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## Merrie Christmas



### Fire Destroys Country School House Tuesday

Building in District No. 80, Better Known as the "Philpot School" is Burned to the Ground.

From Wednesday's Daily—  
The frame one story school building in district No. 80, better known as the Philpot school and situated southwest of Murray, was entirely destroyed yesterday morning by a fire, the origin of which has not been entirely placed.

The fire occurred at 10 o'clock and at the time that the school was in session but all of the members were able to leave the building in an orderly manner and without anyone being injured in the least in the destruction of the house of learning.

When first discovered the fire and smoke was issuing from the roof of the building it is stated, and from this it is the supposition that the fire originated in some manner in that portion of the building but the exact cause was not determined by the members of the school board.

The members of the board of education of the district, F. M. Massie, Ed Murphy and Wilson Gilmore, are arranging means of carrying on the school work in the period that will elapse before a new school building can be arranged and made ready for the pupils to attend. While it has not been definitely decided upon it has been suggested that the pupils that have been attending the destroyed school be divided into districts No. 15 and 21, which is closest to their homes for the period of school before a new building can be erected.

The destroyed school was taught by Miss Pearl Spangler of Weeping Water and was attended by between twenty-six and thirty pupils and it is one of the best and active rural districts of the county.

In the past summer the school board had a new furnace placed in the school building and which was damaged in the burning of the structure.

### MRS. OZBUN POORLY

From Wednesday's Daily—  
The reports received here by the relatives state that Mrs. Elvira Ozburn, aged mother of Mrs. M. S. Briggs who has been very seriously ill at her home at Milton, Iowa, for the past three weeks, is not showing as favorable a condition as she has in the last few days and her affliction with her heart attacks makes her case very critical and has caused a great deal of apprehension to the members of the family as her advanced age of 83 years makes the treatment of her case one of the greatest difficulties. Mrs. Ozburn has been a frequent visitor in this city and her many friends here regret very much to learn of the unfavorable turn that she has taken as it was hoped in the last week that she was showing progress toward complete recovery.

### RECEIVES UNPLEASANT NEWS

From Monday's Daily—  
Saturday afternoon Harry Leosis of the Royal Cafe received a message from Omaha of the serious illness of his brother, John Leosis, who has for some time been suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism and which has led to complications that makes his case quite serious and causing more or less apprehension to the attending physicians and the members of the family. Mr. Leosis was at Omaha a few hours Saturday evening looking after the care of his brother.

### UNDERGOING TREATMENT

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Mrs. J. N. Elliot of this city has been at the Methodist hospital in Omaha for the past few days, taking treatment as she has been in very poor health for some time past and her condition has grown such that it was thought necessary to have her receive treatment at the hospital. Mr. Elliot was at Omaha yesterday to spend a few hours with the wife and reports that she is doing very nicely but will have to remain there for some little time.

### WILL BE HOME CHRISTMAS

From Wednesday's Daily—  
The many friends of William Wynn, one of the old and highly respected residents of this community, will be delighted to learn that Mr. Wynn who has been at the Methodist hospital in Omaha for the past several weeks, has now so far progressed toward recovery that he is able to be up and around and expects to arrive home Thursday afternoon and be able to spend the Christmas season at home with his relatives. Mr. Wynn has experienced a great deal of relief from the operation that he has just recently undergone and which is thought will result in his complete restoration to health and permit him taking up his former activities.

### Stores of City Will Close All Day Christmas

Stores Will Close for the Day—Meat Markets to Open During the Forenoon.

From Wednesday's Daily—  
The Plattsmouth Ad club members as well as the other merchants of the city are planning to close their stores on Friday for the entire day for the proper observance of the Christmas season, with the exception of the meat markets of the city that will remain open in the forenoon for the accommodation of their patrons on the holiday.

The business men as well as their employees are anxious to enjoy the fullest possible opportunity of spending Christmas at their own firesides and with their families and for this reason they will declare the holiday for the entire day and enjoy it to the utmost.

Those who have not as yet completed their Christmas buying should get busy as the time is now so short before Christmas that the hours can be counted and will afford but little time for the belated shopper and accordingly they should get busy at once with their purchases if they are to get under the wire as there will be no chance of shopping on Christmas day.

The Journal joins the other business interests of the city in the closing for the day and there will be no edition of the paper printed on Friday as the employees will be enjoying the glad yuletide season to the utmost.

### GIVE FAREWELL FOR FRIEND

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Last evening the members of Fontenelle chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held a very delightful meeting at the pleasant home of Mrs. George B. Mann on Vine street and which was quite largely attended by the membership of the chapter and a number of guests. Mrs. Edna Shannon, Mrs. Evie Spier and Miss Gertrude Morgan, who were invited to be present and enjoy the occasion.

