

MANLEY NEWS

C. E. Mockenhaupt was quite sick a few days due to his taking a severe cold but is at this time feeling much improved.

Miss Margaret Murphey was spending the week end at the home of relatives in Omaha where she was enjoying the visit very much.

John Rohrdanz is looking after the tearing down of the house on the farm of Joseph Wolpert, clearing the site of the erection of the house.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hansen of Louisville, were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rauth for the day last Sunday, where they enjoyed the visit and a fine dinner.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bergman has been very ill for some time and was taken ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bergman, where they remained until he had become better.

Helen Korb, daughter of Mrs. Antone Auserwald who makes her home in South Omaha, was a visitor at the Auserwald home for a number of days the past week. She returned to her home last Tuesday.

Misses Margaret Bergman and Lorine Dall as well as Helen Norton, who are students at the state normal school at Peru, were enjoying a visit in Manley with parents and friends over the week end last week.

Miss Anna Rauth who is employed in Omaha, was a visitor for over the week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rauth where all enjoyed the visit very much and on Monday she returned to her work in the big city.

Paul Mann, living northwest of Manley, was in town last Tuesday and was securing some supplies in the way of shingles and nails for the placing of a new roof on the porch of the house where Mr. and Mrs. Mann reside.

August Krecklow when he has nothing else to keep him busy, builds trailers and is just now on his thirteenth, having made twelve previously. August has his product scattered across the entire state of Nebraska, the farthest one west being at Scottsbluff.

Mike Honor and wife were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stander of Omaha last Sunday where they with the family of Walter O'Brien and others were celebrating the passing of the birthday anniversary of Miss Lillian Stander, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stander.

John P. Mockenhaupt who is uncle of Mrs. O. E. McDonald and a cousin of C. E. Mockenhaupt, was a visitor in Manley with Mr. McDonald and family of Mrs. C. E. Mockenhaupt. It will be remembered that Mr. Mockenhaupt was engaged in business in Murdock a number of years ago but has been in the east for nearly twenty years. He is enjoying a visit with his friends in both Murdock and Manley.

Will Build Farm Home. Joseph Wolpert who has a number of farms is to have a new house which is to be 23 by 28 feet, built on the ground and which is to be rushed forward as rapidly as possible. The place is to be farmed this summer by Mr. Ragoss.

Much Electrical Interference. The people of Manley who have radios have been having much trouble in getting a clear reception on their radios on account of an interference and have lodged their complaint with the light company who had a man on the grounds last Tuesday to solve the problem and restore the condition which would make radioing a pleasure.

Hold Relief Meeting. The members of the Center Precinct farmers relief association met at Manley last Tuesday evening where they discussed the matter of work to be done in the precinct and were devising the best means of aiding the entire precinct and the work required some time. The meeting was adjourned until the coming Tuesday (tomorrow) evening when they will conclude their work.

FUNERAL OF S. D. HOBSON. From Friday's Daily. The funeral services of the late S. Dewey Hobson were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Sattler funeral home at Fourth and Vine streets. The services were private in their nature and attended by only the members of the family and a few of the intimate friends of the deceased young man.

Rev. C. O. Troy, pastor of the First Methodist church, brought words of hope and consolation to the members of the bereaved family circle in the loss of the husband, father and brother, who was so suddenly taken from the bosom of his family circle.

Interment was at Oak Hill cemetery in the west portion of the city.

History of the Fifty Years of Public Library

Series of Articles Prepared That Deals With Organization of the Y. L. R. A. in 1885.

Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of articles, each by a different writer, dealing with the history of the Plattsmouth public library, which this paper will publish in honor of the 50th year of existence of the library. The following article tells of the origin of the library, and traces its career during the first ten years of its half a century of public service.

HOW THE LIBRARY BEGAN

By PAUL VANDERVOORT II

When three Plattsmouth young ladies sent out invitations in February of 1885, inviting other young ladies to form a social club, little did they dream that 50 years later one of the best public libraries in the state of Nebraska would be pointed out as the culmination of their idea.

Yet because Miss Sue Sampson (now Mrs. Mike Morrissy of California), Miss Mae Cranmer (now Mrs. Mae Knight, believed now living in Pennsylvania), and Miss Olive Jones, our present librarian, had an idea, Plattsmouth can point with pride to one of the state's outstanding libraries, with half a century of service to Plattsmouth people to its credit.

