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Graves of All Veterans are to be Designated

Preparation of Plat by Legion, Aided by Thomas Wiles and Sexton, will be a Great Aid.

From Thursday's Daily—
A permanent marker on every veteran's grave is the aim of Hugh J. Kearns post, American Legion, and definite plans were formulated at its meeting last night to not only secure markers and place same, but to have made a permanent plat of the entire cemetery, showing the grave of every veteran from the Mexican war down to the world war.

With such a plat, kept up to date as burials occur in the future, the work of designating the graves will be greatly simplified, and there will be assurance that with the passing of the last remnant of Civil war veterans who have looked faithfully after this task for years, there will not be a single grave lost track of or left without floral tribute on Memorial day.

In this work, the Legion will have the fullest co-operation of Uncle Thomas Wiles, who personally knows the location of every Civil war veteran's grave in the cemetery. After the plat is carefully checked for corrections and additions, it will be redrawn and blue printed for future reference and use in designating the graves of other veterans buried here in years to come.

The difficulty of locating graves without the able assistance of Mr. Wiles this year would have meant at least a score unmarked, and the certainty that none of the remaining Civil war veterans will be with us longer than a few years at most, makes it imperative that this work be done now.

Each veteran's grave will be designated on the new plat by a number and in an accompanying record book will appear the name of the man, together with as much other available information concerning the company he served with, etc., as it is possible to secure.

The bronze Legion markers on all world war veterans' graves will be inscribed on the back with the name of the veteran so that identity can be established at all times, even without the plat.

The new plat will be made up in sections so apt to be unweildy and to permit of dividing it up among a decorating committee, with each member assigned to look after decorating the graves in his section.

In this work, the committee will also have the assistance of Warren Tulene, able sexton at the cemetery, whose familiarity with lot ownership and location of graves extends back over a goodly period of years and will be most valuable in the preparation of an accurate and reliable plat.

The post also considered plans to secure one of the captured German cannons and having it placed in the Legion's memorial plat that occupies a commanding position on a knoll in the new cemetery. Landscaping of this plat will also be undertaken next year, so that in time to come it will be one of the most beautiful spots in the cemetery.

The Legion is vitally interested in seeing that the spirit of Decoration day is carried out in years to come, and feels the responsibility for its perpetuation as a day for honoring the heroic dead of our nation—a task that must of needs fall upon its shoulders with the passing of the last remnant of that Grand Army who fought for American Liberty in the dark days of 1861-1865.

ST. MARYS GUILD MEETS

From Thursday's Daily—
The ladies of the St. Mary's Guild of the Episcopal church were very pleasantly entertained on Tuesday afternoon at the hospitable home of Miss Mahle White in the north portion of the city and with a large number of the members in attendance at the meeting.

The forepart of the afternoon was occupied in the sewing and business session that took some time and was followed by the towel shower for Brownell Hall, the Episcopal church school for girls at Omaha and as the result of the generosity of the ladies a large number of the towels were received and which will be sent for the use of the hall.

At the close of the afternoon dainty and delicious refreshments were served that added a great deal to the enjoyment of all of the members of the party and the members felt very appreciative of the hospitality of Miss White and her mother, Mrs. Walter J. White for the delightful occasion.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS

From Friday's Daily—
In the birth and death record of the local district for the month of May, there is reported the birth of seven girls and three boys, a decided majority for the feminine portion of the new arrivals.

In the death rate there were five men and two women reported as passing away during the month.

MAKING SOME IMPROVEMENTS

From Thursday's Daily—
The Ofe Oil Co., are making some improvements at their oil station on Chicago avenue that will add vermuch to the appearance of this popular station and also be an added beauty to that section of the city. The station is having a new roof placed on the office and the warehouse building that will be a very pleasing change to the looks of the structure and will make it one of the most slightly oil stations in the city. The roof is to be covered with the rain bow shingles of varied colors that will make it the object of universal attention. The interior of the office and rest rooms are also to be given a thorough decorating and made as neat and pleasant as can be found in the city. This company is the local distributor of the well known Shell make of gasoline.

