

# The Plattsmouth Journal.

## Thomas Troop Killed by Hit-and-Run Driver

### Aged Man Instantly Killed When Crossing Chicago Avenue on Way Home Last Evening

From Monday's Daily—  
Thomas Troop, 77, a long time resident of this community, was instantly killed Sunday night shortly after 7 o'clock while he was crossing Chicago avenue to go west to his home at Ninth and Granite streets, a hit and run driver making his escape from the scene after striking Mr. Troop.

In the accident Mr. Troop suffered a broken neck which was the direct cause of death and as he was dragged some distance after being hit the right leg sustained a double fracture below the knee and the head and body was very severely bruised as was the right forearm.

The identification of the car that struck Mr. Troop could not be made although Bert Donaldson, who was approaching the scene thought the car to be a Chevrolet coupe but the number of which could not be learned.

Merton Scott was working at the Ofc Service station a short distance north of the scene of the accident and heard the impact as the car struck Mr. Troop and at once started to run to the scene and called to Dick Elliott who was also at the station to bring a car. As Mr. Scott started to the scene the death car was speeding up and started away. On reaching Mr. Troop it was found that he was dead, having suffered very severe injuries to the body and internal injuries that were fatal. The body was taken to the Sattler funeral home at once.

Mr. Scott and Mr. Elliott started to pursue the car of the killer and drove south for several miles but were unable to find any trace of the car and the occupants of a car that were standing near the Shell station on Highway No. 75 reported that no car had passed there and which leads to the belief that the car that killed Mr. Troop was driven west on the Louisville road.

The car that struck the unfortunate man had evidently suffered the loss of one of the front lights as well as the windshield as the glass was scattered for some distance over the paving near where the body of Mr. Troop lay.

Thomas Troop was born in August, 1853 at Davenport, Iowa, where his parents had come at a very early date and in that community he spent his youth. Following the marriage of his older brother, Robert Troop, in 1871, Thomas accompanied his brother and wife when they located for a time in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and later when they came to Plattsmouth, Troop came there with the brother and wife and has made his home here with them since that time. While Robert Troop was engaged in the grocery and later the coal and feed business, Thomas was his assistant and worked as such until business as long as they were operated. Of a quiet and retiring disposition he has spent his lifetime in an unassuming way in the community and made many friends among those with whom he came in contact, and was firm and loyal in his friendships. He was a member for many years of Platte lodge of the I. O. O. F. of this city and active in its workings. He is survived by one sister, Miss Mary Troop of Beatrice, Nebraska, the sister-in-law, Mrs. Robert Troop, with whom he has so long made his home and a large number of nieces and nephews, Charles Troop of this city, W. O. Troop of Nebraska, Mrs. George Rhoden and Mrs. Don Rhoden of Murray, Mrs. W. A. Lewis of Union, Mrs. Jane Brooks of this city, Miss Mary Connor and Miss Lizzie Gregg of Coal Valley, Illinois, Mrs. Maggie Lord of Council Bluffs, Howard Gregg and Mrs. Bessie Tressel of Moline, Illinois, Peter Connor of Charade, Illinois, Mert and Charles Connor of Farmington, Illinois.

This is the first death here by a hit and run driver although with the terrific speed that the cars and trucks are driven on both Chicago and Washington avenue it is more a matter of good fortune that other accidents do not occur and the death of Mr. Troop will no doubt lead to some drastic action being taken to stop the speeding.

## HOLD SUNDAY SCHOOL ELECTION

From Monday's Daily—  
Yesterday the St. Paul's Sunday school held their annual election of officers for the ensuing year and the following were named:

- Superintendent—Margaret Albert.
- Supt. Primary Dept.—Elizabeth Nolting.
- Secretary—Emma Albert.
- Treasurer—Clara M. Wickmann.
- Asst. Treasurer—Max Schakneis.
- Organist—Leona Meisinger.
- Gertrude Mortensen.
- Pearl Hill.
- Librarian—Sophia Kreuger.
- Guardian Birthday Cake—Elizabeth Hirz.
- Teachers—Elizabeth Nolting, Amelia Kief, Elizabeth Hirz, Emma Albert, Eva Wickmann, Gertrude Mortensen, Margaret Albert, Clara Wickman, Rev. O. G. Wichmann.

