

City Budget Goes Up For Next Year

It will be necessary for tax payers of Plattsmouth to raise another \$20,000 to meet the City's expenses for the 1947-48 tax year beginning July 1, according to the estimated budget appearing on another page of this issue of the Journal.

While a number of city expenditures have been reduced for the next fiscal year, increased costs on labor and materials will add to the budget for about a 20 per cent increase in comparison with last year's figures. Indications are, however, that these additional expenditures will be made for decided improvements in city streets, fire and park departments, and other desirable projects.

Only a slight increase is being made in the general fund. Comparing the new estimated budget with that of last year, it shows only a \$865 increase, low in view of present day costs.

Police department comes in for one of the heaviest increases with salaries jumping from \$3000 to \$5700 for permanent police force members. \$775 is being added for salaries of extra and relief police, while miscellaneous supplies remain at \$50, for a total of \$6675, compared to \$3800 during the present year.

Roads, streets and alleys jump from \$6800 to \$8600 in the new budget, with wages and emergency help demanding the big portion of the increase.

While the Library expenditures remain the same Fire Hydrant rental and bonds and interest costs take a small tumble from \$15,875 this year to \$15,745 in the new budget. The Cemetery account, too, is boosted from \$950 to \$7150, with this department also meeting higher labor costs and extra man hours.

Fire Department expense goes up only \$350 over the \$1000 expended last year. Park maintenance is an \$500 and this will meet with the approval of most citizens. Lighting account remains the same. Intersection paving and interest on registered warrants accounts for a \$5000 new item in the budget.

New accounts added over the present tax year are Amusement tax of \$1200 for maintenance of City Band and other amusement; Street Flusher Fund, \$1240 and Sanitary Sewer District No. 4, \$2575, for a grand total of \$94,995 in all funds.

Last year city expenditures amounted to a grand total of \$74,490, with revenues for the previous fiscal year amounting to \$94,343.64. Revenues for this fiscal year totaled \$104,482.04, a substantial increase.

Your City Council members are faced with many problems in the maintenance of city streets and property and the continual improvement of the city. Costs have risen to a high degree on labor and materials, and with only necessary repairs made during the war years, citizens can expect and must face heavier expenditures for the next few years in order to bring streets, alleys and parks back to normal condition.

Plattsmouth Motors Making Alterations

Extensive improvements are underway at the Plattsmouth Motors local Cass County Ford agency, that will add a great deal to the efficiency and appearance of this place of business.

Display rooms of the building have been given a thorough cleaning and repainting, with parts rooms rearranged, painted and conditioned. To the east of the display rooms, a former oil storage room is being redecorated, with rest rooms added for the convenience of patrons. Here a ladies' lounge is being made available with ample facilities for women with children to spend a rest period in real comfort.

Additional office space is being added to the south of the present office that will enable the concern to better serve the public. A new sign is also being installed over the front of the building.

H. G. Eiting and C. C. Girardot partners, are to be congratulated for the progressive improvements accomplished here during the past few months.

Flood Threatens CAA Equipment



Civil Aeronautics Authority personnel removes communications equipment from the CAA quarters at Rosecrans airfield in St. Joseph, Mo., as a precautionary measure in face of an expected new high water peril on the nearby Missouri river. The United States weather bureau also evacuated equipment after

being located at the airport less than a month. Most of the planes at the field have been moved. (NEA Telephoto).

Paving Project Held Back By Heavy Rains

Plattsmouth paving project initiated by the city council has been retarded during the past few weeks due to the heavy rains. According to information available, only five blocks have been completed of a total of 29 included in the district.

Two blocks have been completed on North Third street and are now open to traffic. Three interesting blocks between Third and Fourth, Fourth and Fifth, and Fifth and Sixth streets have been completed and will be open for travel sometime this week.

The above streets were completed between rains and after considerable difficulty building grades and preparing the streets for the laying of the concrete by the National Construction company.

For over two weeks the construction company had had its equipment on South Fifth street and has had the street ready for pouring concrete several times, only to have heavy downpours wash away grading, curtail activities for several days, then repeat the washout following regrading.

Little time will be lost in completing the remaining 24 blocks in the present district when weather conditions permit, however. All that is needed is several days of sunshine and the giant machinery used by the construction company will be in full operation.

