

The Plattsmouth Journal

Gas Rates are Discussed by C. of C. Directors

Go on Record Memorializing Council to Grant Franchise to Company Offering the Lowest Rate

From Thursday's Daily— The hot weather held down attendance at today's Chamber of Commerce luncheon—the first held in three weeks due to an extra Thursday in July—to an even score of shirt-sleeved diners, but that did not prevent what was expected to be a quiet and uneventful meeting from becoming an intensely interesting round table discussion of a subject that is of much concern in Plattsmouth at this time—namely the natural gas rates to be charged consumers of this new product now piped to our very door.

The subject was introduced by President Wescott and various members heard in an expression of their viewpoints on the matter.

The rates outlined by officials of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power as applicable to this city were compared with the rates being charged in nearby cities of this size, as well as with the rates submitted by the same company for users in Lincoln.

It was generally conceded that the matter of granting a franchise to the United Gas Service company, whose source of supply will be the new line now being started this way from the Oklahoma and Kansas fields and which will also cross the river near this city en route to Chicago, will come before the council for action at its meeting next Monday night. This same company was recently granted a franchise in Glenwood, following a special election, and their proposal is to serve Plattsmouth consumers with gas at the same rates they are to charge in Glenwood, namely, 90c for the first 1,000 feet, with a gradually declining scale for succeeding thousands, up to 7,000 feet, and all excess consumption over that figure at 60c per thousand.

The Iowa-Nebraska company's proposed scale of rates for Plattsmouth includes a 50c per month service charge, plus \$1.35 per 1000 feet for the first two thousand, \$1 per 1,000 for the next three, and 60c per 1,000 for all in excess of 5,000 cubic feet. After a great deal of discussion as to the economy of burning gas for home heating, a motion was made by H. A. Schneider that the Chamber of Commerce direct the city council to use all diligence in consideration of the matter and then grant a franchise to the company making the best price.

The council has had the natural gas matter up in its meetings as a whole, as well as numerous meetings of its judiciary committee during the past week, having held over for third reading and final passage the ordinance that would grant a non-exclusive franchise to the United Gas Service company since early in May, to permit of well advised and sane action when it votes on the matter, which in all probability will be at its next meeting Monday night.

\$100 Voted Co. Extension Program

A contribution of \$100 to help defray the expenses of an assistant county extension agent, who has been very active in promulgating club work in this part of the county, was given approval as well as a like expenditure for the purchase of space in a special Highway 34 issue of the Des Moines Register and Leader to be issued in the near future when the paving across Iowa over that route is completed and the road opened to travel its entire length.

SHIP ICE HERE

From Thursday's Daily— Last night a carload of ice was received here to be used in the supplying of the demands on the local ice plant of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co. The excessive and continued hot weather of the last month has kept the local plant operating day and night to supply the demands made on it and even at this it has been difficult to supply the patrons of this city and the nearby countryside as well as many from Iowa. The carload of ice was unloaded by the McMan Transfer Co., and the stock will give the local ice plant the opportunity of getting a normal supply on hand for the patrons. The hot weather has made heavy demands for ice in all of the cities and ice plants have found it very difficult to anyway near fill the demands for its products.

HAS FINE LITTLE DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Distel are rejoicing over the arrival in their family circle of a fine little daughter, born Sunday at the hospital at Omaha.

The mother and little one are doing nicely and the occasion has brought much joy to the father and the little sister and brother. The many friends of the family will join in their well wishes for the future and success and happiness of the little Miss.

CANDIDATE VISITS THE CITY

From Thursday's Daily— Elmer B. Chapman, of near Union, who is the democratic candidate for county commissioner in the second district, was in the city today to visit with his friends and becoming acquainted with the residents here. Mr. Chapman is unopposed at the primary and will have time from now until the fall to meet the voters of the county. He is a farmer and has made his home near Union and has lived his lifetime in that locality, having been born just south of that place in Otoe county. He is a very genial and able gentleman and well qualified in every way for the office that he is seeking.

Most Direct Route for U. S. 34 is Thru Here

Paved Highway From Chicago to Glenwood Finds Natural Route Over Local Bridge.

There has been some talk in the last few days of the routing of highway No. 34 in the state of Iowa, south from the present terminus of the road at Glenwood, to Hamburg and thence to Nebraska City, instead of the present route north through Council Bluffs and Omaha.

