Negligence In Highway Paving Job Is Charged

Good Roads Committee Asks County Board to Reprimand Engineer Adams and Dismiss Inspectors.

A resolution asking that a reprimand be administered by the board of county commissioners to Lew Adams, county surveyor, and the discharge of the two men whose duty it was to inspect the mixing of concrete used on the new Lincoln highway pavement, was passed yesterday by the members of the joint good roads committee which met at the Chamber of Commerce.

The discussion of the various discrepancies which were shown in the pavement during the investigation last week, was carried on by the committee members for more than two hours.

It was the opinion of the men that no grafting had been evident but that there was evidence of gross negligence on the part of men in the employ of the county.

The committee declared that as soon as the pavement is completed, it should be tested by Prof. Clark Mickey and all portions not up to standards required by state tests, be declared useless and payment refused. The resolution as adopted by the joint committee follows:

Resolved, that it is the unanimous opinion of this joint committee, composed of the representatives of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, the Omaha Automobile club, the Automobile Trade association, the Omaha Rotary club and the Omaha Live Stock exchange, after hearing the evidence introduced before the board of county commissioners, at the recent hearing, in reference to the paving on Lincoln Highway, that we concur in the report made by State Engineer Johnson to the board of county commissioners, that the inspectors, who are employed and hired by Douglas county, to see that the proper mixture of gravel and cement was used, have been very negligent in their duty, and from their interview with the newspapers, their interest is with the contractors, and not with the taxpayers.

We therefore would ask the county Engineer that these two men be discharged from their present positions, and that they not be employed as inspectors on any of the county paving work; and men employed who have the interest of the taxpayers at heart.

It is also the unanimous opinion of this committee that Mr. Lew Adams, the county engineer, has been very negligent (as shown by his own testimony) in his duty in protecting the interest of the county and taxpayers, whose interest he is supposed to represent, believing it is his business to see that every contract let, is done in strict accordance with the specifications and contract.

C. N. Dietz Elected Library Board Head

C. N. Dietz was elected president of the newly appointed library board at a special meeting Monday. Bruce McCulloch was named vice president, Mrs. N. P. Feil, secretary. All officers were elected unanimously.

President Dietz appointed the following committees: Executive, McCulloch, T. J. McGuire, Mrs Feil; finance, McGuire, Rev. O. D. Baltzly, McCulloch; books, Mrs. Feil, A. H. Fetters, Mrs. F. A. Shotwell; museum, Mrs. Shotwell, Mrs. Feil, Fetters; extension, Baltzly, Mrs. Shotwell and McCulloch; building and property, Fetters, McGuire and Baltzly. The next meeting of the board will be August 19.

"Mourners" Bench Having Effect on Autoists Here

The mourners' bench at Central police court is a success.

"Mourners" are motorists arrested for violating of parking rules.

Before the mourners' bench was established 15 arrests a day were made by traffic cops. Now the average is six and seven.

Those haled before Judge Wappich yesterday to study traffic rules one hour were: Elmer Neville, 3723 Jones street; Mrs. C. L. Keyser, 17, the Kingsborough apartments, D. B. Cavanaugh, 201 South Twenty-ninth street; M. E. Howard, 2569 Fort street; A. E. Cass, 4233 Douglas street, and Charles Henning, 404 North Forty-eighth street.

Body of Bert C. Murnan Buried in Forest Lawn

Funeral services for Bert C. Murnan of Denver, who died in a Council Bluffs hospital, were held yesterday, with burial in Forest Lawn cemetery, Omaha.

Mr. Murnan was a well-known live stock man, formerly a resident of Lynch, Neb. He was a brother of Charles Murnan of Denver and Dr. H. W. Murnan of Winner, S. D.

Fodrea Quits Iten Company; Speir New Sales Manager

Penn P. Fordrea, who has been in the employ of the Iten Biscuit Co. the last eight years, and sales manager for the last two and one-half years, has resigned his position, effective August 1. Mr. Fodrea will remain in Omaha and engage in another line of business. A. D. Speir has been appointed as sales manager to succeed Mr. Fodrea.

