

The Plattsmouth Journal.

Excavation is Begun for Community Building

Thompson Construction Co., to Start Task of Moving Dirt on Legion Lots at Once.

From Monday's Daily—The large shovel of the Thompson Construction Co., which has been engaged in the work of making the road on the newly laid out portion of the King of Trails highway north of this city, has been moved into this city and will be used in making the excavation of the lots owned by the American Legion on Vine street, just north of the U. S. government building.

These lots are the site of the American Legion community center auditorium which is hoped will be built this coming summer and in order to take advantage of the unusual opportunity of having the dirt moved speedily the large shovel was secured while here to be used on the job.

The dirt that is being removed from the Legion lots is to be used in filling in the lots owned by the H. M. Soennichsen Co., at the rear of their large store building and also a part will be used in making the fill at the lot on which E. J. Richey has erected a fine modern bungalow on Chicago avenue.

The excavation of the lots has been one of the big tasks that faced the Legion building committee and with this item out of the way and at the very reasonable figure offered by the Thompson company the ground will be all in readiness for the starting of the active work on the community building as soon as the committee feels that they will be warranted in starting in on the task.

YOUNG PEOPLE WEDDED

From Monday's Daily—The manse of the First Presbyterian church was the scene of a very quiet wedding on Saturday afternoon when Miss Edith Reed of this city and Mr. Glen P. Meisinger of near Louisville, were united in the bonds of wedlock by the Rev. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the church.

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ENJOYABLE SOCIAL EVENING

From Monday's Daily—Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude LaHoda was the scene of a delightful birthday party held in honor of Mr. Frank Denison who passed his 24th birthday. The evening was spent in dancing until a late hour when a dainty luncheon was served by Mrs. Claude LaHoda assisted by Mrs. Tony LaHoda. Mr. Claude LaHoda favored the party with a few delightful piano numbers.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Tony LaHoda and daughter, Hazel Irene, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Emberry, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Denison, Mr. and Mrs. Claude LaHoda and son, Buddy, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Charles Mendenhall, Mr. John Lee, Mr. Charles LaHoda and Mr. Joe LaHoda of Omaha. At a late hour the guests departed wishing Mr. Denison many more happy birthdays.

HOME FOR VACATION

From Monday's Daily—Miss Helen Toman, daughter of Frank Toman returned home Saturday afternoon to enjoy the Christmas vacation. She has been attending the Grand Island Business College at Grand Island, Nebraska. She is taking up the full course of commercial training there and likes the work very much.

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CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

From Monday's Daily—The occasion of the seventh birthday anniversary of little Miss Jane Rebal was observed Saturday afternoon at the home on South 10th street by a pleasant party of the little folks to join in the event and see that the passing of another milestone was fittingly marked. The afternoon was spent in games of all kinds and at a suitable hour the guest of honor was invited to open the array of attractive presents given by the children. During the course of the afternoon refreshments were served and the birthday cake with its glowing candles cut and distributed among the children.

Jury Sustains Will Offered in Gamble Estate

Verdict Returned in Short Time After the Jury Was Given the Case Tuesday Afternoon.

From Wednesday's Daily—The jury that was impaneled to hear the issues in the contest over the will of the late Aaron Gamble, of near Elmwood, was given the case yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock and in a very short time was back with the verdict that found for the proponents of the will, holding that the document offered in the county court for probate was the last will and testament of Aaron Gamble.

The court took from the jury all but the determination of whether or not there had been undue influence on the part of any person to procure the document that was offered as the will of Aaron Gamble and which had been admitted to probate in the county court as the document signed by Mr. Gamble as his will.

The case has attracted very much attention from the vicinity of Elmwood where the Gamble family has resided for some fifty years and the sessions of the court was attended by large parties of the Elmwood people who were called here in some part of the case or as spectators. Aaron Gamble, as the case outlined had come to Stove Creek precinct a half century ago with his brother, James Gamble and located on a farm three miles west of where the present town of Elmwood is now standing. The two brothers resided on the farm, Aaron holding title and James and his family furnishing the furnishing the home for the brother who had never married. Later they added to their land holding that would seem from the evidence to have been common holdings. There were two sisters, Mrs. Gordon, who resided on a portion of the farm and who has passed away.

On the death of Aaron Gamble he left what was offered as his will and which disposed of his property to the family of James Gamble and ignored the family of the sister and from this arose the contest which was started by the two daughters and son of the deceased sister.

