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Canning Factory To Locate Here

Lease Signed Yesterday For Use of Burlington Shop Buildings by Norfolk Canning Co.

Brings Major Industry Here with a Large Annual Payroll TO START AT ONCE

Work of Remodeling Buildings to be Followed by Installation of Modern Equipment

Friday, at Omaha, was signed a lease between the Burlington railway officials and officials of the Norfolk Packing Company, that will bring to Plattsmouth a large year-round packing industry.

The lease covers use by the packing company of a group of former Burlington shop buildings for which the company has no use following discontinuance of its shops here, and which were not needed by the Burlington Refrigerator Express company, which took over many of the shop buildings in September.

The buildings covered in the lease include the former Burlington storehouse, a splendidly situated 3-story industrial building with office quarters, loading platforms on trackage and adjacent to Lincoln avenue, together with two other large buildings adjoining the main building to the north and west.

The canning company officials, who have made numerous trips here in the past year to investigate conditions and even had a crop survey made of equal or greater capacity than the large plant at Norfolk.

The past two years the capacities of the Norfolk plant have been taxed to the limit in an effort to supply the demand for their various lines of canned goods and it was this fact that caused them to seek location for a second plant, which they propose to make of equal or greater capacity than the large plant at Norfolk.

The canning company officials will be here within the next few days and work of remodeling the buildings to conform to their needs will be undertaken at once. Upwards of \$50,000 worth of new machinery and canning equipment will be installed in the buildings as soon as the remodeling job is completed.

The contemplated annual payroll of the new concern will run around \$50,000 the first year, while the sum expected to be paid farmers of the community for products raised will exceed \$75,000.

News of the signing of the lease was received with pleasurable pride by the Industries committee of the Chamber of Commerce, which has been negotiating with the Norfolk company for more than a year, and means the bringing to Plattsmouth of a major industry—one that any town in the state would be happy to acquire.

CONDITION ABOUT SAME

From Friday's Daily
Dr. J. S. Livingston, who is at the Immanuel hospital at Omaha continues about the same. There has been little change in the patient in the past few days, he apparently showing some gain but other times not being so well. It has been impossible so far to discover or eliminate the cause of the condition of the patient. The many friends have been anxiously awaiting word from the hospital hoping that the patient might show definite signs of recovery but so far his case offers but little change for the better.

SON BORN AT FELLER HOME

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Feller, at their home in Omaha Sunday, January 24th. Mrs. Feller is a sister of Mrs. Elmer Webb, and the family resided here in 1917-18, when L. R. was employed at the Sharp machine shop.

Phone the news to No. 6.

Credit for the securing of this new Plattsmouth industry is due wholly to the Industries committee of the Chamber of Commerce which has been conducting negotiations with the Norfolk concern for more than a year.

An inquiry to the committee was made as the result of a news dispatch in the daily press from Falls City that the company was seeking a location for an additional plant and were investigating conditions there.

At the request of canning company officials, who declared they were besieged with letters, phone calls and telegrams from other towns in cases where publicity was given to such matters before a decision was reached, at no time during the entire period of negotiations has a line appeared in the metropolitan press of the possibilities of locating this major industry here.

Premature airing of its aspirations in the state press may have cost Falls City a canning plant. Willingness to hold to a "mums-the-word" policy throughout the long negotiations here may have had a lot to do with getting Plattsmouth its canning factory.

County Tax-Payers' Meeting at Louisville

Plan for Permanent Organization and Future Meeting at Weeping Water, February 10th

Several hundred taxpayers of the county met Wednesday at Louisville to discuss methods of getting some relief from the ever increasing burdens of taxes. Attorney D. O. Dwyer presented the possible methods by which relief might be obtained. James Stander, of Louisville, was elected as chairman and H. S. Long of South Bend, secretary.

A general discussion was had by the members of the group, during which County Commissioner Fred H. Gorder was called upon to answer many questions regarding numerous phases of county expenditures. It was voted to perfect a permanent organization and that the chairman appoint a committee of five to draft plans for such an organization and have charge of arrangements for an adjourned meeting to be held at Weeping Water on February 10th at 2 p. m. The committee named comprises D. O. Dwyer, Plattsmouth, chairman; Ray Wiles, Weeping Water; W. H. Hell, Louisville; C. H. Spohn, Elmwood; and W. J. O'Brien, South Bend.

