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## Fire in Car of Frank Gobelman Causes Damages

### Shortage in Wiring Causes Fire that Threatened Destruction of Car —Loss \$200 or \$250

From Monday's Daily—  
The morning Frank R. Gobelman, the painter and decorator, had a close call from losing his automobile and garage at the rear of his store building as the result of a fire starting in the car. Mr. Gobelman had gone to the garage a little after 8 o'clock this morning to start the car, not having driven it for a week, and as he stepped on the starter the car refused to go and several times he tried it and then noticed a light from under the hood and investigation disclosed that a fire was raging under the hood and was roaring right along.

Mr. Gobelman attempted to extinguish the blaze by smothering it with some of the drop cloths used in his painting work but this was without avail as the fire was raging so badly that the cloths caught fire. He had in the meantime backed the car partially out of the door where a bank of snow prevented him getting the car entirely in the clear, and he attempted then to secure snow and throw on the blaze but this was without success and he called to Miss Meisinger in the main store room to call the fire department.

Before the arrival of the department, several of the occupants of the adjoining stores hurried to the scene with fire extinguishers and by their efforts the blaze was finally extinguished, but not until a great deal of damage was done to the car. The paint on the hood was burned off and also on a part of the front fenders and what other damage may have been done to the radiator and other parts of the car.

The fire is supposed to have originated in a short in the wiring and the loss will be covered by insurance and will probably reach from \$200 to \$250 as the car was new and had not been driven a great deal by the owner.

## TO THE AMUSEMENT LOVERS

The management of the Parmele theatre has had the opportunity of securing a large number of the greatest sound pictures of the season and which will be made available to the Plattsmouth community if the amusement loving public feel that they are desirous of having this class of pictures shown. The late releases of the talkies have the price set for their showing by the companies themselves and which makes it necessary to secure an advance price which in this case would mean an admission of 35 cents instead of the present price.

The management is presenting as the first of the large road show productions, Al Jolson in "The Singing Fool" the patronage that this offering will receive will govern the list. If the public wishes this line of showings they can secure them by showing their interest in their patronage.

Among the pictures that it is possible to secure are numbered, "Gold Diggers or Broadway," Al Jolson in "Say It With Songs," "Mammy," Harold Lloyd in "Welcome Danger," "The Virginian," "Sally," "Paramount on Parade," "Show of Shows," "Four Cocanuts," musical revue, "Two Black Crows."

If you wish these high class pictures let us understand this by your interest and patronage of our opening offering.

## STANDARD BEARERS MEET

From Monday's Daily—  
The Standard Bearers met yesterday afternoon at the M. E. church. There was a large group of the young people present.

A very interesting lesson was had by Miss Shawhan, it being about China, it was conducted in Chinese fashion as far as possible. She told of her work there and read some letters from girls with whom she has worked.

Helen Virginia Price had the devotions. Gladys Young, Marjorie Ann and Vivian Moore were the hostesses. Chop sticks were used in the serving and all those who learned to use them, were presented with a pair. However it was necessary to learn to use them as no silverware was used.

## HAVE PLEASANT TREAT

From Monday's Daily—  
Last evening, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hartford had a very pleasant surprise given them when they received a telephone call from their daughter, Miss Elva Hartford, from Beverly Hills, California. Miss Hartford has a very fine position there as secretary and the opportunity of the brief visit over the telephone was very much appreciated by the family, the conversation coming in fine shape over the many miles of wire that cover the great distance between this city and the west coast.

## NEW ARRIVALS IN CITY

The stork has been active in the past few days and as a result two young Americans have arrived to become residents of the community. At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hackenberg on Saturday a fine eight pound daughter has arrived to share their happiness. The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Rice has been made happy by the arrival of a fine eleven pound son that has come to their home to reside. The little ones are doing very nicely and the occasion has brought the greatest of happiness to the parents and many friends of the two families.

## Tolls to Go on New Bridge This Week

### Plattsmouth Bridge Company to Start Collecting Tolls This Week on New Bridge.

From Monday's Daily—  
The traffic bridge over the Missouri river at this point which has been used since the completion of the bridge, the last of December, will be started in formal operation this week, according to the local officials of the Plattsmouth Bridge Co.

