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Gas Workers Run Against a Real Obstacle

Pushing Casing Through Under Paving at Wiles Farm Takes Up Most of Two Days.

From Thursday's Daily—
Smith Bros., Fort Worth contractors, who are accustomed to moving forward at the rate of about two miles a day with their work of laying the 24-inch gas mains for the Missouri Valley Gas company, ran up against a real obstacle yesterday that has held them at one spot for the greater part of two days. That obstacle was the laying of their lines in the water of an old creek bed across the Wiles farm and placing their tubing underneath the pavement on U. S. No. 15.

Ordinarily, in passing under paving with their line they are permitted to tunnel and then push the long welded sections through the hole, but due to the conditions existing at this point, which have already necessitated providing a system of drainage along both sides of the pavement, the state highway department has refused permission to cut through in any other way than to push the casing the total distance across the highway, some 64 feet, and this is the task that has proven the real "fly in the ointment," although the water and repeated cautions all along the course for a distance of nearly a mile have slowed up progress a great deal with other parts of the work.

Paving project Engineer Schnitker has been on the job constantly to see that the requirements of the state department are complied with. The casing being pushed through consists of four thirty foot lengths welded together into one piece and sharpened at the front end. A great deal of force must be exerted to push it the necessary distance of 64 feet through the wet clay and gumbo at the ditch bottom level. After numerous unsuccessful attempts yesterday afternoon, a night force was called out and the work continued throughout the night, with almost 50 feet of the distance still remaining at 7:30 this morning, when additional block and tackle equipment and winches were brought into play.

Reports from the work this afternoon are to the effect that the long 120-foot section was broken by the intense strain placed upon it by the cables and grappling devices and it has been necessary to weld the broken section before the work could proceed.

After the casing has been pushed through it must be cleaned out and then the line proper pushed through the casing. This is a precaution taken at all state and federal highway and railway crossings, so that if a leak develops in that portion of the line the gas will escape through the vents provided at the ends of the casing instead of finding its way to the surface and perhaps be ignited by exhaust from passing auto or truck. Once they get through this low stretch the laying of the line on to the river will require only a few days at most.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

From Friday's Daily—
A message was received here today by E. H. Schulhof announcing that his nephew, Jack Schulhof, Jr., had been severely taken with an attack of appendicitis and had undergone an operation at the hospital at Los Angeles Thursday. The operation was just over as the message was sent and the condition of the patient was not fully determined. Mr. Schulhof was formerly at Council Bluffs in charge of the Piggy-Wiggly store there, has for the past two years made his home in the west coast to which place the rest of the family removed some years ago. The many friends here will anxiously await word from the west and trust that the young man may soon be on the highway to complete recovery.

PROVES REAL ATTRACTION

From Thursday's Daily—
The band concert last evening featured Anton Bajcek, well known radio and concert xylophone artist, of Sedalia, Missouri, who is here for a short stay and very graciously offered to aid in the concert given by his old time musical associates. Mr. Bajcek has been heard very often from WOV and the radio station at Jefferson City, Missouri, and it was a real pleasure to the friends and admirers to hear him again in person. The numbers given were popular song hits and very finely given and with artistic accompaniment by the entire band.

Cases Against Greenwood Marshal Dismissed

Charges of Assault and Application for Peace Bond Are Withdrawn Yesterday.

From Thursday's Daily—
The charges preferred by William M. Rouse of Greenwood against George H. Trunkenboltz, marshal at that place, charging in one action Mr. Trunkenboltz with assault with intent to injure and the other the application for a bond to keep peace, have been withdrawn.

The cases were to have been heard today by Judge Herman R. Schmidt at Murdock, but yesterday the complaining witness, Mr. Rouse, filed his dismissal of the cases and the action was taken from the docket by Judge Schmidt. These cases have attracted a great deal of attention as being a part of the warfare that has existed in the Greenwood community for some time which had divided the residents into two warring camps, attracting much attention over the state and as the result of these two cases the marshal, Mr. Trunkenboltz filed actions for \$5,000 damages against Mr. Rouse and W. E. Newkirk, the justice of the peace before whom the actions originated.

