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Council Votes to Refund Bonds at Lower Rate

Saving of \$1,012.50 a Year Through Refunding of \$45,000 of the City's Bonded Debt.

From Thursday's Daily—In a short special session held last night, the City Council voted unanimously to refund a \$45,000.00 bond issue that has been drawing 4 1/2 per cent interest since July 1, 1935, at a new all-time low interest rate for Plattsmouth bonds of 2 1/2 per cent—just half the present charge.

The forty-five one thousand dollar bonds in this series were issued to take up registered warrants incurred in the building of a road to the Missouri river bridge and a number of paving district intersections. They are 20-year bonds and would not become due until July 1, 1955, but are optional on interest paying dates from and after July 1st.

In refunding, the council is providing for serial payments in varying amounts that will see the last of this debt retired July 1, 1949.

Interest paid on these bonds has been \$2,025.00 a year, and under the new rate will be cut in half, effecting an interest saving of \$1,012.50 a year—sufficient to retire an added one thousand of principal on bonded debt of the city.

\$4,000.00 payment on bond principal as of April 1, cuts the city's total bond debt to \$204,000.00 to begin the new fiscal year May 1. One thousand of the four thousand paid was on Paving District 25 bonds issued April 1, 1923, and drawing 5 1/2 per cent interest. Three more \$1,000 bonds remain of this serial issue, one coming due April 1, 1941, 1942 and 1943, respectively. They are non-optional for payment or refunding before their due dates.

The other \$3,000 payment represents the final three bonds in a refunding issue of April 1, 1930, also non-optional, which have been drawing 4 1/2 per cent interest.

Lowest present interest rate on outstanding city bonds is 3 per cent.

Before negotiating the present refunding at 2 1/2 per cent, the council rejected offers of 2 3/4, 2 1/2 and 2 1/4 with a \$350 fee to be paid by the city (which would have amounted to approximately 2 3/4 per cent par on the basis of maturities set up).

The accepted 2 1/2 per cent offer is on a par basis, with purchasers to prepare the legal proceedings and print the bonds at no expense to the city. The notice appears elsewhere in this issue of the Journal.

PROBATE DAY IN COURT

From Friday's Daily—This morning was a very busy time in the probate court, a large number of estate matters coming on for hearing before Judge A. H. Duxbury.

Hearing on claims in the estate of Florence Daisy Douglass was one of the matters considered by the court.

The will of Neil C. Christianson, deceased, of Weeping Water was admitted to probate, Chris J. Elgaard being named as executor. Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Christianson of Weeping Water and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rauth of Manley were here for the hearing.

The appointment of Mrs. Lois Tefft, widow, as administratrix, of the estate of Carl Tefft, deceased, was approved by the court.

The will of the late C. E. Tefft, of Weeping Water was admitted to probate, Caroline I. Tefft, widow, being named as the executrix.

Final settlement was had in the estate of W. H. Heil, deceased, Walter H. Smith, administrator, was discharged.

Final hearing was had in the estate of Rosabel M. Ferguson, the final reports of Guy L. Clements, executor, received and executor discharged.

In the estate of Dr. J. H. Hall, deceased, the appointment was made of I. J. Hall as administrator.

The hearing in the estate of Peter and Amelia Gakemeier, deceased was continued to April 20th.

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HERE FROM PERRY, IOWA

From Friday's Daily—Mr. and Mrs. Sam Conis and small son, of Perry, Iowa, arrived last evening for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Conis, the former a brother of Mr. Conis. Mrs. George Conis and son, Tommie, who have been at Perry, returned with their guests. Today the Messrs. Conis were in Omaha to visit with old friends.

Chamber of Commerce Has Fine Meeting

To Join With Junior Chamber in Recognition of Young People Reaching Twenty-one.

The Chamber of Commerce held a very largely attended meeting of the directors Thursday afternoon at the Hotel Plattsmouth, President L. S. Devoe presiding over the session.

The members heard from Dale Bowman, of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, who is sponsoring a meeting for recognition of the youth of Cass county who are reaching voting age. It is planned to have this in May if possible.

George Hetrick of the inter-city relations committee, reported plans for a series of contacts with the various other towns of the county in the coming summer.

E. H. Bernhardt, chairman of the public relations committee, discussed a special meeting to be held in May which will be of especial interest to the community, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Ad club and the Chamber of Commerce being invited to join in the meeting.

George Conis, chairman of the convention section of the public relations committee, is planning on leading what aid can be given for public meetings that may come to Plattsmouth the coming summer.

