

## Santa Claus Day Here Saturday, December 10th

Saturday, December 10th will be Santa Claus day in Plattsmouth, a great crowd of the young and old alike are expected here for late afternoon when the patron of the holiday season makes his annual visitation to this community.

Santa will arrive early in the afternoon and is expected to be at his court on Fourth street just west of the court house, although in case of bad weather it will be necessary to hold court in the building itself.

The business men of the city and the Plattsmouth Business Men's Ad club are arranging to make the occasion of the visit one of the best in many years, with Santa and his attendants given the highest honors from the residents of the city.

The word from the genial Santa is that the holiday patron will come with treats for the children to help them get started in the holiday spirit that will culminate on Christmas eve.

Santa will like to interview the children in person and they can rest assured that he will do his best to see that their requests are heeded on Christmas eve.

Just what means of travel Santa will take this year has not been revealed but he will be here for certain at 2 o'clock and meet at the Hotel Plattsmouth for the usual procession to the vicinity of the court house.

Those who desire to see Santa and enjoy a visit, should be on time to secure a private interview with the jolly old St. Nicholas when he makes his appearance.

The invitation is extended to all the youngsters of Cass and Sauby counties as well as the boys and girls from Mills county, Iowa.

## Death of James C. Niday at Home In Union Tuesday

The death of James Carl Niday, 80, long time resident of the Union community, occurred at the family home in that city on Tuesday after an illness of a year and a half.

Mr. Niday was born June 17, 1869, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Niday, at Gallipolis, Ohio. The family moved west and Mr. Niday settled in the vicinity of Union, where he has lived since that time. He was married to Mary Frances Eaton at Nebraska City on December 21, 1893.

Mr. Niday was engaged in farming as long as his condition permitted, and was quite active in the affairs of Liberty precinct and was a very constant attendant at the Baptist church in Union. He was also a member of the Masonic order.

Surviving are his wife, daughter, Margaret of Union; a son, S. C. Niday, of Nehawka; a sister, Mrs. Emma Davidson, of Nebraska City.

The funeral services were held today (Thursday) at the Baptist church in Union with Rev. D. H. McMillan in charge. Burial was at the East Union cemetery with the Porter funeral home in charge. Pallbearers were D. Ray Frans, Ivan Balfour, George Stites, Gale Holback, Paul Pickering, and Loy Fell.

## Burning Paint Causes Alarm

The fire department was called out Wednesday to the residence of Vern Hendricks at Avenue C and 9th street. Mr. Hendricks was engaged in burning some paint off the outside of the frame residence when the burning spread and caused fear for a few moments that the blaze might spread.

Fortunately the blaze was extinguished before it reached a dangerous stage.

## \*Eppy\* Davis Is with Down Town Motors

James "Eppy" Davis, one of the well known auto mechanics of the city, is now connected with the Down Town Motors at the garage on South 5th street.

Mr. Davis is an experienced mechanic and was for seven years with the Wysel garage in this city.

## Moves House to New Location

Wednesday morning the former Hansen residence located near the Nebraska Masonic Home, was moved by the purchaser, Ira Clinkenbeard, from the site of the place, northeast of the home, to the Clinkenbeard property on Lincoln avenue.

The house is an old landmark in the northwest part of the city and was originally a two-story building, but for moving purposes had the upper floor taken off. The house was sold by the Masonic Home, the owners of the lots.

The house was moved by a LaPlatte firm that specializes in moving and they did a fine job, bringing the house down Washington avenue and through Main street to Third street and then to the new location.

The house is a four room structure and will make Mr. Clinkenbeard a fine addition to his real estate.

## C. E. Ledgway Named Master of Masonic Lodge

At the regular meeting of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., on Monday evening, the election of officers for the year 1950 was held with a large attendance of the members present to take part. The officers elected were:

Worshipful Master — C. E. Ledgway.

Senior Warden—Royal Smith. Junior Warden—Warren Rhylander.

Treasurer—Frank A. Clويد. Secretary—Ordell Hennings.

The other officers of the lodge will be named by the new worshipful master and all of the officers installed in their stations during January.