After the regular business of the chapter, the evening was devoted to social pastimes in honor of Miss Eleanor Burnie, one of the members of the local chapter who is soon to leave this city to make her home in New England. Miss Burnie has been an active and loyal member of the D. A. R. and her departure brings a sense of real loss to the members of the organization.

### COMPLIMENT OUR ROADS

From Monday's Daily—  
That the highways through Cass county are excellent and in marked difference to their condition in the past is the report that the tourists give, states Joe Wooster, toll keeper at the King of Trails bridge. Mr. Wooster in conversation with the travelers have found that they are uniformly pleased with the condition of the roads and that they state that the highways are some of the best that they have found on their travels over the country. This is very pleasing to the good roads boosters and show that the hard surfacing and care of the roads go a long way toward making them passible in the winter season.

### Death Calls Former Resident of This City

Mrs. Florence Baird Jones Passes at Hospital in Hebron Yesterday Afternoon.

From Tuesday's Daily—  
It was with the most profound sorrow that the message was received here last evening announcing the death of Mrs. F. A. Jones, of Ruskin, Nebraska, the passing of this well loved lady occurring shortly after the birth of her two little daughters, that had come to gladden for a brief space of time her life until the mother was called to the last long rest.

The deceased lady was in her childhood and girlhood, a resident of this city and one of the most popular and well loved ladies in this community. Her splendid personality made her a host of warm friends who are today bowed by the sense of grief that her untimely death has brought. She was active in the work of the First Presbyterian church of which her father was for many years the well loved pastor and her influence and service in the young people's work of the church was always a great force in the church.

Florence Beatrice Baird was born in Plattsmouth, March 12, 1888, the youngest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John T. Baird. In this city she grew to womanhood and was educated in the local schools, graduating from the Plattsmouth high school and later from Bellevue college. Following her school work she was engaged in teaching for a few years and on November 23, 1910 was married at the family home here to Mr. F. A. Jones.

After her marriage Mrs. Jones removed from the city and has made her home for the greater part of the time at Ruskin, Nebraska. She passed away at the hospital at Hebron, Nebraska, Monday afternoon at 12:30 following the birth of the two little daughters. While yet a new bride but minutes old the footsteps of the mother was set in the paths that lead to the life beyond the veil.

Mrs. Jones is survived by the mother, Mrs. J. T. Baird of this city, the father having preceded her in death several years ago, one brother, W. N. Baird, of Salida, Colorado, three sisters, Mrs. George L. Farley and Misses Caroline and Estelle Baird of this city.

There will be a short funeral service held at Ruskin on Wednesday afternoon and the body will then be brought to this city where the funeral will be held at the Baird home on Marble street at 2:00, Thursday afternoon and the interment made at Oak hill cemetery.

In the death of this splendid woman just at the full flush of life's greatest realization, the grief stricken husband, the tiny ones bereft of a mother's love, the aged mother and sorrowing brother and sisters will have the deep and lasting sympathy of the host of old friends in this community.

While her voice is stilled and only in the shrine of the hearts of her loved ones will live her image, the splendid life, the sweet and Christian character of this splendid lady will serve as an inspiration to all who know her and to her family there will be the promise of the meeting in another day when the scales shall have fallen from the mortal eyes and they shall behold in the glorious undying day their loved one awaiting their coming.

### MAIL IS HEAVY

From Tuesday's Daily—  
The mail in the past week has grown to enormous size in the local postoffice and the biggest season in the history of the postoffice is looked for as the volume of mail that passed through the local office is constantly growing. The task of Henry Sanders, mail carrier between the Burlington and the Missouri Pacific stations and the local postoffice, is one that keeps him on the go almost all of the time as there are carloads of the mail handled here each day going to all of the different sections of the country and the transfers between the Burlington and the Missouri Pacific lines is also a record breaker and taxes the work of the mail carrier to the utmost.

While the Christmas season is to the great majority of the people a time of relaxation and pleasure the part played by the mail clerks and postal employees is hard work and lots of it, in order that the rest of the people may enjoy pleasures untold.

### CHRISTMAS AT LIBRARY

The public library is carrying out the Christmas spirit in its festive decorations, the reading room departments are beautifully decorated with pines and cedar while the juvenile department has a Christmas tree, the gift of Mr. Bruce Rosencrans.

