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## Hundreds View Work of Placing Natural Gas Line

Ditching, Pipelaying, Covering and Testing Interest Large Crowds—Nearing Plattsmouth

The line of twenty-four inch gas main that is being laid across Cass county from a point south of Elmwood to Plattsmouth, has held the closest attention of hundreds of the residents of the county as the line has gradually progressed, the various processes of the work being followed with interest by people from all sections of the county.

The work is now starting from just south of the town of Manley to the long stretch northeast into Plattsmouth and where the line will cross the Missouri river.

Handled in a machine like manner the work moves ahead with speed save when occasionally extraordinary conditions are met with, but after the work at Manley is over the progress on eastward should be very rapid. It was necessary to place the pipe line under the track at Manley and this took a great deal more time than is ordinarily required and also a small creek or low place east of the track also required more time to get through with the line owing to a cave in.

Here also two valve houses are being prepared, one on each side of the railroad tracks which are used in case of trouble along the line.

The Smith Brothers Co., who are the contractors for the work of construction, established a record on Tuesday when their force laid 14,014 feet of the twenty-four inch main, the best record that they have made so far in the construction and one of the best of any company in the country.

The work of the various lines of activities connected with the pipe lines is carried out at top speed and in advance of the forces of workmen and machinery, the large trucks are busy hauling the large and heavy mains along the course of the line and from Plattsmouth to the scene of the present pipe laying the courses can be followed by the lengths of pipe that dot the waving fields of corn through which the line passes.

As the pipe is laid tests of the line are made under pressure to detect any leaks in the joining of the sections, and the excellence of the job is shown by the fact that very few of the leaks have developed in the many miles of pipe that has been laid. While the line is not entirely covered until after the tests are made, it is necessary to fill in a part of the ditch at frequent intervals in order to anchor the pipe.

An interesting process to the curious is that of the bending of the large and heavy pipes when it is necessary to have a special contour to the pipe, with the skilled workmen, heating and drawing, bringing the pipe to the proper shape.

The pipe for the line is being handled from Mynard and ten car loads arrived here Wednesday and are being taken to the scene of the future line south and east of this city, leading to the Missouri river. The representative of the Missouri Valley Gas Line Co., who has charge of the work for his company, is expecting to be well on the way from Manley to Plattsmouth by Friday evening, as forces are at work ditching in several sections ahead of the pipe line and keeping well in the clear of the other operations.

As has been said, the work is most interesting, and on last Sunday the superintendent of the pipe laying said there were at least 1,000 persons visiting the scene of the work and watching the onward march of the pipe layers and fitters. As the line approaches this city and the heavy traveled sections the visitors will be more numerous, but their presence seems to interfere but little with the workmen who go steadily onward.

## ENJOYING OUTING

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Starkjohn and son, William, of this city are enjoying their summer outing at the Minnesota lakes, where they are fishing and resting at their cottage on an early hour and by 5 p. m. they had arrived at their destination and were able to get settled for the night at the cottage. Henning is one of the popular fishing resorts of Minnesota and is visited by a great many of the Plattsmouth sportsmen during the summer season.

## TOURING THE BLACK HILLS

From Thursday's Daily—Misses Pearl Staats, Estelle and Caroline Baird and Amelia Martens, teachers in the Plattsmouth city schools, are enjoying an auto trip to the Black Hills where they will spend a part of their vacation in the delights of that most interesting part of the west. The ladies will take a leisurely tour of the Hills and enjoying to the utmost the scenes of charm and beauty in this vacation land.

## CROWDS ENJOY CONCERT

From Thursday's Daily—Last evening the weekly concert of the Elks band was given at the court house lawn and with the cars and spectators well filling the space on the street and the lawn of the court house.

The program was one composed of the old favorites of the years including two descriptive selections, "The Bull in the China Shop" and "An Evening in Hawaii," which were very much enjoyed by the audience.

The tuneful melodies of Joe Howard's musical comedy of twenty years ago "The Stubborn Cinderella" were included in the program.

The popular song hit selected for the concert was "Sunny Side Up" with James Begley Jr., Plattsmouth's boytoner, as the soloist and giving a fine rendition of this number.

