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## Small Streams Cause Overflows in East Nebraska

Salt Creek in West Part of County on Rampage While Pappio and Other Streams Overflow.

Warming weather has caused the small streams and creeks in the eastern section of Nebraska to show strong indication of overflowing and in several cases are already overflowing the lowlands along their course.

Salt Creek, between Ashland and Greenwood is at flood stage, a bridge on highway No. 6, east of Ashland, being washed out late Saturday night and closing the highway to traffic. High water and ice broke the piling of the bridge and the water has spread over the surrounding territory. Many of the residents of the lowlands along Salt Creek are seeking refuge on higher ground and in east Ashland some overflow is reported. The Burlington bridge at Ashland is being watched for any developments that might threaten in the Platte river.

North of this city, the Pappio is out of its banks and threatening further rises as the melting snow and ice along its course adds to the volume of water that is flowing toward the mouth of the creek. The new overpass on highway No. 75 saves the danger of the overflow of the roadway as it is not thought that the rise will be sufficient to menace the highway south of the overpass.

The Eight Mile creek, west of this city as well as the Four Mile is rising and in several instances is overflowing the low lying pasture lands along the two creeks and adding to the traveling difficulties.

The Missouri river at this point is showing some water flowing over the ice but so far the heavy ice packs in the river have not started to break up. The breaking up of the Platte soon before the Missouri opens up is watched with concern as causing overflows north of this city.

### SELECTED BANK HEAD

A. J. Hallas, former Plattsmouth man, who has been prominent in the financial affairs of South Omaha, for the past several years, has been named as president of the South Omaha Savings banks of which he has been vice-president for the past three years. He succeeds Fred A. Cressey, who died recently.

Mr. Hallas is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hallas of this city and was graduated here from the local school and later from the Creighton university at Omaha.

Mr. Hallas was an employe of the United States National bank, Omaha, from 1922 to 1933 when he went with the South Omaha Savings bank. He is vice-president and director of the First State bank of Shelton, Neb. In his Omaha civic connections, he is executive secretary of the South Omaha Merchants association, treasurer of the Associated Merchants and Professional Men's club and a member of Ak-Sar-Ben.

H. A. Morrison, assistant cashier, is advanced to the vice presidency to succeed Hallas and Miss Wanda Vosk was named assistant cashier.

Mr. Hallas is also vice president of the Live Stock National bank of South Omaha.

### COURT HAS BUSY TIME

From Wednesday's Daily: District Judge D. W. Livingston was in the city today from Nebraska City and held a very busy session of the district court. There were a large number of matters pending and the judge was busy on grinding out the cases called for trial as well as issuing orders in a number of cases.

Several actions for divorce were called for hearing and as all were uncontested, decrees were granted, in the cases of Eadie Cappen vs. Earl Cappen; Edna Taylor vs. Ellsworth Taylor and Lottie Rosencrans vs. C. A. Rosencrans.

### VISITS AT LINCOLN

From Tuesday's Daily: County Attorney W. G. Kleck was at Lincoln today for a few hours. Mr. Kleck was called to appear before the state supreme court to argue a case that he has in the high court.

### HOLD FUNERAL SERVICES

The funeral of the late Otto Seydlitz was held on Sunday afternoon at the Sattler funeral home where the friends and neighbors had gathered to pay their last tributes of respect for the departed.

The pastor of the St. Paul's Evangelical church, Rev. G. A. Pahl, brought a message of comfort to the members of the family who had been called upon to part with their son and brother.

The choir of the church gave one of the German hymns, "Wo Findet Die Seele," during the service.

The interment was at Oak Hill cemetery.

## Local Seniors to Have Opportunity for Scholarships

250 Scholarships Offered to Seniors of Nebraska Schools by University Regents.

Plattsmouth 1936 high school seniors will again have an opportunity this spring to compete for 250 tuition scholarships to the University of Nebraska offered by its board of regents. Students in the upper fourth of their graduating class may be entered by the superintendent or principal for the contest April 6, 7, 8. Entries must be at the university by March 14.

Lois Gillies from Plattsmouth 1935 high school class was awarded a scholarship last year.

