

## SHORT STORIES OF PEOPLE AND THINGS

### ITEMS OF INTEREST ABOUT RECENT HAPPENINGS IN THIS COMMUNITY

Mr and Mrs. M. H. Gilfoyl left the first of the week for Chicago. Mr. Gilfoyl will be gone about two weeks but Mrs. Gilfoyl will spend the next two months there studying the latest methods in teaching music and taking some additional work in voice.

As usual during the hot summer months, the Sunday afternoon attendance at the city library is falling off and so it was decided to close the library on Sunday afternoons during the months of July and August.

The Readers' Guide for 1919-1921 has been added recently to the reference equipment of the city library. It has an index of 112 leading magazines and records the subject and the author.

An application for a divorce from Jay E. Sanford was filed this week by Alberta Sanford of this city. They were married in the summer of 1918 and have no children. The charge is desertion and non-support.

The County commissioners are meeting this week as a board of equalization. This is not a pleasant job as the only people who call on them at this time are those who have some kick on the assessment of their property. The work will be finished this week.

Grading on the pavement work on Third Street is about completed. Excavation for curb and boxes will be next. Laying of the top coat of asphalt is progressing east on fourth street and will probably be completed this week. A delay in laying of the concrete of one block on west fourth street is caused by lack of material.

The crowds which are attracted to the community pool each evening give evidence of the interest in swimming and the need for taking care of that interest. The water in the pool is said to be as clear as that in any outdoor pool. The settling pool is working well with the constant change of water which is taking place there is no question of the purity of the pool. The many improvements which have been made give the pool an inviting appearance and supply a need.

An ordinance of the city of North Platte provides that "It shall be unlawful for any person or firm or corporation to keep for sale or cause to be sold at any time within the corporate limits of the city of North Platte any cannon cracker, dynamite cracker or fire cracker which exceeds two inches in length and one-half inch in diameter or blank cartridges or toy pistols or canes which explode

## AMERICAN LEGION TO HOLD INTERESTING SESSION THIS EVENING

Tonight the American Legion will meet at the Lloyd Opera House. It is the last meeting before the big races and will be full of interest. The drivers and mechanics have been invited and the boys will be given an opportunity to get acquainted with them. The ladies of the auxiliary have advised the officers of the Legion that they have a real treat in store for those who are present. For all Legion members.

## COUNTY AGENTS CONFER WITH STATE EXTENSION AGENTS

A conference of county agents of Western Nebraska was held here Wednesday evening and Thursday morning. Following were present: George Schroll of Morrill, R. S. Scott of Cheyenne, Chester Grau of Keith, Alvah Hecht of Dawson, John Ludden of Buffalo, W. H. Campbell of Frontier, George Kellogg of Lincoln, C. O. Sawyer of state Department of Agriculture, R. E. Holland, state leader, and Jas. Lawrence, assistant state leader both of Lincoln. A. S. Gregg attended the conference in the interests of Lincoln county farmers.

The Experimental substitution never looked better than it did Wednesday morning when the cars began to unload farmers for the Field Day. A fairly good crowd was escorted over the farm and given an idea of the work which the station is attempting. Some short talks were given.

## GIRLS EARN SECOND PRIZE FOR BEST DECORATED ROW BOAT

At the annual state camp of the Campfire girls held at Crete last week North Platte took second prize for the best decorated row boat in the water carnival. Fairmont took first. There were 560 girls in the camp, representing thirty different towns and cities. Gladys Henkel and Helen Schwaiger were awarded blue ribbons for rowing as were Marie Watts, Ada Bigham Dorothy Elder and Ellen Erickson. Marie Watts, Ada Bigham and Merle Watts received torch bearer degrees.

caps or are charged with powder or other explosives." Local dealers have been warned by the police that the law is still in force.

A standing committee of the Boy Scout council is that on Troop Organization. At recent meeting of this committee it was determined to take the new school census and make a card index of every boy in the city with his birthday month. These cards will be sorted so that each month all the boys who become of scout age during that month will be listed. If they do not turn up for enrollment in a scout troop they will be visited in their homes. In this way the committee hopes to get most of the boys into scout troops as soon as they are old enough.

