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## Form Body to Boost Missouri River Bridges

John Hopkins of Omaha Selected as President—Eight Bridges Over the River Proposed.

From Thursday's Daily— Yesterday afternoon at the city hall at Omaha was formed the Nebraska Interstate Bridge association, which has as its purpose the pushing of a large and definite bridge program for the spanning of the Missouri river at a number of points convenient for travel.

There was a large attendance and practically every community that has been feeling the necessity of the proper bridge facilities was in attendance at the meeting. These being estimated at 100 delegates present and very well representing various localities and while the larger part of the delegates were from Nebraska there were many from Iowa and Missouri present.

The meeting was called by the Cass County Bridge and Highway association and from this county came the plans for the general bridge program.

The Plattsmouth delegation was composed of Judge James T. Begley, Searl S. Davis, A. J. Tritley, F. I. Rea, L. O. Minor, W. S. Soennichsen, L. D. Hlatt, E. A. Fricke and George K. Petring.

City Commissioner John Hopkins was elected president of the association. Vice-presidents named were: Judge James T. Begley, Plattsmouth; E. E. James, Falls City; Thomas Osterman, Blair; Ben Evans, Decatur; George Williams, Albion. Oliver Stevenson of Nebraska City was elected secretary and George Timlin of Hubbard, treasurer. These form the executive committee.

Eight Bridges Sought. By this plan each of the eight locations along the river that asks for a bridge is represented. These are: Nebraska City, Plattsmouth, Omaha, Blair, Decatur, South Sioux City and Niobrara. Mr. Williams represents the Niobrara interests.

Each speaker emphasized the need of avoiding the subject of locations now for harmony. A small levy of some kind set apart for bridge construction, with locations under state authority, seemed generally favored.

"Fifty representatives go to the legislature from the river counties and tributary territory," said Judge Begley, who added there should be no difficulty in convincing lawmakers of the need of a bridge program and of sounding the doom of the toll bridge in Nebraska with its special privileges.

Among the speakers were Allen Burke of Bancroft, speaker of the Nebraska house of representatives; Ward Evans and R. J. Andrews of Sioux City, members of the Iowa bridge commission; Roy Cochran, state engineer of Nebraska; Arthur Bowring of Merriman, president of the Nebraska Good Roads association; John L. Kennedy, chairman of the Greater Omaha committee; L. R. Bagby of Craig, Mo.; John R. Hughes of Gretna; E. E. James of Falls City; F. G. Olner of Onawa, Ia., and John Hopkins of Omaha.

Boosts Good Roads. J. A. Gardner, editor of the Eagle Beacon, president of the Cass County Highway and Bridge association, which was responsible for calling the meeting, presided during the greater part of the afternoon. Searl S. Davis of Plattsmouth was temporary secretary.

Ward Evans of Sioux City said Iowa spent 12 million dollars a year on good roads. He quoted Fred R. White, state engineer of Iowa, in favor of setting apart 4 per cent of the 40 million dollars for bridges, which with an equal amount of federal aid would build a bridge a year.

Cost of these structures had been greatly over-estimated by enemies of the project he said. One at Sioux City would not cost more than 600 thousand dollars exclusive of approaches, he indicated.

He asked what the feeling would be if a wall were built between Nebraska and Kansas and a few private companies given the right to extort toll for crossing.

Must Be Statewide Action. "Yet," he said, "such a barrier exists between Iowa and Nebraska with only three toll bridges along the entire 200 miles of drive."

Whatever action is taken must be statewide, Mr. Evans declared. Speaker Burke advocated a modest program with reason behind it. It will meet legislative approval if not out of proportion to the road program, he thought.

Arthur Bowring, head of the state good roads organization emphasized the differences between size of road funds in Iowa and Nebraska.

With only 65 per cent of the Nebraska roads brought to standard grade he said, "I would rather see a toll bridge and a road to it than a free bridge and no road leading up to it."

## Says Nebraska Lags. He mentioned the slow program of South Dakota, which built bridges successfully with a small property tax.

State Engineer Cochran said Nebraska has five and one-half million dollars annually to spend on maintenance and construction as against 10 million dollars in the Iowa primary road fund and only three and one-half million dollars for construction. By reason of this, the state July 1927, will be two million dollars behind in matching federal aid for roads.

Any bridge program setting aside funds for this purpose would make it possible to use federal aid without delaying the road program.

Interstate bridges will require an amendment of the present law, he added, if federal aid is used.

Plattsmouth Example. He said the toll bridge at Plattsmouth, built by state aid, is returning one hundred dollars a day and soon will be paid for, enabling the state to make it a free bridge, as was done with the bridge at Louisville.