In this connection it might be well for those who are interested in the highway to note that the most logical route for the highway is as near straight west as possible, crossing the Missouri river at Plattsmouth and from there easy routes to both Omaha and Lincoln can be secured. There are three routes from this city to the west, the Louisville-Greenwood road, the Red Ball highway at Murray and the "O" street road from Union, all of these being available to the traveler who might wish to visit the capitol city of Nebraska—Lincoln.

To the traveler wishing to go to Omaha there is a paved highway that takes the traveler to the metropolis just eighteen miles from this city.

Why a highway should be routed from twenty to thirty miles out of the way when a straight roadway is available, that will serve better every need of the traveling public, is hard to understand. The extension of No. 34 through Plattsmouth means the shortest and most direct route to either Lincoln or Omaha from the east and is the natural path of the highway on its way westward across the great state of Nebraska.

FUNERAL OF MRS. PEOPLES

From Thursday's Daily— The funeral services of the late Mrs. Sarah E. Peoples was held this morning at 8:30 at the family home with a large number of the neighbors and friends in attendance at the last rites and to pay their tributes of love and esteem to the departed lady.

A short service was held with the reading of selections from St. John and the message of the scriptures brought peace and comfort to the survivors of the family circle and the old friends.

LOUIS NAEVE INJURED

From Thursday's Daily— Louis Naeve, owner of Naeves Park in Sarpy county, just north of the Platte river bridge, was seriously if not fatally injured yesterday afternoon in a fall at the park and is now at Immanuel hospital at Omaha in critical condition.

Mrs. George B. Lehnhoff Dies at Hospital

Former Resident of This City Passes Away After Illness of Several Months Duration

Mrs. George B. Lehnhoff, former resident of this city, passed away Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha, where for the past five months she has been taking treatments, her illness being of such a nature that there was little hope of her recovery and she has gradually failed until death came to her relief.

The deceased lady was well known in this city where she made her home for a number of years following her marriage to Mr. Lehnhoff and during her residence she was very active in the social life of the community, the news of her death bringing a great regret from the many old time friends in the community.

The deceased was formerly Miss Minnie Christie of Syracuse, Nebraska, where she was born and reared to womanhood and where her family were long time residents and following her marriage some thirty-three years ago, came to Plattsmouth to reside, the family moving to Omaha twenty-five years ago and have since made their home at 3419 Hawthorne avenue, in that city. She is survived by the husband, and two daughters, Mrs. Ernest Norde, Jr. and Miss Janie Lehnhoff, both of Omaha. Mrs. Lehnhoff was a daughter-in-law of Mrs. F. D. Lehnhoff of this city.

ENJOY MUSICAL EVENING

From Friday's Daily— Last evening the Misses Mia and Barbara Gering entertained a number of the members of the musical circles of the city at a very pleasant informal evening of music, honoring their house guests Mrs. Lena Remer and daughter, Miss Elsie, and son, Max, of Munich, Bavaria, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pfeiffer of New York City.

The evening was very much enjoyed by the group of friends and in the delights of the offerings of both vocal and instrumental numbers that were given.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAYS

From Friday's Daily— Two of the long time residents of this city are today observing the passing of their eightieth birthday anniversaries, Lora Davis and her twin sister, Mrs. Lora Peterson.

These estimable people were born on August 8, 1950, in Ohio, and came here with their parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Davis, some sixty-two years ago. Since that time Mrs. Peterson has made her home here continuously while Mr. Davis has resided for the greater part of the time here, leaving here in 1888 for Colorado where he remained for a number of years, returning here some ten years ago.

While their condition will not permit them carrying on the usual activities that they have enjoyed for so many years, they are able to enjoy the passing of the anniversary today with their niece, Miss Ella Kennedy, with whom they make their home.

RECEIVES REWARD

The finding of a pocketbook containing \$2,000, near the Inn at Long's Peak, Colorado, brought the finder, Lucille Kilgore, a reward of \$20, the little lady finding the money being an Omaha girl and granddaughter of Fred W. Lehnhoff, former resident here. The little girl at Omaha, undergoing a very severe operation and one that will keep her at the hospital for some time at least. It is hoped that the operation will give Mr. Hallas some permanent relief and restore him to his former good health.

RETURNS FROM THE WEST

From Thursday's Daily— Frank R. Gobelman, the well known painter and decorator, who has for the past few weeks been in the western part of the state, returned home last evening. Mr. Gobelman has had interests in Chase county and was assisting in the wheat harvest in that section, the yield on his farm being very heavy and of the finest quality of wheat, making a record breaking crop. While at Imperial Mr. Gobelman was also engaged in doing some decorating work for one of the large churches in that city and giving them a fine and artistic job.

