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Will Let Contracts for Overhead Crossings

Projects Near LaPlatte and Fort Crook to Be in State Contract Letting Soon

From Monday's Daily—

For several years there has been agitated by the state the proposition that for convenience and safety there should be overhead crossings on highway No. 75 passing through this city, at the La Platte and Fort Crook railroad crossings.

The crossings seem to be near realization now as Secretary Roy Cochran of the state department of public works is announcing that the contract for this work will be taken up at the lettings to be made by the state at Lincoln on August 11th, 19th and 29th.

Since the creation of highway No. 75 there has been a general demand that overhead crossings replace the present grade crossings which make necessary driving over the tracks of both the Burlington and Missouri Pacific at both LaPlatte and Fort Crook, at the former place being main lines of both roads while at Fort Crook the Burlington line is the branch going to South Omaha

along the main line of the Mop. Several plans were prepared by the state and federal highway engineers to eliminate the crossings, one being that of a new bridge over the Pappio and routing the highway west of the railroads and crossing at Walnut Grove over the tracks and near the present overhead crossing on the Pappio road, but this was checked by threats of litigation by parties owning land, leading to other plans that would start the overhead crossing along the present highway extending for some distance north and south of the crossings.

While the matter has been under discussion this part of the paving on highway No. 75 has been held up until the site of the crossings could be definitely agreed upon by the state and the railroads and which seems now to be near realization.

RETURNS FROM SOUTHLAND

Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Dwyer returned from a 5,000-mile auto trip through the south, visiting in Alabama, Georgia and Florida, for a period of several weeks and enjoying a trip through a great deal of the attractive country in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee while en route to their destination.

They enjoyed a visit at Birmingham, Alabama, one of the chief industrial centers of the south and where the time was spent at the home of a sister of Mrs. Dwyer, going from the Alabama city to Americus, Georgia, one of the most attractive cities in that state and the former home of Mrs. Dwyer and here a week was spent with trips through the picturesque country and at Atlanta the capital city of Georgia. In this locality the weather was very fine and the heat not excessive for the summer season. They enjoyed also very much the visit in Florida, driving down the west coast to Tampa where a short stay was made and visiting also the many beaches and playgrounds of the resort state at Palm Beach, Latona and also at St. Augustine, the oldest city in North America and where many interesting historical scenes were visited including the old Spanish fort and the first house erected on this continent.

In speaking of the trip Mr. Dwyer states that corn in Tennessee, Kentucky and southern Illinois, has suffered a great deal from the drought and the residents expect a very short crop. They found the roads in good shape as a general thing but struck a long stretch of highway from Evansville, Indiana, to Hopkinsville, Kentucky, where a great deal of crushed rock newly placed on the highway made the going very slow.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Dwyer have enjoyed the trip very much and return feeling prepared to take up their work in the law offices with renewed vigor and interest.

SUFFERS INJURED HAND

Mrs. Joseph Schiessl, one of the well known residents of the city, was quite severely injured Monday afternoon while she was engaged in attending to the household duties. Mrs. Schiessl had one of her hands caught in the electric wringer and as the result the member was quite badly lacerated and mashed and made necessary the calling of medical aid to dress the member.

GOES TO HOSPITAL

Mrs. Norris Cummins of this city has gone to the Methodist hospital at Omaha where she will be given treatment and observation, she having not been in the best of health for some time and which it was thought best to have given attention at this time. The many friends trust that she may soon be able to return home and that her condition is not of a serious nature.

Phone your news to the Journal.

RICHARD M. DUXBURY

This is the name of the fine nine and a half pound son that was born Sunday at the Methodist hospital at Omaha to County Judge and Mrs. A. H. Duxbury. The young man is a fine young American and with the mother is feeling very fine. The happy occasion has brought a great deal of joy to our genial county judge and Dorothea Mae, the little sister of the young man. The many friends will join in their congratulations to the parents and well wishes to the little lad for many years of success and happiness.

New Heat Record Established with 110° Sunday

Torrid Rays of the Sun and Blowing Winds Make Day One Hard to Endure

Driving forward in the third extreme spell for July the mercury Sunday soared to 110 the highest record of the summer and marking one of the hottest July days for a great many years, the intense heat was made even more severe on the residents and crops by one of the strong southwest wind that blew during the afternoon and bringing with it a heated wave of air that lasted for several hours.

