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Plattsmouth Wins First Match at Carter Lake

Local Men Take Tennis Honors From Omaha in First Competition—Rain Stops Match.

Plattsmouth's tennis men took their first match from the Carter Lake club of Omaha on the latter's courts Sunday morning. Rain prevented the completion of three matches.

Ray Larson, ace player of this city, came through in his usual good form after giving away the first set 1-6. He won the second and third sets, 6-2, 6-1. His opponent was Petteerman of Omaha.

Loss of the first set by the Plattsmouth players seemed to be the order of the day. Chase took George Sayles in the first game 7-5. Sayles came through to defeat his opponent 6-2 and 6-1 in the next two sets.

Cal Root won from Arthur 6-2 and 8-6 after going down, 3-6 in the first set. Sheldon Giles swamped Koran with the first two sets, 8-6 and 6-0. Ed Wescott led his opponent, Kenneth, 6-2 in the first set and 3-1 in the second. Ralph Mason stood at the small end of a 6-3 set for the first game. Both matches were stopped by rain.

Sunday's match was the first in which the auxiliary participated. This is the first year that women have been permitted membership in the club. Although the ladies' team is weak at this time, promise is being shown by some of the younger members of fine development.

Lois Giles lost to Galbreath of the Carter Lake club, 6-3 and 6-0. Baier lost the first set to Hosier, 6-2 and Hosier led the second set 4-1 when rain stopped the game.

BAND PROVES HIT

The picnic of the Catholic Sokol of Omaha, staged at the Sokol park north of the Platte river, drew a crowd of several thousand from Omaha and the nearby points to attend the Sunday outing.

One of the big hits of the day was the Plattsmouth band which gave a concert during the afternoon and proved a decided entertaining feature, the members of the band under the direction of Peter Gradoville, presenting a fine program. The band made such an impression that they were hired for two concerts at Pappilion during their annual festival. They will also play at the Holy Rosary dinner and picnic on August 1st.

There were hundreds of private picnic parties on the grounds and stands of refreshments were kept crowded by the patrons. In the evening the Avalon orchestra played for the dance that was participated in by very large crowds.

RETURNS FROM SOUTH

Mrs. D. O. Dwyer returned last week from her annual pilgrimage to her home in the south, visiting at Birmingham, Alabama and Americus, Ga. She reports that crops were looking fine in the sections where she visited and conditions generally seem very much improved.

To avoid the heat and inconvenience of highway travel, Mrs. Dwyer went by train, taking the Missouri Pacific to Memphis, in order to enjoy the trip thru the Ozarks. The schedule was such that the trip could be made during the day and as all trains carry air conditioned cars it was made very comfortably.

Whether as a result of people becoming "train minded" or because of more spending money, travel by train has greatly increased and the Missouri Pacific carried full cars both to and from Memphis.

DEPART ON VACATION

From Monday's Daily—Mr. and Mrs. Earl R. Kline and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lutes, departed today for a two weeks outing in the west. They are driving through and will visit the Yellowstone national park and other points of interest in that part of the west.

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RECEIVES SAD NEWS

James Rebal departed Sunday night for Iowa City, Iowa, in response to a message announcing the death of Charles Pechous, 67, a brother-in-law.

Mr. Rebal had been at Iowa City two weeks ago and at that time Mr. Pechous had been in his usual good health and the announcement of his death came as a great shock to the relatives here.

Mr. Pechous is survived by his widow and one son, George, who resides on a farm near Iowa City.

The deceased has been a long time resident of Iowa City, coming there when a small child with his parents and has been one of the leading farmers of that section of Iowa.

Chas. Nowacek Named to State Assistance Post

Appointed Supervisor of Statistics in State Assistance Office Today—Succeeds Van Taylor.

LINCOLN, July 12. (UP)—Charles Nowacek, 26, of Plattsmouth was today appointed the supervisor of statistics in the state assistance office at Lincoln, succeeding Van Taylor. The appointment is effective July 19.

Nowacek, a University of Nebraska graduate in June, completed a year's mission in special work as consultant at Washington.

In 1935 he conducted a special survey in statistics for the University of Nebraska.

