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## The Gals Are Working On The Railroads

Women Workers Listed in All Lines of Railroad Operations to Replace Men at War

Washington, Sept. 29. —(UP)—“The gals are working on the railroad”—as track walkers, section hands, foreman, brakemen, conductors, waiters, train dispatchers, station agents, telegraphers and so on—up to and including high priced executives.

Feminine poaching on one of the last remaining male preserves was described today in a coldly statistical report put out by some man in the Bureau of Transport Economics and statistics of the Interstate Commerce Commission entitled, “number of females employed by Class One steam railroads.”

The report pointed out dry things such as that in mid-July 94,466 women were working for the railroads, or 6.79 percent of all railroad employees.

But it failed to show the dramatic implication—the picture of one lady gang-foreman bossing a bunch of train laborers, or five Lissom boiler makers hard at work in noisy repair shops, or of 11 female yard brakemen and helpers waving their arms to stop freight cars.

To cap the climax, the report mentioned 31 female patrol women and watchmen and five lieutenants and sergeants of police—what will the hoboes call them—“busses!”

## Senator Bailey Would Reclassify Government Men

Employees of the Federal Government Would Be Checked on Men From 18 to 38 Years

Washington, Sept. 28. —(UP)—Senator Josiah W. Bailey, D., N. C., announced that he will introduce a bill calling for the ousting from government service all men between 18 and 38 unless they fall in three specific categories.

The only 18 to 38 men who could continue in government service under his plan would be:

1. Those married before Pearl Harbor and with one or more children under 18.
2. Those deferred for physical reason.
3. Those certified by their department heads as “indispensable.”

The new bill also would provide that the only commissioned officers permitted to be assigned to duty in government service in Washington for more than thirty days a year would be officers before Dec. 8, 1941 and having a child under 18; those disqualified for active combat duty and those certified by the secretaries of war or navy as “indispensable” to the operation of the land or naval forces in the United States.

The bill does not otherwise interfere with the scheduled induction of fathers beginning Friday. Bailey's bill was offered as sentiment developed in some senate quarters for a compromise on the father draft program so they would be inducted by age brackets rather than by order number.

## Have Interesting Meeting

The Rotary club Tuesday had a very interesting discussion of the principles of the Rotary International with E. J. Richey as the leader of the program. The discussion was in the nature of a round table and brought out the basic facts as to the organization.

The club had as guests for the luncheon, Pvt. Kenneth Armstrong, U. S. air corps and Kenneth Jones, SF-3 of the United States navy. The boys were greeted by the Rotarians for their service for the nation.

Tomorrow May Be Too Late—Buy War Bonds Today

## Celebrates Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Vallery, Mrs. Wayne Gorton, of Plattsmouth and Mr. and Mrs. John Koop and daughter, Mary Joan, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peterson and family Sunday. The dinner was in honor of Mr. Vallery, whose anniversary was observed at this time.

## Plan Machinery Handling

Washington, Sept. 28. —(UP)—The War Food Administration today announced plans for distributing twice as much new farm machinery next year, by relaxing tight production and distribution controls so that farmers may be helped in meeting the 1944 production goals.

Unlimited manufacture and sale of repair parts is provided.

The program provides for 80 percent as many new machines as were produced in 1940, a better than normal production year, compared with forty percent of 1940 production which was allowed this year.

The order effective Oct. 15th, sets up three schedules of machinery and establishes a national reserve equal to twenty percent of the authorized production of the items in each.

## Period 5 Fuel Oil Coupon Good Only Until Oct. 1

To insure delivery of fuel oil before cold weather sets in, householders of Cass County were urged today by W. G. Boedeker, chairman of the local War Price and Rationing Board, to place their orders for fuel oil with their dealers immediately. Since the new heating year begins on Oct. 1, period 5 coupons remaining from the 1942-43 allotment may be used only through September 30, Mr. Boedeker said. The new period 1 coupons as well as “consumer reserve” and “change making” coupons are also good.

