

Rotary Hears of Problems of Floods

The Plattsmouth Rotary club at their luncheon Tuesday heard a discussion of the problem that has been number one for Plattsmouth in the past years—that of flood control and the retarding of surplus surface water in case of severe storms.

President E. J. Richey opened the meeting and John E. Frady and E. H. Westcott had charge of the musical settings of the meeting.

It was voted to donate \$50 to the athletic board for use at the park on Washington avenue. The program was then turned over to Charles Walden and the discussion of the problem of the flood waters and their danger to the city was taken up and discussed with much valuable information being secured on this subject as floods in the past years has taken toll of thousands of dollars in property losses in the business section of the city and is still a grave menace at any time in the summer season.

Mr. Walden presented D. E. Hutchison, district soil conservationist from Lincoln and Clifford Sanders of the flood control section of the soil conservation service. The speakers discussed the studies that have been given the flood problem and are being continued to work out a plan whereby protection could be afforded to the property located in the areas subject to flood.

The speakers touched on the matter of retard dams as means of checking the sudden flow of flood waters, the gradual cutting down of the flow to normal and holding back the excessive rush of waters that have on many occasions made Main and Sixth streets in Plattsmouth small sized, fast flowing streams of water, endangering life and property losses.

It was stated that the flood control bodies were studying the plans and which will be placed in the hands of the local people with estimates of the probable cost and the best means of handling the problems.

The speakers pointed out the conditions here and that at McGregor, Ia., as being similar, McGregor being a hillside city with the main section in the draws down which the waters swept to the Mississippi river.

Guests of the meeting were J. W. Anderson, electrical engineer and Peter Bauer of Columbus, officials of the Consumers Public Power district.

Vacation Bible School Closes Sunday at 5 P. M.

The daily Vacation Bible school that has for the past ten days been holding its session for the spiritual training of the children of the community, brings its session to close with a program Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the First Presbyterian church.

This school has had an attendance of 175 and a staff of instructors numbering twenty-five. The spirit of co-operation has been very fine and the average attendance has been exceptionally good with the greatest interest shown in the work of the schools by both the children and the teachers.

The parents are especially invited to the program on Sunday afternoon. An offering will be taken to defray the expenses of the school.

The school will have a picnic in Garfield park on Friday at the noon hour.

POLICE COURT NOTES
Judge Charles L. Graves had a very busy time Monday with two callers at his court to answer to infractions of the law. Both cases were for intoxication. Leonard Carey, who gave his home as Rockville, Ark., received a fine of \$10 and costs for intoxication while James McAuffe, of Omaha, was also a caller at the court and left \$10 and costs as his contribution to the law.

Wednesday morning Judge Graves had two old customers on hand to face the court on charges of intoxication, Walter Soppes and Edward Crelly, both giving Omaha as their home address. Both of the men made a plea of guilty to the charge and were given a fine of \$10 and costs amounting to \$13.25. The men declined to pay and were remanded to Chief Little to work on the streets of the city.

Shellenbarger Family Surprised

The Clair Shellenbarger family was very pleasantly surprised early Tuesday morning (2 a. m.) when they received a long distance telephone call from Clair's youngest sister, Mrs. Clark McCann, (Katharyn Shellenbarger) who had just arrived in the states from Alaska. Her call came from Montana. Katharyn with her two little daughters, and a lady friend, had driven the Alaskan Highway from Seaward, Alaska, and are enroute to San Fernando, Calif., to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Shellenbarger.

This is the first visit back to the states Katharyn has made in nine years.

She is making an indefinite stay and her husband hopes to join his family later in the season.

Burlington Officials Visit Shops

Tuesday afternoon the local BREX shop had a visit from a number of the leading officials of the Burlington railroad who had been on an inspection tour of the lines west and stopped to look over the operation of the refrigerator car shops.

The party included Ralph Budd the president of the Burlington railroad, H. C. Murphy, vice president; C. E. Melken, master mechanic at Lincoln, R. R. Gaven, division superintendent of the Burlington at Omaha, J. C. Grissmier, assistant general manager of the lines west and J. C. Jones of Lincoln, car inspector.

The party looked over the plant here as well as inspecting the workers in their tasks of turning out the cars that are sent to all parts of the system. The officials spent some time here and later their special departed for Chicago, paying short visits at other points of the Burlington between here and the headquarters at Chicago.

Distinguished Prelate in City

Monday Monsignor D. B. O'Connor, of Bellwood, Nebraska, was in the city to spend a few hours, visiting at the B. H. Eiting home. Monsignor O'Connor and the members of the Eiting family are old friends of many years standing and all had a most pleasant visit. While here Monsignor O'Connor was also a guest at the St. John's parish house.