A. L. Tidd, of the Committee of 100 reported that there is to be a general meeting of this state-wide organization in May. W. B. Banning of Union and E. H. Bernhardt of this city are also members of the committee.

Carl Schneider of the civic improvement committee discussed work that was being contemplated by the residents of the city in the coming summer months.

F. I. Rea, treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce, discussed the matter of membership and finances which will be necessary in the successful carrying out of the program for 1940.

EXTRA COPIES AVAILABLE

Extra copies of the G. F. W. C. Golden Jubilee edition of the Journal are still available, either on direct purchase or mailed to distant relatives and friends. For counter sales, the price is 5 cents each or 50 cents per dozen. If mailed, the price is 7 cents for one, 4 for 25 cents or 12 for 70 cents. On direct sales, call at Bates Book Store or Journal office. Where it is desired to have them mailed, contact Mrs. R. C. Shellenbarger, editor of that edition at telephone No. 340-W.

PAYS OFFICIAL VISIT

Thursday evening Raymond C. Cook, master of the first vail of the grand chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, with W. F. Evers, superintendent of the Nebraska Masonic Home and L. L. Wiles, visited at Falls City.

The occasion was the official visit and inspection by Mr. Cook of Eureka chapter No. 5, Royal Arch Masons.

The Plattsmouth men had a very pleasant visit with their brethren of the Falls City chapter.

HERE FROM CHICAGO

From Friday's Daily—Sheldon Tefft, member of the faculty of the law college of Chicago University, was here today to look after some matters in the county court. Mr. Tefft was joined here by his mother, Mrs. C. E. Tefft and his sister, Miss Esther. They attended the hearing on the estate of C. E. Tefft in the county court.

Platter Baseball Team Opens with Victory

High School Team Scores 10 to 7 Victory Over Gretna on the Sarpy County Diamond.

From Saturday's Daily—Friday afternoon in the chill of April weather Plattsmouth proved to be of the stirring quality that they are made out to be by trouncing Gretna to the tune of 10-7 before a large crowd, which gradually dwindled away as the game progressed. Smith and Noble hit the only home runs of the game; Smith got his in the third, and Noble hit his in the seventh. Grover Parriott was the star in the field, making a sensational catch of Tangeman's hot drive into short left in the first and nipping Nefsky at the plate with a great "peg" in the fifth.

Errors were few despite the fact that the Platters had only one day's practice, and all in all the Platters show promise for the coming season which will find them facing such stirring outfits as Omaha South and Omaha Tech.

Both pitchers got off to bad starts. With the sacks loaded from Parriott being on a walk, Shiffer on an error, and Phillips on a hit, Smith slipped the ball out next to the left field fence for a triple and Plattsmouth took a lead which sustained them through the rest of the game.

Parriott's double with one on and Smith's circuit clout which landed out in the corn gave the Platter's two more runs in the next two innings.

Smith was wild in the first, walking the bases full in rapid fire fashion, but settled down and retired the side with only one run crossing the plate. Everybody batted in the third for Gretna with Smith giving way to Captain Joe Phillips, and the boys from the farms made it 5-4 at the end of this session. Another run in the fifth and the score was tied.

However, the Platters found their stride again in the sixth, and laid the "apple" all over the field for four runs that put the game on ice. Both teams scored in the seventh as Joe Noble relieved Phillips on the mound and smashed a home run into the corn past the right field fence.

Scheef worked the full game for Gretna and despite two bad innings did a fine job of twirling.

Box score:

Plattsmouth									
	AB	R	H	PO	A	E			
Parriott, lf	2	2	2	1	2	0			
Jones, c-rf	3	0	1	11	0	0			
Shiffer, 3b	4	1	1	1	2	0			
Phillips, ss-p	4	2	3	1	2	2			
Smith, p-as-2b	4	1	3	1	0	0			
York, 1b	4	0	0	2	0	0			
Petet, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0			
Toman, rf	1	0	0	1	0	0			
Chovanec, rf-c	1	0	0	1	0	0			
Steinkamp, cf	3	2	0	1	0	0			
Noble, cf-p	1	1	1	0	1	0			
Lutz, 2b-cf	4	1	1	1	2	0			
	33	10	12	21	7	4			

