

New Council Enters Upon Its Duties Monday

Double Headed Session Last Evening—Mayor Pays Tribute to Services of Old Council.

The city council held a double headed session on April 24th, when the old council met to wind up the outstanding affairs and make way for the incoming council and the session was one filled with much business for the retiring solons.

A communication was received asking that the city take over the sanitary sewer district on North 7th street and which was referred to the city attorney for investigation and report as to the legal phases of the transfer.

The council received a communication from a lady residing at Council Bluffs in which she expressed the appreciation at treatment and courtesy shown her here when her auto was damaged in a small crash on Sixth street, giving much praise to Officers Pickrell and Johnson.

Reports of Boards Good

The report of the cemetery board was received and showed the excellent manner in which the affairs of Oak Hill cemetery are being handled and the program of improvement that has been placed in operation there. The report for the year showed a tool house and office built, 3,000 lot markers placed in the cemetery 155 tons of crushed rock placed on the roadways to aid in making the cemetery more attractive. The care program is also showing a fine progress and much interest from the lot owners. The general fund of the cemetery showed the receipt of \$2,475.35 and the expenditure of \$2,297.66, leaving a balance in that fund of \$277.69. The lot and improvement fund of the board showed \$632.50 received and \$860.13 expended, leaving a balance of \$272.37 in the fund at this time.

The library board report was not complete as yet but showed the receipt of \$2,572.13. The expenditures itemized will be given later.

The park board showed the expenditure of \$650.36 in the city parks and no receipts from any source, they using their surplus funds in the park work.

A communication was received from the state liquor commission that the licenses of Fred G. Herberster and Henry J. Donat had been issued and turned over. The mayor urged that the city clerk see that all occupation taxes on all taverns and other places be paid before the license is turned over.

Mayor Lushinsky reported that there was contemplated a cleanup week in May and at which time the residents would be asked to have their homes and property cleared of all debris. Councilman Tipples remarked that it would be well to warn against the throwing of cans and debris into the waterways over the city.

Burlington Shows Appreciation

Fire Chief O. Sandin reported on the fires of the past two months and the excellent record shown by the department. Mayor Lushinsky stated that the Burlington railroad had sent a check for \$25 to the city fire department as an appreciation for their work at the Orapolis section house fire. On motion the city clerk was asked to write and express the appreciation for the fine spirit shown by the railroad in support of the department and its upkeep.

Police Judge C. L. Graves reported for the week of April 13th, three arrests and fines and costs of \$30.

To Revoke Ordinance

Chairman Rehal of the judiciary committee brought up the matter of a proposed ordinance which would cover retail carriers such as that involved in the recent Omar Baking Co. case, enabling the city to collect an occupation tax for the operation of the trucks. As stands the ordinance applies only to wholesale trucks and not to retail trucks.

There was a great deal of discussion of the matter and it was pointed out that the ordinance did not permit the general licensing of trucks but only those that were operating under the provisions of the Green River ordinance, that of supplying

customers by invitation or permission. It was decided that the matter be referred back to the committee and to report at the next meeting. Yearly fees suggested for the trucks were \$30 or \$37.50 for the tax.

Chairman Webb of the tax and property committee reported that all of the final details were being cleared up and full details to the properties in his former Dovey half block would be ready soon for the owners.

Chairman Tipples of the streets, alleys and bridges committee reported that work was well caught up with the exception of the grade at the Burlington viaduct, clearing up some rough spots on the Washington avenue paving and washing and marking the streets.

Mayor Lushinsky reported that Maiden Lane had been fixed satisfactorily to the wishes of the postoffice department for use as a mail route.

Recommend Licenses

Chairman Vincent of the license committee reported that the committee recommended that a retail beer license be granted to William Sweeney, 142 South Sixth street. On vote of the council the license was ordered issued.

Chairman Vincent also reported the application of Robert E. Sedlak, Sr., for a license to operate a package liquor store at 116 South Sixth street. The committee recommended that the application be approved to the state liquor commission and which carried by the vote of the council and the action ordered reported to the state body.

