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## Bridge Opening May 16th to be Gala Occasion

### Shops and Stores to Close During Afternoon—Many Accept In- vitation to Luncheon.

The largest crowd in Plattsmouth in years—that is what is confidently looked forward to on Friday, May 16th—the occasion of the formal opening and dedication ceremonies of our new Missouri river bridge.

A crowd of 28 notables from Lincoln, other delegations of two, three, four and more from towns east and west, including mayors, Chamber of Commerce officials and newspaper editors—the mails are daily bringing in acceptances to attend the noonday complimentary luncheon that starts the afternoon's program off in proper manner.

The luncheon will be held at the Legion community building and present indications are that the entire service equipment for 200 banquets will be brought into use.

Following the luncheon, comes the parade of floats and decorated cars, bearing the distinguished guests, and followed by cars of the hundreds of local and out-of-town people, to the parking site on the east side of the river.

The parade will be led by the 17th Infantry band of Fort Crook, one of the finest musical organizations of the middle west.

To be Half Holiday  
The dedicatory ceremonies and christening of the bridge are to begin at 2:30, being held on the high plateau just west of the Nebraska approach to the structure.

In order that the ceremonies may be attended by all Plattsmouth residents, every effort is being made to secure a half holiday for all storekeepers, clerks, county officers, shop men and school children.

Superintendent Bald of the Burlington railway shops, has arranged for permission to close on Friday afternoon instead of Saturday and operate a full day Saturday and it is quite probable the BHEX shops will be able to give their employes a half holiday.

The school board has granted permission for the closing of the schools that afternoon and the attendance of the school children at the ceremonies. The retail section of the Chamber of Commerce is co-operating in the hope of having every business place in town closed at least during the hour and a half required for the dedicatory program.

## FORMER RESIDENT HERE

Yesterday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Elery Vroman and daughter, of Detroit, Michigan, were in the city for a short time visiting with relatives and old time friends in this locality. Mr. Vroman has been away from this city the greater part of the time for the past twelve years, having been located at Omaha before going to Detroit. Mr. Vroman has been engaged in the practice of law for the past few years and is en route to California where he expects to locate.

## Forger Works Checks on Sev- eral Merchants

### Small Checks Are Cashed at Several Stores Before the Valuable Paper Revealed

This city was visited yesterday by a forger who while apparently not an expert was able to get away with a considerable number of checks which were cashed at from \$30 to \$40 unless other of the kited paper should make its appearance later.

The young man visited several of the stores and according to the police he used the name "Carl Maize" as the person in whose favor the checks were drawn.

The first person to discover the bad paper was George Conis of the Palace Shining parlor where the young man called shortly after the noon hour and purchased a box of candy and some cigarettes, tendering a check of the Farmers State bank made out in the sum of \$6 and which was signed by the name of Martin Nelson, a well known resident of near this city.

Mr. Conis states that the young man was light complexioned, five feet six or seven inches in height and wore a dark colored topcoat or heavy raincoat and also wore a black hat.

The police department have several clues that may lead to the identification of the man passing the forged check and which leads to the suspicion that the party is one who has been residing here for some time.

## DEATH OF RETIRED MERCHANT

Fred Diers, 67, retired merchant, died at his at Madison Wednesday evening after an illness of several years. At one time he was financially interested in the Diers stores in several Nebraska towns.

With his brother, John, Mr. Diers operated a general store at Fullerton, Neb., from 1897 to 1902. Then he came to Madison, where he ran a department store, and from where he supervised Diers stores at Plattsmouth and Hooper.

Falling health forced him to retire from active business in 1927. With Max Hosteter, Shelton, Neb., Mr. Diers was one of the organizers of the Federation of Nebraska Retailers in 1906.

He was active also in Madison civic affairs, and for many years was a member of the board of trustees of the Presbyterian church there.

## 'New Brooms,' Able Presented by the Seniors

### Presentation by the Members of the Class of 1930 Very Cleverly Given—Large Audience

In recent years the members of the graduating classes of the Plattsmouth high school have selected plays of high character from well known stage successes as the class play of the year, but none has proceeded more entertaining or pleasing than that which the class of 1930 selected and which was presented last night at the Parmele theatre.

The play was one based on the age old struggle of the experience to age and the optimism of youth, the desire to supplant the old order with the visionary idealism that proved unequal to the task. The story was laid around the lives of Thomas Bates, broom manufacturer, Thomas Bates Jr., his son and critic, who was given full control of the factory by the father to try out his ideas as to management which were radically different from that of the father, but which brought with it the experience the son bought at the price of hard work and the realization that the methods of the father was after all, the best.

