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Plattsmouth Hits Bellevue In Tough Game

Locals Win 35 to 24 With Vroman and Cole Leading the Way With 11 Points Each

BY DALE PIKE

The hard fighting Plattsmouth Blue Devils added another to their slate by dumping Bellevue 35 to 24 before a good crowd Wednesday night at the hilltop.

In the first period neither team was able to score a field goal, but the Blue Devils salvaged two free throws to put them ahead 2 to 0.

The whole Plattsmouth team started sinking buckets, two apiece by Vroman and Cole and one each by Joe Gradoville and Dale Pike to put them ahead 16-8 at the intermission.

Each team scored three times from the field in the third quarter as Livingston did a good job on rebounds before retiring on fouls.

Vroman, Cole and Pike dropped in two baskets each for the Platters, while Bellevue was securing eight points as the game ended.

The victorious Plattsmouth team won their eighth game of the year last night while so far they have lost five.

The Blue Devils play the strong Holy Name team of Omaha on next Wednesday night on the local court. This team has won eleven straight games and are yet to be beaten.

In the preliminary game last night the Bellevue Reserves downed the Plattsmouth seconds 27 to 19, as Cullen, Eaton and McBride were high with three points each.

The tabulated score of the game was as follows:

PLATTSMOUTH					
	PO	FG	FT	F	Pts
Cole	5	1-5	3	11	
Wolever	F	0	0-0	0	0
Eaton	F	0	0-0	0	0
J. Gradoville	F	1	0-1	2	2
Livingston	C	1	0-2	4	2
Pike	G	4	1-4	2	9
Vroman	G	5	1-3	2	11
E. Gradoville	G	0	0-0	0	0
Total		16	3-15	13	35

BELLEVUE					
	PO	FG	FT	F	Pts
Clark	F	1	0-0	2	2
Radke	F	1	2-4	6	4
Thomas	F	1	0-0	0	0
B. Shires	C	0	2-3	0	2
Betz	C	1	0-1	4	2
V. Shires	C	0	0-0	0	0
Francis	C	0	0-0	0	0
Robinson	G	5	2-6	3	12
Phelps	G	0	0-1	1	0
Total		9	6-15	10	24

Have Pleasant Meeting

The ladies aid society of the First Christian church entertained on Wednesday afternoon at the church parlors with a very pleasing number being in attendance to enjoy the fine program that had been prepared for them. Mrs. Floy Hardison was the program chairman of the afternoon.

Mrs. C. J. White gave a vocal solo, "He Cares for Even Me." Mrs. J. Hodges being the accompanist, while Mrs. Hodges gave as a vocal number, "Jesus Whispers Peace," with Mrs. White as the accompanist.

Ruth Ann Nelson one of the talented musical pupils of the high school gave a trumpet solo, "Short and Sweet" with Eloise Cole as the accompanist.

Eloise Cole favored the ladies with a lovely piano number, "Liebesfrued" that was very much appreciated.

The ladies of the committee at an appropriate hour served a most delicious luncheon. The members of the committee comprised Mrs. C. McGraw, Mrs. Hugh Stander, Sr., Mrs. Ann Parker, Mrs. Earl Iske, Mrs. Charles Newburn.

Soldier Visits Here

Technical Cpl. Louis G. Hart, who is stationed at McCord Field, Washington, is in the city where he is a guest at the home of Russell Henry, a friend. Cpl. Hart resides at Muskogee, Oklahoma, and stopped here for a visit with the Nebraska friends.

District Court Notes

Judge W. W. Wilson here Wednesday held a short session of court following the call of the docket and made orders and heard motions in a number of cases.

In the partition suit of Fred W. Backemeyer vs. Luella Backemeyer, the court entered an order allowing Guy L. Clement, \$100 attorney fees, A. L. Tidd, \$35 as referee in the case. The court entered order dismissing suit.

In the matter of the Village of Louisville, a municipal corporation, vs. Harry E. Stevens, Dorothy Rohrdanz was given leave to file amended answer and cross petition.

