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## Mrs. Mathilda Ramsel Suffers a Fractured Ankle

### Hit by Car Near Her Home on Washington Avenue Saturday Night When Caught in Traffic.

Mrs. Mathilda Ramsel, residing on Washington avenue, was seriously injured Saturday night near her home when struck by a car and knocked down, suffering a fracture of her right ankle.

Mrs. Ramsel had started from her home to cross to the north side of the avenue where the sidewalk is located and as she stepped into the street, a car was coming from the west with very bright lights, which evidently partially blinded her, as when the car had passed she continued on and into the pathway of a car driven by Dr. O. C. Hudson.

Mrs. Ramsel was struck a glancing blow by the front bumper of the car of Dr. Hudson and which caused her to fall sideways and into a sitting position, one leg being doubled under her and which caused the fracture of the member.

As soon as the accident occurred Dr. Hudson, who was en route to Omaha to see some patients at the Nicholas Senn hospital, stopped the car in a very short distance and hastened back to the aid of Mrs. Ramsel. It was with great difficulty that she was taken to the home by several persons who had passed about the time of the accident. Dr. Hudson had the Horton ambulance called and the victim of the accident was hurried on into Omaha to the hospital to be cared for.

Dr. Hudson states that as he was coming west on the avenue the car from that direction was coming east and had very bright lights and as soon as the car had passed he was driving on when Mrs. Ramsel appeared just in the path of his car and in such short distance that it was impossible to avoid her, but he was able to swerve the car so that only a glancing blow touched her. The place where the bumper struck Mrs. Ramsel was only a bruise when examined at the hospital and the injury to the ankle was caused when she doubled it under her in falling. Mrs. Ramsel weighs some 250 pounds and the weight evidently caused the fracture.

### NOT QUITE SO WELL

From Monday's Daily  
Mrs. Andrew Kroehler, who has been very gravely ill for the past two weeks, was reported this afternoon as not being as well as Sunday. Mrs. Kroehler has developed a slight touch of pneumonia that has added to the complications of the case. Her son, Dr. Robert Kroehler, of New York City, a son-in-law, Dr. Clinton Kenner, of Nebraska City as well as Dr. L. S. Pucelik are in attendance on the case. Mrs. Kenner, a daughter, is also a trained nurse and is assisting in the case as well as a special nurse from Omaha.

### SHOWING RECOVERY

Plattsmouth friends will be pleased to learn that Betty Ann Thomas, 11, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Thomas, Missouri Pacific agent at Nebraska City, is recovering from a short but serious attack of what was thought to be pneumonia. She has run a very high fever but is now thought to be improving nicely.

### REJOICE IN NEW SON

Sunday at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha a fine little son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde H. Graves, of this city. The mother and child are doing nicely and it is needless to say that the event has brought much happiness to the proud father and other members of the family circle. Mrs. Graves was formerly Miss Louise Rummel of this city.

### SUFFERS HEART ATTACK

Jess Elliott, former chief of police, suffered a heart attack Saturday evening while down town looking after some business affairs. The sufferer was given medical aid and was reported today as resting easily at the home.

### CCC WORKERS MOVE

From Tuesday's Daily.  
The group of young men that have comprised the Civilian Conservation Corps camp at Weeping Water, are being moved today on their long journey to near Reno, Nevada, where they are to be located in the future. The members of the Weeping Water camp were transferred there last summer from the Nebraska City camp, now since vacated, and have been engaged in soil conservation work.

The Weeping Water camp members will be taken by special train to Kansas City and thence west to the new location in the far west.

The Weeping Water camp is to be taken over by workers from the Tekamah camp that is being closed down.

## Death of Long Time Resident of Community

### Jacob Yelick, Long a Familiar Figure of the Streets Here Dies After a Short Illness.

Monday afternoon at 5:15 Jacob Yelick, 80, one of the long time residents of this city, passed away after an illness that had covered the past two weeks, he gradually growing weaker from the infirmities of old age until death came to his relief.

The deceased was born in Austria where he was married and spent his younger years, coming to the United States in 1890 and located in Plattsmouth where he has since made his home. He was for a period of twenty years employed by the Burlington at their local shops. Mr. Yelick became a citizen of the United States in 1906.

