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Damages for Road Placed at \$9,000 by Jury

In the Creation of Road Through the Elbert Wiles Farm Jury Raises Appraisal

The trial of the case of the relocation of highway No. 75 just south of this city, was completed in the district court Saturday and a verdict reached late that afternoon placing the amount of damages due Elbert Wiles at the sum of \$9,000. The verdict of the jury increased by \$1,000 the amount that had been previously allowed, \$8,000, and from which the state department of public works had appealed as had the land owner as well.

The appraisal of the land was made on the application of the state department to the county court for the condemnation of the land of Mr. Wiles, the road being through a considerable portion and which cut the farm in two tracts, which was objected to by the land owner. The appraisers of the land after visiting the scene and checking up the possible loss to the land by reason of the highway construction recommended the sum of \$8,000.

The decision of the appraisers was appealed as both the state and the land owner objected to the settlements and the hearing of the case occupied all Friday and until past noon Saturday when the case was submitted to the jury for their consideration and with the result of the verdict that increased the amount of the damage.

FUNERAL LARGELY ATTENDED

The funeral services of Dolores Kaffenberger were held on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the St. Paul's Evangelical church, one of the largest that has been held at the church and following the services some 350 persons filled past the casket of the young girl to pay their last respects.

The services were in charge of Rev. O. G. Wichmann, who spoke feelingly of the life of the departed girl, her attachment to the church and her confirmation as an active member of the church a year ago and since which time she has been very active and faithful in the discharge of the obligations of her teachings.

The special musical numbers of the service were given by Miss Margaret Engelkemeyer in a solo, "Abide With Me," and the quartet composed of Misses Eva and Dora Wichmann, Miss Margaret Engelkemeyer and Miss Grace Mortensen, sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." The Junior choir sang one number, "Face to Face."

The pall bearers were selected from the school friends and neighbors, the young men comprising this group being Ralph Wehrhahn, Vernon Kaffenberger, Verma Melstinger, Kenneth Rhodes, Leonard Stoehr, Dale Rhodes.

FILES SUIT FOR DIVORCE

This morning in the office of the clerk of the district court an action was filed in which Mrs. Alice Hafke was the plaintiff and Fred Hafke, the defendant. The case is one for divorce and in which the plaintiff in her petition states that the parties were married at Plattsmouth on April 3, 1929. The charge in the case is that of cruelty. The petition also asks that the defendant be restrained from disposing of his property and that a suitable division of the property rights of the parties be arranged and that the custody of the minor child be given the plaintiff. J. A. Capwell appears in the action for the plaintiff.

STREETS IN EXCELLENT SHAPE

The dirt streets over the city are as a whole in the best of shape and with the dry weather that has prevailed for several months the street department under the direction of Councilman Carl Kunsmann, has been able to have the streets in all parts of the city dragged and placed in good shape for the opening of Summer. The hilly dirt roads are a real problem to the city and while the number is growing less by paving projects, still there are a large number that are used quite extensively and which keeps the street force busy in trying to keep passable at all times and they have certainly done a good job this season in the work.

BUS BACK IN SERVICE

The bus of Clarence Cotner which was out of commission Friday evening and necessitating the use of another bus, is now back in service and Mr. Cotner was able to make his trips Saturday as usual in the old bus and now the service is back to normal again.

CAUGHT IN BOOZE CASE

On Monday's Dally— This morning Martin Gulick, 30, of Weeping Water, was in the county court on the charge of having transported one pint of hooch for the purpose of sale, and to which charge he entered a plea of guilty. The court after hearing the plea of the defendant and the statement of the case, gave the defendant sixty days in jail and a fine of \$100 and costs.

The defendant is a resident of Weeping Water, where he has been engaged in farm work and in the quarries until an accident that resulted in his receiving a broken leg, and it is claimed that he has been largely engaged since in the illicit liquor business and which resulted in his arrest yesterday for the offense.