While only 29 blocks have been included in the first district, it is expected a number of additional streets will be laid south of this summer. At tonight's city council meeting a second district formed will present its petition to the council for approval and will no doubt be granted.

It is expected that additional districts now under discussion by property owners will be added to the paving program before the present projects are completed. Property owners desiring paving should start action immediately in order that districts can be formed early enough to have the work completed while the present contractors are in the city.

Grandmother to Washington by Plane Sunday

The thrill of a lifetime was Mrs. Nora Rose's when she boarded a plane at Omaha, Sunday noon to fly to Washington, D. C., to visit her granddaughter, Mrs. Rose, of Plattsmouth, near the seventy-year mark, was making her first plane trip. The excitement, enthusiasm and anticipation of the event were plain in the actions of the plane passenger.

Accompanying Mrs. Rose to the Omaha airport were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wagner and family and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gaines and family of this city. She is the mother of Mrs. Wagner and Mr. Gaines and makes her home with her daughter.

In Washington Mrs. Rose will visit Mrs. C. A. Baguet, the former Ruth Gaines, and will make an extensive tour of the nation's capital.

Summer Program Goes Forward

The summer recreational program has been changed somewhat because of weather conditions, Coach Stewart, recreational director, announced. Because of the rain and mud the games have been played in the high school gymnasium.

The swimming schedule has been held up due to high water at Merritt's beach. Coach Stewart has no official assurance that the water is safe to use for swimming purposes. He hopes that the program can be started in the near future.

Coach Stewart also announced that the play periods scheduled for Garfield park have been changed. All play periods and tournament games will be held at the athletic field until later notice. This is because facilities at the park are inadequate for ball games and allow the balls to go out into the streets. Until some form of backdrop is erected, says Coach Stewart, the games will be held at the athletic field.

Boys and girls who are interested in the summer program may contact Coach Stewart at the high school.

Nebraska Cityan New Grain Dealers' Head

Henry Stowe, of Nebraska City was elected president of the Nebraska Grain Dealers' association at its annual meeting there last week. Mr. Stowe succeeds John Turner of Alvo.

Other officers elected include William Raines, Beatrice, vice-president; Fred Marquardt, Avoca, secretary-treasurer; and Fred Panko, Cook, Robert Casselman of Douglas and H. E. Thompson of Falls City, directors.

Former Resident Dies in Lincoln

Funeral services were held in Lincoln June 10 for Mrs. Helen Chapman Kooztz, widow of Thomas Kooztz and daughter of the late Judge and Mrs. Sammie A. Kooztz of Plattsmouth. Mrs. Kooztz died in a Lincoln hospital following an operation.

Survivors are a daughter living in Lincoln, and a son and a daughter living in New York City. Two brothers, John Chapman of Montana, and Joe Chapman of Lincoln, also survive.

Beverly Brubaker Wesleyan Enrollee

Beverly Ann Brubaker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Brubaker of Murray, Nebraska, is one of 243 students enrolled in classes at Nebraska Wesleyan University for the summer term. Miss Brubaker is a junior and is working toward a degree with a major in social sciences.

A. Miss Brubaker who graduated from Plattsmouth high school, is a member of Eastern Star, Job's Daughters, and Phi Mu sorority.

Junior Legion Game Called off Sunday

The Junior Legion baseball team was rained out Sunday at Schuyler but will play at Ralston Wednesday. Coach Merle Stewart had not yet been notified today if it would be an afternoon or a twilight game.

A practice game for the Legion team is called for this evening at the athletic field, says Stewart.

Leaves Go Out On Pollock Farm

Leaves constructed around the T. H. Pollock river bottom farm at the lower end of Main Street, went out about 2 a. m. Monday morning, flooding the farm to a depth of four to five feet, inundating about 240 acres of planted corn, a large acreage of seed potatoes and an equal number of garden truck.

This farm produced 17,000 bushels of corn last year, but the flood of Sunday and the washing out of the levees will put it out of production for the 1947 year.

HERE FROM BALTIMORE

Miss Alice Louise Wescott arrived early Saturday morning by plane from Baltimore, Md., where she is a technician in the Glenn L. Martin company. Miss Wescott will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wescott for two weeks. This is her first visit home since 1945.

