

## Every Day is Just that Much Nearer to Goal

Whole Trainloads of Material and Machinery Arriving at Big Bomber Plant

### TO FINISH JOB ON TIME

Orderly but Speedy Action on Every Hand as Construction Work Advances to Last Stages

Visualize if you can a busy beehive in which hundreds of bees are at work in orderly but speedy manner bringing in and storing up honey and you will have a miniature mind picture of what is going on these days at the big Fort Crook bomber assembly plant which the U. S. Government is building and equipping for the Glenn L. Martin company of Baltimore, Maryland.

So rapidly and so orderly has the work been going forward during these past few weeks since our last visit to the plant on August 25, that superintendents, foremen and workmen are now "counting the days" until the gigantic building that covers more than six square blocks of area will not only be complete but fully equipped and ready to turn over to Mr. Martin and his thousands of employees on schedule time. And that schedule time calls for delivery by October 26—five short weeks in which to perform what to this writer seems humanly impossible. But the boys say it can and will be done.

**Viewing This Busy Beehive**  
Tuesday's tour of the plant and grounds by Mrs. R. A. Bates, Journal publisher, Elmer Webb of the force and Mrs. Webb, personally conducted by Captain G. W. Fleming, chief of guards was a most revealing one, presenting the work in a far different light than on former visits, when dirt moving comprised more than half of the activity.

Now the grading is practically complete and the display of manpower stands out in bold relief as compared to the machine era of construction. The big assembly plant is now completely roofed. Glazing is still in progress with thousands of window panes yet to be set. As previously reported, all outside windows are of blue glass, providing a non-glare diffused light throughout the interior of the assembly room. For artificial light both on the assembly floor and in the ground floor work-rooms, storage space, cafeteria and within-the-plant office quarters hundreds of fluorescent fixtures are being installed, each to carry four fluorescent tubes. Window panes between the main building and the enclosed loading and unloading docks are of clear glass, but the outer walls of these enclosed areas, like those of the main building all have blue glass. Steel for these shed-like additions along the north and south sides of the building has been erected but these roofs are not yet placed. The unloading and loading platforms at car door levels are complete, but trackage has not been laid as yet.

**13 Million Wood Blocks**  
Work of placing the cross-grain creosoted wood block flooring is now underway with about half of the main assembly floor now covered and the job just being started in the basement. These blocks are two inches thick, 3x4 inches in size, with beveled corners and are laid on the smooth finish concrete floors after a coat of creosote binder has been applied. In much the same manner and with equal or greater speed than the most skillful paving brick setters are able to perform.

After conjecturing with Captain Fleming over the number of blocks it will take to cover both floors and the loading and unloading docks, we figured it roughly on our return, and find well over fifteen million would be required for all, but since

some portions, including the large within-the-plant office quarters and possibly the cafeteria (located in the northwest and southeast corners of the ground floor) are to be finished in polished marble effect, the number will probably be in the neighborhood of thirteen million. They lay to a smooth surface, but will be sanded to smooth-as-marble finish.

### Concrete Blown into Place

Some exterior portions of the main building are still in process of construction, being concrete sections above windows, and it was most interesting to watch these being blown into place. The concrete from the blowers looks much like the spray from paint guns and rapidly takes form about the heavy closely-woven mesh of metal lath especially designed for that work and builds up until walls of any desired thickness are acquired.

Temporary first aid quarters will soon give way to two permanent first aid rooms—one on each floor level.

### No Casualties

Although there have been minor accidents of various kinds, it is remarkable considering the speed and power exhibited in this construction job that to date not a single life has been lost. Safety First signs appear throughout the plant and even to the outer gates, where the workers are admonished to "drive carefully" going home from work. This lack of fatalities is remarkable and a tribute to the men who are supervising the job.

### Paint a Big Item

Thousands of gallons of paint are being consumed as painters work feverishly to get their part of the job done. Except for window frames and the steel doors leading from the main building to the loading and unloading docks, which are painted a blueish-gray, the interior finish is white to provide the greatest possible visibility.

