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## Auburn Retains League Lead by Defeat of Locals

Plattsmouth Merchants Bow to Auburn 4 to 1—Streets Pitches a Fine Game.

From Monday's Daily—Yesterday Manager Clyde Jackson's baseball proteges journeyed to Auburn and when the dust of the battle cleared away, the Auburn team emerged the winner by the close score of 4 to 1, in a well played game.

The local Merchants out-hit the Nemahans, but their inability to hit with men on bases, coupled with their loose defensive play, brought defeat.

The Platters scored their only run in the fifth inning as Ault singled, went to third on O'Donnell's double, and then scored on an error.

Auburn scored once in the fifth as Meyers reached first on an error, and scored on Hutton's hit. In the next inning Kovanda, slugging Auburn initial sacker, tripled and scored on a fielder's choice. They scored two more in the seventh as Lawrence and Powell singled and both scored on Kovanda's double.

"Gabby" Streets, local pitching artist, twirled his usual fine game, as he allowed but six hits, and whiffed eleven Auburn would-be hitters.

Box score:

### Merchants—

	AB	R	H	PO	A
Rhoades, 3b	4	0	1	2	1
Svoboda, 2b	4	0	2	1	2
Chovanec, ss	3	0	0	0	0
Krejcl, cf	4	0	2	0	2
Streets, p	4	0	2	0	3
Smith, lf	2	0	0	0	0
Ault, 1b	3	1	1	7	0
O'Donnell, rf	3	0	1	0	0
Hays, c	3	0	0	11	1
Gehring, ss	3	0	0	0	0
Wiles, lf	2	0	0	0	1
Kalina, ss	1	0	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>8</b>

### Auburn—

	AB	R	H	PO	A
Hutton, 3b	5	0	1	2	2
Lawrence, rf	3	1	1	1	0
Powell, cf	4	1	1	1	0
Kovanda, 1b	4	1	2	5	0
Hahn, ss	3	0	0	5	3
Higgins, p	4	0	1	0	1
Scholl, 2b	4	0	0	3	2
Meyers, c	3	1	0	8	0
Durst, lf	4	0	0	2	0
Davis, rf	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>8</b>

Summary: Errors—Powell, Smith, 2. Rhoades, Svoboda, O'Donnell, Hays, Gehring. Two base hit—Kovanda. Three base hit—Kovanda. Left on bases, Merchants, 7. Auburn, 9. Runs batted in, Hutton, Scholl, Kovanda 2. Stolen bases, Lawrence 3, Scholl 2, Powell, Hahn. Bases on balls, off Streets, 3; off Higgins, 0. Hits, off Streets, 6; off Higgins, 8. Playing time, 2:35.

### VISIT IN OLD HOME

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Dovey, of Sterling, Illinois, have enjoyed the week end here among the old time friends and associates, guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rae F. Patterson, the latter a sister of Mr. Dovey.

Mr. and Mrs. Dovey have been spending their vacation in the Yellowstone national park and other interesting places in that section of the west and are stopping for a visit with the relatives in Nebraska before returning home. They will visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Falter at Falls City and with Mr. and Mrs. George H. Falter at Atchison, Kansas, before departing homeward.

### VISIT IN THE CITY

Lucia Ann Hassler of Lincoln and Shirley Ruth Hassler, of Omaha, arrived here Saturday to enjoy the remainder of the summer season with their grandmother, Mrs. William Hassler and Miss Anna Hassler. The girls are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. William Hassler of Lincoln and Mr. and Mrs. Earl F. Hassler of Omaha. Sunday the Earl F. Hassler family of Omaha arrived to join the family group for a Sunday visit and dinner party.

### LEWISTON COMMUNITY CENTER

Another Bible conference will be given Aug. 1, Sunday afternoon, 2:30, by L. L. Massie of Lincoln. Conference open to the public.

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### HERE ON VACATION

From Tuesday's Daily—Miss Alice Funk arrived home this morning on the early Burlington train to enjoy her vacation here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Funk and other relatives and school friends.

Miss Funk is a deaconess at the Fayette-Bennett Methodist church one of the largest of the denomination in the east. She has been located there for the past three years and has a very important position in the church management.

Her many friends are pleased at her splendid success in this chosen work to which she has devoted her years of study since graduating here in the class of 1929.

## Eagle Has a Very Large Wheat Harvest This Year

Elevators Busy Handling Grain From the Farms of West Part of Cass County.

