

## City Council Hears Plea for Building Code

The regular meeting of the city council Monday night found Mayor A. B. Rogers, Councilmen Arn. Rebal and Sattler present.

The members of the council had a visit from representatives of plumbing and electrical firms, who briefly outlined their requests for a building code that would cover the city and pertaining to the installing or replacement of plumbing and electrical wiring. Glenn Pankonin was the spokesman for the plumbers, and Ray Herring for the electricians. Mr. Pankonin pointed out the advantage of having plumbing placed in the business houses and homes that would meet the standard for efficiency and safety. It was not proposed, Mr. Pankonin stated, to prevent anyone from doing their own work, but sought an established standard of safety and service. Mr. Herring pointed out the danger of poor wiring and in placing the wiring in buildings and homes that might cause a fire hazard.

The establishment of a standard of requirements in placing in either plumbing or wiring would make for a general better condition over the city as regards safety and in wiring especially would make lower insurance rates, it was pointed out. The code was especially important in the construction and remodeling of buildings and homes to secure a higher degree of safety and efficiency.

Touching on cases where residents had been prevented from doing their own work in Omaha, it was pointed out that this was not due to the building code but to disputes of union labor. It was suggested that the council secure copies of ordinances of other places that have building codes and study them. It was pointed out that Bellevue and Syracuse had these regulations as well as larger towns and much information could be gained there.

Mayor Rogers had with him a protest signed by some 165 residents of the city, protesting the creation of a paving code or (Continued on Page Three)

## Sells Residence Here Wednesday

Wednesday afternoon at the south front door of the Cass county court house the sale of the residence owned by the Veronica Fornoff estate, located at the corner of 10th street and Second avenue (Granite street) was sold by Attorney R. J. Case, referee.

The bidding was quite brisk on this residence, which is located on paved streets and it was purchased by J. J. Lohme, the home bringing \$4,825. James F. Begley is the attorney for the estate.

## Jury Awards \$9,000 Verdict In Damage Suit

The petit jury in the district court that has for four days been hearing the damage suit of Francis K. Thoren vs. Johanna C. Nelson and David Myers, returned a verdict Tuesday evening, finding for the plaintiff in the sum of \$9,000.

This suit had been filed for \$60,000, the accident from which the litigation arose, occurring on September 8, 1947 on highway No. 34, where the highway and road leading north from Avoca intersect.

The plaintiff in the case was the husband of Ruth Ann Thoren, who in her action earlier secured a judgment for the sum of \$18,000 in the trial in the district court here. The action of the husband was filed later against the defendants, Mrs. Nelson and son, David Meyer.

The case tried this week covered the same grounds as the former case and occupied the time of the court last Thursday and Friday and was resumed on Monday and carried over into Tuesday.

The members of the jury hearing the case was composed of A. W. Adams, L. H. Banning, Lawrence Rose, F. J. Knecht, E. A. Langon, E. O. Vroman, Lloyd Leyda, George Foreman, Marion McCrory, O. D. Clements, Fred Schroeder, August Ruge.

Representing the plaintiffs in this action as the companion case tried last fall were Stewart & Stewart, of Lincoln, and Smith & Lebens, of this city.