## Wheat Yield of County Promises to be Very Heavy

Estimates That Harvest Will Show From Five to Ten Bushels More Than Anticipated

The threshing season is now on all over the county and on the fields in all directions can be seen the chaff of the various threshing machines as they harvest the golden grain which the rich and productive soil has produced this year.

The wheat yield will probably average from twenty-five to thirty bushels to the acre altho in some cases the yield will be as high as 44 and others as low as eighteen and nineteen bushels.

The result of the 1930 crop is from five to ten bushels per acre over the estimate of the earlier part of the year and with the heavy yield of grain there is very heavy straw shown in most of the wheat fields over the county.

One of the best yields in this section of the county is that of William Heitzhausen of this city where it is reported that the average will run forty-four bushels to the acre, this being a very fine piece of land and which has been in clover for the past few years and this season was broken up and placed in wheat.

## DEPART FOR WEST COAST

From Thursday's Daily—Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Heitzhausen, of Portland, Oregon, who have been here for the past several weeks visiting with the H. P. Goos and William Schmidtman families, departed yesterday for Omaha on the first lap of their journey to the west coast. They will visit for a time at Omaha and Fairbury as well as spending three weeks in Denver. To bid the visitors farewell, Mrs. William Schmidtman, a sister of Mrs. Heitzhausen and Mrs. Jack Patterson of Wheeling, West Virginia, a niece, accompanied them to Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Heitzhausen were for many years residents of this city where Mrs. Heitzhausen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goos, were early settlers and prior to moving to Portland the Heitzhausen family operated the Plattsmouth hotel here and in the long years made a host of warm friends who have enjoyed very much the opportunity of renewing old acquaintances. This was the first opportunity in some years for the old time friends to meet and the occasion has been the most pleasant.

Fred Heitzhausen, a son of this estimable couple, who has been making his home also at Portland is moving soon to San Francisco where he will look after the interests of one of the large bonding companies in that section of California.

## ENTERTAINS FOR SISTER

From Thursday's Daily—Mrs. F. R. Gobelman was hostess last evening at a most charming bridge party in honor of her sister, Miss Martha Hiatt of Tulare, California, who is enjoying a visit here and at the family home at Sidney, Iowa.

The event was held at the beautiful Elks country club and where there were several tables of the players to enjoy the occasion. The bright hued summer flowers were used in the decorations of the room and made a very pretty setting.

In the playing Mrs. James G. Mauzy was awarded first honors and Mrs. Rea McMaken the second while the guests prize of the evening.

At the close of the event dainty and delicious refreshments were served by Misses Nadine Clويد and Lois Ebstor and which added to the pleasures of the occasion.

## IMPROVES BARBER SHOP

Anton Trilety, the barber, has just had in stalled at his shop a fine new flooring that adds greatly to the appearance of the shop and makes it much more attractive to the eye.

Picnic season is here. Get your picnic supplies at Bates Book Store.

## Passing of Once Popular Gathering Place

Baseball Park Being Dismantled and Left to the Conquest of Nature

From Friday's Daily—The changing time of the past two decades was strikingly shown today when a force of workmen of the city street department started in the work of dismantling the baseball park situated just east of the Burlington railroad tracks on the Missouri river bottom land.

Here some twenty years ago was one of the very best diamonds in the state and where the Plattsmouth Rex Sox maintained a fast and aggressive team that drew hundreds to every game to witness the contests that embraced games with some of the best teams in the state. It was nothing unusual to see the grandstand filled to its capacity, the bleacher seats along the west side of the park crowded and the overflow into the outfields, but in the recent years the little group of fans that gathered for the games could all be placed in the grandstand and that without any crowding.

The park was built largely thru the personal efforts of a small group of men who led the work of planning and successfully carried the campaign that raised the funds for the building of the grandstand, bleachers and the fence that enclosed the grounds. In this work, Edward Braunter, now proprietor of the Hotel Perkins was the chief mover and also the manager of the baseball team. C. S. Johnson, then yardmaster of the Burlington here, who was for years the guardian of the park and kept it in the best of shape, and the late H. N. Dovey and Thomas Walling, who served as the president and treasurer of the baseball association.

