

## Clock Fund Hits \$800 Mark Today; Will Close Soon

From indications it won't be long until "Big Ben," Cass County's pride and joy, will be ringing out the hours in the tower of the courthouse again. Thursday morning a tabulation of contributions received to date brought the figure on deposit to nearly \$800. Deposited in the Plattsmouth State Bank is \$792.25. Cash on hand will push the figure to slightly over eight hundred.

It is expected the drive can be closed before many days pass and with the announcement will be published a complete list of all persons contributing to the fund. It is hoped a copy of this list can be placed on file so the next generation will know how Grandma and Grandpa handled an emergency.

Cass County Commissioners have agreed that a special committee be appointed to handle the reconditioning of the clock. This committee will be selected and announced soon. In the mean time why not make your donation to this worthwhile cause? Plattsmouth State Bank, Rosy's Barber Shop, or The Journal will accept your contribution, large or small.

Better hurry if you want YOUR name on the list. Contributions since last issue: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Wetenkamp \$ 2.00  
H. A. Hughson 1.00  
Dan Rechstadt 1.00  
Fred Dawson, Detroit, Mich. 5.00  
Adolph Wolfe, Otoe, Nebr. 1.00  
C. E. Shellenberger 2.00  
Norris Peoples 1.00  
F. A. Fricke 5.00  
John W. Thomas 1.00  
Donald J. Warga 1.00  
Cliff Stoehr 2.00

The collections at the Plattsmouth State Bank since Monday comprise:  
Cyril Kalina \$ 1.00  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bierl 1.00  
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Minnear 2.00  
Mr. and Mrs. John Meisinger, Jr. 2.00  
E. N. Ahi 1.00  
The report of the collections at the Rosencran barber shop shows the following:  
World-Herald carriers \$10.00  
A. R. Noble 1.00  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Valley 2.00  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Busch 2.00  
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Behrends 2.00  
Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Grove 2.00  
Edward M. Egenberger 1.00  
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Todd 2.00  
Mrs. Lillian Nielsen 1.00

## Darrell Sorensen at Soennichsen's

The men's furnishings department of Soennichsen's, Cass County's largest department store, has secured the services of Darrell Sorensen, of Omaha, who is now assisting in this part of the store activities.

Mr. Sorensen has had experience in this line of work as he was for sometime with the Nebraska Clothing Co. and later with the Omaha Public Power district prior to coming to this city.

Mr. Sorensen is well pleased with his new location and Plattsmouth in general, where he has met a large number of the residents and has many friends. In his new location he has the opportunity of meeting a great many of the residents of the county as they visit the store.

## Hillard Speck Is Resting at Home

Hillard Speck, who was very seriously injured two weeks ago in a fall from a tractor, resulting in a skull fracture, is now back home. His condition was very grave for several days at the Methodist hospital but he has so far recovered that he was allowed to return home Tuesday night.

He is still feeling the effects of the accident and is required to take it easy for some time, avoid any undue activity. He is at the farm home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Speck, near this city.

## SOCIAL SECURITY

A representative of the Lincoln Office of the Social Security Administration will be present at the Post Office in Plattsmouth at 10:30 a. m. on Monday, January 10, 1949.

Anyone who is desirous of obtaining information as to his respective rights and obligations under the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance program of the Social Security Act is invited to contact the representative at this time.

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## We've Wanted to Say It Ourselves

Fred Dawson, Detroit, Mich., takes the words right out of our mouth in his note that accompanied a "five spot" for the clock fund.

Here 'tis:  
January 3, 1949.  
Plattsmouth Journal:  
It will be helva note if clock is not working next time I come back!  
Here is "Lincoln" or chk. for same.

Fred Dawson,  
5760 Woodrow,  
Detroit 10, Mich.  
Thanks, Fred. We'll have her workin'.

## Attempts Made to Break in Business Places

A general prowling of several business places on east Main street was revealed Wednesday night as Officer Clifford Hanes of this city police force was checking the doors of the business houses.

It was found at the Plattsmouth locker plant that the lock on the garage of the plant had been broken off and the keys from the car of Rueben Meisinger, of the plant had been taken. Sheriff Tom Solomon was called as well as Mr. Meisinger and Bob Emery, state patrolman, who was in the city.

The party had been unable to get into the locker plant itself. A further search was made in the vicinity and it was found that attempts had been made to gain entrance to the Plattsmouth Creamery, adjoining the locker plant, and while a window had been broken the door was barred and entrance could not be gained. Charles Walden, head of the Creamery was called to the scene but nothing was found.

It is the opinion of the officers that the parties had intended to use the car as a getaway if they were successful in getting into the Creamery and opening the safe.

Sheriff Solomon states that the past week a creamery at Glenwood, Iowa, had been broken into and the safe of the plant robbed.

