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Platters Sweep to Victory in Auburn Game

Score of 20 to 14 for the Locals Marks the Opening of Tour of Blue and White.

From Friday's Daily—
The Plattsmouth high school basketball quintet last evening very fittingly opened their tour of invasion of the southern part of the state when they turned back Auburn by the score of 20 to 14 on the home floor of the Neomathites.

The small crowd of the Auburn school is a great handicap to the teams that are used to the larger and higher gyms and this fact aided in cramping the style of the Platters in the opening half of the game.

Lon Graf, coach of the Peru normal basketball team was the referee of the game and when the whistle sounded at the half the Auburn team was leading by the margin of 9 to 7.

In the opening part of the game, Sloan, speedy forward of the Auburn team, annexed a lead for his team and to Sloan must go the credit of the showing of Auburn as he was responsible for ten of the fourteen points.

The Platters showed some splendid floor work in the last half of the game and all members of the team were participants in the scoring and in the sweeping attacks that overcame the Auburn lead and gave the victory to the blue and white.

The fans of the city anxiously awaited the news of the game and high school students gathered to wait the result of the game when received by the Journal and were accordingly delighted with the splendid start of the basketball tour.

Coach Rothert and his ten warriors will move on to Beatrice this morning where they will play tonight against the East and aggressive team and the conflict should be one of the greatest interest in the southern Nebraska games.

This tabulated score of the game was as follows:

| Plattsmouth— | | | | |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|
| | FG | FT | PP | TP |
| Hatt, rf | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| Wescott, lf | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Perry, c | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Hadraba, rg | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Galloway, lg | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| TOTALS | 9 | 2 | 4 | 20 |

| Auburn— | | | | |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|
| | FG | FT | PP | TP |
| Sloan, rf | 4 | 2 | 1 | 10 |
| Anderson, lf | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Rood, c | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Stewart, rg | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Saffore, lg | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 6 | 2 | 4 | 14 |

SHOOT DRAWS WELL

From Friday's Daily—
Last night at the 2nd indoor shoot of the Plattsmouth Rifle Club at the American Legion Auditorium, twenty members shot twenty shots each at a distance of 75 feet. Due to the increased range, the scores dropped below those of Tuesday night. Out of a possible score of 200, the following was the standing of those shooting: E. L. Trumble, 133; Elmer Taylor, 131; C. W. Hutchinson, 120; L. F. Terryberry, 118; W. F. Krecklow, 118; C. L. Pittman, 117; Dick Beverage, 113; J. H. Balcock, 111; P. Westover, 108; Henry Oie, 107; Max Pfanzmeyer, 106; C. A. Marshall, 104; Tom Walling, 104; W. P. Taylor, 102; E. J. Larson, 102; A. Olson, 101; L. W. Niel, 85; Otto Wohlforth, 79; A. Beverage, 73; B. C. Hakow, 46.

The combined scores of the two elimination contests give the following right to compete Friday night for places on the club team: E. H. Douglas, 274; Elmer Taylor, 257; E. L. Trumble, 252; C. W. Hutchinson, 269; Dick Beverage, 258; H. B. Johnson, 252; R. J. Larson, 238; C. L. Pittman, 237; W. F. Krecklow, 236; J. H. Balcock, 235. The ten high men of the two night's competition will shoot this evening at 7:00 p. m.

SOCIAL CIRCLE CLUB MEETS

From Thursday's Daily—
The ladies of the Social Circle club of east of Murray held a very pleasant meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Hobschmidt. The event was in the nature of an all-day meeting in which the ladies derived a great deal of interest and profit as well as pleasure. The project leaders, Mrs. Will Cook and Mrs. Fred Hanni were present and gave a very interesting discussion of the club work as they had been at the general meeting at Weeping Water last Friday and received the instructions of the month's program from the county extension agent. Not the least of the pleasant events of the day was the sumptuous dinner served at the noon hour by the hostess and which all enjoyed to the utmost. As usual at Weeping Water, Carl Koll and Mrs. Glen Thompson were present.

The next meeting of the club will be on February 21st at the home of Mrs. Jennie Klimm.

RETAIL SECTION ELECTS

From Thursday's Daily—
This noon the retail section of the Chamber of Commerce held a meeting in the Hotel Perkins, including in the event the regular twice a month luncheon that is a part of the regular program of the section.

President Emil A. Wenz presided over this meeting and one of the chief matters taken up was that of the election of the remaining officers of the retail section. Fred P. Busch was named as the secretary and Frank J. Bester as treasurer.

