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Plattsmouth Busy Digging Out Of Snow

Record Snow Fall Estimated at 15 Inches—Heaviest Since 1936

With clearing skies today the residents of Plattsmouth started the task of digging out from the heaviest snowfall since 1936, a fall that started shortly after midnight Tuesday and raged in full fury until 7 o'clock Wednesday evening. It is estimated the fall was fifteen inches on the level.

Traffic was paralyzed for the day Wednesday and by night communications by rail or bus was cut off until Thursday when travel was gradually improving, although still not back to normal. The Missouri Pacific had their trains operating well on time today while the Burlington train from the east was delayed several hours.

With the snow storm raging at full fury Wednesday afternoon, the city schools were closed at 3 o'clock and the promise given that continued snow would cause school to be closed Thursday but clearing weather permitted school to operate as usual Thursday.

The Cotner bus line did not operate Wednesday afternoon and the last of the Interstate-Grayhound buses getting through was late in the morning.

The second shift at the Glen Martin plant at Fort Crook was cancelled Wednesday and the first shift excused at 3 o'clock although it was later in the day before transportation was able to reach them and bring the workers on back to Plattsmouth.

The auto owners had a strenuous day as the snow fall soon had the cars buried beneath the snow and many of the cars were left parked on the street for the day and still bear the heavy snow on them.

With the late afternoon travel between this city and Omaha was at a standstill and several Omaha trucks here distributing their stocks were compelled to remain over night.

Col. MacPhail Is Boss Of Yankees

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—(U.P.)—It's official now, Col. Larry MacPhail is the new boss man of the New York Yankees. He was elected president and general manager yesterday in a meeting of the new and old regimes in which payment of \$2,500,000 was made to complete transfer of the club from heirs of the Jacob Ruppert estate. This amount was in addition to the option which was put up when MacPhail and his two associates made the deal for the franchise a month ago, believed to be about \$300,000.

Edward G. Barrow, head of the club under the previous regime, remained as chairman of the board of directors. George Weiss, who is in charge of the Yankee farm system, was named secretary.

Eight of the previous 11 members of the board of directors resigned. Those who remained were Barrow, Weiss, and Byron Clark, Jr., the club attorney.

Rae McMaken Aids In Snow Removal

Rae McMaken of this city was one of the big helpers in the heavy snow of Wednesday, to him can be given credit for making it possible for many of the residents being able to get out this morning.

Mr. McMaken securing a horse and a snow plow proceeded to drive over the sidewalks in a large part of the city and remove the snow so as to make travel possible.

This removal of the snow from the sidewalks is a tradition in the McMaken family as old timers will recall. J. H. McMaken, the father of Rae, had the snow plow out after the heavy snows to clear the ways for the kids to go to school or the men to make their way to the shops to work for many years.

NOTICE P. E. O.

Chapter F. P. E. O. will hold their regular meeting on Friday afternoon at 2:45 at the home of Mrs. R. B. Hayes. All members are urged to attend.

Conferences Of Assessors To Be Held

County and Precinct Assessors and Board of Equalization to Meet Over State

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 22.—(U.P.)—A series of 18 conferences for county and precinct assessors and members of county boards of equalization will be conducted during the remainder of this month and March by H. W. Lyon, deputy tax commissioner, Robert M. Armstrong, state tax commissioner, announced today. More uniform methods of assessing property, special emphasis will be placed on explanation of new personal property assessment schedules, where one form is provided for city and town precincts and another for rural precincts, he added.

The conferences will be completed before April 1, Armstrong pointed out, so that the assessors will be ready for their work for the year.

Schedules of the first five meetings are:

Lincoln, Feb. 23, for Lancaster, Gage, Seward, Cass, York, Saline, and Sarpy counties.

Auburn, Feb. 26, for Nemaha, Otoe, Johnson, Richardson and Pawnee counties.

Hebron, Feb. 27, for Thayer, Jefferson, Fillmore and Nuckolls counties.

Columbus, Feb. 28, for Platte, Nance, Butler, Polk and Colfax counties.

Fremont, March 1, for Dodge, Burt, Washington, Saunders, Douglas and Cuming counties.

Freshmen Give Convocation

Wednesday the members of the freshman class of the Plattsmouth high school presented their annual convocation program at the High School auditorium for the entertainment of their associates in the other classes.