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## Marriages and Divorces 1948

The record for the year in the office of the county judge and clerk of the district court discloses that there were 175 marriage licenses issued in the past year while 21 persons were granted their liberties up stairs in Judge Thomas E. Dunbar's court.

The figures show that they follow about the average through the years in the offices.

## At The Cass County Court House

In the county court Wednesday petition was filed asking for the probate of the estate of Cordelia E. Wiles, deceased. The petition asked for the naming of H. A. Crozier as the administrator.

In the county court Tuesday order was entered on the complaint filed against Betty Jean Shyrook, for minor delinquency, ordered her sent to the girl's school at Geneva.

The county commissioners at their Tuesday session approved the bonds of W. E. Norris, Tip-top precinct, for justice of the peace in the sum of \$500, also that of Ward Brunson, justice of the peace for Louisville, in the sum of \$500. The board also approved the bond of C. E. Markham as county surveyor, in the sum of \$1,000.



LIFTS BAN . . . For the records, James Petrillo, head of the American Federation of Musicians, signed a new contract with recording companies in his office following the decision of Attorney General Tom Clark that clauses pertaining to the musicians' welfare fund were not contrary to law. This means that orchestras once more can begin to make recordings of musical hits. Petrillo is shown giving the victory sign with Samuel R. Rosenbaum who has been named a trustee of the welfare fund.

## Streets of City Very Slick and Dangerous

The streets in Plattsmouth have been in a very slick and dangerous condition in the past several days since the Christmas snows, and the weather that followed the snow when the melted snow froze and made it very dangerous.

So far there has been no injuries reported as the results of falls on the walks or streets, and a surprising lack of serious auto accidents, due probably to the fact that travel was light during the past week.

In the business section the walks are in good shape and free from the ice, but the intersections and Main street have been quite slick.

The greatest menace has been on the hill streets where the ice has coated the paving, rocked or graveled streets so that travel must be with caution.

Dwellers on South Seventh, Eighth and Ninth streets report that the surfacing is especially slick, many are leaving their cars home and making what journeys are necessary on foot. West Oak street is reported as quite slick on that part leading to the Oak Hill cemetery from 15th street west.

The highways have been kept well cleared up and travel is about as normal as far as they are concerned.

## Telephone Employees Elect New Officers

Announcement is made by James E. Smith, president of division 31 of the Communications Workers of America, of the election of officers of local unions of Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Co. employees. Included in the list are: Local 35, Industrial at Nebraska City, Plattsmouth, Weeping Water and Syracuse) J. G. Durr, Nebraska City, president; R. C. Humington, Plattsmouth, vice-president; Betty Balfour, Nebraska City, secretary-treasurer.

## Mortgage Record for Year 1948

The report from the office of Register of Deeds Lucille Horn Gaines for the year 1948 shows the farm and city and town mortgages of Cass county to be as follows:

Farm - Number filed, 96; amount, \$542,436.84. Released, 136; amount, \$626,656.75. City and Town-Filed, 262; amount, \$770,220.07. Released, 178; amount, \$350,642.24.

Five sheriff's deeds were filed in the office for the year on city property.

## Leamon Lawson Is Made a Sergeant

Leamon Lawson, who has just been here on furlough, found, when he returned to the Hamilton Field Air Base, California, that he had been promoted from Corporal to Sergeant.

His promotion "came through" on December 22. Sgt. Lawson and Evelyn Siemoneit were united in marriage on that day.

## William Baird Passes 88th Birthday

William Baird, resident of Plattsmouth since 1908, retired superintendent of the Burlington shops in this city, quietly observed the passing of his eighty-eighth birthday today at the home at 7th and Main streets, where he had the pleasure of having with him his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Cecil.

The life story of Mr. Baird starts in the northern part of



WILLIAM BAIRD

Ireland where on January 6, 1860 he was born in County Antrim, the son of Hugh and Ellen Foster Baird.

Orphaned at the age of four years his life represents a long period of useful service and untiring activities, particularly in that of railroading in which he found his greatest pleasure and success. In 1874 he was apprenticed in the general mechanics trade at Crumlin, Ireland. In 1882 he came to the new world to seek his future, landing at Quebec, Canada, later being employed in a sawmill at Melbourne, Canada, later being operator of a cut off saw in a stove factory at Charing Cross, Canada. In 1883 he entered into his railroad work that he was

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## Notice Chamber of Commerce Membership

The regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Hotel Plattsmouth on Thursday (this) evening at 7 o'clock.

There will be no dinner owing to the redecorating of the coffee shop, and be strictly a business session, and with the election of officers for the ensuing year. All members are urged to attend.

Mrs. Jennie Gray and granddaughter, Phyllis Morehead, started back home from Los Angeles Sunday evening. They came by train and were marooned in Green River, Wyoming. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kreamer were also marooned at the Wyoming railroad center.