## DRAWNS DOWN FINE

Saturday night at a late hour Officers Joe Libershal and Dave Pickrell gathered in a man named George Smith who was in the advanced stages of intoxication. The man claimed to be engaged in working on the natural gas pipeline force and stated that he had gone to Omaha and there had procured a supply of the famous corn juice and while the liquor did not result fatally it had a very decided kick and rendered the drinker out on his feet. Sunday Judge Graves held a special session of the police court and gave the man a fine of \$10 and costs, which amounted to \$13.50 and which was paid and the prisoner allowed his freedom.

## Henry Heigel Seriously Injured Near Homer, Neb.

### While Engaged in Pipeline Work Local Young Man Has Severe Blow on Head

From Monday's Daily—  
Henry Heigel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heigel of this city, is at the St. Vincent hospital at Sioux City, Iowa, in very serious condition as the result of an accident that he sustained while engaged in pipeline work near Homer, Nebraska, Saturday afternoon.

The young man had been working here but a week ago was transferred to the force engaged at Homer in the laying of the natural gas pipeline into Sioux City and while at work Saturday he was injured when two dollars in the estimated damage per rod expected from laying the pipe line, as stated in affidavits signed by each of the defendants and read into the record of the hearing.

Among the defendants who testified were Charles Heebner, Mr. and Mrs. John Heebner, Frank Cox and Lester Shrader. Each declared that they had agreed to the easements on their land only after the corporation's representative had threatened that the pipe line will be pushed through anyway.

## CLOSE PERKINS HOUSE

The Perkins House which has for the past few years been conducted by Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Brantner, is now out of active operation and the former proprietors are caring for their trade at the residence property a block north at Third and Vine street in which place they moved a few days ago. The hotel property was recently sold and the owners of the property have not as yet fully decided on the policy to be taken with the hotel. The Perkins House was erected here in 1881 and was named in honor of C. E. Perkins, then president of the Burlington railroad and was for many years operated by the Guthmann family until some twenty-five years ago when it was sold to Mr. and Mrs. John Cory who operated it until their death some two years ago and since which time it has been conducted by Mr. Brantner.

## SHOWING EXCELLENT PROGRESS

From Monday's Daily—  
Raymond J. Larson, who has for the past several weeks been at the Methodist hospital at Omaha, undergoing treatment for what was thought to be ulcers, is feeling greatly improved and Saturday was able to return home to spend Sunday with the members of the family, returning this morning to Omaha to undergo an examination by the specialist in charge of his case. Mr. Larson has shown much improvement in the past week and which gives hope that he may be able to resume his usual activities by the end of the next two weeks.

## UNDERGOES OPERATION

John F. Gorder of this city was operated on Saturday at the Methodist hospital at Omaha, he having been very poorly for some time and to secure a relief for the patient it was decided to have the operation performed at this time. Mr. Gorder was not feeling as well as he had at the last reports from the hospital and has suffered a great deal from the effects of the ordeal and his period of illness. It is hoped, however, that he may be able to show more decided change for the better in the next few days.

## TO ATTEND FUNERAL

Mrs. F. W. Nolting of this city is at Gregory, South Dakota, where she was called to attend the funeral services of her sister-in-law, Mrs. William Steppat, who passed away on Thursday, her death following a very sudden stroke and from which the lady passed away a few hours later. Miss Ann Steppat of Omaha accompanied Mrs. Nolting to Gregory for the funeral services.

## Cass County Farmers Win in Pipeline Case

### Continental Construction Company Agrees to Pay Larger Sum for Right-of-Way.

Cass county farmers blocking the progress of natural gas pipeline through their land won a victory in Federal court at Lincoln Saturday, when the Continental Construction Co. withdrew its injunction suits and agreed to pay ten times the original price for the rights-of-way.

