

City Balances Reduced Due to Heavy Spending

Fire Truck, Fire Station and WPA Projects Full Down Amount of "Cash on Hand"

At the close of 1938 cash balances of the City of Plattsburgh in its various funds totaled \$15,928.94—a reduction of \$5,749.06 from the \$21,678.00 balance of the same date a year ago. Although considerably lower than last year, the December 31 balance is not out of line with that of recent years, as follows:

December 31, 1934...	\$ 9,311.97
December 31, 1935...	13,095.30
December 31, 1936...	12,093.40
December 31, 1937...	21,678.00
December 31, 1938...	15,928.94

Reason for the reduction in cash balance is due to heavy expenditures made during the past year in payment of a new pumper fire truck, the building of a fire station annex to the city hall and extending heat

thereto, together with numerous WPA projects. These latter have included Lincoln avenue rock project, new tool house at the cemetery, stuccoing of the city hall, ordinance revision project, tennis courts, sanitation project, city hall records project, recreational service sponsorship and Chicago avenue sewer costs paid up to time of closing the year's books. Some of the larger items of expenditure during the year include:

Fire truck (city's share).....	\$3,079.45
Fire station annex.....	774.42
Extension heat there-to.....	175.07

WPA Sponsorship

Lincoln Ave surfacing.....	\$1,638.93
City Hall stucco job.....	333.67
Cemetery tool house.....	290.13
Ordinance revision supplies.....	73.71
Tennis courts.....	42.20
Sanitation project (approximate).....	40.00
Recreational services (approximate).....	65.00
Chicago Avenue sewer (approximate).....	350.00

Considering the above expenditures exceeding \$6,850.00 reason for

the drop of \$5,750.00 in cash balance is quite apparent. Incidentally, it might be mentioned, that in addition to the \$3,079.45 the city paid from its funds for the new pumper fire truck, the firemen gave from their own funds \$1,000.00 together with \$55.25 profit from a benefit dance and an additional \$80.00 which they paid direct for a dual axle in the truck for hill climbing.

Another reason for the reduced balance of December 31, is the fact that most delinquent tax payments under the non-interest law during the year were withheld until just before the law expired on that date and were not received by the city treasurer from County Treasurer John Turner in time to be included in the year's receipts. These payments, including more than \$6,000.00 in delinquent special assessments have since come into the hands of the city treasurer and will be reflected in the February 1st statement.

Reduction in Bonded Indebtedness

Of the \$59,812.04 the report of Treasurer Brown, shows the city spent during 1938, \$11,000.00 went

to reduce the city's bonded debt, from \$235,000.00 to \$224,000.00, and an additional \$10,207.08 went to pay interest on the bonded debt. 1937 city expenditures totaled \$56,048.53; 1936, \$67,956.54.

In the face of the increased expenditures for out-of-the-ordinary purposes, it was possible to reduce the mill levy for the current year from 21 to 20 mills and city officials feel a further slight reduction can be made the coming year. Since 1932 the mill levy has been reduced steadily each year in spite of decreased assessed valuations as shown by the following comparison:

1932.....	25.0 mills
1933.....	24.4 mills
1934.....	23.8 mills
1935.....	23.6 mills
1936.....	23.4 mills
1937.....	21.0 mills
1938.....	20.0 mills

Since March 1, 1931, the city's indebtedness (registered warrants and bonds) has been cut \$107,200.00—an average of \$1,140.43 a month or \$13,685.16 a year, as shown by the following table:

Bonds outstanding—	
March 1, 1931.....	\$286,200.00

Registered Warrants same date..... 45,000.00

TOTAL that date.....\$331,200.00
Outstanding indebtedness Dec. 31, 1938 224,000.00

REDUCTION of.....\$107,200.00 in 7 years and 10 months

There are no outstanding registered warrants and only small temporary overdrafts are permitted. A long time overdraft of \$4,264.62 in Storm Sewer No. 1 fund, with no special assessment revenue to meet the same, has been reduced to \$3,601.12 from the proceeds of a .3 mill general tax levy made in 1937 and 1938, and to be continued each year until the overdraft is balanced.

During the year a total of \$44,000.00 of outstanding bonds bearing a higher rate of interest were refunded at 3%—the lowest rate any city bonds now bear. On December 31 there were outstanding \$53,000.00 in non-optional bonds bearing 5 1/2% interest—the highest rate being paid on any issue. \$3,000.00 of these came due January 1st and have been retired and an additional \$1,000.00 will be retired April 1st; a like \$4,000.00 on the same dates in 1940 and again in 1941; \$40,000.00 in 1942 and the final \$1,000.00 April 1, 1943, to clean up these non-refundable high-interest obligations that were made back in 1922-23 when no one dreamed present low interest rates would come before their expiration. Next high interest bearing bonds, the remaining \$4,000.00 of a \$42,000.00 1919 issue at 5% also non-optional will be retired June 1st of this year. The next two years will also bring the retirement of the remaining \$10,000.00 (\$5,000.00 a year on April 1 and July 1) of 4 1/2% bonds, leaving all other outstanding indebtedness drawing 4 1/2, 4 and 3% interest. With bond interest last year totaling \$10,207.08, the importance of refunding at lower rates all optional issues (as has been done) cannot be overestimated. The finance committee of the council feel that in effecting such refunding, as well as in meeting all bond and bond interest payments without default over a period of several years, they have served the best interests of the hard-pressed taxpayers.