In answer to the invitations, 25 young ladies met at the home of Miss Cranmer, on February 24th, 1885, and organized a club which was given the name of the Young Ladies Social Temperance club. Officers were elected as follows: Kate Dorrington, president; Sue Sampson, vice-president; Mae Cranmer, treasurer; Olive Jones, secretary, and Hattie Fulmer assistant secretary. At this time the organization did not outline any program of activities, but arranged for a second meeting to be held at the home of Miss Jones.

Change Club Name. The second meeting of the club was held on March 3, 1885, at the home of Olive Jones, and although the members were not aware of it, at the time, the club made a momentous decision: it changed the name of the club to the Young Ladies Reading Room Association, or as it was popularly known the Y. L. R. A.

This was done because of a definite plan to center the club's activities around a young ladies' reading room was adopted, and the new name seemed more in harmony with the club's purpose. Today a shelf in the present library is dedicated to the Y. L. R. A.

The charter members of the Y. L. R. A. were: Kate Dorrington, Sue Sampson, Joe Morrissy, Olive Jones, Hattie Fulmer, Mae Cranmer, Margaret O'Rourke, Lillian Pollock, Lella Thomas, Anna Murphey, Hattie Sheffer, Kate Hemple, Addie Searle, Laura Overlander, Anna Weckbach, Frankie Knapp, Clara Babington, Hattie Pronger, Evelyn Wise, Berdie Irish, Dertie Hayes, Anna Daily, Halie Parmele, Bell Wendell, Maggie Campbell, Irene Patterson, Laura Shipman, Maude Faxon, Hattie Shipman, Lida Patterson, Carrie Adams, Alice Jean, Mary Weckbach, Lou Richey, Mae Richey, Maggie Sampson, Mate D. Safford, Estella Shannon, Carrie Holloway, Amelia Valery, Alice Wilson, Mollie Tucker, Nina Tucker, Gertie Kearney, Kate Oliver, Julia Oliver, Hattie Chapman and Eva Sherman.

