

The Plattsmouth Journal.

ENGINEERS HERE TO SUPERVISE BRIDGE BUILDING

Work On King of Trails Bridge Will Probably Begin This Week, Engineers State.

From Monday's Daily.— State Engineer Cochran, with Geo. E. Johnson, president of the Economy Bridge Co., of Lincoln, which has the contract for the construction of the new King of Trails bridge, planned to be built the coming summer over the Platte river north of this city, were here yesterday looking over the situation and making the plans for the commencement of the work that it is hoped to have started this week.

Mr. Cochran has been interested in the construction of the bridge, as it is stated to be constructed along the lines approved by the state department of public works under the stipulation made that the bridge will be later purchased by the state and two counties of Cass and Sarpy, and the state engineer will inspect the plans and arrangements for the bridge to see that they are strictly up to the required specifications.

Mr. Johnson, whose company is to have charge of the work of erecting the bridge, was here to finally complete the final preliminary details and was joined here by Charles Ogle, engineer of construction, who will remain here in active charge of the work now until the bridge is turned over by the contractors to the stockholders of the bridge company.

The engineer is expecting the grading gang here this week to start the construction of the grade and fill on the north approach to the new bridge and have it in readiness when the active work of bridge construction starts. The fill will be of rock and black dirt and the top of the fill will be of gravel that will make a hard surface approach to the bridge.

The pile driving outfit will be here as soon as possible and be ready to start in on the driving as soon as the steel reaches here, as it is planned to have the steel construction follow closely the pile driving and as fast as the piles are placed the steel girders will be in position to work and in this way it is expected that a great deal of time will be saved in getting the bridge structure up and give plenty of time for pouring the concrete floor of the bridge and have it all set by the date of opening of the structure in operation. The work to be turned over to the company that is having it constructed.

The engineers will push the construction work and if necessary to get the bridge in readiness it is stated that day and night shifts will be operated at the structure in order to push the work through by the completion day.

The officers of the company and the construction company will employ as much local labor as possible in constructing the bridge and already a very large number of applications for positions have been received at the local offices of the new bridge company.

Mr. Ogle, the engineer in charge of the work here, is also looking after a graveling project for the state and Sarpy county that contemplates the graveling of the highway from South Omaha to La Platte.

YOUNG MEN JAGGED

From Monday's Daily.— Saturday evening Sheriff E. P. Stewart was called to the Platte river auto and wagon bridge by a message announcing that a trio of young men were there suffering very much from their over indulgence in the wild and unrestrained juice of the Nebraska cornfields, which has grown so popular in these Volsteadian days. When the sheriff arrived at the scene he found that the reports were not enlarged at all and that all three of the young men were in varying stages of intoxication, one medium tanked, one hanging onto the ropes and the third in that state where he was unable to tell whether he was here or in his native heath of Nebraska City where the trio claimed to make their home.

The men had driven up to the bridge but in their condition Joe Thompson, the toll keeper, was afraid to trust them to journey over the bridge for fear that they would injure themselves or wreck some other car that might come onto the bridge and he ordered them to back their car along the roadside. This they did after much difficulty and awaited there the coming of the law.

Sheriff Stewart brought the trio on into this city and they had complaint filed against them by County Attorney W. G. Kieck, charging them with being intoxicated. The men gave the names of Glen Straw, Claude Evans and John Goldsberry. After hearing the evidence, Judge Dunsbury gave them a job of \$25 and costs and in failure to pay this amount they were turned over to Sheriff Stewart to enjoy their pork chops and coffee at the county jail until the wrath of indignant justice is appeased.

Dennison Easter novelties, crepe paper and napkins, favors and decorations for Easter at the Bates Book and Gift Shop.

VERDICT FOR PLAINTIFF

From Monday's Daily.— The last jury case of the March term of the district court was closed Saturday afternoon when the case of the Capital Insurance Co. vs. Lester Scattergood was argued and submitted to the jury. The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$222.82.

This case is one appealed from the county court, and in an action in which the plaintiff company insured an auto belonging to Lloyd Wolcott of Weeping Water and which was damaged in a collision with a truck belonging to the defendant Scattergood. The plaintiff claimed damages in the sum of \$347.82, while the defendant claimed responsibility for the accident and claimed counter damages in the sum of \$75 for damage to his truck.