## Gene Lewis Draws Reformatory Trip

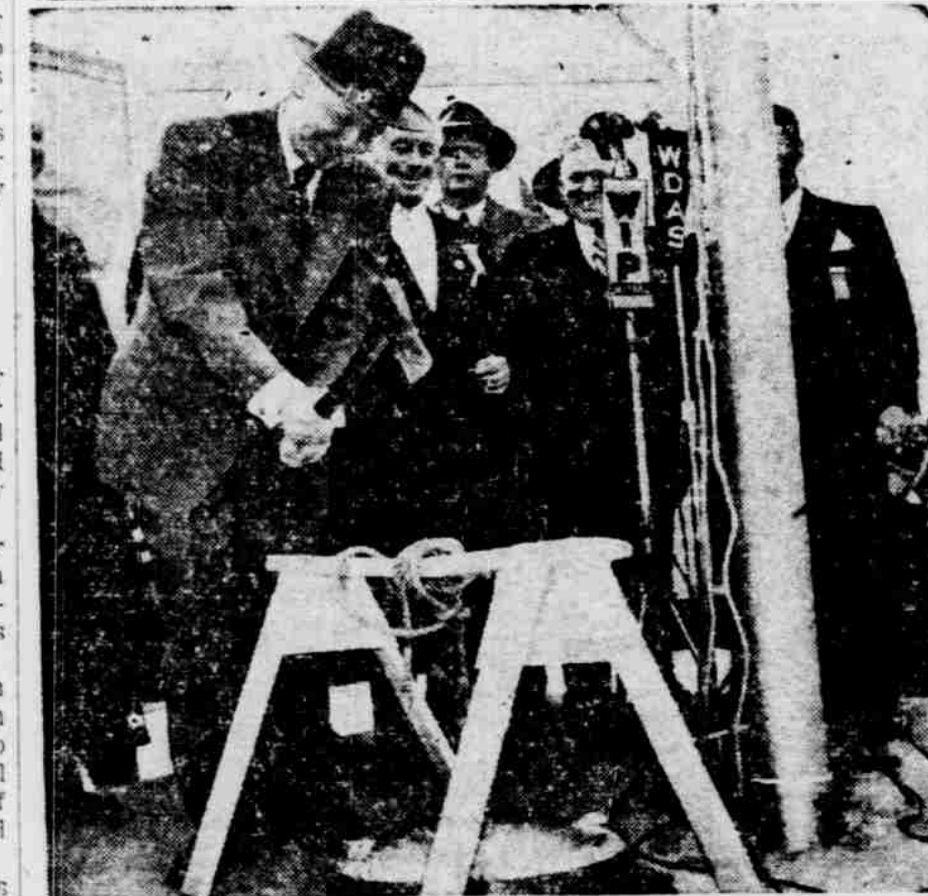
This (Thursday) afternoon in the district court, Gene Lewis, 20, who pleaded guilty to the charge of breaking and entering the Albin Nu-Way Lunch in this city and the Murray Tavern, in the county court Monday, was arraigned in the district court before Judge Thomas E. Dunbar.

In the district court the young man renewed his plea of guilty and was sentenced by Judge Dunbar to a term of from one and a half years to three years in the state reformatory at Lincoln.

Others charged with the same offense will have their preliminary hearing in the county court on Wednesday, December 21st.

## SENDS PAPER AS PRESENT

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sell, of this city, called at the Journal this week and ordered the paper sent to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ferris at Omaha as a Christmas gift. Mrs. Sell is a daughter of the Ferris.



MESSAGE FOR THE FUTURE . . . The documents that received awards from the Freedom Foundation were deposited in a "freedom capsule" to be buried at Valley Forge, Pa. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower is about to cut the rope with an ax, releasing the capsule.

## Australian Visits Plattsmouth



An Australian woman that played host to hundreds of U. S. servicemen during the late war, Mrs. Amy Perkins, of Brisbane, visited for two weeks in Plattsmouth at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Jahrig, "one of her boys." Mrs. Perkins, who also had a son, Colin, in the RAAF during the conflict, saved her funds over a five year period in order to make the trip. She departed Wednesday morning for Betendorf, Ia., for the holidays with another friend. She will return to Australia in June.—Journal Staff Photo

## Charles Patch Re-elected by The Ad Club

The Plattsmouth Business Men's Ad club held their December meeting on Wednesday noon at the main dining room of the Edith Solomon coffee shop in the Plattsmouth Hotel building. There was a very pleasing number of the members in attendance to participate in the annual election. The officers named were:

President—Charles Patch.  
Vice-President—Hugh Standler.  
Secretary-Treasurer—W. H. Puls.

Mr. Patch is just completing his first term as president of the club and has given excellent service in this post for the business interests of the city. The many friends will be pleased to learn that he will again serve in this capacity.

Mr. Puls has served as secretary-treasurer for a number of terms and also has carried on his work most efficiently and well.

The club members voted to have their stores close at 6 p. m. on Saturday, December 24th, and remain closed until Tuesday, December 27th.

This same closing regulation will prevail for the New Year holiday, closing on December 31st until January 3rd.

## VISIT WITH SICK

Monday Tony Klamm was in Omaha to visit Mrs. Klamm at the Clarkson hospital where she has been for the past few weeks and recovering from an operation the past week. Mrs. Klamm was not feeling so well on Monday. Mr. Klamm was accompanied to Omaha by Mrs. Lulu Wolfe and Mrs. Georgia Creamer, sisters of Mrs. Klamm, who spent a few hours with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruel Sack and son, Richard, returned Tuesday evening from Gering, Nebraska, where they have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Sack.

## City Receives \$2,400 for the Auditorium

City Clerk-Treasurer Albert Olson, has received from the Platte Mutual Insurance Co., a check for \$2,400, a donation on the part of the officials of the now defunct company, the sum to be applied on the furnishings for the projected new auditorium.