### Trainload of Machinery

No plant in the nation will be better equipped to turn out planes than this new Martin B-26 assembly plant. Carload after carload of machinery has already been unloaded and trucked into the plant, because of delay in completing the tracks leading into the plant. Trains are still entering the grounds over the south Fort Crook gate side track, but in the near future will be able to spot their many cars of material on trackage adjoining the enclosed loading and unloading docks, unless there is further delay in getting the balance of the steel for the railroad overpass.

The delay in getting steel is now holding up construction of the camouflage paint shop to the west of the assembly plant proper, the basement of which is nearly excavated.

Getting back to the equipment, there are unopened crates containing machines big and little, that would fill Plattsmouth's Main street to second floor height from the Burlington depot to the hotel corner, and more coming daily. Milling machines, portable arc welding outfits and scores of others designed to play some part in the rapid assembly of planes when work at the plant gets under way.

The Martin company is sending some six hundred key men into the plant within the next two weeks to handle the placing of the machines and "tool up" the plant ready for production to start promptly after it is turned over about five weeks hence. The starting force will be between six and seven thousand men and this number will be gradually increased to about 17,000 peak unless the trip-hammer factory, now projected, but not definitely assured, is approved, in which event the peak force will reach 21,000 men by early spring or summer—7,000 to each shift.

Mr. Martin was out from Baltimore last week and went through the plant, expressing himself as very well pleased with the progress made and advising that it would be full steam ahead to get into production as soon as the building and equipment is turned over.

### LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

If a widening visualization now permits, look forward to next spring and its growing vegetation. Gone is (Continued on Page 8)

## Mayor Routs Group of Fur Coat Peddlers

Salesmen Visit Lillie Home and Find Themselves Arrested—Make Escape in Car.

### From Wednesday's Daily—

Mayor Arnold Lillie this morning stopped the activities of a crew of men selling fur coats by arresting them and later the men escaped from the city in their car.

The men had visited the Lillie home on South 7th street when the mayor was notified of their presence and at once hastened home. Here he found the men displaying the coats to several ladies present, the mayor informing them that they could not peddle their wares here and that they were under arrest.

Mayor Lillie ordered the men to load their grips and follow him to the city hall to have their actions further investigated. As the mayor started out in his car he signaled the men to follow him, instead they drove on south on 7th street and turned into Chicago avenue and raced south in their car along No. 75, the mayor in pursuit. The car of the peddlers, thought to bear an Indiana license, was able to keep ahead of the mayor and south of Louie Naeve's place one of the party fired at Mr. Lillie, he states. The pursuit continued until the strangers' car turned into Murray and west through town when Mayor Lillie gave up the chase and notified Sheriff Joe Mrasek.

Sheriff Mrasek and Officer Guy Long started out to seek the strangers after notifying the state highway patrol of the car and with requests that they be detained.

### JOIN IN UNION SERVICE

A group of Plattsmouth men were at Union Sunday evening where they joined in the union services of the churches, held at the Methodist church. Rev. J. T. Sawyer, pastor of the church presided and gave the sermon, while the Plattsmouth men furnished the music.

The Masonic male quartet, comprising Frank A. Cloldt, Raymond C. Cook, Dr. H. G. McClusky and Don York, with E. H. Westcott as accompanist, gave three numbers during the evening, "Still, Still with Thee," "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" and "Remember Now Thy Creator."

Mr. Cloldt gave "My Task" as a solo, Mr. Cook "Holy City," and Mr. York, "A Child of the King."

Mr. Westcott gave as an instrumental solo, "How Firm a Foundation."

The benediction was offered by Rev. H. G. McClusky.

### RETURNS FROM TEXAS

#### From Wednesday's Daily—

Miss Wilda Mitchell, secretary of the Cass county local board, returned last evening from a very pleasant two weeks visit at Amarillo, Texas, where she has been visiting her father, Floyd T. Mitchell. Miss Mitchell found the northwest section of Texas having unusually plentiful rains, unusual for this generally dry climate. In fact the rain had made it difficult for harvesting.

### BIRTH OF DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Harley K. Thursday, Weeping Water, announce the birth of a daughter Sunday at St. Elizabeth hospital, Lincoln. Mrs. Thursday was formerly Miss Irene Gibson.

