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## New Bridge is Popular with Auto Parties

### Despite the Rough and Incompleted Road, Many Visit the New Span Over River

The new Missouri river bridge here was the goal of a large number of auto parties Sunday and the structure was traveled over by a very large number of residents of both Iowa and Nebraska who made their way over the road and completed highway on this side of the bridge and enjoyed the sight of the fine and modern structure as well as crossing over on the bridge.

The bridge company is not yet in position to have the bridge formally open but offers no objection to its use by the autos who may wish and can get to and from the bridge.

One of the residents here motored to Glenwood Sunday and made the round trip in an hour while heretofore it was necessary to take over an hour in going via Omaha on a one way trip, this showing that the bridge is going to be a great boon to those who are traveling from Chicago to Denver via the Harding highway.

A little work by the contractors on the highway would smooth up the bridge highway so that it could be traveled in a very good shape and would help allow those who are desiring to get back and forth during the holidays do it in a greater degree of comfort. If it is possible, the city should see that the road work is pushed along to speed up the date when the bridge highway can be completed.

## APPEALS FROM AWARD

From Monday's Daily—  
The time of Judge James T. Begley in the district court today was taken up in hearing an appeal filed from the award of the state labor commissioner in the case of a man named Jacobs, killed at Louisville on May 22nd, 1929. The commissioner at the previous hearing awarded a claim of \$15 for 250 weeks to the widow of the deceased, Tillie Jacobs of West Fork, Arkansas. The award was against Green & McReynolds and H. E. Pankonin of Louisville. Mr. Jacobs was hired to do some excavation work and while working in a trench it caved in on him and he was killed.

At the afternoon session of the court an agreement was reached by the parties in the case as to the compensation and the lump settlement of \$4,474.57 was agreed upon and the various amounts distributed as follows: Green & McReynolds, \$1,237.44; H. E. Pankonin, \$2,237.13; and A. O. Anderson & Son, \$1,000.

## ENJOY FAMILY GATHERING

From Monday's Daily—  
The members of the Westcott family are enjoying a family gathering over the Christmas holidays and for the first time in a great many years the members of the family are here to spend the holiday and to visit with the mother, Mrs. Mary Westcott, who has arrived here to make her home, and while she is very seriously ill it has been a great pleasure to have all of the members of the family present. This morning E. C. Westcott arrived from Chicago to join his wife and son, Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. Mason Westcott also of Chicago came in today to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Westcott, while Edgar Westcott came from Lincoln Saturday and Miss Helen Westcott from Des Moines this afternoon to visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Westcott and all to enjoy the visit with the mother and grandmother.

## PLATTSMOUTH BOYS STAR

Clendell Retelsdorf and Chris Bullin of Plattsmouth had important roles in the production of "The Whole Town's Talking" by the Bellevue College Dramatic club, December 19th. The play, coached by Prof. Genevieve Donaldson and R. A. Vates of the Bellevue Faculty, was full of laughs and many of these were contributed by the local boys who represented an irritable father and a suitor for the hand of a daughter for whom the father had other plans. "Knives of Melody" Plattsmouth orchestra, played real music between acts and received a large share of the applause.

## NOW SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

From Monday's Daily—  
John Alwin of this city, who has been at the Dr. Kauf hospital for the past few weeks taking treatment, is now doing very nicely and it is hoped will be able to return home within the next week. Mr. Alwin has been suffering from the effects of an injury sustained some time ago and which has made necessary his course of treatment. The many friends of Mr. Alwin will be pleased to learn of his improvement and trust that he may soon be able to return home relieved of his illness.

## GATHER AT OLD HOME

From Monday's Daily—  
The Henry Herold home in this city is the scene of a very delightful family reunion this week when all of the children are here for the holiday season under the parental roof for the Christmas holiday. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Robert Herold of Oklahoma City arriving several days ago while this morning Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Herold of New York City arrived to enjoy the holiday here with the parents and their sister, Miss Ursula at the family home and with their other relatives and the host of old time friends.

