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## Old Days in Plattsmouth are Recalled

William Hassler, One of the Real Old Timers Here Recalls Many Interesting Facts.

From Thursday's Daily—  
The residents of the city who are acquainted with William Hassler, one of the genial and highly esteemed residents of this city, would little suspect that this old-timer citizen has been a resident of Plattsmouth for almost sixty years, lacking just a few months of passing the sixtieth anniversary of his coming here as a youth of eighteen years. Time has been kindly with our old friend and he little shows the marks of the seventy-eight years of life, of greater part spent here in this city.

When Mr. Hassler came here in 1869, the town proper, or the business section was lying along the section of town now occupied by the Burlington freight depot and the yards of the railroad leading to the shops. There were several large business houses there that were engaged in the supplying of the wagon trains that were heading for the great west, across the then Indian infested plains, and the river front a place of life and interest in the Missouri river steamboats made their visits to this city, tying up at the foot of Main street near where the Burlington passenger station is now located.

At the corner of Main and Sixth street stood a building then used as a school and which a few years later was torn down and the way for the three-story building erected by John Fitzgerald and which is known as the Bekins building. There was also a structure near where the Journal is now located where the Platte Valley Herald was published and also on the north side of Main street, where the present Thieroff store was the business house operated by the Herold Brothers.

Mr. Hassler states that he roomed at the residence near where the home of George M. Hill is located and that when going home the residents of this section known as the hill, would strike a path that started from the present site of the Brown Jewelry store and which led through the brush and prairie to the group of residences in the then outskirts of the city.

When the railroad came there was great excitement and Mr. Hassler recalls the great Fourth of July celebration when the first dirt was thrown for the rails that were to mark the march of the Burlington road west. In the wake of the railroad came hundreds of workers and houses were at a premium here as our old friend states and with the establishment of the railroad shops there were many others coming here.

When Mr. Hassler was married he made his home for a time in a residence at 7th and Granite streets and made this place his home for some years.

Our old friend in recalling the residents here at the time that he came here can number them practically on his hands, A. W. White being one of the most prominent of the residents then and there were also a number of others who were here then, Bruce Graves, who is perhaps the oldest resident of the city, George E. Dovey, then a youth, and Oliver and H. N. Dovey, both boys and H. N. Dovey a mere child in kilts.

Mr. Hassler has resided here continuously and his story is like a great novel of the establishing of the west, full of the thrills of pioneer days and the joys and sorrows that have visited the community and come under his observation.

## RIVER IS RISING

From Thursday's Daily—  
William Grebe, the well-known fisherman, who has been one of the most successful anglers on the river for many years, states that the fishing is not so good at this time owing to the stormy weather and also that the Missouri river is on the April rise and which caused the fishing to be poor until the conditions settle somewhat. Mr. Grebe states that the river has come up quite a little in the last week and that the current that is very wild is setting in strong against the Nebraska side of the river just north of the railroad bridge, making a shoot over from the Iowa side at this point. Mr. Grebe states also that the water that is flowing past the local landing seems to be from the Platte and Elkhorn rivers and will probably grow to a greater height in view of the extensive rains.

## CARD OF THANKS

In this manner we wish to express our heartfelt appreciation of the many acts of kindness and words of sympathy that has come to us in our sorrow. Words are inadequate to express our gratitude and few persons have been blessed as we have with such tender friends. To all of the friends and neighbors, members of the high school, glee club, all of those who took part in the funeral services and sent the beautiful flowers we wish to express our appreciation.—N. K. Peoples and Family.

## UNDERGOES SMALL OPERATION

From Saturday's Daily—  
Miss Marie Hiber of this city, teacher in the Omaha schools, who had her ankle badly fractured in a fall on the icy walk near the Burlington station here on December 27th, has just undergone a slight operation on the ankle at the hospital in Omaha. The ankle had not healed as well as had been desired and gave the patient some trouble and it was discovered that a small particle of splintered bone has remained in the ankle and as the result it was necessary to have it removed. Miss Hiber availed herself of the opportunity to have the particle removed and will have to rest for the next week or ten days until the ankle is healed up.

