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Will Mean Some Ten Per Cent in Reduction of School Tax for the Coming Year

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The board of education at their meeting this week reduced the levy for school purposes for the coming year two mills and which is a cut of some ten per cent in the school taxes for the first school district.  
The board of education has carried out the policy in the past years of investing the surplus of their sinking funds and which has accumulated a sum that is bringing its return to the taxpayers in making possible the reduction of the tax levy and at the same time maintaining the high standard of the schools among the educational institutions of the state.  
The school bonds voted in 1916 for the high school building will mature in 1936 and the funds will be available at that time to clear up this indebtedness and which will make possible another very sweeping reduction in the tax and as the time for expiration draws closer the accumulations from the interest on the investments of the board of the sinking fund is making possible small reductions and in such manner that they will not affect the conduct of the schools.  
The board has made investments in the bonds and warrants of the city and the directing of the bond work and the interest is returned in the caring for the school obligations.  
The board also has completed their work on the new athletic field for the present by blasting off section of the steep bank south of the field and eliminating the danger to children of the bank caving in. They have also planned tennis courts on the field for the summer and making it a general playground for the children.  
The reduction has been made in the school levy by the elimination of the position of physical training director formerly held by B. E. Woodward, leaving this place vacant. The board however is taking steps to see that the high school band, started by Mr. Woodward will be continued as a part of the school work and the directing of the band will be covered by the music department of the school.

## SUFFERING FROM FLU

L. R. Sprecher, proprietor of the local shoe, has been confined to his home since Wednesday with an attack of what seems to be summer flu. Mr. Sprecher had been feeling poorly for some time but it was not until Wednesday afternoon that his condition forced him to go home and where he has been under the care of a physician since that time. So sudden was the attack that Mr. Sprecher was unable to secure assistance in operating his taxi line, but Thursday John Sanders took charge of the line and caring for the needs of the patrons. Mrs. Sprecher, who has been visiting at Tucson, Arizona, fortunately returned home Wednesday evening and was able to assist in the care of the husband.

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The Monsignor Michael A. Shine council of the Knights of Columbus of this city, held their annual election of officers on Tuesday evening at the lodge rooms in the K. of C. building on South Seventh street.  
The meeting was filled with a great deal of interest and much business as well as the selection of the officers and to head the organization for the ensuing year the following were named:  
Grand Knight—John Svoboda.  
Deputy Grand Knight—Louis Svoboda.  
Chancellor—Ted Svoboda.  
Warden—James Zilka.  
Recorder—John J. Cloidt.  
Advocate—John M. Meisinger.  
Inner Guard—Joe Knoflicek.  
Outer Guard—Frank Bucecek.  
The council has had a very successful year and have a large number of new members added to the list in the past twelve months and numbering many active young men that will add to the work of the order.

## HEAVY RAIN Falls Over Eastern Nebraska

The beautiful and spacious grounds surrounding the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Herold was the scene of a very delightful picnic party on Tuesday evening when the members of the Episcopal church society, the Daughters of the King, came down from Omaha to spend a few hours and enjoy an outdoor luncheon, picking a most ideal spot for the gathering.  
The Omaha visitors were joined by members of the St. Luke's church of this city, they also coming with well laden baskets to take part in the happy occasion and for some time all joined in the pleasant social features of the evening.  
Archdeacon Gramley of Omaha was with the party and at the conclusion of the luncheon the members of the party adjourned to the St. Luke's church where services were held by Archdeacon Gramley for the members of the parish and the Omaha society.  
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The out of town guests were Glen Bergman, George Griffin and Miss Elizabeth Pell of Omaha.  
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## PLAN SCOUTING CAMP

The local Scout leaders have received the announcement that Camp Wilson, the official camp of the Nebraska area, of the Boy Scouts, is starting their first summer camp period on June 19th and which will continue to June 26th, with the second period from June 26th to July 3rd and from July 6th to July 13th. The fees for the seven day period will be \$6 of which \$1 is sent with the application and the remaining five dollars to be paid when arriving at the camp. Those who are wishing to attend should see Raymond Larson, scoutmaster, or E. H. Wescott of the executive committee as to further information as to the camp and its activities.