## Holiday Brings Young People Home for Visit

### Large Number of Students From Universities and Colleges Are Here for Holiday

From Monday's Daily—  
The opening of the Christmas vacation has brought home a large number of the young men and women who are students at the universities and colleges in this section of the west, coming to enjoy the yuletide here with home folks and old time friends and school associates.

The visit of the young people will add much to the social gaieties of the next two weeks and many social events are being arranged while the city has back again their college boys as well as others as well as others who are home for the holiday season.

## ENJOYS BIRTHDAY PARTY

On Saturday afternoon at her home in the south portion of the city Miss Jane Rebel observed her tenth birthday anniversary with a group of the school friends and neighbors present to share the happy event. In the afternoon a number of games were enjoyed and in these Harry Stodola and Mary Ann Highfield proved the most successful and were awarded the prizes. In honor of the event the guest of honor received a large number of very attractive gifts. Those who attended the event were Virgel and John Urish, Mary Katherine and Elizabeth Ann Wiles, Mary Ann Highfield, Helen Jane Kopp, Jacqueline Grassman, Doris Nelson, Harley Miner, Theima Jones, Norman Gambin, Harry Stodola, Rosie Kozak, Betty Kalina, Joan Wales, Bernard and Dale Jackson, James Mauzy, Jane and Ronald Rebel.

## WILL VISIT AT DENVER

On Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Kahoutek departed for Denver where they are to visit over the Christmas season and enjoy a fine outing in the Colorado city with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kahoutek and family and also with the other friends in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Kahoutek are observing their seventeenth wedding anniversary with the outing to the west with the brother and wife who were their attendants at the wedding.

## SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

From Monday's Daily—  
The host of friends over Cass county of W. H. Seybert will be very much pleased to learn that Mr. Seybert is continuing to improve very rapidly after his operation at the Mercy hospital at Council Bluffs. Mr. Seybert has had a severe operation but has rallied in fine shape and his condition is just as well as could possibly be hoped for and gives every promise of his speedy recovery.

## SUFFERING FROM FLU

From Monday's Daily—  
James Holy, one of the accommodating city carriers of the U. S. post office, is confined to his home in the west part of the city as the result of a very severe attack of the flu. Mr. Holy has not been well for several days but has been able to carry his work until Sunday when his illness became such as to make it necessary for him to remain in bed and under the care of a physician.

Legal Blanks of all kinds for sale at the Journal office.

## State Building Program to be Very Extensive

### Cass County in Roads and Bridges to Have \$140,000 of Work for the Coming Year.

Seven and a half million dollars for public buildings, roads, bridges, sewers, and other public works will be spent during 1930 by 55 Nebraska counties and the cities, villages, and school districts situated within them, according to returns which Governor Weaver has gathered thus far in his questionnaire to county clerks.

Lincoln and Lancaster county are included in this estimate, but Douglas county, which contains the city of Omaha, is among the 38 that have not reported.

Proportionately, these counties not yet heard from should expend not less than \$5,000,000 on public construction projects during the next year. If they do the total outlay by local subdivisions of government will reach \$12,500,000.

## Only Public Works.

No buildings or improvements to be paid for with private funds are taken into account in the resume given out by Governor Weaver. His object was to ascertain the probable expenditures for public construction and transmit the information to President Hoover, who requested by wire several weeks ago.

The state of Nebraska itself will pay out \$12,000,000 on highways and bridges during 1930, and another \$2,000,000 will go for state buildings. The United States government will contribute \$2,500,000 of federal aid road money and \$1,000,000 or more for buildings. Of this latter item, the greater part will be represented by construction of the first unit for the veterans' hospital at Lincoln.

Taking everything together, the disbursements for all building and improvement projects under government auspices will amount to \$30,000,000 or more in Nebraska the coming year.

