

# The Plattsmouth Journal.

## GRAVEL URGED FOR THE MAIN FEDERAL ROAD

### COMMITTEE OF THE GOOD ROADS BOOSTERS VISIT COMMISSIONERS ON PROJECT.

### COMMUNITY TO BACK MOVE

Citizens Will Assist In Financing the Project of Joining Otoe County's Improved Roads.

Yesterday afternoon a very decisive step was taken toward pulling this section of the Cass county highway out of the mud and extending nearer completion the hard surfacing of the federal highway that runs north and south through the county and which joins onto the extensive graveling operation of Otoe county and making the filling of another gap in the realization of the plans of the state and federal government of making the King of Trails a real highway that could be traveled on at all times of the year.

Following a good roads meeting held on Monday afternoon, the committee selected by the meeting yesterday afternoon visited the board of county commissioners to talk over the road situation and to definitely fix the plans for the extension of gravel onto the federal highway or the King of Trails route that travels south from this city to the county line southwest of Union where it joins the gravel roads already placed by Otoe county.

The committee was composed of Searl S. Davis as chairman, E. J. Richey, R. A. Bates, T. H. Pollock and Mayor John P. Sattler, and it placed the desires of the residents of this locality to the board as to what steps would be necessary to secure the graveling and what would be wished by the board in the moves necessary to secure the desired federal aid in completing the road by hard surfacing.

The meeting with the county board was very pleasing as both the committee and the commissioners were frank in their discussions of the project and in the manner in which it would be necessary to proceed.

This road, as the commissioners stated, was started six years ago and had been planned and carried out according to the plans and specifications of the state and federal departments and was graded and in shape for the graveling which was the logical next step in the improvement of the road as it had been the aim of the state and federal governments in laying out the road.

The federal aid roads will have the advantage of the assistance of funds appropriated by the state and federal governments for this purpose and in this differs from the ordinary roads and requires less effort to secure the necessary funds.

Chairman Davis gave figures which had been supplied by Otoe county as to the cost of construction of hard surfaced roads in which it was shown that in that county \$38,000, accumulated in the state aid highway funds, had furnished a part of the sum necessary and the county had appropriated \$9,000 additional to match the appropriation of the state and federal governments and also that Otoe county had maintained 100 miles of federal road at the cost of \$20,000. In that county the large sums derived from inheritance tax had assisted in the carrying out of the work.

Commissioner Gorder gave some interesting facts as to the roads in the county stating that in the check of the D. L. D. that was now graded in this county near Greenwood there was a total of 1,400 cars a day passing on the highway on the check made by the state and that on the King of Trails, the second highway, the check showed 700 a day, demonstrating the importance as a state and federal road.

As had been stated by the committee, there was no wish to force action that would in any way interfere with the plans on the maintaining and upkeep of the other roads, but the wish to have this hard surfacing started on this highway and would as the funds were available be possible on others over the county and the committee was willing to make what steps necessary to co-operate with the commissioners in getting the work begun.

The commissioners felt that as in the case of the graveling at Greenwood that a part of the cost necessary should be borne by the community in which the road operated, there should be a part of the fund raised by the citizens and to which the committee agreed and pledged the raising of the sum of \$5,000 to push on the work which will be added to by the county in the funds available for the federal road and this amount metched by the state and federal governments to gravel the seventeen miles from Plattsmouth to Union.

While at Greenwood it was necessary to gravel through the town, this will be unnecessary in the case of

the K. of T. at Plattsmouth as the city of Plattsmouth has expended \$80,000 in paving that carries the highway through the city and the amounts raised here and along the line of the highway will be devoted to the graveling of the road out of the city.

This agreement is one that brings the hard surfacing of the roads much nearer and is one in which every resident of the city and all this section of Cass county should be enthusiastic in joining and releasing the burdens of the roads that in the winter and spring are simply impassable.

Let every man, woman and child get into the line of the march of progress and see that the K. of T. highway is made one that will be a credit to the county and state and when completed will lead to the expansion of the permanent roads in other directions.

## DEATH OF MRS. ELIZABETH POLK OCCURS SUNDAY

### Former Resident of This City and a Leader in State Methodist Church Circles.

From Monday's Daily— A very early hour Sunday, Mrs. Elizabeth Polk, formerly a well known resident of Plattsmouth, passed away at a hospital in Lincoln, where she had been for the past several days. The news of her death came as a great shock to her old friend here who were unaware of her serious condition and the first intimation of her condition came in the message that she had passed on. Mrs. Polk entered the hospital Thursday and gradually grew worse until death came to still her earthly life.

