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Precinct Assessors Hold Meeting Here Monday

New Rate of Pay Set and Methods of Making Assessments Discussed at the Session.

The precinct assessors of Cass county met Monday at the commissioners room at the court house, their being present in addition to the various assessors, County Commissioners H. C. Backmeyer, S. T. Gilmore and R. E. Norris.

County Assessor W. H. Puls presided over the meeting and a very interesting session was held with several matters of importance regarding the assessing of the property of the county discussed.

It was decided that the rate of assessment for fat cattle be six to nine cents a pound, hogs to be assessed at six cents a pound. In assessment of grain crops wheat was based on an assessment of sixty-five cents a bushel and corn at forty cents a bushel.

The rate of pay for the assessors was set by an order from the board of county commissioners and assessors as follows:

Farm schedules: 70¢ each, no farm schedule to be paid for with an assessed valuation of \$15 or less.

If there is poll tax or pension tax on the above schedules, they may be counted.

All assessable property located in any one school district must be included in one schedule.

The assessors are allotted mileage in making their returns to the county assessor, stamps used in mailing schedules to the county assessor and \$5 for attending the meeting and getting their supplies.

The assessors from the various precincts here were:

- Tipton—E. P. Betts, Eagle.
- Greenwood—Roy Coatsman, Alvo.
- Salt Creek—Lawrence Coleman, Greenwood.
- Stove Creek—R. J. Miller, Elmwood.
- Elmwood—William Bourke, Murock.
- South Bend—M. E. Bushnell, South Bend.
- Weeping Water—John Hopkins, Weeping Water.
- Center—William Sheehan, Weeping Water.
- Louisville—Ed Ingram, Louisville.
- Avoca—Edward Morley, Avoca.
- Mt. Pleasant—H. H. Ragoss, Louisville.

- Eight Mile Grove—H. A. Meisinger, Cedar Creek.
- Nehawka—V. O. Lundberg, Nehawka.
- Liberty—William Porter, Union.
- West Rock Bluffs—O. A. Davis, Murray.
- East Rock Bluffs—W. A. Wheeler, Plattsmouth.
- W. W. City, 1st Ward—George Spohn.
- W. W. City, 2nd Ward—Ray Haslam.
- Plattsmouth, 1st Ward—John Libershal.
- Plattsmouth, 2nd Ward—James Rehal.
- Plattsmouth, 3rd Ward—Miles Allen.
- Plattsmouth, 4th Ward—John E. Schutz.
- Plattsmouth, 5th Ward—Edward Gabelman.

PRaises DANCE CALLERS

Jake Rachman, in his interesting column in the Omaha World-Herald has a word of praise for the old time square dance callers, citing a number of the best known Plattsmouth exponents of this art.

"Listening to the barndance the other night reminded us of some of the old time local square dance callers. Every orchestra in the good old days, had to have a caller whose stentorian tones had to be clear and understandable. Added to this, the callers mixed their commands with various tricks and comedy gags. Among the best of the Nebraska callers are Alex Campbell and Louis Kohrell of Plattsmouth whom you can hear at the annual corn carnival. The late Sherd Graves was one of the best and known everywhere. Are any good callers left in Omaha?"

HAS EXCELLENT RECORD

Plattsmouth friends of Harley Cottingham, a graduate of the class of 1940, will be interested to learn that he is making a very fine record in his work at Lincoln. He has been a student of the Lincoln School of Commerce since graduating from the local school and made a great record. He has just recently taken a position with the Charles M. Sutherland & Sons Insurance firm at Lincoln. He has established a fine record in school and his service by attending strictly to business has shown his capability and is thoroughly reliable.

L. S. Devoe is Named to Head the Rotary Club

James E. Lawrence, Editor of the Lincoln Star is the Guest Speaker of the Day

From Tuesday's Daily—
The Rotary club had a very busy time at the weekly luncheon held today at the Hotel Plattsmouth, the members participating in the regular election of officers and having the pleasure of a fine address by James E. Lawrence, editor of the Lincoln Star.

The officers selected were as follows:
President—L. S. Devoe.
Vice-President—Richard Spangler.
Secretary—John E. Frady.
Treasurer—George Conis.
Directors—E. H. Bernhardt, George Dobson.

The newly-elected officers will take their offices on July 1st.

