

## City Truly at the Crossroads of the Nation

### Auto Travel Heavy From all Sections of the United States Through Plattsmouth.

The situation of this city makes it truly the crossroads of the nation. Located in the central portion of the country, with national highways from the east, west, north and south, passing through this city, makes it the scene of a constantly flowing auto travel in all directions.

In the early morning hours, especially, it is possible to realize just how much of the auto travel passes through here, when the local cars are off the street and the cars of the travelers are to be seen on their way to vacation land or homeward bound.

Cars from New York state and California are to be seen passing, while from Texas, Florida and the states of the south as well as Montana and the Pacific northwest there are cars represented in the moving stream.

With the coming of the fall days the vacationists seem to be hurrying homeward from journeys to distant points where they have had the opportunity of visiting in strange scenes and viewing sections of the country to which they were unaccustomed.

The fact that the most direct route from Chicago and the east over highway No. 34 through Illinois and Iowa, finds its way through this city and thence on west has caused a great increase in this travel in the past summer months. The Johnnie bridge serves to make the mileage much less from the east and west and with the constantly improving highway systems there is more comfort for the traveling public. The paved highway No. 75 which is rapidly being completed for its entire route is also an appreciated route for the traveling public.

## HAVE FINE MEETING

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church opened its session of programs for the year Tuesday afternoon. They met with Mrs. Ada Moore. The program was in charge of church young people.

Miss Helen Wiles, who has been attending the University of Mexico, this summer, gave a very interesting talk on observations of the people and their customs.

Maxine Clodt, Gertrude Vallery and Helen Warga, all of whom had been in attendance at the Bellevue Young People's conference last June, brought to the members a very earnest and interesting report of the work done at such a conference. Each one took up a different phase of the work. It was very evident to those who listened, that these girls had attentive and diligent, while there and had brought back with them impressions that will be life long.

Miss Maxine Clodt has completed the four year course at the conference and was awarded a diploma last June, which is the equivalent of one unit in religious education, and will be accepted at any university.

The meeting was largely attended. During the social hour, dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

## SOLDIER'S RELIEF COMMISSION

The county commissioners at their session this week took up the matter of the re-organization of the soldier's relief commission of Cass county which has in the past two years suffered the loss of the membership in the passing of the old veterans of the civil war, making it necessary to name new members to the commission. The selection was made of younger men who can more fully carry on the work as there are few of the veterans of the civil war that can be out to attend the meetings, owing to poor health.

The members named by the board were: W. H. Kruger, Nehawka, one year; Ben A. Olive, Weeping Water, two years; and Raymond J. Larson, Plattsmouth, three years.

The commission has charge of the administration of the relief fund of the county and which is set at \$1,200 for the ensuing year under the levy made by the commissioners.

## HAS GARAGE BURGLARIZED

From Friday's Daily—  
The garage at the residence of Mrs. Bertha Shopp, Pearl and Tenth streets was burglarized sometime last night, reports from the office of the sheriff state, and a number of articles were taken from the garage and the cars of Mrs. Shopp and her son-in-law, Louis Lohnes. The parties took two blankets as well as several small cushions from the car, some gas and also a part of the tools from the car. The burglary was discovered this morning as Mr. Lohnes visited the garage to get his car to drive to work. So far no trace has been found of the missing articles or the persons taking them.

## DEPARTS FOR WEST

Wednesday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Todd and son, Albert, departed by auto for Long Beach, California, where for the past few years they have made their home in the winter season. Albert has been attending school in the California city and enjoys very much the courses that he receives at the school there. The family returns to Nebraska each summer to spend the time on the farm here and which is an occasion that the family looks forward to with much pleasure. The many old friends here hope to see the family back home in Nebraska the coming summer.

## Engagement of Popular Lady is Announced

### Bridge Dinner at Tidball Home Honors Miss Mary Jane Tidball, September Bride

Wednesday evening at 6:30 Mrs. John L. Tidball and daughters, Misses Ruth and Jean, entertained at a most charming bridge dinner at their home, the occasion being the announcement of the forthcoming marriage of Miss Mary Jane Tidball, the wedding to Mr. Karl Koch of Madison, Wisconsin, to take place on Saturday, September 19th.

