

**Buy 'em and
Keep 'em**
**WAR
BONDS**

The Plattsmouth Journal

VOL. NO. LX

PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA, THURSDAY, JULY 27, 1944

NO. 58

Tecumseh Swept By Heavy Rain And Wind Storm

**Burlington Suffered Washed Out
Tracks and Much Crop Damage
Reported in the Area**

BY UNITED PRESS
Tecumseh's municipal power plant was closed today and the town's water supply seriously curtailed after an hour long hail, rain and wind storm, described by U. S. weather bureau officials as second cousin to a tornado, which swept into town at mid afternoon yesterday.

No estimates of damage were available but many houses were badly wrecked by falling trees and windows were broken in residential and business sections.

Corn in the Tecumseh area was beaten down.

A telephone call by the United Press was the towns first contact with the outside world since 3 p. m. yesterday, according to S. W. Thurber, who said the only known casualty was an unidentified farmer struck by flying debris at the height of the storm. The man was believed to be not seriously injured.

The Nemaha river overflowed its banks, flooding approximately 700 feet of the Chicago Burlington and Quincy railroad tracks on the Lincoln-Kansas City line, but damage was repaired and service resumed by mid-morning today, according to railroad officials.

Approximately 450 lockers at the Tecumseh ice plant were under water and housewives were left with no refrigeration. Firemen urged folks to "get along with as little water as you can" and attendants at two hospitals were dependent upon flashlights through the night. City officials were hopeful that power might be restored by nightfall.

Lincoln Burlington officials reported Indian Creek had overflowed its banks and covered tracks at Beatrice and necessitated holding up trains for a short time early today. The water receded rapidly, however, and no serious delay in traffic occurred.

Here from Idaho

John H. Boetel, who is located at Caldwell, Idaho, arrived here Saturday, called by the serious condition of his brother, Claus Boetel, who has been critically ill for the past week. Mr. John Boetel expects to be here for a time until some definite change in the condition of the brother.

He is very much pleased with the west and states that in his section of Idaho that the fruit crop is being gathered, a great crop of cherries having been raised and John and his family have been engaged in this work and at a good wage scale. The peaches are coming on soon for harvesting and the great Idaho potato crop is now ready and being gathered for the markets in the east.

Visits at Lincoln

City Treasurer and Mrs. M. D. Brown and daughter, Renee, were in Lincoln Sunday to spend a few hours. They visited with Mrs. Lester Sorrell and baby son for a short time and later at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Webb and with Judge and Mrs. A. H. Duxbury, in their new home, finding all of the former Plattsmouth residents well and enjoying their new homes very much. They were dinner guests at the Webb home.

FOUR SQUARE CLUB

Four Square club members met at the home of Mrs. Martha Kruse at Murdock, July 20.

Mrs. H. A. Tool had charge of the afternoon's program, had each one bring something old and give the history of it. We had many real old and very interesting items. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent by all that were present.

Next meeting is to be August 17, at the home of Mrs. Hannah McDonald.

Club Reporter, Mrs. C. Elseman

Outing in Minnesota

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Knorr and daughter, Jean, left for Hennings, Minnesota, where they will enjoy an outing and the fishing season at Battle Lake, their favorite summer resort, and where they have a cottage. Mr. and Mrs. Knorr are being joined by Dean and Mrs. Thompson of the University of Nebraska faculty who will spend the outing with them.

Later another group of the Plattsmouth people are going to the lake for the season, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Starkjohn and Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Clويد, being very much attached to this Minnesota resort, where they have enjoyed many pleasant vacation trips.

Gubernatorial Candidate Not To Attend Conference

**George W. Olsen to Remain at His
Work as Part of His Campaign
Plans**

George W. Olsen of this city, democratic candidate for governor of the state of Nebraska, a few days ago received an invitation to attend a conference of the democratic candidates for state and national offices at the Hotel Cornhusker, Lincoln, today at 2:30. Mr. Olsen in declining the invitation sent the following letter to the committee in charge:

"President Roosevelt has stated that he will not campaign in the usual sense, which means we are at war and there is no point in campaigning against our own fellow workers.