The retail section also appointed a committee to revise their by-laws and decided that the rates of dues and fines be left as at the present time until the section should direct otherwise.

Burlington Asks Tax Refund for Years 1926-27

Amount That Has Been Collected and Paid Over to City, \$5,624.02 Which is Asked Returned

From Friday's Daily—
The Burlington railroad company today filed an action in the district court in which the city of Plattsmouth is the defendant and in which the plaintiff corporation asks that the sum of \$5,624.02 be paid to them as refund of taxes levied in excess of the amount due by law and which was collected and paid to the defendant city for the years 1926 and 1927.

The amount so claimed is for taxes on the property of the Burlington in the local shops that was placed for taxing purposes at a valuation that was not warranted by the state taxing law and which was paid by the railroad company.

The railroad has investigated the matter and found that the amount on this class of railroad property was not justified and had been made through error and therefore asks the refund of the amount.

The matter has been before the city council but in order to make the transfer to the railroad company the action in court was necessary and has resulted in the suit being filed.

OBJECT TO WILL

From Friday's Daily—
A petition has been filed in the county court by Richard A. Smith, Flora May Murray and Dovie Buck, through their attorney C. A. Rawls, in which they object to the allowance of the document filed in the county court and purporting to be the last will and testament of E. H. Smith deceased.

The contestants of the will set forth that they are children of the deceased by his first marriage, that they are omitted from mention in the will by reason of mistake on the part of the father and that they desire to have the will set aside. It is also alleged that the will was secured by undue influence.

The deceased died with real estate valued at \$16,000 and personal property of \$1,500. In the will the widow was given a life interest in the estate and the beneficiaries named were the minor children of the second marriage.

The proponents of the will are represented by Attorney A. L. Tidd of this city and Attorney Charles L. Graves of Union. By appointment of the court William G. Klock is guardian ad litem for the minor children.

ENTERTAINS AT BRIDGE

From Thursday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon the home of Mrs. George K. Becking was the scene of a very charming bridge party, there being some seven tables of bridge enjoyed by the ladies during the afternoon.

The home was tastefully arranged in the color scheme of pink, this being carried out in the candies and the floral decorations of the event. In the playing Mrs. C. E. Hartford was awarded the prize for the high score, Mrs. J. S. Livingston, second and Mrs. C. A. Rawls, the consolation prize.

During the afternoon dainty refreshments were served, Mrs. Petring being assisted by Mrs. Pearl S. Davis.

Death Calls a Loved Resident to Last Long Rest

Mrs. George Luschinsky Passed Away Yesterday Afternoon After Illness of Many Months.

From Saturday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon as the shadows of evening were falling, the life of Mrs. George Luschinsky, loved resident of this city passed on, death coming as a blessing and a boon to the patient who has bravely and with fortitude borne the weary months of weeks of pain and suffering.

In the long weeks and months that the nearing approach of the grim messenger came nearer to their loved one, the members of the family circle have ministered to the wife and mother with loving hands, caring as far as lay within their power, the suffering that was the result of her prolonged illness.

Mrs. Luschinsky has been in failing health for several years but it was not until the past summer that hope of her recovery was abandoned and in her treatment the leading doctors and physicians of the west have been called upon but in vain to check the malady of cancer from which she had been a sufferer.

The death, while not unexpected, comes as a great blow to the members of the family as well as the hundreds of friends of this city, who will miss greatly the warm and pleasant personality of the wife, mother and friend and who maintained until the last few weeks her cheerful disposition in the face of her intense suffering.

Mrs. Luschinsky has been a resident of Plattsmouth since 1882, coming here as a girl from her former home in Illinois with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gohelman and locating in this city where she was later married to George Luschinsky, then a young man in the employ of the Burlington. In this city the family has spent their lifetime and had a large part in the community life.

The meeting was the third held in this part of the state in Nebraska City, Fremont and Plattsmouth, with the largest that has been held so far in the state.

The meeting was called to assist in the formation of the Nebraska Motor Transport Association, which has recently been organized in Omaha and which has as its officers: W. H. Dickerman of Norfolk, President; J. H. Potter, Nebraska City, vice-president; V. J. Sargent of Omaha, secretary; Frank H. Beels of Omaha as the field secretary.

