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## Funeral of John Cotner Held Today

Large Number of the Relatives and Friends Present at the Last Rites This Afternoon.

Funeral services were conducted from the First Christian church of this city this afternoon. Rev. Walter R. Robb former pastor of the church spoke comforting words to the bereaved, using as his text the 7th verse of the 14th chapter of Romans, "None of us liveth unto himself and no man dieth unto himself."

On August 2nd, 1874, to the home of John B. Cotner and Mrs. Sarah Cotner was born a son, John Henry Cotner. This was at Corydon, Iowa, where the family continued to reside until the young lad attained the age of thirteen years when together with his parents he came to Cass county, Nebraska, and made his home near Nehawka. Some years later they removed to Avoca, Nebraska. In this vicinity he grew to young manhood and on August 15, 1898, he was united in marriage to Miss Priscilla May Gilmore, of Weeping Water, the same county. Two years later, in 1900, with his wife, he came to Plattsmouth, where for twenty-six years they have been continuous residents. To this union were born three children, all girls. One of these passed away in infancy. The other two are Mrs. Lurena May Favors and Miss Jessie C. Cotner, both of the city of Plattsmouth. These together with the wife are left to sorrow deeply at his passing, which occurred at Immanuel hospital in Omaha at 3:50 a. m. Monday, December 13, 1926, as a result of an accident on the highway north of this city last Saturday.

The aged mother, Mrs. Sarah A. Cotner, together with seven brothers and three sisters are mourning the death of the departed. The sisters are Mrs. A. P. Christwiser, of the state of Idaho; Mrs. George Lloyd of Murray, Nebraska; Mrs. Cora Kaiser, of Fairbury, Nebraska; Mrs. Edna Lee Cotner, of Plattsmouth; Mrs. Edna Cotner, of Plattsmouth; Mrs. Bladen, Nebraska; and Dr. Wash Cotner and Mrs. Christwiser were unable to attend the funeral.

John Henry Cotner was a member of Butler camp No. 748, Modern Woodmen, of Weeping Water. He was also a member of the Otterbein United Brethren church located four miles north of Nehawka. It was here that as a young man of 18 years of age he professed faith in Christ and has continuously held membership with the body of believers until the hour of his death.

John Henry Cotner was a kind father and a faithful husband. In the capacity of a carpenter and in other ways he labored through the years unselfishly that he might provide for his family those things essential to a home. This same spirit was still actuating him in his last hours, as he consoled with his wife and daughters for their future welfare. Others were foremost in his thoughts even while the sands of his life were ebbing low. He was passing out into the world of spirit as he well knew, but still his concern was for those to be left behind. His stoic fortitude was characteristic of him in life.

The form that was so rugged and strong met in battle the vanquisher of all. Today, inert and lifeless it was laid away in the silent city of the dead, knowing that the call of the Morn of Judgment day will re-awaken it to life.

Besides his immediate family, the aged mother, the brothers and sisters, there are nephews and nieces and a large circle of friends who sorrow deeply at his untimely going by such tragic means.

## MARRIED IN OMAHA

The marriage licenses issued yesterday in Omaha gives the name of a well known young man of this city, Charles McCauley, and Miss Margaret Nordland, who also gives this city as her place of residence. Mr. McCauley has spent his life-time here and is well known to a large circle of friends. Mr. and Mrs. McCauley will make their home here in the future.

## MORGAN WAYBRIGHT BETTER

From Thursday's Daily— Judge Allen J. Beeson who has just returned from Los Angeles, California, where he was called by the illness of Morgan Waybright, uncle of Mrs. Beeson, reports that this estimable gentleman and old time friend of Plattsmouth is much better. Mr. Waybright has rallied very nicely in the time that Mr. Beeson was there and is now apparently out of danger. Mrs. Beeson remained in Los Angeles and will spend Christmas there with her two daughters who are making their home on the west coast.

## Blue and White Win the Opening Game of Season

Locals Triumph Over Weeping Water Team by Score of 49 to 8 Last Evening.

The basketball fans had the pleasure of witnessing the opening struggle of the basketball season on the floor of the local high school gym when the Weeping Water high school team came over to mix it up with the blue and white and as the result the Plattsmouth ball tossers were the winner by the score of 49 to 8 and in a game that gave both teams a good pre-season workout and showed some good playing on the part of both teams. The veterans of the locals had the edge on the visitors in speed and the location of the baskets and from the showing made both teams will go well in their respective classes in the basketball season that is just starting.

