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Sheriff Uncovers Cache of Tracer Bullets West of City

Estimated 5,000 Rounds of Ammunition Buried in a Fifty Gallon Steel Barrel Near "Hog Ranch"

Sheriff Joe Mrasek, while out driving Wednesday night, northwest of this city along the road near the old "hog ranch," uncovered a cache of tracer bullets, that had been buried along the roadside.

The bullets, estimated at some 5,000 rounds, were in a fifty gallon steel barrel and buried in the sandy soil. There had been a sack placed on top of the bullets and then tar paper over that and the whole covered by sand. In the barrel were six ammunition belts all loaded with the bullets and ready for service.

It is thought that the bullets had been placed there probably a month ago as they were not corroded by the elements.

The sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Duddy loaded the ammunition in their cars and brought it on to this city after the scene of the find had been visited by army officers.

The finding of the cache raises many questions as to the possibilities of the case, whether they might have been stolen from some government agency and buried by the party taking them or may have been planned for possible use in some fifth column movement.

The matter is being investigated by the army officials at Omaha in an effort to trace the possible source of the tracer bullets that might reveal how they came to be in this lonely spot along the Platte river.

Enters U. S. Service

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Buttery that their youngest son, Joseph A. Buttery, is now a member of the armed forces of the United States, having been inducted into the army at Fort MacArthur, Calif. Joe was home recently to visit the parents before induction and he expects in a short time to be assigned to some definite organization for service.

Mr. and Mrs. Buttery contributed in the first world war their two older sons, Elwood and Ernest, and their youngest is now in the present great struggle.

Returns from Hospital

Edward Ofe, who has been at the Veterans hospital at Lincoln, for the past week, is returning home today and feeling much improved. Mr. Ofe has suffered from a throat infection for some time that has been very annoying and made necessary his hospitalization. The treatment has been most beneficial in the case and Mr. Ofe returns home much improved.

NOTICE, METHODIST CHOR

The junior choir will meet Friday evening at 8 p. m., and the senior choir at 8:30 p. m. for rehearsal.

Need 'Cooling Off' After War

BALTIMORE, June 18 (UP)—The final peace terms of this war can and should wait until after a "cooling off" period by the international organization for insuring a permanent peace after the war is what should be formed by the United Nations now," Under Secretary of State Sumner Welles said last night.

The basis of such an organization already has been made, he said, in signing of master lend-lease agreements between the United States, Russia, Great Britain, China and Belgium.

Returns to California

Leonard Fornoff, who has been here visiting his brother, Henry Fornoff and family for the past week, has returned home. His home is at Sacramento, Calif., and while en route home he will stop at Logan, Utah, to visit with a son at that point.

—FOR VICTORY: BUY BONDS—

Hear from Coast Guard

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Parriott, of north of the city, have received word from their son, Grover, Jr., who is with the U. S. Coast Guard service and has been located in the Atlantic since his enlistment. An ardent baseball fan he had the pleasure on a recent "liberty," to witness a game between the Yankees and the Cleveland Indians of the American League at New York City.

McBride Brothers Back from Thrilling Naval Experiences

Young Sailors from Airplane Carrier "Lexington" Safe and Sound and Home for Visit

The Leroy McBride home in this city is one of the happiest in the city today, two of the sons of the family, Donald and George McBride, arriving home last evening at midnight for a visit with the relatives and old friends.

The two young men are in the services of the country in the navy and had served on the aircraft carrier, "Lexington," that was sunk in the Coral sea battle, the early part of May. The thrilling story of the "Lexington" veteran sea craft of the navy, bombed and set afire in the battle in the far east, will long be an epic of the naval history and the Plattsmouth boys had a part in the great experiences that the craft and the crew has had in the war in the Pacific.

The two Plattsmouth boys have escaped untouched in the great battles in the Pacific that has covered the islands of the south seas and the great struggle at the Coral sea that turned back the Japanese fleet.