The attractive home was arranged in the decorations of the fall and flowers and furnished a delightful setting for the dinner and the bridge that followed.

There were twenty-eight ladies present and in the bridge contest Mrs. Nora Scott was the winner of the high honors and Mrs. John Sattler, Jr., the second prize.

Miss Tidball, the bride-to-be, is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Tidball of this city and is a graduate of Nebraska university and has in the four years been a member of the faculty of the Plattsmouth high school in the department of English and dramatic art.

Mr. Koch is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Koch of Seward, Nebraska, and he is now completing his work at the University of Wisconsin, where he receives his degree in the department of philosophy in the next few weeks. He is an entomologist at the university of Wisconsin.

Following their marriage the young people are planning on making their home at Madison.

## HOLD FAMILY REUNION

Last Sunday, Calumet Bend, near the home of Grandma and Grandpa Christ Bell was the scene of a very pleasant reunion in form of a picnic, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Split of Imperial, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Blakeslee, Betty and Billie, of Sharon Springs, Kansas. The ladies both being daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Campbell of near Plattsmouth.

All enjoyed the delicious dinner furnished by each bringing the edibles they thought most desirable. Also the very pleasant visit was enjoyed by all. It furnished a means by which the guests were able to see many relatives and friends they would not have seen otherwise.

The gathering together furnished another horseshoe game, which will sometime become famous if enthusiasm keeps up as it has been in past few months. Those attending the pleasant occasion were:

Messrs and Mesdames: W. C. Blakeslee, Sharon Springs, Kan.; Wm. Split, Imperial; Christ Bell, Peter Campbell, John Campbell, Sr., Murray; A. T. Campbell, Joe Campbell, Ed Kohrell, Earl Merritt, Union; Greeley Bell, Mrs. Mary Johnson, Weeping Water; Mary Rohbeck, Jasper Henderson, Ruth Bell, Wildon Switzer, Nehawka; Ione Barnard, Kansas City; Pearlie Lewis, Edward and Lena Grauf, Robert Campbell, Glen and Thelma Kohrell, Elbert Hutchison, Josephine Campbell, Alice Mae Campbell, Forest Greeley Bell, Betty and Billie Blakeslee.

## TO GO TO COLORADO

From Thursday's Daily—  
Mr. and Mrs. George Troop are leaving this week for Colorado where they will probably spend the winter, at least Mrs. Troop remaining at Colorado Springs. Mrs. Troop has been quite poorly in the last few weeks and on advice of her physicians she will remain in the high and dry climate of the west, having a slight lung affliction. Mrs. Troop was formerly Miss Emily Stava of this city and the many friends here will regret very much to learn that she is not in the best of health.

## HAS FINE TRIP

The following car has been received by E. A. Oldham, from his friend, Postmaster J. W. Holmes: Haddenfield, N. J., Aug. 29.

Dear Mr. Oldham: We arrived here in fine shape. No trouble at all. Drove 1,468 miles. Cost for car \$14.15. Car sure came over the mountains great. Sincerely, J. W. HOLMES.

## Reception is Tendered to New Auxiliary Leader

### Luncheon and Entertainment Arranged by Auxiliary for Mrs. C. A. Rosencrans

From Friday's Daily—  
Last evening the local unit of the American Legion Auxiliary tendered a most delightful covered dish luncheon and reception at the Legion Building in honor of Mrs. Clayton A. Rosencrans, newly elected state president and member of the local organization.

The event was very largely attended by the Auxiliary members as well as the husbands of the members and friends, and members of the American Legion. The occasion brought to this city a very large group of the residents of Nehawka, the girlhood home of Mrs. Rosencrans and who joined in this very fine recognition of the honor that had been paid to this capable and talented lady.

The long tables were arranged in colors of red and black and with the large number attending the seating capacity of the banquet was overtaxed as the members of the party partook of the fine repast that the ladies had arranged. The serving was in cafeteria style and the menu was such that all enjoyed it to the utmost.

The members of the party enjoyed a short program at the close of the luncheon, this feature being presided over by H. L. Gayer in his usual capable manner and who introduced the various numbers on the program.

