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## Work on Rifle Range Road for Summer Needed

Range at This Place One of the Greatest Importance to Ft. Crook and Highway is Needed.

From Thursday's Daily—

While the general subject of highways of different character and description are being discussed there is one road whose condition has been called to the attention of the Journal as needing a little attention and this is the highway that leads to the United States army rifle range northeast of this city and a short distance from the pumping station of the Plattsmouth Water Co.

This range each year is used to a greater or less extent by the troops at Fort Crook in their rifle and machine gun practice and the troops are here for a great deal of the time in small detachments for the practice on the range and which requires the transportation of the troops and supplies by truck from the army post to the range, either taking the highway that leads over North Eighth street which is the road that leads through the grounds of the range in the west side of the tracks of the C. B. & Q. or else have the men and supplies brought down through the main section of the city and thence out the road along the river bottom.

With the plans that were announced last year of having a part of the Citizens Military Training camp activities staged at Omaha and Fort Crook in 1927 for the seventh corps area, it would be likely that the range here would receive a great deal of use in the month from August 1st to 31st when several thousand youths of this corps area will be in their summer training. Therefore it would require a great deal of use of the range for use for both the rifle practice and machine gun tests.

This fact should be taken into consideration for the coming summer and the road that leads to the range placed in shape so that the troops can get there with more dispatch and ease than the present condition of the road will permit. In addition to this fact this road would make a very pretty driveway for a summer spin for the seekers after the beauties of the range as long as they kept out of the range of the soldiers shooting on the range.

The government has been induced to locate the range here and it should be made possible for them to have a fair road at least in getting to and from the range.

### GLOOMY FOR HOSPITAL

The chairman of the house subcommittee, discussing the bill which includes an appropriation for a million-dollar veterans' hospital in Nebraska, "seems to be definitely of the opinion that there is sufficient hospital work in Nebraska," according to congressman A. C. Schallenberg, who replied Wednesday to a telegram from Thorne Brown of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, urging the Nebraska delegation to support the measure.

"The Nebraska delegation attended the hearing on the bill before the committee," said Mr. Schallenberg, "and urged the Nebraska appropriation to the best of our ability. Our main contention was that the present hospitals are so far from Nebraska that it is uneconomical and not to the best interests of patients to require disabled and sick veterans to be sent to them."

"The American Legion in Nebraska wanted to send representatives to appear before the committee in Washington when the bill came up for discussion, but the hearing on the measure was held before they had time to get there," said Mr. Browne.

### RE-ENLISTS IN NAVY

From Wednesday's Daily—  
This morning Alfred Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Griffin of this city, who has been here visiting with the home folks for the past few weeks, departed for Bremerton, Washington, to report at the navy yard there to re-enlist in the navy, he having just completed his second enlistment and will now be on his third "hitch" in the navy. Mr. Griffin has secured a good rank in the navy now and will have the advantage of rank and higher rate of pay in his forthcoming enlistment. His service has been with both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets and he has been attached to the destroyer section of the fleet.

### VERY PLEASANT TRIP

Miss Marie E. Kaufmann representative of the North German Lloyd steamship company is well pleased to know that Mr. Louis Kaufmann, a nephew of Mrs. Henry Weckbach of this city who travels via this line had such a pleasant and speedy voyage. Miss Kaufmann who also represents three other lines, has traveled over the Canadian Pacific, White Star, and United States Lines and can recommend them all. These companies specialize in avoiding all unnecessary delays which travelers frequently encounter.

### SHIPS TO CHICAGO

From Wednesday's Daily—

Last evening Robert Troop, Jr., well known cattle man of the vicinity of Mynard was here looking after the shipping of a carload of fat cattle from his farm where he had them feeding for the past few weeks, to the stock market at Chicago where they are to be placed on sale and in their fine condition should bring the owner a nice return.

Mr. Troop as well as shipping the car load of stock to Chicago, also received two car loads of feeders that he just bought at the Omaha market and which are to be taken to the Troop farm for fattening and preparation for the market in the next few weeks. Mr. Troop is one of the most extensive feeders in this part of the country at this part of the agricultural game.