Charges and counter charges have been heard in the trouble and the county officers have sought to bring relief to the troubled condition without marked success. Several cases have been filed and tried here in court covering the actions of residents of that locality but in the disposal of them the feeling was intensified, but it is hoped that the trouble may be ironed out and the condition of the splendid little city to be restored to the former peace and harmony that prevailed up until the last few months.

REMEMBERS EARTHQUAKE

Mrs. C. H. Kirkpatrick, of Alvo, who has made her home in Cass county for the past sixty-four years, has a splendid recollection of the early days of Plattsmouth and Cass county. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis, who came to Plattsmouth in 1866 and resided for some time in what was Plattsmouth's first apartment house, "Patterson's Row," a building erected on North 5th street where a one story and basement structure extended down the fifth street hill from Oak street to the alley and sheltering many families, the apartments being built by John Patterson in the early sixties. One of the most vivid recollections of early days here that Mrs. Kirkpatrick still holds, is that of an earthquake in 1867, the family at that time residing in the basement apartment at the south portion of the Patterson Row. A poker that was hanging by the mantle was swung by the force of the tremors and dishes rattled freely in the cupboards as the shock came and went. Mrs. Kirkpatrick states, she has been much interested in the stories of this incident given by old time residents.

Later the Lewis family moved to near Eight Mile Grove eleven miles west of Plattsmouth and five south of the present town of Cedar Creek. They moved from there to the locality of Camp Creek cemetery, four miles west and one mile south of Alvo and where they have resided for many years. Mrs. Kirkpatrick also well recalls the first Bible school in Tipton precinct and where she was an attendant.

ENJOY WESTERN TRIP

Officer Dave Pickrel with Mrs. Pickrel and his mother, Mrs. Mary Pickrel, departed Thursday for the west, to enjoy an outing of some two weeks in the coolness of the Colorado mountains, making the trip by auto and being given the opportunity of viewing the country through which they pass. The trip will permit the police officer to forget the trials and tribulations of his office and the watch that he keeps over the business section of the city while the rest of the inhabitants are wrapped in slumber.

Just a few of the Cass county maps left. While they last, 50c each.

Training Camps Call Youth to a Month's Outing

Fort Crook Camp Opening Friday Will Bring Some 800 of Nebraska and Iowa Boys

From Thursday's Daily—
When Friday dawns there will be a throng of the youth of Nebraska and western Iowa toward Fort Crook where the Citizens Military Training camp will open for a thirty day period of training, physical education and recreation, a peacetime preparedness program for better understanding of the demands that might come in time of war.

The Plattsmouth representatives at the camp this year will be Robert Bestor, Gerald Sperry and Otto Stodola, who will be ready to leave Friday morning for the camp and to enter into its activities. This is the third year for Sperry, the second for Bestor and the first year for Stodola at the camp.

The opening day on Friday will be devoted to the receiving of the students at the camp, their registration and the assignments to the various military units. The program calls for the drill periods in the morning, the schools on various military problems and the recreation period which will embrace ball games, various physical drills and the development of the boxing ability of the young men of the camp.

The camp will be under the command of the commanding officer of the Seventeenth infantry, and the instructions in the various military activities and physical training will be in the hands of the regular officers of the army post assisted by the sergeants of the Seventeenth infantry. A part of the program will include the work on the government rifle range north of this city and where the young men will strive for marksmanship honors of their companies and of the camp.

ENTERTAINS LOCAL LADIES

Mrs. G. R. Holcomb and daughter, Florence and Mrs. Don Selvers and daughters, Shirley and Donna Bee, of this city who have been visiting at Marion, Iowa, were guests of honor at several very pleasant social events during their stay at Marion where they were visiting at the home of Mrs. Holcomb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Lawson.