Jean and Billy Knorr, popular juvenile entertainers of this city showed their musical skill in two duets, presenting a saxophone duet as the first and later in a vocal duet gave a great deal of pleasure to all of the auditors by their cleverness. Mrs. J. A. Capwell, teacher of the young man, served as the accompanist.

In the musical portion of the evening John Kenneth Bestor was heard in two clever humorous musical readings and in which the young man proved himself a real entertainer.

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As the speaking list opened W. G. Kieck, county attorney, who has been familiar with the local services of Mrs. Rosencrans, was called upon and gave a fine tribute to her work alone in the Legion Auxiliary but also in the general relief and probation work that she has carried on here for Cass county and the American Red Cross. Mr. Kieck extended the congratulations of the Legion to the new Auxiliary president and wished her the success she so richly deserves in the office.

Mrs. Hettie Larson, local Auxiliary president, briefly expressed the happiness that the local unit felt in the election of Mrs. Rosencrans and for her fine services to the organization.

Mrs. George Ross of Nehawka, on behalf of the Legion Auxiliary, extended greetings to the members of the luncheon party and expressed the feeling of pleasure of the Nehawka people on the success of their friend and former townswoman, Mrs. Rosencrans, in attaining the place of leadership in the organization, which she had been a hardworking and faithful member.

The response of the new president, Mrs. Rosencrans, was one filled with emotion as she told of the thrill of the hour as she was named at Fremont to the office and of the fine support that she had received in every way from the local members of the Auxiliary and Legion as well as the residents of the community here and Nehawka in their well wishes and congratulations on her success. The new president asked the co-operation of all in the carrying out of the program for the coming season and in which she hoped to have the Auxiliary advance in every way.

Little Miss Mary Kathryn Wiles was heard in a very clever humorous reading that was very much enjoyed and this little lady demonstrated her exceptional ability in the line of entertainment.

After the program the remainder of the evening was spent at cards and dancing, a real jazz band being arranged by C. A. Marshall and numbering a large group of musicians from Plattsmouth, Louisville and Nebraska City, furnishing a fine program of dance numbers that all enjoyed until late in the evening.

The winners at the card games were in bridge, Mrs. Henry Ross, Nehawka, first ladies, H. Dotson, Nehawka, first gents, and Mrs. John H. Palack, second ladies and Mrs. Frank Rice won the first prize, Mrs. Cox, Nehawka, second ladies prize and J. P. Johnson, the second gentleman's prize.

The occasion was one of the largest held by the Auxiliary for many months and was a very fine and fitting recognition of the services that Mrs. Rosencrans has given to the American Legion Auxiliary of this city and the state.

New store, new merchandise, new prices. Watch for the opening of The Reliable 5c to \$1.00 store. s3-tfd&w

## RETURNS FROM MISSOURI

J. L. Burrows, who has been enjoying his vacation in southern Missouri, has returned home and reports a very fine trip and also that the conditions in that section is much better than last year and that the field crops are as good as the fruit is very fine. Mr. Burrows visited Springfield, the metropolis of southern Missouri, for the greater part of the time and also had visits at Branson and Hollister, resort places in the Ozarks. The visit was one that he enjoyed to the utmost and he returns to the job here refreshed and ready to hit the ball.

## Sinking Piles for New Viaduct is a Real Job

### Seeking a Firm Foundation in Bottom Land Near Fort Crook Is a Real Task.

From Thursday's Daily—  
The securing of a solid and firm foundation for the piers of the new Fort Crook viaduct is a matter that is giving the engineers and contractors on the job considerable trouble owing to the soft soil of the bottom land on which the piers must be located.

In the bottom lands on the south end of the viaduct the land is low and well filled with water and much has been the cause of the difficulty that has been found in trying to get a foundation on which the concrete piers can rest without danger of sinking.

Telephone poles have been driven in the soil to try and secure the desired foundation and if one pole is insufficient there is a second driven on top of the first and when it is firmly grounded the poles are sawed off and the concrete laid on this foundation. In one case the poles have been driven to a depth of ninety-two feet and still the desired firmness has not been reached.

