

# The Plattsmouth Journal.

## Golden Wedding of Plattsmouth People Sunday

**Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Novatny Honor Guests at Observance—Vows Renewed at Church Service.**

Sunday the golden wedding observance of two of the old residents of the city was held at the Holy Rosary church and at the home of the honor guests, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Novatny, Sr.

It was on April 19, 1887, that Miss Mary Holly and Mr. Joseph Novatny were married at the St. John's church of this city, and following the ceremony they established their home in the west part of the city where they have since resided.

Sunday the aged couple was honored at the mass at the Holy Rosary church of which they have been members since the building of the church in 1892. The high mass was celebrated by Monsignor Adolph M. Mosler, vicar general of the Lincoln diocese, and the bride and groom of fifty years ago renewed the vows that they had pledged at the altar a half century ago.

Following the church services the bridal couple with the members of their family circle, repaired to the Novatny home on West Oak street where a delightful dinner was enjoyed and which served as a very happy feature as the members of the family joined in their remembrance to the father and mother and grandparents.

Those of the family here were: Mr. and Mrs. Emil Stenik and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Vitnesek and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Novatny, Jr., and family, of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. James Wooster and family of Windsor, Missouri, Mr. and Mrs. August Kopp and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kvapil of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. William Holly, the former a brother of Mrs. Novatny, with their family, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Loegson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Davies and family, Misses Besie and Elizabeth Holly, Stanley Nejedley and Miss Policky, of Omaha, were also in the family party.

Many of the neighbors and old friends called in the afternoon at the home and messages were received from Minnesota, Wisconsin and this city.

Mrs. Novatny has a brother, Frank Holly of Omaha and Mr. Novatny two sisters, Mrs. Joseph Vitnesek of Great Falls, Montana and Mrs. Krynina of Pocasset, Oklahoma, who were unable to be here.

## DIES IN OKLAHOMA

Henry Engelkemier, 86, former resident of Cass county, died Saturday at his home near Newkirk, Oklahoma, following a period of ill health. Mr. Engelkemier moved to Oklahoma some thirty years ago and engaged in farming near Newkirk but in recent years he has not been able to carry on his former activities on the farm. Previous to going to Oklahoma he was engaged in farming in Eight Mile Grove precinct and was a well known and familiar figure in this section of Cass county.

The deceased was a brother of Carl Engelkemier of this city. The funeral services will be held on Tuesday, April 20th, at 2 p. m. at Newkirk and the interment made beside the wife who preceded him in death seven years ago.

## FRED GAUCHET FINED

In the county court Monday afternoon the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Fred Gauchet, charged with reckless driving was heard before Judge A. H. Duxbury.

This charge was based on an action arising out of an accident which occurred October 10, 1936, when Bud Rains, a WPA road worker, was struck by a car driven by the defendant, Gauchet.

The court after hearing the evidence in the matter held that the defendant was guilty and assessed a fine of \$15 and costs on him.

A civil action in Otoe county in which Rains sued Gauchet for damages in the sum of \$65,000, was tried a short time ago and resulted in a hung jury.

## RETURNS FROM DENVER

Mrs. Wm. Baird returned Sunday morning from a short visit at the home of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Cecil, in Denver, Colorado. Mrs. Baird's visit was cut short by a severe cold. She had a sore throat when she left Plattsmouth Wednesday of last week. The temperature was 82 on Thursday in Denver and dropped to 36 by Saturday and snowed all day. The sudden change of temperature and dampness probably caused the cold to become worse. Mrs. Baird is confined to her bed.

## Sheriff Busy with Messages and Greetings

**Sheriff Homer Sylvester and Deputy Sheriff Cass Sylvester Have Many Interviewers.**

Sheriff Homer Sylvester and Deputy Sheriff Cass Sylvester, who overnight have become national figures through the capture of the two gunmen here Friday night, have been busy being interviewed and meeting the friends who have called for their congratulations.

The officers have however kept on their job of looking after routine matters in the office and such complaints that are a part of the daily chore of the sheriff. Modestly the sheriff and deputy have described over and over the fact that led to the capture and the actual arrest of the men who were tagged by federal authorities as Nos. 3 and 4 public enemies.

The sheriff and deputy have had one of their most pleasing experiences in the personal telegram from J. Edgar Hoover, head of the federal department of justice congratulating them on their fine work. Even Walter Winchell of the keyhole fame added his tribute to the western law enforcing officers and their excellent work.

