

Heaviest Snow of Winter Hits Thursday Night

The heaviest snow of the winter season visited Plattsmouth and the eastern section of Nebraska Thursday and through Thursday night, leaving in its wake eleven inches of snow that sealed up the roads and made traffic on the highways impossible.

The snow starting on Thursday continued throughout the day in increasing violence, and during the night continued to pour down the snowflakes until Friday morning.

The travel was slowed Thursday afternoon and the north-bound Interstate bus due here at 3:15 was delayed until after 6 p. m. by the heavy snow to the south although the south-bound bus at 7:15 came through as usual on the first lap of the trip to Kansas City. The Cotner bus from this city to Omaha was cancelled at noon Thursday and did not make the evening trip.

The highway department had snow plows out the greater part of the day and were able to keep traffic moving during the day. With the heavier snow of the evening the roads were practically sealed save for an occasional car that ventured on the highway toward Omaha.

The high wind that came with the later snowfall, aided in the closing off of the highways in the country, east and west roads were filled with the snow into deep drifts that bottled up the traffic until road forces could get the lines open late Saturday and Sunday.

In the city itself there was little activity with the streets filled with the snow and crossing Main street was a real problem for the persons who were down in the business section. Friday the walks in the business section were well cleared off but the snow swept into the street added to the problem of the snow removal.

The city schools had a vacation for the day Friday as the storm made it so difficult in getting around that schools were dismissed for the day and gave the students and the teaching force a three day vacation for the week end. The city schools were also closed Monday by reason of the extreme ice but operated on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The rural mail carriers out of the local postoffice are unsung heroes of the storm, as they battled to carry the mail to the residents of the territory they serve. The road conditions made it difficult to reach all of the patrons but they made the attempt and carried as far as their cars could progress, and in many cases much time was spent in digging their way out.

The city mail carriers also had a great time with the elements in trying to get out the mail and the carriers battled through the drifts to reach as many as possible.

Fire Department Called Out Saturday

The Plattsmouth fire department was called out Saturday near the noon hour by an alarm from the residence of C. C. Westcott at 7th and Main street, but fortunately the danger was eliminated by the quick arrival of the firemen.

Mrs. Westcott had been preparing the noonday meal and placed some meat and potatoes in the oven of the gas range and while waiting for the food to cook had sat down to read and fallen asleep in a chair. When she awoke flames were coming out the stove as the grease had reached the gas burner and started it burning. Fortunately the over was kept closed and danger of the spread of the flames checked.

Packing House Force Aids in Clock Fund

The employees of the Norfolk Packing plant of this city Saturday made a contribution of \$10 to the fund to modernize and start operation of the clock in the court house tower. The campaign was formerly closed on Saturday, January 15th, but since that time several contributions have been made for the cause. The packing house employees as well as hundreds over the city miss the familiar sound of the clock striking the hours or being able to note the time as they go to and from their work.

Richard Peck Tries Indian Tax Case

Attorney Richard Peck was in Omaha Monday where he was called to assist in the trial of a very interesting case in the U. S. federal court.

The action is one in which it is sought to collect taxes on many of the farm lands located in the Winnebago reservation and involving a large sum claimed to be due from the farmers.

The case has been pending for some time and has attracted much attention from the residents in that section of the state.

Joe Rickard Rescued from Burning Home

Saturday morning Charles Forbers residing on west Locust street, had occasion to go out of his residence at 6:15 and was startled to see flames issuing from the trailer house home of Joe Rickard, 81, a near neighbor of the Forbers.

Mr. Forbers, when he reached the trailer, found that the door to the house was closed, making it necessary to tear down the door to the place to gain entrance.

He found on getting into the one-room dwelling that the aged man was lying down on the floor back of the stove, that was fireless, and when the rescuer sought to remove the aged man, he resisted apparently desiring to perish with the burning structure.

It was found that "Bingo Joe" as he was better known, had one overshoe partially burned off and also had small burns on the face. He was taken by Mr. Forbers to his residence and Sheriff Tom Solomon called to the scene to investigate. The trailer was completely destroyed in a very few moments after the aged man was removed, and had it not been for the prompt action of Mr. Forbers, he would have perished in the fiery ruins.

The aged man was turned over to the care of Sheriff Tom Solomon to have him quartered in the county jail until such time that he could be taken to one of the county rest homes, preferably that of First Haven at Weeping Water to be cared for at present.

Norfolk Packing Company Has Off Season Work

The Norfolk Packing company have had a very good run this year on their off season lines, especially in the pork and beans pack that is now in operation.

The "dry line" run that follows the seasonal work, has been kept very busy this year, enabling a sizeable force to be maintained through the winter season in handling the pack.

The popularity of the Norfolk products over the country has been outstanding and every day large transports are here loading up with the goods that are taken to all parts of the west to supply the wholesale houses in the territory.

