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Local Truck Driver Takes a Wild Ride

Fred Haffke, at Omaha, Causes Much Damage and Then His Truck Crashes Off Viaduct.

From Thursday's Daily
After a wild ride of four blocks along Hickory street in Omaha, the four ton truck of Fred Haffke of this city plunged over the side of the Twenty-fourth street viaduct and crashed into the brick building housing the Nicholas Oil plant garage, thirty feet below. Mr. Haffke was found seated in the cab of the truck and with only a small scratch on his face as the result of the wild ride.

Going through a stop sign at Twenty-seventh and Hickory streets a short time after noon Wednesday, according to the Omaha police, the truck of Mr. Haffke struck a car driven by Joe Munson, 3523 Spring street, slightly injuring L. J. Kynett, a passenger in the Munson car.

Reaching Twenty-fourth street, the truck crashed into a car driven by Mrs. Harry Anderson, 4824 Erskin street, damaging it considerably. Mr. Haffke then drove his truck a short way onto the viaduct, when it crashed over the side.

The mad flight of the truck along Hickory street attracted much attention and police were notified of the destruction that the truck had created, hastening to the scene.

The truck, after plunging over the viaduct, crashed into a brick garage building and where it was resting when the police arrived on the scene.

This is the second close call from death that Mr. Haffke has experienced, as he had a truck that he was driving struck by a Missouri Pacific freight train at the Fort Crook crossing several years ago, the truck being demolished, but the driver suffering only minor injuries.

Mr. Haffke was held at Omaha on charges of reckless driving, following the series of accidents.

SUFFERS SEVERE FALL

Mrs. F. D. Lehnhoff, one of the old residents of the city, sustained a very severe fall at the family home on Granite street and which at the advanced age of the victim of the accident, makes her condition very critical. In the fall, Mrs. Lehnhoff sustained a fracture of the hip and which made necessary her being taken to the Methodist hospital at Omaha.

Mrs. Lehnhoff was taken to Omaha in the Sattler ambulance, her son, George Lehnhoff, who was called from Omaha by the accident, accompanying the mother. Owing to the general physical condition and her age it is very difficult to set the broken hip and the patient has suffered a great deal. The many friends here will await the outcome of the case with a great deal of anxiety and the hope that this splendid lady may be able to rally from the effects of the injury.

ATTEND MERCHANTS' INSTITUTE

From Thursday's Daily
This morning R. W. Knorr, chairman of the retail section of the Chamber of Commerce, Edward Mullen, F. P. Busch, C. C. Westcott and Henry G. Soennejensen, motored to Lincoln, where they attended a Merchants' Institute which is being held in that city today.

This Institute is being held under the auspices of the University of Nebraska and brings many well known speakers along the line of trade improvement and modern merchandising.

ATTEND AUXILIARY MEETING

From Thursday's Daily
Mrs. C. A. Rosencrans, state president of the American Legion Auxiliary in company with Miss Marie Fitzgerald, departed this afternoon for Omaha, where Mrs. Rosencrans is to attend a meeting of the Auxiliary of the Roosevelt post of the Legion. The Omaha unit is having a health clinic and invited the state president to meet with them and give a short talk on the work of the organization. Mrs. W. E. Rosencrans and Mrs. W. C. Soennejensen were also in the party.

RESUMES WORK

Frank Aschenbrenner, who was for a number of years engaged at the Chase and Red & White meat markets, has again resumed his work at the last named market. Mr. Aschenbrenner was compelled for the past two years to take a rest and treatment, but is now feeling so much better that he will resume his old work. Mr. Aschenbrenner will be engaged in the manufacture of sausages and wieners for the Red & White, being an expert in this line of work. The many friends of Mr. Aschenbrenner will be pleased to learn that he is able to be back on the old job.

Seek Repeal of an Ancient Law Governing River

Measure Enacted in 1846 Gives Control of Missouri River to Iowa—Circulating Petitions.

The Missouri River Fishermen's Protective association, composed of the residents along the river in Nebraska, are now seeking the repeal of an ancient law of congress governing the control of the Missouri river and which threatens danger to the Nebraska fishermen.

The law is one that was enacted in 1846, long before the creation of the territory of Nebraska, giving control of the government stream to the state of Iowa.

The law has reposed in the quietude of forgetfulness for all of these years, but was brought to light a few days ago when used to convict an Omaha man of fishing with a trammel net from a boat in the Missouri river.

With the discovery of the existence of the law, officers of the Fishermen's association have become busy and petitions have been circulated in all of the communities along the Missouri river, asking that the old law be repealed.