Sunday the sheriff and family were busy in receiving callers as there were large groups from Omaha and nearby towns driving through the city and stopped for a glimpse of the cool headed and alert sheriff and deputy that had effectively laid away two dangerous criminals. It was a busy time for the family also as they shared the glory of the father and uncle.

## HELD FOR OLD SLAYING

Frank Gray, 68, who for ten years was a "mystery man" at Louisville, known as John "Boats" Osborn, was held Monday at Russellville, Kentucky, on a 27-year-old murder charge.

A year ago the aged man came to Omaha to turn himself over to the police of that city and stating that he had committed a murder in Kentucky, but his story was such that the man was treated for being demented and released before confirmation of the story came from Kentucky. He disappeared and a few weeks ago gave himself up to the Houston, Texas, officers.

Gray is charged with fatally shooting a neighboring farmer, Thomas E. Harper, in 1910, in a dispute over horses. The only witness of the shooting still alive is Harper's daughter, Mrs. George Harrison, who was then 11.

Gray's wife and five children whom he abandoned when he fled after the shooting, all are dead.

## VERDICT FOR \$12,500

From Wednesday's Daily—  
The jury in the case of Mathilde Ramsel vs. Orville C. Hudson, this morning returned a verdict in the district court, giving the plaintiff, Mrs. Ramsel a verdict of \$12,500.

The action was one for damages as the result of an auto accident which occurred near the intersection of Locust street and Chicago avenue and as the result to which Mrs. Ramsel suffered injuries that have since confined her to her bed the greater part of the time.

The plaintiff testified in the case on Monday afternoon, being brought to the court house on a stretcher and from which she testified as to her injuries and the accident.

## Sheriff Sylvester Broadcasts Story of Bandit Arrest

**Cass County Sheriff Receives Award of \$500 as He Tells Story Over the Columbia Chain.**

Everybody in Plattsmouth who possessed a radio or found that of their neighbor handy, was tuned in Wednesday night on the "Gang Buster" program over the Columbia chain at 9 o'clock. For the benefit of those on the street the loudspeaker system used in Merchants nights carried the program.

The attraction was the guest star of Phillips Lord, Sheriff Homer Sylvester of Cass county, who from New York City was to tell the nation the story of the capture of Alfred Powers and Robert Suhay, New York gunmen, by himself and Deputy Sheriff Cass Sylvester.

The two gunmen are now in prison at Kansas City to await trial for the murder of a federal agent.

Mr. Lord in his introduction stated that the sheriff was hesitant about telling the facts and the announcer told the story assisted by the sheriff as the story progressed.

The interview follows:  
Lord: Were you in your office when you heard the alarm, Sheriff Sylvester?

Sylvester: No—I was just finishing supper, Mr. Lord.

Lord: Now, you got your brother, Cass—

Sylvester: He's a deputy, too.

Lord: And you got out your rifles and a couple of six-shooters, got into your car and drove out of town to a filling station on the main road.

What time was that?  
Sylvester: About an hour and a quarter.

Lord: And then, a car came up the road going between 60 and 70 miles an hour. As it passed your headlights, you saw the license plates?

Sylvester: Yes, sir.

Lord: You knew it was the gunmen's car. You started racing up the road after it and overtook it in about a mile?

Sylvester: Then it started swerving all over the road.

Lord: The gunmen were trying to make you think they were just drunks so you'd pull up alongside and they could shoot you?

Sylvester: Yes—but Cass and I didn't do it. Then the bandits started driving slow—20 miles an hour—trying to get us alongside.

Lord: Now, you followed them right into town? They tried to lose you and they raced around corners on two wheels. Finally they turned into a dead-end street.

## Gunmen Stop

Sylvester: So—they thought they had turned into a dead-end street—but they really hadn't.

Lord: They stopped, though, and you were right behind them.

Sylvester: Yes—I jumped out on one side of our car and Cass jumped out the other. I had the rifle and hollered, and told them to get their hands in the air or we'd blast them. They did, too.

Lord: Then, as I understand it, the car started to roll down the hill and they wanted to put their hands down to put on the emergency brake to stop it, but you wouldn't let them.

Sylvester: It's a good thing I didn't, too. In the front seat was a loaded revolver. They'd have come up shooting.

Lord: How'd they get out of the car—open the door with their hands up?

Sylvester: I made them open the doors with their elbows.

