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## May Pave the Gravel Stretch on U. S. 75 at River

State and Federal Road Authorities May Close Up Unpaved Section on No. 75.

With the increased funds now available for highway purposes, the stretch of roadway from the Platte river bridge to the end of the paving north of this city may be paved this year.

The paving when it is laid will be on a new road that will start direct from the south side of the bridge and run southeast in as straight a line as possible to connect with the paving already laid.

The concession of necessary right of way through the land owned by the sand and gravel companies has practically been assured and leaves only the securing of the roadway through the Stull farm to be secured so that the preliminary work can be done.

After the surveying of the route of the new highway will commence the grading of the roadway up to the specified standard required by the state department and federal authorities.

The completion of this section of the road will give a complete paved road from Omaha south to below Auburn and with the close of the present year the paving should go to the state line below Falls City and give an all paved highway through the eastern section of the state.

The road that is now used has caused a great deal of complaint from the motorists who use this heavily traveled road, as it has been rough and filled with holes for the greater part of the past year. The state department has had the road graded but it has not improved the travel a great deal.

## BASKET FACTORY BUSY

The Nebraska Basket factory, located in this city, is now operating at its full capacity and a very large number of orders are being received for the well known "King Hill" baskets. The demand has been so heavy for the baskets in the past few weeks that Manager Hiatt of the factory is expecting to have to secure additional operators to help in the production of the baskets. The brand of baskets that is turned out by this factory is now becoming well known and ranks as one of the best that can be secured in the west.

This industry, established last fall in this city, has in the months that it has been in operation made rapid advancement and without doubt has a splendid future and a field where its products can be sold in competition with any line of baskets produced in the country.

## DEPART FOR NEW HOME

From Saturday's Daily  
This morning Mr. and Mrs. William T. Distell and children, Jacqueline, Betty, Billy and Barbara, departed by auto for their future home at Chicago, where they expect to reside for the present at least and where Mr. Distell will be in charge of the refrigerator car shops at Indiana Harbor. The family have been entertained a great deal in the past few days since the announcement of the transfer of Mr. Distell was made, they having made a large circle of friends in the five years that they have resided in this city. The many friends greatly regret to see them leave and they will be greatly missed in the social life of the city.

## UNDERGOES OPERATION

From Thursday's Daily  
Virgel Perry, one of the well known young farmers of this locality, was operated on this week at the Immanuel hospital at Omaha, where he has been for several weeks taking treatment. Mr. Perry has been very poorly for several months and it was found necessary to have a portion of one lung removed in the hope that this might aid in his recovery. It is expected to have a second operation performed next Monday if the condition of the patient will permit.

## 4-H CLUB VISITS HERE

The Alvo 4-H club, composed of the young men and women of that locality, were in the city for a short time Wednesday and while here looked over the various places of interest in the city.

The club members were enroute to Bellevue where a four day camp is being held for the 4-H clubs of this part of the state. The party was traveling in a gaily decorated truck and were a happy and jolly group who were anticipating the pleasures of the camp and the association with the other 4-H members from this part of Nebraska.

The community here was pleased to have the young people stop for even a short time and trust that they may again visit the city and become better acquainted with the Plattsmouth people.

## Tale of \$200,000 Inheritance by Ex-Platts Man, Hoax

Fred Wagner, Former Resident Here Not Heir to Large Fortune—Returns from Seattle.

The story of the fortune of \$200,000, which it was claimed to have been inherited by Fred Wagner, former Plattsmouth resident, seems to have been a hoax and without any foundation.

The following from the World-Herald tells of the story of the supposed fortune:

Inquiry at Seattle has failed to reveal any large "condensed milk" estate. Mrs. Charles Kracke, Wagner's sister, told a World-Herald representative at Seattle "the whole thing is a joke." She said she had not seen her brother for more than 20 years until he came for a visit last month. He returned to Omaha July 14, she said.

Wagner has called at the cafe but once since he returned from Seattle. The fixtures have been taken by Rudy Anthony, meat and grocery stores owner.