The mistress of ceremonies was Nina Belle Daniels.

During the program vocal solos were given by Charles Newton, "Don't Fence Me In"; Bill Baumgart, "Irish Lullaby"; Carol Lou Bernhardt, "Smilin' Through" and "Inventory"; Jeanette Rhylander, "A Fellow on a Furlough."

Mary Jo Rebal and Ditty Richards played a piano duet, "Chopsticks."

Miss Mary Hicks the class sponsor, played a saxophone solo, "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen."

An original play by Mary Jo Rebal and Ditty Richards was read by Betty Altschaff.

Americans Suffer From Skin Aids

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—(U.P.)—Americans suffer from the "put something on it" impulse.

That's what Dr. L. Edward Gaul, Dubuque, Ia., reported in today's Journal of the American Medical Association.

"Apparently all the skin has to do is complain a little and it is impulsively daubed with the nearest thing at hand," he said.

The "Impulse" causes needless complications, loss of work, unnecessary expense and hospitalization, Dr. Gaul said.

The article cited the case of a student nurse who burned her hand with bacon grease and three weeks later was forced to give up the nursing profession. She had tried painting the burn with the tincture of an organic mercurial, petrolatum gauze, sulfanilamide, sulfathiazole, boric acid ointment, a burn ointment and calamine lotion.

In the same issue, Dr. Jean V. Cooke, St. Louis, reported a definite variation in sensitivity among individual patients to the drug, penicillin. Dr. Cooke also noted striking differences in the sensitivity of seven strains of meningococci grown from the spinal fluid of infants and children with acute meningitis.

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American Marines Face Most Difficult Problem In Attack On Iwo Island; Russian Army Reported At Kuschern; 49 Miles Southeast Of Berlin.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—(U.P.)—Marshal Ivan S. Konev's First Ukrainian army battled to cross the Neisse river, last water barrier before Berlin's Spree river, along a 60-mile front southeast of the capital today.

At the northern end of the attack front, Konev's army pushed along the west bank of the Oder river to its confluence with the Neisse only 49 miles southeast of Berlin. Kuschern, nestled at the junction of the two rivers, was captured.

The advance carried to within five miles of the first of the bridgeheads which the Germans said Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First White Russian army has driven across the Oder east of Berlin.

A thrust across the Neisse at Kuschern would outflank the key river fortress of Guben, seven miles to the south. Guben lies astride the Neisse and guards the 23-mile gap between that river and the Spree south of Berlin.

Other units battled through woods less than eight miles east of Guben and captured Pfoerten, 10 miles south. Pfoerten also is 17 miles east of Cottbus, the other main stronghold protecting the southern approaches to Berlin.

Some 35 miles south of Guben, the First army reached the Neisse along a four-mile stretch between Priebus, 54 miles northeast of Dresden and 18 miles from the Saxony border, and Leipzig, 18 miles north of Goerlitz.

Front dispatches said Konev's vanguards also had reached the Neisse along a broad stretch of the east bank only a few miles north of Goerlitz, one of the main defense outposts of the Saxon capital of Dresden.

More than 50 towns and villages were captured in the advance to the Neisse, which appeared to be setting the stage for a frontal attack as well as an outflanking thrust against Berlin.

Once Konev links up with Zhukov's bridgeheads east of Berlin, the Soviets probably will unleash a powerful frontal assault across the Oder toward the capital. The German radio said last night such an offensive appeared "imminent."

Northeast of Berlin, Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's 2nd White Russian army seized an 18-mile stretch of the Berlin-Stettin-Danzig railway and captured Nieponie, 35 miles south of Danzig, in advances of up to six miles through the Polish corridor.

Nieponie also lies eight miles from the border of Danzig free state and 39 miles south of the big Baltic port of Gdynia.

The Second army killed more than 2,000 Germans and knocked out 11 tanks and self-propelled guns in the Polish corridor yesterday, a soviet communique said.

Other soviet forces reduced the enemy's East Prussian pocket southwest of Koenigsberg to 350 square miles.

Jaeger Family Move Wednesday

Wednesday morning Mr. and Mrs. George J. Jaeger and daughter, Miss Charlotte, departed from Plattsmouth for their new home in Indiana Harbor, Indiana.