Attorneys for the eight families named as defendants in the injunction actions based their defense on the facts that the notary public's acknowledgments of the signatures on the contracts were invalid and that threats had been used in securing the agreements.

The hearing before Judge T. C. Manger came to an abrupt close when Henry A. Cozier of Weeping Water, the notary public, admitted on the stand under the questioning of the corporation's own attorney, that he had acknowledged several signatures without personally seeing the persons involved. In six of the cases, he had seen either the husband or wife, but not both. "I was given to understand that the signatures were valid and that it would be all right if I acknowledged them," he said.

## Got Amount Asked.

While Crozier was still on the witness stand, the corporation's attorneys asked for a recess and went into conference with several of the defendants and their attorneys. Afterwards, it was learned that the company was willing to pay \$5 per rod for the rights-of-way in question, instead of the original 50 cents. Five dollars is the estimated damage per rod expected from laying the pipe line, as stated in affidavits signed by each of the defendants and read into the record of the hearing.

Among the defendants who testified were Charles Heebner, Mr. and Mrs. John Heebner, Frank Cox and Lester Shrader. Each declared that they had agreed to the easements on their land only after the corporation's representative had threatened that the pipe line will be pushed through anyway.

## Denied Threats Made.

J. G. Scott, the corporation's representative, denied these threats. He admitted mentioning the size of the resources of the company, but disclaimed any attempt to use the fact in connection with a threat.

E. J. Ervin, engineer in charge of that part of the pipe line construction which is in Nebraska, testified regarding the cost and progress of the project. He said that a total of about 87 miles had been constructed in the state, starting at a point on the southern boundary of Nebraska, just above Concordia, Kas., and headed for a point on the Missouri river near Plattsmouth. He said that what pipe had been laid cost about \$5 per foot, and that the crossing under the river, which was almost complete, was costing about \$300,000. A gap remains in Cass county across the land owned by the defendants.

## PROVES A REAL HERO

Jimmie Lloyd, 7, a son of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Lloyd, former residents here has proven himself a real hero by the rescue of Lucille Myers, 10, a playmate, from the skating pond at Lakewood, near Ralston. The children and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Lloyd, 3130 North Forty-seventh avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Meyers, 823 South Thirty-fifth avenue, had been invited to go skating at Lakewood. After the skating, and while the grown-ups were in the house, Jimmie and Lucille were playing on the lake. Lucille "tested" some ice near an open channel and it gave way and let her into the water. She grabbed the edge of the ice, and yelled for help. Jimmie ran to her, sat down on the ice, and took hold of her hands. "I just braced myself and shut my teeth tight, and tugged and tugged with all my might," he said afterward. Their combined efforts landed her on firm ice, and together they trudged to the house, two blocks away.

## SUFFERS FRACTURED ARM

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Martin suffered a very severe fracture of the right wrist and also the upper part of the forearm on Saturday. The injured boy was taken to the office of Dr. R. P. Westover where the injured member was set and the lad made as comfortable as possible.

Phone your Want Ad to No. 6.

## AN APPRECIATION

The Henry Steinhauer family of Midland, Wyoming, are taking this means of expressing their appreciation to the old friends in Plattsmouth, of the generous remembrance sent to them at Christmas time. Mr. Steinhauer has been in bed as the result of a stroke since July and Mrs. Steinhauer and Edgard are both poorly also and the family feels most grateful that they were so well and generously remembered by the old time friends.

## Creamery Co. Holds Election of Directors

### A. A. Wetenkamp and Nick Friedrich Are Re-Named as Members of the Official Board

The stockholders of the Farmers Co-Operative Creamery Co. held their annual meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the district court room and which was attended by some 140 of the stockholders of the company, representing the farmers of the community who have been interested in the development of dairy industry in this part of the state.

The stockholders were called upon to name two directors on the board of seven members and selected the two retiring members to serve again on the board, they being A. A. Wetenkamp and Nick Friedrich.