The new worshipful master has been an active figure in the Plattsmouth Masonic bodies, being past high priest of Nebraska Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons, and a member of Mt. Zion commandery No. 5, as well as the Council of Royal and Select Masters.

Mr. Ledgway is the present clerk of the district court of Cass county and his many friends will be pleased to learn of his recognition by the members of the Masonic order.

The new master is also an active figure in the veteran groups of the city, a member of Hugh J. Kearns post of the American Legion and past chef de gare of the 40 & 8.

## Kenneth Sullivan Injured in Omaha

Kenneth Sullivan, 33, of Murray, and Mike Pontrello, 50, of 2010 Missouri avenue, Omaha, were injured Tuesday night in Omaha, when their cars sideswiped. The accident caused the two men to be sent to the county hospital for treatment.

The two cars apparently collided in passing near 5401 L street. The Sullivan car was overturned and skidded seventy feet on its side, the office of the Douglas county sheriff reported.

Mr. Sullivan was treated for possible fracture of the face bones and multiple cuts. Mr. Pontrello suffered neck injuries.

## Eastern Star Elects Officers For Year 1950

Home chapter No. 189 of the Order of the Eastern Star held their regular election of officers at the meeting held at the lodge rooms in the Masonic building on Tuesday evening. There was a large attendance of the members and a great deal of interest shown in the naming of the officers to guide the chapter in the ensuing year. The following were named:

Worthy Matron — Mrs. Nell Hamblen.

Worthy Patron—Leslie Hutchison.

Associate Matron—Mrs. Mary Beverage.

Associate Patron—P. F. Rihn, Secretary—Lorene Urish.

Treasurer — Mrs. Katherine Wiles.

Conductress—Mrs. Catherine Glaze.

## Cooperation Builds Weeping Water Athletic Field



Residents of the Weeping Water community are demonstrating what cooperation will accomplish when applied to local improvements. Sunday, nearly 100 men with dump trucks converged on the high school athletic field and, when a Journal reporter reached the scene late in the afternoon, thousands of cubic feet of earth had been moved. When completed Weeping Water will have an athletic field that will be a credit to any community.—Journal Staff Photo.

## The Hungry Shall Be Fed



No project would be complete without the help of the women folks. In this group Roberta Knaup, Valene Uffelman, Patty LaRue, Marianne De Craene, Ginger Philpot, Evelyn Montzen, Jeannie Stander, Nancy Stander, Mrs. Henry Friesel and Mrs. R. C. Porter are supervising the distribution of hot coffee, apples and other eats donated by Weeping Water merchants. A roaring bonfire helped make the day more comfortable.—Journal Staff Photo.

## Rotarians Enjoy Pictures of Sun Valley

The Rotary club at their meeting on Tuesday enjoyed a very interesting program of motion pictures that covered a journey into Sun Valley, Idaho, the Switzerland of the United States, as well as the routine business of the session.

Superintendent Thomas I. Frier presented the two boys that will be members of the club for the month of December, they being Gary Ashbaugh, senior, and Ross Abel, junior.

President Orville Nielsen, of the local club, presented the proceedings of the 40th annual meeting of the International Rotary in New York City, that had been given to Attorney J. Howard Davis, past president, and who had represented the local club at the meeting.

The club also had received a letter expressing the thanks and appreciation of Norman M. Cooke, of England, who had been a visitor at the local club several weeks ago.

The program chairman of the luncheon was Gerry Eiting, who presented the motion picture films through the courtesy of the Ford Motor Company, showing the beauties of the Sun Valley section of Idaho, where the Union Pacific has built a great winter resort. The film showed ski contests in the mountains around the resort and which attract thousands each year from all parts of the country.

Visitors of the luncheon were Mr. Campbell and Mr. Dierks, both of Omaha.

## Secure Reservation O'Sullivan Dinner

Congressman Eugene O'Sullivan of Omaha, representative of this district, will be in our city on Friday to meet the residents of the county who may wish to meet him and discuss any problems that they might have that the congressman may be able to help solve.

A luncheon will be given in honor of the congressman at noon at the Edith Solomon coffee shop. A number of seats are still available and reservations may be made by contacting Attorney Francis M. Casey, county chairman, in person or by phone.