Last evening Mr. Beels was present at the meeting and gave a very brief address on the work of organization that has been started under the auspices of the Nebraska Motor Transport Association, which has as its object the regulation of the truck traffic by making the regulations from within and enforcing laws and penalties that would tend to raise the standard of the business and give better service and satisfaction to the public and to eliminate the unsafe men that might injure the standing of the real truck operators.

Another of the points stressed was that of having permits for the truck business and drivers and which would assure better drivers by providing for the revocation of licenses of the drivers if necessary. Proper bonding of the drivers and owners of the trucks would also assure the public of faithful service and the best of the management of the business.

Mr. Beels stated that in the United States there were 45,000 communities in the United States not served by water or rail communication and this was one of the goals of the trucking was being in giving transportation and communication to places not reached by other lines of service.

ATTEND P. E. O. LUNCHEON

From Thursday's Daily—
A large group of the Plattsmouth ladies, members of Chapter P. E. O. were at Omaha today, where they were guests of the various Omaha chapters of the society at the Founder's day luncheon that was held at the Hotel Fontenelle. The guests observed the most extensively observed in the society and the Plattsmouth ladies were designated as guests of honor by the Omaha members of the sisterhood.

MRS. LUSCHINSKY VERY LOW

From Friday's Daily—
The condition of Mrs. George Luschinsky, well known resident of this city, is reported this noon as being very serious and the patient seems to be sinking following an illness that has covered the past several months. Mrs. Luschinsky's illness has brought a great sorrow to the many friends over the city and who share with the family the anxiety that her serious condition has brought.

Phone us the news:

HOLD A FINE SHOOT

From Saturday's Daily—
Last evening the final tests of the Plattsmouth Rifle club preparatory to their journey to Omaha next week to shoot in competition with the Burlington Rifle club was staged at the Legion company building.

The club had shot on Tuesday and Thursday and last night was the final to determine the five men that would comprise the rifle team to go to Omaha. The scores made aggregated 149 and the average was 29.8, 154 more than the best team at Omaha.

The following were the scores made: Clyde Hutchins, 254; R. L. Trumble, 253; Myron Taylor, 248; Elmer Taylor, 247; Dick Beverage, 243. These five will be the team to compete at Omaha. Other scores were: John Balcock, 275; Ray Larson, 262; H. B. Johnson, 260; C. L. Pittman, 252; James Doyne, 244; and W. K. Klockow, 216.

Steps to Organize Motor Transport Association

Meeting Held Here Last Night and Attended by Many From Truckers of the County.

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GOOD CROWD AT DANCE

From Thursday's Daily—
The music good crowd was present last night at the new Community building, cars being parked on the street from distant counties, indicating that the Legion dances here are drawing people to Plattsmouth for their entertainment from a wide area.

The Omaha Night Club furnished the music and pleased the crowd fully as much as on past appearances here, although it is quite evident that the dancing public prefers a change in its dance music menu instead of too much of the sameness, however good it may be.

The Legion is concentrating its efforts on the next big feature next week dance, Feb. 8th, to be known as the "Auto Dance," music for which will be furnished by Pat Kroh and his Peony Park orchestra. This is something new, different and novel in the dance promotion line and was a grand success at Kearney several years ago when put on by Mr. Holly at the pavilion of which he was manager. Large bills will give the details in a few days.

Another feature being tried out at Legion dances is the old fashioned dance on Saturday nights. The first of these comes Saturday night, Feb. 4th, and others will follow with their frequency determined by the patronage accorded the opening one. Don Sievers has full charge of this angle of dance promotion and he, too, will be advertising out in a few days.

HOLD PLEASANT MEETING

From Thursday's Daily—
The members of Fontenelle chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, held a very pleasant meeting this week at the home of Miss Caroline Baird, that was attended by a large number of the membership.

The ladies enjoyed to the utmost the intimate word picture of the events that preceded the constitutional convention in 1787 and the great debates and discussions of the founders of the constitution when the various sections were presented for the consideration of the convention.

Very delicious refreshments were served by the hostess at the completion of the most enjoyable meeting.

Call No. 6 with your order for job printing.

Plattsmouth Lawyer Learns of Old Friends

Attorney Charles E. Martin of This City Finds Touch with Old Schoolmate in Ohio.

Attorney Charles E. Martin of this city first saw the light of day in the state of Ohio and in his boyhood days was a student in the "White" school located not far from the town of Urbana, in "Champaign" county, and while "Charlie," as he is known by his host of friends here, has been a dweller in Plattsmouth for some thirty years, he has held a warm affection for the locality where his youthful days were passed. Recently Mr. Martin came in touch with one of the "White" friends, Kirk L. Russell, who has moved into one of the homes in the executive work of the moving picture industry and who is the private secretary of Will H. Hays, chief of the movies.