The directors at their first meeting will name the different executive officers from their membership. The holdover members of the directorate are W. F. Nolte, Henry F. Nolting, John Hobscheidt, Jo. E. H. Spangler and Harrison L. Gayer.

## Land Owners to Appeal Damage Findings

### Defendants in Six of Ten Cases to Appeal From Awards to the District Court

Notice was filed today by the attorneys for the defendants in six of ten cases of land condemnation proceedings instituted by the Missouri Valley Pipeline Co., that there would be appeals taken from the findings of the appraisers appointed by the county court.

The pipeline company which is desirous of extending their line from near Wabash to Louisville where they will have the opportunity of providing natural gas for the large plant of the Ash Grove Cement Co., started proceedings in the county court to have a right of way from the junction of their line at Wabash to Louisville and which required the securing of the right of way through a number of farms. Under the law Judge Duxbury appointed a board of appraisers to view the lands that were involved and assess the amount of damages that would be inflicted on the farms in the opinion of the appraisers.

The court named as the appraisers R. A. Troop, William Atchison, L. J. Marquardt, W. A. Ost, Charles Godbey, Henry Born, O. E. Domingo, Henry F. Nolting and C. D. Fulmer, they being named from all parts of the county.

The awards made in the six cases that are now being appealed to the district court, Messrs. Troop, Atchison and Marquardt, who checked over the John C. Spangler farm, assessed his recovery on the two parcels of land at \$1,825 and \$1,340 or a recovery total of \$3,165, while the appraisers comprising Messrs. Ost, Godbey and Born assessed the land that they examined for damages at \$190 for Frank J. Spangler, et al, \$173 for August Stander and Andrew V. Stander and \$175 for Catherine Christman and others. The third group comprising O. E. Domingo, Henry F. Nolting and C. D. Fulmer set the damages for Bertha Schliefer and others at \$212.50.

## IMPROVING FROM FLU

Homer Shrader, residing on North Fourth street, who has been suffering for the past week from a very severe attack of the flu is reported to be somewhat improved and it is hoped will soon be out and able to resume his usual activities.

## The Growing Auto Death List Real Menace

### Local Conscience Awakened by Death of Aged Man Here Beneath Wheels of Speeder

Most people are seemingly indifferent to questions of great national and state problems until it comes into their own lives and communities to stalk its way, one of these great national problems is the fast mounting toll that the auto and truck are exacting of human life in the country.

On Sunday this problem ceased to be merely one that affected Omaha or other places and became as well a Plattsmouth problem, when an aged resident of this city was struck by a speeding auto on Chicago avenue, knocked to the pavement and almost instantly killed, the body dragged almost a block before the driver of the killer car could be ridden of the body and then speed away in the darkness of the night.

The police have long protested against the violations of the traffic laws and regulations but on the avenues there has been little chance of checking the law violators unless some means of pursuit was arranged that would allow the culprits to be run down and arrested and the rate of speed maintained has been as great as the cars or trucks would travel.

It has been no uncommon sight to see these cars maddly racing out Chicago and Washington avenue, the cars quivering under the speed that was being placed on them and in most cases the drivers were merely out for a pleasure ride or to give some admirer a thrill.

The two avenues that intersect the city are crossed several times a day by hundreds of little children bound for school and that there has not been fatalities among these along the two thoroughfares is to be thanked.

The speeding, however, is not alone on the avenues as the streets surrounding the high school and Central school buildings are also hot spots for the speeder and especially at the most dangerous times when the children are coming or going from school.

## W. C. T. U. HOLDS MEETING

The W. C. T. U. met on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. V. T. Arn on Pearl street and where Mrs. Arn was assisted as hostess by Mrs. Martha Christweiser, the ladies having in the honor of the New Year's meeting of the union.

The program which partook of the New Year spirit was in charge of Miss Elizabeth Spangler and combined some very interesting facts as to the national and state organization of the W. C. T. U.

Mrs. C. O. Troy was in charge of the devotions and also gave the new year greeting from Mrs. Boole, national president of the W. C. T. U. which the president was extending to every union and member of the society.

