

# The Plattsmouth Journal

# Railroad Strike Underway

## Eighth Graders Urged to Go on In School Work

The need for completing an education, at least to a high school level, was pointed out to 59 eighth graders at the annual promotional exercises Wednesday night in the high school auditorium by Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

Dr. McClusky urged the eighth graders and their parents as well that "now is not the time to stop" but to go on to finish their high school work and, if possible, continue their education in college.

**Two Win D. A. R. Awards**  
His address was appropriately entitled, "The Eighth Grader." Supt. T. I. Friest introduced the speaker.

Winners of the Daughters of American Revolution medals for citizenship were Clementine Woster and David Friest. The awards were presented by Mrs. E. H. Wescott, past state regent of the D. A. R., on behalf of the local Fontenelle chapter. The two recipients were selected for the honor by the class. Mrs. Wescott, in presenting the medals, urged the two students to "keep on being good citizens."

**Bernhardt Presents Certificates**  
Presentation of certificates of promotion to the 59 eighth graders was made by E. H. Bernhardt, president of the Plattsmouth board of education.

A large crowd witnessed the presentation and the program, made up mostly of musical numbers under the direction of Mrs. Donald Hughes and David Fowler of the music department.

Miss Janet Nelson played the professional and served as accompanist for the musical selections. Rev. T. Porter Bennett, pastor of the First Methodist church, pronounced the invocation and benediction.

Carl Ofe, a member of the graduating class, led the audience in the pledge of allegiance which was followed by the singing of "God Bless America."

David Friest and Daniel Rohan played an instrumental duet, "Lassie C. Mine," and Dena and Dian Reichstadt played a piano duet, "Dance of the Demons." (Turn to Page 6, Number 5)

**Two Sentenced To Penitentiary**  
A motion for a new trial was overruled Wednesday in district court and Olaf Jorgenson was sentenced to six years in the state penitentiary at Lincoln by District Judge Thomas E. Dunbar on two counts to run concurrently.

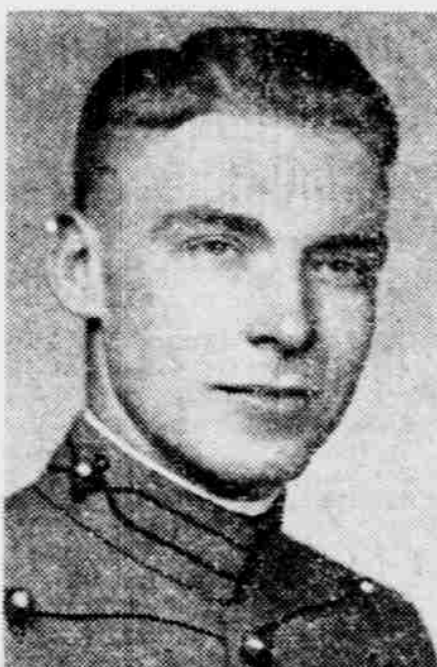
Emanuel March, whose name had been given as Manuel Marsh alias Emanuel March, pled guilty to a breaking and entering charge in connection with the robbery of a liquor store at Alvo and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

**Bondsman Released**  
In another action Wednesday in district court Paul Bressman was remanded to the custody of Sheriff Joe Mrasek after his bondsman was released of liability by the court at the request of the bondsman.

Jorgenson was charged with two counts of breaking and entering in connection with break-ins at Shea's cafe and the Nu-Way tavern here last February.

He was found guilty by the jury Wednesday, May 15.

March, who was apprehended in Carthage, Mo., by Missouri state patrolmen after Mrasek had issued a warrant for his arrest, formerly lived in Plattsmouth. March confessed to 12 break-ins and two auto thefts. Deputy Sheriff Emery Dooey reported. Six of the break-ins were in Cass county, four in Otoe county, one each in Lancaster, Dodge and Platte counties and the two auto thefts were in Washington and Douglas counties.



**WEST POINTER**—Among the cadets graduating from the United States military academy this June is Corbin J. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Davis of Plattsmouth. A graduate of Plattsmouth high school, Davis entered the North-western prep school, Minneapolis, and the Kemper military academy, Boonville, Mo., prior to receiving his appointment to West Point. During his first class year, he was made a cadet lieutenant. While at West Point he won a monogram letter in basketball, and a numeral letter in tennis. He also was a member of the Howitzer, the cadet yearbook. Upon graduation, he will receive his commission in the infantry.

