

## Dream of Long Standing About to be Realized

Free Bridge of Adequate Size to Handle Heavy Auto and Truck Traffic Starting Friday

The Louisville celebration committee has an ad in this issue of the Journal inviting the public to the free bridge celebration there the last three days of this week and outlining some of the many entertaining features that have been arranged.

The making of Louisville's fine 2-lane concrete traffic structure free by legislative enactment brings into reality a dream of long standing in our neighboring cement city and removes the last barrier over the Platte river.

Louisville has had bridges—and bridges. The first bridge, a toll free wagon structure, was built in 1890 from the proceeds of a bond election in Louisville precinct. It was a four piling structure, with twenty foot spans and an oak plank floor. A celebration marked its opening Sept. 24, 1890, with a gigantic crowd—many of whom came by special train compared to present day auto transportation. This bridge served for thirteen years, being partially taken out by the ice in the spring of 1903.

Louisville contributed \$2,500 and the county \$5,000 for repairs, making the structure again serviceable, but two years later, in 1905, the ice took out not only the new sections, but a large part of the old as well. From then until 1908, the community was without a bridge. Then a private company was organized to build a toll bridge. Like its predecessor, it was a four pile structure, but the floor was elevated ten feet above the water level to allow clearance for the ice. Span lengths were also increased to 30 feet. The tolls on this bridge paid the stockholders a good return from the time of its opening until it was turned over to the state and counties, with revenue soon paying the counties' half of the purchase price, so that it became free in 1926.

By 1929, however, this one-way traffic structure was found inadequate to carry modern day traffic and agitation was started for a new bridge. Unsuccessful in repeated efforts to get the state highway department to build a new concrete span, citizens of eastern Nebraska met in Louisville in September, 1929, and organized the Louisville Bridge company for the purpose of providing a permanent bridge across the Platte, as a part of state highway No. 50. The board of directors was composed of R. H. Hastain, president; Dr. E. H. Worthman, vice president; Lee J. Mayfield, secretary, and F. H. Nichols, treasurer, with H. A. Schneider the fifth member of the board. The list of stockholders included many Louisville people, some in Omaha, Lincoln, South Bend and Plattsmouth.

Construction work was pushed at a rapid rate and the bridge was opened to the public December 10, 1929. On November 28, 1933, the Louisville Bridge company sold its bridge to the state of Nebraska and the two counties, a sale previously authorized by a vote of more than 75 per cent of the stockholders, who agreed to take \$87.69 for each \$100 share of stock held. The consideration was \$149,862.01, with the state paying its half of the purchase price, which was applied by the board to liquidation of outstanding stock, with the balance to be amortized out of net revenues from operation of the bridge as a toll span by Cass county.

A bill before the 1937 legislature to have the state pay off the remaining indebtedness and make the bridge toll free never got past committee. Renewed efforts on a larger scale were undertaken this year, with the result that the bill was passed by an almost unanimous vote on April 5, and immediately signed by Governor Cochran. As the bill did not carry the emergency clause, it does not become effective until ninety days after adjournment of the legislature, or Friday, September 8. The last toll watch will conclude its work at 11:59 Thursday night, after which the bridge will be toll free. It is constructed of steel and concrete, with heavy piers sunk to solid footing and 60 foot girders rolled on the camber or convex style and supporting a heavy concrete floor 20-feet in width for two-lane traffic.

The present board of directors that will wind up the affairs of the company and end its corporate existence, is composed of: Dr. E. H. Worthman, president; W. J. O'Brien, of South Bend, vice president; Lee J. Mayfield, secretary, and F. H. Nichols, treasurer, with Theodore Harms, of

Manley, as the fifth member. No group of citizens will greet the free bridge with more acclaim than the directors of the company, who feel that the purpose for which the span was originally built—to provide Louisville with an adequate toll-free bridge—has been accomplished.

**Three Day Celebration**  
The lifting of the tolls will be the occasion for a three-day celebration in the cement city, on the Platte.

The celebration opens Thursday night with an amateur contest. Friday is governor's day with a dinner for Governor Cochran and other notables followed by a program at the Ask Grove park near the south approach to the bridge. Saturday is to be Old Settlers' day with a big parade at 1:00 p. m., followed by an Old Settlers' program at 2:00. One of the features of this program will be the awarding of 50 year certificates to all who have resided in Cass county for that length of time or more.

Both Friday and Saturday there are exhibitions of the John K. Chapell Shows and Agnes Britton Stage Revue, together with carnival attractions, nightly dances and other mid-way features.

Plattsmouth will be well represented at the celebration.

## Elmwood News

Mrs. Anama Hiatt of Lincoln spent a day here as a guest of her sister, Mrs. Thessie Kelley.

Mr. and Mrs. James Liston, of Evergreen, Colorado, spent a few days in Elmwood visiting friends.