Elizabeth Eikenbary was born on a farm near this city in 1878, being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Eikenbary, long prominent residents of Cass county. Her early girlhood and womanhood was spent. She attended the Plattsmouth public schools and was a graduate from the high school in the class of 1897, later taking up teaching as her profession and for a number of years was one of the faithful and helpful teachers in the schools of this community, which she followed until 1900 when she was married to C. S. Polk, prominent attorney of this city.

In her girlhood, Mrs. Polk joined with the Methodist church and was a life-long member and one of the most active workers in the affairs of the church in the entire state, at the time of her death being in charge of the office work of the Topoka branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society, covering seven of the middle-west states and through her active and vigorous labors a great deal of the success of this branch of the church activities may be ascribed. Up to her last illness, Mrs. Polk remained actively in charge of the work and it was only when failing health demanded she lay aside the duties that she had been so faithful in discharging and had been her hope that in a short time she could resume her work for the church.

The family removed from this city in 1910 to Boise, Idaho, where they resided for a few years and in 1914 returned to Lincoln where they have since resided. Nine years ago, in 1916, the family circle was broken by the death of the husband. There is left of the family the only son, Robert Polk, employed in the engineering department of the Burlington, who was at Alliance at the time his mother's death occurred, being unaware of her serious condition.

She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. May Anderson, of Geneva; Mrs. Anna Phillips, residing in South Dakota, and Miss Ella Eikenbary, of Lincoln. The funeral services will be held on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock from the St. Paul's Methodist church at Lincoln, of which she was a communicant, the services being conducted by the Rev. Walter Attkin. The burial will be at Wyuka cemetery beside Mr. Polk. The pall bearers announced by the family will be C. C. and E. H. Westcott of this city, L. F. Polk, W. L. Greenslit, H. R. Esterbrook and Grant Martin of Lincoln.

The death of this kindly lady, loved and esteemed by those who had the pleasure of knowing her, comes as a sad blow to the friends here and in his loss the son will have the deepest and most sincere sympathy of those here in the old home in his grief and sorrow. To those of her family she leaves the tender memory of a well spent life and an example of upright Christian living to brighten their way through life.

### GROUNDHOG ON THE JOB

From Monday's Daily— There was no question about the groundhog seeing his shadow today as the sun was out doing business all morning altho his hogship stood danger of freezing if he was out long and wisely the foxey weather prophet retired to his home in the midst of the earth to remain for the next six weeks until the call of the baseball umpire will call him forth.

## MORE THAN ONE CROSSING WRECK EVERY MONTH

### Autos Driven Into Burlington Trains Exceeds That Number, the Records Show.

From Tuesday's Daily— Two men, both of them experienced motor car drivers, were discussing as to whether or not there is an increase of careless driving over rail grade crossings. "At one time," said one of them, "I made a memorandum of what a railroad man on the Burlington told me, which was that in the year 1921 there were on his railroad nine instances of automobiles running into trains at grade crossings resulting in personal injuries. The statement not only surprised but shocked me."

"No wonder it shocked you," replied the other, "Why that meant nearly one case a month, that meant the whole year." With 5,000,000 more motor cars in use at the present time than in the year 1921, the number of cases of automobiles colliding with trains on the Burlington railroad is more than one case a month, in fact the period January 1 to January 13 inclusive, this year, registered twelve crossing accidents involving motor vehicles, in the thirteen day period and in six cases the automobile was driven into the side of the train.

The facts are as follows: Accidents at grade crossings on January 1 to January 13, inclusive: Total number of accidents, 12; Number of cases in which trains struck automobiles, 6; Number of cases in which automobiles struck trains, 6. In some of the cases the automobiles collided with locomotive, and in one case the automobile struck the twentieth car in the train and still another, the way car was struck and derailed.—State Journal.

## CATHOLIC YOUNG PEOPLE ORGANIZE CLUB YESTERDAY

### Organization Starts With Seventy Members and Will Hold Social Activities at K. S. Hall.

From Monday's Daily— One of the newest social organizations of the city is the Catholic Young People's club, which has been formed among the younger set in the west part of the city and which will be devoted to the helpfulness of the members and forming the basis of their social activities.