In the opening of the game the Weeping Water team showed more pep and speed than the locals and carried the ball into the locals territory several times before the offensive of the locals commenced to function and the team hit the stride. Rebal and Wescott, the two regular forwards soon gained momentum and with the splendid guard game played by Buttery and Galloway had the visitors on their hip. After the starters commenced to warm up Wescott dumped two field goals for the locals and started the avalanche of scores that smothered the visitors. Perry at center was a real cog in the scoring machine of Plattsmouth and made thirteen points for his team. Wescott carried the ball into the visitors while Rebal scored twelve of the tallies for the Plattmers and Gerald Smith eight points.

For the visitors Livingston, left forward, made two field goals for four of the eight points of his team. Johnson and Moore each securing one field goal apiece in the last half of the game.

In the last portion of the game Coach Rothert sent all of his youngsters into the battle and who played a fast game that marks a good team in the coming seasons for the Plattsmouth high school.

The box score of the game was as follows:

Plattsmouth				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Rebal, rf (C)	6	0	0	12
Smith, rf	3	0	0	6
Wescott, rf	0	0	0	0
Wescott, lf	7	0	0	14
Thomas, lf	0	0	0	0
Smith, lf	1	0	0	2
Perry, c	6	1	0	13
Buttery, rg	0	0	1	0
Kluser, rg	0	0	0	0
Galloway, rg	0	0	0	0
Kluger, rg	0	0	0	0
Mason, lg	0	0	0	0
Wescott, lg	1	0	0	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>49</b>

For the visitors Livingston, left forward, made two field goals for four of the eight points of his team.

Weeping Water				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Johnson, rf	1	0	1	2
Livingston, lf	2	0	0	4
Moore, c	1	0	0	2
Fisher, rg (C)	0	0	0	0
Dunn, lg	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>

## PHILATHEA CHRISTMAS PARTY

From Thursday's Daily— The Philathea class of the Methodist church held a very delightful Christmas party at the church parlors last evening which was attended by a large number of the class and proved a most delightful feature of the program of the year. After the close of the business session the members of the class had a most delightful social time and with the Christmas decorations adding a tone of warm color to the scene.

Each of the members of the class came with gifts that will be used at Christmas time in the remembrances to the needy of the city and where their spirit of Santa Claus will not be present to any great extent. As the result of the interest of the members there was a great deal of stable articles received for use of the Christmas committee.

At a suitable hour dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. Sam Moyer, Mrs. Otto Keck, Mrs. Elmer Elliott and Mrs. J. D. Marshall, the committee in charge of the party.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

## Community Can Rally from Shock by Closer Unity

City and People Can Find Strength in More Closely Developing Co-operation Here.

According to the El Paso Times, the easiest way to get back on your feet is to get rid of your car.

The great big thing about Plattsmouth is that she has a vigorous constitution. Many young ladies having endured the blows she has would have turned to new thought or taken rooms in the hospital for neurasthenia. Not Plattsmouth—she just sticks her chin out, smiles like and goes ahead. How we glory in the Plattsmouth spirit. You can't keep a good city down—not with the citizens we have.

History is written more correctly years after the incidents have occurred. Progress springs more often from seeming calamities and the need for vigorous work, than from easy-going times—but nearness clouds our vision.

Secretary Powell, of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce stated yesterday that all cities are acknowledging the fact that progress must come through organized effort and on this account Chamber of Commerce organizations are being promoted and generally supported from good business reasons alone, all over the United States, with finances to permit an aggressive, active program, for publicity and for advertising. As long as they are supported only sufficiently to keep them as a social club, their usefulness is greatly curtailed and they can accomplish little, if anything, toward building up the town and community.

Florida, California and Arkansas, today the three most widely recognized states in the union, are forging to the front through the effective work of their Chamber of Commerce organizations, and that means advertising.

When a merchant feels his business slipping, he puts on an active, aggressive advertising campaign to attract new customers to his door. When a city feels itself slipping, it is high time to get together, build up a powerful advertising program through the medium of its Chamber of Commerce and proceed to draw prosperity to itself—and that is just what is being done all over America today. Florida would still be a bunch of swamps, sandy wastes, palmetto palms and long-billed mosquitoes—if the Chamber of Commerce organizations throughout that state had failed to receive most generous support on the great advertising campaigns they have put across. Nebraska—Plattsmouth, too—are both stepping forward. You can't keep the wide-awake middle-west down in this day of cramped conditions in eastern metropolises and expansion of manufacturing and allied industries.

The growth of Omaha is reflected in the visions of its far-sighted men who have gone out after things—and yet only a good start has been made in comparison with what can be done in the next decade.

