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## R. V. Koupal Explains Bills to Local Ad Club

Senators Fred L. Carsten, W. H. Diers and W. F. Haycock Also Guests at Luncheon Wednesday.

R. V. "Dick" Koupal of Lincoln, secretary of the Federation of Nebraska Retailers, was a guest speaker at the Ad club luncheon at the Hotel Plattsmouth Wednesday noon. Mr. Koupal, as one of the most powerful lobbyists for legislative bills No. 131 and 137, explained the measures to the business men of Plattsmouth and their effect upon the local stores.

As a background to the bills, the speaker explained that the N.R.A. had a number of codes, many of which were found to be beneficial to business. Out of the codes grew a desire for a permanent application of the things business liked.

An organization sprung up in Washington, D. C. called the American Retail Association. It was looked upon by congressmen as somewhat of a "super-lobby" of business. An investigation into the association revealed startling facts in regard to concessions and rebates being made to retail organizations. As a result the Robinson-Patman bill was passed by the U. S. congress making the offering or receiving of special concessions illegal. The purpose of this bill is to give the small man an equal chance in business.

### Nebraska 131 and 137

Nebraska, to supplement this bill, has recently passed house number 131—the fair trades act. This bill provides that a manufacturer may contract with a distributor, setting the retail price on a given brand of goods—providing the price is given to all retail merchants. The theory behind the bill is that "anything that sells as a bait is not fair to anyone."

A companion act, house number 137, is the unfair practices act. The provisions of this bill make it impossible for a merchant to "play ball" with unregulated goods. Under 137, the provision is made that any merchant buying merchandise of any kind is not permitted to sell that merchandise below cost plus cost of doing business (for which a minimum of 6% of the cost price is set). As to the enforcement of the two state bills, Mr. Koupal stated that most states have been able to carry out the enforcement through committees. Legally, first and second offenses are handled by the county attorney and third offense may be taken to the attorney general for the state.

Mr. Koupal also mentioned the Miller-Tydings bill which is now under consideration in Washington. This, if passed, will control the interstate competition which causes difficulty under the Nebraska laws.

### Senators Speak

Senator Fred L. Carsten, member of the unicameral legislature from this district, was introduced by President Fred Busch. He spoke briefly, expressing his pleasure at being a guest.

W. F. Haycock of Callaway, senator from the 35th district, spoke of the two bills under discussion. Senator Haycock introduced the bills into the legislature. Senator W. H. Diers of Gresham, representing the 24th district, also is a sponsor to house numbers 131 and 137.

Following the talks, a number of questions were asked of the senators, regarding the action that should be taken by Plattsmouth in relation to the bills. Their effect upon the local merchants was also discussed.

### COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS SATURDAY

Judge Paul Jensen, a pioneer of Nebraska City and president of the Otoe County Historical Society, will address the meeting of the Cass County Historical Society at the meeting in the G. A. R. hall in Elmwood Saturday, May 22 at 1:30 p. m.

Mrs. C. F. Payne, State Historical Society Librarian, will speak upon the "Preservation of Historical Records." A number of subjects of interest to the society will be discussed. A tea is planned following the meeting.

### ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Arn announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Marjorie, to Walter C. Speece of Edison, Nebr. Mr. Speece is the coach and mathematics teacher in the Edison high school. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Speece of York, Nebr.

Miss Arn is a graduate of the Plattsmouth high school. She attended Peru Teachers college and has been teaching music and the fifth and sixth grades in the Alvo public school during the past three years. The wedding is to be held at the V. T. Arn home early in July.

## Many Pay Tribute to Emil Hobscheidt at Last Rites

St. John's Church Filled to Overflowing as Residents of Community Gather for last Tributes.

The feeling of the community at the untimely death of Emil Michael Hobscheidt was strikingly shown Wednesday by the large number that gathered at the St. John's Catholic church to pay their last tributes to his memory.

Friends from this city and Murray filled the church and many stood outside the church structure as the services were conducted.

The impressive requiem mass was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Monsignor George Acius, pastor of the church, who also paid tribute to the memory of the young man that had been stricken down in the first dawn of his young manhood, bringing the comfort of the scriptures and the church to the bereaved ones.