The officers of the club selected consist of the following: President—Mike Viternik, Vice President—Miss Marie Svoboda.

Secretary—Miss Antonia Vanek. Treasurer—Frank ("Abc") Kouba. The new club will hold its meeting on the first Sunday of the month at the K. S. hall and will make the occasion very pleasant social events for the membership of the club and makes a most pleasing start with some 70 members who are live wires and believe that they will have a most pleasureable as well as profit-able organization and one in which they will find a great deal of good, clean social activities.

### RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

From Tuesday's Daily— This morning George Snyder, Jr., returned home from the Clarkson hospital in Omaha, where he has been for the past several weeks recovering from the effects of an operation for appendicitis as well as a touch of pneumonia which checked his recovery to some extent. George is feeling much improved and the operation, it is thought, will give him permanent relief from his poor health of the past few months. The return of the young man has been the occasion of a great deal of pleasure to his family and host of friends.

### GIVE SHOWER FOR BRIDE

From Tuesday's Daily— The pleasant country home of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Meisinger was the scene of a most delightful gathering on Thursday afternoon in which the relatives gave a very pleasant shower on honor of Mrs. Earl Meisinger, whose wedding occurred at Council Bluffs, January 14th. The guest of honor received a large number of very pretty and worth while gifts which will be treasured as remembrances of the many relatives here in Cass county. A very dainty luncheon was served at an appropriate hour to the members of the party. Later in the evening a number of the neighbors gathered to join in the pleasant occasion and dancing was enjoyed for several hours as well as dainty refreshments that were served.

At a late hour the members of the party wended their way homeward, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Meisinger many years of happiness.

### MARRIED IN COUNCIL BLUFFS

From Monday's Daily— At Council Bluffs Saturday occurred the marriage of Miss Martha Schubeck of this city and Mr. William Carey of Omaha. The wedding was very quiet and following the ceremony the young people returned to Omaha where they are to reside in the future. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Schubeck of this city and has for the past year been making her home in Omaha where she became acquainted with Mr. Carey, their acquaintanceship culminating in the marriage. The groom is a fireman in the employ of the Union Pacific, running out of Omaha and where Mr. and Mrs. Carey will reside. They will take with them in their new home the well wishes of the host of friends here in this city.

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THIS CITY HOLD INITIATION

### Class is Received Into Local Court of the Order Yesterday Afternoon In This City.

From Monday's Daily— The M. W. A. hall was the scene of a very impressive initiation on Sunday. The Catholic Daughters of America, Our Lady of Loretta Court, No. 709, welcomed into their court new members. This was the first degree work performed by the Plattsmouth team who were ably assisted by the Misses Helen Gagnon and Lucy Hoy of Falls City. There were many visitors from out of town courts who enthusiastically praised the orderly manner in which the ceremonies were conducted and the perfection of details.

The new members received were: Mesdames Edna Tye, Anna Peterson, Anna Egenberger, Pauline Reichstadt, Mattie Egenberger and the Misses Janet Bajeck, Helen Kriesky, Elizabeth, Bergman and Esther Ann Healey.

Following the initiation, came the installation of officers, conducted by Mr. Arthur F. Mullen, grand regent of the C. D. of A., the officers thus installed being: Mrs. P. J. Flynn, grand regent; Miss Mae Murphy, vice regent; Miss Kathleenarcy, prophetess; Miss Mildred Schlatter, monitor; Miss Eleanor Hilber, treasurer; Miss Genevieve Whalen, financial secretary; Miss Anna Rys, historian; Miss Teresa Hempel, lecturer; Mrs. R. G. Reed, organist; Miss Jennette Weber, singer; Mrs. Robert Cyril Kalina and Joe Libershal, trustees.

At the close of the installation ceremonies came the banquet which was prepared and served by a committee under the supervision of Miss Minnie Guthmann. The tables and the hall itself were profusely decorated in the court colors, purple and gold, the candles of purple and gold in the crystal chandeliers giving a finishing touch to the already beautiful tables. Grace was intoned by Father Hancock and between 60 and 70 partook of the following delicious menu:

- Grapo Ice
- Olives Radishes
- Pile of Beef
- Riced Potatoes Gravy
- Perfection Salad
- Rolls and Conserve
- Tutti Fruiti Ice Cream
- Cake Coffee

After the bodily food came the program which furnished pabulum for the mind. The toastmistress, Mrs. P. J. Flynn, presided and charmed all with her ease and Irish wit.

