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## Plattsmouth Journal is Fifty Years Old Today

Established November 5, 1881— Owned by E. A. Bates for Past Twenty-Nine Years.

From Thursday's Daily  
The Plattsmouth Journal today passes the half century mark, fifty years of service to the people of Cass county and Plattsmouth, the first issue of the paper having been printed in this city on November 5, 1881.

There are but two of the persons who took part in the birth of the paper now living. Congressman Edgar Howard of Columbus, owner of the Columbus Telegram, and George B. Mann, who today is an employe of the Journal, being one of the veteran printers of the state.

The Journal was established by C. W. Sherman, who came to Plattsmouth from Glenwood, where he had worked as a printer, and John R. Howard, a job printer from the Omaha Herald. Mr. Sherman had come to this city, found a print shop which had formerly been used by the Cass County Democrat, and had bought the Watson and Plattsmouth Enterprise, papers whose span of life had been of short duration, standing idle and at once decided on the establishment of the Journal.

The papers that preceded the Journal had been largely conducted by democratic leaders of the city and county, who, when the heat of campaigns died down, forgot that even the editor and the printers must eat, the result being that newspapers deceased, the publishers taking themselves to greener pastures. The type and equipment of the plant was sequestered in the third floor of the Fitzgerald block (now the Bekins building), where it was held for rent by John Fitzgerald.

The desire of Mr. Sherman to establish a paper found a ready response in the Fitzgerald block. The plant was turned over to Sherman and Howard to start a new contribution to Cass county journalism.

On the day that the paper was to be printed, Edna Mearns, then a young printer, arrived from Omaha, assisted by her father, Mr. Sherman, in the preparation of the paper. George Mann, then the "devil" of the shop, with Edgar Howard did the press work for the paper, the old Washington hand press being the means of printing the five columns of sheet, and the rollers and Mr. Howard pulling the press for the printing of the paper.

After the printing of the paper Mr. Mann proceeded out and carried the first ward route of the paper.

On the staff of the paper at that time, C. W. Sherman was the editor, John W. Cutright, city editor, John Howard, job printer and with Edgar Howard and George Mann as the compositors of the paper.

Mr. Mann states that on the afternoon of the printing of the first edition Judge A. W. Critch and Judge B. S. Kasten, active and diligent leaders were at the scene to view the printing of the paper that was to carry their party standard. Matthew Schiffrer, John Vedder and Marion Armstrong, printers on the rival paper were also present.

The Journal has been continuously published since the date of its establishment, the daily edition, however, at times being discontinued, but the weekly has continued on for the fifty years.

Mr. Sherman was publisher of the paper as a weekly up to 1905 when the present owner and manager, who has built it from a small county weekly plant to one of the best equipped newspaper plants in the state with a large circulation over the entire county. Mr. Bates operated the paper as a weekly until 1905 when the Evening Journal was established in addition to the semi-weekly, which has continued since that time. The plant has grown from the small established purchased by Mr. Bates to one that occupies two large rooms in the building at Fourth and Main streets where the plant has been located since 1907. Of the original equipment of the Journal there is only a type case rack remaining, a silent witness of the birth of the paper a half century ago.

### ALARM CAUSES STIR

From Thursday's Daily  
Last night shortly after 11 o'clock the burglar alarm system of the Farmers State bank decided to start something, it starting the bells to ring and the alarm at the time to rush to the bank with visions of robbers and other dangers menacing the bank.

It was found that the door of the vault had not been closed tightly and this probably caused the breaking of the circuit and the release of the alarm. The alarm was turned off by R. F. Patterson, cashier of the bank, who was called to the bank, which effectively closed the excitement and the crowds wended their way homeward.

### SALE VERY SUCCESSFUL

The sale of live stock and personal property held Thursday by Louis Naeve at the farm just north of Naeve's park near La Platte, was one of the most successful that has been held in this section in many months. Rex Young, of this city, well known auctioneer, was one of those handling the sale in his usual efficient manner. The live stock brought sharp competition among the large number attending the sale, this part of the sale being completed by noon, while all of the property was disposed of by mid afternoon. Mr. Naeve has sold his farm to Omaha parties, devoting his time in the future to the improvement and care of his large amusement park at La Platte, one of the most attractive outing spots in the state.