Chairman Schutz of the fire and water committee reported that the fire inspection day here had been a great success in every way and a great deal of good accomplished. The state fire marshal had recommended that the fire department have a representative at the conference at Grand Island. On motion the sum not to exceed \$20 was appropriated to send the fire chief to the conference.

Chairman Schutz also stated that L. B. 336 was coming up for action in the legislature and which provided for fire protection for rural districts. He asked that the representatives in the legislature be asked to support this much needed measure. On motion a resolution was adopted to send to the legislature to urge support of the bill.

Chairman Comstock of the lighting committee reported that an electrician at Seventh and Vine streets had been broken and replaced and the party that had been responsible had settled for the cost.

Argue Tennis Courts

There was a great deal of discussion on the matter of the tennis courts which had been started by the NYA and which are yet incomplete and in need of additional funds for wire and nets and other small adjuncts to make them complete. After some discussion it was voted to have the WPA committee get in touch with L. S. Devoe, school superintendent, to see if any wire could be secured from outside sources and if not to make the purchase of the same. Opposition to the purchase of the wire came from Councilmen Vroman, Schutz and Gabelman, who favored the expenditure on the baseball park if made.

Farewell to Old Council

With the last moments of the old council at hand, Mayor George Lushinsky gave a very interesting resume of the city accomplishments of the past year and in which the retiring members of the council had a large part in its success. He gave expressions of appreciation and thanks to the men who had so excellently served the people of the city and extended to them the most grateful expression of the city administration of which they had been a part.

The retiring councilmen also gave short words of appreciation. Councilman Comstock stated that it had been a real treat to have served in the council and he would long recall the pleasant associations with the other members. He had found it an educational experience and in his service had tried to do the very best possible for the interests of the people. Councilman Tipples, a veteran of many years in the council, expressed his appreciation of the co-operation of his fellow councilmen and that the service with each other would be long remembered. Councilman Vincent stated that he had found the experience very interest-

Warren Reed Leads Entries in Tech Meet

First in 220 and Tied for Second in 100 Yard—Joe York Secures Place in High Jump.

The Plattsmouth high school had two of their entries in the Technical high school track meet score in the money to establish sixth place in the standings of the meet. In the finals Technical was the winner by 33 1/2 to 33 3/4 for Central high of Omaha.

Warren Reed of Plattsmouth was outstanding for the locals and showed real class in his work despite the fact that the weather conditions were not the best for the meet.

Reed was first in the 220 with a time of 23.3, Bill Huntoon of Benson being second.

In the 100 yard dash Reed was tied with Dick Nisley of Tech for second place, the first honors going to Warren Phillips of Central.

Allan White, who had been expected to furnish much competition in the racing events was unable to get going and failed to make the hoped for bid for the meet honors. White was unable to get his stride in the cold and chill of the afternoon.

In the high jump Joe York of this city was among those who tied for the third and fourth honors, Warren Robinson, Ashland, was also one of the athletic stars tied with York in the event. The first place was won by Orville Stiles, of Thomas Jefferson, with 5 feet, 6 1/2 inches.

ing and educational and that he had enjoyed it to the utmost.

New Council Meets

The members elected in April: W. H. Puls, first ward; John V. Svoboda, second ward; Robert M. Painter, third ward; O. E. Finnefrock, fourth ward and E. O. Vroman, fifth ward, were then sworn in and the new council called to order.

In the matter of the presidency of the council, E. A. Webb nominated W. H. Puls and Councilman Rehal nominated E. A. Webb, and in two ballots there was a tie vote. The matter was finally decided on the toss of a coin and in which Webb proved the winner.

Mayor Lushinsky then named the various committees of the council as follows, the first named being the chairman:

Finance—Puls, Webb, Rehal. Judiciary—Rehal, Vroman, Webb. Tax and Property—Webb, Puls, Vroman.

Fire and Water—Schutz, Finnefrock, Svoboda.