## Loaded with Guns

Lord: When you were out you marched them to a street light and searched them. You found guns in their overcoat pockets.

Sylvester: They were loaded right down with guns.

Lord: Now you took them back to jail—and 20 minutes later, the G-men were there. The G-men searched them and found three thousand dollars in their clothes.

Sylvester: Four thousand, Mr. Lord.

Lord: Sheriff Sylvester, we all congratulate you on that capture—and performing it so smoothly and effectively. Were you nervous?

Sylvester: Not half so nervous as I am this minute.

Lord: Sheriff Sylvester—I've got a surprise here. We didn't let you know it before you went on the air—because we all wanted to be in on your happiness. In appreciation of your capture of the two men wanted for the Katonah bank robbery, the American Surety company of New

York, who insured the bank, has asked me to present you with this gift of five hundred dollars.

Sylvester: Thank you, Mr. Lord. Lord: And thank you again, sheriff—it's been a lot of fun having you on our program tonight. Is there anything more you would like to say?

Sylvester: Yes, I would like to say hello to my mother out at Rapid City, S. D., to Cass—if he's listenin'—and to all the folks at home.

## THE BIG DANCE OF SEASON

At Murray Hall, Sat., April 24. Music by Avalon radio and dance orchestra of Omaha. Adm. 40 and 10c. Added attraction: Special tap dance number. a221tw-2td

## Former Resident Dies at Home in Bancroft, Nebr.

**Mrs. F. D. Caldwell Passes Away After an Illness of Some Duration; Funeral in Iowa.**

Mrs. Lillian Caldwell, 61, wife of Dr. F. D. Caldwell, died Sunday at the family home in Bancroft, Nebraska, after an illness of some duration and in which she has gradually been failing.

The funeral services were held Wednesday at 10 o'clock at Bancroft and the body taken to Menlow, Iowa, where it was laid to rest in the family lot in the cemetery there.

Lillian Kauble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kauble, Sr., was born in the vicinity of Rock Bluffs where the parents were early residents, but the greater part of her lifetime was spent in Plattsmouth where she grew to womanhood.

In her early life she demonstrated her love for music and was one of the leading musicians of the city. She studied for some time in Chicago and made the violin one of her life's work, teaching in Plattsmouth and Glenwood for a great many years. While teaching music at the Iowa State institution, she was married to Dr. Caldwell. They made their home here for some years as Dr. Caldwell was engaged in the practice of dentistry. Later they resided at Geneva where she taught in the music department of the city schools, they moving from there to Bancroft where she continued her musical work in the schools and later in her private classes.

She has been very active in the community life at Bancroft, serving as a president of the Woman's club and also as worthy matron of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Caldwell is survived by her husband, two children, George and Jean, who are making their home in Iowa, as well as one brother, Henry Kauble, of Norfolk.

## TO ATTEND CONVENTION

County Judge A. H. Duxbury will represent Cass County chapter of the American Red Cross at the national conference to be held at Washington, D. C., May 10-13th.

This is one of the greatest meetings of the organization and it is hoped to have representatives from most of the county chapters of the nation.

Judge Duxbury will drive through with Mrs. Duxbury and the children and expects to have a very fine time at the conference and taking in the many points of interest in the capitol city. The Duxbury family will also visit with A. W. Farmer, now with the resettlement administration and former clerk for Judge Duxbury in the county judge's office.

## SEES SHERIFF OFF

From Tuesday's Daily—

On the departure of Sheriff and Mrs. Homer Sylvester for New York this morning a flock of the news reporters and camera men were at the Omaha airport to see them take off and snap a few pictures. The sheriff will broadcast on Wednesday evening at 9 o'clock over the Columbia broadcasting system, being carried locally by station KFAB of Lincoln.

Others at the airport to see them leave were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clinchard and Henry Guy McMaken as well as members of the Sylvester family.

## Carlson-Cole Wedding Sunday in Louisville

**Young People to Make Home on Farm Near Plattsmouth; Vows Taken in Methodist Church.**

On Sunday, April 18, at 3 o'clock an impressive wedding ceremony of Esther Carlson and Willis R. Cole was solemnized at the M. E. church at Louisville with Rev. N. B. Callaway officiating. The church was decorated with pink and white roses and ferns and the aisle was formed with pink and white crepe paper streamers.