FORMER PLATTS-MOUTH STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY

Number of Former Graduates Here Are Taking Active Part in University Work.

From Tuesday's Daily.— There are several of the former Plattsmouth high school graduates who are attending the University of Nebraska who have acquired a very distinct place in the school activities and on the athletic field that they are filling most acceptably.

The College of Business Administration of the University of Nebraska is to send out in the spring vacation period seven of their students over the eastern portion of the state to gather data that will be used in the preparation of bulletins on the management of business houses based on the observations and deductions of the student research workers. In the number that will visit this portion of the state, W. Dean Douglas of this city has been assigned as one of the students to visit Falls City.

In the athletic field there are several from here who have secured a very fine standing at the university, among whom is Vern Hendricks, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hendricks, of near Murray, who, in the recent track team try-outs, was the first in the 330-yard dash, making a record of five and a half minutes. Vern is a graduate of the local high school.

Frank Gradoville, also an old grad of Plattsmouth high school, is to be one of the varsity baseball squad that will start on the spring playing trip through the south where they have games with Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas. Frank will play at short, in which position he has often appeared on the local diamond and his work here may be accepted as the guarantee that he will make a real player for Nebraska.

DEATH OF LITTLE CHILD

From Tuesday's Daily.— Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Rhoden, who reside on the William Wetenskap farm, two miles west of Myland, were called upon yesterday to part with one of their twin children who were born on February 7th. The little child has been poorly for some time and several days ago was taken to Omaha for treatment but which was without avail and the little son was called by death yesterday morning. The other child, a little girl, is doing very nicely and not showing any sickness.

The funeral services will be held at the late home this afternoon and the interment will be made at Oak Hill cemetery west of this city. In their loss, Mr. and Mrs. Rhoden will have the deep sympathy of the host of friends over the community in the taking away of the little one who for so short a time has been a part of the family circle.

DEATH OF OLD RESIDENT

From Monday's Daily.— Following an illness of some months duration, Mrs. Mary Worden, an old resident of this city, died Saturday night at the Douglas county hospital in Omaha where for several weeks she has been undergoing treatment.

Mrs. Worden has made Plattsmouth her home since the middle eighties, coming here from Sioux City, where the family had resided. Several years ago this unfortunate woman was taken ill and has been a charge of the county since that time, gradually growing more feeble and infirm until it was found necessary to have her taken to the hospital to be cared for.

AGED MAN POORLY

Claus Boetel, Sr., who has been quite poorly the past few weeks, is said to be up and around the home of his son, Claus Boetel, Jr., is still feeling poorly and suffers a great deal of pain that prevents him taking up his former activities and has for some time had him bedfast.

MASONS HOLD PAST MASTERS MEET MONDAY

PLATTSMOUTH LODGE NO. 6, A. F. & A. M., ENJOYS INTERESTING SESSION.

HISTORY OF LOCAL LODGE

Given By Hon. Francis E. White, Grand Secretary—Judge Jas. T. Begley Speaks.

From Tuesday's Daily.— Last evening, Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., held its first observance of Past Masters' night, an occasion set aside to honor those who have in the past presided over the destinies of the fraternity in this city since the first organization of Masonry in Plattsmouth in 1857.

There were some 150 of the members present including a number of visitors from Omaha and out in the county to enjoy the occasion with Plattsmouth lodge and to participate in the fine banquet and the excellent program that had been arranged by the committee in charge.

The session of the lodge was presided over by Luke L. Wiles, master of the lodge, and many entertaining features were given by the members along the line of honor to the past masters. The quartet, composed of Harley and Clifford Cecil, John E. Prady and Frank A. Clodt, also gave several numbers in the lodge session that added to the enjoyment of the occasion.

During the evening the members of the lodge joined in the splendid repast that had been arranged by the committee in charge and which offered a real treat to the members of the fraternity that they will long remember. The menu was as follows: Sliced Pineapple an Gratin

Roast Pork, Apple Sauce
Mashed Potatoes, Brown Gravy
Creamed Peas and Carrots
Pickles
Rolls
Pie a la mode
Coffee
Cigars

The toast list was presided over by Past Master W. A. Robertson in his usual pleasing manner, who introduced the various speakers of the evening.