Gretna

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E			
Ellinger, c	4	2	1	14	2	0			
Clark, 1b	3	1	2	1	0	1			
Fox, ss	3	0	0	0	0	1			
Scheef, p	4	2	2	1	0	0			
Jipp, rf-lf	4	0	3	0	0	0			
Tangeman, 3b	2	1	0	1	1	0			
L. Hansen, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Nefsky, cf	1	0	0	1	0	0			
Koch, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Busekist, lf-2b	3	1	0	2	0	1			
Patterson, 2b	1	0	0	0	1	0			
H. Han'n, 2b-lf-rf	2	0	0	1	1	0			
	29	7	8	21	4	4			

VISITORS IN CITY

From Saturday's Daily—J. E. Grimes of St. Louis, was in the city today for a few hours accompanied by his nephews, J. E. Stine of Custer, South Dakota, and George Stine of Union. Mr. Grimes was called to Union by the death of his brother-in-law, R. D. Stine, whose funeral was held Thursday at Union. Mr. Grimes is the only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George W. Grimes, pioneers of Liberty precinct, living in Union during his youth, going to St. Louis in 1900 where he engaged in railroad work. He retired from active service in 1925 and made his home in Florida for seven years, later returning to the Missouri city. He is a brother of Mrs. Annie Stine of Union and Mrs. Flora Taylor of this city.

SUFFERS FROM FEVER

Friends and relatives of Mrs. Loren Otto, formerly Miss Ruth Ferris, have learned that she is suffering from a severe case of undulant fever, a fever which she contracted through the medium of drinking cow's milk recently. Mrs. Otto is still in the St. Mary's hospital, Nebraska City where she is responding satisfactorily to treatment given by a fever machine.

Margaret Wiles and Morris Terry Wed in Iowa

Home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wiles in Lyons Township, Mills County, Scene of Wedding.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wiles in Lyons township, Mills county, Iowa, was the scene of a pretty wedding ceremony Sunday afternoon, March 31, at 4 o'clock, when their daughter Anna Margaret, became the bride of Morris Terry, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Terry, who reside north of Pacific Junction.

The marriage rites were read by Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Plattsmouth, who is a family friend and former pastor of the family when they lived in this vicinity. The ceremony took place in the living room of the home, where the bride's parents were married. Mrs. Wiles being the daughter of the late B. B. Dean and this being the Dean family homestead. The bride was charmingly attired in a gown of rose colored hue and carried a bouquet of pink roses. The groom wore a business suit of brown. They were attended by her sister, Florence Wiles as bridesmaid, and his brother, Leonard Terry, as best man. Thirty-five relatives were present at the ceremony.

Following congratulations, refreshments of ice cream, cake and coffee were served. The bride graduated from Plattsmouth high school with the class of 1936, attended State Normal college at Peru, Neb., and has since been at the home of her parents. The groom graduated from Glenwood high school with the class of 1936 and has since been associated with his father in the operation of their farm. They went at once on the farm which he has recently acquired, just north of his father's home place. Both are splendid young people and their many friends join in wishing them a life of success and happiness.

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FUNERAL OF JOHN NOTTLEMAN

The funeral services for John Nottleman, Sr., took place on Wednesday afternoon at the Sattler funeral home, Fourth and Vine streets, a very large number of the old friends and neighbors being present to join in the final tributes to his memory.

Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, conducted the services, bringing a message of consolation to the members of the bereaved family and the old friends.

The Masonic quartet, composed of Frank A. Cloldt, R. C. Cook, R. W. Knorr and H. G. McClusky, gave two of the old hymns, "Rock of Ages" and "Jesus Savior Pilot Me," while Mr. Cloldt gave as a solo number, "In the Garden." E. H. Wescott was the accompanist.

The body was taken to Springfield, Nebraska where the interment was made in the family plot in the cemetery. The pallbearers were Glen Frank and Charles Vallery, Homer Shrader, Alex Campbell and Louis Sack.

Masonic services were conducted at the grave in the Springfield cemetery by Raymond C. Cook, past master of Plattsmouth lodge and deputy grand custodian of the grand lodge of Nebraska. Mr. Nottleman was a member of the Masonic lodge at Otoe.

VISIT HERE WEEK-END

Miss Garnette Clare, who is a teacher in the Kearney schools, is a week-end visitor at the Glen Vallery home. Miss Clare was formerly a teacher in the Central building.

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Past Commanders' Night Held by American Legion

Those Who Have Served the Post as Commanders in the Past Provide Program.

From Friday's Daily—Last evening Hugh J. Kearns post, No. 56, department of Nebraska, held its first past commanders night at the Legion building, on this occasion being joined by a large group of the prominent business and professional men of the community in the open house.

In view of the meeting the regular business session was omitted by Commander George Conis, who presented Past Commander W. R. Holly who conducted the ritualistic and speaking program of the evening.

