

# The Plattsmouth Journal

## City Council Approves Plan for Highway

### Select Route Laid Out by Engineers and With Viaduct Leading to First Street

The city council last evening in their adjourned session took final action on the matter of the new road to the Missouri river bridge by accepting the plans for the road that was laid out on the recommendation of the state engineer, that of through the section east of Wintergreen hill to the north portion of the hill where it cuts into First street and then by viaduct will be run to Third street.

All of the councilmen were in attendance at the meeting and as the session opened Mayor Sattler had the clerk read the resolution of June 10th adopted by the city council, that being the report of the street, alleys and bridges committee that had designated the highway as to be along the present route with the exception of coming north on Richey street and also the motion that designated the Mayor to make the negotiations for this roadway.

The first matter to come before the council was the resolution authorizing the city to enter into a contract for the erection of the viaduct over the Burlington tracks on Granite street and which provided that the city should pay the sum of \$10,000 for the viaduct, the Burlington the sum of \$4,250 and the Plattsmouth Bridge Co. the sum of \$4,250 also. It was also provided that the suit which the Burlington railroad had against the city for \$5,000 for taxes paid twice, would be dismissed with prejudice and this amount should be included in the \$10,000 that the city would pay to the cost of the viaduct.

Mayor Sattler asked if there were any present to care to say anything in regard to the proposed work either for or against the matter and called upon Judge James T. Begley of the Plattsmouth Bridge Co., for a few remarks. Judge Begley stated that the negotiations over the road had been long and very trying and there were four parties involved, the bridge company, the Burlington railroad, the city and county and state. The state engineer had been called here and had suggested as the most practical and which was the only one that all could agree upon and that only after compromises had been made on all sides to secure the final highway plans. The bridge company was resting of the bridge route from the bridge and while they were not insistent on the road coming through the city it would help no doubt the value of property and in this case was the most practical route and from every standpoint the best route suggested.

Searl S. Davis also told of the many negotiations over the road work, the appointments that had to be made to bring all parties together and the disappointments of the early negotiations. The work as far as he had been involved in the bridge route from the bridge and while he had assisted in getting the engineers here to look over the situation several times, F. T. Darrow had first looked over the south route but was of the opinion that the route was impractical. It had been estimated that in tourist travel that each car that passed through a city left on an average of 60c a car and which he felt would be a great help to the community on a route through the city. Mr. Davis mentioned that the large culvert in Happy Hollow would not have to be paid for by the city.

The petition which had been circulated by Councilman Carl Kunsmann was then read and which showed thirty-one for the viaduct road and seven for a route farther south.

Mayor Sattler then requested the city engineer to give his report on the cost of a highway running south on Lincoln avenue to the end of the shops and thence east to the bridge. The engineer reported that he had estimated on a seven per cent grade, the heaviest that the federal regulations would permit and that he had given the most conservative estimate of all items involved. The cost of the pipe for the sewerage of the creek that would be necessary would be \$25,600 and with the cost of the grading and a cut of thirty-five feet on the hill east, the cost of the road project would be \$41,356, and this work was all in the city limits before the road would be in county or state hands. In reply to questions of the councilmen the engineer stated that this route was longer than the one at Wintergreen hill, the difference being that from Main street to the end of the shops as from the shops east the roads were about the same length.

The adoption of the resolution was then moved by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Luschnsky and passed with all councilmen voting for the resolution with the exception of Councilman Blunt.

The council then proceeded with the adoption of other resolutions that would authorize the city to secure right of way and proceed with

the work for the sum of \$10,136 to be used in the road construction program.

In reply to the inquiry of Councilman Blunt, City Attorney J. A. Crowell stated that the city had the right to contract roadwork under the manner proposed and to carry on the work.

The mayor and clerk were authorized to advertise for bids for the work and which will be done at once in order that road construction may be under way in time to permit the road being opened at the time that the bridge is thrown open for travel.

