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DECIDES ON THE OFFICIAL ROADS

P. C. Holden, of the State Road Commission, Meets With Board of Supervisors Here.

THE BOARD ACTS AT ONCE

Trans-Continental Road to be Greatly Improved and Other Roads to be Designated for Work.

P. C. Holden, of Scranton, member of the Iowa State Road commission, was in Denison last Wednesday and unofficially met with the board of supervisors and discussed the road situation in Crawford county. Under the new law the supervisors must select a number of highways to be known as "Official County Roads," and these must be constantly worked under the direct supervision of an officer to be known as county engineer.

After considerable discussion the board very wisely selected as the main county road the established trans-continental route through Crawford county. This road running from east of West Side through Vail, Denison, Arion, Dow City and into Dunlap, will be put in a thorough condition. All wooden culverts will be replaced with permanent cement culverts or corrugated steel tubes. All bridges built in the future on the county roads will be built of cement.

The other roads designated by the county supervisors will be one leading south of Denison to Manilla and on to the county line. Another will lead west from Denison to the six mile house, where it will branch in three different directions, going to Charter Oak, Schleswig and Ricketts. The Kiron road from Denison through DeLoit has also been selected as one of the official roads. Kenwood also gets a road leading into Dow City, as does West Side for six miles running south. The much traveled road from Denison to Buck Grove, through Coon Grove, has also been selected. The above mentioned roads were selected at the Wednesday last meeting and before actual work begins there may be a few changes made by the board. The transcontinental route, however, will be made permanent.

The state provides revenue for the building of these county roads, and the amount to be expended for this year's work is in the neighborhood of \$15,000.00. Owing to the scarcity of labor the supervisors have deemed it advisable to let the building of these roads by contract, dividing the different sections of the county into districts. The work to be done in each district will be advertised and bids asked for. The county engineer has been instructed to draw plans and specifications and when the proper time arrives contractors who desire to bid on the roads may call upon him for any information desired.

The supervisors look upon the new proposition with considerable favor and as soon as the law is thoroughly understood all will deem the feature a wise one. Inasmuch as the county has gone at this matter in an earnest manner, there is little danger of Denison and Crawford county losing the transcontinental route.

The city of Harlan and Shelby county, together with the southern portion of Carroll county, in which Manning is located, are using every effort to have the trans-continental route changed to run into Council Bluffs through Harlan from Carroll, thus cutting off all the territory west of Carroll to the Chicago & Northwestern line. On Wednesday of last week a large meeting was held at Carroll, which was attended by big delegations from the Commercial clubs and Automobile clubs of Harlan, Irwin, Manning and other points intervening, to confer with the Citizen's club of Carroll with reference to the planning of the new route for the trans-continental highway. A point which they brought out in favor of the proposed new route was that there are 205 turns on the trans-continental route from Carroll to Council Bluffs, while by adopting the new one there would be only 75, a saving of about 130 turns and this seemed to be more important than the character of road to be traversed. As the route is now laid out between Carroll and Council Bluffs there are a great many more turns than are necessary and we understand that this is to be rectified in the near future. As an illustration, here in Denison as the route is mapped out, there are something like 25

turns, which bring the tourist from the college up through the business part of the district and then out of the city through the southwest. It is now planned to run the route directly west through the city from the college, eliminating all of these turns and if tourists so desire signs will be erected showing the way to the garages and the business district. At Arion there are something like ten turns as the route is now assigned and with very little trouble most of these can be dispensed with.

The Citizen's club of Carroll did not commit themselves in favor of any proposition that implied abandonment of the road via Denison and Missouri Valley. It is hardly thought as long as the citizens of Carroll work with those of Crawford county and Denison to establish the trans-continental route that they will be disposed to desert their old allies in the good roads work.

It is up to Crawford and Harrison counties to see that this change is not brought about, and while we do not think there is any danger of changing the route it might be well to be on guard. Competition seems to be keen for these cross state roads and in nearly every part of the state towns adjacent to the route are endeavoring to swing the highway through their territory. While it is not apparent to some the benefit that is derived from having a trans-continental route running through the county, others realize and appreciate how much it means. Hundreds of automobiles passed through Crawford county last year over the trans-continental route and in this manner Crawford county has been widely advertised. The fertile valleys and lands of Crawford county have been commented upon by many tourists traveling across the continent. The route means considerable to the business men in the different towns through which it passes, as it is a well known fact that all tourists are good spenders. One of the chief reasons why Denison should not lose, and this applies to the tourists as well as to our city, is the fact that in Denison is located the best hotel between Boone and Council Bluffs on any railroad running across the state.

