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## City Closes Deal with Henningson Co. Last Night

Will Prepare Plans and Estimate for Street Paving as Well as Water Plant.

**From Tuesday's Daily**—The city council last evening accepted the offer of the Henningson Engineering company to carry on the engineering work on a paving project that may include in its scope both Washington and Chicago avenues and particularly the last.

The session lasted until the midnight hour before the last of the discussions closed and the heat stricken and bug bitten members made an adjournment.

Mr. Henningson stated that he had just returned from Washington where his firm had been awarded the contract on engineering work for a \$22,000,000 cantonment to be built in Idaho, but this work would not stop the firm handling the Plattsmouth engineering work.

In regard to the plans for the appraisal of the water plant here, Mr. Henningson stated that he would need the last appraisal to start in the task of bringing it down through the five-year period and asked the city to secure the last appraisal. He was informed by T. H. Pollock that he had contacted the head offices of the Plattsmouth Water corporation, at Portland, Maine, and they had promised sending the Burgess appraisal, that should be here in a few days. Mr. Henningson stressed the need for action on these matters.

Touching on the matter of paving of Chicago avenue, Mr. Henningson stated that in view of the heavy travel on highway No. 75, through the city, he was certain a fifty per cent grant could be secured from the PWA. On the Chicago avenue paving the engineer was of the opinion that a new heavy concrete paving would be better than brick with a concrete base. The soil condition along the low places on Chicago avenue made the brick paving less desirable in the opinion of the engineer and he believed that the new concrete slab would be much better and easily receive the fifty per cent grant. The brick now in use could be used in paving in the residential part of the city.

On the matter of the engineering charge Mr. Henningson stated that it would be three per cent of the cost up to and including the letting of the work, if no award a fee of \$250 would be charged for the initial engineering.

The members of the council were of the opinion that the length of the avenue based on the sewer recently placed there, was from 3,880 to 4,000 feet.

**Should Modernize Highway**  
The engineer was of the opinion that a thirty-foot highway should be maintained through the city.

Mr. Henningson in reply to inquiries stated that as to benefits to be distinguished in the paving of the highway, that the city at large was to pay all intersections without question. The law provided that the abutting property be assessed the cost according to benefit. On the paving as contemplated it was more or less of a general benefit. He thought the city could determine the benefit to be derived and if a fifty-fifty proposition that the whole city pay half and the property adjoining half; if the benefit was wholly of a general nature that the city might pay the entire cost.

J. Howard Davis was of the opinion that if the property owners had paid once for the paving that they should not be required to do so again. Councilman Webb reminded the council that on Main street the property owners had paid three times for the paving and re-paving of the streets.

T. H. Pollock favored making the highway wide enough to meet with the state approval if the highway was to continue through the city and to check with the state engineers the route to be traveled. Mr. Pollock had been in touch with the state, that had surveys of alternate routes, and were against the highway making the turns into Sixth street. The state had been impressed with the routing of the highway over Seventh street.

Councilman Webb, acting mayor, reminded the city that the work could be secured now at the greatest advantage by the city, but that it was one that would require the issuance of paying bonds, that the voters at the city election had given approval of this in a referendum vote.

Councilman Seiver pointed out that in his opinion the highway program should start at the Masonic Home corner and take in both Washington and Chicago avenues.

Mr. Henningson suggested to the city council that in view of the desire of the city to have highway No. 75 operate through the city, that they contact the state highway department before completing their program.

There was considerable discussion that terminated in the offering of a motion by Councilman Finnefrock, that the city enter into a contract with the Henningson company for their engineering services and the preparation of the plans and the request for government aid on the highway paving. That a committee of three be appointed to consult the state highway department as to their desires in highway work.

Mr. Henningson stated that in the matter of the paving program on both avenues, that his firm would be willing to prepare the entire program and the city use all or as much of the program as they desired.

The motion was adopted that the Henningson firm do the work at 3 per cent and providing that if the project is not let that the engineering fee set at a flat \$250.