After the close of his services in the railroad shops Mr. Yelick took up the trade of his boyhood days in the old world, that of basket making and his products made from the native hickory and other woods, were well known over this section of the state and in great demand. He continued this activity until he was stricken down and forced to lay aside his labors that he had so much enjoyed.

Mr. Yelick is survived by one son, James Yelick of this city and one daughter, Mrs. Mary Rouchka of Sedalia, Missouri, the wife and one son, Mike Yelick, having preceded him in death. There are also surviving twenty-five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

### PLEASED WITH MISSOURI

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Stewart and son, Donald, who have located in the southern portion of Missouri, are much pleased with their new home, but in letters to friends here, they express their deep interest in the happenings of their old home community where they spent so many years. They have ordered the Journal to come to them that they may learn of the happenings of the old friends. The Stewart farm is located near Norwood, Missouri, and they state that the weather has been remarkably mild there and the grass and shrubbery is still green and holding the promise of the early spring that comes to that section in early March.

### VERY HAPPY EVENT

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bushnell of this city are the parents of a sweet little daughter, born Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist hospital at Omaha. The little one tipped the scales at seven pounds and thirteen ounces, and with the mother is doing very nicely. She has been named Donna Mae. The little lady is granddaughter of Mrs. A. H. Bushnell, who with the other members of the family is very happy over the event.

### MARRIED AT PAPILLION

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Kline announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary Margaret, to Mr. Charles Lutes of this city. The wedding took place Tuesday evening at Papillion. Mrs. Lutes was born and raised in Plattsmouth and was educated in Plattsmouth high school. Mr. Lutes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lutes, Sr., Merna, Nebraska. They will make their home in Plattsmouth.

## Ask Surfacing of Patterson Ave. as WPA Project

### Petition Filed With Council by Residents of South Side—May Create Skating Pond.

From Tuesday's Daily:  
The session of the city council last evening was largely taken up with the routine reports of the various city officers as well as the consideration of the claims which were much more numerous than usual due to the Sixth street paving proposition.

The residents in the south portion of the city, on or adjacent to Patterson avenue, presented a communication asking that the council make a WPA proposition, of surfacing this road with rock from Lincoln to Chicago avenue. This roadway connects across the city from one avenue to the other and is one of the main traveled roads in that section of the city. The matter was referred to the WPA committee.

The report of City Treasurer M. D. Brown showed that at the present time there was a balance of \$13,005.30 in the city treasury.

City Clerk Albert Olson reported that in the month just closed that he had collected the sum of \$308.33 and which had been turned over to the city treasurer.

The L. W. Egenberger agency, in charge of the rental of city property, reported the sum of \$25.20 turned into the city.

A communication was received from the League of Nebraska Municipalities asking the renewal of the city membership in the sum of \$20 and which was so ordered by the council.

Chief of Police Joe Libershal reported for the month of December that there had been eight arrests and fines and costs in the sum of \$51.50.

Police Judge C. L. Graves reported that for the week of December 26, there had been two arrests and fines and costs of \$5, while for the week of January 2, 1936, there had been one arrest and fine and costs of \$12.25.

Councilman Tippens of the streets, alleys and bridges committee, reported that street work was now being well caught up for the rest of the winter. He also suggested that slow signs be placed along the streets in the school zones as the snow has covered up the markings on the paving.

The matter of the creation of a skating pond at Athletic park was discussed by the members after it had been brought up by Councilman Vroman. Mr. Vroman had talked over the matter with Superintendent L. O. Minor of the water company and who had agreed to co-operate with the city in the matter. Councilman Tippens stated that his force had been at the park and had stopped up the drain as well as working on the surfacing of the ground in case it might be used for a skating pond. Mayor Lushinsky was very enthusiastic in support of the proposition and promised that it would be thoroughly investigated and if the soil would permit the flooding of the park that they would proceed with the work.

Chairman Palmer of the lighting committee, reported that city had not as yet received the remittance from Hamburg, Iowa, for the payment of a broken electroliter, as had been promised.

Councilman Bestor reported that work on the South Sixth street repaving proposition was getting along very well under the disagreeable weather conditions. More men had been promised and this should push the work along at a more lively pace. The corner of the Main street curb and paving would be lined up to conform to the new curb lines of Main street, he stated.

Councilman Bestor asked that a report be prepared of those who had not paid their 1934-35 occupation taxes and that the city attorney be instructed to try and get these collected. Councilman Webb recalled previous attempts and in which property seized had later been turned back to the owners without the tax paid. Councilman Webb stated that a regional conference of the Nebraska League of Municipalities would probably be held in this city and urged that all attend the meetings.