The bridge company will start in the taking of tolls sometime during the present week it was stated and the toll takers for the company will be Albert Cotner, who served in a similar capacity on the Platte river bridge some three years ago, and P. A. Horn.

The rate of tolls as announced by the company will be that of fifty cents one way for a passenger auto of sixty-five cents round trip, trucks up to one and a half tons will be charged fifty cents and sixty-five cent round trip while the trucks from one and a half tons to five will be charged sixty cents or eighty cents round trip and trucks over five tons will have to pay eighty-five cents or \$1.25 a round trip. Wagons with one or two horses will be charged fifty cents with the same round trip rate as cars. The public may bicycle over the bridge for 10c or walk for a jitney while those who come horseback will be charged a dime. Live stock on foot will be charged 10c a head. The busses that cross the bridge in the future will be charged 75c or a round trip rate of \$1.

The company announces that tractors with mud or snow cleats will not be allowed to cross on the bridge.

## PUSH CONSTRUCTION WORK

The completion of the changes at the sub-station of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co. in order to provide for the handling of the new high power transmission lines to Nebraska City and the south, is being pushed rapidly, the workmen being busy every day and Sunday on the windup of the work and yesterday saw the one section in hand. The new line complete, also there are some small matters to be taken care of later when the force returns here.

The new sections that are installed are on the south portion of the giant lines of transformers and there will be a new section built to carry the Murray and Nehawka lines which are now handled in a temporary small sub-station near Murray.

## WINTER PLEASERS KIDS

The cold and snow that drives many of the residents of advanced years to the vicinity of the radiator or stove, is equally welcomed by the lads and lassies out in the open with the pleasures of coasting or skating to help them enjoy this bracing cold weather.

The snow of the past week has afforded many of the youngsters a chance to try out the sleds received on Christmas, the greatest problem being to find a place where one may slide or coast without the danger of being run into by an auto, as most of the good coasting hills leads into the main highways where there is much traffic. The boys and girls who reside in the west part of the city have the advantage of those nearer the business section as they have arranged a fine sliding place on west Main street from Eastern street west to the foot of the hill.

## TAKE BACK WANTED MAN

Sunday Deputy Sheriff Marin of Medicine Lodge, Kansas, arrived in the city to secure Howard Schnoover, who was arrested Friday at Elmwood on the request of the Kansas authorities. The man is wanted at Medicine Lodge on a charge of child abandonment. The Kansas officer informed Sheriff Reed. The prisoner did not oppose returning to Medicine Lodge and departed with the deputy yesterday for his former home.

## Political Marathon is Attracting Great Many

### Inquiries as to the Dates of the 1930 Primary as Well as the Offices Are Coming In.

From Monday's Daily—  
The list of entries for the political races of 1930 will be numerous judging from the inquiries that are now coming into the office of County Clerk George R. Sayles as to the dates of filing as well as the various offices that are to be filled.

The party nomination will be made at the primary election to be held on Tuesday, August 12th, Mr. Sayles states, and the filings for any of the offices may be made at any time from now until the night of July 3rd when the bars are down and the candidates set for the first lap of the race.

The primary and general election of 1930 will include practically all of the state and county offices, the full list of the state officers being on the block.

In Cass county the offices to be filled will include state senator for the second district of Cass, Sapp and Otoe counties, state representative, county clerk, county treasurer, county sheriff, register of deeds, two commissioners from the second and third districts, county assessor, clerk of the district court, county surveyor, county superintendent.

While there has been no filings made at this time there will be a very large number no doubt, the filing for the office of sheriff seemingly being the attraction of a large number of both the democratic and republican tickets as it is expected that there will be from five to six candidates on both tickets for this office.

Other offices have not so far drawn a great deal of attention but by the time of the primary there should be a full house ready to take the stump in the primary campaign.

## SHOWER FOR MISS SITZMAN

From Tuesday's Daily—  
The members of the Catholic Daughters of America last evening entertained at a most enjoyable miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Betty Sitzman, one of their members, whose marriage to Mr. Floyd Gerbeling occurs on Wednesday morning.

