

# The Plattsmouth Journal

## Farmers Co-Operative Creamery Plant Change

Fred S. Davis of Osceola, Iowa, to Operate Plant Here in the Future

From Thursday's Daily—  
The final details of the plans for changes in the Farmers Co-Operative Creamery in this city, which for several days have been under negotiation, were closed yesterday afternoon and the plant will be placed under management of Fred S. Davis of Osceola, Iowa.

Mr. Davis is the owner of the Golden Valley Creamery Co., which has plants at Osceola, Red Oak, Creston and Corning, Iowa, and his long experience of thirty years in the management of the creameries will be most valuable in the guiding of the destinies of the local plant.

Mr. Davis will handle the plant on a cost plus basis and will endeavor to enlarge the field of activities of the plant so that it may bring a profitable return to the stockholders of the company.

While the Plattsmouth plant will be operated in conjunction with other of the Davis plants it will be independent and the new lessee will conduct the plant for the benefit of the stockholders of the company who number some 170 and comprise a group of the farmers of this portion of Cass county.

The success of the creamery depends largely on the enthusiasm and loyalty that it is supported and particularly those who are stockholders in the company should see that the creamery and Mr. Davis are given their entire support, cream, poultry and produce that comes from the farms of those who are stockholders of the company and all who are interested in seeing that the plant is operated successfully.

Mr. Davis is furnishing the financial backing for the creamery in his management and every kind of butter, cream and poultry that is handled is to bring a percentage to the stockholders of the company.

The stockholders of the company feel well pleased that a man of the outstanding business ability and capacity has taken over the plant and from his very successful handling of other concerns it is clear that he will be able to place the local plant on its proper successful plane.

Mrs. Ida Kehne, who has been engaged as clerk in the business office of the creamery since the organization will continue as the office manager under Mr. Davis.

## BOY SCOUT WEEK

The announcement has been received by the Boy Scout leaders through the nation that Boy Scout Week would be observed from February 8th to 14th in all parts of the world, this being the twenty-first anniversary of the organization which had its first inception from General Baden-Powell of the British army and later was transplanted to the United States which now has the largest and most effective Scout organization in the world.

The week will be marked by special activities each day of the week, opening with the Boy Scout Sunday and at which all churches will give some recognition of the movement and the Scouts are expected to attend the church of their choice. Other events will be the hikes and special Scout work for each day.

The Father and Son banquet will be held as a part of the Scout week activity and will be one of the gala occasions in the very busy week for the Scouts.

Plattsmouth troops will participate in the activities and the program was announced later that will cover the different events to be held.

## AUTO KILLS COW

From Friday's Daily—  
Last evening, Henry Hill, well known young farmer of Murray, was returning home from Omaha and as he came along highway No. 75 near the Stull farm on the Platte bottom he saw three men waving at him to stop but as he did not recognize the men and with visions of highway bandits in mind he stepped on the gas and suddenly swung into a herd of cattle that was crossing the road. One part of the cow was so close that the driver of the car was unable to avoid hitting it and accordingly the animal was struck with considerable force and killed. Mr. Hill was able to drive his damaged car on into the city and then called up Sheriff Reed to notify him of the fact that he had killed the cow.

## SCORES ADDED TRIUMPH

Little Miss Janet Westover, who has so often delighted Plattsmouth audiences in the past with her clever readings and dramatic sketches, was at Omaha Wednesday evening when she was on the program of entertainment given at the Masonic temple. The little lady received a very splendid reception from the large number present and many words of praise for her delightful numbers.

## HOLD WATCH PARTY

From Thursday's Daily—  
Last evening the members of the Epworth League held a very pleasant watch party at the parlors of the First Methodist church and which was very largely attended by the members of the society and their friends. The committee in charge arranged a very delightful social time in which games of all kinds were enjoyed for the earlier portion of the evening and as the midnight hour approached the members joined in a short devotional service and with songs of praise and the invocation of the divine aid greeted the coming of 1931 as the bells pealed out their welcome.