AGED LADY POORLY

From Thursday's Daily
Mrs. S. A. Hitt, 84, of Table Rock, Nebraska, mother of the late C. E. Hitt and grandmother of Mrs. Hilgard Grassman of this city, is reported as critically ill at her home. The illness is due to the great age of the patient and her gradual breakdown. Mrs. Grassman departed last evening for Table Rock to visit the grandmother.

Year-Round Operation with Large Variety of Products

AID TO GROWERS
Contracts for Acreage to Increase the Revenue of Farmers for Miles in Every Direction.

That the new canning industry to locate in our midst is not merely a seasonal enterprise as are some small plants of this kind, is shown from the nature of the products they pack.

In the list on their letterhead are found the following twelve items of foodstuff, many of which can be prepared and canned the year 'round, while others (such as corn, tomatoes, pumpkin, string beans) must be handled at peak production during the growing season. The entire list includes sweet corn, tomatoes, pumpkin, kidney beans, red beans, string beans, pork and beans, hominy, lima beans, sauer kraut, sauer kraut juice and tomato puree.

In conducting negotiations here, the officers of the company have indicated their intention of making this a year-round industry that will give steady employment to a considerable number of people and periodic employment to many more during the rush seasons.

The company is incorporated with a paid-up capital of \$150,000 and has been one of Norfolk's leading industrial institutions for a good many years.

The diversity of products is such as to keep the plant running at capacity through several ripening periods of the summer, and prolong the time of peak production far beyond that in plants which confine their activities to sweet corn, which must be packed within a period of two to three weeks under favorable weather conditions and even more rapidly in case of dry, hot weather.

During the seasons when growing products are not available the production of the plant will be turned to sweet corn, which must be packed within a period of two to three weeks under favorable weather conditions and even more rapidly in case of dry, hot weather.

Thus it will be possible to keep a considerable force employed steadily the year-round.

Acreage contracts for vegetables to be used by the new plant are expected to be ready in a short time, and will afford the farmers for miles around an opportunity to turn part of their land into profitable production at a time when most farm crops are being produced at a loss.

Experience in other towns where canning factories of the size of this are operated, is that farmers express themselves as highly pleased with the added market advantages afforded and are glad to renew their contracts year after year.

The Journal welcomes this new industry to Plattsmouth, feeling that it will not only provide employment for a goodly number of our people, but be a real "going" concern and one that will do as much to advance our town as anything that could be secured in good times, to say nothing of now when few industries are branching out.

PLAN BOY SCOUT WEEK

Scoutmasters Russell Reeder and Raymond Larson are engaged in the preparation for the local program for national Boy Scout week, February 7th to 13th. The week calls for an activity in the Scout organization every day for the entire week which will give the public an opportunity of getting in touch with the various activities of this organization that has done so much for the youth of the land. This year the banquet which formerly featured the get-together of the Fathers and Sons, will be omitted owing to general conditions and the event will consist of a meeting at the school of the Fathers and Sons which will be as beneficial.

MRS. REX YOUNG ILL

From Saturday's Daily
Mrs. Rex Young has been seriously ill for the past few days at the home in the south part of the city. Mrs. Young has been suffering from what seemed to be an attack of the prevailing malady of the flu, growing much worse and has been kept confined to her bed for the last few days and under constant medical care.

ATTENDS SHERIFFS' MEETING

Sheriff Edward Thimman, who has just taken over the duties of the office of sheriff of Cass county, was at Grand Island Wednesday where he attended the sessions of the state sheriff's association. The meeting was attended by 150 of the peace officers of the state and presided over by W. C. Condit, former state sheriff, who has been re-elected as the head of the state association for the next year. The meeting was attended by the state and county officers from all sections of the state, being one of the most successful meetings of its kind that has been held in the recent years.

Honor Roll of Local High School is Announced

List of Students Show That Fourteen Percent of School is Included on Honor Roll.

The report cards showing the scholastic achievement of the students of Plattsmouth high school were issued Wednesday. A check of the grades showed that 14% of the entire student body were honor students, having grades of "A" in three or more solid subjects. The Seniors led the list with 26%; Juniors 14%; Sophomores 7% and the Freshmen 4%.