R. W. Knorr was the chairman of the meeting and presented the guest speaker, James E. Lawrence, editor of the Lincoln Star, and one of the best known figures in journalistic and political circles of the state.

Mr. Lawrence, chairman of the Nebraska State Historical society, touched on the great part that Nebraska had played in the winning of the west and of the importance of Cass county and this section in the history of the territory and state.

Touching on his professional work as a journalist, Mr. Lawrence spoke of the pleasant association on the Star staff with Frank E. Green and Charles S. Sherman, veteran sports writer, and both former Plattsmouth residents. The speaker also touched on his observations of the European war and of the world after the war when peace must be made more just and lasting.

This war, Mr. Lawrence pointed out, was demoralizing in the fact that the full force of the warfare was borne by the civilians much more than the fighting forces. The destruction of the cities of Coventry and Birmingham in England was destructive of much of our modern culture and left a people deprived of a great part of their heritage. The peace that comes from this war must be more just and equitable to the victor and the vanquished than that of the last war, was the one main thought of the speaker.

SUFFERS HEART ATTACK

Anton Hason, employe at the local United States post office, is at Omaha, seriously ill at the home of his brother, Walter Hason, 406 Woolworth avenue, as the result of an attack sustained while returning from the funeral of his father.

The funeral services were held on Saturday morning and Anton, with five of his eight brothers were pallbearers. When the funeral party returned from the cemetery to the home of Walter Hason, Anton suffered a collapse and was in very serious condition for some time. He is resting easily now but under medical care and may have to be on the inactive list for some time.

CALLED TO CHICAGO

From Wednesday's Daily—
Mrs. E. O. Vroman and daughter, Miss Betty, departed today for Chicago where they were called by a message announcing the critical condition of O. L. York, father of Mrs. Vroman. Mr. York, a former resident of this city, has not been well for the past few years and in recent months has shown a gradual failing.

Chas. Sebron Ends Life by Hanging Last Night

Cashier at Local Burlington Station Found Early Today Hanging in Furnace Room.

From Wednesday's Daily—
The tragic death of Charles W. Sebron, 24, cashier of the local Burlington station, was revealed this morning when Henry Frey, the station agent arrived to open for the arrival of the early northbound train, shortly after 6:30 a. m.

Mr. Frey had gone to the furnace room of the station and there found the lifeless body of Mr. Sebron hanging from a pipe that ran along the ceiling of the room. The unfortunate man had improvised a death noose from wire and had apparently stepped from a chair nearby to his death. He had been dead for some time when found.

The reason for the rash act cannot be determined as he had not been in ill health, and as far as known, had no other reason for taking his life. He had, however, been under some distress since Sunday, when his brother, Walter Lad Sebron, 38, had ended his life at Omaha by shooting and whose funeral services are being held this afternoon. This may have preyed on the mind of the brother until he had decided to take the fatal step.

Last evening Mr. Sebron had been taken home from work by William Dasher, the Sebron family residing at 8th and Marble streets. According to the wife he had seemed as usual and had talked about their attending the funeral of the brother today. Later in the evening he had said he had some work to look after at the station and had left home, leaving some money with the wife for safekeeping. He had failed to return home, and this morning the wife, alarmed at his absence, had come to the station a short time after the discovery of the body.

Mr. Sebron came here from Omaha in September 1940, to take up the work of cashier and assistant at the local Burlington station and has been a very quiet and earnest worker at his job.

He is survived by the widow, Evelyn, 31, and two children, Charles Jr., aged 9 years and Harold, aged fifteen months.

Sheriff Joe Mrasek and County Attorney Walter H. Smith had charge of the investigating of the suicide and in view of the circumstances no inquest will be held.

The body was taken to the Horton funeral home where it was cared for and this evening will be taken to the Brewer-Korisko chapel at 24th and K streets, Omaha, where the funeral services will be held.

JUDGE CALLS DOCKET

From Tuesday's Daily—
This morning Judge W. W. Wilson and Court Reporter Glenn Woodbury, were here from Nebraska City to hold a session of the court. The morning was taken up with the call of the docket for the April term of the district court which will open on April 7th. The cases to be heard before the jury were assigned for trial as follows:

State of Nebraska vs. Lee Watson, April 8-9th, 9:30 a. m.
State vs. Waldemar Long, April 10, 9 a. m.
Emmons J. Richey vs. Joe Lapidus, April 11, 9 a. m.
O. R. Broman vs. Norfolk Packing company, April 14, 9 a. m.
Verl E. Fleischman vs. James Schlanker, April 15th, 9 a. m.