### Job Printing at Journal Office.

### TWIN GIRLS ARRIVE

From Monday's Daily—

A message was received here Saturday by Mrs. J. T. Baird announcing the arrival of twin daughters, born to Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Jones of Ruskin, Nebraska, at the hospital at Hebron, Nebraska, on Friday afternoon. Mrs. Jones was formerly Miss Florence Baird of this city. Mrs. George L. Farley and Miss Carrie Baird departed Saturday for Hebron to visit with Mrs. Jones and their two little nieces. This is the second set of twin girls to call Mrs. Baird grandmother as the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Farley are also her grandchildren.

### Sues Railroad for an Alleged Grain Shortage

Philip G. Leipert Is Plaintiff in Action Against Burlington for \$244.50 Damages.

From Wednesday's Daily—

There has been filed in the county court an action in which Philip G. Leipert is the plaintiff and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad company is the defendant and which seeks a recovery from the railroad company \$244.50 which is alleged to be due the plaintiff for reason of shortage in a car of grain shipped over the defendant railroad.

The petition as filed by Attorney D. O. Dwyer for the plaintiff states that on January 24, 1925 the plaintiff, Philip G. Leipert delivered to the defendant railroad company at Plattsmouth 122,340 pounds of wheat consigned to the Omaha Elevator Co. for sale. It is claimed by the plaintiff that when the grain was delivered at Omaha there was a shortage of 7,870 pounds of the wheat and which is claimed is in excess of the usual shrinkage of grain in shipment. The amount of loss suffered by the plaintiff is estimated at \$244.50.

### SECURES RESTRAINING ORDER

From Tuesday's Daily—

This morning in the district court was thrust out the hearing where in the Frank F. Buttery sought an injunction against the City of Plattsmouth, to prevent the city from levying assessment of taxes for paving against the property of the plaintiff on west Elm street.

The paving district created by the city and known as district No. 36, it is claimed failed to include in the advertised ordinance the property of the plaintiff and accordingly he is asking that the city be restrained from making the levy for the taxes against the property for the work that has been done.

The answer of the defendant city was offered in court and after some argument on the part of City Attorney J. A. Capwell for the city and W. A. Robertson attorney for the plaintiff, the court granted a temporary restraining order until the case can be heard on its merits by the court and the matter definitely disposed of.

### TRAINS OF BURLINGTON IN HOLIDAY ATTIRE

From Tuesday's Daily—

With clusters of pine cones caught with bright red ribbon fastened to window shades in all the dining cars, and with colorful wreaths hung in the windows on the club, observation, and lounging cars of all its trains, the Burlington railroad has entered enthusiastically into the spirit of the Christmas season.

From Chicago by the lake to the snow-covered Rockies, and from St. Louis to far-away Montana, the Burlington's trains will be gay with Yuletide garlands.

Under directions from passenger traffic manager P. S. Eustis all dining car patrons will be greeted with special holiday menus of a Christmas souvenir type, and on Christmas eve and Christmas day all diners will be presented with a handsome seasonal greeting.

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### Highway Commissioner Will Reside Here

E. H. Douglass, Commissioner for Cass, Sarpy and Part of Saunders County to Reside Here

From Tuesday's Daily—  
With the taking over of the task of maintaining the state and federal aid highways in the state by the state department of public works comes the division of the state into districts so that the work can be handled with dispatch and efficiency and in that arrangement Cass, Sarpy and a portion of Saunders counties have been placed in a district.

The headquarters of the new district will be at Plattsmouth and in this city, E. H. Douglass, new highway commissioner for the district will make his home and from here direct the activities of the road work that will cover a large number of important projects.

Mr. Douglass is one of the well known civil engineers of the state and has been for several years connected with the state department of public works in several of their large undertakings. He is a gentleman well qualified in every way for the work that has been placed in his hands and with his experience he will give the state a great service.

The new engineer will find a hearty welcome to this city and will find that he has been fortunate in locating in one of the finest little cities of the state and located on one of the great highway systems of the nation.

### GIVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

From Tuesday's Daily—

Last evening the Modern Woodman hall was the scene of a very pleasant social event when the members of the M. D. A. entertained their families at a delightful Christmas party.

The business session of the M. D. A. was disposed of in speedy manner and the occasion then turned over to Mrs. William Woodcock of the program committee who had charge of the delightful evening that followed.

The program opened by a solo dance by Little Miss Amy Elliot, the accompaniment being played by Miss Rachael Baldwin.

The feature of the evening was the pageant, "Christmas at Bethlehem" and in which some thirty of the little folks participated, giving a very beautiful and colorful story of the Nativity that was impressive and brought to the minds of the auditors the beautiful message of the Christmas season. For the pageant Miss Dorothy Brink played the piano accompaniment while Miss Patricia Flynn gave a very beautiful violin accompaniment.