Mr. Nowacek is a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Nowacek of this city and was just recently married and located at St. Paul, Minnesota, in this line of auditing and statistical work.

CAR RUNS INTO TREE

From Wednesday's Daily—This morning at an early hour, Albert Kirchoff, 30, a farm hand near Murray, wrecked his car in the north part of the city. Kirchoff was coming south on Webster boulevard and had apparently dozed off or lost control of the car and crashed into a tree. The front of the car was driven in by the impact of the tree and was reduced to a mass of wreckage.

The driver of the car was thrown against the steering wheel with great force and when Officer J. E. Lancaster arrived at the scene a few moments later, Kirchoff was apparently suffering a great deal from the effects of the accident. He was brought on into the city and treated at the office of Dr. L. S. Pucelik. It was thought that he may have sustained internal injuries.

Mr. Kirchoff lives at Plainview, Nebraska, and has been working at the farm of Walter Engelkemeler, a relative, west of Murray.

At the time of the accident he had \$320 in money concealed beneath the seat which later he recalled when being treated at the office of the physician and the money recovered by the police and restored to him.

HAVE INTERESTING TALK

Tuesday at their weekly luncheon the members of the Rotary club had the pleasure of a very fine talk on international relations given by the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Adolph M. Mosler, one of the active members of the local club.

Monsignor Mosler told of his journey to Europe a number of years ago and his experiences as a Rotarian in touring over France and Italy as well as his native Germany. He told of the meetings and contacts he had with the members of the organization in the various European cities he visited and the courtesies that had been extended him to make it more pleasant. This showed the good that the Rotarian teaching of good fellowship has done in the promoting of better understanding.

VISITS DAUGHTER HERE

Mrs. George Burris, who has been making her home at Redlands, California, is here to visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Lancaster and family.

Former Gov. Weaver Pays Visit to City

Father of Missouri River Navigation Movement Comes to Look Over the Proposed Dock.

From Tuesday's Daily—This morning Arthur J. Weaver, former governor of Nebraska, who may truly be called the father of the Missouri river navigation movement, was in Plattsmouth for a short time.

The battler for river navigation stopped here to look over the work on the new dock that is being constructed east of this city, the first to be started on the river north of the Kansas line.

Owing to the condition of the road leading to the river the trip to the dock was postponed and the former governor will return later to look over the situation.

It was many years ago that Mr. Weaver started his campaign for the improvement of the Missouri river and he has never faltered in his campaign to see his dream come true. At national river congresses he urged the cause of the western river and with the advent of the Roosevelt government in office saw the first steps taken and now a large part of the river from Kansas City to north of Omaha is harnessed and will prove a great national waterway.

Governor Weaver has frequently spoken here on the subject of river navigation and to him as much as any man can the realization of the ideal be laid.

ANNIVERSARY OF HAIL STORM

From Tuesday's Daily—This is the anniversary of the great hail storm of 1883, which swept the southeast section of this county. Crops were ruined and a great deal of livestock killed.

The morning began with a beautiful sunrise and clear skies. About nine o'clock the sky became greenish and hail clouds appeared in the southwest. The hail lasted only about thirty minutes but in that time stripped the section of all vegetation. Many of the stones were three inches in diameter.

Corn had been in tassel and the prospect for a crop was wonderful. It was pounded into the ground so that the fields looked as though they had been plowed recently. Most of the wheat was in the stack.

Trees were stripped of their leaves, small limbs, and in some places of their bark. Where hedge rows stopped the wind, drifts of hail were formed from four to six inches deep. Some lasted ten days before melting.

Stones killed pigs and chickens and some calves were lost. The northern extremity of the storm was the Jean school south of Plattsmouth. In many places the crops on one side of the road were completely destroyed while on the other they were scarcely hurt.

WILL CLOSE LOCAL OFFICE

Rudolph Vogler, of Lincoln, director of the U. S. employment service for Nebraska, was here Tuesday afternoon to look over the local office and the employment situation in the county.

The Plattsmouth office of the state and U. S. employment service will be closed after August 1st it was announced, this being under a plan that is eliminating a number of the offices over the state and among which are York and Falls City, as well as Plattsmouth.