HERE FROM CHICAGO

Mrs. Frank Cross, of Chicago, is here to enjoy a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Sullivan at the farm home south of the city. While here she will visit with the other relatives and old time friends before returning home.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

From Tuesday's Daily—
Mrs. John Bergmann and infant daughter, Joan Claire were brought to Plattsmouth from St. Joseph hospital, Omaha, yesterday. Joan Claire was born at the hospital on March 19.

READY TO RESUME WORK

Henry Sander, who has spent the winter at San Pedro, California, with his daughter, Miss Anna, is back home and will assume his work Tuesday as the official mail messenger from the local post office to the Burlington and Missouri Pacific stations. Mr. Sander has had a fine time and returns feeling much refreshed and ready for the old grind. While on the west coast Mr. Sander had the pleasure of meeting many of the old friends from this section who are now enjoying their new homes in the west.

Well Known Residents Are Wed Wednesday

Mrs. Mary Schneider and William H. Lohnes of Cedar Creek Wedded at Presbyterian Manse.

Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Presbyterian manse in this city was celebrated the wedding of two of the best known residents of the Cedar Creek community, Mrs. Mary Schneider and Mr. William H. Lohnes.

The wedding was very quiet with the impressive service read by Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church and also pastor of Cedar Creek church of which the parties are members.

Attending the bride and groom were Mr. and Mrs. John F. Wolf, the former a brother of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Lohnes are to make their home at Cedar Creek where they have spent their lifetime and amid the old friends and neighbors.

The many friends over this portion of Cass county will join in their best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Lohnes for many years of wedded life.

MRS. SUSAN TRAYER

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 20, 1845, and died March 21, 1941 in Lincoln, aged 94. She was married to Martin V. Trayer Nov. 11, 1865.

Mr. and Mrs. Trayer came to Nebraska in 1879 and settled at Plattsmouth. Her husband was the engineer who tested the first railroad bridge at that point. At Plattsmouth Mrs. Trayer always was active in religious and civic activities, organized the W. C. T. U. and remained its president until they moved to McCook in 1896.

At McCook they were active in organization of the Christian church and were faithful members until they came to Lincoln in 1904. Mr. Trayer died in 1929.

Soon after moving to Lincoln the family took membership with East Lincoln Christian church and Mrs. Trayer for a quarter of a century taught the Loyal Women's Bible class. She was active in various departments of the church.

Mrs. Trayer was always active in the life of any community in which she lived. She loved to relate how she made an early morning trip to the railroad station at Rochester to see President Lincoln on his way to Washington. At the age of 90 years she made a trip to the city hall to register. Mrs. Trayer enjoyed good books and magazines, even in her later years, as she had a mind that was active and alert.

She leaves two sons, Robert of Lincoln and Warren M., of Los Angeles; two daughters, Mrs. F. H. Dudley of Lincoln and Mrs. E. J. Seibert of Santa Monica. Funeral services were held at the East Lincoln Christian church, March 24.

Rev. W. P. Hill in charge. Mrs. Edna Stone and Mrs. Paul Long sang. Burial was in Wyuka.

Student New-comers are 100% for Platts H. S.

Plattsmouth High School Students Considered the Friendliest--Subjects Enjoyable.

Due to the intended construction of the Glenn L. Martin bomber plant in the proximity of Fort Crook, several new families of engineers and other technicians have established their residence in Plattsmouth. With them have come their children, some of whom are of high school age. To enter a new school in the middle of the year is extremely difficult, and the adjustment is usually slow and laborious. But the exact opposite has been encountered at Plattsmouth high school according to candid interviews unless these people have been spoofing your reporter. Following is a detailed report of some thirteen new students:

Melinda Melderier, Louisville, Nebraska—"I find this school much better and the students much willing to be friends."

Inez Foss, Linfield, Washington—"I like the students, the school, and the subjects."

Marvin Essert, Albion, Nebraska—"The only difference that I notice is that the junior high is in the same building as the senior here at Plattsmouth. They were separate at Albion."

Walter Mitchell, Falls City, Nebraska—"The Trades Department is the only one that Falls City had that Plattsmouth doesn't."

Robert Gall, Scotland, South Dakota—"The subjects are much more enjoyable and easier to get on to."