Mr. Jaeger is in charge of the mechanical department of the refrigerator car shops at Indiana Harbor, being transferred there from the local shops.

The family had a very rough trip Wednesday as they were caught in the midst of the heavy snow storm and report travel as difficult all of the day. They reached Ottumwa, Iowa, Wednesday night and remained there for the night before resuming the journey on to the new home.



U.S. Marines sprawl on shell-blasted beach of Iwo Jima, mute evidence of the ferocity of battle for the vital island that rivals that of Tarawa. Photo radioed from Guam to San Francisco by U. S. Navy Radio-Telephoto. (Navy Radio-Telephoto from U.S.A.)

Japanese Reported Cleared Off Of Bataan

MANILA, Feb. 22.—(U.P.)—The last stage of the battle of Manila degenerated into medieval warfare today with the Japanese taking up spears in a desperate attempt to stave off certain annihilation.

American troops encountered the frenzied tactics of the trapped enemy naval and marine personnel as they reduced the Japanese pocket south of the Pasig river to less than one-tenth of a square mile.

The Americans were entrenched in a siege line along the playground and golf links, which once were the bed of the medieval moat around Manila's ancient walled city.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced meanwhile that Bataan peninsula was completely cleared and that Japanese forces on Corregidor were practically destroyed.

"So far as can be found no living Japanese soldier is now on the peninsula," MacArthur said, in disclosing the vindication of famous American stand on Bataan three years ago.

More than 1,700 Japanese already were buried on Corregidor, he said, and the count was only partially complete. Only isolated enemy stragglers holed up in caves remained to be mopped up on the island fortress guarding Manila bay.

Reports from the front lines in Manila said the Japanese apparently were running short of arms and were using spears in a bitter defense of their tiny pocket.

One group of 21 Japanese from the First Cavalry section was armed with only spears and grenades, while an enemy platoon fighting near the army-navy club had only four rifles. The rest fought with spears attached to poles.

Holiday Spirit Prevails In City

Plattsmouth had a real holiday aspect today with the observance of Washington's birthday and the after-effects of the heavy snow of Wednesday.

The BREX shops were closed for the day with the exception of a few workers in certain departments. The offices at the court house and the Plattsmouth State bank also closed for the day to permit the officers and employees the opportunity of enjoying a holiday.

Priorities In Home Building And Remodeling

Federal Housing Administration Announces Plans by Which Relief Can Be Given

In the past there has been a great deal of discussion as to relief from the lack of housing facilities here in Plattsmouth as well as other cities in this section of the state.

The local Chamber of Commerce has been in touch with the Federal Housing Administration offices at Omaha as to some possible relief or the securing of priorities that might permit the reconversion of existing structures to apartments.

The following letter has been received from Holger Helm, state director of the F. H. A. as to the securing of the necessary priorities:

E. H. Wescott, Chamber of Commerce, Plattsmouth, Nebr.

Dear Sir: This office is now authorized to issue priorities assistance which is, in effect, permission to build a home or create an apartment in the following cases:

To a veteran honorably discharged from service after December 31, 1940, upon receipt of his application and statement that no housing is available for his family.

To families who are evicted upon receipt of their application, copy of eviction notice, and statement from the city mayor that no housing is available for his family.

To families who have consolidated and are living under crowded conditions, permission can be granted by us to add additional bedrooms.

Please rest assured that this office will continue as we always have to offer the good city of Plattsmouth every possible assistance and relief. You are to be commended upon your efforts. I shall notify you immediately upon approval of the H-3 conversion program. When in Omaha, please feel free to call.

Yours very truly, Holger Helm, State Director

Weather Forecast

High—30 Low—20

Nebraska forecast:—Clear; warmer central and west; partly cloudy with winds 25 miles per hour extreme east today; fair and colder east; partly cloudy west; warmer extreme west tonight; low tonight 20 west, 15 east; partly cloudy and warmer Friday.

Governor In Praise Of Red Cross Workers

Cites the Hours of Service That Volunteers Have Given in the State

LINCOLN, Neb., —(U.P.)—Volunteers gave more than 2,519,103 hours of service at the state's 100 American Red Cross chapters last year, Gov. Griswold announced today.

