

# The Plattsmouth Journal

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### SHOWS SOME IMPROVEMENT

The reports received here today from Omaha state that Donald Gorder, who has been critically ill as the result of his attack of meningitis, is showing some improvement over the past two days. This has been most encouraging to the relatives and friends.

William Fitzmeyer, 19, the oldest of the victims of the malady is reported as holding his own nicely and now giving encouragement to the attendants altho he is not yet out of danger.

Charles Painter and Phyllis Burke are both making a fine progress and apparently well out of danger from their attack.

### HOLD ROAD MEETING

Tuesday a meeting was held at Lincoln of representatives of the good roads movement which discussed at some length the project of numbering several of the highways in this section of the state. It is hoped by the designation of the highways to make it much more convenient for the traveler and also to shorten the distance across the state for the traveling public by more direct routing. H. A. Schneider of this city was present and presided over the meeting at the Cornhusker hotel.

### JUDGE NOT, LEST YE BE JUDGED

With these words, Chief Defense Counsel Riley opened his impassioned plea to the jury at Flemington, N. J., shortly before the noon hour today. The state's opening argument was concluded in less than an hour.

Riley dwelt at length on the supposition that "A man is considered innocent until proven guilty," claiming his client had been under suspicion of guilt from the very day of his arrest, and admonished the jurors to carefully weigh the evidence. He was still talking when noon recess was taken and is expected to talk the balance of today. Chief Prosecutor Wilentz will then have his say.

Hauptmann is declared to have lost some of his expression of confidence so noticeable throughout the trial.

### VISITS FAMILY HERE

Arnold Johnson, who is engaged as foreman of the Sutherland project near Ogallala, Nebraska, arrived home Saturday for a short visit with the home folks. Mr. Johnson suffered a severe sprain of an ankle a few days ago and which has made necessary his taking an enforced vacation from his work and allowed him a few days visit with the family here. He expects to return to his work either Tuesday or Wednesday.

## Bible School Lesson Study!

Sunday, February 17th

By L. Neitzel, Murdock, Neb.

### "Peter Teaches Good Citizenship"

(Temperance Lesson)

1 Pet. 2:11-17; 4:1-5.

This apostle above all others can preach temperance, since he has learned by sad experience the result of that impulsive, quick, explosive temper of his. He can admonish his readers to add "to temperance patience." James expresses the same thought when he says: "Let patience have her perfect work." (James 1:4).

Peter by this time is quite old; his life had been very turbulent, but had come to a state where he could sail his ship into a quiet tranquil, sedative harbor and give his readers the benefit of his experience, hoping and trusting that they might learn from him.

Calling his readers "sojourners and pilgrims," reminding them that this earth is not their home; that they are passing this way but once—no retracing of their steps, hence they must be very careful about their conduct while traveling through this world, we find him issuing a warning against "fleshly lusts"—the desire of the body, though innocent under restraint, being always a source of temptation. The appetites and desires and habits are often too strong and powerful for men; they are overpowering for some, and they fall a prey to them.

"Fleshly lusts" relate generally to sins of impurity and intemperance, "which war against the soul." It is the soul that is to be saved, it is to be sanctified—that being the personal, immortal part of man as opposed to his body and it may be drawn up and saved or drawn down and ruined.

"They (these lusts) attack and conquer the inner life and lead it into captivity, impairing its energies, sullying its purity, lowering its tone and cutting off the locks of moral strength." (E. B. Meyer).

As these Christians lived among Gentiles who observed their behavior and conduct, if they would bring honor and glory to their Savior, they must of needs "abstain" from the old life and habits. As a "peculiar people," Christians cannot be "walking," "standing" or "sitting" with the ungodly. (Eph. 1:1). The injunction is to "come out from among them, and be ye separate." (II Cor. 6:17).

Good citizens, today as then, are law abiding for God's sake, because Jesus observed and obeyed all laws; he showed respect to Plato and commanded the people to obey. (Matt. 22:21). Why should Christians obey the ordinances of men? "For so is the will of God." The example of Jesus is enjoined, none better could be given; it is perfect! God said of

him that he was well pleased with him. It will require all their energies and powers to do God's will.