Winners of scholarships for the first semester next year will be announced in time for the graduation exercises in the spring. Examinations will be held in the local high school on April 6, 7 and 8. Each contestant will take a psychological test, an English and an algebra classification test, and at least three other academic examinations based upon the student's high school work and the college he intends to enter at the University of Nebraska. Scholarships are available for all undergraduate colleges. These scholarships are made for the first semester of the school year, and renewed if the student's work justifies it.

In addition to the winners, a number of alternates will be named who may be granted scholarships if the winners do not claim all the 250 awards.

Since the first state contest was held in 1932 some 600 students have attended the University of Nebraska on such tuition grants. Of the number won last year 198 are now being used by students in school.

### JOLLY SURPRISE

On Friday night as Miss Margaret Will and a few friends were enjoying a quiet evening in her lovely country home, a large group rushed in the door shouting, "surprise." Surprise it was indeed, to honor Miss Will on her sixteenth birthday anniversary. An added surprise was the unexpected appearance of the guest of honor's brother, James Will, and his two friends, Edward Stepanek and Le Roy Steele of Omaha.

The evening was spent in playing the fascinating game of "Murder" and dancing to the music of Frank Kostka and Joe Benak.

At a late hour delicious refreshments accompanied by the traditional birthday bake with gleaming candles were served.

The various persons of the jolly party then departed for their homes after spending a most delightful evening.

### HAVE BUSY HIGHWAY

Owing to the bridge out on highway No. 6, the busses from Omaha to Lincoln, as well as private travel has been sent through this city south to Union and thence to Lincoln and return. No. 24 has held up well but graveled sections of the highway are growing soft and may make the travel very difficult over this road.

### VISIT AT NEBRASKA CITY

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Turner and daughter, Dorothy, were at Nebraska City Sunday where they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Kelly, the former county treasurer of Otoe county.

## First Filing is Made for County Commissioner

Peter Gradoville Enters Name as Candidate for Democratic Nomination in First District.

With the deadline for filings for office at the April primary approaching there is more activity displayed among those who may have been nursing a political bee.

Saturday the filing of Peter Gradoville, for the democratic nomination for county commissioner, first district, was made at the office of County Treasurer John E. Turner. This was the first filing made for the office so far on either political ticket.

This office is held by Commissioner J. A. Pitz, of this city, who is expected to file for re-election before the final deadline on Thursday.

Mr. Gradoville is well known in this city and vicinity where he has made his home for practically his lifetime and he was for a number of years engaged with the Burlington in the local shops and later the B.R.E.X., but has been out of active duty for the past few years due to injuries.

Mr. Gradoville is a service man and served in the 127th field artillery in the world war and spent some time in France. He is at the present time an officer in the local post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of this city. Two years ago Mr. Gradoville was a candidate for the democratic nomination for county treasurer, but was defeated in the primary by J. L. Stamp.

The first district is composed of Plattsmouth city, Plattsmouth precinct, Eight Mile Grove and East and West Rock Bluffs.

### RECEIVES HIGH HONOR

The Louisville-Plattsmouth district of the Lyman-Richey Sand & Gravel Co., has just received the safety first award of the company for the best showing of any of the districts owned by the corporation.

Mr. Elmer Sundstrom, of Louisville, is superintendent of the district and was very much pleased with the showing that the employees of the district have made in the past year. The Louisville plant, of which Charles Knutson is foreman, ranked first in all of the individual plants and Plattsmouth, with J. W. Taylor, as foreman, was the second in the list of the company.

The award is based on the best showing made by the plants on accidents per man hour and loadings.

The award was made on Saturday at a meeting of the company officials held at Omaha, consisting of a two-day session and a special safety first demonstration given by the Nebraska Power Co.

### ENTERS JUDICIAL RACE

With the final day for entry drawing near, Thomas E. Dunbar, well known Nebraska City attorney, has entered the list as a candidate for the nomination for district judge, making the seventh to seek the position.