The extreme heat made desperate efforts on the part of the residents to seek some cooling place, hundreds driving to bathing beaches in this locality to enjoy a few hours in the cool of the water although the wind made motoring anything but comfortable.

The record for July so far has shown but very few days under 100 and the average for the month shows a few degrees better than the century mark, as since July 4th there have been but few days under this mark and several with from 104 to 108 degrees.

The heated period has brought with it a great demand for ice and cold drinks and proven a boon to the dealers in these lines, the local ice plant has been kept busy almost all day and night to supply the wants of the public and the fact of no deliveries of ice Sunday kept the employees at the plant busy handling the relatives here starting west with trucks, cars, wheelbarrows and the children's wagons to secure the frozen moisture that would aid in making the day more bearable.

HERE FROM GERMANY

The Misses Mia and Barbara Gerling and Mrs. Henry Herold are enjoying a visit from their cousin, Max Renner, of Munich, Bavaria, Germany, who is making his first visit to this country. Mr. Renner is a young man and has enjoyed very much his stay in this country, arriving here on May 12th and spending some time in New York City with the relatives before starting west to view this section of the country where members of his family have so long resided.

Mr. Renner while receiving education in English in his own schools has devoted his greatest efforts since arriving here to the acquiring of the English language and is speaking very fluently the new language and which has given him a fine addition in his traveling over the country. Mr. Renner was much impressed with the size and varied resources of the United States as he traveled west through the great cities of the English language and is speaking very fluently the new language and which has given him a fine addition in his traveling over the country. Mr. Renner was much impressed with the size and varied resources of the United States as he traveled west through the great cities of the English language and is speaking very fluently the new language and which has given him a fine addition in his traveling over the country.

As have so many visitors here, Mr. Renner has been delighted with the natural beauty of the great bluffs along the Missouri river, a reminder of the vine clad hills of the Rhine in his own country. He has driven through some of the farming sections since reaching here and is delighted with the great farms and the growing crops that mark this section of the state.

Mr. Renner will be joined here in August by his mother and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pfeiffer of New York, who are coming west and who will also enjoy the visit in the west for some time.

The guest here from Munich is a very clever and genial gentleman and to meet him is a great pleasure and the enthusiasm of the young man over our part of the west is gratifying and as the appreciation of the appeal that this part of the west has for the visitor here.

ENJOYING VISIT HERE

Mrs. H. L. Toppelt of Tyndall, South Dakota, is here for a visit with Mr. Toppelt, proprietor of the Sweet Shop, this being her first visit here where the husband and son recently located with their fine large and up-to-date sweet shop. She reports that the crop conditions in South Dakota are not so good as there has been no rain in the locality where she resides since June 23rd and the crops have suffered a great deal as the result. Mrs. Toppelt is planning on moving the household goods here to make the home as soon as a suitable location can be found.

Nehawka Shooting Affair in Court Today

Hearing on Charges Against Theron Murray Occupies Attention—Bound Over on \$2,000

From Monday's Daily—

Practically the entire population of the territory north of Nehawka, where the Troop, Mast and Murray families reside, was here this morning to hear the opening of the hearing on the charges preferred against Theron Murray for shooting with intent to kill Arnold Mast.

The state presented the testimony of J. C. Crouch, Ray Campbell, Arnold Mast and George Troop as their part of the offering.

The story as related by the state's witnesses was to the effect that Will Troop, J. C. Crouch and Earl Troop had come to the Mast place to look after the changing of a cow from the pasture at the Mast place to that of Mr. Troop. Later George Troop came to get Mr. Crouch, taking him on to the place where they were to work. William Crouch, 15, was at the place milking when the party arrived there.

Edward Murray had come past the Mast place, riding on a mowing machine and William Troop had gone out of the place and waved at Murray, stopping him and entering into conversation. The witness, Crouch, stated that Murray had slapped or struck Troop and at which Earl Troop had entered into the trouble. Murray had in the fight fired a revolver at Earl Troop and the two had fought into a ditch on the west side of the road and with Earl Troop on Murray. Crouch had taken the revolver from Murray and threw it in the road, where it was placed in the car of Ray Campbell. According to the testimony of Crouch there had been only blows with their fists struck by the witness and Earl Troop on Murray.

