

Flood Threat Is Past Here as Crest of Water Rolls on Down Missouri

The Missouri River began falling slowly here Monday and the crest rolled southward toward Nebraska City, the United Press reports.

The waters, released from an ice jam in the Dakotas, crested at Omaha at 17.85 ft. between 2 a. m. and 6 a. m. Monday, the Omaha weather bureau reported. The river fell slightly at the engineer material yard north of Florence by 8 a. m. and the river should begin to fall at Omaha Monday afternoon the bureau said.

The crest of 16.8-ft.—about one foot over flood stage—was expected to reach Nebraska City sometime Monday or Monday night.

Army engineers at Omaha, however, said that the levees from Omaha south to the Kansas line were in good repair and should hold. The engineers were maintaining a constant patrol of the dikes.

The only assistance call the engineers have received so far came Monday morning from a farmer who asked for help in evacuating about 185 head of cattle from Noteman Island opposite Murray, between Plattsmouth and Nebraska City. The engineers dispatched a launch and a barge to the island.

Seven levees have been breached on both the Nebraska and Iowa sides of the river since the flood started last week, the United Press said.

The low land south of the road to the Plattsmouth dock was almost entirely submerged Monday. This is an annual occurrence due mainly to the extremely low level of the land. Much of the water is seep water and the overflow from ditches carrying runoff from the recent rains in Plattsmouth and surrounding hills.

T. H. Pollock, chairman of the river improvement committee of the chamber of commerce, Monday warned that the June rise is still to come. This can be expected from June 15 to July 3, he said. Pollock recalled that the 1943 flood brought the highest water level here since the 1881 flood, coming within four inches of the 1881 stage.

Commenting on the river improvement progress Pollock said that the plans are threatened should President Truman cut the appropriation too drastically. Plans (Turn to Page 4, Number 3).

Death Comes to Vaclav Belohlavy Longtime Resident

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock for Vaclav Belohlavy, 80, long time resident, who died Friday at 10:15 p. m. at the home of his daughter, Mrs. L. M. Davey. Services were in the Caldwell chapel.

The Rev. C. J. Koukal of Omaha officiated. Music was by Frank Cloidt, with Mrs. H. F. Goos at the organ.

The body was taken to Forest Lawn Crematory at Omaha.

Survivors are his five daughters, Mrs. Tillie Bowers, Spencer; Mrs. Anna Bowers, O'Neill; Mrs. Rose Hames, Silver Spring, Md.; Mrs. Mary Zatopek and Mrs. Sadie Davey, Plattsmouth. He is also survived by 17 grand children and 23 great grand children.

One daughter preceded him in death in 1920.

Mr. Belohlavy was born Oct. 20, 1857, in Neomuk, Bohemia. He was married to Marie Jimel in 1884. The following year he came to Wilber, Neb., his wife following him there soon after. They lived there for ten years when they moved to a homestead at Spencer.

A son born in Bohemia died in infancy. Six daughters and one son were born in Nebraska. The wife and second infant son died in August, 1904.

Mr. Belohlavy was married in 1908 to Marie Folk of Billings, Okla. In 1911 the family moved to this city where they have resided continuously. Mrs. Belohlavy died at the family home in 1936. Since that time the father lived with his daughters, here.

Civil Service Exams For Union Postmaster

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination for postmaster at Union, Neb. Applications must be on file with the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. not later than May 1, 1947. Application forms may be obtained at the post office at Union.

Easter Services In Churches Here Get Large Crowds

The churches of Plattsmouth were filled to capacity for Sunday services amid beautiful floral settings of the Eastertide.

Rev. J. E. Taenzler closed his pastorate at the First Christian church, preaching at both the morning and evening hours. The topic for the morning was "The Victorious Christ." A trio composed of Lester Thimman, Eugene Bushnell and David Robinson furnished the special music. Accompanist was Mrs. Jess Hodge.

In the evening the Easter story was portrayed in colored film. Loyal Van Horn sang a solo. The rite of baptism was administered following the sermon. Sixteen were taken into membership of this congregation.

The Youth Fellowship group of young people, representing the Protestant churches of the city, greeted the dawning of Easter Morn with a worship and communion service at the Methodist church, followed by a Sunrise (Turn to Page 4, Number 2)

Senior Class Play Will Be Given in Auditorium Here

Final rehearsals are scheduled for the presentation of the Senior class play, "Spring Fever." The play will be given this week on Thursday and Friday nights in the high school auditorium.