## New Year's Day is Very Quiet in Plattsmouth

Several Watch Parties and Dances Greet the New Year—Many Visit at Omaha

New Year's day of 1931 was one that was exceptionally quiet in this city, there being but little activity in the business section and those who saw the departure of the old year 1930 in fitting style were resting from the fatigue of the watchful waiting.

A very large number of the residents here were at Omaha Wednesday night to join in the gala celebration that the state metropolis always stages to welcome the new year and where dinner parties and dances as well as other social functions aided in passing the hours until the coming of the new year. The large dinner, dance and entertainment at the new Paxton was one of the big shots of the New Year's celebration in Omaha and many of the local people were present to take part in this event.

Last evening the court house, the Burlington shops and the banks were closed for the entire day and in the afternoon many of the business houses took the remainder of the day off to join the ranks of those who were enjoying the holiday season.

That year has not been one of the greatest success and prosperity for the people of the nation and in every locality its passing has caused but little regret and the nation turns with hope to the coming year in which it is felt that more improved conditions may be found and the coming twelve months restore conditions to their normal standard and take up the great amount of unemployment that has been nation wide in the year 1930. The unemployment problem is the greatest that the nation has to deal with and which has checked business in all lines.

## ENTERTAINS SCHOOL FRIENDS

From Friday's Daily—  
Last evening Misses Maxine and Nadine Cloldt entertained a very large party of school associates at the A. W. Cloldt home on North Sixth street at a very delightful New Year's gathering. The home was very prettily arranged in the holiday decorations and amid this pleasant scene the sixty young people enjoyed the passing hours most delightfully.

The evening was spent in dancing, cards and games of various kinds that made the time pass most delightfully in every way for the members of the party.

## PICKED AS OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

In the selection of the outstanding players of the Omaha Community Playhouse in that city, Bernard Szold, director of the Playhouse, has named two former Plattsmouth young people as being among the best that has appeared in the various productions of the showhouse. One of these is Damian Flynn, whose work in 'Behold the Dreamer' led to his selection, and Miss Katherine Flynn, a sister of Damian, who proved one of the great hits of the company and was particularly effective in 'The Hairy Ape' winning warm praise from those who viewed her work.

## LITTLE DAUGHTER ARRIVES

The year 1930 will be always a pleasant recollection for Mr. and Mrs. Norman Warthen of this city, as they are the happy parents of a fine little daughter, Norma Jean, born on December 31, 1930, at the Methodist hospital at Omaha. The mother and little one are doing nicely and the occasion has brought much pleasure to the other members of the family.

## Wedding of Well Known Young Couple

Mary Rosencrans Dovey and Edwin B. Hickman Married at Presbyterian Manse

The wedding of two popular and well known people of this community occurred here Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the residence of Rev. H. C. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

The contracting parties were Mary Rosencrans Dovey of this city and Edwin B. Hickman of Kansas City, Missouri, and the ceremony that made their lives as one was very quiet and simple, the bridegroom being attended by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Seennichen, the latter a sister of the bride, as witnesses of the wedding.

The marriage lines were read by Rev. McClusky and the ring service used in the joining of the lives of the two happy young people.

The bride wore an ensemble of green with picture hat, and accessories of the same color tones.

Following the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Hickman motored to Omaha and from there they departed today for Kansas City, the home of the groom, for a short time before going to Creston, Iowa, the headquarters of Mr. Hickman at this time and where they will temporarily reside.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rosencrans of this city and has grown to womanhood here and received her education in the local schools. She has a very large circle of warm friends who will learn with pleasure of the new happiness that has come to her in the marriage. The groom is field superintendent of Iowa and the Missouri river crossing, of Continental Construction Co., and has been here for some time attending to the direction of the work of extending the natural gas lines across the Missouri river here and through Iowa. Mr. Hickman has made many friends here by his splendid character and personal charm. He will join in wishing him and his charming bride many years of happiness and success in the future.