Monsignor O'Connor is one of the best known members of the Catholic clergy in the state as he was for many years located at Havelock and also at Wymore. He was an ardent sports fan and supporter of the University of Nebraska athletic program.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lorenson of Weeping Water were here Wednesday. They report the weather quite dry in their section of the county, altho the corn seems to be standing the heat very well.

In Custody



Minus his shoes, which are being analyzed by police, Leonard W. Bayless, 21-year-old St. Louis stock clerk, is held in the St. Louis jail in connection with the rape-murder of Mrs. Gladys Crossley, whose mutilated body was found in a park.—NEA Telephoto.

Pop's Used to It



Junior swipes Dad's pet neckties. Sis wears his red hunting shirt to top off her blue denim pedal-pushers and Mom thinks his razor blades are just ducky for sharpening pencils. So Pop shouldn't be too upset when he discovers that comely Dorothy Rice has used his shaving cream to print greetings on the hall mirror.

New Surfacing for Highway No. 75 Near Here

The Nebraska highway department announced Wednesday that a large number of road projects are to be taken up in the early part of July.

A matter of the greatest interest to the residents of Cass, Sarpy, and Otoe counties, is that of the proposed re-surfacing of highway No. 75 in this area. The proposal is to have the paving prepared for bituminous surfacing between Plattsmouth and Fort Crook and also between Nebraska City and Plattsmouth.

The highway has been in very bad shape in the last year and a great deal of complaint received from the travelling public as to the condition of No. 75 where the concrete has been badly worn by the excessively heavy travel.

Another of the road improvement measures is that of the widening and resurfacing of high way No. 6 between Lincoln and the Cass county line. The bids will call for widening the highway from the present 20 feet to 24 feet, making a two lane highway. The highway will be resurfaced with concrete.

State Engineer F. H. Klietsch states that the improvement program on No. 6 will be carried east to north of Gretna where more recent construction begins. The Lincoln Greenwood segment is all that will be placed this year.

Murdock Lady is Given Her Degree

Mary McHugh Platt returned Thursday from Washington, D. C., where a degree of BS and PHN were conferred upon her at the C. U. Commencement exercises. She will now take a position in the State Department of Health in Scottsbluff.

Mrs. Mary Platt accompanied by Mrs. Edwin McHugh, left Monday for the western part of the state—Mary to Scottsbluff, Dorothy to Chadron—to visit relatives.

Cass County Convict Seeks His Release

Louis B. Ames, self-styled electrical "trouble shooter" at the Nebraska penitentiary, Tuesday afternoon sought his release from the institution on a writ of habeas corpus.

His petition, filed in Lancaster county district court, contends his three-year term for grand larceny in Cass county has legally expired.

Ames, who was sentenced Nov. 17, 1946, contends he is entitled to release on the basis of "good time" allegedly accumulated during his "outside" work.

The prisoners petition says he became head penitentiary electrician of the "inside and outside" in May, 1947, that he has maintained power lines outside the institution, and has been "trouble shooter" for the past 14 months.

Ames, a Missouri resident, contends he is performing a "public service," and that he is "on call 24 hours a day for seven days per week—Sundays and holidays."

Ben and Orval Noell left Friday for Greeley, Colo., to attend funeral services on Saturday of their brother, John Noell, who passed away at a Greeley hospital on Wednesday. They returned home Sunday.

Court House Briefs

In the county court Tuesday petition was filed asking for the determination of heirship in the estate of H. Lee Masher, deceased.

In the office of clerk of the district court C. E. Ledgway, a suit in injunction was filed, entitled Ernestine Jahrig vs. Alvin W. Heubner, et al. The petition sets forth that the plaintiff is the owner of the S½ of lot 7 and the west 22 feet of lot 8, all in block 1, city of Plattsmouth, that she purchased on December 31, 1936. The property in question. That the defendants are the owners of the east half of lot 8 and all of block 9, in block No. 1. That the property now owned by the defendants was secured by George Jaeger and that at that time a sewer had been connected with the sewer on the property of the plaintiff. The property was then sold to the present owners and it has developed that the sewer from the defendants sewer now backs up into the bathroom of the tenant property of the plaintiff, now occupied by the Henry T. Wooster family, that caused damage to the place by the reason of the overflow. Injunction is asked against the defendants maintaining the sewer crossing the property of the plaintiff.

City Council Passes Estimate for Coming Year

The city council at their meeting on Monday evening spent the greater part of the session in discussion of the finances of the city and the estimate of expense for the 1948-49 financial year, upon which the city must fix their levy for the operating expenses of the city.