## Road Outlay for Counties.

Clerks of 53 counties have furnished figures to Governor Weaver showing that \$3,561,790 will be spent on county roads and bridges. The list follows:

Adams	40,000
Arthur	6,000
Blaine	6,000
Box Butte	30,000
Brown	30,000
Burt	145,000
Butler	90,000
Cass	140,000
Cedar	100,000
Cherry	53,650
Clay	80,000
Colfax	75,000
Cuming	60,000
Dakota	40,000
Dodge	193,000
Fillmore	65,000
Gage	60,000
Grant	8,000
Hamilton	50,000
Hayes	24,000
Holt	35,000
Jefferson	65,000
Johnson	50,000
Kearney	40,000
Keith	17,000
Kimball	40,000
Knox	100,000
Lancaster	450,000
Lincoln	90,000
Madison	60,000
McPherson	5,000
Nemaha	60,000
Pawnee	40,000
Perkins	16,000
Phelps	30,000
Pierce	50,000
Platte	80,000
Richardson	100,000
Saunders	150,000
Scotts Bluff	75,000
Sherman	35,000
Sioux	6,000
Stanton	62,000
Thayer	80,000
Thurston	10,000
Valley	56,000
Washington	110,000
Wayne	51,000
Webster	50,000
Wheeler	6,000
York	100,000

## GOING TO DENVER

Edward Fullerton, who has for a period of several weeks been confined to his home in this city, is to leave on Thursday for Denver where he will enter the U. S. Veterans hospital at that place for treatment. Mr. Fullerton was taken down with a severe attack of the flu and has not improved as hoped for and it has been thought best to have him go to another climate for treatment. Mr. Fullerton is a former service man and the local Legion post through their very efficient service officer, Judge A. H. Duxbury, have been active on the case since last week when it was decided that Mr. Fullerton was in need of treatment in a higher climate, receiving splendid aid from the Omaha office of the U. S. Veterans bureau and with the result that Mr. Fullerton will be sent at once to the west.

## SHOWS SOME IMPROVEMENT

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Mrs. Harry Baha of this city, who for the past few weeks has been at the Methodist hospital at Omaha taking treatment and undergoing an operation, is now somewhat better, reports from that city state and the many friends here are pleased to learn that she is doing very nicely. Mrs. Baha has been at Omaha since September at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Schulz and in the last weeks it has been necessary that she receive hospital treatment.

## Driver of Auto Killed Near Avoca

### Joe Pierson of Near Memphis Drives Car Into Side of Missouri Pacific Motor.

Monday afternoon while Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pierson of near Memphis were returning to their home from Kansas City, in their Ford coupe, Mr. Pierson was instantly killed and Mrs. Pierson very badly injured when their auto was driven into the south-bound Missouri Pacific motor car due at Avoca at 3:50.

The accident occurred on the "O" street crossing of the railroad as the Pierson car was coming west on the highway and apparently the driver of the car was heedless of the fact that the train was passing, as he drove directly into the side of the motor car and the Ford was practically demolished. Mr. Pierson was instantly killed, his face and head being terribly mangled in the accident, while Mrs. Pierson was very severely cut about the face and head, and suffered bruises and minor injuries and how she escaped death seems miraculous as the car was a mass of wreckage.

Other motorists who had stopped for the passing of the motor car were witnesses of the accident and assisted in taking the injured lady on into the office of Dr. J. W. Brendel where she was given aid and was cared for until she would be able to go on to Eagle where relatives were to take her to her home. Mrs. Pierson, in the shock of the wreck, was unaware of the death of the husband and the sad information was not broken to her until today.

## ROTARIANS CHRISTMAS

From Tuesday's Daily—  
The Plattsmouth club of the International Rotary at their meeting today noon laid aside the daily cares and tribulations to visit again childhood days and enjoy a real Christmas treat.

Each member of the club came with a gift and these were distributed among the various members as well as one being sent to Mr. Taylor, veteran Rotarian at the Masonic home and Mrs. Barclay, who has assisted in the weekly feast of the Rotarians. These gifts were distributed by a very genial Santa whose personality radiated the greatest good cheer, and his greeting had the broad Scottish accent that revealed Santa as Rotarian William Baird.