The company was led by Miss Marie Valley and that of her sweetheart "Wallie Nowell," by Chester Lund, while Miss Jeanne Parker as "Florence Wheeler," one time sweetheart of "Tom" also added to the main cast. The role of the daughter, "Ethel Marsh," housekeeper and secretary of the Bates' family and who won a permanent place in the family circle as the wife of Thomas Jr., Miss Marjorie Ann making a most delightful presentation of this character. The role of the father, "George Morrow," oil stock salesman, who later won "Florence" from "Tom," was taken by Gerald Sperry, who made a most realistic "blue sky" salesman, while Charles Nowacek was seen in the role of "Williams," the old family lawyer, giving a very fine rendition of the part and Miss Alice Taylor was chosen as "Margaret," the housekeeper that had stood all that she would of the bad temper of the head of the Bates household.

The members of the orchestra composed of Donald Rainey, violins; Winfred Rainey, piano; Marvin Tritsch and James Comstock, cornets; John Albert, Robert Hall, Donald Cotner, Edward Egenberger, saxophones, and Sam Arn, drums and director, gave a very pleasing musical contribution to the evening's entertainment.

Miss Margaret Shellenbarger, outstanding musical artist of the high school, gave the refrain of several of the numbers of the orchestra in her usual artistic manner that always makes her appearance on a program a real treat.

The play as a whole was one of the best the school has given and the director and young people can feel well pleased over the success of the presentation.

## ASKS FOR DIVORCE

An action was filed today in the office of the clerk of the district court in which Lulu M. Vanlangingham is the plaintiff and William J. Vanlangingham is the defendant. The plaintiff asks that she be given a decree of divorce and the custody of the minor children.

The petition of the plaintiff states that they were married at Pawnee City, December 6, 1911, and that the defendant has for the past seven years neglected and refused to support the plaintiff and children.

Bernard Galloway, one of the students at the state teacher's college at Peru, was here today for a visit over the week end with the relatives and friends after attending the track meet at Wesleyan Friday.

## DEATH OF FORMER RESIDENT

The news was received here today of the death yesterday at Chicago of Gardner Dal Jones, a resident here many years ago and the only son of the late William D and Nancy Jones. Mr. Jones who was in the neighborhood of sixty years of age, was born south of this city near old Buck Bluffs where his family were early settlers and was reared in manhood in this community.

## Engineers Here to Survey Route for Gas Lines

### Missouri Valley Gas Co. Has Force Here to Lay Tentative Route for Line into This City

Yesterday a force of engineers and surveyors arrived in this city to survey over a tentative line for natural gas mains from Louisville into this city, the force being representatives of the Missouri Valley Gas Co.

This company is projecting a line from the Kansas natural gas fields to Omaha, taking a route near the center of the county and planning to cross the Platte river at Louisville with the line into Omaha.

The company will place lines in the towns and cities along the course of the pipe line that are in short distances of the main supply sources.

The representatives of the company that are now here are not familiar with the plans of the corporation as to the ultimate destination of the line beyond Omaha.

## W. H. Puls Files for County Assessor

### Decides to Seek Another Term in the Office Which He Has Filled So Acceptably

County Assessor W. H. Puls, one of the few democratic occupants of the court house, has decided that he will again seek this office and accordingly has filed his intention with County Clerk George Saylor that he will be candidate for the democratic nomination at the forthcoming primary on August 12th.

Billy has proven one of the best of county officials and has several times been honored by the people of Cass county, serving in the state legislature prior to being named as county assessor and has held this office for two terms and has grown to be an expert in this line of work that makes his services very valuable to the people of Cass county.

## ANNOUNCE MARRIAGE

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Schulhof, for many years residents of Plattsmouth and making their home for the past six years at Los Angeles, California, are announcing the marriage of their youngest daughter, Miss Bertha. The wedding of Miss Schulhof to Mr. Albert B. Bishop occurred on Saturday, April 26th at Los Angeles.

The news of the wedding will be of great interest here to the friends of the family and the school day associates of the bride and who will join in their well wishes to this estimable couple.

Mr. Bishop is engaged as field representative of the Edison Electric company at Los Angeles and is one of the successful young men engaged in this great corporation. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop will continue to make their home in Los Angeles.

## SELECT TEACHERS

The board of education at their meeting this week elected two additional teachers to fill out the list of the teaching force for the coming school year, naming Miss Johns of Lincoln as a kindergarten teacher and also electing Miss Dora Bender, again for another year, she having been teaching here for the past several months in succession to Miss Kittle, resigned.

## Veteran Editor Sends Congratu- lations on Bridge

### J. A. Gardner, First President of As- sociation to Urge Bridge Across the Missouri River Here.

The local Chamber of Commerce has received a letter from J. A. Gardner, formerly editor of the Eagle Beacon and now publishing a paper at Lowell, Nebraska, in which he sends his greetings for the bridge opening on May 16th. Mr. Gardner is not only running a paper in the west part of the state but is also seeking the republican nomination for lieutenant governor at the coming primaries.