The boys have many thrilling experiences that will be with them as long as they live, Jap planes seeking to bomb the craft and the American fire that brought down many of the invading planes in the battles over the wide areas of the Pacific. The boys relate the attempts of a Jap aviator to crash on the carrier to do as much damage as possible.

In the Coral sea battle the boys spent hours of the most intense fighting against the attacks of the Jap raiders and the final hits on the "Lexington." The boys have remembrances of the fight in fragments of Jap planes and Jap bullets found on the deck of the carrier.

The boys were in the crew that escaped from the doomed carrier and Don spent some 45 minutes in the oil soaked waters of the ocean before rescued and taken to safety.

The two Plattsmouth heroes were guests this noon at the luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce.

Here on Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chandler and family of Omaha, are here to spend a few days visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parsell, the parents of Mrs. Chandler, as well as with the many friends.

In Serious Condition

The many friends here of John S. Bishop, formerly with the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co., and the Consumers Public Power District, will regret to learn of his very serious condition.

Mr. Bishop was inducted into the army a month ago and later sent from Fort Leavenworth to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, where he was for a few weeks. Later he was sent to El Paso, Texas, and while enroute was taken very seriously ill. He was taken from the train and placed in the William Beaumont General hospital at that place for treatment. It was found he was suffering from meningitis and was very ill.

Messages received here by Rev. L. W. Bratt and family from the mother of Mr. Bishop, Mrs. J. H. Bishop at Atkinson, Nebraska, states that she had heard from the hospital and the condition of the son was as well as could be expected but he was serious.

The address of the sick man is Pvt. John S. Bishop, ward 7, William Beaumont General hospital, El Paso, Texas.

Tribute to Harley A. Puls Called to Rest

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Puls Dies at Hooper, Nebraska, on June 13

Harley Adam Puls was born November 24, 1906, at Murray, Nebraska. Through baptism he became a child of the Church of Our Redeemer. The baptism was performed by Rev. F. Spriegel, and he became a baptized member of Christ Lutheran church at Cedar Creek, Nebr. He renewed his baptismal vow and was confirmed by Rev. H. Rhode at Christ Lutheran church. His confirmation memory verse was a part of the 29th verse of the 28th chapter of Matthew: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Here he grew up into young manhood, and was active in Sunday school, serving as its secretary. His interest continued and he became active in the church's young people's organization, the Luther League. He attended many of the church's synodical conventions, and took an active part.

In 1925 he graduated from the Plattsmouth high school. With his parents and sister he left Murray and lived near Cornish, Colo.

On the 24th of November, 1930, he was united in holy matrimony with Clara Schmeitkenop, and continued farming with his father in Colorado. In the spring of 1937 Mr. and Mrs. Puls came to their present home, on the place of Mrs. Puls' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmeitkenop, and carried on the farm work of this place.

On March 28, of this year their home was filled with joy and happiness, God blessing them with a little daughter, Natalie Yloice.

Mr. Puls was always in the best of health and had great interest in his work. He was happy because of the progress he was privileged to see. On Saturday, June 13, around 5:00 in the afternoon, while attempting to put his haystack in working condition, he received severe head and neck injuries. He was rushed to the Dodge county hospital. His condition became more and more critical. It was the prayerful hope that he might recover but it was God's plan to take him. He was called to his eternal reward Sunday morning, June 14, at 3:20, at the age of 35 years, six months, and 21 days.

Deeply saddened are his devoted wife, Clara, his infant daughter, Natalie Yloice, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Puls of Greeley, Colo.; one sister, Mrs. Leona Armstrong, of Greeley, Colo.; six nephews and three nieces; one great aunt, Mrs. Michael Schwarzfischer of Minco, Oklahoma.

A large number of relatives and many friends have been saddened. While in Greeley, Colo., Mr. Puls was a charter member of the newly organized Our Saviour's Lutheran church and served this congregation as secretary.

Here he became a member of our St. Paul's Lutheran church and of our brotherhood. Since the first of this year he served as secretary of this men's organization. The men of the brotherhood are saddened at the loss of a fine member and friend.

It was easy for our departed to add to his list of friends. In their memories he will continue to live.

