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Officials In- spect BREX Car Shops in City

Force Employed at Refrigerator Shops Is Doubled in the Last Thirty Days

From Thursday's Daily—
The local shops of the Burlington Refrigerator Express Co. were visited by a group of the leading officials of the company this week while on a tour of the western plants of the Fruit Growers Express Co., of which the local shops is a branch.

The party, comprising H. G. Spenser, president of the Fruit Growers Express, Western Fruit Express and the Burlington Refrigerator Express Co., E. J. Roth, general manager, E. A. Sweeley, mechanical superintendent, all of Washington, D. C., and H. A. Pangham of Chicago, arrived in their private car at Lincoln and were met there by W. T. Distell, superintendent of the local shops, who brought the party on to this city where they made a stop of several hours.

The refrigerator express company has taken over the local railroad shops in the last month and are now getting arranged in the various buildings that formerly housed the railroad plant, the visiting officials looking over the newly acquired property which gives them one of the largest shops that they are operating in the country.

The visiting party was very much pleased with the new shops here and the large number of cars that are being turned out each day from the plant, both the light and heavy repairs being done here as well as the rebuilding of the refrigerators.

The offices of the company which formerly were located in the lower part of the railroad shop yards, has moved to the offices formerly used by the Burlington in the upper shop buildings and where Superintendent Distell and Storekeeper Roy Olson have their places of business.

Within the last month the force at the shops has been doubled and constantly is being added to as the demands on the shop is increasing.

It is expected that the refrigerator company will be able in a short time to take over the remaining building that is held by the Burlington, that of the former paint shop and the upper coach shop, giving them a much larger space for the operation of the car repair and building at all seasons of the year.

The refrigerator car work has served to care for a large part of the men who were formerly engaged with the Burlington in the railroad shops and as the program is being enlarged in the refrigerator work more and more of the men are being taken on as the departments are enlarged.

The BREX company will have contracts for a large part of the work of the Colorado Southern and Fort Worth and Denver roads, parts of the Burlington system and which means a great volume of business in caring for the repair of the cars.

FOOTBALL SEASON NEAR

From Thursday's Daily—
With the first game of the high school football schedule just a week away the Plattner football squad is working out each afternoon at the Athletic park where on Friday, September 25th, they are to meet Wahoo in the season opener. The hot weather has made the practice more strenuous than usual.

The colts of last season are showing some real form in the practice. Armstrong and Luschinsky, particularly showing speed and fire in their work on the line while the backfield men are being trained to help give the blue and white another smashing team as they had last year.

The injury to the leg of Captain Henry Donat is improving and he is hoping to get in the lineup for the Wahoo game but whether or not his condition will permit has not been determined, altho he is out for practice each day.

The schedule for the season includes Fairbury, a new addition and which will give the team a long trip into Jefferson county for the game in November.

The home games this season will include, Wahoo, September 25th; Falls City, October 9th; Malvern, Iowa, October 23rd; Nebraska City, November 26th.

The games away will include Ashland, October 16th; Auburn, October 23th; Fairbury, November 5th; Tecumseh, November 11th.

YOUTHS ARE FINED

From Thursday's Daily—
Judge C. L. Graves yesterday had before him Clifford Sutton, Darwood Henry, Homer Wilcox, Marion Henry and Delvin Landis, young men whose ages ranged from seventeen to twenty. They were charged with disturbing the peace on Monday night, the place of the disturbance being on Lincoln avenue. The young men were arrested by Officers Libershal and Pickrel. Fines of \$3 each were given to the group by Judge Graves and the young men paid the fines or give security for their release.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

The Plattsmouth friends of Mrs. J. H. Carter of Omaha, formerly Miss Helen Egenberger of this city, will be interested in learning that she is doing very nicely now following an operation Thursday at the St. Catherine's hospital. The operation was performed by Dr. Harley J. Hotz and Dr. Ed J. Hotz, both cousins of Mrs. Carter. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Egenberger of this city were at the hospital at the operation as well as other members of the family circle. The patient rallied nicely from the operation and is now doing just as well as possible.

World's Longest Pipeline to Cross the River Here

Pipe Line from Texas Fields to New England to Cross Missouri River at This Place.

The construction of the world's longest natural gas pipeline, from the gas and oil fields of Texas to New England, will be under way as soon as the contracts can be awarded, it was announced Thursday in New York.