Our photographer Cummins has presented this office with photographs he took of good old Santa on his visit here last Saturday. You can see them by calling at this office—and the Secretary, too. Today Cummins tested out a movie machine—the severest test he could figure on—by subjecting the writer to a reel of himself, as reports are that the camera and child are doing as well as could be expected.

Tuesday had dinner with the Executive committee and oard of Directors of Omaha-Chamber of Commerce in joint session, at the kind invitation of Secretary Powell. Had a bully dinner—and a big thick Martha Washington pie. Spoke several times about how good it was, but failed to receive a second helping. Must have been a poor hunter. Secretary Powell invited us into his holy of holies sanctuary sanctatis, and chatted two hours on chamber of commerce programs and activities. Met a fine bunch of big hearted public spirited men who are doing things for Omaha and they look, talk and act just like our own fine public spirited citizens who are ever on the alert for progress for Plattsmouth.

The Arkansas Gazette states that bee language is a kind of dance the bees perform with their feet. The only way bees have ever tried to communicate with us was in sitting out their dances.

The Good Samaritan was despised by the Jews, but he stopped on the road, and gave a helping hand to the wayfarer on the road to Jericho.

It's no good to say, "Too bad, too bad." Far better to say, "Well, old scout, what t'ell can I do to help?"

So, the only thing to do, is to draw

a feller's belt tighter, shrug his shoulders, put on a smile and get the biggest get-together organization that can be found in Nebraska, and boost, shove and advertise Plattsmouth. It'll work—just come and give it a try.

If anyone needs a woman for general housework, please telephone us, as we have an applicant.

W. G. DAVIS, Secretary. Are you a member of the Chamber of Commerce?

## Skating Rink Now Open at Tourist Park

Cold and Freezing Weather Makes Possible Realization of the Plans for Rink.

The skating rink at the tourist park on Washington avenue is now a real institution and last evening the rink was the scene of a real pleasurable gathering as John Hart, chairman of the chamber of commerce committee, formally opened the rink and skated a few times to assure the youngsters that the rink was all that it should be.

The rink is a place of amusement that has been very much needed and will be a place of real enjoyment to all of the youngsters of the city who delight in ice skating or wish to learn as they can have a very pleasant place to skate and one that is absolutely safe as far as the danger from drowning is concerned as the water is only a depth sufficient to furnish a good ice basis for the skaters to use. The rink is lighted up so that it can be used at night and will make a real place for the lovers of this sport either in the day or evening and will in the next few weeks be one of the most popular places in the city.

For a number of years a place of this nature has been wished for but this is the first time that has been tried and the success of the rink will probably be the inspiration for a larger one next season and the committee that has been working on the project are deserving of a great deal of credit.

## HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Parent-Teachers association of the Wintersteen hill school, last evening, held a pleasant Christmas party at the school building and which was very largely attended by the patrons of the school.

The school rooms had been decorated with the bright Christmas colors that added a very pleasing touch to the scene and here the pleasant time was spent and in addition a group of tastefully arranged booths for the sale of candy and other articles were to be found.

A fine little Christmas tree was the center of attraction and this was featured later in the evening by the advent of Santa Claus with little remembrances and gifts which delighted the young and old. Santa also brought a pretty remembrance for Mrs. J. E. Balwin, the president of the association and which will be a most delightful treat for the lady who has so efficiently presided over the destinies of the teachers-patrons.

After the Christmas program of musical numbers and recitations the members of the party proceeded to enjoy the bazaar and at the close of the evening refreshments were served that added to the pleasantness of the event.

## CHRISTMAS AT ST. JOHN'S

This morning the St. John's school of this city was the scene of a very pleasant Christmas treat before the vacation period of the school and in which there was a great deal of pleasure for the youngsters and also the parents who were in attendance at the event.

The children of the school gave a short program of songs and recitations in keeping with the occasion and in which they very joyfully opened the holiday season.

At an appropriate time Santa Claus appeared on the scene and had with him a fine array of little gifts and trinkets for the children. The Ursuline sisters who have charge of the school had arranged a special treat of pop corn, candy and apples that which added to the enjoyment of all of the members of the school.

The St. John's school has one of the largest enrollments in recent years and the little folks who were so well remembered felt that it had been a real occasion of enjoyment and a fitting prelude to the Christmas time.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deepest feeling of appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown our loved one in his last illness and also for the beautiful floral offerings.—Mrs. C. L. Herger and Family.