REACHES 21ST BIRTHDAY

From Monday's Daily—Ray Cavender, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Cavender of this city, was given a very pleasant surprise on Saturday evening at the family home here when he arrived on the late Burlington train from his work at Plattsmouth, the occasion being the twenty-first anniversary of the young man.

Mrs. Cavender had invited a party of some twenty of the young friends of Ray in for the evening and when he arrived home he was greeted with the cries of "surprise" which proved a complete and startling surprise as the guest of honor had no intimation of the good time that had been planned in his honor.

The evening was spent in games and a general good time by the jolly group of young people until the midnight hour when they all departed for their homes wishing Ray many more such pleasant occasions. At a suitable hour a very dainty and delicious luncheon was served by Mrs. Cavender that added very much to the enjoyment of the event. In honor of the anniversary the guest of honor received a number of very handsome and attractive gifts including a gold watch and chain, the gift of the parents.

AUTO TRIP TO CALIFORNIA

From Wednesday's Daily—William and Fritz Rakow, who left here a few days ago via auto and with California as their destination have sent word to the family here that they arrive at Fort Worth, Texas, on the third day of their journey and have had a fine time, driving in daytime and stopping over night along the road to the west. They are expecting to reach Pasadena, California, by Sunday and will spend Christmas in the car spinning wheel of 500 will be drawn next Monday for service in the case of the Rev. J. Frank Norris, Baptist pastor of Fort Worth, who goes to trial in the criminal district court here January 10, on the charge of slaying Dexter E. Chipps, wealthy slumberman of Fort Worth, last July.

All kinds of business stationery printed at the Journal office.

Community Service of Song a Big Success

Parmele Theatre Filled Sunday Afternoon for Service Sponsored by Woman's Club.

From Monday's Daily—The community vesper service at the Parmele theatre Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock was one of the most successful affairs of its kind held in the city and the theatre was well filled by the residents of the community to participate in the splendid program that had been arranged for the occasion.

The event was under the auspices of the Plattsmouth Woman's club and was in its way one of the most successful community enterprises that has been featured in the fall and winter season.

The voices of the large audience raised in the notes of the Christmas carols certainly proved a real treat for everyone and gave in song the Christmas message that brings peace on earth and good will to man. Mrs. E. H. Westcott, chairman of the department of music of the Nebraska federation of Woman's club, presided and directed the singing of the carols, while the community orchestra that gave a very splendid accompaniment was under the leadership of Mrs. A. D. Caldwell, one of the talented musicians of the city.

The program was opened by the invocation by the Rev. O. G. Wichmann of the St. Paul's Evangelical church and served as a fitting prelude to the Christmas spirit of reverence as expressed in the songs of joy at the Nativity.

Miss Violette Begley was heard in a very beautiful solo number that gave a wonderful opportunity for the audience to enjoy this very charming given number. Mrs. James T. Begley served as accompanist for her daughter.

The Luther cradle hymn given by the children of the first ward school under the direction of Miss Cordelia Fields, was another of the beautiful offerings of the program and in which the little folks responded wonderfully.

The children of the St. John's parish school gave a special number "Little One How Sweet Thou Art," and which showed a real talent on the part of the young folks and their very fine musical training.

Mrs. George D. Nelson, one of the popular vocalists of the city was heard in a very charming Christmas number, "A Star in the Sky" and was given in the usual pleasing manner of this talented lady. The accompaniment was played by E. H. Westcott for this number.

The school children closed the program with the singing of "Silent Night" and as the last notes of the song died away the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

LANDING OF PILGRIMS

From Tuesday's Daily—Today marks the three hundred and twenty-sixth anniversary of an event that has had a great part in the history of the people of North America and particularly the United States.

Through the fog and haze that enveloped the rock bound New England coast, the vessels carrying the members of the Pilgrim colony, dropped anchor off the coast and the boats from the Mayflower brought to the shore the first of the colony to set foot on the soil of the new world in which they were to play such an important part.

Down through the succeeding months and years this little band of refugees from the oppression of the old world struggled on and in the course of a short time their battle for existence drew the attention of their kinsmen and fellow religious followers in England and the continent and brought others to join them until the colony grew to be one of the most important bodies of settlers in the new world.