## UNEXPECTED GUESTS AT FAMILY REUNION

Of more than usual interest was a family reunion held on Christmas Day at the spacious ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Perry, Collins avenue.

Mrs. Catherine Perry of Plattsmouth, Nebr., mother of the host, who is spending the winter with relatives in Southern California, was the special guest of honor while the surprise feature of the day was the unexpected arrival of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Spangler, also their son, Everett Spangler and family, all of Murray, Nebr., the Nebraskans arriving at the Orange home just in time to take part in the Christmas festivities.

Gathered in the home were the guest of honor's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to the number of 40, for whom places were marked at large tables arranged in the dining room for the delicious turkey dinner, a feature of the day's celebration.

All but three of Mrs. Catherine Perry's children participated in the joyous family reunion. Present were W. W. Perry of Orange, the genial host; J. E. Perry of Long Beach; Mrs. Pearl Unland, Alhambra; Mrs. Manota Lang of Fresno; Mrs. C. D. Spangler of Murray, Nebr.; V. E. Perry of Big Springs, Nebr.; and Mrs. E. V. Cole of Brule, Nebr. Mr. Perry and Mrs. Cole, with their families, are spending the winter months in Southern California.

## ENTERTAIN FRIENDS

On Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tony La Hoda on River Drive, was the scene of a pleasant gathering of friends to enjoy the coming of 1931. The color scheme was of the holiday season. Dancing by radio and games were played till a late hour, when a very enjoyable luncheon was served by Mrs. Tony La Hoda, assisted by Mrs. Claude La Hoda.

Those present to enjoy the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Claude La Hoda and son, Donald, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Champin and daughter, Betty, Mr. and Mrs. Tony La Hoda and children, Irene, Antone, Jr., and Harriett Louise La Hoda, Miss Birchey Smith of Miami, Okla.; Charles Mendenhall, James Johnson and Charles La Hoda, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fitzpatrick, Bellevue, Nebraska, and Miss Helen Davis.

## SPENDING NEW YEARS HERE

Judge Charles L. Graves, who has been rather poorly for a number of days, is feeling better at this time, and there is a reason, he was enjoying a visit on New Years from his daughter, Mrs. Harry Royal and husband of Lincoln. He was able to try four cases in the police court on Wednesday.

## FIREMAN'S DANCE DRAWS MANY

From Thursday's Daily—  
The annual New Year's eve dance sponsored by the volunteer fire department of the city of Plattsmouth, which was held last evening at the American Legion community building, was one very largely attended and from nine until past the coming of the year 1931, the dance floor was filled with the merry makers and dancers. The Bluebird orchestra of Omaha furnished the music for the dance and a very delightful program of dance selections were offered. The funds derived from the dance will be placed in the funds of the fire department to be used in the various expenses that the department may have aside from the regular city appropriation for the maintenance of the department.

## Highway Bandits Use Car as Battering Ram

Holdup Reported as Operating in the Vicinity of Fort Crook by Car Drivers

The highway bandits which have infested this section of Nebraska in recent weeks apparently are becoming more active in the vicinity of Fort Crook according to the reports received by the local officers from that locality.

Earl Jacobson, a resident of the vicinity of the fort, reported to the Sarpy county officers that he was a victim of one of the attacks of the bandits on Wednesday night while he was traveling on the highway. He was on the highway about 9 o'clock and a roadster approached from behind his car and as it drew even with his car, suddenly turned and crashed into his car, forcing his car into a ditch. When his car was stopped two men alighted from the car that had acted as a battering ram, struck him with a "sap" and robbed him of \$5. The car of Mr. Jacobson was very badly damaged.

## Elliott - Uhe Wedding Friday at Council Bluffs

Very Quiet Ceremony Joins the Lives of Miss Mildred Elliott and Arthur Uhe.