Some of the piers which were placed in the pastures on the east side of the railroad tracks to carry the viaduct have sunk several inches and which has caused a very costly occurrence to those who have the contract of the work as they must make the piers solid and in proper shape for the placing of the structure of the roadway of the viaduct.

## WILL HEAR ARGUMENTS

The state supreme court has announced that the arguments on the appeal of Mrs. Inas Weger, convicted in this city in January of poisoning her husband, George Weger, and sentenced to life in the state penitentiary, will be held before the court on September 24th. Mrs. Weger is appealing on the grounds that she was not given a fair trial in the district court here and that the misconduct of the spectators at the trial prevented a fair trial, that the verdict was not warranted by the evidence and that she was wrongfully sentenced to life in the penitentiary. The case was argued before the court on September 14th. Mrs. Weger is represented by Clifford Rein, assistant attorney general and W. G. Kieck, county attorney of Cass county.

## WILL JUDGE SOON

The judging in the Yard and Garden contest to be held in this city, will start soon, officers of the committee state. Lists from each ward will be received and which will be turned over to the group of judges, all of the judges being selected from other communities and who will survey the city and check the yards and gardens of the contestants.

The various points on which the judging will be made will be first on the front yard on which twenty-five points are given, and on the rear grounds where several classifications will bring sixty points, on alleys, ten points, while on parkings there will be five points given. Special recognition is given for the improvement over the last year.

## IOWA PEOPLE MARRIED

From Friday's Daily—  
Yesterday Rev. C. O. Troy of the First Methodist church was called upon to unite in the bonds of holy wedlock Miss Grace Dunaugan and Edward Hopp, both of Glenwood. The young people motored here in company with Mrs. Zella King, mother of the bride and who witnessed the wedding. Following the ceremony the bridal party returned to their home in Iowa to receive the congratulations and well wishes of their friends.

## HERE FROM CHEYENNE

Jess Atterberry, who is employed as a mechanic at the Cheyenne, Wyoming, airport is here for a visit with his children who make their home here with their grandfather and aunt, L. E. Vroman and Miss Winnie. Jess made the trip by plane from Cheyenne, coming in with one of the regular pilots and the trip was covered in four and a half hours, with excellent flying conditions being found.

## Another Suggested Sunday Motor Trip

### Red Oak, One of the Beautiful Iowa Towns Motorists Should See—Only Forty Mile Drive.

Last Saturday the Journal suggested a Sunday drive into southwestern Iowa, as a diversion from driving over the old familiar Nebraska highways, and this week continues its suggestion of further short jaunts into the Iowa territory, now available to us over the Plattsmouth bridge.

Red Oak is one of the most beautiful cities of western Iowa and the motorist who has never visited that town will enjoy a trip there tomorrow—providing his time isn't all taken up at the Legion picnic. It is just a nice little drive, over paved highway 34 out of Glenwood, passing through the towns of Hastings and Emerson and missing Malvern by just one mile.

Red Oak is the home of the Murphy calendar plant, the largest of its kind in the world and a finely kept commercial institution with its landscaped grounds and large brick buildings whose walls are covered with growing vegetation. And what is true of the calendar factory is likewise true of the town in general, for its well kept lawns have long distinguished Red Oak as a town of beauty. Just east of town is the Legion park, with its large pavilion and other amusements and a little farther on the grounds of the Red Oak country club, that boasts of one of the most sporty golf courses in this section. A drive about the town would be a most pleasant hour's diversion.

If one wants a long drive he can continue east to the junction of U. S. 34 and U. S. 71, continuing south from there thru Villisca and on to Clarinda. Leaving Clarinda, come west over Iowa 3 thru Shenandoah and Sidney, taking Iowa 4 north out of Sidney, thru Tabor, to its junction with U. S. 34 just east of Glenwood, and then continuing home. Or, a shorter trip (in good weather) that would include Shenandoah, go south out of Red Oak on Iowa 48. From Essex on into Shenandoah the road is paved, but north of there one will find some dirt grade or detours.