## Burlington Train Kills an Unknown Man

### Man With Head on Track Struck by No. 2 Wednesday Afternoon; Body Brought Here

Yesterday afternoon as No. 2, the crack afternoon Denver-Chicago train of the Burlington was speeding on its way eastward between Gibson and Bellevue, it struck an unknown man who was lying on the tracks of the railroad and instantly killed the man.

The accident occurred about half way between Gibson and Bellevue and the first intimation of the presence of the man was when the engineer glancing out, saw the man on the track only a very short distance in advance of the engine. Later the man was lying along the track and with his head resting on the rail and as the train struck his head it was so badly mashed that it was impossible to tell whether or not he had been slugged and put on the track or had gone to sleep with his head on the track.

Near the man was found a bottle which contained a small quantity of denatured alcohol and which leads to the view that the man had drunk a part of the bottle and had fallen asleep along the right of way and his head fallen onto the track.

The dead man was placed on the train and brought on into Plattsmouth, the conductor not being familiar with the fact that the accident occurred in Sarpy county and instead brought him on here. Later R. E. Smith, deputy coroner of Sarpy county and Deputy Sheriff Gates arrived and took the man to Papillion for an inquest.

The man was apparently about thirty years of age and had dark hair. He was dressed in a pair of light gray trousers with small blue stripes, tan shoes, red socks. There was nothing on the body that would lead to the identification of the man.

## SUFFERS SEVERE ACCIDENT

Herman Gansemer, well known resident of northwest of Murray, is at the Immanuel hospital in Plattsmouth as the result of an accident sustained on Saturday night when Mr. Gansemer in company with Ray McMaken of Plattsmouth was en route home from Omaha. The accident occurred north of Plattsmouth on the K. T. highway about 10 o'clock. Mr. McMaken driving the car and which was traveling over the old highway instead of the detour. The driver of the car was blinded by the lights of another car and ran into a large pile of gravel along the road and with the result that Mr. Gansemer was thrown into the frame of the front part of the car, a bolt tearing a large gash over the right eye and a severe cut inflicted on the right leg. Mr. McMaken was badly bruised as he was held by the steering wheel, and which caused a severe bruise to the chest as well as two broken ribs. The men were brought on to Plattsmouth and later Mr. Gansemer was taken to the hospital at Omaha where he has since, in a very serious condition, and was still unconscious this morning. The car was not damaged to any great extent in the accident.

## ENTERTAIN FOR MISS BAIRD

Last evening Mrs. A. H. Duxbury and Mrs. David Rutherford entertained very charmingly at the Duxbury home in honor of Miss Sarah Baird, whose marriage to Mr. Harley Cecil of Denver will be one of the early fall weddings.

The event was in the nature of a miscellaneous shower and was a very delightful occasion for the group of lady friends and the evening was filled with much pleasure the ladies enjoying a contest in which Mrs. J. T. Marshall was the prize winner and also mock wedding added to the pleasures.

The gifts were hidden over the house and the guest of honor was requested to seek the various remembrances and this also aided in the enjoyment of the members of the party.

At a suitable hour very dainty and delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Miss Jean Tidball departed this morning for Crete, Nebraska, where she will take up her work as a teacher in the schools of that city having charge of kindergarten work. She was accompanied as far as Omaha by her sister, Miss Ruth.

## Wiles Family Meets in 24th Annual Reunion

### Held at Garfield Park in This City With 200 of Family Present to Join in Event

Following the custom of years the members of the Wiles family gathered yesterday at Garfield park in this city to observe the twenty-fourth gathering of the Wiles Family Reunion Association, the event bringing a large delegation of the members of the family from all sections of the west, some 200 being present to take part in the event.

The Wiles family have played a large part in the development of the country as a whole as they have migrated from the eastern Atlantic coast in gradual stages to the great central west and each generation has made a distinct contribution to the settlement of the various pioneer sections where they were among the first of the sturdy empire builders to push the civilization of America to the westward.