## TO REBUILD HUT FOR CAMP FIRE

### CITIZENS VOLUNTEER TO REPLACE BURNED CAMPFIRE BUILDING

The Local Council of the Campfire girls has decided on Thursday, June 6 as the day for the reconstruction of the camp grounds north of the city. Howard McMichael will superintend the reconstruction. B. M. Reynolds has drawn the plans. The county commissioners have opened up the road from the north so there is a graded opening into the grounds. Mr. Wright has again consented to the lease of the land and all difficulties seem to have been removed. The new lodge is to be in the same location as the one burned out last fall but it will be planned somewhat differently. The insurance on the old building will cover the cost of the new building, if the labor is donated as it was a year ago. All men in the city who are interested in campfire and the work it is doing are urged to give the day to building the lodge. The mothers of the girls are making plans for a big dinner to be furnished free to the men who are on the job. All are asked to be on the grounds at 7:30 with tools suitable for clearing ground, building fences, carpentering. Mrs. Adda Turple is chairman of the Campfire council.

## ABOUT THE FOURTH OF JULY RACES

### ITEMS OF INTEREST ABOUT THE BIG AUTOMOBILE RACES

There will be no charge for automobiles at the race track on the Fourth unless parking space is used. Hundreds of cars can be parked on the grounds south of the grand stand but a charge of one dollar is made to those who have space about the track.

The Chamber of Commerce Band has been secured by the North Platte Chamber of Commerce for the Fourth of July and its services will be donated to the American Legion. The band will play a concert at the race track from 12 noon until 1:30 when the first race will start.

Giant Bombs will be used on the Fourth, beginning at noon to attract the attention of the people of this part of Lincoln county. The first will be set off at 12 m., the next at 12:30 the next at 1:00 and at 1:30 two bombs will announce the beginning of the races.

After the band concert on the evening of the Fourth, the American Legion will hold a dance on the new asphalt pavement on east Fourth

## ANNUAL ENUMERATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN HAS BEEN COMPLETED

Fred Elliott, census enumerator for the Board of Education has just completed the annual enumeration for 1922. He reports 1,266 boys and 1,328 girls making a total of 2,592 pupils of school age. A year ago the total was 2,553. While the present census does not show a big gain, it shows that North Platte with her shops closed and business in many lines at a standstill, is still holding her own in population.

## COMMUNITY FOURTH CELEBRATION PROGRAM GIVEN OUT

The Bignell Community Club has announced its program for the 4th of July celebration which will be held in Stevens grove. It will open with a parade at 11 o'clock, followed by the picnic dinner. In the afternoon there will be a program by the children after which C. W. Beal of Broken Bow, candidate for Congress from the Sixth District will make an address. Sports and other amusements will complete the program.

A good orchestra has been secured and the proceeds will be used for the building fund. In case of rain the dance will be held in the Lloyd Opera House.

Thousands of illustrated programs of the races will be distributed free of charge to the spectators at the races on the Fourth. The former plan of handing out a large program which was full of advertising or selling it, has been abandoned and a small booklet, neatly printed and without any advertising will be given out free.

Tom Moon sends word that he will be unable to be here for the races on the Fourth. He was practicing on a track in the west when he had an accident and his car was so badly damaged that he will not be able to get it repaired in time.

Abbott, Green, Kirchner, Boling and Preitauer are on the grounds and the others are expected today. Practice driving takes place every afternoon and evening.

The Kearney Hub says—"All roads lead to Kearney, July Fourth or present indications are extremely erroneous. Nowhere in several hundred miles with the possible exception of North Platte, will the public have the opportunity to witness more exciting speed contests than will be carded than at the fair grounds in Kearney. There is no question but that the real racing fans of Kearney will be at North Platte. The races here are not A. A. races.