The district office will be maintained at Nebraska City and will be in charge of Merle Alden, of Wahoo.

Representatives of the district office will visit here once a week to keep check of the employment in this county.

HERE FROM LINCOLN

Herbert Sharpnack, E. B. Winner and Guy Harris of Lincoln, were here Sunday to spend a few hours. They are visiting at the Fred Sharpnack and E. Ptak homes while in the city. Mr. Herbert Sharpnack is the father of Fred. They returned late in the afternoon to the capitol city.

VISITS IN KANSAS

Mrs. Henry Kaufmann has just returned from a motor trip to the west part of Nebraska and at Atwood, Kansas, where she was a guest at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, George Smith.

She made the trip with her nephew, Delmond Smith and wife of Omaha and had a very pleasant outing. They found the harvest on and the crops very good and corn looking excellent.

They also stopped at McCook where they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Taylor, the latter a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Duda of this city.

Hope for Lost Fliers Seems at Vanishing Point

Navy Planes to Continue to Scan 360,000 Square Miles of Sea Before They Give Up.

HONOLULU, June 14 (UP)—The great aerial search of the Pacific ocean for trace of Miss Amelia Earhart and Fred J. Noonan, her navigator, will be resumed today if weather conditions permit. The search yesterday by 60 planes from the carrier Lexington was cut short by rain squalls.

Hope the search would prove fruitful was at the vanishing point but the navy fliers, under orders of Admiral Orin G. Murfin, in charge of the hunt, will scan approximately 360,000 square miles before they give up. Miss Earhart was forced down July 2, on a 2,500 mile flight from Lae, New Guinea, to Howland Island.

Sixty of the Lexington's 62 planes joined in the search yesterday forenoon after poor visibility had held the pilots on deck through the early daylight hours. By noon they had covered 21,000 square miles without sighting even a sandspit on which the lost fliers could have found refuge. Two planes were held on the big carrier for emergency purposes.

The big long range bombers and the lighter fighter class planes were to have resumed the search in the afternoon but after 30 had shot off the broad deck of the Lexington the clouds closed down and it began to rain. The remainder of the planes were held aboard and those already in the air were ordered back.

PROTESTS DROPPING BUS LINE

Protests have been filed with the state railway commission against the abandonment of the Lincoln-Union bus line which had been asked by the Missouri Pacific railroad, operating the bus.

The Lincoln chamber of commerce protested the action of the railroad and the bus was resumed pending the hearing in the matter by the commission.

The railroad company claimed as the reason that the operating cost was far greater than the revenue received from the bus.

A statement was filed with the commission by Fred Seacrest of the State Journal. He stated that people between Lincoln and Union are complaining of lack of mail and other service. The statement says the Missouri Pacific railroad, to save money, first obtained the commission's permission to substitute a motor service for train service and no one protested. Then the railroad obtained leave to substitute a bus to save money and this resulted in the company losing baggage, express and cream business, and it proposed because of this loss of business to take off the bus service, according to the statement.

TAKE SLOT MACHINE

Monday two men drove up to the A. O. Ault store at Cedar Creek and entering the store announced that they were "federal" men. They looked over the store and proceeded to gather up a slot machine and carried it to their car, loaded it in, and drove away. An attempt was made to see the license of the car but the plate had been bent so that it was impossible to discover the number of the car or where it might be from.

COMMISSIONERS DOINGS

The board of county commissioners have completed their July session and taken up a number of matters of business in addition to the usual allowance of claims.

The commissioners voted to allow the graveling and surfacing of four miles of roadway in Mt. Pleasant precinct. One mill was set for the levy which will be made in August.

The various county officials made their quarterly reports of the fees earned in their offices: County judge, \$814.26; register of deeds, \$456 county clerk, \$352. sheriff, \$148.50; clerk of the district court, \$674.65.

County Superintendent Miss Alpha C. Peterson reported that \$28,988 would be needed for free high school tuition for the school year 1937-38.

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County Shows Expenditures Over Receipts

Depression Makes Inroads on General Fund—Treasurer and County Judge Have Largest Fees.

