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Season of the Year for Clean-Up is at Hand

Lawns and Surroundings of Homes of City Need Attention to Make City Beautiful.

Now that winter has apparently passed from the landscape and the reawakening of nature bring with it the renewed life of the grass, the trees and the flowers, the committee in charge of the campaign to make the city more attractive, recently appointed a sub-committee of the civics committee of the Chamber of Commerce who are urging that the citizens individually take part in the campaign.

The grass is now starting to sprout and the committee urges that all lawns be raked and debris removed to allow the grass a greater chance to grow and also that in cases where there is need to have grass seed sowed over the lawn to make a better growth of grass for the summer season.

The trimming up of the trees, the removal of debris and unsightly branches from trees from the yards is also urged as a measure of beautifying the lawns and the surroundings of the homes that will more than repay the owners in the neat and attractive appearance that it will make to the homes.

The planting of flowers around the home and over the lawns in attractive beds, the bordering of walks with the flowers and planting these along driveways as well as mass planting along the house makes for a charm that the summer will fully develop in the surroundings of the homes.

This city has a very large number of places where the owners have labored and produced some wonderfully attractive places in the summer season as was revealed in the contest last summer for the most attractive lawns and these are in all sections of the city and if others would get into the campaign and devote some time to their lawns and expand a small sum for flower or grass seed they would be more than repaid in the wonderful improvement that it would make in the scenery of their locality.

The elimination of unsightly spots along the main streets of the city offers a problem and it is hoped to have the owners get into the full spirit of the clean-up campaign and help make the city as attractive to the eye as possible and give added charm to this ideal home city.

WINTERSTEEN HIL P-T-A

Last evening the Wintersteen Hill Parent-Teachers association held a very interesting meeting at the school and which drew out a large number of the members of the association to participate in the meeting. Following the business session a most pleasing program was given. Frank A. Clout, member of the board of education being heard in two of his artistic vocal number which were very much enjoyed and this feature was followed by a playlet given by the members of the association and which was very cleverly given by the talented members of the cast.

A number of recitations, piano and accordion solos were also presented by the young people of the school. At the close of the evening the committee in charge secured very dainty and delicious refreshments that aided in the completion of a most pleasant event for all concerned.

EARLY MORNING FIRE

This morning at 6:30 the fire department was called out owing to a small fire reported on South Fourth street and where it was found that sparks had caused a small fire to break out on the roof of the residence property occupied by Mrs. Rebecca Moreland. The fire was extinguished without difficulty and doing little damage to the building. The fire, however, caused several of the firemen to have breakfast a little earlier than usual, however.

LITTLE CHILD POORLY

The little babe of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kraeger of near Mynard has been taken to the Methodist hospital at Omaha where it is being given treatment for a very severe case of pneumonia from which the child has suffered for a short time. The mother and little one on their return from the hospital were doing nicely, but a cold taken by the child turned into pneumonia and makes her case quite serious.

DOINGS IN DISTRICT COURT

An action in foreclosure entitled Marguerite Tiedje vs. John H. Behrens, has been filed in the district clerk's office and a similar cause of action by Mary O. Norris vs. Lucy E. Schafer and Max Schafer has been offered for filing. The parties are residents of Nehawka and vicinity.

SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

The many friends of Miss Hilda Wallengren, one of the efficient operators at the exchange of the Lincoln Tel. Co., will be pleased to learn that she is now improving following a very severe attack of asthma from which she has been suffering since last Friday. Miss Wallengren was in very serious condition for several days but seems now to be rallying very nicely from the attack. Mrs. Earl Newland, of Decatur, Illinois, a sister of Miss Wallengren is to arrive here today and assist in the care of the sister.

Dollar Day in Plattsmouth Big Red Letter Event

Forty Merchants Co-operating, Each with a Special that Fairly Screams Economy.