Elks to Make Trip to State Convention

Plattsmouth Lodge Will Send a Large Delegation to Grand Island for the Big Event.

From Friday's Daily—
The Plattsmouth Elks have for the few weeks been anxiously awaiting the time when the state convention of the order would convene at Grand Island and when the state meeting starts on June 8th there will be a considerable number of the local B. P. O. E. in attendance.

The convention opens on the 8th and will continue over the 10th and it is expected it will be one of the liveliest conventions that the order has held in a number of years, as Grand Island is an ideal convention city and one that knows well how to hospitably entertain their visitors.

The local delegation are preparing to appear in white felt hats with the purple ribbons emblazoned with the designation, "Plattsmouth" and from the personnel of the delegation this city will be well represented and strictly on the map. Among those who are planning to attend the meeting are: J. P. Wargo, president, and composer of "Nebraska," the state slogan song that will be sung and whistled at the convention.

L. L. Turpin, past exalted ruler, Ed Fullerton, Sidney Bell, Carl Ofe, Clarence Cotner, Thomas Green and a large number of others who will feel the urge to go now and the date of the convention.

The Plattsmouth Elks are a real bunch of live wires and their presence at the convention will let the world know that 739 is one of the best of the Elks lodge in the state.

ENTERTAINS AT BRIDGE

From Friday's Daily—
Mrs. Frank M. Bestor and Mrs. John V. Hart were hostesses at two very delightful social events yesterday, they entertaining a group of the friends at an afternoon and evening bridge.

The social events were held at the attractive Hart home on west Pearl street, a real beauty spot in the summer season and where the home was most artistically arranged in a color scheme of pink and white, the beautiful flowers of the summer season being used in profusion throughout the rooms of the home.

In the afternoon there were six tables of the players and in the contests Mrs. J. F. Wargo received the first prize and Mrs. S. W. Bell the second prize for their skill in the playing. In the afternoon the hostesses were assisted in serving the two course luncheon by Mrs. F. R. Gobeiman.

At the evening bridge there were six tables engaged in the fascinations of the game and in the prizes Mrs. J. F. Wargo received the first prize and Mrs. L. W. Egenberger the second prize for their successful playing. Mrs. J. F. Gorder assisted the hostesses at the evening bridge party.

CHRISTENING OF SON

From Friday's Daily—
Last evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Conis was the scene of a very interesting ceremony, that of the Orthodox Greek church form of baptizing and christening of the children, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Conis being presented to the church for christening and baptizing.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. D. Culonopolus, of the St. John's church at Omaha, one of the largest Greek congregations in the west. The little son was given the name of John by the parents and the godfather, Harry Mores of Omaha, Nebraska, an old time friend of the Conis family.

Following the christening there was a very delightful dinner served to the members of the party and the Plattsmouth friends who were in attendance at the christening.

Those who attended the event from out of the city were Mr. and Mrs. Gus Stavron of Nebraska City, Harry Mores of the Sanford Hotel cafe, Omaha, James K. Kondaris of Perry, Iowa.

Plattsmouth Has Floral Park of Rich Beauty

Classic Grecian Water Garden and Beautiful Flowers at Home of C. C. Wescott family.

From Thursday's Daily—
To the dweller in the brick and stones of modern homes or apartment houses, deprived of the charm and beauty of the outdoor life, a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wescott at 7th and Main streets is a revelation of what flowers and a little care can do in making a home surrounding of surpassing charm and attractiveness.

It was but a few years ago that the surroundings of this home were merely that of a small grass plot, with perhaps a few shrubs set in the lawn, but the owners of the home, who are lovers of the beauties of nature decided on a landscaping plan that would call for the use of the wonderful offerings of nature and the floral kingdom that are at our call if we wish to summon them, and the garden today is the result of their care and the use of the beautiful flowers, shrubs and trees.