While popular attention in many cases today is centered on the extracurricular activities it is interesting to know that there is a large number of students in Plattsmouth high school who are striving for the best in scholarship and that the instructors are making great effort on their part to emphasize this most important phase of the school work. In addition to the 14% who are classed on the honor roll because of grades of "A" there is still a larger group comprising about another 30% who are doing "B" work. The percentage of failures in the local high school is unusually low. The following is the scholastic honor roll for the first semester:

- SENIORS
- James Constock
- Cecil Constock
- Ed Egenberger
- Dorothy Farmer
- Malinda Friedrich
- Madge Garnett
- June Kiel
- Arnette Koubek
- Arlton Rolland
- Helen Schulz
- Irene Simon
- Eleanor Swatek
- Helen Waga
- Edward Wehrlein
- Mary Lois Wilcox

- JUNIORS
- Geo. Adam
- Margaret Lahoda
- Emily Lorenz
- Arlene Rager
- Marsella Ramsel
- Porter Porter
- Mata Schackneis
- Elmore Smetana
- § Semester but not 3rd quarter.

- SOPHOMORES
- Lois Bestor
- Gertrude Brink
- Ellen Kelly
- Dorothy McCarthy
- James Robertson
- Lillian Sedlock
- Dorothy Seimonet
- † Roby Sutton
- † Margaret Taylor
- Martha Kaffenberger
- † Third quarter only.

- FRESHMEN
- Mildred Cacy
- Chas Dow
- Virginia Trively

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Wednesday evening little Miss Betty Distell observed the passing of her seventh birthday anniversary. For the occasion a number of the friends and playmates joined in the jolly time prepared. The time was spent in playing games and a general good time by the members of group of little folks. At an appropriate hour dainty luncheon was served by Mrs. Distell and which was featured by the handsome birthday cake. Those who attended were Bebe Brown, Betty and Patty Libershal, Dorothy Turner, Jean Taylor, Alice and Margaret Rea, Ellen Gertrude Clويد, Billy Robertson.

DIES AT CLARINDA

From Friday's Daily
The message has been received here from Mrs. J. F. Clagy, at Clarinda, Iowa, announcing the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Etta Carver. Mrs. Clagy has been at the bedside of the sister-in-law for the last few days and will remain over for the funeral services which are expected to be held this afternoon.

Popular Young People Wedded at St. Luke's

Miss Helen Clement Becomes Bride of Ralph E. Gansemer, Well Known Young Farmer

From Saturday's Daily
This morning at 10:15 at the St. Luke's Episcopal church occurred the marriage of Miss Helen Clement of this city to Mr. Ralph E. Gansemer, one of the well known young farmers residing west of Mynard.

The wedding was attended by only the immediate family of the two young people.

The beautiful and impressive Episcopal wedding service was celebrated by Canon Peter, rector of St. Luke's church.

The bride wore as her wedding gown, a most becoming costume of brown crepe and chiffon velvet, with picture hat and accessories in the tones of brown.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hulse of Newton, Iowa, the latter a sister of the bride, were the attendants of the bride and groom.

Following the wedding at the church the members of the bridal party were guests at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Clement, Mr. and Mrs. Gansemer later leaving on a honeymoon trip, their destination not being revealed.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Clement and was born and reared to womanhood in this city where she has been a popular figure in the social life of the community. She was educated in the schools of this city and graduated in the class of 1926. The bride has been active in the work of the St. Luke's Episcopal church of which she has been a member since childhood.

The groom is the youngest son of Mrs. Herman F. Gansemer and has grown to manhood in the community west of Mynard where he is making his home on the farm where he and his bride are to make their home in the future. Mr. Gansemer was graduated from the Plattsmouth schools in the class of 1923. For the past two years he has been engaged in the active conduct of the farm of his mother.

The many friends here and over the county will join in their best wishes to this estimable young couple for their future welfare and happiness.