The Farmers Elevator company at Eagle with its efficient manager have also leased the Trunkenbolz elevator at Eagle, conducting both institutions in unison and with a force of men to care for and to load and ship the wheat which a bountiful harvest has afforded the farming community. It has been possible to handle a large amount of wheat with dispatch and ease. Up to the present the Farmers elevator has handled over 120,000 bushels of wheat this season and are expecting more to follow. Between eighty and one hundred cars have been shipped with a large quantity still within the elevators. The wheat crop has brought in much money, so much needed by the farms and business houses. The good harvest is reflected in the satisfied appearance and happy faces of both the farmers and merchants of the town. And well it might be for another bountiful harvest is on the way, that of the rapidly maturing fields of corn. The farmers and others have gone sturdily along with the hope that this year will bring better crops and this year their work and loyalty to the farm is being rewarded.

### HAVE A FINE TIME

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ofe and son, Carl, with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Schuetz and son, Jon, returned home Saturday evening from their two weeks outing in the Minnesota lake country.

The party has been vacationing near Big Pine lake, one of the attractive spots of the lake country and had splendid success in their catches. The men were busy every day in the fishing expeditions and secured the limit almost each day that they were out.

Mr. Ofe had a very exciting experience when the boat that he was using was blown by the stiff wind across the three mile lake when the motor failed to function and kept them out several hours before relief arrived to convoy the craft back to the camp.

They also stopped on the return for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Christianson, parents of Mrs. Schuetz, at Adams, Minnesota, coming from there on home.

### 4-H GIRL'S CAMP

The Omaha Bee-News in their Tuesday night edition had several very interesting pictures of the 4-H girl's camp at Camp Brewster and in which several Cass county young ladies were featured.

Dorothea Duxbury of this city was shown as she earnestly studied the demonstration of needlework and Ellen Christensen of Union and Yvonne DeLes Dernier of Murray were caught in a very interesting pose as they were enjoying the reading of a good story.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rothert and baby of Auburn were Sunday evening visitors with friends in Plattsmouth. They called at the John Turner and Glen Vallery homes.

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## State Tax Levy Set at 2.64 Mills by State Board

The Levy This Year Will Be .88 Mills Above the Levy Made for the Year 1936.

LINCOLN, July 28 (UP)—The Nebraska state tax levy for the year 1937 was set today by the state board of equalization at 2.64 mills, an increase of .88 mills above the 1936 record low of 1.76.

The new levy is based on an estimated operating cost of \$5,429,108, which exceeds the 1936 expense of \$3,625,771, by nearly \$1,800,000. The assessed valuation of tangible property of the state is \$2,058,222,967.

Tax Commissioner W. H. Smith said the increased levy was the highest since the 1927 levy of 3.75 mills when property valuation was larger, was due to a slump of \$2,610,201 in assessed valuation of tangible property, attributed to last year's drought. Increased operating costs \$406,778 for the fiscal year, excluding legislative expense, and loss of \$1,200,000 in liquor tax revenue which now goes direct to the state assistance fund.

The appropriations made by the legislature from tax sources for the biennium was \$12,373,838.99, an increase of \$813,536.78 over the previous appropriation.

The amount to be raised by levy was \$5,270,978.95 which was increased 3 per cent in accordance with the statute specifying that amount be set aside as reserve against delinquency, boosting the total to \$5,429,108.32. The levy of 2.64 mills will raise \$5,433,713.91.

### MEETING WITH FINE RESPONSE

Poster May, radio newscaster, will act as Master of Ceremonies at the "Miss Plattsmouth" beauty pageant here next Tuesday night. Municipal Judge Lester Palmer, Wm. J. Kotera, chief engineer of radio station WOW, and Mrs. Foster May will judge the entries, selecting the winner and a runner-up. Last year's judges were all men, while this year the trio of judges will comprise two men and a woman.

A large number of entries have been secured, all sponsored by business firms. Miss Betty Bullin, "Miss Plattsmouth, 1936" will place the crown on the new queen, who will receive a free all-expense trip to the state fair at Lincoln to compete with representatives chosen in other towns over the state for the title "Miss Nebraska." The one selected there will be sent to Atlantic City next year to compete in the national contest.

A snappy "between acts" program has been arranged, including a military tap dance number, quartet and instrumental trio, and the show will be followed by a dance, with all contestants as honored guests.

The pageant will be held at the Legion community building, sponsored by the Legion Auxiliary. The bills listing names of contestants and their sponsors are being printed by the Journal job department and will be ready for distribution Saturday.