## 'Lelawala,' High School Operetta, is Well Received

High Class Musical Production Given by the Music and Dramatic Departments.

Last evening was the first of the two night's presentation of the Indian operetta, "Lelawala," the music of which is by Charles Wakefield Cadman, well known composer, was given at the Farmale theatre and which the members of the music and dramatic departments of the local high school gave in a most pleasing manner.

The operetta is the most elaborate and difficult production that the school has given in a great many years and in which the young people have been preparing for some time with the musical parts of the production under the direction of Leroy S. Fager, supervisor of music while Miss Dolores Bosse, Mrs. R. F. Patterson and L. D. Hiatt have been assisting in the dramatic effects of the operetta.

The cast of the principals of the operetta consisted of Robert Fitch, Edward Patterson, Robert Hadraba, Dora Soennehen, Linville Wiles, Edgar Wescott, George Perry, Marion Bridgewater, Mary Ellen Valley, Isabel Marshall, Joe Hartford, John Nelson, Leon Henson, Ruth Adams, George Caldwell and Herbert Patterson.

The beauty and charm of the production was enhanced by the fact that the community orchestra under the direction of Mr. Fager, assisted in the music. The personnel of the orchestra was as follows:

Mrs. DeWitt Smith, piano; Mr. Harvey Johnson, violin; Mr. Ralph Rowland, violin; Mr. John Blissing, violin; Mrs. A. D. Caldwell, viola; Mrs. S. W. Cole, cello; Mr. Clarence Ledgway, bass; Mr. L. D. Hiatt, clarinet; Mr. Frederick Guder, clarinet; Mrs. Elbert Wiles, flute; Miss Catherine McClusky, flute; Mr. E. Woodward, trumpet; Mr. Robert Wurl, trombone; Mr. Charles Howard, drums.

The cast included a very large number of the young people in the school and in the elaborate costuming of the operetta made a very colorful production that was a real treat to the theatre goers and the friends of the young people that comfortably filled the theatre.

A special feature of the production that was both winsome and entertaining was the graceful and stately minuet given by six little colonial dames, Misses Jean Caldwell, Maxine Clout, Helen Jane West, Mary Adam and Vesta Robertson.

The various members of the chorus were: Lester Taylor, Joe Buttery, Clyde Ptak, Virgil Hutton, Clement Wooster, Donald Born, Ralph Gansemer, Lyle Lawton, Danard Reichstadt, Gerald Sperry, Thomas Svoboda, George Sayles, Eugene Bushnell, Bernard Galloway, Arthur Wenquish, George Perry, Herschel Dew, Leonard Lutz.

## Indian Maidens

Edith Bull, Thyra Johnson, Clara Mae Thompson, Gladys Bushnell, Mildred Meisinger, Helen Stout, Marjorie Shopp, Treva Edgerton, Alice Marquette, Mildred Hall, Isabel Marshall, Margaret Bauer, Vivian Livingston, Dorothy Todd, Ruth Peoples, Teresa Libershal, Emily Stava, Fern Pace, Elizabeth Hart, Margaret Engelkemier, Beatrice Arn, Jean Caldwell, Martha Gorder, Mary Swatek, Marie Sperry, Florence Yelich.

## British Soldiers

Donald Rainey, Ira Mumm, Lawrence Leonard, Warren Taylor, James Berley, William Nelson, Reed Hallet, Oliver Schneider.

The operetta was one of the most difficult that has been offered by any of the high schools in the smaller cities and is one in which the young people taking part more than acquitted themselves with real ability. The production is given very realistic settings in the costumes of the members of the cast and this item has given the atmosphere of the early days as the time of the operetta is that of 1761 and all of the settings are in keeping with this period. The high school young people who have undertaken this very extensive dramatic and music production are deserving of the support of the public.

Business stationery, programs and all kinds of job printing at the Journal office.

## SELLS KAFFENBERGER FARM

This morning Judge Allen J. Beeson, referee in the partition suit of the estate of Mrs. G. A. Kaffenberger, deceased, held the sale of the land, the farm of 119 acres west of this city on the Louisville road, the land being purchased by Mr. Kaffenberger and the five children of the deceased lady. The land brought the sum of \$125 per acre or a total of \$14,875 for the farm. The defendants in the partition suit were the minor heirs of a deceased daughter, a sale being necessary in the division of the various shares of the estate.

## American Legion Christmas Treat is Arranged For

One Week From Tonight the Distribution of Candy to the Children of the City Will Take Place

The special Christmas treat that the local post of the American Legion has been arranging will be offered a week from tonight at the Christmas tree in front of the court house and the children of the community will be remembered by Santa Claus with gifts of candy.