## Fred Trilety to Enter Service of the Government

### Receives Notice of Appointment to Chemical Work in Interior Department

From Thursday's Daily  
Fred Trilety of this city was notified yesterday of the fact that he had been appointed to a position in the department of the interior at Washington, D. C., the appointment to be effective on November 16th.

The work that Mr. Trilety will have is in the chemical department of the government and assisting in research work which is a part of the department of the interior.

The appointment comes through by children of the members of the court, a well selected offering of music and readings being offered. The program comprised piano numbers by Helen Woolcott, a violin solo by Margaret Bergmann, Ruth Shiffer playing the accompaniment, readings by Edna May Peterson and John Kenneth Bestor, a vocal trio composed of Estory Kalina, Reta Lisenbahl and Anna Marie Reas. Edna May Peterson was also presented in a tap dance, the accompaniment being played by Anna May Reas, her instructor.

Father George Agius of the St. John's church, with Father Wagner, of Paul, were present at the meeting. The local court made presentation of attractive gifts to Miss O'Connor, state regent and also to Mrs. Mullen, who is retiring after three years of service as the regent of the local court.

At the close of the evening refreshments were served by the members of the committee in charge of the evening program, a fitting close of a most enjoyable evening.

### PASSES 65TH BIRTHDAY

From Thursday's Daily  
Charles E. Gradoville, one of the old time residents of this city, yesterday observed the passing of his sixty-fifth birthday anniversary, last evening the event being signalled by a family gathering at the home on South 17th street.

The evening was spent by the members of the party in visiting and enjoying a general good time and the guest of honor received many tokens of the esteem and affection of the family.

Mr. Gradoville was born at Prilan, Moravia, on November 4, 1866, spending his boyhood days in the native land, in 1878 with his parents, came to the United States, locating at Plattsmouth, where he has since made his home. Mr. Gradoville was engaged for many years in railroad work for the Burlington in this city, remaining in the shop work until 1922. On June 20, 1922, Mr. Gradoville and Miss Catherine Bajcek were united in marriage at the Holy Rosary Catholic church in this city, they being the first couple to be married in the church then just recently built. Mr. and Mrs. Gradoville have reared a large family and are very happy that they have been able to see the greater part of the children complete their high school work and two to graduate from the Nebraska university. The children of this estimable couple are Mrs. Marie Kahunek, Thomas Gradoville, Mrs. Hermie Blotzer, Dr. Charles M. Gradoville, Edward Gradoville, Miss Dorothy Gradoville, all of this city and vicinity, Mrs. Agnes Ptacek and Mrs. Catherine Westphalen of Omaha; Mrs. Pauline Todd, of Murray, and Frank Gradoville, who is engaged in teaching in the Philippine islands.

### WITH THE SICK

From Friday's Daily  
Sheriff Bert Reed, who was very ill for the past two weeks, has reached a nice progress on his way to recovery and each day sees him gaining, a fact that is bringing much pleasure to the thousands of friends of Bert in all parts of Cass county. James M. Robertson, who is at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha, where he was recently operated on, is gaining in strength and at this time it is hoped that he may be able to return home in the coming week.

Mrs. E. G. Shellenbarger at the Methodist hospital at Omaha, is reported as doing just as well as possible, following her operation on Wednesday. The present indications are for a very speedy recovery which is pleasant news to the family and friends.

## Installation of Officers of the C. D. of A.

State Regent Miss Veronica O'Connor of Omaha Present at the Ceremony.

From Thursday's Daily  
Last evening the local court of the Catholic Daughters of America held their installation of officers at the Knights of Columbus hall, a large number of the members being in attendance.

Miss Veronica O'Connor of Omaha, grand state regent, was present with Misses Johnson, Traynor, Egan and Dineen, of Omaha, while Mrs. Frank Mullen of this city, grand state monitor, was among the state officers present.

A short business session was held, later the court entering on the installing of the recently elected officers. Mrs. Frank Mullen, state monitor and retiring regent, was the installing officer. The officers installed were:

Grand Regent—Mrs. F. I. Rea. Vice-Regent—Mrs. W. H. Woolcott.