Mrs. Lovd Ninchelsner and children, Robert, Janice and Michael of Peru, Nebraska, are here for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Janet Simons and brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Simons.

Mrs. Frank Rice plans to start Thursday for Monticello, Miss., where she will attend the wedding of her son, LaVern, and Miss Betty Newton on Sunday, June 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harris and daughter, Beverly, will return this week from Wichita, Kansas, where they have been visiting for several days.

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Two Colored Boys Came Near Paradise

It was paradise for a few hours Saturday for two colored men, Persley Jonathan and Howard Eugene Norwood, when they were found in a Missouri Pacific freight car loaded with watermelons by Deputy State Sheriff L. N. England.

Despite their protests that "Watermelons make us sick," the two were brought in to county court Monday where they were charged with "stealing ride on train section," found guilty and sentenced to five days in jail, plus costs of prosecution.

SGTS BORN TO TWG. SPRADLIN

Born to Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Virgil Spradlin last Thursday, a son, Jerry, and a daughter, Terry. The mother and children are at the Fort Crook hospital.

The Spradlins are from Montana. Mrs. Spradlin's mother, Mrs. Mary Stokes, will arrive this week from her home in Great Falls to be with the new grandchildren and their parents. Miss Betty Stokes makes her home in Plattsmouth with her sister and brother-in-law.

Mrs. Ed Loomis of Spencer and brother, Otto Soennichen and his daughter, Trudy, were week-end visitors at the H. M. Soennichen home.

Miss Elizabeth Perry is recuperating at home after a tonsillectomy in Omaha last Friday.

JIMMIE PENCE IS IN OMAHA HOSPITAL.

Jimmie, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. K. P. Pence, is expected to return home within a few days from Doctor's hospital in Omaha. Jimmie has been there the past week for treatment of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Swanson and daughter, Jeanette, of Ephrata, Wash., departed last week for Denver and their home, after visiting here with friends and relatives. Mrs. Swanson is a niece of Mrs. Charlotte Johnson.

Mrs. Edger Newton and son, Charles, were in Omaha Friday where Charles received medical attention and had the stitches removed from the incision on his knee.

HEAVY RAINS INUNDATE HUNDREDS ACRES CASS COUNTY FARM LAND

Sales Expert in Final Appearance Here Last Week

Closing his series of sales clinic talks here Thursday evening Byron Lopp, sales engineer, gave an inspiring message to his audience of sales clerks and merchants of Plattsmouth. A past master in salesmanship, Lopp delivered the words when he related many of his own experiences in making sales.

The speaker has had considerable experience in diagnosing sales records of large merchandising businesses as well as smaller business houses. With this background he was able to present many valuable pointers in salesmanship to his listeners.

An interesting and entertaining speaker, Lopp kept his audience alert and enthusiastic throughout the program.

Diagnosing business trends today the speaker pointed out that prices are falling but wages will remain high for some time to come, making it necessary for business men to reduce their overhead.

In his concluding remarks Lopp emphasized the facts given by medical men that more than 50 per cent of hospital cases are caused by nervous disorders rather than by organic conditions.

"In this fast tempo of our everyday living," the speaker said, "too many of us do not know how to relax. The secret of a happy life is to relax and live in moderation."

Enough food, enough sleep and sufficient exercise together with the ability to control our thinking make for happiness in living, advised the sales clinic director. This applies to both the sales people and to the shoppers who buy their wares.

Sponsored by the Business Men's Ad Club, Lopp has appeared here in three lectures during the winter and spring months.

Cream Flows Like Water Saturday

Rich, golden cream flowed like water here Saturday at the Plattsmouth Creamery as farmers over the county lined up several deep at the local butter factory delivering a four day's accumulation held back due to heavy rains.

For four days, Plattsmouth Creamery trucks were held out of the rural areas due to impassable roads brought about by heavy rains of the past few days. Only pickups that could be made were on hard surfaced highways and farmers were hard pressed to take care of the accumulated cream.

Saturday the stream of cars started early and by early afternoon the creamery was swamped with deliveries. Every available assistant was put on the job, testing, weighing, dumping, writing checks, and doing the hundreds of other necessary tasks in handling the large volume.