The first members of the family in the United States of which there is a distinct record was Luke Wiles, who settled in North Carolina and was married there to Frances Clanton and to them was born nine children, Elizabeth, John, Frances, Thomas, Luke, Aaron, Moses, Nathan and Millie, and of these the Wiles family in this section of the west are descended from the fourth child, Thomas.

The Iowa, Nebraska, and Missouri families are the direct descendants of Thomas Wiles and Elizabeth Hobson Wiles, who were married in 1816 at the Quaker meeting house Deep Creek, Sarpy county, Nebraska. Members of this family were among the first to start in the growing western migration and members of the family were settlers in Indiana territory, some of the family being settlers on the present site of the great city of Indianapolis.

To Thomas and Elizabeth Wiles were born nine children and who with their wives and husbands were: William, married Anna Hurlburt, settled in Iowa; Luke, married Lucinda Ann Neely, settled in Nebraska; Rachael, married Jacob Adams, settled in Nebraska; Stephen, married Catherine Elizabeth McCorkle, settled in Nebraska; Nancy, married Benjamin Neely, settled in Nebraska; Later, married Nancy Elizabeth Lincoln, settled in Nebraska; Rebecca, married William Gentry, later Matthias Akeson, settled in Nebraska; Anna Elizabeth, married Albert Hunsbarger, settled in Iowa.

The touch of this estimable family in the central west is at Plattsmouth where in 1854 when Stephen Wiles and Luke Wiles came to this section and Luke Wiles located on the farm just west of this city which is now occupied by C. L. Wiles, a grandson of the original settler.

In 1854, another of the brothers, Captain Isaac Wiles came to Nebraska on his return from the gold fields of California where he had gone in the gold rush of 1849 and he too made a homestead settlement, the old home being the land now owned by the Ellis County club.

In the passing of the years the family has played a large part in the history of eastern Nebraska and western Iowa, the members being active in the life of the community and both in the advancement of the agricultural and business interests of this locality as well as in the social and political life of Cass and Mills counties, they have played a part. Captain Isaac Wiles was captain of a company in the Second Nebraska Cavalry in the Civil war and which was called into action to protect the frontier settlements from the ravages of the Indians and he took part in many of the campaigns that settled the outbreaks that threatened the white settlements of the territory.

It was from such a splendid ancestral background that the present family has been reared and which met yesterday amid the delightful surroundings of Garfield park for the annual reunion and to plan the great silver anniversary of the family reunion next year and which will also be the seventy-fifth anniversary of the settlement of the family in Cass county.

The reunion yesterday was presided over by Charles Leslie Wiles of Glenwood, president of the association and with the deep religious spirit that has characterized the family the reunion was opened with the word of prayer offered by the Rev. Charles A. Murray, pastor of the Christian church at Alva, Oklahoma, and at the close of all of the large assembly joined in the singing of "America."

The secretary of the association, I. James Hall of Plattsmouth, reported that all officers and 165 of the members had registered at the late arrivals brought the total to 200 of the Wiles descendants present.

At the noon hour a large table was spread in the park, all being seated at the one table that symbolized the spirit of the family gathering and the large table was wholly inadequate to bear the loads of the

## Celebrate 76th Anniversary of G. P. Eastwood

### Family Gathering Held at the Frank Hull Home South of This City in Honor of Father.

Wednesday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Hull was celebrated the seventy-sixth birthday anniversary of Mr. George P. Eastwood, formerly a merchant of Plattsmouth, but who has for the past number of years made his home in the west.

On last Tuesday, Frank G. Hull and wife went to Hastings, where they were met by Bert Knorr, who with the wife and kiddies were bringing Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Eastwood that far on their journey here. At Hastings they changed cars and were brought on to Plattsmouth by Mr. and Mrs. Hull.

Wednesday being the birthday anniversary of Mr. Eastwood, the event was properly celebrated at the beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. Hull, the latter being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eastwood.

