

## Louie F. Wondra Drowns in River Saturday Night

Louie F. Wondra, 39, lost his life by drowning when a boat in which he was a passenger capsized on the Missouri river, near here about 9:15 p. m., Saturday night. No trace of the body has been found.

Accompanying Milton Munsie and Rudy Iverson on a fishing trip Saturday, the three men left the Plattsmouth docks for an upstream fishing spot. Returning to the dock late in the evening, the boat and its passengers were caught in the sudden wind storm which whipped up giant waves, one of which struck the boat, overturning it and dumping the three men in the river.

### BULLETIN

A report from the office of Sheriff Tom Solomon as The Journal goes to press, states the body of Wondra was located just north of the Plattsmouth docks, brought up by the backwash of a river boat. The boat and motor was located near Nebraska City.

The body of Wondra was taken to the Sattler Funeral home. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

Iverson and Munsie were able to swim to shore, but their repeated efforts to rescue Wondra proved futile and he was carried down stream. Further rescue attempts were made following the notification of the sheriff's office and the Army Engineers, however little could be done.

Sheriff Tom Solomon, accompanied by Milton Munsie and Miss Ardyth Hall notified his mother, Mrs. Olive Wondra, with whom he made his home. Other survivors include four brothers, James, John, Charles and Kenneth, and a sister, Mrs. Ray Cavender.

Mr. Wondra, a long-time resident of Plattsmouth, has been employed for the past several months at the Bryant Motor Company here, where he worked as a mechanic.

## Observes 77th Anniversary of Arrival Here

More than three-quarters of a century ago, 77 years to be exact, a stage coach crossed the prairies from Pekin, Ill., and bore several passengers who were destined to figure prominently in the history of Plattsmouth.

Reaching Pacific Junction, the passengers crossed the Missouri river by ferry boat and landed here on July 12. One of those passengers, Louis F. Kohrell, 87, of Nebraska City, came back to Plattsmouth last week to be here on the anniversary of that famous landing day.

Mr. Kohrell recalled that there was a brother and sister besides himself who made the trip with his father and "Billy" Hassler. There were no railroads here at that time, he said, and Main street was much different from what it is now. Mr. Kohrell remained with his family in the community where he grew to manhood and married. For the past several years he and Mrs. Kohrell have lived in Nebraska City.

Here to visit with his son, Ed, Mr. Kohrell called on his many friends. He reports that he is feeling better after an illness. Mrs. Kohrell has just been released from a Nebraska City hospital where she was a patient for two weeks.

Mr. Hassler also located here and worked as a blacksmith for many years, contributing to the growth of the community. He was the father of Miss Ann Hassler of Lincoln and Earl Hassler of Omaha.

It is a pleasure and an inspiration to meet with sturdy pioneers such as Mr. Kohrell, who take pride in the growth and development of their home community. We salute him as a fine product of our American way of life.

### MARION J. TAYLOR AT TSINGTAO, CHINA

Marian J. Taylor, seaman first class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion A. Taylor, of this city, is serving aboard the amphibious force flagship USS Eldorado at Tsingtao, China, according to information sent The Journal from the Fleet Home Town News Center at Great Lakes, Ill.

## Creighton Alumni Picnic July 28th

Creighton university will hold its first annual alumni picnic on July 28 at Peony park in Omaha. According to Paul C. Gallagher, general chairman, more than 3000 alumni and their families are expected.

County Attorney Walter H. Smith, 624 North Sixth street, the alumni picnic chairman for Cass county, is taking reservations for the picnic at present. Tickets are \$2.50 and will include games, swimming, refreshments, lunch, dinner and the dance.

Orrin Tucker orchestra has been engaged for the dance and is expected to attract a big crowd. Plattsmouth, alone, has 22 Creighton alumni.

## Girl Takes Radio From Hiatt's Store

A 14-year-old Murray girl was taken into custody here early Saturday on charges of theft of a radio and music records from two Plattsmouth stores.