Prophetess—Mrs. W. A. Swatek. Historian—Miss May Murphy.

Financial Secretary—Miss Theresa Rauth.

Treasurer—Mrs. Fred G. Egenberger.

Monitor—Mrs. John L. Hadraba.

Sentinel—Miss Elizabeth Bergman.

Organist—Mrs. J. C. Peterson, Jr.

Trustees—Mrs. Frank Mullen, Mrs. Frank Bestor.

Following the installing of the officers a short program was presented by children of the members of the court, a well selected offering of music and readings being offered. The program comprised piano numbers by Helen Woolcott, a violin solo by Margaret Bergmann, Ruth Shiffer playing the accompaniment, readings by Edna May Peterson and John Kenneth Bestor, a vocal trio composed of Estory Kalina, Reta Lisenbahl and Anna Marie Reas. Edna May Peterson was also presented in a tap dance, the accompaniment being played by Anna May Reas, her instructor.

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### YOUNG CITIZENS CONTEST

From Thursday's Daily  
The papers of the four in each county ranking highest in the county contest were sent to A. A. Reed, University of Nebraska and were graded by Prof. Reed who selected the four who were to represent each of the thirteen American Legion districts. Cass county is in the twelfth district, and three of the four selected to represent the district are from Cass county. They are Ward Teft, Weeping Water, Francis Marquardt, Avoca, and Evelyn Mead, Union.

They with the other 49 representatives will be given final intelligence and personality tests in Omaha tomorrow and a physical test tomorrow. The five boys and five girls ranking the highest in these final tests will be cited as the state's outstanding young citizens and will receive medals from the World-Herald at an American Legion Omaha post meeting at the Brandeis theatre on Friday evening. National Commander Henry L. Stevens, Jr., will assist in this ceremony.

During the two days they are in Omaha the young contestants will be entertained with luncheons, dinners and sightseeing trips.

The expenses of the boys and girls in coming to Omaha and back to their homes, and during their stay in Omaha will be paid by the World-Herald.

Alpha C. Peterson, County Superintendent of Schools is in Omaha today attending the Young Citizens Contest.

### SOME LATE ROSES

From Thursday's Daily  
Mrs. Herman Gartleman, residing in the south part of the city, has at her home a rosebush that is still blooming despite frost and the near approach of winter, she gathering a large bouquet of the roses yesterday, they being what might be truly called "the last rose of summer." Even now the late blooming roses it is pleasant to find them blooming in the gardens this late in the season.

### UNDERGOES OPERATION

Mrs. E. G. Shellenbarger who has been in poor health for some time past, was operated on Wednesday morning at the Methodist hospital at Omaha. The reports from the hospital state that the patient is doing very nicely at this time and it is hoped will soon be on the highway to recovery. This is the eighth major operation that Mrs. Shellenbarger has undergone.

### TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL

From Thursday's Daily  
Yesterday afternoon Elbert Kell, of near Murray, was taken to the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha, where he will receive treatment for an injury that he received some time ago. The young man had bruised a knee on a bolt some weeks ago and this had caused a soreness of the leg, it finally swelling up very badly from the knee to the hip, causing apprehension as to infection of the leg. It was found after an X-ray examination at the hospital that the young man was suffering from a bruised bone, causing the swelling and for which he will be treated. Mrs. Phillip Kell, the mother, as well as one of the brothers of the young man, Mrs. Otto Wohlfarth, a sister, and Mrs. A. F. Seybert of this city, accompanied the patient to Omaha.

## Aged Lady Falls on Sidewalk and Dislocates Hip

Mrs. John Friesel, Aged 78, Victim of Painful Accident Late Wednesday Afternoon

From Thursday's Daily  
Mrs. John Friesel, 78, was seriously injured Wednesday afternoon when she fell on the sidewalk in front of the Black & White grocery, fracturing her hip, which at her advanced age, is very serious.

The aged lady was standing on the sidewalk when a number of children coming from school were running, it being thought that some of these unknowingly bumped into the aged lady, causing her to lose her balance and fall onto the concrete walk.

