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## PLATTSMOUTH DOCK ASSURED

**Official Announcement Made by A. K. Donovan,  
State WPA Director of Information, at  
Meeting Chamber of Commerce**

**OTHER STATE WPA DIRECTORS HERE**

**T. H. Pollock, Chairman of Missouri River Improvement  
Committee, Outlines the Project—A. A. Batson, Lloyd  
Woodard, D. P. DeBord, Mark Kerns Heard**

A. K. Donovan, director of information, today gave the long hoped-for announcement of the approval of a WPA project for construction of a dock and warehouse on the Missouri river at Plattsmouth. The information was given at the noon luncheon of the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce.

T. H. Pollock, chairman of the Missouri River Improvement committee of the C. of C., outlined the project and reviewed the history of its approval, dating back to early 1935 when application was first formulated. Other members of this committee are A. L. Tidd and E. J. Richey.

D. P. DeBord, chief engineer for the Works Progress Administration in Nebraska, made a few remarks and praised the Plattsmouth committee. A. A. Batson, assistant director of WPA in Nebraska was also introduced. Director Felton had planned to attend the meeting here, but was called away on urgent business. Lloyd A. Woodard, supervisor of operations of WPA in Nebraska, made a few statements to the chamber.

Mark Kerns of Nebraska City, project inspector, was also present at the meeting. He has been active in getting the project shaped for final approval and will carry on the construction work of the dock and road leading thereto. D. R. Thornton, head of the U. S. Engineers office in Plattsmouth showed his enthusiasm for the building of a dock at Plattsmouth in his remarks. High praise was given to Mr. Thornton for his work on the project by E. J. Richey, member of the committee. Praise was also given to Capt. Herbert Loper and his force of engineers for their co-operation.

A. L. Tidd told of the work in finally securing approval of the dock project and praised both the city and the county commissioners for their assistance.

Carl Schneider, president, called upon Searl Davis, chairman of the committee appointed to raise the last \$2,000 required to assure WPA approval through private subscription in Plattsmouth. Mr. Davis assured the workers of the backing of the city as the work progresses. Other members of the finance committee were Waldemar Soennichsen, John Sattler and E. J. Richey.

Other guests from out of town were Russell Peters, managing editor of the Omaha Bee News and Ernest Jones, representing the Omaha World-Herald.

Following the meeting, the committee with their guests drove to the river site to see the future location of the dock.

**Will Involve Large Expenditure**  
Between 65 and 75 thousand dollars will be spent in Plattsmouth. The project consists of three parts. A concrete dock 250 feet long by 56 feet wide and a warehouse on the dock 30 by 200 feet are to be constructed. The road from First street to the dock is to be graded and rock surfaced. The third part of the contract calls for the grading and rock surfacing of Lincoln Avenue from 3rd street past the shops to highway No. 75, one and a quarter miles.

While working on the river improvement project, the War department graded and paved a waterfront at the site of the future dock which is over 2000 feet long. This waterfront has an 80 foot board mattress under water. It was put in at an expense of approximately \$40,000.

**Work to Begin Immediately**  
Bids will be let immediately and it is expected that work will open with at least 100 men on the job early in June. T. H. Pollock will work with Mark Kerns of Nebraska City, project inspector. They will have offices in the Gund building on 4th and Main streets in Plattsmouth. A building is being erected near the site of the dock for offices and as a warehouse for materials and tools.

Plattsmouth will have the first dock above Kansas City. A federal barge line is now operating as far as

nearly a year ago but the amount for labor against material has changed the plans a number of times since so that final approval has just been made.

Gains to Cass county farmers through cheaper transportation has been estimated at \$150 per year per 160 acre farm. The river transportation will also mean cheaper rates for fuel and lumber supplies to Plattsmouth people.

Five acres for the dock site and 66 feet for the road have been donated by T. H. Pollock.

Members of the committee have subscribed to a clipping bureau and feel confident that new industries will find Plattsmouth a favorable location for their operations.

### Impressive Church Wedding Held at Manley

**Miss Rose Sheehan and Mr. Lynus  
Massoth Married Thursday at  
St. Patrick's Church.**

About fifty relatives and intimate friends gathered in St. Patrick's church, in Manley, Thursday, May 20th to witness the marriage of Miss Rose Sheehan and Mr. Lynus Massoth.

To the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, played by Mr. George Rau, the bride party moved up the aisle to take their positions in the sanctuary, which was beautifully decorated with spring flowers.

The ceremony, performed by the pastor, Rev. James Hennessy was followed by a brief, impressive talk after which the nuptial mass was celebrated. The music throughout the mass was simple but effective and during the offertory an Ave Marie was sung by Mr. George Rau.

The bride, attractively gowned in powder-blue with white accessories and wearing a shoulder corsage of sweetheart roses was attended by her sister, Miss Catherine Sheehan, wearing a daffodil colored gown, white accessories with a shoulder corsage of orchid sweet peas.