An alert business man who has seen the small, old-fashioned portable radio at the Hiatt store on several occasions became suspicious when the girl entered his store with the machine in her possession. Making a hurried trip to the store, Mr. Hiatt checked his stock and found the machine missing. They notified the sheriff, and the two made a quick trip down Main street, finding the girl in the B & M Radio Service store.

Taken into custody, the girl admitted taking the radio at the Hiatt store, and also the theft of several records at the Farley Furniture store next door. She was attempting to sell the merchandise at the radio shop when arrested.

Although technically under arrest, the girl was turned over to her parents for a hearing in county court at a later date.

## Lightning Strikes Church at Manley

Memorial Church at Manley, a 5-year-old building, was a 65-year-old building, was p. m. in Saturday night's storm. Damage was kept at a minimum with only electric wiring and a small hole in the roof reported, by the efforts of four men, Harold Krecklow, who first discovered the flames, Leonard Friezel of Weeping Water, Herman Ahrens, elevator operator, and Frank Dall, Cass county surveyor home visiting his parents.

The Weeping Water fire department was called and with the assistance of the above mentioned men, and others, soon had the flames extinguished.

Miss Dorothea Toman returned Sunday evening following a week's stay in Denver and Ft. Collins. Miss Toman made the trip by plane.

### At The Cass County

### Court House

**County Court**—Ben Atrom plead guilty to a charge of intoxication Monday morning, July 14, and was fined \$10 and costs.

Pleading guilty to a charge of intoxication in county court Monday morning, Ray W. Cook was assessed a fine of \$10 and costs.

Charged with disturbing the peace and quiet of one, Dorothy Carnice, Larry Carnice, plead not guilty when arranged before County Judge Paul Fauquet Monday morning and was released on \$100 bond pending a hearing arranged for Thursday, July 16, at 2 p. m. He was placed under arrest on July 12.

**Marriage Licenses**—A marriage license was issued Sunday to Alex Peter Mimick, 29, and Monica Josephine Doherty, both of Columbus, Neb. They were married the same day by Judge Paul Fauquet, with Joe Bender and Troy H. Cotter as witnesses.

Partition suit: H. B. Koop, executor, plaintiff, vs. Vina Belle Ash, et al, defendants. Divorce suit filed: Leslie Henry Nolte, plaintiff, vs. Cora Lee Nolte, defendant. Divorce granted: Lawrence Elingson, plaintiff, from Delores Elizabeth Ellingson.

## Two Youths Give Sheriff Wild Chase

Two youths, David Barrick, 22 and Lowell Whitaker, 16, both of Omaha, were turned over to Sheriff Tom Solomon late Saturday afternoon following their arrest there on charges of car theft and breaking and entering. The two youths had given Sheriff Solomon and Deputy Joe Bender a wild chase during the early morning hours of Saturday following their breaking into the Union Liquor store, when a quantity of liquor and other merchandise was taken.

Following a report of several break-ins over the county, including a cafe in Greenwood Tuesday night, where a quantity of cigarettes and about \$40 in cash was taken, Wednesday night at Elmwood where a lumber yard was entered, and Thursday night a grocery store at Murdoch where a small amount of merchandise was stolen, the sheriff put on an all-night patrol Friday.

With Sheriff Solomon covering the north part of the county and Bender covering the south half, the patrol was open until daylight. Returning home, the break-in at the Union store was reported, with the owner getting a good description of the car and the men.

Rushing to Highway 34, where they were last reported, the sheriff and his deputy gave chase. The car was located, but the pursuers held fire when farm houses might have been hit. Losing track of the pair when the sheriff's car had tire trouble, the machine driven by the two youths was reported in a farmer's yard later where they changed tires. The farmer became suspicious and took the license number.

Notifying the State Highway Patrol, the Omaha police department and officers at Ft. Crook, the car was later found in an Omaha garage with the liquor and merchandise intact, but before the culprits had driven most of Cass county's by-roads with the law in hot pursuit, including an army plane piloted by Lt. John S. Richardson, whose car, a maroon Buick, the desperadoes had stolen, and two observers had covered the county.

Although the two youths were not implicated in the previous Cass county break-ins, they were returned to Plattsmouth and lodged in the county jail where they are being held pending a hearing in county court.