Miss Dorothy Gustavson of Cook, Nebr., cousin of the bride sang "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life" and "I Love You Truly" with Mrs. Roy O. Cole, aunt of the groom, accompanying. As the strains of Lohengren's Wedding March were sounded, the groom with his best man, Thomas Grosshans, of Plattsmouth entered and marched slowly to the altar to await the coming of the bride.

Miss Alice Borgeson, cousin of the bride, entered, dressed in pink silk taffeta and carried Talisman roses. The bride, gowned in white silk taffeta, with long flowing veil, and carrying a shower bouquet of pink Briarcliff roses and sweet peas, entered on the arm of her father, C. E. Carlson, wending their way slowly to the altar, where the impressive ring ceremony was solemnized in the presence of seventy-five relatives and friends. The ushers were the Misses Lenora Gaebel, Wilma Schoman, Marguerite Hartman, Eldora Pankonin and Dorice Group.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents and was in charge of Mrs. Chris Murray, who was assisted in serving by the young ladies who were ushers at the church. A large white wedding cake, beautifully decorated, was an attractive centerpiece of the long table in the dining room, and was presented to the bride by her aunt, Mrs. A. F. Gustavson. The bride's guest book was in charge of Mrs. Gustavson.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Carlson and is a graduate of Louisville high school. She has been active in church and other social activities, and has a host of friends who wish her happiness in her new home.

The groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Cole of Mynard, where he has grown to manhood. He attended Plattsmouth high school and has been active in music, playing violin in the Mynard orchestra for a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole will reside on a farm near Mynard, and will take with them to their new home the loving wishes of a host of friends and relatives.

After the reception they departed for Lincoln where they will spend a few days before taking up their active duties on the farm.

## PENMANSHIP AWARDS

The following pupils in Miss Prohaska's fifth grade at Central building received merit buttons in penmanship from the A. N. Palmer company: John Sheard, Helen Eastrenour, Raymond Rhoden, Austin McBride, Dean Earl, Eldon Vroman, Minnie Grauf, Jean Galland, Elma Atteberry, Frances Davis, Norman Rhoades, Ruth Rhoades, Alfred Rouse, Irene Shropshire, Mary Miller, Donald Bowman, Irene LaHoda, Philip Webber, Gladys Fae Rhoades, Frances Smith.

The following Normal Training students received Palmer Method Teacher's certificates: Nell Lancaster, Dorothy Lepert, Helen Ulrich.

## RAISES TROPICAL FRUIT

Arthur Troop of south of this city has at his home a fine large bearing lemon tree and which has produced a very large fruit, one that weighs one pound and two ounces. Mr. Troop had the lemon here Tuesday when he attended the Rotary meeting and it attracted a great deal of attention from his associates. The lemon is now on exhibit at the Bestor & Swatek store.

## ATTEND METHODIST MEETING

Monday evening a number of the members of the local Methodist church were at Union where they attended a meeting, one in a series being conducted by Rev. Boeber, pastor of the Union churches.

The local people attending were Rev. V. C. Wright, E. H. Wescott, Elmer Sundstrom, Roy Schwenneker, who were called upon for short remarks on the church work and all of which was very much enjoyed.

Rev. Boeber is having members of the churches from nearby communities in for talks along the lines of the revival in religious interest.

## Death Comes to Old Resident, W. E. Rosencrans

**Former County Clerk and Prominent Resident of Cass County Over a Period of Fifty Years.**

William Ellosworth Rosencrans, 72, passed away Tuesday night near the midnight after an illness covering a period of several years. He has been under medical treatment for the past three years and his condition was such that his passing was not unexpected.

The death of Mr. Rosencrans removes one of the well known figures in the county for the past half century and one who for many years was very active in the political affairs of Cass county.

Mr. Rosencrans was a native of Salladburg, Pa., where he was born April 24, 1865, spending his boyhood days in his native state and where he was married to Miss Hettie Baker December 14, 1884.

Mr. Rosencrans in March 1887 came to Cass county and located at Elmwood where he was engaged in the conduct of a barber shop for some eighteen years.

In the year 1905 Mr. Rosencrans was elected as county clerk of Cass county and with his family moved to Plattsmouth where they have since made their home. After serving two terms in the office of county clerk, Mr. Rosencrans has since been engaged largely in the real estate business in this city, looking after this line of work up to the time of his death.