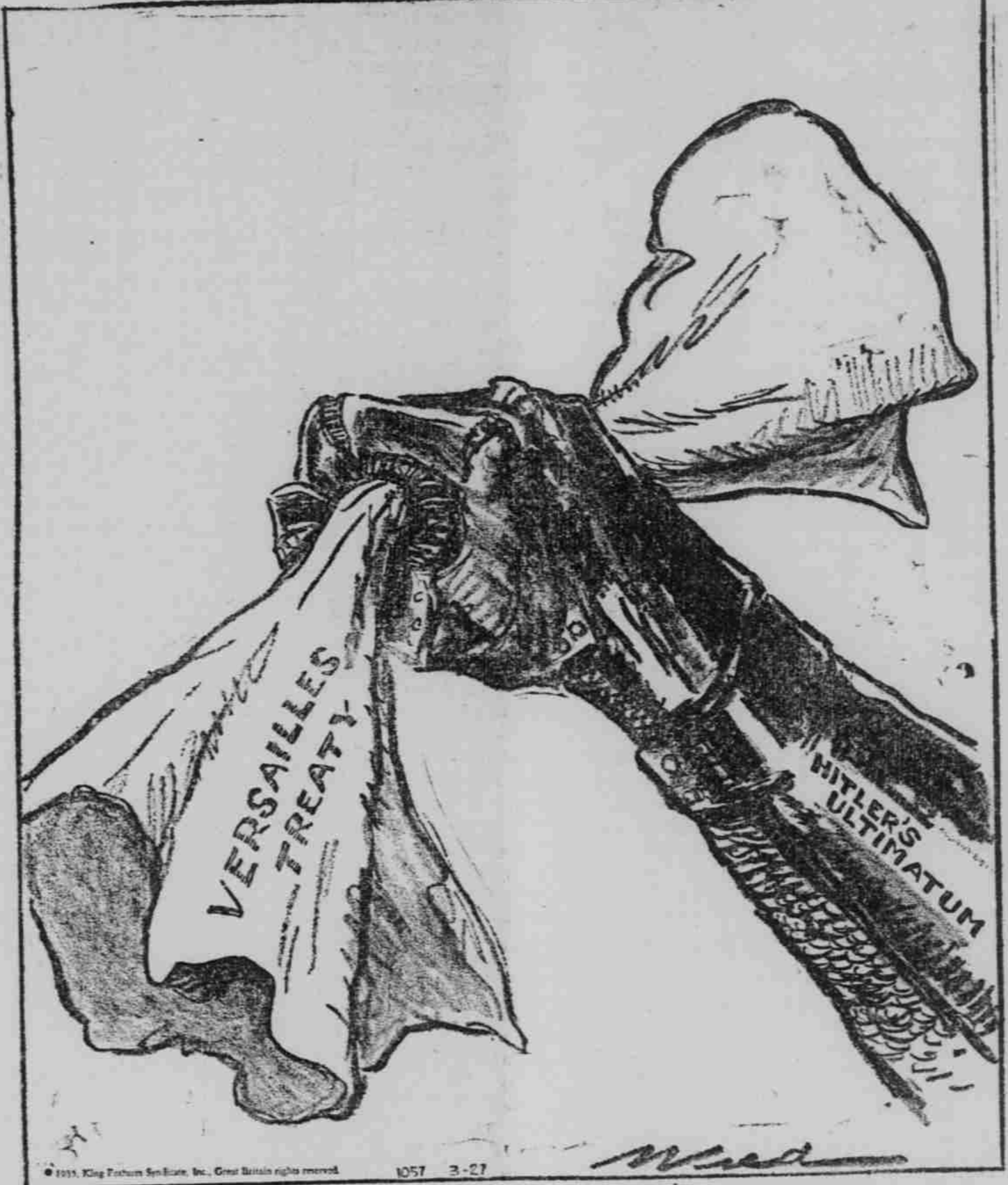
Quarters Sought. Because of the size of the organization, it was voted to rent a room for a meeting place, and the first location was in an unused room over Mathew's Hardware store. Oddly enough, this building was less than a stone's throw from the present library. The club, aided by men friends of the members, cleaned, painted and papered the room.

Meetings had to be held in the day time because there were no lights, though occasionally a coal oil lamp would be brought in, if meetings ran overtime. The members sat on planks laid over boxes.

First Entertainment. In order to raise funds to buy books, the organization decided to hold bi-monthly entertainments. The first of these, a dance, was held in Fitzgerald hall about the middle of April, 1885. A profit of \$52.15 was derived from the affair. A Bohemian band played, and a supper was served in connection, at the Saunders home.

From the money derived from this entertainment, the first books were purchased, about 69 in all, among which were sets of Dickens, Scott, Lytton, Elliot, etc. Some of these books are still in the present library. The books, which were purchased on May 5, 1885, at first were loaned only to members of the club. They

Another Scrap of Paper



were kept in a bookcase improvised from a packing case given them by the owner of the building.

Move Headquarters. Until January 1st, 1886, the club continued to meet over the hardware store, but on that date it moved to Rockwood hall, where the new headquarters were opened with a public reception. At this time Mae Cranmer was elected as librarian, from a group of several applicants. The library was also made a public rental library at this time. On September 21, 1886, Sue Sampson succeeded Mae Cranmer as librarian, when Miss Cranmer went east.

Until 1888, the library remained in Rockwood hall, but with the organization of a Plattsmouth Y. M. C. A. the club voted to turn the books over to the Y. M. C. A. and agreed to pay \$50 a month to help support the library. The club, however, was to continue as an organization.

Fortunes of the Y. M. C. A. did not go so well, and about the middle of 1890 it disbanded, returning the books to the Y. L. R. A.

Begin Long Record. Again the club took up the task of providing the town with a library, and Miss Jones consented to accept, over parental objection, the post of librarian for one month. The month was stretched into 45 years of wholehearted service to the community.

The headquarters of the club were established in the Knights of Pythias hall, and then in the Union block, where three different rooms were occupied at different times.

In 1890 the first appeal for aid of the city council was asked. Because no ordinance covering the situation was on the books, the council agreed to buy the books for \$300. The books remained in the library, however. Many books were also added during this period, when a representative of the Elzevir book company canvassed

the town, securing members to the library at \$1.50 apiece, and placing one book in the library for each member secured.