## A Shorter Circle Tour

For baseball enthusiasts who wish to take in the ball tournament at Council Bluffs, a shorter circle tour is recommended. Leave Plattsmouth at 11:45, stop at Naeve's for fried chicken picnic dinner, continue on thru Omaha to Broadway park in Council Bluffs in time for the first game. Returning, go east on Broadway to Pearl street and east on U. S. 34 past the new high school and into the hills overlooking the Missouri bottom, for a splendid 18 mile drive to Glenwood. From Glenwood continue home over Highway 134.

As related last week, there are many beautiful Iowa towns located within a very few miles of our doors which will afford diversion from traveling the same old routes. While most motorists are now compelled to reach out from 75 to 100 miles to visit "new" towns in Nebraska, from a third to half that distance in Iowa will bring the same pleasurable thrills that come with seeing new places and the saying in gasoline consumption and wear and tear on the car will more than offset the moderate round-trip toll rate over the Plattsmouth bridge.

## FIRE DESTROYS HOME

From Saturday's Daily—  
Last night shortly after 11 o'clock, Fred Rice, who resides southeast of this city on the property owned by William Rice, awoke to discover that the residence was in flames and it was with the greatest of difficulty that even a part of the household furniture was saved from the burning structure. The cause of the fire has not been determined. This property was recently acquired by Mr. Rice and is the structure that was formerly used by the American Legion of this city as a summer camp.

Mr. Rice had built on a small addition to the place and has been using it as a residence place for the summer. The location is too far from the city water service to allow the aid of the fire department and also difficult to reach as the road is over the hills bordering the river.

## RECEIVES RECOGNITION

Mrs. Madge Keck, of this city, secretary of the American Legion Auxiliary, has just received a very handsome gift in the shape of a hammered brass tray, a gift of the retiring district president, Mrs. F. D. Schroeder of Lincoln. The present was made to Mrs. Keck for having sent in the names that placed the district over the top in the membership drive the past year, the sixteen that Mrs. Keck sent in being sufficient to place the district in their full quota of members.

## LICENSED IN OMAHA

The marriage licenses issued in Omaha Thursday included the names of Kenner I. Price and Miss Clara Smock, both of this city.

## ENJOYING LIFE VERY MUCH

The Plattsmouth friends of Mrs. Emma Morrison and Mrs. Elizabeth Schwab, will be pleased to learn that these ladies are doing very nicely at Blair where they are residing and where they have made their home for some time. Mrs. Schwab some time ago fell and injured herself which has caused her to be confined to a wheel chair but she is gradually improving and feeling much better than she has since the accident. Mrs. Morrison is enjoying herself at the new home and with the many friends that she has made finds it most pleasant in every way.

## Early History of Plattsmouth is Recounted

### By ROBERT FOSTER PATTERSON, Principal Plattsmouth H. S.

While a few voyages up the Missouri had been made prior to the beginning of Plattsmouth, trade was by no means regular, so it is to the ferry that we turn first for it immediately became necessary when immigration to the west began.

The first ferry at Plattsmouth was that of Libeas T. Coon who operated a flatboat propelled by sweeps in 1848. The Mormon migration westward was responsible for this ferry. Coon was succeeded in 1852 by Samuel Mackey, who operated a flatboat and the flatboat continued to be the type used until 1857 when a steam propelled boat was used for the first time. The Plattsmouth Ferry Company was incorporated by five Plattsmouth citizens including Wheelock Mickelwaite, first mayor, on March 1, 1858. This act does not list a schedule of fees to be charged but a survey of other ferry charters of the same period show the following prices generally followed: team and wagon, \$1.00; horse or mule and buggy, 75c; cattle per head, 10c; sheep and pigs per head, 5c; persons on foot, 10c; for team led, 25c; freight 10c per hundred; lumber \$2.00 per thousand feet; empty wagon and team, 75c.

The ferry "Emma" was put into service by Sharpe and Mickelwaite and was to run between Pacific City, Iowa and the Plattsmouth landing. The boat was scheduled to go into service in June, 1857 but defective fuses delayed her arrival until the latter part of July when the boat arrived. It was described as a "beautiful boat, capacious and powerful." Peter A. Sarpy of Bellevue obtained a permit to operate "The Survivor" in competition with "The Emma" April 24, 1860 and a contest for the trans-fer trade followed during the summer of 1860. The competition became so spirited that at times both boats would carry freight and passengers free in an effort to drive the other off the river. A compromise was reached toward the close of 1860 and the "Emma" was left to handle the business alone.