“In order to help dealers solve their manpower and truck shortage problems, delivery of as much fuel oil as possible must be made during the next few weeks,” he explained. “With deliveries spread out over a longer period of time, every person who heats by oil will be reasonably certain of having some fuel by the time the first cold wave hits. Therefore, it is important that residents make arrangements now for deliveries.”

“This board has made every effort to renew fuel oil rations and has completed the task of mailing out all of the new coupons far enough in advance of cold weather to assure you an opportunity to get deliveries. Now it is up to you to do your part and order your fuel oil,” Mr. Boedeker declared.

Dealers may not be able to make deliveries of fuel oil immediately, he said, but the cooperation of residents of Cass County will make possible the most efficient use of equipment and will result in the best possible service.

## Team to Weeping Water

The Plattsmouth high school football team is to journey to Weeping Water Friday afternoon where they will play the high school team of that place in their annual meeting.

All of the hard fighting line that showed so well in their games this season are in good shape and ready for the game Friday. The work of Livingston, Novak, Sack, Pike, Conis, Strickland and Vroman, regulars, has been excellent. The reserve linemen are also in good shape for the coming game.

Coach Stewart today signed up a game here on Friday, October 15th, with the North High team of Omaha. With the excellent showing of Plattsmouth the contest with the Norsemen should be a feature battle.

## Home From Hospital

Mrs. Fred Armstrong was brought home from the St. Catherine's hospital in Omaha Saturday. Her son, Pvt. Kenneth Armstrong, home on a furlough, drove to Omaha to assist the mother home. She was operated on several days ago and has rallied very well from the effects.

Our Delicious Fruit Cakes. The ideal gift for the man in Service. Carr's Bakery. Phone 76.

## Eagle Resident Killed Saturday Night In Accident

Leading Cow Along Country Road When Animal Drags Him Into Path of Passing Auto

An unruly cow that he was leading at the time, caused the death of Ivan Burdick, 66, a resident of south and east of Eagle, Saturday evening. Mr. Burdick had started to lead the cow to a nearby farm and apparently the cow had broken and ran north on one of the country roads. Mr. Burdick, from the indications, had been leading the cow back to the main road, as the car driven by James Melvin Root and Gerald Gage, of Palmyra, was coming north. The occupants of the car, two 17-year-old youths, stated they had seen the cow apparently crossing the road and they had swung their car out to avoid hitting the animal, as the cow got out of danger she had apparently dragged Mr. Burdick out into the path of the oncoming car.

Medical aid was called from Syracuse but the aged man was dead. The bruises that he had suffered were not thought severe enough to have caused death and the car bore little indication of striking him with much force. Mr. Burdick was reported as suffering from a bad heart condition, that may have caused his death from the over-exertion with the irate heifer in trying to get her home.

The body was taken to the Township funeral home at Syracuse. Sheriff Joe Mrasek and Deputy Sheriff Emery Doody were called out to investigate the accident, but no inquest was held as the case was clearly one of accident.

## Returns from Outing

John Bissing, operator of the Time shop, has returned from a few day's outing back in his old home locality in Kansas. John made the trip as far as Lincoln in his mechanized scooter, leaving the machine there to be worked over while he completed his trip via bus and train. He visited at Hays, Kansas, his old home and was surprised at the great air training center that has been placed there by the government, large groups of air cadets being rounded out for service. He also visited at Lawrence, Kansas, with relatives and friends. Mr. Bissing reports that the country there is quite dry and in need of rain at this time for the wheat and farm work. He made the return trip from Lincoln with the scooter.

## At Pre-Flight School

San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, Texas, Sept. 27.—Engaged in the last phase of their training before they actually get behind the controls of an army plane, 98 young men from the state of Nebraska, including one from Plattsmouth, are now stationed at the Army Air Forces Preflight School for pilots at the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, the nation's largest pool for air trainees.

Upon completion of their pursuits at the preflight school, the cadets will be sent to a primary flying field, there to take up a new phase in their training as potential combat pilots. Basic and advanced courses will follow.