The music of the mass was sung by the choir of the young people of St. John's church, with John Cloidt as the soloist, who sang "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling," "O Love Divine" and "Lead Kindly Light."

The pall bearers were selected from the school friends and neighbors who bore the body to the last rest in the Catholic cemetery, they being Ralph Timm, Joseph R. Case, Arthur Kopp, Dale Hanson, Thomas Kriskey and Sheldon Smith.

### FINDS IOWA CAR

Officers Dave Pickrel and J. E. Lancaster, the past two evenings have been called out several times by reports of persons prowling around in the north part of the city and among cars parked along the street.

Friday night the officers answered a call and made a search of the section along North Sixth street without success and then proceeded over to Eighth street to check up. While they were searching along Eighth street they found a V-8 Ford of the 1936 model apparently abandoned and parked along the street. The plug had been taken out of the gas tank and a small amount of gas on the ground looked as though someone had drained the car. It was registered in the name of R. N. Kahler, Carter Lake, Iowa, and the license number 78-8152.

The car was brought on in by the officers and stored at the city hall grounds in the hope that the owner might be found.

### WILL APPEAL CASE

An appeal of the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Frank Harmer, to the state supreme court is being made and the transcript in the case prepared in the office of the clerk of the district court.

In this case Mr. Harmer was convicted by a jury in February of breaking and entering and also under the habitual criminal statute of the state.

C. E. Walsh, of Omaha, appears as the attorney for the defendant in the action.

### FEELS MUCH BETTER

Mrs. Herman L. Thomas, of Nebraska City, was here Friday to visit with the many old friends and looking after some business matters. Mrs. Thomas is feeling some better from her prolonged poor health and is gradually regaining her former good health but is still feeling the effects of the illness and operation.

## Fraternal Order of Eagles Holds Annual Election

Franklin Kief Selected as Worthy President—W. M. Barclay Gives Report of State Aerie.

From Friday's Daily—Plattsmouth aerie, No. 265, Fraternal Order of Eagles, held their annual election of officers last evening and had a very interesting and well attended session of the aerie.

The officers named for the year were:

Worthy President—Franklin Kief. Worthy Vice-President—O. E. Finnybrook.

Worthy Chaplain—Harry Chandler. Secretary—Edward Gabelman.

Treasurer—Bernard G. Wurl. Physician—Dr. R. P. Westover.

Several other officers will be named at a later session of the aerie and all will be installed at the meeting in June.

The members had the pleasure of hearing a very fine report on the recent meeting of the state aerie held at Columbus, given by William M. Barclay, past grand worthy president, who has been one of the leaders of the state Eagles in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Barclay is one of the outstanding members of the order and known to almost all of the aeries over the state and from his contacts at the state meeting brought a very fine word picture of the highlights of the sessions.

### UNCOVER ANCIENT CACHE

Wednesday a very interesting mound was revealed on the rifle range grounds north of this city when William Bishop, Omaha archeologist, searching for traces of Indian mounds and caches uncovered a veritable storehouse of ancient relics.

The articles that were uncovered in the cache are such that Mr. Bishop believes that they may be of a race here before the Indians that early settlers found and perhaps from the long ago ages when migration came to our continent from Asia.

In the articles taken was a pink jade figure and which lends the possible Asiatic trace to the finds, also a clay pipe, a handle of a pottery kettle and a bone needle, all of a type apparently earlier than the redmen.

The find included a well made four bladed flint knife and several arrow heads which are much different from those used by the American Indians.

The articles were taken to Omaha and will be looked over by the best known archeologists in the central west.

### CELEBRATES 90TH BIRTHDAY

William Henry Warner, more popularly known by his host of friends in Alvo as "Uncle Billie," was born in Tazewell county, Illinois, May 16, 1847, coming to Nebraska when a young man and has been a Nebraskan for more than seventy years. He lived here before there was any Alvo and also at David City, later residing in Plattsmouth for a time, and then returning to Alvo about thirty years ago. He was well and very favorably known over much of the county and was brother of the late Charles H. Warner.

Saturday his niece, Mrs. Ed Hall of Festus, Mo., came and took him to Lincoln where a celebration will be held in his honor at the home of his brother, Frank Warner. All honor to this nongenarian who has outlived a number of generations. Mr. Warner has never married and has a host of friends who are always wishing him much health and happiness and in which the Journal joins.