One of the objects that perhaps attracts the eye more than any other is that of the Grecian water garden that has been placed in the center of the east terrace of the grounds and which is a real jewel in the beautiful settings of the flower garden. The water garden is 8x14 feet and is finished in pure white, the center of the pool being occupied by a large bird bath, while on each side of the island garden on which the water lilies and aquatic plants that will be used in this feature of the garden. The fountain will be lit at night by colored electric lights and when fully completed will be well worth coming miles to see.

A concrete walk has been built at the east of the home grounds and from which level two gently sloping terraces lead to the residence and the appearance of these terraces affords a slight that will thrill and delight the flower lover, with their wonderful display of roses, lilies and flowering shrubs. There is one of the handsomest rose gardens that can be found anywhere in this locality at the Wescott home and whose crimson beauty draws the eye of the passerby and brings with it a restful charm of the wonderful hand of a beautiful nature that has given these beautiful flowers to many to enjoy. Not only the roses in their warmth of bloom, but the stately Iris and the green of the shrubbery adds a pleasing touch while at the residence porch baskets and urns of the smaller flowering plants play no small part in the extreme beauty of the surroundings and greatly enhance the scene that greets the visiting nature lover's eye.

Surrounding the grounds is a small barberry hedge that will in the next few years make a wonderful part in the landscaping plan that makes this home a real credit to the city and a place of alluring attractiveness to the passerby.

This beautiful place is the result of the care of the owners and in its charm they find happiness and enjoyment in the perfect setting of a real home.

HAVE HOT CONTEST

From Thursday's Daily—
There has been many warm words passed at the Rosencrans tonorial parlor in recent days between two devotees of radically different sports C. A. Rosencrans, whose devotion to the game of golf amounts almost to a mania, and Ray Larson, who is equally devoted to the tennis game as the real sport.

The rival players in rival sports have argued which would be the quickest means of shooting around the golf course, by means of the club and golf ball or the tennis racket and ball. It was finally decided that they would test out their theory and the first day of June was decided on as "Der Tag."

Last evening the combatants, accompanied by their seconds, caddies, photographers, scorekeepers and many onlookers hastened out to the golf course to start. It was a real battle Mr. Larson serving off with his racket and the tennis ball and playing the ball in the air with the exception of the greens, while Rosey stuck to the straight golf playing. When darkness came it was checked up and the score was given as 40 for Rosencrans and 57 for Larson. The score sheet that was submitted to the press bears however, the appearance of some erasures having been made in Larson's score and it is possible that he may follow the example of Dan Butler who was defeated recently in Omaha by Joe Koutsky, and demand a recount.

We would suggest that they try it around the course with a football or medicine ball if they want a real thrill.

Journal Want Ads cost but little, and they sure do get results.

LEAVES FOR OKLAHOMA

From Thursday's Daily—
Joseph Thompson and daughter, Miss Clara May and Miss Anna Thompson, a sister of Mr. Thompson, departed yesterday for Tulsa, Oklahoma, where they are to locate and make their home in the future. En route they will stop for a visit in Kansas and several points with relatives and friends before going to the oil city to make their home. The Thompson family will have the best wishes of the many friends here for their future happiness and welfare in the south.

Joseph Ellington, well known resident of this city, will take the place as toll keeper at the bridge of the Plattsmouth Auto & Wagon Bridge Co., over the Platte river north of this city and moved yesterday to the residence there in order to be right on the job of handling the bridge business.

Business Men to Aid in the Car Parking Task

Move to Have the Local People Leave Their Cars Off Main Street on Busy Days.

From Saturday's Daily—
There is a growing realization of the need for more parking spaces in the main part of the city for use on busy days and especially when the large number of outside cars are here on Saturday nights.

Just what can be done in the matter of providing additional parking space has been discussed for some time and one step that might give immediate relief is that proposed by the members of the local Ad club at their meeting this week. This is to have the members of the club who own cars to keep them at their garages or homes on Saturday evening or very busy days when the car parking spaces along Main street are all occupied and parties have to drive up and down the street looking for a place where they can park their cars.