## Gives Shower for Bride of the Early Summer

Mrs. John Rummel Entertains in Honor of Sister, Miss Dorothy Cordelia Black.

From Saturday's Daily—  
Last evening the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Black, at 4th and Main streets was the scene of a very pleasant social event with Mrs. John Rummel entertained at a miscellaneous shower in honor of her sister, Miss Dorothy Cordelia Black, whose marriage to Mr. Lester Anderson, of Ashland, will take place in the not distant future.

The home was filled with some forty of the friends from this city and vicinity, who enjoyed to the fullest extent the delights of the evening with their friend, who is soon to leave the parental home to reside in her own home.

The bride was presented with a wonderful array of the most beautiful and attractive gifts from the jolly party of friends and which will be cherished in her new home as tokens of the many good friends in Plattsmouth and vicinity.

During the evening a number of games were enjoyed and in these Miss Merritt was awarded the first prize while Mrs. Lester Meisinger received the consolation prize of the evening.

At the close of the evening, Mrs. Rummel, assisted by Mrs. Black, served very dainty and delicious refreshments that added to the enjoyment of all of the members of the party. As the homeward hour arrived, the members of the party departed wishing the bride-elect many happy years in her new home.

## RAINS DELAY WORK

From Thursday's Daily—  
The present week has been one that has sorely tried the spirits of the members of the division road engineer's office in this city as well as the traveling public and the almost continuous rain that has been falling from last Saturday has succeeded in keeping the workmen off the K. of T. highway north of this city with the gravel that was destined to make that road a real highway. The section of road seems a jinx as from the time late last summer when the work was started there has been almost constant delay of something over the time building is in process of construction. This sum being in addition to their previously pledged amount, makes it more noteworthy and shows the interest of Mr. and Mrs. Duxbury is wholly centered in getting the building built and that they are willing to aid the project in every way possible.

## MAKE SPLENDID DONATION

From Saturday's Daily—  
The insurance firm of A. H. and R. M. Duxbury, in addition to a \$25 pledge made by Mr. Duxbury early in the drive for building funds, has offered to contribute outright all their commission on the contractor's bond, amounting to some \$45, and to do likewise with commission on insurance during the time building is in process of construction. This sum being in addition to their previously pledged amount, makes it more noteworthy and shows the interest of Mr. and Mrs. Duxbury is wholly centered in getting the building built and that they are willing to aid the project in every way possible.

## RETURNING FROM HOSPITAL

From Friday's Daily—  
This morning C. A. Bates, cook at the Main Hotel Cafe, departed for Omaha where he goes to assist Mrs. Bates home from the Methodist hospital where she has been for a short time taking treatment and recovering from the effects of an operation. Mrs. Bates has been showing a great deal of progress and last evening the husband was notified that she might return home today and as the result he hastened to the metropolis to bring the wife back home.

## Coleman and Pittman Get the Legion Contract

Local Firm Submits Low Figure on Both Brick and Concrete Block Types of Construction.

From Saturday's Daily—  
Half an hour after bids were publicly opened last night for construction of the first unit of a new thirty thousand dollar community building, The Legion Building and Citizens Advisory committee, acting in conjunction, announced the award of the contract to Coleman and Pittman, local building firm, who submitted the low figure on both types of wall called for. The joint committee decided unanimously on brick walls and the metal lath provided in a separate alternate, also that bond would be required covering the full price of the work, a thing they had previously decided to do, regardless of who might be the lucky bidder. The offer of A. H. and R. M. Duxbury, local bond agents, to donate the full amount of their commission, some \$45, back to the building fund, makes it about the cheapest protection obtainable, safeguarding against defective material, mechanics liens, suits, etc., and guaranteeing completion as per contract.

Ernest F. Schreiber, Omaha architect, was present and assisted in the tabulation of the bids. Mr. Schreiber has been retained by the committee as inspecting architect and will check the work and issue all orders for payment for labor and material, approving the completed job.