This amount was derived by the company from an investment that had not been revealed until after the company had ceased active business. It was found in a checkup of the business for the past twenty-five years from July 15, 1915 to the present time by A. J. Tritley, trustee and former secretary-treasurer of the company. As the list of the members and records had long since been destroyed, the company ceased active business, it was voted by the last remaining officers of the insurance company, that the balance be turned over to the city of Plattsmouth, first as to apply on a fund for the furnishing of an auditorium, and if this is not built in the next five years, the money is to be used by the city for park purposes.

This amount will be held in the city treasury until such time that the auditorium is started and then will be expended on the furnishings.

This move on the part of the officers of the old insurance company shows the keen interest felt by those who have lived here a long time, and have a real interest in the advancement of the city and its people. They want the funds to go into a permanent monument to the progress of the city.

## Supreme Court Affirms Dunbar

The Nebraska supreme court Monday affirmed the case from the Otoe district court that had been heard by Judge Thomas E. Dunbar at Nebraska City.

The case was that of Dowding vs. Dowding, Appeal, Otoe. Affirmed. Judge Chappell, justice.

In this case the court affirmed the finding of the Otoe district court that Roy F. and Harold A. Dowding were entitled to reform the description of a deed to farm lands given them by their deceased bachelor uncle during his lifetime. The banker who drew the deed made a mistake in describing the property, it was said. William and John Dowding, brothers of the deceased, denied delivery of the deed and claimed that since it was a voluntary one, it was not subject to reformation.

The supreme court also affirmed the case of Stefan vs. Stefan. Appeal Sarpy second district, Bartos, judge. The appellant allowed 250 attorney fees for services in this court, same to be taxed as costs. Messmore, justice.

## Note Meeting Hour

The meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held at 6:30 as usual this evening at the main dining room of the Edith Solomon coffee shop instead of at 8 o'clock as published. There will be a talk by Cecil Stanley, of the state department of education.

## Mrs. John Parkening At Omaha Hospital

Mrs. John Parkening of this city, is at the Methodist hospital at Omaha, where on Monday she was under surgery. Mrs. Parkening is reported as doing very well at this time and it is hoped may soon be able to return home.

## Football Boys Honored by Civic Body

Wednesday evening at the parlors of the First Christian church, the members of Plattsmouth, high school football squad were honored at the annual banquet, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, a tribute to the fine work that they gave on the gridiron in the past months for the Blue and White. Harold Alkire was the chairman of the Chamber of Commerce committee that had arranged the event and presided at the opening of the program that was featured by the singing of the grace by the Girl's Pep Club.

The short and very interesting toast list was presided over by Attorney James F. Begley, as master of ceremonies, who cleverly presented the participants of the evening program.

The Chamber of Commerce had secured two awards to be presented to the outstanding lineman and backfield man of the team, and these were presented by R. R. Furse, president of the Chamber, who pointed out that these awards had been made on the vote of the members of the football squad. Mr. Furse presented the lineman trophy to Carl Ofe, four year veteran of the team, for his fine work this year that had won recognition by all his opponents. The backfield award was voted to Merle Dasher, half back, whose driving force had been responsible for many of the Plattsmouth scores, his fine love for the sport had inspired the team throughout the season. Merle is a junior and will be back for 1950.

Coach Merle Stewart gave a few remarks, a brief review of the past season. He paid tribute to the twenty-one seniors of the squad that have played their last high school game, and thanked them for their services to the Plattsmouth team in the past. The coach pointed to the fact that this year the competition had been very keen. The coach in his review of the season pointed to the fact that the Blue and White had lost but one conference game. The Glenwood game was cited as one of the hardest fought of the year, and praised the work of Norman (Continued on Page Eight)

## R. A. M. Installs Officers for Coming Year

Monday evening Nebraska Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons, held their installation of officers at the lodge rooms in the Masonic building with a large attendance of the membership present to take part. The installing officer was William F. Evers, past high priest and deputy grand commander of the Knights Templar of Nebraska, with Newton Sullivan, high priest as installing marshal and Rev. Stevens, of Springfield, Nebraska, as the chaplain.

The officers installed were: High Priest—Philip F. Rhin. King—Warren Rhylander. Scribe—Henry Ahl. Treasurer—Frank A. Cloldt. Secretary—Charles E. Walden.