The estimate for the coming year that appears elsewhere in the Journal, is considerably larger than of the past year due to the fact that two new sewer districts are being cared for under the new estimate. The estimate in round numbers calls for \$108,000 for the next financial year as against some \$94,000 the past year.

The city council also heard the discussion of the plans of the water board to refund bonds that were issued at the purchase of the plant of the Plattsmouth Water Co. There is now outstanding \$181,000 of the bonds that bear interest ranging from 2 1/2 per cent to 3 per cent. The opportunity is reported offered to reduce the higher rate interest bonds that will save the city considerable money on the reduced interest rates.

The city council also took up the matter of the allowance of the current bills against the city.

Furniture Stores Being Re-decorated

The furniture stores of Farley's and L. D. Hiatt on South Sixth street are in the midst of a general early summer program of redecoration that will place them in very attractive condition for the coming season.

The Farley store is well through with their program, new ceiling and side walls being placed in the main sales room, light gray ceilings and the light walls being in the soft tones of tan and brown. The enclosed windows have been finished in tones of light gray that makes fine background for the attractive display of furniture and fittings. New lighting fixtures are to be placed through the store that will make it a place of real beauty and further enhanced by the Venetian blinds. The woodwork is being finished in harmonizing tones that blend with other settings of the store.

L. D. Hiatt is just getting his redecoration work started, and it will be a real job when completed as Demmie is to have both of the large sales room finished in tones of ivory and soft brown. He is also having new and attractive lighting equipment placed in the store and in the next ten days expects the store to be spic and span in the new summer dress.

Tonsils Removed

Jerry Walden, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walden, was operated on Tuesday at the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha for the removal of his tonsils. The lad came through the operation in fine shape and is now back home to recuperate for the next few days.

Dollar Day Draws Large Crowd to City

Wednesday was Dollar day in Plattsmouth, and the event brought out large crowds and especially in the afternoon when the stores were filled by those seeking to take advantage of the opportunities to purchase at reduced prices.

There were no special prizes offered aside from the best merchandise at the most reasonable prices, that more than made up for the lack of large prizes.

In the afternoon and evening a great many cars from Mills county, Ia., were noticeable on the streets and the car owners busy in visiting with the Cass county friends.

One of the liveliest spots in the city was at the Frank Biles paint and wall paper store. Mr. Biles had arranged as a feature a great changeover sale and gave away balloons to the kids and small vases to the ladies. The number seeking the vases was very large, some 1,100 of the vases being decorated and given away during the day, as well as pencils on which the ladies carried the freshly painted vases to their homes. There were eight gross of balloons given away by the owner. It is estimated that from 2,000 to 3,000 persons visited the store during the day. Special prizes were awarded to Paul Barker and Doran Bowman.

The day closed with a very delightful band concert offered by the band under the direction of David Fowler, the young people giving a fine presentation of a well balanced offering of popular and standard numbers.

Herb Freeberg was in charge of the committee for the bargain day and can be congratulated on its success.

Demonstration of New Ford Friday, June 18

The local Ford agency is making their opening showing the new Ford at their garage on Washington avenue, Friday, June 18, giving the public the fullest opportunity of seeing the car in action and examining the many points of advantage that makes it the object of admiration from auto owners of the community.

The new Ford is pronounced as radical in its line of improvement over the machines of the past years, as that of the change some twenty years ago from the T model to the A model that was a decided revolutionary move in car construction in its time.

The new two-door sedan is one of the last words in efficiency and comfort for the car driver and passengers. It gives more room for the passengers and for luggage, serves a better ride and improved visibility.

The Ford management will be pleased to show this car at their show rooms and give you the fullest opportunity of seeing and examining the machine to your utmost satisfaction.

Injuries Fatal to Eagle Man

Frank Schmidt, 60, Eagle grain elevator operator, died in Lincoln Sunday from injuries received in an accident at the elevator Thursday. He had been a resident of Eagle for the past 16 years, and of the state for the past 30 years.

He was a World war I veteran and a member of the Lutheran church. Surviving are his wife, Carrie; two sons, Earl, Eagle and Donald, Jetmore, Kan.; a daughter, Mrs. Paul Newton, Paulson, Mont.; five stepsons, Clarence and Ralph Beach, Eagle, Raymond Beach, San Francisco, Roy Beach, Chico, Calif., and Charles Beach, Springfield, Neb.; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Alma Bockoven, Lincoln, and Mrs. Pauline Bardman, Maxwell, Neb.; three brothers, Fred and Harry, Beverly, Kan., and Louis, West Point, Ia., and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. at the North Lutheran church, Eagle. Burial was at Eagle.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wooster departed Wednesday for Denver, Colo., where they are planning on spending the next two weeks visiting with relatives and old time friends. Mr. Wooster is enjoying his vacation from his work with the Union Pacific at Omaha and will spend the time in sight-seeing in the Denver area.