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## Cass County Traffic Deaths for Year Six

Captain C. J. Sanders, Nebraska Safety Patrol, reported Monday that it was very gratifying to announce that during the past year of 1948, traffic fatalities in Nebraska decreased 19.6% under 1947. There were 266 fatalities during 1948 as compared to 331 for 1947. Based on the ten months report of the nation by the National Safety Council, Nebraska will rank about sixth in the nation in the reduction of traffic fatalities during 1948.

This reduction, stated Captain Sanders, is a most welcome fact in the face of an increased number of vehicles and miles of travel in Nebraska. If Nebraska is to maintain or better this record in 1949, every Nebraskan must accept his responsibility in making our streets and highway safe, as it is not just a job for the patrol and police, engineers or safety organizations.

The following counties finished 1948 with a perfect record by not having any traffic fatalities: Arthur, Banner, Blaine, Boyd, Cherry, Colfax, Dakota, Frontier, Garden, Garfield, Gosper, Grant, Harlan, Hayes, Hooker, Howard, Johnson, Kearney, Keosauqua, Knox, Logan, Loup, Morrill, Nance, Perkins, Rock, Sheridan, Sioux, Thomas, Valley, Webster and Wheeler.

Counties with the highest number of traffic fatalities were: Douglas 45, Lancaster 20, Dodge 14, Scottsbluff 10, Dawson 9, Hall 9, Merrick 8, Thurston 7, Phelps 7, Buffalo 6, Cass 6, Dawes 6, and Seward 6.

At the first Methodist church on Sunday the 9th, there will be a dedication service of the Memorial Room. This room was built as a Memorial for boys of the church who died in the service of their country. Among those who gave their lives were: Jimmy Mauzy and Billy Evers. Especially for these boys' memory was the fireplace built and beautiful religious pictures were painted and presented. This room is especially used by the youth. The Intermediate department of the Church School regularly uses this room as well as the Youth Fellowship. Other organizations also make use of this attractive room.

The official change of terms at the court house will be on Thursday (today) but will mean little in the complexion of the officers. Mr. Nolte will be the only new official to take over as Surveyor. Markham, Commissioner, Bornemeier, and County Judge J. A. Capwell have already taken the oath of office.

## Funeral of Albert Murray Held Monday

Monday afternoon the First Christian church was filled by a very large group of the relatives and old friends of Albert Murray, 54, who was killed on Friday at his farm home near Louisville when he was pinned under a falling tree.

The services were conducted by Rev. Sherman R. Hanson, pastor of the church, who brought the message of comfort and hope to the bereaved family in his impressive manner.

During the funeral services, two of the well known hymns, "Sometime We'll Understand" and "Face to Face," were given by Frank A. Clويد with Lester Thimngan, playing the accompaniment.

The interment was at the Oak Hill cemetery with the active pall bearers being Arthur and Dale Murray, Virtus Hass, Ruben Hollenbeck, George Spangler and Threem Murray; while the honorary pall bearers were: Aulty Hinkle, John Gake-meier, Leonard Vogler, Herbert Stander, Henry Youngquist, Herman Roebber.

The funeral services were under the direction of the Hobson Funeral home of Weeping Water.

## Local Boys Report for Coastguard

Monday evening George Reed and Bob Wood of this city departed for Omaha where they were to report at the Coast Guard headquarters and after an overnight stay, departed for the east Tuesday morning. Being former war veterans re-enlisting they are being taken direct to Boston, Mass., instead of "boot camp," where they are to report at the base at that place. They have enjoyed the last week visiting the friends before their departure as it will be some time at least before they can secure a leave home.

## Rotary Hears of "Compulsory Plan of Insurance"

The members of the Rotary club had a very interesting program for the Tuesday luncheon of the club at the Rainey Coffee shop and enjoyed by the large attendance of the membership.

The boys selected to be Rotarians for the month of January, were presented, they being Manfred Moritz, senior and James Kennedy, junior. The two boys were introduced by Superintendent T. I. Priest.

J. Howard Davis, president of the club presided over the meeting.

The program chairman of the day was George Conis who had secured as the speaker, Dr. L. S. Pucelik, prominent local physician, to discuss the little known "Compulsory Health Insurance," as it is called, which has been agitated for several years and is constantly urged for adoption as a part of the national program. This plan of socialized medicine, has been proposed in a number of the European countries and particularly in Great Britain under the present Labor government. Dr. Pucelik in his remarks discussed a great many phases of the program that had been suggested pointing out many of the weaknesses of the plan as a whole and its effect on the people and their daily lives.

The talk was most interesting and showed the wide study that Dr. Pucelik had made of this phase of the program of the government.