License—Tiekotter, Svoboda, Schutz.

Streets, Alleys and Bridges—Gabelman, Schutz, Tiekotter.

Police—Painter, Gabelman, Finnefrock.

Lighting—Vroman, Rehal, Gabelman.

Parks and Improvements—Finnefrock, Painter, Puls.

Public Works—Svoboda, Tiekotter, Painter.

WPA—Webb, Puls, Tiekotter.

Nominate City Officials

Mayor Lushinsky then nominated various city officers and board members and who were confirmed by the unanimous vote of the council:

City Physician—Dr. L. S. Pucelik. City Attorney—J. Howard Davis.

Police Board—George Conis, John J. Clodt, Robert Ward.

Cemetery Board—J. E. Meisinger reappointed for full term, J. C. Comstock to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Fred H. Sharpnack.

Library Board—E. H. Wescott and Miss Barbara Gering.

Street Commissioner—Ivan Taylor.

Mayor Lushinsky announced that at this time there would be no appointment of police officers as Chief of Police Barclay was ill at a hospital and whether he might be able to continue in the work was not known, so the appointments would be laid over until later.

With the near approach of 11 o'clock the council adjourned to call it a night.

The following claims were allowed: Ivan Taylor, street work \$ 40.50
Geo. Taylor, same 7.00
Geo. Taylor, street work with team 46.80
Harry Gochenour, st. work, cleaning st. 35.80
O. L. Ramel, tractor work 40.25
F. R. Gobelman, traffic zone paint 39.00
Albert Olson, phones and toll John Boetel, burying 6 dogs Paxton & Vierling Iron Wks. 24.75
J. electrolier, labor and material placing light post 7.45
Ote Oil Co., gas to fire dept. 6.77
Chicago Avenue Sewer Joe Mrasek, sand, gravel 63.99
George M. Smith, 3 m brick 3.00
Charles Crawford, truck rent 41.47
Ira Chickenshead, same 44.12
C. E. Markham, same 39.90
Ote Oil Co., oil and supplies 5.25
Joe Mrasek, sand, gravel 70.39
Clodt Service, kerosene 23.46

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IMPROVE RESIDENCE

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Starkjohn on west Rock street has been greatly improved in being restuccoed and the woodwork of the house painted and placed in first class shape. The home is one of the attractive residences in that part of the city and the improvement adds very much to its appearance.

To Hold Scout Court of Honor Here Tuesday

Merit Badge Awards in Store for a Number of Local Boys—Also Other Advancements.

Tuesday night at the high school auditorium the bi-monthly Court of Honor of Arbor Lodge district, Boy Scouts of America, will be held. It is a year since Plattsmouth entertained the district court of honor, which usually comes here in May.

A number of local troop members are scheduled for merit badge awards and advancement in rank.

The court will bring boys here from most of the towns in the district, which includes Auburn, Peru, Nebraska City, Dunbar, Syracuse, Nehawka, Union and Plattsmouth.

Camporee in June

Plattsmouth will also entertain the Scouts again this year at the second Arbor Lodge district camporee to be held at Camp Wheeler on June 5th and 6th. Seven troops participated in last year's camporee held there and found the grounds and other conveniences so pleasing it was decided at the annual district business meeting in December to go in for another camporee again this summer instead of the Scout circus or merit badge exposition, and to hold it at the same place as last year.

Plan Drive for Funds

A rise in per capita assessment will make it necessary to raise approximately \$200 to carry on the Scouting program in Plattsmouth this year. This includes \$45 put up by another organization when last year's drive for funds, put off until fall, failed to return enough money. It was this \$45 that enabled Plattsmouth to pay its 1938 per capita assessment in full and meet some of the other incidental costs of camp maintenance.

This year it is hoped to have the drive completed and the 1939 per capita assessment paid not later than the date set for holding the district camporee here.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

Misses Verna Leonard and Olive Jones, local librarians have made the announcement of a number of new books that have been added to shelves of the Plattsmouth public library, these consisting of boys' books.