Griswold praised the 381,073 Red Cross members in Nebraska, and pointed out the national organization has commended the state's record in furthering the "programs of services to the armed forces and the home front."

Achievements of the Nebraska chapters in 1944 included, the governor reported, recruiting 110 registered nurses for the army and navy medical corps; production of 9,134-220 surgical dressings; assistance to 38,400 servicemen, veterans and their families; training of 15,125 persons in nurse's aide work, home nursing, water safety, first aid and nutrition; equipping 14 day-camp lounges and sunrooms at military stations and hospitals; filling 54,058 bags for distribution to servicemen going overseas; preparation of 84,961 knitted and sewn garments for the armed forces, and packing 10-800 Christmas boxes for overseas and wounded fighting men.

Activities of the school children in Red Cross service also were praised by Griswold. He said the 185,981 Junior Red Cross members in 4,135 Nebraska schools produced more than 153,937 articles for servicemen and in addition completed courses in home nursing, first aid, water safety and nutrition to increase their ability "to contribute to community and family health and well-being."

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Court Martial For Violating Air Rules

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—(U.P.)—Secord Lt. Robert L. Moon, 25, Lynchburg, Virginia, involved in an air crash in which 2nd Lt. Max A. Sommerlot, 23, Albin, Ia., was killed, has been convicted by a general court martial of violating army flying regulations. Moon was ordered to forfeit \$100 of his pay for the next 12 months. The order was reviewed by Maj. Gen. James E. Parker, commanding general of the 4th air force.

ADMIRAL NIMITZ' HEAD-QUARTERS, Guam, Feb. 22.—(U.P.)—American marines, pledged by the general to take Iwo regardless of the cost, fought through a down-pour today for the central airport of the island.

Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith, marine corps chief in the Pacific, said the invasion of Iwo was the most difficult problem the leathernecks ever faced. They were up against "a very tough proposition," he said, but will capture the island no matter how high the price in blood. Smith was on a flagship of the supporting fleet.

A communique announcing small gains in the new drive toward Iwo's central airport said that marine casualties on the island had climbed to 385 killed and 4,168 wounded by 5:45 P. M. yesterday.

"The casualties have not been any greater than I anticipated," Smith said.

The usual taciturn marine commander was grim at the press conference. His lips were tense in a thin line, his voice pitched low and deadly serious.

"We expect to take this island, and while it will be at a severe cost, it is our assigned mission," he said.

Progress has been slow, the beaches blanketed with treacherous volcanic ash that caused trouble and they were littered with wreckage, Smith said. But he said he thought that when the beaches are better organized and roads improved the advance will speed up.

A communique announced that the marines had launched a new push toward Iwo airfield after a stone-wall stand against several heavy counter attacks during the night.

At mid-day the leathernecks were slugging slowly forward. They knocked out several Japanese gun positions, generally weakened the airdrome defenses, Guam headquarters announced.

"There was little change in positions on the front line," Admiral Chester W. Nimitz reported, revealing that counter blows had checked the marine push northward on the island.

The ferocity of the battle was revealed for the first time by a marine group combat correspondent who said the invasion beach was "a scene of indescribable wreckage—all of it ours."

The two-mile belt on the Iwo beach northward from Mt. Suribachi was a thick layer of debris of the wrecked hulls of scores of boats, signifying the price the marines had paid to get ashore. "Death is not a pretty sight, but it has taken possession of our beach," the correspondent wrote from Iwo. "Marines killed on the beach were buried under the sand as the tide came in. . . The miracle was that we were able to supply our troops at all during the two days of increased shelling on this beach. . ."

With arrival of elements of the 3rd division on Iwo, the biggest marine force ever thrown into operation—some 40,000—was slugging it out toe to toe with the fanatical Japanese defenders.

Nimitz' communique revealed that at 5:45 P. M. yesterday (Guam time) the marine casualties ashore on Iwo had amounted to an estimated 385 killed and 4168 wounded.

As of 8 A. M. yesterday 3,650 marines were killed, wounded or missing.

(The figures indicated more than 900 casualties in one day.)

The famed crew races between Harvard and Yale, which in pre-war years took the form of a colorful regatta at New London, Conn., first were rowed on Lake Winepesaukee, New Hampshire, in 1852.