## Death of Wm. S. Wedge at the Masonic Home

Member of Covert Lodge No. 11, A. F. & A. M. of Omaha—Was Ninety Years of Age.

From Thursday's Daily—

The death of William S. Wedge, aged ninety years, occurred yesterday at the Nebraska Masonic Home, following a long period of illness and the gradual breakdown of his constitution due to the advanced years of his life.

Mr. Wedge came to the home October 8, 1925, and was at that time in very feeble health and has constantly been growing worse until death came to peacefully close the story of his life and to bring him rest from the long years.

The deceased was born June 2, 1836 at Baltimore, Maryland, but has for a great many years been a resident of Nebraska. He was married in 1857 to Miss Margaret Higgenbotham, who has preceded him in death and they were the parents of a large family, three of whom living are Mrs. W. R. Rodebaugh and Mrs. Oscar Engler, both of Omaha, and Mrs. F. M. Weber who resides in Oregon.

Mr. Wedge was a member of Covert Lodge No. 11, A. F. & A. M. of Omaha, also a Knight Templar and 32 degree Scottish Rite Mason.

### VISITING OLD FRIENDS

From Friday's Daily—

Henry Boedecker, familiarly known to the old time residents of Cass county as "Hank" Boedecker, is here enjoying a visit with the relatives and old time friends in the various parts of the county. Mr. Boedecker has been for a great many years the marshal at Lander, Wyoming, and has made a great record in his office and is numbered among the most prominent residents of that section of Wyoming. Mr. Boedecker when a resident of Cass county lived in Mt. Pleasant precinct and also near Louisville and was known to a great part of the residents in this part of the county and his visit here has been most pleasant to the many old time friends, he having spent a part of the time in Plattsmouth with the old friends. Mr. Boedecker a year ago suffered very severe injuries from the effects of an auto accident that still bothers him to some extent and makes necessary his use of a cane as he was very badly injured in the accident but this seems to be getting much better now. Mr. Boedecker is a brother of C. H. Boedecker of Murray and A. F. Boedecker of near Nehawka and also a brother-in-law of James Terryberry of near Cedar Creek.

### WILL TALK ON ELEVATOR

During the two day engine demonstration and school held at Mynard by county agent L. R. Snipes, a great deal of interest was shown in the formation of a co-operative elevator company at that place. There will be a meeting held on Wednesday, February 2nd at 1:30 p. m., at the Mynard community hall and to which all interested are urged to be in attendance. Prof. Filley of the University of Nebraska college of agriculture will be present and give a short talk on the proposition of the co-operative elevators, their general handling and also the laws relating to the formation and handling of this form of elevators. Everyone who is interested is urged to attend this meeting.

### RECEIVES \$25 FINE

From Friday's Daily—  
This morning Henry Sudman of near Avoca was in the county court to answer to the charge of operating a motor vehicle while in a state of intoxication and to which charge he entered a plea of guilty. Judge A. H. Duxbury after hearing the facts in the case decided that it would be necessary for the defendant to part with \$25 and costs for his offense and the defendant was remanded to the custody of Sheriff Bert Reed until the funds could be rushed here from Avoca that would allow Mr. Sudman to return home.

## Man Found Near La Platte, Dies at the Fort Hospital

Is Believed to Be H. M. Walker of Strasburg, N. D.; Failed to Regain Consciousness.

From Thursday's Daily—

H. M. Walker, Strasburg, N. D., found bound head and foot near La Platte Monday night, died at 7:05 Wednesday night at Fort Crook army hospital.

The man who was identified as H. M. Walker by means of a bank book found in his pocket, was beaten about the head and knocked unconscious by unidentified attackers.

He did not regain consciousness and was never able to tell his story of the attack. Walker was found lying in a field bleeding from five head wounds and bound by shoestrings by A. L. Martin of La Platte.

### Two Men Run Away.

Martin was walking along the road to La Platte and, hearing groans from the pasture, investigated. As he approached the spot where the injured man lay, Martin saw two men jump up from nearby and run away. Assisted by two companions Martin carried the injured man to La Platte where first aid treatment was given. Later he was taken to Fort Crook and attended by hospital authorities. His injuries were not thought to be fatal at the time.

