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## Plattsmouth is 'White Spot' on Industrial Map

One of Few Towns in Middle West to Show Gain Rather Than Loss During the Past Year.

From Friday's Daily  
Attendance at yesterday's Chamber of Commerce luncheon was cut down considerably on account of the state political conventions at Omaha and Lincoln. President Schneider was included in the list of absentees, Vice President Searl Davis presiding.

An invitation was received to change the meeting place to the Riley hotel dining room, but this was referred back to the executive committee to be brought up at the last meeting in June, just before the July and August recess, and decision made then as to place of holding meetings beginning in the fall.

A recommendation of the executive committee that the C. of C. contribute half the cost of grading and providing an approach to the Norfolk Packing company's scales and unloading dumps, not to exceed \$100, was acted upon favorably by the directors. This is the only expense entailed in the bringing of this industry here.

Incidentally, it was brought out in a report from the secretary that two government men conducting an industrial survey of Nebraska are authority for the statement that Plattsmouth is the only "white" spot on their industrial map, being one of very few towns anywhere in the middle west to show increase in industrial development during the past year. While most towns have been losing industrially, absorption of the Burlington shops by the BRENEX and the locating of two new industries (the basket factory and the packing plant) has impressed these gentlemen out by the government to investigate industrial conditions.

The publicity committee reported progress in the planning of a pictorial letterhead and a plan to have local citizens and business men agree to send letters to ten Omaha friends inviting them to drive to Plattsmouth some Sunday. The letters will be prepared by the committee and all that will be necessary is for the senders to sign their name, provide any personal note they wish to add, and pay the 20 cents postage on their respective letters. To avoid duplication, the proposed names will be turned in and checked, the envelopes being addressed and ready to mail except for postage.

In this way, it is planned to contact 1,000 Omaha citizens, many of whom have never driven this way or visited Plattsmouth, at a cost less than carrying advertisements in the Omaha papers.

### Mr. DeMotte Guest

Mr. F. B. DeMotte, designing engineer, in charge of installation of machinery and re-arrangement of buildings at the new canning factory, was a guest at the luncheon and responded to the invitation to say a few words about the packing industry.

Mr. DeMotte said it takes nerve to start a new canning industry in these times when canned goods are being sold on the market at prices below the cost of production, and that competition in the canning business is very keen, but that the Norfolk concern, which is locating here is one of the leaders in the field and by quality methods has built up an outlet for its products that should keep it well out in front of the procession. He said the machinery being installed is of the most modern type and he felt sure that Plattsmouth would have cause to feel proud of its new canning factory, once they get set up and ready to start operations, which he estimated would be from four to six weeks.

Mr. DeMotte is a canner of long experience and will conclude his work here with the installation of the new equipment and beginning of canning operations, when officials of the company will remove here from Norfolk to have charge of plant operation.

### Other Committee Reports

Civic Improvement committee reported they would probably not hold the Yard and Garden contest this year, but would devote considerable effort to having our avenues of approach to the city kept cleaned up

and in such condition as to elicit a word of favorable comment from tourists passing through and visitors from far and near.

Under the good roads classification two important announcements were forthcoming, one from Commissioner Farley, that the county is re-graveling the Louisville road its entire length, work having already been started on the west end, and one by acting president Davis that the government is planning to pave the rifle road range from the city limits on North 8th street clear through to the range, and that work will be done this summer.

It had been planned by the Industries committee to have Charles Valery, manufacturer of the "City" tire tool, present at this meeting, but due to his being called away unexpectedly his presence will be postponed until the next meeting two weeks hence.

## J. W. Weingarten Named 'Q' Legal Adviser

Will Succeed Byron Clark Who Retires Under 70-Year Age Limit—Started Work Here.

The announcement was made Wednesday from the Burlington office at Lincoln, of the appointment of J. W. Weingarten, of Omaha, as the legal representative of the railroad in Nebraska. Mr. Weingarten succeeds his former chief, Byron Clark, widely known attorney, who under the compulsory seventy-year retirement rule of the Burlington is now leaving the service.