### RECEIVES WORD OF DEATH

Mrs. E. M. Griffin was shocked to receive word of the death of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Alfred C. Griffin at her home in San Diego on Thursday, July 22. She died following an operation for brain tumor.

Mrs. Alfred Griffin was a trained nurse and met a number of the people of Plattsmouth while here caring for E. M. Griffin the latter part of April and returning to California May 18. Alfred Griffin is in the navy.

### SCOUTS RETURN

Raymond Larson drove to Crete Saturday evening for the Boy Scouts who have been attending Camp Strader during the past week. The boys report a splendid week of activity. About 75 boys were in the camp and a full program was planned for the entire week. Those who attended from here were Lars Larson, James Mauzy, John and Richard Soennichsen, Donald Martin, and Billy Cloidt.

### SPEAKS ON COMMUNITY SERVICE

Rev. V. C. Wright was the speaker Tuesday noon at the luncheon of the local Rotary club, having as his subject that of community service. Rev. Wright gave his impression of the viewpoint of a minister of the church. His talk was very much appreciated and gave many helpful hints as to the ways in which the individual can render service to the community and his fellow man.

The meeting was under the leadership of William Baird who presented the speaker of the luncheon. Elmer Hallstrom, Avoca banker, was present as a guest of the club for the occasion.

## Louis Harris Badly Burned as Torch Explodes

Working on Plumbing at Tourist Camp on Chicago Avenue When Accident Occurred.

From Wednesday's Daily—Louis Harris, who is engaged in doing the plumbing work at the Sullivan tourist camp on Chicago avenue, was badly burned this morning in the explosion of a blow torch.

Mr. Harris was working with the torch at the time and the gasoline was sprayed over his right hand and face, inflicting bad burns.

The eyebrows and lashes were burned off and the greater part of the face seared by the flames in the few seconds that they swept over Mr. Harris. The right hand was the most severely burned as the flesh was burned to considerable depth.

The injured man was taken to the office of Dr. L. S. Pucelik where the hand and face were dressed and the victim made as comfortable as possible.

Harris was able to be around today but was feeling the effects of the severe burns very much.

### MEETS WITH ACCIDENT

Drost Tigner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tigner, who were residents of the Union community for a number of years, was injured in a motorcycle-auto accident near Culbertson, Nebraska.

Tigner was riding with two other men on the motorcycle when they overtook an auto driven by Miss Lena Crowley, a resident of near Culbertson.

The motorcycle struck the rear wheel of the auto and which overturned the cycle and hurled the riders into the highway. Clifford McNeal, one of the young men, was thrown twenty feet in the air and was killed as he struck the road. Merle Keeler, the second of the motorcycle riders was badly injured, and died a few moments after the accident.

Tigner and Miss Crowley, both very seriously injured, were taken to a hospital at McCook where their condition is still very critical.

### FUNERAL SERVICES FOR FORMER RESIDENT

From Monday's Daily—Funeral services are being held from St. Andrews Episcopal church in Omaha this afternoon at 3:30 for Albertis Schulze, who was switchman in Plattsmouth for the Burlington for a number of years. Interment is being made in the West Lawn cemetery.

Mr. Schulze was born in Iowa. He worked in Plattsmouth for a number of years before moving to Omaha 35 years ago. He died at the home of his son, Alonzo N. Schulze Friday afternoon. He leaves two sons, Alonzo of Omaha and A. H. of St. Paul; and three daughters, Mrs. Ross Groman, Mrs. D. E. Blair and Mrs. E. G. Thompson, all of Omaha.

### ARREST YOUNG MAN

Deputy Sheriff Cass Sylvester was at Lincoln Tuesday afternoon where he took a young man, Carroll Foreman, into custody, on a charge of passing a no fund check. The check, in the amount of \$1.18, it was alleged, was passed by the man at the Fort George service station south of Weeping Water.

## Funeral Service for Henry Wiedman Held Tuesday

Body with That of Wife Laid to Rest at the Oak Hill Cemetery—Rev. Wright in Charge.

Tuesday afternoon at the Straight funeral home on Oak st., was held the last rites for Henry E. Wiedman, for many years a resident in this community where he was born December 19, 1872, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George P. Wiedman.

A large number of the old friends were at the home to pay their last tributes to the memory of the departed.

Rev. V. C. Wright, pastor of the Methodist church, had charge of the services and brought in his remarks the tender comfort of the Christian faith.