ICE CREAM-NUT BAR, 5c. Biggest in Nebraska.—Tas-Tea Shop, 17

Wiles-Hamilton Wedding Held at Rockport, Mo.

Nuptials Are Held at the Missouri City on the Bride's Birth Date—To Live in Buffalo, N. Y.

Miss Doris June Wiles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Wiles of Plattsmouth, and Ray Eugene Hamilton of Buffalo, N.Y., son of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Hamilton, of Murray, were united in marriage, Tuesday, June 16th, at Rockport,

The couple were accompanied by Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hamilton, who were witnesses of the ceremony.

Doris June graduated with the '42 class from Plattsmouth High. Eugene is a graduate of Newhaka High, with the class of '38. He has been living the past two years in Buffalo, N.Y., where he has been employed by Curtis Wright.

The newly-weds left Wednesday afternoon on their honey-moon trip, to the Niagara Falls and short sight seeing trip through Canada.

They will reside in Buffalo, N.Y.

The marriage is the climax of their long-time friendship. The young couple have the well wishes of this immediate community in which they have both grown into maturity.

Warns of Farm Danger

WASHINGTON, June 18 (UP)—Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard, in a radio address on "The Farm Front Against Inflation," warned last night that a congressional prohibition of sub-parity sales of government owned farm surplus would force a "choice between falling short in war production or heading toward inflation."

"Either course would be ruinous," Wickard said.

He referred only indirectly to the congressional farm bloc fight to prevent lowering price ceilings on farm products below the present 110 percent of parity, but he said one of the key points of the national economic program is getting farm prices down to parity.

"There is no want for farm profiting in this war—and the farmers do not want to force up their prices out of line with other prices and so slow down the whole war program."

This morning the parsonage of the First Methodist church was the scene of the marriage of Clarence Hickson and Mrs. Virginia Lyons, both of Omaha, the marriage lines being read by Rev. L. W. Bratt, with the impressive ring service being employed in the nuptials.

The students at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hickson, of Omaha, parents of the groom, who some 44 years ago were married in the Methodist church in this city, they being residents for a number of years prior to moving to Omaha.

Omaha Parties Married

The flood hit the cabins of Mrs. Nellie Shea east of the O. K. garage and mounting so fast that Mrs. Shea, her mother, Mrs. Hattie Kirker and sister, Miss Ila Kirker were forced to wade out of the cabin they occupied with the water almost waist high. The flood stream flowed over the yard and into the Reichstadt residence at 7th and Washington avenue and into the nearby properties.

The full fury of the north side flood hitting Sixth street soon was high on the west side of the Bekin building, breaking a window of the Kruger paint and wall paper store and the muddy waters flowed on into the interior of the store. The Shea restaurant was gutted by the flood, sweeping through as from a mill race and in the kitchen at the east of the building tore out the sinks and tossed the furniture around. The flood waters also penetrated the jewelry store of M. D. Brown, but the stock had been placed in a vault and beyond the mud there was little loss. "The Bright Spot," tavern was soon a roaring mass of flood waters that filled into the Bekin building basement and the tavern had a layer of mud all over the floor that was being shoveled out this morning.

The south side flood coming down Chicago avenue was almost as furious as that on the north side and when the two joined at Main street the properties along South Sixth suffered heavy damage. Water was rushing into the basements of all of the buildings from the Eagles building at 6th and Pearl street, raising to the floor level in the Sedlak liquor store and restaurant adjoining and into the Fricke drug store. On the east side of the street as the full force of the flood hit 6th street it swept away the brick building occupied by William Gerder as a garage, the building being leveled and sections of the foundation ripped out, the structure being but a mass of brick and debris.

Prisoners Make Escape

Sheriff Joe Mrasek was notified this morning of the fact that Gerald Noel, a former Plattsmouth youth, with a companion, Harold Gillespie, had made their escape from the state prison farm at Genoa. The escaping young men had stolen a car in Lincoln, it was reported, and the general alarm had been sent out for their capture if possible.