The Commercial club of Denison should not sleep on this matter for a moment, but action should be taken at once and necessary steps laid to present the matter to the association at its meeting in June. It would be indeed humiliating to Denison when the government establishes a permanent road from coast to coast to have our city left thirty miles to the north when for just a little effort on the part of our citizens this can be avoided. Wake up and show some enthusiasm. Harlan sent thirty automobiles to Carroll, Denison should at least send thirty enthusiasts to the June meeting.

BEGINS WORK ON POSTOFFICE

Contractor James Corse, of Racine, Wis., Arrives in Denison and Will Start Work at Once.

James Corse, of Racine, Wis., who was awarded the contract for building the new government building here by the government, is in the city today with one of his assistants, getting the work lined up, and informed a Review reporter that actual work will commence the latter part of the week.

Most of the day was devoted to making measurements with Mr. A. J. Gary regarding the excavation work, which will be commenced tomorrow, and it is thought that by the middle of next week everything will be in readiness to commence the foundation and from then on the work will be rushed. Mr. Corse informs us that all the material for the building has already been purchased and some of it is now on the road to Denison. Denison labor will be employed on the building wherever possible and of course if enough hands are not available here help will be engaged from away.

The contractor believes that the building will be far enough advanced so that the corner stone may be laid on the fourth of July. The Commercial club should take steps to arrange a suitable program for this event and make it a gala day in Denison.

Mrs. A. M. Ainsworth arrived in Denison from Sioux City last Saturday and will remain here for two weeks visiting her sister, Mrs. C. F. Kuehnle. Mrs. Ainsworth expects to spend the summer at Lake Okoboji.

J. M. Fouts, the real estate man of Vail, was a pleasant business caller here Tuesday.

FOUND DEAD IN OUTBUILDING

William P. Mains, Son of I. A. Mains, of Charter Oak, Dies of Heart Failure, in Ute.

WAS ONE OF FOUR CHILDREN

Graduate of Charter Oak High School and Served in Navy Three Years—Was in Good Health.

Charter Oak, May 7—Special—William P. Mains, a son of Postmaster Mains, at Charter Oak, was found dead in an outbuilding in Ute on Tuesday morning, heart disease being the cause of his death.

Mr. Mains was working in the general store of Mr. John Barnard at Ute at the time of his death. He had spent Sunday in Sioux City, returning to Ute Monday morning. He felt in his usual health during the day, but at 7:30 in the evening he told Mr. Barnard he would not come back to the store that evening as he did not feel well. The people with whom he boarded thought the young man had not returned from Sioux City, when he did not come to supper, and did not inquire for him. He was found the next morning about 9 o'clock by Mr. Barnard.

Mr. Mains was born Jan. 23, 1876, and had always lived in the vicinity of Charter Oak with the exception of three years spent in the United States navy. He was a graduate of the Charter Oak high school and was well fitted educationally for life's work. He leaves to mourn his death his father and mother and two brothers and one sister, namely: Harry, of St. Louis; C. A., of Fonda, and Grace, of Charter Oak.

The funeral will be held Thursday morning at the home in Charter Oak at 10:30, and burial will take place in the Charter Oak cemetery.

CLASS IN FIRST COMMUNION

Large Class of Boys and Girls Partake of First Communion at Catholic Church Last Sunday.

On Sunday a large class of bright little girls and boys partook of their first communion at St. Rose of Lima church. The building was crowded with friends and parents of the little ones who witnessed with joy their first step on the pathway of their religion. The altar was laden with flowers for the occasion. Rev. Father Farrelly spoke feelingly to the children and hoped that they would all be guided through life along the steps of righteousness. After the church services the children, together with Father Farrelly, went to the Merchants hotel, where they enjoyed a delicious breakfast, after which they visited the photographer and had a photograph taken of the class. The following were those who partook of the communion the first time Sunday morning:

Helen Rohrer, LaVanche Butler, Margaret Kinney, Edna May Weber, Marion Jackson, Marcella Stenglin, Monica Hederman, Louise Fineran, Cecelia Carlson, Alice Finnegan, Josephine Farrelly, Gladys Lorenzen, Helen Houlihan, Vera Houlihan, Loretta Portz, Elizabeth Jackson, Virgil Hansen, Leo McCullough and Rupert Maloy.

Prof. William G. Raymond, dean of the College of Applied Science of the University of Iowa, was in the city last week Friday. On Friday afternoon he addressed the students of the high school on "Some of the Problems of an Engineer in a Large City" and illustrated his lecture with a number of interesting lantern slides. He dealt with a number of the important engineering problems that have been carried out in different parts of the country and his lecture was one of the most interesting that has been delivered at the high school for some time. He told how the foundations for the large sky scrapers were laid on foundations, sometimes one hundred and fifty feet below the ground and how the engineers in charge dealt with the many problems during the course of construction. In the evening at 8 o'clock he delivered an illustrated lecture on the State University of Iowa, but on account of the storm the audience was not as large as had been hoped for. Professor Raymond is an interesting speaker and portrayed university life in a most vivid manner.

