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## County Oil Men Name Carl Ofe as Chairman

Organization Meeting Held at Plattsmouth Hotel Last Evening; H. H. Hahn Addresses Group.

From Wednesday's Daily—

Carl Ofe was named chairman of the Cass county oil men at their organization meeting in the Plattsmouth hotel last evening. George Trunkenholz of Eagle acts as first vice chairman; E. J. Knecht of South Bend and Charles Valley are vice chairmen. J. J. Cloldt was named secretary and E. C. Giles, assistant. Members of the legislative committee are R. C. Pollard of Nehawka, G. D. Peters of Greenwood, and Robert T. Rummel of Plattsmouth. Earl C. Sipple and C. E. Welshmer of Plattsmouth and Ernest Haning of Weeping Water were named on the public relations committee. Local affairs committee members are R. L. Keckler of Weeping Water, E. G. Ofe, F. H. Gerbeling, and L. L. McCarty of Plattsmouth.

H. H. Hahn of Lincoln, secretary of the Nebraska Petroleum Industries committee explained that the chief purpose and main objective of the organization would be to secure fair and equitable taxes and legislation for Nebraska motorists and those engaged in supplying their needs.

"Oil men, like their customers, believe that excessive gasoline tax rates should be reduced to reasonable levels, and that the revenue be used for the original and only justifiable purpose of the tax—the construction, improvement, and maintenance of the highways. This tax cost our customers more than \$800,000,000 in 1935 alone," he said.

He objected to the federal gasoline tax as an invasion of the states' tax field and stated that it should be eliminated. "From 1919 through 1935 our customers over the United States have paid more than \$3,518,000,000 in gasoline taxes... or a cost of \$35 per year to the average motorist," he said.

In conclusion the speaker stated that "Recent studies of the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads show that every dollar spent upon roads initiates a movement which results in industries which results in the distribution of \$3.15 for material and wages in 24 different industries. Every four men put to work on roads creates jobs for seven additional men in industries which supply road-building material, equipment and service. By spending the revenue from reasonable taxes for economical, planned roads over a long period, we automatically and inexpensively promote highway progress, reduce unemployment and inaugurate trade activity. Oil men everywhere have welcomed the taxation of gasoline to finance roads. But they insist that the tax be reasonable, and the money raised spent only for roads."

20 representatives of oil companies throughout the county attended the meeting last evening.

### ENTERTAINS AT LUNCHEON

Mrs. J. L. Stamp entertained at a luncheon Monday afternoon at her home. The honored guest was Mrs. Fred Spangler who is to leave soon for California to spend the winter.

The table decorations were very unique. The centerpieces were miniature yellow orange crates filled with the golden fruit and tied with huge bows of yellow ribbon. The tapers were also yellow in crystal holders. Small pots containing orange blossoms were arranged over the table. The place cards were tiny automobiles and concealed in the cars were slips containing "advice" to the guest while she is away on her trip.

In a contest Mrs. Ernest Hutchinson won first prize and Mrs. Walter Martin second.

Mrs. George Mumm favored the ladies with a piano solo "California." The ladies gave a shower for Mrs. Spangler and little Miss Mary Katherine Mumm brought the gifts in her large doll buggy which was decorated very artistically in yellow paper.

Mrs. Stamp was assisted in serving by Mrs. Georgia Creamer, Miss Helen Johnson, and Mrs. George Mumm.

### NEHAWKA GIRL WINS

The Cass county champion in the 1936 4-H Club Food Preparation and Preservation contest is Ruth Schwarz of Nehawka.

Winning of the contest in the county entitles the champion to the Servel Electrolyx gold medal of honor which is awarded by the sponsors of the project.

More than 250,000 4-H girls from all parts of the United States participated in the contest competing for the three college scholarships which go to national winners to be announced at the national 4-H club congress in Chicago, scheduled for the week of November 27 to December 5.

## 400 Attend Concert by High School Students

Over 100 Students Participate in All Musical Program Under Direction of Lee Knolle.

From Wednesday's Daily—

Over 100 students presented one of the finest musical programs ever given in the Plattsmouth schools last evening. An audience of 400 showed a hearty appreciation of the numbers. Lee Knolle directed the two hour concert in the high school auditorium.