The prices bid by the various contractors, including cost of a bond, are as follows—

Contractor	Brick	Conc. Bl.
Fred Webber	\$14,723.00	\$14,123.00
J. E. Moran	14,518.00	14,018.00
R. S. Edmunds	12,432.00	11,262.00
J. Pecha Co.	12,315.00	11,765.00
Mod. Const.	12,228.85	
B. J. Jobst Co.	11,711.75	11,511.75
C & P Co.	11,696.85	11,996.85

Work on the new building will begin as soon as the contractors can get material on the ground and proceed without delay. The completion date provided in the contract is August 15th, which will permit of the building being opened to the public in the early fall.

As related in yesterday's Journal, this partial construction plan will afford nearly all the advantages of the completed stage. The basement auditorium will be 56288 feet, of select maple floor, well sanded and polished for dancing. At the northwest corner will be located the kitchen, with serving counter and equipment to provide for banquets, etc., with the greatest of ease. Damper type roof ventilators will take all the smoke from the room, permitting of smoking during after-dinner speaking programs.

The plan of publicly opening and reading the bids was highly commended by all the contractors, who oftentimes submit bids only to have them opened in secret and never know the exact amount of the other fellow's bid.

## MAKES FINE SHOWING

From Thursday's Daily—  
A Plattsmouth boy, serving in the Marine corps, has made a great record in the past season in the basketball field as a member of the team that represents the Marine guard at Peking, China, in their contests against the various teams in that part of the world. This young man is Fred Rebal, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Rebal of this city and who was one of the players on the team four years ago. The team on which Fred is playing has defeated all of the various teams at Peking and Teinsen and in the scoring of the games the Plattsmouth player has had an important part. In the championship contest with one of the fast army teams Rebal scored the winning basket and the championship.

In the last forty seconds of play while Rebal was rushing to the side of the court he threw an overhead shot that passed through the army basket for the winning score.

Mr. Rebal is serving in the third year of his four year enlistment and has served practically all this time in the far east, first at Hawaii and then a short stay at Guam and the Philippines and the greater part of the time as legation guard at Peking.

## BAXTER SMITH IMPROVING

From Saturday's Daily—  
The reports received from the St. Catherine's hospital in Omaha are to the effect that the condition of A. B. Smith of this city, is much better and giving every indication of the gradual recovery of the patient. Mr. Smith seems to be suffering from anemia and which requires a slow and painstaking effort to build the patient up. The family and friends are well pleased with the work that has been accomplished in helping Mr. Smith and trust that he may soon be able to rally from the effects of the sickness that has caused him so much suffering.

## START IN CHICKEN BUSINESS

From Friday's Daily—  
Recently a trio of well known residents of this city, George Tartsch, Andrew Kroehler and Cliff Forbes, decided that they would start in the chicken business and accordingly they purchased 120 eggs for setting, they to each receive forty chicks from the result of the hatching of the eggs. The customary period of time necessary for the incubation of the eggs passed and the prospective owners of the chickens became anxious to carry home their feathered beauties. How the result came out remains a dark secret, but there has been no large display of chickens around the homes of the three men. Those who wish to find out the full particulars of the hatch can call on Charley Herren at his soft drink parlor and the sad story will be fully explained by Mr. Herren, who has the inside dope on the affair.

## Funeral of Ruth Peoples Held Today

School Friends and Neighbors Gather at the Home for the Last Sad Rites.

From Friday's Daily—  
This morning the friends and neighbors of Ruth Peoples, 15-year-old girl whose death occurred suddenly on Wednesday morning, gathered at the family home on Locust street for their last tributes to her memory ere the body was taken to the old home in Missouri for interment.

The home was filled with the school friends and associates of the departed lady and it was with the deepest sorrow that the circle of friends was called upon to part with their acquaintance.

Rev. Harold Sorter of the Methodist church had charge of the service and gave the scripture lesson as well as the sermon while Rev. Walter R. Robb, of Nebraska City, former Christian church pastor, offered the prayer at the service.

The girl's glee club of the high school of which Ruth had been a member as well as Miss Ruth Lindsay, musical director, gave two numbers during the service. "In the Garden" was offered by Miss Lindsay as a solo and with the members of the glee club joining in the chorus while the glee club gave the beautiful song, "The Rosary" in memory of their departed friend.