The first number was a xylophone solo by Anton Bajeck, Mrs. R. G. Reed, accompanist, which was highly enjoyed by all. Mr. Bajeck responded to two encores. Father M. A. Shine next gave an inspiring address to the Catholic Daughters, emphasizing the good this order could do by keeping posted on the questions of the day and by co-operating with all the agencies working for the good of mankind. Damian Flynn was at his best vocally and rendered "My Rosary" and as an encore, "All Alone."

Mrs. A. F. Mullen, noted for her pleasing personality, gave a most interesting address. Mrs. R. G. Reed rendered a piano solo "On the Keys," in her most artistic manner. Thus closed a memorable and highly enjoyable afternoon.

Mrs. Arthur F. Mullen, Mrs. Mary Hincney, Mrs. W. L. Conboy, Miss Catherine Maher, Miss Francis Ryan, Miss Catherine Coogan, of Omaha, and Misses Helen Gagnon and Lucy Hoy of Falls City were among the out of town guests present.

### UNDERGOES OPERATION

Yesterday morning Dr. P. J. Flynn was operated on at the St. Catherine's hospital in Omaha and came through the operation in fine shape and was doing just as well as could possibly be expected last evening when Mrs. Flynn returned from the hospital and the attending surgeons were well pleased with the result of the operation and with the present conditions the patient should soon be able to be on the mend.

## GOLF CLUB RENEWS LEASE ON GROUNDS

### Will Also Endeavor to Secure Additional Land For Making Long Faraways West of Course.

From Tuesday's Daily— While the groundhog has retired to his hole for the next six weeks and all indications point to several more weeks of cold weather, the spirit of the golfer has risen above any of the small handicaps of the weather and the preparations for making 1925 a real season at the Plattsmouth golf course is going on apace.

The Plattsmouth golf club has signed their lease of the present course from Luke L. Wiles and will use this splendid tract for the golfers the present season. In addition to the course now in use the committee on grounds is arranging to try and secure the leasing of some land west of the present course which can be used for several long faraways that are so much desired by the experts of the club.

The committee that was appointed to look over the desirable locations with a view of purchasing has been ready to make a report on the matter to the board of directors. President Holmes of the Golf club will have a meeting of the directors in the near future, he states.

While discussing the golf course, it may be of interest to the "bugs" to know that Clay Rosenkrans is taking advantage of his fellow members and practicing strokes at the barber shop and getting limbered up as well as training his eye so that the first good day he will be able to be out and start the season officially.

## ONE TIME RESIDENT HERE NOW DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN N. Y.

### Emory Buckner, Son of the Rev. J. V. D. Buckner, Former M. E. Pastor Here, is Named.

From Monday's Daily— The most important district attorneyship in the federal courts of the United States is that of New York City, and it is of the greatest interest to the residents of this section of Nebraska that this position which has been held by Col. William Hayward, one time resident of Nebraska City, is to be filled by a former resident of Plattsmouth.

The new district attorney of New York is Emory Buckner, who as a youth was a resident of this city and will be remembered well by the men and women who were school associates of his at the time that he lived here and attend the city schools of Plattsmouth.

Mr. Buckner is a son of Rev. J. V. D. Buckner, who was at that time pastor of the local Methodist church and later removed to Aurora where for many years he held a pastorate and finally was tried for his radical and unorthodox opinions. Disagreement with the established rules and teachings of the church to which he had given a more modern interpretation and for which he was taken from the pastorate to the great indignation of his friends in the church.

The predecessor of Mr. Buckner, Col. Hayward, is also a member of one of the most distinguished Nebraska families as his father, the late Judge M. L. Hayward, was long a great figure in the life of the state and was elected as U. S. senator some 25 years ago but died before taking his seat. Col. Hayward was county judge of Otoe county and also republican candidate for congress in the first district before he decided to remove to the east and after locating in New York has had a very notable career and was one of the leading figures in the World war as the leader of troops on the western front in France.

### POWER GETS CHEAPER

In a survey of the electric power industry it is pointed out that it has doubled itself every five years. Electric power is one of the few things that is cheaper than it was before the war. In September, 1924, the Department of Labor stated that the average cost of electricity was 8.6 per cent less than in 1923—being the only element in the family budget which failed to show an increase. In 1924 the amount of electricity generated was 54 billion kilowatt hours, it is expected to reach 100 billion by 1930.