VISITS STATE CHAPTERS

From Friday's Daily
Mrs. Edgar H. Wescott, state regent of the Nebraska Daughters of the American Revolution, has been continuing her tour of the D. A. R. chapters of the state throughout the last week. On Tuesday evening, January 26, Mrs. Wescott was the guest of honor, at Aurora, of Twin Cottonwoods chapter, of which Miss Helen Wescott is regent. Betsey Hager, chapter of Grand Island, of which Mrs. C. S. Lyle is regent, entertained the State Regent Wednesday afternoon, January 27, and that evening she was the guest of the Shelton chapter, of which Mrs. R. N. Stubblefield is regent. At all these meetings Mrs. Wescott gave addresses on various phases of D. A. R. work. Last Friday on Omaha on "A Bird's-Eye View of D. A. R. Work." On Friday, February 5, the State Regent will be the guest of Deborah Avery chapter in Lincoln.

On Thursday, January 28, Mrs. Wescott visited North Platte, where she was in conference with the executive board of Sioux Lockout chapter, of which Mrs. R. D. Rasmussen is regent, over plans for the thirtieth annual State Conference of the Nebraska Daughters of the American Revolution, which will be held in North Platte, March 15, 16 and 17.

DEBATORS DRAW PRAISE

From Friday's Daily
The debate squad of the Plattsmouth high school were at Papillion last evening to enjoy a debate with the team of that place. The subject of the debate was on the subject of unemployment insurance, the local having the negative side of the argument. The Plattsmouth team presenting the question were Edward Wehrlein, George Luschinsky and Madge Garnett, they ably presenting their side of the proposition. The debate was not a decision contest, but the superintendent of the Papillion high school gave the highest praise to the Plattsmouth group, especially the work of Miss Garnett.

The Plattsmouth debate squad will attend the Midland college invitation debate contest February 11th to 13th, where they will meet some of the formidable teams of the state.

INSTALL SPRING SWITCH

In the campaign to cut all possible outlay in maintenance and operating expenses, the Burlington railroad is having installed in the local yards an automatic spring switch for the purpose of handling the switching work in the yard and the blocking or clearance of the various lines. This switch is to be controlled from Pacific Junction where the company still maintains switching yards. It is expected that the new device will serve to eliminate three operators now at the local station, substituting a cashier and helper for the day hours at the station.

Glenn Sharp is Captured at Webster, Mo.

Former Manager of the HinkyDinky Store in This City to Face Embezzlement Charge

A search that has been continued since last October for Glenn Sharp, former manager of the HinkyDinky store in this city, charged with the embezzlement of \$436.52, terminated yesterday in the arrest of Sharp at Webster, Missouri.

The office of the sheriff in this city was notified a few days ago that a man answering the description of the wanted man was at Webster, Missouri, a suburb of St. Louis. Sheriff Thimman at once had pictures of the wanted man sent to the Missouri authorities and with the result that he was placed under arrest at once. Sharp is being held for Cass county authorities.

Mr. Sharp was manager here for the HinkyDinky store over a period of some two months, suddenly disappearing from the city on October 4th and had not been seen since then until arrested in Missouri. On the night of Saturday, October 3rd, 1931, Mr. Sharp had taken his wife to Omaha in an auto and told her that he was returning to the city to go on a hunting trip with some friends on the following day. When the time for opening the store arrived on Monday morning, Sharp failed to show up at the place of business and the other employees of the store notified the headquarters of the company at Omaha. An investigation followed and revealed the fact that \$436.52 was missing from the receipts of the store. Sharp had purchased sometime before an auto from the Plattsmouth Motor Co., and in which he made his getaway, the motor company being notified a week later that the car had been left by Sharp at a garage in Chicago. The car was returned to this city but trace of the man was lost as he moved from city to city. The final clue was received that he was at St. Louis where a lady acquaintance was residing and which led to the arrest.

HOLD CONVOCATION

From Friday's Daily
This morning a very enjoyable convocation was presented at the high school by the members of the Junior class. Miss Gertrude Vallery presided as Master of Ceremonies. A very clever one-act play "Sauce for the Goshing" was given in a very clever manner. The case was as follows: Elizabeth, Virginia Samek; Robert, Leo Sikora; Mother, Norma Baumgart; Grandmother, Arlene Rager; James Ward, George Luschinsky; and the father, George Adam. Gertrude Vallery directed the play and deserves credit for her work.