In the roll call each member gave some individual resolution for the new year or a suggestion as to the work that would aid in the extending of the W. C. T. U. influence in the country.

One of the special features of the meeting was the discussion of the plans of the Scientific Temperance instruction which was presented by Mrs. Robert Hayes, local chairman of this line of work.

Miss Etta Perry Barker gave the new year resolution of the national organization, her aims and purposes for the year and which were adopted by the local Union as their own aims and purposes.

## ROTARY CLUB MEETS

From Tuesday's Daily—  
The weekly luncheon of the Rotary club was held this noon at the private dining room of the Majestic cafe and where the members enjoyed a program of all Plattsmouth talents and covering several lines of the club activity. James G. Maury was the leader of the meeting and R. A. Bates gave a review of the activities of the club in the year 1930 while E. A. Wurl gave the outline of what promise 1931 held for the club and its activities.

## ATTEND MOTHER'S FUNERAL

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Mr. and Mrs. George Born and Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Wurl have been at Plainview for the past few days, being called there by the death of Mrs. Mike Horn, mother of Mrs. Born and Mrs. Wurl. Mrs. Horn, who was 83 years of age had been visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Anderson at Sioux City, Iowa, when she was suddenly taken ill and passed away in a few days. The body was taken to the home at Plainview where the funeral was held on Monday, Mrs. Horn is survived by four daughters, Mrs. H. G. Hoffart, of Plainview, Mrs. Born and Mrs. Wurl of this city and Mrs. Anderson of Sioux City.

## Local Woman's Club Invites the County Meet

### Extend Invitation to County Federation to Come Here—Hear of Indian Life

From Tuesday's Daily—  
The Plattsmouth Woman's Club at their meeting last evening at the public library was quite largely attended by the members and who had an evening of the greatest interest in music and in the business of the club that was demanding their attention.

The club voted to extend the county federation of Women's clubs an invitation to come to this city with their county meeting in the fall, one of the outstanding features of the club year.

The roll call was on Indians and their reservations and a general review of Indian life and this feature was enhanced by the fact that J. H. McMaken was present with his very extensive collection of Indian relics collected by the late H. C. McMaken and which were explained to the ladies and served as a most interesting feature of the evening.

Miss Alice Crabill gave a very interesting paper on "Indian Lore" that was much enjoyed and brought out a great many very interesting facts as to the beliefs and superstitions of the Indians.

The ladies had as the high school girls as members for the meeting, Agnes Brink and Riene De Les Dener.

The musical program of the evening was in charge of Mrs. E. H. Wescott and who gave a very interesting talk on the Indians and their customs, while the program gave a fine insight into the music of the Indians in the splendid and well selected program which was as follows:

- Piano Solo—Robt. Reed.
- Songs of Childhood—Woodman
- Indian Cradle Song—Mrs. Robt. Hayes.
- The Bird and the Babe—Liaurance Lucille Albert.
- Tribal Songs—Liaurance
- Her Blanket—Liaurance
- The Weaver—Liaurance
- Mrs. D. O. Dwyer.
- Songs of Nature—Liaurance
- Whispering Mallards Fly—Liaurance
- Margaret Schellenberger.
- Paper, Indian Lore—Alice Crabill.
- Love Songs—Zamecnik
- Indian Dawn—Gladys Bushnell.
- Flute Solos—Liaurance
- By the Waters of Minnetonka—Liaurance
- Water—Cadman
- Mrs. Elsie Wiles.
- My Sweet Love Call—Grumm
- Mrs. E. G. Schellenberger.
- Indian Love Call—Friml
- Jean Hayes
- Accompanists—Mrs. Robert Reed and Mrs. Joe Capwell.

## YOUNG LAD PICKED UP

From Wednesday's Daily—  
Last evening Officers Joe Libershal and Dave Pickrel were notified that Harold Connors, 16, of Omaha was thought to be in this city, as he had been out traveling for some time and it was thought came to this city where he had lived when a little lad. A lad of his description had been given shelter at the city jail for the night and an investigation disclosed that he was the desired boy and accordingly the family at Omaha notified of the fact. The boy is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Connors, former well known residents here.