Milton Allen, Nebraska City, Nebraska—"Sure, the kids are more friendly, and the Plattsmouth high school is the better of the two."

Leo Allen, Nebraska City, Nebraska—"Ditto."

Alleen Gall, Scotland, South Dakota—"Most of the students are very friendly, and I believe I will enjoy this school a great deal more than the one at Scotland."

Lucille Essert, Albion, Nebraska—"I find the teachers to be the main difference. Those at Plattsmouth are more interested in the student's welfare, and the relations between the two are more amiable."

Richard Hess, Harvard, Nebraska—"I like the kids and the school better."

Robert Brookhouser, South Sioux City, Nebraska—"I feel that I will like this school much better as soon as I become well acquainted."

SERVING IN ARMY

George Stoll, Jr., who has been located on the west coast for the past two years at Los Angeles, is now a member of the United States army and located at present at Fort McArthur, California, near San Pedro. He was operated on at the post hospital a week ago for hernia and is now doing very well. He is a member of the military police company at the post and later it is expected the organization will be transferred to Camp Lewis, Washington for further service.

Light Vote Cast In County Municipal Elections

Mayor McGrew Retired at Louisville, Elmer Hallstrom Is Re-elected at Avoca.

The towns and villages of Cass county held their elections on Tuesday and in general a very light vote is reported, altho at Nehawka the long ticket brought out a larger number than usual.

At Louisville G. W. Hart led the ticket for member of the board with 152 of the 223 votes cast. Gayle Fleischman was elected as a new member of the board, nosing out W. S. McGrew, present mayor by four votes.

Nehawka had a great deal of interest in their election this year with many candidates out for office. In the race for members of the village board the Progressive candidates were the winners. The vote for the members of the board was: C. R. Hall, 97; G. C. Hoback, 101; William Oberholte, 91; J. J. Pollard, 58; J. H. Steffens, 54; V. O. Lundberg, 62.

For members of the board of education Mrs. Isadore Sheldon Tucker and Guy Murdoch, were named for the regular term.

In the race at Union W. E. Banning and Charles Meredith tied at 34 votes each for members of the village board while Gilbert Edmunds topped the list with 41 as a winner. P. F. Rihn was elected as the village treasurer and D. Ray Frans as the clerk.

In the Avoca election there were no names printed on the ballots but the voters re-elected Elmer Hallstrom and J. H. F. Ruhge as the members of the board.

Elmwood voters at the election named Sid James and Ed Earnest to be members of the village board and Harry Linder and George Eidenmiller as members of the board of education.

SPELLING BEE APRIL 12

Saturday, April 12 chosen grade school children will compete in a county wide spelling contest in the district court room at the court house in Plattsmouth. Purpose of the meet is to select a champion to represent Cass county in the approaching World-Herald state-wide contest.

Cass county's champion will be given the opportunity to win one of 19 cash awards totaling five hundred dollars which are to be made at the Omaha contest in the council chamber, city hall, April 26.

Thus far only a few schools throughout the county have submitted their representatives, Mrs. Lora Lloyd Kieck, Cass county superintendent of schools, announced. They are:

- Dist. 5, Charles Thomason, grade 6.
- Dist. 7, Rose Marie Thompson, grade 8.
- Dist. 18, Alice Lanum, grade 8.
- Dist. 26, Doris Foreman, grade 7.
- Dist. 55, Ruth Anne Sporer, grade 6.
- Dist. 1, Gertrude Harris, grade 8; Phyllis Bourck, grade 7.
- Dist. 21, Joan Franke, grade 5; Glennis Wagoner, grade 6.
- Dist. 58, Mary Alice Nelson, grade 7; Raymond Owen, grade 6.
- Dist. 77, Lena Baier, grade 7; Doris Wessel, grade 7.
- Dist. 56, Charlene Spangler, grade 8; Walter Melvin, grade 7.
- Dist. 3, Harold Cramer, grade 8; Eloise Cole, grade 8.

'Ins' Re-Elected to Council with a Light Vote Cast

Fifth Ward Only Scene of Interest in Election as Noble and Johnson Win Council Places.

THE WINNERS
Councilmen
1st Ward—W. H. Puls, D.
2nd Ward—John V. Svoboda, D.
3rd Ward—Robert Painter R.
4th Ward—O. E. Finnefrock, R.
5th Ward—Evan Noble, R.
Short Term—C. R. Johnson, R.
Board of Education
Frank A. Cloidt,
E. G. Ofc.