The conduct of the fight for repeal will be conducted by the officers of the association just named for 1932, who comprise the following: W. H. Elledge, Plattsmouth, president; A. J. Edgerton, Plattsmouth, vice president; L. Kinnaman, Plattsmouth, secretary; Mallie Coffin, Fort Calhoun, treasurer; Grover Elledge, of Plattsmouth; John Drabek and Joe Urbanc, Omaha, trustees.

GASOLINE STOLEN

From Thursday's Daily
This morning when the time arrived for the opening of the gasoline filling station at the Plattsmouth Motor company garage, it was found that someone had secured some free gas. The lock used on the pumps of the station located along the driveway on the north side of the building, had been broken. It was estimated that some fifteen gallons of gas had been taken. The parties committing the crime had proceeded very quietly as no disturbance was reported from that part of the city and the pumps were in proper shape when the night police inspected them during the night rounds.

ENJOY VISIT HERE

Mrs. Ben Deabenderfer and daughter, Lucille of Holdrege, motored to Omaha last Sunday and later came to this city, in company with another daughter, Irene, also a friend, Miss Vera Wyatt, and spending the noon hour at the home of Mrs. Martha Wetenkamp in a most enjoyable manner. Miss Deabenderfer and Miss Wyatt, who have been taking nurse training at the Methodist hospital in Omaha, will graduate next Thursday evening.

RECEIVE PLEASANT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. John Hiber, of this city, have received the pleasant news that they are again grandparents. A fine little daughter was born on Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hiber at Gillette, Wyoming, where for the past several years the Frank Hiber family have resided. The mother and little one are doing nicely and Mr. Hiber is rejoicing in the new addition to the family circle, this being the first child in the family.

Old English May Festival is Presented

Staged at the Columbian School with Scholars There and First Ward Participating

The celebration of May day in the old English manner was held Wednesday afternoon at the Columbian school in the south part of the city. Heretofore this school had joined with the grade schools of the city and high school in May day. This year, however, the other schools did not observe the event and the Columbian and First ward schools joined in the May day.

The teachers of the Columbian school, Miss Nettie Hawksworth, Miss Gertrude Mortensen, Miss Helen Quimby, Miss Vivian Johns, of the Columbian school and Miss Helen Farley of the First ward school, with their pupils arranged the event.

A large number of the patrons of the school were present to enjoy the festival which was presented by the pupils from the kindergarten to the sixth grade.

There were some twenty-six sections of the May festival and which was delightfully offered by the young people, making a most colorful and thoroughly enjoyed occasion. The different groups were as follows:

Games on the Village Green; Town Crier; Drums—First ward; Herald; Queen's Attendants; Flower Bearers; Crown Bearers; Maids of Honor; May Queen; Attendants Drill; Herald Announces Robin Hood; Crowning the Queen; Song, Welcome to May Queen; The Maypole Dance; Basket Drill; Ribbon Drill; Drum and Rope Drill—First ward; Clown Song; Hobby-Horses; Robin Hood Song; Minuet—First ward; Come Partner; Band; Town Crier; May Song, March.

ANOTHER PRIZE WINNER

Word has been received that Mrs. Joe Adam is the winner of a prize award certificate valued at \$5.00 in the \$12,500 Skelgas contest which drew so many entrants from this community.

When it is considered that more than 24,000 letters were entered, Mrs. Adam's achievement in writing a letter which was among the final few hundred is a great tribute to her ability.

The contest, which closed April 16, was sponsored by Bestor & Swatek, Skelgas dealer here, and Skelgas Company, Kansas City, Missouri.

Competition in the Skelgas contest was extremely keen, since more than 24,000 letters were entered, and so Mrs. Adam's achievement is worthy of considerable praise. All letters were written on the subject, "What Skelgas Would Mean to Me."

QUEEN ESTHERS MEET

The Queen Esther class of the Methodist church held a very pleasant meeting on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Justus Lillie, who was assisted in the entertaining by Mrs. Rex Young.

The devotions of the evening were led by Mrs. Edgar Newton, while the leader of the lesson of the meeting was Mrs. Robert Hill.

One of the chief matters of the business session was the election of the officers and the following were chosen: President, Miss Mary Persinger; Vice-President, Miss Germaine Mason; Secretary, Mrs. Gilbert Hinz; Treasurer, Miss Ruth Patton.

At the close of the evening dainty and delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, which added to the pleasures of the evening and the enjoyment of the members of the party.

