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## Burlington Makes Improvements in Shops

Enlarge Capacity of Coach Shops and Equip Buildings With Concrete Floors.

From Monday's Daily—  
The Burlington is completing a series of improvements in their local shops that covers the expenditure of several thousand dollars and go to make their buildings at the local plant much more modern and capable of handling a great deal more of the coach work that is being turned out here in increasing volume.

The company has had new fronts placed on several of the buildings at the shops and have enlarged the capacity of the coach shop so that the shop can now handle a great many more cars than heretofore and increasing the output of the shops so that they can fill the demand for more cars that are constantly being made on this shop, one of the best coach shops of the system. The coach work at the local shops has been for years recognized as being of a very high type and a great volume of work has been turned out here each month.

In addition to the increasing coach work there has also been more of the mill work sent to the local shops as well as special work in the blacksmith line that is being handled by the force of workmen under the direction of Superintendent William Baird and the foreman of the shops.

In the shop buildings there has been placed new concrete floors, a much needed improvement, and which will make for the comfort and convenience in the various departments of the shop where the busy workmen are engaged each day in turning out the work that goes into the equipment of the rolling stock of the railroad.

These improvements are a source of pleasure to the community that have held here the title of the Home of the Burlington shops, as this is the first shop of the system and has been a place of the greatest activity for many years and the improvements that have been made at the shops indicate that the railroad company contemplates no change from their policy that has kept this shop one of the most active on the system, although from time to time there are adjustments made in the work in all of the shops on the different parts of the system.

## DEATH OF OWEN CLIFFORD

From Monday's Daily—  
Last evening at 9 o'clock Owen Clifford, a resident of the north portion of the city, passed away at the home on North 8th street after a short illness. The death of Mr. Clifford was due to the ailments of his advancing years and which has kept him confined to his home for the greater part of the time.

Mr. Clifford was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Clifford, who were early residents of this city and the deceased spent his younger years in this community and is remembered by the older residents of the city. For a number of years Mr. Clifford made his home at Weeping Water where he was engaged in work in the quarries there but later moved to Omaha where he made his home until a short time ago when he came to this city and has since resided here with his brother, T. S. Clifford at the family home.

Owen Clifford was born at Logansport, Indiana, seventy-five years ago, but has spent the greater part of his lifetime in this state.

Mr. Clifford is survived by the brother, T. S. Clifford of this city and a sister, Miss Josephine Clifford of Omaha.

In the death of the brother, the members of the family will have the deep sympathy of the many friends in this community where the family has been so long residents.

The funeral of Mr. Clifford will be held at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning from the St. John's Catholic church.

## JURY FINISHES WORK

From Monday's Daily—  
This morning the fifth week of the jury term of court was called, the case of Guthmann vs. Lempke, et al., being scheduled for trial, but the agreement reached by the parties in the suit among themselves settled the case out of court.

After the reaching of the agreement among the parties Judge Begley excused the jury from further attendance and thanked them for the service that they had performed in handling the cases that came before them. The jury service is a part of the duty of citizenship and sometimes is a very irksome and trying ordeal but necessary in the conduct of the courts.

The present jury panel has been engaged for the past four weeks and have had one of the longest terms of jury work in many years.

The next term of the district court will open in March, the date of which will be fixed later by Judge Begley.

Blank books at the Journal office.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. CARRUTH

From Monday's Daily—  
The funeral of Mrs. Frank Carruth was held this morning from the Sattler funeral home where the body was taken from Burlington train No. 6 and held at the home until 10 o'clock.

The services were held at the grave by the Rev. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of which the Carruth family were former members.

The pall bearers were selected from the old friends of the family and comprised the following: J. W. Crabbill, James K. Pollock, William Schmidtman, D. C. Morgan, George B. Mann and E. H. Wescott.

The body was accompanied by the two sons and daughter from the west, Glen Carruth and Mrs. McKnight of Denver and Fred Carruth of Fort Morgan, Colorado.

## Decide Damage Suit for the Defendants

Action of James Topp vs. Dale R. Topfiff, et al. for \$15,000 Goes to Defendants

From Monday's Daily—  
The damage suit of James Topp vs. Dale R. Topfiff, et al., which was on trial in the district court on Friday and Saturday was given to the jury at 5:30 Saturday evening and Sunday morning the verdict was rendered in favor of the defendants and against the plaintiff, Topp.