The letter follows:  
"Lewellen, Nebr. May. 8.  
"Mr. C. C. Westcott,  
"President, C. of C.  
"Plattsmouth, Nebr.

"I want to congratulate you, and through you the Chamber of Commerce, the progressive men of Plattsmouth and Cass county and the entire State of Nebraska, upon the completion and dedication of the Mis-

sonia river bridge, a project in which I have been permitted to play a small part, and an achievement which we all feel proud of.

"At this time my mind reverts back to one severely cold night more than four years ago, when the first general meeting was held at Eastie in response to a call issued by myself. Your Chamber of Commerce had a bridge committee and was alive to the importance of such bridge, and welcomed the co-operation of others in the movement. As I remember yourself and more than a score of enthusiasts from Plattsmouth attended this meeting, driving 40 miles on the bitterest night of the year.

Also Bert George and Chas. Roper came out from Lincoln to aid in the good work. At this meeting the Cass County Bridge and Highway association was formed with myself as president, H. E. Prantz as secretary and Senator W. B. Banning as treasurer. There were also delegations from Elmwood, Weeping Water, Louisville and other points in the county, and it was here that the idea of a program of eight bridges was incubated and the campaign opened which culminated in this and other bridges.

At the invitation of other towns, meetings were held at Elmwood, Weeping Water, Plattsmouth and Louisville, at the latter place a delegation from Omaha having learned of our activities, came down.

"This meeting resulted in my calling a statewide meeting at Omaha, over which I presided, and at which time a state association was formed, with John Hopkins as president and Judge Begley a member of the executive board. This state association carried the bridge program before the legislature, and while the bill sponsored was not entirely successful (owing to the opposition of the Douglas county delegation) a bill was passed, a sort of 'Enabling Act' which has in a measure been a benefit to the enterprise. Whether credit goes to the Chamber of Commerce or the Cass County Bridge and Highway association for initiating the program, or whether the State Bridge association is credited with 'carrying-on,' the fact is that without the untiring work of Henry Schneider, Judge Begley and other Plattsmouth boosters, the present dedication ceremonies would not have been possible. I rejoice with you in this achievement, which means so much for Plattsmouth and Cass county. Keep on carrying on with the C. of C.

"J. A. GARDNER."

## MORE COYOIE SCALPS

P. C. Otto of near Wabash has proven another of the successful hunters of the county as he came in yesterday with the scalps of eight coyotes, one old and seven cubs.

Mr. Otto shot the mother coyote and was able to capture the young ones in their den.

## SUNSHINE BRINGS PLEASURE

The sunshine of today proved a real treat to the residents of this locality in every walk of life and especially to those whose labors are either on the highway work or in the sand pits north of this city. The road work has been tied up for the past several days and it was impossible to proceed with the paving operations on highway No. 75, north and south of this city.

## Masonic Grand Lodge to Visit Here June 3rd

### Will Motor from Session at Omaha to Pay Visit at the Nebraska Masonic Home Here

The Nebraska grand lodge of the A. F. & A. M. which opens its sessions at Omaha in the first part of June, will make a visit to this city on Tuesday, June 3rd, the announcement has been received here.

The grand lodge will make the trip from Omaha by autos and plan to arrive at the Home shortly after the noon lunch hour and will spend the afternoon in looking over the spacious and handsome building and the surroundings of the Home.

The visit here will bring all of the officers of the grand lodge, members of the Home board and hundreds of the distinguished Masons of the state to take part in the visit.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. MARSHALL

This morning the body of Mrs. Laura Marshall, widow of the late Dr. C. A. Marshall, arrived from Los Angeles, California, at the St. Paul Hotel last Saturday morning and was taken to the Streight funeral home where the services were held. At the long time request of the departed, the services were private and attended only by the members of the family.

Rev. H. G. McCluskey, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of which the departed was long a member, held the services and gave words of comfort to the members of the bereaved family circle.

The Presbyterian quartet composed of Frank A. Cloutier, H. D. Hight, H. G. McCluskey and R. W. Knorr, gave two numbers, "Jesus Saviour Pilot Me" and "Rock of Ages."

At the conclusion of the services the body was borne to the last resting place in Oak Hill cemetery. H. M. Soennichsen, W. T. Adams, H. P. Goss, E. H. Westcott, C. A. Rawls and C. E. Martin, old friends and neighbors being selected as the pall bearers.

The members of the family here were Mr. and Mrs. Petyts, the latter daughter of Mrs. Marshall, and Frank Marshall of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Marshall of Nebraska City and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Marshall of this city.