In December, 1858, the City Council of Plattsmouth discussed the matter of going into the ferry business in order to make cheap rates possible as a further inducement for immigrants. A resolution was presented to the Council December 13, 1858 authorizing a subsidy of \$3000 in city lots to Mickelwaite and Palmer, ferry owners, in return for a ferry rate of one half their regular prices. The resolution was referred to a committee of two who reported on December 30, 1858 that the city had no authority to deed lots and that the amount of the subsidy was too high. The committee expressed the opinion that the matter ought to go before a city election but the city council decided that the city ought to official encourage travel to come through Plattsmouth even if financial aid from private individuals had to be solicited. The report of this committee was first adopted then reconsidered and the committee given until January 5, 1859 to further investigate and report. The matter of a city subsidy, however, was dropped for the time being on that date and the committee discharged. But the matter was taken up again immediately and the amount of the subsidy lowered to \$1000 in city lots in return for the operation of "The Emma" for a period of twelve months at half prices. Mickelwaite and Palmer refused to accept this proposition.

But the city still wanted to get into the ferry business so Councilman Sampson was appointed to personally attend a meeting of the ferry stockholders at Glenwood, Iowa, and offer \$1500 dollars in city lots. On January 22, 1859, Sampson reported that the company had accepted these terms.

It was not until 1868, however, that the city got into the ferry business in earnest. On May 22, 1868, ten per cent bonds to the amount of \$9000 were issued for the purchase of "The Paul Wilcox", a side-wheel-er. All passengers who made round trips were to pay a half rate. Much to the dismay of the City Council "The Paul Wilcox" struck a snag and went to the bottom of the river in July, 1865 carrying \$9000 of value in bonds outstanding and, temporarily at least, set back the hope of the city to have a hand in diverting western immigration Plattsmouth. The Council could do little more than instruct the finance committee to audit the ferry accounts and dispose of the wreckage of the sunken craft. The bondholders assigned the wreckage to the city and an agreement was reached with a Mr. McGee to operate a ferry by salvaging the machinery of "The Paul Wilcox" and installing it on a flat boat. McGee operated the ferry April 12, 1869 but he would have a boat on hand to take care of the business until he could secure a new boat which would be a matter of six weeks. He proposed a boat large enough to carry thirty teams at once and his contract was executed to June 1st. At any rate, the bonds

## MARRIED IN NEW YORK

From Saturday's Daily—  
Today in New York city occurred the marriage of Miss Marguerite Jo Wiles, 26, teacher, Plattsmouth, young lady and Ivan Wesley Norlin, 26, clerk of No. 85-27 Britton avenue, Elmhurst, Long Island.

The young people were issued a license on last Tuesday at the recorder's office at the city hall.

The bride has been making her home at 1290 Madison avenue, since locating in New York City.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luke L. Wiles of this city and is a graduate of the Plattsmouth high school and the Wesleyan University and has been in New York City for a short time.

Nor Norlin is a former resident of Uland, Nebraska, and is a son of Rev. and Mrs. Charles A. Norlin.

## ALL READY FOR TRAINING

Coach Fred Rothert with several of the members of the football squad were at the high school Thursday arranging the football equipment, getting the suits out of the mothballs and all lined up for the season. The suits were arranged for thirty-two of the boys and will be all ready to be issued on Tuesday afternoon. The practice will probably start the first afternoon of school and the gridiron heroes who will do battle with Wahoo here on September 25th will get down to the regular grind of practice and training for the season which will culminate here on Thanksgiving day when the Nebraska City team plays the annual turkey day classic with the locals.

## RECEIVES DIVORCE DECREE

From Saturday's Daily—  
This morning in the district court a hearing was had on the petition of Mrs. Lola Reichstadt vs. Dangar Reichstadt and in which the plaintiff asks for a decree of divorce. The testimony of the plaintiff was taken and the court found for the plaintiff by awarding a decree of divorce, the custody of the minor child and also the allowance of the sum of \$10 per month alimony for the care of the child.