**Receive Reports**  
A communication was received from J. Howard Davis asking permission to make sewer connections on Chicago avenue for his proposed residential addition to be erected on the Walter Propert property. The permission was granted, bond to be furnished and work under the supervision of the streets, alleys and bridges committee.

Chairman Webb of the tax and property committee, reported the sale of a house on Wintersteen hill to Frank Rice.

Chairman Noble of the streets, alleys and bridges committee, reported that the work on the hill near the new Jaeger residence had been completed with the use of the drainage.

Chairman Painter of the fire and water committee with his associates and the committee of the fire department checked the bids for 500 feet of hose, awarding the contract to the Eureka Fire Hose division of the United States Rubber Co., for \$1.05 per foot, six year guarantee and to stand 400 pounds pressure.

A matter that has in the years been more or less a constant reviving complaint, was also brought up by Mr. Painter, that of people other than members of the fire department, wearing the rain coats of the firemen. It was voted to have the mayor, the chairmen of the police and street forces to notify all employees other than firemen, to leave the coats alone and in the fire house. The city clerk was authorized to post notice at the scale house and jail.

**See Lower Rates**

Chairman Schutz of the lighting committee, reported that the light at Tenth and Pearl streets had been installed. Mr. Schutz called attention to the fact that last June the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power company had made a contract with the city for current by the kilowatt hour. The Consumers Public Power district was formulating a lowering of rates to those in the lower brackets as well as the larger users of current who in the past have received the advantage of consumption rates. The proposed rate adjustment that gave all patrons a lower rate would be announced as effective in September. The committee was instructed to see if a lower street lighting rate might not be effected.

**Grant Processing Permit**

There was considerable discussion of a communication from J. R. Rogers, relative to the installing of a processing plant in connection with his locker plant system. The communication stated that the addition was necessary for the full operation of the plant, and that it would be kept clean and sanitary and subject to inspection at any time.

Mr. Rogers amplified the petition by a personal statement. He had wanted to use this new addition to the plant as what is more commonly

called a slaughter house. It was to be located south of his present plant and operated in connection. Many had wanted lard rendered, ham and bacon prepared and others the processing of their animals. It had been the policy of going by truck to farms, but this was not satisfactory. The plan here would care for the killing of the animals in this territory with a sub-depot at Louisville. It would be operated under the state law and in a sanitary manner as it would be available for inspection at any time by state and local officials.

City Attorney Florence Fouchet read the city ordinance that covered the regulation, setting no zoning for these plants and no restrictions save in case that it was found a nuisance. Councilman Finnefrock stated that a large taxpayer had approached him and objected to the matter and the party had stated they would do all to stop the carrying out of the plans.

Several members stated that in the past others had slaughtered animals on their property in the business section. The desired permission was granted Mr. Rogers on motion of Svoboda seconded by Painter, to go ahead and erect the processing plant. Councilman Finnefrock voted against the motion.

**Cemetery Road Discussion**  
The proposed road to Oak Hill cemetery was again brought to the fore and brought a sharp discussion as to the progress of the work and securing the needed land. It was the opinion that if necessary the surfacing would be laid on the present road altho it had been hoped to get away from this grade crossing route. Robert Mann, county engineer, who has charge of the engineering estimated that the cost of the road, surfacing as well as the park paving on Main street at \$26,000 to \$27,000 with the city share running from \$7,000 to \$8,000. Mr. C. E. Markham, of the WPA stated he was ready to send in the project and plans as soon as ready. Councilman Schutz promised to try to secure some definite understanding as to the land asked by the city before the final decision to continue the present route.

The try out of a proposed street flusher was witnessed by the council prior to the meeting and this was presented by Chairman Puls of the special committee, who asked J. G. McMaken, owner of the flusher to explain the matter. Mr. McMaken stated that he would sell the tank without the chassis or with it. The pressure was just from the pressure in the tank, same type as used in Omaha. In response to inquiry McMaken stated it could be pulled by the city truck but he did not feel that this would be satisfactory. The price would be \$325 with the tank, both tank and truck, \$525 and with an all conditioned and finished job \$600. The committee was given two weeks more on the matter and to contact the merchants of the city as to their opinion as they witnessed the demonstration.