John Hopkins said Omaha will help other localities and asks help of other localities. Today, he said we can't determine how these bridges will be financed, but he thought Omaha would build a bridge anyway.

On Mr. Hopkins' motion a committee on permanent organization was appointed as follows: John C. Mullen, Falls City; Oliver Stevenson, Nebraska City; J. T. Begley, Plattsmouth; John Hopkins, Omaha; Thomas Osterman, Blair; Ben Evans, Decatur; George Timlin, Hubbard; H. Pieper, Albion.

The committee recommended the officers who were elected by acclamation.

A. J. Weaver of Falls City and Stewart Gillman, mayor of Sioux City, sent a telegram from Chicago boosting the project, while on the way to Washington to urge river navigation.

John L. Kennedy declared lack of free bridges between the states a definite loss to each commonwealth.

"This section must exert itself as did the pioneers and if it does not exert itself, it will never get into the game," Mr. Kennedy said.

He said he would like to see no injustice done to private owners, and suggested an amendment to the federal law permitting federal aid be used in buying bridges already built.

PRESENT FINE PLAYLET From Thursday's Daily— Last evening the First Methodist church was the scene of a very pleasant social gathering, the occasion being the presentation of the play, "Monica" by the young people of the church under the auspices of the Young Women's Auxiliary.

The play was based on the missionary work of the church in Mexico and was well given by the members of the cast taking part and was most interesting to the large number in attendance. The cast of the play consisted of Miss Esther Delzell, Mrs. Fred Kissling, Mrs. Hallie Perry, Miss Clarice Parker, Earl Babbitt, Irving Wiltse, Marie Sperry, Joe Buttery, Mildred Fleming, Marjorie Ann, Mary Ellen Byers, Jean Hayes and Virginia James.

The work of the members of the cast was most pleasing and the efforts of the missionary department of the church was presented to the audience by all those attending.

Mrs. Ed Roman and Mrs. E. G. Shallenberger gave a very charming duet while in the intermission Harvey Johnson, violin and E. H. Westcott, organist, gave several very beautiful selections that were very much enjoyed by all of the members of the large crowd.

MYNARD STUDY CLUB MEETS From Friday's Daily— Yesterday afternoon the ladies of the Mynard Study club were very pleasantly entertained at the beautiful country home of Mrs. E. H. Spangler on the K. of T. highway just south of this city. The event was attended by a very pleasing number of the ladies of the club and the greatest of interest was shown in the proceedings of the meeting.

Mrs. Della Wooders assisted in the entertaining and with Mrs. Spangler proved royal hostesses of the happy event.

The business session was one of interest and Mrs. C. C. Barnard, leader of the session had a number of most interesting papers prepared on "The Business Side of Housekeeping," and several most interesting papers were prepared and read by various ladies in attendance at the interesting meeting.

After the close of the regular business a short social session was held that afforded many pleasing diversions to the ladies.

## 'Gloomy Gus' to be Here for Convention

Popular KFAB Radio Announcer and Legionnaire Gives Committee Assurance of Coming.

From Thursday's Daily— Gayle Grubb, more familiarly known as "Gloomy Gus," chief radio announcer from Station KFAB, at Lincoln, prominent capital city Legionnaire, composer and musician, is expected to be among the distinguished guests at the district Legion convention here next Thursday, May 20th.

Mr. Grubb, who announced from KFAB, Shenandoah, last night, informed the committee by long distance telephone that he had every expectation of attending the Plattsmouth meeting.

Mr. Grubb is composer of both the words and music of the new state Legion song, "We're from Nee-brass-kae," which will be first introduced for spontaneous group singing at the convention here and is expected to lead the gang in singing it lustily at the evening business session of the convention. The words (which appear below) are being published in the official convention program, so that "he who reads may sing."

Mr. Grubb's personality and ability has made him much sought for conventions, banquets, etc., but bringing a Legionnaire himself, he has arranged to take advantage of KFAB's silent night next week by coming to Plattsmouth and participate in the fun of the convention. During the past month he has been called to speak to numerous civic organizations over the state and his presence here should prove a real drawing card.

A total of fifteen other distinguished guests who will be here includes Department Commander Kinder, Department Adjutant Conklin, National Executive Committee Sam Reynolds, Past Commanders Earl Cline, Bill Ritchie and Chas. Taylor, former Adjutant O'Connell, Gen. Mat Tinley, Council Bluffs, Rainbow division officer, District Executive Committee men, Harry Ball and Lloyd Peterson; Lt. Col. Douglas, secretary to State Aid commission; John Kilmartin, state boxing commissioner, and R. A. Kirkpatrick, historian of Omaha post No. 1.

