

Seven Inch Rain Floods Plattsmouth

YOUTH NEARLY DROWNS WHEN CAUGHT IN FLOOD AT SIXTH AND AVENUE A

New State Law Is Rough On Drunk Drivers

A revision of Nebraska's statutes regarding motor vehicles enacted by the legislature and going into effect the first of this month boosts by a big margin the penalties for drunken and willful reckless driving.

Section 39-727, as amended, provides that "It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motor vehicle while under the influence of alcoholic liquor or of any drug." Upon conviction for first offense the law provides imprisonment for 10 to 30 days, or a fine of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$100.00, and shall not drive any motor vehicle for 30 days to one year.

For a second offense, the convicted driver stands to get a fine of not less than \$100.00 up to \$500.00, be imprisoned in the county jail for not less than 30 nor more than 60 days, and his driving license suspended for not less than 60 days up to two years. If the motor vehicle person convicted is a person who has been previously convicted of a similar offense, the suspension of license shall be for a period of not less than two months to one year.

For a third conviction the law is mandatory. The convicted driver shall be imprisoned in the penitentiary for not less than one year and up to three years and barred from driving for a period of one year following his release from prison.

Not only are the penalties severe for the drunken driver, but they have also been increased sharply for the reckless operators of motor vehicles. Drivers stand to face up to three years in the penitentiary upon conviction. The new law is mandatory and the county judge in imposing sentence has no alternative but to follow the statutes—so it is more important than ever "If you drink—don't drive." If you have the urge to speed or drive recklessly, better have a second one not to.

Byron Lopp Lectures Here Thursday

Byron Lopp, sales engineer who has made several appearances before Plattsmouth audiences, will give his final lecture here this season next Thursday night, according to Fred Busch, secretary of the Business Men's Club which sponsors Lopp's program.



Lopp will speak in the library auditorium at 8:00 p. m. June 12. Concluding his series of talks in his sales clinic for business retail personnel, the lecturer will present his most constructive lesson. In describing it to Busch he says:

"This meeting will be the most constructive of any of the three, and even though one did not attend the first two classes the knowledge gained at this class will be very valuable in selling and being more efficient in his work generally."

Fred Busch is taking reservations for the lecture.

WALLACE WARNERS HAVE GRAND DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Mover of Omaha are the parents of a daughter, Carol Lynne, born Monday, June 2, at Clarkson hospital. Mrs. Mover was the former Vivian Warner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Warner.

Nebraska 4-H Leader Honored on Radio

Miss Evelyn Wolph, Nehawka, for 24 years leader of 4-H clubs, and outstanding as a leader of other community activities was honored this week by the Tom Breneman "Breakfast in Hollywood" show. Miss Wolph received the "good, good neighbor orchid" during the Wednesday morning, June 4, broadcast from Hollywood.

Miss Wolph was honored during the assembly period Wednesday morning at 4-H Club week in Lincoln. Harry Peck, manager of KFOR, presented Miss Wolph with the orchid just following Tom Breneman's honoring of her community service.

Miss Wolph was awarded the 4-H diamond clover leaf in 1945 for 20 years of service as a 4-H club leader.

Veterans Service Committee Meets; Elect Officers

In a meeting Monday night the newly appointed County Service Committee elected its officers and named Ray Larson as chairman and Miss Edith Solomon as secretary-treasurer.

The five-member committee was named by the county commissioners recently upon recommendation of the service groups in the county. Others serving on the committee are Eugene Roddy, Union, named for a one-year term; Marion Tucker, Nehawka, for a two-year term; Richard Peck, three years; Ray Larson, four years; and Miss Solomon, for five years.

The committee will administer State aid funds for veterans provided for by LB No. 187 and LB No. 240, it supplants the former County Veterans Service committee and the Soldiers and Sailors Relief committee.

Larson, a former member of the Soldiers and Sailors Relief committee, is a veteran of both World Wars. A reserve officer, he was with the Seventh Service Command during the recent war and was stationed at Camp Carson, Colo. Upon his discharge last July he resumed his work at the post office where he is assistant postmaster.

Miss Solomon served in the Pacific theater with the WAVES. She was employed for several years in the local office of the USES. She is now in the personnel department of the Victory Machine Movers at Fort Crook.

Roddy, a mail carrier, is the service officer for the Legion post at Union.