Rock Bottom Prices on Winter Coats, Dresses

Ladies Toggery Cuts Prices Still Further to Move Goods and Make Room for Spring Stocks

In order to clear all winter coats and dresses and to make room for incoming spring merchandise, much greater reductions are being made this week on all seasonal goods. We ask that you come early to share in these great savings.

Big value in Coats! We have arranged a group of ladies better Sport Coats, also ladies Fur-Trimmed Dress Coats. Values to \$25.00, sizes from 12 to 52. **\$15.95**. We also have an outstanding group of children's Coats, values to \$10.00, your choice, while they last. **\$3.98**.

If you are looking for a good, yet inexpensive coat, we urge you to come in and see this group of values to \$15.00. You will scarcely believe us when we tell you these are priced now at just **\$6.98**. But it is true, and we advise you to come early.

Just received another shipment of new Spring Wash Print Dresses for home and street wear, sizes 12 to 52, all guaranteed fast color. Your choice of many styles, **\$1.00**.

Whatever you need in Ladies ready to wear, you are sure to find it here. We give Rural School votes, and by bringing this ad and having it signed when you buy, then attaching it to the sales slip, you will receive double the usual number of votes on your purchase. As Wednesday of each week is double vote day, your purchases with ad attached on that day will count quadruple—or four to the penny of purchase.

THE LADIES TOGGERY, Shop of Personal Service.

CALLED ON SAD MISSION

Mrs. William Knaupe and Mrs. August Klemme of near Murdock received word of the accidental death of their niece, Mrs. Harold Mackie, which occurred near Ames, Oklahoma. The ladies and a daughter of Mrs. Knaupe were in Oklahoma to attend the services.

The following from the Ames, Oklahoma, Times tells of the tragedy: Funeral services for Mrs. Harold Mackie, 24-year-old Ames farm resident and a graduate of Drummond high school, who was fatally wounded by the accidental discharge of a shotgun at her home Thursday night, were held Sunday at the Drummond Congregational church.

Mrs. Mackie and her husband, married a month over three years, were returning to their farm home a mile and one-half north of Ames Thursday night at 11 o'clock from the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Shepherd, a quarter of a mile south.

The shotgun was discharged as the couple were unlocking the rear door of their farm home. Mrs. Mackie was shot in the left breast and died almost instantly. "Better bring in the gun," she had told her husband a short time before he passed the shotgun, standing near a gate and used to kill crows and coyotes.

Mackie, who is 38 years old, was overcome with grief and unable to give a clear version of the tragedy which claimed his young wife, a prominent resident of the Ames and Douglas communities.

Dr. C. W. Bacon, Ames physician, was called by Mackie immediately after the accident, but Mrs. Mackie died before he arrived. The shotgun's discharge struck very near the heart.

Mrs. Mackie was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Dierksen of Lamont. Mackie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Mackie, northeast of Ames. Both families are widely known throughout that community.

The couple was married December 3, 1935. Mrs. Mackie moved to the Ames community in 1929 from Billings and was graduated from Drummond high school in 1932. She was a member of the Salem Evangelical church and of the Salem Women's Missionary society.

Besides her parents she is survived by three brothers, Emiel Dierksen of Billings, and Clarence and Reuben Dierksen, both of Drummond.

PREPARE FOR DELIVERY

Acting Postmaster R. J. Larson has been very busy the past few days in arranging for the handling of the parcel post delivery which is to be a part of the service at the local post office commencing on Monday. The patrons are being canvassed as to their desires in the matter and where to have the parcels delivered.

Phone news items to No. 8.

WILES STAYS IN CONTEST

In the Council Bluffs boxing tournament Thursday night, Earl Wiles, local 147 pound fighter remained a winner in his class of the tournament and Elmer Newton was decided in the second round of the most spectacular bout of the evening.

Newton was fighting Lawrence Hynton, of Dubois, Nebraska, in the semi-final of the middleweight class, the two boys putting on the best and most interesting bout of the evening. Action was plenty from the start and both boxers swapped wallops for the opening round that found their mark and left the battlers well bloodied. In the second round of this interesting match and left the battlers well bloodied. Hynton was awarded a technical knockout when the eyelid of Elmer was split.

Wiles in his very clever handling of the gloves was awarded the decision over Quinten Ballard of Neola, Iowa, and will remain in the contest to meet Leonard Fleharty, of Red Oak, Iowa, who was his opponent in the last Golden Gloves bout and in which Fleharty was awarded the decision.

Donald McBride of this city, will be seen in the finals of the contest as there are three entries in his class and the local boy will face the winner of the other match for the finale. He is boxing in the 112 pound class.