Distinguished guest badges bearing their names are being mailed to all these officers, as well as similar badges for each of the twenty-six post commanders and twenty-six adjutants of posts in the district. Individual post members will wear a like button (bearing the words, "Plattsmouth—A Friendly City") but minus the special ribbon decoration.

Following are the words of the chorus to "Gloomy Gus" new song: CHORUS We have oats and sheep and shoats, 'Cause we're from Nee-brass-kae. We have wheat, the steers you eat, 'Cause we're from Nee-brass-kae. We have barley, rye and corn! Too bad Volstead ever was born. We have cheese and bumble-bees— 'Cause we're from Nee-brass-kae.

EAGLES ELECT OFFICERS From Friday's Daily— Last evening the members of Plattsmouth aerle No. 365 Fraternal Order of Eagles held their regular monthly meeting and also the election of officers for the ensuing year at their rooms in the Coates Block.

There was a very pleasing number of the members present and the following officers of the order were selected: Worthy President—A. R. Johnson. Worthy Vice-President—Clarence Favors. Worthy Chaplain—Thomas Woods. Treasurer—James Rebat. Secretary—Arthur Blunt. Trustee—P. A. McCrary. Inner Guard—Max Pfizmeier.

The aerle also selected as the delegates to the state aerle to be held at York June 20th to 2nd, Fred H. Vincent and Arthur Blunt, and who will represent very ably the interests of the local Eagles.

The newly elected officers will be installed at the meeting of the aerle here on the second Thursday in June.

ANOTHER ASSESSOR IN From Thursday's Daily— This morning the second assessor of the county to make his returns was registered at the court house, this being Edward Doran, the assessor of Tipton precinct, and who came over from Eagle with the official returns on all of the taxable property of that precinct. Mr. Doran was a close second in his returns to B. F. Dill of South Bend, and both assessors have been very active in getting their work completed and returns made so that they can now take up their activities and feel that they have served their county excellently in the capacity of official tax gatherers.

SCHOOL SUPPLY HEADQUARTERS—Bates Book and Stationery Store.

Business forms of all kinds printed at the Journal office.

## PLATTSMOUTH PEOPLE ENTERTAIN ROTARIANS

From Thursday's Daily— Yesterday at the noonday luncheon and meeting of the Nebraska City Rotary club, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Westcott and Frank A. Clodt of this city were the chief entertainers at a very pleasing program of songs and instrumental music that made a very deep impression on the members of the Nebraska City civic organization and the talented musicians were forced to respond to a number of encores, so enthusiastic was the reception given them by their audience.

Mrs. Westcott and Mr. Clodt gave several vocal solos as well as a duet and Mr. Westcott served as the accompanist as well as being heard in a few piano numbers during the course of the program.

The May meeting of the Rotary club was in charge of Dr. D. D. Professional Woman's club held a very interesting meeting in their club rooms. The society had with them as guests, three members of the business and professional club of Omaha as well as guests from this city. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in the re-election of the officers who organized this club last December, viz: President, Marie E. Kaufmann, vice-president, Mathilda Soennichsen, secretary, Freda Klingner, Chairman of committees: membership, Mrs. Ghrist; finance, Minnie Klingner; publicity, Freda Klingner; education, Anna E. Leach; personal research, Mrs. Golds. Beal; program Mrs. Martha Bates; health and recreation, Gerda Peterson; employment, Marie E. Kaufmann; legislature and social, to be appointed. After a short business meeting the visitors, Miss Elizabeth Van Sant, house chairman, Miss Behrens, vice-president, and Miss Kirby, secretary, gave our club a cordial invitation to spend a week and with them at Camp Brewster, the national convention at Des Moines was also a subject of discussion. Miss Soennichsen surprised the club with a dainty lunch and the evening closed with music and social intercourse.

## Business and Professional Woman's Club

Very Interesting Session Held and Local Ladies Invited to Camp Brewster for Visit.

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ENJOY FINE MEETING From Thursday's Daily— The Christian church ladies aid met yesterday afternoon at the parlors of the church for one of their always pleasing sessions and a very great interest was manifested by the members of the society who were very largely in attendance.

The hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. Oliver Hudson, Mrs. Hal Garnett and Mrs. John Craig and these ladies proved themselves royal entertainers in every way.

A short program was given during the afternoon consisting of a reading by Miss Madge Garnett, a piano solo given by Mrs. Helen Upp in her usual finished manner and a very charming vocal selection by Mrs. George Nelson that served to make the time pass very delightfully.