Louis Murren, 3118 Franklin street, employed by Wagner 18 months and in charge during his absence, said \$74 in wages was due him. Wagner also owed for meat and grocery bills, he said, and a friend advanced him \$60 to return from Seattle. Meal tickets worth not more than \$50 were outstanding.

When Murren arrived to open the cafe Wednesday, he found workers loading the fixtures into a van. He is seeking a way to open the restaurant again, at least long enough to pay off the unused meal tickets.

Mrs. Wagner went to Plattsmouth Sunday. Furniture was moved from their home at 2406 Chicago street Tuesday.

Wagner has run a cafe adjacent to the Creighton campus for five years. Early in June he received a telegram which, he said, was accompanied by a check for five hundred dollars, sent to him by his sister. He wired to Seattle for details, and was informed, he said, that he was to receive one-third of a 600,000-dollar fortune left by his father.

## VISITS OLD FRIENDS

From Thursday's Daily  
Paul Pickett, former Plattsmouth boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luthy Pickett, was in the city today to spend a few hours with his former school friends and associates. The young man has just recovered from a very severe attack of blood poison and which affected the first finger of his right hand. He is now much improved and the finger in such shape that he expects to be able to resume his work the coming week.

## SOME TOMATOES

From Friday's Daily  
Otto Pitz was a caller at the Journal this morning and exhibited two examples of his work as a gardener. Mr. Pitz had two tomatoes whose aggregate weight was over three pounds, one weighing a pound and a half and the other slightly more than this. A few of these tomatoes would supply all that an ordinary family could desire.

## Arrest Gang of Suspects for Chicken Theft

Two Men and Two Women Captured Near Murray Thursday Night With Cargo of Sacks.

Late Thursday night Sheriff Ed W. Thimigan and Deputy Sheriff Ray Becker, with their assistants, made the arrest of a party of two men and two women near Murray, the parties being taken on suspicion of being the gang that has operated in this county in chicken stealing.

The party traveled in three cars, two being with Douglas county licenses and one with an Otoe county number and in the cars was found some thirty empty sacks, which from the feathers that were found on the inside had evidently been used in chicken stealing.

The farm of Glen Todd had been visited Wednesday night and some 250 chickens taken and last night the gang evidently decided to come back and clean up on the remaining chickens of Mr. Todd, as they were captured near his farm.

Sheriff Thimigan with J. C. Brittain and Deputy Sheriff Becker had driven down in the vicinity of Murray to patrol the highways in the hope that the thieves might be apprehended and with the best of results. The officers were driving around in the vicinity of the Murray corner when a car came along and drove around in that vicinity for some time and was followed by the sheriff in his car until they reached the vicinity of the Todd farm when the two parked cars were located by the sheriff, they being just across the road from the Todd farm.

Sheriff Thimigan drove into the parking space and blocked the efforts of the parties to get their cars out and placed the two men and women in the cars under arrest.

It was discovered after a check of the parties that two men had evidently made their escape, they apparently having gone to the Todd farm to locate the chickens and had become alarmed at the approach of the sheriff and made their getaway.

The parties were brought on into this city and lodged in jail pending the investigation of their case and a check up on their stories. One of the women was placed in the city jail but they were not allowed to communicate with each other.

There has been a great deal of chicken stealing in both Cass and Otoe counties and it is thought that the parties captured last night are a part of the gang that has been carrying on the work.

## VISITING AT DENVER

From Friday's Daily  
C. C. Wescott and nephew, Edgar Wescott, are spending a few days at Denver and enjoying the sights of the mountain city. They accompanied a party of Omaha friends to the west and will call on a number of the friends and acquaintances in the short stay in Denver. They made the trip by auto and enjoyed a very delightful drive through the state of Nebraska and eastern Colorado.