In the play Mrs. Shaner keeps a rooming-house at Brookfield college. Says she, "I never know if they're in or out. They come and go so fast you can't keep track of them if you were a paid spy." That's more than true on the day before Commencement; for in addition to her regular college boy roomers, their girls keep popping in and out, a few parents and an aunt show up, and the "Prexy" and Professor Bean find occasion to call several times. And things happen! Spring fever has hit Brookfield.

It's all fast and furious and funny—with loud explosions every now and then from Ed's "stinkum-stinkorum" for good measure—and it all ends entirely to everybody's satisfaction.

Playing the part of Howard Brent will be Bill Howland; Anne Purcell will be played by Jean Lloyd; Lou Herron, by Eidel Socke; Ed Burns by Warren Kneer; Vivian George by Marilou Warner; Mr. Purcell, by Thom Purcell; or Larry Thimman; Mrs. Purcell, by Mary Lou Wallace; Aunt Maudie, by Joan Gradoville; Professor Bean, Kenny Tickotter; George, by John Rohan; Mrs. Shaner, by Mildred Meisinger; Dr. Lewis, by Wynne Babbitt and Dr. Dixon, by Charles Thomason.

Between acts there will be orchestral numbers under the direction of David Fowler and two vocal numbers by Robert Tritsch. He will sing "I'll Close My Eyes" and "The Anniversary Song." Mrs. Fowler will accompany him. Robert Reade is director of the play.

Sale at Ft. Crook Is Open to All Bidders

Electrical goods, plumbing supplies, automotive parts and tools, construction supplies, and many miscellaneous items are being offered for sale generally at Ft. Crook through Friday of this week. No priority is needed. No deposit is required, and anyone can buy during this sale of army surplus property being offered on an "invitation to bid" sale basis, army officers said.

The sale, being conducted at warehouse No. 77, Ft. Crook, opened Monday continues to April 11.

The salvage officer of the 131st AAF BU made the announcement of the sale.

FIRST QUARANTINE MADE

The sheriff's office reported Monday that the first scarlet fever quarantine tags to be placed since Tom Solomon became sheriff in January had been tacked on the William Schuelke residence, three and one-half miles east of Greenwood. John, two and a half year old son of the Schuelkes, contracted the malady.



THE TOWN CAGERS, a Plattsmouth teenage girls' basketball team sponsored by the sheriff's office is making a name for themselves in cage circles.

The team has played four games in Omaha, losing only one game to the Viking Eight, a squad from North High. A return game will

be played with the Vikings, a team Jennie Lee Spidel, 15; Alta Miller, 15; Clara Magnuson. Biart is department chairman of child welfare for the Legion. He is from Bellevue.

Plans include the terracing of the south side for the concrete bleachers which will seat 3,100 people. The field will be prepared for watering facilities, and will be tiled and sodded.

It is planned to have the Legion's memorial arch at the entrance of the athletic field. Plaques on the arch will contain the names of men and women from this community who gave their lives in World Wars I and II.

Bruce Hazen, Lincoln, is the architect. He also made the plans for the new Central school building. If everything goes as planned the field should be completed for use next fall, says Friest.

Legion Appropriates \$1,000 to Build Memorial Arch at New Athletic Field

The appropriation of \$1,000 by the Hugh J. Kearns post of the American Legion for a memorial arch for the new athletic field is one more step in the progress of the project.

Carl J. Schneider, treasurer of the athletic fund drive, reports that the original goal of \$6,000 has been reached in pledges and cash donations.

Supt. T. I. Friest announced that County Surveyor Frank Dall will report the grade levels Monday night to the school board. With this information, grading can be begun almost immediately. If conditions permit it is possible that work will start this week, according to Friest.

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Iowan Draws Fine, License Suspension For Drunken Driving

Verle Johnson of Pacific Junction lost his drivers license for six months and paid a fine of \$25 and costs in county court Saturday morning when he pleaded guilty to drunken driving.

Johnson's arrest followed an accident late Friday, on Highway 34 between Plattsmouth and the Missouri river bridge, when he apparently lost control of the car he was driving and struck a bank, Sheriff Tom Solomon said.

Edward Johnson, father of Verle, received a severe head cut in the crash, the sheriff reported, and was treated by a Plattsmouth physician.

Lewis L. Fisher, who was passenger in the car, received a head cut and was also given first aid treatment here before being lodged in the Cass county jail with Verle Johnson.

Fisher pleaded guilty to intoxication charges Saturday morning and was fined \$10 and costs in county court.

Edward E. Cook of Glenwood was fined \$10 and costs in county court Saturday morning after pleading guilty to speeding. Sheriff Tom Solomon said Monday. Cook was clocked at driving 75 miles an hour on Highway 75 south of Plattsmouth in rain Saturday morning, the sheriff said.