## WILL TEACH AT KEARNEY

Superintendent R. E. Bailey of the Plattsmouth city schools departed Wednesday afternoon for Kearney where he will spend the next five weeks as one of the instructors in the summer course at the state teachers college. Mr. Bailey will teach for the first session and will have charge of the courses in psychology and education.  
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He also urged less complaining. He said that on the recent Omaha good will tour through Nebraska he found residents near Chadron and other western towns who didn't "alibi or kick against conditions. They said that out in the west they didn't expect much and that they usually weren't disappointed, they weren't worried much by hard times."  
"We all must learn that our business competitor is not the man across the street but the neighboring community. We must build purchasing and consuming power in the surrounding territory to revitalize business. And neither Omaha nor Plattsmouth can march ahead of the territory it serves," he said.  
Pointing out that while in the old days the average trading radius was 6 miles, it now is 30 miles, the Omaha commission said that every one in Nebraska has the job of putting the state on a sound business basis and that a good start is to understand each other.  
In his response, Mr. Wescott commented that Will Maupin stated that Plattsmouth was friendly in a recent article about this city and said he hoped the Omahans took that impression home with them.  
He pointed out that W. C. Ramsey and John Gamble, both now prominent in Omaha circles, started in Plattsmouth.  
"I'm glad that the suspicion has gone out of these good-will tours and that we all are broad enough to meet on a friendly basis. Some of you Omaha fellows ought to come and live in Plattsmouth," he said.  
Before turning the meeting over to H. R. Shepherd, Treasurer of the Yessir-ites, Mr. Schneider said that he considered Omaha one of Plattsmouth's liveliest suburbs.  
Men of both groups expressed pleasure with what had taken place, and the Plattsmouth Chamber members were invited to meet with the Yessir-ites at the Omaha Chamber any Tuesday noon they were in town.  
The Omahans made arrangements for the visit with E. H. Wescott, secretary of the Plattsmouth Chamber.  
Following is a list of the Omaha delegation:  
L. W. A. Beaty, Henshaw Cafeteria; Walter Beatty, Beattys Flower Shop; H. F. Chenoweth, Chenoweth Film Company; Glen B. Eastburn,

## Pony Creek Near Pacific Junction, Has Overflow

Water From Creek Reaches Into Town But Does Small Damage—Tracks Are Covered

Following the intense rains of Thursday night and practically all day Friday, Pony creek, troublesome little stream of western Mills county, Iowa, overflowed late Friday afternoon and for some time threatened a great deal of damage to the property in the neighborhood of the creek and the flood waters reached into the town of Pacific Junction but not in such volume as to cause great damage, although much mud and debris was left in the way of the flood waters.  
Several years ago drainage ditches and the deepening of the creek was thought to have eliminated the tendency of overflows of the creek but these were inadequate to carry the great flow of waters sweeping along the course of the creek and which soon had the creek at flood stage and for some time created a menace to the property located along the stream as well as in the town of Pacific Junction.  
The flood water raising at the Burlington bridge over the creek, stood at the depth of eight inches and some of the roadbed was washed but the section forces were called onto the scene of action and were able to keep the drainage along the tracks open and the water passed off without a great deal of damage being inflicted on the roadbed.  
This morning the stream was reported as receding and leaving in the town only the deposits of the slimy mud that covered some sections of the town.

## WILL ATTEND BANQUET

**From Thursday's Daily—**  
This afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Searl Davis departed for Lincoln where they will enjoy the annual roundup of the University of Nebraska where the former graduates of the state college return to the scene of their happy school days. Mr. Davis is the president of the state alumni association and will preside at the banquet to be held on Friday evening and at which time the new officers of the association will be announced, the members having voted by mail ballots in the last few weeks. The class of 1911 will be the honor class at the reunion this year. There will be a large number of activities and reunions among the members of the alumni, coming from all parts of the state for the big event.

## HAS HAND INJURED

**From Thursday's Daily—**  
This morning William Rummel, who operates the filling station at the Plattsmouth Motor Co., garage, was engaged in loading the needs of one of the patrons and was wiping off the windshield of the car and had a part of his hand resting on the door, the motorist not noticing the hand of Mr. Rummel, slammed the door and the result was that one finger was badly mashed and the force was such that the finger was split open and made a most painful injury.

## RAINFALL IS HEAVY

The rainfall of Friday reached 2.46 inches and in the period from 2:30 to 2:55 the rainfall was 1.08 inches, one of the heaviest falls of the season. The rainfall, while heavy, did little damage in this city. The rain, however, has made travel over the country roads, especially in the sections where there is no gravel, very bad, and served to keep many from reaching the city, the section southeast of the city being especially affected by the bad roads, the west roads being largely graveled.

## SEEKS ANNULMENT

Complaining that during their courtship she misrepresented her name wrongly and said she was of Irish descent, Floyd Kneec, garage mechanic, has filed suit for annulment of his marriage last January 1, to Mrs. Patricia Kneec. He states she said her name was Patricia McVay, but he learned later it was Lillian Patricia Osmera.  
The Kneec family are well known here where the father of Mr. Kneec resided a number of years ago.

## UNDERGOES OPERATION