Cass county's general fund suffered a drop of over \$4,000 during the past year. On July 1 of 1936 the semi-annual statement showed a balance of \$10,109.93 on hand. July 1 of this year produced a statement of only \$5,304.93.

The county general fund has suffered drastically under the depression. Six years ago the fund showed a balance on hand of \$54,941.21. One of the biggest draws on the general fund has been the poor relief fund. The one-half mill levy made during the past year was insufficient to take care of the demand made on the county. The levy is being raised to one mill during the next year which, it is believed, will carry the poor relief load. Over \$12,000 have been paid out to poor relief since the beginning of the depression.

A drop from \$5,758.88 as balance on hand July 1, 1936 to \$4,019.48 for July 1, 1937 is found in the state general fund. District road fund shows a balance of \$16,679.71 July 1 as compared to \$19,980.68 a year ago.

Crushed rock roads account for a good deal of the expenditure from the county highway fund. The balance on hand is \$7,850.86 as compared with \$10,224.85 a year ago.

40% Cut in Old Age Assistance Reserves in the old age assistance fund have dropped from \$7,525.88 a year ago to \$420.71. Over 400 persons are now on old age pension in this county. State appropriations were cut 40% for the month of July.

Totals for the balance on hand showed \$201,537.91 for July 1, 1937 compared to \$277,234.98 July 1, 1936. One of the very few individual funds showing a larger balance this year than last is the county bridge fund which shows a balance on hand of \$23,163.08 for 1937 as compared to \$22,747.56 for July 1, 1936.

As a whole, the county spent \$105,697.07 more during the past year than was taken in. Disbursements amounted to \$838,793.91 while collections reached a total of \$733,096.84.

Fees Furnish Funds

Fees during the past year gave a total of \$20,277.06 addition to the county fund. \$8,995.41 of that amount came from the county treasurer's office.

Second in amount of fees collected stands the office of the county judge. It is not usually considered a money-making office, but statistics show that it takes in approximately \$500 per year above maintenance, supplies and salaries. Since July 1, 1936, the office has collected \$4,290.39 while the salaries totaled \$3,280 and supplies, approximately \$500. The total collected during the past five years in fees by the county court was \$21,313.54.

School disbursements stand first in the expenses. \$277,691.05 were paid out for that fund during the past year. County disbursements for the year were \$104,824.20. Old age assistance cost the county \$65,055.46 during the past twelve months and poor relief \$23,500.63 with a list of unpaid claims on file totaling \$2,480.05.

EXHIBITION OF "HOBBIES"

Clyde Jackson of the recreational center is arranging exhibits of "hobbies" of the local people, shown in the various show windows in the business section of the city.

The "hobbies" include collections of coins, mounted birds and animals, wood work, china and plate and many other articles, the collection of which has been a pastime of local people. Some very nice exhibits have been secured and which has attracted much attention.

Mr. Jackson expects to have all of the windows arranged this week and ready for the inspection of the public.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY TODAY

From Tuesday's Daily—Mrs. Clara Kruger of Kansas City, where she has a number of her children today celebrated the passing of her 78th birthday anniversary at a dinner which was tendered by the children living in Kansas City. Her son, Harry L. Kruger of Plattsmouth and wife with their two daughters, Thelma and Helen Jane, were present. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kruger and two daughters drove to Stella Monday where Mr. Kruger is working and drove to Kansas Tuesday and enjoyed the dinner. E. J. Kruger and W. H. Kruger of Nehawka and Lyle Kruger of Union were not able to get away from their work to attend. They however sent greetings.

Body of Man is Discovered Near Bridges

Unidentified Man Found by Railroad Workers Under Tree on Iowa Side of Missouri River.

The badly decomposed body of a man was discovered Monday afternoon on the Mills county side of the Missouri river, lying under a tree midway between the tracks of the Burlington railroad and the highway from this city to Glenwood.

It was impossible to determine anything as to the identification of the man as all found on his body was \$1.96 in money, and a case for spectacles which also contained a slip of foodstuffs, apparently a shopping list. The body had apparently been lying out in the open for at least a week but was so located that it escaped the vision of those passing at a distance.

The remains were clothed in a blue serge suit and a pair of black shoes and from the shirt it had been apparently of good material and in all the man must have been well dressed at the time of his death.