This movement would help, there is no doubt, as it would take off the street thirty to forty cars that otherwise occupy space, but of course this does not solve the parking problem by any means.

There are several lots in the rear of the Speenrichs store on upper Main street that have been filled in and could be adapted to a general place for parking cars and where a watch could be kept on the cars and they would really be much safer than they are now on the street without the watchful eye of a caretaker on them.

The attitude of the Ad club shows the right spirit toward the visitors to the city from outside points in giving them the privilege of the parking spaces if they wish them and should be followed by a more general plan for securing more parking facilities.

The narrowness of Sixth street and the fact that it is on a national highway makes it impossible to use this street save for one side parking and means other places must be found to have cars parked.

SURPRISE FRIEND

From Saturday's Daily—
Yesterday was the birthday anniversary of E. A. Lorenz, well known merchant of this city, and in honor of the event he was given a very pleasant surprise at the home on Oak street last evening. Some twelve of the men friends decided that they would suitably remind the guest of honor of the pleasant occasion and accordingly they arrived at the home in the early evening and spent several hours most delightfully in visiting and having a general social time. In honor of the occasion the guests presented Mr. Lorenz with a very appropriate remembrance of the anniversary that he will long cherish. At the close of the evening dainty and delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Lorenz.

SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

From Thursday's Daily—
A. B. Smith who returned home ten days ago from the hospital in Omaha, was down yesterday afternoon for a few hours to visit with the friends and to show every appearance of improvement received from his course of treatment and the rest and care at the home here. Mr. Smith was down just after his return and he is now looking better than when first returning home and feels greatly improved. His treatment requires a period of rest and recuperation and which he will take at the home here and which it is thought will place him in time, back in his old time health and vigor.

PURCHASES NEW PONTIAC

From Thursday's Daily—
The local Pontiac agent, Posey Chilton, has disposed of one of his fine new cars to S. V. Mayab of this city who will enjoy the pleasures of this fine car in the future and is well pleased with the new purchase.

Band Concerts Afford Splendid Entertainment

Musical Events Should Be Held Once Each Week for the Summer Season if Possible.

From Friday's Daily—
The summer band concerts are one of the most popular entertaining features that can be devised and which serve the greatest number of persons in the city and community and is enjoyed by young and old alike.

The plans have been made for a concert once each week and this will make a delightful feature for the summer season that everyone can participate in and show the band that the community appreciates their value as musicians and their part in the summer entertainment program.

The concerts have in the past been paid for from the amusement fund of the city which is raised by taxation but this year this fund will be considerably less by the fact that the repair of the baseball park was financed from this fund as the park fund has had no levy for the past two years. From this fund there is little chance of securing the cost of but few concerts.

The business men of the city have been paying for many years in the business tax fund that comes from occupation taxes and which is supposed to be devoted to the use of improvements and service in the business section of the city altho the only result that the business section has received is the payment of the faithful street sweeper who draws his stipend from this fund. The council has at several times in the past raised this business tax fund and now is the opportunity to secure some real benefit for the city and the entire community by seeing that the weekly concerts are secured by payment from the business tax fund.

The band concerts are an advantage to the city and as the business interests pay the taxes and derive but little benefit from them, the financing of the band concerts from their fund would meet with very general approval of those who have made the business tax fund possible.

A few scattered concerts through the summer does not fill the bill there should be one each week if the weather conditions permit, the same as other neighboring cities enjoy and particularly our neighbor, Weeping Water, which holds a concert each Thursday.

BAND CONCERT PLEASES

From Thursday's Daily—
There was a very large number of the residents of the city and vicinity present last evening at 4th and Main street to enjoy the concert presented by the Eagles band under the direction of William R. Hony.

The program was well selected and embraced a number of the standard numbers as well as several of the popular numbers of the day. Among the most enjoyed numbers was the serenade, "An Autumn Romance," by King, the Porto Rican dance, "Rosita" and the song hit of the day "I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover."

At this concert there was arrangements made to provide temporary seats for the ladies and children and which proved a comfort that they all enjoyed to the utmost.