In a special two-page "Messenger of Economy," which appears elsewhere in this issue of the Journal, forty merchants of Plattsmouth are co-operating in the offering of Dollar Day values extraordinary for Wednesday of this week—March 27. Of the entire forty, not one has failed to provide a real red hot special, as will be noted by a casual glancing over of the ad.

Plattsmouth is the logical shopping place of every Cass county resident, who goes out of his own village or town to buy anything. Not only are the stocks of Plattsmouth merchants very complete in all lines, but actual comparison has proven that prices are being advertised in every issue of the Journal that are below those of city chain stores or radio and mail order dealers.

Plattsmouth is the county seat of your home county—only a short drive over good roads now that Spring has opened up and in addition to offering low prices for the things you have to buy, it also affords the farmers of the community an exceptional market for their produce—cream, poultry, eggs, etc.

Look over the big ad. for in it you will find many things of interest so outstanding as to instantly claim your attention. And then come to Plattsmouth Wednesday, where you will find not only these luscious bargains, but consistently low prices on everything you wish to buy.

New Spring stocks are on display, and this too is worthy of your coming to Plattsmouth to shop just before Easter Sunday.

HOLD A FINE MEETING

The Central and First ward Parent Teachers association held a very interesting session last evening at the high school building and where a very large group of the members were in attendance.

The association has recently purchased and had installed in the Central building an electric bell, that is a great addition to the building and very convenient to the teachers and pupils of the building. In the study period the members enjoyed a very fine talk by Judge A. H. Duxbury, who had as his subject that of "Parental Responsibility" and in which the speaker covered the ground of the responsibilities that come to the parent in the rearing of the child and the need for the proper study for this important part of life.

Mrs. H. A. Lightbody was also heard in a very interesting article on "Nebraska," and in which she covered very thoroughly the history and traced the development of the state in all lines to the present day.

Miss Jessie M. Robertson of the entertainment section of the program gave a very fine review of the latest work of Mrs. Bess Streeter Aldrich of Elmwood, "A Lantern in Her Hand" and which was enjoyed to the utmost by all of the members of the party.

At the close of the evening the members of the party enjoyed very dainty and delicious refreshments which made a fine feature of the occasion.

HAS HAND OPERATED ON

This morning Mrs. W. F. Gillespie was compelled to undergo the second operation at the hospital at Omaha as the result of a severe infection of the thumb and to check the spread of blood poisoning. The patient has been resting easily and has improved some since receiving the first operation but in order to clear up all infection the second operation was decided upon.

ROAD CAN ABANDON OMAHA UNION DEPOT

Washington—The Chicago Great Western railway was given permission Friday by the interstate commerce commission to use the Burlington railroad passenger depot at Omaha and to abandon use of the union station. The transfer was made to reduce expenses, railroad officials explained.

Phone your news to the Journal.

Will This City Have Baseball Team This Year

Warm Weather Brings Up Question of Whether Players Will Be Organized for Season.

The few warm days of the early spring and the sport pages of the papers causes the mind of the sport lover to shift from basketball to baseball and track and with this comes the question in the minds of the Plattsmouth fans of whether or not the city will have a baseball team this season.

The past two seasons have not been successful in the way of finances with the team and with the small receipts the team was called upon to make extensive expenditures on the local park due to heavy rains and overflows and in addition to the money from the baseball treasury the Ad Club and Chamber of Commerce also aided to try and place the lot in condition to play. Whether the team would again care to attempt to play under these circumstances it is not known, as the season made a profit at the end of the season for the players impossible.

In the past several seasons the local baseball team has been a member of small leagues organized in the towns in this section, first with the Cass-Sarpy league and last year with the Interstate league when the locals held the disputed honor of the league leadership. So far there has been no definite step taken to revive the league also some discussion of forming a league with Omaha teams Plattsmouth and Missouri Valley, Iowa, have been made.

Locally there has been some discussion of the Eagles possibly sponsoring the baseball team and in which case it would have a strong support as the Eagles are back of a very active Athletic club.