The pastor, Rev. Sorter, gave words of comfort to the bereaved family in his brief sermon and also read a short sketch of the life of the departed young girl.

At the conclusion of the service the body was borne by the pall bearers, who were selected from the neighbors of the Peoples' family, to the Burlington station where the body was taken on the 10:15 train to Watson, Missouri, for interment there in the family lot in the cemetery there. Miss Amelia Frederick, one of the neighbors, accompanied the Peoples family to Watson for the interment.

## SOPHOMORES HAVE PARTY

From Saturday's Daily—  
Last evening the members of the Sophomore class of the High school enjoyed a very delightful class party at the high school gym that was very largely attended and one that all the members of the class enjoyed to the utmost.

The party was chaperoned by Ralph Rowland, class sponsor and the members of the high school faculty and who enjoyed with the young people the very fine time that was arranged for them.

During the evening a short program was given, Miss Bernese Arr giving a delightful reading, Miss Catherine McCloskey a flute solo that was much enjoyed, while Miss Leonard Hudson was heard in one of her delightful vocal selections. Hamilton Meisinger added to the pleasantness of the evening by a chalk talk that proved the skill of this young man.

The Six Musketeers, Raphael Janda, Charles Howard, Ira Mumm, Robert Wurd, Frederick Gorder and George Caldwell, who have delighted Plattsmouth audiences at different times were present and gave several orchestra numbers.

After the enjoyment of all kinds of games for several hours, the members of the party were treated to dainty and delicious refreshments that were served by the members of the class and which made the completion of a perfect evening.

## CAN YOU BEAT IT

From Friday's Daily—  
After ten days of almost continuous rain, the sun came out today and in a few hours the dust and sand was blowing in the business section of the city. The rain has left a deposit of thin mud and sand on the paved streets in the business section and this has dried rapidly and was in shape to be blown around when the wind came up and started the distribution of the dust over the main part of the city.

## High School Music Department Concert

Work of the Music Department to Be Heard in Special Entertainment on April 21st.

From Saturday's Daily—  
The Plattsmouth public will have the opportunity on Thursday, April 21st of enjoying hearing the various sections of the music department of the local schools in a concert which will be presented at the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock on the evening of the 21st.

Since the installing of the music department in the local school there has been an increasing interest shown in the study of music and the development of a great deal of unusually high class talent among the young people of the school, far more than the average person who is in close touch with the school activities realizes or appreciates.

It is for the purpose of acquainting the public in general with some of the splendid musical talent that is being developed and also it is to aid in the raising of funds that can be devoted to the expenses of a number of the local scholars to attend the state music contest at Lincoln on May 6th and 7th.

The schools here have been very fortunate in securing Miss Ruth Lindsay, the supervisor of music, and her work with the young people has resulted in the great advancement of the students in all lines of their musical training.

The concert which will be offered on the evening of the 21st will embrace some ninety young people of the school, appearing in the various musical organizations that go to form a part of the musical department.

There will be the girl's glee club and the boy's voices, the boy's glee club of thirty members, the boy's quartet, the high school orchestra, one of the best in the state, of sixteen persons and the junior high orchestra of thirty pieces, all joining in the evening of the rarest enjoyment to the music lovers of the city.

The young people of the schools, coming from all walks of life, are given equal opportunity in the school music department of acquiring a study of this most splendid accomplishment of music in some form that they otherwise would not possess and the concert is to give to the public the result of this training which is developing the best there is in the boy or girl in their artistic temperament.

The public should bear the date in mind and prepare to attend the concert and enjoy an evening of real pleasure and worthwhile entertainment.

## W. B. A. HOLDS MEETING

From Friday's Daily—  
The W. B. A. held a very pleasant meeting at the lodge rooms in the Modern Woodmen building on Tuesday evening and which was quite largely attended by the members of the order and the greatest of interest was shown in the work of the evening.

The order received two new members by initiation and the floor work was given in the most impressive manner by the local officers of the lodge and drill team.