LOCAL PEOPLE ATTEND COUNCIL IN OMAHA

About twenty ladies attended the annual meeting of the Womans' Auxiliary of the diocese of Nebraska in session on Tuesday. On Wednesday lay delegates and the rector of St. Luke's church were in attendance at the regular meeting of the council. The local church showed well in reports of work given. Canon Pether acted as the diocesan reporter for the Omaha newspapers during the council.

DOING VERY NICELY

Jack Hatt, who was operated on sometime ago at the Methodist hospital at Omaha, is reported as doing very nicely and is now well on the highway to recovery. The young man was operated on for ulcers of the stomach, from which he has suffered for a number of years. The operation was quite a serious one and entailed the removal of a portion of the stomach. In the last few days Jack has been able to take nourishment, the first solid food that he has received since the operation and it is hoped that he may soon be well on the highway to permanent relief from his long illness.

Attempt to Hold Up Bus is Foiled

Three Men Attempt to Stop Cotner Bus Near Pappio, But Driver Suspected Robbery.

What was apparently an attempt to stick up the Cotner bus and rob its occupants, was foiled late Thursday night near the Pappio creek south of Fort Crook.

Three men in a large sedan drove up to the side of the bus as it was nearing the overhead crossing at the Pappio creek and attempted to get Mr. Clarence Cotner, the driver of the bus to stop. Suspecting the intentions of the men in the car Mr. Cotner continued on his way and the occupants of the car were unable to overhaul the bus.

Mr. Cotner continued on to this city, his destination, and informed the local police and Sheriff Thimgan of the attempt to hold up the bus. The officers sent out an alarm on the receipt of the information and officers were dispatched to the scene of the attempted stop, but no trace of the car or its occupants could be found.

Patrols were maintained on the highways in this vicinity for the rest of the night in the hope that the parties might attempt to stop someone else and be arrested, but without result.

SUFFERS SEVERE INJURY

From Saturday's Daily
Theodore Svoboda, who has been engaged with the force of workmen remodeling the former Burlington office buildings for the Norfolk Packing plant, was severely injured today. Mr. Svoboda was engaged in working as usual and was assisting in the hoisting of a 400 pound beam, when the rope that was used in holding the beam broke. The beam in falling struck Mr. Svoboda in the back and severely bruised him from his neck to the waist. The injured man was brought down to the main section of the city and medical examination failed to reveal any broken bones. The young man is confined to his home, however, and will be kept there for several days as the result of the strain and bruises that he has suffered. Under the conditions it is fortunate that the injuries were no more severe.

TENDER A FAREWELL

From Saturday's Daily
Last evening after the regular rehearsal of the choir of the First Methodist church, the members of the organization joined in a farewell to Mrs. Harry Schulz and daughters, Mildred and Helen, who have been members of this choir and other of the church organizations. After the close of the school year the Schulz family are expecting to leave this city, their going bringing a great regret to the members of the large circle of friends in the community. Mrs. Schulz and daughters have been active in the Sunday school and church work for the past eleven years and their presence will be greatly missed in the church.

During the social hour last evening the members of the party enjoyed a number of games that added to the enjoyment of the occasion, while at an appropriate hour dainty refreshments were served by the committee composed of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hinz and Mr. and Mrs. Justus Lillie.

Annual Honor Awards Made by High School

All Departments of the School Give Recognition of Their Outstanding Students.

The annual honor convocation of the Plattsmouth high school was held on Friday at the school building, the entire student body gathering to witness the bestowal of the honors on the students designated.

The convocation was presided over by Miss Madge Garnett, president of the student council and who introduced the various speakers and numbers on the program.

Aulton Roland, one of the members of the senior class, was heard in a very artistically presented oration, one that was much enjoyed by everyone.

The award of the athletic honors was made by Coach Fred A. Rothert, who gave out the letters to his basketball and track squad. Those who received track letters were George Adam, Henry Donat, Clarence Forbes, Greth Garnett, Edgar Seitz, Oliver Taylor, Stuart Porter, University half blue chevrons were given to George Adam, Henry Donat, Clarence Forbes and Greth Garnett. The basketball letters were awarded to Henry Donat, Clarence Forbes, Robert Rummel, Sam Arn, Louis Knoflick, David Robinson, William Ronne and Maynard McCleary.