## IOWA PEOPLE WEDDED

At the home of Rev. O. G. Wichmann, pastor of the St. Paul's Evangelical church Wednesday afternoon occurred the marriage of two of the well known young people of Pacific Junction, William C. Schulerich and Miss Ethel Babcock. The bridal party motored back to their home after the wedding to receive the congratulations of the many friends in our neighboring city.

## SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

Mrs. Joseph Schiessl, who has been in poor health for some time, is now reported as showing some improvement and it is hoped that she may soon be on the complete highway to recovery. Mrs. Al Ulstrup of Ashland and Mrs. Albert Janda, of Omaha, daughters of Mrs. Schiessl, have been here assisting in her care for some time.

## MANY VISIT IN CITY

From Thursday's Daily  
The number of persons in the business section of the city last evening to enjoy the special features of bargain day, was the largest that has been out since the start of the special weekly bargain day. A very large number from the country districts were to be seen on the streets, the residents taking advantage of the stores being open in the evening to come in for their shopping, saving the trip in the heat of the day. Following the awards the auction sale in front of the Grist furniture store attracted a large number to bid and hear Rex Young urge on the bidding on the special pieces of furniture that was offered for sale.

## Robbers Visit Louisville Oil Station in Night

Clues Point to Robbery Being Done by Same Parties Who Visited Union Station Wednesday

From Friday's Daily  
Last night the Standard Oil station at Louisville was visited by parties unknown and some fifteen gallons of gasoline taken by the robbers and who were able to make their getaway before the loss was discovered.

The only clues found of who the robbers might be was tracks that the tires had left in the driveway of the station. These marks are similar to those found at the oil station at Union which was burglarized on Wednesday night.

Sheriff Thimigan states that the tire tracks are also similar to those found at the Missouri Pacific yards at Weeping Water where a box car was robbed last Tuesday night and a quantity of merchandise taken. The robbers at Weeping Water succeeded in making away with a quantity of merchandise before the robbery was discovered.

## ENJOY PAJAMA PARTY

Miss Fern Stivers was hostess at a very pleasant pajama party on Friday evening at the Stright home where she resides. The event was honoring Miss Doris Peterson, a member of the 1932 class of the Plattsmouth high school, who is leaving for Oklahoma City to make her home.

The event was in the nature of a pajama party and was held on the pleasant lawn of the home and where the young ladies enjoyed games and a general good time. At an appropriate hour dainty and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

Those who were present were Geraldine Griffin, Gertrude Valley, Rose, Ruth and Patricia Ferry, Mary Annie Rosecrans, Emily Lorenz, Velma Wells, Doris Peterson, Erma Stivers, Constance Rea, and Patricia Busch of Pender.

## AN HONORED FIGURE

In the thirty years ago column of the Omaha Bee-News of yesterday appeared a sketch of a familiar figure in the state, the article being in relation to the death of General Paul Vandervoort. The death of this civil war leader occurred on that date in Puerto Principe, Cuba, where he was manager of a large lumber syndicate operating on the island. General Vandervoort was a national commander of the G. A. R. He was born in Illinois in 1846 and came to Nebraska in 1876.

General Vandervoort was the grandfather of Paul Vandervoort of this city and who was named for his distinguished grandsire.

## VISITING FROM HOLLYWOOD

From Friday's Daily  
Hazel and Anita Ellison, well-known professional dancers of Omaha, who have just returned from the coast, are visiting Miss Anna May Sandin in this city. They are to leave here soon to resume their work at the Ernest Belcher studios in Hollywood.

The Journal will appreciate your phoning in news items. Call No. 6. Thanks!

## Six Miles of Paving for the 'O' Street Road

New Project for Paving at East End Will Take Paving West as Far as Nehawka.

The good road boosters of Cass county will rejoice in the news that comes from Lincoln that an additional six miles of paving will be laid this year on the "O" street road, or highway No. 24 as it is officially designated.

The six miles of paving will commence at the junction of No. 24 with highway No. 75 at Union and will then run west past the Nehawka road and give the residents of that section a paved road into Plattsmouth and Nebraska City.

The project will be started as soon as the plans can be arranged, the contracts advertised and let, as the necessary grading of the road has been carried out.