The Puritan strain in the American national life with that of the cavaliers of the south has formed the backbone of the nation from the earliest colonial days and their stern teachings of life have served to strengthen the hands of the American people at many times in national crisis.

SMALL FIRE TODAY

From Tuesday's Daily—This noon the fire department was called to the home of Mrs. J. T. Baird on east Marble street when a small fire was discovered on the roof of the house, but which fortunately was extinguished before serious damage was done. The fire was thought to have been caused by a defective flue and luckily was discovered before it had gained a very great headway.

SPECIAL VENUE FOR PASTOR

Austin, Tex., Dec. 21.—A special venue of 500 will be drawn next Monday for service in the case of the Rev. J. Frank Norris, Baptist pastor of Fort Worth, who goes to trial in the criminal district court here January 10, on the charge of slaying Dexter E. Chipps, wealthy slumberman of Fort Worth, last July.

ENJOY SLUMBER PARTY

From Monday's Daily—Saturday evening the members of the Yon Tro club enjoyed a very delightful slumber party at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Sprecher on high school hill and which was the occasion of a great deal of fun to all of the club members. The event was in the nature of a Christmas party as well as the slumber features and the guests enjoyed the time in the interchange of gifts that created much pleasure to all of the party. Members of the party came attired as "kids" and spent the evening in a real social time and even the small hours of the morning failed to dampen the fun and frolic of the members of the jolly crowd.

Ralph Connors Dies in Omaha Home Sunday

Thought Apparently Recovering from Effects of Wounds Suffers Relapse.

From Monday's Daily—Ralph Connors, 19, former Plattsmouth schoolboy and son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Connors of South Omaha, passed away early Sunday morning as the result of a wound suffered several weeks ago when the young man attempted suicide at the Plaza hotel in Omaha.

For several days following the rash attempt of Ralph to end his life, his hold was very slender and little hopes were entertained for his recovery as the bullet had grazed the heart. Later the young man seemed to gain and the wound was apparently healing but the effects of the wound internally was apparently not as satisfactory as it should have been and the patient suffered a sudden relapse on Saturday that resulted in his death a few hours later.

The young man had after leaving the hospital gone to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Connors, 2424 So. 20th avenue, and had become interested in Boy Scout work in the last few weeks and was at the time of his death assistant scoutmaster of Troop 84 of South Omaha.

The death of Ralph Connors will bring a most sincere regret here among those who had the pleasure of knowing the young man and in their sorrow the parents and brothers and sisters will have the deep sympathy of the old friends in this community. During his earlier boyhood Ralph was a student of the Plattsmouth schools and was a bright and keen student and a young man held in the highest esteem by his associates.

There remains to mourn his death the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Connors, three brothers, Harry, Harold and Donald, four sisters, Lucille, Pauline, Betty Jane and Virginia, all living at home.

Soldier Gets Fifteen Years for Insulting Girls

Two Companions Given Ten Years Each on Kissing Charge—Another Gets Two Months.

Fifteen years and dishonorable discharge from the army was the courtmartial sentence for William V. Bullard, for conduct bringing disgrace on the army service, when trial was finished at Fort Crook Monday. Bullard was accused of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Witnesses for the prosecution related how he dragged a girl from the step of an interurban car at Bellevue, to force his kisses upon her, and his chasing dogs and horses out of Bellevue, swinging on children's swings and other offenses.

Two companions, Odell Malone and Olin Shafer were sentenced to 10 years confinement Saturday on similar charges. The sentences will be reported to General B. A. Poore for approval or change in a few days.

Two witnesses were introduced Monday afternoon in an unsuccessful effort to shake the identification of Bullard as the soldier who kissed Miss Anderson. They were private Paul M. Miller, a fourth companion, and Otis M. Jarrad, conductor of the interurban.

Private Miller, a recruit of Baslet, Neb., was with the other three on the afternoon of November 28, when the incidents complained of took place, but only a charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct was filed against him. He was sentenced to two months confinement.

Shafer and Malone both have army records. Shafer recently served six months in the guard house for sleeping on post, and Malone, 2 months for disobedience of orders. Malone also served a sentence more than a year ago for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. The previous sentences are considered by the army court in fixing the amount of punishment.

No previous offenses were in the record against Bullard, according to Captain W. B. Allen, who prosecuted the case as trial judge advocate.