Platt Legion Team Winner

Plattsmouth, 8. Omaha, 5.

The Plattsmouth Legion baseballers defeated North Omaha, Wednesday evening and came romping home to the first win of the season with a victory of 8 to 5 over the Omaha Sand lotters.

Manager Hobbs predicts a wow of a game with Fremont this coming Sunday to attempt to avenge the reverse suffered by the stingy defeat at the hands of the Fremonters last Sunday. The team will travel to Fremont this week.

Cass County Reunion

The annual Cass County Reunion picnic will be held at the hall in at Brandon, Nebraska, Sunday, June 21st, (Father's Day). Basket dinner at noon.

REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR

WAUKESHA, Wis., (UP)—When Mrs. Millie Mueller, who decorates chinaware as a hobby, finds the label "Made in Japan" on a dish, she paints it out and etches "Remember Pearl Harbor" in its place.

Special plate lunches and dinners every day at Carr's Bakery, Luncheonette and Delicatessen. Ph. 76.

Plattsmouth Swept By Destructive Flood Saturday

Loss to Business Section Is Heavy--Wind Aids to Damage

Plattsmouth and vicinity was swept by one of the most terrific wind and rain storms in the last thirty-four years shortly after midnight, a rainfall of 4.34 inches in a short time bringing in its wake a flood that swept through the business section of the city.

The damage to property caused by the flood may mount to the neighborhood of from \$25,000 to \$30,000 before the full toll is realized.

The storm north of this city was of cloudburst proportions, and in a very few moments after the storm broke, the flood waters commenced to sweep down from the northwest to find their way down Sixth street, and into Main street, bringing with it a flood of debris and reaching a height of five feet in front of the Hotel Plattsmouth.

As the flood waters started overflowing from the sewer mouth at 10th and Locust street, they swept on through adjoining properties and on down Washington avenue, bringing destruction in the wake of the flood waters. The home of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Briggs, just east of the sewer mouth was soon in the midst of a raging sea of waters and despite a dike west of the house, there was a foot of water flowing into the building.

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On Sixth street the Hotel Plattsmouth alone will have damages that will reach probably several thousand dollars, the basement and store floor rooms being flood swept. The flood waters covered the heating plant of the hotel, damaging all of the motors used in the operation of the air conditioning plant, all of

the equipment of the hotel laundry, motors used in the refrigerating of the kitchen of the coffee shop and the wild waters flowing into the building made the popular Venetian room a miniature Venice for true, water filling the room to the level of tables.

The Cotner bus, parked on the east side of the hotel was swept away in the height of the flood and borne on east down Main street, the bus on its way breaking off six of the city electric light posts on the south side of the street and in front of the Warga hardware store tore out a section of the curb and bore away on the flood a large display of plants that had been left there by Mr. Warga.

Carl's market and the Hirz meat market suffered water in the basement and damage to the equipment of the meat market. More or less mud damage was suffered by all of the business houses in that locality.

Water from the Wurl building basement and that of the Consumers Public Power district building seeped into the H. M. Soennichsen company building where the basement had stocks of goods valued at from \$10,000 to \$15,000, a part of this however being probably saved but much of the large grocery supplies will be a loss it is feared. The Soennichsen company warehouse on the alley at the rear of the building was a mill race of water that filled the structure half full and will make the stock of feeds and other goods a complete loss it is thought.

The main floor of the Woster shoe store was covered with several inches of mud deposit and water filled the cellar and also seeped into the Schmidtmann basement on the east. The flood at the Woster store came largely from the alley to the north of the building.

The water also caused damage at the Donat tavern, where the floor was covered with mud and water filled into the basement. The basement at the Harris apartments and at the L. W. Egenberger store also had flood damage from the water.

The Journal suffered loss to some 17 rolls of paper stored in the basement due to seepage of water but in the main floor there was no damage.

The Woster shoe store had several inches of slimey mud on the floor and in the cellar there was a very large stock of rubbers, rubber shoes for the fall trade that will suffer a considerable loss.