### AUXILIARY MEMBERS NOTE

The Auxiliary of Pleasant Ridge (Horning) cemetery will meet Friday, September 26 at 2 p. m. at the Mynard Community Hall. All ladies interested in this cemetery invited. Mrs. Margaret Brendel, secretary. 1tw s23d

### MYNARD COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING FRIDAY NIGHT

The Mynard Community club will begin the fall meetings Friday evening, September 26, at eight o'clock at the Mynard community hall.

The program will be a musical review of the "Gay Nineties," consisting of solos, quartets, community singing and tap dancing numbers. Raymond C. Cook will be master of ceremonies.

The public is cordially invited to attend these meetings. d&w

## Investigators Hold Gilmour Death Accident

Insurance Company Views Death as Accident and Result of a Fall While Starting Hunting

The death of Robert Gilmour, 20, at his farm home here on September 17th, was accidental, insurance investigators have reported after a probe of the case.

The investigators decided the position of the wound was such that it could not have been self-inflicted and was apparently caused when he tripped and fell on the gun while descending some steps at the home.

At the time of the death the wound was reported to have been self-inflicted but the closer investigation of the matter apparently has changed the decision. At the time of the tragedy no motive could be given for the act and the theory of self-destruction was never accepted by the members of the family.

There was no inquest held in the case at the time of the shooting.

### WHEAT SEEDING DATES

Wheat seeding dates just announced by the College of Agriculture to avoid damage from the Hessian fly are Friday, September 26th for the north half of Cass county and September 27th for the other half of the county. It is recommended that farmers try to plant as near these dates as possible, in order that the wheat may become well established before winter sets in.

Many farmers are having difficulty in obtaining suitable wheat for seeding. Farmers who have surplus of desirable seed wheat should find a ready market for it in their own neighborhood.

### CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

#### Sunday, Sept. 28th

The church will celebrate the mission festival with services by visiting pastors. At 10:30 a. m. Rev. Paul Mocsner, Gretna, will preach in English, and at 2:30 in the afternoon in German. Services Sunday evening at 7:45 by Rev. Warren Churchill, Bennington, in English. All are invited to these services. w&d

### WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ELECTS

At the meeting of the Nebraska Osteopathic association in Lincoln this week, was also held the meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the group. In the election of officers on Tuesday Mrs. Robert Ogden of Hartington, was named as the president and Mrs. O. C. Hudson of Plattsmouth as the secretary-treasurer of the group.

Mrs. Hudson has been a very active figure in the women's organization since its inception and her election is a fine recognition of her services as she has been a valued assistant to Dr. O. C. Hudson, who has served in a similar capacity on the Osteopathic association.

### STANDER APPEALS CASE

#### From Wednesday's Daily—

Henry Stander appealed to the state supreme court today from a Cass county district court dismissal of his suit against Mary D. Pankonin and her son, Charles.

Stander contended Mrs. Pankonin transferred property to her son to prevent a court judgment involving a second mortgage on Cass county property owned by Mrs. Pankonin's husband, Henry.

Phone printing orders to No. 6.

## Rev. Lowson is Assigned to Wymore Charge

Plattsmouth Church Will Receive Rev. L. W. Bratt from the Friend Charge.

The Methodist conference for Nebraska closed Sunday with the appointment of the pastors to the various charges over the state. In the changes made Rev. L. W. Bratt, of Friend, comes to the Plattsmouth church while Rev. J. C. Lowson is sent to the Wymore church.

During his service here Rev. Lowson has won for himself the highest respect and admiration of the people of the community and his fine family have served in the social life of the city. In his pastoral work he has made the church stronger in membership and placed it on a fine basis in every way. His forceful and eloquent discourses from the pulpit have won him a wide reputation and his new charge can rest assured they will have one of the strong men of the church in their charge.

Rev. Bratt, who will take over the local charge, has been five years at the Friend church where he has been active not only in the work of the church but in the community as well. He has the background of an extensive educational foundation, giving him a very liberal view. Rev. Bratt is married and they have two sons who are active in Boy Scout work.