Mr. Dunbar has been engaged in practice at Nebraska City for a number of years and is at the present time serving as city attorney there. He is well known here where he started his legal career at the office of D. O. Dwyer, later moving to Nebraska City where he has since been engaged in the legal profession. Mr. Dunbar has many friends over the district who will be interested in learning of his candidacy.

### RESUMES WORK

Arthur Kief, state president of the Eagles, who has been here visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Kief, departed Sunday for Lincoln, where he will resume his work for the Burlington. Mr. Kief has been engaged in electrical work for the railroad and will now be able to resume his activities.

George A. Kaffenberger, who has been spending the winter at Wymore at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Adrain Edgar, has returned to this city and reopened his home on high school hill.

### RECEIVES SAD NEWS

Mrs. George Fornoif of this city has received the sad news of the death of a sister, Mrs. Elsie Tonner, 75, of Brooklyn, New York, which occurred on Sunday, March 1st. The deceased lady has made her home in this country for the past fifteen years. Mrs. Fornoif had the opportunity of visiting her some nine years ago and which was the last time the sisters had met. There is surviving two daughters, who also reside in Brooklyn, the two sisters and three brothers. Owing to the poor health of Mrs. Fornoif as well as Mr. Fornoif, they will be unable to make the journey back east.

## Warm Weather Adds to Trouble on Farm Roads

Increasing Difficulty Found in Getting to and From the Farms to Towns of County.

With the warming weather of the last few days the problem of travel on the unpaved roads and highways is growing in all sections and makes travel increasingly difficult to farm residents who are not located along the paved highways.

The very deep snow drifts are slowly melting and leaving in their wake softened roads that in many cases seem to have no bottom and on which even travel with tram and wagon or buggy is almost out of question.

The melting snow and frost coming from the ground makes isolation of many of the farms and it is with only the greatest difficulty that the necessities are hauled from the towns to the farms in forced trips.

Several farmers from the nearby territory who have been in the city have made their way with teams and buggies or wagons and the trip that has ordinarily been a matter of a few minutes has required from one to two hours as the horses battled through the mud.

Many of the graveled roads that ordinarily could be traveled, have softened to such an extent that they will require a great deal of work to place in shape when it is possible to get onto them with the road workers, but with the present conditions it is impossible to place them in any decent shape until after the worst of the thaw has passed.

### MANY ATTORNEYS HERE

From Wednesday's Daily: A large number of visiting attorneys were here today to attend the session of the district court in which they had matters pending. Thomas E. Dunbar and Marshall Pitzer of Nebraska City, W. R. Patrick of Omaha, Guy L. Clements of Elmwood C. E. Tefft of Weeping Water; E. R. Lee, Omaha; C. B. Paine, R. A. Loche, Sterling F. Mutz, Lincoln; Judge C. S. Wortman, South Bend; Leonard A. Hammes, T. F. Wiles, Omaha; O. E. Leidigh, Nebraska City, were among those here.

### HERE FROM TARKIO

From Tuesday's Daily: R. Foster Patterson of the faculty of Tarkio college, was in the city last evening to attend the meeting of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., of which he is senior warden. Mr. Patterson was accompanied by Stuart Porter and Kenneth Armstrong, local boys who are students at the Missouri college.

### HERE FROM CHICAGO

From Tuesday's Daily: Mrs. James Ptacek and daughter, Miss Gertrude, of Chicago, arrived this morning for a visit in the old home. They will visit with Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Yelick, the latter a daughter of Mrs. Ptacek, as well as with the many old time friends.

### SUFFERS FALL

Will Oliver, Sr., who lives in the south part of town, received a severe fall Saturday afternoon while down town. He slipped and fell on the cement sidewalk and suffered a fractured shoulder, which will require him to be under a physician's care for some time.

## Superintendent Devoe Renamed as School Head

Popular Executive Receives Three-Year Contract from Board of Education Last Evening.

From Tuesday's Daily:

The board of education last evening at their regular March meeting, tendered to Lowell S. Devoe, present superintendent of city schools, a contract for a three year term as head of the local schools and which was accepted. The new contract provides for an increase of \$100 per year in salary.

The patrons of the schools and the citizens in general will be well pleased to learn of the granting of the contract and that Mr. Devoe will continue at the head of the school system of Plattsmouth.