Captain of the Host—Howard Eckard. Principal Sojourner—Marion Read. Royal Arch Captain—James Comstock. Master of Third Vail—Fred Howland. Master of Second Vail—Leslie J. Hutchison. Master of First Vail—Dewey Calloway. Sentinel—Raymond Lancaster. Chaplain—George Rieke.

Following the impressive installation services the members were invited to the dining room, where a fine oyster supper was served through the courtesy of the outgoing priest, Newton Sullivan.

## Paint Fatal to Herd of Cattle

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## Court House Briefs . .

In the district court Tuesday the case of Edgar C. Kief vs. the Standard Insurance Co., suit on an insurance policy for \$1,000 was dismissed by the plaintiff without prejudice at plaintiff's costs.

In the case of Reinke vs. Reinke, for divorce, the matter was argued to the court and the matter taken under advisement by the court.

Hearing was had Wednesday morning in the district court in the case of Rose Jeanette Davis vs. Ivy M. Davis, et al. Plaintiff's motion in open court to be permitted to attach copy of will, submitted, and there being no objection thereto, said motion was sustained and plain-

## Death of Former Nehawka Lady In California

The message has been received at Nehawka of the death of a former well known resident of that community, Mrs. Ella Balfour Kearney, that occurred at her home at Redondo Beach, California, on Sunday, December 11th, as the result of a heart attack.

The deceased lady was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Balfour, pioneer residents of Cass County, where she was born on January 26, 1895, and where she spent her childhood. She was married in June, 1912, to John A. Kearney, the family later moving to the Pacific coast in 1934, where they have since resided in California. The husband died in 1917.

There is surviving the passing of Mrs. Kearney, one son, Harold of Nehawka; three grandchildren, Linda, Cheryl and Harley Kearney, of Nehawka; four brothers, Carl Balfour, of Nehawka; Ivan Balfour, of George Balfour, Santa Monica, Calif.; Max Balfour, Venice, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Myrtle Cross, of Alhambra, California. Three children have preceded the mother in death, two in infancy and one son, Harley, killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor, on December 7, 1941.

The body is being brought to Nebraska City to the Porter funeral home, and the funeral services will be held at the Wyoming Methodist church, probably on Friday. The interment will be at the Cowles cemetery at Wyoming.

## Death of John Henry True at Omaha Today

The death of John Henry True, 51, long time resident of Cass county, occurred at an early hour today (Thursday) at an Omaha hospital, where he has been under treatment. Mr. True was born in Kansas, November 24, 1898, and has spent the greater part of his lifetime in and near Cedar Creek.

There is surviving his bassine, the aged father, John H. True, of Omaha, and the following brothers and sisters: Elizabeth Kehne, Omaha; Anne Siemers, Sidney, Nebraska; Claus Toman, Cedar Creek; Sophia Jordan, Omaha; Alice Franke, Omaha; Lena Dunham, Omaha; Mable Krejci, Plattsmouth; Verna Wooster, Omaha; Clara Robbins, Atlantic, Iowa; Fred True, Cedar Creek. There are also twenty-four nieces and nephews.

The body was brought here to the Sattler funeral home at 4th street and Avenue A, where the funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Interment will be at Oakhill cemetery.

Visiting hours at the funeral home will be Friday from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m.

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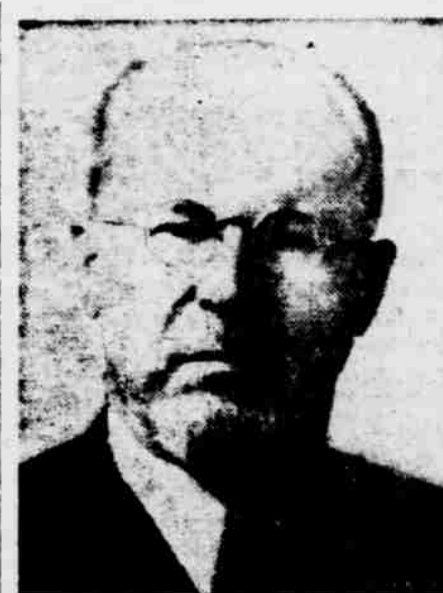
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RELEASED BY REDS . . . U. S. Consul General Angus Ward was released on a suspended sentence by Chinese Reds after conviction by court in Mukden on charge of whipping a Chinese servant. U. S. says charges were "trumped up."

## Ken Armstrong Badly Injured In Accident

Kenneth Armstrong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Armstrong, of this city, who is a member of the force engaged with the U. S. engineers on the Missouri river improvement project, was severely injured on Tuesday morning when the car in which he was riding with "Big" Boland, was struck by another car and the occupants suffered broken bones and lacerations.