A march group by the band opened the program. They played Washington Post, Officer of the Day, The Premium, and Go. A college pep song group included Wave the Flag, Victory March, On Wisconsin, and Illinois Loyalty.

32 boys took part in the boys' glee numbers. My Nebraska, Ragged Vagabond, Friend O'Mine, and the Plattsmouth Loyalty Song were interpreted by the group.

Small vocal groups included two girls sextettes. One sang Where E're You Walk and Lovely Night—From Tales of Hoffman. The other gave Night from Liberstraum and Little Pee West. The boys octet sang Alexander and The Story of a Tack.

Plattsmouth's high school orchestra has twenty pieces. It played a group of five numbers last evening. Our National Honor, Dance of the Goblins, March Militaire, Celebrated Minuet, and Songs of the South.

The old favorite, Ciribiribin, was given by a girls' glee of 64 voices. The girls also sang Indian Dawn, Honey Town, and The Big Brown Bear. Three numbers by the mixed glee followed, Czecho-Slovakian Dance Song, When Jesus was a Little Child, and the triumphant Hallelujah chorus from the "Messiah" closed the program.

Accompanists for the groups were Jean Knorr and Edna Mae Petersen.

### JUNIOR HIGH ENTERTAINS

The 7th and 8th grade girls entertained the Junior High school with a Thanksgiving program in the gymnasium Tuesday morning. The music was under the direction of Miss Lois Brandhorst, teacher of music and art in the junior high school.

The program consisted of numbers by the glee club, small groups, duets and other musical numbers. Verona Toman and Helen Barkus sang a duet. The accompanying for the groups was done by Ruth Westover.

The following is the program: "New Kind of Fairytale," "Magnet and Churn," "November" by 7th grade girls; "Hermit Thrush," "Four Things," "Deep Sea Chanty" by 8th grade girls; Duet, "Old Black Joe," Verona Toman and Helen Barkus; "Old King Cole," "Bees A'humming," "Prayer of Thanksgiving," by 8th grade girls; "Young Nightingale" by a group of 8th grade girls.

### ENTERTAIN FOR GUEST

The attractive Sattler home in the south part of the city was the scene of a charmingly arranged 1 o'clock luncheon on Tuesday, the event honoring Miss Katherine Waddick of Sheridan, Wyoming, who is visiting in the city, a group of the friends being invited by Mrs. John Sattler, Jr., to enjoy the occasion.

The afternoon was spent at bridge and in which Mrs. Hilt Martin won high score.

Mrs. W. C. Kenner of Nebraska City, was an out of town guest.

## City Council Hears Report of Cemetery Board

Chairman Evers Tells of Work and Plans—City Makes Sale of Olson Building.

The city council held their regular bi-monthly meeting on Monday evening and with a large number of matters to come to their attention.

A communication was received from H. A. Jacobs, asking permission to build a tin covered garage in the rear of the Barclay building on Main street. This was referred to the fire and water committee for action.

Chief of Police Joe Libershal in compliance with the request of the city council reported that he had found five record playing music slot machines in the city, other smaller vending machines and some punch boards.

Mayor Lushinsky asked the opinion of City Attorney Davis as to the taxing of the music machines.

Mr. Davis in his opinion stated that he did not believe there was any possibility of taxing the machines or music boxes. They were leased or operated on a percentage basis by the persons in whose places they were located, that the business who owned the places paid an occupation tax and it was no more likely to tax these than cooling machines or any other device that was leased. In regard to the punch boards, the city attorney stated that they were in violation of law and should be removed.

Mayor Lushinsky ordered the chief of police to notify all places where the boards are located to have them removed.

Police Judge C. L. Graves reported that for the week of November 14 there had been two arrests, bond being supplied to assure the payment of the fine and costs.

Councilman Webb presented an assignment from John Bauer to John F. Bauer, of the property on which the former livery barn building had stood. The change in the deed which is held in escrow, was ordered made and the property to be held in the name of John F. Bauer.

A resolution was presented by Chairman Webb of the tax and property committee authorizing the foreclosure of twenty-four certificates of tax titles held by the city. The committee was authorized to start the necessary action and J. A. Capwell be retained as counsel under contract to conduct the necessary court action. Mayor Lushinsky complimented the committee for the thorough manner in which they had looked after the handling of the various tax title properties.