The music department awards were made by Miss Cora Williams, supervisor of music. The department had made an excellent record in their contests this year, in the MINK contest Aulton Roland securing second in oboe, the girls' sextette, composed of Nadine Clويد, Helen Schulz, Anna May Sandin, Gertrude Vallery, Catherine Terryberry and Madge Garnett securing second place. In the district contest at Omaha Aulton Roland had taken second in oboe, Anna May Sandin, second in low voice, while honorable mention had been given James Comstock on trumpet and girls' sextette. In the state music contest at Lincoln Anna May Sandin was awarded second in low voice, being the first student from the local school to place in the state contest.

Orchestra: Those receiving letter for first year, Madge Garnett, Emily Lorenz, Leona Meisinger, Aulton Roland; Received letter for this work receive chevron, Kenneth Armstrong, Lois Bestor, James Comstock, Alice Hlatt, Stuart Porter, Otto Stodola; Letter: Boy's Quartette, George Adam, James Nowacek, David Robinson, Otto Stodola; Girls Glee Club, letter for first year: Eleanor Black, Helen Gilmore, Catherine Hough, Anna Knieke, Lucille Meisinger, Thelma Pitman, Grace Pilny, Virginia Samek, Florence Schulz, Loretta Terryberry, Virginia Trively, Gertrude Vallery, Janet Vallery, Velma Wells, Elizabeth Wiles; Received letter and one bar—receive another bar: Lois Bestor, Gertrude Brink, Amy Elliot, Anna Margaret McCarty, Dorothy McCarty, Mary Ann Rosencrans, Margaret Taylor; Have received letter and 2 bars. This year an additional bar: Nadine Clويد, Dorothy Farmer, Emily Lorenz, Anna May Sandin, Mary Lois Wiles, Irene Simons; Letter with 3 bars, 1 more this year: Madge Garnett, Doris Peterson, Helen Price, Helen Schultz, Eleanor Swatek, Catherine Terryberry.

The citizenship group, selected by the faculty on conduct, co-operation and attitude toward the school. Only a small group is eligible for this honor. The awards were presented by Russell Reeder to the following: Seniors—Mary Lois Wiles, Otto Stodola, Anna Knieke, Helen Swatek, Eleanor Swatek, Madge Garnett, Edward Egenberger, June Keil, Malinda Friedrich, Estella Parkening; Juniors—George Adam, Francis Libershal, Arlene Rager, Eleanor Smetana, Mata Schackneis, Donald Bushnell, Marsella Ramel, Helen Amick; Sophomores—Lois Bestor, James Robertson, Mary Annie Rosencrans, Dorothy Seimonet, Ruby Sutton; Freshmen—Mildred Cacy, Carl Hula, Virginia Trively.

The band awards were made by L. D. Hiatt, director of the school band, the following receiving letters:

William Pfitzmeier, Dale Hennings, Earl Lambertson, Henry Guy McMaken, Vernile Polin. Members of the band awarded service stripes were George Adam, James Comstock, Donald Cotner, Edward Egenberger, Robert Hail, Joe Hendricks, William Henriksen, William Jensen, John Kelly, Arthur Kopp, Selby Lightbody, Francis Libershal, Herbert Minor, Stuart Porter, James Robertson, Lawrence Rhodes, Aulton Roland, Otto Stodola, Vern Taplett, Marvin Tritsch.

The penmanship awards were made by Miss Marie Kaufmann, supervisor of penmanship and art to the following:

Commercial certificates—Muriel Hopkins, Dorothy Zitka, Virginia Trively, Grace Welch, Mabel Smock, Ruth Slavicek, Helen Sedlak, Opal Haley; Students certificates—Helen Price, Janet Vallery, Mary Ellen Byers, Catherine Terryberry, Virginia Galloway; Teachers certificates—June Keil, Dorothy Farmer, Mary Lois Wiles, Antoinette Koubek Madge Garnett; Progress pins—Otto Stodola, Arnold Buechler, Edward Lorenz, Henry Kaffenberger, Florence Horenth.

The debate and declamatory honors were bestowed by Gerald Kvasnicka. Both the debate and declamatory teams have showed well in their work this season. The debate team was in the quarter finals at the Midland college meet and were defeated by Fremont in the finals. The debate honors were conferred on Madge Garnett, Edward Wehrlein, John Becker, William Wetenkamp, George Luschnisky, Stuart Porter and Greth Garnett. The members of the declamatory group had a very brilliant season as the record shows: Otto Stodola, humorous, 1st at sub-district, second in district; Greth Garnett, dramatic, second at Tarkio, 1st at N. F. L. at Omaha; William Wetenkamp oratory, 1st at sub-district, second at district, 2nd at Tarkio, second at N. F. L. at Omaha; Madge Garnett, extemporaneous, 1st at sub-district, 1st at district, 2nd at N. F. L. at Omaha; Edward Wehrlein, oratory, 1st at N. F. L. at Omaha; Anna May Sandin, humorous, 2nd in N. F. L. at Omaha.