Ordinance No. 751, the city appropriation bill was presented by the finance committee and passed. This ordinance will be found in full in another part of this paper. The appropriation for the expense of the city is set at \$59,490 and the mill levy at 20 mills.

The following claims were allowed by the council:

General Fund	
Noah Parker, labor	\$ 3.60
Road Fund	
Chester Taylor, labor	\$ 39.60
Lester Taylor, same	38.40
Chester Taylor, same	3.60
Noah Parker, same	39.60
John Kubicka, same	29.80
Business Tax Fund	
John Kubicka, cleaning sts.	\$ 8.60
Police Fund	
Fred Drucker, special police	\$ 21.70

**SINCERE THANKS**

To the many kind neighbors, friends and associates for the sympathies extended to us, the floral offerings bestowed to our loved one, and other kind acts shown us, we are ever grateful. These helped to lighten our burden of sorrow, which we are forced to bear at this time. — Mr. and Mrs. Lee Eastridge and family.

**WORK WANTED**

Will do plastering, brick-laying, cement blocks, and cistern work. See Fred Rice or call 488-W. Jy7-1w

## ANOTHER CRASH VICTIM BURIED YESTERDAY

**From Wednesday's Daily**—Funeral services for Miss Rosalind Bremer, auto crash victim, were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Porter funeral home at Nebraska City. Rev. Theodore Schultdt officiating. The time for the service was changed from Wednesday when the girl's brother, Roland Bremer, San Diego, Cal., arrived in time to have the burial Tuesday. Interment was at Fairview cemetery, Talmage.

## Plattsmouth Group is Home from the West

Mrs. Cora Hirz, Billy Hirz, Louis Baumgart, Anna Baumgart Visited Friends and Relatives.

Some three weeks ago Mrs. Cora Hirz and son, Billy and Louis Baumgart and daughter, Anna motored to California for a vacation. Mrs. Hirz was anxious to see her grandson, who was born eight months ago. The little one is the son of Second Lieutenant and Mrs. W. H. Burns, who reside at King City. The Burns have another son. In addition to close relatives the Plattsmouth people were guests of friends. At Santa Monica they visited with Mrs. Joseph Brown and her family. They also drove to Stockton, California and desired to surprise Mr. Baumgart's niece but she was gone when they arrived.

Accompanying the four back to Plattsmouth were Mrs. Brown and her two daughters, Colleen and Martha, who are now guests at the Hirz home. Mrs. Brown lived here for a long time before going to the west coast. Her closest relative in Nebraska is a sister, who lives at Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. John Libershal, Mrs. Hirz and Mr. Baumgart entertained the California lady at a party last evening. First they dined at the Libershal home and then journeyed to Omaha, where they enjoyed themselves at Peony Park.

## VISITING IN OLD HOME

A group of four brothers, members of an early day family of the west part of Cass county, are visiting here at the old home near Murdock. These comprise George A. Leis, of Seattle, Washington where for the past twenty-eight years he has been connected with the University of Washington, and where a number of the faculty are former University of Nebraska students and teachers, Calvin J. Leis of Gering, Nebraska, Charles B. and Stephen O. Leis of Oregon City, Oregon. They are enjoying to the utmost the opportunity of visiting with the old friends in this locality. They were callers at the county court today to look after securing a birth certificate of some of their family.

## PLAN SCHOOL WORK

Tuesday Bernard R. Gyger, personnel director of vocational education with George Bago, an assistant, in charge of the program in the defense area, visited in Plattsmouth.

It has been arranged that a class of ten can be accommodated in sheet metal work and welding classes at South Omaha high school. These special classes are held under the defense vocational educational program.

Young men interested are urged to register at the office of the Nebraska State Employment Service at the court house, for this line of work. The list will be checked there and the applicants later interviewed by the representatives of the vocational department.

## SHOWS PLEASING PROGRESS

Alfred Gansemer, of Murray, chairman of the AAA program in Cass county, is reported as showing a very pleasing improvement at the hospital at Omaha where he is now recuperating. Mr. Gansemer has had a very severe ordeal, his condition being quite grave for several days, but he seems definitely on the mend and it is hoped may soon be able to return home.