It was twenty-three years ago in 1909 that Mr. Weingarten came to Plattsmouth to enter the office of Mr. Clark as stenographer and the pleasant and genial youth soon made a large circle of friends among the young people of the city. His friendships and social activities did not swerve the young man from his tasks, however, and he started his plan of learning the law from the long and wearing study at night. He later attended night law school at Omaha and secured his admission to the bar.

Mr. Weingarten has made a splendid record in the legal department of the Burlington and has for a number of years been the chief assistant of Mr. Clark in the department and one of the most valued trial lawyers of the railroad in the state. The many friends here of Mr. Weingarten are pleased to learn of his deserved promotion and advancement to the head of the legal department of the railroad in Nebraska.

### SUFFERS SEVERE FALL

Mrs. Josephine Kalasek, 84, who is making her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Sediak, suffered a severe fall Wednesday. Mrs. Kalasek had sought to arise Wednesday morning and as she stepped to the floor from the bed she fell, striking with a great deal of force and severely bruising her. She was unable to arise and the other members of the family hearing the fall, rushed to the room and assisted the aged lady back on the bed. The exact extent and nature of the injuries have not been fully determined, but no evidence of fracture of any of the bones has yet been found. Mrs. Kalasek is, however, confined to her bed and unable to move except with assistance.

### IMPROVING PROPERTY

Postmaster J. W. Holmes, owner of the residence property at 1005 Main street, occupied by the O. C. Hudson family, is having the property improved. Mr. Holmes, taking advantage of the low prices of all kinds of material and the labor surplus is having some extensive changes made at the home. The building is to be stuccoed, as well as having a large porch erected on the North of the house and given a general overhauling to place it in the best of shape.

The improvements made by Mr. Holmes will make his property one of the most attractive in that section of the city and will place it in first class shape.

## Light and Power Co. Employees Enjoy Fine Dinner

Get-Together Held at Dining Room of Hotel Riley Last Evening; Discuss Company Work.

From Thursday's Daily  
Last evening the Plattsmouth employees of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co., enjoyed a fine dinner party at the attractive dining room of the Hotel Riley which has just recently been redecorated and arranged for gatherings of this kind.

The dinner was served at 7 o'clock and was prepared and served by the Brown's cafe, located in the hotel building and adjoining the dining room.

The tables were attractively arranged with the spring flowers and the settings of the handsome room made a very pleasant feature of the evening.

The members of the party, which embraced all of the employees in all departments of the company in this city, enjoyed several very fine talks, the chief of which were by Hal Gunderslee and Louis L. Babst of Lincoln.

The Iowa-Nebraska company has a fine spirit of co-operation and interest among all of their employees and have many of these delightful dinners and social meetings where they can all get in touch with the workings of all the departments of the company with profit to the employees and the company.

Under the able and careful management of Fred I. Rea, local manager, this district has become one of the best in the state and has shown a fine expansion of their business in the past year.

### WINS SECOND PLACE

Miss Anna May Sandin, talented vocalist of the Plattsmouth high school, was winner of second place in the state music contest at Lincoln Saturday. Miss Sandin was winner of second place in the district contest at Omaha, several weeks ago and became eligible to participate in the state contest. She was an entry in the girls' low voice section of the contest.

Miss Sandin is one of the most talented students of the local high school, being exceptionally gifted in not only vocal work, but in her dramatic work and dancing. She has many times served as entertainer at local gatherings and her fine work in song, dancing and readings has made her a pleasing feature at these events.

That this gifted young woman has won the recognition at the state contest will be learned with pleasure by the friends here, both as a deserved recognition of her work and the credit that it gives to the local school.

Miss Sandin is a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Oscar Sandin of this city and is a member of the junior class of the Plattsmouth high school.

### CHICKEN THIEVES RETURNED

From Saturday's Daily  
This morning Deputy Sheriff Ray Becker and County Attorney W. G. Kieck motored to Omaha, where they are to secure Amos and Harold Phares, father and son, who were arrested there charged with chicken stealing. The men are former residents of the vicinity of Greenwood and where they are alleged to have stolen some chickens from the farm of John Kirker. The men were apprehended at Omaha where they had taken the chickens. The men will be brought here and charged with the crime of chicken stealing.