## DO WORK AT OMAHA

From Wednesday's Daily—  
A number of the employees of the local Burlington shops were at Omaha today where they were called to look after some renovating at the offices of Edward Flynn, general manager of the lines west of the Burlington. The office of Mr. Flynn is in the Burlington headquarters at Tenth and Farnam street and the local workmen were engaged there for the day in the task of getting the offices arranged and placed in the best of shape for the manager of the road.

## Changes at the County Offices Occur Thursday

### Mrs. Golda Wiles, Miss Jessie Robertson and C. F. Harris Will Retire From Service

Thursday will mark the few changes that will be made in the official family of the county at the court house when a number of those who have given the county good and faithful service over a period of years will retire to private life and to look after their individual lines of activity.

In the office of the clerk of the district court, Mrs. Golda Noble Wiles, is retiring from the office, refusing to be a candidate for the office after a service of seven years and will devote her future attention to the home life on the farm near this city. Mrs. Wiles will be a figure that will be greatly missed by those who have occasion to visit the court house as her pleasant and cheerful disposition and cleverness has made her one of the most popular of the officials that have held office in recent years. Mrs. Wiles entered the office seven years ago following the death of her husband, Clarence L. Beal, the then clerk, and while a stranger to the line of work, soon mastered the business of the office and has made a most efficient and capable official and she can feel well pleased with the record that she is leaving behind and the many friendships that she has made among the officials of the county who have had occasion to visit the office. The present efficient standard of the office will be maintained however, in the future as Clarence E. Ledgway, who served as deputy for Mrs. Wiles, will take over the reins of office and serve the people of the county in his always capable manner.

The register of deeds office will also have a change as Miss Jessie M. Robertson retires after a four year term to be succeeded by Miss Lillian G. White, former clerk in the office of the county judge. Miss Robertson has proven a most efficient officer for the county and has brought in her service the splendid educational lines that she has in educational lines to the work of the business of the register's office and has had many large and complicated jobs to care for including the great volume of oil land leases and natural gas pipeline leases to care for which she has served in the office in addition to her other work in the office and leaves the work in splendid shape to be turned over to her successor. Miss Robertson has been most courteous and genial in her dealings with the public that have visited her office in the past four years and her absence will be regretted very much by the friends that she has made in the years that she has served in the office. The retiring register has not fully determined as to what activity she will follow after leaving office but may decide to again engage in educational work for which she is so eminently fitted. Miss White is a stranger to the official family of the court house and will be prepared to at once take up the work of the new office and continue the able and business like administration of this important office and for which she is well qualified.

The only other change in the official family at the court house will be that of the retirement of County Commissioner C. F. Harris of Union, who is to be succeeded by his friend and neighbor, E. B. Chapman, in the commissioner's office of the second district. Mr. Harris has served as commissioner for the past twelve years and in that time has never missed a session of the county board and has been attentive to the needs of the whole county as well as his own particular district and is leaving a record of able and business handling of the county affairs. Mr. Harris is a very extensive land owner in Liberty precinct and with his retirement will have a larger opportunity to look after his own private interests.

## PINOCHLE CLUB MEETS

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Last evening Mrs. Walter Reed was hostess to the ladies of the P. F. F. pinochle club at her home in the Harris apartments and where for several hours the time was spent most delightfully in the fascinating game. In the playing Mrs. Reed was the winner of the Ray Herring was the winner of the first honors. Mrs. Guy Long, second and Mrs. Ted Eaton the third prize. At the close of the evening very dainty and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess that aided in the enjoyment of the jolly party.

## TRADE WIND HOP HALTED BY RAINS

Hampton Roads, Va., Jan. 6.—William S. MacLaren and his daring red-headed co-pilot, Mrs. Beryl Hart, took a peek at the rainy weather hereabouts before dawn Tuesday and decided to postpone their attempt to "ride" the Bermuda islands until Wednesday morning.

## The Journal appreciates your in-

No. 6 any time.