This makes some sixteen miles of paving this year on the highway as the ten miles from Lincoln to Eagle is now being paved and with the completion of the Union-Nehawka paving there will be only the section of road from Nehawka west to a few miles east of Eagle to be paved and which will probably be taken care of next year if the funds are available for the work.

The additional federal aid money that has come to Nebraska has made it possible to enlarge the good roads program of the state and Governor Bryan and State Engineer Cochran are earnestly working on the projects to give the state as many surfaced roads as possible and to complete the paving projects on the main highways of the state.

The good roads boosters in all parts of Cass county have worked splendidly in getting the paving of the "O" street road started and will be delighted to learn that their brightest expectations of the paving plans for the present year is now practically assured of success.

## TO LOCATE IN CANAL ZONE

From Saturday's Daily  
This afternoon Mrs. Wilma Schiessl Bains departed for the south and to join her husband, Leslie Bains, who is now located in the Panama Canal Zone. Mr. Bains has for the past two months been located in the Zone where he is engaged in construction work on the Nadden dam, a government project along the canal. The many friends of Mrs. Bains will regret to see her leave the city where she was born and grew to womanhood and where her friends are legion. Mrs. Bains is a daughter of Albert Schiessl and after completing her school work was engaged here for some time in the conduct of the Wilma Bains shoppe, now owned by Miss Ann Sanders. Mrs. Bains goes from here to New Orleans and sails from there for her new home, joining her husband at Cristobal. In her journey she will take the well wishes of the many friends.

## DRAWS DOWN FINE

Friday afternoon in the county court a complaint was filed by County Attorney W. G. Kieck against Samuel Weston, of Omaha, who was charged with the possession of liquor. On hearing the plea of guilty of the defendant he was given a fine of \$100 and costs for the offense.

Weston was one of the four persons who was captured on Thursday night near the Glen Todd farm at Murray, the parties being held on suspicion that they might have been implicated in chicken stealing. The only evidence that could be found was a number of empty sacks and no connection could be ascertained of the parties and the disposition of chickens. There was no complaint filed against any of the parties except Weston and the others were released Friday and returned to their homes.

In the absence of settlement of the fine and costs Weston was remanded to the custody of the sheriff to serve out his sentence in the county jail.

## DROWNED MAN SUICIDE

The body which was discovered floating in the Missouri river Wednesday noon, was that of James W. Havelka, Omaha, who committed suicide Monday morning by leaping off the Douglas street bridge.

The identification was made by a billfold in his pocket that bore his name as well as a grocery bill made out to him.

The body was secured from the river and brought up to the city to be cared for at the Streight funeral home until last evening when it was turned over to Omaha undertakers and taken back to South Omaha for burial.

Havelka committed his rash act Monday morning after his wife was late with an appointment with him.

## Young Artist Making Success in His Field

John Phillip Falter Secures Contract for Illustrating Story by Noted Author.

John Phillip Falter, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Falter, former Plattsmouth residents, is proving a great success in his career as artist and illustrator.

He is under contract with the Tower Publishing Co., publishers of magazines sold and distributed by the F. W. Woolworth and Kresge companies. John's latest work appears in the April issue of The Home Magazine on sale at the Woolworth stores. He has drawn three illustrations for a serial story, "The Experienced Ghost," by Rafael Sabatini, starting in the April issue.

The drawings are in chalk and display his splendid art ability. John also is drawing cover designs for a number of other magazines.

In a contest of art work John won first place altho the great artist, Benda, was in the contest.

In June John was married to Miss Margaret Huggins of Emporia, Kansas. She is the daughter of District Judge Huggins.

Mr. and Mrs. Falter are now living at Peiham, N. Y.

This talented artist is a grandson of George E. Dovey of this city and nephew of Mrs. Rea F. Patterson.