## County Man Marks 99th Birthday

**WEEPING WATER**, (Special) William Warner, who can well lay claim to being Cass county's oldest resident, celebrated his 99th birthday at the Rest Haven nursing home here Thursday, May 16, with callers from Alvo, Murray, Plattsmouth and Weeping Water visiting him to wish him many happy returns of the day.

Residents of Rest Haven helped Warner celebrate the great day with the traditional birthday cake decorated with 99 candles and a party. Mrs. Louis Ehlers and Miss Esther Kunz assisted.

The guest of honor, who was greeted by those present with the song, "Happy Birthday," received approximately 85 cards from relatives and friends. Mrs. W. D. Ambler presented and read the cards. She also presented to him several gifts from friends.

Warner was born May 16, 1847, at Washington, Ill., in Tascawell county. He came to Cass county June 1, 1876. With the exception of two years in Texas, he has made the county his permanent home.

He is the last living member of his family and has never married. About a year ago he left his home at Alvo and came to Rest Haven to live. He expressed his thanks to all those who helped to make the occasion an enjoyable one.

**Plans to Build Home**  
Jack W. Philpot of Weeping Water has purchased a lot between 11th and 12th streets on Main street from Frank Clويد, Clويد said Thursday. The lot is located west of the Clويد home. Philpot plans to erect a new home there.

**Mrasek Left Wednesday**  
Bressman was bound over to district court April 25 when he was arraigned on two complaints, one charging him with intent to do great bodily harm, filed by his wife, and the other to keep the peace, filed by his wife and mother-in-law, Mrs. Eliza Ramel. His bond was fixed at \$1,000 on the first complaint and \$200 for the second.

Mrasek left Wednesday afternoon to take Jorgenson and March to the state penitentiary.

## Railroad Strike Threat to Daily Journal Delivery

Every effort was being made Thursday by The Daily Journal to arrange delivery of the Journal to all Cass county subscribers even though the proposed railroad strike scheduled to take place at 4 p. m. Thursday will result in non-delivery of the newspapers by train to seven towns in the county.

The towns which will be affected by lack of rail service are Eagle, Murdock, Alvo, Greenwood, Nehawka, Wabash and Elberwood. Postmaster Edward Egenberger said. Unless the railroad strike is called off those towns will receive no Daily Journals by rail.

**Every Effort to Be Made**  
The other towns in the county, including Cedar Creek, Louisville, Murray, South Bend, Union, Avoca, Weeping Water and possibly Ashland, will receive their newspapers.

Every effort will be made to deliver papers by other means to subscribers living a reasonable distance from Plattsmouth. However, these subscribers may receive their papers later than usual.

Some subscribers may not receive any newspapers until the trains resume operations if the strike is called.

**No Affect Locally**  
Locally and on routes one and two out of Plattsmouth papers will be delivered as usual.

The strike, if it comes, will eventually affect practically all business, but its immediate effect will be felt by the Daily Journal and its subscribers. The Daily Journal will resume normal operations, in the event of a strike, as quickly as possible following the end of the strike.

## MacArthur Cuts Royalty Income

**TOKYO** (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur Thursday ordered the Japanese imperial princes off the public payroll, subjected their wealth to taxation and instructed Emperor Hirohito not to loan them any money.

An Allied headquarters directive deprived the princes and princesses of 14 families related to the royal household of all special privileges and immunities. They cannot even use imperial household servants.

The directive ordered 8,000,000 yen (approximately \$532,000) worth of securities belonging to the princely families removed from the imperial household treasury. The securities had been placed in the imperial treasury when the war ended in an effort to protect them against seizure.

Freedom of the imperial protection the securities and other property of the families are subject to taxation.

## Petersons Sell Out; 33 Years in Business

**EAGLE**, (Special) Mr. and Mrs. John Peterson, who have been in business here for 33 years, sold their general merchandise store to Jack Johansen of Lincoln, who will take possession about June 1. The transaction was completed last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson plan to continue living in Eagle.



**PLATTSMOUTH HONOR STUDENTS**—Jean Collins, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel B. Cox, and Claudene Keller, right, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Keller, have been selected as valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of the 1946 Plattsmouth high school graduating class. Commencement exercises for the 48 seniors will be held Friday at 8 p. m. in the high school auditorium. The main speaker will be Dr. Walter K. Beggs, professor of history and education at the University of Nebraska.