## Plattsmouth Woman's Club to Sponsor Show

"Land of Liberty," a Patriotic Picture to Be Shown in Plattsmouth August 6 and 7.

For the second time this year the Plattsmouth Woman's club is sponsoring another moving picture. The picture they are sponsoring, to be shown at the Cass theater on Wednesday and Thursday, August 6 and 7, is the most outstanding, truly patriotic and appropriate at this time. "Land of Liberty," edited by Cecil B. DeMille, released by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, and sponsored by MPPDA, Inc., is a picture that every man, woman and child throughout Cass county should see. Mrs. L. W. Egenberger is chairman of ticket sales and reservations should be made with her immediately.

## Offers Drama of America

In "Land of Liberty," spectacular cavalcade of thrills, stars shine like those in the firmament, more than 129 of Hollywood's great appearing in various thrill scenes of the production. Spencer Tracy, Margaret Sullivan, Bette Davis, John and Lionel Barrymore, Wallace Beery, Claudette Colbert, Gary Cooper, Irene Dunne, George Brent, Henry Fonda, Joel McCrea, Fredric March, Robert Montgomery, Anna Neagle, George Raft, James Stewart, Randolph Scott, Lewis Stone and Loretta Young are but a few of the big names appearing in important roles. Composed of shots from 112 feature pictures and short subjects, besides countless cuttings from newsreels and stock material, the film describes events in American history from the time of the first white man landed on the shores of North America to the present moment.

Among the historical characters impersonated by the brilliant cast are Patrick Henry, George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, Dolly Madison, Andrew Jackson, Lincoln and his cabinet, General Custer and Theodore Roosevelt.

## TO LEAVE FOR ALASKA

Mrs. Maude Fricke and daughters, Jane and Marion, were here from Lincoln Sunday for a short visit at the homes of Mrs. F. L. Cummings, and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Westcott.

Miss Marion Fricke, who has been located at Washington, D. C., in government work for some time has just received a very fine appointment that will take her to Alaska for service. She has a civil service position in the official staff of the airport that is being established at Fairbanks. She goes from here to Los Angeles for a visit with relatives and friends and then to Seattle to secure the boat that will take her to Seward, Alaska. From Seward she will go by train to Fairbanks, situated well in the center of the territory.

## ENJOYS VACATION

Miss Corrine Hallstrom, clerk of the Cass county local board, is enjoying a two weeks vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hallstrom at Avoca, and with trips to several parts of the central west. She expects to return about the 11th of August for the preparation for a new call of registrants.

## NOT INFORMED OF DEATHS

Delbert Hobbs, who was one of the three persons injured in the auto wreck that occurred on Friday night, July 25, has been released from the University hospital. Miss Cassel Blevins and Gerald Daniels, who are still confined at the hospital, haven't been told that William Hindman, 23, fiance of Miss Blevins, and Miss Rosalind Bremer, her close friend, were killed instantly. Attendants at the University hospital, however, say that the two suspicion that something has happened to the two dead, but haven't been told outright that they are now deceased.

## IN OMAHA HOSPITAL

Miss Mildred Engelkemeyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Engelkemeyer, who reside west of Murray, is in the Clarkson hospital recovering from the effects of an appendectomy, performed Tuesday. It was less than a month ago that Mildred's brother underwent a similar operation at Omaha. Mildred is reported as doing fine.

## LIKES EAST FINE

B. A. Rosencrans, now located at Dearborn, Michigan, is very much pleased with his work in that city where he has been for the past several weeks. He is connected with the Dearborn Contracting company as a member of their office force. He has had the opportunity of visiting the many places of interest in that section of the state including Detroit and its great manufacturing centers as well as the Henry Ford Village, one of the great historic spots of the United States.

## Truck Driver Given Jail Sentence for Wreck

Edward F. Phalan, Driver of Truck for the Omaha Concrete Co., Receives Thirty Days.

**From Monday's Daily**—This morning in the county court Edward F. Phalan, truck driver, was given a sentence of thirty days in jail, a fine of \$50 and the revoking of his driver's license for a period of one year.