It is expected to hold these concerts at 8 o'clock each Wednesday evening during the summer months and which give the shoppers who are taking advantage of the stores being open until 10 o'clock to enjoy the concerts.

The public should remember to mark down Wednesday evening as an event of more than usual pleasure.

HOLD PICNIC SUPPER

From Thursday's Daily—
A picnic supper was held last evening at the pleasant home of Walter L. Propst on Chicago avenue, where in the shade and pleasant greensward a party of the young people spent the time in a most enjoyable birthday party given by Miss Dorothy Lahr in honor of Miss Eva Fritzinger, of Valparaiso, Nebr.

The time was spent in playing games of all kinds, with a fine picnic supper as the big feature of the evening.

The guests of the occasion were Margaret Stevenson, Emily Lorenz, Dorothy Stevenson, Catherine Terryberry, Frances Wetenkamp, Dorothy Lahr and the guest of honor, Eva Fritzinger.

MORTGAGE RECORD

From Thursday's Daily—
The following is the record of the mortgages filed and released for the month of May in the office of County Register of Deeds, Miss Jessie M. Robertson:

	Farm Property	City Property
Filed	\$85,852.00	\$2,178.00
Released	55,257.55	10,300.00

HAS A REAL ROSE GARDEN

From Saturday's Daily—
In the last few weeks the person who have visited the government building at 5th and Vine streets have had a sight of real charm and beauty in the rose hedge that is located on the grounds of the William Barclay home just west of the postoffice and whose wealth of floral beauty makes a fitting background for the green of the lawn that surrounds the post-office building.

The rose hedge was planted five years ago by Mr. and Mrs. Barclay and is now in the fullest of bloom with untold thousands of the red roses waving their beauty in the sunlight and making as pretty a scene as can be found any where in the city.

The floral settings make the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barclay a real jewel in that section of the city and a sight to be sure that is restful to the eye of the lover of natural beauty.

Piano Pupils of Miss Gass Hold Recital

Very Enjoyable and Artistic Event in the Musical Circles of the City Given at Library.

From Saturday's Daily—
On Thursday afternoon, June 2nd at the auditorium of the public library, a piano recital was given by the pupils of Miss Olive Gass.

The auditorium was decorated and brightened with roses of all colors, peonies and iris. This year the memory work was extended to include duets, as well as solos. The pupils rose to the occasion and all of the solos and duets were given from memory.

More than 100 parents and friends were present and showed their appreciation of this feature of the program by their hearty applause.

The program was divided into two parts. Part 1 consisted of numbers given by the boys. Part 2 consisted of numbers given by the girls, and included 21 numbers.

Miss Bernese Arn assisted by giving one of her always enjoyable readings. Miss Gass announced that Miss Treva Edgerton was the honor pupil in the class this year.

Miss Edgerton had already received three medals, second place in scholarship in the senior class of 60 pupils and the prize offered by the D. A. R. organization, for the best grade in the American history class. In addition to this she has received a full credit at graduation because, during the four years of high school work, she never missed a piano lesson.

Those on the program were: Douglas Douglas, Robert Secord, Stuart Porter, Cecil Comstock, James Comstock, George Perry, Doris Ann Douglas, Louise Rishel, Dorothy Yost, Barbara Spangler, Mata Schackneis, Mildred Elledge, Jean Elizabeth Holmes, Maxine Wiles, Mildred Vincent, Sena Woodruff, Alice Funk, May Benak, Leona Meisinger, Frances Benak, June Keil, Mrs. Rachael Baldwin-Stones, Marjorie Arn, Treva Edgerton.