Eagle Store Robbers Receive Prison Sentence

Ed Wharton, 18, to Reformatory and Kenneth Gevan, 21, Draws Penitentiary Term

From Tuesday's Dally— This morning in the district court before Judge James T. Begley, Ed Wharton, aged eighteen, and Kenneth Gevan, aged twenty-one, were arraigned on the charge of having broken into the store of Valley Trumble at Eagle and stolen goods and articles therefrom.

The young men entered a plea of guilty to the charge and Wharton, a first offender and very youthful in appearance, was sentenced to one to seven years in the state reformatory while Gevan was given a flat sentence of three years in the state penitentiary.

The two young men are part of the gang that was captured at Sutton a few days ago by state officers following a pursuit from Lincoln and the final round up of the young men in a barn near Sutton where they had sought shelter and to sleep from their long hours of flight by the state officers from the scenes of their robberies.

The two here have been implicated in robberies at Union and Greenwood in this county as well as at Eagle, North Bend, Unadilla and Syracuse, as well as having been engaged in a number of auto thefts. Wharton claims to have come originally from Michigan and has been roving over this part of the west, while Gevan claims to be from St. Louis and acknowledged that he had done a term in the state reformatory for breaking and entering at Dunbar in Ottawa county.

Sheriff Bert Reed will take the two boys to Lincoln as soon as possible to start in on the serving of their sentences.

ENTERTAINS FRIENDS

The Robert B. Hayes home was the scene of a very pleasant house party the past several days, Miss Jean Hayes having as her guests Miss Ida Eleanor Fetters and Miss "Bata" Petrow, of Council Bluffs. The young ladies came down Sunday in company with Otto A. Wurl and son, Otto Jr., and they remained over for a part of their Easter vacation here, the ladies returning home this evening.

On Monday evening the guests with a number of the local school girl friends of Miss Hayes enjoyed a very happy "come if you wish" theatre party and then the remainder of the evening was spent at the Hayes home in music and the very delicious refreshments that had been prepared for the evening. The young ladies on returning to Council Bluffs voted Plattsmouth a very lovely place and a fine group of friendly young people that helped make up the school life of the city.

PLEAD NOT GUILTY

This morning in the county court before Judge A. H. Duxbury, Roy Wilson and William Bourke, both of Louisville, were arraigned on the charge of having stolen some thirty feet of copper wire from the plant of the Ash Grove Cement Co. The two men entered a plea of not guilty to the charge as preferred and the court set the bond at \$500 for the men and in failure to supply this they were remanded to the custody of Sheriff Bert Reed. The preliminary hearing in the case was set for Thursday, April 17th before Judge Duxbury.

SUFFERING FROM SMALLPOX

George Barr of this city, who was operated on last week at the Methodist hospital at Omaha, is doing just as well as possible following the operation, but his case had been complicated with a severe attack of smallpox. Mr. Barr had wished to be brought home but this was not possible and he is now isolated under the care of a special nurse and under quarantine and doing very nicely at the last reports.

Murray Red Sox Win First Game of Year

Game at Murray Well Attended and a Cracking Good Game Afforded the Fans

From Monday's Dally— The Murray Red Sox baseball team won their opening game of the 1930 season Sunday when they defeated the Colored Red Sox of Omaha by the score of 5 to 4 in one of the best contests that has been seen on the Murray grounds.

The Plattsmouth players who formed a part of the Murray team were all in their mid-season form and with their associates proceeded to trim their foes, one of the best colored teams in the state metropolis, in a contest that was real battle from the start.

Alex Schlische, hurler for the Plattsmouth-Murray team was the outstanding star of the game and his pitching and effectiveness in the critical stages of the game held the colored boys from scoring, altho they had the bases filled at one time and looked very dangerous.

In their playing Newman at first, Gansmeyer at second, played a fine game and Fay Spidlel back of the bat was in his usual hardworking position with plenty of stuff to aid in the winning of the game.