### FILES DIVORCE ACTION

From Thursday's Daily—This morning in the office of the clerk of the district court an action was filed in which Hallie V. Marshall is the plaintiff and Adam Marshall, the defendant. The action is one for divorce and the cause of action given as cruelty. The petition states the parties were married here on June 30, 1922. The plaintiff asks a restraining order to prevent the defendant coming on the property of plaintiff and also for the payment of the court costs.

### SELLS STORE BUILDING

From Thursday's Daily—This morning Attorney John M. Leyda, representative of John J. Toohey, owner of the double store building on South Sixth street, disposed of the property to Robert A. Cappell. The price paid for the building was \$2,000 and the purchaser to pay part of the 1936 taxes on the building.

This building is located on highway No. 75 and for the past several months has been vacant.

The new owner expects to have the building fixed up in the best of shape and with its location it will make a very desirable place of business.

## George Lloyd Long Time Cass County Farmer

Came to Cass County in Year 1870 and Has Made His Home Near Murray Since That Time.

George I. Lloyd, who has been a resident of this city since the first of March, after more than sixty-four years of active farm life near Murray, was recalling today many of the incidents of his long life in this community.

Mr. Lloyd was a boy of seven years in 1870 when his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lloyd with their family of six children arrived at the little Iowa settlement east of Plattsmouth and from where they were taken by ferry to the west side of the river where the small frontier settlement of Plattsmouth was located.

Mr. Lloyd recalls well that they drove their stock along the road to the ferry and he had hitched his horse where the present Burlington station is located.

After a brief stop here the family moved to the community known as "Three Groves" out in the community where Murray now is located and there they settled and started the cultivation of the virgin soil of the new state of Nebraska. At that time all corn planting was by hand operated planters and covered either by hoe or plow and making a long process of the work of planting the staple crop of this section.

Mr. Lloyd recalls the introduction of kerosene as a means of light and the agitation that many felt that the newly developed fluid might prove a menace and dangerous for use and many housewives contained to use the tallow candles to furnish the light for the home.

At the time that Mr. Lloyd came to Cass county in 1870, the Nebraska Herald was the only paper at Plattsmouth and later was followed by the Journal and of which the Lloyd family have been readers for many years.

The Lloyd family, David, Joseph, Stephen, Mrs. Jane Totten John all passed away with the exception of George.

### VISIT NEWLYWEDS

A number of friends from Louisville surprised Mr. and Mrs. Willis Cole in their new home near Plattsmouth last Friday evening.

They presented the newlyweds with a card table and the evening was spent in playing pinochle. At a late hour baskets filled with refreshments were brought in by the guests and a delicious lunch was served.

The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hansen and Milford, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Heier, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Heier, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wendt, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Ragoos, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Salberg and Norma Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Schleifert, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Virtus Hains of Clay Center, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Schoeman and Wilma.

### SEED CORN STOLEN

From Saturday's Daily—Sheriff Homer Sylvester was notified today of the theft of two bushel of seed corn from the John Adkins farm south of this city. The family had some twelve bushel of the corn saved for seed this year and on visiting the storage place it was found that someone had made off with a part of the stock.

## Plan Banquet in Honor of the Sylvester Boys

Sheriff Homer Sylvester and Deputy Cass Sylvester to Be Given Banquet, Special Recognition.

Acclaimed from coast to coast, through columns of front page space in both American and foreign language newspapers; twice mentioned by Winchel in his column of the air; having the privilege of personally broadcasting from New York the account of their daring feat, and now seeing the same spread on the pages of various detective and law enforcement magazines—feted in New York and Omaha, the Sylvester boys—Homer and Cass—are to sit down with a large and representative group of their Cass county friends at a testimonial dinner at the American Legion community building in Plattsmouth Thursday evening and hear the plaudits of home folks. Also, at this time, they are to be awarded scrolls, commemorating their achievement in capturing two New York bank robbers, a few hours after they had killed a G-man in Topeka and shot their way out of a trap at the postoffice building there.

The scrolls were prepared by the Omaha Bee-News and carry the signatures of John Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Governor R. L. Cochran.