Councilman Tippens reported that in the street department, Charles Gradoville had asked to be relieved for the winter and that the committee had designated John Kubicka to carry on the work of Mr. Gradoville. The dirt streets had been worked as far as possible to place them in shape for winter.

Chairman Brittain of the parks and improvement committee, asked that the lock on one of the cells in the city jail be repaired and also that a speed sign on South Chicago avenue be replaced. This work was ordered done by the committee.

W. F. Evers, chairman of the city cemetery board was present and at the request of Mayor Lushinsky gave a statement of the work of the board. Mr. Evers stated that they found the records of ownership of lots and graves very badly mixed up, that they had secured a special planned record that would in the future give a permanent and complete record of the lot ownership. An approval of a WPA proposition for clerical hire to permit the gathering of the necessary record from the city records in the past had been secured. This would give them two persons for six months to check the records. When the records were in shape they hoped to contact the lot owners as to assessment on lots or the perpetual care plan. Mr. Evers reported that practically all the driveways in the cemetery had been graveled and that it had been cleaned up for fall.

The city then received bids for the sale of the building at Third and Main streets, known as the "Olson building," which was sold to A. J. Trilety for the sum of \$50. Mr. Trilety to repair the building and look after future tax payments.

The following bills were ordered paid by the council:

Duxbury & Davis, insurance	\$ 74.00
Duxbury & Davis, insurance on hall	36.08
Albert Olson, stamps	2.00
Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Co., phone rent	4.95
Chas. Gradoville, st. work	2.80
John Kubicka, same	23.80
Ivan Taylor, same	32.00
Geo. Taylor, street work with team	48.00
H. W. Johnson, tractor work	23.00
Mrs. L. W. Egenberger, insurance on houses	11.05
Ofe Oil Co., gas and supplies for fire truck	10.75
Ofe Oil Co., special police, road supplies	21.92

## Plattsmouth Girl is Wedded in Illinois

Miss Beatrice Krejci and Mr. Paul Griffin Married at Beardstown, Illinois, Friday Morning.

Miss Beatrice Krejci, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Krejci of this city and Paul Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Griffin of Vigus, Missouri were married in Beardstown, Illinois on Friday morning, Nov. 20.

The ceremony was performed at Saint Alexius rectory at 10 o'clock by Rev. James Ahern, pastor of St. Alexius parish.

The bride wore a gown of autumn brown velvet with accessories to match and a shoulder corsage of cream colored tea roses.

Miss Thressa Smith, the bride's attendant, wore a frock of black crepe and contrasting accessories.

The groom and his attendant, Mr. Leonard Martin, both wore dark conventional suits.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin will make their home in Beardstown, Ill.

The bride has been one of the popular young ladies of the community and a graduate of the Plattsmouth high school in the class of 1930.

### RECEIVES HEIRLOOM

Miss Pearl Staats came into possession of a very interesting heirloom last week end. Sugar tongs, which were hidden under a bridge during the Revolutionary war, are the prized possession.

The silver tongs were brought to Miss Staats by a cousin, Walter Stout of Lincoln who, with his wife, were here to visit his uncle, George Staats, seriously ill at his home.

I. C. B. is engraved upon the handle of the tongs. They have been handed down through the Barcalow family at least five generations and with them the story of how they were hidden under a bridge near Rariton, New Jersey, during the Revolutionary war. A very thin border in a dainty design is the only decoration beside the initials. The silversmith's mark, C. N. W., is engraved in the bowl. The heirloom was the possession of the late Mrs. C. W. Stout.

### SEEKS MARRIAGE ANNULMENT

From Wednesday's Daily—  
A petition was filed in the district court this morning in which Claude A. Johnson, father and next friend of Doris Johnson, seeks to have the marriage of his daughter to Burdette B. Hike, annulled.

The petition states that the daughter is a minor of the age of sixteen years, that she was married on November 23, 1936, at Council Bluffs, Iowa, to the defendant Hike, that the father was not present and did not give his consent to the marriage.

The annulment is asked on the ground that the marriage was not legal owing to the age of the girl and the lack of consent.