Baby Survives Flood



Nurse Betty Austin holds the 10-day-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Clingen who lost their lives in a flash flood near Pueblo, Colo., along with their 18-month-old child. The baby, thrown from the arroyo as water struck the car taking the lives of the three, seems none the worse for the experience.—NEA Telephoto.

Bob Galloway Injured Under Small Tractor

Robert Galloway, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Galloway, was very severely injured Sunday evening, just west of the farm home west of Plattsmouth.

He was riding with his brother-in-law, Don Stevens, of Council Bluffs, in an army weasel, a small sized tractor, when the tractor locked and caused the machine to suddenly go out of control and upset. Robert was pinned beneath the tractor until help was secured to lift off the machine and he was extricated from his position.

The injured youth was rushed to the St. Joseph hospital at Omaha where his injuries were treated and he made as comfortable as possible under the circumstances. It was found on an examination Monday that he had suffered a broken left arm near the shoulder and also the collar bone was damaged to some extent, also the wrist seemed injured to a lesser degree.

The family and friends are pleased that the injuries will not be of a permanent nature and the young man is hopeful of soon being able to be cut and home but will be on the inactive list for some time.

Mary Ellen Williams and Margaret Gaines are attending the Methodist Youth Fellowship Intermediate camp at Camp Sheldon, Columbus this week. The senior camp opens on Saturday and Rev. E. C. Williams will teach two classes.

Little Leader



Judy Cameron, three-year-old daughter of Grand Circuit driver Dana Cameron, takes her favorite, Tiny Tide, for a walk at St. Louis Fairmont Park.

Council of Churches is Planned Here

The ministers and interested laymen of several of the Plattsmouth churches have engaged in the study of the plan for the creation of a Plattsmouth Council of Churches to make more effective the planning and administration of church activities and to provide the unity needed.

During the years 1947 and 1948 there has been some inter-church activities in the city that bore evidence in the successful carrying out of joint participation in Thanksgiving, Passion Week, Youth Week and other special services. The women of the churches have successfully carried out the World Day of Prayer, and also participated in the vacation bible schools. The United Easter Choral cantata was another of the inter-church activities that proved a great success.

Meeting together on April 23 of this year to finish business still standing, members of the Ministerial association, as well as many very deeply interested groups, met and decided that the success of the past years be continued under a centralized head. This meeting was presided over by Dr. H. G. McClusky as the head of the Ministerial association and this group recommended that they select a number to represent them in the study and fixing the final details for the formation of a Council of Churches, naming Rev. Sherman Hanson as the interim secretary to invite the secretary of the Nebraska Council of Churches to meet with them when constituted in an advisory capacity.

In response to this campaign the Methodist, Presbyterian, Evangelical and Reformed and Christian churches authorized delegates to an interim council committee that held its first meeting on May 20th. Mr. Lemmon of the Nebraska Council, present on the invitation of the local people, explained the nature and function of a church council within a community, pointing out that it represented the spirit of the churches and provided for a co-operative administration of much Christian activity. It was also pointed out that in a church council means was provided for community planning. Mr. Lemmon suggested that a Council would departmentally include the bodies and committees already doing effective inter-church work in the community, but provide through the Council for the synthesizing of their various services. The Ministerial council would be one department, the Plattsmouth Council of Church Women another.

On June 10th the committee met to plan and draft a constitution for the Plattsmouth Council of churches, and expressing the purpose: 1.—To express through fellowship, Co-operation and service, the essential unity of the Christian church. 2.—Provide an inter-denominational agency for the co-operation of the churches in Christian education, community, social relations, worship, evangelism, world Christian fellowship and such other service as may achieve more effectively the objectives of the Christian religion. 3.—To study the religious needs of the community and devise plans through which these needs can be met.

Harold Lane Given Term in Prison

Tuesday morning in the district court, Harold Lane, found guilty by the jury in court here on April 10, 1940, of the crime of breaking and entering, was arraigned before Judge Thomas E. Dunbar for sentence.

The court, after hearing the plea of the defendant gave him a sentence of one year in the state penitentiary at Lincoln.

The defendant, being charged with having broken into the James Service station at Elmwood on February 1, 1940 and was later arrested in Iowa by Sheriff Thomas S. Solomon and returned to Cass county for trial. He made a plea of not guilty and was bound over to the district court and on the trial of the case was found guilty.

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