### WINNERS IN BICYCLE RACE

Twenty-two boys entered the bicycle race on Main street Saturday afternoon, and each of the twenty-two won a prize. The prizes ran all the way from 75c to twenty-five cents. Hillard Grassman was in charge of the race, and Carl Schneider, William Schmidtmann, Jr., E. W. Burdick and Mr. Grassman were the judges. There were eight races. Winners were:

- Race 1—Elmo Goehener 1st; "Corky" Tischer 2nd; Richard Sherman 3rd.
- Race 2—Arthur Capper 1st; Harry Goehener 2nd; Leon McCarty 3rd.
- Race 3—Charles Lewis 1st; Donald Byers 2nd; Lyle Lewis 3rd.
- Race 4—Vernon Galland 1st; Bernard Dow 2nd; Ted Smith 3rd.
- Race 5—Paul Myers 1st; Bill Goehener 2nd; Dwight Attebury 3rd.
- Race 6—Robert Sheldon 1st; Robert Krefel 2nd; Vernon Goehener 3rd.
- Race 7—Robert Rummel 1st; Jim Noble 2nd.
- Race 8—Willard Simon 1st; Maynard Rice 2nd.

### VISIT AT FORT RILEY

A party of Plattsmouth people, Mr. and Mrs. George Kaffenberger and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Waters, were at Fort Riley, Kansas, the past week for a short visit with Charles Kaffenberger, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Kaffenberger, as well as Virgil Irish and Arnold Buechler who are also at the army post.

The present army post has been greatly improved since the World war days when it and Camp Funston were large training centers for the western troops. The quarters are excellent and every facility offered for the comfort of the men.

They found the Cass county boys at the post in good spirits and liking the army life very much.

### BOY TO PETERSONS

An eight-pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Peterson at the home of Mrs. Peterson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Richter. The baby was born Sunday morning at 12:35, and it has been named Robert David. The infant is the first grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. William Richter, and it is also a great grandson of Mrs. Minnie Richter of Plattsmouth. Mrs. Peterson was the former Ruth Richter.

The baby's father, who joined the navy some time ago, is now on sea duty.

### ACCEPTS SCHOOL POST

Miss Lois Giles, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Giles, left Sunday for Detroit, Michigan, where she has accepted a student assistantship at the Merrill-Palmer school.

### BONDS FIND NEW HOMES

The Korn Klub invested in three shiny new National Defense bonds a few weeks ago that are now in new hands. The new owners didn't steal them, but have acquired a perfectly good title to same and are now a hundred dollars better off financially than they were a week ago.

They are Ralph A. Packer, Omaha; Mrs. Josephine Blime, LaPlatte and Mrs. Rick Lindsey, Plattsmouth.

## O-K Garage is Broken into Last Night

1939 Mercury Sedan Stolen, Property of Joe Kaplen of Omaha—Takes Tires and Gas.

### From Tuesday's Daily—

The O. K. Garage on Washington avenue, occupied by the C. A. Ruse Motor Co., was discovered this morning to have been burglarized and a car and a number of other articles taken from the garage. The robbery occurred sometime between 11:30 Monday night and 1:30 this morning when some employees arrived at the garage with cars only to find the large doors on the north side open leading into the car storage department.

A checkup was made and it was discovered that a 1939 Mercury sedan was missing as well as four tires, two cans of oil, two hot water heaters.

The parties to make sure of their getaway filled up the car with thirteen gallons of gasoline from the service pump and had apparently made a clear getaway before the employees discovered the loss.

Sheriff Joe Mrasek and Deputy Sheriff Emery Doady were notified and were busy today in getting in touch with neighboring localities where the car might have been seen.

### FARMERS DAY PARADE

The awards made at the Farmers day parade here on last Thursday have been completed. The decisions of the prizes were made by Ross McNish, Omaha, Fred Brunner, Unadilla, and Bud Whitney of Council Bluffs, as follows:

**Farmers Parade**  
All decorated floats, \$3 each.  
"Merry Workers," 1st prize \$3, Mrs. Topfiff.  
"Pinocchio Club," 2nd prize, \$3, Sterling Ingwerson.  
Farmer's Club, 3rd prize, \$2, Frank Topfiff.  
Horse Draft Team—1st prize, \$2, Elwood Snodgrass; 2nd prize, \$2, Bennett Team.  
Mule Team—One entry, \$3, Charles Martin.  
Five-Gaited Horses—1st prize, \$2, James Schafer; 2nd prize, \$1, Glenn Terryberry.

Three-Gaited Horses—1st prize, \$2, Glen Vallery; 2nd prize \$1, M. E. Cohn.  
Best Dressed Man Rider—1st prize, \$2, Garold Keil; 2nd prize, \$1, Dick Iske.