## TENDER FAREWELL PARTY

From Thursday's Daily  
The hospitable home of Mrs. G. L. Taylor on Chicago avenue was the scene of a social meeting of the Catholic Daughters of America last evening, the occasion being a farewell in honor of Mrs. W. T. Distell, who is soon to leave this city for Chicago.

The departure of the Distell family from the city is bringing a great deal of regret to all of their friends and ladies of the C. D. A. joined in the expression of their regret at losing their associate, who has been very active in the work of the society.

The evening was spent at Bingo and in which Miss Josephine Rys was the winner of the first honors and Mrs. John L. Hadraba, the second prize.

Mrs. Distell, the guest of honor, was presented with a token of the esteem and affection of her associates in the society, in the presentation of which the society paid its tribute to the splendid work that Mrs. Distell has given during her residence here.

At the close of the evening dainty and delicious refreshments were served to add to the completion of a very enjoyable evening.

## RETURNS FROM WASHINGTON

L. F. Langhorst, veteran democratic politician, who has been serving as the first assistant postmaster of the house of representatives at Washington, has returned to Nebraska. The Langhorst family are planning to make their home at Elmwood for the summer, also taking a short motor trip to Colorado where they will expect to visit with the William Langhorst family for a few weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Langhorst and daughter, Ethel, are planning on moving to Washington in the fall to make their home.

## Local Young Men to Attend Training Camp

Opening of Camp on Tuesday Will See Number from Here Enrolled for Course.

When the gates of the sixth annual Citizen Military training camp at Fort Crook open on Tuesday, a large number of young men from this city will be in attendance.

While a number will be first year men at the camp there are several from Plattsmouth and vicinity who will be entering their fourth camp and to complete the course that will make them eligible for the reserve officers course if they wish to take it.

The interest in the camp has been greater this year than in the past and many hundreds of the young men were disappointed in not being able to get their names among those to be admitted, the quota of the camp being filled some time ago.

Among those from this city who will attend the camp are Virgil Hutton, James Robertson, Otto Stodola, Edward and Charles Howard, William Jensen, Robert Bestor, Donald Rodrigues, as well as a number from other sections of the county.

In the event that students from distant points are unable to be at the camp their places will be filled by those living closer and in which event others here who have made application may be called.

Following the preliminary work of organization on Tuesday, the opening day, the camp will at once start its activities and the second day the young men find themselves "in the army" as far as training and discipline are concerned and for thirty days will be doing their drill and other routine of the camp. The more advanced students are usually assigned as squad leaders and sergeants in the provisional squads and platoons of the different companies.

## SUFFERS SEVERE INJURY

Charles Newburn, who is engaged in working on one of the farms west of this city, was severely injured Friday afternoon while at his work. He was working around with several others in putting away hay in a barn, the hay being loaded and placed in the barn by the means of a fork. The fork with half a load of hay gave way and Mr. Newburn, in the path of the falling fork attempted to get out of the way but the fork struck him in the back and inflicted a serious injury. He was brought on into this city and an examination at the office of Dr. O. C. Hudson disclosed that he had suffered the fracture of a bone in the back. He was taken on to Omaha and placed in the Nicholas Senn hospital for care and treatment. The injury will keep him from his work for some time.

## CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

From Friday's Daily  
The home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Egenberger was the scene of a very delightful gathering of relatives and friends last evening, the event being in honor of the sixty-fifth birthday anniversary of Mr. Egenberger.

A most delightful buffet luncheon was served to the members of the jolly party at 7 o'clock and which was much enjoyed and the remainder of the evening was spent at cards and visiting.

The members of the party joined in their well wishes to the guest of honor and trusting that he might enjoy many more such pleasant occasions in the future.

Those from out of the city to attend were: Mr. and Mrs. John Carmack, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schuldee, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hartman and Peter Kaufmann, all of Omaha.

## DRAWS DOWN FINE

Thursday afternoon the trial of the complaint against William Shea, charged with intoxication, came on for hearing in the police court before Judge Charles L. Graves. After hearing the evidence in the case the court entered a fine of \$10 and costs which was paid and the defendant released from custody.