John E. Christenson of Union was in the city Wednesday for a few hours looking after some matters of business and while here called at the Journal to renew the subscription of his mother, Mrs. Hans Christenson.

A classified Ad in the Journal costs as little as 35c.

## New City Mail Route Added to Local Office

The Plattsmouth post office now has three city mail routes instead of two that were made effective December 1st, on approval of the recommendation of Postmaster L. W. Niel being given by the postal department.

The large number of new homes in the Oakmont and Hillcrest addition, and a general increase in the population of the city had caused a great increase in the free city delivery, and has made the task of serving the public a very heavy one for the two carriers. Later a "stub" route was added for the downtown section and this has now been expanded to a full route.

The postmaster made several checks of the routes and arranged it so the present condition is relieved to a large extent. Carl Hula, a former substitute has been named as the carrier of the new route, while Lowell Gus Hopkins has been advanced as the regular substitute and will work both in the post office and on routes as needed. Russell Nielsen has been also named as a substitute for the routes and office.

This will be a great relief to the postal service, especially during the Christmas rush that is now coming on, and will make it possible for a better service to all sections of the city.

## Jury Finds for Defense in Damage Suit

The members of the petit jury panel Tuesday were busy in hearing the case of the Omaha Public Power District vs. Garrett W. Westfall et al., an action for damages.

The Power company alleges damages to personal property of the company by the defendants. It was alleged that on September 10, 1947, the defendant company and its employees were operating a truck in the vicinity of Alvo, that the plaintiff's agents had a surveyor's transit placed in the road to do some surveying, that the defendants came by in a truck and struck the transit, knocking it over and causing damage to the instrument.

The company asked damages in the sum of \$187.00.

The case was given to the jury shortly before the noon hour and after luncheon the members of the jury returned their verdict finding for the defendants.

The members of the jury comprised F. J. Knecht, Lloyd Miller, E. A. Koukal, Robt. Wunderlich, Lawrence Rase, Malvern Read, Fred J. Schroeder, L. H. Banning, William Dettman, E. A. Landon, George Foreman, A. W. Adams.

## Lloyd W. Story Dies in Colorado

Lloyd W. Story passed away November 30th, 1949, at the Community hospital at Boulder, Colorado, at the age of forty-three years. He was a former Plattsmouth resident, having managed the Kent filling station in 1945. Later he built the building at the south end of Chicago avenue where he conducted a roller skating rink. The building now houses the Stites Implement plant.

He moved to Colorado in 1943 where he was employed in the athletic department of the University of Colorado.

Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist church in Epworth, Iowa. Burial was in the Epworth cemetery.

Mr. Story was born at Epworth, Iowa, April 23, 1906, and he made his home there until moving to Plattsmouth.

He is survived by his wife, Doris, a daughter, Joan, his mother, Mrs. Lulu Story, and two brothers, Aaron Franklin of Dubuque, Iowa, and Ray of Plattsmouth.

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## Judge and Mrs. Peck Purchase New Home

County Judge Richard Peck has completed the arrangements for the purchase of a new residence on North 6th street, that is being erected by E. J. Richey, local lumber dealer.

The residence is nearing completion and it is expected the new owners will soon be able to move into the structure to make their future home.

The house is a two story, two bedroom residence and is strictly modern in every way and is ideally located in a fine residential section of the city and not too far from the business section of the city.

The building of the house has been under the direction of G. O. Schwenneker, veteran carpenter, and is a splendid piece of work.

## Musical Treat At High School December 8-9

The musical department of the Plattsmouth high school is offering an unusual treat to the public on Thursday and Friday evenings, December 8th and 9th at 8 o'clock that will bring together the largest group of musicians from the school that has been offered since the war.

The opening will be at Plattsmouth high school band pieces, prize winners in the 1948-49 season of the Ak-Sar-Ben contest in Omaha. This will be the first concert program given by the band since securing the new uniforms. The seating will be arranged for the band on the cleared platform so that all can be seen as well as heard. The band will offer special numbers by the coronet trio and the French horn groups, two of the popular entertaining features of the band.