Charles Walden, owner of the creamery, stated that it was one of the heaviest days ever recorded at the creamery but the job was handled with efficiency and speed, with little delay to any patron of this place of business.

Heavy rains that brought over two inches of water descending on Cass county Sunday, sent creeks and rivers on the rampage for the second time in as many weeks, caused extensive damage to farm crops, land and buildings, and brought the total precipitation for this area to 27.78 inches since the first of the year.

In Plattsmouth, water again surged down Main street Sunday afternoon, filling gutters and sidewalks with mud and silt and sweeping most anything loose in its path into the lowlands. Although the water lacked considerable from reaching the depth registered two weeks ago, some water on Sixth Street came over the walks and entered a business place or two that failed to place flood gates.

At Weeping Water, long-time residents of the city report flood waters at the highest level in 50 years. On both sides of Weeping Water creek that flows through the town, water stood more than a quarter-mile wide throughout most of the night. Two of the town's water supply reservoirs were flooded, adding to difficulties as drinking water has been boiled for the past two weeks as a result of earlier flooding.

Both bridges across the creek in Weeping Water have been condemned and are being guarded to prevent motor traffic of any kind. On both sides of the stream water stood up to the first floor windows of homes and in some yards only the tops of clothes-line posts were showing. A large gasoline tank that was washed over during the last flood, again became water borne and lodged into both bridges, after attempts to anchor it had failed.

Weeping Water has no street lights and the water pumping plant was under water, according to press reports reaching the Journal office.

Mill Creek was again over its banks at Louisville, and had washed away two houses and inundated 15 to 30 others along the creek bottoms. Two bridges were washed out and extensive damage was done to crops in the bottom lands. It is reported the creek reached its highest level since 1923.

Flood waters reached into nearly every section of the mid-west causing heavy loss of life at Cambridge, and inundated 544 million acres of rich farm land in Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri.

Ashland was expected to receive a good drenching for the third time, as flood waters reach there sometime today.

While Plattsmouth is dry following Sunday's flooding, traffic in and out of the city is at a near stand still. Cotner's Bus line continued to make trips Sunday in spite of the high water, but considerable difficulty was experienced.

Train service has been nil here for two days, however one train was expected to head into Omaha soon after the noon hour. Star route service between Plattsmouth and Omaha has been doing its best to keep mails on the move, but reports are the Platte River bridge north of the city will be under water by night fall.

In all, it's been a wet season, but skies are clear today and the weather man says it will continue to be fair tonight and Tuesday, with indications that warmer days are ahead.

FORMER PASTOR VISITS HERE
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wurga have as guests this month her sister, Mrs. Henry Schaub and her brother, the Rev. Fred Langhorst and Mrs. Langhorst of St. Louis. The guests arrived last Wednesday and will stay until the end of the month.

The Rev. Mr. Langhorst was pastor of the St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church here from 1905 to 1909. He is now superintendent of the Good Samaritan Old Folks home in St. Louis.

About 39 per cent of America's farms are operated by tenants.

Cass Historical Society Met Wednesday

Cass County Historical Society met Wednesday of last week at the Hotel Plattsmouth for a noon luncheon and historical discussion. Out of town guests at the meeting included Mrs. Fern Hendricks and Miss Marie Shoemaker of Omaha, and Ray Frans of Union.

Principle topic of discussion was the founding of Rock Bluff near Plattsmouth, and the people who lived there. Included was the pioneer store operated by Mrs. Anna Sher, the first drug store started by Mike Buttery's father, the first store by the depot operated by E. A. Wiggernhorn and F. D. Lenhoff, who came to Rock Bluff from Wisconsin two years following the arrival of the E. G. Dovey family from England.

Many interesting topics of early history of Rock Bluff and Cass County were discussed and entered into the archives of the Historical Society's records to become a part of the permanent history of the community.

Signalman Hopkins On Island of Crete

Benjamin G. Hopkins, chief signalman, husband of Mrs. Rosemary Hopkins, of 205 Lincoln Ave., Plattsmouth, has visited Suda Bay, Crete, aboard the light cruiser USS Providence, flagship of Cruiser Division 10.