### VISITS FLOOD AREA

George R. Sayles returned early Thursday from Ft. Dodge, Iowa, where he visited for a few days at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. George Sayles. Mr. Sayles was able to get a first-hand account of the flood conditions in the city along the Des Moines river. He tells that Ft. Dodge was without electric power for a week and the water supply was also cut off.

A large reservoir of pure water was available for the townspeople, but they had to wait in line as there was only one outlet. He feels that we are fortunate in escaping the ravages of floor areas.

### DUXBURY'S VISIT HERE

Mrs. A. Duxbury and daughter, Dorothea, of Lincoln, were here Thursday and Friday visiting relatives and friends.

Judge and Mrs. Duxbury will leave within a few days from Lincoln to attend a VA conference in the branch office at St. Paul, Minn. Dorothea is concluding a vacation and will begin work as head of the continuity department of the new radio station KOIN in Lincoln. After receiving her BS degree at the University of Nebraska last month, she has been vacationing in New York and Connecticut returning by plane last Sunday.

Richard, who will enter his senior year in high school in Lincoln, was a member of Boys' State this summer. He was also selected as one of several boys from Lincoln to attend the national YM-YW conference held at Grinnell, Iowa, the latter part of June. He is now a counselor at Camp Sheldon, Columbus, Nebr.

Recent guests at the Howard Dow home were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dow of Lincoln and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zimmers and son Harold of Ogallala. Bernard Dow was home for the week-end to visit with his parents. He is located at Syracuse on a surveying job.



Celebrating their first wedding anniversary, Robert and Edna Wilson, Cleveland, Ohio, visited three taverns and then accepted a ride in a stranger's car. The motorist parked near the New York Central railroad tracks, attacked Mrs. Wilson, and drove her



husband away at gunpoint. Wilson, hysterically seeking help, tried to flag down a train, which struck him. The attacker was frightened away. Above are the Wilsons after their ordeal—Robert, with a skull fracture, and Edna, suffering bruises and shock.

## Five Inch Rain Floods Nehawka Saturday Night

Saturday night's storm that struck Plattsmouth and Cass county about 9 p. m. did heavy damage to trees and crops, and covered Nehawka with a five-inch fall of rain that sent water to a depth of more than a foot through approximately 20 buildings when Weeping Water Creek went on another rampage.

Reportedly the worst flooding in the history of the town, the new downpour of water again filled basements not yet dry from previous inundations during the past few weeks. Glen Rutledge, editor of the Enterprise, stated that the water reached its peak about 12:30 a. m. Sunday morning, and estimated the fall at 5 inches in less than 1 1/2 hours.

Telephone service was disrupted and electricity was cut off until about 9 a. m. Sunday. One-fourth mile of Missouri-Pacific track was washed out. Although the creek was back in its banks early Sunday, no estimate could be made of the extensive damage.

Calls from the Chamber of Commerce and the King Korn Carnival heads of Plattsmouth to the distressed town with offers of assistance were gratefully received. The Plattsmouth organizations extended an offer of pumps, manpower or money to aid in cleaning up the debris, however this must wait until waters recede.

Near Murray a terrific hail, wind and rain storm did heavy damage to crops in this area, according to a report given this newspaper. However, at the time of going to press the Journal has been unable to get definite information.

## John Bissing to Locate in Kansas

John Bissing arrived Friday for a few days' stay to make arrangements for moving his watch repair and stock of merchandise to Hays, Kansas, where he will be located. Since closing his shop here several weeks ago, Mr. Bissing has been traveling through the southwest in search of a climate better suited to his health. He has decided to resume his business in his home town of Hays where he was located before coming to this city.

Mr. Bissing hopes to complete his arrangements and leave here by the middle of this week.

### NEWCOMERS ARRIVE IN PLATTSMOUTH

Newcomers to Plattsmouth are Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Bandl, Jr., and daughter, Sherry Jo, who arrived here last Monday from Yockum, Texas. They will reside in the Henry Albert apartment at 723 Third avenue. Mr. Brandl is a salesman for Tex-Tan of Yockum, traveling Nebraska and Iowa.