The new books now obtainable for circulation are: "Lindbergh Flies On" by V. M. Reeves, "The Short Sword" by V. M. Irwin, "Through the Back Door of the Circus" by George Brinton Peck, "Keepers of the Sea" by Lewis E. Theiss, "The Shadow of Half-Moon Pass" by E. M. Baker, "The Lost 'Chicken Henry'" by Ned Andrews, "Boy's Life in the United States Navy" by H. H. Clark, and "The History of the Most Noted Pirates," author unknown.

LEASES HOTEL BARBER SHOP

Walter Farris, who has been employed at Rosey's barber shop for several years, has leased the Hotel Plattsmouth barber shop and will take possession Monday. He has an ad in today's Journal calling attention to the change and advising of his intention of operating it as a two chair shop, with Chris Nelson, who has been there, holding down the second chair.

FUNERAL OF AGED MAN

Funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon at the Sattler funeral home for Clinton C. Brannaman, 65, who died here Tuesday, after a short illness and with no relatives or close friends in this community to be with him.

The interment was at the Oak Hill cemetery in the west part of the city.

\$8.40 IN TAXES COSTS \$101

REDDING, Cal. (UP)—One reason why taxes are high here appears to be that it costs too much to collect them. A report to the city council for one month showed that it had cost \$101.26 to collect \$8.40 in back assessments.

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Garden Club Has an Interesting Meeting

Extensive Program Given and Many Subjects of Interest Discussed by Members of Group.

From Thursday's Daily—The Plattsmouth Garden club members held a very busy session last evening at the Hotel Plattsmouth at 8 o'clock. A large group of the members, friends, and garden lovers were present for the important business meeting.

As usual, the meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. Luke Wiles. Due to the illness of the present secretary, Mrs. William Schmidtman, Jr., Mrs. L. W. Egenberger served as the acting secretary and read the minutes of the March meeting, the minutes being preceded by the salute to the flag.

"Business Reports" was the theme of the April business meeting. A. L. Tidd, chairman of the conservation committee, reported on the bird sanctuary project.

A discussion on trees was conducted by Julius A. Pitz, horticulture chairman.

Mrs. E. H. Wescott read the announcements from the March National Bulletin of the club.

Mrs. Lillian Freeman was also called upon and she discussed the contents of the new book, "East is West," a book that the Garden club had subscribed to the Plattsmouth public library. The book was on display in the hotel dining room.

Miss Sophia Kraeger, chairman of the identification committee, told the history and described the cultivation of the hemerocallis, commonly known as the "lemon lily," a flower that completes everyone's garden.

Mrs. Schmidtman's report on the Beautification of Rural School Grounds was also read and she has received many requests for materials, surplus seeds, plants, and shrubs that the teachers of the various schools are desirous of obtaining. A number of the Garden club members have responded generously to the cause and it is hoped that many more will respond.

Frank Karvanek was also present and led a discussion on the tulip show to be held this year in May by the Garden club, Mr. Karvanek serving as chairman of the show. Various standing committees were selected and are now working on the forthcoming show.

Mrs. John W. Crabbill is chairman of the Iris show and she is assisted by other members of the club who comprise the committee.

The Garden club made arrangements and completed plans to sponsor landscaping and furnish materials to complete the ground for the coming year's events of the dedication of the memorial boulder.

A Harry O'Brien's garden quiz was conducted by Miss Sophia Kraeger during the course of the evening.

The special prize, which consisted of a bird building and contributed by Julius Pitz was awarded to Mrs. Fred Lugsch.

The main feature of the evening was the talk given by Mrs. William Baird, prominent and active member of the club. She gave a splendid address on the topic "The Woman That Wanted Flowers." She announced and spoke on the five-acre tract that Mrs. Pratt has arranged for the New York World's Fair and that would be solely held for the purpose of raising flowers.

Two of the members, Mrs. Fred Lugsch and Miss Sophia Kraeger were present in the 1849 fashion, they wearing the Golden Spike dresses.