The pipe line will be built by the Doherty and allied interests, the cost of the line being estimated at \$75,000,000.

The new line will be built along that of the Continental Construction Co., which was completed last year and which carries the line from Texas to supply the Chicago market with the natural gas.

The specifications for the new line will call for twenty-four or thirty inch pipe for the conveying of the gas, the line of the Continental Co., as well as that of the Missouri Valley Co. being twenty-four inches, owing to the greater distance and the more demand that may be made on the line it is thought that the new line will be thirty inches.

The contracting companies are preparing to bid on the work and among these will be the firm of Smith Brothers which company had a part of the contract for both of the pipelines in this section.

The plans call for the crossing of the Missouri river at this city and the line when completed will be some 2,000 miles, booster stations being built at points along the line to keep up the pressure of the gas as it takes its way east to supply the New England cities.

Actual construction of the line is expected to start this fall or winter and means that once more this section will be a hive of activity as the line is laid through this section. The construction work will mean the employment of several thousand men along the line of work from Texas to New England.

It is considered one of the biggest projects of its kind that has been undertaken in the country and will give the east the advantages of the clean and cheap gas which is now being enjoyed in this part of the west.

START CLUB YEAR

The Plattsmouth Woman's club is starting the new club year and the first regular meeting will be on Monday evening, September 21st, at the home of Mrs. Louis Ward Egenberger, "Five street."

The ladies this year are to start at once on a "one new member" campaign, each member of the club striving to secure at least one additional member.

One of the aims of the year's work will be the movement for the "Buy at Home" advancement as a part of the community advancement work of the club and to create a greater civic spirit and aid in the development of the business interests of the community.

The ladies are also busy on the planning for the Cass county convention of the Women's club, which will be held in this city on September 30th, in which convention the general public is to be invited to join and attend the meetings.

The year book of the club is now ready for the printer and is held up for the receipt of the membership of the club, a number have not as yet paid over the dues and which should be done at once in order to permit the printing of the year book and in which their names should appear.

TO ATTEND CONVENTION

From Friday's Daily—
Three Plattsmouth residents are to participate in the pleasure of the national convention of the American Legion which is to be held at Detroit, the coming week. They will be C. E. Ledgway, clerk of the district court, Peter Graverville and E. P. Stewart, all of them being members of the Omaha post No. 1 band, the official music making organization of the Nebraska delegation. The band is leaving on Saturday evening and will arrive in Detroit on Sunday evening and all ready for the festivities that will open on Monday. Messrs Ledgway and Stewart accompanied the band to the Boston convention last year and will now have the opportunity of looking over the automobile center of the world.

CARS HAVE SMASHUP

From Friday's Daily—
The intersection of Third and Main street was the scene of an auto collision yesterday when the car driven by Brunson Timm, going east on Main street and the coupe of John Sattler, Jr., collided in the center of the street. Mr. Sattler driving from the south on Third street. Both cars had fenders smashed but no serious damage suffered.

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The petition of Mr. Tidd alleges that the city council without having first passed the appropriation bills for 1928 and 1929 to provide for the building and paying for the construction of a viaduct over and on the property of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, entered into contract with the railroad company for payment of \$10,000 for the construction of said viaduct without authority of law, as the city had failed to include this amount in the appropriation bills and it was not ratified by the voters of the city as required by law. It is contended that such contract was null and void and the payment of warrants Nos. 731 to 940 inclusive for \$1,000 each, and payable to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad is asked to be enjoined.

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CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

Thursday was the birthday anniversary of Thomas Svoboda of this city and his son, Thomas, Jr., who is now engaged at the Central Market at Omaha, and in honor of the double event, a most delightful birthday party was staged Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Krisky at Omaha. The event was a surprise on Thomas, Jr., as he was unaware of the treat that was to be tendered him by the parents and the Krisky family.

The time was spent very pleasantly in cards, bridge and pinocle serving as the diversion of the evening. In the pinocle games Mrs. Hermie Svoboda was the winner of the first honors, Thomas Krisky, the first prize, while the consolation honors were won by Mrs. Joe Wooster and Theodore Svoboda. In the bridge games Mrs. James Skmal was the winner of the high score and Miss Vesta May the consolation.

The guests of honor entered thoroughly into the spirit of the occasion and a jolly time that all will long remember was enjoyed during the course of the evening.

At a suitable hour a very delicious two-course luncheon was enjoyed by the jolly party.

