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Thirty-Two Years Service as Publisher Here

The Plattsmouth Journal Since 1902 Has Been Under the Management of Robert A. Bates.

Thirty-two years as an active publisher of a newspaper is quite a record in any community, today is the anniversary that marks the arrival in Plattsmouth of Robert A. Bates, publisher and manager of the Plattsmouth Journal and the Evening Journal.

Mr. Bates, in company with his brother, Thomas B. Bates, purchased the Journal at that time of George B. Mann and W. K. Fox, who had been the publishers of the paper for a short period, having lifted it temporarily from the spasmodic career that it had experienced over a period of several years.

The new owners of the Journal found the plant located in a small building on South Sixth street, which was then owned by Henry Boeck, the site of the building being that now occupied by the Smalley barber shop. The printing plant was a small and limited one, some three cases of the body type of the paper being in use, hand composition being the order of the day at that time. From this limited plant was built the large and modern printing plant that comprises the Journal.

In the few weeks that followed the securing of the Journal, the two owners of the paper were joined by their father, Col. M. A. Bates, veteran Missouri editor and whose forceful handling of the editorial department of the paper for many years was a feature of the paper.

After a period of some two years Robert A. Bates became the sole owner of the paper and has conducted its affairs, directing by his management the gradual steps that has built up the paper to be one of the best and most efficient printing plants in the state.

The newspaper plant was later moved to the building on Main street



ROBERT A. BATES

owned by the Gorder estate where the publication of the daily and semi-weekly was carried on until in 1906 Mr. Bates purchased the building where the printing plant has since been located.

In the new building there has been the rapid expansion of the facilities of the plant, the installation of linotypes to replace the old hand setting of the news and editorial matter of the paper, the purchase of a modern flat bed press to replace the older hand fed cylinder press and the hand fed folder, that often caused the feeder many hot words. Here, too, every facility that might make for a modern printing plant had been installed, including a modern and up to date self-feeding job press to add to the equipment of this establishment.

We of the Journal who have experienced a part in the development of the paper, have fully appreciated the spirit that has built the Journal. The paper and plant are the products of the ability of the man who, today, is at the helm of the conduct of the paper, Robert A. Bates. Born in Marion, Williamson, county Illinois, December 14, 1869, Mr. Bates has lived practically all of his life

in the atmosphere of the newspaper business, finding in the printers ink the inspiration for his successful career, for as a boy he was assisting in the work of the plants that his father established over Illinois and Missouri, until in the nineties he embarked as a very young man on his own career in the newspaper work, publishing a paper at Pacific Junction, Iowa, until the plant, with a large part of the town, was wiped out in a fire in 1895. He later secured the Silver City Times, published in one of the attractive towns of northern Mills county, Iowa, and where he continued until selling the plant a short time before coming to Plattsmouth.

The success of the paper has been due to the hard and exacting labor, both mental and physical, that Mr. Bates has given to the task that he had taken as his life work. No task has been too severe for him to undertake and into the long watches of the night back in the days when the paper and plant was far from the present standard, he has labored long and hard.

Mr. Bates has been active in every movement for the betterment of Plattsmouth and its people in the years that he has been a part of the community life and has striven in every way to make this city a little better place in which to live.

We of the Journal have found in him a friend as well as an employer, in the years that have passed, and offer this tribute to a man that has striven well and gone far in the way of accomplishments for the community where he has made his home.

To add to the pleasantness of the anniversary for Mr. Bates is the fact that the occasion is also the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Bates and that they have with them their nephew, Milford B. Bates of Los Angeles, to assist in the observance.

Songs of the Nations Heard on Rotary Program

Clever Program Presented by the Little Folks of the City Schools at Tuesday Meeting.

The Rotary club at their meeting on Tuesday had a very clever program arranged under the chairmanship of L. S. Devoe, superintendent of the city schools and which presented a number of the young people of the city schools in the songs of the nations, these being presented in costume.

The young people showed not only their cleverness in the manner in which the songs were given but several of them were able to give at least a part of the songs in the language of the country that they represented, lending a truly cosmopolitan touch to the occasion.