Many of the best known figures in the history of Nebraska baseball have appeared on the local diamond in the days when the thrill of the national pastime still held its lure for the young and old alike.

Many things have come to draw from small town baseball, taking away the attendance and without which there can be no team successfully operated as empty seats do not thrill the players or make the operation of a team successful. A great many of the fans who once enjoyed the ball games have yielded to the lure of golf, a pastime in which they could have an active part that they were unable to do with baseball. To the younger generation the interest in the open road in the auto has taken away their love of the sport of the diamond.

When the city constructed the new storm sewer system for Main street the gradual decline of the physical part of the baseball park was started, each year seeing the summer rains bring overflows onto the park, the washing out of fence and destruction of the diamond and ruin of the grounds.

To one of the real old timers standing on the Burlington passenger station platform this morning, the tearing down of the grandstand brought the memory of an even greater change, as he stated that as a boy the main portion of the river was flowing where the park was located and that the river boats had tied up near the present station in the 60's and the early 70's.

## UNEVENTFUL MEETING

From Thursday's Daily—Today's noon-day luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce was the quietest and most uneventful of the year. The attendance hit a low mark, with but 17 responding to roll call. The entire assemblage appeared in shirt sleeves and made short work of the business session following the luncheon adjournment coming at 1:15.

Road matters were discussed, including the matter of securing gravel on the Red Ball highway, which is State Highway No. 1 and in the natural course of priority now being adhered to by the Department of Public Works should have been improved long ago. A letter was read from State Engineer Cochran, however, in which he expressed the opinion that no funds would be available for this work at least during the present year. Other roads matters discussed included the placing of a directing sign at the intersection of Sixth and Main in this city.

Judge Begley revived the swimming pool issue, which was discussed, but adjournment taken before appointment of the proposed committee to investigate the matter further.

## ENTERS NOT GUILTY PLEA

From Thursday's Daily—This morning Frank Harmer, who was recently bound over to the district court on a charge of having stolen a hog belonging to Martia Jensen, a farmer in the southwest part of the county, was arraigned in the district court. The defendant entered a plea of not guilty to the charge and was released on his bond for appearance here for trial at the term of the district court which opens on November 24th.

## MEETS OLD FRIENDS

The visit of Emil J. Weyrich to the west coast from where he returned last week, was the occasion of much pleasure in meeting the friends of many years ago who have settled in that section of the nation. The visit of Mr. Weyrich at the home of W. L. Thomas and family afforded a very fine opportunity of seeing the country as Mr. Thomas, one of the pioneer auto dealers of the west coast has retired and was able to show a great deal of the country to Mr. Weyrich and also his visit with Ernest Wurl and family was very much enjoyed. While there he had the opportunity of meeting former Judge Beeson, Ed Roman, Henry Hesse, as well as all of the members of the Thomas family who are located in and near Long Beach. The south California country is filled with the former Nebraskans and Iowa people and among which Cass county is very largely represented.

## Colorado Auto Party Takes a Plunge in Creek

Car Runs Off Bridge Over Four Mile Near the T. H. Pollock Farm

From Friday's Daily—S. C. Walker of Eades, Colorado, accompanied his son and daughter on their route from their home in the west to Wisconsin where they are to visit relatives, took an involuntary plunge into the Four Mile Creek yesterday when the car, driven by one of the young women, struck the corner of the rail of the bridge and the car just striking the edge of the railing, turned into the creek.

The party were coming north on the detour of highway No. 75 and having had a long and wearing drive it is thought that the lady driving the car had dozed off as the car approached the bridge over the creek and the car just striking the edge of the railing, turned into the creek.

The auto party were able to extricate themselves without trouble and the only injury suffered was a fractured wrist by the lady driving the car altho all were shaken up to a greater or less extent.

The wrecking outfit from the Plattsmouth Motor Co. were called to the scene and found the car, a Ford Tudor, well settled in the water and mud into which it had turned over and it required several hours work with the crane to get the car out of the creek. The car was very badly damaged and torn up as the result of the accident.