Mayor Endorses Tribute Te Be Paid Soldier Dead

In a proclamation endorsing the request of the American Legion that flags be displayed at half staff when the bodies of American soldiers arrive here to be sent on for burial, Mayor James C. Dahlman scored the lack of patriotism which is shown when the city goes on with its routine business when dead heroes arrive here.

Mother Unable to Witness Naval Honors Paid Her Son

Mrs. Arthur Shipley collapsed completely from the strain inflicted when the body of her son, Delbert Logan Shipley, who was drowned July 8, was returned from San Diego. She was unable to witness the naval honors paid him at funeral services for him yesterday morning.

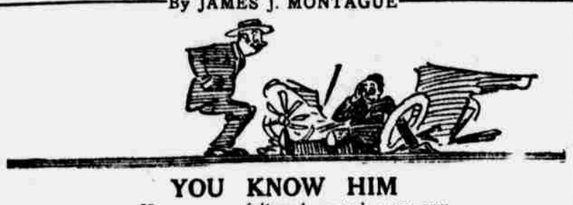
Omaha Missionary Asks For Passports to Orient

Dr. Claude W. Mason, for many years a Presbyterian missionary in China and the orient, but who was summoned home this spring by the illness of his father, has applied for passports to return to the orient for four years.

Giovanni Caporcia obtained passports to return to Italy.

More Truth Than Poetry

By JAMES J. MONTAGUE



YOU KNOW HIM

He sees you fall and wrench your arm
And bids you not to mind a bit.
Says he: "A sprain will do no harm
And if it's broken, it will knit."
He sits beside your bed of pain,
As on the brink of death you hover,
And murmurs: "If you stand the strain
The chances are that you'll recover."

If you have had a motor smash,
This bird is certain to appear
And say: "If you'll just save your cash
You'll have another car next year."
You lose your job, and do not know
However you can live without it.
He says, in soothing tones and low,
"It does no good to fret about it."

Your house burns, on a winter night,
And as you view it, in despair
He says: "Oh that will be all right,
There's lots of houses, everywhere."
Your girl picks up another John
And leaves you plunged in tears of sorrow;
He says serenely: "Cary on!
You'll find some other Jane tomorrow!"

Your worries never make him blue
He's never woeful or distressed,
Whatever troubles trouble you,
He says serenely: "Carry on!
And if you look into his eyes
And read the kindly thoughts that fill him,
If you are human, you will rise,
And take a rock or club and kill him.

HE'S LISTENING FOR 'EM NOW

What's become of the fussy man who used to grumble about the racket made by the pneumatic riveters?

THEY'LL BE INTERESTED

Of course arrangements will be made to give the disarmament congress the latest reports of the Greco-Turkish war.

COMPENSATION

If the breweries were still brewing, Bergdoll would be worth ten times as much money. Which almost reconciles us to the Volstead law.

Man Tells of Finding Wife With Other Man

Max M. Blau charges that he came home one day and found his wife with "a certain Omaha business man" whose name he will give to the court if required to do so.

He says this in an answer filed yesterday in district court to the divorce suit filed against him by his wife, Belle, 2659 Farnam street, two months ago.

He forgave her and took her back, he says, but a week ago she told him that she had merely become reconciled "to protect the business man" and that her husband was a fool to take her back.

Blau asks for a divorce and custody of their 3-year-old child. Mrs. Blau's petition states that she has always been a true and obedient wife but that Blau has cursed her and threatened her. He earns $250 a month as a shoe salesman, she says, and she asks $125 a month alimony.

Colonial Worth Only $45,000 Owner Declares in Petition

The Colonial apartment house at Thirty-eighth and Farnam streets is worth only $45,000 and the ground on which it stands is worth only $9,000, declares Thomas D. Crane, vice president of the company that owns the property, in a petition filed in district court yesterday asking that that the county assessor be ordered to asses it at these figures instead of $80,000 for the building and $16,600 for the ground.

Nebraska Clothing Salesman Sued for Divorce by His Wife

William C. Winquest, salesman for the Nebraska Clothing company, was sued for divorce by his wife, Marie, yesterday in district court. They were married April 14, 1920, and she says he has refused to provide a home for her, insisting that they live with his parents. She has been compelled to earn her own living, she alleges. She asks restoration of her maiden name, Bogenreif.