These people had given much time in their life to the will of the flesh; it was about time to devote some time to God. Think of men who come to God in the "eleventh hour," having been idle 50, 60 or more years, living a riotous life, spending all their substance, health and wealth in the service of the devil, and then expect a loving and merciful God to pardon their sins and receive them into his kingdom. Here the soul feels to shout that the whole world might hear: "O the depth of the riches both of wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and his ways past finding out!" (Rom. 11:33). Some of Peter's converts came from these Gentile nations, who had lived and walked in lasciviousness, lusts, winebibblings, revelings, carousings and abominable idolatries—just like men today, for the world has not changed much since Peter's day. Only that we should expect better things of men today, since the Gospel has been preached for nearly 2,000 years, and millions of God's children have lived Godly lives and have proven to the world that: "Godliness with contentment is great gain." (I Tim. 6:6). The strange part is that the world cannot understand the conduct of Christians. The Psalmist knew of the joy of the service in the House of God, when he said: "For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand" (in the tents of wickedness) (Ps. 84:10). Isaiah had found the source of joy when he could "draw water out of the wells of salvation" (Chap. 12:3) and unbounded was his joy when he exclaimed: "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation; he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness." (Chap. 61:10). This, of course, requires a real experience; no one can learn this from books. Let a man get filled with the Holy Spirit and you will not have to surround him with laws to keep him in proper bounds; he will OBEY the law of the spirit of God. The evil habits and tendencies are uprooted, the tavern or beer joint has no attraction for him; he has found something better. His song is: "O how I love the law; it is my meditation all the day." (Ps. 119:97). He won't have to be taught any more temperance lessons, for he lives in I Cor. 13—it is the rule of his life.

There is but one way to live a life of victory: "Walk in the spirit and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh." (Gal. 5:16).

### PWA FUND STILL LARGE

Washington.—PWA figures showed that only 173 millions had been spent on projects of states and local governments up to Jan. 1, leaving 908 millions to finance construction this year. A total of 736 millions had been allotted to such projects, to be supplemented by 295 millions of local money. Simultaneously officials reminded that outlines of additional projects, which will not be formal application, must be turned in to state engineers by Friday.

### LEADS DAIRY GROUP

Utica, Neb.—Frank Swanson, Holstein breeder of near Stromsburg was elected president of the Seward-York-Polk county Dairy Herd Improvement association at the annual meeting held here Thursday. Elton Newman, York, is vice president; Art Von Bergen, York, secretary-treasurer, Roland Ramsay of Seward and E. T. Pfeife of Gresham, directors. Gerald Fitzpatrick of Seward, was continued as tester for the association.

### DENIES CORNBELT'S PLEA

Washington.—Dr. A. G. Black, chief of the farm administration corn-hog section, denied the plea of northwestern cornbelt farmers for liberalization of the 1935 reduction contract.

He ruled land held out of production under contract cannot be planted to corn for use as fodder or other forage purposes. However, he added, such land may be planted without limitation to any other crop than corn.

### STODDARD DIES OF HURTS

Franklin, Neb.—J. D. Stoddard, 70, of Republican City, died here Sunday a few hours after he was found injured beside the Burlington railroad tracks at a highway crossing near his home.

Franklin county authorities said Stoddard apparently was struck by a train. He left his home Saturday night and authorities believe he wandered onto the right of way. He had been in poor health for several years.

### BUY CORN FOR NEBRASKA

Washington.—Federal relief officials announced that 1,160,000 bushels of corn had been purchased and was being shipped into seven middle western states to relieve livestock feed shortages caused by the drought. The corn was apportioned among the states as follows: Kansas, 315,000; Missouri, 165,000; Montana, 197,724; Nebraska, 306,722; North Dakota, 223,692; South Dakota, 309,042; Wyoming, \$2,815.

### BELGIUM FAVORS AIR ALLIANCE

London, Feb. 12.—The British government Tuesday received a note from the Belgian government expressing its approval of the Franco-British proposals for the creation of a western European air alliance.

The suggested agreement would bind Great Britain, France, Belgium, Italy, and Germany in a military aviation alliance against sudden invasion.

### LOSES LEGS UNDER TRAIN

Falls City, Neb.—N. C. Brummel, 36, former Missouri Pacific railroad brakeman here, is in serious condition at a Leavenworth, Kas., hospital after having both legs amputated because of an accident. Brummel, who lives in Kansas City, fell from a freight train and his legs were amputated. He was reported as "resting satisfactorily."

### IOWA PROTEST POSTPONED

Washington.—A contemplated protest of Iowa congressmen against policies of the federal land bank at Omaha was postponed until a later date due to conflicting engagements of farm credit administration officials who were to meet the delegation.