Bruno Reichstadt was dressed as Germany, Norma and Gloria Johnson as Swedish girls, Pauline Scurti as an Italian, Catherine and John Conis as a boy and girl of Greece, Helen Slatinsky as a daughter of Bohemia, Jack Canterbury as the Jewish boy and Miss Taylor and Miss Thomas as the Japanese girls, Russel Nielsen appeared as the Danish boy.

The two high school students who have been members of Rotary for the past month, Kenneth Armstrong and Frederick Fricke, were presented, and gave their impression of the Rotary club and its ideals that they had gathered from the monthly associations.

The club had present as guests of the occasion W. H. Andressen of Syracuse, the head of the Otoe county re-employment bureau; Milford Bates of Los Angeles, and Miss Cora Williams, who has just returned to her work here in the local schools. Miss Williams has often assisted in the making successful of Rotary programs and the membership felt more more to be with them. Mrs. L. S. Devoe was also a guest.

HERE FROM ASHLAND

Mrs. Mary Roberts and granddaughter, Mrs. Roy Russell and little son, Richard, were here Sunday to enjoy the day visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Patton and family. Mrs. Roberts is a sister of Mr. Patton and the visit was one that was fully appreciated by the brother and sister.

Senior Class Play Promises Real Success

"The House Beautiful" Is Splendid Play and in Hands of Capable Cast of Young People.

For the past four weeks, the cast of the Senior play has been working on the production of "The House Beautiful," which they will present at the Platt theater, Friday evening, May 4. All seats on the first floor will be reserved and these reserved seats will go in sale at the Maury Drug store Wednesday morning, May 2.

The admission prices will be twenty-five cents for all students and thirty-five cents for others. Seats in the balcony will be sold for twenty-five cents.

"The House Beautiful" is one of the popular plays by Channing Pollock. Anyone who has ever read any of Mr. Pollock's works knows that he has a remarkable instinct for developing human situations and awakening the sympathy of his audience. Such a type of play is "The House Beautiful." It is a stirring and eminently worth-while production affording an evening of fine entertainment.

The story of "The House Beautiful" is in the hands of two characters, Archie Davis and his wife, Jennifer who are combating an age of materialism in which pleasures and possessions are won at the expense of the soul. The play's story is the story of their house founded on affection, love, and honesty. As they plan it, the structure is seen rising on another level of the stage; the scenes picturing periods and events in their lives, are projected by means of novel stage settings. Their "House Beautiful" ideals are menaced by the zoning law sought by the progressives in an attempt to place business houses in their growing subdivision. Archie is elected mayor of the town, aided by his son's loyalty but is discharged by his employer who has prospered through modern business ways. The couple's happiness is further endangered by the son's marriage to a girl of superficial taste. Archie becomes known as a failure because he has refused to prosper through dishonest methods. After his death, Jennifer keeps alive their ideals with Archie's spirit lingering to afford her courage and companionship. She is ready to part with the house when the son plans to use its site as a memorial to his father.

It is a beautiful story that is being well worked out by the cast and it will be a splendid contribution to the fine tradition which Senior classes of Plattsmouth high school have established. Mr. Figley is directing the play and Miss Nordholm is sponsor of the class. The preparation of the stage and settings is being taken care of by a committee of the class assisted by two former students.

GIVES INTERESTING TALK

Those who attended the Fellowship hour at the Methodist church on Sunday had the pleasure of an exceptionally fine address by L. S. Devoe, superintendent of the city schools, who discussed the value of gardens as a community asset.

Mr. Devoe discussed the gardens of the community as the means of raising the level of living in the community and in his remarks gave many very helpful suggestions as to the advancing of the garden movement.

Mrs. R. B. Hayes was heard in a very appropriate number that carried the thought of the springtime flowers.

Mrs. L. S. Devoe gave the very charming number, "Rustle of Spring," a most delightful musical offering to the evening entertainment.

SUFFERING FROM ILLNESS

John B. Livingston has been confined to his home the past several days as the result of an attack of measles and rheumatism that has made his condition far from pleasant. The illness is of such a nature that he will probably have to remain bedfast for some time yet.