The invocation was offered by Rev. H. G. McClusky and following which the members joined in the singing of "America," which was a most inspiring opening for the evening program.

William G. Kieck, county attorney and a past master of Springfield lodge No. 112, gave a very pleasing reading on the craft that was a most enjoyable feature of the evening.

The Masonic quartet, composed of Frank A. Clodt, Raymond C. Cook, Harry G. McClusky and Lynn O. Mahr, gave several numbers during the program that were inspiring and gave a most pleasing effect to the general program.

William Baird, past master of Lancaster lodge, No. 19, of Lincoln, was called upon and responded to the toast, "Past Masters," in his usual effective manner. The members of the banquet party gave one of the songs that is most typical of the fraternity, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," which proceeded with all of the most interesting addresses of the evening.

Judge James T. Begley, who is a very close student of Masonic history, gave a very able address on "Masonic History," covering the earliest data on the order in the first dawning of time down to the present day and was one of the clearest and most concise histories of the order that has ever been the pleasure of the local lodge to enjoy.

Francis E. White, secretary of the grand lodge of Nebraska, A. F. & A. M., and also a past master of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, gave a short history of the local lodge and Masonry in Cass county, dating from 1857, when on call of the members of the fraternity among the pioneers, the first steps were taken for the formation of a Masonic lodge which was organized and started giving the teachings of Masonry here in the year 1858. This address was very fine and especially enjoyed by the younger members who received it as a real lesson in local Masonry.

Past Grand Master Lewis E. Smith of Omaha was also called upon for a few remarks and expressed his pleasure of being present at the gathering and to mingle with the Plattsmouth Masons.

Following the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," the benediction was offered by the Rev. Frank Emory Fontz, which brought to a close one of the greatest gatherings in the history of Plattsmouth Masonry.

The list of the past masters of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6 and the years of their service is as follows: E. A. Demelan, 1858; J. W. Marshall, 1859; Wheeler H. Wheeler, 1860; '61, '62, '71; E. C. Adams, 1863; E. T. Duke, 1864, '65, '66; R. R. Livingston, 1867, '68, '73; J. Valery, Jr., 1869, '70, '72; Francis E.

White, 1874, '75, '76, '77, '78, '79; J. Finley Johnson, 1880, '81; V. V. Leonard, 1882, '83, '84, '85, '90, '91, '92, '93, '94, 1903, '04; J. G. Riches, 1885, '87, '89; Henry J. Phelps, 1895, '96, '97, '98, '99; Adam Kurtz, 1900; Michael Archer, 1901, '02; William L. Pickett, 1905, '06, '07; Oliver C. Dovey, 1908, '09, '10, '11, '14, '15, '16; William A. Robertson, 1912; George W. Thomas, 1913; William J. Straight, 1917; Nelson Jean, 1918; John McLean, 1919; William F. Evers, 1920; James T. Begley, 1921; Leon L. McCarty, 1922; Leslie W. Niel, 1923.

Among the visitors from out of the city to enjoy the occasion were: Lewis E. Wiles, Lewis E. Smith, Rev. Luther H. Kuhns, John B. Lichtenwallner, Brothers McOrnick and Bostwick of Omaha; G. W. McCracken; W. G. Boedeker, Ed S. Tutt, G. I. Lloyd, Anderson Lloyd, Vearl Smith, Murray; Elmer Hallstrom, Daniel S. Samson of Avoca; C. D. St. John, of Nehawka.

STEVE BIDDICK RECEIVES SENTENCE TODAY

Under the Indeterminate Sentence Law, Receives From One to Three Years in Penitentiary.

From Monday's Daily.— This morning in the district court, Judge James T. Begley heard the motion of the attorney for the defense, Charles E. Martin, for a new trial in the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Steve Biddick, who was convicted here several days ago of arson, in connection with the burning of a lumber shed at the Burlington shops.