The witness, Arnold Mast, testified that he had been in the yard at his place when the fight between Murray and Will Troop started and had gone out when the revolver shot was alleged to have been fired at Earl Troop. Witness had seen Murray in the ditch with Troop on top and Crouch trying to get the revolver away from Murray. Mast stated that he had struck Murray over the head with a piece of iron to stop the fighting.

In speaking of the advent of Theron Murray in the fight, Mast stated that it had been only a few moments after the fight started until Theron had arrived on the scene, with a gun, coming from his car and stooping or crouching, had fired one shot. Where the shot had gone witness did not see, but did observe that George Troop had tried to grab Theron, but failed, and later just as the second shot was fired by young Murray, Crouch had also grabbed him and with Troop had disarmed Theron, breaking the gun in the struggle. The second bullet fired by young Murray, the witness testified, had struck him in the vicinity of the groin and he was soon afterwards taken to the hospital.

The defense offered no testimony in the preliminary hearing as the defendant had entered a plea of not guilty and the court held Theron Murray to the district court for trial at the term commencing on November 24th.

Theron Murray was released on bond in the sum of \$2,000 for his appearance at the session of the district court in this city.

DEATH OF FORMER RESIDENT

From Monday's Daily—

Word was received here last night of the death at Omaha of John F. Sheldon, of that city, a former Plattsmouth resident and a brother-in-law of Leslie W. Niel.

The death of Mr. Sheldon came very suddenly as the result of a severe heart attack. The Sheldon family were preparing to drive to Plattsmouth Sunday and while enroute here by auto, Mr. Sheldon was taken with the attack and removed to the residence of a relative near where he was first stricken and passed away a few moments later.

The deceased was forty-three years of age and is survived by the widow. The funeral arrangements have not as yet been announced, but it is expected that the body will be taken to Valley for interment, the family residing in that place for a number of years.

WILL VISIT AT PLAINVIEW

From Monday's Daily—

Mr. W. P. Cook has been enjoying a visit from his daughter, Mrs. W. D. Glock of Plainview, where Mr. Glock is agent for the Burlington route and where they have resided for a number of years. Mrs. Glock was pleased to meet a large number of her friends of former years. On tomorrow, Tuesday, she will return to her home in Plainview and will be accompanied by her father, Mr. W. P. Cook, who will spend the month of August with the daughter and family.

FUNERAL OF MRS. FREIDRICH

The funeral of the late Mrs. M. L. Friedrich was held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 from the late home on Eighth street and attended by a large number of the old time friends and neighbors of this estimable lady. The services were in charge of the Rev. O. G. Wichmann, pastor of the St. Paul's Evangelical church, who gave words of comfort to the members of the bereaved family and the old friends. At the conclusion of the services at the home the body was borne to the Glendale cemetery south of Cedar Creek and laid to rest in the last long rest and at the grave there was a large number of old friends present to pay their last tributes of love and esteem.

Carl Hofacker Receives Severe Injuries Monday

Young Man Runs Into Side of Moving Truck and Had Head Cut in Fall on Paving.

Monday evening about 5:30 Carl Hofacker, 20, well known young man of the city was severely injured when he ran into the moving truck of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co. near the corner of Fifth and Main street.

The truck was coming east on Main street and was driven by Ernest Elliott and when just opposite the pool hall Hofacker suddenly came into view, he having been running from some companions and darting from between several parked cars just as the truck came past and the young man crashed into the moving truck.

The force of the impact resulted in the young man being hurled to the pavement and laying open a very bad gash on the back of his head, requiring a number of stitches to close while the lobe of the left ear was torn off, either in the contact with the side of the truck or the fall on the paving.

The injured man was taken to the office of Dr. E. J. Gillespie in the Thierolf building and where the injuries were dressed and the young man taken to the Hotel Riley where he is being cared for.

Mr. Hofacker was suffering a great deal from the effects of the injuries last night and was partially delirious during the early part of the evening, but it is thought that this condition will pass away soon and the patient be able to be out also he will suffer from the effects of the injury for some time.