The body was borne to the Oak Hill cemetery where the interment was made, beside the body of the wife who had preceded him in death but a month ago. The body of the wife was brought with that of the husband from Pekin, Illinois, for the last rest, a double committal service being held.

The pall bearers were old friends and associates of the departed, Andrew Kroehler, E. H. Schulhof, George Tartsch, L. D. Hiatt, Henry F. Goos, E. J. Richey.

Henry E. Wiedman, native son, spent his younger years here and was a familiar figure in the business and social life of the community. He was married on October 18, 1905, at Chicago, Illinois, to Miss Mable Swearingen, who preceded him in death on June 27, 1937, at Pekin, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiedman have made their home at Chicago for the greater part of the time since their marriage and later moved to Pekin, Illinois, where they both passed to the last rest. Mr. Wiedman passed away on Saturday, June 24.

He is survived by two brothers, George E. Wiedman of this city, Fred Wiedman of Plainview; five sisters, Mrs. F. W. Ebinger, Plainview, Mrs. Fred Kroehler, and Mrs. Anna Wagner, Lincoln, Mrs. Ida Blish, Sayre, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Nelson Jean, Donna, Texas.

George Wiedman, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wiedman, Mr. and Mrs. Ebinger, Mrs. Kroehler and Mrs. Wagner accompanied the funeral train from Pekin to this city.

### AVOCA DEFEATS PLATTSMOUTH

Plattsmouth was taken by the Avoca, Iowa, tennis team, losing all of the thirteen matches in the games there Sunday. Paved courts proved a handicap to the Plattsmouth players. Avoca returns the match, playing here August 15.

Cal Root probably gave his opponent, John Dillinger, the closest match of the afternoon. Root won the first set 6-2, lost the second 10-12, and the third 6-4.

Ray Larson went down before the wicked serve of Dr. Hay 4-6, 2-6. Vierhus of Avoca defeated George Sayles 6-1, 6-0. Doll of Iowa won from Ralph Mason, 6-8, 6-0, 6-0. Derby of Avoca took Sheldon Giles 6-3, 6-3. Dick Hall played his first match of the season, losing to Hoppens, 6-6, 3-6. Lars Larson played the boy's singles against Hinz, losing 4-6, 4-6.

Larson and Mason were paired for the first set of doubles against Hay and Vierhus. The first set went to the Plattsmouth team 6-3 then the Avoca men took the next two sets 6-2, 6-3. Sayles and Root won the first set love, in the doubles match play from Derby and Dillinger, to go back and drop the next two 6-3, 6-2. Doll and Hoppens won from Giles and Shanholtz, 6-0, 6-3.

In the women's singles Margaret Olesen of Avoca won from Hazel Baier 6-4, 6-4. Beatrice Knoflicek dropped both her singles games to Eckhardt, 6-love. In the women's doubles Olesen and Eckhardt won from Knoflicek and Baier, 6-2, 6-3.

Avoca has a splendid following in their tennis matches. An audience of approximately 100 watched the game. The courts are municipally owned and equipped with flood lights for night playing.

### CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

From Tuesday's Daily—Mrs. Sarah E. Kerr, one of the long time residents of the community and a loved and honored figure among a large circle of friends; is today celebrating her eighty-second birthday.

In honor of the anniversary she had with her Sunday the members of her family to pay her honor and enjoy the day in the family reunion and visiting as well as in the fine family dinner.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Reuser and family of Glenwood, Mrs. Alice Andrews and children of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Rishel of this city and Keith Stinger of Stuble, Iowa.

## R. A. Office to Close Here in Consolidation

Cass County to Again Have Resettlement Administration Headquarters in Nebraska City.

From Tuesday's Daily—Jean Spangler, resettlement administrator in the Plattsmouth office, announced today that the local office is being joined with the Nebraska City office in a state-wide consolidation program. The change will be made by August 7. For the immediate future, at least, standard rehabilitation loans will be continued.

Originally Cass, Otoe and Nemaha were united with R.A. headquarters at Nebraska City. After the drought of 1936 the heavy load put upon the resettlement made it necessary to have more centers. An office was set up in Plattsmouth on December 1, with Jean Spangler as supervisor for Cass and Sarpy counties.

Cass is again being joined with Otoe county under Leonard Hanks as R.A. administrator. Sarpy county is being joined with Douglas and the central office will be in Omaha. Ralph Steyer will act as director. Miss Inez Eberhardt is being transferred to the Omaha office as clerk.

Under the consolidation program, only 8 home supervisors are being left in the state. Each office is allowed only one clerk and all assistants are being discontinued.