The close of the meeting was taken over by the discussion of the responsibility for the payment of a compensation insurance for workmen who had been engaged in working on the open sewer in the Burlington yards as a WPA project. The city had expected the Burlington to see that the insurance was covered but there has been no definite action and the insurance company desires to have their claim adjusted by the city. The following claims were ordered paid:

D. T. Haley, two loads scrap lumber	5.00
Jess F. Wurga, supplies, 6th street	7.85
Weyrich & Hadraba, office supplies	.80
E. J. Richey, coal and lumber	40.00
Albert Olson, stamps, freight, etc	3.85
Graybar Elect. Co., cables and conduit	62.64
Bemis Bag Co., burlap for 6th street	22.65
General Steel Products Co., material, 6th street	229.68
Standard Oil Co., supplies	11.25
Continental Oil Co., gas	10.42
Cloidt Service, gas and oil	7.94
Iowa-Nebr. Light & Power Co., street lights, supplies	244.13
R. D. Fitch, surveying 6th street	100.00
Turner Battery Co., labor	5.35
General Steel Products Co., material and supplies, 6th st.	386.71
Kroehler Hardware, tools, 6th street	15.87
Cass County Motor Co., material and overhauling tractor	19.89
John Iverson, blacksmith w/k	4.23
General Steel Products Co., hauling roller	15.00
Charles Gradoville, st. work	3.50
George Taylor, same	30.80
George Taylor, same	16.80
John V. Kubicka, same	26.60
John V. Kubicka, same	2.80
Ivan Taylor, same	12.00
J. H. Boetel, draying	.50
George J. Mayer Co., dog tags	4.75
Lincoln Tel. Co., rents	4.75
Albert Funk Transfer, delivering	1.00
Ivan Taylor, work with team	50.70
Platts. Water Corp., hydrant rental	483.96
H. L. Kruger, paint	17.00
Dept. Roads and Irrigation, signs	4.04
Duxbury & Davis, insurance fire truck	5.20
Platts. Fire Dept., eight nozzles	12.00
Iowa-Nebr. Light & Power light city hall, supplies	9.66
F. G. Fricke & Co., paint	2.35

### WIN A RED HOT GAME

From Tuesday's Daily:  
The Avoca All Stars, comprising the players from the famous Class B team of 1934 played the Donats' Old Quakers last night at the high school gym to win 61 to 57.

The game was one that proved a real thriller in every way as the Donats in the last of the game showed a real flash and tied up the contest, only to lose in the dying seconds as Carsten continued his heat wave.

This talented player who made a great record in state high school circles, was plenty warm last evening and accounted for the greater part of the Avoca showing while Forbes, Cotner and Rhodes of the Donats also showed well in the final offense.

It was a real game and the fans missed a great chance in not being on hand for the show.

This is the second time the two teams have met and the total scores of the two teams aggregate 203 points.

### RECEIVES HIGH HONOR

The annual Bizard convocation University of Nebraska business administration college was held on Tuesday at Lincoln. The event was made the occasion of the conferring of key awards to the students whose standing brought them this honor.

Among the students to be honored was Charles George Nowacek of this city who was elected to Beta Gamma Sigma honorary Bizard fraternity. Mr. Nowacek is doing some special research work at the college from which he was graduated with high honors last year.

### SECURE WANTED MAN

Sheriff Homer Sylvester Saturday visited the transient camp north of this city where he took into custody, Woodrow Rutherford, who is wanted in West Virginia on a robbery charge. The man was brought to this city and lodged in jail to await the arrival of the authorities from the east and to whom he will be surrendered.

## Higher Wages for Nebraska WPA Workers

### Increased Appropriation for State will Mean Additional Workers Throughout State.

NEW WPA WAGE SCALE Effective Here Febr. 1st	
Unskilled (Common) Labor	\$40 mo.
Semi-Skilled Labor	\$45 mo.
Skilled Labor	\$55 mo.
Professional and Technical	\$61 mo.

State Administrator D. F. Felton of the Works Progress Administration at Lincoln Monday ordered an increase in wages for WPA workers throughout the state, to become effective February 1st.

This will mean a nice increase in the wage of all classes of workers in Cass county, as follows:

Common labor, now drawing \$32 a month will be raised to \$40.