## ENTERTAINS AT BRIDGE

Mrs. M. D. Brown and Mrs. G. R. Holcomb were hostesses this week at two very charming 5:30 bridge teas at the home of Mrs. Brown in the Herold apartments on North Fifth street. The home was beautiful in the decorative plan of the rainbow hues and in which the attractive spring flowers were used as a part of the plan of decoration.

On Wednesday evening the contests resulted in Mrs. L. W. Egenberger receiving the first prize, Mrs. C. M. Gradoville, the second, and Miss Marie Fitzgerald the consolation prize. Mrs. J. A. Griffin assisted the hostesses at this event.

The playing on Thursday evening resulted in Mrs. J. A. Griffin receiving the first prize, Miss Amelia Martens the second and Mrs. E. J. Richey, the consolation honors. At this pleasant event Mrs. John Sattler, Jr., assisted the hostesses.

## VERY HAPPY EVENT

County Attorney W. G. Kieck, the prosecuting attorney of Cass county, today was forgetting all of his hard and trying ordeals of his office to enjoy the experience of being father to a fine and attractive seven pound daughter, Marilyn Jean, who was born yesterday at the hospital at Omaha. Mrs. Kieck and the little daughter are both doing very nicely and Bill is without doubt the happiest man in the whole community. The many friends here are joining in their well wishes to the proud parents and the winsome little daughter.

## John Svoboda Suffers Injury at Ball Game

### While Practicing Local First Sacker Collides With Homer Spang- ler, Outfielder

John V. Svoboda, clerk at the Farmers State bank and the first sacker of the Murray Red Sox baseball team, is confined to his home today as the result of a severe injury that befell him during the preliminary practice last night at Murray before the Bearded Beauties-Murray game.

Homer Spangler, one of the local outfielders, was engaged in batting up flies to the Murray players and John was at his usual station at the first sack, when a short high pop up fly was knocked a short distance between the home plate and first base and Homer started after the ball at the same time that John sought to assist him by catching it, neither player apparent seeing the other in their watching the ball and both men came together in a bad smash up. It is thought that the head of Spangler hit Mr. Svoboda, who is considerably taller, on the chin and he took the count. The injured man was given treatment and brought on home to this city in a semi-dazed condition and this morning was still badly affected by the accident and had not fully regained his faculties.

The game was played with the men available and the result was 6 to 3 for the Bearded Beauties, which team loaned the Red Sox a hurler, Holly, who pitched a good game against his team mates. Hans Newman, the battling shortstop was not in the local lineup for the game and made necessary the shifting of the Red Sox line up.

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## LOCAL MAN STARS

In the track meet at Wesleyan university field Friday afternoon, Bernard Galloway, Plattsmouth young man attending Peru teachers college, featured as one of the stars of the meet in capturing the mile and two mile runs and ranked as one of the leaders in the scorers of the meet.

The nine firsts were taken by Peru men. Sams ran the 100-yard in 10.4 seconds and the 220 in 23.2 seconds for firsts. He also won the broad jump with a leap of 21 feet 1 inch. Schaffner took first in the 120-yard high hurdles in 16.3 seconds and won the pole vault, clearing the bars 11 feet 6 inches. Williams ran the 440 in 52.6 seconds. Galloway did the mile in 4 minutes 50.8 seconds and the two mile in 10 minutes 59.8 seconds. Millhollen threw the javelin 148 feet 2 inches, and Peterson and Sjudgen tied for first in the high jump at 5 feet 7 1-2 inches.

Sams, Peru sprinter, was high point man of the meet with 10 points won with his three first places. Schaffner was second high with 11 points. Johnson of Wesleyan and Galloway of Peru were both next high with 10 points each.

## EAGLES ELECT OFFICERS

The Eagles at their meeting held on Thursday evening selected the officers for the coming year to preside over the aerie affairs and the following group of live wire members of the aerie were named:

President—Henry E. Hitzmann.  
Vice-President—William H. Woodcott.  
Chaplain—J. E. Lancaster.  
Physician—Dr. R. P. Westover.

The next meeting will be on May 22nd and it was voted to suspend the regular business and enjoy a social evening for the members and their families and one that should prove a real delight. There will be dancing and refreshments served.

## RECEIVES FINE PROMOTION

Glen Rawls, who has for the past eight years been connected with the Symons stores at Butte, Montana, one of the largest establishments in the Pacific northwest, has just been appointed as superintendent of the store and has charge of the force of some 500 employes. Mr. Rawls, a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rawls of this city, first entered the retail business in this city when he served for a number of years as clerk at the Westcott clothing store here. Some eight years ago he started in with the Symons store at Butte in one of the subordinate clerical positions and has since made good in his advancements up the ladder of the firm's employes until now when he is one of the leaders in the business affairs of the great firm. The many friends here of Mr. Rawls will be delighted to hear of his success and which he has so well deserved by his energy and close attention to business.