Robbery is believed to be the motive of the man or men who attacked Walker. A money belt containing \$15 was strapped around Walker's knee when found. Sheriff Oldger of Sarpy county, expressed the opinion Monday night that the robbers were scared away by the approach of Martin before they could reach the money belt on Walker's person.

### Was Double-Crossed.

Oldger declared he believed Walker to be the victim of a double cross. That robbery was the motive, he is convinced. Both of Walker's shoes had been removed and the sheriff believes that the attacker was searching for Walker's money when scared away by the approach of Martin.

The two men arrested at Fort Omaha the same night will probably be released Thursday, the sheriff said. They have proved their alibis, according to Oldger.

In declaring that he believed Walker was robbed by a man who posed as his (Walker's) friend, Oldger, said that William Wares, he identified Walker as the person he saw in La Platte Monday in company with another man. He gave Sarpy county authorities a description of this man.

### PRIZES ARE AWARDED

From Friday's Daily—  
Last evening at 9 o'clock the great prune contest that has been held at the large grocery store of H. M. Soennichsen, was closed and the award of the prizes made for those who had come the closest to the number of pounds of prunes.

The show windows had been filled with the piles of the luscious prunes for the past ten days and a large number of guesses ranging from 45 pounds to 900 pounds were in the list of guesses.

Ye reporter, having had a long and intimate acquaintance with the prize in the army was selected as the judge and opened the box wherein reposed the number that bore the pounds of weight. The certified ticket gave the weight as 272 pounds and 14 ounces.

The first prize, a fine water set was won by W. B. Tracey who guessed 275. The second prize, a fine smoking stand was awarded to Mrs. Adam Meisinger of Cedar Creek with 280 while the third prize, an attractive tea pot was won by Mrs. A. L. Vernon of this city with 287.

### RECEIVES SAD NEWS

From Friday's Daily—

The friends here of the W. H. Pitzer family of Nebraska City were saddened today by receiving the news of the death early this morning at Tabor, Iowa, of Mrs. Miller, mother of Mrs. Pitzer. The deceased lady is an old resident of near Tabor and Hillsdale, Iowa, and was well known to a large group of the older residents of the city, during the time that the daughter, then Miss Fern Miller was a teacher in the Plattsmouth schools, prior to her marriage to Mr. Pitzer. Mrs. Miller will be buried at Tabor on Sunday, the services being held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

### MRS. RAINEY POORLY

From Thursday's Daily—  
Mrs. Isabel Rainey, one of the old time residents of the city is in very serious condition at her home as the result of the debilities of her advanced years and which makes her recovery very doubtful. Mrs. Rainey is past 87 years of age and has been in failing health for the past few years. The many friends here who have known this pioneer lady for a great many years will regret to learn of her condition.

### ILLNESS BRINGS REGRET

From Friday's Daily—

The news that was received here last evening of the serious illness of Henry R. Gering at Omaha, brought to the hundreds of friends in this city a great regret as Mr. Gering was while a resident here one of the leading business men and boosters for the community and while transferring his business interests to Omaha has still retained this city as "home" where the family residence is located and where the sisters reside. Mr. Gering has been active in the community life during the years of his residence here that has covered some forty years and since moving to Omaha he has become one of the leaders there in business and political life. It is the sincere wish of all of the friends here that the patient may be able to rally and again resume his activities and service to the people of the communities where he has so long resided.

## Music Department of Womans Club in Meeting

Program of the Evening Taken From Works of Edward McDowell, Well Known Composer.

From Thursday's Daily—

Last evening the musical department of the Plattsmouth Womans club held a most enjoyable meeting at the Hotel Perkins which was largely attended and filled with the greatest interest to all of the ladies present.

The meeting was under the direction of Mrs. R. W. Knorr and was in the nature of a review of the best known compositions of Edward McDowell, one of the outstanding American composers and whose offerings are among the best known musical compositions of the past two decades.

The selections given by members of the department were piano renditions of the numbers from the works of McDowell, consisting of "To a Wild Rose" by Miss Vyril Fossler, "The Witches Dance" by Miss Vettetta Robertson, "Nocturne" by Mrs. Robert Reed and "By a Meadow Brook" from the "Woodland Suite" by Mrs. Robert Reed. All of the numbers were given with artistic beauty and feeling and were enjoyed to the limit by the members of the department.