Past commanders of the post who were present were seated on the stage of the auditorium. The past commanders present at the meeting were Frank H. Smith, Judge A. H. Duxbury, Raymond J. Larson, William R. Holly, Thomas Walling, Leslie W. Niel, Fred Lugsch, Otto Lutz, Clyde Jackson, Albert Olson, C. A. Marshall, Fred Herbster, Harrison L. Gayer, E. G. Ofe.

Short responses were made by the commanders, Frank H. Smith speaking on "The American Legion and Service Men" in service for his country and the community activities of the organization. Judge A. H. Duxbury very ably presented the work of the Legion toward its disabled and suffering members, their widows and orphans, citing the large number of cases of treatment, aid in securing just recognition of claims, of the general program of service that was one of the outstanding features of the American Legion. Raymond J. Larson, scoutmaster of the Legion sponsored troop of Boy Scouts for the past eleven years, gave a very interesting discussion of the Scout teaching in citizenship, a very important part of the scouting program of instruction, fitting the youth for a greater appreciation of his duties. C. A. Marshall, director of the American Legion drum and bugle corps, was presented and greeted with a tribute for his very fine work in this excellent community service. E. A. Webb, adjutant of the post for the past twenty years, gave a short response of the mutual helpfulness of the Legion toward its membership, urging that a closer touch be maintained with the members who might be ill and confined to their homes or hospitals. L. S. Devoe, superintendent of schools, was called upon and told of his observance of the Legion in community service, its unselfish attitude in the affairs of the city and surrounding territory, citing the work of the shoe fund that had been a great aid to the children of the city schools in the past winter, in fact for the past few years that it has been made available.

County Commander H. L. Gayer, also a past commander was presented and invited the Plattsmouth past members to come to Louisville for a county meeting on April 18. County Vice-Commander J. B. Shriber, of Union was also presented and gave a word of appreciation for the many things that the American Legion had accomplished in the community service.

Mayor George Lushinsky, long a loyal Legion booster, was greeted as was the newly-elected mayor, Arnold Lillie, both being honor guests of the post for the evening.

The post joined in sending a personal greeting signed by all of the members present, to Ralph Petet, member of the local post, who is at the U. S. Veterans' hospital at Lincoln. Mr. Petet has been at the hospital for several weeks and will probably have to remain there for some time.

With the close of the program the evening was spent informally, a very fine repast of Doud's home-made sausages being provided as the main feature, these being prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Doud. Foaming beer and coffee also served to add to the refreshments of the evening.

The meeting was one of the best attended and enjoyable that the Legion has had for some time, a very

fine tribute to the hard work of W. R. Holly, the program chairman and Commander George Conis.

DR. EATON LEAVES

Dr. Wilbur S. Eaton, local physician and surgeon, left late Thursday night for Chicago, Illinois where he is at the present time. Dr. Eaton went to Illinois to attend to some business and will also visit with his ailing niece before returning to Plattsmouth next week.

Ralph Harshman Found Dead Near Avoca Sunday

Car Had Skidded in Ditch and Young Man Apparently Suffered Heart Attack Seeking Release.

Ralph Harshman, 30, member of one of the prominent families of the Avoca community was found dead in his Plymouth coupe near Avoca early Sunday morning. Mr. Harshman was evidently the victim of over-exertion that had brought on a heart attack.

The young man had been in Avoca until quite late, then starting for his home east of town. Apparently in the slippery roads the car had slid into a ditch and lodged there. Posts and brush had been secured by Harshman to try and secure a footing for the car, these lying around the car when the body was found, and from the footprints Mr. Harshman had worked probably for a long time in an effort to get the car released.

Mr. Harshman had just started in his work as a census taker the past week.

He is survived by the widow and one small child as well as his mother, all of whom reside near Avoca.

SHOWING MUCH IMPROVEMENT

Friends here of Mr. and Mrs. Garold Holcomb, former residents here but now of Kankakee, Illinois, will be pleased to learn that Mr. Holcomb is much improved in health and it is hoped that he may soon be able to resume his work, he having been compelled to take an enforced vacation of a year as the result of a heart ailment. Mrs. Holcomb is not so well as she has suffered from asthma a great deal.

Mr. Holcomb, a past commander of the local post of the American Legion, sent a message of greeting to the old comrades at their meeting on Thursday expressing his regret at not being able to be here in person for the event. "Hoke" was one of the most popular commanders that the Legion has enjoyed and his departure from here in the midst of his term caused a great deal of regret to the members.