The accident occurred at a very busy time of the day and soon a large crowd had gathered around the unfortunate lady and she was assisted to her feet but was unable to stand. She was then taken to the office of Dr. O. C. Hudson in the Sonnenichsen building where an examination developed that the hip bone had been dislocated.

The injured lady was sent by Dr. Hudson to the Nicholas Senn hospital at Omaha, where she is being cared for, an X-ray of the injury confirming the first examination as to the nature of the injury.

The many friends over the county will regret to learn of the accident to Mrs. Friesel and trust she will regain the use of her limb and be able to resume her usual activities.

## Mrs. William Patterson Dies at Murray Home

Member of One of the Old Time Families of Community Passes Away After a Long Illness.

From Friday's Daily  
Mrs. William Patterson, 61, one of the well known residents of the Murray, died at her home at Murray this morning at an early hour after a long illness that covered the past two years, although only in the past two days her condition began to show such a cause all hope of her recovery to be abandoned.

The deceased lady was formerly Miss Florence Rusterholz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Rusterholz, early residents of west of Murray, where the deceased was born and reared to womanhood. She was married eighteen years ago to William Patterson, then coming to residing in the community where Mrs. Patterson had been reared.

Mrs. Patterson is survived by the husband and two sisters, Mrs. M. P. Fleming of this city and Mrs. Belle Oakes of Fairbury, Nebraska.

### IS TAKING TREATMENT

From Friday's Daily  
Jack Hatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Hatt of this city, is at the Methodist hospital at Omaha, undergoing treatment for ulcers of the stomach from which he has suffered for several years. The attack has been very severe and the condition of the young man was such that he was sent to the hospital to be cared for. The many friends of Jack are trusting that he may secure a permanent relief from the illness through the treatment and be able to return home relieved of his long standing ailment.

### TAKEN TO KEARNEY

From Friday's Daily  
This morning Pat Reed departed for Kearney, Nebraska, where he is taking Earl Hyde, local boy, who is to be placed in the state industrial school at that place. The young lad has been at the Father Finnigan home at Omaha, running away from that institution a week ago. It was ordered by the district court Thursday that he be placed in the state school to receive an education and trade training.

## Chamber of Commerce to Urge City Commission

Meeting Thursday Also Discusses the Problem of Feeding Flosters Passing Thru City.

The regular meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce Thursday at the luncheon at the Majestic cafe, took up the matter of the support of the movement for the adoption of the commission form of government for the city instead of the present mayor and councilman form. It was decided to have a more concerted effort to secure signers to petitions that will be presented to the council at an early date to ask the calling of an election to submit the matter to a vote of the people. A number of petitions have been in circulation but they have not sufficient signers and the matter has not been urged as strongly as the members of the civic body believes should be done.

Another of the matters of importance that took up considerable time of the directors was that of the problem of caring for unfortunates who visit this city at night, are lodged in jail, on their release in the morning making a canvass of the business section seeking food or money. The number of these unfortunates range from fifteen to thirty each night, who in search of a breakfast, rove over the main section of the city, visiting the stores, restaurants, bakeries and other places, proving a drain on the business men who are asked to help them out in their distress. A community place for feeding these men one meal in the mornings was discussed but no action was taken. The matter was referred to the committee of which Judge A. H. Duxbury is chairman, to work out some solution.

The suggestion was made that the city could perhaps employ the men for a period sufficient to secure them breakfast, but this taken up with Mayor John Sattler and Chief of Police, Jess Elliott, who is also street commissioner, did not meet with success. The city officials view the matter that the work that the city is able to carry on should be done by local people who have their families to care for, rather than to give it to outside persons.

Superintendent W. T. Distell of the BREQ stated to the directors that 170 men are now engaged at the car shops, working from eight to nine hours and the full six day week, a report that was very gratifying to the members of the directorate.

The Chamber of Commerce which is sponsoring the Happy Hundred supper, was pleased with the splendid manner in which the responses are coming for this supper on next Tuesday evening, large numbers from the county planning to attend the meeting and hearing the address of Governor C. W. Bryan.