Commissioners Here Tuesday

Tuesday the board of county commissioners were here for their regular meeting but a very quiet session was had as there was no claims to allow and the time was largely taken up with discussion of matters of interest for the coming year's program.

Present were Commissioners Herman Bornemeier, Parr Young and Charles W. Stoehr. Especially for these boys' memory was the fireplace built and beautiful religious pictures were painted and presented. This room is especially used by the youth. The Intermediate department of the Church School regularly uses this room as well as the Youth Fellowship. Other organizations also make use of this attractive room.

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## Close Call from Serious Accident

Donald McQuinn and daughter, Donna, of near Union had a close call from a serious accident on Saturday. They were driving a truckload of cattle on a slippery road, turning a corner the truck turned over.

The cattle in the truck were released and fortunately Mr. McQuinn and his daughter escaped injury. It required some time to get the cattle rounded up and back into the truck.

The McQuinn's feel very thankful that they were not seriously injured in the accident.

## Annual Meeting King Korn Klub

The annual meeting of the Cass County King Korn Klub will be held on Tuesday, January 11, 1949, at 7:30 at the dining room of the Plattsmouth Hotel. Annual election of officers. Fred Lugsch will show moving pictures of the highlights of 1948. Refreshments will be served.

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MARRIED . . . Mrs. Dorothy Sullivan, 27, daughter of the late "Babe" Ruth and her new husband, Dominick Pirone, 30. The marriage followed a double divorce. Mrs. Sullivan divorcing Daniel J. Sullivan of New York. Pirone divorcing Lucy Bruno Pirone of the same city. The newly-weds plan to live in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Robert Tschirren was taken to the U. S. Veterans hospital at Lincoln Saturday where he will undergo treatment for some time for varicose veins.



COMEBACK . . . Chester K. Bowles, governor-elect of Conn., grins as he leaves the White House. After a conference with President Truman, he assured reporters that "there will definitely be price controls."

Senator William A. Metzger, who has served most efficiently on the Legislative Council, created by the last legislature, was unanimously named as chairman of the council on Tuesday at Lincoln.

Senator William Hern, Chadron, was named vice-chairman over Senator Lester Anderson of Aurora.

The elections were made necessary by the fact that Senator Fred Seaton, Hastings and Senator Roy Carlberg, Pender, chairman and vice-chairman of the council, were defeated in their bids for re-election.

It was proposed by Senator Seaton at a council meeting earlier this month, that the elections be held then, but this was voted down by other members of the council, preferring to have the election a few hours before the legislature convened.

Meanwhile, the Council prepared a report showing \$24,273 of its \$39,423 budget spent during the period July 1, 1947-November 30, 1948, with \$15,648 to meet salaries and wages, \$6,078 covering meetings of the Council and its sub-committees, and \$2,546 office incidentals.

When the cost of publishing and distributing the Nebraska Blue Book have been met, of maintaining the bill drafting service during December, and the regular expense of salaries and maintenance for the remaining seven months of the biennium, it was said, the Council should have an unexpended bank balance of about one thousand dollars.

The Council is the Legislature's research body. At the close of each session, four state Senators are elected from each Congressional district to serve as Council members.

## Neal Lugsch As Pantorium Head

Fred Lugsch of this city, owner and operator of the Pantorium on Omaha, one of the largest dry cleaning establishments in that city, is announcing the appointment of his nephew, Neal Lugsch, of this city, as the manager of the plant and who will take over the work at once.

Neal has been with his uncle for the past several years at the plant in this city and is well experienced in this line of work and will make a fine addition to the staff at the Omaha plant.

Jack Lugsch, father of Neal, was formerly in charge of the Omaha plant until his death.

## Clayton Cooper Is Back Home

Clayton and Pollard Cooper, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cooper, of near Weeping Water, have been at the Bryan Memorial hospital at Lincoln where they were surgical patients. Clayton has so far recovered that he was able to return home Sunday to recuperate at home. Both of the boys were operated on December 25th. Pollard had bones removed from both knees and is in a cast from his hips to the ankles and will be there for four weeks. He returned home Tuesday for a visit but will be returned to the hospital for more treatment.

Callers on the boys during their illness were Mrs. Gilbert Kime and Marlin, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wessel and Donald, Mr. and Mrs. Art P. Taylor and family, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Rhoden and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wiles and family, Jerry and John Stone, Betty Jakesome, Beverly Bonner, Alice Jean Gregg, Ruth Wolph, Mrs. D. D. Waincott and Patty.

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## Clyde Jackson Goes for Examination

Clyde Jackson of this city, departed Tuesday for Chicago where he will spend several days undergoing examination at the Burlington headquarters for an injured foot.

Mr. Jackson is a veteran member of the maintenance of way force of the railroad, and several months ago suffered an injury to his foot that has made it impossible for him to continue his work and while being under treatment it is still not in condition to be used in his ordinary work.

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