The case has attracted a great deal of attention as the defendants are quite prominent residents of the territory south of Murray and north of Nehawka, the six defendants having been Dale R. Topfiff, D. V. Pitman, J. R. Gerking, Herman Wohlfarth, Ivan Deles Dernier, and Nick Frederick. There were large numbers from the vicinity of the residence of the parties present each day and the result of the case awaited with much interest by residents of that locality.

The suit for damages was filed by Mr. Topp who claimed that the complaint filed last spring against him asking for a peace bond, had damaged his reputation in the community and for which he had asked the sum of \$15,000 in damages. The complaint for the peace bond was signed by six defendants who alleged that they were in fear of Mr. Topp.

On the trial of the case in the county court Mr. Topp was released on the case dismissed and was later followed by an insanity charge against Topp in which he was found sane.

The damage suit was filed several weeks later against the six defendants in the action.

Following the verdict in the damage suit the members of the jury who wished were excused until this morning when they assembled for what is expected to be the last jury case of the term, that of Anna Guthmann vs. William Lempke, et al.

## CAR GOES INTO DITCH

From Monday's Daily—  
Last evening Sheriff Bert Reed called out to the vicinity of the E. H. Spangler home where an auto was reported to have gone into the ditch just at the edge of the culvert on the King of Trails highway.

It was found on reaching the scene that the parties were Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johnson, colored, of Omaha, who were en route to Nebraska City and on reaching the turn in the highway Mr. Johnson had been blinded by the lights of an approaching car and being unfamiliar with the road had turned his car into the ditch and was later rescued by the glass in the rear part of the car.

It was necessary to have a truck sent out from the city to pull the car out of the ditch.

## UNION W. C. T. U. MEETS

From Monday's Daily—  
The December meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was held at the home of Mrs. J. D. Cross with Mrs. Crede Harris as assistant hostess. Mrs. Mougere was leader of the topic, "Temperance and Missions." All present agreed that we did not want the wet forces to manage our country. Special music, "The Chimes of Christmas," was rendered by Mrs. Mae Smith and a reading "The Two Glasses" by Mrs. Ivan Balfour. A message of cheer and love was sent to one of our dear members, Mrs. Mont Robb, who is very ill. Delicious refreshments were served. Our next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Will Porter with Mrs. Will Banning as the leader of the topic, "Anti Narcotics."

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our kind neighbors and friends for the many acts of kindness during our loved one's illness, death and burial.

Also the beautiful flowers and the cars for our relatives at the funeral. Their kindness will never be forgotten.—Mrs. Andy Thomsen and Family.

## Community Sing Proves Very Pleasing to Big Crowd

Some 400 Persons Are Present at the Community Building for the Musical Services.

From Monday's Daily—  
Yesterday afternoon the American Legion community building rang with the beautiful strains of the Christmas carols that carried in their melody the rejoicing over the coming of the day when the birth of the King of Kings brought to the world the hope of redemption.

The number attending was estimated at 400 and all of whom joined in the singing of the carols, the songs being led by Mrs. E. H. Wescott, one of the leaders in the music circles of the city and who has been the chairman of the music department of the Nebraska Federation of Women's clubs.

The community sing was one of the most successful that has been held in recent months and gave the opportunity of the expressing of the Christmas thought in song.

The invocation and benediction of the afternoon was offered by the Rev. O. G. Wichmann, pastor of the St. Paul's Evangelical church.

In addition to the Christmas carols there was a very interesting program offered by a number of the talented residents of the city that added to the enjoyment of the event.

In vocal offerings Jean and Billy Knorr, the children of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Knorr were heard in a duet that was very much enjoyed, while the solo number of Mrs. Fay Chase Martin added much to the value of the program. Mrs. E. H. Wescott and Miss Ruth Lindsay were heard in a most impressive number, "The Angel" in which the beautiful voices of the ladies found real expression.

The girls' glee club of the high school offered a special number under the direction of Miss Ruth Lindsay, music supervisor, that was well presented and the fine voices of the young ladies added a most appreciated part to the program.

The audience received a special offering in the children from the room of Miss Edith Abbott of the grade schools, in which the little folks demonstrated that all of the musical talent is not possessed by the older students.

The Christmas story was given by Mrs. William Baird in her usual impressive manner and which gave the audience the realization of the importance and the lessons of the Christmas day that has brought hope to the world.