"I have repeatedly stated in the Press and Newspapers that I am going to campaign the same way I did in the Primary, which is to remain on duty at my war work.

"How can intelligent people expect me to work, side by side, with efficient Republicans and Democratic workers, all doing their best, then stop work to campaign against the Republicans.

"We would not be winning this war if it was not for the united efforts of Republican and Democrats alike, who remain on the job and are going to remain on the job until the war is over.

George W. Olsen,
Internal, or Inside Transportation Worker."

Goes to Colorado

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Lutz and daughter, Marilyn, departed the first of the week for Greeley, Colo., where Mrs. Lutz and daughter are planning on locating for the remainder of the summer until the cool weather banishes the danger of hay fever. Mr. Lutz is expecting to return home the last of the week. While the family is in the west, John Lutz, father of Otto, is making his home in Plattsmouth.

Rats Meet Just Fate

Tuesday afternoon the employes at the court house noticed a number of rats emerging from the sewer manhole located on the grounds near the court house and the rodents proceeded to lunch on the Hollyhock plants along the court house walk. The alarm was sounded and Sheriff Joe Mrasek and County Judge Fauquet securing a .22 rifle, proceeded to lessen the rat population by three. The judge being high with two, and the sheriff runner-up with one. The attack on the rats, however, failed to check the ravages as this morning more of the rats were seen emerging from their underground habitat to feast on the Hollyhock seed pods.

Here from Alvo

Harry Weichel of Alvo, was here Tuesday for a few hours and while in the city was a caller at the Journal office for a short time. He states that E. M. Stone, for many years a prominent resident of Alvo, later moving to Washington, is now visiting at the old home.

Must Have Help Or Quit Feeding

**Loss of -Son to Armed Forces
Leaves Man Alone on 330 Acres**

A feeding operation that has been producing many tons of beef per year in Cass county, Nebraska, is threatened with extinction the coming season if Frank Cottingham, Murray, doesn't get some help. Mr. Cottingham, tenant-partner of Glen Boedecker on one of his farms, lost his last "help" when his son, who operated part of the farm, went into the service May 1.

"They couldn't have picked a worse time to take him," Mr. Cottingham said. "I had all the spring work to do alone, and I'm still alone—can't get a man so far. Farming 330 acres of land, looking after well



Frank Cottingham

over 100 cattle and 200 or more hogs is just too much for one man.

"Cattle feeding has been a good business and I believe it still is. So, I'll feed if I get some help. But I won't tackle it alone."

Those remarks were made Tuesday, just after 26 choice 895-pound Angus heifers, owned by Boedecker and Cottingham, fed on the farm Mr. Cottingham operates had sold at \$16.50 to equal the highest price ever paid on this market for a full load of heifers.

The heifers were raised in Missouri and were purchased last fall when they were calves. The partners have fed heifers of the same breeding for four years, and have found them to be good-doers. They start the calves on oats, then feed corn and alfalfa.

One result of his help shortage and frequent rains is that Mr. Cottingham hasn't been able to keep up with the cultivation of his corn. He did get up a big crop of alfalfa hay. But a lot of work has to be neglected in these times, especially when a man's farming over 300 acres alone and trying to keep up normal livestock operations as well.

The heifers, according to present plan, will keep moving to market until they're gone. They will ease the load some.

Marriage

Mr. Willis G. Clark, Plattsmouth, Nebr., and Miss Alice M. Lillibridge, Fairfield, N. D., were duly joined in marriage by Rev. E. J. Moritz, in the parsonage at 714 First Ave., on July 22nd. Witnesses were, Marie Slaughter, Fairfield, N. D., and Charles F. Beermann, Dakota City, Nebr. The parents of the bridegroom, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll C. Clark, Plattsmouth, Nebr., were also present at the marriage. The couple will reside in Plattsmouth.

Dies in Kansas City

The message was received here last evening of the death of Mrs. George McCavigan, 82, a former resident of Plattsmouth, at Kansas City, Missouri. Mrs. McCavigan was formerly Miss Etta Schmidtman, a sister of the late William Schmidtman, Mrs. John Ledgway and Mrs. Gustav Pitz. She resided here in her younger years and was married here to Mr. McCavigan, but they have spent the greater part of their married life in Kansas City.