## U. S. Subs Gave No Warning to Jap Ships, Nimitz Says

**NUERNBERG**, (AP)—Admiral Chester Nimitz informed the war crimes tribunal Thursday that the United States conducted unrestricted submarine and air warfare against Japan throughout the war, sinking enemy merchant vessels without warning.

Nimitz described the all-out American submarine policy in the Pacific in an affidavit answering questions submitted by Grand Admiral Erich Raeder, German naval chief. Raeder sought to prove that German submarine policy was no worse than American practices.

The American chief of naval operations stated that orders for unrestricted air and undersea warfare were issued to the U. S. navy on Pearl Harbor day, Dec. 7, 1941. He said they were justified by the Japanese attack.

American submarines did not rescue enemy survivors as a general principle if the rescue endangered them or impeded their job. Nimitz said. They did, however, frequently leave rubber rafts and provisions for the survivors.

## OPA Begins Check On Possible Black Market in Bread

**WASHINGTON**, (AP)—OPA investigators have begun to check on possible black market bread sales, it was learned Thursday. At the same time, Sidney Feinberg, OPA lumber enforcement chief, predicted OPA will begin to "crack" illegal lumber sales within the next 30 days.

Spot OPA checks at bread counters are being made in large cities to determine whether illegal sales are developing out of present short supplies, price sources said.

They added, however, that to date "no evidence" has been uncovered in black market bread transactions.

## BIRTHS

**AVOCA**, (Special) Born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stubbendick of Unadilla, a daughter, May 19, at St. Mary's hospital, Nebraska City.

## Charges Made as Sixth Baby on Bride Ship Dies

**NEW YORK** (AP)—New charges of unsanitary conditions and overcrowding aboard war brides ships were made Thursday as the sixth baby died in a Pittsburgh hospital.

The latest victim was Vivian Smith, 5½ months old, who arrived in this country Sunday aboard the bride ship Brazil.

## Mothers Make Charges

The charges were made by indignant mothers as a four-man army-appointed investigating board prepared to make public—possibly this afternoon—an official report on conditions aboard the army transport Zebulon Vance, the vessel on which 20 babies became critically ill during the Atlantic crossing. Five of the babies stricken aboard the Vance have died since the vessel docked here Monday.

Twenty-two babies and two mothers have been stricken by a disease, believed to be "summer diarrhea." Both mothers have recovered.

The Smith baby was one of two children aboard the Brazil who were taken ill. Both babies were removed from a train in Pittsburgh and taken to a hospital.

Mrs. Smith was en route to join her husband, Howard, at Burbank, Calif. Doctors said the child had spasms of severe vomiting and diarrhea and apparently was suffering from malnutrition.

## Babies Got No Fresh Air

The other child removed to a Pittsburgh hospital was the seven-month-old son of Mrs. George Herter, who was en route to join her husband in Waseca, Minn. His condition was reported improved Thursday.

Mrs. Herter, a Belgian war bride, said her baby was taken from her at Le Havre and placed in a nursery with 40 other infants.

"But the same milk was not good for all of the babies," she related in broken English. "My baby vomited and had diarrhea. For two days he could eat nothing. We could see our babies only once a day for an hour."

"We could not take our babies out of the nursery and they got no fresh air for seven days," she reported.

## Restoration of Cut In Missouri Budget Asked by Sen. Young

**WASHINGTON**, (AP)—Sen. Milton R. Young, R., N. D., has asked the Senate appropriations committee to restore \$13,000,000 cut from the Missouri river basin budget for the fiscal year, 1947.

If allowed to stand Young testified, the 57 per cent slash would "ham-string" the integrated, long-range program underway in the area.

The Missouri river basin budget is part of the Interior Department appropriations. The House cut it from a recommended \$23,783,600 to \$10,312, 685.

## Seek Tentative Agreement to Halt Coal Strike

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Government officials Thursday studied John L. Lewis' contract proposals, still hoping to reach a tentative agreement in time to avert another soft coal strike at midnight Saturday.

Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers (AFL), submitted the proposals during initial bargaining with government officials in charge of the bituminous mines which were seized yesterday by order of President Truman. Lewis' proposals included a wage demand never submitted to the mine owners in direct negotiations.