The young man from Plattsmouth now taking preflight studies is Aviation Cadet Fred H. Naeve, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Naeve.

## In Army Hospital

The many friends of Pvt. Walter E. Fornoff will be sorry to hear that he is now in the army hospital at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Several years ago he had trouble with his feet and legs and by a tonsil operation was better again. Now that his feet and legs began bothering again he was taken to the hospital for treatment and general check-up. Walter has been cooking, baking and cutting meat for the officers at the headquarters company for a year now. We all hope he will soon be able to be out of the hospital and back to his old job again.

## Birth Announcement

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Manasek, of Omaha, at the St. Joseph hospital, a daughter, Sunday, September 26th. Mrs. Manasek is the former Laura Grassman of this city. All are reported as doing well. Mrs. Manasek is a niece of Mrs. R. A. Bates of this city.

## Now on Police Force

Saturday a new member was added to the local night police force, Howard Ballinger taking the place formerly held by Michael Bajec, who found the long night shift too severe a strain. Mr. Ballinger served Saturday and Sunday night in his initial work on the force.

## Draws Down Fine

Judge C. L. Graves was called from his home Sunday morning to hear a charge of disturbing the peace that was filed against Marion Darliver of this city. The complaint was filed by the police and after hearing the evidence in the case Judge Graves assessed a fine of \$10 and costs that was settled and the defendant released.

## Has Unique Window

In the show window at the Gamble store a very interesting and clever design has been worked out with the use of stovepipe and elbows of pipe, forming the wheels, barrel and firing section of an artillery piece. The design has been carefully worked out and showed a great deal of thoughtful preparing.

## Baby Beef Club Meets

The Four Mile 4-H club convened at the Wm. Halmes home. All members were present; guests included parents of the members and Miss Catherine Conis.

The meeting centered around the judging of Pete's and Betty's calves. These calves along with Dick Tritsch's calves will be shown at Ak-Sar-Ben.

Gene Nolting Richard Rummel and Dick Tritsch brought home a number of ribbons from the State Fair.

After the meeting refreshments were served by the hostess, Betty Halmes, Reporter

## Visits Grand Niece

Mrs. R. A. Bates visited in Omaha yesterday and made the acquaintance of her great-niece who was born on Sunday, Sept. 26th, at St. Joseph's hospital in Omaha, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Manasek. The baby at birth weighed six and one-half pounds and both mother and daughter are doing nicely. The parents have chosen Beverly Jean as the name for their daughter.

## Receives Air Medal

Staff Sgt. Gordon D. Hell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hell, of near Louisville, has been decorated with the Army Air Medal for participating in five sorties over enemy territory in the South Pacific area. A copy of General Order No. 226 dated August 29, 1943, received here announced the award. The citation reads:

“By direction of the President, under provisions of Executive Order . . . the Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General United States Army Forces in the South Pacific area . . . for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on combat operation missions. All of these flights were of hazardous nature during which enemy opposition was met or during which the airplane entered an area where enemy antiaircraft fire was effective or where enemy fighter patrols were habitually encountered.”

“Gordon D. Hell, (39127321), Staff Sergeant, United States Army Air Corps, Radio Operator, for five medium bomber strike sorties during the period from June 25, 1943 to July 10, 1943. Home address, Louisville, Nebraska.”

Robert F. Morgan, Staff Sergeant, Aerial Gunner, Eikhart, Illinois, was also listed in the citation.

## City Council Votes To Invest \$5000 In War Bonds

Will Aid in Campaign for War Funds—City Also Finds New Dump South of City at Mumm Farm

All of the councilmen with the exception of Councilman Seivers of the second ward, were on hand for the regular meeting of the city council last evening and a great deal of discussion was had on many matters of the city business.

City Attorney A. L. Tidd presented an opinion regarding the claim of Charles Hanneck, for damages to property by reason of water from First street. The city attorney was of the opinion that there was no liability on the part of the city, the property was located where water would flow onto it whether there was a street or not. The opinion was that the property owner should construct a small wall to divert the water. This opinion was placed on file and clerk to notify the claimant.