In the matter of the application of Margaret Kohlbacher, guardian for license to sell real estate, the license was granted as prayed for and bond set at \$100.

In the suit to quiet title of Lucy Zaar vs. John D. Knight, the court entered the order confirming the title of the plaintiff to the real estate involved.

In the divorce action of Bernice Beckner vs. Stephen R. Beckner, the court entered an order granting temporary alimony of \$15 a week for the support of the plaintiff and child, also \$25 attorney fee and \$10 cost. The amounts are to be paid into the office of the clerk of the district court.

Order was entered in the case of Mattie M. Egenberger vs. Adam W. Poe, et al., allowing service by publication.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

War Fund Drive Of Red Cross Is \$10,100 For County

Greatest Task Lies Ahead for the Red Cross in Campaign That Starts March 1st

The War Fund drive of the American Red Cross will open over the nation on March 1st and will continue until March 31st 1944, and in this Cass county will be called upon to raise the sum to \$10,100.

This will be distributed in a wide field of activity of the Red Cross such as Service Men and their personal problems; food parcels to war prisoners; aid service families and disabled veterans; operate service clubs overseas; handle emergency messages for service men and families; collect life saving blood; provides comforts, cheer and recreation in hospitals; makes surgical dressings; helps when disaster strikes.

The Cass county campaign will be under the direction of County Judge Paul E. Fauquet, as the War Fund chairman, he having successfully handled this difficult job in the 1941 and the 1943 campaigns.

The quota of the various towns over the county embraces the following set up:

Alvo	\$ 330
Avoca	360
Cedar Creek	325
Eagle	400
Elmwood	535
Greenwood	500
Louisville	900
Manly	360
Murdock	375
Murray	400
Mynard	325
Nehawka	475
Plattsmouth	3,000
South Bend	300
Union	450
Wabash	300
Weeping Water	1,000

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To Return to West

Gunner's Mate 2/c Ted Smalley and Mrs. Smalley, who are spending five days here with Mr. Smalley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Smalley, are preparing to return to their home at Portland, Oregon. They expect to spend five days at Missoula, Montana, with the parents of Mrs. Smalley before going on their home. This is the first leave for GM2/c Smalley in the past two years and the first visit here of the wife.

BACK THE ATTACK WITH BONDS

You Can't Afford To Buy Bonds? Read These Accounts Of Jap Bestialities

More Than 7,700 American Fighting Men Brutally Treated Until Relieved by Death

Washington, Jan. 28. (UP)—The Japanese, through starvation, torture and outright murder, have slain more than 7,700 American fighting men—at least a third of the number taken prisoner in the Philippines—the Army and Navy revealed today in a report of unparalleled bestiality which brought pledges of vengeance from an outraged congress.

The story, carefully documented with instance after instance of Japanese barbarity against Filipinos as well as Americans captured on Bataan and Corregidor, was based on sworn statements by two army officers and a navy officer who themselves suffered from 361 days at the hands of the enemy before they escaped from a prison camp on Davao.

Ignoring all accepted rules for treatment of war prisoners, the Japanese heaped upon the captured Americans a treatment so horrible that the three officers said the heroes of Bataan and Corregidor would never have surrendered "had they known the fate in store for them."

Congress heard the story in open rage. Chairman Sol Bloom, D. N. Y., of the House Foreign Affairs committee, summed up the sentiment of most of his colleagues.

"Let these Japanese know in plain and uncertain terms that we're going to hold them responsible for this nasty, damnable, despicable business," he said. "We'll hold the rats—from the emperor down to the lowest ditch digger—responsible for 1,000,000 years if possible."

The report added a new and ugly chapter to the story of Japanese atrocities made so clear when the Tokyo government, again in complete violation of accepted rules of war, executed some of the captured American fliers who took part in the historic April, 1942 raids on Japan's principal cities.