The directors also voted to send a letter of greeting to Dr. J. S. Livingston, one of their members who is now at the Immanuel hospital at Omaha.

### FUNERAL OF MRS. RICHTER

From Friday's Daily  
The funeral service for the late Mrs. Herman Richter, was held this morning at 9:30 at the grave in Oak Hill cemetery. The body was brought here from Denver Thursday, by the husband, the funeral arrangements being carried out as requested by Mrs. Richter. She had been ill for many months, preparing in that time, her last requests, which the husband lovingly saw was fulfilled as far as possible.

Mrs. Richter was formerly Miss Una Freer, of this city, being the last of her immediate family surviving, she had requested that she be brought to this city to sleep in the last long rest beside the parents and brother who are at rest in Oak Hill cemetery.

At the grave this morning the beautiful and impressive Episcopal burial service was celebrated by Canon Fetter of the St. Luke's church, this also being a request of the departed lady, long a member of this church.

Mrs. Richter was born in Illinois but lived her childhood here, being reared to womanhood in this community. Forty-one years ago she was married to Herman Richter, they continuing to make this city their home until 1900, moving to Canton, South Dakota, where they resided for a great many years until moving to Denver. She is survived by the husband and one son, residing in Illinois, who was prevented by sickness from attending the services here.

### MANY ATTEND GAME

From Saturday's Daily  
A large number of the local residents were at Lincoln today to attend the Nebraska-Iowa grid contest, one of the big games of the mid west today. A large number of Iowa cars loaded with enthusiastic fans passed through the city for the greater part of the morning. The occasion was also "Dads" day at the state university, many of the local "dads" attending the reunions and also the game.

### HORSE HAS LEG BROKEN

From Friday's Daily  
This morning at an early hour a brown mare, the property of August Klemm, residing on Elm street, was badly injured when struck by an auto. Glen Peterson, an employe at the Lyman Richey sand and gravel pits, was returning home this morning from work, it still being quite dark, as he swung the car into Elm street from Webster boulevard, the horse suddenly started across the street from the Klemm residence just west of the Heisel mill. The car struck the horse knocking the animal down and breaking one of the legs of the horse and badly injuring it. Later members of the police force were called to the scene and the horse shot.

## Wild Story of Robbery Exploded by Deputy Sheriff

Fanciful Story Told by Driver of Watson Truck of Robbery Discovered to Be False

From Saturday's Daily  
A wild story of a captured truck, a driver robbed and forced to continue on his way by a trio of robbers, sounded good for a few moments this morning when Deputy Sheriff Rex Young was called to the Rock Creek filling station by a driver of a Watson truck, until it was revealed as a fairy tale.

The driver of the truck, Bill Pierce, stopped at the station at 3 a. m. and communicated with Deputy Sheriff Young, as well as Sheriff Ryder at Nebraska City. When Mr. Young arrived at the station the driver told of having been in Omaha on business for the Watson Trucking Co., of Nebraska City, on his journey homeward he was given the custody of the receipts of the trucking company to deliver them to headquarters of the company at Nebraska City. Pierce stated that he had been stopped on the highway near the town of Plattsmouth by a man who hearded the truck forced him to drive on south, passing through Plattsmouth. When reaching the junction of the Mynard road south of this city, Pierce said the man forced him to drive the truck on west where he was robbed of \$1,000 in business for the company. Two other men had joined his captor at this point, Pierce stated, the trio then telling him to drive on south, they following until near the Virgie Perry farm they had pulled ahead, told Pierce to go on his way. The amount of the funds that he had carried, Pierce said, he did not know it might have been \$5 or \$1,000 in checks and money.

Leaving Pierce with Sheriff Ryder of Otoe county and Fay Watson, who had arrived at the scene, Deputy Sheriff Young drove back north to find some possible clew to the strange robbery. Near the spot where Pierce claimed to have been robbed, Mr. Young and Constable Svoboda, who had accompanied him to the scene, discovered where there had been a small fire alongside where the truck had been stopped. Further investigation disclosed that in the fire were parts of checks made to Watson Broome as well as seventy cents in money. The charred checks and money was gathered up and taken back to the Rock Creek station where Pierce related his tale to Sheriff Ryder, when Deputy Sheriff Young called his story and producing the evidence, forced the man to confess that the robbery story was a fairy tale. Pierce had burned the checks and thought to cover the fact by the tale of the holdup of his truck.