Mr. Eastwood was born August 28th, 1853, in Indiana, and when but eight months of age, came with the parents to Ames, Iowa, where he lived until in 1874, when he came to Lincoln and after having resided there for a number of years, returned to Iowa, where he remained for ten years, from there going to Hastings, where he resided for a term of years before coming to Plattsmouth and purchasing the hardware store of John Bauer, which he conducted for five years.

Later he went to Chappell, where he lived two years, then four years at Morrill and a like time at Alliance, where he has been making his home.

On March 3rd, 1875, he was united in marriage to Miss Flora M. Simmons, who has been his constant companion and helpmate for more than half a century.

There were present at the celebration of his birthday last Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Eastwood, guests of honor; Frank P. Hull and family, Ben Hull and wife, Miss Kathryn Hill, H. W. Hull and wife, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dixon and G. L. Eastwood and wife, of Morrill; A. F. Eastwood and family, of Omaha; E. H. Hull and family, of Rock Bluffs; Clo Baker, of Murray, and Lester Eastwood, of Murray.

Little Marie Hull, a granddaughter, made the cake which contained seventy-six candles.

The table which provided for forty guests, was set in the screened-in porch and a most pleasant place, as the dinner was eaten just as the evening shadows were falling and the electric lights provided a most colorful and beautiful setting.

Mr. and Mrs. Eastwood will remain here for some time, perhaps for the brides of the September season. G. Hull in the erection of a house and store building for Fred Patterson, and with the construction of a residence with Walter Furlong, where the well known late S. L. Furlong and wife resided, the two buildings going up simultaneously, makes one think of the possibility of resurrecting the old time city of Rock Bluffs that was once a strong competitor with Plattsmouth and was bidding for the state capitol.

The Journal congratulates Mr. Eastwood on the attainment of a ripe old age and his ability to get around and do the work of younger men.

## Man Found Dead on 'O' Street Road

### L. H. Graham, Transient, Found by Autoists Near Eagle Last Night - Shot Killed by Car.

Believed to have been struck by a high-speed driver, L. H. Graham, sixty-four, was found dead Friday night on the highway a mile and a quarter south of Eagle, and his brother, Jake, fifty-three, was found lying at the side of the road, his head and leg injured. The pair was hiking from their home at Urich, Mo., to Sioux City, Iowa, to visit sisters, according to Jake, who was taken to the Lincoln General hospital in Castle, Roper & Matthews' ambulance shortly after they were found.

The injured man told an attendant at the hospital he didn't know how the accident happened. At first he is reported to have said he didn't think a car struck him, but later asserted he believed he was struck by a car without lights.

J. L. Wall and Bob Carr, both of Eagle, said they found the pair. Driving toward each other, they said, they both saw a form lying in the middle of the road. In trying to avoid it, both machines sideswiped, they declared. They got out of their cars and found the man in the road was dead, and nearby lay the other.

State Deputies Gates and Hannon and County Deputy Hulshuf were called to investigate the affair. Sheriff Reed of Cass county was also on the scene. There will likely be an inquest, officers said.

The body of L. H. Graham was taken to Elmwood.

According to Jake Graham, he and his brother had eleven cents between them.

Both were said to have deep gashes on their foreheads. Jake's injuries are not believed serious, hospital attendants said.

## ENTERTAINS FOR GUEST

Yesterday Mrs. C. A. Marshall, Jr., entertained very delightfully at her home in honor of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Jennings Seibert, of Dayton, Ohio, who is here to enjoy a visit with the relatives in this city and vicinity.

The afternoon was devoted to bridge, there being three tables of this fascinating pastime arranged and in the playing Mrs. Ray Larson received the first honors for her skill. Mrs. John B. Livingston, second, and the consolation honors to Mrs. William Schmidtman, Jr.

Dainty and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess during the course of the afternoon that added to the enjoyment of the members of the party.

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## SHOWER FOR BRIDE TO BE

Mrs. C. C. Wescott was hostess to a group of the young ladies of the city on Tuesday evening, the occasion being a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Sarah Baird, one of the brides of the September season.