In connection with those executions, President Roosevelt sent a stern warning to Japan. He said that if "such acts of barbarity and manifestations of depravity" were continued, "the American government will hold personally and officially responsible for those deliberate crimes all of those officers of the

In Chicago Hospital

Miss Frances Hadraba, daughter of J. F. Hadraba, local druggist, is now located at Chicago where she is following her profession of nursing and is at the Hines U. S. Veterans hospital, one of the largest in the country, and is constantly filled with hundreds of the veterans.

Miss Hadraba is a graduate of St. Mary's nurse school at Rochester, Minnesota, where she was graduated with very high honors. She likes the new post very much as it is a civil service position under the government and the work at the hospital is the type that demands the very highest qualifications for the nurse. She has been fortunate in having a classmate also a nurse at Hines and they reside with a sister of the nurse.

NOTICE

I am now taking appointments, either days or evenings, with those needing help on their Income Tax returns.

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Japanese government who have participated in their commitment and will in due course bring these officers to justice."

The report disclosed these facts:

At Camp O'Donnell, about 2,200 American prisoners from Bataan died during April and May of 1942. The death rate among Filipino prisoners was higher. By October, another 4,000 Americans had died at Camp Bahatan and 2,500 others were in a report of unparalleled bestiality which brought pledges of vengeance from an outraged congress.

Thus, of the approximately 20,000 American fighting men in the Philippines when the end came, at least 7,700 were dead or dying by October of 1942. How many more have died since then is a problem almost too grisly to consider, for the death toll on some occasions reached 50 a day.

Washington, Jan. 28. (UP)—Here are some of the atrocities practiced by the Japanese on American and Filipino prisoners captured on Bataan and Corregidor, as revealed today by the army and navy:

One was known among prisoners as the sun treatment—"Being made to sit in the boiling sun all day long without cover."

Twelve thousand prisoners taken on Corregidor "were concentrated in... a square of concrete about 100 yards to the side" and kept there "without food for a week. There was one water spigot for the 12,000 men and a 12-hour wait to fill a canteen was the usual rule. After seven days the men received their first rations—one mess kit of rice and a can of sardines."

The Corregidor prisoners were forced to march through Manila. Weaker prisoners stumbled but "were cuffed back into the line and made to march until they dropped."

"There were virtually no water facilities at Camp O'Donnell. Prisoners stood in line for six to 10 hours to get a drink. They wore the same clothing without change for a month and a half. Col. Dyess waited 35 days for his first bath and then had one gallon of water for it."

"The prisoners received meat twice in two months, and then not enough to give as many as a quarter of them a piece an inch square."

Honor Roll Of High School Is Announced

Seniors Have a Large Group of the Honor Roll for First Quarter and Semester

The high school is announcing the honor roll for the first quarter and semester of the school and shows a very large group of the seniors of the school in the coveted ranks. The list is as follows:

SENIORS: Eileen Aylor, Betty Albert, Shirley Burcham, Donald Bowman, Bernard Dow, Ruth Farmer, Robert Galloway, Ed. Gradoville, Jerry Jones, Charlotte Jaeger, Patty Libershall, Geraldine McClintock, Geraldine Maasen, Donna Mason, Malinda Mierdierts, Dick Novak, Claydes Rhoades, Delores Ruse, Bob Wohlfarth, Robert Woster.

JUNIORS: Mary Evers, Eugene Hula, Marcella McCormick, Eldon Meisinger, Elizabeth Meisinger, Norma Spidell.

"To find men strong enough to dig graves was a problem."

"Men shrank from 200 pounds to 90. They had no buttocks. They were human skeletons."

"One dilapidated building was set aside (at O'Donnell) and called a hospital. Hundreds of men lay naked on the bare floor without covering of any kind. There was no medicine of any kind. The doctors had not even water to wash human waste from their patients."

At Canibanatuan "on one occasion the Japanese gave the American prisoners three chickens for 500 men, and on another occasion 50 eggs for 500 men. As a result, their propaganda later told the world that American prisoners in the Philippines were being fed on chicken and eggs."