### Prominent G-Man Here

Efforts of the Bee-News to have Mr. Hoover attend the dinner in person, brought a telegram from the chief G-man reiterating his former declaration that "It was a grand piece of work. I wish it were possible for me to accept." Unable to attend, Mr. Hoover designated D. M. Ladd, successor to Melvin Purvis, as special agent in charge of the Chicago Field Division FBI, to fly here and attend the dinner. Chief Agent Fletcher of the Omaha district, FBI, will accompany Mr. Ladd and occupy a place at the speakers table.

Governor Cochran has also promised to attend if he can possibly get away, and in case he finds it impossible, will send the state sheriff in his stead.

The banquet is being sponsored by the Plattsmouth Ad club and King Korn Klub, and is for both men and women. R. W. Knorr is general chairman, assisted by L. S. Devoe, chairman of program committee; Henry Soennichsen, chairman of ticket committee, and C. C. Wescott, publicity chairman. H. A. Schneider and John Turner are other members of the program committee. Tickets are \$1 each, and reservations should be made at once with the ticket committee.

### Success—or Failure

Cass county friends, observing the widespread tribute paid the Sylvesters, as their daring capture of Suhey and Power a month ago brought them into national prominence overnight, will attend this dinner in a little different spirit than that exhibited by the throngs of strangers and curious-minded.

Many have pondered what might have happened as Homer and Cass went out that April 16 evening in response to a request from the FBI office in Omaha and how much acclaim would have been paid them, if a mis-slip in their calculations had given the gunmen the advantage of a draw. Instead of five heroes, they would have been unsung victims. A few flowers, condolences to their families—no coast to coast tribute—perhaps a paragraph in the metropolitan press stating that two county law enforcement officers with more courage than judgment had "thought" they could cope with vicious city gunmen. Such is the fine line of demarcation that determines success or failure among sheriffs and sheriffs' deputies.

So in sitting down at this dinner, feelings uppermost in the minds of the friends there gathered will be of pride, mingled with a thankfulness that they did not suffer the fate many predecessors in law enforcement have.

Plattsmouth offers a splendid market for farm produce. Local dealers always pay top prices.

### TRACK TEAM TO LINCOLN

From Saturday's Daily—A number of the Plattsmouth high school relay team were at Lincoln today where they are to participate in the state high school meet and also to enjoy the contests in which there are several hundred students from all parts of the state participating.

Those who made the trip to Lincoln today were William Carey, Warren Reed, Allan White and Charles Staska, who will participate in the relay. Wayne Falk, who participated in the track meet at Ashland has been suffering from a sprained ankle that will keep him out of the Lincoln meet.

## Prepare for Opening of the Flower Show

Event Will Be Held on Saturday and Sunday, May 22 and 23—All Ready for Entries.

The Fourth Annual Flower Show, sponsored by the Plattsmouth Garden club, will be held May 22nd and 23rd, at the American Legion hall. The new schedules for the 1937 entries are now in the hands of the printer and will soon be ready for distribution.

If you have iris to enter in the flower show, take the best of care of the same until May 22nd, at which time select the best stocks and if possible have the top bud just beginning to open. There will be from twenty-five to thirty different classes in which you may enter iris.

If you have peonies select the outstanding one on which the flower is not entirely open. It might be well to have the flower two-thirds or three-fourths open at the time you enter it in the flower show.

There will be classifications for columbines, daisies, Delphinium, hemerocallis, oriental poppies, painted daisies, pansies, roses, tulips, violets, any other hardy herbaceous plants, any annual species, and cactus.

The schedule will tell you just where and in what class you are to enter your flowers. Obtain one of the schedules, choose your flowers, then look at the schedule and enter it under the number given in the schedule. In cutting flowers to enter in the flower show, cut them with a sharp knife. Do not cut them with scissors, and make the cut sloping to a point.

This flower show is open to all flower growers in Cass county, and the committee is very anxious that everybody who grows flowers in their yards or gardens shall enter some flowers in the flower show. There is no charge or expense in connection with the making of your entries in the flower show and if you should be a winner there are splendid prizes offered under each and every class.

The show is open to the public on Saturday, at 3:00 o'clock p. m., and will remain open until 10:00 o'clock p. m. The flower show will be open to visitors on Sunday up to 9:00 o'clock p. m.