### LITTLE DAUGHTER ARRIVES

The many friends here of the Theodore Eaton family will be pleased to learn that a fine little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Eaton on Wednesday, May 4th at their home at Thurman, Colorado. The little one has been named Jo Ann. The mother and little one are doing nicely and the occasion has brought a great deal of pleasure to all of the family circle. The friends will join in their well wishes to the little one for many years of happiness and success.

### SUFFERS FRACTURED HIP

Mrs. Isaac Cecil suffered a very severe accident Wednesday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. David Rutherford, west of this city. Mrs. Cecil fell and suffered a fracture of her hip. The injury was such that it was thought best to have the patient taken to Omaha for care at a hospital. Dr. O. C. Hudson accompanied the patient to Omaha where she was placed in the Lord Lister hospital to be cared for until she is again able to be around. Mrs. Cecil is well advanced in years and the injury has proven a very great shock to her.

## Death of Former Resident of This City

Mrs. C. W. Belville, Daughter of Late C. W. Sherman, Dies at Tracy, Minnesota.

The notice of the death of a former resident of this city, Mrs. C. W. Belville, has been received here by old friends of the family. The death of Mrs. Belville occurred Tuesday at the hospital at Tracy, Minnesota, in which place the Belville family have made their home in recent years. Mr. and Mrs. Belville were here a year ago on a short visit with the Goring family.

Death resulted from a heart attack, superinduced by a severe case of the flu. Two years ago she suffered the first heart attack. Since returning from a trip to the west coast at that time she had been compelled to be very careful about any exertion. She had been getting along very well the past winter until about six weeks ago when the flu made it necessary for her to spend most of her time in bed or in a chair. Last Thursday she was removed to the Tracy hospital, where Tuesday morning she closed her eyes and breathed her last without a struggle.

Evelyn Catherine Sherman was born in Burlington, Iowa, April 27, 1868, the daughter of Charles W. and Oreila Sherman. She was married to Charles W. Belville, Knoxville, Ia., Sept. 19, 1888, at Plattsmouth, which was then the Sherman family home. They established a new home in Knoxville, where they continued to reside all the years Mr. Belville was one of the publishers of The Express. About twenty years ago he sold his interest in the paper and the family removed to a farm purchased some years before, near Tracy, Minn.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Belville—Irene, now the wife of Ben Reese, of Tracy, Minn.; and Lloyd, who is advertising manager of the Winona (Minn.) Press. Mrs. Belville was a woman of wide acquaintance and who possessed many warm friends. She was possessed of much literary ability, and was a frequent contributor to newspapers and magazines. She was ambitious and sympathetic and took much interest in social organizations and in the surroundings of the ideal rural home in which she spent the last twenty years of her life.

The funeral services were held at the home of her daughter, Irene, in Tracy, Minn., Thursday afternoon at 2:30. Burial was made in Tracy cemetery.

### IMPROVE PARKING

From Thursday's Daily  
This morning Henry Jasper, Plattsmouth's own florist, was busy engaged at the park at the Ofc Oil station. Mr. Jasper planted two large beds in the grass plot south of the station, one of these being devoted to the red geraniums while the other will be given over to the large flowering cannas. These two will make a very showy appearance and add greatly to the appearance of that portion of the city. The Ofc company has done much to beautify the station and surroundings, making it one of the real show places of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Rupe, of Fairmont, arrived Friday evening and are making a few days visit with Mr. Rupe's mother, Mrs. Dora Mark.

## Knights Templar and Families Enjoy Gathering

Covered Dish Dinner Followed by Program and Cards at the Masonic Hall.

From Saturday's Daily  
Last evening the members of Mt. Zion commandery of the Knights Templar with their families, enjoyed a most pleasant gathering, held at the lodge room of the Masonic building.

The committee in charge of the event had prepared a most attractive setting for the event and one that represented a great deal of work on the part of the Templars. At the south side of the room a dais was arranged the speakers table where those taking part in the program were seated with a background of flowers to add a very effective touch to the scene. The members of the party were seated at small tables placed throughout the room, these arranged in the form of May baskets and made a picture of charm with their many colors, carrying out the rainbow effect. Red, white and blue streamers and a large flag were featured in the decorations of the ceiling.