### PLAN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Miss Estelle Baird was named general chairman for the Christmas program which will be given at the Presbyterian church by the Sabbath school at a meeting of the officers and teachers last evening. Plans were also made for a teacher-training class to be opened after the Christmas holidays.

## George Staats Passes Away This Morning

Long Time Resident of Plattsmouth and for Many Years Employee of Postoffice Here.

From Wednesday's Daily—

Early this morning, November the twenty-fifth, there passed from our midst a well-known citizen, who had spent the greater part of a long life in this community.

George King Staats was born in Jerseyville, Illinois, June 17, 1850. Just a year later his father died, leaving him and his sister to the care of their mother. At the beginning of the Civil war his mother took the children to the home of her mother, Mrs. John King, in Spring Lake township, near Pekin, Illinois. There a year later she died leaving the children in charge of their grandmother.

He was educated in the schools of Jerseyville, Spring Lake, Pekin, and Tremont. Early in life he united with the Reformed Church in Spring Lake, where he was very active, especially in the choir. Later he transferred his membership to the First Presbyterian church of this city, where he has been a faithful member and attendant until his health prevented his attendance. Even then his collection envelope represented him each Sabbath.

After completing his education, Mr. Staats farmed for a time with his uncle at the home of his grandmother until the call of the west lured him to Nebraska, and he arrived in Plattsmouth on September 15, 1877. After a brief visit here, he went on to Dewitt, where his sister lived. Not finding the opportunity he sought there, he returned to Cass county and worked on a farm southwest of Weeping Water for a year or two. Then he came to this city to take a position as deputy postmaster, in which position he served until three years later he became manager of the Whitebread Coal company. After this company sold out, he filled various positions as clerk, tax collector, census taker until he purchased a laundry, which he operated until 1900. In 1901 he became mail dispatcher at the local postoffice and held that position until his retirement at the age of seventy on a pension. He did not give up his business activity, however, until the age of eighty-one, when he suffered a stroke that caused him to lose his sense of balance, making walking difficult.

During that time he handled the Bee-News for a period of three years, and then became city weigh master. On August 26, 1885, Mr. Staats was married to Miss Anna Gertrude Porter of Spring Lake, Illinois. Two children remain to mourn the loss of an ideal father, his wife having preceded him in death a year and nine months.

Very optimistic by nature, Mr. Staats had a cheery word and smile for everyone. He took a keen interest in current events, politics, and religion. He never ceased to be interested in people and never forgot a friend.

Funeral services will be held at two o'clock on Friday afternoon at the Sattler funeral home.

### TO STAGE DEMONSTRATION

The Cass County Implement Co., of this city is to stage a demonstration here on Saturday, November 28th, of their lines of trucks and farm machinery.

The company will stage a parade of trucks and tractors during the day and the evening will culminate in a free dance honoring the farmers and truckers of this territory. Mr. Babbitt, the manager of the company will have good music and a free lunch for the guests.

### SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

The reports from Sebetha, Kansas, are to the effect that Mason Wall and Dale Brumbaugh, local young men, who were badly burned a few days ago, are doing as well as possible under the circumstances. The boys are under constant care and while their injuries are very severe it is hoped that they may soon be able to show definite gains.

### POLICE COURT DOINGS

Saturday evening Officers Jarvis Lancaster and David Pickrell were busy in rounding up several offenders against the peace and dignity of the city by overindulgence in intoxicating liquor.

Harry Heyor, a resident of the camp north of this city, was charged with disturbing the peace and for which he was fined \$10 and costs. He was released on the recommendation and promise to pay by December 19th.

Louis Kuhney was also charged with intoxication and received a fine of \$10 and costs and which he arranged to settle and was released to secure the funds.

## Claude A. Ruse Wins First Place in Auto Sales

Plattsmouth Dealer's Percentage of Increase Over Last Year's Quota Highest in Omaha Branch.

Claude A. Ruse has recently been announced the winner of the sales contest in the Omaha Branch Territory which includes Nebraska, Iowa, and part of South Dakota. The award was made by the Ford Auto Co., upon the basis of the increase of sales over last year's quota. Rogers of Lincoln and McGuire of Grand Island were the other winners. The three received a free trip to Dallas, Texas as a prize.