Those who attended the event were: Miss Vesta May, Miss Betty Westapier, Raphael Janda, Mr. and Mrs. Redmond, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jackson and daughter, Patsy Ann, Thomas Svoboda, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William Krisky, Mr. and Mrs. James Skomal and son, James, Thomas and Jerry Krisky, all of Omaha; Mrs. Hermie Svoboda, Mrs. Kate Hiber, Mrs. Joseph Wooster, Miss Ruth Janda, Miss Dorothy Svoboda, Louis Sediak, John and Theodore Svoboda, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Svoboda, Sr.

MANY ATTEND SERVICES

The funeral services of Fred Patterson, murdered county surveyor, was one of the largest that has been held in Rock Bluffs in many years, the old friends coming to pay their last tributes of affection while the tragic nature of his death drew a great many to the scene of the last rites. Rev. H. G. McClusky had charge of the services and the music for the service was furnished by the Presbyterian quartet composed of F. A. Clويد, R. W. Knorr, L. D. Hiatt and H. G. McClusky. The interment was at the old Rock Bluff cemetery, one of the oldest burying grounds in the state and where many of the relatives of Mr. Patterson sleep in the last long rest.

IS GRANTED DIVORCE

From Thursday's Daily—
Yesterday the hearing was had on the petition for divorce filed by Mary Kettlehut against John F. Kettlehut sometime ago. The court granted Mrs. Kettlehut a divorce. The parties having previously settled between themselves the question of support of the children, Mrs. Kettlehut neither asked nor received any alimony in the decree. She was awarded custody and control of the two children. The petition charged cruelty and infidelity.

COMPOSITION BOOKS, CRAYONS, PENS AND PENCILS, TABLETS, HISTORY PAPER AND ALL KINDS OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES AT THE BATES BOOK AND STATIONERY STORE, WHERE THE PRICE IS RIGHT.

RETURN FROM ROCHESTER

From Thursday's Daily—
Mr. and Mrs. Simon Clark, who have been at Rochester, Minnesota, for the past few days where Mr. Clark was undergoing examination at the Mayo clinic, returned home this morning. Mr. Clark has been in poor health for several years and has received treatment both at Rochester and Omaha. Recently he suffered from a mouth affliction and on the advice of his physicians had the case looked into by the specialists at Rochester.

SUFFERS FRACTURED WRIST

Thursday afternoon while Joseph McMaken, III, was going from the Central school which he attends, to his home on North 11th street, he fell and suffered the fracture of the right wrist. The injured boy was given medical aid and the fracture reduced and the patient made as comfortable as possible under the circumstances.

TO DIRECT SCHOOL BAND

The patrons of the public schools will be pleased to learn that the high school band, such a popular feature of the school activities in the last two years, will be continued and the rehearsals will be conducted each Monday and Thursday morning from 8 to 9 o'clock. The band will be under the direction of L. D. Hiatt, who will serve in place of B. E. Woodward, who has been the band leader since its organization, but who has left the school teaching activities. The band members and school patrons are pleased that Mr. Hiatt, who is an experienced band man, will take over the work and devote the two hours each week to the band members and aid them in the continuing of their fine work in this line.

County to Offer \$350 Reward for Patterson Slayer

No New Developments Found in Case as County Officers Run Down Many Reports of Murder

From Friday's Daily—
While there have been no new developments in the Fred Patterson murder case, county and state officers are steadily working in the effort to secure from the mass of conflicting stories and reports of incidents, laid around the murder, some definite clue that would start them on the trail of the slayer of the county surveyor.

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SECURES FIRING JOB

The position of fireman at the local government building, for which civil service examinations were held recently, has been awarded to Howard Dodds, one of the three high ranking applicants. There were a large number taking the examination and the standing of the applicant was recently given and the appointment of the successful one was made by Postmaster J. W. Holmes on his return from his vacation. Mr. Dodds took up his new work Wednesday. Mr. Dodds was formerly in the employ of the Burlington here.

ATTEND CHURCH MEETING

A large number of the local Methodist annual were in attendance at the annual conference of the church which is being held at the First Methodist church in Omaha. The pastor of the church here, Rev. C. O. Troy and wife, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wescott and daughter, Miss Alice Louise, Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Parker of Lincoln and daughter, Mrs. Howard Davis, Mrs. R. B. Hayes and John E. Turner were among the visitors at the conference. Mr. Turner is the lay delegate of the local church and Mrs. Hayes, the alternate.