There is surviving the passing of Mrs. McCavigan, the aged husband, one daughter, Mrs. Bert Baker of Kansas City, and one sister, Mrs. Elma Schmidt, residing in California, as well as a number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held on Friday at Kansas City with the interment at that place.

Funeral of August Rakow

The funeral services for the late August Rakow were held on Sunday afternoon at the Caldwell funeral home with a group of the old friends joining with the relatives in their last tributes to the departed.

The message was brought by Rev. Willard Sherman, former pastor of the St. Paul's church, who had given the sermon at the funeral of the departed wife.

Mrs. Louise Kilinger and Mrs. Otto Pitz gave two numbers, "Going Down the Valley One by One," and a German hymn, favorite of the departed.

The burial was at the Horning cemetery in the family plot and the pallbearers were members of the family of the departed: Walter Rakow, Lancaster, Calif.; Arnold Rakow, Belle Gardens, Calif.; Fred Rakow, Monrovia, Calif.; Leonard Rakow, Earl Hes and John Buzello, of this city.

Ak-Sar-Ben Will Stage Program Of Activities

**The Annual Fall 4-H Baby Beef
Show Will Be Held This Fall But
Other Activities Curtailed**

The appointment of Mr. Henry A. Schneider as its ambassador of good will for Plattsmouth and surrounding territory, has just been announced by Ak-Sar-Ben.

Since the United States' entry into World War II, Ak-Sar-Ben has devoted its major efforts to war activities, explains President J. E. Davidson. In recognition of its wartime achievements the organization late in 1943 received a special citation from Major General F. E. Uhl, then commanding officer of the Seventh Service Command.

How soon Ak-Sar-Ben will be able to resume its normal program of spring running races, den shows, coronation, ice events and other activities depends primarily upon the course of the war, Davidson says.

But at least one annual event is definitely scheduled for 1944, Ak-Sar-Ben's 50th year of unselfish, non-profit and educational public service to the Middle West. That is its fall 4-H Baby Beef show, largest in the world, which will be held at the Union Stock Yards in Omaha, Oct. 4, 5 and 6.

Ak-Sar-Ben is repeating this summer, a huge entertainment program for service men and women of this area, similar to the series staged in Omaha's Creighton Stadium last year as part of its "Smiles for Soldiers" program. It also plans to continue its "Food for Freedom" program in cooperation with 4-H clubs, with awards offered.

Ak-Sar-Ben's crops of more than 350 ambassadors throughout Nebraska and western Iowa, declares Davidson, are frequently called on for counsel and help in fitting the organization's program into their communities, and thereby bringing the greatest benefits to the largest possible number of people.

Attends Church Service

George W. Olson of this city, democratic candidate for governor, was very much pleased the past week to receive a card from Rev. S. C. Potter, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Monterey, California, informing him that his son, Ralph, now in the armed services, was an attendant at the church service on Sunday, July 16th. While here Ralph was an attendant at the local Presbyterian church.

To Enjoy Vacation

Dr. A. E. Johnson departed Saturday for Oakland, Nebraska, where he will spend a week visiting with relatives and old friends and enjoying a vacation from his dental work that has been very strenuous in the past months. Oakland is the former home of Dr. Johnson.

Those Wishing To Teach Should Notify Superintendent

**Superintendent Must Certify to
the State Superintendent as to
Certified Teachers**

Lora Lloyd Kieck, County Superintendent, today asked the press to cooperate with her by informing regularly certified teachers in this county who have not signed contracts that if they wish a teaching position for the coming school year, they should notify her office immediately. Mrs. Kieck points out that she must certify to the Superintendent of Public Instruction that there are no regularly certified teachers available before the local boards of education can make application for temporary teaching certificates.

The County Superintendent pointed out that unless these legally certified teachers who wish positions make their intentions known to her immediately, she must begin to accept the applications of boards of education for temporary certificates in order to provide educational opportunities for the boys and girls of Nebraska.

