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Davis-Payton Wedding is Held at Falls City

Miss Jacquelin Davis Is Bride of Kenneth Payton at Impressive Church Ceremony.

Miss Jacquelin Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis, former Plattsmouth residents, was bride of Kenneth Payton, at a very charming church ceremony at Falls City Friday evening.

The ceremony took place at the St. Thomas Episcopal church of which the bride is a communicant, the interior of the church being enhanced in its natural beauty with decorations of flowers and smilax, with the candles on the altar shedding their glow on the scene and making a most impressive setting for the wedding.

Preceding the wedding Mrs. John Weber Falter sang very charmingly, the love song of DeKoven, "O Promise Me."

The Episcopal marriage service was celebrated by the Rev. Father Reginald Mitchell Harris, rector of the church.

The bride wore a floor length gown of blue velvet with halo hat of the same shade of blue, with silver sandals. She wore a large cameo brooch, which had been her great grandmother's.

Miss Davis was attended by Mrs. Jack Fagan, of McCook, a schoolyard friend, as matron of honor, who wore a costume of pink lace with large picture hat of lace.

Mr. Payton was attended by William Schobert, of Falls City, as best man.

Following the wedding a reception was held at the Davis home for the young people, a large number being present to tender their greetings to the young people.

They will reside at Falls City where the groom is in business.

Those attending from this city were Mrs. W. C. Soennichsen and Miss Mary Rosencrans.

DO HEROIC WORK

One of the many fine deeds that have been performed in the past four weeks of cold and snow, is that of the residents of south of this city, who Saturday and Sunday morning opened up the road to the Young cemetery. The funeral of Edward McCulloch, a highly respected resident of that section, was held here Friday, but owing to the blocked roads and deep snow, the burial was not possible until Sunday morning.

A force of some seventeen men of the community in which Mr. McCulloch had lived for a lifetime, gathered and decided to open up the road and make it possible to hold the last rites. The men toiled until 10 o'clock Saturday night and again Sunday to open up the road to the pioneer country cemetery, a task that was no small one with the great drifts and the intense cold, but which was successfully accomplished and the interment held Sunday morning.

Mrs. Guy White, whose grandfather had established the cemetery on a part of his farm, also served in the fight to open the road by serving hot coffee to the workers all through the hours they were laboring as well as a fine hot meal to stimulate the men in their work.

This shows the spirit that the pioneers of the west demonstrated when they came west and developed a new empire for the United States, the descendants of many of these being in the working party.

CARS HAVE SMASHUP

Monday afternoon near the Nebraska Masonic Home, the car of Robert Gray of the Lincoln Telephone Co., was struck and badly damaged by a car driven by Robert Crawford, of Sabetha, Kansas, who earlier in the day had figured in a smashup near Union. The Kansas car, going at a good rate of speed suddenly slid into the car of Mr. Gray, smashing the fenders, smashed the door and tore off one wheel of the car of Mr. Gray. One wheel was torn off the car of Crawford in the smashup. Fortunately Mr. Gray and Ray Misner, who was with him, were uninjured save a general shaking up.

DIES AT OMAHA

Clarkson Edward Birdsley, 27, of Odell, Nebraska, a former resident of this city, died Sunday evening at an Omaha hospital, where he has been suffering from an attack of pneumonia. The deceased was a brother of Marion Birdsley, of Auburn, and is well known to many friends here who will regret to learn of his death. The Horton funeral home will have charge of the services, but arrangements have not been completed owing to the unsettled weather conditions.

River Program One of Importance to This City

Chamber of Commerce Taking Up Matters of Interest as Navigation Grows Nearer.

The Chamber of Commerce has received several communications in the last few days relating to the opening of the Missouri river to navigation in this stretch of the river. A meeting is to be held to discuss the plans for the handling of shipping when the river is ready to serve the barge travel, and in which several of the cities of the state will be represented to discuss the possibilities of this new form of shipping.

Plattsmouth from its situation will be one of the important ports of entry for the state and from where merchandise and stocks could readily be handled to the towns farther in the state and serve as entry point for Lincoln and other towns in the east and central parts of the state.