## AN UNUSUAL TREAT

From Monday's Daily—  
Last evening the congregation at the First Methodist church had the pleasure of hearing a very unusual offering in that Miss Helen Sloan presented in that of a character sketch of Judas, the betrayer, which was taken from the official text of the Oberammergau passion play. The wonderful dramatic talent of Miss Sloan found great expression in the rendition of the part of the Judas and her work in the presentation of the role was stirring and held the audience by its intensity and the heights that Miss Sloan rose in the last portions of the sketch at the remorse of Judas and his death were intense and gripping. The offering was unusual in that Judas is a character not often presented and gave the audience a glimpse of personal study in the life of the character that has through the centuries been the object of scorn and loathing in his betrayal of the loved Master.

Those who attended the presentation were more than repaid for their effort in the splendid offering of Miss Sloan.

## MRS. AMICK AT REST

From Monday's Daily—  
The funeral of the late Mrs. Ruth N. Amick was held on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 from the Sattler Funeral home at 4th and Vine street and the service attended by a large group of the friends from the vicinity of the home near Myrnard.

The services were conducted by Rev. George B. Weaver of the Myrnard U. B. church and who spoke words of comfort and consolation to the bereaved family and the sorrowing friends.

During the service the members of the choir of the U. B. church gave several of the old and loved hymns.

At the conclusion of the service the body was borne to the Eight Mile Grove cemetery where it was laid to the last long rest in the family plot.

## VERY HAPPY EVENT

From Monday's Daily—  
Yesterday morning at the hospital at Omaha a fine little son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Evi Spier of this city and the little man with the mother is doing nicely and bringing with him a real rejoicing for the Christmas season. It is needless to say that the event has been the source of a great deal of pleasure and happiness to Grandfather William J. Straight.

## RECEIVES SAD MESSAGE

From Wednesday's Daily—  
Yesterday afternoon M. M. Beal of this city received the sad news of the death of his brother-in-law, Elliott Utterback, which occurred yesterday morning at his home in Hayesville, Iowa. Mr. Utterback was eighty-six years of age and was married to an elder sister of Mr. Beal, the family having lived in that section of Iowa since their marriage and Mr. Utterback was born and reared in that locality, his parents having been among the early residents of the state.

Owing to the poor health of Mrs. Beal it will be impossible for the relatives here to attend the funeral services which are to be held at the home at Hayesville.

## Philip Eagan an Old Resident, Passes Away

Body Brought Here Sunday Afternoon and Funeral Services Held This Afternoon.

From Monday's Daily—  
The death of Philip Eagan, aged 52, of Grand Island, a former resident of this city, occurred Saturday at the hospital at Grand Island where he had been a patient for some time and the body was brought to this city, the old home of the Eagan family, yesterday for the last services.

Mr. Eagan was born in this city where his parents were old time residents and he grew to manhood in this community, leaving here thirty-five years ago for McCook where he was engaged as an engineer and continued in that work up to the time of the last illness.

The deceased was never married and leaves to mourn his death three brothers and one sister, Pat Eagan of Edgemont, South Dakota, Thomas Eagan of Chicago, John Eagan of Louisville and Mrs. Victor Ives of Lewiston, Idaho.

The body arrived in this city at 4:30 Sunday afternoon and was taken to the Straight funeral home on Oak street where it remained until the funeral service at 1:30 this afternoon.

The last services were held at the St. John's Catholic church and were conducted by the pastor, Father George Akins and at the conclusion of the services the body was borne to the Catholic cemetery where it was laid to the last long rest in the family lot where the parents are at rest.

The relatives attending the services were the brothers, Thomas of Chicago and Patrick of Edgemont, Mrs. John Banning of Alvo and William Eagan of McCook, niece and nephew of the deceased.

## MAY PROMOTE AN OLD FIDDLER'S CONTEST HERE

From Tuesday's Daily—  
The entertainment committee of the American Legion has under consideration the holding of an Old Fiddlers' contest in January with cash prizes for the first, second and third best entries and doubtless followed by a genuine old fashioned dance, with music furnished by the group of old timers entered in the contest. This would allow each to receive enough for his services at the dance to pay him to attend the contest, while the winners would receive generous cash prizes in addition.