DEMONSTRATION BY MUSIC PUPILS

Miss Grace Schlumberger to Give a Music Demonstration at Club Room This Evening.

INVITATIONS LIMITED TO 150

Illustrates Finger Work, Velocity, Expression, Character, Contrast and Touch—Many Pupils.

This evening at 8 o'clock at the Carnegie club rooms the pupils of Miss Grace Schlumberger will give a demonstration of class work and a very interesting musical program will be carried out. On account of the limited space in the club room a general invitation was not given out, but were limited to one hundred and fifty. As will be seen by the following program the demonstration is one which illustrates finger work, velocity, character, hand work, expression, tone color and contrast and touch.

Miss Schlumberger has a very successful class, not only in Denison, but in the surrounding towns of the county. She now spends two days each week at Vail, where she is teacher of music in the high school.

The following is the program as will be carried out this evening:

Part One
Illustrating Finger Work and Singing Tone—
Valse Ballet Rathburn

Miss Bowling
Finger Velocity—Waltzes—
Op. 299 No. 1 Czerny
Golden Rod Friedmann

Ruby Faul
Soprano Solo—
Baby's Boat's the Silver Moon..... Gaynor

Virgil Snell
Finger Work—
Morning Promenade..... Franz Behr
Viola Houlihan

Waltz—Promenade March—
A Reward Crosby-Adams
Ring Around a Rosie..... Spalding

Hatte Mordhorst
Mezzo-Soprano Solo—
I Love You Truly.....

Grace Kinney
Syncopated Time—
A Dance Wenrich

Miss Jobe
Characteristic—
The Grasshopper Gurlitt

Hannah Johnson
Contrasting Legato and Staccato—
(touch)—
Scherzo Henri Weil

Virgil Snell
Part Two
Etude for the Left Hand Alone—
Isolo—Op. 92 Henri Ravina

Miss McCaffery
Two Etudes—
Valse En Forme Duet Koehler
Boat Song F. Spindler

Opal Faus
Two Dances—
Thistle Down—Two Step Read
Good Morning—Waltz Klickmann

Mare Houlihan
Reading
Miss Cole

The Doll's Dream Oesten
Cradle Song
Dream
The Doll Awakes
The Doll Dances

Elsie Heiden
Waltz—
The Wild Rose Read

Luleia Mundt
Difficult Rhythm—
Polonaise Beaumont

Lucille Rollins
Waltz—Schottische—
My Papa's Waltz Streabog
Flowers of the Forest Burns

Ethel Biggs
Mezzo-Soprano Solo—
Two Maidens Newcomb

Grace Kinney
Expression—Tone—Color—
The Butterfly Greig
Dawn Cadman

Miss Hayes

Word was received in Denison that Dr. L. M. Coon had entered a prominent hospital in Baltimore, Md., and will be operated upon tomorrow morning for ulcers of the stomach. His case was diagnosed by the eminent physicians, Messrs. Friedenwall and Finney, and as a result of their examination it was decided that an operation was necessary. Mrs. Coon is with her husband in Baltimore, but Miss Helen Schouten and little Lewis Coon returned to Denison last week.

THOS. MEEHAN MARRIED.

Married at Friend, Neb., Miss Margaret Reilly Being the Bride—Will Reside in Denison.

Last Wednesday, April 30th, Mr. Thomas R. Meehan, of this city, was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Reilly, at Friend, Neb. The ceremony took place in the Catholic church at Friend at 9:30 Wednesday morning, and a large number of friends and relatives were present. After the services a delicious dinner was served at the home of the bride's mother. Mr. Joe Monaghan, of this city, was present and acted as best man. The groom's brother, Mr. John Meehan, and sister, Mrs. Hanrahan, who reside at Manilla, were both present for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Meehan left shortly after the wedding for points in Colorado, where they will enjoy a wedding trip of several weeks, after which they will return and make their home in Denison in the house belonging to Mr. Meehan in East Denison.

While it was not generally known that this couple were to be married, the news leaked out last week and Tom's friends are looking forward to his return when congratulations will be in order. His wife is not a stranger to Denison people, having visited here on several occasions and made many acquaintances, who will be glad to welcome her to Denison.

Mr. Meehan is well known in Denison and Crawford county as a man of upright character and unusual abilities and well worthy of the lady of his choice. At one time he held the office of county sheriff in this county and proved an efficient officer.

The Review joins with the many friends of this popular couple in wishing them a long and prosperous life.

RETURNING TO DENISON.