County Superintendent Kieck said that by August 1, the Superintendent of Public Instruction will, on the information obtained from the various county superintendents in the state, make an estimate of the needed temporary teachers and that he will then assume that all regularly certified teachers who wish to teach have either signed contracts or made known to the County Superintendent that they are available.

There will be a special examination given in the Superintendent of Public Instruction's office August 12 for teachers who wish to qualify to teach. Information on this may be obtained at the County Superintendent's office.

Lora Lloyd Kieck,
Cass County Superintendent

Will Save Arm

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Read of Murray visited at the Clarkson hospital in Omaha yesterday with Henry Rice, who was so badly injured while working on a combine last week. It was feared for a time that amputation of a part of the injured man's arm would be necessary, but the doctors now hold out hope that they will be able to save the entire member. This will be pleasing news to his many friends here and over the county.

Secure Wanted Youth

Dallas Hassman, 17, who has been in custody of the Omaha police, was today turned over to the Cass county officials and Deputy Sheriff Doody brought the young man here to face a charge of auto theft. In company with a companion, held here in the county jail, he is alleged to have taken a car in Omaha and drove to this city and here the two took a local car and drove back to Omaha. They were later located by Sheriff Mrasek and the one brought here to this city.

Anniversary of Hot Winds

Attorney John M. Leyda informs the Journal that today was the 50th anniversary of the first day of the three day hot winds of 1894. The people of Nebraska had had a very promising prospect of a corn crop, then almost the entire crop of the state when the hot winds started and at the close of the three days there was nothing left of the promising crop and one of the greatest disasters in crop history was recorded in Nebraska. Mr. Leyda states that during this time that the winds swept from the southwest the temperatures rose to 127 and 130 in the sun, blistering and burning under the sun's rays while the winds swept as from a great furnace to blast any hope for the farmers.

One could not help but contrast the conditions today with those of a half century ago, a nice rain falling today and everything bright and green.

Holds Service Here

Sunday at the First Methodist church, G. T. Willey, vice president and general manager of the Glenn L. Martin Nebraska company, occupied the pulpit at the First Methodist church. Mr. Willey brought a very fine and inspiring message to the members of the congregation, there being 175 out for the service and to greet Mr. Willey. He has been the guest speaker here on several occasions and has a real worthwhile message.

Following the church services Mr. and Mrs. Willey were guests of C. C. Westcott at the Hotel Plattsmouth, Miss Ruth Patton, county treasurer and a friend of Mr. and Mrs. Willey, was also a guest.

Death Of Ralph R. Larson, Former Resident Here

**Dies Tuesday Morning at Denver
Hospital as the Result of a Heart
Attack—Funeral Here**

Ralph R. Larson, 50, former resident of Plattsmouth and Louisville, died at the Mercy hospital, Denver, at 1:30 A. M., Tuesday, July 25, as the result of a heart attack.

The news of his passing came as a shock to the many old friends in his boyhood home and at Louisville where for many years he was an active figure in the community.

Ralph Larson was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lars G. Larson, residents here for many years, the father being a well known contractor and builder. He was born in this city on December 28, 1893, and received his education in the city schools, graduating in the class of 1912. When the World War broke out in 1917 Ralph enlisted in the service and later was commissioned as a lieutenant in the army, serving until the close of the war when he returned to Nebraska.

For a great many years he was connected with the Bank of Commerce of Louisville, as cashier. He was an active figure in the community affairs and a loved and honored man among a large circle of friends.

Mr. Larson was married at Louisville to Miss Ruth Jacobson, who with the one son, Ralph E. Larson, now in the armed forces and stationed at Galesburg, Illinois, survive his passing. There also remain two brothers, Carl Oscar Larson of Alhambra, California and Major Raymond J. Larson of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and a sister, Mrs. Frank Barkus of Plainview, Nebraska.

After leaving Louisville, Mr. Larson moved to Lincoln where he was connected with the Farm Securities Administration, but later was with the Coady and Shelby Co., at Denver.