The delightful event was held at the home of Mrs. A. G. Bach where a large group of the members enjoyed the evening with the guest of honor and who received a great array of beautiful remembrances from the friends which she will treasure in the years to come as token of the pleasant occasions in the order.

As diversions of the evening cards were enjoyed, in the bridge contests, Miss Genevieve Whelan receiving the first honor and Mrs. F. G. Egenberger second, while in the pinocle games Miss Dorothy Graden was winner of the first prize and Mrs. William T. Distell, second. In the rummy games, Mrs. Joseph Libershal was the winner of the first prize.

As the evening drew to the close the hostesses, Mrs. Bach, Mrs. Frank Mullen, Mrs. W. H. Woodcock and Miss Josephine Rys served a most delicious luncheon that added much to the enjoyment of the event.

As guests of the evening the C. D. of A. had present Mrs. W. P. Sitzman, Miss Ruth Sitzman and Miss Dorothy Gradoville.

## ORGANIZE CAMPFIRE WORK

Sunday Miss Gladys Shamp and Miss Dorothy Lars, of Omaha, representing the headquarters of the Campfire Girls of America, were in the city to attend a meeting held at the Methodist church and to attend which there was present a number of those who were formerly in Campfire work and who will assist in the formation of new units of the organization.

The Plattsmouth Woman's club is sponsoring the work of the Campfire Girls and have as their committee of the year Mrs. Ralph Petting, chairman, Mrs. R. Foster Patterson, Mrs. S. W. Bell, Mrs. Carl Ofe, who will assist in the work of getting the campfire movement again active in this city and to serve as guardians of the different groups that may be formed.

This is a very important work for the girls of the community and the club ladies are hoping to have a very large number enlisted in the work in the next few weeks who will be able to place several of the active units in this city before the campaign is over.

## WILL HOLD COURT AT AUBURN

From Monday's Daily—  
District Judge James T. Begley departed this morning for Auburn, where he will hold court for the week for Judge J. B. Raper of the First District. The First district is composed of Richardson, Pawnee, Johnson and Nemaha and our judge will hold the session for Nemaha, where a number of important cases will be heard this coming week.

## DEATH OF FORMER RESIDENT

The death of Edward Riley, for many years a resident of this city, and member of one of the early families of the community, occurred at Omaha Saturday following an illness of some duration, he having made his home with a sister, Mrs. John McAniff in that city.

The deceased was fifty-seven years of age and was the last of the male members of his family, he leaving to survive his loss three sisters, Mrs. William Shea of this city, Mrs. John McAniff and Mrs. Ray E. Sawyer of Omaha.

The funeral was held Monday from the St. Agnes church in Omaha and the body was brought to this city where it was laid to the last long rest in the Catholic cemetery.

## Woman's Club Has Program on the Drama

### Meeting at Home of Mrs. Robert B. Hayes Is Quite Largely Attended by Members

The Plattsmouth Woman's club met on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. R. B. Hayes and with a very pleasing number of the ladies in attendance despite the bad weather condition that prevailed.

The devotional period of the session was conducted by Miss Pearl Staats.

Mrs. Ralph Petting, chairman of the committee in charge of camp fire girls' activities reported that the members here in the camp fire were planning re-organization of the units in the future and that in this work they were having the aid of the camp fire executive committee at Omaha.

Mrs. Petting is being assisted by Mrs. Carl Ofe, Mr. Foster Patterson and Mrs. S. W. Bell, in this line of work.

Mrs. James T. Begley of the music department reported that her department was preparing to resume their activities in the near future. The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. William Bach, with "Drama" as the theme and the topic discussed was "The Outstanding Plays of Stage and Screen" and was presented in a very able manner by Mrs. Baird.

The music department was in charge of the entertaining features of the program and gave a very fine presentation of a number of the talented young people of the city, James Robertson, II, rendering a very fine clarinet solo while Miss Margaret Shea, a member of the department, sang a number of Chinese songs, being costumed for this feature of the program. Bobbie Hays was also heard in several violin selections that were much enjoyed.