The program of the day was also in the Christmas spirit with Ed H. Schulhof giving a very appropriate Christmas poem, while Harry G. McClusky gave the "Christmas Message" in his usual delightful manner and bringing to the members of the club the story of the day when despair was banished from the world and hope and joy replaced the gloom in the birth of the King of Kings.

The Rotary quartet composed of R. W. Knorr, L. D. Hiatt, Frank A. Cloidt and Harry G. McClusky gave the beautiful Christmas song, "Holy Night."

## DOINGS IN DISTRICT COURT

From Monday's Daily—  
In the office of the clerk of the district court today an action in partition was filed entitled Zois Pollard, et al vs. Eddie Frans, et al, in which it is sought to have the shares of the parties in real estate in this county determined and partition of the same made.

## PROVES REAL MARKSMAN

Raymond Hild, in addition to being an aviator of several years experience, is also one of the crack rifle shots of this locality and has established a real record at the local shooting gallery with a total of eighteen out of twenty shots and which has made him the champion at the local shooting gallery.

## Death of Old Time Resident of Murdock

### Deceased Aged Ninety-Two Has Made His Home in Nebraska Since the Year 1857.

Phoebe Miller was born Oct. 27, 1868 in La Fountain, Washakie county, Indiana and sweetly went to sleep when she answered the final summons of the recording angel to come up higher where sickness and suffering shall be unknown.

In 1882, the deceased with her parents came to Cass county, Nebraska, where they settled on a farm two miles west of Murdock. Here she lived for four years and during this time was soundly converted and became a member of the M. E. church at Murdock.

On Oct. 19, 1887, she departed was happily married to George V. Pickwell whose home was located on a farm one mile west of Murdock and where she lived until the time of her departure. This union was blessed with four sons and two daughters, Ray Francis, the eldest son passed away about 29 years ago, being struck by lightning.

Mrs. Pickwell was known to be an arduous and faithful worker in the M. E. church for many years and endeavored to rear her loved ones in a Christian atmosphere and at the present time, John Paul is preparing himself for missionary work in South America, being a student at the Garrett Bible Institute at Chicago; she was a loving wife and companion, a kind providing mother, ever interested in the temporal and spiritual welfare of her dear family and was a real neighbor.

She leaves to mourn her demise, her deeply bereaved husband, George V. Pickwell, three sons, Gayle Benjamin of Sacramento, Cal., Glenn Vincent and John Paul, both of Chicago, Ill.; three daughters, Mrs. William Elsie, Havelock, Neb., Mrs. Harry Davis, Brownville, Neb., and Mrs. Lillian Shelton, Lincoln, Neb.; four brothers, F. E. Miller, A. E. Miller, George A. Miller, and Jessie Miller; five sisters, Mrs. Ida M. Ponnar, Mrs. Dora Garbarick, Mrs. Lorraine Wallace, Mrs. Erle Newbeck and Mrs. June Fisher and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted in the Evangelical church at Murdock, Sunday, Dec. 22nd, at 2:00 p. m. in charge of Rev. H. R. Knosp. The Royal Neighbors of the local camp of which the deceased was a loyal member, attended in a body. The remains were tenderly laid away in the Washakie cemetery to rest until the resurrection morn.

## YOUNG PEOPLE WEDDED

Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the parsonage of the First Methodist church occurred the marriage of Miss Dorothy Mae Jacks and Mr. John G. Jones, both of this city. The wedding was a very quiet one and the nuptials were witnessed by Miss Fonda Trively, a cousin of the bride and Mr. Kenneth Ferris.

The impressive ring service was performed by the Rev. H. E. Sortor, pastor of the church.

The young people are well known here where the bride has grown to womanhood and where the groom has made his home in recent years. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Pearl Jacks and is a lady held in the highest esteem by a very large circle of friends in the community where she has spent her childhood days.

The groom is a young man of industry and has been engaged in farming here for the past few years.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones are expecting to continue to make their home here for the present at least and on the happiness that has come to them they will receive the best wishes of the very large circle of friends in this community.