Corn Crop is Damaged by the Extreme Heat

Following Protracted Drought and Hot Winds Crop Here Short From 20 to 25 Per Cent.

The corn crop of Cass county as judged by those familiar with the situation in the various sections of the county, promises a shrinkage of from twenty to twenty-five per cent over the prospects in June, the long dry period and the extreme heated periods of the past month cutting down very much the expected yield of the corn.

One of the most severe blows to the corn was the hot winds of last week and again on Sunday which swept over this entire section and with a blast as from a heated furnace, this blistering and injuring the corn very badly.

The greatest sufferer from the heat and dryness seems to have been the late corn and that which was planted as this has borne the brunt of the heat and dryness and is in very bad shape, reports from all parts of the county state.

WILL ATTEND SCHOOL IN WEST

Miss Elizabeth Hatt of this city has departed for Seattle, Washington, where she will remain with her aunt at that place and expects to attend commercial college at that place, fitting herself for this line of work as her future profession in accounting and bookkeeping. Miss Hatt is a graduate of the class of 1930 of the Plattsmouth high school and her many friends here will be pleased to learn of the opportunity that is afforded her of continuing her educational work.

FILES SUIT TO QUIET TITLE

An action has been filed in the office of the clerk of the district court in which James Lebert is the plaintiff and Adam G. Doom, et al., the defendants. The action is one in which the plaintiff seeks to have the title to real estate held by him quieted and the claims or interest that might be a cloud on the title removed by court judgment. W. A. Robertson appears for the defendant.

City Taxes Cut 17 Cents on Each \$100 Valuation

Pleasant Reduction to Tax Payers is Effected by Strict Economies in All Departments

A cut of 17 cents in city taxes on each \$100 assessed value on real and personal property is in store for the citizens of Plattsmouth during the coming year. In other words, if your home is assessed at \$2,000, your net saving will amount to \$3.40.

The annual appropriation ordinance, passed last night by the city council, provides for a total levy of 17 mills on the dollar, (or \$1.70 on \$100) compared with last year's levy of 18.7 mills (or \$1.87 on \$100.)

The school levy will remain the same as last year, namely 18 mills (or \$1.80 on \$100) for general school purposes, and 2 mills (or 20c on \$100) for school bonds, making a total of \$3.70 for consolidated city and school taxes, on each \$100 assessed valuation.

By way of comparison the Journal publishes below the itemized levies for the two years, showing where economies have been effected and, in one or two instances, increases provided to build up overdrafted funds, particularly the general and lighting funds. The biggest reduction is in the road fund, the levy for which has been cut exactly in two. The increased amount of paving has permitted of a great curtailment in the street fund during the past few years, especially since the paving of many of the hill streets where trouble from washing after heavy rains necessitated heavy repair expense.

The fire department fund has also been cut from 47 mill to 34 mill and the library fund from 1.57 to 1.40 mills. The cemetery fund is cut from .43 mill to .28 mill.

Following is the comparative levies for the two years:

1929-30 Levy	
General Fund	1.41 Mills
Police Fund	1.13 Mills
Road Fund	2.24 Mills
Library Fund	1.57 Mills
Fire Hydrant Rental Fund	2.49 Mills
Refunding Bonds and Interest Fund	6.24 Mills
Cemetery Fund	.43 Mills
Entertainment and Amusement Fund	.19 Mills
Municipal Fund	.21 Mills
Fire Dept. Fund	.47 Mills
Street Lighting Fund	1.56 Mills
Park Fund	.30 Mills
Sewer Fund	.46 Mills
Total 1929-30 Levy	18.70 Mills
1930-31 Levy	
General Fund	1.63 Mills
Police Fund	1.20 Mills
Road Fund	1.12 Mills
Library Fund	1.40 Mills
Fire Hydrant Rental Fund	2.24 Mills
Refunding Bonds and Interest Fund	6.11 Mills
Cemetery Fund	.28 Mills
Entertainment and Amusement Fund	.17 Mills
Municipal Fund	.19 Mills
Fire Dept. Fund	.34 Mills
Street Lighting Fund	1.38 Mills
Park Fund	.29 Mills
Sewer Fund	.35 Mills
Total 1930-31 Levy	17.00 Mills

Neither the state nor the county levies have been set for the coming year, although it is quite probable both will run approximately the same as last year.