The complaint of reckless driving was made by County Attorney Walter H. Smith as the outcome of the car-truck crash north of Union on Thursday afternoon. In the accident Earl Richardson of Grapevine, Texas, was badly injured, suffering a broken hip, injured ribs, a concussion and bruises.

The Richardson car was off highway No. 75, Richardson getting tools out of the car when the truck driven by Phalan came from the north, struck the car, tearing off the door and hurling Richardson several feet in front of his car.

The arraignment was held Saturday and Edward Swanson, a passenger in the truck plead guilty to the charge of drunkenness and was given a sentence of ten days in jail.

Phalan made a plea of not guilty on Saturday but this was changed today to one of guilty.

The men were remanded to the custody of Sheriff Joe Mrasek.

## SEEK WRECK DAMAGE

A suit for damages has been filed in the district court entitled Mary Fisher against Joseph L. Murphy, in which the plaintiff seeks recovery as the result of an auto accident near Union on July 19, 1941.

The plaintiff asks \$3,570 for damages on count one and \$660 on count two.

The plaintiff sets forth in the petition that on the date of July 16th plaintiff was traveling south on highway No. 75 as the defendant was driving his car east on highway No. 34. At the intersection of the two highways it is alleged the defendant failed to stop at the stop sign and drove through to crash into the car of the plaintiff.

The \$3,570 is for personal damage for injuries and the \$660 for damages to the car of the defendant.

Tom Dunbar of Nebraska City and James F. Begley of this city represent the plaintiff.

## SPEND SUNDAY HERE

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. VanDoren and Mrs. VanDoren, Sr., were here Sunday to spend a few hours looking over the city. Mrs. VanDoren, Jr., is a daughter of George M. Morrison, former Plattsmouth resident, and the family has resided in Evanston for a great many years. Mr. VanDoren has been transferred to Sioux City, Iowa, where he will be employed by the Chicago & Northwestern railroad.

One of the objects of their visit here was to look over the old home of the Dabb and Morrison families, that is now owned by Thomas Walling. Mr. Morrison lived there during his boyhood and youth.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all who sent flowers and helped in any way at the time of the loss of our brother and son, James Hoschar. Your kindness will long be remembered.—L. C. Hoschar and Family.

## Funeral of Wreck Victim Held Monday

Services at First Christian Church Are Largely Attended by the Relatives and Friends.

Monday afternoon at the First Christian church funeral services were held for William R. Hindman, 23, one of the victims of the tragic auto wreck near Louisville on Friday night.

There were a very large number of the family friends and associates of the young man present at the church to pay their last tributes of respect to his memory.

Rev. J. W. Taenzler, pastor of the church, brought in his message a wonderful picture of the life that awaits the Christian in the life in the hereafter when the trials and tribulations of the earth have faded.

During the service Mrs. E. G. Ofo and Mrs. Alva Watts gave two of the old hymns, "Savior, More Than Life" and "Sometime We'll Understand." Mrs. O. C. Hudson was the accompanist.

Burial was at Oak Hill cemetery with the following serving as pallbearers: Glen Cariburg, Ronald Aldrich, Roy Wilson, Alvin Covert, Russell Arnold, Everett Daniels.

**Obituary**  
William Robert Hindman was born in Unadilla, Nebraska on June 26, 1918, and was the son of Mrs. Lee Eastridge of Plattsmouth. When William was five years old his father passed away at Eagle. The mother later remarried and eleven years ago she with her family came to Plattsmouth to live. When he was a small child he was baptized in the German Lutheran church at Eagle.

"Billie," as he was commonly known by friends, received his grade school training in Plattsmouth. He had served in the Civilian Conservation Corps for several months and prior to his death he had been employed at the Lumber plant at Fort Crook.

Surviving him are his stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Eastridge; half brother, Clyde Lau, Plattsmouth; two sisters, Mrs. Roy Dupree and Mrs. Pauline Clark of Plattsmouth; grandfather, August Speth, Eagle, Nebraska.

William and his fiancée, who is unaware of his death, were engaged to have been married August 3, but death struck a fatal blow before their plans could be complete!

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