On this enjoyable event the ladies had as their guests two of the former well known ladies of this city who had been strong and able workers in the church, Mrs. Jess Cahoon and Mrs. A. J. Connors, both of Omaha, and who came down to renew acquaintance of the friends for the day.

RECEIVES SAD NEWS From Friday's Daily— Mrs. S. H. Shoemaker departed yesterday for Ottumwa, Iowa, where she was called by a message announcing the death of her brother, Edward Knipe, who had passed away at the home in the Iowa city. The funeral services were held at Ottumwa on Thursday afternoon and the body was taken this morning to Chariton, where it was consigned to the last long rest. The death will bring a great regret among the many friends of Mrs. Shoemaker and the acquaintances of the deceased gentleman as he has been a frequent visitor here and was well known to a large number of the residents of the city. Mr. Knipe was fifty years of age and leaves to mourn his death the wife and one child.

CARD OF THANKS We wish to express to our many kind friends and neighbors our deep and lasting appreciation of their many words of sympathy and assistance to us in the hour of our bereavement at the death of our beloved son and brother and for the beautiful floral remembrances at the funeral.—Frank Svoboda and Family, Louis Kostka and Family.

## What About the Gravel Program for This Section

Louisville, Cedar Creek, Mynard and Rock Bluff Roads Are in Need of Surfacing This Year.

Now that the short summer is over and winter is again "mit us," the question comes up, What is Going to Be Done Regarding Graveling and Surfacing the Highways in This Locality?

There are four main highways in this section of Cass county that should be gravelled and surfaced, the Louisville, Cedar Creek, Mynard and Rock Bluff roads and the only way in the world that they will be placed in the proper shape for travel is for the residents of the various localities to get out and start the ball rolling to place their highways in the proper condition for all season travel.

The dwellers along the King of This highway have found the vast difference that comes from the surfacing of the highways in the past winter season and will find out more of the advantages in the wet season of the late spring and early summer.

The four highways named above will all have to be county and precinct projects and their improvement will make this section of the county one of the most valuable in the state as it brings into the closest touch with the world the best farming land of Nebraska, with an all season highway that will permit the residents in the vicinity of the roads getting to and from their places with convenience and comfort, instead of wrecking their cars or trucks trying to pull through the mud and slush in the winter and wet seasons of the year.

The cost of securing these roads in Plattsmouth and Eight Mile Grove precincts will be repaid many times over in the increased value of the farming lands and the comfort that they will bring to the residents of the territory adjacent to these roads.

The residents of Louisville precinct who recently became tired of being in the mud the greater part of the winter and spring season, are realizing the advantages of the good roads that they have placed in their section of the county and there is no reason in the world that the good people of Plattsmouth and Eight Mile Grove precincts remain chained to the old dirt and mud roads when the cost is so very small compared to the great advantages that may be possible.

In the Louisville precinct gravel the amount needed was secured by a bond issue that will soon be retired and without indicating any friendliness on the residents of the precinct, while in the case of the Elmwood gravel it is provided for in a small levy made in the annual precinct tax that will care for the proposition and giving the good roads to the residents there at a figure that they will hardly notice and which will give them the means of traveling in comfort.

In this day of the rapid means of transportation that has been given in the autos and trucks there is a most pressing need of good roads in order that the fullest advantage of the modern means of travel can be realized. The farmer can with good roads get his produce on the market with speed and dispatch and secure the advantages of the best market prices and the farm home with autos and good roads is kept constantly in touch with the world and their neighbors and making the farm home one of the finest in the land with all the comforts and conveniences of a city home without any of the disagreeable features.

The residents of this portion of Cass county should get busy and see that the Plattsmouth precinct and Eight Mile Grove highways are made the best in the county by being gravelled and surfaced this season and assuring comfort for travel at all seasons of the year. It will be purely a precinct proposition and must be originated in the localities that will be benefited so the progressive residents of these localities should get busy at once.

DRAWS A SMALL FINE From Thursday's Daily— Yesterday Police Judge William Weber was called upon to hear the complaint filed by the police against a young man named Walter Gouchenour, charging him with having driven a motor vehicle along the streets of the city at a rate greater than that prescribed by the city ordinances and for which it was asked that he be given a fine that would be appropriate to the offence. The young man was taken in custody by Officers Libershal and Jackson on Tuesday evening. On hearing the facts in the case Judge Weber decided that the law had been fractured to the extent of \$5.00 and costs amounting to \$8.50 and which was accordingly assessed against the young man and settled for to the satisfaction of the court.