"It is a pleasure to get back among the old friends," said F. W. Meyers to a Review reporter. "Eight months is not a long time, but it has shown forlorn with the old landmark gone. Main street is a neat affair, the old opera house corner looks bleak and forlorn with the old landmark gone, but one can picture the new federal building that is to take its place and look forward to it with pleasure. The site for the new opera house seems ideal, and it is being built with true Denison spirit. In the last few months I have told lots of people about the Denison way and what the people, working together, have accomplished and have many times heard the remark, 'How I wish our town had the spirit of enterprise that Denison must have.' I hope the hospital will not be abandoned. It will be an expense for a number of years to come, but those who have had occasion to use it know what a blessing it has been to them. Nowhere have I seen anything prettier than the view of the Boyer valley in the bright May sunshine. If it could only be that way the year round what a jewel it would be.

"The sad part about returning has been the missing of so many old friends. At the old settlers' picnic last summer I was saddened by the thought that there were many there whom I should never see again, but fortunately I could not foresee who the missing ones would be. I have missed the hearty greetings of Editor Harthun and the smiles of more than a score of the old and valued friends.

"Denison seems to be on the verge of a business revival, there are more signs of growth than I can remember in any one year, and no one rejoices more in these evidences of prosperity than I, who have known and loved the city for well nigh forty years. I am in love with the Isle of Pines and am planning to go there some time in the future, but that does not lessen the love for the old home and the old home folks. My stay in Denison is somewhat indefinite, perhaps only for a few days more, but I hope to meet all the friends before I go."

An agreement reached between the city and the Northwestern Railway company and Mr. W. A. McHenry regarding the proposed public highway leading from the McHenry crossing into Denison is to soon be carried out. It is expected the railway company will soon begin the grading of the road, after which it will be up to the city to finish the highway. The land necessary will be purchased from Mr. McHenry at an agreed price and thus the dangerous crossing that has caused so many deaths will be done away with.

24 STUDENTS TO GRADUATE

President Seerley, of Iowa State Normal to Deliver Commencement Address at M. E. Church.

MAY FESTIVAL IS TO BE HELD

Louisa Jones Has Already Been Chosen Queen and Will Be Crowned on May 24th.

The time for the sweet girl graduate is near at hand and as graduation day approaches plans are maturing for the festivities of the commencement week. In the neighborhood of twenty-four students will receive diplomas on the evening of May 28th at the Methodist church, when President Seerley, of the Iowa State Normal college at Cedar Falls, will deliver the commencement address to the graduates of the Denison high school.

On account of the opera house not being in readiness it has been decided to do away with the usual class play, but to take the place of this members of the class are working on a class farce, "An Unexpected Honor," which will be given in the assembly room of the high school on Saturday night May 24th. On account of the limited seating capacity of the assembly room only a small number of tickets will be available, which will be disposed of by the members of the class.

The big feature of the commencement exercises will be the May festival, which will be held on Saturday, May 24th. The entire graduating class will participate in this feature of commencement week and we are advised that it will be one of the most unique entertainments that has ever been given by a graduating class in Denison. Miss Louisa Jones has been elected by the high school as May queen, and she will be properly crowned with fitting exercises on this occasion. In connection with the May day exercises on the 24th, the seniors are planning an athletic meeting, which will be of great interest. On Tuesday afternoon, May 27th, the members of the class will give a literary program at the M. E. church, but as yet the program has not been announced.

Up to this time no one has been selected to deliver the baccalaureate sermon and as the ministers of the city have accepted invitations to deliver baccalaureate sermons out of the city, it will be necessary to either have the sermon a week earlier or to secure someone from away.

THE NEW PAROCHIAL SCHOOL

Number of Bids Received From Out of Town Contractors—Davenport Firm Lowets Bidders

Thursday, May 1st, was the day set for the opening of bids for the erection of the new parochial school of the Catholic church in Denison. While no local contractors placed a bid on the work there were several out of town firms who figured for the job. Although the work has not been let as yet, Rev. Father Farrelly informs us that the firm of Coen & Conway, of Davenport, Iowa, will be given the contract, their bid being the lowest, which does not include the plumbing, heating plant or electric wiring and fixtures. Russel Fisher, of Cedar Rapids, Tryon & Son, of Manilla; D. J. Farrell, of South Omaha, and Zitterell & Son, of Webster City, were the other contractors who figured on the job.

The construction work will commence within a short time and work will be pushed in order that the building may be completed in time for use when school opens in the fall.

Henry Finern, who suffered from an attack of appendicitis recently, has improved so rapidly that he is now able to attend to his duties as editor of the Denison Herald. His many friends are congratulating him on his speedy recovery and it is hoped he will not have a recurrence of the trouble.

Announcement has been made of the approaching marriage of Miss Frances McCaffrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. McCaffrey, of this city, to Mr. Alva Dannels, which will take place at the St. Rose of Lima church the fore part of next week.