Little Miss Mable Vincent was also offered in a pleasing solo dance that showed the greatest skill on the part of the young lady and was very pleasantly received.

The young people of the party were delighted with the candy, nuts and dainties that had been provided by the M. D. A. and which were presented by a group of the children dressed as angels to the assembled party of little folks.

The enjoyable evening was concluded with an old fashioned dance that proved a real treat to all of the members of the party.

### ASKS FOR MAINTENANCE

From Wednesday's Daily—

A suit for separate maintenance has been filed in the office of the clerk of the district court by Attorney J. A. Capwell, as representing Mrs. Orris E. Ferrel, plaintiff, vs. Thomas R. Ferrel.

The petition of the plaintiff states that the parties in the action were married at Sidney, Iowa, January 13, 1897, and that by reason of cruel actions of the defendant, the plaintiff has been forced to make her home with relatives and friends and asks that the court make order for the payment of a suitable sum for separate maintenance of the plaintiff and one minor child.

The plaintiff in the action is a resident of Sidney, Iowa, while the defendant is named in the petition as a resident of Cass county.

### Complete line of Christmas and Thanksgiving cards at the Bates Book and Stationery Store.

### Christmas Program at Presbyterian Church

Christmas Service Will Be Held at 7:30 at the Church—Fine Program Arranged.

From Wednesday's Daily—  
At the Presbyterian church on Thursday evening at 7:45 a Christmas service will be given arranged in three parts. Part 1, will consist of a variety of numbers given by the children of the Beginners and Primary Lepts. of the Sunday school.

Part 2 will be "The Old, Old Story," portrayed in shadow pictures and will be as follows:

Antiphony  
"I Love to Tell the Story".....Solo  
St. Matthew, St. Luke, St. Mark, St. John.  
"Tell Me the Old, Old Story".....Women from Japan, China, India, American Indian, Mexican Youth.

The Story in Prophecy.  
The Message from Isaiah.....Solo  
"Draw Nigh, Draw Nigh, Immanuel".....Soprano Solo.  
The Prologue of St. John.....Solo  
The Time of the Story.....Solo  
"It Came upon the Midnight Clear".....Carol.

The Story Portrayed in Pictures  
St. Luke Begins the Story.....Solo  
THE NATIVITY  
"Silent Night".....Quartet  
"Away in a Manger".....Carol  
THE SHEPHERDS  
"The First Noel".....Solo  
"The Angel Messengers".....Solo  
"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night".....Tenor Solo  
THE HEAVENLY HOSTS  
"Hark the Herald Angels Sing".....Carol

BETHLEHEM IN JUDEA  
THE SHEPHERDS ADORATION  
"O Little Town of Bethlehem".....Quartet  
"Christmas Morn".....Quartet  
St. Matthew Continues the Story.....Solo  
St. John Concludes the Story.....Solo

THE WISE MEN  
"From the Eastern Mountains".....Solo, Bratton with Choir  
ADORATION OF THE WISE MEN  
"Ask With Gladness Men of Old".....Solo  
The Story Summarized.....Solo

Part 3 will be a visit from Santa Claus with gifts for the children. Everyone is invited to be with us.

### MRS. SATTLER RETURNING

From Tuesday's Daily—

Christmas is going to be much more happier than usual this year at the home of Mayor John P. Sattler and this occasion is the fact that Mrs. Sattler is to return home tomorrow from the hospital at Omaha where she has been for the past several weeks. Mrs. Sattler has come through her operation in fine shape and her condition has proved so fine that she will be permitted to return home and observe the happy Christmas day with her family in this city. The operation and the course of treatments it is thought will give Mrs. Sattler a complete restoration to her former good health and permit her again enjoying her usual activities.

### OLD FASHIONED DANCE PLEASURES

From Monday's Daily—

There was a very pleasing crowd present on Saturday evening to enjoy the old fashioned dance that was held there and those who have a taste for the measures of the stately and graceful dances of the past years were given their full enjoyment of these dances. The dance proved so popular that others of a similar nature will be held in the near future and the Gradoville Classique will furnish the music for the round dances while the old time music will tickle the toes for the square dances of ye olden times.

Use ALL of our SERVICE

Dressy Money for Gifts!

If you give any presents of cash at Christmas time you want the bills to be bright and fresh and crisp—"all dressed up for the occasion," as it were.

We have a supply of brand new currency on hand. Just drop in and tell us what you want.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK  
THE BANK WHERE YOU FEEL AT HOME  
PLATTSMOUTH NEBRASKA