There is much rejoicing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vincent over the arrival of a baby girl there last week.

Floyd Eldermiller of Weeping Water was in Elmwood last Tuesday afternoon, where he was looking after business matters.

N. D. Bothwell has been having a siege of the real thing—hay fever, we mean—that keeps the handkerchief going all the time.

George Eldermiller and family were in Lincoln Tuesday, where they attended the American Legion convention and visited friends.

Mrs. Forest Montgomery and Barbara Gregory, both of Lincoln, were attending the Golden Jubilee here last week and enjoyed meeting with their many friends here.

Wm. McLennen and wife, formerly of Elmwood, but now residing in Lincoln, were visiting friends and attending the Golden Jubilee here Friday afternoon and evening.

Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Neeley, former Elmwood residents, now located in Lincoln, came down Friday of last week to visit old friends and attend the Second Golden Jubilee celebration.

Mrs. F. H. Walker and Eugenia Redbird of Kansas City were visiting in Elmwood during the Golden Jubilee celebration and while here were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Greene.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Edwards attended the funeral of the late John C. Browne at Weeping Water Tuesday afternoon. They had just returned from a ten days visit in Denver at the home of their son Boyd.

Chris Backemeyer, who has accepted a position in a lumber yard at Filley, left the fore part of last week for that place. Mrs. Backemeyer followed as soon as her husband was able to find some place to move to.

Charles Gerbeling, who resides at the home of his son Floyd and family at Plattsmouth, was a business visitor in Weeping Water and Elmwood last Tuesday. After completing his business here with Mr. Whitlach and son of near Greenwood, he remained the balance of the day and enjoyed visiting old friends here before evening, when his son and family drove up after him.

taken with sudden illness while at work cutting meat in the store. As he finished the work and attempted to hang up the saw he was using, his arm refused to act and a doctor was called and Mr. Wood taken to his home. After treatment and a few days' rest, he was feeling some better, but is taking a longer rest before he will attempt to return to his work.

**Passes Away at Naperville**  
Rev. A. Stauss, former minister to the Evangelical church of Murdock and a minister of many years, recently passed away at his late home at Naperville, Illinois, where he has resided since his retirement from the ministry.

He leaves a widow and three sons, two of whom have followed in their father's footsteps and are in the ministry, being pastors of Evangelical churches.

Rev. Stauss was pastor of the Evangelical church in Murdock from 1923 to 1928 and made many friends here, who will be pained to learn of his demise. He was born in Germany December 17, 1867, and came to Nebraska, having as his first charge Cedar Bluffs in the year 1890. He continued to preach for 40 years up to 1930, before his retirement. A great many good deeds have been done through him and all will regret to learn of his demise, even though he had passed by one year man's allotted span of three-score-ten.

**Enjoyed Union Services**  
The union services which have been in progress for some time were concluded last Sunday night with the services held at the Evangelical church. Henry Bornemeier, who is a clerical student, was present and sang a solo to accompaniment played by his wife. Alfred Wilkins assisted materially in arranging the program of the evening.

**INGRED LEDA HADEN**  
Mrs. Anton Haden—Ingrid Leda nee Loberg—was born at Bishop Hill, Illinois on Sept. 23, 1884. She was baptized and confirmed in the Christian faith in Trinity Lutheran church at Alta, Iowa on May 22, 1904.

She entered the estate of holy matrimony with Mr. Anton Haden on Dec. 20, 1906. The union was blessed with two sons and one daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Haden made their home on a farm at Manley, Nebr. the first nine years of their married life. In 1916 they moved to Clay Center, Kansas. In this territory they farmed for 11 years. They returned to Nebraska in 1927 and settled on a farm near Manley. In 1935 they left the farm and moved to town. Mrs. Haden was residing at Plattsmouth at the time of her death.

She departed this life Sunday morning Aug. 20, 1939, having attained an age of 54 years, 10 months, and 28 days. Those left to mourn her departure are her husband, Anton Haden; two sons, Emil and Arthur; daughter, Irene; daughter-in-law, Mrs. Arthur Haden; 2 grandchildren, Donald and Eleanor Haden; three brothers, Elmer and Oscar Loberg of St. Paul, Minn., and Emil Loberg of Manhattan, Kansas; four sisters, Christina of Axtel, Nebr.; Mrs. Victor Strom, Mrs. Harley Garrett, Mrs. Richard Carlson, all of Clay Center, Kansas. One brother, Swan, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at the Horton funeral chapel Tuesday, August 22 and at Clay Center, Kansas, August 23. The mortal remains were laid to rest in the Swedesburg Lutheran cemetery north of Clay Center, Kansas.

Rev. H. G. Cattau of Immanuel Lutheran church at Louisville, Nebraska officiated at all services.

**MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE**  
From Friday's Daily—  
This morning at the court house Judge A. H. Duxbury took time out from the grind of probate and criminal cases to perform the marriage ceremony for two couples.

Harold H. Thompson and Mildred K. Schlegel of Omaha, were married with Margaret A. Hansen and Joe Bezdek, also of Omaha as the witnesses.

Charles W. Adams and Idella M. Gorn, of Pacific Junction were married by Judge Duxbury and with Mrs. Amy Adams and Carl Gorn, as the witnesses.

**HERE FROM SOUTH BEND**  
From Saturday's Daily—  
George Boardman, of South Bend, with his sons, George, Jr., and Bennett, were in the city for a few hours today looking after some business matters. While here Bennett secured his drivers permit to allow him to drive to school at Ashland.

**TO VISIT WITH RELATIVES**  
Mrs. Sam Gilmour of south of the city departed Friday for a visit with her mother, Mrs. William McGregor and other relatives at Sargent, Nebraska, for a few days. Mr. Gilmour accompanied his wife as far as Omaha on the journey.

**OMAHA TEAM WINS**  
From Saturday's Daily—  
Last evening the Cuming Street Merchants, Kittenball organization of Omaha visited the city and staged an 8 to 3 win over the Timm's at Athletic park.

## Mrs. Cummins Has Fine Visit in the East

With Old Time Plattsmouth Friends Local Lady Journeys Through Eastern States.

**From Friday's Daily—**  
Mrs. Frank L. Cummins returned home this morning from a most delightful visit in the east which has afforded her the opportunity of seeing a great deal of the country from this city to the New England states. The principal part of the time of Mrs. Cummins was spent in New York city with her son, Norris Cummins and who took care that the mother had the opportunity of viewing all of the places of interest in the great city, this affording her a glimpse at all of the principal features of the great city.

She also had the opportunity of visiting with Mrs. Claire Coleman Howland and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Brown, both ladies being former Plattsmouth residents and friends of her childhood days. Mrs. Cummins was taken by the friends for a motor trip through New England, the Green mountains of Vermont and the White mountains of New Hampshire as well as many of the historic and beauty spots of New England, a journey through one of the most typical of American sections and where the early day Puritan touch is still to be seen.

**Sketch of Life of John Brown, Old Resident**  
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In 1911 he was married to Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper, who preceded him in death in 1929.

He leaves to mourn his passing beside his children, 18 grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. Charles Pepple and Mrs. Frank Jackson, both of Chicago, Ill., and a host of friends.

He was a member of the Baptist church of Wabash, of Canopy Lodge No. 209 A. F. & A. M. and Scottish Rite Masons.

His cheerful disposition is what most endeared him to his family and friends.

This world is what we make it  
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**OUTSIDE BOXERS SEEK ENTRY**  
Proof positive that Plattsmouth should and can be one of the mid-west sport centers is shown by the vast number of inquiries directed toward Kid Graves, the former world's champion welterweight boxer who is promoting the King Korn Karnival boxing program. Out of town amateur boxers in great numbers are trying to get places on this program, but it has been decided that this "affair de la boxe" will be a strictly local matter.

Only one weight class will be presented in this tourney, the one in which the first seven entries are made. Thus far, the welterweights have a lead with six entries with lightweights following closely behind with five. When one more welterweight boxer or two lightweights, sign up the entry list will close and the seven boxers of one or the other of these classes will hold the spotlight of the local sports world until the tourney is staged, during King Korn Karnival week.

Following are the entries filed in each of the two leading weight classes:  
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The Ak-Sar-Ben Bird club met at the school house Saturday with their leader, B. O. Mooney.

Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Mooney, Billy and Bobby attended the Stander reunion in Louisville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Dill and Jamie were Saturday evening visitors at the Wm. Blum home.

Mrs. F. J. Knecht went to Lincoln Monday, where she attended the American Legion Auxiliary convention.

Mrs. Dave Campbell returned to her home Sunday after having spent a few days visiting relatives in Timwood.

Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Livers called at the Bernard Dill home Sunday evening, when all enjoyed ice cream and cake.

Mr. Bion Dill returned to the home of his son Oscar Dill and family this week, after an extended trip with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nannon and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Meyers of Lincoln were supper guests at the Merle Nannon home Sunday.

Mrs. Blanche Hill returned to her home in Lincoln Monday after having spent a week visiting Mrs. Cora Campbell and Russel.

Helen Blum and Mrs. Carl Hartman returned from Lincoln Tuesday, where they visited at the Carl Hoffman home for several days.

W. J. O'Brien came from Rochester, Minn., Friday, returning the same day. He reports Mrs. O'Brien is recovering nicely after her operation.

Mrs. Floyd Ronnau and children drove to Syracuse Wednesday afternoon, where they will attend the Otee county fair and visit relatives until Sunday.