The man was turned over to Sheriff Ryder and Mr. Watson and taken to Nebraska City for questioning. Mr. Watson not having fully decided to prosecute the man.

Enthusiastic greetings were accorded the principals, the officials in charge and interested citizens, including State Superintendent C. W. Taylor Rev. P. J. Mahan, president of Creighton university; James Barton of Des Moines, national adjutant of the American Legion; Dwight Griswold of Gordon, past Nebraska department commander; Henry W. Dudley, state adjutant; Robert Samardick, district commander; W. Dale Clark, president of the Chamber of Commerce, whose interest in the proceedings was marked; Sam W. Reynolds, national committeeman of the Legion for Nebraska, and the presiding officer, Mr. McDermott.

### SHOWS PLEASING IMPROVEMENT

From Saturday's Daily  
Mrs. W. H. Friesel, aged lady who was so severely injured Wednesday by falling on a sidewalk and fracturing her hip, is reported as doing nicely at the Nicholas Senn hospital at Omaha, where she was taken immediately after the accident. Dr. O. C. Hudson, who made the examination of the patient here, had her taken to the hospital where she will probably have to remain for several weeks. The many friends will be pleased to learn that she is doing so well in view of the severe nature of the injuries and hope that she may recover without any permanent injuries.

A few of the large Cass county maps left at the Journal office.

## Cass County Girl Winner in Citizenship Test

Miss Evelyn Meade of Union One of the Successful Team Picked as Best Citizens.

The close of the "Citizen" contest which has been held in the state under the auspices of the American Legion, department of Nebraska, in connection with the World-Herald, found one of the Cass county contestants in the list of the ten named as the most representative of the state.

The member of the Cass county group to be named was Miss Evelyn Meade, 15, of Union, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Meade. The others of the Cass county group were retired on the second test of the examinations.

The medals to the winners were presented at the Brandeis theatre in Omaha last evening before a large and distinguished audience of the leaders in the civic life of the state. The medals were presented by Henry L. Stevens, Jr., the national commander of the American Legion. The ten winners of the contest were:

GIRLS  
Cornella Walcott, 16, Valentine. Evelyn Meade, 15, Union. Erma Masum, 16, Tekamah. Verma Nelson, 16, Mead. Eileen Duffy, 16, Petersburg.

BOYS  
John Mstrom, 16, Ceresburg. Jay Ferree, 18, Indianola. Charles McMillin, 16, McCook. Clayton Powell, 16, Dorchester. George Pipal, 15, Humboldt.

"Let your stars shine. Let them rise as high as they will," Henry L. Stevens, Jr., national commander of the American Legion, told the 10 winners in the young citizens' contest.

"Keep shootin'. They can't beat you," he told the losers. He included the whole 1,500 boys and girls from over Nebraska who had taken part in preliminaries conducted by the Legion leading up to Friday night's climax.

The young women and five young men received medals from The World-Herald as tokens of their excellence in intelligence, personality and physical fitness. Ralph Pierce, chairman of the contest and head of the Legion Americanization committee, presented them as they called the victors to the stage from the group of 52 who had won their way to the final.

Prof. A. B. Reed of University of Nebraska faculty explained the trying and careful tests that all had gone through in friendly rivalry. Robert Flory of Albion, state commander of the Legion, expressed profound thanks to The World-Herald for sponsoring the contest.

J. F. McDermott, commander of Omaha Post No. 1, introduced W. R. Watson, managing editor of The World-Herald, as "one of the greatest friends of the Legion in the state," "the man who made the contest possible," and "a great citizen of Nebraska."

"I believe a movement of this kind," Mr. Watson said, "is worthy of spreading throughout the country. The Legion has started something that should go over the United States. This is a day of quick thinking. We must be careful that it is right thinking."

He gave encouragement to those of the 1,500 who did not win. He thanked all who had helped carry the contest through.

Those in the well filled theatre applauded frequently as Commander Stevens and other speakers touched on vital issues.

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