"Men were literally worked to death. It was not unusual for 20 per cent of a work detail to be worked to death. In one instance, 75 per cent were killed that way."

U. S. Protests Jap Atrocities

Washington, Jan. 28. (UP)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull, commenting on Japanese atrocities against Americans and Filipinos captured in the Philippines, said today it would be necessary to assemble "all the demons available from anywhere and combine their fiendishness to describe the conduct of those who inflicted these unthinkable tortures."

Hull indicated that the government already had protested to the Japanese against the atrocities that have been disclosed to the public.

But at the same time he frankly admitted that protests heretofore filed with the Japanese in instances of cruelty imposed against war prisoners or interned civilians had proved of little avail. Asked specifically whether this government was compiling lists of Japanese officials in the Philippines with a view to holding them accountable after the war for the atrocities Hull said, this government is investigating all phases of the situation in the Philippines, seeking as much information as it possibly can get for use in handling the war guilt program after the war.

SOPHOMORES: Jeanne Allen, Phyllis Bourck, Jean Collins, Mary K. Gorder, Ralph Hild, Marilyn Johnson, Josephine Koubek, Claudine Keller, Mary Libershall, Charles Painter, Alice Roberts, Eldora Shellenberger, Evelyn Siemoneit.

FRESHMEN: Marliou Warner, John W. Winters, Carol Ramsey, Jean Lloyd, Joan Gradoville, Keith Fitch, Mary Lou Lecker, Janet Tiekotter, Genie Smith.

*Second quarter or semester only.

To Join Navy

Dale Pike, junior in the high school and member of the football and basketball teams of the school this year, is entering the armed forces of the nation. He was at Omaha today to enlist in the United States navy and hopes to be able to complete the basketball season before he is called into active training. He has been engaged with the Journal for part time outside of his school work. The young man is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Pike.

GET IN THE SCRAP!

Reception of New Members

A joint reception of new members of the Catholic Daughters of America was held in Plattsmouth Wednesday evening, participated in by Court Lady of Loretto 709 of Plattsmouth and Court Emanuel 1122 of Nebraska City.

Presiding the reception a large dinner party was held at the Hotel Plattsmouth at which forty-seven guests participated.

Presiding officers were: Mrs. Laura Bruening, State Regent, Hartington, Neb., Mrs. F. I. Rea, Grand Regent of Plattsmouth, and Mrs. Eleanor Bishop, Grand Regent of Nebraska City Court.

The officers and candidates were presented with beautiful corsages.

Following the dinner the reception of candidates was held at the Eagles Hall.

Candidates, Court Emanuel, Nebraska City: Mrs. Sybilla Hohman, Mrs. Gertrude Schreiner, Mrs. Dorothy Lutz, Mrs. Mary Lutz, Miss Gertrude Schreiner, Miss Mary Jordan, Lady of Loretto, Plattsmouth; Mrs. Marie Knoflicek, Mrs. Margaret Smith, Mrs. Edna Mae Bollmeier, Miss Ann Delaney, Miss Margaret Rea, Miss Helen Woolcott.

During intermission the ladies were entertained by several piano solos given by Mrs. Thomas Dunbar, very talented pianist of Nebraska City. This feature was greatly enjoyed by everyone.

Coffee and cookies were served at the close of the evening.

Aid Service Men Now Held Prisoners In Enemy Camps

There are Now 273 Service Men From Nebraska Now in Prison Camps of the Axis

There are now 273 service men from Nebraska who are held in war prison camps, according to a compilation made by War Prisoners Aid, Y.M.C.A., a participating service of the National War Fund, according to reports received today by Thomas C. Woods, Nebraska War Fund chairman.

War Prisoners Aid, Y. M. C. A., which is supported in part by contributions made to National War Fund through the United War Fund of Nebraska, provides recreational, cultural and spiritual assistance to war prisoners, under provisions of the Geneva Convention of 1929.