There are about 180 dealers in the Omaha branch who entered the S. T. S. campaign. Over 800 dealers in territories over the United States and Mexico were given free trips to the Dallas Exposition November 13 to 16. The Ruse Auto Co. has sold about 210 cars and trucks during the past year. Prospects for the next year look good as the company has received orders for 35 new Fords during the first week. Mr. Ruse entered business here in April 1932. He has been a Ford salesman since September 1926 and came from Omaha to Plattsmouth.

During October Mr. Ruse attended the meeting for Ford dealers which was held in Detroit. 38 special trains carried dealers from all part of the United States, Mexico and Canada to this meeting. About 8,000 attended.

### TALKS ON SPAIN

The weekly luncheon of the Rotary club was marked Tuesday by a very fine talk on one of the most vital subjects today in the minds of the world, that of "Spain."

Miss Jessie Whelan of the local high school faculty, was the speaker and took up the program with a clear and thorough discussion of the causes of the great civil conflict that is now wrecking the once great nation. The long centuries of misrule and oppression by the ruling classes had sown the seeds of the present storm of revolution that is laying waste the whole nation in the struggle against the communistic government forces by the fascist revolutionaries, who are now battling on the outskirts of Madrid. The talk was splendidly given and reflected the deep study that the speaker had given to the subject. It was one of the best discussions of current events that the club has enjoyed in many months.

Chester Foster and Herbert Standen, high school students, who have been honorary members of Rotary for the month of November, also gave a fine talk on their impressions of Rotary and its work.

### FOOTBALL BANQUET

The banquet honoring the Plattsmouth high school football team has been definitely set for Monday evening, November 30th. The banquet will be at the American Legion building. The program will embrace a talk by Marchmont Schwartz, football coach at Creighton university, as well as the pictures of Nebraska, Minnesota game and which will be featured by Johnny Williams, well known Husker star. The admission to the banquet will be sixty cents, this admitting a man and a student. The school will assign the boys to their adult escorts.

## Louisville Courier Changes Ownership

L. J. Mayfield Disposes of Publication to D. C. Huffman—In Mayfield Family for 53 Years.

With the issue of the Louisville Courier this week, the ownership and management of the paper passes from the hands of the Mayfield family, who for a period of over fifty-three years have conducted the paper.

The present owner, L. J. Mayfield, has disposed of the paper to D. C. Huffman, of Lincoln, who will assume charge of the plant and the publication of the paper on December 1st.

Mr. Huffman comes of a newspaper family, three of his brothers being engaged in the business and Mrs.



L. J. MAYFIELD  
Long Time Editor of the Louisville Courier, Now Retiring

Huffman, who will assist her husband in the conduct of the Courier is also a newspaper woman. Both are linotype operators and have had years of experience in the newspaper and printing game.

Mr. Huffman was formerly in the newspaper business in Wyoming, but for a number of years has been engaged in this line of work at Lincoln.

The newspaper fraternity of Cass county will extend to Mr. Huffman a cordial welcome to the field here and at the same time regret very much to see Lee Mayfield and Mrs. Mayfield retire from the newspaper game. Mr. Mayfield has been actively in charge of the Courier for the past forty-three years and Mrs. Mayfield has been in charge of the news department of the paper and both are well known over the entire county.

With the sale of the plant Mr. and Mrs. Mayfield will have the opportunity of going to Texas again this winter for their fourth visit to the gulf coast country, where they may remain as long as they wish and have no care to mar their outing. They are leaving after the first of December for the south and may go on to California from Texas later in the season, but expect to return to Louisville late next spring.

### VISITS IN OLD HOME

From Tuesday's Daily—  
A. W. Propst of Jacksonville, Florida, was here for a short time today to visit with the old friends, while en route to Nebraska City, where he was located in the automobile business for several years. Mr. Propst has been at Rock Island, Illinois, for the funeral services of his father-in-law, Charles S. Johnson. Mrs. Propst is remaining at Rock Island for a short time.

### HAS INJURED FOOT

James Benedict while engaged in cutting wood Saturday, had the misfortune to injure his left foot and which makes necessary his getting around on crutches. The ax he was cutting with glanced from the wood and the side of the ax struck the young man on the foot, causing a severe bruise and injury that will make it necessary for him to be off the foot for some time.