Semi-skilled laborers, now drawing \$38 a month, will be raised to \$45.

Skilled labor, now drawing \$44 a month, will be raised to \$55.

Professional and technical workers (not more than two or three rate this high a classification in the Cass county setup at present) now drawing \$48 a month, will be raised to \$61.

Increase in Jobs Also  
Coincident with the announcement of wage increases, Felton also said receipt of an additional \$1,600,000 in federal funds will raise the state's total number of workers on WPA jobs from 18 thousand to 24 thousand—an increase of 33 1/2 per cent throughout the state.

Felton gave credit for both the wage increases and the additional jobs to Senator George W. Norris, who, he said, personally intervened with Harry L. Hopkins, federal works chief.

The wage increase proposal has been fought for by labor leaders in Nebraska for several months—ever since announcement was made of the removal of our neighboring state of Iowa to a higher regional classification that resulted in the payment of higher wages all along the line in that state, which was originally included in the region of which Nebraska is a part. Felton, himself, was frequently criticized by labor leaders for a seeming lack of interest in fighting for higher wages in this state.

Nebraska was not in the lowest regional classification, however, as in some southern states the common labor wage was \$19 per month and in others, \$21 a month, compared to \$32 here, in similar sized towns of under 5,000 population. The highest regional classification included the industrial east, where common labor was rated at \$40 in communities of this size.

In short, the changed wages scheduled simply amount to moving Nebraska up from Region 2 to Region 1 (top scale classification) for all types of labor and all size governing towns, the same as was done with Iowa early in the fall.

Larger Town, More Pay  
The largest town in a county governs the prevailing wage scale for that county. For instance in Otoe county, Nebraska City, with a population of over 5,000, permitted common labor to receive \$35 a month or \$3 more than in Cass county, before the raise. After February 1, Cass county laborers will receive \$40 a month and those in Otoe county, \$44 a month, or a difference of \$4. About the same ratio of difference exists in the semi-skilled, skilled and professional classifications.

In counties with their largest town between 25 and 50 thousand population (none of this size in Nebraska), the unskilled labor rate is raised from \$40 to \$48 a month, and similar proportions for semi-skilled, skilled and professional classes.

In counties with largest town between 50 and 100 thousand (Lincoln) the unskilled wage will be increased from \$42 to \$52 a month. Other classes of labor in about the same proportion.

In counties with the largest town in excess of 100 thousand (Omaha), the unskilled wage rate is raised from \$45 a month to \$55 a month. The semi-skilled will be raised from \$53 to \$65, the skilled from \$72 to \$85,

and the professional from \$79 to \$94 a month.

Douglas County Scale of Interest  
The Douglas county scale is of particular interest here inasmuch as it governs the wages paid at the federally operated stone quarry northeast of Weeping Water, to which men are transported by truck daily from this city. Since that job is one of supplying rock for river work at Florence, which is in Douglas county, the ruling is that the source of the job governs the wages paid. So that has been and will continue to be the highest paid WPA job in Cass county, with the unskilled laborers drawing \$55 a month, semi-skilled, \$65 and skilled, \$85—after February 1st.

Will Mean More Jobs  
The additional allocation of funds will mean an increase in the number of jobs in this as well as other counties over the state, and will probably result in the sending of a full quota of workmen to the county quarry to engage in crushing rock for use on farm to market roads of the county, as well as the approval of additional projects that were held up when the full quota of permitted workmen had been reached and no more were to be assigned to jobs.

News of the increase in wages will be most pleasing to men now employed on WPA projects and news of the increased allotment will arouse new hopes in those who have so far failed of assignment, although the number coming off of river jobs (and eligible for immediate transfer to WPA work) will continue to cut down the chances of late relief seekers getting a job.

### HAVE INTERESTING MEETING

The Golden Rod Study club, composed of the adies to the Mynard community, held a very interesting meeting on Thursday at the home of Mrs. Roy O. Cole and with a large attendance of the members. The Golden Rod club is one of the oldest club groups in this section and their programs have always proven most instructive and interesting.

Mrs. Cole was associated in entertaining by Mrs. Arthur Wetenskap.

Mrs. Cole, chairman of the music section, presented Mrs. Elbert Willes in a most charming flute solo, "Longing for Home," given in her usual artistic manner.