The Omaha Colored Sox had a hard hitting shortstop who led his team in batting altho he made one very costly play for his team.

The attendance was good and with the fine game played it was a most pleasing start for the season.

The lineup of the Murray team was as follows: Gansmeyer, second base; Svoboda, first; Lund, third; Newman, short; Spidlel, catch; Krejci, right field; Pierce, center field; Sedacek, left field; Schlische, pitch.

The Omaha Colored Sox: Mack, third base; Morrow, second base; Kirkey, first base; Owen, short; Arvin, center field; Fellows, left field; Littlejohn, pitch; Grey, right field; Parker, catch.

FINISHED CONSTRUCTION OF TRADE SHOW BOOTHS

From Monday's Dally— American Legion members yesterday completed construction of the twenty-six trade show booths, and have the same ready to turn over to the different exhibitors a full ten days ahead of the opening date of the show. This will be a distinct advantage over last year, when decorators were forced to work night and day getting the booths ready because they had not been completed early enough to permit getting the work done in regular hours.

All available booth space was engaged nearly three weeks ago, and double the present number of exhibitors could be secured if there were only sufficient space to accommodate them.

Legionnaires are asked to turn out in force Tuesday night and help give the building a general cleaning-up, arranging dressing rooms for the style show and completing the decoration of the stage.

Vaudeville acts are being booked for several nights and there will be a dance Saturday night. The style show feature promises to eclipse that at last year's show.

JURY HANGS ON CASE

The jury which was given the case of James Alloway vs. Frank Ross and Mirth Ross, yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, was still deliberating over the issues of the case this noon. This action is one involving some \$450 of property, live stock and furniture, which the plaintiff claimed to have detained by the defendants while the defendants claimed the property to have been a gift from the plaintiff to the defendants, Mrs. Ross being a daughter of the plaintiff. In the county court the plaintiff was given damages of \$50 while the defendants also claim damages.

SHOW FOUR GENERATIONS

The World-Herald has a very interesting picture shown in their issue of Monday evening of four generations and in which a Plattsmouth family is largely represented. The portrait is of Anton Tuma of Omaha with his daughter, Mrs. W. P. Sitzman of this city and her daughter, Mrs. Floyd Sealock of Omaha and Master William Sealock, who represents the fourth generation. Mrs. Sealock was formerly Miss Margaret Sitzman of this city.

TAKE BOYS TO PRISON

From Wednesday's Dally— Deputy Sheriff Rex Young was at Louisville Sunday where he took into custody Roy Wilson and W. R. Bourke, who it was alleged had been caught taking property belonging to the Ash Grove Cement company. The property taken was wire and other material. The men were brought here and lodged in the county jail to await a filing of a complaint against the men.

DEATH OF FRANK PRINCE

The death of Frank Prince, 46, occurred Sunday night at the St. Joseph's hospital at Omaha where Mr. Prince was taken on last Tuesday, suffering from a very severe case of high blood pressure and heart trouble. The patient has been in poor health for a number of years and his condition had become such that his recovery was the matter of the gravest doubt and he was sent to the hospital to give him what care was possible. He sustained a stroke early Sunday morning and his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Chovanec, of this city were called to his side and remained until the end.

The deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Prince, old residents here and who have preceded the son in death. He has made his home here for a great many years, the site of the death of the parents has resided with his sister, Mrs. John Chovanec, on the farm southeast of the city.

Bring Young Bandits Here to be Tried

Sheriff Bert Reed and Constable Tom Svoboda To Return Two of Men Caught at Sutton

From Monday's Dally— Sheriff Bert Reed left this morning in company with Constable Tom Svoboda for Lincoln where they were called to take over two of the Sutton boys, men captured at Sutton on Thursday. The quartet have confessed to State Sheriff Condit and his force their connection with a large number of robberies in various parts in Nebraska and including stores at Greenwood, Eagle and Union as well as auto thefts in Cass county.