Letters followed among the friends and a short time ago the Urbana (OHIO) Democrat had the following interesting letter on the old times in the state of Ohio. One of the ties that binds the memory of Mr. Martin and Mr. Russell alike to the school days when "Hickin and Larkin" came hand in hand, is the old fashioned punishment that they both received in the "White" school.

Here is the letter:
January 17, 1928.
Editor, Democrat, Urbana, Ohio.
Dear Sir: Charles E. Martin, an attorney at law of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, was a youngster of Mingo valley and still has brothers and sisters in that locality. Charlie is now a grand old fellow and I thought his friends and other neighbors might be interested in reading the following letter I have received from him. It reads in part:

"Your card received and it contained more news of the kind I desire from back there than nearly all letters I get. I had believed Charlie Thompson was already living on the farm his mother left him when she died. I knew nothing of Eliza Good's death until informed by receipt of your card. The cleaning up of the old grave yard by your brother Harry and the digging of graves about one hundred years old brings home the thought that Man born of woman is of few days and full of trouble! That none of us have cause to feel very important. We are soon gone. Sorry for Jim Good, he must get lonely at times. Frank Bulhan as well as Tom must be getting up years ago faces with hair white, which caused our folks to remember that Kirk? They probably should have rewarded her better for her manifest interest in our welfare!"

Something explanatory about his comments may aid to the interest of his letter. The reference to the old grave yard in the old Salem church, which stood about a mile north of the Old White schoolhouse, and wherein I found an old grave of a Mrs. Thomas, buried 75 years ago, who was then in her 80's. I don't remember the first name.

The old church used to be a Methodist church preceding the one organized in the village of Mingo. It was this old church that my mother, the late Mrs. Anna Hunter Russell, attended when a girl and she has told me that she and her sisters walked to this old church in their bare feet, carrying their shoes, which they slipped on their feet just before climbing over the fence to enter the church yard. This was done to save the shoes. They had to go through the dark forest to reach it and she further told me that one dark night one of the girls rode the horse and the other the path in the darkness, without the knowledge that the horse would have found, horse-like, its own path.

Charlie Martin's interest in this old church was the fact that his grandfather, I think it was his grandfather, David E. Martin, was one of the trustees, and I saw the old deed with other names of pioneers on it in the possession of Marion Guthridge at Mingo. It is a rather interesting old pioneer church yard and would make quite a story.

I seem to remember as a lad of seeing either the old church or its ruins, but this was disputed by some of my friends in that locality. I don't know how others feel about old grave yards, but they have a fascination for me, and it would be to someone's interest to write up the citizenry of pioneers from these weather-beaten tombstones.

How years change people's opinion about our own importance, as illustrated in Charlie's reference to the whipping he and Charley Thompson received at the hands of Mrs. William Dixon, who with her husband and family are well known in that community. Charlie, like all of us, realize that some of the things in life which we thought "hurt" us, were in reality blessings. I recall the school rumpus that this whipping caused, and I know my good friend "Ann McCarty" will read this reference with much interest and real affection.

If I ever find the time and spirit, I believe there is a real human interest story in the Old White schoolhouse and its pupils of the days when the centralized school was as new as the future as the progress we are now enjoying.

Sincerely yours,
KIRK L. RUSSELL.
Tuder Lake, Seaside, N. Y.

Beatrice Halts Blue and White Victory March

Gage County Quintet Halts the Platters by the Score of 21 to 19 in a Hard Game.

From Saturday's Daily—
Last night at Beatrice the Platters who had scored successive wins over Creighton Prep, Glenwood, Iowa, Central of Omaha and Auburn, were halted by the Beatrice high school five and lost a hot game by the score of 21 to 19.

The game was one that should have been annexed by the locals but the scoring machine seemed unable to function as it should and while the members of the blue and white quintet fought valiantly in the last periods of the game they were unable to overcome the Beatrice lead.

Observe Golden Wedding Anniversary Last Night

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Sydebotham Enjoy Very Pleasant Event With Their Family Here.

From Saturday's Daily—
Last evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Stine on North Eighth street was the scene of a very beautiful family gathering when the children of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Sydebotham, with other of the relatives and close friends gathered to join in the golden wedding anniversary of these two very estimable residents of this community.