The veterans of the baseball team are largely permanent residents of this city and whether or not they wish to again try a fling with the old pit has not been known and Pete Herold and Bill Mason, war horses of the team will have been competing in playing with their sons, Rich and Ralph, who are developing into fast and aggressive players themselves. William O'Donnell, Fay Spidell, W. T. Distell, Harry Newman, John Svoboda of the last year's team are still here and Ed Gradoville, well known semi-pro player is also a possibility in the team should one be organized.

MANY ATTEND OPERA

Last evening the Chicago civic opera company appeared at Lincoln at the university field house before an audience of 3,400, the largest single audience that has greeted them either at Chicago or outour. The second largest audience was at Oakland, California, where there were 6,000 admissions.

The Lincoln presentation was that of "Faust" and the immense audience represented many from all this part of Nebraska and for the second time Lincoln gave the company the largest audience of their tour.

There were a great many from this city and especially from the school circles of the city to attend, Superintendent and Mrs. R. E. Bailey, J. V. Simons, Miss Amelia Martens, Miss Edith Abbott, Miss Selma Dehen, Miss Lydia Todd, Miss Arel Moore, Isaac Todd of Murray, Miss Lola Nahrstadt, Carl Ofe being among the lovers of the opera to enjoy the occasion.

WILL ATTEND FEEDERS DAY

The Cass County Farm bureau is sending to the stock raisers of Cass county invitations to the 17th annual Feeders day which is to be held at the college of agriculture of the University of Nebraska on Friday, April 19th.

This meeting will be one of the greatest interest to the feeders of the state and will give them the advantages of the experience of the leads in agriculture on this important part of the farm problems of today.

County Agent L. R. Snipes is anxious that all who can attend from this county as he believes the talks and discussions there will be of the greatest benefit to the feeders of the county. T. H. Pollock, chairman of the agricultural committee of the Chamber of Commerce is also urging feeders in this locality to attend the meeting.

DEATH OF MR. GRIFFIN

The G. G. Griffin family have departed for Fullerton where they were called by the death there of the father of Mr. Griffin. The aged gentleman was stricken several days ago with a paralytic stroke and the son, G. G. Griffin, at once left for his bed side and remained for the last days, the father passing away Wednesday night and the family have gone there for the funeral services.

Read the Journal Want Ads.

VISITS IN THE CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boedeker accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boedeker of Nehawka, were in the city yesterday for a few hours while enjoying a short outing and while in the city were visitors at the Journal. Mr. Frank Boedeker since leaving the state service as bank examiner has been engaged with the O. F. Skaggs chain store company and has two stores at Council Bluffs at 224 and 539 West Broadway in that city, being located in the main business section of the Iowa city.

Work on New Bridge Now on in Full Force

Many Local People Employed in the Construction Work of the Piers of New Structure.

The last ten days with the modifying of weather conditions has brought with it a great deal of renewed activity in the construction work of the new auto and wagon bridge over the Missouri river at this point and the task of driving the piers down to bedrock for the foundation of the big bridge is now where several of the land piers are at sufficient depth and the work on the two large piers which will be located in the stream of the Missouri will be started.

With the pushing of the work an increasing number of local men have been employed in the work in the caissons as well as the force of the Union Bridge & Construction Co., which has been engaged in the work during the winter season.

The work on the bridge has been followed closely by the residents of this section and on Sunday the river bank is filled with those looking over the progress of the piers and to enjoy the thrill of a walk over the waters of the Missouri on the foot bridge placed in service for the workmen on the bridge. The ferry is now operating and gives a better chance to get over the river if they wish to look over the scene of the bridge building activity at that part of the construction work.

Construction of the bridge is also watched with the greatest of interest by the residents of Mills county, who are filled with those looking over the long time barrier of the Missouri river and permit the residents of this and our neighboring county across the river to enjoy greater association and as well make a much shorter market road for the farmers and stock feeders of Mills county to the Omaha live stock market.