Father Judge to Take Rest in Mountains

Rev. P. J. Judge, pastor of Sacred Heart church, Twenty-second and Binney streets, left Omaha yesterday for Gunnison, Colo., where he will take a prolonged rest.

Father Judge was tendered a farewell party by members of the Sacred Heart church Tuesday night in Lyceum hall, Twenty-second and Locust streets. While away, he will have charge of a small mountain parish.

Rev. Joseph Ostdiek, assistant pastor of Sacred Heart church, will assume full charge during Father Judge's absence.

Chandler E. Blanchard Dies at Home of Daughter

Chandler Eastman Blanchard, 92, father of Mrs. William Stull, 123 South Thirty-ninth street, died Tuesday at his daughter's home. Death was due to the infirmities of old age.

Mr. Blanchard had made his home with Mrs. Stull for the last six years.

Four of his children, Mrs. Stull, Miss Anna Blanchard of Omaha, F. E. Blanchard of Lincoln and C. H. Blanchard of Minneapolis, will accompany the body to Neponset, Ill., his former home. No funeral services will be held in Omaha.

Home Without Milk Not Real Home for Baby

Bee's Milk and Ice Fund Has Benefited Hundreds During Sweltering Summer Months.

"No home is a real home without a baby in it," wrote V. H. Goerke of Burr, Neb., enclosing a $5 check for The Bee milk and ice fund.

But likewise, no home is a real home for baby without at least sufficient nourishing milk to make that infant life possible to grow to sturdy health.

It is with the knowledge that hundreds of little folk have benefited in this way that The Bee is closing its annual summer fund August 1, with total proceeds more than $1,000.

The fund includes:

Previously acknowledged	$1,019.86
V. H. Goerke, Burr, Neb.	5.00
Mary Clare Buchtel	1.50
Mrs. A. T. Klopp	5.00
Total	$1,031.36

Bodies of Omaha Girls To Remain in France

Graves of Omaha girls who died and were buried in France during the war will remain undisturbed.

Relatives of Miss Marion Crandall, the first American woman killed in active service in France, and of Miss Maud M. Butler, also buried there, have notified government officials they prefer to have the bodies left in France.

Miss Crandall was a graduate of Central High school. She was killed during a German bombardment on St. Menehould, and was buried the next day with full military honors in the soldiers' rest at St. Menehould—the only woman's grave among those of 6,000 soldiers.

Miss Butler, who went over in Red Cross clerical work and who died in Paris January 2, 1919, is buried in the American cemetery at Suresnes, a suburb of Paris.

Court Accepts Predivorce Agreements of Wrights

Percy A. Wright and his wife, Mabel, presented to District Judge Goss yesterday afternoon a predivorce agreement which they had both signed whereby Mabel gets the household goods, custody of their child, 8, and $10 a week for 20 weeks.

Though Percy was the plaintiff, the decree of divorce was granted by Judge Goss to Mrs. Wright on grounds of cruelty. The agreement was filed in the court archives with the decree.

Brief City News

Priest Swindled — Father O'Driscoll, 8202 North Thirty-first street, told police he gave a stranger a check for $15 to help the stranger's family, only to find there was no house at the address the stranger had given as his home.

Loan Director Chosen—Ford Hovey, president of the Stock Yards National bank, has been chosen by the Omaha Clearing House association to be the Omaha director of the $50,000,000 cattle pool being raised by large banks of the country for loans to live stock interests.

Dancing Competition — With 350 more entries than was anticipated the Nebraska-Iowa championship dancing contest is scheduled to start off with a bang at Lakeview park tonight. Dance enthusiasts are coming from all parts of the two states to compete for the much coveted prize and honor.

Blames Mother-in-Law—Clarence L. Zepp asked yesterday that the district court cite his mother-in-law, Mrs. Harriet C. Harsch, for contempt of court. He alleges she aided her daughter, his divorced wife, in removing their 5-year-old child to another state. The court had given him custody of the child.

Lee Spratlin Here

Lee W. Spratlin of Chicago, assistant to the president of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, was in Omaha yesterday on business. Business along the lines of the Milwaukee is improving, in the opinion of Mr. Spratlin, who is optimistic for a steady betterment during the next few months.