On Friday afternoon at Council Bluffs occurred the marriage of Miss Mildred Elliott and Mr. Arthur Uhe of this city, the event being a very quiet one and with only the attendants present to witness the ceremony, also their son, Floyd Elliott, brother of the bride being the attendants at the ceremony.

The marriage lines were read by the pastor of the First Christian church.

Following the wedding the bridal party motored back to Omaha where they were guests at a very delicious wedding luncheon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Dooley.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Chief of Police Jess Elliott and has grown to womanhood in this community where she is numbered among the most popular young people of the community. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Uhe, residing west of this city and has been engaged with his father in farming.

## HAS WRIST FRACTURED

From Thursday's Daily—  
Walford Nord, well known resident of near this city, yesterday had the misfortune of having the wrist of his right arm fractured. Mr. Nord was cranking his auto and the crank flew back, striking the wrist of Mr. Nord and inflicting the fracture.

The injured man was taken to the office of Dr. E. J. Gillespie, where the injured member was set and the patient made as comfortable as possible. A son of the Nord family last week had a fracture of his collar bone and the household now is quite badly crippled.

## WILL ADDRESS SCIENTISTS

This week American scientists, gathered in Cleveland will discuss the achievements of science during the past year, Leonard Worley, grandson of Mrs. V. V. Leonard will speak before this association. He spent the week-end in this city at the home of Mrs. Leonard and Miss Verna, attending a family dinner comprising, C. V. Leonard and daughter, Violet, of Kansas City, Mo.; D. C. Leonard and wife of Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Worley and family of Lincoln, and Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Leonard and family of Omaha.

## Year of 1930 Has Brought Much Activity Here

Pipe Line Construction for Natural Gas, and Paving Program Have Furnished Aid.

In the passing of the year of 1930 there has been little regret as a whole over the nation but in many localities the year has not been as bad perhaps as others that have passed in this part of the country and particularly in this immediate vicinity.

Here in Plattsmouth and the surrounding territory there has been a great deal of extra work carried on the Omaha gas pipe line project and brought in a great deal of money for wages paid in construction work that has aided materially in the community.

The construction of the natural gas lines to this city and the work of extending the lines under the Missouri river has been one of the largest means of bringing in extra money into the community, as large forces were engaged in and near this city for the larger part of the summer and fall and a force is still maintained here on the work at the river crossing. There will be more of this line of work as the pipe line of the United Gas Service Co., is brought here and if they carry out their promise of piping the city for natural gas it will create a great deal of work and an additional expenditure in the city.

The sand and gravel business here has also been very extensive and train loads of the sand and gravel have been handled each day through the Burlington here from the Lyman Richey pits north of this city and here a great deal of labor was employed for the summer months and well up into the late fall when the ceasing of road work caused a slack period in this line of activity which however, gives promise of soon starting in again, due to the large road programs that are planned.

In the line of railroad work this city was also fortunate in having the forces at the Burlington kept well employed and with only a week lay off in the past while other points suffered a number of these cuts of employment and consistently for the year the railroad work was excellent.

The Burlington Refrigerator Express Co. in their car shops here also had a good summer of work and up until the past two weeks the employment there has been excellent.

Not the last of the benefits of the year was the fact that this locality suffered much less from the drought of the past summer and the farmers were able to secure a good crop in this county and a great deal larger than many of the central counties, although the lowering price of the crops has not brought in the revenue that in past years has come to the farmers of this county.

## ALUMNI WINS 29 TO 16

From Saturday's Daily—  
The curtain of time was lifted for a few brief passing moments last night at the high school gym to show once more basketball stars of other days.

How well these players performed can be realized by the score of 29 to 16 for the alumni against the Platters. Leading at all stages of the game, the alumni played a whirlwind offense that baffled the defense of the present day defenders of the blue and white.

Ed Wescott, who had won state mention in his high school career played a clever and fast floor game and in which Bernard Galloway of the Peru Bobcats also aided, while Frank Gradoville, who back in 1923-24 was heaving them in the basket, had an unerring eye that made many of the alumni scores. Joe Hartford, former Platter captain, with Ralph Mason, made the quintet that forged their way to victory.