### ATTEND DIRECTORS MEETING

Mrs. Lottie Rosencrans and Paul Vandervoort, director of relief and old age assistance in Cass county were at Beatrice Friday to attend a meeting of the directors of southeastern Nebraska counties.

There were many interesting talks given by the supervisors of the work over the state and it was decided to have a permanent organization of the directors perfected, C. R. Cayley of Papillion being named as the president of the organization.

### JUDGE WILSON HERE

Judge W. W. Wilson of Nebraska City was here today to hold a session of the district court and a large number of motions presented to the court and arguments offered for new trials in several of the cases passed on at the recent jury term.

Among the out of town attorneys here for the session were William F. Matschulat of Lincoln, Guy L. Clements of Elmwood and Lloyd B. Peterson of Nebraska City.

## Cass County Declares War on Grasshoppers

Farm Bureau Board to Purchase Bait Material Immediately—Mixing Begins May 17th.

Cass county has declared war on the grasshoppers. Wednesday evening members of the Farm Bureau board, composed of representatives from each precinct in the county, decided to make large purchases of bait material immediately. Mixing begins at the Sheldon Mfg. plant at Nehawka Monday, May 17. Delivery will begin on the 18th.

D. D. Wainwright, agricultural agent of Cass county, announces that the county is seriously infested with eggs. Eggs were laid last fall and late summer, usually in hard ground and in certain locations on the farm. As a rule the eggs are laid in relatively small areas. The hoppers are hatching now and will continue to hatch for about three weeks.

Letters were sent to the farmers of the county urging them to look for hatching hoppers. Ditch banks, fence rows, turn rows, pastures, alfalfa fields and weed patches are named as probable locations of the eggs. The hoppers may be as small as match heads. Cards were enclosed in the letters and every farmer finding the pest on his farm was urged to order poison bran.

Ratio of poison bran suggested is 100 pounds per quarter section of land. The first application of bait should be given as soon as the hoppers begin to hatch and a second application will be needed in about a week or ten days later. Then if the weather stays cool and stretches the hatching over a three week period it may be necessary to use a third application of the poison bait.

Government bait will probably be late in getting here and even when it comes there will not be enough to do all the job. Therefore the farm bureau is getting the material together now to start mixing. The Cass and Sarpy county farm bureaus have gone together to buy bait material in order to make as much of a saving as possible. Every effort will be made to keep the cost down to the minimum so that farmers can get the bait at a reasonable price.

When enough cards from a precinct are returned asking for enough poison bait to make a truck load, the farmers ordering the bait will be notified to come to a central place in the precinct to get their bait off the truck. If every farmer in the county does his part, a very successful campaign will be the result and hopper damage to crops will be kept to the minimum.

Further information may be secured from the farm bureau office or from the precinct chairman. Those attending the meeting Wednesday evening were D. D. Wainwright, county agricultural agent; Miss Jessie Baldwin, home demonstration agent; John B. Kaffenberger of Plattsmouth, president of the board, and representing Eight Mile Grove precinct; Harry Bricker of Greenwood, Salt Creek precinct; Art Roelofs of Alvo, Tip-ton precinct; Lloyd Grady of Greenwood, Greenwood precinct; Mrs. R. A. Kuehn of Murdock, Elmwood precinct; Harry Farmer of Ashland, South Bend precinct; Mrs. G. R. Evedland of Elmwood, Stove Creek precinct; Herbert Oehlerking of Elmwood, Weeping Water precinct; Ed Steinkamp and Mrs. Henry Smith of Weeping Water, Center precinct; Dan Schoeman of Louisville, Louisville precinct; Parr Young of Nehawka, Mount Pleasant precinct; Marion Stone of Nehawka, Nehawka precinct; Mrs. Ray Norris of Avoca, Avoca precinct; Melvin Todd of Union, Liberty precinct; Lawrence Leonard and Mrs. Everett Spangler of Murray, West Rock Bluffs precinct; Jack Stamp of Plattsmouth, East Rock Bluffs precinct; E. H. Spangler of Plattsmouth, Plattsmouth precinct.

Misses Mia and Barbara Gering were guests of the Ladies Auxiliary at the meeting at Norfolk Thursday afternoon. Miss Barbara is president of the Ladies' Auxiliaries of the diocese.