DIES IN CANADA

The message was received here Sunday by John Ledgway announcing that his eldest daughter, Mrs. Jennie Kiser, had died late Saturday afternoon at the home in Arrow Root, Alberta, Canada. Mrs. Kiser was suffering from an attack of pneumonia which was complicated with heart trouble. The deceased was born and raised in this city and had many friends here who will regret to learn of her death. Mrs. Kiser is survived by the husband and three children by a former marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ledgway of Lincoln and Mrs. W. H. Krenner of Myra, departed Sunday for Arrow Root where they will attend the funeral services.

Coroner's Jury Finds Kaffenberger Death Accident

Visit Scene of Accident and Receive Testimony This Morning in Death of Young Man.

The coroner's jury composed of John Ledgway, Oscar Wilson, Louis Rebeckie, John Bajack, George L. Ferley and James Bullis, this morning completed their work of inquiry into the death of August Kaffenberger, well known young farmer, finding that he came to his death by accident.

The body of Mr. Kaffenberger was found in the barn at his home on Thursday morning by members of the family, he being in a dying condition. At that time it was not fully determined just the exact nature of the wounds that had caused death, it being first thought that Mr. Kaffenberger had been shot in the mouth.

After the body was brought to this city and the medical examination completed it was found that the shot had penetrated the left side, the bullet taking a course through the lungs and causing death.

The jury investigation showed that it would have been impossible for the wound to be caused other than accidental and it was the opinion of the members of the jury that the gun was accidentally discharged in some manner just as Mr. Kaffenberger was reaching for it in order to shoot at a rat that he had discovered in the barn.

The members of the family and close friends knew of no apparent reason for the young man to take his life, but in order that the matter might be cleared up in a proper manner the jury was impaneled by County Attorney Kieck to make a record of the shooting which has been determined as accidental.

FUNERAL OF W. H. SHOPP

The funeral services of W. H. Shopp was held on Saturday afternoon at the family home on West Pearl street, a large number of the old friends and neighbors gathering to pay their last tributes of respect and esteem to the friend of many years standing.

The services were conducted by Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, who paid tribute to the memory of the departed and brought to the members of the family words of consolation in their loss.

Ralph Shuff, of Lincoln, a close friend of the Shopp family and an associate of the departed for many years, was heard in a vocal number, "Going Home," taken from the "New World Symphony," Mrs. Shuff playing the accompaniment.

The Masonic quartet composed of Frank A. Clويد, R. C. Cook, H. G. McClusky and R. W. Knorr, gave one number at the home, "Still, Still with Thee."

The funeral cortege had an escort of the members of Mt. Zion commandery Knights Templar, of which Mr. Shopp had been a member and at the grave the Masonic burial service was conducted by Plattsmouth lodge No. 5, A. F. & A. M., William A. Robertson delivering the eulogy. The Masonic quartet at the cemetery gave the number, "Rock of Ages."

Taps were sounded by W. R. Holly at the cemetery.

Journal Want-Ads get results!

Death Calls Mrs. D. C. West of Nehawka

Lifelong Resident of the Community Where Parents Were Among Pioneer Residents.

Monday evening at 12 o'clock at the family home at Nehawka occurred the death of Mrs. David C. West, one of the best known and beloved residents of that community. The death came as the result of a sudden attack of heart trouble and from which she had fallen to rally.

Katie Stone West was born near Nehawka, daughter of James M. Stone and Millie E. Smith Stone, pioneer residents of that portion of Cass county, where she had since spent her lifetime. After growing to womanhood and completing her educational work, Miss Stone was united in marriage on March 19, 1890, at Nehawka, to David C. West. The family continued to make their home at Nehawka where Mr. West has been engaged in the banking business.

Mrs. West had a very large circle of warm friends who will feel deeply the loss that has come to them and share with the bereaved family the loss that has come to them in the taking away of the wife, mother and grandmother.

Surviving are the husband, one daughter, Mrs. Walter J. Wunderlich, two grandsons, Robert West Wunderlich and Edward V. Wunderlich. There are surviving four brothers, Lester Eugene Stone, Del Norte, Colorado; Charles Scott Stone, Hastings, Nebraska; Robert Bruce Stone and Carl Wesley Stone, both of Nehawka.