VISITING MARKET CENTERS

Miss Mathilde Soennichsen, buyer for the H. M. Soennichsen Co., the largest department store in Cass county, is in Chicago where she is to spend a short time in that city visiting the large wholesale houses. Miss Soennichsen is making the purchases for the fall and winter lines for the store and in dry goods, ready to wear garments and ladies furnishings which will be offered by this up to date store. The very best that the market can afford at the most reasonable figures is being secured by Miss Soennichsen to be here for the opening of the fall season, bringing the best of the market to the local people. The buying will take some little time and visits to the marts of the wholesale houses in Chicago. It is expected there will be some very fine offerings secured for the coming fall and winter in all lines carried in the dry goods department of the store.

NEW COUNTERFEIT BILL

Notification has been received here by the Hinky Dinky store of which J. W. Varner is manager, of the fact that a new counterfeit \$20 bill has been reported in circulation in Omaha. The counterfeit was reported by the South Omaha State bank. The bill is a very crude counterfeit and easy of detection as it is badly smeared in printing. The bill has the numbers J-01852355 A.

Phone your news items to No. 6.

VERY HAPPY EVENT

The many friends of the A. F. Alexander family, former residents of this city, will be pleased to learn that a fine eight pound son has arrived at their home at Osage City, Missouri, and who has been christened Samuel Forest. The little one was born on July 22nd at the St. Mary's hospital at Jefferson City.

Mr. Alexander, who was known as "Buck" is doing very nicely following his operation for skin grafting on the lower eyelid which has been giving him a great deal of trouble of late.

Improvements Being Made at the Hotel Riley

E. J. Richey, Owner of the Building Having Running Water Placed in the Rooms

Emmons J. Richey, the owner of the Hotel Riley, is having improvements made in the hotel building that will add greatly to the convenience of the patrons and also represents the outlay of several thousand dollars.

For some time Mr. Richey has contemplated the installation of running water in the rooms of the hotel for the convenience of the patrons and this is now ready to start. John Bauer & Co., the contractors, have the material on the scene and will start in on the work of seeing that the hotel improvements are made a reality.

The plans call for the placing of water in the rooms as well as additional bath rooms in the hotel for the convenience of the very large number that are living at the hotel. The improvement will be one that will be much appreciated by the patrons of the hotel and the traveling public and will make the facilities of the hotel the very best and aid in giving this city a modern and up to date hotel in every way.

In his program of improvement Mr. Richey is doing a great deal to give the city an up to date hotel and for his enterprise and interest in community advancement he should have the support of the community.

DITCHING MACHINES HERE

The large ditching machines which are used in the preparation of the trenches for the pipe line for natural gas, have now moved up to this city and are engaged in working in the territory two miles south of the city. The machines in constructing the ditch across the west of the S. A. Wiles farm found a low place in the land where a natural watercourse is flowing and this made the holding of the trench a matter of some difficulty as it caved in several times for the workers but this difficulty it is hoped will be overcome as a not delay the placing of the pipe lines.

The advance force of the road workers are completing their work near the new traffic bridge over the Missouri river and blasting out of trees that are in the way of the pipe line was continued yesterday and this morning to make way for the coming of the ditching machines.

The pipe line will cross the Missouri river on the bridge here in two twelve inch mains instead of the large twenty-four inch main that brings the gas as far as the river. On the Iowa side of the river the laying of the twenty-four inch main will be resumed as soon as the work is completed on this side of the stream.

MOVING TOURIST CABINS

From Tuesday's Daily—

This morning a large truck, some seventy-five feet in length, a type made especially for the transportation of auto bodies or other large objects, attracted a great deal of attention of the streets here. The truck brought down from Omaha a number of ready built steel cabins which are to be placed on the new paid tourist park of Francis Toman, just south of this city. Mr. Toman is fixing up a very fine place at the park and one that will be appreciated by the traveling public as it fills a long felt need in this community. The park is situated adjoining the Shell oil station that Mr. Toman is operating and is on the new paved highway of the King of Trails or highway No. 75.