Walter H. Smith, chairman of the war bond drive, was present and spoke of the need for support in the bond drive. At the conclusion of the remarks of Mr. Smith, Chairman W. H. Puls of the finance committee, reported a resolution to invest \$5,000 of the city funds in the war bonds. The resolution was passed by a unanimous vote.

Police Judge C. L. Graves reported that for the week of September 19th there had been two arrests and fines and costs of \$8.25 collected; for the week of September 26th, two arrests and fines and costs of \$18.30 collected.

Chairman Rebal of the judiciary committee, reported that he had been advised by the War Production Board regarding supplies and material for the paving on Chicago avenue, that the matter should be taken up first with the state highway department. It was voted to have the city clerk take the matter up with the state highway department to learn their attitude in the case.

Councilman Rebal then urged that some steps be taken at this time to try and improve the condition of the paving by the use of black top soil to fill the depressions made in the brick paving. This was discussed at some length by the councilmen, it was voted to have the street, alleys and bridges committee get some material and fill several of the places to try and improve the surface of the roadway.

Councilman Rebal called the attention of the council to the state convention of the Nebraska League of Municipalities, at York, Nebraska, on October 10th, and urging that a group of the members attend. Those who indicated a desire to go were Councilman Puls, Rebal, Vroman, Conis, Painter, City Clerk Olson and City Treasurer M. D. Brown. It was voted to allow the usual expenses for the one-day meeting including the gas providing the councilmen can secure the gasoline.

The tax and property committee through Chairman John Svoboda, reported a bid of \$150 on lots 7 and 8, block 73, North 11th street, by E. C. Giles. On motion the sale of the property was authorized, the mayor and clerk to make deed for the same. Mr. Giles was also given permission to move the building from his present location to the lots purchased.

Chairman Schutz of the streets, alleys and bridges committee, gave a report on road work now completed, that included jobs in the second ward with a fill on highway No. 75, near the Masonic Home, hauling dirt for fills in several streets, placing Oak street from Third to Fourth in shape for rocking by the owners. Tiles had been replaced in a number of spots where needed and a roadway in Happy Hollow, partially fenced in, was being opened as the owner of the fence was agreeable.

On inquiry of Councilman Vroman as to the matter of a suggested compromise in the damage suit of the city against the Cotner bus lines, for damages to the electroliners on Main street in the flood of June 1942, City Clerk Olson stated that

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## Dies on West Coast

Word has been received here by relatives of the death of Miss Pearl Barker of Long Beach, California, occurring on Friday, September 24th. The body is being brought here for burial.

Miss Barker is a former Cass county resident, a graduate of the Plattsmouth school. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barker, resided northwest of Plattsmouth, for a number of years.

## Returning to California

Sunday morning Mrs. Raymond Recek and the three children, Rodney, Carol, and Lonny, left to return to their home at Sanger, Calif., after a six weeks visit in this locality.

While here they spent a week at Louisville visiting her sister, Mrs. Ira Inman, and family; a week at Bellevue with Mr. Recek's sister, Mrs. Helen Kousgaard and family; a few days here with her brothers, George and John Kalasek, and their families, and the remainder of the time stayed with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kalasek.

## Now in Training

Farragut, Idaho, Sept. 27.—Several men from Plattsmouth, Nebr., have arrived at this U. S. Naval Training station to begin their training in the Navy for the job of whipping the axis. At the completion of this training, they will be given an opportunity to qualify for one of the Navy's many service schools.

These men are: Morgan Fred Meisinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Meisinger, Jr., 215 N. 3rd St.; Harold Albert Benner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Benner.

## Masons Have Meeting

Friday evening Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A.F.&A.M., held their regular meeting and conferred the degree of Master Mason on two candidates, Maynard and Robert Ramage, of near this city.