School to Open on Tuesday, September Second

Only Twenty-five Days More of the Vacation Period Remains for the Youngsters.

The youngsters of the city are fast approaching the season of the year when they will once more be called from the pleasures and pastimes of the vacation season to enter on the usual grind of the school year.

The schools will open in Plattsmouth on Tuesday, September 2nd, leaving only twenty-five more days of the vacation and then will come the long nine months of school when the annual battle with the three R's will be on.

The school buildings are all being fixed up in excellent shape for the opening of the school year, all the necessary repairs being carried out and now there but remains the assembling of the teaching force to be ready for the 1930-31 term of the public schools.

The teaching force will be arriving in the city from now on from their vacations and outings or labors in summer school to be in readiness for the opening day of the school.

There will be a number of new teachers in the faculty of the school, both in the high school and the grades.

Rainfall is Great Boon to Nebraska

Rain Wednesday Afternoon is General Over the Central and Western Parts of State. A rainfall of .63 of an inch late yesterday afternoon brought a great relief to crops, pastures and the residents of this section of Nebraska, while the rain was not as heavy as had been hoped for by the farmers it was very helpful in breaking the drought that has existed here for many weeks.

The storm was quite general over the central and eastern sections of the state, Lincoln and the territory east receiving about the same rainfall as here while in the extreme northeast and southeast sections of the state the rain was much heavier.

Corn will benefit very much by the rain and while the crop in this section is damaged already to a greater or less extent, the moisture in the soil has aided in withstanding the hot dry weather, the greatest loss being caused by two days of hot winds that cooked much of the corn. The rain freshened up all vegetation and will aid in the reviving of the pastures in this section that have grown brown and parched by the effects of the long hot and dry weather.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

From Friday's Daily— Joseph Hallas of this city, who has been in very poor health for some months and has undergone several minor operations, was operated on this week at the St. Joseph hospital at Omaha, undergoing a very severe operation and one that will keep him at the hospital for some time at least. It is hoped that the operation will give Mr. Hallas some permanent relief and restore him to his former good health.

Isaac Cecil is Laid to the Last Long Rest

Funeral Services of Long Time Resident Held at Home in West Part of City.

The funeral services of Isaac Cecil, long time resident of the city, were held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the home in the west part of the city where for so many years the deceased had made his home and where happy years of life had been measured in the associations with the loved ones.

The services were simple and very impressive, Rev. Clifford Cecil of Corydon, Iowa, a son, giving the scripture lesson with the prayer by Rev. Potter of Moorehead, Iowa. The short sermon and tribute to the departed was given by Rev. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city.

Following the services the body was laid to the last long rest in the Oak Hill cemetery. Isaac Cecil was born September 17, 1857 at Peru, Illinois, the youngest son of Isaac and Amanda Cecil. His early life was spent in Hennepin, Illinois, from which place he came to Nebraska in 1877. He stopped first at Nebraska City, coming on to Plattsmouth the following year and where he has since lived.

On October 15, 1896 at Plattsmouth he was married to Margaret Josephine Creamer. To them were born three children, two sons, Clifford Isaac of Corydon, Iowa, and Harley Francis of Denver, Colorado, and one daughter, Florence Mae Ruthford of Cedar Creek, Nebraska. The wife and children survive.

Two brothers, Jasper of Hennepin, Ill., and Stephen D. of Plattsmouth, Mo., and one sister, Mrs. M. Mullis, also of Plattsmouth have preceded him in death.

His death occurred suddenly on August 5, 1930, in Plattsmouth, Nebraska at the age of 72 years, 10 months and 18 days.

WATCHING STOP SIGNS

Acting on the instructions of the city council, the police department is busy checking up the matter of the observance of the stop signs on the streets of the city, acting as a matter of safety to the drivers of cars and their passengers, who may drive into one of the heavy traveled streets without stopping and cause a bad wreck with the result of damage or death.

The city has had the warning "Stop" painted on the paving at Main and Sixth street in addition to the other stop signs, this being one of the heaviest points for travel in the city as here the greater part of the local travel passes as well as the heavy traffic over highway No. 75 from the north and south and the east and west travel that comes over highway 34 and the Missouri river bridge.