Local Students Win at Weeping Water Contest

Clelland Reteldorf and Miss Doris Young Win Firsts, Chris Bulin and Ruby Carter Seconds

In the county oratorical and declamatory contest held Friday evening at Weeping Water the representatives of the Plattsmouth schools scored heavily in the awards with more points than any one school showing and with two of the first place position being won by local students.

In the extemporaneous class of speaking Clelland Reteldorf of this city was the winner of the first honors of the contest with a splendid given number and which was assigned to him but thirty minutes before the contest was held.

The oratorical contest was won by Clarence Norris of Avoca as first with Ch. R. Bulin of Plattsmouth as the second. Both of the oratorical and extemporaneous contests were held in the afternoon.

In the evening the dramatic and humorous contests were held and in the dramatic section Miss Doris Young of Plattsmouth received the first honors while in the humorous section Miss Evelyn Kuehne of Murdock was awarded the first honor and Miss Ruby Carter of Plattsmouth the second.

The judge of the contest was Miss Heald of the Mizner school of speech of Omaha. Adding to the interest of the contest Miss Marjorie Arn was heard in a piano number and Miss Catherine McClusky in a flute solo to add to the entertainment program of the afternoon and evening.

In the contest was represented Plattsmouth, Weeping Water, Louisville, Murdock, Avoca and Elmwood.

BORN

To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Holmes, a daughter, Margaret Louise, Wednesday, March 20th, 1929 at Schenectady, New York. Mr. Holmes is a son of Postmaster and Mrs. James W. Holmes of this city.

Mrs. E. H. Wescott Vice-Regent of Nebr. D. A. R.

Former Regent of Fontenelle Chapter of This City Is Named as Vice Regent at Fremont

The Nebraska chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution which has been in session at Fremont this week, closed their deliberations today and one of the final acts of the meeting was the naming of the officers at the Thursday session of the chapter.

For the office of vice-president, the second highest office in the state organization the meeting named Mrs. E. H. Wescott, prominent Plattsmouth lady and who is a former regent of Fontenelle chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution of this city, and has been very active in the work of the society in the state for the past several years.

As the state regent Mrs. Adam McMullen of Beatrice, former vice-regent, was advanced to the head of the state society as a recognition of her splendid work in the organization in the past. Mrs. McMullen is the wife of former Governor McMullen.

Other officers elected were: recording secretary, Mrs. H. J. Carey, Kearney; registrar, Mrs. R. E. Knight, Alliance; and auditor, Mrs. Fred Laird, Fremont.

Officers who have an additional year of their two-year terms to serve are: Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Farnk H. Baker, Omaha; treasurer, Miss Fanny DeBow, Coleridge; historical secretary, Mrs. Mabel Lindly, Lincoln; librarian, Mrs. Roy Northup, York and chaplain, Mrs. Charles H. Mulen, Omaha, who is well known here where she has often visited at the home of her niece, Mrs. T. B. Bates.

An address by Mrs. Russell William Magna, Washington, national chairman of constitution hall and a candidate for librarian general, was an additional feature of Thursday's program. The members of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution as well as the many friends here of Mrs. Wescott are pleased to learn of her election to this office and which is a fitting recognition of her services in this patriotic society and untiring zeal in this work.

AN OLD SETTLER

For many years, in fact probably as long as any of the present generation can recall, Phillip Harrison has been a very active man in the community and a familiar figure on the streets here. Mr. Harrison representative this morning stated that Saturday represented the fifty-ninth anniversary of his arrival in Plattsmouth as he arrived here, a young man from Buchanan, West Virginia, on the morning of March 23, 1870, reaching here via the steamboat route and has since made his home in this community.

Mr. Harrison for a number of years after arriving here ran a transfer line for the late Morgan Waycena, later Mr. Harrison purchasing the transfer line and conducting it for many years and the team of black mules that Phil drove was a familiar sight along the streets here. Mr. Harrison is one of the real old time residents here and can recall many interesting stories of the early days here in this city and vicinity. Of the Harrison family who came here from Old Dominion there are but two living here. Mr. Harrison and his sister, Mrs. Frances Jurdy.