The covered dish dinner was one that all enjoyed to the utmost, the serving being carried out from a table at the north of the lodge room and where officers of the Eastern Star presided.

The toast list of the evening was presided over by Raymond C. Cook in his clever manner and whose appropriate and witty introduction of the various numbers added to the enjoyment of the evening.

Henry P. Nolting, commander of Mt. Zion commandery, gave the address of welcome to the guests of the evening and Mrs. Harrison L. Gayer responded very delightfully on behalf of the families of the members who were in attendance.

The Masonic quartet, composed of Frank A. Clodt, H. G. McClusky, R. W. Knorr and R. C. Cook, were called upon and gave several numbers which were much enjoyed by the supper party.

James M. Robertson, past grand commander of the Knights Templar of Nebraska, on behalf of the local commandery, presented A. H. Duxbury, retiring commander of Mt. Zion commandery, with a handsome past commander's jewel. Mr. Robertson paid tribute to the faithful work that Judge Duxbury has given the order and the esteem in which he is held by his associates. Judge Duxbury responded to the presentation with his words of appreciation at the remembrance.

The latter part of the evening was devoted to cards, there being many tables of bridge and other games to make the evening pass most delightfully.

### DEATH OF AGED MAN

Jacob King, 92, uncle of Mrs. A. R. Noble of this city, passed away on Thursday night at his home at Oregon, Missouri. Mr. King had been poorly for some time and at his advanced age his death was not unexpected. Mr. King has served for many years as justice of the peace at Oregon and was one of the best known residents of that portion of Missouri. He was here the past summer to visit at the Noble home and enjoyed meeting many of the local people. He was very active for his years and retained a splendid grasp of the affairs of the day. The friends here will regret to hear of his passing. The funeral was held at Oregon.

### TO MAKE ADDRESSES

Robert Foster Patterson, principal of the Plattsmouth high school, has quite an extensive speaking list prepared for the next few weeks, he being greatly in demand at the commencement programs through this section. The list of the various places where he will deliver his address, "The Failure of Success," is as follows: Avoca, May 11th; Alvo, May 12; Beattie, Kansas, May 13; Snyder, May 18; Bellevue, May 19; Murdock, May 20; Thurman, Iowa, May 25; Union, May 26; Gretna, May 27.

### HOLD HONOR CONVOCATION

Five students from Cass county were recognized Wednesday, May 4, at the fourth annual University of Nebraska honors convocation. This recognition signified that they stood in the upper ten percent of their class scholastically. Two students thus honored were from Weeping Water, and one each from Nehawka, Eagle and Plattsmouth.

Those named at this event were Helen Rosella Cole, freshman in the College of Business Administration, and Harold Hinds, junior in the same college. Both of these students were from Weeping Water. Others were George Switek, Plattsmouth, junior in the College of Engineering; Florence West, Eagle, freshman in Teachers College; and Verner Frederick Schomaker, Nehawka, who is a sophomore in the College of Engineering.

## Government to Pave Road to Rifle Range

Secure Permission from County Commissioners to Pave from City Limits.

The U. S. government has applied and secured from the board of county commissioners the permission to carry on grading and paving of the public highway from the city limits of Plattsmouth to a point opposite the termination of the U. S. rifle range.

The section of highway that the government desires to pave is that extending north from Eighth street to the rifle range, which is used a great deal in the moving of troops and supplies to and from the range during the year.

The request of the government was for the building of paving of at least twelve feet in width.

The city and residents of North Eighth street a year ago graveled a section of the highway from the Eighth street paving north to the city limits to aid in the travel to and from the range, but the government desires a more permanent highway that can be used at all seasons of the year. This paving will make a decided improvement in the conditions surrounding the range and make it much easier to get to and from the range.