The funeral will be held at the Caldwell funeral home at 7th and Oak streets in this city, on Thursday, July 27th, at 3 o'clock. Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of which Mr. Larson was a member, will conduct the religious service. Frank A. Clويد will sing, "Face to Face," and "Wonderful Peace," with Miss Estelle Baird as the accompanist.

The pallbearers will be members of the American Legion of Louisville and old friends, D. W. Webb, F. H. Brunson, E. C. Alfey, G. M. Corum, Elmer Johnson and Arthur Foster of Union, a nephew.

The interment will be at Oak Hill cemetery.

Bring Patient to Omaha

Deputy Sheriff Emery Doody was in Omaha today in response to a message that his brother, Frank Doody of St. Onge, South Dakota was being brought by plane to Omaha from his home for hospitalization. Deputy Sheriff Doody hurried to Omaha to make arrangements to meet the plane, and have the brother transferred to the St. Joseph hospital. The brother has been ill for some time and the case taken a sudden severe turn.

Cemetery Board Proposes To Stop Tresspassing

**Proposed Ordinance Introduced in
Council — Surfacing of Chicago
Avenue is Showing Progress**

The city council had a busy time at their end of the month session Monday evening with a wide range of subjects for their consideration from dog farms to the resurfacing of Chicago avenue.

A communication was received from a group of the residents of the Oakmont addition to the city, asking that a short and unused alley in that addition be closed, this not affecting the main alleys of the addition. This was referred to the third ward councilmen for their action and report at the next meeting.

A communication was received from residents on Wintersteen hill, complaining of the fact that a dog farm was being operated there, and the animals, some fifteen in number, made it impossible to sleep either day or night and interfered with the rest of the shop and defense plant workers residing there. It was claimed that these dogs started their barking and aroused all of the dogs on the hill. It was voted to have the matter referred to the city attorney for proper action to abate the nuisance.

The state liquor commission notified the council that Mrs. Mae Sedlak had placed the request with the commission to designate Font T. Wilson, her father, as manager of the liquor store in her absence. The commission asked the opinion of the council on the matter. It was voted to approve the selection of Mr. Wilson and the commission be notified.

Police Judge C. L. Graves presented his report for the week of July 16th showing fines and costs of \$31.50 and for the week of July 23, one arrest and to work on street.

The judiciary committee then presented Ordinance 771 for the consideration of the council. This was prepared at the request of the city cemetery board and provided visiting hours and no trespassing at other hours unless given permit. The hours set were from sunrise to one hour after sunset, unless the parties have written authority from the superintendent of the cemetery. The so set penalties for the injuries to markers, monuments, shrubs, flowers or other articles used in the cemetery. The ordinance also provided a penalty of not more than \$100 fine. The ordinance was read for the first time and laid over until the next meeting to enable holding a conference with the board of the Holy Sepulchre cemetery that adjoins the city cemetery.

The tax and property committee reported favorably on the sale of the north half of lots 10, 11, 12, block 59, on South 7th street, to Ernestine Jahrig for the sum of \$125. The mayor and clerk authorized to issue quit claim deed to the property. County Treasurer Ruth Patton notified the council that Herman Fields had tendered the sum of \$339.14, for the redemption of outlots 72 to 78 in Wise's addition in the south part of the city. It moved and passed that the city surrender their tax title to the property.

Councilman Schutz of the streets, alleys and bridges committee reported that several orders of gravel had been placed as requested by the council, that the work of placing blacktop on Chicago avenue was under way and looked like a good job. Weeds were flourishing over the city and it was debated whether or not to secure a power mower to cut weeds. In reply to an inquiry of Mr. Schutz, Councilman Rebal stated that the residents of Oakmont addition had found that the work on securing alley paving material could not start until September 1st.

The matter of loaning the city cement mixer again flared up when it was reported by Councilman Vroman that the mixer had been loaned to a private party, was now being used, despite the fact that the council at the last meeting had barred this practice. Mayor Hayes stated

(Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

FIGHT BY HIS SIDE—Buy Bonds

Keep Buying War Bonds

Buy Victory Bonds

BUY WAR BONDS