The Chamber of Commerce has also had considerable correspondence and discussing of the docking facilities that could be arranged for this city as well as suitable roads leading from the river front where docks and storage places would be built to accommodate the river shipments both in and out of the port.

These are important matters for this city and all of the state and it is going to be but a comparatively short time when the river will be ready for navigation for at least as far as Omaha and the river towns must be in a position to realize the full opportunity that is offered them through the river shipping.

ENTERTAINS FRIENDS

Miss Rachel Robertson was hostess at a very charming Valentine party at her home Saturday evening, some eleven of the school friends being present to enjoy the event. The home was arranged in the valentine theme, with tally cards of red hearts introducing the partners for "Travel." In the game Eleanor Minor and Edward Hadraba were the winners of the first prize while consolation prizes were given to Stephen Davis, Donald Wurga and June Sumner. The young people spent the remainder of the evening at cards and dancing.

Streamers of red hearts were suspended from the chandelier to the four corners of the table, red candles and individual candles at each place adding a most attractive touch. The refreshments also carried out the valentine theme.

Those who enjoyed the event were Eleanor Minor, Frances Clويد, Marjorie Ann Tidball, Mary Kay Wiles, June Sumner, Rachel Robertson, Floyd McCarty, Stephen Davis, Robert Vallery, Edward Hadraba, Donald Wurga and Charles Walden.

RETURNS TO OMAHA

Miss Laura Grassman, who has been spending the past week here at the home of her aunt, Mrs. R. A. Bates, returned Sunday to Omaha, to resume her work in that city. Miss Grassman was called here by the death of her mother, Mrs. Belle Stoner, and has remained here for the last rites and to visit with the other members of the family circle in their bereavement.

ENTERS ORATORICAL CONTEST

The Plattsmouth high school was added Monday to the list of schools that will take part in the sub-district oratorical contest. The contest will be held at Nebraska City and so far there has been but four entries.

Nebraska Boy is Winning Fame as Illustrator

John Falter, Member of Prominent Cass County Family, Scores a Success in New York.

John Falter, of New York City, a son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Falter, former residents of this city, is making one of the outstanding successes in his work as an illustrator in the east, where he has had his drawings appear in many of the leading magazines.

Mr. Falter has often visited here while living at home at Falls City and his advancement in his chosen line of work has been followed with interest by the friends of the family.

The Hearst Cosmopolitan in the March issue has a very interesting sketch of Mr. Falter, who is illustrating "Halfway House" in that magazine as well as having his drawings in the Pictorial Review.

In speaking of Mr. Falter the Cosmopolitan states: "John Falter is only twenty-six years old. He is six feet three and thin, with brown eyes and black hair. He writes his own biographical notes:

"I spent most of my youth in Falls City, Nebraska, bothering my elders, teachers and the township by drawing pictures on every available surface. When I was twenty-two I married my best model and ablest critic, Margaret Ruggins from Emporia, Kansas. We firmly expect to be comfortable to each other in our old age. To keep fit I play an hour of handball every day and the rest of my free time I spend painting landscapes, driving long distances and playing the accordion. I have wanted to be an illustrator for as long as I can remember and would not trade places with anyone in the world."

TWO INJURED IN WRECK

From Monday's Daily:

Today just after the noon hour as a car from Falls City going north and another from Omaha going south were endeavoring to pass each other in a narrow lane on the highway which had been opened in the snow and the wind whipping sheets of snow, making visibility very poor, the two cars collided. They were unable to see each other until very close to each other, when the car going south applied the brakes which threw it to the left and the cars came together. Both occupants were injured, being cut and bruised very severely, altho not rendered unconscious. The accident happened near the home of Paul Swan, north of Union, who when notified of the accident hastened to render assistance, taking both men to his home while he went back to see what could be done about righting the cars and clearing the highway.

Following the south bound car was a car in which Carl Ofe, Robert Walling and E. L. McKissick, all of Plattsmouth, were going to Humboldt on business. They were endeavoring to right the cars when Bruce Wells, the bread man, came along with his truck and pulled the cars out of the cut in the snow and cleared the highway. The injured were taken to Union to the office of Dr. R. R. Anderson, who gave first aid while the cars were also taken to Union.