"Although the men from Nebraska may be adequately fed," said Mr. Woods, "they still face the problem of an endless procession of months of prison life. Taken suddenly from active, exciting lives as soldiers, cut off from news of world developments, and with nothing to occupy their minds and hands they can easily give way to bitterness and despair. To help prevent this 'barbed wire disease,' War Prisoners Aid carries on its work, through neutral representatives who make regular visits to prison camps, learn their needs and endeavor to meet them."

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Former Resident Dies

Charles Luther Mitchell, 75, 4502 Greenwood St., Lincoln, died at his home Wednesday.

He was born in Metropolis, Ill., coming to Nebraska and Plattsmouth 57 years ago. He worked for the Burlington railroad in the shops in this city, moving to University Place when the shops were transferred to Havelock. He remained there until 1922.

In 1924 he was appointed marshal by the police department and served University Place in that capacity for 18 years, ill health forcing him to retire slightly more than a year ago. He was a member of North Star lodge No. 27 A. F. & A. M.

Surviving are his wife Anna; five children, Mrs. Alvin Range, Plattsmouth; Vera Mitchell, Childress, Texas; Dean Mitchell, Long Beach, Calif.; Mrs. Arlyne Kiewik, Chicago, and Mrs. Eugene H. Masters, Lincoln; four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Cass Soil District Makes Report On Conservation

District Organized in 1939 Has Done a Great Deal Toward the Betterment of the Farms

The Cass Soil Conservation district has completed a very fine report of the operations of the district since its origin October 9, 1939 aitho as the report states the work on the district did not start until August 1940.

The district originally included 48,374 acres spread over 267 miles. Since that time many additions have been made. In 1940 and 1941 there were 2,890 and 15,629 acres added by petition. In June 1942 a referendum was held and an additional 128,000 acres was included. This brought the district area to 195,893 acres comprising 1,247 farms. Petitions have been submitted and a hearing set with the object of holding a referendum to include the remaining 159,297 acres in the district.

No change has been made in the board of supervisors since its origin 1939. One election was held at which time the retiring members were re-elected. A supervisory election to have been in December 1943 has been postponed until February of this year. This will permit the farmers that are taken in the district after the hearing to have the chance to cast their vote.

The Soil Conservation district furnished 16,400 trees, 100 pounds of two varieties of grass seed and 35 rolls of snow fence. The district in the first four months had the assistance of the men at the conscientious objectors camp at Weeping Water. The discontinuance of the camp resulted in the loss of approximately 2,900 man hours of labor each month for the district.

Farms over the county have benefited by the work of the district plans and in this community the farm of Richard Spangler near this city is one of the places benefited.

The officers of the conservation Lester L. Wagoner, William Blum, Herman F. Schweppe, Ezra Neben, member and Henry A. Tool treasurer.

Returns from South

Mrs. Robert E. Sedlak, who has been spending the past two weeks in the south at Fort Blanding, Florida, returned home Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Sedlak has been visiting her husband, Pvt. Robert E. Sedlak, who is in military training at the Florida post. She reports that Pvt. Sedlak is feeling fine and is enjoying the strenuous training period that has brought him down to his old weight.

While in the south Mrs. Sedlak was a guest at the home of Lieutenant and Mrs. W. H. Burns and Mrs. Cora Hirz, who reside in the locality of the training camp.

Lincoln Visitors Here

Mr. and Mrs. K. V. Halter and Mrs. Reginald Halter, of Lincoln, have been here as guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Wheeler, and have now returned to Lincoln. Reginald Halter is stationed with the armed forces in the Panama Canal Zone.

Now in England

Mrs. W. O. Reeves of this city has received word from her son, Cpl. Lester Reeves, that he is now in England and likes the country very much with very attractive scenes and best of all English speaking people. Cpl. Reeves is a veteran of five years of service in the army.

Will Winter in Omaha

Mrs. E. W. Cook will spend the winter in Omaha at the Immanuel Home for the Aged. She will return to her home in Plattsmouth in the spring.

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