SOME BIG FISH

From Thursday's Daily—
William and John Grebe, the fishermen, who have made many fine catches of fish from the Missouri river, this morning caught one of the largest fish that they have ever landed in the stream. The fish is a channel cat and weighs at least 100 pounds. The fish made a great battle and the fishermen were a half hour in getting him to shore and safely landed as the big boy struggled and fought desperately, realizing that he had been hooked. The fish was a real head in bringing up to the city and the Grebe boys are well pleased with their success. They also secured a fish that weighs some sixty-eight pounds but which compared with the larger fish seemed a mere infant, altho it was large enough to make a great catch for the ordinary fisherman. The Grebe boys have secured some of the largest fish ever caught in the river and are past masters in the art of angling for the big fish.

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Boy Scouts Have Great Time During Camp Period

A Week of Real Fun and Sport Enjoyed at the Scout Camp in the Vicinity of Cedar Creek.

On the morning of May 28th, the day after school was out, about twenty-five of the Plattsmouth Boy Scouts left for Cedar Creek for their annual camping. Most of the boys rode out with some of the parents who were going out, or with Mr. Mrasek, who very kindly took his big truck to haul the boys and their equipment to camp. The Scouts want to thank him for his services this year. The boys left town about 9 o'clock (those who hiked out going earlier of course). Bob and Jimmie left about 5 o'clock to be sure to get there on time.

The first day was devoted largely to getting located, pitching tents and becoming accustomed to camp life. The second day, being the Sabbath, was quietly observed. In the afternoon a group of men, together with some of the mothers of the boys came out from Plattsmouth and a short service was held. Short talks were made by Rev. McClusky and C. A. Rawls. Mr. Wescott lead the singing. The next day was Decoration day and Scout camp began in earnest.

The bugler, George Caldwell, blew the rising call at 7 o'clock, at which time all the boys rolled out of their tents and got ready for breakfast. A few minutes later the call to mess was sounded and every one got into line for their meal.

As soon as the boys had washed their dishes the call for assembly came and everyone gathered around the flag pole and as the flag was being drawn to the top every Scout stood at attention until the last notes of the bugle had died away. Then the announcements were made at this time, the boys who were to get wood, water, clean up camp and the ones on K. P. were notified and the day started on.

In the morning the boys worked on their tents, the older and more advanced boys helping the Tenderfeet and 2nd class Scouts to advance in rank. The older ones worked on their merit badges.

At 12 o'clock noon the call to mess was sounded again and everyone got in line for dinner. After dinner there was a free period during which some played games, some went for walks, some fished and some just rested. At 4 o'clock the boys went in swimming, but swimming was not very popular this year as there were only two days that the air was warm and even then the water was cold. The chief enjoyment the boys got out of the water was on Monday afternoon when the Scoutmaster, who was acting as life guard, took a rather impromptu dip in the lake with his heavy sweater on. Then at 6 o'clock came supper time and afterwards a campfire around which the boys gathered to tell stories and sing songs. The campfires will be remembered longer than anything about the camp, as there seems an intangible something about them that gets right into the soul of the Scout and leaves a tender memory of the time spent in camp.

At 9 o'clock taps blew, which was the signal for all Scouts to go to bed and the day's activities were over.

This is the program that was followed in camp throughout the week. There are numerous things that could be mentioned, such as ball games, hikes (especially the one to the haunted house), boxing matches, swimming contests, track meets, fishing, trips to town, etc., but space does not permit telling of all these. However, suffice it to say that all the boys had a good time, were busy all the time, were sorry to see camp break up—there was not a one who would not have liked to stay another seven days—and are waiting until next year, when they can go again.

AGED RESIDENT ILL

From Thursday's Daily—
Matthew Staska, one of the old time residents of this city has for the past three weeks been quite ill at his home in this city and seems to be holding his own, but at his advanced years there is more or less seriousness attached to his case. Mr. Staska was operated on last December and has not fully regained his strength since that time and the last few weeks have been quite trying ones to him.

COL. BATES SOME BETTER

From Saturday's Daily—
The reports from the bedside of Col. M. A. Bates, editor of the Journal, are that the patient is resting a little easier than he has for the past few days and while he is still weak and compelled to keep to his bed he is thought to be on the mend. It is hoped that in the next few days he may soon be able to take more nourishment and be on the highway to complete recovery.

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