BLAIR HERE FRIDAY

The Blair high school basketball team will play here Friday evening at 8 o'clock against the Platters. Blair has made a good record this year and should afford good competition for the locals.

The preliminary game at 7 o'clock will be played between the Platter second team and the Omaha Central Freshmen. Central Freshmen won over the Junior Platters 31-23 at Omaha a few weeks ago, but the seconds intend to get revenge.

PREPARE FOR HOLIDAY

The Cass county court house is to be closed on next Saturday in recognition of Washington's birthday. This is a legal holiday in Nebraska and those who are expecting to have business in any of the offices at the court house should look after them before Saturday.

FINED FOR RECKLESS DRIVING

From Tuesday's Daily: This morning in the county court, Ray Crawford, of Sabetha, Kansas, changed his plea to a charge of reckless driving, from that of not guilty to guilty and was accordingly given a fine of \$25 and costs.

Crawford was arrested late Monday afternoon after it is claimed he had been in two auto accidents and was booked on the charge of reckless driving. He had first pleaded not guilty and was released on a cash bond of \$200, but today changed his mind.

C. E. Tefft to Accept Petition Filed by Friends

Prominent Member of Cass County Bar to Enter Race for District Judge in 2nd District.

From Tuesday's Daily:

A petition signed by a large number of the residents of this county, was filed today asking for the placing of the name of C. E. Tefft, well known member of the Cass county bar, on the ballot as a candidate for district judge. The petition was accompanied by the filing fee.

Mr. Tefft was in the city today and stated that he would accept the petition of the friends and allow the use of his name. Mr. Tefft gave the following statement to the Journal as to his position:

"I have been requested by my friends who have known me and lived with and near me and whom I have served in many capacities to file for District Judge.

"It is an honor to be thought worthy of this responsible office when the request comes without solicitation on my part and I am thankful for such confidence.

"The position is one of honor and great responsibility and carries with it an opportunity for service, honest and impartial service, of decisions to be arrived at without fear or favor.

"But one promise is made; that with all of my ability, if elected, I will discharge the duties of the office honestly, impartially and fearlessly.

"There are no friends to favor, no enemies to punish but the constant endeavor to humbly and conscientiously seek justice and justice alone.

"Judicial positions should not be sought by political manipulations nor by specious promises but selections should be strictly upon qualifications of honesty, ability and upon the high grounds of extreme impartiality."

Mr. Tefft is a Cass county product, his parents, Hon. Orlando Tefft and wife having been pioneer residents of near Avoca and where Mr. Tefft was born and spent his boyhood days. Completing his school work, he entered the study of law and has been engaged in active practice at Weeping Water over a long period of years and ranks as one of the longest practicing attorneys in Cass county.

This makes the fourth entry into the race for judge, Judge Daniel W. Livingston of Nebraska City, W. G. Kleck of this city, Judge C. S. Wortman to South Bend, having already gotten into the campaign.

CARS MEET HEADON

Attorney J. A. Capwell had a close call from a serious auto accident Monday while he was returning home from Union. In one of the single track roads in the Union vicinity he was driving his car very slowly when out of the swirling snow another car appeared and it was most fortunate that both cars were going very slow as they met head on but with little damage.

Fred Nutzman Passes Away at Lincoln Monday

Former Legislator Succumbs to Heart Trouble at Lincoln General Hospital—Aged 75.

Fred L. Nutzman, 75, one of the most prominent figures in the affairs of Cass and Otoe counties in the past thirty years, died Monday at the Lincoln General hospital at Lincoln. His death came after a very severe attack of heart trouble from which he had been a sufferer for years. On last Thursday the neighbors had opened up the road to the highway so that he might be taken to Lincoln for treatment.

Mr. Nutzman was born at Schwerin, Mecklenburg, Germany, February 7, 1861, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Nutzman. His grandfather Brandt served in the wars against the first Napoleon.