The ladies spent the time in the writing of suggestions to the bride-to-be as well as preparing recipes that were presented to the guest of honor for use in her future home.

Miss Baird received a large number of very beautiful gifts that will be cherished as remembrances of the host of friends in this community when she leaves for her future home at Denver.

Dainty refreshments were served at an appropriate hour during the evening by the hostess.

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## MRS. GOODING POORLY

### One of the old and highly respected residents of the west part of the city, will regret to learn that she is lying poorly at her home on South 16th street, suffering from the effects of the auto accident in which she was in several weeks ago and which has proved quite shock to her in every way. The patient was reported some better today but is still far from well and is confined to her bed the greater part of the time.

## Football to Hold Sway at High School

### Opening of School Will See Staff Practice as First Game of Season Will Be October 4th

With the passing of the summer days and the re-opening of school, King Football emerges from the shadows to take the stage while tennis and baseball fade from the spotlight, and the attention of the high school coaches over the country will be devoted to selecting the large and beefy gentlemen that can make a rock wall for the operation of the fast and resourceful backfield men.

Coach Fred Rotherth of the Plattsmouth high school has "been looking em over" and finds that he has a fine array of football material in the letter men that are returning to school as well as several good prospects in the new crop of boys that will be eligible for work in football. There are eight lettermen back this year, Warren Farmer, Hubert Dew, Chet Wiles, Hershel Dew, John Galloway, Robert Hartford, Gilbert Hirz, George Stoll. Other of the players from whom a great deal can be looked for this year are Richard Welch, Ira Mumm, Merle McCrary, Frank Martis, Roy Turner, Sam Arp, Kenneth Trively and others who will be out for the initial work the first of the week.

Breaking the custom of years when the election of the captain of the team was elected at the close of each season for the ensuing year, there was an election the past year before each game by Coach Rotherth. A rather serious question is confronting Coach Rotherth and the school athletic department and this is the matter of a proper playing field, the baseball park that was formerly a prep team gradually going into such neglect and run down condition that it is wholly inadequate for use as a playing field. The rains of the spring season have placed the grounds in such shape that to use it for the high school games would require a lot of labor and expense.

The schedule for the season has been announced by Coach Rotherth with the following games:

October 4—Creighton, here.

October 12—North, here.

October 18—Ashland, there.

October 25—Harrison, there.

November 11—Peru, there.

November 15—Pawnee City, here.

November 22—Tecumseh, there.

Thanksgiving—Neb City, here.

As will be seen the first game will be on October 4th when the last Creighton Prep team comes here for the annual meeting of the two teams, and every fan and supporter of the local school should be on hand at the game to assist in putting the pep into the football gang and seeing that the 1929-30 season is properly started.

## ENJOY A FINE TIME

The two benefit card parties held this week by the C. D. of A. were both very largely attended and a great deal of pleasure derived by those who were present.

On Wednesday a combined bridge and pinochle party was held at the home of Miss Theresa Rauth, on North 6th street. In the pinochle contests John Bergman and Ted Svoboda were awarded the gentlemen's prizes and Mrs. John Koukal and Mrs. Henry Ofc, Jr., the ladies prizes, while in the bridge games E. H. Schulhof was awarded the men's prize and Mrs. Robert Reed and Miss Minnie Guthmann the ladies' honors.

On Thursday afternoon the benefit bridge at the home of Mrs. John A. Griffin was also very largely attended and the prizes for the most skillful players were awarded to Mrs. L. L. Turpin, Mrs. Henry Ofc, Jr., and the consolation prize to Mrs. J. E. Jones.

The ladies served very dainty and delicious refreshments at each of the card parties.

## ON DISTRICT BENCH

In the past few weeks, Governor Hammill of Iowa appointed to the district bench of Iowa, Attorney Kenneth R. Cook, of Malvern, who is succeeding Judge W. C. Ratcliffe, resigned. Judge Cook is well known here, where he has often visited and is a nephew of the late Dr. E. W. Cook and before his appointment was associated with his brother, Carl Cook, in the practice of law at Malvern and Glenwood.