Urges Service to Secure the Desired Results

Secretary of Chamber of Commerce Finds in Legion Work an Inspiration.

The rattle of the steam shovel, and the whir of its engines, with the rumbling of rushing trucks, in the excavating of the Legion Boy's Auditorium basement, yesterday marks an epoch in the progress of Plattsmouth. This is a great demonstration of what can be accomplished by concerted cooperation and devotion to a good cause.

Our Legion boys, not being satisfied with service in the various branches of our fighting forces, return home to take up the fight for civic advancement, for fatherless orphans, for severely stricken widows; for brothers in the hospitals—all the aftermath of the disgraceful World War!

If it were Plattsmouth alone, their progressive activities are being carried on, it would not be such a wonderful thing, but the same great spirit is being shown all over this country. When these boys come around for a life, it's dig down, to pony up!

This same spirit applied to the civic affairs of our city, and our community will build bridges across the Missouri River, gravel roads, put in swimming pools; erect a hospital; and make Plattsmouth the most talked of city in Nebraska!

When a fellow never gets talked about, or a city something is wrong, it's far better to have Mother Grundy gossiping about a man, than just the quiet of the tomb! A man who never did a wrong thing, never did anything! The man who never made a mistake—is dead, or has not yet been born. Let's get Plattsmouth talked about—she needs it!

We have one man in this town who is actually being talked about! Look out! They say he makes such extra fine venenies, sausages, bologna, and minced ham, some of his products are being shipped to Illinois, and even to the Golden West—California!

He illustrates the truth of what Emerson said, by making better bologna and sausages, and the Golden West is beating a path thru Kansas Sunflowers, to Plattsmouth's door!

Prof. Condra of Lincoln writes that he expects the moving picture of the Burlington to be available for display here within the near future.

The greatest stumbling block to progress is ignorance, and being satisfied with conditions as we find them. There is practically no way to reach the man who never reads; his mind is a blank as far as progress is concerned; just a baby's brain! If his mind is not a blank it is so full of prejudice and superstition there isn't any room for a progressive idea!

Heard a grown man—who has the privilege of voting for his country's laws, yesterday exclaim "Plattsmouth's right on the road to hell." He gave it the best sort of a shove that way of intellects like this, the rest of the men and women who aspire, and have hope, and ambition, have to wait for steps—never lose an opportunity to help Plattsmouth; to boost for her; and to get in contact with those organizations that are sending Plattsmouth stock up in the market instead of her reputation down the inferno route!

It is the greatest wonder of the age that the United States stands where she does today when one considers the mass of ignorance, superstition and prejudices that fill the minds of so many who have the election of our representative within their hands. It speaks well for the general dissemination of education thru our schools, that those influences have been prevented from ruining our very freedom. We have in Dayton, Tennessee, the example of ignorance and prejudice gone mad with power!

Three weeks ago was talking with a man who actually acted, looked and appeared intelligent. He did not know we had a Chamber of Commerce in this city, where it's office is, and what it was about! Cities depending on such citizenship as that need to get some scholastic Methodism in their blood, make a loud noise, and topple the Jericho walls of lazy indifference. The Lord-a-mighty must look down with special love and appreciation on those who are filled with a public spirited zeal for the bettering of their cities and communities.

No use to say "Lord, Lord"—He'll want to know "Well, what have you done?"

W. G. DAVIS, Secretary.

There is no time to lose in securing the cards for the Christmas remembrance. Call at the Bates Book & Gift shop, secure the cards and have your name placed on them.

DEPART FOR FLORIDA

From Tuesday's Daily—This morning Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Venner departed for Vero Beach, Florida where they were to spend the winter there in the pleasant and mild climate of the southland. Mr. and Mrs. Venner have been enjoying several seasons in the south and are anticipating a very pleasant stay in the winter season. They will enjoy a visit with Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Long, old time residents of near Myra and Plattsmouth and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Venner. The friends here are trusting that Mr. and Mrs. Venner may enjoy to the utmost the winter season and when the birds again wing their way north that they will return to the old home here to join the many friends.

Death of Don Brown, One Time Resident Here

Passed Away Last Night at Home in Griswold, Iowa—Brother-in-Law of George Hall.

From Tuesday's Daily—The message was received here this morning by George Hall and family of the death last night at Griswold, Iowa, of Don Brown, a brother-in-law of Mr. Hall, and a former resident of this city.