### INSTALL NEW ENGINE

Syracuse.—The Syracuse village board is installing a new 200 h. p. Fairbanks power engine and asking for bids for a new well and pump to be installed immediately. Total cost of the projects will be in the neighborhood of \$12,000.

### SALES SHOW GAINS

Washington.—An upturn of 4 percent in the value of department stores sales in January was noted by the federal reserve board over the same period of last year. The report covered 363 stores in 237 cities.

Phone the news to No. 6.

## AVOCA NEWS

John Marquardt was looking after some business matters in Omaha on Monday of last week.

Albert Anderson, of Nehawka, was a visitor in Avoca last week, calling on his friend, Elmer J. Hallstrom.

Emmitt Carter was a visitor in Plattsmouth last Saturday, purchasing from the Chevrolet agency there one of the new 1935 model sedans.

Carl O. Zaiser, the garage man, says business is good just now. He sold a new car last week to Wm. Hunter, of Orce, and a tractor to Henry Stube-dick.

Rev. W. A. Taylor, of Union, was in Avoca last Sunday to conduct the funeral of the late Thomas S. Pittman, whom he had known for the past fifty years.

Matt McCann, who in company with Fred Koehler, George Oehlers and A. J. Schaeffer departed for California a week ago, with two cars, wrote to his folks on last Wednesday, stating they were in New Mexico and expected to reach the coast by the last of the week. That is the last word that has been received from them.

### Corn Did Not Shrink

William Maseman, the hardware dealer, who also has a farm, cribbed a crib of corn in 1933 which he left stand, and to the best of his remembrance he placed something over 900 bushels in the crib. He has held the grain since that time hoping to get a good price for it and at one time he could have realized a dollar a bushel, but he did not sell it at that time, and the grain has since gone down to 90 cents a bushel, which was the price he sold it for. On last Monday he had the crib shelled out and found it 1,099 bushels, besides 17 bushels he had previously sold out of the crib for seed. He is not trying to explain the great increase and neither will we. Just let it go at that.

Obituary of Thomas S. Pittman  
Thomas S. Pittman was born on March 13, 1855, near Corydon, Harrison county, Indiana. He died February 7, 1935, at St. Joseph hospital in Omaha, at the age of 79 years, 10 months and 23 days. On December 3, 1875, he was united in marriage to Sarah M. Smoots. To this union were born eight children, three sons and five daughters.

In 1882, with his family, he came to Nebraska. They made their home for four years in the Mt. Pleasant district, near Nehawka. In 1886 they moved to WaCo, Nebraska, spending nine years there. In 1894 he came to Avoca, where he spent the remaining years of his life. In 1897 he united with the Christian church, of which he was a charter member.

He leaves to mourn his departure, an aged companion and five children, three daughters having preceded him in death. Those living are:

Corda L. Pittman, Plattsmouth; Ward T. Pittman, Omaha; Marion C. Pittman, Avoca; Mrs. Laura Plachman, Nehawka; and Mrs. Robert Chapman, Nehawka.

He leaves nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, as well as one brother, Charles U. Pittman, of Medford, Oklahoma, and one sister, Mrs. Hattie Sutphin, of Nehawka. A large host of friends will miss him, and are joined by the Journal in expressions of sorrow to the bereaved relatives.

Mr. Pittman was for 35 years a member of the Odd Fellows lodge and the burial service was under the auspices of that organization. The funeral was held here last Sunday, conducted by Rev. W. A. Taylor, of Union, a long time friend of the deceased.

Mr. Pittman had lived an upright life and leaves behind him the heritage of those qualities that go into the cementing of friendships among ones friends and neighbors.

### ASKS FOR 1.5 BILLIONS

Washington.—Congress was informed the administration believes 1.5 billions in new funds for the Home Owners Loan corporation would be sufficient to help home owners until private capital is ready to resume that job.

This statement was made to the home banking committee by John H. Fahy, HOLC chairman, in the first congressional hearings on a bill to expand the HOLC's capital from 3 billion to 4.5 billions.

### CHALLENGE VALIDITY

Yuma, Ariz.—The validity of marriages of Californians coming to Yuma to evade the three-day law of that state, was challenged in a suit seeking to annul the marriage of Henry Clay Mount, Jr., actor and writer, and Viola C. Lovie, Nov. 27, 1934. A divorce was denied Mount recently in a Los Angeles court.