The South Bend Sunday school held their annual picnic Sunday evening at Lake Park. A nice crowd was present. Everyone had a most enjoyable time.

Mrs. V. D. Livers and Kenneth and Mrs. Wm. Blum drove to Lincoln Wednesday, where they were supper guests at the Walter Towle home. Kenneth remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dolinsky of Omaha called on Mr. and Mrs. George Vogel and Loran Sunday. They brought Mrs. Catherine Critchfield, mother of the ladies, to spend a few weeks at the Vogel home.

Miss Florence Zaar left Wednesday for David City, where she will again teach the eighth grade. She has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Zaar, since finishing her work in summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Mooney entertained a group of small boys Thursday in honor of their son Bobby on his birthday. Games were enjoyed as well as a delicious luncheon. Everyone wished Bobby many more happy birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Streight and Jerry drove to Omaha Sunday, where they met Mrs. Streight's sister, Miss Norma Bushnell and other friends for a picnic dinner. Their daughter Carol returned home with them after having spent a most enjoyable week with her aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rau and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blum drove to Lincoln Saturday night to meet Donald Rau and Allen Blum, who have been working for Charles Rau, at Dunning the past month. The boys report that they enjoyed the visit as well as the work of putting up the big hay crop. Miss Verla Rau also returned with them from Lincoln, where she has been employed this summer.

Jim Webb drove up from Plattsmouth Friday and he and Bill Rosencreans went on from here to Lincoln to make some arrangements regarding their attendance at the University of Nebraska this fall. They are to receive Eagle Scout awards at the Plattsmouth court of honor Tuesday evening. They were together on two southern and eastern trips a number of years ago with Rev. Murphree's group of boys from Louisville. They expect to room together this year at Lincoln.

**EVANGELISTIC SERVICE**  
There will be evangelistic services conducted each evening at 8 o'clock at the Lewiston church. Services will start Thursday and continue each evening. Come and hear the old fashioned gospel.

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## Only a Week Left to Secure Free Dictionary

Journal Offer Expires Sept. 10—A Large Number Ordered to Date with Subscription Paym't

Only one more week remains in which to take advantage of the Journal's free dictionary offer that has been in effect for several weeks. During that time many have taken advantage of the opportunity to get the 900 page New Universities dictionary when paying subscription to this newspaper. There have been a few who could not understand why the books could not be carried in stock and handed out without the 19 cents additional charge for postage and wrapping. The reason is that the books could only be purchased subject to individual mailing direct from the publishing house in the east, and aside from one sample dictionary to show, the Journal has never had any in stock.

Many who have received the dictionaries have expressed themselves as very well pleased with them—as all may well be, since they are an ordinary \$1 value, of latest issue and contain all the new words that have originated since the publication of older and more obsolete editions.

We repeat the offer, so all may fully understand: Anyone paying one year (or more) subscription to the Semi-Weekly Journal at the regular \$2 per year rate, is eligible to have one of these dictionaries mailed direct to them upon payment of an additional 19 cents to cover the publisher's handling and mailing cost. Subscriptions mailed up to and including September 10, and subscriptions turned in to our office up to closing time Saturday night, Sept. 9, will be eligible to receive a dictionary. After that time, the special offer will no longer be in effect.

If you have been planning on getting one of these dictionaries, but putting off the time of acting, we warn you to make arrangements for it this week, by paying one or more-year's subscription and the required additional 19 cents wrapping and mailing expense.

Avoid disappointment—act now!

**HELD TO GRAND JURY**  
OMAHA, Sept. 2 (UP)—United States Commissioner M. A. Hall today ordered Mrs. Elizabeth C. Clark, Plattsmouth widow, and her son, Charles C. Clark, held to federal grand jury on a charge of forging twelve checks issued to Mrs. Frances Tower, Omaha divorced wife of Jesse Tower, a veteran who had been attached to a CCC camp at Columbus.

According to testimony at the preliminary hearing, Mrs. Clark had at first cashed the checks at the urging of Tower, who died last July. The money had been allotted to Mrs. Tower. As Tower's kin, Mrs. Tower's signature allegedly was forged by young Clark with Mrs. Clark cashing the checks.

**ATTEND FUNERAL SERVICES**  
A large number of the old friends and neighbors were here Thursday from Louisville for the burial service for Mrs. Clara Grassman. The services were held at the Methodist church at Louisville and the body brought here to rest in Oak Hill cemetery. Rev. Dickson conducted a short service at the grave where the funeral party from Louisville were joined by a number of the friends and relatives here.

**HOME FROM VACATION**  
Mrs. W. O. Troop returned home Friday morning following a six-weeks' vacation trip spent largely in the Colorado country. Mrs. Troop was a guest of her sisters in Aspen, Colorado. During her visit in eastern Colorado she visited with Mrs. Chloe Stoll and Mrs. Wayne Crouch.

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