Mr. E. Bestor, who is in charge of the car and accordingly made arrangements here of the Plattsmouth Motor Co., to secure a new car and transferring their effects to the new car the party proceeded on their way to Wisconsin.

## RETURNS FROM FINE TRIP

From Friday's Daily—Charles K. Bestor and brother, Daniel Bestor, returned home last evening from an auto trip over the west that has covered several months and been a great experience for the two brothers. Leaving here they took their southern route to the west coast through Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, taking in the many points of interest and including the grand canyon of the Colorado, from where they drove to Los Angeles to spend some time there and other points of interest in southern California.

They then motored north through Oregon and Washington, visiting the fruit and lumber making sections of the two states and then motored over into British Columbia for a visit. After an inspection of the Pacific northwest Charley and Dan started home, coming through the mountain states to Yellowstone Park where they enjoyed a stay of some duration and visiting the many interesting points in the park and thence on home to enjoy the hot weather.

## ENTERTAINS RELATIVES

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kuhns, south of town entertained over the week end and for Sunday dinner as guests Mrs. Carolyn Wyatt of Sidney, Iowa; Mr. Charles Mume of Missouri Valley, Ia.; Mrs. Lester Barkus and two daughters of San Bernardino, California; Mr. Ray Wyatt and family of Sidney, Ia.; Miss Ruth Williams of Sidney and Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCormick and daughter of Plattsmouth. All enjoyed the pleasure of being together very much.

## HAS TONSILS REMOVED

R. F. Pattison, cashier of the Farmers State bank of this city, is taking an enforced vacation as the result of having his tonsils removed. The operation was very successful and while the patient is recuperating from the effects of the ordeal he is spending a few days with Mrs. Pattison in visiting friends in Omaha but will be back on the job in a short time.

## Files Complaint Against Ed Murray for Shooting

Earl Troop Files Complaint Charging Assault With Intent to Kill and Murder

From Friday's Daily—As the result of the quarrel and shooting affray that occurred near the home of Arnold Mast northeast of Newark, on last Tuesday morning, a complaint was filed today against Edward Murray, charging him with shooting at Earl Troop.

The information filed by County Attorney W. G. Kleck is on the complaint of Earl Troop and in it Mr. Murray is charged with two counts, that of shooting with intent to kill and wound, and assault with intent to murder.

Mr. Murray it is claimed shot at Mr. Troop with a revolver in a fight in which they were engaging in the roadway near the Mast place and which fight finally resulted in the shooting and wounding of Arnold Mast by Theron Murray, a son of Ed Murray.

Mr. Troop was at the Mast home, with his father, William Troop and a hired man when Mr. Murray drove along on a mower engaged in cutting the weeds along the roadway, and the elder Troop went out and started a conversation with Murray over the dispute about the pasturing of a cow on the Mast place which is part of the farm used by Murray.

The conversation led to a dispute and in which it is claimed that Murray became engaged in a fight with Mr. Troop and in which his son, Earl, came out and participated and beat up Mr. Murray. In this fight it is claimed that Murray fired a shot from his revolver at Earl Troop and was disarmed of the weapon.

Mr. Murray had claimed that he was dragged off the mower and beat up without giving provocation.

The case will probably be heard at the November term of the district court as Mr. Murray, who has been confined to his home for the greater part of the time since the trouble, will plead not guilty.

## LOOKS OVER NEW PARK

From Thursday's Daily—This morning Prof. M. I. Evinger, of the engineering college of the University of Nebraska, came down from Lincoln to look over the proposed athletic park for the city schools and civic center.

The park will be made available this fall for the use of the high school football team and as soon as the plans and tentative plans are arranged the work will probably be started on moving the dirt that will be necessary to make a standard sized football field.

Prof. Evinger however, will in his work make the complete plans for the improvement of the park and these will be followed as the additions to the park gradually made in the coming years.

The assistants of Prof. Evinger will be here Monday to run the lines, secure levels and also examine records of the city and county relative to the definite information that will be necessary for the start of the city community center planning.

## MANY VISITORS HERE

The stream of tourists passing through this city is very large and in the observance of autos that come and go along the main streets of the city disclosed a very large number of Iowa autos, particularly in the warm summer evenings, a proof that the new bridge over the Missouri river here is bringing our neighbors to this city in increasing numbers.