Mrs. Lawson was hostess at a six o'clock dinner for the visitors from Plattsmouth as well as Mrs. John R. Eldon, of Long Beach, Cal., Mrs. R. K. Malone of Los Angeles, their mother, Mrs. Levasseur of Los Angeles, Mrs. Clyde Scott of Marion and her mother, Mrs. Hutton. The visiting ladies were also guests of Mrs. Harold Phillips at her home at Marion at a very charming luncheon given in honor of the visitors.

The chief feature of the visit was the reunion of the class of 1918 of the Marion high school the following account being taken from the Cedar Rapids Gazette:

"The class of 1918 of Marion high school Friday evening held its first reunion in twelve years, on the lawn of the Clyde Scott home near Marion. Eighteen members and their families attended the affair. The evening was spent visiting, after which refreshments were served. Out-of-town folk present were Mrs. Levasseur, Mrs. Byrdna Levasseur Malone of Los Angeles, Mrs. Lillian Lawson Holcomb of Plattsmouth, Neb., Mrs. Vera Kester Beach of Springfield, Mrs. Myrtle Hickman Robertson of Martelle, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Fernow and Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Houser of Cedar Rapids."

STORES ARE CLOSED

From Thursday's Daily—
This afternoon from 2 to 3 o'clock the business houses of the city were closed for the hour in honor of the memory of Mrs. Bernard Wurl, Sr., one of the long time residents of the city and mother of Emil and Bernard Wurl. The services were held at the home of the son, B. G. Wurl and attended by a great many of the old friends while the business houses of the city paused for the usual activities to render this tribute of respect.

FILES MANY DOCUMENTS

From Thursday's Daily—
The office of the register of deeds has been quite busy in the last few days with a rush of the right of way leases secured by the Missouri Valley Pipeline company and which are being recorded at the office. The office yesterday received ninety-six of these leases and which makes no small task to get entered on the records of the county.

ENJOYS VISIT HERE

From Thursday's Daily—
Last evening a group of the young ladies in the employ of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co., were here from Lincoln, motoring down after the close of their duties at the general offices to look over the work of placing the natural gas line through this locality. The party included Miss Ruth Menoher, who will be well remembered here as the demonstrator for the company who was here for some time and conducted very interesting demonstrations of the use of gas stoves and other appliances restored to the company. The ladies while in this locality paid a short visit to this city to meet the friends here.

Continental Oil Company Buys Property

Large Oil Corporation Secures Lot on Chicago Avenue from George K. Petring for Station

George K. Petring, owner of the Plattsmouth Motor Co., who has for the past few years owned the lots at the intersection of Chicago avenue and Granite street, has disposed of his holdings at that place to the Continental Oil Co., of Lincoln.

It has been the intention of Mr. Petring to erect a station for the sale of gas at that place, but the desire of the large Lincoln company to secure the site decided him to dispose of the same.

The company that has acquired the site, it is understood will at once start the plans for a modern and up-to-the-minute drive-in service station that will be in keeping with the reputation of the company for modern and attractive places for the handling of their business and will replace the present unsightly lot with a fine and attractive gas and service station.

This company has also been negotiating for the purchase of the lots at Sixth and Vine streets, which are now occupied by the building of the Straight furniture store.

Dry Weather is Boon to the City Street Force

Commissioner Finds Time to Get the Work Caught Up and Streets Placed in Fine Shape

While the dry weather of the past month has proven a hardship on the residents who have had to live thru the cruel and has blisters for the crop in bad shape, it has been a real boon to the street department of the City of Plattsmouth and saved a great deal of expense that is usually found in repairing the dirt streets after the heavy rains.

Commissioner Jess Elliott states that he has been able to get the streets all very well smoother up during the dry weather as well as completing several good sized assignments in fills and waterways being placed and these have not been washed out at once as has so often been the case in the past.