## CALLED TO KIRKSVILLE

On Saturday Dr. O. C. Hudson and wife received the sad news of the very serious illness of the parents of Mrs. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Novinger of Kirksville, Mo., and asking that they come. Dr. and Mrs. Hudson immediately departed for the home of the parents to render what assistance they could, and will remain throughout the week. During the time the office of Dr. Hudson will be closed.

MAN MOURNED AS DEAD ALIVE AND BACK HOME  
Springfield, N. S.—Ernest Austin, mourned as having drowned during a storm near Detroit, returned here Saturday to surprise his friends and relatives. Austin said he was on the steamship Selkirk during the storm and when the deck shifted he was thrown overboard. After being in the water for more than an hour he was picked up by a tugboat which took him to Windsor, Ont.

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## UNDERGOES SINUS OPERATION

From Tuesday's Daily—  
The Plattsmouth friends of D. C. Thornton, newly appointed reporter of the district court for the second judicial district, and retiring instructor of the commercial department of the high school, will regret to learn that Mr. Thornton has been compelled to undergo an operation for sinus trouble. Mr. Thornton is at the Lincoln General hospital at Lincoln and will have to remain there for the coming week undergoing treatment.

## Cass County Lands Change Hands Tuesday

### George Ray Purchases Cole Land and Roy Cole the Ed Rummel Farm Near Ymruad

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Yesterday afternoon a quite extensive change of land ownership in the eastern section of Cass county occurred and which showed a most favorable increase in land values.

George S. Ray, one of the well known farmers in the vicinity of Murray, became the owner of the eighty acres of Ray Cole south of Murray, this eighty selling at \$150 with no improvements on it, but the land is on the paved road and the power line will run by the land which will make it a most valuable piece of land.

Mr. Ray, whose home place is located on highway No. 75, yesterday refused the price of \$250 an acre for his land, Mr. Ray having one of the best farms in his locality and when the power line is operating past his farm will be able to have electricity installed and have a home as convenient and modern as any city home.

In the land changes Roy O. Cole, one of the well known farmers of this locality purchased the 120 acres of land known as the Ed Rummel farm, paying \$160 per acre for the land. The securing of this land will be a great benefit to Mr. Cole, having his land near together and making him a fine farm and one of the most productive in this county.

## PLANS MADE FOR TRIAL

Cedar Rapids, Ia.—Plans for the trial of Elmer S. Huckins and George E. Huckins on charges of obtaining money under false pretenses were being made Monday by attorneys for both the defense and the state, while they waited word of the time when the two men would return.

Carl Hendrickson, county attorney, said he expected Elmer Huckins, head of a concern reputed to pay dividends of 26 to 52 per cent, to return here within a week, but had no information from Sheriff Harry Manchester as to the time George Huckins might be removed from the hotel at Excelsior Springs, Mo., where he is ill.

Meanwhile, papers notifying the Huckinses of civil suit to recover \$73,350 invested in their concern by four persons, were being held ready to service upon their arrival. The charges of obtaining money under false pretenses grew out of the filing of those suits by William Speas, manager of the baseball club of which George Huckins was owner; Charles Nagas, partner with Geiser in a cigar store here; Fred Leiser, baseball manager at Dubuque, and Elwood Royster.

## HELD FAST IN ICE BARRIER

Chicago—Six men, weak, hungry and shivering, let out feeble cheers Monday as they watched a tug battle thru three inches of ice to get to them at the Chicago water intake crib five miles out in Lake Michigan. They fell to and strengthened themselves with the provisions the tug brought, then they related a tale of chilly horror. They told how the sixty-six mile gale of last week's blizzard put out their lights and fires, ruined their food, sucked the air out of their cold quarters, entombed them in ice and isolated them from help.

"The men became nearly frantic and I was frightened some myself," said Keeper John G. Beckman, "We were trapped like rats in a caulked barrel. One man smashed a window, but it did not do any good. Water splashed in and ice quickly stopped the breach. The place became almost a vacuum and it was difficult to breathe.

"No fire could be kept. Not even a cigar would burn. Water clogged the crimmey and cinters, and ashes showered our provisions."