Child Welfare Is Speakers Topic At Legion Meeting

Speaking at a combined meeting of the American Legion post and the Legion Auxiliary unit Thursday night were Randall Biart and Mrs. Clara Magnuson. Biart is department chairman of child welfare for the Legion. He is from Bellevue.

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Arthur Read Is Dead; Funeral Wednesday

After an illness of several months Arthur Read, 54, died at his home on Second avenue at 5:00 a. m. Sunday. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 2:00 p. m. in the Sattler Funeral home. The Rev. O. Davv, Baptist minister of Omaha, will officiate.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Read, Mr. Read was born June 12, 1892, in Topeka, Kans. In 1915 he was married to Ida Richter, who with three children, survives.

There are two daughters, Mrs. Jack O'Donnell of Plattsmouth and Mrs. Eva Crunk of Union, and one son, Ernest, of Louisville. There are five grand children.

Visiting hours at the funeral home will be from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 Tuesday.

Local Phone Service Continues Here as Workers Leave Posts; Long Distance Is Hardest Hit

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Some 325,000 telephone workers struck Monday in an unprecedented coast to coast walkout which disrupted normal long distance and local non-dial telephone service in all but scattered parts of the country.

With President Truman "watching," federal conciliators tried desperately to end the walkout but there were no signs of a settlement on the horizon.

The country-wide strike, first in the nation's history, started at 6 a. m. in the various time zones. Dial telephone service, newspaper teletypes, and major radio network wire communications were not affected. Management supervisors everywhere tried to handle as many "emergency" calls as possible.

Labor department officials, aware that disruption of service would be likely to get worse if automatic systems broke down for lack of repair, attempted in negotiations here and throughout the country to bring back-to-work agreement from the disrupting parties.

White House aides said President Truman was keeping an eye on the strike. But for the time being, at least, he was not intervening personally in the non-stop efforts of his labor department officials.

The republican congress also was watching the communications crisis. House GOP leaders generally deplored the strike.

Secretary of Labor Louis B. Schwellenbach failed in night-long efforts to reach an agreement from the national federation of telephone workers and the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. The union rejected his request for a 48-hour strike postponement. But the conciliation efforts did not end. Hours after the strike started Assistant Secretary of Labor John Gibson and Conciliation Director Edgar L. Warren kept representatives of long distance workers and AT & T in session.

The strike hit long distance service the worst. Telephone company officials in New York reported that only 742 of a normal force of 2,996 long distance operators across the nation had reported to work by 9:30 a. m. EST.

That meant they said, that the strike was 75 per cent effective on the long distance system alone. But in many parts of the country, notably the midwest, south, and mountain state regions, subscribers with non-dial telephones also were affected.

Improvements to Gas Lines Being Made by Company

The three-inch mains laid out along the parkway on Second avenue will be placed underground by the Central Electric and Gas company.

This is the first section of a new high pressure belt line system to be installed around town. Extending from the gas company at the viaduct over the BREA tracks, the first section of the line will end at 11th street. Other sections will be placed when materials are available.

Additional lines will run from 11th street and Second avenue to the Masonic home. A third line will lead from the home back to the vicinity of Fourth street and Avenue A.

Dwight Edwards, manager of the Gas company, said that the lines for the first section have been on order for almost a year. It may be more than a year before the entire system can be completed.

Distribution regulators will be placed at various intervals along the line and connected to the present distribution system. These will reduce the 40 to 50 pound pressure of the new belt line to the 5 or 6 pound pressure needed to go into the city mains.

Property owners have been notified that the parkways will be reseeded by the company after the mains have been laid, Edwards explained.

Also in process of installation by the Gas company is a new automatic odorizer at the border station at the south city limits.

This process, said Edwards, will put the odorant into the gas at the same rate it is used. The use of odorant is a safety measure to allow consumers to detect the escape of gas in case of leaks.

The odorant is added by hand at present.



RESUMES PRACTICE—James F. Begley, above, has reopened his law offices in the Plattsmouth State bank building after serving with the U. S. army since 1942. He is the son of the late District Judge James T. Begley, who served on the bench in this district. Begley graduated from the Plattsmouth high school in 1931.

Chinch Bugs Are Threat in Western Part of County

Western Cass county and Sarpy county are included in the areas which are threatened with trouble from chinch bugs during the coming season, O. S. Bare, extension entomologist said Monday.

Bare based his statement on the findings of a survey which was made in November and covered 26 counties in Nebraska most likely to suffer from chinch bug. The area covered extended as far north as Burt and Cuming and as far west as Nance and Thayer, Bare disclosed.

He reported quite heavy infestations were general in York, Seward, and Fillmore counties at the time of the survey. Saunders, Lancaster, and northern Johnson counties had enough bugs to be highly threatening.