The duet of robbers had a short career after their robbery of the store at Greenwood and Eagle, as their car was discovered in Lincoln and the men, all of whom are young men, were traced to a barn on a farm near Sutton where they were captured by state officers and brought back to Lincoln. The investigation of the case by the state sheriff revealed the fact that the parties had been implicated in a great many robberies over this section of the state and the men will be turned over to the county officials of the several counties to be prosecuted for their offenses.

Michael Hild Files for Clerk of District Court

Will Seek Nomination on the Democratic Ticket for This Office at the Primaries.

From Monday's Dally— This morning another entry was made for the August primary, when Michael Hild, one of the well-known Democratic leaders of the county, filed his name for the nomination for the office of clerk of the district court on his party ticket.

Mr. Hild is well known over the entire county, as he served for a number of years in the office of the county treasurer and was deputy in that office under Miss Mia U. Gerwin. He is a member of one of the prominent families of the county, for many years making his home on the farm west of Mynard, later moving to this city, where he engaged in business for a number of years. He has been engaged for the past year in extra work at the court house in the various offices and is an expert in the line of bookkeeping and clerical work.

This is the first democratic filing for this office, although C. E. Ledgway, the present deputy in the office, is a candidate on the republican ticket for the office.

DIES AT IMPERIAL

Mrs. Frank Raker, former Elmwood lady, died on last Tuesday at the family home at Imperial after a short illness and the body was brought back to the old home at Elmwood on Friday and the services held at that place. Mrs. Raker was formerly Miss Jessie Miller of Elmwood and has resided in the west for a great many years. The deceased lady was a sister-in-law of Mrs. W. E. Roencrans of this city and well known to a large number of Plattsmouth people as she has been a visitor here many times.

FIND FUR DEFENDANT

From Wednesday's Dally— The jury in the case of James Alloway vs. Frank Ross and Mirth Ross, which was out deliberating on the issues of the case from Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, returned a verdict last night at 6 o'clock and finding for the defendant in the action. The jury verdict was that the right to the property in dispute and the right to the possession of the property had been in the defendants at the time of the commencement of the action. The jury found the value of the property in favor of the defendant and at the sum of \$446. Following the verdict the members of the jury had tried the case were excused from the service for the term.

ARREST LOUISVILLE MEN

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William Baird President of the Rotary Club

Well Known Local Rotarian to Head Club—Other Officers Are Selected

From Tuesday's Dally— The Plattsmouth Rotary club held a very interesting meeting this noon at which time the annual election of officers was held and which brought as the head of the club, William Baird, superintendent of the local Burlington shops and one of the popular and well known members of the club. Mr. Baird being named as successor to Dr. J. S. Livingston.

The other officers named were Dr. Livingston as the vice-president, George K. Petring, secretary, L. O. Minor, treasurer, S. E. Davis and E. H. Schulhof, directors and Carl Ofe as sergeant at arms.

The new president was warmly greeted by the associates at the announcement of the election and "Billy," as he is officially known among the members of the club was heartily congratulated by the associates who had joined in naming him as the executive head of the club.

The meeting was under the leadership of Mayor John P. Sattler and was featured by a very fine musical offering by Bobby Jensen and Herbert Minor, sons of Rotarians, who gave several very fine instrumental numbers in the course of the program.

R. W. Knorr took up the discussion of the countries covered by international Rotary by giving a very fine word picture of Guatemala, the Central American nation where coffee, sugar and bananas are the basic crops.

The review of the Rotary magazine was given by L. D. Hiatt and was filled with much interest.

WILL PRESENT CANTATA

On Easter evening at the Presbyterian church, the triumphant Easter message will be given in song and biblical story. At this time the choir of twenty-six voices under the efficient direction of Miss Ruth Lindsay, will render a Cantata entitled "Victory" by Henry Widemere.