The deceased was some sixty years of age and for a few years was engaged here as a tinner in the employ of S. E. Hall, one of the old time business men of this community, and while here married Miss Mary Hall, daughter of his employer.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown have since their marriage made their home in Griswold, where they were both very active in the community life of that place. The deceased leaves surviving him the wife and several brothers and sisters.

The many old time friends here of Mr. and Mrs. Brown will regret to learn of the passing of this estimable gentleman and the widow will have the deepest sympathy of the many friends here on her bereavement.

The funeral services will be held on Wednesday afternoon at the late home and the interment made at the Griswold cemetery.

GAMBLE WILL CASE STILL ON

From Tuesday's Daily—The trial of the contest over the will of Aaron Gamble, deceased, continued to occupy the attention of the district court today and it is expected that the issues will be placed in the hands of the jury late this afternoon for their deliberation. The chief witness of the proponents, James Gamble, brother of the deceased, was on the stand this morning and detailed the story of their life association together in their business life. The argument was being made in the case as the Journal was going to press.

OFFICIALS VISIT HERE

From Tuesday's Daily—A number of the officials from the eastern branches of the Refrigerator Express Co., were here today to visit with the local officers of the Burlington Refrigerator Express Co., with W. T. Distell, superintendent and J. L. Teeples, store-keeper, and looking over the plant here of the refrigerator company, who have for the past several months been operating the former freight car repair department of the Burlington.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

Hold Two Men Carrying Near \$4,000 in Cash

Nebraska City Sheriff Tuscles on Main Street with Men Allegedly Armed.

Nebraska City, Neb., Dec. 20.—Sheriff Carl Ryder early tonight arrested two men, alleged to be armed and carrying nearly four thousand dollars in currency in their pockets. They are held for investigation.

They gave their names as Clyde A. Stratton, 20, Coon, Ia., and L. Huffman, 30, Wichita, Kans. Sheriff Ryder tussled with one of the men for some time while a large crowd looked on. The man, Huffman, is alleged to have attempted to cover the officer with a gun while clutching more than a thousand dollars in bills in his free hand.

Ryder held Stratton while he tussled with Huffman. Stratton had no gun on his person, but is said to have admitted ownership of one found in a coupe, which the men said they purchased Sunday at Beatrice. They had a bill of sale, and the auto bore a Gage county dealer's license, 3D12.

Money Bulged Out. Stratton and Huffman excited the suspicion of a clothing dealer when they reached into their trousers pocket to pay for new suits. The dealer said money bulged out so far in their trousers that they were unable to get their coats down over it.

The clothing dealer stepped to the telephone and called the sheriff, who met them at the doorway of the establishment as they were about to leave. One bundle of \$10 bills amounting to five hundred dollars had a wrapper bearing the name of the City National bank, Wichita Falls, Tex., and was stamped with the date November 23, 1926.

Refuse to Talk.

The men sat tight-lipped through a strenuous session of questioning, saying only that they had just come from Juarez, Mexico, where they claim to have won the money gambling.

The money taken from the men amounted to \$3,629.96. The bill of sale on the auto accounted for four hundred dollars. Sheriff Ryder said he was informed that cash taken in the early Sunday morning robbery at York, Neb., amounted to considerably less than the men carried, and that he does not think they are connected with it.

CHILDREN TO STATE HOME

From Tuesday's Daily—William and Howard McCarver, aged six and eight years, orphaned in the flood that swept over a part of Louisville in September, 1925, are to be sent to Lincoln where they will be placed in the custody of the Nebraska home for dependent children.

For some time County Attorney W. G. Kleck has had the matter in consideration as there had been complaints filed in his office in regard to the care of the children who were then living with friends at Louisville and being cared for. The matter was brought up some weeks ago and laid over until this week when the case was brought to the attention of the district court yesterday and the children ordered sent to the state home to be cared for.

The two boys are the sons of Robert McCarver, world war veteran and who met his death in the water that swept through the town of Louisville on that fateful night in September, 1923, and claimed several lives.

Merry Christmas TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

THE FARMERS STATE BANK of Plattsmouth extends to you the Season's Greetings with the hope that the New Year may witness the fulfillment of all your desires.

WE ARE sincerely appreciative of our friends, and of the pleasure and success they have brought to us during the past twelve months.

Sincerely

The Farmers State Bank

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