Mr. Rosencrans was active in democratic party circles for years and was recognized as one of the leaders in the state, possessing a wide acquaintance in all sections of the county. "Rosy," as he was well known, was of a very genial personality and made many friends who will share with his family the sorrow of his passing.

He is survived by the widow and five children, C. A. Rosencrans, Mrs. Waldemar Soennichsen, Miss Mary Rosencrans of this city, B. A. Rosencrans of Medford, Oregon, and Blythe U. Rosencrans of Chicago.

## RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Tuesday evening Wesley Kalasek, who for the past two months has been at the U. S. Veterans' hospital at Lincoln, returned home. He has been at the hospital recovering from a broken leg sustained at his home in the west part of the city. He is now getting around very well and it is hoped will soon be over the effects of the injury.

Roy Stewart, who has been at the hospital for several weeks, also returned home and is feeling much better and well over the effects of his recent operations.

## PRESENTS FINE PROGRAM

Tuesday evening C. C. Wescott and E. J. Weyrich of the local Business Men's Ad club paid a visit to La Platte where Mr. Weyrich presented the motion pictures of the King Korn Karnival as well as a series of travel pictures of the Yellowstone and other scenic spots.

The meeting was held at the school house at La Platte where a large number of the residents of the community had gathered.

Plattsmouth is the ideal large town shopping center for all Cass county people. Values here are the equal of those found anywhere—read the ads for bargain news.

## E. H. Schulhof New President of Rotary Club

**Father B. A. Connelly, C. S. S. R. of Omaha Discusses Communism at Luncheon.**

E. H. Schulhof was named the new president of the Plattsmouth Rotary club at the annual election Tuesday noon. Arthur Troop was named vice president; L. O. Minor, secretary; E. A. Wurl, treasurer; James Mauzy and E. H. Spangler, directors; and Carl Ofe, sergeant at arms.

Father B. C. Connelly, C. S. S. R., of the Holy Name church of Omaha gave the address. He was introduced by Monsignor Adolph Mosler. He quoted a letter from Rome, written by Leo XIII in 1891 in which he described "Socialism" saying we have organized our political and economic life in such a fashion as to give privilege and power to those who have worldly goods, and practically deny the others the right to get them. That conspiracy has reduced the mass of men to slavery.

In later years the philosophy of Adam Smith was stated in England. Father Connelly stated this as "material goods will automatically adjust itself to human needs if we allow all men the fullest possible freedom in competition for the production and distribution."

This philosophy was wonderful for a while. It was never a good thing in England for the country was too crowded but it was marvelous in America for as soon as one section became crowded the worker could move on into the frontier. The time came when there was no place to go. A few gained great power and have extended that power on its own scope. The home has changed from a productive agency into a purely consumptive agency in present day life. The tightening of this pressure, Father Connelly explained, is the preparation for a terrible catastrophe. "When put under pressure, man rebels. That is the seat of communism."

Rev. Connelly told that Karl Marx was raised in this capitalistic civilization. He learned that life is material and nothing else. He saw ownership as an evil therefore put forth the philosophy that denied any moral claim to the exclusive use and possession of property. He has taught the doctrine that all things are common.

Father Connelly warned that capitalism had "better find a virtue and use it quickly."

As a program the speaker stated that "We must in legislative enactment take account of the social responsibility that goes with the possession of this world's goods."

He also said, "The supreme court has been interpreting the constitution for years in the light of Adam Smith's philosophy—a philosophy which has been proved false."

"We have to put taxation pressure on bigness. Bigness is not an evil but is dangerous."

As a method of preventing the spread of communism he stated that pressure must be placed upon the strong and subsidation made to the weak. "The only cure for communism is to distribute productive property far and wide," he said.

Walter Kirtley and Mac McClean of Nebraska City were visitors at the meeting.

## ATTENDS NORTH HIGH AURORA

Mrs. Glen Vallery went to Omaha Saturday evening to attend the annual Aurora presented by the students of North High. The miscellaneous program consisted of numbers by the R.O.T.C. band, the high school orchestra, the R.O.T.C. of 1937, also acrobatic, dance, musical, and banjo numbers. A number of short skits were given as well as a medley of songs.

Betty Wetenkamp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wetenkamp, was featured on the program in dancing. The Wetenkamp family is formerly of Mynard.

Harold Peterson, son-in-law of Mr. Vallery, is dean of boys and instructor of biology in North high. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson returned with Mrs. Vallery to spend the week-end here.