Those who have heard the splendid anthems rendered by the choir during the year, know they have a warranted anticipation in the Easter Cantata.

The part taken by the choir in each worship hour is both devotional and inspirational. Without the choir, the service would seem very incomplete. While all admit this fact, few realize the hours of time contributed by the choir members, that the music of the service be well rendered. The anthems which are an uplift to the audience on Sabbath morning, many times have been in progress of rehearsal for several weeks. The weekly "choir practice night," is of course a pleasure to those who love to sing, but it also means an evening of real work added to a full duty day.

Let us show the choir a real appreciation of their faithful services during the whole year, and especially now in the rendition of the Easter Cantata, by attending this service next Sabbath evening at eight o'clock.

The program in full will be announced in Friday's paper.

BOOSTING BASEBALL

W. T. Distel of this city has been appointed the county manager of the American Legion Junior baseball league and is now busy planning with the aid of the several posts to have some good teams of the youngsters in the game this year. The teams will include largely boys from twelve to sixteen and it is the hope of Mr. Distel to have at least one team in Louisville, Nehawka, Greenwood and Elmwood where there are Legions posts and two teams in this city, to make an even balanced league of six teams, altho the other places may organize as many teams as they wish to join the league.

The Elks lodge here at their meeting last night voted to help the cause along by the assistance in the getting up of a team and which with the others over the county should make a very interesting summer for the youthful ball players.

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ACCEPTS NEW POSITION

Miss Mary Hobscheidt, who has for a great many years been identified in the business houses of the city, has accepted a position at the Harry Kruger Paint and Wall Paper store on North Sixth street and will be located there in the future. Miss Hobscheidt is a lady of the most pleasant personality and her courtesy to the patrons and ability in the work as clerk and bookkeeper will make her a very valuable assistant to Mr. Kruger. Miss Hobscheidt was for many years with the H. M. Soennichsen grocery as bookkeeper and later with the Hinky-Dinky store. The many friends of Miss Hobscheidt will be pleased to learn that she is again to become a part of the business section of the city.

Odd Fellows Enjoy a Visit from Grand Master

Many Visitors Here From Louisville, Greenwood, Havelock and Omaha for the Event

From Wednesday's Dally— Last evening Platte lodge No. 7, of the I. O. O. F. enjoyed a visit from a group of the distinguished members of the order and headed by Grand Master William Dunn of Sutherland, Nebraska, and Grand Secretary E. S. Davis of North Platte.

The occasion was also made notable by a large delegation present from Omaha as representatives of the encampment and Odd Fellows from Louisville, Greenwood, and Havelock also here to join the Plattsmouth lodge in the greetings to the grand master of the order for the state of Nebraska.

The lodge was presided over by Rev. H. E. Sertor, noble grand and who introduced the visitors.

Grand Master Dunn gave a very fine talk on the work of the order in the state as did the grand secretary, Mr. Davis, and which was very much enjoyed as the speakers covered the work of the order and also bringing before the many notable acts that had marked the work of the order.

During the course of the evening Hans Siever, one of the veteran members of the local lodge was presented with a jewel in honor of his thirty fifth anniversary at the Platte lodge and the I. O. O. F. of Nebraska. Mr. Seiver having been one of the faithful workers in the order for all of the years since his initiation and whose service has largely aided the advancement of the order in this city.

At the conclusion of the lodge session a very fine social time was enjoyed and which was featured by a fine luncheon.

HERE FROM CALIFORNIA

From Wednesday's Dally— Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Deets, from Riverside, California, arrived in Plattsmouth yesterday afternoon for a few days visit with old friends in this city. Mr. Deets was formerly with the U. S. Army and for several years was engaged in the millinery business in this city. The trip from Riverside was made by auto, leaving there two weeks ago next Monday morning, but making several stops along the way. They report a very fine journey all the way through good roads and wonderful weather, right up to the time they light in Cass county, tough detours with no markings, and if the Platte river had dried up since Miss Myers left Plattsmouth they would still be traveling northward, but when they arrived at the river she found her bearings. It looks to us as though it were the duty of someone to see that all these detours were properly marked for the travelers.