At the close of the meeting a very much enjoyed luncheon was served under the direction of S. A. Thomas of Omaha, who presented an entertainment that was the equal of any stage presentation of vaudeville as the clever company of eight charming and attractive young ladies and three gentlemen, staged a program of songs, dances and skits that were the equal of any that could be wished for and giving a wonderful opportunity for the gifted personnel of the company to demonstrate their skill as dancers and singers.

The entertainment had been enjoyed the members proceeded to spend an hour at cards and with the fragrance of the Havannas made a great treat to the men of the community that had gathered for the zinc occasion.

At the close of the evening a fine buffet lunch that had been arranged by V. T. Arn was served and where all of the dainties to tempt the masculine appetite had been arranged and which will long be remembered by the members of the party.

## FIRE AT FIRST WARD SCHOOL

From Tuesday's Daily—  
This morning just before the adjournment of the morning session of the first ward school on North 5th street, fire was discovered in the basement of the school, the chief center of the fire apparently being near the hot air furnace.

The basement of the one story building soon filled with smoke and Miss Helen Farley, the teacher, recognizing the gravity of the situation, marched the children out of the school to one of the residences nearby where they were sheltered from the cold and to await the outcome of the fire.

The alarm was given by the teacher and members of the fire department hurried to the scene altho the fire truck had gone to the fourth ward school in a confusion in location and not until some time later that it arrived. In the meantime the building was closed to prevent the wind creating a draft for the flames and the firemen cut a hole in the floor of the room and were able to get the streams of water playing into the basement and soon had the blaze under control.

The smoke and other damage to the building made it such that the board of education will have to have other arrangements made to care for the pupils until the necessary repairs can be made on the structure. The greatest damage was from smoke in the main school room and the necessity of having to remove a part of the seats in getting at the fire in the basement.

The board of education was at the building today and arranging for the necessary repair work.

## Elks Stage a Wonderful Entertainment

### Smoker and Stag Party Featured by a Very Fine Program of Songs, Dances and Cards

From Tuesday's Daily—  
One of the most delightful occasions that has marked the long life of the local lodge of the Elks was staged last evening at the Bekin hall, the winter club room of the order, in which the members of the lodge and their friends found a great deal of pleasure.

The affair was in charge of the entertainment committee of which W. T. Distell, was chairman and assisted by Bill Martin and Carl Ofe in arranging the very chummy presentation of varied entertainment that was offered to the party of gentlemen. The evening was designated as a smoker and was one of the most enjoyable that could be imagined as the members and their friends seated at the tables arranged cabaret style around the hall had the opportunity of enjoying a very high class program as well as a pleasant hour at cards.

The event was presided over by Dr. R. P. Westover as master of ceremonies and who called upon Dr. J. S. Livingston, one of the charter members and a real enthusiast in the Elks work to give a few remarks, as well as Mr. Helms, of Lincoln, a guest of the evening and H. A. Schneider, one of the past exalted rulers of the lodge, the local speakers adding to the pleasures of the evening with their well timed remarks.

Knives of Melody, local orchestra of young men, were present and proceeded to add to the enjoyment with several musical selections that won a big hand from the large number in attendance.

The big feature of the evening was that of the Lucretia Wiles entertainment under the direction of S. A. Thomas of Omaha, who presented an entertainment that was the equal of any stage presentation of vaudeville as the clever company of eight charming and attractive young ladies and three gentlemen, staged a program of songs, dances and skits that were the equal of any that could be wished for and giving a wonderful opportunity for the gifted personnel of the company to demonstrate their skill as dancers and singers.

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## STEEL WORK ON VIADUCT

The sections of steel that will be used to support the flooring of the viaduct that will extend from the fill on Wintersteen hill to Third street, is now arriving and one unit of the steel has already been placed by the bridge gang of the Burlington and the work on the construction work on the new viaduct.

This steel comes from the east lines of the railroad system and comes in units that permits it being rapidly assembled and placed on the wooden piling that will support the structure.

The work has been delayed some by the fact that the force of men allowed the bridge force at this season of the year is very small and with the various emergency jobs that are called for it has checked the work on the viaduct but when the steel is laid it should be only a short time lay the wooden flooring of the new structure.

This is the last part of the new highway to the Missouri river bridge and when it is in readiness the road will be thrown open to travel. At the present time the old road up Wintersteen hill to the new highway is used in getting to and from the bridge.