At a late hour the club dispersed after a long evening of business discussions.

WILL CALL FOR BIDS

Raymond J. Larson, acting custodian of the U. S. post office building has been authorized to advertise for bids for miscellaneous repairs at the building. The work contemplated includes repairing wood floors, repairing plastering, painting walls and ceilings, painting interior metal work, painting all exterior woodwork and all exterior metal with the exception of roof. Detailed specifications and general conditions can be obtained at the post office. The time for closing of bids is 2 p. m., May 12, 1939.

VISITS IN MISSOURI

From Friday's Daily—Pete Carr, well known baker in this city, returned yesterday from an extended business trip to Kansas City, and St. Joseph, Missouri, and adjoining states. Mr. Carr had been away for the past several days and reported that business conditions were improving rapidly.

GIVEN SUSPENDED SENTENCE

Louis Harris, charged with issuing a large number of fraudulent checks, was arraigned in county court Thursday afternoon and pleaded guilty to the charge. He liquidated the amount of the checks and was given a ninety day suspended sentence. He will return to the south where he is employed.

Record of City During the Past Fiscal Year

Mayor Lushinsky Gives Report of Stewardship to Members of the City Council.

Mayor George Lushinsky at the council meeting Monday told of a number of outstanding things in the conduct of the city government in the past year. The last council that was in office from 1938 to 1939 has had a part in this and in which Mayor Lushinsky expressed his appreciation.

The report was as follows:
City Fire Truck—\$3,079.45
City V.F.D. 1,085.00
Dance 55.25 \$4,219.70
Fire Station Annex—\$774.42
Heating 250.62 1,025.04
WPA Lincoln Ave., rock surfacing 1,638.93
City Hall Stucco 327.67
Cemetery Tool House 290.13
Ordinance Revision supplies 73.71
Fennis Court (to date) 69.00
Sanitation Project 40.00
Recreation Center 70.00
Chicago Ave. Sewer Project (to date) 984.58
Bonds outstanding January 1938 were \$235,000.
Bonds paid, 1938, \$11,000.
Interest paid 1938 \$10,207.08.
Bonds maturing, 1939 \$13,000.
Outstanding bonds, January, 1939, \$24,000.
Reduction in bonded debt, 8 years, \$118,200.
Reduced mill levy in 8 years from 25 mills to 20 mills, in spite of reduction in valuation from \$4,000,000 to approximately (less) \$2,000,000.
Total bonds due in 1939, \$13,000 (\$7,000 already paid, funds available for balance.

Total interest due in 1939, \$9,373.75 (\$4,307.50 int. paid so far, balance \$5,066.25).

\$4,000 bonds due June 1, \$2,000 bonds due July 1, which completes bonds payments for this year (1939).

On behalf of the city and especially myself I want to thank the outgoing members of the council for the fine co-operation and assistance you have given me. Words cannot express my gratitude. Each and every one, you have labored earnestly and conscientiously for the best interests of the city and the taxpayer.

The average citizen does not realize what effort has to be put forth by each member of this body in order to bring all these problems to a satisfactory conclusion.

Again I want to thank you one and all and may you retire to private life knowing you have served the city faithfully and well. A vote of thanks is hereby extended to you, one and all for your kind assistance and co-operation.

ATTENDED REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Kerr, who have wintered at Houston, Texas, are now back in Nebraska and are visiting at Lincoln at the home of Mrs. Edna Evans, sister of Mrs. Kerr. They returned the 19th from the south and have since been at Lincoln.

Mr. Kerr had the pleasure of attending a reunion of the members of Co. B 1st Nebraska volunteers, who served in the Spanish-American war from 1898 to 1900 and saw much active service in the Philippines. He met many that he had not met since they were mustered out of service at Lincoln forty years ago, and the time has been most pleasant in the recalling of the old times in the islands.

Mr. Kerr is expecting to enter the U. S. Veterans' hospital at Lincoln about the first of May for about a month's stay.