## Explorer Scouts Elect Officers Tuesday Night

New officers were elected at the regular meeting of Explorer Scouts, Plattsmouth Post No. 366, held at the Scout rooms above The Journal office Tuesday evening, July 8.

New officers elected included: Explorer guide, Bob Gaines; assistant explorer guide, John Johnson; scoutmaster, Larry Thimman; scoutmaster post leader, 2, Bill Baumgart; scoutmaster post leader, 1, Larry Thimman; treasurer, Bob Cappell; service, Gordon Green; indoor, Bob Gaines; outdoor, Larry Thimman; and social, John Johnson.

The new officers take over their new duties at the next regular meeting and succeed the following in order: Bill Edwards, John Johnson, Bob Gaines, Jim Doody, Larry Thimman, Cy Kocian and Bob Cappell.

At this meeting Explorer Scouts made a motion to seek the concession rights at Athletic field that have not been secured by others. Gordon Greene, service, was appointed to head the committee to seek these rights.

Many activities for the future were discussed, among them a fishing trip which is planned for the near future.

## Seriously Injured In Jump From Train

Harry Ferguson, 49, who's home is in Missouri, and a former worker in Plattsmouth, where he was employed as a painter, was seriously injured Tuesday when he jumped from a moving freight train in the yards at the east end of Main street.

Taken to the office of Dr. R. F. Brendel, he was given emergency treatment for his injuries and later was removed to the University hospital in Omaha by Sheriff Tom Solomon. Mr. Ferguson stated that he apparently misjudged the speed of the train.

### AT CAMP BREWSTER

Mrs. Guy White and Mrs. Glen Jones were at Camp Brewster Thursday evening to visit with Phoebe White and Mary Burdic who are there for a two-weeks' stay. They also attended the Omaha YWCA - sponsored program in honor of the 30th anniversary of the founding of the camp. A highlight of the evening was a telephone call from Miss Brewster in California. A history of the camp was given and songs and fireworks were enjoyed on the hillside. The entire program was impressively presented in its outdoor setting.

The two Plattsmouth girls left July 6 and will return home next Sunday.

### NOTICE

There will be a meeting of all managers of all softball teams at Athletic park at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening, July 16, to arrange a schedule for use of the diamond, and lay out schedules for games.

COACH STEWART.

## Accident Sends Local Man to Omaha Hospital

Roy Earl Reed, 1010 Lincoln avenue, Plattsmouth, was rushed to an Omaha hospital late Saturday afternoon following an auto accident on the Oread Viaduct north of the city. Reed suffered serious internal injuries and a possible skull fracture, according to doctor's report.

Driving north on Highway 75 the car driven by Reed struck the rear of another belonging to Dr. Eugene M. Wiedemann of the State hospital at Lincoln. Following the collision, the two cars were thrown into the path of an approaching car driven by Lloyd Moorehead of this city.

Mrs. Juanita Taylor, a passenger in the car driven by Reed, and also of Plattsmouth, received a broken nose and serious cuts and bruises. Dr. Wiedemann was badly shaken up and also was cut and bruised. Moorehead escaped with less serious injuries.

The car driven by Reed was a near total loss as a result of the crash. It was the property of Harvey Pritchard, of this city and, according to the sheriff's report, was driven by Reed without authorization. The Wiedemann and Moorehead cars were badly damaged.

Sheriff Tom Solomon is investigating the conditions under which the accident occurred and how Reed came into possession of the Pritchard auto.

## Eagles Lose to Papillion Sunday

In a hard fought game Sunday at Papillion the local Eagles lost their game to the host team by a score of 6 to 4.

Wolever made two runs for his team, while Hobbs and O'Donnell each made one.

Becher of the Papillion team distinguished himself by pulling down three runs. Coraes, Dopp and Luennenberg each added one to the total and brought in the final score two runs ahead of the Eagles.

The Eagles were in better form than they have been for the past two games and were able to hold down their opponents to a low score, exciting game.