Mr. Devoe came here three years ago from the superintendentcy at Geneva, Nebraska, and has proven not only a most efficient school executive, but as well, a leader in the community.

Under his regime the schools have forged steadily ahead and through the worst of the depression years the same high standard of efficiency was maintained in all branches of the school system.

Mr. Devoe is the father of the fall festival or King Korn Carnival which was suggested by him as having been highly successful in his former communities and he assisted in getting this through the first year and it has now developed to one of the big attractions of eastern Nebraska. He has been active in Rotary and the Chamber of Commerce and is certainly a civic asset that all will be pleased to learn will be with us again.

The genial superintendent and his wife have made many friends who are very happy to learn of his reelection.

### FUNERAL OF PHILLIP SAUTER

The funeral services of the late Phillip Sauter were held on Tuesday afternoon at the Horton funeral home at Seventh and Vine streets. A number of the old friends and neighbors were in attendance to pay their last tributes to the associate of many years standing.

Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, brought the comforting words of the scriptures to the members of the family circle. During the service, Frank A. Cloutier gave two numbers, "Saved by Grace" and "Wonderful Peace," Mrs. J. R. Reeder being the accompanist.

The Masonic service was given by Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., W. F. Evers, past master, conducting the services.

### MASTERPIECES OF ART

Can you name all the pictures painted by Sir Joshua Reynolds? To be able to recognize a number of good pictures at sight, to describe them, to be familiar with the artists' names, pictures, subjects and style is the aim of Art Appreciation as studied in our schools today. Joy, in line, form and color was instinctive even in primitive man and this fundamental love of the beautiful can be made a great uplift to the personal character of everyone. The desire to know good pictures may be realized by visiting the exhibit of fine art prints which will be on display at the high school gym March 16 to 20.

### CARD OF THANKS

With the deepest gratitude we wish to express our appreciation of the many acts of kindness and words of sympathy in our recent bereavement, we especially wish to thank those taking part in the funeral service, furnishing cars and other acts of friendship. These will be long remembered by us.—Mr. and Mrs. Benno Seydlitz and Family.

### VISIT IN THE CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar L. Petersen and daughter, Norma Jean, of Lincoln, were here Sunday to enjoy the day visiting at the home of Mr. Petersen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Petersen.

### CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Sunday was the birthday anniversary of Dolores Ruse and in honor of the occasion a group of school friends were entertained at the C. A. Ruse home Saturday afternoon.

The members of the party enjoyed games and at a suitable hour refreshments were served. The guest of honor received a number of attractive gifts.

Those in attendance were Jean Goodchild, Bonnie Walters, Joan Trout, Shirley Burcham, Margaret and Miriam Fricke, Donna Faye Mason, Josephine Sedlak, Mary Katharine Gorder, Dorothy Lynch, Margie Dean Phillips.

## Sailor Tells of Life in the Naval Service

Oliver E. Taylor Guest at Luncheon of the Plattsmouth Rotary Club Tuesday.

The members of the Rotary club had the pleasure on Tuesday at their weekly luncheon of hearing a very interesting story of life in the navy and the general condition that the sailor finds on one of Uncle Sam's fighting ships. The talk was given by Oliver E. Taylor, who is home on a leave from the U. S. S. California, of the Pacific fleet.

The young man described the daily life of the sailor in the several lines of duty that they are assigned, he being a member of the signal section of the ship's crew, describing the boat and its size and equipment. He gave a very interesting account of the various stripes that are given for service and the manner in which the rank and service of a sailor might be learned by these markings.

The impressions of Hawaii on the young sailor also added to the interest of the talk, he having had the opportunity of visiting the city of Honolulu and parts of the islands on the visit last summer of the battle fleet to the mid-Pacific waters.

The talk was one that all enjoyed very much and was instructive to those who were unacquainted with the naval service.

James Sandin, winner of first place in the humorous section of the high school declamatory contest was presented in his clever number, "The Ladies Aid at Local Theatre." James gave this in his very able manner and which was one of the most delightful entertaining features that has been presented before the club.