Mrs. William Minford gave a splendid talk on "The Philosophy of Co-operation," which added a great deal to the interest of the meeting and will be long remembered by the members.

A number of the ladies who had attended the organized agricultural meetings at Lincoln, gave their reports and the outstanding features of the meetings as they had observed them. Mrs. Virgil Perry, Mrs. E. H. Spangler and Mrs. Everett Spangler were heard on this portion of the program.

Mrs. E. H. Spangler presented the club with a gavel, made from native walnut and made from a tree that had stood for many years at the Charles L. Jean farm home, the gavel being a gift from Mrs. Jean, mother of Mrs. Spangler. A history of this tree, long a landmark in the early days, was enclosed in the gavel as a gift for others in the future years to read.

The afternoon was closed with the serving of dainty and delicious refreshments to add to the completion of an excellent day.

### SURPRISED ON BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Charles Kopsichka was most delightfully surprised on her birthday anniversary Tuesday, a party of the relatives and friends joining in the happy occasion. The dining table was beautifully arranged with the large and handsome cake with its fifty-nine glowing candles. In honor of the event she received a large number of beautiful gifts. The guests on departing wished her many more such happy gatherings in the future.

### VISITS WITH OLD FRIENDS

George H. Bruhl, of Lincoln, well known Burlington railroad man, was in the city Monday for a few hours visiting with friends and looking after some business matters. Mr. Bruhl while here was a caller at the Journal to have his name enrolled as a reader of the paper for the coming year.

## Commissioners Set Estimate of Expense for 1936

### Also Set Prices for Road Work and Grant Appropriations for Fair and Farm Bureau.

The board of county commissioners at their annual meeting Tuesday took up the matter of making the annual estimate for Cass county for the year 1936, fixing the amounts that may be necessary to carry on the operation of the county government.

The estimate for the various funds adopted was as follows:

General	\$ 65,000
Poor Relief	30,000
Road	34,000
Bridge	29,000
Mother's Pension	6,000
Soldier's Relief	1,200
TOTAL	\$168,200

The board also set the prices to be paid for the road work of the county for the year. Road overseer, per hour, single hand, 30c, with team, 44c; man, single hand, per hour, 20c, with team, 34c. Ten foot drag or over, round trip, per mile, 55c; eight foot drag, round trip, per mile, 50c.

The county board also received the reports of the Cass county Farm Bureau and the Cass County Agricultural society for the year 1935 and the application for the sum of \$2,800 for the county farm bureau and also for \$2,000 for the Cass county fair, which was approved.

The appointment of W. H. Kruger of Nehawka, as a member of the commission for administering the soldier's relief fund was approved.

The salaries of the various clerks and deputies in the offices at the court house were set by the board, all being the same as the past year with the exception of an increase voted for the deputy in the office of the register of deeds.

### LEAVES HOSPITAL

The many friends of Jesse Scurto, popular young man of this city, will be pleased to learn that he was able to leave the St. Mary's hospital at Nebraska City where he has been since his auto accident near Murray, December 30th.

Mr. Scurto was terribly injured in the accident and it was feared for several days that he might not survive the injuries but he was able to withstand the severe ordeal and is now able to be released. He will, however, be compelled to recuperate at the home of friends, 1015 Fifth Corso, at Nebraska City, until he is able to get around by himself.

### BACK TO DUTY

Fritz A. Fricke, who has been suffering a siege of rheumatism for a period of several weeks, is now able to be on duty at the F. G. Fricke & Co., drug store a part of the time at least. Mr. Fricke is still feeling the effects of the illness but is now improving rapidly and it is hoped that in a short time he may be able to resume his full activities. The many friends of Fritz are much pleased to see him back at the job and trust that he may continue to be able to look after his work.

### COUNTY RELIEF LOAD

Cass county which, with several others in the state, were not signed with the FERA for 1935, has carried their own relief load in the care of the less fortunate residents of the county.

A report prepared by County Clerk George R. Sayles, shows that this county has expended in the year 1935, \$39,525 in relief. This covers sums paid out for provisions, fuel, clothing and medical care for the residents.

### RESTING EASILY

C. C. Wescott, who is at the Methodist hospital at Omaha undergoing treatment, is reported as resting easily now and after the treatment given Sunday feels much better. He will have to remain at the hospital for several days, however, before he will be allowed to return home. With the present improvement it is hoped that he may not have to undergo an operation.