The party were driving near Craig, Mo., at the time of the accident, when it was struck by another car, and hurled into a ditch, the occupants being thrown out and both Armstrong and Boland were badly lacerated as they were dragged along the rough roadway and ditch.

The injured parties were taken to the hospital at Falls City, where it was found that Armstrong had suffered a dislocated shoulder and broken collar bone, several ribs being broken also, and the side of his face, back and side badly skinned as he had skidded along the rough ground. Boland also suffered a badly lacerated face and body.

The drivers of the two cars escaped with only a severe shaking up. The car that struck the vehicle occupied by Armstrong and Lucian Boland was driven by Burdette Yount, of Fort-scue, Mo.

## Farm Family Appreciation Day Saturday

On Saturday, December 17th, Farm Family Appreciation Day will be held here at the Sittes Implement store on South Chicago avenue, where a very fine day of entertainment will be arranged for all of the farm families that come in to register.

The day of profit and fun will start at 11 a. m. and continue until 7:30 p. m. when the final reward of the day will be made of the grand prize.

Mr. Sittes and his force will serve free doughnuts, coffee and ice cream during the day and for all who attend there will be a free gift.

Mr. Sittes states that they desire to have all of the family attend to enjoy the opportunity that the company is offering to show their appreciation for past favors.

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

## Dr. L. D. Dieter Killed in Car Crash Near Otoe

Dr. L. Daniel Dieter, one of the best known physicians in eastern Nebraska, whose home was at Syracuse, and William Reuter, farm laborer of near Otoe, were killed Tuesday morning at the intersection of two roads a mile south of Otoe.

The two cars collided at right angles at the intersection, Dr. Dieter was driving south on a call and Reuter was driving west. The two cars after colliding rolled over into the ditch.

William Reuter, Otoe, discovered the accident and when he reached the scene Reuter was dead, killed apparently instantly, while Dr. Dieter was still alive, but died shortly after Reuter reached the scene. Both of the men had suffered head injuries.

Dr. Dieter had just visited at the home of David Straube and family near Otoe. It is believed that Reuter, who lived with Ralph Brandt, a mile west of where the collision occurred, was driving home.

Dr. Dieter was well known to a large number of Plattsmouth residents, as he has been a frequent visitor here and had a great many patients from this city taking treatments of him at his office in Otoe county.

Dr. Dieter was born in Madison, Nebraska, December 21, 1886, after his high school work he entered Creighton university and completed his course in the medical college and served his internship in the Douglas county hospital. His wife is the former Elizabeth Buelter, a graduate of St. Catherine's hospital school of nursing in Omaha.

In 1926 Dr. Dieter set up in Otoe on completing his internship, he intending to be there but for a short time. But practice grew, the demand for his service was such that he decided to remain in that area, later moving to Syracuse where his office has been located the past two years. He is associated in the Syracuse clinic with Dr. Carl J. Formanek.

In 1938 Dr. Dieter and wife went to Vienna, Austria, where the doctor took special study in surgery. While in the Austrian city they witnessed the entrance of Adolph Hitler into Vienna. Dr. Dieter finished his course and later returned to the United States.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Barbara Dieter, Cedar Rapids; three brothers, A. J., of Omaha; Frank, of Omaha, and Ed of Plattsmouth; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Hohman and Mrs. Germaine Batenhorst, Cedar Rapids.

## H. M. Soennichsen Suffers Broken Ribs

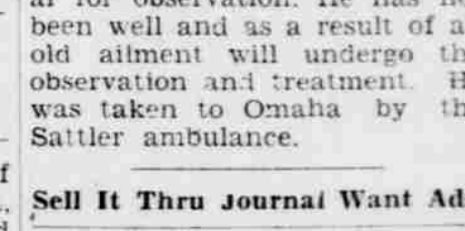
H. M. Soennichsen, veteran Plattsmouth merchant and head of Soennichsen's large department store and market, was injured Wednesday at the store. He was engaged in looking after some Christmas trees in the rear part of the store when he made a mistep and fell. As the result of the fall he sustained two broken ribs that have confined him to his home for a few days.

## John S. Toman To Hospital

Wednesday afternoon, John S. Toman, residing near this city, was taken to Omaha where he entered the Clarkson hospital for observation. He has not been well and as a result of an old ailment will undergo the observation and treatment. He was taken to Omaha by the Sattler ambulance.

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