### CAN YOU GUESS?

As one of the interesting features of the Rooster-Booster days, put on by the retail section of the Chamber of Commerce this week is a novel guessing contest at each of the stores participating. The idea is this—each one of these stores will have a live rooster on display Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. You can size these roosters up anyway you want to judge of their gastronomic abilities and capacity. You know its hard to tell by looking at a rooster how much corn he can eat. These roosters will be given a "reducing" diet about Friday night and on Saturday night at 9:30 a committee of competent judges will take charge of these roosters and dole out their feed to them in counted kernels. When he has finished or has eaten to his fill, the judges will announce how many kernels of corn were consumed.

Now, here is where you come in on this proposition. Go into any Rooster-Booster store and register your guess on how many kernels of corn that rooster will eat at his final feeding time by the judges on Saturday night. It costs you nothing to guess—you are not obliged to buy anything to guess—just go in and say "I want to guess on the rooster." Anybody can vote, man, woman or child, white or black, rich or poor, old or young. The one guessing the nearest will receive the prize offered by that store. In case of a tie, the first one registering will receive the prize.

Hoarded money will not help business conditions to improve. It's the money in circulation that counts! Read the Journal ads and take advantage of the many bargains Plattsmouth business men will offer you the coming year.

## Harding Hiway Officially Routed Thru Plattsmouth

Announcement Made at Glenwood by Highway Officials of Change in Route.

The Harding Memorial highway, which follows U. S. 34 across Iowa to Red Oak and which is there rerouted south to Shenandoah and west to Nebraska City, will be marked to follow 34 to Glenwood this spring and then southwest over 134 to the Plattsmouth bridge and out across Nebraska.

This information was given to a group of Glenwood business men who met with C. W. Bond, Burlington; John Huston, Ottumwa, and James Crawford, New London, all officials of the Harding Highway association, in the office of Dr. F. M. McCluskey, president of the Glenwood Chamber of Commerce, on last Friday morning, and planned means of raising Mills county's share of the expense of advertising this route which is \$150, says the Glenwood Opinion.

Charles Bond, president of the Iowa division of the Harding Highway association, in a short talk pointed out some of the history of the organization, its fight for a better road across southern Iowa.

"Here we have the shortest east and west route across Iowa. It's the most scenic route and one of the very best the state affords. Our big job is in front of us—that of selling the idea to the tourists who are also being sold on other routes across the state." Mr. Bond explained that road maps and sign boards were being used and that additional facilities would be included during the coming year.

"Even now tourists are starting their trips," Mr. Bond pointed out. "In coming to Glenwood we passed several out-of-state cars with their luggage and passengers. Those tourists leave a lot of money behind them and it is our aim to see that when they spend it, they spend it in towns along No. 34."

John Huston, peppy and enthusiastic editor of the Ottumwa Courier, a vice president of the association, pointed out some of the advertising plans. "There are four main highways east and west across Iowa," he said. "Those highways are furnishing plenty of money to attract tourists and down here where we have the shortest and most scenic route we must get into the game."

"All across the state where we've held meetings we've found the merchants enthusiastic over the program which includes the distribution of 50,000 road maps which will point features along the route, and the erection of a large sign board in Nebraska."

James Crawford, a director of the national board, in speaking from a national standpoint, declared: "Everyone is fighting for their own route. There's plenty of money being spent to push No. 6. However, we've got a lot of things on No. 34 that other highways haven't got and it's up to us to see that tourists know what they are. We want the tourists to travel No. 34 and visit the towns along the route."

### FIRST ASSESSOR REPORTS

From Thursday's Daily  
The first precinct assessor to complete his work of assessing for 1932, was Roy M. Coatman, of Alvo, assessor of Greenwood precinct. Mr. Coatman today filed his report with County Assessor W. H. Puls and won first place in his work for the year. With the first of the assessors winding up the work it is expected that from now on there will be many more to bring in their reports and assessment lists.

### BRINGS IN COYOTES

From Thursday's Daily  
Louis Klemma, one of the farmers residing south of this city, brought in six coyotes to the office of County Clerk George R. Sayles. The coyotes were captured at the Klemma farm and netted the farmer the sum of \$12 for his efforts in snaring the animals.

Journal Want-Ads get results!