The autos that are noted embrace cars from practically all parts of the country. California and Florida cars are noted here as well as large numbers from Missouri, Texas, Illinois, with cars also from Minnesota, Michigan, Kentucky and occasionally one from the far New England states.

Improving road conditions in this section make this a great route for the autoist either from the east or the south, passing here on their way to the natural wonderlands of the mountain states or to the lure of the north woods of Minnesota and Canada.

## WILL ATTEND RODEO

E. P. Stewart of this city, who has for the past several years played with the Southeast Nebraska band at the rodeo at Burwell, Nebraska, has been asked to again join the organization, composed of the leading band men of this section of Nebraska.

The rodeo will open on August 12th which is also incidentally the primary election at which Mr. Stewart is a candidate for sheriff, but he is preparing to attend the big doings at Burwell regardless—voting and then driving out to the wild west offering. The band will embrace members from all of the cities of southeast Nebraska largely veterans band men that can be quickly worked into a classy band for immediate use.

## MARRIED IN WASHINGTON

The announcement has been received here of the marriage of Miss Anna May McMaken, former Plattsmouth girl, daughter of Mrs. Minnie McBride of Tacoma, Washington, to Mr. Tom Elsdon.

The wedding occurred on June 30th at Olympia, Washington, and the young people are planning on starting housekeeping soon in their new home in South Tacoma, Washington.

The many friends of the bride here will learn with great pleasure of the happiness that has come to her and extend to Mr. and Mrs. Elsdon their best wishes for future happiness and success.

Mrs. Elsdon is a daughter of the late Guy McMaken and a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Peterson of this city.

## Sues for \$10,000 Damage for Death of Murray Girl

Administer of the Estate of the Late Bertha Lancaster Sues Harold Schreiner

Harold M. Schreiner, of Unadilla, has been made defendant in a \$10,000 damage suit in the district court filed by W. G. Boedeker, administrator of the estate of Miss Bertha B. Lancaster of Murray who was fatally injured in an automobile accident January 2, 1930.

In the petition filed in the office of the clerk of the district court at Nebraska City Friday it is alleged that Miss Lancaster, riding in a car driven by Ray Watson of Nebraska City, was going north on U. S. 75 at a lawful rate of speed and on the right side of the highway and that the defendant was driving south at a high rate of speed and in a careless manner. It is claimed that Schreiner negligently and carelessly turned his car to the wrong side of the highway striking the Watson car in which Miss Lancaster was a passenger, inflicting mortal injuries.

Following the accident Miss Lancaster was removed to an Omaha hospital where she died a few hours later. Miss Lancaster was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lancaster, well known residents of Murray. She had visited friends in Nebraska City over New Year's and was on her way home when the accident occurred.

Ray Watson, driver of the car, was severely injured in the accident, sustaining severe cuts and bruises about the body but recovered.

## YELLOWSTONE POPULAR SPOT

From Saturday's Daily—The vacation land for the Plattsmouth residents this year seems to be the Yellowstone National park as there is a very large group of the local people there and en route to that most interesting of the mountain resorts where the hot springs, mountains and the natural charm and beauty can be enjoyed to the utmost. At the present time Rev. and Mrs. McClusky, with their daughter, Miss Catherine, and Mrs. Frank Clويد and daughters, Maxine and Frances, are at the park as is also Mr. and Mrs. Hans Siever and the Misses Helen Warner and Clara Wickman, the last party being guests at Emblem, near the park. Mr. and Mrs. John W. Crabbill and daughter, Alice and Clement Woster, are en route to the park, while Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Westover and children and Mr. and Mrs. James M. Robertson left here Thursday morning with the Yellowstone on their goal.

The Crabbill party are planning on going later to Minnesota for the remainder of their outing and where they will be joined by Mr. and Mrs. Isaac King of Superior and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Brooks of Burlington, Iowa, the two ladies being sisters of Mr. Crabbill.