Ruth Shiffer was heard in a few piano selections which were very much enjoyed. Greth Garnett and Marvin Tritsch presented a very funny act that kept the students in an uproar. This program was arranged by Mr. Gerald Kvaniska, sponsor of the Junior class, Stuart Porter, and Gertrude Vallery.

RIFLE CLUB NOTES

The Plattsmouth Rifle Club, which was organized about five years ago for the promotion of rifle practice by civilians, is fitting up an indoor range in the rooms formerly occupied by the Olson Photo Co. A fifty-foot rifle range will be installed and matches arranged with several different teams throughout the state. The Club had a very successful season last winter, defeating among several other teams, one from the 17th Infantry at Fort Crook. The Club has received challenges from Columbus, Wisner and York Clubs.

If sufficient interest can be secured, a small caliber pistol club may use the range on alternate nights. It is probable that the range will be in shape for operation next week.

Journal Want-Ads get results!

Early History of Plattsmouth is Recounted

By ROBERT FOSTER PATTERSON, Principal Plattsmouth H. S.

Having considered the events involved in the various railroad projects proposed for Cass county in general and Plattsmouth in particular during the period from 1858 to 1874 and having pointed out the financial overtures in the form of bonds made by the county and town of Plattsmouth to the Burlington & Missouri railroad company, we are now ready to describe the next phase in the railroad history of Plattsmouth. That phase brings this narrative to a discussion of the bond controversies with the Burlington on one hand and Plattsmouth and Cass county on the other.

It was inevitable that the large sums voted the railroad during the period of emotional excitement prevailing during the period of railroad building should lead to controversy when the time to pay came due. It was one thing to lay a heavy bonded indebtedness upon the town and county and quite another thing when sober-minded reflection revealed the inescapable truth that the bonds so enthusiastically voted had to be paid by increased taxation. And payment was a vexatious problem. A problem made doubly irksome because of allegations that the Burlington had not fulfilled its contract with the city and county.

The bond controversy lends itself readily to a clear-cut analysis and with slight exception is a matter recorded upon the journals of the City Council and County Commissioners.

It will be recalled that reference has already been made to the \$50,000 bonds voted the Burlington & Missouri by Plattsmouth precinct upon the condition that the road run west from Plattsmouth through this precinct. These bonds were never paid and the railroad company made no effort to collect them and eventually surrendered them. The line of the railroad followed the river route from Plattsmouth and did not run through the precinct as stipulated in the contract and consequently the company had no basis of fact upon which to force collection. Mr. Henry Eikenberry was sent to Burlington as a representative of the precinct to negotiate return of the bonds and was successful in his mission without controversy.

The solution of the bond controversy between the county and the Burlington was not accomplished without court litigation. Reference has already been made to the fact that the county voted bonds to the amount of \$200,000 to the Burlington upon the acceptance of certain stipulations specified in the contract drawn up by the Commissioners and reproduced on a previous page in this chapter. Reference to the call for the special election made by the Commissioners will show that the bonds were to be delivered in three sections, 40% when the first ten miles of line were completed; 40% more when the second ten miles was built and the remaining 20% when the road was built to the western boundary of the county. The bonds were voted under this call March 27, 1869 and the bonds were delivered June 16 of the same year despite the fact that the construction had not been completed as specified in the resolution of the Commissioners.

This loop-hole became the basis of a suit filed by the County Commissioners early in 1873 asking that the Burlington & Missouri be enjoined from collecting on the bonds on the ground that proper legal notice of the election had not been given and for the further reason that the bonds had been delivered prior to the construction of a roadbed and completion of the line as specified by the contract and that therefore, the contract was null and void. This action was tantamount to a repudiation of the bonds as voted and delivered to the railroad company. April 19, 1873, a temporary restraining order was granted as asked in the petition of the Commissioners pending a trial on the issues. The Burlington immediately filed a demurrer to the petition of the Commissioners on the ground that the plaintiff had no basis upon which to sue and for the further reason that the petition did not state facts sufficient to make a cause of action.

This was the state of affairs when Mr. T. N. Marquette, counsel for the Burlington appeared before the Commissioners May 12, 1873 and proposed a settlement of the suit without court litigation. His compromise was that the company would agree to deliver back to the Commissioners

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