Best Dressed Lady Rider—1st prize, \$2, Mrs. George Saxton; 2nd prize, \$1, Mrs. Franklin Wehrbein.  
Best Dressed Boy Rider, under 12—1st prize, \$1, Billy Wehrbein; 2nd prize, 50c, Don Iske.

Clovers—1st prize, \$1, visiting policeman; 2nd prize, 50c, Ed Thompson.  
Lady Clown, 1st prize, \$1, Mrs. Kage.

The live wire committee for the Farmers day of which Fred Wehrbein was general chairman and Ed Hild the parade head, had more prizes but lacked entries.

The parade had no class for purebred horses but the committee and the public are grateful to Elbert Wiles displaying his fine Belgians to add to the carnival. Also William A. Galloway is to be commended for his part in making the parade a real success.

The committee in charge of the parade wish to thank one and all who took part and made this year's carnival such a great success.

It is eked that those who have not turned in numbers that were used on their floats do so at the Conis shining parlor.

### BIRTH

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Herman, Weeping Water, at the St. Mary's hospital at Nebraska City, Thursday, September 18. Mrs. Herman was formerly Lorene Hanna.

## Committee is Named to Carry Farm Program

Evan H. Armstrong of Greenwood is Named Chairman, Martin Blum, South Bend, Vice Chairman

### From Tuesday's Daily—

The delegates of the A.C.P. met this morning at the office of the county agricultural agency at Weeping Water to select the officers for the year in looking after the success of the agricultural conservation program in this county.

The following officers were named by the delegates:

- Chairman—Evan H. Armstrong, Greenwood.
- Vice-Chairman—Martin Blum, South Bend.
- First Alternate—Alfred Gansemer, Murray.
- Second Alternate—C. L. Wiles, Plattsmouth.

There was a very large group present and the greatest interest shown in the proceedings and the discussion for the program this year that will have much to do with national defense.

### FUNERAL OF ROBERT GILMOUR

The Sattler funeral home at Fourth and Vine streets was filled to its capacity Saturday afternoon, when last rites were conducted at 1:30 for the late Robert Bruce Gilmour, son of County Commissioner and Mrs. Sam Gilmour. Many friends and relatives of the family came from distant points to attend the services at the home and at Horning cemetery, where he was laid to rest.

Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiated, and the Masonic quartet, composed of Frank A. Cloldt, Roy W. Knorr, Raymond C. Cook and Dr. McClusky, sang two hymns: "Rock of Ages" and "Jesus Savior Pilot Me." Miss Estelle Baird was the accompanist.

Pallbearers comprised cousins and a close friend of Robert: Richard and Townner Livingston, Jack and Robert Vallery, Clarence Cuthrell, Plattsmouth; Ralph Majors, Omaha.

Out-of-town relatives and friends who were here for the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Beard, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Heyn and daughter, Mary Marjorie, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Majors, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Majors, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Majors, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Humble, Miss Margaret Moore, Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hild and daughter, LaVonne, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mrs. William Fraser, Mitchell, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Roy McGregor, North Platte; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kafka, Omaha.

### RESUMES SCHOOL WORK

Miss Rachel Robertson departed Sunday morning for Lincoln to enter on her work at the University of Nebraska.

Miss Robertson returned home the last of the week from a summer outing spent in the Hawaiian Islands, a guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Ensign and Mrs. James McIntosh Robertson, who were married there in June with Miss Rachel as the bridesmaid for the ceremony.

She has enjoyed very much visiting the various points of interest in and near Honolulu and the many social events that has marked the life of the naval set of the island city.

The voyage home was very pleasant with ideal weather each day of the long journey from the island to San Francisco where she landed.

### SERGEANT SOLOMON HERE

Sunday morning Staff Sergeant Tom Solomon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Solomon, arrived home for a short visit and vacation from his duties with the air force of the United States. Sergeant Solomon is serving with the 247th School Squad at Brooks Field, Texas, one of the large training centers in the army air corps.

This Plattsmouth young man has been very successful in his work in the air service, taking his first training in California and advancing very rapidly in the service, and since at the Texas field has been given the promotion to staff sergeant.