has been concluded whereby the chain organization has secured a lease on the building occupied by the H. M. Soennichsen grocery store just west of the Journal office.

The conclusion of the negotiations was completed last evening and the Soennichsen store in the present location will be cleared for the new firm as soon as the plans can be arranged.

The Black and White grocery in this city is owned by the H. M. Soennichsen company of which Mr. Soennichsen is the head and whether or not the entire grocery business will be handled from this store in the future has not been definitely decided upon by Mr. Soennichsen.

The location secured by the Hinky-Dinky stores is one of the best in the city and will give them a large and ample room for their business activities and the building will be rented at a very pleasing figure by the owner, Mr. Soennichsen.

The Soennichsen store will arrange to clear their stocks and prepare to turn the building over as soon as possible and what their future plans will be will be announced later according to the statements made by the members of the store management.

## MRS. MULLEN SURPRISED

From Wednesday's Daily—  
Last evening Mrs. Frank Mullen was given a very pleasant surprise at her home on Pearl street, the event being in honor of the birthday anniversary of the guest of honor. The surprise was carefully planned by the friends and the committee in charge composed of Mrs. Joe Libershal, Mrs. A. G. Bach, Mrs. F. I. Rea and Mrs. J. C. Peterson, Jr., had so carefully carried on the details Mrs. Mullen was wholly unaware of the happy event in store for her until the members of the party arrived at the Mullen home to greet their friend.

After the guest of honor had recovered from the hearty greetings of the friends, the ladies proceeded to have an evening of the rarest enjoyment and in which playing Tango was the chief entertaining feature. In the game Mrs. F. G. Egenberger was awarded the first prize with the second honors being won by Mrs. Nell Henry, the third prize by Miss Anna Jirousek and the consolation by Miss May Murphy.

During the course of the evening the surprisers served very dainty delicious refreshments that added to the thorough enjoyment of all of the members.

At the close of the evening the members of the party wished their way homeward wishing Mrs. Mullen many more such pleasant events in the future.

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