Saline, Jefferson, Washington, Sarpy, and western Cass counties were rated as more or less threatening. The other counties surveyed ranged from normal to lightly infested and little trouble from chinch bug is anticipated in them in 1947.

Chinch bug trouble this year depends much on the winter survival of the adult bugs and moisture and temperature conditions when the eggs are hatching in May and June, according to Bare.

Bulletins and circulars on the control of chinch bugs and construction of barriers will be available through the agricultural extension service as they have been in the past, and may be secured at the offices of county agricultural agents, Bare said.

Extension circular 1518, "Construction of Chinch Bug Barriers," and Nebraska experiment station circular 61, "Control of the Chinch Bug in Nebraska," are both available at county extension offices.

Winners in Essay Contest Named

David Friest and Billy Cecil were winners of an essay contest recently given in the high school. Each student will receive a prize of five dollars from the American Legion Auxiliary, sponsor of the contest. David is the son of Supt. and Mrs. T. I. Friest. He is a freshman. Billy, a sophomore, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Cecil.

More than 100 entries were submitted on the subject, "America's Contribution for a Permanent Peace." Papers were identified by number only. The winning entries will be used in the state contest at department headquarters in Lincoln. Final papers in the state division will compete for the grand prize in the national contest.

The judges were six high school teachers, Miss Pearl Staats, Miss Clara Wevrich, Miss Jessie Whalen, Mrs. Robert Rende, Miss Ethel McCamley and Arnold Hoffman.

Contest committee members of the Auxiliary were Mrs. Glen McClure and Mrs. T. I. Friest.

Telephone service was available here on a curtailed basis Monday after 20 operators and plant workers joined in the general strike against the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company as well as most other systems throughout the country.

Plattsmouth service was being maintained by supervisory employees, Adrian Newsen, area manager, said, but long distance service was being handled slowly.

Unrestricted service is being given on fire, police, sheriff, doctors, ambulances and other emergency service, Newsen said.

But, while Plattsmouth along with the most of the United States was having its communication troubles, Newsen expressed hope the strike soon would be ended. "I have full confidence the matter will be settled soon on a friendly basis," Newsen said. "Meanwhile, we ask that Plattsmouth people use their telephones as little as possible on an emergency basis only."

The last worker left her post here at 6 a. m. Monday, the hour set for the strike as it progressed across the nation.

A skeleton force made up of supervisory employees, Newsen said, took over immediately.

Employees in the business office of the company here were not included in the striking group, and business is being conducted as usual, according to Newsen.

At Louisville and Weeping Water, only other manual telephone exchanges in the county, service was being operated on a curtailed basis by managers and other supervisory employees, Newsen said.

Other exchanges throughout Cass county are dial operated, and not affected by the walkout.

Although the Plattsmouth office of the company was being picketed there was no hint of violence or attempts to stop customers from transacting business in the company's office.

Shortly before noon seven pickets wearing placards were in front of the telephone office building here, but they were making no effort to stop people entering the building.

The placards bore inscriptions such as: "Telephone company's hard luck story don't buy groceries," "No pay, no service," "Help support our strike," "Lincoln Tel. serves all but its employees," "Increased rate, increased pay," "The voice with the smile is gone for a while."

Local Men Attend Unicameral Meet

Five of the interested listeners in the main legislative chamber at Lincoln Thursday were from Plattsmouth.

In the interests of the 2 per cent sales tax and the school levy bills were T. I. Friest, superintendent of schools; E. H. Bernhardt, president of the school board; Frank Cloidt, secretary of the school board; Mayor Clem Woster and John Schreiner, druggist.

Hearings on the bill lasted from 2 to 7 p. m. Speaking for those in favor of the bills providing for additional revenue for the schools were spokesmen chosen Thursday morning in a meeting at the Cornhusker hotel.

The local men attended the morning session. They helped select speakers to give their views on the subject.

"We need something to build up our fund," said Bernhardt in an interview here, "if we are to keep our schools open."

"Our lowest paid teachers now receive \$1800 in competition to \$750 just five years ago," continued Bernhardt. "With no additional source of income it will be impossible to remain open."

"A sales tax would distribute the burden of taxation," commented Cloidt. "With the ceiling off the school mill levy, the taxes would be paid by property owners. The assessment would be exorbitant."

Speaking in favor of a sales tax Bernhardt said that about 26 per cent of the people are bearing the tax burden in the form of property taxes. A sales tax would lighten this load and allow everyone to share it.

Business transacted at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce included reports from the committees on the athletic field fund, the housing development and the state park.

The state park committee is investigating possibilities of purchasing the rifle range tract for use as a state park.