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George Jackson, secretary of the state fair board, also spoke and complimented the people of Cass county and the fair management on the excellent fair that they have produced.

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WED IN LOG CABIN, LONG IN THE FAMILY

A 77-year-old log cabin was the scene Thursday evening of the wedding of the great-granddaughter of its first owner. It is on the Rock Bluffs road, south of this city on the William Taylor farm.

Miss Violet Florence Propst, the bride, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Propst, of Ralston. The groom was Stanley Fiala, Clay Center, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Fiala.

Mr. and Mrs. Propst were married in this cabin 25 years ago. It has been in the family four generations. The cabin of two rooms is now encased inside a frame house, which is occupied by the bride's aunt and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stamp.

SHOWS RAPID IMPROVEMENT

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The officers have been working on the case since they were first called to the scene of the slaying in the one time flourishing river town, tracing down reports received as to possible leads in the case, but without any real results so far. The investigation is being pressed, however, in the hope of being able to uncover the hidden lead that may pave the way to the arrest of the slayer.

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Heavy Rain and Hail Storm Sweeps Over the County

Inch and a Half Rain in This City —Heavy Rain and Hail Storm Sweeps Weeping Water

From Saturday's Daily—
Cass county was swept late yesterday afternoon and last evening by a very heavy rain and hail storm that proved one of the most extensive of the summer and fall.

The storm broke here at 6 o'clock, sweeping in from the west and south and the rainfall registered one inch and a half, doing but little damage, altho the dirt streets on the hills were washed considerably.

The greater force of the storm seemed to have struck in the vicinity of Weeping Water where a very severe hail storm accompanied the rain, cutting short the activities at the fair where one of the largest crowds of the week was in attendance. Several of the small stands were washed out by the heavy rain and water that flowed on the streets. The hail did some damage to the cars that were parked along the streets as well as the travelers on the highways in the vicinity, many windshields being broken by the force of the hail. Hail also damaged the tent used by the McGowan company, one of the attractions of the fair.

The rainfall was general over the greater part of the state, varying from a slight fall in the west to a very heavy rain in this part of the state.

A QUARTER OF A CENTURY

From Saturday's Daily—
One of the striking features of the parade of the Cass county fair yesterday was that of the 1905 Carter, which was used away before the war by the Kroehler Brothers as a delivery car, it being a chain disc drive and which they relegated to the shed in 1913, and which has been resting since. George Sayles, Jr., has been trimming the old wagon up, and was able to take his young lady friends for a ride and thus limber the boat up for the parade of yesterday. Mr. Kroehler drove the car over to Weeping Water, getting there just in time to join the parade, and as he drove past the thousands in the line of the parade he received resounding cheers, for the car which had served its day and age and has come back after twenty-six years to tell the story of motor transportation. Following the parade, Mr. Kroehler returned to Plattsmouth, beating the soaking rain by about three laps.

MARRIED AT ALLIANCE

The marriage of Miss Catherine Dwyer to Marx Koehnke, a former Plattsmouth young man, occurred on Wednesday morning at Alliance, Nebraska. The wedding was held at the Church of the Holy Rosary and the nuptial mass was performed by Father P. J. Manning, pastor of the church.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. A. J. Dwyer of Alliance, in which city she has been reared to womanhood and graduated from the St. Onge academy.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Koehnke of Hay Springs, former residents of this city, he is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and a member of the Phi Kappa fraternity. Mr. Koehnke has been engaged for several years at the certification manager at the Alliance offices of the association.

Mr. Koehnke is a grandson of John Svoboda, Sr., of this city and a nephew of Mrs. Rose Bookmeyer, Thomas Svoboda and Mrs. Josephine Janda.

GIVE KITCHEN SHOWER

From Friday's Daily—
Mrs. H. A. Schneider and daughter, Mrs. E. W. Burdick of Herman, Nebraska, entertained most charmingly last evening at the Schneider home, honoring Miss Mary Jane Tidd, whose marriage is to occur on Saturday evening. The event was in the nature of a kitchen shower.

The home was arranged with the colorful fall flowers that made a most delightful setting for the occasion. The diversion of the evening was bridge and in which Mrs. William Schmidtman, Jr., was the winner of the high score and Mrs. C. E. Hartford received the second prize.

In honor of the event the bride-to-be was presented with a large number of handsome and appropriate gifts that will be useful in her new home.

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