Newton's trainer and a good many of his supporters among the crowd of fans, protested against such action because Newton, at the time of the accident, was far ahead on points and had his opponent in a bad way. Elmer would have undoubtedly won the judges' verdict, had it gone another round, but such are the fortunes of the amateur boxing ring.

The boys had collided, head-on in a furious mixup in the second session and Newton came out of it with a cut eyelid which the referee and judges decided might make it dangerous for him to continue. It is possible that Elmer may be permitted to enter the finals next Wednesday evening despite his ill fortune of last night. Some of the officials wanted him to be sure to be on hand with his handlers.

RIVERVIEW CLUB NOTES

Riverview club met January 10 for an all day meeting with Mrs. Harold Hull with a covered dish dinner at noon. The day was spent in quilting. A short business session was held and songs were sung. All answered roll call by giving a new year resolution.

January 18th the club met again for an afternoon quilting with Mrs. Hull. Mrs. Arthur Sullivan was a guest at both quiltings.

Mrs. Georgia Creamer held a pinocle party for the Riverview club, all having a very enjoyable evening. Also January 20 Mrs. Homer Shrader had another nice pinocle party. High score went to Mrs. Georgia Creamer and George Brinklow.

The next club meeting will be another all day quilting with Mrs. Robert Patterson February 14, all to bring a covered dish.

CLUB REPORTER.

RETURNS FROM CONVENTION

Mrs. Lora Lloyd Kjeck, county superintendent, returned Thursday from Lincoln where she has been attending the meeting of the state association. The meeting brought some twenty-one new superintendents selected at the last election to the meeting and who were treated to a fun initiation at the opening session and banquet by the veteran members of the association.

JOURNAL PHOTO-FLASHES



A FREE MAN AGAIN—The bitter cup of 22 years in San Quentin prison becomes sweeter as Tom Mooney once again sips his morning coffee in luxurious leisure. He is shown here with his lawyer, George T. Davis, reading some of the thousands of congratulatory messages.



WHITE ERMINE—returns to high Hollywood favor in Bridal wraps for summer evenings. Florence George, movie cutie, wears a youthful box coat with three-quarter length sleeves and a flared back.



IN ALL-AMERICAN AIR MANEUVERS—Miami, Fla.—Mrs. Edith Descomb of Hartford, Conn., transport pilot, instructor and mother of two, who competed in two races in the eleventh annual air meet. She held the 1932 loop championship with 376 consecutive loops.



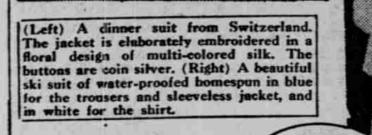
FOR WINTER WEEK-ENDS



PROUD PUPS—"Nanky Toe" and "Phidgety Jove" proudly look on at the canine show held recently in Kensington, England. They are owned by Miss J. Lane, well-known breeder of champion poodles.



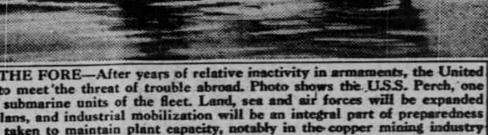
BATHING SUITS LOSE STRAPS—Blonde and attractive Marjorie Moore models the new strapless bathing suits which are becoming popular with winter vacationists down South.



(Left) A dinner suit from Switzerland. The jacket is elaborately embroidered in a floral design of multi-colored silk. The buttons are coin silver. (Right) A beautiful ski suit of water-proofed homespun in blue for the trousers and sleeveless jacket, and in white for the shirt.



EARHART MEMORIAL—Miami, Fla.—Lambert Bemelmans, sculptor, with the monument to Amelia Earhart, which was unveiled at the Municipal Airport here, during the annual air maneuvers. The monument commemorates the spot from which the famous aviatrix took off on her last flight.



ARMAMENT TO THE FORE—After years of relative inactivity in armaments, the United States is preparing to meet the threat of trouble abroad. Photo shows the U.S.S. Perch, one of the new PS type submarine units of the fleet. Land, sea and air forces will be expanded under Washington plans, and industrial mobilization will be an integral part of preparedness work. Care is being taken to maintain plant capacity, notably in the copper mining industry which the federal governs.



NEW JUSTICE—Felix Frankfurter, latest member of the United States Supreme Court, shown (left) in an informal pose. At right is Beverly Smith, whose article on Justice Frankfurter in the current American Magazine coincided with his appointment.



GIVE CHILDREN ODD NAMES—Shenandoah, Iowa—Seven years ago Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers named a son Herbert Hoover Depression. Mr. Rogers, a Missouri Democrat, is now on W. P. A. Their ninth child, born during the Christmas holidays, has been named Franklin D. Roosevelt Recession.



(1) Phil Taylor, famous acrobatic skater, performs on stilt skates nearly two feet high. (2) Count Haugwitz Reventlow congratulates Miss Megan Taylor, world champion skater, on her skating style. (3) Charming Jane Clyde, British screen and stage actress, tries out the latest of sports, snow-scootering.