The boy's glee club of twenty-two voices will also be presented as a part of the entertainment and with this fine group of voices a real treat may be anticipated.

The choir of the music department, some forty-five voices, are to be heard in a group of the Christmas carols and songs that will be a greatly enjoyed seasonal offering.

The grand finale will be by the full chorus of ninety voices in a very brilliant Fred Waring arrangement of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," a very lovely number that will be fully appreciated by all attending.

There are reserve tickets for these presentations that can be secured at Schreiner's.

## Greenwood May Have Fire District

The volunteer fire department of Greenwood is sponsoring a move for the creation of a rural fire protection district in that community to give the farm residents in that part of the county greater protection from fire.

A meeting will be held at Greenwood at the American Legion hall on Wednesday, December 14th at 8 o'clock in the evening, which all of the farmers in that locality are invited to attend. An assistant fire marshal from the office of the state fire marshal will be there and explain how the district can be formed.

These rural fire districts have proved a great boon to the farmers in the area served as is shown at Nehawka, where a district was created and has had a good record in serving the residents in time of stress. Murray also has a fire department that responds to rural calls, although not in a district, while the Plattsmouth fire department also has served many calls from the rural sections.

## Tom Pucelik Is Star for Prep

Tom Pucelik, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. S. Pucelik, of this city, one of the outstanding players of the Creighton Prep football team the past season is repeating his performance in the basketball season just opening.

Tom, who has both height and weight, showed his class in the Tech-Prep game Tuesday night, and while Tech was the winner of the game 35 to 28, Tom massed some fifteen points for the Creighton team. He had five field goals and five free tosses out of eight, a good showing for any player.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Boller and Eddy and Mrs. Olive Whitlatch spent Thursday in Plattsmouth.

## Cass County People at Farm Bureau Meeting

Twelve Farm Bureau members and leaders from Cass County attended the 31st annual convention of the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation in Lincoln last week.

Dale Stander, speaking for the group attending the convention, reported "one of the best state annual meetings in recent years." He said that more than 500 persons registered from more than 600 organized Farm Bureau counties in the state.

Among the actions taken by the voting delegates in the concluding sessions were:

1. Reaffirmation of the Farm Bureau stand in favor of a state sales or income tax. A proposal to earmark part of the funds for education was voted down.

2. Recommendation that rigid specification for construction of country roads be modified to permit building roads which will more "nearly meet the needs of farmers."

3. Recommendation that the 1951 legislature provide for a "proven, efficient business manager, other than the state highway engineer" to head the State Department of Roads and Irrigation.

4. Continued support of the referendum petition to repeal the license fee and gasoline tax increase laws passed by the 1949 legislature.

5. Adoption of the Nebraska Rural Radio Association as a member Farm Bureau project during 1950.

6. Recommendation for more intensive research in uses of surplus crops in industry.

Other actions taken were: Opposition to livestock production controls; recommendation that production controls of wheat be changed from an acreage to a bushel basis; recommendation that dual administration of soil conservation services be changed; recommendation that "double taxation" where crops are sealed and farmed (Continued on Page Six)

## You Can Help A Needy Family This Christmas

Know of some needy family that will not have a Merry Christmas this year?

Probably right here in our own community are a number of little boys and girls that won't get to see Santa Claus unless some of us grown-ups give a helping hand.

Miss Ardyth Hall, County Assistance Director, informs us that her office has a number of toys and gifts donated by persons wishing them to be given to little tots that are deserving. Other good things are available through this office to see that these youngsters enjoy Christmas along with the rest of us.

If you know of a deserving family with youngsters that would appreciate help this year, notify Miss Hall at the county house at once. They will see that the family is taken care of to the best of their ability.

## Attorneys for Defendants Win

In the account of the trial of the case of Davidson vs. Talcott, et al., appearing in the Journal Monday, in which the jury found for the defendant Talcott, it was incorrectly stated that George DeLacey, of Omaha, and J. Howard Davis, of this city, were the attorneys for the plaintiff. This should have been attorneys for the defendants as they successfully conducted the case for Mr. Talcott.

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