In 1893 the Plattsmouth city council, under Mayor Charles M. Butler, made the first levy for support of the library. This action was an about face from a previous decision which had refused city funds.

Oddly enough, the refusal had been made after a council committee had reported that "they did not believe a library would be very well patronized in Plattsmouth." Contrasted with this statement, is the fact that several years ago, the local library was recognized as having the largest per capita circulation in the United States.

Mrs. Thom Walling was the spokesman on both occasions when a library levy was asked.

First Library Board. The first library board appointed had as its personnel: D. B. Smith, president; Lillian Parmele, vice-president; Gertrude Kearney, secretary; Margaret O'Rourke, treasurer; F. J. Morgan, D. O. Dwyer, Byron Clark, B. S. Ramsey, Olive Jones.

Moving days again took their place in library activities in 1893, the library moving to the Todd building, where two different rooms were occupied, and the Carruth building (now Westcott's store) in 1894.

Conclusion of the narration of library fortunes for the first ten year period would be incomplete without mention of the bi-monthly entertainments in more detail.

In all kinds of time, weather and conditions, these entertainments were given regularly twice a month, and not one of them failed to realize a profit. Profit that was expended for the library's welfare.

Dances, lawn socials covering all kinds, from buttermilk socials to gypsy costume socials, home talent plays, etc., were given.

The first play to be given was the "Lancashire Lass," a drama in which Miss Emma Schulhof, now Mrs. A. B. Smith, had a leading role. A hard-time social was another long remembered event, at which D. O. Dwyer was fined for carrying a watch and other jewelry, V. V. Leonard, father of Miss Vera Leonard, present assistant librarian, was fined 2c for wearing a "biled" shirt, and Dr. Frank Cummins 5c, for wearing a standup collar. Mrs. Walter White won the prize for the "poorest" costume.

These and other events helped to build up the library during its first decade of life, laying the groundwork for succeeding years of service, of which another writer will tell in a coming installment.

IN SERIOUS CONDITION. The friends here of Fred Heinrich, of Havelock, will regret to learn that he is very seriously ill at his home in that city and his condition is such as to give but little hope of his recovery. Mr. Heinrich has been in poor health for some time and has gradually been growing weaker in recent weeks. Mr. Heinrich is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heinrich, old time residents here and a brother of Mrs. E. P. Lutz, Mrs. L. D. Hiatt and W. L. Heinrich of this city.

F. W. Backemeyer and son, Jesse, well known residents of Elmwood, were in the city Friday to look after some matters in the court house for a few hours.

MANY CASES ON FILE. The April term of the district court will see the usual large number of cases on file. The Journal will begin publication of the docket this week, which like a well known make car is "bigger and better."

Claims Allowed by the County Board February Meetings

ROAD FUND

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes items like C. W. Stoehr, road work road district No. 1, \$45.10; Louise Ailgayer, Jr., same RD No. 13, \$22.50; A. A. Schoeman, same, RD 3, \$25.94; Ralph Murphy, same, RD 9, \$22.80; Jay M. Austin, same, RD 11, \$23.20; Herman Wohlfarth, same, RD No. 10, \$22.80; Wm. Kitzel, same, RD 12, \$29.00; Nelson Berger, same, RD 12, \$13.78; Roy Comstock, same, RD 5, \$9.00; Louis Schmidt, same, RD 7, \$17.16; Bert H. Lytle, same, RD 16, \$38.85; Martin Wilson, same, RD 4, \$6.96; Elmer Hoffman, same, RD 16, \$1.90; Wm. Sheehan, Jr., same, RD 8, \$19.72; A. A. Wallinger, same, RD 15, \$27.00; Wm. Richards, same, RD 14, \$47.16; Lincoln Road Equip Co., repairs, RD 6, \$3.80; W. H. Maseman, mdse., RD 13, \$3.20; J. D. Adams Co., repairs, RD 11 (Claim 11,385), \$5.16; Geiger & Putney, two drawers, RD No. 2, \$19.42; J. H. Buck, labor and material, RD 7, \$5.50; Deep Rock Oil Co., gas, RD 7, \$7.62; Kroehler Hardware, merchandise, RD 2, \$4.12; Fred McGrady, repairs, RD 13, \$25.00; F. O. Rhodes, repairing tube and casing, RD 1, \$1.50; Searle & Chapin Lumber Co., material, RD 6, \$6.63; Wm. Brothwell, labor and material, RD 16, \$4.25.