## LINCOLN COUNTY TAX PROBLEMS EXPLAINED

### A SERIES OF TIMELY ARTICLES DEALING WITH COUNTY AND CITY

In our last issue we showed by quoting figures, that the amount raised by taxation for the support of the North Platte city schools for 1921 was about two and one-half times what it was two years before. The question naturally arises if North Platte schools were spending more money than that of other schools of about the same size. We have the figures compiled by the Department of Finance of the state of Nebraska. They give the amount of money raised last year in the different cities, based on each \$1,000 valuation. North Platte with a valuation of its school district of seven and one-half million dollars, raised \$20.50 on each \$1,000 of its valuation for running its schools. The four cities in Nebraska with a larger population for each \$1,000 valuation in those cities raised the following amounts:

Omaha	\$12.00
Lincoln	\$13.32
Grand Island	\$13.70
Hastings	\$14.80
North Platte	\$20.50

The four cities next less in population to North Platte show the following:

North Platte	\$20.50
Beatrice	\$14.20
Fremont	\$11.40
Norfolk	\$13.60
Kearney	\$11.42.

This table would indicate that for some reason North Platte schools raised an excessive amount of money by taxation in 1921 considered from the standpoint of assessed valuation.

## CONGRESSMAN ELLSWORTH OF MINNESOTA TO MAKE AN ADDRESS

One of the outstanding numbers on the Chautauqua program this year will be the address by Representative Ellsworth of Minnesota. He is an author, whose latest book, "The Band Wagon" deals with the tendency of people to rush into the tide of freshly created public sentiment. The title of his address is "America's Eternal Purpose." North Platte people will welcome so distinguished a citizen of this country and give him a large audience.

Miss Irma Bradley left yesterday for Paxton to visit Miss Mabel Crabb.

## BAND CONCERT

at Court House Park  
Fourth of July  
7:30 p. m.

### Chamber of Commerce Band Earl Stamp, Director.

Opening—"Star Spangled Banner" .....	Key
March—"Rotary" .....	Hahn
Patriotic Medley—"American Patrol" .....	Meacham
Popular Melody—"The Sheik" .....	Snyder
Overture—"Revelry" .....	Jewell
Fox Trot—"Gin, 'Gin 'Ginny Shore" .....	Donaldson
Valse Oriental—"Moonlight on the Nile" .....	King
Popular Air—"Angel Child" .....	Silver
"Mazaniella" from Jacinthe .....	Robyn
Popular Air—"Leave Me with a Smile" .....	Burnett
March—"Royal Australian Navy" .....	Lithgow
Serenade—"Autumn Romance" .....	King

### FOLKS YOU KNOW

Mrs. Chas. Cooper and daughter Marie of Wallace shopped in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Day of Lincoln are visiting Mr. Day's parents Mr. and Mrs. John Day.

Dr. and Mrs. Harold Fenner left yesterday for points in California to visit several weeks.

Miss Harriette Murrin left Monday for Cheyenne to visit with relatives for several days.

Austin Bedell will arrive in a few days from Omaha where he has been attending school to spend the summer here.

Misses Evangeline and Cecelia Herrod are now in Washington. They sail July 1. for Europe on the steamer Pennsylvania.

## At The Keith, Saturday, Sunday, Monday

Jessie L. Lasky presents  
Thomas Meighan

## "White and Unmarried"

A Paramount Picture

Falling heir to a fortune, he graduated from burglary into society. And met the girl whose photograph he had carried out of a second-story window.

Which started something in Paris that the Apache underworld tried to finish!

Love and devilry, dash and danger! You'll say the Good Luck Star has done it again!

Adapted from the Story, "Billy Kane, White and Unmarried" by John D. Swain.



"If I had only had the washer when the children were little!"

That's what one of our customers said to her neighbor the other day.

If this Mother had a machine when the children were young, the small washings that came between regular laundry days—rompers, bloomers, stockings, etc., could have been washed by electricity without any bother or interruption of the usual day's housework.

Mothers! If you only realized how much labor a washing machine will save you! Come in or phone 15 today for information about the well-known makes we carry, and details of our easy payment plan.

North Platte Light & Power Co.

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## A Dollar A Day!

It doesn't sound like much and you may not think it worth while to deposit so small a sum in a savings account but a dollar a day, in three short years, amounts to more than \$1000.

If you can't save more than a dollar a day, set your mark at that and stick to it. We will add interest and our Savings Department will co-operate with you helpfully.

### The Platte Valley State Bank