## WINDOW WINS PRIZE

From Wednesday's Daily—  
The Nebraska-Iowa Fruit Jobbers association some time ago offered a contest for prizes for the best decorated windows arranged by their patrons over the two states and today the information was received that one of these prizes had been won by a local young man. Wilbur Hall, employed at the Black & White grocery store on a prize for a low window display and which was entered in the contest, participated in by a very large number of the stores in Iowa and Nebraska, and with the result that he was informed today that he had won the third prize, \$25 in cash as the result of his skill and good taste as a window dresser. The news of the award was most pleasing to Wilbur as well as the Black & White that has the services of this excellent young man.

## RECEIVES SAD NEWS

From Tuesday's Daily—  
This morning a message was received here by the James M. Robertson family announcing the death at Snelling, California, of Mrs. Florence Haldeman, a niece of Mr. Robertson, she being a daughter of Mrs. Margaret Folk, a sister of Mr. Robertson. The news came as a very severe blow to the members of the family who were unaware of the illness of Mrs. Haldeman until the sad message came to them.

## SPRING IS COMING

That the spring is but a short way round the corner is a pleasant thought to those who do not enjoy the wintry blasts, and to show that spring is not far away it is interesting to note that on January 16th, with the mercury showing 16 below zero, sixteen fine little chicks were hatched at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Klimm, south of this city. The chicks are being reared with care and give promise of being some of the earliest fliers in this section, with Mr. and Mrs. Klimm believing that they have some of the earliest chicks in this part of the county.

## Emmett Rice Home Burned to the Ground

### Residence in South Part of City Completely Destroyed—Owner Has Close Call in Fire

From Wednesday's Daily—  
The residence of Emmet Rice, just south of the city, near the Mike Lutz home, was burned to the ground at an early hour this morning and Mr. Rice, aroused by a neighbor that had discovered the fire, had difficulty in making his escape through a window in his room, escaping in his night clothes and barefooted from the blazing structure.

The fire was discovered at 3 o'clock this morning by Pete Thomas, who resides just across the road, the glare of the flames arousing him from his sleep and he glancing out saw the roof of the Rice home ablaze and hurrying across the road, he aroused Mr. Rice as the fragments of the plastering in the home started falling and the flames swept into the main floor of the house.

The structure was a one story four-room house and it is supposed that the fire originated from an overheated or defective flue and allowed the fire to get a good start on the roof of the house before it was discovered. Mr. Rice was able to save a little bedding from his room as he escaped from the house, but the furniture and family clothing was all burned in the destruction of the home.

Mr. Rice and the children were at the Frank Rice home at the time of the fire and Mr. Rice was alone. The home is valued at \$2,500 and the house and contents were insured at some \$1,500. The house being located outside of the fire limits it was impossible to secure the services of the city water service, but with the rapid progress of the flames the house was practically doomed when the blaze was discovered.

## FIRE GUTS BELL HOME

From Wednesday's Daily—  
This morning at 10:30 fire at the residence of S. W. Bell on Walnut street between Fifth and Sixth, did a great deal of damage to the residence and practically gutted the interior of the home.

The fire originated when pipes in the basement of the house were being thawed out, the blaze suddenly catching a part of the woodwork of the cellar and swept up between the walls of the house and soon was spreading at a very rapid rate and endangering the entire structure.

The fire department responded at once to the call but the fire was difficult in fighting and soon was under such headway that it was with difficulty that it was checked and the structure saved. The fire burned a great deal of the floors of the house and the plastering on practically all of the rooms was damaged by the heat and the water that was necessary to use in saving the house.

The firemen and neighbors who reached the scene early were able to get the furniture and belongings out of the house without damage and these were taken to the homes of neighbors to be cared for until the quarters could secure other living quarters.

The house was partially covered by insurance.

## SOCIAL WORKERS MEET

The members of the Social Workers of the Methodist church met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. B. Hayes, a large number of the members being in attendance at this meeting, which was the first since the annual election of the officers of the society. The officers who have been named for the society are those who have so efficiently served during the past year, they being Mrs. Bert Coleman, president; Mrs. W. A. Bennett, vice-president; Mrs. W. A. Wells, treasurer and Mrs. Howard Dodds, secretary.