It is noticeable that there is little attention paid to the stop signs in the residential sections and cars race out into the line of travel of highway 75, making a menace to the travelers and also the streets that lead into the main traveled streets of the business section are also suffering from this practice.

The police department is wholly inadequate to attempt any handling of the traffic on the streets in the residential section, but the travelers should safeguard themselves by practicing Safety First.

WILL ENJOY OUTING

From Thursday's Daily— Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Minor and children departed this morning by auto for an outing in Missouri, making a short visit at Warrensburg, with Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Dutcher, the latter an aunt of Mr. Minor, going from there to Louisiana, Missouri, the old home of the Minor family and where Lynn spent his early boyhood days. Later they expect to visit at St. Louis and the Ozarks where they will fish and enjoy the restful scenes along the placid streams of the Missouri mountain country. They are anticipating a very pleasant visit and one that will take them through a most interesting part of the country.

County Makes a Reduction in Levy for 1930

Total of 2.76 Mills for the Coming Year on the Taxable Property of the County

The county board of equalization which has been in session the past few days, made the annual levy for taxes in the county at the session on Thursday.

The levy this year will be 2.76 mills, a reduction from two and eighth-tenths mills for the 1929 levy and will be distributed as shown below.

- General fund8 mills
Bridge88 mills
Road 1.00 mills
Mothers Pensions06 mills
Soldiers Relief02 mills
Total 2.76 mills

TWINS ARE HAPPY

Inseparable since childhood, Hazel and Helen Struble, Fremont twins, are happy because the dreaded separation following college days is not to be.

The girls, who received bachelor of arts degrees at the University of Nebraska this week, will both teach in the junior high school at Plattsmouth with rooms opposite each other in the same end of the hall. Hazel will teach English, and Helen civics and history.

The girls completed 17 years of schooling in 15 years, with superior marks. Seldom was there a difference of more than a few points in the grades made by the girls in the same subject.

The likeness between them is so pronounced that teachers and friends have had difficulty in distinguishing between them. While the girls attended Midland college at Fremont, professors suggested the use of ribbons to prevent confusion.

F. R. Boynton New Manager of Creamery

Widely Experienced Manager and Butter Maker Arrives in City From Minnesota.

F. R. Boynton, of Lakeville, Minnesota, selected as the manager of the Farmers' Co-Operative creamery of this city, arrived here last evening with Mrs. Boynton and their four children and are now getting settled in their new home in the Gobelman property at Seventh and Oak street.

The new manager has had a very extensive experience in the work of creameries in Minnesota, one of the noted dairying states of the Union, he having been manager of the largest private owned creamery in the state and where he was very successful in his work.

He has been engaged in the creamery business for the past sixteen years, learning the business from the ground up, gaining a large experience in the active business of butter making as well as the business management of this line of industry.

The new manager will have a fine modern and up to date plant here at his command and with his wide experience in the line of creamery management should make a greater development of the field of activity of the local plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Boynton will find a hearty welcome here from the Plattsmouth and Cass county people in coming here to make their home and can rest assured of very pleasant and friendly surroundings in this ideal home city.

MRS HARRY WHITE ENTERTAINS

A very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by the W. F. M. S. members on Thursday, at the home of Mrs. Harry White.

Devotions were given by several persons, each reading from the Bible scriptural selections which told of the necessity and the command that we give part of all we have to the Lord's work, and also give of our talents and prayers.

Mrs. Hayes told of the Executive Luncheon given in Omaha, on the day before. Here each one present had received a gift from the great 60th Anniversary Convention held at Columbus, Ohio, recently. These gifts had been made in the mission schools sponsored by the society and which were located all over the world.

REMODELING HOME

The residence of Searl S. Davis in the north part of the city is being remodeled and will be made a very fine modern home and one that will give the family a strictly up-to-date home in every way. While the work of remodeling is being carried out Mr. Davis and family are residing in the Chris Wohlfarth property on North Fourth street. The work will take some time but it is hoped to have the home ready by the fall season for the occupancy of the family.

LITTLE DAUGHTER ARRIVES

A fine little daughter was born on Thursday morning at the Methodist hospital at Omaha to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sprieck of this city. The little lady and the mother are both doing very nicely and the event proved one of the greatest pleasure to all of the members of the family circle. Mrs. Sprieck was formerly Miss Freda Born of this city.

CONCERT POSTPONED

From Thursday's Daily— The band concert which was to have been given last evening at the court house lawn by the Eagles band, was postponed on account of the rain until next week. The program as published will be given on next Wednesday.