The meeting was under the leadership of C. A. Rosencrans, who conducted a quiz on Rotary education and questions as to the Rotary organization.

The high school students who will be members of Rotary for March were introduced, they being Ralph Hennings, senior and Charles Warner, junior.

### HAVE SOCIAL GATHERING

From Wednesday's Daily: Last evening the employes of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co., in the Plattsmouth and Humboldt offices enjoyed a very fine social meeting held at Nebraska City. This was selected as the meeting place as more convenient, the distance and bad roads making it difficult for the long trip between Plattsmouth and Humboldt.

The members of the party enjoyed a fine dinner party at the Grand Hotel, the occasion being an employe get together and was not sponsored by the company.

The evening was spent at cards and at which a great deal of pleasure was derived by the members of the party and at a late hour the two groups departed for their homes.

### IN SERIOUS CONDITION

W. A. Wheeler, of south of this city, still continues very seriously ill at the Nicholas Senn hospital at Omaha where he has been for the past two weeks. Mr. Wheeler is suffering from pneumonia and his reaction has not been as well as had been expected and causes a great deal of apprehension to the members of the family. Mrs. Wheeler is remaining at Omaha during the critical condition of the husband.

## Woman's Club Holds Election of Officers

Mrs. William Baird Is Re-elected to the Position of President—Enjoy a Fine Lecture.

From Tuesday's Daily: The Plattsmouth Woman's club held a very interesting meeting last evening at the home of Mrs. E. H. Wascott on high school hill and who was assisted by Mrs. Frank Mullen, Mrs. Joseph Stodola and Mrs. Robert Reed.

The devotions of the meeting were led by Canon Petter, of the St. Luke's Episcopal church.

The principal business of the evening was that of the election of officers for the ensuing year and the following were selected:

President—Mrs. William Baird. Vice-President—Mrs. L. S. Devoe. Recording Secretary—Miss Georgia White. Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. W. L. Heinrich.

Treasurer—Mrs. L. W. Egenberger. Miss Pearl Staats conducted the class in Better English, one of the departmental activities of the club, of which she is leader.

Frank A. Cloutier, popular vocalist, was heard in two numbers, "In the Garden of My Heart," and "Red Sails in the Sunset."

The members of the club had a very pleasant treat afforded them in the illustrated lecture, "Old Masters and New," given by Miss Marie Kaufmann, who is the district chairman of art. The lecture was illustrated by slides of some of the most noted of paintings of the old masters as well as those of artists of the modern school.

The high school students present were Harriett Case and Rita Libershal.

### GIVEN SURPRISE

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kaffenberger, residing in the south part of the city, were given a very pleasant surprise on Saturday evening at their home, a group of the friends and neighbors coming in to spend the evening.

The occasion was the twenty-second anniversary of the guests of honor, who were given a very happy surprise by the jolly party.

The evening was spent in progressive pinocle and at which a great deal of pleasure was derived by the group.

In honor of the anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Kaffenberger were presented with a very attractive gift of a blanket and bedspread set by the friends, a gift that they will cherish as a remembrance of the anniversary.

At a late hour dainty and delicious refreshments were served to add to the pleasures of the occasion.

### HELP ROAD PROBLEM

When Herman Wohlfarth, the road boss, calls out on the telephone that he and his men are going to open up the drifted road south of the Murray garage he gets co-operation, whether it is day or night. The first day, the tractor broke, the second time they started from town at eight o'clock at night and then rain forced them to quit and the third time Herman still had between 25 and 30 men to help clear their roads. That was helping the plow back to the Red Ball highway.

Some of the men only went past their gateposts but most of them went the full length of the road. Herman appreciates help instead of a cursing.

### RETURNS TO WEST COAST

Mrs. Edith Romero, of Long Beach, California, returned to her home on the west coast Tuesday after a stay here of some two weeks. She was called here by the death of her mother, Mrs. Belle Stoner, and since the funeral of the mother has been visiting with her aunt, Mrs. R. A. Bates and other relatives and friends.

### VISITS AT OMAHA

From Tuesday's Daily: Cyril Kalina was a visitor in Omaha today where he was called to look after some matters of business for a short time.