CENSUS ENUMERATORS

The following persons have been designated to carry on the taking of the census in their various communities. The workers started Tuesday in making the check in all parts of the county:

- Salt Creek—Florence Heinsen.
- South Bend—Bernice B. Streight.
- Louisville—Mrs. Adele Group.
- Eight Mile Grove—Clara Becker.
- Plattsmouth—Robert Patton.
- Greenwood—Mrs. Hazel Mickle.
- Elmwood—J. B. McDonald.
- Center—Herbert Heil.
- Mt. Pleasant—Katherine Hill.
- West Rock Bluffs—Edward Howard.
- East Rock Bluffs—Henry Kaffenberger.
- Tipton—Mrs. Jessie Lytle.
- Stove Creek—Dorothy Miller.
- Weeping Water City—Cecil Davis.
- Weeping Water—Claude Hewitt.
- Nehawka—Ida Burger.
- Liberty—Oliver A. Schiber.
- Plattsmouth City—Ed Egenberger.
- Mrs. Edith M. Vandervoort, Mrs. Lucille L. Rosencrans.

HERE FROM LINCOLN

From Thursday's Daily—Mrs. C. S. Sherman, with her aunt, Mrs. Robert Troop, motored today from Lincoln, to spend a few hours visiting with old friends. They stopped at Nehawka for a short time, being accompanied on to this city by Mrs. William Troop. They were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Troop. Mrs. Robert Troop, former resident here, is now nearing her 82nd birthday.

DR. McKERRON HONORED

From Thursday's Daily—Word was received today that Dr. J. L. McKerron, brother-in-law of Dr. R. P. Westover, has been elected president of the Missouri Optometrist association, at its meeting held at St. Louis, which was largely attended—numbering between 1,500 and 2,000. Dr. McKerron and his family reside in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Large Number Attend GOP Rally at Louisville

Town Hall Packed to Standing Room for Speaking Program—Urge Election of Hyde Sweet

From Saturday's Daily—Louisville was focal point for Cass county republicans and a flock of republican candidates last night. This being one of the strong republican precincts in the county, party rallies there are always largely attended—and this one was no exception to the rule. The town hall was packed to capacity by the time the speaking program got under way.

The rally was held under auspices of the Louisville republican club, an organization that functions the year round instead of just for a few weeks preceding election time. Fred Lesan is president of the club and a tireless worker for party success, being ably supported by the membership.

The high school band was present and played a number of selections, followed by "Doc" Miller's Hill-Billies. The latter organization also played at the conclusion of the speaking program while doughnuts and coffee were being served.

Fred Lesan opened the program by welcoming the many out-of-town visitors. Plattsmouth was represented by Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Cloldt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Starkjohn, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Robertson, Minnie Guthman, Mollie Gobelman, Lillian Livingston, Ida Patton, R. W. Knorr, H. A. Schneider, County Treasurer John Turner, Sheriff Joe Mrasek, Clerk of the District Court C. E. Ledgway, County Surveyor Robert Mann, Fred Busch, Elmer Webb and James Hall.

Mr. Lesan turned the conduct of the meeting over to Carl Ganz, of Alvo, county GOP chairman, who in turn introduced the different speakers. These included Judge W. W. Wilson, W. A. Robertson and Fred Carsten whose names appear on the non-political ballot, A. L. Miller, one of the gubernatorial candidates, and Loren F. Laughlin and Ernest F. Armstrong, first district congressional candidates. Besides speaking on their own behalf, the latter two stressed the importance of supporting Hyde Sweet, the republican nominee for congressman for the short term to fill vacancy caused by the death of Representative Heinke. Paul Armstrong, first district committeeman, next spoke on behalf of Mr. Sweet, and in turn introduced the latter, who had arrived by that time from important meetings at Lincoln.

Mr. Sweet stated that although the short term congressman would not serve more than forty-five to sixty days and would have no opportunity to distinguish himself as a second Daniel Webster, the eyes of the nation are turned upon this election and its results.

He outlined the volume of "unfinished business" in the files of Congressman Heinke, which he, as secretary to the late representative would be able to conclude, if selected by the voters to serve the remaining eight months of Mr. Heinke's term.

At the conclusion of Mr. Sweet's address, announcement was made of the rally at Nebraska City tonight, to be broadcast from radio station KMA from 7:30 to 8:00 and those unable to go to Nebraska City were urged to listen on their radios.

The Louisville club had arranged a luncheon of doughnuts and coffee, and there was much visiting among the candidates and voters.

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