For the regulars in their battle Chet Wiles was by far the best in his offensive as well as defensive game, while Merle McCrary was also an outstanding figure and particularly on the offensive looked good.

John Galloway, local forward, was not hitting with usual regularity but helped make the alumni extend themselves greater than otherwise would have been necessary. Henry Donat and Robert Hartford alternated at center and neither were able to seriously threaten the old guards. Garland McCleary was sent into the game but failed to check the alumni.

In the last moments of the game the active little Sam Armstrong was in action when Ed McZ, football star, whose height and weight proved a threat to the old timers but the tracing hand of time had passed too swiftly to allow any serious rally for the high school and as timekeeper Dave Robinson sounded the close of the final quarter, victory rested with the old stars.

## SCHOOL IS BURNED

Streator, Ill.—St. Anthony's German Catholic school, a three story concrete structure valued at \$30,000, was destroyed by fire Thursday. The origin of the fire is unknown. No one was in the building.

## HARRY ACKERMAN ACQUITTED

In the county court Wednesday afternoon the hearing of the charges against Harry Ackerman, of Omaha, was aired before Judge A. H. Duxbury. The young man was charged with having taken property from the residence of C. Lawrence Stull on the farm north of this city and he was arrested on Monday at Omaha and brought here to answer to the charge. In the trial of the case it was revealed that the articles taken had been some papers and which apparently had no particular value and accordingly the action was dismissed by Judge Duxbury and the young man given his liberty.

## Police Here Nab Two Young Highwaymen Today

Twenty Minutes After Attempted Holdup Near Nebraska City Youths Are In Jail

From Saturday's Daily—  
Last night shortly after midnight a message was received here by the members of the night police from Sheriff Carl Ryder at Nebraska City that an attempted holdup on the highway north of that city had just been reported and parties gave the number as that of an Omaha car. Mr. and Mrs. R. Reimers of Nebraska City, were the parties the youths attempted to stop.

Officers Dave Pickrel and Joseph Libershal at once secured the car of Mr. Pickrel and starting out Chicago avenue soon picked up the car near the Ofe oil station and turning started in pursuit of the car, overhauling it near the Heisel mill on Washington avenue as the pursued car attempted to shake off the police car and make their way onto the Omaha road.

As the police car closed in, the driver of the pursued car attempted the ramming tactics to try and put the police car out of commission but the pursued car had been forced so far to the side of the roadway that they could not make it and the officers getting out commanded the two young lads in the car to get out and which they did.

The two boys, as they were 15 and 16 years of age, gave the names of Arnold Gansaway and Vern Timmons, and were taken at once by the officers to the city jail for questioning. The boys denied the holdup charge by the Otoe county people but admitted that the car in their possession was one that they had stolen on Wednesday at Omaha from near the First National bank building at Sixteenth and Farnam street and since that time they have been roving over the country in the car.

Later communication was had with the Omaha police and Sheriff Ryder and as the Omaha offense of car stealing was definite and the holdup charge not so strong, it was decided to turn the two young prisoners over to the Omaha police and they were accordingly sent back to Omaha in custody of the officers and will face their charges there of auto stealing. The car was left here for the present and to await claimant by the owner.

## THE AWEONT CAMP FIRE GROUP MEETS

Before Christmas we were an extremely busy group of girls. When Christmas carols were sung at the Presbyterian church the Aweont Camp Fire Girls were invited to sing in the choir with others, which we did. Monday afternoon was spent in making Christmas toys and decorations. There was corn to pop and string, toys to mend and paint and sewing to finish. Tuesday morning our group marched in the Santa Claus parade carrying our sign and American flag. Wednesday we wrapped, tied and delivered our gifts. In doing this we made several trips to different parts of the city.

Wednesday, December 24th we had our own celebration, a party at the home of Jacquelyn Grassman. Games were played such as Weegie and Rollo Ball. Dainty refreshments were served by one committee, Marjorie Ann Tidball and Joan Moore. A Christmas exchange of small gifts added to our fun.