The awards in the National Honor society as well as the commercial certificates were awarded by R. Foster Patterson. The national honor society is the highest honors given to members of the senior class, selected by the faculty vote of scholarship eighty per cent and citizenship twenty per cent. Those receiving this honor were Madge Garnett, Edward Egenberger, June Keil, Aulton Roland, Eleanor Swatek, Helen Waga, Edward Wehrlein, Helen Schulz.

The commercial certificates were selected by the teaching force of the department as outstanding students recommended by the department for business service. Anna Knieke, Helen Waga, Eleanor Swatek, Estella Parkening, Irene Simons, Mildred Carlborg, Opal Haley, Grace Pilny, Mable Smock.

The program of the day was closed with a selection by the boys' quartet of the high school, David Robinson, George Adam, Otto Stodola and James Nowacek.

GRADUATES AS NURSE

From Friday's Daily
The graduating exercises of the nurses' training school of the Methodist hospital, was held at Omaha last evening. The graduating exercises were held at the First Methodist church and where also a reception to the class was tendered at the close of the services.

Among the members of the class was Miss Bernice Arn, of this city, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Arn. Miss Arn, who was a graduate of the class of 1929 of the Plattsmouth schools, has been in training since leaving school here and now is completing her four years' work with high honors as one of the outstanding members of her class.

Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Arn and daughter, Miss Marjorie, who is attending the state teacher's college at Peru, and Sam Arn, motored to Omaha last evening to attend the graduation and reception.

Miss Arn will remain at the hospital until August to complete her work as a trained nurse.

The Journal will appreciate your phoning in news items. Call No. 6. Thanks!

Dumping Ground Location Offers a Real Problem

Protests Over Former Locations Makes Necessary Search for New Spot for Rubbish.

Within the last few weeks a problem has arisen as to where and how debris accumulated over the city could be disposed of without the annoyance and protest of property owners.

The use of the waterfront east of the Burlington station has been used for many years as the public dumping ground, but here it was difficult to combat the dumping of rubbish as well as dead animals along the highway used by the residents of that locality. This has led to much complaint and will lead to actions by the property owners against those who do this in the future. In this regard no one can blame those who reside in that locality as the dumping ground where it is generally used is a real menace to health and comfort.

The city officials in an endeavor to secure a place for the use of the disposal of debris, secured permission from the Burlington to use a small tract along their right-of-way near the Granite street viaduct and for several days this was used. Later officials of the company decided that the use of this location would not do and accordingly the permission was withdrawn.

It is now decided to have rubbish dumped into the Missouri river south of the old dump, the new dumping grounds being located near the old ferry road where trucks can be driven and the rubbish dumped into the river where it will eliminate all of the protests that the other locations had developed. This will be used for the present at least until a permanent place can be secured.

What will be the final outcome of the problem is in doubt, but the use of the dump as located now would be less annoying than any so far proposed.

An incinerator plant for burning the rubbish might afford a settlement of the matter but would entail a great deal of expense to the city which at this time they cannot afford.

LEAVES FOR KANSAS

From Friday's Daily
This afternoon Robert Foster Patterson, principal of the Plattsmouth high school, departed for Bettie, Kansas, where he will speak this evening at the graduating exercises of the high school of that place. Mr. Patterson will have as his subject, "The Failure of Success." Mr. Patterson will on his return stop at Minden, Nebraska, to join Mrs. Patterson and the little son who have been there for a few days. The family will return home to this city Sunday.

COMPLAINT IS FILED

In the county court Friday afternoon a complaint was filed against Fred Mott, the charge being contributing to the delinquency of a minor. The complaint was filed by Arthur Hohenshell, a resident of the northwest part of the county. It is alleged in the complaint that Mott induced his niece, Eva Hohenshell, a daughter of the complainant, to leave home and her present whereabouts is unknown. So far the parties have not been located by the officers.

TO REMAIN AT ROCHESTER

C. E. Hartford, local coal dealer, who is at the Mayo clinic at Rochester, Minnesota, will remain there for two or three weeks under observation and treatment, messages to the family here state. Mr. Hartford accompanied his sister, from Boone, Iowa, to Rochester and both were examined by the clinic. Mr. Hartford has not been informed as to whether his case will require treatment or an operation and will remain there under observance for some time.