DRAG FUND

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes items like Martin Wilson, for dragging roads, RD 4, \$2.20; Vernon Laughlin, same, RD 5, \$24.60; Herman Kammann, same, RD No. 14, \$10.09; A. A. Wallinger, same, RD 15, \$40.00; E. F. Stava, same, RD 1, \$3.00; Charles Holmes, same, RD 6, \$16.50; Philip Spangler, same, RD 14, \$13.20; Wm. J. Newham, same, RD 14, \$9.90; Wm. Knutson, same, RD 3, \$1.50; Chas. Ayres, same, RD 6, \$13.75; Louis Schmidt, same, RD 7, \$8.70; Jas. E. Johnson, same, RD 1, \$3.30; P. J. Knecht, gas, \$36.75; John Gochenour, same, RD 1, \$4.00; Ralph Murphy, same, RD 9, \$57.50; John Hill, same, RD 3, \$3.00; Ed Rice, same, RD 1, \$1.50; Bert H. Lytle, same, RD 16, \$40.00; Lowell Lytle, same, RD 15, \$25.25; Miller-Hasselbalch Co., for repairs, RD 2, \$6.49; Geiger & Putney, blades, RD No. 13, \$22.08; Swan-Finch Corp., grease, for RD No. 11, \$44.37; Lincoln Road Equipment Co., repairs, RD 15, \$3.07; Trunkbolz Oil Co., gas and oil, RDs 15 and 16, \$63.13; Iowa-Neb. Light & Power Co., service to Pat. RD 11, \$2.27; Farmers Co-Op. Oil Co., gas, RDs 9 and 13, \$106.16; Trunkbolz Oil Co., gas, RD 7, \$8.58; Nat'l Refining Co., gas, RDs 1 and 2, \$20.68; Carl O. Zaiser, spark plugs, RD No. 13, \$2.40; H. W. Griffin, blacksmithing, RD No. 11, \$8.00; M. R. Beck, labor and material, RD 2, \$21.05; Standard Oil Co., supplies for RD No. 2, \$21.05; Standard Oil Co., supplies for RD No. 6, \$3.73; Standard Oil Co., supplies for RD No. 11, \$17.11; Ruben P. Meisinger, patrol work, RD No. 2, \$60.00; James Lytle, labor and trip, RD No. 15, \$10.38.

BRIDGE FUND

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes items like Louis Schmidt, bridge work, \$6.60; Wm. Sheehan, Jr., same, \$6.30; Herman Kammann, same, \$3.20; Herman and Otto Ludwig, same, \$3.20; E. L. Richey, lumber, cement and supplies, \$12.53; M. L. Evans, building bridge, Sec. 29-10-24, \$126.15; Henry H. Becker, cutting and welding, \$4.60; D. Ray Frans, bridge lumber, \$6.60; Searle & Chapin Lumber Co., material, \$43.47; Mead Lumber Co., 20 lbs. #12 gauge galvanized wire, \$1.40.

COMMISSIONER'S FUND

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes items like Frank Read, salary, January, \$65.00; M. R. Beck, labor, math., \$15.21; Louis Baumgart, gas, \$4.00; Nat'l Refining Co., gas, \$31.17; Lincoln Road Equipment Co., repairs, \$24.00.

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Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes items like Swan-Finch Corp., grease, \$51.97; Fritz Tieger, graderman HG5, \$18.10; W. O. Martin, engineman, \$50.30; Miller-Hasselbalch Co., repairs, \$20.84; August Ossenkop, haul'g dirt, \$102.50; Sidles-Duda-Myers Co., mdse. to Martin, \$6.41.