The family left the city of Hamburg, Germany, in October, 1865, when Mr. Nutzman was four years old. After an ocean voyage of 19 days they landed at New York, moving to Milwaukee shortly thereafter. A few months later they went by rail to St. Joseph, Mo., then to Nebraska City by steamer. The elder Nutzman took his family to the Otoe county farm on which he settled.

In 1911 Mr. Nutzman was chosen to represent Otoe and Cass counties in the state legislature. He was returned in 1915 and again in 1921. He probably could have held the office longer had he chosen to run.

At the time of his death Mr. Nutzman was president of the Nehawka State bank and one of the most extensive cattle feeders in this district. He was considered the wealthiest man in the community.

April 25, 1882, he married Mary Gruber at the Methodist parsonage in Nebraska City. To them four children, Mrs. Henry Ross, Mrs. Carl Balfour, Mrs. Will Ost and E. A. Nutzman, were born. The children, with Mrs. Nutzman and eight grandchildren, survive. They all reside in the Nehawka community.

Funeral arrangements have not been made.

ENJOY SOCIAL MEETING

The members of the Catholic Daughters of America enjoyed a very pleasant social meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. F. I. Rea, with Mrs. John Hadraba, Mrs. Ruth Koukal, Mrs. Joseph Wooster and Mrs. Thomas Walling as the associate hostesses.

Despite the bad weather conditions that prevailed, there were a large number out to enjoy the evening.

Cards proved the diversion of the evening and in bridge Mrs. W. A. Swatek was the winner of high score and in pinocchio, Miss Dorothy Svoboda proved the most successful.

Guests of the evening were Dorothy Svoboda, Anna Zitka, Sophie Bierl, Clea Koukal and Mrs. L. I. Kocin.

Refreshments were served at an appropriate hour by the hostesses.

HAS LONG TRIP

Herbert Campbell, residing in the Cedar Creek community, was in the city today, his being here involving a long and out of the way means of getting in here. Mr. Campbell Tuesday afternoon caught the west bound Burlington train at Cedar Creek and traveled as far as Ashland where he spent the night and this morning secured a train into Omaha and hence to Plattsmouth. The long journey was necessary due to the very heavy snow and drifted roads that have checked all travel from the country districts.

WOULD SEEK LEGISLATURE

From Wednesday's Daily: Application was made today at the office of County Clerk George R. Sayles, by Ernest Hanning, of Weeping Water, for a filing as candidate for the legislature from the third district. The application was returned to the sender as the correct filing fee had not been mailed. Mr. Hanning is 54 years of age and has been a stockraiser and farmer in southeast Nebraska for the greater part of his lifetime.

LITIGATION SLOW

Clerk of the District Court C. E. Ledgway, reports that the filings in his office for the past month have been the smallest in many months. The past thirty days has shown but seven cases filed in the district court and several of these have been appeals from the lower courts. This makes one of the smallest months in the office since Mr. Ledgway has been serving as clerk. The scarcity of new cases, however, permits much record work to be caught up with.

Benefits of River Transportation to West

Agriculture of Middle West to Benefit by Use of Water Transportation, Says A. J. Weaver.

The following is taken from an article written by former Governor Arthur J. Weaver:

"The farmers of Kansas, Nebraska, and the Dakotas pay more to ship their grain to European markets than the competitive countries of Canada, Australia, or Argentina, because of the long haul to seaboard. It cost Canada from 10 to 12 cents a bushel less to Liverpool than it costs Kansas and Nebraska.

"In 1922 it cost 34 cents a bushel on corn from Omaha and interior Nebraska to Los Angeles and San Francisco and 33 cents to Portland and Seattle by rail. From Burlington, Ia., (upper Mississippi) and from Peoria and Havan on the Illinois river, it costs only 16½ to 18½ cents a bushel. It cost to ship milk products and by-products from the Pacific coast to New York by water, 45 cents per cwt; it cost \$1.10 from Nebraska.

"Nebraska and Iowa have only 12 canning factories left out of 68, because they can no longer compete.

"These rates and many like them are eloquent in our fight for justice. A sound national policy requires regional equality.