TO MAKE VISIT HERE

From Saturday's Daily—Mrs. Timothy Slayton of Tulsa, Oklahoma arrived in Plattsmouth to spend the next six months visiting here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sedlak and family, as well as a number of other friends and relatives. Mr. Slayton, who has been engaged in contract work in Oklahoma, has been transferred to work in South America where he will work for the next six months.

RETURNS TO NORFOLK

From Saturday's Daily—Mrs. John Cook of Norfolk, who was here to attend the funeral services for Mrs. Armina Graves, departed this afternoon for her home. She was taken as far as Fremont by her sister, Mrs. J. H. Graves and Maxine and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Thimman.

Emil Madsen Passes Away in Tacoma, Wash.

Former Plattsmouth Resident Goes to Last Rest Following a Long Period of Failing Health.

From Saturday's Daily—Mrs. L. E. Lancaster, residing in the south part of this city, received the sad message early this morning of the death of her brother, Emil Madsen, at Tacoma, Washington. Mr. Madsen, who was 58 years of age, had been in failing health for some time and the last six months had remained bedfast, steadily growing weaker and weaker until death came to his relief.

Emil Madsen was born in Germany fifty-eight years ago, where he spent his boyhood years and when a young man was brought to this country by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Madsen. Following their arrival in America, they settled in various parts and later had made Plattsmouth their permanent home. During their residence in Plattsmouth they lived in the old family homestead on Cut-off street, now occupied by Mr. Madsen's sister, Mrs. L. E. Lancaster and family. While in Plattsmouth Mr. Madsen had been employed in the blacksmith shop of the Burlington choppers. In 1906 he retired from his duties in the shops and left for Tacoma, Washington where he was married and has made his permanent home since that time. Mr. Madsen was very well known in this city, having made numerous friends and neighbors who will learn with sad regret the passing of this fine gentleman.

There is left to mourn the passing of Mr. Madsen the wife, Kathleen; three children, Wayne, Mrs. Helen Hagen, and Miss Lois Madsen of Tacoma, Washington. There is also two brothers, Henry of Bridger, Montana, and John of Lavern, Minnesota; two sisters, Mrs. Robert Neil of Delray Beach, Florida, and Mrs. L. E. Lancaster of this city. Two grandchildren as well as a host of friends and relatives also mourn his passing.

Funeral services and interment were held in Tacoma, Washington.

Wabash News

Frank Wilson, the mail carrier, while much better, is still unable to carry the mail to and from the post office and trains and Frank Reese is continuing to handle the job.

A. B. Stromer and wife, of Alvo, were visiting in Wabash last Sunday, being guests at the home of Clifford Browne. They told of our former townsman, J. C. Browne, being quite ill and confined to his bed.

E. M. Shatto was calling on his old friends Parker Otte, Frank Wilson and Ed Obermaute for a short time Wednesday evening. He is a resident of the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth.

The World Invited to Wabash

For many years Richards Park was a favorite place for the holding of political conventions, picnic parties and Fourth of July celebrations, but as conditions changed it was used less and less. Most of the fine shade trees are still there, however, and Ralph Richards has had Ed Obermaute clean up the grounds. So now a renewed invitation is extended to come to Richards Park to enjoy your picnics, family reunions, etc., as of yore.

Lost Game to Laurel Hill

The season is again at hand for our great national pastime and the Wabash team went over to Laurel Hill for a game with the boys there, who seem to know their baseball. The score was 38 to 12, in their favor.

To Dispose of Church Building

A committee from the general conference of the Methodist churches in Nebraska came to Wabash one day last week to look over the church building with a view to disposing of it. Should this be done, Wabash will be left without a church, as it has not been very long ago that the other church building was torn down and moved away.

To us it seems the best interests of the community would be served by the raising of money to buy the building and retain it as a place of community service and for the holding of funerals, etc. Few people, even though they do not attend church regularly, want to live in a churchless town. Why not make an effort to see that this last house of worship in the community is not demolished?

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