**Plans to Recall Lewis**  
Coal administrator, J. A. Krug planned to recall Lewis for further discussions late Thursday after government officials reviewed the union proposals which were outlined by Lewis during more than six hours of conferences yesterday.

Krug told reporters that the government hoped to be ready to state what it could offer when Lewis finished his explanation of the union's position.

Details of the Lewis proposals were not disclosed. It was presumed that those in addition to the new wage demand were similar to the ones served on the operators.

**Hopes for Agreement**  
Krug told reporters he hoped an agreement on principles could be reached by Saturday night before expiration of the present two-week work truce. He thought such an agreement, assuring a contract, might persuade the miners to remain at work.

If no agreement should be reached by Saturday night, (Turn to Page 6, Number 4)

## Memoirs Reveal FDR Accusation

**WASHINGTON**, (AP)—The late President Roosevelt accused Japan of war intentions a month before the Pearl Harbor attack and told Japanese diplomats bluntly that he did not believe their denials, it was revealed Thursday.

The disclosure was contained in the memoirs of the late Prince Fumimaro Konoye, former Japanese premier, which were placed in evidence before Congress' Pearl Harbor investigating committee.

The committee released copies of the documents at the final public session of its investigation to assess the blame for the worst naval defeat in American history.

In addition to the Konoye memoirs, the committee accepted as testimony the written answers of former Secretary of State Cordell Hull and former Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson to lengthy questionnaires supplementing their previous statements.

They were questioned by mail because failing health prevented personal cross-examinations.

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## National PTA Asks Return to Rationing

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**NEBRASKA BUILDER**—R. H. Willis of Bridgeport, chief of the state bureau of irrigation since 1919 and prominent in the development of Nebraska irrigation, will be the first recipient of the "Nebraska Builder Award," highest non-academic honor conferred by the University of Nebraska. He will receive the award at the university's 75th annual commencement exercises May 27.

## Proposed Phone Strike Friday Is Postponed

**LINCOLN**, (AP)—Employees of the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company are prepared to walk off their jobs Monday, May 27, to enforce demands for higher wages, Thomas Woods, president of the company, reported Thursday.

A proposed strike that would have suspended all telephone service in Plattsmouth and all other areas served by the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Co. has been postponed, it was announced Thursday.

The strike involved nearly 600 persons in all departments of the company was called for Friday and would have suspended telephone operations in 22 southern Nebraska counties, including Cass county.

U. S. conciliator E. H. Ries of Omaha announced that the strike would not begin Friday, date of the strike notice's expiration.

Although the strike notice was posted last month, Ries said that he had been told by James E. Smith, president of the independent Lincoln union, that workers were still studying the company's wage proposals.

## Italian Premier Appeals to UN

**ROME**, (AP)—Premier Alcide de Gasperi appealed to the United Nations Thursday to back Italy's claim to Trieste if other means of settling the Italo-Yugoslav border dispute fail.

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## Rail and Union Officials Called To White House

**By United Press**  
The railroad strike began at 4 p. m. EST despite White House efforts to prevent it. Union and management representatives still were meeting at the White House when the deadline passed. There was no telling what the result of the conference would be or how long the strike will last.

Large numbers of railroad engineers and trainmen left their jobs promptly at 4 o'clock at many eastern terminals. Some trains had been canceled even before that. Several trains, throughout the east have been canceled. Trains in New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Detroit and Cleveland had already been canceled.

The nation waited tensely Thursday for the rail strike deadline as President Truman hastily attempted to prevent a coast to coast breakdown of the railroad system.

With the 4 p. m. hour for the walkout drawing closer, Mr. Truman brought the heads of the rail unions and railroad representatives to the White House in a final attempt to ward off the strike.

**Government's Last Chance**  
The presidents of the trainmen and engineers unions went to the White House first. Then at 1:30 p. m. (Plattsmouth time) — 30 minutes after the deadline for the union answer to the president's compromise settlement plan — Mr. Truman summoned the railroad carrier representatives. It was the government's last chance to prevent a chaotic disruption of the lifelines to American industry and commerce.

Meanwhile, the railroads and federal agencies began to get ready for the walkout.

**Agency Is Created**  
The office of defense transportation created an agency to direct emergency use of air, highway and waterway transportation during the strike.