The funeral services will be held on Wednesday afternoon at the late home at 2 o'clock and interment at the cemetery at Nehawka.

ORGANIZING BAND

From Tuesday's Daily
The Plattsmouth band is now being organized for the season and held their first meeting last evening at the American Legion building in order to get lined up for the summer practices and concert season.

The band this year should be one of the best that the city has boasted of in many years, having a large group of the veterans of many years playing as well as a wonderful group of the younger players who have participated in the high school bands and individual musical groups here in the last few years. The younger players will give them a twenty-five to thirty piece band for the season and furnish a fine array of instruments in all sections.

The older band men that were out for the initial practice and meeting included E. P. Stewart, E. H. Schulhof, C. E. Ledgway, L. D. Hilst, Peter Gradoville, Dr. O. Sandin, June Marshall and Cyril Kalina.

W. R. Holly will serve as the director of the band when it is started.

It is the intention to have a number of good will concerts during the season and to get in shape for the summer and later for the fall festival.

TAKES PART IN PROGRAM

From Monday's Daily
Mrs. E. H. Wescott, past regent of the Nebraska Daughters of the American Revolution, was at Nebraska City today to take part in the Arbor Day program held at Arbor Lodge and at which Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace was the principal speaker.

Mrs. Wescott was accompanied by three of the members of Isaac Sadler chapter of Omaha, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Boyle, who will assist in the representation of the D. A. R. at this notable event.

Mrs. Wescott has a very prominent part on the program, singing "The Stars and Stripes," with the accompaniment of a military band as a part of the formal program of the day.

While at Nebraska City, Mrs. Wescott presented to the D. A. R. room at Arbor Lodge a set of silver nut picks, presented by Mrs. Walter J. White of this city, to the Daughters of the American Revolution. These nut picks were at one time in the possession of George Washington, later descending to the family of Mrs. White. The picks will be placed in the collection of the D. A. R. at Arbor Lodge.

RUNAWAY GIRLS FOUND HERE

Monday afternoon Chief of Police Joe Libershal was informed that two very young girls were hitch-hiking along south Chicago avenue and were of an age that should see them in school. The chief of police with Officer Roy Stewart, drove out the avenue and located the duo near the end of the avenue. The girls were brought on back to this city and held at the city hall for questioning.

The girls gave the names of Sophia Miller, 12, 5866 South 22nd street, Omaha, and Dorothy Smith, 10, 5401 South 22nd street. The girls stated that they had "skipped" school and were intending to hike to St. Joseph, Missouri, where they had relatives. The parents of the girls were notified of their being here and later came down to return them to their homes.

Windstorm Does Damage Here Saturday

Earns and Small Buildings in Surrounding Community Blown Over by Force of Wind.

This section was visited Saturday evening by a wind storm that threatened to bring with it the much needed rain, but which failed to produce more than a sprinkle.

The windstorm swept up from the southwest and struck the city shortly after 7 o'clock, bringing in its trail damage to a large number of the small buildings at farms in this section.

North of this city the storm swept over the Kravenek farm occupied by Louis Kostka and family and there damaged all of the barns and out-buildings of the farm and reached the proportions of a small tornado in its intensity. The buildings are located on top of a hill and received the full force of the strong southwest wind.

Southwest of the city in the vicinity of Myraud there was a very heavy and twisting wind that damaged small buildings but no large amount of damage was reported in that section, although alarm was created here by a report early Saturday night that much damage had been inflicted in that community.

SHOWER FOR RECENT BRIDE

Wednesday, April 11, a delightful shower was given by Mrs. Earl Terryberry and Mrs. John Alexen at the Phillip Trisch home in honor of Mrs. Maynard Trisch, a recent bride.

The afternoon was spent in games under the direction of Miss Selma Hell and Miss Florence Shogren, and a program in charge of Miss Esther Trisch and Miss Mildred Alexen. The program was as follows: Vocal solo, Selma Hell; Piano-acordian solo, Mildred Murray; vocal solo, Mrs. John Terryberry; vocal solo, Marilynn Schaffer.