The court after hearing the argument by Mr. Martin and the reply of the state by County Attorney W. G. Kieck, overruled the motion for the new trial and pronounced sentence on Mr. Biddick, under the indeterminate sentence law the court pronounced the judgment of the court to be that Mr. Biddick should be confined in the state penitentiary at Lincoln for a period of from one to three years.

PLATTSMOUTH WINS COMMERCIAL MEET

Receives First, Second and Third Prizes in Penmanship, Third and Fourth in Spelling.

From Monday's Daily.— The Plattsmouth city schools won a very pleasing triumph in the high school and college commercial contests held at Auburn the past week which reflects the greatest credit upon the students of this city as well as the instructors of the various subjects.

In the penmanship contest, Plattsmouth carried off the first, second and third prizes, Louise Rummel being first; Martha Gorder, second, and Alice Wooster, third.

In the spelling contest, Plattsmouth carried off the third and fourth prizes, Henry Wooster and Helen Sharp being the winners.

In these classes the winners will take part in the state commercial contest that will be made up of all of the different districts of the state.

The winners in the typewriting and shorthand contests have not as yet been announced by the judges.

In the contests there were a number of the leading schools of the state participating, Omaha Central, Peru Prep, Nebraska City, Falls City, Humboldt, Ashland, College View, Syracuse and Auburn were contesting with the Plattsmouth schools, and in view of this fine array of rival schools the work of the Plattsmouth schools stands out in fine shape.

The penmanship contestants were under the direction of Miss Marie Kaufmann, city supervisor of penmanship of the Plattsmouth schools, and Miss Isabel Hartley had charge of the commercial department of the city schools.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS ENJOY BREAKFAST

From Monday's Daily.— Yesterday morning the members of the local court of the Catholic Daughters of America were most pleasantly entertained at the residence of the Ursuline Sisters. The members of the court had a most delightful time in the enjoyment of the repast following the religious services held at the St. John's church nearby and spent several hours very pleasantly with the members of the sisterhood of the church who are conducting the church school in this city and the event was one that all of the members will long pleasantly.

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FIRST DISTRICT CONVENTION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

MEETINGS OPENED LAST EVENING AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH.

SPLENDID PROGRAM IS GIVEN

Rev. A. A. Brooks of Lincoln and Dr. George E. Condra of the State University are Speakers.

This city has the pleasure of entertaining the ladies of the first district section of the Nebraska Federation of Women's clubs which is meeting in convention this week and a very large number of delegates were registered at the convention hall, the auditorium of the First Methodist church yesterday afternoon and last evening.

The committees of the Plattsmouth club who are the hostesses of the convention were on the job early and every detail that might tend to the pleasure and comfort of the visitors was carefully attended to as the members arrived here to take up their tasks of the convention activities. The reception committee met each arriving train and extended a greeting to the delegates and provided for their care and comfort while in the city.

The first meeting of the convention was last evening at 7:30 at the church and was called to order by Mrs. E. C. Yont, of Brock, district president, and with the rap of the gavel the twenty-second annual convention was starting on its interesting three-day session.

The members of the gathering enjoyed a period of song at the opening of the meeting that was a pleasing and happy opening of the routine of work.

Rev. Frank Emory Fontz, pastor of the First Methodist church, offered the invocation.

The delegates were given a hearty welcome to this city by Pearl S. Davis in his usual happy manner, for the city of Plattsmouth, and by Mrs. P. J. Flynn, president of the Plattsmouth club, on behalf of the ladies of this city and which gave the visitors a most hearty greeting and welcome to Plattsmouth.

The response to the address of welcome was given by Mrs. J. A. Daugherty, of Pawnee City, secretary of the district convention, in a very clever manner, this talented lady singing a few appropriate verses of response to the welcome.

In the musical program of the evening, Miss Helen Westcott and Edgar Westcott gave a selection on the marimba that was much enjoyed and the high school orchestra also furnished several numbers that were much appreciated by all of the members of the convention and the audience.

The state superintendent of the Women's clubs, Mrs. Paul C. Perryman, was then introduced and gave a brief address that was much enjoyed by all of the large sized audience. Rev. Arthur A. Brooks of Lincoln, one of the ablest pulpits orators of the state, was then introduced and for forty-five minutes gave the convention a very interesting address on "The Responsibility of Dad in the Home," which was to the point and covered most interestingly the duties and responsibilities of the parent in the home and in the training of the members of the family.