The trip was made over the southern route, coming up through Colorado and Kansas, and Mr. Deets says that crops in the southern portion of both states are looking wonderful. After a few days here Mr. and Mrs. Deets will go on to Sterling, Illinois, where they will spend the summer at the old home of Mr. Deets.

WAS A REAL SANDLITTER

Those who see Joe Benak in his daily rounds with his milk route or engaged in his work at the dairy farm north of this city, would hardly realize that Joe was one of the sandlitters around Omaha. The World-Herald of Sunday carried a picture of the "J. V. D." a youthful team of 1902 in Omaha and in this Joe appears as utility man. The picture is of the days when the ball players used the old time padded pants as a protection to the players from the strenuousness of the sport.

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Suit for \$5,000 Follows Auto and Wagon Smash

Suit Filed in Cass County for Accident Occuring on the D. L. D. Last December

From Wednesday's Dally— This morning a damage suit or \$5,000 was filed in the office of the clerk of the district court in which Mrs. Marie A. Tyler is the plaintiff and William Bell and John Doe, et al. are the defendants.

The petition of the plaintiff alleges that on December 21, 1929, the plaintiff was riding in an auto driven by her husband, W. B. Tyler, on the D. L. D. highway in Cass county, that the defendant's hired man was engaged in hauling wagon corn in a wagon and that the wagon was left on the surfaced highway, the horses unhitched and the wagon standing as the car of the plaintiff's husband came along. There was a large amount of the loose corn scattered on the roadway that was not seen by the driver of the Tyler car and which ran into the corn causing the car to swing over and get beyond the control of the driver and the car then crashed into the rear of the wagon. As the result of the collision the plaintiff claims to have been cut about the face and head and suffered other injuries that have since affected her health. The plaintiff asks that \$5,000 be placed as the amount due for the injuries suffered by the plaintiff.

It is alleged that the defendant's hired man in charge of the wagon violated the rules of the road in the leaving of the car where it was when the Tyler car struck it.

CLASS HAS LONG CAREER

The Young Men's Bible class of the Methodist Sunday school is now starting on its twenty-fifth year as a part of the Sunday school, a quarter of a century that has been filled with the greatest of interest and stimulation to the church and also bringing before the many young men from all walks of life.

The class has just held its election of officers and the following have been named to head the class for the year:

President—A. H. Duxbury.
Vice-President—R. E. Kelly.
Secretary—W. H. Henthorn.
Treasurer—Howard Davis.
Song Leader—John E. Turner.
Teacher—E. H. Westcott.

It was in 1906 when at the opening of the year the matter of a room and separate organization for the young men and their teachers was not in the church proper to house the class and accordingly this group of some eight young men and their teacher decided to provide a place and commenced the task of excavating under the northeast corner of the church building and by diligent labor a small room was dug from the clay soil, the walls placed and the class moved into its new home.

The class was first chartered under the adult class department of the Methodist board of Sunday schools and those who signed the charter roll were Hugh Cecil, Edwin White, David G. White, James Rishel, Paul Morgan, George M. Hall, Clyde Martin, Edward Roman, Lee Barnes. Of the class Edward White passed away a number of years ago and the other members with one exception are living in widely scattered sections of the country. James B. Rishel is the only charter member still residing here.

In all of the years since the start of the class on April 6, 1906, this class has had but one teacher, E. H. Westcott, who has been with the class every Sunday that it was possible and the days that the teacher has been absent from his task have been few indeed. He has extended the hand to the class members each Sunday, has helped arrange their many interesting lectures and banquets as well as the social meetings, he has shared the personal joys and sorrows of the members of the class and at the close of almost a quarter of a century is still telling the story of the bible in the weekly lessons that the young men and those no longer youthful love to hear.

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