One of the matters of importance that came before the meeting was that of the selection of the delegate and alternate to the state convention to be held at Omaha on May 4th, 5th and 6th, and Mrs. Emmons Ptak was named as the delegate and Mrs. L. F. Pickett as the alternate.

The Plattsmouth drill team will participate in the convention and give the "Apple Blossom Drill" as a part of the program of the convention and will be a feature that all should enjoy to the utmost.

At the close of the evening dainty and delicious refreshments were served by the committee that aided in the completion of an event of more than usual pleasantness.

## SCHOOL PRINCIPAL ILL

From Friday's Daily—  
The many friends of J. W. Poynter, principal of the high school, will regret to learn that Mr. Poynter has been confined to his home for several days as the result of an attack of the flu and the gripe and which has been very annoying to him and kept him from his duties at the high school. Mr. Poynter was taken sick some time ago with the flu and was thought to be well over the sickness when he suffered a relapse and which has confined him to his bed since last Wednesday. It is hoped that he may be able to resume his work at the high school by Monday, however.

## MISS JONES IMPROVING

From Saturday's Daily—  
Mrs. Clara Jones, sister of Mrs. Edward Gobelman who came home from the hospital in Omaha where she underwent several serious operations in the last six months is able to be out among her friends. Mrs. Jones is feeling pretty good now, but hopes for complete recovery soon.

## MRS. HADRABA ILL

From Saturday's Daily—  
For the past several days Mrs. John Hadraba, Sr., has been quite ill at the home of her son, Joseph F. Hadraba on west Main street, the aged lady suffering from a general breakdown and the advancing years that have made her condition very serious and caused the members of the family to be called to her side. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jiran, the latter formerly Miss Emma Hadraba, of South Dakota and John L. Hadraba of Lincoln are here to be at the bedside of the mother. The illness of Mrs. Hadraba brings a great regret to the many friends as Mrs. Hadraba has been a resident of Plattsmouth for the past forty years and is highly esteemed by all of those who have the privilege of knowing her.

## Chevrolet Has New Agency for This Territory

Fred Smith and Raymond Berger to Look After Interests of This Popular Car.

From Thursday's Daily—  
The Chevrolet automobile company which has been engaged in business in this city for several years past and which was formerly represented here by John E. Livingston, has secured a new representative in this city on the closing out of the interests of Mr. Livingston in the agency.

The new representatives of the Chevrolet company are Fred Smith and Raymond Berger, well known auto salesmen and who will make a very successful agency for the company in this territory.

The car has been one of the popular makes in this part of the west and a very large number have been placed in Cass county in the past two years and under the guidance of Messrs. Smith and Berger should continue the past success in handling the sale of these cars.

Both Mr. Smith and Mr. Berger are experienced automobile men of high standing and their wide acquaintance and ability in salesmanship and business ability should make them a real asset to the automobile company and give the residents here real service in the handling of the Chevrolet cars.

The new firm will make their agency solely in this popular line of cars and not handle the more expensive lines as was the policy of the agency in the past.

The new firm is now on the job and looking after the needs of the public in the line of new cars and at the old stand at 4th and Main street where they will make their headquarters.

The repair department at the garage will be under the direction of Fred H. Wynn and George Weidman, both experienced garage men and if "Toughy" and George cannot fix the cars they are not fixable. The repair department will service all makes of cars and will be found ready at all times to serve the public.

## TELEPHONE CO. ENTERTAINS

From Thursday's Daily—  
This noon at the luncheon of the Plattsmouth Ad club the members were entertained by a very pleasing motion picture story, "The Voice of the Nation," showing the work of the telephone companies and which gave the members of the club the opportunity of seeing how the cable used in the underground lines of the telephone companies is prepared, as well as the stringing of the cable and the assembling of the telephone that are placed at the disposal of the patrons.

The showing of the picture was made by Mr. Linsford of the head offices of the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph company. The program was much enjoyed and was arranged by J. P. Lahr, manager of the local exchange of the telephone company and Mr. Hervey of the Nebraska Gas & Electric Co.