The discovery of the body was reported to the authorities at Glenwood and Coroner Raynor came to the scene of the discovery and had the body taken on into Glenwood.

The condition of the body was such that it offered little clue as to how it might have come to the spot where found and the well groomed appearance of the body caused the surmise that possibly it might have been brought to the scene and left there.

The Mills county officials have the matter under investigation and will seek information of any persons who may be missing in this section of Iowa and Nebraska.

MARRIAGE BUSINESS GOOD

County Judge A. H. Duxbury had a very busy week-end in the marrying department of his office with three couples seeking their life's happiness at the hands of the judge.

Saturday Donald LeRoy Weimer of Greenwood and Miss Stella Mae Cooper of Weeping Water were married at the court house. Edith Jacques and Arthur F. Cooper served as the witnesses.

Sunday morning at 6 o'clock, Judge Duxbury officiated at a sunrise service at his home for Theodore C. Hicks and Antonette J. Kay, both of Omaha.

Another of the Sunday marriages was that of Joseph L. Tribulato and Alice D. Swanson, both of Omaha. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. George Casser, friends of the young people from Omaha.

City Council Hears Protest on Ordinance

Representatives of Direct Selling Companies Speak Against Proposed Ordinance.

The city council enjoyed one of the long and busy sessions Monday night and which was filled with many subjects from the regular monthly reports of the city officers down to the protests against passing the "Greenriver" ordinance regarding peddlers and vendors, to the matter of the hours when sale of foaming lager might be restrained.

City Clerk Albert Olson reported that in June he had collected \$402.01 that had been turned over to the city treasury.

City Treasurer M. D. Brown reported that the city had a balance of \$17,866.67 in the treasury and which was deposited in the Plattsmouth State bank.

A communication was received from the Hugh J. Kearns post of the American Legion, through Commander E. G. Ofe, asking that the city remit as in the past, the amusement tax on the W. A. Gibbs Amusement Co., which was to show here the week of July 26-31, under their auspices. The Legion agreed to supply the extra police to serve at the grounds. On motion the request was granted.

Mayor Lushinsky reported that the matter of the water supply and its condition had been checked over by a representative of the state health department, who found that the water had some manganese in it but which was perfectly harmless to anyone. The state representative found that the mains were flushed and the new filtration plant would eliminate the manganese. The state representative and the mayor had urged the large consumers of water to cooperate with the water corporation and notify them when they were to have peak loads so that the water mains might be flushed when the least amount of water was being used.

Police Judge C. L. Graves reported for the week of July 1st, one arrest, no collections; for the week of July 8, three arrests and \$36.50 in fines and costs collected.

The Greenriver Ordinance Chairman Rebal of the Judiciary committee presented a communication from the Plattsmouth Business Men's Ad club, asking the passing of an ordinance regulating the peddling and bill distribution over the city. The club also asked that the city council pass an ordinance similar to that enacted by the city of Greenriver, Wyoming. This matter was referred to the judiciary committee to report at the next meeting.

There were a number of representatives of direct selling companies present and Mayor Lushinsky invited them to address the council if they wished.

Mr. Henderson of the group, opposed the enactment of the ordinance as not only unfair but calculated to prevent men and women making a living by direct selling. The direct selling methods had the best results and in these, most of the large companies were co-operating with local dealers in many cases. He stated two ladies were engaged in the sales work here who would be deprived of a livelihood if the measure passed. Where passed he stated the ordinance had not been enforced. The company that he represented, that of the J. B. Watkins Co., hired largely men of 45 years or over to represent them.

Mr. Hickson of Nebraska City, representing the Electrolux company, also attacked the proposed ordinance as discriminatory and that its enactment was bad for the companies and the communities as well. Discrimination would bring on opposition, the speaker stated. An ordinance should be of the greatest value to the greatest number of people served. He also touched on the employment phase of the opposition.

Mr. O'Brien, representing the Fuller Brush Co., pointed to decisions of courts on the enactment of these ordinances, citing that of Belle-Aire, Maryland and a case from South Carolina. The Wyoming court had sustained the Greenriver ordinance.

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