Mr. Massoth was attended by his brother, Mr. Charles Massoth of Geneva.

Miss Sheehan has lived in Manley all her life, has hosts of friends and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Sheehan, one of the best known and highly esteemed families in the community.

Mr. Massoth who has made many friends during his residence in Manley, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Massoth of Geneva, equally well known and respected in their community.

Following the church services a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents. Besides the close relatives the following friends were included: Rev. James Hennessy, Mr. George Rau, Mr. Ralph Weite and Mr. and Mrs. John Stander.

Immediately after the breakfast Mr. and Mrs. Massoth left for a brief wedding trip. They will be at home to their friends in Manley after June 15th where for the present they will reside.

Those attending from a distance included Mrs. John Massoth, mother of the groom, son Charles, and daughter, Dorothy, Mrs. J. A. Schropfer, aunt of the groom, Geneva, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. John C. Cook; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Meyer, Avoca; Miss Margaret Sheehan, Omaha; Mr. Edward Sheehan, Falls City.

### PROMOTIONAL EXERCISES

The eighth grade promotional exercises of the Cass county schools will be held on Saturday, May 29th at 2 p. m. at the Plattsmouth high school. State Superintendent Charles W. Taylor will be the principal speaker of the program.

### George Adam Captain Tarkio Tracksters

**Plattsmouth Young Man Selected to  
Head the Owls Track Team for  
the Season of 1937.**

George Adam, a junior at Tarkio College and a graduate of Plattsmouth high school in the class of 1933, has been elected captain of the Tarkio College track team for 1937.

George has made a letter on the Owl team for the last three years, competing in the low hurdles and the half mile relay. He has also won two letters in football at guard position, though he is one of the smallest linemen in the Missouri conference.

In addition to his competition in athletics, George has had time to sing in the tenor section of the men's glee club and on the quartet of the gospel team.

Though these activities consume a great deal of time and he must work a part of each day to help pay the expenses of his education, George has ranked in the upper fifteen per cent of his class and his name has appeared on the scholastic honor roll each year.

The honor which has come to George at the hands of his teammates is a well deserved one because he is a hard worker and a conscientious observer of training rules.

The Tarkio team finished second in the Missouri conference this year after holding the championship in 1934 and 1936. George will head a squad of 11 veterans next spring which will include two former Plattsmouth high school team-mates, Don Cotner, state champion broad-jumper and holder of the Missouri record and Stuart Porter, champion shot-putter.

### RETURNS FROM HONOLULU

Mrs. E. G. Ofe returned Tuesday evening from a three month trip to Honolulu, Hawaii. She left in February and went by way of Canada. In Honolulu Mrs. Ofe visited her sister and husband, Warrant Officer and Mrs. Berggren.

Mrs. Ofe was especially impressed by the vivid coloring of the flowers on the island. She describes the soil as being of a deep reddish brown. It is composed of volcanic ash. This coloring makes the foliage and blossoms look even more brilliant. She found the climate to remain the same all the time she visited the island. The temperature remained between 70 and 85 degrees. Mrs. Ofe stated that it rains very easily on the island—not hard rains but fine mist falls. The ocean is warmer than the air and the group went swimming at Christmas time.

More oriental people are on the island than whites. Most of the white people are connected with either the army or the navy. All kinds of religion are to be found on the island. The trip across the ocean took five days.

The return trip was made on the Moloka to Los Angeles. Mrs. Ofe spent a month visiting friends in Oceanside, Los Angeles, and San Diego, Calif. She reports that the weather was quite cool in California during her visit there and she found the weather here much warmer. Mrs. Ofe arrived at 8:05 in Omaha on the Union Pacific Challenger.

### RETURN FROM CONVENTION

Plattsmouth dentists returned from the Nebraska State Dental Society convention in Omaha Wednesday evening. They report a very fine session. 569 dentists were registered this year, which is the largest number in the past ten years. Child health and preventative dentistry were stressed throughout the convention.

### ATTEND HEARING

From Thursday's Daily—

Mayor George Lushinsky, City Attorney J. Howard Davis and Councilman John E. Schutz were at Lincoln today where they appeared before the state liquor commission. A hearing is being held before the commission today on the matter of the application of Joseph Lapidus for a license for a retail package liquor store. The application was not approved at a meeting of the city council owing to the city ordinance that recommended only two of the package stores in the city. Mr. Lapidus and counsel were also in attendance at the hearing to present their case before the commission.

### 'Mont' Robb of Union Dies After a Long Illness

**A Pioneer Resident of Northern Otoe  
and Southern Cass County Is  
Called to the Last Rest.**

W. H. M. Robb, a pioneer of northern Otoe county and southern Cass county, died Friday morning at his home at Union where he has been critically ill for the past five months. Complications was given as the cause of death.