## Plan to Check Danger of Floods from Mississippi

Fear Felt That Spring May Bring Renewed Dangers to Lowlands Along the Valley.

The menace of a dangerous spring flood down the Mississippi valley lies latent in the northern wood and plains. January snows and rains, from the headwaters in Minnesota to the Louisiana delta, were double the usual fall in some regions and preparations already have been made to speed aid if the flood menace strikes. No immediate peril has been sighted. Nevertheless, government officers said, a protracted thaw would send a heavy burden of ice and water downstream, swell tributaries, broaden the Mississippi and jeopardize the lowlands.

Three powerful agencies have organized to spot the danger in advance and are ready to provide prompt aid if needed. Representatives of the U. S. weather service and coast guard and the Red Cross formulated their program last week at a conference in Evansville, Ind.

Coast guard headquarters at Chicago have devised a scheme for rushing help to the stricken regions. Four hours after the receipt of orders they can have thirty motorized surf boats aboard flat cars and headed for the flood scene. The Cleveland division can dispatch nine more with equal speed. Upon reaching the inundated territory, the thirty-six foot boats would be launched and each manned by an officer and two men. Meteorologists would survey the situation and issue warnings. The guardsmen would carry out persons trapped before they could evacuate. The Red Cross would shelter the homeless. The whole business would be placed on an efficient basis.

### HOUSE SHORTAGE REPORTED

Chicago.—A growing shortage of family homes, trend to higher rents and a new flow of money into real estate investments were reported in the semi-annual survey of the real estate market by the national association of real estate brokers.

The survey covered 263 cities in the United States and Canada. It showed:

An actual shortage of single family houses in 69 percent of the cities. There was no over-supply indicated in any city above 200,000 population. Apartment rents have risen in 57 percent of the cities reporting, and are up in every city of more than a half million. Nevertheless, the real estate board said house rents are still 22 percent below the 1928 level and apartment fees still 46 percent under 1928.

### KIDNAP THREAT RECEIVED

Brookline, Mass.—While police guarded the two year old grandson of Ernest B. Dane, sr., banker and widely known patron of arts, federal officials revealed eastern Massachusetts had been flooded by kidnap notes in recent months. News that Ernest B. Dane, 3rd, was under constant guard at the home of his father, Ernest B. Dane, jr., a graduate student in the Harvard engineering school, leaked out thru police sources. Police Chief Allen Rutherford declined to discuss the case and referred all inquiries to the boy's grandfather. While deploring the fact that knowledge of the case had become public the latter did not deny that threats had been received.

### HEARINGS OF IIRA FILMED

Chicago.—Complete film records of all hearings under the National Industrial Recovery act, including code agreements, licensing acts, processing taxes and agricultural adjustment administration, are being prepared for handy reference it was announced.

### SECOND VICTIM OF CRASH

Gordon, Neb.—Mrs. George Brown of Oelrichs, S. D., died at a Hot Springs, S. D., hospital Monday of injuries suffered in an automobile accident near here Feb. 3. Mrs. Brown, who suffered a fractured skull and other injuries, never regained consciousness.

## EAGLE NEWS ITEMS

Miss Case of Lincoln, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. D. J. Schuyleman and Mr. Schuyleman.

Mrs. R. C. Wenzel and Clyde called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gerard last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Sarah Keil and Dorothea spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Mickle near Alvo.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Muenchau and family from near Alvo, spent Tuesday evening at the W. E. Muenchau home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Scattergood and daughters and Donald Piersol spent Sunday at the L. W. Piersol home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Headley and son, Jack, of Greenwood, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Trunkenbolz.

W. E. Muenchau enjoyed attending the annual Well Drillers' convention in Lincoln on Thursday and Friday of last week.

Mrs. Clarence Althouse was hostess to the Dorcas Society of Emmanuel Lutheran church at her home on Wednesday afternoon of last week.

Mrs. McFall and Mr. and Mrs. West and family entertained last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Orill Allen and family and Rev. and Mrs. Schuyleman.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Horn were Mrs. Linnie De Les Denier and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne De Les Denier from near Prairie Home.

Mrs. Tom Spahnle of Hastings, spent several days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Peterson. She returned to her home on Saturday.