The raising of the two young men brings three generations of the Ramage family in Plattsmouth lodge, their grandfather, Fred T. Ramage, having been a member of the Masonic order and its branches, while their father, Alvin Ramage, has also been a member for a number of years.

## Death of Walter Byers

From Tuesday's Daily—

This morning at the Resthaven Home at Weeping Water, Walter Byers, a lifetime resident of Cass County, died at the age of 64 years, following a long period of failing health.

Mr. Byers is one of the last of the old time residents of Rock Bluff where he was born on June 22, 1879, spending the greater part of his lifetime in that community, although the last few years he has resided in Plattsmouth.

His condition in the last few weeks made necessary his being taken to the home for care and attention.

There is surviving his passing three daughters, Mrs. Milo Farney of the city, Mrs. Joe MacNeal of North Platte and Mrs. Henry Chappell of this city, as well as two brothers, Charles Byers of Walthill, Nebraska, and Lee Byers of Omaha. His parents and one sister have preceded him in death.

The body is at the Caldwell funeral home to await the funeral arrangements.

## To The Public

The Cass County War Price and Rationing Board announces that on and after October 1, 1943, applications for ration of non-highway gasoline and tractor fuel must be filed with the County Agricultural War Board, at Weeping Water, Nebraska.

## Attends Trustee Meeting

C. C. Wescott was in Omaha this afternoon where he was called to attend a meeting of the board of trustees of Stuntz Hall, of which he is a member.

## Norfolk Packing Co To Start Chicken Packing

Planned to Start Work on Next Monday Morning—New Packing Superintendent

The Norfolk Packing company is to start their chicken pack on next Monday, E. H. Bernhardt, manager of the company states and will fill their contracts made for supplying this line of foodstuff to the government.

The plant will have a new superintendent of the packing operation this season, Lee Reeves, of Waterloo, Iowa, being here to supervise the work. He is an experienced canner and has thirty years of service and with the largest packing plants in the state of Iowa. The securing of the new superintendent will relieve a great deal of the extra work that has devolved on members of the staff that have had to look after this as well as other work.

## Churchill Tells British Hard Way Ahead For World

Allied Armies and Air Forces to Be Hurdled Against Foes—War May Last Until 1945

London, Sept. 29. (UP)—Prime Minister Churchill said in a speech yesterday that huge allied armies and more powerful air forces will be hurled against the enemy in the next 12 months, but warned that the war may continue into September 1945.

He spoke at Royal Albert Hall at a closed meeting of 6,000 women delegates representing several million British women engaged in the war effort. The text of the speech was not released until early today.

Apparently referring to the promised opening of a front in western Europe, Churchill said:

“In the forthcoming year, you will see larger armies fighting and you will see more powerful air forces striking at the heart of the enemy country.”

Labor Minister Ernest Bevin, in a companion speech, also made a cautious reference to the coming offensives, asserting that the war's “most intense period” is being reached.

“It will be touch and go this winter and early spring,” he said. “We cannot reveal to you all that lies in store during that period, but it does represent possibly the greatest task Britain has ever had to face.”

Though Churchill did not elaborate on the allied plans, he said they must be supported by continued total effort on the home front.

“We are fully extended now and what we have to do is to hold it,” Churchill said. “What we have to do is to maintain this effort through the fifth year of the war, or the sixth year of the war, if need be, for we will never stop until we have achieved our purpose.”

Churchill's speculation that the war might continue through a sixth year—through Sept. 3, 1945—was believed to include the campaign in the far east as well as that in Europe.

With Britain already totally mobilized Churchill said the augmentation of munitions required for the battles ahead will come from the “smoother running of the great processes which already are at work rather than from any multiplication of human beings engaged in production.”

He added that the axis' only hope of victory now lay in weariness, despondency or slackness in the allied camp. Both Germany and Japan hope to consolidate themselves in their conquered territories, he said, and “extract from our weariness and from any divisions that may appear among us the means of making terms to enable them to repair their losses and re-gather their forces to open upon the world in it may be another decade another war even more terrible than that through which we are passing.”