The time was spent most pleasantly at the Stine home, Mrs. Stine being a daughter of the bride and groom of fifty years ago, and the occasion was feature by a delicious two course dinner that had been arranged by the family. The dining room was very beautiful in the decorations of the yellow roses while on the table the white bride's cake with its glowing candles, prepared by Mrs. Fred Leede, of Omaha, niece of Mrs. Sydebotham, served as the centerpiece.

In the living room the color scheme was carried out in the pink roses and here the family spent the fleeting hours in visiting, enjoying the fine radio program and also musical numbers on the victrola.

Mr. and Mrs. Sydebotham in honor of the occasion received many messages from old friends and gifts that fittingly marked the happy anniversary.

The wedding of Charles P. Sydebotham and Miss Mary A. Lane occurred on January 27, 1878, as Lansing, Iowa, and the anniversary there were present two of those who had attended the wedding back in the Iowa home, Fred Sydebotham, a nephew of the happy bride and groom of a half century and Mrs. John McCalla, a niece of Mrs. Sydebotham. Their marriage in Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Sydebotham lived in Iowa for ten years and then came to Saunders county, Nebraska, and have since made their home in this part of the great state of Nebraska at various points, moving to Plattsmouth in 1912, and where they have since made their home and where they have a large circle of warm friends and neighbors who join in rejoicing in their happiness. Mr. Sydebotham has spent all of his life in railroad work and is still in the service as watchman at the local Burlington bridge. Of the family circle there are three daughters, Mrs. J. A. Johnston of Courtland, Nebraska, Mrs. B. H. Swift of Portland, Oregon and Mrs. J. R. Stine of this city, all being present at the anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Swift who were a greeting in a message to the parents.

Those attending the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. John McCalla, Mrs. Biedle Richard and son, Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. David E. Martin, Mrs. A. J. Johnson, Miss Marie Gunderson, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Rogers and children, Bernice and Loraine, all of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Armstrong of Benson, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson and children, Roy, Berd, Ruth, and Frank of Courtland, Nebraska, and Frank of North Falls City, Fred Sydebotham, Mrs. Frank W. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Thackeray and daughter, Mary Joan, and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Stine of this city.

AN INTERESTING PAPER

From Thursday's Daily—
Ed Thrall, the veteran engineer of the Burlington, in working around his home a few days ago came on a copy of the Evening News, the then daily paper of the city, of the date of November 27, 1893, which is very interesting at the date. In looking over the advertising in the paper the familiar ad of C. E. Wescott and F. G. Fricke & Co., appears as well as the professional card of J. M. Leyda, these being the only business and professional firms then advertising that are still in business. Other advertisements are those of Jew's clothing store, E. G. Dovey & Son, J. I. Unruh, Fred Hermann, A. H. Weckbach, Hatt & Otto, meat market, T. J. Thomas, meat market, Zuckeweller & Lutz, Ed Fitzerald was the owner of the city ivory stable while in the financial institutions the Citizens bank was listed.

The Burlington station was having a cinder platform made, the station at that time being south of the present subway.

Leader Bates of Weeping Water had just passed away at his home at the age of 83 years. He was the father of the late Peter D. Bates and Fred Bates of this city.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deepest appreciation of the kindness shown us by the many friends in our sorrow and loss, to the members of the Knights of Columbus for the beautiful floral remembrances and to those who so kindly furnished cars for the funeral of our loved son and brother,—Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Egan and Family.

M. C. BROWN SOME BETTER

From Thursday's Daily—
The many friends over the city of M. C. Brown, well known resident of the third ward, will be pleased to learn that Mr. Brown is now doing very nicely following a very serious attack of heart trouble and while he is still confined to his home he is resting much better and it is hoped will be able in a short time to recover from the effects of the illness.

FUNERAL OF D. C. MORGAN

From Saturday's Daily—
Yesterday at the late home on North 6th street was held the funeral services of D. C. Morgan, former postmaster and county clerk, whose death very suddenly on Wednesday morning had caused such a great shock in the community in which he has been a lifelong resident.

The large number of friends attending the court house and business houses closing for the hour, attested the deep feeling of esteem in which the departed had been held by these lifelong friends. The floral tributes were many and also spoke of the love that the friends had held for the departed.

The service was conducted by Rev. H. G. McClusky of the First Presbyterian church who paid a very beautiful tribute to the departed and to his long and useful life and to his value as a christian citizen of the community.