BROADCAST PROGRAM

This afternoon from 1:30 to 2 over WOW at Omaha Rev. Leroy J. Mitchell and his evangelistic party, now holding meetings at Tekamah, were on the air with a program of song and religious messages. The party comprised of Rev. Mitchell, Edward Shriner, piano; Franta Baker, vocal soloist and bible reader and Miss Elsie Choumont, vocalist. Rev. Mitchell and Miss Baker are well acquainted here where they held evangelistic services last fall.

VERY SERIOUSLY ILL

The many friends in this section of Nebraska will regret to learn that George H. Petring, local agent of the Ford Motor company, is very ill at his home in this city as the result of a severe attack of flu from which he has been suffering for the past several days. The condition of Mr. Petring yesterday was very serious and caused a great deal of apprehension to the members of the family circle.

Edward Brantner, William O'Donnell and W. H. Mason departed this morning for Omaha where they will arrange for the boxing match to be given here on April 15th under the auspices of the Eagles lodge.

MRS. GILLESPIE IMPROVING

Mrs. W. F. Gillespie, who was taken to the hospital in Omaha a few days ago, suffering with blood poisoning, has been resting fairly well today, although a couple of new incisions were necessary yesterday to relieve her suffering, and assist in the proper drainage of the arm. The many friends hope that her condition may continue to improve, and that she will soon be able to return home. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Henton, of Hastings, are here, and have been in Omaha with the patient during her stay in the hospital.

Auto Owner Asks Damages for Injuries in Wreck

Suit Filed Here for \$1,908 Damages as Result of Wreck in December Near Ashland

This morning a suit for damages was filed in the office of the clerk of the district court in which William Sorenson is the plaintiff and Fred Hoffman, the defendant, the action growing out of a collision on December 18th on the D. L. D. highway northeast of Ashland in Cass county, between the car of the plaintiff and a truck belonging to the defendant.

The petition of the plaintiff filed by his attorney, William R. Patrick of Omaha, claims that on December 18th, 1928, the defendant was engaged in loading horses into his three ton Reo truck, the loading taking place near an embankment along the D. L. D. highway a few miles northeast of Ashland. It is alleged that the defendant had his truck unlawfully parked across the highway and without lights or signals to warn of the position of the truck. The plaintiff states that he was driving a new Buick sedan and came along the highway after dusk and that his view of the truck was obscured by the darkness and also the lights of another car coming from the opposite direction and he was unaware of the truck until he struck it. As a result of the collision the plaintiff's car sustained cuts and bruises that prevented him from carrying on his usual duties, that his services were worth the sum of \$25 per day and as the result of the injuries and loss of time the sum of \$785 is asked while for the damage to the car the sum of \$1,908 is asked and the total damages asked of the defendant is the sum of \$1,908.

COLUMBIAN P-T-A MEETS

Yesterday afternoon the members of the Parent-Teachers association of the Columbian school held a very interesting meeting at the school building and which was attended by a very pleasing number of the parents and friends in attendance.

The pupils of the C. 1st and 5th grades presented a very fine program with a playlet, "In Holland" and in which the clever little people of the school, as well as the older pupils were heard in songs, recitations and several very entertaining dance numbers that made the offering one of the greatest interest.

GOES TO HOSPITAL

This morning Joe Parker of this city was taken to Omaha where he will enter the hospital at that place as the result of an illness of the past ten days. Mr. Parker has been suffering from a complication of troubles that have grown very serious and he was finally decided to have the patient taken to the hospital where he can be cared for in better shape and it is hoped he will receive relief from his illness.

ASKS FOR DIVORCE

An action was filed in the office of the clerk of the district court today in which James E. Friend is the plaintiff and Jane E. Friend the defendant. The action is one in which the plaintiff asks for a decree of divorce, the petition stating that the parties were married in April in Oklahoma, and that in October 1925 the defendant deserted the plaintiff and has since liver apart from him.

CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

Yesterday was the fifty-third wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Young of near Murray, two of the old time and best beloved residents of the county. There was no special observance of the day held at the home but the members of the family took the opportunity of dropping in on the parents during the day and extending their congratulations.

There is no slack business period for the merchant who advertises his goods the year 'round.

Passing of a Prominent Resident of City

Joseph Fetzter Passed Away at His Home After Long Illness, Death Coming Last Evening

After an illness of several months and which offered no hopes of his recovery, Joseph Fetzter, one of the old and loved residents of the community here answered the last summons last evening, death coming peacefully to this splendid citizen and long prominent business man of the community.

A year ago when his failing health started to tell upon him, Mr. Fetzter retired from the shoe business, in which he was engaged for many years, many years and turned the interests of his company over to his brother-in-law and associate in this business, Henry F. Goos. Since that time Mr. Fetzter has led a retired life and had the tender and careful care of his daughter and family to minister to his last needs as he gradually grew worse.

Joseph Fetzter was born December 22, 1854, in the state of Wisconsin and was a member of one of the old time families of that state, his parents, Godfrey and Rose Fetzter, coming to that state from Germany in 1848 and become leaders in the life of the community where they had settled.

When a lad the deceased was apprenticed in the shoemaker trade and this was his lifetime occupation, he completing his work in Wisconsin and in the year 1874 he decided to come west to follow his brother, Frank, Fetzter, who had located in Nebraska and accordingly in November 1874 Joseph Fetzter arrived at Plattsmouth and started in to follow his trade and the shoemaker business, being engaged for a time with Robert Sherwood, a veteran of this trade in the west. In 1877 and a part of 1878 Mr. Fetzter was engaged in his trade at Joplin, Missouri, and in the fall of 1878 he came back to Plattsmouth and spent some time looking after various calls in his trade in this part of the state. In 1882 Mr. Fetzter made his first venture into business life in this city in opening a boot and shoe store and making the name Fetzter associated with the highest standard of business honor in this community for many years.

In the year 1890 Joseph Fetzter and Miss Mary Goos were married in this city and their wedded life was spent happily in this community until several years ago when the wife was called to the land beyond rest. Mr. and Mrs. Fetzter were the parents of one daughter, Charlotte, now Mrs. J. M. Patterson, who is left to mourn the passing of the father. There is also of the family of Mr. Fetzter two brothers surviving, Henry Fetzter of Lincoln and Frank Fetzter of Omaha.

FAITH HEALER IS ARRESTED

Allentown, Pa.—Charles A. Belles, self styled "faith healer," was arrested Friday night in connection with the death of twenty-one year old Verna Octavia Belles whose body was found last Saturday on the grounds of the Catasaugus gun club. The girl died of poison, the coroner's report stated, but the nature of the poison has not been determined.

With the arrest of Belles, District Attorney Gearhart says there will be a sweeping inquiry into the practices of pop-wow-ism in Lehigh and adjoining counties. Belles was committed to jail, District Attorney Gearhart announcing that a warrant charging murder will be sworn out tomorrow.

"Hetericism" entered into the case when two cabalistic notes were found pinned to the bodice of the girl's dress when the body was discovered and when it was learned that she and many of her relatives were believers in "pop-wod-ism."

CALLED EAST BY DEATH

Last evening W. J. Hartwick, well known candy manufacturer of this city, departed on No. 2 over the Burlington for Chicago where he was called by a message announcing the death of his sister, Mrs. Nick Behene, which occurred there early Wednesday morning. The deceased and her family are old residents of Chicago and it was in that city that Mr. Hartwick spent his younger years and the journey back to the old home on the sorrowful mission makes it far from pleasant.

SUFFERING FROM FLU

Miss Dorothy Persinger, the efficient clerk in the office of the county register of deeds is numbered among the sick, being taken ill yesterday and compelled to go on to her home and where she has since been taking treatment for the annoying malady. The many friends of Miss Persinger are hopeful that she may soon conquer the malady and be able to resume her activities at the court house.