Tucker, a veteran of the first war, is a merchant and is prominent in civic affairs in Nehawka.

Attorney Peck has been practicing law here with J. Howard Davis the past year. He served overseas with the CIC while in the army.

Thousands In Damage At Packing Plant

E. H. Bernhardt, in a telephone conversation with The Journal this Thursday morning, stated The Norfolk Packing Co., of which he is manager, took an estimated \$20,000 loss in the flood of Wednesday evening.

An enormous amount of sugar, dried beans, labels, boxes and numerous other supplies stored in the lower section of the building was a complete loss. Hundreds of man hours will be necessary to clean up the building and replace it in a normal operating condition, a project that will not be completed for several days.

Mr. Bernhardt stated that an inventory of the supplies on hand in the packing plant, one of the largest in this section and responsible for the employment of hundreds of Plattsmouth citizens, had only been completed Wednesday. A second check is being made at this time and the full amount of their heavy loss will not be known until the inventory is completed.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Miss Evelyn Siemoneit, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Siemoneit, has returned home from Clarkson hospital, Omaha, where she had an appendix operation last week.

Steinkamp Buys Conoco Service Station June 1

Announcement was made June 1 of the sale of the Conoco Service Station at 148 No. 6th St. on June 1 by Al McClanahan who has operated the business for the past year, to Wm. Steinkamp, of Plattsmouth.

Mr. Steinkamp, who took possession of the business on that date, was born and raised in Plattsmouth. He graduated from the local high school with the class of 1940, and attended college for a short period at Collier, Missouri.

Steinkamp is another veteran who has returned home and gone into business for himself. He spent three years in the service, most of the period in the South Pacific theatre of operations. He received his discharge from the army December 24, 1946, returning to Plattsmouth where he has since made his home.

Married, and the father of a three and one-half year old daughter, the family make their home at 1011 3rd avenue.

Following his purchase of the service station, arrangements have been made for the installation of new modern double action gasoline pumps that will enable the new operators to give quicker and better service to customers. A general cleaning and repainting job is on the program before a formal announcement is made through The Journal.

Warn Citizens Of Danger From Flood Waters

F. A. Filippi, Lincoln, of Nebraska State Department of Health, in the city today following the serious flooding of the business section, warns local residents of precautions to be taken regarding food stuffs and other flood soaked articles.

Mr. Filippi states there will be no danger from articles that have not been inundated. Those that have come in contact with the water should be regarded with suspicion with articles of little value destroyed.

Food stuffs to be cooked may be washed off and used. Food such as lettuce and cabbage, or similar, used uncooked should be thrown away. Tinned goods have little chance of being contaminated, but cans should be washed thoroughly and opened with care. Home canned foods should be examined carefully to be sure the seal has not been damaged.

Wash all articles thoroughly with warm water and again with a sodium hypochloride solution Purex or Clorox, is good. One tablespoon to each gallon of water. Resemnants should be washed carefully and also sprayed with the above solution, or chlorinated lime water, to eliminate possible health hazards according to Mr. Filippi.

Philip Hirz Has Eye Infection

Philip Hirz, manager of the meat department at Walt's Market, is off duty this week suffering from a serious eye infection that has caused him considerable pain and discomfort for the past several weeks. Although the eye is responding to treatment, the outcome is still in doubt as to what effect the infection will have on future vision.

In the meantime, Walt, the owner, is hopping counters in the front end and dishin' out the balance over the meat counter. With his good service is still near par and will remain so, unless Walt wears out.

KANSAS VISITORS AT MAASEN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Maasen and S-Sgt. and Mrs. William B. Mayle were pleasantly surprised Saturday evening by a visit from Mr. and Mrs. William Leivian and sons Billy, Bobby and Jerry from Wichita, Kansas. It was the first time the Leivians met S-Sgt. Mayle. Mrs. Leivian is a sister of Mrs. Maasen.

The Leivians had spent the past week visiting old friends near Creston, Iowa. They left for their home in Wichita Monday.

Play School Ends for 12 Youngsters



Twelve youngsters from Central Grade School complete their studies Saturday under supervision of Home making classes of Plattsmouth High school conducted by the girls and their teacher, Miss Doris Atkinson. (Story on this page).

Play School Closes For Grade Pupils

Saturday noon brought to a close a busy and unusual week for twelve pre-school youngsters who have been attending the Play School held each morning at Central grade school. The school, planned as a project in the high school homemaking classes, was conducted by the girls and their homemaking teacher, Miss Doris Atkinson.