## DELIGHTFUL GATHERING

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heil, Jr., and son, Glen; Mr. and Mrs. August Joachim and daughter, Miss Thelma; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Meisinger and Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Meisinger were dinner guests at the hospitable country home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Meisinger last Sunday. A fine dinner was served and a pleasant afternoon was spent in visiting together. The host and hostess are the parents of Roy and Ruben Meisinger and Roy's wife is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joachim, so it was a delightful family gathering.—Louisville Courier.

## PATRIOTIC BABY

On the National Birthday, July Fourth, the stork brought a very fine nine and a half pound son to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Lohnee of Cedar Creek, and sure that was a happy family with the National pride and the happiness which the arrival of their son, Connie Ray Lohnee, brought.

The folks all concerned are getting along very nicely and the young son is growing every day and why should not happiness reign supreme. Here is to you young man, may you be a bigger man than your father.

## George Stander Country Home Swept by Fire

Destroyed Friday Afternoon by Fire Though to Be of Incendiary Origin

Shortly after 4 o'clock Friday afternoon the large country home of George Stander, northwest of this city, was discovered to be on fire and in a short time the house was a mass of roaring flames that it was impossible to check and the fire completely gutted the house and the larger part of contents, with a loss of \$10,000.

The fire was first noticed by persons working in the field near the place, the members of the family all being away from the house at the time and while every effort was made to check the blaze it was useless. The Plattsmouth fire department hurried chemical tanks to the scene but the fire was beyond control and they were of little avail.

When the fire was discovered the east side of the house, porch, dining room and kitchen was all ablaze and spread fast into all parts of the house.

Members of the family and neighbors were able to save a few articles of furniture from the parlor of the house but all of the articles on the second floor of the house was swept away in the roaring furnace.

The cause of the fire is unknown and as far as could be learned there was no fire in the house or any possible means of the building catching afire aside from that of incendiary origin and all indications point to the fact that some person set the building on fire.

A representative of the state fire warden's office was here today with Sheriff Bert Reed and investigating the case. While there are some possible clues to the origin of the fire the officers are not ready to give out a statement until the matter has been more thoroughly sifted out.

The house and contents were partially covered by insurance but the loss will be quite heavy to Mr. Stander as the farm house was one of the largest in this part of Cass county.

## MRS. RIPPLE INJURED

From Saturday's Daily—Mrs. E. C. Ripple was very seriously injured last evening at the family home on west Vine street as the result of a fall of eight feet down a flight of stairs leading to the cellar of the house.

The family had completed their evening meal and Mrs. Ripple was engaged in clearing away the remains of the supper and had started to take a jar of fruit to the cellar and just after starting down the stairs she fell, alighting on the floor of the cellar with her right shoulder receiving the full force of the fall. Mrs. Ripple is quite heavy and the force of the fall caused a very severe fracture of the shoulder, the bone being badly splintered and crushed. Dr. O. C. Hudson was called and on his advice the patient was hurried to the Clarkson hospital at Omaha where the injured shoulder was operated on and the bone adjusted.

Mrs. Ripple will have to spend some time at the hospital as the injury is very severe and the arm is in splints and weights being used to hold the arm in the proper position. In addition to the fractured arm she also suffered severe bruises on the lower limbs as well as on the left forearm.

## SETTING NEW RECORDS

From Friday's Daily—The year of 1930 is beginning to set a new record in the continuous heated spell of the summer when Thursday and today soared to 105 in the shade to tie the previous hot record of the year. The condition today was even more trying than Thursday as the intense hot wind that swept from the southwest was like a blast from a furnace and had a very bad effect on the corn. The need of rain is beginning to be felt in all parts of the west where the heat is beginning to show its effect on the growing corn crop and if the present hot weather covers the same period as that of two weeks ago, there will be quite a loss to the corn crop over the entire corn belt.

## TREAT FOR THE KIDS

From Friday's Daily—The Plattsmouth Water Corporation were hosts last night to some sixty of the children of the city who departed in the cooling spray of the water that was shot from a fire hydrant by means of a giant spray. Manager Lynn Minor of the company, announcing that the water company will have the spray working from the hydrant at Eighth and Main street on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock and it is hoped that every youngster in the city, regardless of age or color. The children must, however, have bathing suits or overalls for the big wet party.

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