## Lloyd B. Wilson Heads New Telephone Combine

### Former Plattsmouth Man Now Has a High Place in the Line of Telephone Executives

Lloyd B. Wilson, a former Plattsmouth boy, grandson of J. D. Bennett, one of the first settlers in Cass county and son of Frank H. Wilson, both deceased, Wednesday, August 28, was elected president of the four Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Companies, according to word received from New York City. These four companies are: Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Virginia, Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of West Virginia, Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City, (serving the state of Maryland) and the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company which operates in the District of Columbia. Headquarters for these companies are at Washington, D. C.

Since January 1, 1925, Mr. Wilson has been commercial engineer of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company with headquarters in New York City.

In 1899, while attending high school of Plattsmouth, Mr. Wilson entered telephone work as a night operator with the pay of \$15 a month. When he was graduated from school, he continued his work as night operator and in addition became assistant to the manager in installing telephones, digging holes and climbing poles during the day in order to learn about the business.

In 1901, Mr. Wilson went to Lincoln as inspector's helper and in five months was made inspector. In 1903, he became manager at Central City, Neb.; in 1909, he was made district manager at Grand Island, Neb.; in 1913, division manager at Omaha for Nebraska and South Dakota; in 1917, Minnesota division manager at Minneapolis, and in 1919, general commercial superintendent at Omaha.

Mr. Wilson's mother, Mrs. Carrie L. Wilson and his sister, Mrs. Madge Johnson, now reside in Omaha.

## HOLD FAMILY REUNION

At the country home of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Livingston Sunday was held the second annual Livingston reunion. Due to the threatening weather a great many were unable to attend.

A delicious picnic lunch was served in style at 1:00 o'clock. The day was spent in visiting and music. Those attending were Mrs. Mary Goodspeed, Plattsmouth; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sack and Duane, Mynard; Mr. and Mrs. Ruel Sack and children, Clayton and Richard, Mynard; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wiles, Mynard; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Livingston and children, John Benton and Richard Cloit, Plattsmouth; Mrs. Helen Richardson and children, Eugene, Jimmie and Mary Marjorie, Plattsmouth; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Valley and children, Mary Ellen, Janet, Jack, Robert and Margaret Ann, of Mynard; Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Livingston and children, Grace, Richard, Vivian and Towner, of Plattsmouth; Lloyd Livingston, Plattsmouth; Mr. and Mrs. Ron Koehler, Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Loren Sack and children, Paul and Pauline, Lincoln; Mrs. Carl Sack, Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Livingston and children, Frances and Glen, Ashland; Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Livingston and children, Wilma, Charles and Jesse, of Weeping Water; Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Livingston and daughter, Rose Mae, of Manly; Shirley Ann Livingston, of Ashland; Russel Livingston, of Fairfield; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hockman and son, Willard, Hastings; Mr. Ed Parker and sons, Jerry and Paul, of Crete; Lucy M. Parker, Crete; Hortense Parker, Crete; Mrs. Boyd Palmer, Fremont; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Charleston and daughter, Dorothy, of Nickerson, Neb.

The reunion will be held at the home of Ed Parker at Crete, Neb., the coming year.

## HIGHWAYS AN ASSET

At the meeting of the Rotary club of Nebraska City on Wednesday, Frank D. Tomson, director of the Woods' Brothers corporation of Lincoln, was the speaker and gave a very fine address along the lines of community interests and the need of good and adequate means of communication between cities and their neighboring territory. In his remarks, Mr. Tomson said:

"If you would see your city progress, you must individually and collectively take advantage of the opportunities which from time to time come your way. No city has grown large and prosperous except when its business interests joined hands in an effort to control and direct its growth. The most dependable assets in city building are the highways of every nature leading toward it. Easy access into a trade center gives that community an advantage. Every institution you build, whether of a public or business nature, that attracts people from other districts are foundation stones in city building."

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