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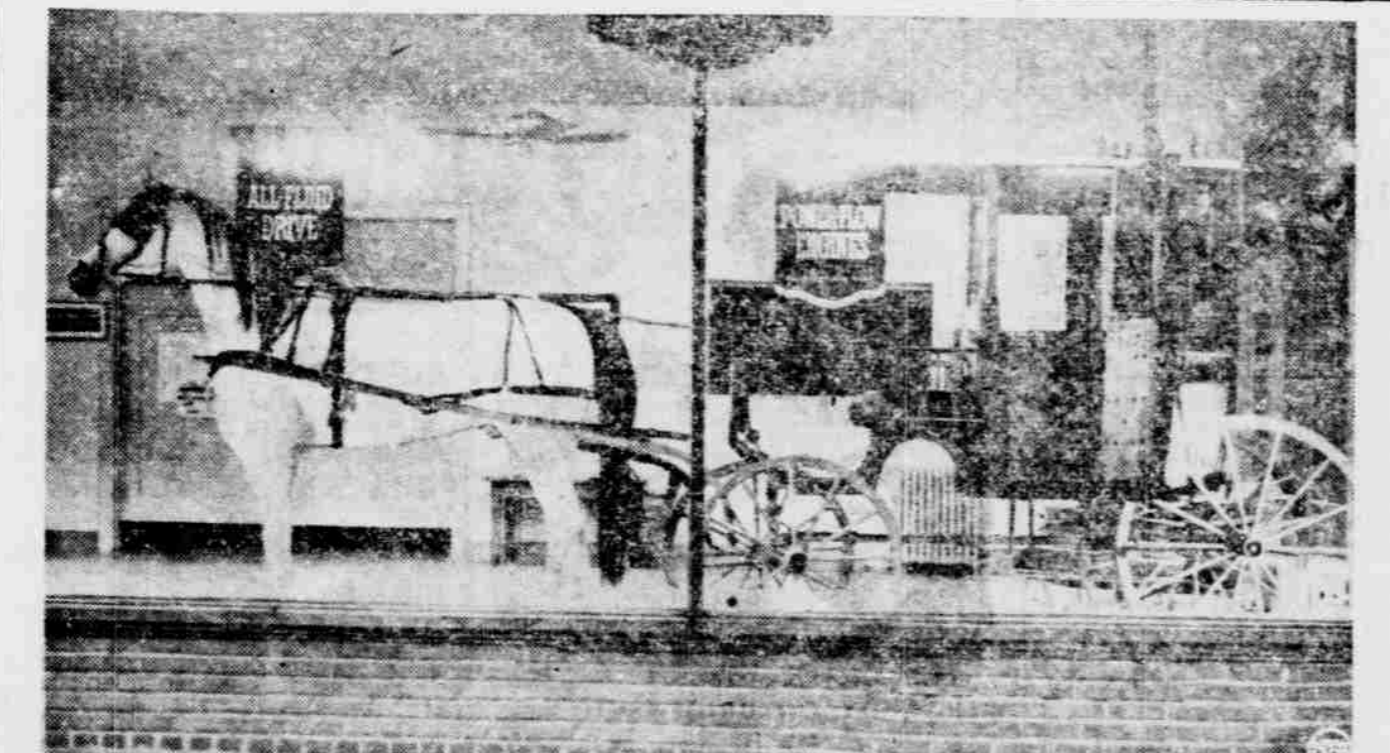
## Thunderstorms Are Due Here Today

Thunderstorms and cooler weather is in store for Plattsmouth and vicinity with showers due Thursday and the lower temperatures scheduled to come late Thursday and Friday.

A trace of precipitation Wednesday night was reported Thursday by Roy O. Cole, weather observer, and indications Thursday noon were that the thunderstorms were about to break any minute.

## WEATHER

Nebraska forecast: Partly cloudy extreme west, showers and thunder storms central and east; cooler north and west portions Thursday; clearing and cooler except showers extreme east Thursday night, Friday fair and cooler, southeast. Low temperatures Thursday night in 40's west and near 50 east.



**TIMELY REVIVAL**—With not a single new car to display, a St. Joseph, Mo., motor company draws attention to an antique cabriolet, with genuine leather seats and dashboard, which delighted customers of bygone days. (NEA telephoto)