## SUFFERING FROM APPENDICITIS

From Thursday's Daily—  
The many friends in this city of Rev. Frank Emory Pfoutz, former pastor of the First Methodist church in this city, will regret to learn that Rev. Pfoutz was being quite sick at his home in Fremont as the result of an attack of appendicitis. The pastor has been confined to his home for some time but it is thought that the attack may pass without the need of an immediate operation for the affliction.

## CELEBRATES COMMUNION

From Saturday's Daily—  
Last evening the celebration of the holy communion was held at the First Methodist church and a very large number of the members of the church were in attendance at the service. The communion was administered by Rev. Harold Sorter, pastor of the church.

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

## Gravel on K. of T. Highway Starts Today

Sunshine Leads to Start of the Work of Surfacing the South Part of the Road.

From Saturday's Daily—  
The King of Trails highway from Plattsmouth to Fort Crook, long the scene of one of the poorest stretches of road in this part of Nebraska is to be surfaced as rapidly as the weather will permit and this afternoon the first steps of the graveling was made when the Modern Construction Co., of this city started to place the gravel on the south part of the highway just north of the Webster boulevard paving and the gravel will be extended as far north as the time and condition of the roadway will permit.

The state department of public works had a force of men and maintainers out this morning fixing up the road for the gravel and their work soon had the road well smoothed out and in readiness for the placing of the gravel.

The south part of the road over the clay hills has dried out rapidly and unless unforeseen storms sweep down on this section should see a great deal of gravel placed by nightfall in this vicinity.

The road in spots from Willview north has been quite muddy and will take some time of the sunshine to dry out properly for the graveling but as fast as the road dries sufficiently for the maintainers and placed in shape so that they can be traveled regardless of the weather conditions.

The new road through the Stull farm has placed the road out of the danger of overflows in this section of the highway and will eliminate several of the bad places that have existed on the lower bottom road.

## DOINGS IN DISTRICT COURT

From Friday's Daily—  
During the last few days while the rainfall was making the whole world blue and glum and everybody was waiting for the sunrise or sunshine, the office of the clerk of the district court has been a very quiet place as the lawyers evidently feared to get their feet wet by getting out and filing new cases.

Today the sun came out in all its glory and Joe Capwell and Bill Robertson both snapped out of the rain and started the ball rolling on a renewed spurt of litigation.

Attorney Capwell filed two suits to quiet title, John H. Wood vs. William Shirley, et al., and another entitled John A. Grady vs. the Omaha Loan and Trust Co.

The action filed by Mr. Robertson was that of the Plattsmouth State bank vs. Frank E. Schlatter, Dora Schlatter and the Nehawka bank. This is an action to foreclose on a mortgage given by Mr. Schlatter to the plaintiff and the Nehawka bank is made a defendant on the grounds of claiming interest in the property in question through a mortgage.

## MARBLE SEASON ON

From Saturday's Daily—  
The vicinity of the city weighing office and the Hassler blacksmith shop on North 5th street, is a very busy place since the rain clouds lifted and permitted the youngsters of the city to resume their marble contests which they have been waging during the spring season.

The exhibition of the skill of the young lads has attracted a great deal of attention and many of the older "boys" are gathered there to watch the games, we noting George Staats and Henry Sanders, who were present at the games today to get a few pointers and it would not be surprising if they staged a little game themselves when the boys are at school. The parkway makes a fine place to shoot and the swarm of boys on the scene today was very large.

## TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Washington, D. C., January 31, 1927.

Notice is hereby given to all persons who may have claims against "The First National Bank of Plattsmouth," Nebraska, that the same must be presented to Fred Buerstette Receiver, with the legal proof thereof, within three months from this date, or they may be disallowed.

CHARLES W. COLLINS,  
Acting Comptroller.

## PRINCE OF WALES AGAIN OUTDONE

Atlantic City, N. J., April 16.—Broadwalk haters averred that the trend in masculine headgear for the Easter parade was toward the old reliable derby until one Al Smith, governor of New York, appeared in a soft grey collegate.