Savings to the Farmer.

"Our basic industry is agriculture. The five states of South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri, based on a five-year average prior to the great drought of 1934, produced 1,800,000,000 bushels of grain annually. A transportation saving of 5 cents a bushel (and more than that is being saved through shipments on the Illinois river and the upper Mississippi on this production would represent a saving of \$90,000,000 annually to the farmers of these states. The Missouri valley states produce a great surplus. The eastern and southern states have a large deficiency. Eighty-five per cent of our surplus grain and grain products is marketed in the territory east of the Mississippi river.

"Low cost of navigation on the Missouri will permit the Missouri valley states to transport on a nine-foot channel all the way their products to Pittsburgh, to Chicago and the lake cities, to New Orleans, Memphis, the Gulf and eastern coasts and to the markets of the world. Furthermore, we will receive needed articles of commerce from domestic and foreign regions at a great saving, aggregating for the Missouri valley as a whole, more than \$20,000,000 annually.

"The solution of the problem of farm relief is dependent on cheap transportation. This solution will be real and permanent, as compared to the uncertainty of the pallatives offered and provided by the government during the last decade.

"As an example, it now costs 21½ cents ship by rail a bushel of wheat from Salina, Kas., to Chicago, a distance of 641 miles. Yet this same bushel moves from Chicago via Great Lakes to Buffalo—a distance of 900 miles—for 1½c a bushel. The barge rate from Kansas City to St. Louis is 2.4 cents a bushel on wheat; the new rail rate is 6.6 cents. The barge rate on corn is 2.24 cents a bushel; the rail rate is 6.16 cents a bushel. The barge rate on bulk wheat delivered to Chicago elevators from Kansas City is 4.8 cents a bushel; the rail rate is 9 cents.

"Omaha is one of the great grain markets. When navigation comes, it will be one of the greatest inland grain markets in the world."

A. L. TIDD.

Judge Duxbury Files for Re-Election Today

Present Occupant of the Judgeship Makes Filing at Office of County Treasurer.

Judge A. H. Duxbury, who has occupied the position of county judge of Cass county, for several terms, this morning made his filing for re-nomination and election to the office.

Judge Duxbury was first elected to succeed Judge Allen J. Beeson and has occupied the position with exceptional ability and has passed upon a large number of important cases of



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law that have afterwards been sustained in the higher courts.

Judge Duxbury following the close of the world war where he was a member of the naval forces of the country, was elected as city clerk and while in that office studied law and was admitted to the bar. After practicing for a short time he was elected to the bench and has been a most efficient official in the office.

He has been very active in the work of the American Legion, serving as the service officer practically since the organization of the local post, and he also has filled the various positions in the local Masonic bodies.

Under the supervision of Judge Duxbury, the records of the office have been indexed and listed from the first case filed down to the present time and which has added to the efficiency of the office to all who have any need for reference to the records of the office.

HAVE VALENTINE PARTY

The home of Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Westover was the scene of two very pleasant social events the past week, the daughters, Janet and Ruth, entertaining a number of school friends at valentine parties.

Janet was hostess Thursday to a group of the high school friends, they spending the evening in games and a general good time.

On Friday Ruth entertained a number of the seventh grade girls at a most pleasing party and in which games suitable to the valentine season were played. Those in attendance Friday were Dorothy Turner, June Griffin, Jane Moffitt, Peggy Wiles, Shirley Walling, Verna Toman, Alice Zatopek, Betty McKissick, Rosalind Mark, Helen Barkus, Norma Bryant and the hostesses, Janet and Ruth Westover.

Dainty refreshments featured both of the parties.

DRAMATIC GROUP MEETS

From Tuesday's Daily: Last evening a group of the young people of the community met at the public library to perfect the organization of the "Little Theatre Group," which is composed of young people of the city who have been interested in the promotion of home talent dramatics in recent years. C. R. Olson was selected as president and Miss Mary Swatek as secretary-treasurer.

The group adopted a constitution and by-laws and will at once start in on the promotion of local dramatic presentations in the hope of building up a larger appreciation of the stage.