The ladies had a very interesting session as they are planning now for the home visit window "Cory Eagen" on January 30th and 31st, and which is taking a great deal of the time of the officers in arranging for.

The society has also purchased a piano for the use in the church parlors and gave a sum of money to the Sunday school for its activities.

The hostess served dainty refreshments at an appropriate hour in the afternoon that added to the pleasure of the occasion.

## Well Known Young People are Wedded

### Miss Betty Sitzman and Mr. Floyd Gerbeling Are Joined in Holy Wedlock Today

From Wednesday's Daily—  
The marriage of two of the popular and well known young people occurred this morning at 7:15 when Miss Betty Sitzman and Mr. Floyd Gerbeling were united in the bonds of wedlock.

The wedding was very quiet and attended by only the relatives and the close personal friends of the young couple.

The marriage lines were read by the Rev. Father Marcellus Agius, of the St. John's Catholic church, of which the bride has been a member since childhood.

The impressive wedding service of the Catholic church was used in the celebration of the marriage vows and the bridal couple attended by Miss Genevieve Whelan as the bridesmaid and Mr. Floyd Sealock of Omaha, brother-in-law of the bride, as the best man.

The bride wore a very becoming gown of royal blue tulle and lace made to order with a very elegant hem line. Slippers and hat of the same shade completed the costume. The bride wore a very handsome cross of pearls.

Miss Whelan wore jade green crepe with basque effect and circular skirt. Miss Whelan wore hat and slippers of the jade tones and wore as ornaments, crystals.

Both the groom and best man wore suits of dark blue serge.

Following the wedding ceremony for the members of the groom party motored to the home of the bride's parents on west Pearl street where a very dainty and much enjoyed wedding breakfast had been arranged and where the happy young people received the well wishes of their relatives and friends.

Both the bride and groom have grown to manhood and womanhood in this county, the bride being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Sitzman of this city and received her education in the schools of Weeping Water and Plattsmouth, being a member of the graduating class of 1924 of the Plattsmouth high school. Since leaving school the bride has largely been engaged in business activities and was formerly employed with the Plattsmouth State and Omaha National banks. She has made a very large circle of friends over the community who will join in their best wishes to this very charming lady.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gerbeling of Elmwood and where the groom made his home for the greater part of his life until he came to Plattsmouth a few years ago and has since been engaged here with the Standard Oil Co. He is a young man of the highest character and one that is held in great esteem by those who have the privilege of knowing him and during his stay here has won a very large circle of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerbeling will make their home in the city for the present at least and which will be a great pleasure as it will allow these popular young people to remain here as part of our citizenry.

## HAVE FINE MEETING

From Wednesday's Daily—  
The members of Plattsmouth lodge No. 739, B. P. O. E. held a very fine meeting at the lodge rooms last evening and with many out despite the cold weather to meet Dr. J. V. Begthal, district deputy, of Hastings, who was here to make the official visit to the lodge. The district deputy, who is an old time resident of Nebraska gave a very interesting talk along the lines of the order and recounted many pleasing stories of his long work in the order.

While here Dr. Begthal was a guest at the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Westover and who entertained as dinner guests last evening in honor of Dr. Begthal, J. W. Holmes and Dr. J. S. Livingston.

DELEGATES GO TO MEET  
From Tuesday's Daily—  
The Plattsmouth delegation to the state convention of the Nebraska Volunteer Firemen, departed today for Kearney where the state meet is to be held and where the local men will enjoy three days of real sport and interest at the big state meeting where there will be representatives from all parts of the state. The local representatives will comprise Chief O. Sandin of the department, Fred Lugsch, Carl Ofe, Fred Vincent and Fred Lugsch. The state convention is always one of the high spots for the state firemen and the occasion gives the members the opportunity of visiting over the different sections of the state.

Miss Alice Peterson, who has been spending some time at Tulsa, Oklahoma, with her aunt, Mrs. S. D. Butcher, returned home yesterday to this city after a most delightful stay in the southland.

Phone your news to the Journal.