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Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes items like H. W. Christensen, labor and material, \$15.89.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes items like R. E. Churchill, 30 gal. oil, \$17.40; Miller-Hasselbalch Co., repairs (seven claim bills), \$15.10; Modern Const. Co., road gravel, \$433.13; Henry Wessel, mdse., \$5.73; Atlantic-Pacific & Gulf Oil Co., gas and kerosene, \$37.74; Swan-Finch Corp., grease, \$47.52; Sterling F. Amick, spark plugs and repairs, \$2.85; John Gruber, salary, \$60.00; Harry Schaefer, salary and storage, January, \$65.00; August F. Krecklow, labor and repairs, \$9.55; Lincoln Road Machine Co., for maintainer repairs, #2910, \$12.50.

WATCH YOUR KIDNEYS!

Be Sure They Properly Cleanse the Blood

YOUR kidneys are constantly filtering impurities from the blood stream. But kidneys get functionally disturbed—in their work—fail to remove the poisonous body wastes. Then you may suffer nagging headache, attacks of dizziness, burning, scanty or too frequent urination, getting up at night, swollen feet and ankles, rheumatic pains; feel "all worn out." Don't delay! For the quicker you get rid of these poisons, the better your chances of good health. Use Doan's Pills. Doan's are for the kidneys only. They tend to promote normal functioning of the kidneys; should help them pass off the irritating poisons. Doan's are recommended by users of the country over. Get them from any druggist.

DOAN'S PILLS

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes items like Oscar E. Dowler, salary, patrolman, \$67.50; Peters Oil Co., kero. gas, oil, \$62.42; Wm. Richards, for putting up snow fence, \$10.00; Nat'l Refining Co., gas, \$18.92; Nebraska Power Co., service to patrol No. 3, \$1.20; Clyde Haswell, gas and kero., \$50.39; Lincoln Road Machine Co., for spring, heavy tension, \$2.50; Lincoln Road Equipment Co., repairs (three invoices), \$39.16; Sheldon's Store, storage, \$5.00; W. O. Martin, repair work, \$24.70; Ofe Oil Co., spark plugs, \$2.60; John R. Christwiser, road wk., \$60.00; Keckler Oil Co., gas to patrol No. 3, Manley, \$38.88; Floyd Fulton, patrol work, \$60.00; Fred Rueter, road work and storage, \$71.50; John Sweeney, patrol, \$63.00; Jay H. Austin, road work and dragging, \$40.00; Kroehler Bros., mdse., \$11.23; M. R. Beck, labor and math., \$34.40; John Iverson, same, \$6.10; Mrs. F. G. Hull, gas to Fulton patrol, \$1.78; Standard Oil Co., supplies, \$74.70; P. J. Knecht, gas, \$36.75; Lewis Crabtree, rent building for month of January, \$4.00; L. D. Crosser, gas, storage, \$30.79; William's Service Station, for alcohol, \$3.00; John E. Stradley, salary, Jan., \$60.00; Earl Hermance, road work, \$.60; Mathew's Garage, alcohol and storage, \$3.40; W. L. Seybolt, salary, \$60.00; Anton Auerwald, labor and material, \$14.80; C. H. Reichart, storage, \$5.00; G. E. Currys & Murtey, coal and merchandise, \$5.15; Farmers Co-Op. Oil Co., gas, kerosene and oil, \$173.71; Trunkbolz Oil Co., same, \$20.37.

LOUISVILLE BRIDGE

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes items like John H. Bunche, salary, tollman, and freight, \$71.50; Earl A. Mayfield, salary, \$65.00; C. F. Wheeler, salary, \$65.00; Nebr. Power Co., service to bridge, \$9.85; Lincoln Tel. & Teleg. Co., service to bridge, \$4.84; H. A. Funke, coal to bridge, \$9.31.

VISITS IN CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wade of Syracuse were in the city Friday for a few hours with friends as well as looking after some matters at the court house. Mr. Wade is a former resident of Elmwood and is known to a large number of the world war veterans in this city as he served in a company with the local men in the 126th machine gun battalion for some sixteen months.

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Dust Storm Sweeps Kansas City



Devastating dust storms, ripping through Kansas and into Missouri, tore up wheat fields, closed schools, paralyzed business, halted traffic by land and air and caused millions of dollars of property damage throughout the Central West. While the dust was plenty thick in this part of the country, it was much worse further south and west. Above is a highway scene near Kansas City, Mo., showing automobiles in traffic at 10 a. m. as the clouds of dust turned day into night.