FOUND FAN RUNNING

Clate Rosencrans, the well known barber and golf enthusiast, is not in a condition to extend to the full extent to the work at the barber shop and as the result of a slight though painful mishap that occurred to him on Sunday, Mr. Rosencrans was at the family home at the Cornado apartments and sought to make an adjustment on the electric fan and in some manner made a poor guess as to the nearness of his digits to the rotating blade of the fan—the result was that the first finger of the right hand was lacerated to some extent and prevents the full use of the member.

It was late in the evening when the members of the party wended their way homeward wishing for many more happy occasions.

Miss Catherine Blackhurst, teacher in the Whiting, Indianan, schools, who has been visiting in Alaska for the past few months, arrived here last evening for a visit here at the home of her uncle, D. O. Dwyer and family for a few days before going on east and preparing for her school work.

Death of Long Time Resident of This City

Mrs. Bernard Wurl, Sr., Passes Away at Ripe Old Age of 91 Years—Here 43 Years

From Wednesday's Daily—

The death of Mrs. Bernard Wurl, Sr., one of the long time residents here and a lady loved and esteemed over the entire community, occurred last night at 9 o'clock at the home of her son, Bernard Wurl, Jr., on Marble street, following a stroke suffered several days ago.

The life of this estimable lady has covered a period of over ninety-one years, a lifetime that is enjoyed by few, and whose years have been enriched by loving services to her family and friends in the community here where her later years have been spent. Her going brings with it the sorrow of separation but leaving with those of her family circle a loving memory to aid in the hour of sorrow at the early parting with their loved mother and grandmother.

Bertha Ebener was born May 21, 1839, in the province of Brandenburg, Prussia, then an independent kingdom, later the chief state of the German empire. She was reared to womanhood in the community where she was born and where in her girlhood she became a member of the Lutheran church in which faith she continued until death called her from the sufferings of the physical life to the triumph of the life everlasting. She was married on May 26, 1867, to Bernard Wurl at the old home in Germany, they coming shortly afterwards to the United States to make their future home and located at Horicon, Wisconsin, where they made their home for a number of years and where the children were all born.

The family came to Plattsmouth on May 12, 1887, and have since resided here, the family being reared here and where they have occupied a large place in the community life. Mr. and Mrs. Wurl for many years made their home in the family home on North Fourth street in the residence now owned by Frank M. Bestor until the death of the husband and father, which occurred on June 15, 1914. Since the passing away of Mr. Wurl, the widow maintained her own home until the advancing years made it necessary for her to give up her usual activities, since which time she has resided with the sons in this city and their families, the greater part of the time making the home with her son, Bernard.

There remains to mourn the passing of this loved lady five sons, Paul of Pomona, California; Emil A. and Bernard G. of Plattsmouth; Otto A. of Council Bluffs, and Ernest E. of Pomona, California.

ROTARY HOLDS PICNIC

From Wednesday's Daily—

The month which a fifth week is found are always happy occasions for the members of the local Rotary club as they bring the joint social gatherings of the members of the club and their Anns, which event was observed yesterday as the final week in July.

The event was voted to be a picnic, an ideal choice as the cool and pleasant surroundings of the Elks Country club proved a wonderful setting for the large group of the Rotarians and the Rotary Anns.

The members of the party gathered at the club as the afternoon was drawing to the close and where many diversions had been arranged by the committee composed of Dr. P. T. Heineman and Fred L. Rea. Members and their ladies who felt inclined to golf had a fine opportunity over the exceptionally choice course of the country club and this served to furnish quite a large number of the group.

The most exciting features of the picnic was, however, the baseball game, while the participants were not showing any real professional prowess on the diamond or any sensational plays were made, the seating of Carl Jensen served to add to the fire and excitement of the games.

For those who preferred an exacting entertainment and especially the ladies, the Bingo game served to pass the time and give a thrill to the players, in this Fred Rea taking the role so often carried by Elmer Webb while Lynn Minor proved the Roy Holly of the occasion.

The luncheon, which was bounteous and delicious in every way, was served cafeteria style and in which the members of the Clodt family with the exception of "Bill" did the serving to the happydang hungry party of Rotarians and Anns. It was late in the evening when the members of the party wended their way homeward wishing for many more happy occasions.

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