The dirt roads, and particularly those located on the hills are usually cut up the greater part of the time by the heavy rains, but this season has been exceptionally dry and therefore street work has not had to be repeated and gives the residents the advantage of a good road. The much larger area served by paving and graveling is also helping in cutting down the work on the dirt roads and saves the taxpayers of the city a great deal of money each year.

In this last line of work, Mr. Elliott states that the graveling is now being completed on North Eighth street, where the residents and the city have joined hands in making a gravel road from the present paving north to the city limits and from where the county will extend the graveling to the rifle range.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

From Thursday's Daily—
Mrs. E. C. Ripple, well known resident of this city, who has been at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha for the past week, suffering from the effects of a very badly fractured and shattered shoulder, was operated on. It was found necessary to have the shoulder operated on owing to its crushed condition and a new socket for the arm arranged in the shoulder joint. The patient has suffered a great deal as the result of the injury and the heated weather which has been felt very much by the patient who is kept constantly with her arm braced and in a cast. It is hoped that the operation will result in the shoulder being able to knit and be restored to its former condition but as the case will require several weeks it is most trying on the patient.

Sues to Have Life Interest in Farm Restored

Mrs. Mary E. Mast is Plaintiff in Action Against Ada Murray and Edward Murray in Suit

From Friday's Daily—
This morning an action was filed in the office of the clerk of the district court in which Mrs. Mary E. Mast was the plaintiff and Ada Murray, a daughter, and Edward Murray, a son-in-law, are the defendants.

The action is one in which Mrs. Mast seeks to have her life interest in the farm occupied by the defendants restored, a deed set aside and the defendants be required to make an accounting of rentals claimed to be due to the plaintiff under the agreements claimed to have been made by the parties.

The allegations of the plaintiff's petition are that the plaintiff was under the last will and testament of her husband, Abraham Mast, given a life interest in the farm in question, that on or about the eighteenth day of November 1925, the defendants requested the plaintiff to sign a deed conveying the farm, and the time the paper was signed plaintiff claims that she did not know that it was a quit claim deed to her interest in the farm that the instrument was filed in the register of deeds' office on November 18th, 1925, but it was not until September 1929 that the plaintiff learned that the paper signed had been a deed vacating her rights in the farm as given by her deceased husband.

It is further alleged that the defendants, have paid in the years 1925-26-27-28 and 29, various store bills for the plaintiff and that they have at various times paid her small amounts in cash. That the bills and amounts paid were wholly inadequate to the proper rent is also claimed, it being alleged that the rental value of the farm in question was \$2,500 per year.

It is asked that the court set aside the quit claim deed and restore the rights of the plaintiff in the farm in question and that also the defendants be required to make settlement of the amount or rents due since they have had the farm.

In the action J. A. Capwell and W. A. Robertson of this city appear for the plaintiff, Mrs. Mast. The parties in the suits are members of the family who have had a number of disputes and which was climaxed in the shooting of Arnold Mast, a son of the plaintiff in this case, by Theodor Murray, a son of Edward Murray, following a fight between Earl Troop and Edward Murray near the Mast place.

FRIENDS REGRET LEAVING

The fact that Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Dalton and their family are soon to leave this city is a matter of much regret to the friends that they have made here in the time that Mr. Dalton has been located here as the storekeeper for the BREX. The members of the family have been active in the city during their residence here and that they will be greatly missed goes without saying. Mr. Dalton is leaving the railroad work and expects to locate in Rhode Island where he will engage in the automobile and accessories business, being associated there with a brother-in-law, feeling that this line of work offers a larger measure of opportunity than his present line of work.

In their new home they take the best wishes of the many friends for their future success and welfare. Mr. Dalton is planning on getting away in a very short time and joining the family who have been visiting in the east for some time and who will await him to start their new home in the east.