The convention also had a real treat at the close of the evening program in the illustrated lecture, "Nebraska, the Beautiful," given by Dr. George E. Condra of the University of Nebraska, in which Dr. Condra showed his moving pictures of the many places of beauty over this great commonwealth, with these offering an interesting lecture concerning the state and its resources.

The scenes were beautiful and to the members of the convention and their friends was a treat in showing the points of natural beauty and historical lore that lie within the confines of this great state.

After the adjournment of the convention the ladies were served dainty and delicious refreshments in the parlors of the church which furnished a social feature much enjoyed. There is also located in the parlors of the church a wonderful art exhibit in charge of Mrs. A. G. Dr. George E. Condra has been visited by a very large number of Plattsmouth people and is well worth the time of viewing as it contains some very handsome specimens of art work which has been gathered for the purpose of exhibiting.

DEATH OF MRS. LOUISE KOUBEK LAST SATURDAY

Well Known Resident of West Part Of City Dies After a Brief Illness From the Flu.

From Monday's Daily.— Saturday evening, Mrs. Louise Koubek, who has for the past forty years made her home in this city, passed away at the family residence in the west part of the city after a very brief illness. Mrs. Koubek was taken with cold and flu the first of last week but her condition was not thought to be serious until Thursday when she became worse and Saturday evening was called from the scene of her earthly activity.

The deceased lady was born in Bohemia sixty-eight years ago, coming to Plattsmouth in the year 1884 and has since resided here in this community. She was married here to James Stenek, who preceded her in death thirty-three years ago. To this union there were born four children, three of whom are still living: Joseph Stenek of Havelock; Emil Stenek of Sedalia, Missouri; and Mrs. Mary Raucek of Meadowville, Minnesota, one child dying in infancy.

Mrs. Stenek was married twenty-two years ago to Anton Koubek, Sr., and to them was born one son, Frank J. Koubek, who with the husband and father survives her death. Mrs. Koubek is also survived by two stepsons, Adolph and Anton Koubek, Jr., both residing in this city.

Since childhood, Mrs. Koubek has been a faithful and devout member of the Roman Catholic church and during her years here has been a member of the Holy Rosary congregation.

The deceased lady was quiet and unassuming in her daily life, devoting her time to home and family, earning a warm friendship among those who were fortunate enough to be friendly among her circle of friends.

The funeral services of the deceased lady will be held on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock from the Holy Rosary Catholic church at 16th and Pearl street and the interment will be at the Catholic cemetery west of this city.

CLEANUP CAMPAIGN ON

From Tuesday's Daily.— The residents of the city are now busily engaged in looking after the annual cleanup of their places in preparation for the growing season of the year. The yards and lawns are being raked and cleaned up and all over the hills of the city in the evening can be seen the bonfires where the dried grass and rubbish is being burnt and cleaned up for the spring season. The gardens are being spaded or plowed up and everyone who has a home outside of the business district is talking and planning for the garden season. This is the time of year when the residents of the outlying district have their less fortunate neighbor who dwells in the apartment houses and in the business section of the city.

Joe Stenek departed this morning for Omaha where he will meet his sister, Mrs. Mary Racek, who is coming from her home in Minnesota to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Anton Koubek, Sr.

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RECEIVES WORD OF DEATH

Jack Pearce left Sunday for Chicago upon receipt of a telegram informing him of the fatal injury of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Petts of that place, who were struck while in their auto by an electric train near Maywood, a Chicago suburb, Sunday. Mrs. Petts is a sister of Mr. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. Petts were on their way to place flowers on the grave of their twelve-year-old girl who died a year ago Sunday.

Douglas Pearce, a nephew of the couple, also received word here Sunday of the tragedy. Mr. Petts had been employed by the Carson Pirie Scott company of Chicago for the past twenty years. He and Mrs. Petts were known to many in Lincoln as they had often visited here.—State Journal.

The Pearce family were long time residents of this city and the members of the Petts family are well known to a large number of the older residents of this city, who regret very much to learn of the tragedy that has again visited the family.

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