The Providence toured the Mediterranean area in company with the aircraft carrier USS Leyte and the cruisers USS Dayton and Portsmouth.

George Jacobs Is Enrolled at Lincoln

George Everett Jacobs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Jacobs, R. 1, Plattsmouth, has enrolled at Nebraska Wesleyan for courses offered during the summer term. Jacobs, who was graduated from Plattsmouth high school, is now a sophomore at Nebraska Wesleyan.

He attended the Omaha University before coming to Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln where he now working toward a degree with a major in chemistry.

HAS BIRTHDAY PARTY

About 20 people helped Bonnie Beth Behrens, grand daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Elhott, celebrate her seventh birthday last Thursday afternoon in Union. Bonnie had two birthday cakes, one made by her mother, Mrs. Harvey Behrens, and the other by her aunt, Miss Ruth Behrens. Her guests were her schoolmates and some of the parents.

PARTY ON 7TH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Margaret Babcock entertained Friday afternoon for her daughter June's seventh birthday. Prizes were won by Patty Carr, Ila Jane Goehouner, Sally Taylor, Rosalie Olson. The door prize went to Sally Taylor. Invited guests were Ila Jane Goehouner, Sally Taylor, Patty Carr, Donna Larson, Rosalie Olson, Patty Hull, Phyllis Martin, Una Eras, Raellen and Juanita Campbell, Billy Babcock and the honor guest, June Babcock.

Mrs. Babcock's mother Mrs. Frank Chevall, assisted in serving. Two birthday cakes and chocolate ice cream were served. Favors were toy balloons.

PARTICIPATE IN SUNDAY WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Davis acted as attendants at the wedding Sunday of Miss Margaret Ann Rottman and Robert Hageman in the First Baptist church at Malvern, Iowa. Miss Rottman taught in the Plattsmouth schools last term. Mr. Hageman is employed in Omaha. The bride and her matron of honor were sorority sisters at the University of Nebraska while the bridegroom and his best man were fraternity brothers. The Davises attended the bridal dinner in Malvern Saturday evening.

Use Journal Want Ads

Tractor Club Met Friday, June 13

The Progressive Mechanics Tractor club and Soil Conservation club met at the home of Ralph Hilds. The Tractor club held its first meeting Fri. June 13. It was a regular meeting. We had a demonstration on carburetor adjustment by Lyle Melsingier. All members except one were present. Our next meeting will be at Pete Holmes on June 22. We had a lesson on stubble mulching and discussed plowing and terracing. After the meeting a delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Hild.

Richard Rummel, News Reporter.

Local Girl Appears In Peru Concert

Miss Margaret Rea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rea of Plattsmouth, and a summer enrollee at Peru State Teacher's College, will appear as a member of the Peru Choral group in the summer concert at the college Wednesday evening, June 25, at eight o'clock in the auditorium. Admission is free and the public is invited.

at the Court House

Marriage licenses: Melvin Carr and LeAnna Louise Stubben-deck, both of Avoca.

Friday Norman Warthen was fined \$10 and costs by Judge Paul Fauquet on charges of intoxication.

Saturday Judge Fauquet heard two cases in which the defendants pleaded guilty. Jackie J. Bahikem of Talmadge was fined \$10 and costs for speeding and Ralph Bowers was fined \$10 and costs for being intoxicated.

Judge Fauquet held the preliminary hearing Friday of the case of the state vs Raymond Pointer. The accused was bound over to the district court. The case will be heard when the court convenes in September.

Suit filed: Elizabeth Wright et al vs Earl Barclay et al for specific performance of lease on business building on Main street.

Henry Edward Frazier appeared in County Court and plead guilty to a charge of intoxication filed by Walter H. Smith, county attorney, June 22, 1947. Fine \$15.00 and costs.

James E. Blunt, charged with intoxication and resisting arrest officer, Night Policeman George Allen, plead guilty before Judge Paul Fauquet June 23, 1947, and was fined a total of \$25.00 on both counts, plus costs.



Screen star Ann Dvorak is telling friends in Hollywood that come next August, when her divorce from director Leslie Fenton becomes final, she'll marry dancer Igor Dega, above. The wedding will climax a friendship begun years ago in Paris.