IOWA PARTIES WEDDED

The home of Rev. O. G. Wichmann of the St. Paul's Evangelical church was the scene of a very pleasant wedding Wednesday afternoon when the genial pastor joined Walter Nieman and Marjorie Renaud, both of Des Moines, in the bonds of holy wedlock. The wedding ceremony was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Lindsey, also of Des Moines. At the close of the wedding the members of the bridal party motored back to the Iowa city where they are to make their future home.

ADDS TO EQUIPMENT

William Shea, proprietor of the restaurant on North Sixth street, has added to the equipment of his up-to-date restaurant by having installed a new Frigidair that will be more suited to the needs of the popular eating places and provide a greater amount of refrigeration for the restaurant. The new Frigidair is of the latest type and cost some \$320 when installed by the local dealer, Jess Warga. The new addition adds very much to the convenience of the restaurant and in handling the work there.

CALLED ON SAD MISSION

Mrs. William Keif departed Tuesday for Pekin, Illinois, where she was called by the message announcing the death at that place of her father, J. Heisel, who passed away after an illness of some duration. Mr. Heisel has been bedfast for the past three years and his condition was such as to give no hopes of his recovery and his calling to the last resting was a great relief to his long suffering. The deceased was seventy-eight years of age and an old time resident of Pekin and vicinity. While back at the old home Mrs. Keif will remain for a short visit with the relatives and friends.

Wiles Family to Hold Twenty-Fifth Family Reunion

Will Meet at the Site of the First Settlement Here by Members of the Family

The members of the Wiles family residing in Cass county and Mills county, Iowa, are planning on holding their twenty-fifth annual reunion this year on Thursday, August 28th and at which time it is hoped to have a very large number here from the two counties as well as representatives of the family from Missouri and from various localities over the country.

The reunion this year will be held on the scene of the first settlement made in Cass county by members of the Wiles family, where Luke Wiles, father of the late Thomas Wiles, made his entry on a homestead and which is today owned and farmed by C. L. Wiles, a grandson of the first homesteader of the family. The farm is located just west of the Missouri Pacific right-of-way on the Louisville road near this city and has ideal facilities for a picnic and a spot for the gathering in the great grove which was the pride of the founder of the family homestead more than seventy years ago.

The president of the Wiles Reunion association is Charles Leslie Wiles of Glenwood and who is one of the oldest and not the oldest member of the family in this part of the west. This being the silver anniversary reunion the committees in charge are planning on making it a most notable occasion and one that will be outstanding in the long history of pleasant family gatherings.

RETURN FROM TRIP

From Friday's Daily—
Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Pease, who have been enjoying a combined business and pleasure trip to Chicago and points in Illinois, returned home last evening after completing a 1,520 miles of travel. They enjoyed the trip eastward by going via north central Iowa to Rockford, Illinois, then going on to Chicago where five days were spent in visiting the wholesale houses and markets and making selections of goods for the Style Shop here, a great many fine bargains being secured for the local trade. Later Mr. and Mrs. Pease visited at Bloomington, Illinois, with relatives and friends. The trip westward was made by the way of southern Iowa and highway No. 34 which brought them to the local bridge and then home. Mr. Pease spent some time in Illinois and eastern Iowa as being badly affected by the drouth, the trip near this city being the best that he seen on the trip and the corn less damaged by the dryness and heat.

REJOICE OVER NEW DAUGHTER

From Friday's Daily—
Otto E. Lutz, commander of the local American Legion post of this city, served for the entire duration of the world war and in the army occupation for several months, but he has had a new sensation in the last few days, a fine little seven pound daughter calling him "papa." Mrs. Lutz and the little daughter are at the Methodist hospital where the little one was born Tuesday and both are doing very nicely. Mrs. Lutz was formerly Miss Lena Engelkemier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Engelkemier of west of Murray. The many friends over the county will join in their well wishes for the future happiness of the little lady.