Upon arrival at school at 9:00 the children engaged in group games and other playground activities and concluded these with a mid-morning walk. Following a time-out for rest, they listened to stories and music. Choices from such creative activities as coloring, cut-outs puzzles and clay work occupied them for the remaining morning period.

Children participating in the Play school were Dennis Shoenbottom, Howard Eloe, Jerry Walden, Guy Davis, Jimmy Krejci, Geraldine Ruse, Karen Russel, Suzanne Sharp, Sharon Gooden, Sharon Larson, Linda McGraw and Pity Lingford. Girls assisting in their supervision were Barbara Kimball, Jean Daniel, Julia Davis, Evelyn Davis Jackie Krejci, Florence Haswell, Nora Frazer, Betty Wendra, Joanne Lentz, Eva Nell Mendenhall, Irene Harper, Connie Dalchow, Cora Lee and Joann Hill, and Marie Young.

Damage By Wind Here Wednesday

A strong wind bearing toward velocity for short period here Wednesday morning did considerable damage in the south section of the city, although property damage was held to a minimum.

A portion of the roof of one of the shop buildings at the B. F. E. X. shop was damaged by the wind.

A garage at the home of Mrs. Geo. Downs, 1101 So. 9th street, was blown from its foundation, carried into the street and demolished. The building has been constructed only recently to replace one destroyed by fire several months ago.

A large tree in the neighborhood that has been a landmark for many years was blown over and reduced to kindling in the freak wind storm. Many limbs were blown from trees, but no serious damage to other property was reported.

Bryant Family Will Visit West Coast

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Bryant and family will leave the first of the week by auto for a visit with relatives in Tacoma and Seattle, Washington. They will stop enroute at North Platte where they will pick up Mr. Bryant's brother who will accompany them on the trip.

Mr. Bryant informed the Journal reporter that they were making the trip in a 1940 Buick, just so the many who have new Plymouths on order would not think he was "breakin' one in" for them while on a west coast vacation.

Boys' State and Girls' State Will Meet in Lincoln

Carol Lou Bernhardt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bernhardt, was selected by the American Legion Auxiliary as their representative to Cornhusker Girls State on the University of Nebraska campus. She will leave Monday for Lincoln where the Girls State will meet from June 9 to 15. Carol Lou was president



Carol Lou Bernhardt

of the Junior class, a member of the Student Senate, the high school chorus and had a leading role in the class play. In the declamatory meet at Peru she was chosen outstanding actress from seven schools presenting the one-act play of the contest.

Miller Hurst, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hurst, will leave Saturday morning for Lincoln to attend Boys State meeting from June 7 to 14 on the Agricultural college campus. Miller was chosen by the Hugh Kearns Post



Miller Hurst

No. 56 of the American Legion as the outstanding member of the junior class during the past term. Selected on the basis of citizenship and scholarship, Miller was also a member of the high school band, the school chorus, the football team and was in the class play.

FORMER RESIDENTS HERE LAST WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. Monte C. Franks and her mother, Mrs. Julia Thomas, together with Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Brown, all of Omaha, were Plattsmouth visitors on Memorial day. Mrs. Brown is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franks. All members of the party formerly lived here.

Visiting the Horning cemetery while here, the latter had dinner at the Bestor cafe before motoring on to Hamburg, Iowa, where they went to call on relatives.

Miss Helen Jane Kruger was home for the weekend from her duties in Omaha. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kruger.

Flood Highlights

OTIS HATCHERY—Sidewalk entering store washed out and fill washed to a depth of four feet in several places. Basement was flooded and dirt and brick from walk fell in. Damage to food and walk is estimated at \$350. A new concrete walk is planned to replace the brick.

STANDER IMPLEMENT CO.—Damage estimated at \$300 to seed corn and fertilizer was caused by the flood waters in the warehouse of the company, however the main offices and store were not damaged.

SHEA CAFE—Was flooded to a depth of about 12 inches, covering floors with fine silt. However a night long job had the place clean and ready for business at an early hour Thursday morning.

BROWN JEWELRY STORE—Got a good soaking from the flood, with water pouring above flood doors and through the windows covering the floor with mud. Here too, a night long job had things nearly back to normal this morning.