When the gale abated, Beckman chopped his way up an eighty-seven foot, ice laden ladder to relight the beacon.

Attorney C. E. Tefft, H. A. Crosier, well known real estate dealer and O. C. Hinds, cashier of the First National bank of Weeping Water were here today looking after some matters of business and visiting with friends.

## Death of John Ervin Occurs at Union, Neb.

### Mrs. Phoebe Miller Pickwell Called to the Last Long Rest—Funeral at Murdock.

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Last evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Chidister at Union, occurred the death of James Ervin, Sr., aged ninety-two and one of the few surviving pioneer residents of Liberty precinct, one who has lived more than the average lifetime in that community.

Mr. Ervin was born February 24, 1837 in Ohio, and came west when he was twenty years of age, enduring the hardships of the long journey from the old home to the great plains country of the west, then the edge of the great American desert, he living to see this develop into the greatest agricultural section of the country.

Reaching the new territory of Nebraska Mr. Ervin lived the life of the pioneer on the border of the white civilization of the west for a number of years, being located at Nebraska City and later came to Liberty precinct and was engaged in farm work there for the greater part of the time. On November 14, 1878 Mr. Ervin married Miss Annie Everett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Everett, pioneer residents of the vicinity of Union. Following the marriage the family made their home in and near Union and where their family was reared to manhood and womanhood. Religiously Mr. Ervin was a member of the Latter Day Saints church.

The family that is left to mourn the passing of this pioneer resident numbers the aged wife and eight children, Orin Ervin, at home, Mrs. Charles Boardman of Union; Mrs. George Edmondson, Nebraska City; John Ervin, Union; Mrs. John Chidister, Union; Mrs. Charles Good, Ponca, Nebraska; Mrs. John Campbell, Murray and Mrs. Charles Cogdill, Union.

## LEWISTON STUDY CLUB

Friday evening, December 6th the Lewiston Study club and Aid Society gave a farewell party and shower for Mr. and Mrs. George Toman and Mrs. Toman's mother, Mrs. Nannie Barling at their home east of Murray.

Mr. and Mrs. Toman and Mrs. Barling plan to move to Omaha in the near future.

The club and aid society extend their best wishes and will miss them very much for Toman has taken an active part in the work and social affairs of both societies, having charge of the musical departments of the club and the office of secretary and treasurer until recently.

Delicious refreshments were served and the guests departed wishing Mr. and Mrs. Toman and mother success and happiness in their new home.

December 19th the club held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. George Park. Meeting was opened by singing "I Came Upon a Midnight Clear," and the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. Charles Keil read the Christmas story from the bible and led the memory verses for the month. After the business session Mrs. Will Wehrlein led the study period, "The Patience of Mother," after which the hostess served a delicious lunch and the meeting adjourned to meet at the home of Mrs. Perry Nickles January 23.

Saturday evening Dec. 21, the club members and their families held their Christmas party at the home of Mrs. George Park. Cards and stunt games furnished amusement in the early part of the evening, then all joined in singing Christmas carols and a vocal combat was rendered by a ladies quartet composed of Mesdames George Toman, Will Wehrlein, John Hendrickson and Perry Nickles.

Mrs. Toman then took charge of the gifts and distributed them by number.

The hostesses were Mesdames Geo. Park, Geo. Toman, Perry Nickles and Charles Keil, who then served delicious refreshments, after which the ladies packed two boxes of Christmas "eats" and clothing to be used by charitable institutions in Plattsmouth.

## BANK MESSENGER MISSING

St. Paul—Frank Keeler, twenty-five-year-old messenger for the local office of Paine, Webber & Co., stock brokers, disappeared late Monday with about \$5,000 in cash, checks and securities. The messenger left the brokerage office for a bank with \$2,500 in cash, more than \$1,500 in checks and \$4,000 in securities. When Keeler did not return officials of the company instituted a search. Executives of the bank who knew the messenger reported that he had not appeared to deposit the money and securities, and police were notified. Keeler was employed by the brokerage concern about two months ago.

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