The Fricke drug store basement had a great rush of the waters that caused the destruction of much of the goods stored there and will make a loss of several thousand dollars it is estimated at this time.

Does Good Work

The members of the Plattsmouth volunteer department last night and this morning were performing a real job in the attempts to assist in the recovery from the effects of the flood damage and to prevent further loss. The firemen were on the job as soon as it was evidenced that there was to be an overflow and late this morning were still busy, most of them staying on the job right through the storm, operating the pumper in efforts to relieve the danger from the flood waters.

Superintendent L. S. Devove and wife had one of the thrills of the flood at their home in Oakmont addition on Chicago avenue. The rush of water from the intense rain caused a section of the basement wall to give way and filled the entire section. Mr. and Mrs. Devove have been occupying the basement as living quarters and the bed, bedding, clothing and the piano were all in this part of the house and

Many from Cass County Attend Funeral Services

Last Rites of Harley Puls on Monday Attended by Many Relatives and Family Friends

The funeral services for Harley L. Puls, held on Monday at the church near Hooper, Nebraska, was attended by a very large group of friends and acquaintances and members of the family circle. From Cass county there were present the following:

Michael Hild, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hild, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Puls, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Hild, Mrs. Katie Hild, Plattsmouth; Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Lutz, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hild, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Puls, Mrs. Anna Gansemer, Murray; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Friedrich, Mr. and Mrs. Verner Friedrich, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hild, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Wherebin, Mr. Earl Puls, all of Louisville; Wilma Friedrich, Mr. and Mrs. John Parkening, Ralph and Catherine Parkening; Mr. and Mrs. John Hild, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hild, Mr. and Mrs. Verner Hild, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Kraeger, Mrs. Edgar Meisinger, Mrs. Raymond Hild, Mrs. Verner Meisinger, Mr. Arthur Hild, Minnie Hild, Malinda Friedrich, Glen Puls, all of Plattsmouth; Clell Gansemer, Newhaka; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gansemer, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gansemer, Marie Lutz, Harold Puls, Joe Puls, Helen Puls, Ralph Puls, of Murray; Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hild, Lavaugh and Bruce, Council Bluffs; Harry Puls, Mrs. Forest Rainey, Omaha.

Friends of the family from Cass county attending the services were: Rev. and Mrs. A. Lentz, Louisville; Mr. and Mrs. Parr Young, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Engelke, Mrs. F. A. Hansen, Fred Koehler, Nehawka; Florence Wiles, Lincoln; Mrs. Emma Floyd, El Reno, Oklahoma; Charles Kaffenberger, U.S.A., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heldt, Plattsmouth.

Death Toll at Grand Island

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., June 19 (UP)—The death toll in yesterday's accident at the Grand Island war plant rose to three last night with the death from severe injuries of Elmer Schreiner, Grand Island.

Other dead are J. D. Hemphill, 18, Utica, Neb., and Lorenz Fisher, 24, Norfolk, Neb. One of the men was instantly killed and the other died on the way to the hospital.

An investigating board began an inquiry into the cause of the accident last evening. Commander of the ordnance plant, Col. L. M. Van Gieson stated that a concrete block wall toppled over on the 17 men who were either killed or injured, more or less seriously.

All were personnel of the Winn-Senter contracting company.

The list of injured: Robert Fisher, father of the dead man; Howard Tucker, Harry Leth, Eugene Miller, Frank Hollen, J. D. McColl, Ralph Truckenmiller, Edwin Miller, Carl Tjerka, Harold Goldert, Rex Lierner, George Harkey, Edward Gustason, Lawrence Tietgen.

Two others received minor injuries which did not prevent their return to work immediately.

are now floating around in the flood waters.

The Burlington Refrigerator Express Co., car shops in the east part of the city, suffered a great deal of damage from the mud and water that flowed freely from the creek just west of the shop yards and from the rush of water to the south. The flood was such that it will be impossible to estimate the exact damage at this time, shop officials state.

ICE CREAM 29c a quart. Kelley's Tas-Tea Shop. tt