RACHEL ROBERTSON, Scribe.

## ELKS HOLD DANCE

From Friday's Daily—  
Last evening a very pleasant dancing party was enjoyed at the Elks club by the members and their families and a very large number were present to enjoy the delightful social event. The music for the occasion was furnished by the Chuck and Van orchestra of this city and the group of talented musicians had provided a very snappy and enjoyable program of dance numbers that kept the dancers at the highest spirits until the close of the evening.

Job Printing at Journal office.

## Death of One of Early Homestead Settlers

John E. Crawford Dies at Home in California at Age of Ninety-One Years

A life has passed out that deserves mention of passing events. The life of John E. Crawford is passed. He died at his home in Arcata, California, Nov. 15, 1930, being nearly 91 years of age. His life was one of service and of usefulness. He was a man of keen judgment and ability, and enjoyed a degree of success in all his business ventures.

John and James Crawford, brothers, exercised Soldiers Homestead Rights, and took up homesteads in South Bend precinct, Cass county, Nebraska Territory, bringing their families there in 1866 from Illinois. They came in prairie schooners jolting their way across unpopulated prairies, fording small streams and ferrying turbulent rivers. The seed of life and of hope gave them courage to push on along the heart-breaking trails to more hopeful expectations.

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They moved westward again, settling in South Bend precinct. Their homesteads comprised the NW 1/4 of Section 34. The first homesteads taken up in that section. They were not without near neighbors very long however, for in a few years every 80 in that section had been taken up. Pawnee Creek runs down through the middle of this section. The earliest pioneers settled as near creeks as the boundary lines would permit. This creek was bordered on each side with cottonwood shanties.

The first labor of these early pioneers was to break the first sod. They broke ox teams and brought their breaking plows with them in their schooners. They lived to see the great west grow from a wild and unsettled frontier, peopled by the Indians and filled with many trials to the settlers, to a great agricultural empire, which their sacrifices and services helped to make possible.

Mr. John Crawford taught several terms of school in the Pawnee district which was the first school district in this section of the county. He lived in Cass county until 1875, then moved with his family to Humboldt county, California, where he spent the remainder of his life. His wife and beloved companion for more than 65 years, died in January 1930. There are four children surviving.

Mr. Crawford was a Civil war veteran. In 1861 he volunteered for enlistment in Company C, 47th Illinois Infantry, and spent more than three years in the service of his country. He was with General Grant's forces in the siege of Vicksburg and witnessed the surrender of this important Confederate stronghold. He took part in 31 important engagements and two sieges and came thru unscathed and without serious wounds.

He was the last member of a family of 14 children. He was a brother-in-law of Mrs. M. J. Crawford of Murdock and of Mrs. Paul Rager of South Bend. There are also several nieces and nephews in this vicinity.

Mr. Crawford was the last member of the G. A. R. post of Arcata. The comrades of a later war, The American Legion Post, took charge of his burial service, where final military honors were paid and taps sounded. A good soldier is at rest, forever.

## OVERRULES MOTION

From Saturday's Daily—  
This morning in the district court the motion for a new trial in the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Edward Murray, charged with assault, was argued before Judge Begley. This case was one tried in the county court and later carried by the defendant, Mr. Murray, to the district court where it was held that the appeal had not been perfected and the matter was remanded to the county court for the carrying out of the sentence. The motion for a new trial was overruled and the matter will now be taken by Mr. Murray through his attorney, A. L. Tidd, to the state supreme court.

## ACCEPTS NEW POSITION

Miss Helen Persinger will be engaged in the future as stenographer in the real estate offices of Earl S. Davis, well known insurance and real estate dealer, succeeding Miss Helen Warner, who is resigning to become deputy clerk of the district court. Miss Persinger has had considerable experience in this line of work and should make Mr. Davis a very able and well qualified stenographer.

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