Aeneas Ketchum, who has been helping to care for Mrs. Edward Gerhard, spent several days last week at home. We are glad to report that Mrs. Gerhard is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Umland entertained at dinner last Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Orill Allen and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rudolph and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. John Fischer and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Remaly, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wyers and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wolken and Robert Remaly spent a very enjoyable day at the Herman Wolken home on Sunday.

The Girls Glee club of the Eagle consolidated school participated in the M-I-N-K music contest at Peru last Saturday. They were rated as good in class B. They sang two numbers, "Lovely Rose," and "Let All My Life Be Music."

The house on the farm owned by George Oberle and occupied by George Onken was destroyed by fire on Monday night. When Mr. Onken returned to the home late in the evening the interior of the house was on fire, so consequently he was unable to save anything.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Umland and Dorothy, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rudolph and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wali and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hurch motored to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thomson near Palmyra and helped Mrs. Thomson enjoy her birthday. The evening was spent at cards. At a late hour ice cream, cake and candy were served.

### Methodist Aid.

Mrs. J. H. Adee entertained the members of the Methodist Aid on the afternoon of February 6th.

During the business session a supper was planned for February 22nd at the church basement.

Mrs. D. J. Schuyleman presented the missionary lesson.

A fine tribute was paid to Mrs. Orill Allen, who will soon leave for her new home.

Following the program the hostess served a lovely lunch.

### Trinity Lutheran Aid.

The Trinity Lutheran Ladies' Aid met last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Elmer Judkins. After the regular business meeting all enjoyed a birthday shower for Mrs. Cooper, one of the members, who was 79 years old. She received many nice handkerchiefs, cards and other gifts. Later the members enjoyed talking part in some games, after which a lovely lunch was served by the hostess.

Mrs. Paul Judkins and Rev. Rangeler of Lincoln and Mrs. Lester Scattergood and son and Mrs. Orin Lanning were welcome visitors. Mrs. Herman Kierchoff became a member of the society.

The next meeting will be with Miss Maxine Wetenkamp on March 7th.

### Eagle M. E. Church.

D. J. Schuyleman, pastor; G. H. Palmer, S. S. Supt.  
Services for February 17th:  
Sunday school at 10 a. m. We had even a large percentage of people

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present on time last Sunday, can we make even a better record this Sunday? For the last three weeks we have shown a small increase in attendance—what will you do to keep up our good record for this Sunday? Morning worship at 11. Sermon by the pastor.

Evening service at 7:30. The Wesley Players will be here and present the play, "The Lost Church." This is the program you have been waiting to see. There is no admission charge and everyone of any denomination not holding evening services is invited to meet with us for this treat.

Epworth League at 6:45 p. m. The Young People will please be there and ready to begin the meeting by this time so that we will not have to break into our meeting with the evening services.

Choir practice, 7:30 p. m. Thursday at Mrs. Jones.

Do you like pictures? If you do plan to be at the church Sunday evening, February 24th. Mr. Sala will be here to take us on a trip through Bryan Memorial hospital by the aid of a slide lantern and the silver screen. Don't miss it!

The Epworth League wishes to thank all those who helped make their box social a success.

A date to watch for: The nationally famous E. Dow Bancroft—great layman and church worker is coming to talk to us from the layman's point of view. Watch these announcements for the date.

### VIGILANTES PERFECT AIM

Chadron, Neb.—A vigilance committee of twenty men who own high powered rifles has been holding target practice regularly to increase Chadron's protection against bank robbers.

The committee of business and professional men was formed several months ago and they have been improving their marksmanship with automobile tires and even an old car as targets.

The rifle squad has been shooting at an old car as it rolled down a long hill near the Chadron rifle range. Tires also were rolled down the hill to provide moving targets.

### ILLNESS FOLLOWS A FEED

San Antonio, Tex.—One hundred persons were recuperating from the effects of food eaten at the federal transient bureau here. Six were seriously ill with ptomaine poisoning. Bureau officials made no announcement concerning the actual cause of the poisoning. They said, however, that these ill had a supper consisting of spinach, cabbage slaw and tongue. The meat was said to have been government inspected. About 600 persons partook of the food.

### "See it before you buy it."

## 16, on Trial for Life



Johnny Malone

Johnny Malone, above, 16-year-old Cleveland youth, claimed his companion did the shooting when he went on trial in Cleveland for the slaying of Frank Patton, gasoline station attendant, who was killed in a holdup. He was charged with first degree murder, facing execution in the event of conviction.