The Nebraska Gas & Electric company is co-operating with the Legion in the event by preparing the tree with the bright colored lights that will blaze forth the Christmas message next Friday evening and beneath which the distribution of the Christmas candies will be made.

The funds for the securing of the candy is being secured from among the Legion members themselves and it is hoped that the children of the community will derive from their efforts a part of the Christmas spirit of good will and kindness toward each other in this happytime of the year.

The Legion Christmas treat will be started at 7 o'clock in order that the children may wish to attend the various Christmas eve exercises at the churches may have ample time to get to their places of worship and enjoy both of these Christmas festivities.

The sacking of the candy will be started in a few days and the pile of goodies will be ready for the big distribution that will be made on Friday evening.

## HOLD PLEASANT MEETING

The members of the Plattsmouth branch of the Business and Professional Women's club held a most pleasant meeting this week at the home of Mrs. L. W. Egenberger, one of the members of the club and who was assisted at the meeting by Mrs. R. A. Bates and Mrs. Golda Noble Beal.

The occasion was in the nature of a Christmas party and was one of the most pleasant occasions that this club has enjoyed for some time, the home being tastefully arranged for the occasion occupying a prominent place in the decorative plan of the evening.

The members had brought gifts and when the time for the distribution came the ladies gathered at the tree in eager expectation of what Santa had brought them and none were disappointed. A large array of musical instruments was among the articles on the tree and from which an orchestra was hurriedly formed that placed Paul Whittman and his world famous jazz band completely out of the running. The members report that the drum solo given during the concert was especially fine.

Games were also enjoyed and in these Miss Nettie Hawksworth received the chief prize of the evening. At the conclusion of the evening dainty and delicious refreshments were served that added to the enjoyment of the event.

## EVERY DESIGN OF CHRISTMAS CARD

with a large range of prices can be found at the Bates Book and Gift shop. Call and look over this line when seeking a reminder for a friend.

## PROGRESS

Year after year, from the beginning down to date, this bank has shown steady and consistent progress—

## BECAUSE

Year after year more and more people have continuously selected the Farmers State Bank as their banking home. The same type of service that caused our first customer to select this as "his bank" is still available to you, and we cordially invite you to make use of it.

## We Welcome New Accounts

## Farmers State Bank

T. H. POLLOCK, President R. F. PATTERSON, Cashier PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

## Well Known Young People Married Here

Miss Emma Wohlfarth and Robert Cappell Joined in Wedlock at Presbyterian Manse.

On Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Presbyterian manse occurred the marriage of Miss Emma Wohlfarth and Mr. Robert Cappell, both well known young people of this city.

The ceremony was a very quiet one, the bridal couple being attended by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Downey, of Lincoln, the latter a sister of the bride.

The marriage lines were read by the Rev. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of which the bride has long been a member.

Following the wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Cappell departed on a honeymoon trip to the south, keeping their destination a secret and after a short time there they will return to this city, where they will make their home for the present at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Wohlfarth.

The bride is a native daughter of Plattsmouth, having grown to womanhood here and graduated in the class of 1923 of the local high school. For the past two years she has been employed in the district office of the Nebraska Gas & Electric company here. She has a very large circle of warm friends over the city and community who learn with the greatest of pleasure of the new happiness that has come into her life.

The groom is employed as foreman of the construction department of the Nebraska Gas & Electric company, coming to this city from Lincoln. Mr. Cappell is a gentleman who has made many friends since coming here and is a young man of the highest standing and his many splendid characteristics have brought him a large circle of friends throughout the community.

## HAS SAD EXPERIENCE

E. H. Douglas, local road engineer for the Nebraska state department of public works, had a very annoying experience in Omaha yesterday that has deprived the engineer of several articles from his wardrobe that he sadly misses in this chilly and disagreeable weather. While in Omaha Mr. Douglas left his overcoat and leather puttees in his auto while he was busy looking after the road matters that called him to the metropolis. On returning to the car the garments and puttees were missing and so far no trace of them has been received and the engineer has been compelled to purchase new and expensive raiment to brave the chill winds of winter.

## GAIN NEW MEMBER

The First Methodist church of this city has gained a new member that will be heard from in the future, a little daughter having been born to Rev. and Mrs. T. A. Sorror at the Methodist hospital in Omaha yesterday afternoon. The mother and little one are reported as getting along in very fine shape and needless to say the pastor is recovering from the effects of the shock of the happy event.