With one of the lightest votes cast in years, the total in Plattsmouth reaching 678, the electors gave approval to the present members of the city council seeking re-election in all but the fifth ward.

The vote was overwhelmingly for Frank A. Cloidt and E. G. Ofc for re-election to the board of education as had been foreseen from the time of the caucus and will assure them being on the job in the completion of the new school building program.

In the first ward, W. H. Puls, veteran councilman, was a winner by 55 over R. F. Iverson, his republican opponent, the vote being Puls 88, Iverson, 33 and H. A. Nelson 1.

The second ward returned their native son, John Svoboda, by a 21-vote margin over Lester Thimgan, Svoboda, 72, Thimgan, 51.

The closest race of the city was in the third ward where two very popular candidates, J. C. Comstock and Robert Painter were the contestants, the voters giving the nod to Mr. Painter, the present incumbent by a six vote margin, 75 to 69.

The fourth ward gave O. E. Finnefrock a 58-vote margin over Fred H. Vincent, former councilman and re-election. The vote showed Finnefrock 98, Vincent 40.

In the south part of the city the residents were vote-minded Tuesday if nowhere else and poised the largest vote of any of the wards of the city with a five-candidate battle. In the race for the long term a real struggle was staged between Evan Noble, republican candidate and E. O. Vroman, present incumbent, whose name was being written on the ballot. In the polling Mr. Noble received 79 votes and Mr. Vroman 55 of a majority of 24 for Noble, P. A. McCrary, democratic candidate, received but four votes for the post. Vroman also received eight votes written in on the short term ballot.

For the short term in the fifth ward, C. R. Johnson, South Park grocer, won by twenty-three votes over Tom Mendenhall, receiving 75 to 52 cast for Mr. Mendenhall.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The vote for members of the board of education in the various wards was as follows:

| | Cloidt | Ofc | Mc-Carty | Vroman |
|----------|--------|-----|----------|--------|
| 1st Ward | 91 | 92 | 36 | 20 |
| 2nd Ward | 82 | 80 | 29 | 25 |
| 3rd Ward | 104 | 107 | 37 | 30 |
| 4th Ward | 102 | 101 | 30 | 30 |
| 5th Ward | 105 | 95 | 25 | 61 |
| TOTAL | 484 | 475 | 157 | 166 |

CARD OF THANKS

I hereby wish to express my thanks and gratitude to my friends and their neighbors for their acts of kindness in helping, cards, letters, phone calls and personal calls, at the time of my misfortune of having my leg and ankle injured and having to be confined to my home unable to be around.—W. H. Meisinger.

PLEASANT RIDGE CEMETERY MEETING SATURDAY

A meeting of lot owners and all those interested in the Pleasant Ridge or Horning cemetery, will be held on Saturday, April 5th at the Cass county court house. All interested are urged to attend.

FREE MOVIES ON CANADA

Sponsored by the Canadian Pacific Railroad, immediately following the Murray Firemen's regular program, Friday, April 4, at 8 p. m. 1-aw

HELP WANTED

Woman for kitchen work. Apply at Hotel Plattsmouth or call 200. 1tw

HELP WANTED

Waitress. Apply at Coffee Shop, Hotel Plattsmouth. (1tw)

HELP CRIPPLED CHILDREN! Buy and Use Easter Seals!

DATE FOR 8TH GRADE EXAMINATIONS CHANGED

Cass County Superintendent of Schools Lora Lloyd Kieck announced today that the date for the eighth grade examinations has been changed to Wednesday, April 23 instead of Friday, April 25. All rural school teachers and students are hereby requested to take notice of the change.

RETURNS TO PLATTSMOUTH

Mrs. Henry Mauzy, who spent the winter in Kearney, Nebraska, arrived here Saturday. She was accompanied from Omaha by her grandson and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Henri Todd. Mrs. Todd is remaining here for a brief visit.

RETURNS TO STUDIES

Mrs. Margaret McLanahan left last week for a summer's visit with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson D. Von Kling, who reside in New York City, New York.

RETURNING TO NEW YORK

Mrs. R. W. Knorr departed this morning for Crete, Nebraska, taking her son, Bill, back to Doane college after the spring vacation. Mrs. Knorr returned home by way of Omaha and was joined there by Mr. Knorr.