### HOLD ENJOYABLE DANCE

From Monday's Daily— In response to a large number of requests from the dancing public, the Gravoille orchestra last Saturday evening entertained at the second moonlight dance of the season. The hall was filled from early in the evening until the midnight hour with the joyous party of dancers and a royal time was appreciated by all those attending.

The orchestra gave a program of late and popular numbers and which was much enjoyed by all of the dancers. The shaded lights and the moon rays cast by the large spot light, served to give a pleasing setting to the event. In the award of the prize for the best fox trot, Miss Julia Janca was given first prize by the judges. The general prize offered was secured by Frank Smith.

## MRS. MARGARET O'ROURK PASSES AWAY IN OMAHA

### Former Well Known Plattsmouth Lady Passed Away at St. Joseph Hospital Last Night.

From Tuesday's Daily— Last night at 9:45 at the St. Joseph hospital in Omaha occurred the death of Mrs. Margaret O'Rourke, aged 66, who was a resident of Plattsmouth for a great many years and who will be remembered here by the older residents of the community.

The deceased lady was formerly Miss Margaret Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Campbell, who came here at an early day and were for years among the best known and highly respected residents of this city. Miss Campbell and Maurice O'Rourke were married and spent several years here where Mr. O'Rourke was engaged in the tailoring business.

In the last years the family have resided in Omaha and the husband passed away there some fourteen years ago. Since the death of Mr. O'Rourke, the wife and daughter, Mrs. Margaret, have continued to make their home in Omaha.

The deceased lady was an aunt of Robert, Thomas and Miss Mary Margaret Walling of this city and Leonard Walling, of Falls City, and also Mrs. Thomas Walling, Sr.

The funeral services will be held at the St. John's Catholic church in Omaha Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock and the body will be brought here at 2:12 Wednesday afternoon and the funeral cortege will go direct to the Catholic cemetery where the interment will be made beside the body of her husband.

### ED GOBELMAN SICK

From Tuesday's Daily— For the past several days, Edward Gobelman, who is the manager of the South Park grocery store of A. G. Bach, has been under the weather as the result of illness that has been threatening him for some time and is still unable to look after the work at the store and during his illness, Robert Egan is handling the affairs at the store. Mr. Gobelman has been threatened with appendicitis but as yet his case has not been fully determined and his friends are hoping that it may not prove so serious.

## SOENNICHSEN STORE TO ADD DEPARTMENTS

### East Room of the Big Three Front Store to House Ladies' Ready-to-Wear and Millinery.

From Tuesday's Daily— The H. M. Soennichsen company department store, the largest establishment of its kind in the county, is to have a further improvement made in the next few weeks in the east room of their building which is now being arranged to be used to house a fine up-to-the-minute ladies' ready-to-wear and millinery department.

While the firm has carried these lines in connection with the other lines in the big store, they are now planning an enlargement that will give them the facilities for a larger and more up-to-date line in the garments for ladies as well as the millinery.

Miss Mathilde Soennichsen, one of the buyers of the firm, is spending this week at Chicago, where she will visit the large wholesale houses and select the stock that will be placed in the new room as soon as it is suitably arranged. Miss Soennichsen will secure while at Chicago some of the best lines that can be secured in the popular as well as more exclusive lines of ladies' garments and which she will bring here for the big opening. The millinery houses will also be visited and the dainty and attractive models of the spring season will be brought here for the benefit of the Plattsmouth and Cass county ladies.

This will be a pleasing addition to the business section of the city and add to the completeness of this fine modern store.

## DAY OF GRACE FOR THE AUTO DRIVERS ENDS

### Open Season Declared On Drivers and Owners Without 1925 Auto Licenses.

While the law states that the first day of January of each year the auto licenses expire and it is necessary to see that the old flivver or truck is equipped with new license, the authorities of the county generally, in the largeness of their hearts, extend the time limit a few weeks to give the auto owner time to get in and secure the new plates.

The day of grace, fixed for the 1st of February, has now expired and the officers of the law are now given instructions to see that all those who operate the cars or trucks without the necessary 1925 licenses are hauled in and made to fork over buccop dollars to satisfy the irate demands of outraged Justice.

Those who have not secured their licenses would do well to call at the classic county building where Mike Tritsch hands out the auto licenses and secure their necessary license to operate a motor vehicle on the public highway.

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