PLATTSMOUTH HOTEL—Had basement flooded, causing some damage, and the Bestor Coffee Shop also had a clean-up on their hands. One section being remodeled was flooded and silt and mud covered the floor.

SOTHEN MANUFACTURING CO.—Some water damage inside buildings, however, water washed down large bank to side of main building blocking doors and delivery platforms. Most expense will be labor in cleaning up the rubble.

City streets in some sections will be due for repair following the heavy pounding taken from the flood water. On Chicago avenue near the Solomon residence a large section of the brick pavement was damaged. This, however, was in for a re-laying job so the costs to the city will not be too great, from reports reaching The Journal.

Flood Waters Pour Through Weeping Water

Basements were flooded and heavy damage done at Weeping Water in the worst storm recorded there in 30 years, when nearly seven inches of moisture fell Wednesday.

Weeping Water creek was on a rampage flooding lowlands. Two large tanks at the Keckler Oil Co., toppled into the flood waters, losing considerable gasoline, this polluted the city water supply, however, the city has near a four day supply on hand.

Missouri Pacific agent reported the line between Weeping Water and Talmage impassable and will require nearly a week of repair before being in useable condition. The line between Union and Lincoln is out, but may be passable by Thursday night.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Miss Anna Ruble was taken by Caldwell ambulance Tuesday to a Kansas City hospital after a heart attack. Miss Ruble, from Taos, N. Mex., was a house guest in the home of her nephew, Fred Wolever, and Mrs. Wolever.

A sister, Mrs. Herbert Adams, came from her home in Kansas City to help in caring for Miss Ruble and accompanied her to the hospital.

A near six inch rain sent flood waters pouring down Plattsmouth streets about six o'clock Wednesday evening causing considerable property damage and nearly costing the life by drowning of one young man.

During the 24-hour period ending at seven a. m. Thursday, June 5, 5.72 inches of rain fell, with 4.05 of this total coming down between 5:45 and 7:45 p. m., according to the official rainfall gauge of Reed Wolever, government engineer making his home here.

Torrents of water, pouring into Main street from Washington and Chicago avenues through Sixth street sent the raging flood waters to a depth of two to three feet. The water flooded several stores and basements along Sixth causing considerable damage to stocks, furniture and fixtures and long hours of labor in cleaning up the debris.

Harry Richardson, 22 Plattsmouth young man, nearly lost his life when flood waters at Sixth and Washington Avenue swept him off his feet as he attempted to cross the street. Reaching near the center of the intersection he was knocked down by the force of the water and carried down Sixth street where he lodged in the opening of a storm sewer at Sixth and Main.

Persons watching the flood waters from a point near the Sinclair station shouted to others near Sixth and Main where he was pulled from the raging water by Ernest Elliott, V. M. Wilson and Chas. Christensen. They carried the youth into the Bright Spot Tavern where artificial respiration was administered and after receiving medical attention by Dr. L. S. Puelick, was removed to his home where he is recuperating from his close death call.

But for lodging in the storm sewer on the corner, Richardson would have been swept down Main street with little chance of being pulled from the torrent of water pouring down Main three to four feet deep and at a terrific speed. V. M. Wilson, local bakery operator, was credited with exceptional quick thinking in restoring the youth to life.

Plattsmouth city firemen should be heaped with praise for their excellent work in keeping storm sewers open, for assisting motorists in removing cars from streets and aiding stores in preventing serious flood damage, as the waters raced over the curbs and poured down streets and walks from door to door.

Today (Thursday) street maintenance men are busy with fire hoses, scanners and trucks removing dirt and debris from the city streets and pumps are busy removing water from basements. It is expected the job can be completed and everything back to normal within two or three days.

GOES TO PEORIA

Concluding a two-week visit with friends and relatives at Ft. Crook, Valley and Plattsmouth, Mrs. Nick Winkle left Monday morning for her home in Peoria, Illinois. Accompanying her on motor trip home was Mrs. Zilpha Seward who will visit in the Winkle home and with friends in Chicago. Mrs. Seward will return here next week.

... at the Court House

Filed on June 3 in the office of the Clerk of the District Court a divorce action: Helen vs. Melvin Barr. Grounds, extreme cruelty.

A license to wed was issued June 4 by County Judge Paul Fauvet to Frank Bender, 24, of Seward, and Carla Darline Schomaker, 21, of Weeping Water.