### REPORTS ON CROPS

Rex Young returned this week from a business and pleasure trip into the Black Hills. He went by way of Cheyenne, so had a chance to view the crop conditions over the state.

Mr. Young states that the crops are exceptionally good except in the extreme western part of the state. In Wyoming he found the ranges in splendid condition and the cattle fat. The "old timers" in that section report that the range is in as good a condition as they have ever seen it.

"But speaking of pests—" Rex states "our grasshoppers are nothing."

He saw the crickets in the section west of Sundance. They were on the roofs of houses five inches deep and formed on tree limbs in clusters so that they looked like swarms of bees. In the city of Sundance one could hardly walk without stepping on the pests.

The Mormon crickets are slightly larger than a grasshopper and are black. They cannot fly but crawl at the rate of one and a half miles a day. They are moving eastward and in the spots where they travel take every bit of vegetation. South Dakota is putting up tin fences to keep the crickets out of the state.

Mr. Young also visited his sister, Mrs. Lena Lyman, at Vale, S. D. He was gone ten days.

### HERE FROM WASHINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wurga, of Washington, are in the city to enjoy a visit with relatives and old time friends. They are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kaufmann, the latter a sister of Mr. Wurga.

From here they will go to Havlock to visit Mr. Mike Wurga, Sr., the father of Joe and Mrs. W. J. Vallery, a sister.

They will spend some time in this part of the west before returning to their home.

## Telephone Company Joins in Power Battle

Farmers Also Join in Dispute Over Building of Lines in West Cass County by Power District.

Farmers and telephone companies joined the Nebraska Power company, of Omaha, in objecting to the proposed construction of Eastern Nebraska Public Power District lines in parts of Saunders and Cass counties, before the state railway commission Monday.

Roy Page, vice-president and general manager of the Nebraska Power company, explained his company's objections to the proposed lines.

"We are objecting not only because 35 miles of the proposed lines would directly parallel our lines, creating hazards to operation and service, but principally because we believe the building of a duplicate farm system in the territory we now serve is unsound and uneconomic," he told the commission.

He said the duplicate system would tend to reduce the farmers' chances to get cheaper electric service, by increasing the costs of operating—not only for the Nebraska Power company, but for the District as well.

"We want to see the farmers of Nebraska get electric service," Mr. Page said. "When there are 10,000 farmers in Saunders and Cass counties that we cannot reach with our lines, why must the District set up a duplicate system in the territory in which we stand ready to give service to all who want it?"

Representatives of farmers' cooperative telephone companies in Palmyra, Eagle, Unadilla, and Alvo also objected to the proposed construction. They were advised by the commission that the District would be required to pay all reasonable expense incurred in changing the telephone lines to avoid interference.

G. R. Danielson, a farmer living 4 1/2 miles northwest of Mead, filed a formal protest on behalf of Inez L. Danielson. He testified that the proposed line would cross his farm land and pass over the roof of a tenant's house, thus creating a hazard. He was advised to return to the commission if construction invaded his property.

The hearing, attended by more than 50 persons, lasted nearly five hours. Closing speeches by Charles A. Dafeo, Tecumseh attorney for the District, and Ralph Svoboda, attorney for the Nebraska Power company, brought out the major arguments for the two factions. Dafeo claiming that the commission had no jurisdiction over what he termed the "economic feasibility" of the proposed extension of lines, and Svoboda insisting that the commission's power under the law was brought enough "to protect the interests of all parties concerned and the welfare of the public."

### FORMER RESIDENT DIES

Albert M. Franks, aged 82 years died very suddenly Monday morning at 8:15 at the home of his son, Monte C. Franks at 6108 William street, Omaha.

He has been in very poor health for some time but death came very unexpected.

He is survived by one son, Monte Franks, and a granddaughter, Oma Lorene Franks. His wife, Harriett, preceded him in death a year ago.

Funeral services will be held at the Johnson mortuary at Hamburg, Ia., Wednesday at 2 o'clock with burial in the family lot at Mt. Olive cemetery.

Mr. Franks was a former resident of Plattsmouth. Since leaving Plattsmouth he has resided at Springdale, Ark., until eight years ago when he moved to Omaha.

### FEELS MUCH IMPROVED

Frank Koubek of this city has returned home from Kansas City where he was undergoing treatment at the Thornton & Minor clinic, one of the best known in the west.

Mr. Koubek has undergone treatment for a chronic ailment and has been greatly benefited by the treatment and is feeling very much pleased with the results.