## Legion Auxiliary Picnic at Karl Grosshan's Home

There was a large turnout for the American Legion Auxiliary picnic last Thursday, which was held at the home of Mrs. Karl Grosshans at the south end of Chicago avenue. The following was supper, a business meeting was held. Officers not installed at the previous meetings were present for the ceremonies attending their new offices. Mrs. Edgar Glaze installed the following: Miss Rosemary Stepp as secretary; Mrs. Karl Grosshans, treasurer; Mrs. A. L. Nierste, historian. Miss Stepp replaces Vera Lewis who resigned because of illness.

A total of 24 members volunteered to go to the Auxiliary meeting in Weeping Water Tuesday evening, July 15. Mrs. Reed Wolever will be the installing officer at this meeting.

Carol Lou Bernhardt gave her report on the Girls' State held last month in Lincoln.

Mrs. Aubrey Duxbury, an out-of-town member, was present from Lincoln.

After the business meeting, a games session was enjoyed. Miss Alice Jayne Grosshans was in charge of the entertainment. Light refreshments were served at the close of the evening. Hostesses for the evening were the new officers: Mrs. Alpha Mauzy, Mrs. Leonard Brothers, Mrs. Karl Grosshans, Mrs. A. I. Nierste, Mrs. Glen McClure, Mrs. C. J. Baumgart, Mrs. Reed Wolever, Mrs. Richard Novak and Mrs. Claude Ruse.

Opening and closing selections were "America" and "God Bless America," respectively.

All those going to the Weeping Water meeting Tuesday will meet at the Feldhausen drug store at 6:30 p. m., where transportation will be provided.

Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Wilson and Carol have as their guest Mrs. S. N. Nelson of Iowa City, Iowa.

## No New Bridges Will Be Constructed In County During This Fiscal Year

### Accident Lands Man in County Jail

Clarence A. Draeger, of 707 George avenue, Omaha, landed in the Cass county jail here Saturday as a result of an accident on "Dead Man's" curve north of the city, when he apparently lost control of his car.

Leaving the highway, the car flipped over on its back in the ditch, where it was badly damaged. Draeger received only minor cuts and bruises.

Arrested by Sheriff Tom Solomon, he was booked on charges of intoxication and was released on bond Sunday for a hearing in county court Thursday morning with his attorney, Francis M. Casey of this city.

## Juniors Squelch Schuyler Sunday, Score of 5 to 1

The Junior Legion team won over Schuyler at Athletic field Sunday by a score of 5-1 as Alkire pitched his second one-hit game of the season.

The local infield committed two errors, both in the top half of the fourth inning, and these, coupled with the lone Schuyler hit, gave the visitors their lone tally.

The local Juniors came back with two runs in the last half of the fourth, one in the fifth and two more in the sixth to ice the game.

Plattsmouth Juniors will play their postponed game at Schuyler Thursday evening under the lights. This will be their first experience with night ball, and since the game will get under way at 7 p. m., with the lights on, and continue through to darkness, it is hoped that night ball will prove no particular handicap.

Plattsmouth	AB	H	R
Baumgart, ss	4	2	0
Meisinger, 2b	4	1	0
Nierste, lf	3	0	1
White, rf	3	0	0
Alkire, p	3	1	1
Ofe, c	2	1	1
Wohlfarth, cf	3	2	1
Elliott, 1b	1	0	0
Dasher, 3b	1	1	0
Edwards, 3b-1b	3	0	1
TOTALS	27	5	8

Schuyler	AB	H	R
M. Skarada, 2b	4	0	0
B. Skarada, lf	2	0	0
McKinsey, cf	3	0	0
Sinkula, rf	3	0	0
Loeske, 3b	3	0	1
Fonst, ss	3	0	0
Vittera, p	3	1	0
Flynn, c	2	0	0
Zipperra, 1b	2	0	0
TOTALS	24	1	1

Errors: Edwards, Baumgart, Zipperra 3, Loeske 2, Fonst, B. Skarada; 2 base hits: Wohlfarth; bases on balls: Alkire 2, Vittera 1; hit by pitcher: Ofe; strikeouts: Alkire 7, Vittera 5.