## WILL CONTEST ON

From Friday's Daily— This morning County Judge A. H. Duxbury was hearing another will contest, this case being in the estate of Mrs. Eliza Clark, deceased of Weeping Water. The probate of the will of the deceased lady was being opposed by a number of the children and heirs of the deceased lady and a large number from Weeping Water and Union were in attendance at the hearing. The estate was represented by Attorney C. E. Tefft of Weeping Water, while the contestants were represented by Attorneys A. L. Tidd and C. E. Martin of this city and Charles L. Graves of Union.

Among those here to attend the hearing were Mrs. Vesta Clark of Union, Mrs. Fred Bourne and Mrs. Phiney of Auburn, Fred Clark and wife, Wes Clark and wife of Union and Will Clark of Weeping Water.

## Receives Fine for Possession of Liquor Today

George Stoll, Residing on North Sixth Street Has Place Raided by Sheriff Last Night.

Last evening Sheriff E. P. Stewart and Deputy Sheriff W. C. Schaus made a raid at the home of George Stoll, residing on North 6th street and as the result of their visit discovered some thirty-seven bottles of beer that were confiscated and brought in by the officers and the owner of the house placed under arrest.

This morning in the county court before Judge A. H. Duxbury a charge of possession of intoxicating liquor was filed against Mr. Stoll and after hearing the evidence in the case the judge decided that he would assess a fine of \$100 and costs against the man.

The amount demanded was paid and the man released from custody and the matter closed.

## FAREWELL FOR FRIENDS

From Thursday's Daily— Last evening Mrs. J. S. Livingston entertained very delightfully in honor of Mrs. George E. DeWolf, who is to leave the city in the near future for Creston, Iowa, where she is to make her future home and Miss Dora Fricke who is leaving for a summer tour in Europe.

The event was a 6 o'clock bridge tea and was one that was enjoyed to the fullest extent by the friends who were present and who had been favored with the opportunity of meeting with their friends who are soon to leave.

In the playing Miss Barbara Gerding was awarded the first prize while Mrs. Edna Shannon was awarded the second prize and Mrs. E. J. Richey the consolation prize. There were guest prizes bestowed on the ladies in whose honor the pleasant event had been arranged.

In entertaining and serving Mrs. Livingston was assisted by Miss Mable White.

## School supplies at the Bates Book Store.

## Mt. Zion Commandery Holds Its Installation

Most Eminent James M. Robertson, Grand Commander of Nebraska Knights Templar Installs.

From Friday's Daily— Last evening Mt. Zion commandery No. 5, Knights Templar of this city held their regular installation of officers at the lodge rooms in the Masonic temple and the meeting was one of the largest that has been held in a number of weeks and filled with the greatest enthusiasm to make the year 1926 another record breaker in progress for the local commandery that has been one of the leaders in the work of the Templars of Nebraska.

The installing officer was Very Eminent Sir James M. Robertson, grand commander of the Knights Templar of Nebraska and who is also a member of Mt. Zion commandery. Rt. Eminent Sir Frank L. Cummins, past commander of Mt. Zion commandery served as the installing marshal.

The officers installed were as follows: Eminent Commander—Glenn E. Perry. Generalissimo—James T. Begley. Captain General—William F. Evers. Solor Warden—Leon L. McCarty. Junior Warden—Oliver C. Hudson. Prelate—Rev. Frank Emory Pfoutz. Treasurer—Phillip Thierolf. Recorder—John E. Schutz. Standard Bearer—A. H. Duxbury. Sword Bearer—Frank T. Johnson.

Warder—Leslie W. Neil. Sentinel—Andrew G. Johnson. There was another very interesting feature of the evening and this was the presentation of past commander jewels to William A. Robertson and Dr. R. P. Westover, both of whom have given great service to this great branch of Masonry.

The presentation of the jewel to Mr. Robertson was made by William F. Evers while James M. Robertson made the presentation to Dr. Westover, each expressing the feeling of the esteem on which the commandery held their associates.

At the close of the evening a fine luncheon was served that added very much to the pleasures of the occasion.

## HOLD PLEASANT MEETING

From Friday's Daily— The Ladies Aid society of the St. Paul's church held their annual meeting Thursday afternoon at the parsonage. The following officers were elected: President—Mrs. H. Sievers. Vice-President—Mrs. M. Hill. Secretary—Mrs. A. Roessler. Two members were received, Mrs. Charles Herrin and Mrs. J. Hirtz. Two grandmothers celebrated their birthdays, Mrs. Tritsch and Mrs. Guenther. They received the congratulations of the members, for the occasion, and their favorite song was sung.

Make 1926 a Year of Progress!

Frequently there is a shortage of money in one section of the country and a surplus in another. The Federal Reserve System makes it possible to even things up by transferring surplus funds to districts where they are needed.

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