"Mont" Robb, as he was best known, has long been an active figure in the life of Cass county and had a very wide acquaintance especially among the older residents of the county and his friends were many, he having a very genial personality that endeared him to those who had the opportunity of knowing him best.

Mr. Robb has largely lived his life in Wyoming precinct, Otoe county and in Union, altho he was for some time a resident of Plattsmouth and operated the Hotel Riley some twenty years ago.

During his lifetime Mr. Robb was very prominent in republican politics in the state and his presence was noted at all of the gatherings both state and county and he was recognized as one of the leaders in this section. He was at one time steward of the state penitentiary under Governor John H. Mickey.

Washington Hammond Montgomery Robb was born August 14, 1854, in Muncy, Pa., the son of Fleming and Ellen W. Robb. Two years later they came to Nebraska, settling in Wyoming precinct. The elder Robb added to his land holdings, became one of the most influential of the early settlers. Although he had been a tanner in Pennsylvania and followed the trade for a number of years, his ambition was to move west and acquire a home.

W. H. Robb grew to manhood in Wyoming precinct. A member of the Episcopal church, it is significant that his father established the Wyoming church and Bishop Talbot preached the first sermon in the Robb home. The family, arriving in Nebraska, crossed the river near the townsite of Old Wyoming, now a "ghost town."

W. H. M. Robb was married June 29, 1876, to Jessie M. Walbridge in Wyoming precinct. There were three children, C. August Robb, Union, and F. W. Robb, Lincoln, who survive, and Hugh M. Robb, who is dead. Other surviving relatives are Jane, John, Mary Donnelly and Elizabeth Robb, grandchildren.

Mrs. Robb died at Union on March 28, 1928. Mr. Robb was a member of the M. W. A. lodge.

### SECOND OPERATION

Charles Koke had a second operation made Wednesday for the draining of his lung. Dr. Pucelik performed the operation. Mr. Koke is reported to be slightly better today. He is now at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Virgil Arnold.

### Community Banquet Honoring Heroism of Sylvester Brothers Attended by Large Number

**More Than 150 Gather to Extend Honors to the  
Cass County Officers Who So Bravely  
Carried Out Duties of Office.**

**GIVEN BEE-NEWS SCROLLS, WINCHELL ORCHIDS**

**D. T. Ladd, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
at Chicago, Principal Speaker—Recognition Paid  
Sylvesters by Other Speakers on Program.**

Sheriff Homer Sylvester and Deputy Sheriff Cass Sylvester were the honor guests at the banquet held Thursday evening at the American Legion community building sponsored by the King Korn Klub, in which they received well deserved tribute for their capture here on the evening of April 16th, of Alfred Powers and Robert Sulhay, New York bank bandits and slayers of H. W. Baker, federal operative, earlier that same day in the postoffice at Topeka, Kansas.

The sheriff and his efficient deputy were presented with framed scrolls on which were inscribed the citation of their brave deed, the scrolls being signed by R. L. Cochran, governor of Nebraska, and J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington. The scrolls were prepared and offered as gifts from the Omaha Bee-News. Also, an orchid was presented to each of the two nationally famous brothers, as a special gift from Walter Winchell, radio commentator and newspaper columnist, who has twice mentioned the Sylvesters over the air.

The banquet was prepared by the ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary and which was very efficiently served by the younger girls and made a most delightful opening of the evening.

L. S. Devoe, superintendent of schools, presided as the master of ceremonies while the song leader was George Jaeger with E. H. Wescott at the piano.

The high school orchestra, which has so graciously aided in several of the community gatherings, gave a fine musical program during the serving. Lee Knolle being the director.

### Visitors Presented

Toastmaster Devoe took the occasion to call on a number of the visitors and Mayor O. C. Hinds, of Weeping Water gave a very witty and clever response for the delegation from that city, the largest outside group present.

Others presented and responding were Elmer Hallstrom, of Avoca, Walter Wunderlich of Nehawka, Charles Barnard of Mynard, Sheriff Beadle, of Sarpy county, County Commissioner E. B. Chapman of Union, William Boland of Omaha who extended words of congratulation to the honored guests of the evening.

Mayor George Lushinsky extended the welcome to the visitors in behalf of the city and added his voice to the community feeling of gratification for the splendid work of the Sylvester brothers and the fine example that they have given of brave and fearless officers.

State Sheriff William Flake, head of the state law enforcing department, was present as the representative of Governor R. L. Cochran, paying a fine tribute to the services of the Sylvesters which had brought honor to the record of law enforcement in Nebraska. He praised the fine spirit of co-operation that had been shown between the county and state officers in seeing that the laws were enforced properly.

Toastmaster Devoe presented Mrs. Homer Sylvester and Mrs. Cass Sylvester who received a very enthusiastic greeting as well as the daughters of Sheriff and Mrs. Sylvester who were present at the banquet. The daughters are Mrs. Olive Richardson, Avis, Mayone, Willa, Margaret and Patty Ann.

H. B. Fletcher, head of the Omaha

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