Mrs. William Woolcott gave a short sketch of the life of McDowell and his musical works and also a very interesting story of the Peter Borro colony in New Hampshire which has been established by the McDowell memorial association as a memorial to the great composer.

The meeting was one of the best that this department has enjoyed and every one felt the occasion was filled with the greatest interest.

### EPWORTH LEAGUE SOCIAL

From Friday's Daily—

Last evening the monthly social meeting of the Epworth League was held at the parlors of the First Methodist church and was very largely attended by the membership, there being some fifty of the young people in attendance. The committee in charge arranged a very pleasing program of games and contests that served to pass the time most delightfully and in which the members vied in their skill at the various stunts.

Rev. H. E. Sortor, pastor of the church, gave an outline of the contest that is to be held in the league in the Omaha district this spring for the most efficient chapter of the society, which is to be rewarded with a large silver loving cup for the winning chapter of the district. The cup was shown to the members of the local chapter and they will strive to see that they are in the running for the coveted cup that will be the reward of the victors.

At the conclusion of the evening the members of the party were treated to dainty and delicious refreshments that aided in the completion of the occasion.

### ELKS HOLD DANCE

From Thursday's Daily—

Last evening the members of the Plattsmouth lodge of the Elks and their families enjoyed a very fine dance at the Elks club house on North 6th street which lasted until past the midnight hour. The music was furnished by June Marshall and his Little Band, one of the popular musical organizations in this part of the state and the event was one that all of the dancing party appreciated to the utmost.

### DEPUTY RECEIVES CALL

From Thursday's Daily—

This morning M. G. Scott, the new deputy sheriff, had his baptism in the office by being called out to the vicinity of Avoca where he was called to serve a warrant on Henry Sudman, a resident of that territory. Mr. Sudman is charged with having driven a car while in a state of intoxication and for which he will face a complaint filed by County Attorney W. G. Kleck and be arraigned before County Judge A. H. Duxbury.

## Mrs. Chaloupka Drops Dead Today at Funeral

Aged Resident of This City Passes Away in Few Minutes While in Holy Rosary Church.

From Saturday's Daily—

This morning at 10 o'clock while Mrs. Anton Chaloupka, aged resident of this city was at the Holy Rosary Catholic church attending the funeral services of the late Frank Slavick, she was taken suddenly by death, dying in a few seconds and before aid could be administered to her.

The death came as a great shock to the members of the family and the friends who were at the service as the aged lady sank in her seat at the church and death came almost instantly.

Mrs. Chaloupka has not been in the best of health and her condition was far more serious than had been thought as she was suffering from very high blood pressure and the strain of the occasion had evidently proved too severe a strain on her heart.

The deceased lady was born in Bohemia and was nearing her eightieth year at the time of her death. She came to Plattsmouth in 1880 and has made her home here since, living in the family home on North Maiden Lane for a great many years. Since the death of the husband a number of years ago Mrs. Chaloupka and daughter, Miss Sophia Chaloupka, have continued to reside at the old home. She was married three times the helpmates having all preceded here in death.

To mourn the death of this splendid lady there remains five children, Mrs. Charles Vitousek, James Newask, Mrs. Joseph Hiber, Jr., and Miss Sophia Chaloupka of this city and Frank Chaloupka of Denver, Colorado.

The death has come as a great shock to the family and to the host of friends of many years standing and in their hour of sorrow the members of the family circle will have the deepest sympathy of the many friends in the loss that has come to them. The departed was a home-loving wife and mother and her place made vacant will bring a sad chapter in the lives of her loved ones.