### GUESTS LEAVE FOR CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kelly were hosts at a picnic supper Wednesday at their home honoring Mr. and Mrs. Harley Wiles. Attending the supper were Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Schliefer, Carl, Glen and Janet of Louisville; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin, Linda and Norma Jean of Murray; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Egenberger, Jo Ann and Edward Eugene; Mrs. C. L. Martin and the honorees, Mr. and Mrs. Wiles.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiles left Friday for Beaver Crossing to visit with their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Joy J. Miller and Mike and Terry. They planned to leave Sunday for their home in Long Beach, Calif.

### HAVE PICNIC

Enjoying an outing and picnic recently, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Baldwin were hosts to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hamling, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hamling and children. Following an afternoon at Sokol park the group returned and had a picnic supper at the Baldwin home. Dennis, Gary and Peggy Sindelar, children of the hosts, were also present.

Read The Journal For News.

"There will be no new bridges constructed, few will be repaired, and only a limited amount of road repair work can be done during the fiscal year 1947-48, unless additional funds are made available," was the unanimous opinion of the county commissioners in their special meeting held at the court house last Friday.

George Kolzow, of Lincoln, state accountant, meeting with the board and checking the funds that can be allocated to construction and repair of bridges and roads, definitely revealed that only about \$51,000 will be available to meet all expenses of the bridge and road funds of Cass county. The most conservative handling of this account, after general day-to-day expenditures are made, will leave little to assist in bringing Cass roads and bridges back to normal following this year's devastating floods.

Although the county as a whole suffered damage to approximately 700 bridges out of its total of 900, it still finds itself in no worse position than 75 other counties of the state that border Nebraska's rivers and streams, so stated Mr. Kolzow. He revealed the state auditor's office has two men checking with counties over the state in an effort to piece together the seriousness of the plight in which most are confronted.

It is estimated that over a million dollars in damage was done to Cass county roads and bridges. With only \$51,000 available for the year and with the levy to the peak allowed by Nebraska's constitution, it will be a long, hard, costly struggle before this or other counties of the state will be able to travel their byroads. With bridges costing from \$125 to \$200 per foot, with near 3400 bridges washed out and damaged in Nebraska, the estimated cost will be over six million dollars for bridges alone. Cass county has about \$770,000 of this amount charged to her account.

Cass county commissioners have their fingers crossed and are waiting for someone to come up with a "bright idea." Until then, those traveling the roads will have to take the detours, hit the ruts and bumps, and business places in the county will be forced to take the loss.

The Journal suggests that the Cass County Farm Bureau, the several chambers of Commerce, commercial clubs, and other organizations hold some meetings over the county in an effort to outline some program, even if a long-range one, that will provide the funds and once more get Cass county roads and bridges in a normal state of repair.

Commissioners Parr Young, Charles Stoehr and A. G. Reid have no "magic wand," nor are they aggressive in asking the taxpayers of the county for large sums — it's a big job and they know it. These men need assistance, and this newspaper believes it is up to us to give it to them.

Which town or organization will be the first to start?

## Mrs. Fitzpatrick Dies in Omaha

Weeping Water (Special)—Mrs. Doris Palmer Fitzpatrick, 46, died at the Methodist hospital in Omaha Sunday morning, July 13. Funeral services will be held at Weeping Water Methodist church, Tuesday, July 15, at 2:30 in the afternoon.

Survivors are her husband, Clyde F. Fitzpatrick and daughter, Miss Elene.

### OKIHS TAKE OVERNIGHT JAUNT

The Okih Camp Fire Girls and their guardian, Mrs. Grace Greene, enjoyed an overnight outing last Tuesday. Leaving town at 3:30 p. m., the girls rode bicycles and headed for the Wallace Warner farm home about three miles west on the Louisville road.

The outing was made to allow the girls to pass their requirements in firemaking. They cooked out along the creek bank and prepared their evening meal in approved style. After playing several games the girls slept in the haymow. They cooked their breakfast outdoors the next morning and returned to town about 8:30 o'clock.