The committee is anxious to ascertain how much enthusiasm there is for such a contest and how many entries might be expected, before going ahead with the arrangements, and requests that all old time fiddlers would like to compete drop a line to Roy Holly, chairman of entertainment enterprises, Plattsmouth, Neb. If the contest is held, the cash prizes will be sufficiently large to make it worth while competing for them, especially with the added remuneration for old time orchestral service.

If you would like to enter one staged in the new Community building some time in January please notify Mr. Holly or any of the American Legion officials.

## SELLS FURNITURE STOCK

From Wednesday's Daily—  
This morning G. P. Horn, trustee in the Christ & Christ bankruptcy, held the sale of the stock of furniture at the former store on South 6th street, and the sale attracting quite a number of bidders from Omaha and other parts of the state to make bids on the stock. As the result of the bidding the stock was sold to a Mr. Corbin of Omaha for the sum of \$700. The sale will have to be approved by the U. S. district court before the property can be turned over to the bidder, however. The purchaser is expecting, if the sale is confirmed to sell the stock in bulk or in small assortments to those who may wish to purchase them.

## Journal Want Ads bring results.

## Lincoln Church Has Part in Most Thrilling Rescue

Husband of Former Plattsmouth Girl, Miss Millye Tubbs, Figures in the Rescue.

Lincoln Church, engineering officer of the coast guard cutter, Crawford, and husband of a former Plattsmouth girl, Miss Millye Tubbs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tubbs of Myrnard, had an important part in one of the most thrilling rescues in the history of the coast guard service in the great lakes, when the crew of the cutter rescued the crew of the steamer Altadoc, which in the great storm of December 11th on Lake Michigan, had grounded on the rocks off Keweenaw Point, Michigan.

The story of the rescue furnished a great chapter in the history of the coast guard service and the members of the crew of the cutter have received high commendation for their services. The detailed story of the rescue was as follows:

The remaining 21 members of the crew of the stranded steamer Altadoc on the rocks off Keweenaw Point, Mich., were rescued late today by the coast guard cutter Crawford after a thrilling battle in high seas jammed with ice formations.

The men were landed at the coast guard station at Copper Harbor, and later taken to Calumet where they joined four other members of the crew who escaped from the vessel yesterday. Although suffering from exposure none of the men were seriously injured and planned to depart for their homes tonight.

The Altadoc, coast guard officials said, will be a total loss. She has been driven to within 50 feet of the shore. Her prow was stove in and one side smashed by the battering received on the shoal. Her lower parts are flooded and the engine body wrecked.

Battles 19 Hours.

The Crawford battled the ice jammed waves 19 hours to reach Outer Harbor off Keweenaw Point from Eagle Harbor. Arrived at the stricken vessel due to rough seas. After maneuvering about several hours, two small boats were launched from the Crawford and began the perilous journey to reach the Altadoc. The boats were nearly capsized half a dozen times but finally were able to approach the stricken vessel.

With the occupants of the second dory in danger of being crushed by a possible shift in the ice formation, the Crawford in charge of Captain Glazer turned her nose toward the imprisoned boat and at the risk of going aground herself charged the blockade.

Sixteen times the Crawford jammed the formations and several times she was lifted to an almost perpendicular position, by the force of the blow. Finally a lane was ripped through the ice and the dory succeeded to her side, where the rescued men climbed aboard.

Most of the crew of the Altadoc were Canadians, residing in Ontario ports.

Disabled Wednesday.

The Altadoc was disabled during the storm last Wednesday and drifted across the lake after her steering apparatus had been disabled. At 5:30 p. m. Wednesday, the disabled freighter went ashore on the east end of Keweenaw Point, seven miles east of Copper Harbor and 1,000 yards from the wreck of the City of Bangor which went on the rocks last season.

The crash as the ship went on the rocks disabled the radio sending apparatus and the ship was without communication with the rest of the world from Wednesday night until today. The receiving set had been wrecked during the storm.

Saturday four members of the Altadoc crew, one of them John Keats of Duluth, made their way to shore in a small boat after a perilous trip and reported that conditions aboard the vessel were serious.

The rescue of the crew was held up several days by a blizzard and high winds near the point. The Crawford, which left Two Harbors Thursday morning, was forced to seek shelter and was not able to get to the ship until today.

Rescue by the Eagle Harbor coast guard crew was hindered by the ice which had formed in the harbor, making it impossible to launch a boat until yesterday. The wind finally subsided today and both crews were able to get to the ship and take off the crew.