TO RETURN HOME SOON

From Thursday's Daily—
Rev. and Mrs. H. G. McClusky and daughter, Miss Catherine, who have been enjoying a thirty day outing, are now heading for home and expect to reach this city sometime Monday. They are now at Lindsay, Kansas, where they have visited as well as at Salina. The McClusky family were at the Yellowstone Park with the Frank Clodt family and on the return of the latter to this city the McClusky family spent a short time in the Black Hills and thence motoring to Kansas. They report Kansas hot and dry in the time that they have been there, that state suffering with all of the midwest in the intense heat of the present month of July.

Sheriff Has a Wide Field of Activity

Serving Papers and Collecting Taxes in Addition to Law Enforcement Activities

The office of the county sheriff is one that covers a wide field of activities as Sheriff Bert Reed, now serving his first term and in delinquency date for the republican nomination for re-election states. In the many activities of the office there is a wide range from the pursuit of criminals, and investigations of crimes of all kinds to the serving of different legal processes in the district and county courts as well as serving as the official tax collector when all other means fail.

Sheriff Reed and his office force have listed a number of the many phases of the work that they have had and which reveals that \$41,443.45 has been collected in delinquent taxes through the instrumentality of his office since January 1, 1927, some of these taxes dating as far back as fifteen years.

An investigation of the various arrests and crimes reveals that in the period since January 1, 1927, 226 persons have been confined in the county jail and of these ten have gone to the state penitentiary and reformatory to serve sentences of from one to thirty-nine years.

There have been sixty-eight to be arrested on liquor charges and of these all but five were convicted.

Nineteen persons have been arrested for petty larceny. The office has had to deal with a number of store robberies and six persons were apprehended on this charge and all convicted. Two persons were arrested on chicken stealing and thereby breaking up a gang of chicken thieves that had terrorized western Iowa and eastern Nebraska chicken raisers, the men being sent to the penitentiary for their offenses.

Sheriff Reed and his force have captured men wanted for offenses in Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, Missouri, Kansas and Iowa, turning the men over to the sheriff's of the various states.

There has been served 1,163 summons and 1,400 legal instruments of various kinds during the administration of Sheriff Reed.

TRY TO RETAIN MEN

From Thursday's Daily—
The Chamber of Commerce was busy today in an endeavor to make it possible for the men engaged here with the Smith Brothers Co., of Fort Worth on the natural gas line contract, to remain here while the line is being extended on into Iowa. The men had planned to have to move the camp and those who had their families located here, to get out at once but it is now hoped to be able to allow them to remain here. The work of extending the gas right-of-way in Iowa is being held up and which may delay the advance of the work and also the Chamber of Commerce is endeavoring to secure a toll rate over the local bridge that would permit the men being brought back and forth from the Colorado capital city and is another of the Louisville boys who are making good.

ENJOYS PLEASANT VISIT WITH HIS SON IN DENVER

Charles Johnson has returned from Denver and other Colorado points, where he drove last week in company with Charles Hennings. Mr. Johnson visited his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Axel Johnson, in Denver, where he found them happy, well and prosperous. They formerly lived in Louisville and through the weekly visits of the Courier they keep in touch with the old home town. Axel has a good job in the Colorado capital city and is another of the Louisville boys who are making good. Mr. Johnson says the weather was fine in Colorado with just heat enuf to make the cool nights acceptable and the scenery is too grand to be described. One has to see it to appreciate how wonderful it is.

DEPARTS ON VACATION

From Friday's Daily—
This morning at an early hour while yet the greater part of the inhabitants were wrapped in slumber, James K. Pollock, assistant cashier of the Farmers State bank of this city, departed for an outing trip to Minneapolis and other sections of Minnesota. Mr. Pollock will visit with his sister, Mrs. C. M. McElroy, who has a home near Lake Calhoun, one of the beauty spots of the northern city, for the greater part of the time but will also take in the other points in and near Minneapolis. Mr. Pollock planned on driving to Lake Okoboji, Iowa, by today noon and spending the afternoon and night there, leaving for Minneapolis very early Saturday morning and reaching there by noon Saturday.

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