### MRS. LEONARD BORN STRICKEN

From Saturday's Daily—

Mrs. Leonard Born, Sr., who resides in the northwestern part of the city was found at her home late yesterday afternoon suffering apparently from a paralytic stroke that makes her condition at her advanced age very serious. The condition of Mrs. Born was not discovered until 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon as the aged lady has resided alone at the family home. George Born, a son, called at the home in the afternoon to see how the mother was getting along, as it is the custom of the family to call each day at the home, and arriving there Mr. Born found the doors locked and no sign of Mrs. Born around the home. Thinking that the mother had perhaps gone to one of the neighbors Mr. Born called at the homes of Lester Burrows and A. R. Noble where the mother frequently visits during the day and the son and neighbors were much alarmed when it was found that none had seen Mrs. Born during the day. Mr. Born and Mrs. Burrows and Mrs. Noble returned to the Born home and George then broke in the door and found the mother lying on the floor, she having apparently been stricken yesterday morning when she had arose to make a fire in the kitchen stove. Medical aid was called and the aged lady given every attention but at the last reports she has failed to rally from the attack. The members of the family have all been called to her bedside.

### SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

From Saturday's Daily—  
The many friends over the city of Miss Alice Lorenz will be pleased to learn that this lady is now showing much improvement at the St. Joseph hospital in Omaha where she has been taking treatment for some time. The patient seems to be rallying nicely from her very severe nervous breakdown and the improvement has been most encouraging to the attending physicians and the members of the family.

### RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

From Saturday's Daily—  
Mrs. L. W. Niel, who has been at the hospital in Omaha for some weeks past recovering from the effects of an operation for appendicitis, has so far recovered that she was able to return home this afternoon. Mrs. Niel is feeling very much improved and it is hoped will have a complete restoration to her former health.

We have a few of the Cass county maps showing every man's farm, and will close them out at 50c each. Call at Journal office and get one now.

### FARMERS STATE ELECTS

From Friday's Daily—

Yesterday afternoon the meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers State bank was held in this city and the officers of this strong financial institution re-elected. The board of directors selected the following as the officers of the bank:

President—T. H. Pollock.  
Vice-President—C. A. Patterson.  
Cashier—R. F. Patterson.  
Asst. Cashier—James K. Pollock.  
Director—Edward Donat.  
The year just closed has shown a very pleasing increase in the volume of business of the bank and an increasing number of patrons that has been very pleasing to the officers and stockholders of the bank and reflecting the greatest credit upon the officers who have guided the bank's destinies for the year.

## Plattsmouth Legion Auxiliary Wins a Trophy

Shows the Largest Gains for 1926 in First District—Mrs. C. A. Rosencrans Secretary.

From Friday's Daily—

The meeting of the first district representatives of the American Legion Auxiliary held at Lincoln yesterday was an occasion of real pleasure to the large number attending from Plattsmouth as it brought a real recognition of the efforts of the local Auxiliary members in having their unit presented with the silver trophy cup for the unit showing the largest increase in membership for the year 1926.

The Plattsmouth unit has been one of the most active in the state and at the last state convention had one of their members, Mrs. F. R. Gobelman, named as state vice-president and the added honor that came today was most pleasing to the ladies who have shown some real work in their organization.

The Plattsmouth unit also was recognized in the fact that Mrs. C. A. Rosencrans, who was local president in the past year named again to the office of secretary-treasurer of the first district group, her work in this position receiving the heartiest words of praise from the district president, Mrs. Charles W. Taylor of Lincoln.

In making the award of the membership cup the figures of the membership gains was tabulated and Plattsmouth showed a gain of 132 per cent. Schubert, 129; Johnson, 128 7-10 and Lincoln 128. The cup, a large and very beautiful one will remain in the possession of the local unit for the year and the post that wins the cup five times will be entitled to retain the cup.

The ladies who were in Lincoln attending the convention were Mrs. F. R. Gobelman, state vice-president, Mrs. C. A. Rosencrans, secretary, first district, Mrs. H. G. Soennichsen, president of Plattsmouth unit, Mrs. James F. Doyle, Mrs. C. W. Morrison and Mrs. William Kraeger.

Mrs. Rosencrans was also appointed by the state president to be chairman of pages at the 1927 convention at Lincoln.

### PURCHASES NEW LANDAU

From Thursday's Daily—

The Chilton Sales Co., local representatives of the Pontiac automobiles, have just sold one of their snappy new model four door landau type cars to Melvin Sturm of Nehawka who will find a great deal of pleasure in the car in the coming summer months.

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