After the program, many beautiful and useful gifts were presented to the bride, who is to reside in the community and enjoyed meeting the neighbors.

At the close of the afternoon a delicious luncheon was served by the hostesses, assisted by the Misses Charlotte Mayfield, Mildred Murray, Florence Schaffer and Norene Kaffenberger.

MCCRARY CASE POSTPONED

The case of the State of Nebraska vs. P. A. McCrary, which was to have been tried on Thursday, has on the motion of the attorney for the defense been passed over the term and will be tried at the November term of the district court.

The rights of the defendant would be imperiled if the case was tried this term, was contended by the defense, the jury panel having been largely acquainted with the trial of the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Joe G. McMaken and in which Mr. McMaken was acquitted on the charge of murder on the person of Douglas McCrary, a son of the defendant in the case.

The amount of the bond had been fixed at \$1,500 at the preliminary hearing, being reduced from \$2,000, and pending the supplying of the bond the defendant has been remanded to the custody of the sheriff.

Jarvis Lancaster Named to Post with State Sheriff

Cass County Deputy Sheriff, Who Won Statewide Fame for Smearing Bank Robbery, Honored

Jarvis Lancaster, deputy sheriff of Cass county, who single handed broke up the attempted robbery of the Plattsmouth State bank in this city a month ago, was appointed on Tuesday afternoon as a member of the staff of State Sheriff Fred Benton.

Mr. Lancaster was at Lincoln Tuesday and made acceptance of the offer of State Sheriff Benton to become a member of the law enforcing staff of the state. The appointment becomes effective on May 1st and will pay a salary of \$150 a month and opportunity for a raise later.

In his service as deputy in Cass county under Sheriff Homer Sylvester, Mr. Lancaster has proven a brave and efficient officer in every way and has made a splendid record of service in the office that he has held since December, 1932.

The outstanding act of his service and which has attracted the attention of a large part of the country, was that of the stopping of the attempted daylight robbery of the Plattsmouth State bank, in which he shot and killed one of the robbers, wounded a second and the result was the capture a few moments after, two had dashed for liberty that the whole gang was safe in the county jail and the two surviving robbers now serving sentences that aggregate forty-nine years in the state penitentiary.

Mr. Lancaster when notified of the attempted stickup, rushed across the street to the bank and opening the door started firing on the robbers, killing the one nearest the door in the first exchange of shots and wounding the second in the ensuing battle, forcing the men to rush to the back of the building where they made a dash for liberty that was short lived as they were captured in a twisting garage on North 5th street by a number of armed citizens a few minutes later.

For his services in this piece of work Mr. Lancaster was warmly commended by Governor Bryan, Attorney General Good and State Sheriff Fred Benton as well as the various banking associations over the country.

When the resignation of State Sheriff Michael Endres was tendered the governor, Mr. Benton, then a deputy, was called to take the post and now has been named as the head of the law enforcing department to fill the vacancy in the staff tendered the position to Mr. Lancaster, who yesterday accepted the position.

MAY NOT APPOINT DEPUTY

Following the resignation of Deputy Sheriff Jarvis Lancaster to accept a position on the staff of the state sheriff, Sheriff Homer Sylvester will have the operation of the office alone for the present.

Mr. Lancaster resigned April 19th to be effective May 1st.

Sheriff Sylvester is considering the matter of handling the field work of the office alone for the next several months at least, providing that the county board of commissioners will allow the hiring of an office clerk that can handle the book work, prepare legal papers and such other matters that are a part of the daily routine of the office.

VISITS IN THE CITY

Attorney Russell W. Bartels of Wayne, Nebraska, was in Plattsmouth for a short time Sunday to spend a few hours visiting as the guest of Milford B. Bates, Mr. Bartels and Mr. Bates have a mutual friend at Los Angeles and through him were brought together in a very pleasant acquaintanceship.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the members of the Woman's club, also mothers of Boy Scouts who contributed so generously to the kitchen shower for the Boy Scout cabin.

MRS. W. F. EVERS.