The tug, Champion, which left Port William several days ago to take off the Altadoc's crew, has not been heard from since its departure, but little anxiety is felt since conditions on the lake have moderated.

A Fancy Box of Stationery makes a very appropriate gift for Christmas. See the big line at the Bates Book and Stationery Store, corner Fifth & Main St.

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## ENTERTAINS FOR SISTER

From Monday's Daily—  
On Saturday evening Miss Amelia Martens entertained very pleasantly a number of the ladies of the city in honor of her sister, Miss Henrietta Martens, who is enjoying a vacation from her duties as nurse at the S. P. hospital at San Francisco.

The home was very attractively arranged with the Christmas decorations that added bright coloring to the scene where the four tables of bridge were enjoyed.

The prize for the high score was won by Mrs. R. P. Westover and the second prize by Mrs. A. W. Clويد while the consolation prize was won by Mrs. E. H. Douglass.

At the close of the evening dainty and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess and which proved the climax of a most delightful time for all of the members of the party.

## District Governor of Rotary is Guest of City

Reuben V. Clark of Kearney, Head of the District, Guest of Local Club Today.

From Tuesday's Daily—  
The Plattsmouth Rotary club had the pleasure today of a visit from Reuben V. Clark of Kearney, district governor of the International Rotary, who made his first official visit to the club and was greeted by the membership this noon at the luncheon at the parlors of the First Methodist church.

The governor of the district arrived this morning and had a meeting with the board of directors of the local club at 11 o'clock and which was followed by the weekly luncheon at the parlors of the First Methodist church at 12:15 and at which time the membership had the opportunity of greeting the well known Nebraskan who has been selected as the head of this district.

The Plattsmouth Rotary made a record of 100 per cent attendance by their splendid meetings that surpassed that of other clubs and which has attracted a great deal of attention over the way in which all of the Plattsmouth members gathered for the weekly breaking of bread and association.

At the luncheon today Governor Clark, told the local membership of the plans of the International Rotary for the coming year and the aims and purposes of the club that has in the last few years accomplished much in the spreading of the teaching of good fellowship and the bringing of better many nations as well as the dwellers in the communities of our country, by the Rotary teaching men have come to know each other better.

## DELIGHTFUL CHRISTMAS PARTY

From Wednesday's Daily—  
Last evening Mrs. Lon Henry was hostess to a most charming Christmas dinner party and bridge that was enjoyed by the members of the W. H. E. L. club and a few invited guests.

The dinner was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mullen, parents of Mrs. Henry, where the Christmas spirit was in evidence in the beautiful table decorations and the green and red used throughout the rooms. The table was lighted by the stately red candles and the centerpiece was one of a miniature Christmas trees and around the table gathered the jolly party of ladies to enjoy the delicious four course dinner that had been arranged. Mrs. Frank Mullen and Mrs. Ray Herring assisted in the serving.

At the close of the dinner the members of the party were invited to the Henry home in the Harris apartments and where the members of the club found a surprise in a large and handsomely decorated Christmas tree on which was found presents for all of the members of the jolly party of ladies and which furnished a most delightful part of the evening entertainment. The ladies also enjoyed the remainder of the evening in bridge and at which Mrs. C. A. Rosenberger was the winner of the first prize and Mrs. Guy Long, the consolation prize.

The hostess had as invited guests of the club Mrs. Frank Bestor, Mrs. Elmer Rummel, Mrs. C. A. Rosenberger and Miss Marie Fitzgerald.

## SCHOOLS CLOSE FRIDAY

From Wednesday's Daily—  
The Christmas vacation in the city schools will start on Friday afternoon and will continue until Monday, January 9th. The high school will enjoy the "Homecoming" on Friday and the various grade schools will have programs and Christmas trees on Friday afternoon as a fitting opening of the Christmas vacation. The teachers who reside at distant points will take advantage of the occasion to go to their homes to spend the holiday season.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born—December 20, 1927, at 11:30 a. m., a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy O. Cole.

This announcement has brought a great deal of joy to the Cole household and the father and little brother are rejoicing over the addition that has come to the family circle. Mrs. Cole and the little daughter are doing nicely.

Those who wish to have their names placed on the Christmas cards should get their orders in at once at the Bates Book & Gift Shop. Select your cards, bring in the plate with your name or have the cards printed.

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