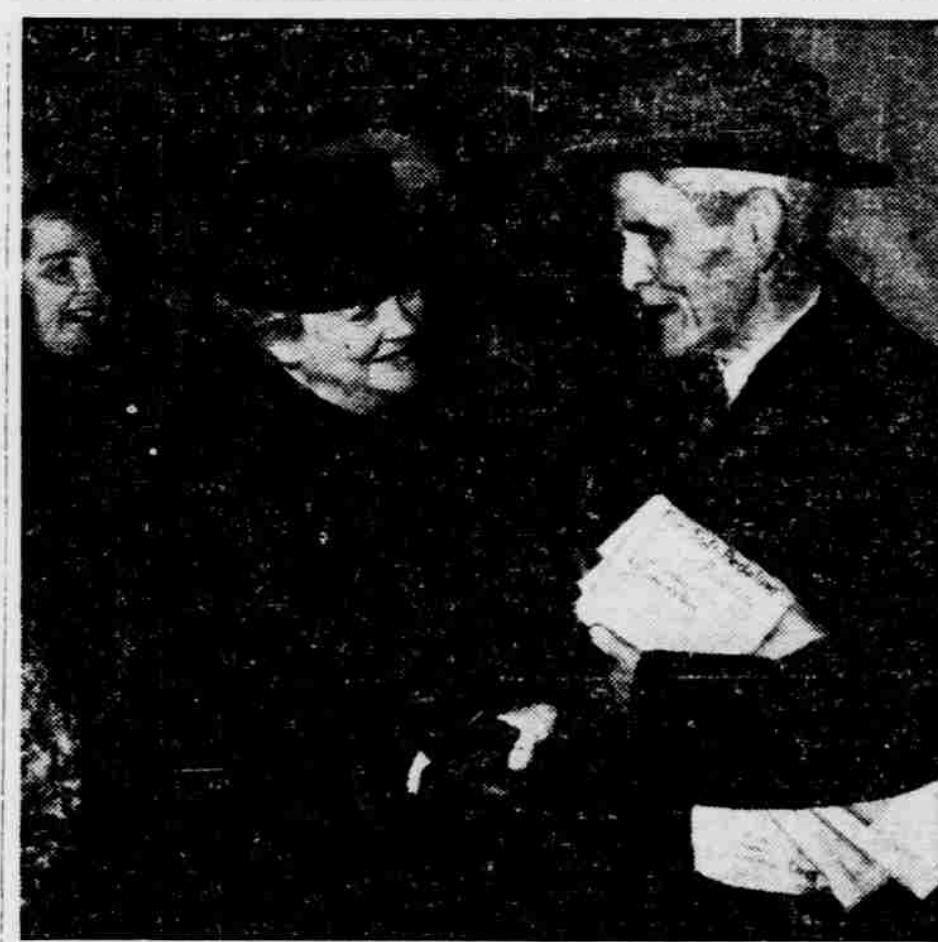
The seasonal runs of pens and corn bring a very large force employment for the greater part of the summer months that is curtailed by the fall and winter season but this year a very good force has been kept on the job for the season.

Farm Unit Meeting Cancelled for Month

The meeting of the Mynard unit of the Cass county Farm Bureau for the month of February has been cancelled. All members are urged to note.



KIN OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT... Grandchildren of Vice-President Alben Barkley, Alben Barkley II and his sister Dorothy Ann Barkley of Paducah, Ky., add a few marginal notes to a copy of the Congressional Record while seated at the former senator's desk in the upper chamber. The children were in Washington to witness the inauguration of their grandfather as U. S. vice-president.



CAPPER'S FAREWELL TO WASHINGTON... Sen. Arthur Capper (R., Kas.) is pictured as he was bid farewell by Mrs. Dolly Gann, sister of former Vice-President Charles Curtis, as the senator left the capitol scene after serving in congress since March 4, 1919. Mrs. Gann, well known as a Washington hostess during her brother's term of office, was one of a delegation of old friends who saw the veteran senator off for his home state.

Local Men Aid in Battle With Snow in West

A number of the local men employed by the river engineers and other separate groups, are being sent to the north and west parts of the state, where they are to take part in the battle against the great snow that has covered the greater part of the state and inflicted untold losses on the stock on the farms and ranges.

With the men go many bulldozers that will be used in the battle being waged by the communities to free themselves from the blockade that has isolated towns and communities for the past few weeks. D. M. Babbitt is taking equipment to Sioux City, Iowa, from where they expect to work south into Nebraska in an endeavor to relieve many of the towns and farm communities in the northeast part of the state. Other groups of the local people and equipment are being sent to the O'Neill territory where the residents have been isolated for weeks from communication save by plane with the outside world.

The task that is facing the rescue parties, is one of the greatest that the state has experienced in years, it will require sometime to get the conditions back to anything like normal and especially if the storms are renewed in this section of the west.

New Pontiac is on Display

Rogers Sales and Service announce the showing of the new 1949 Pontiacs in today's issue of the Journal. On display at this dealer's show rooms is the new Chieftan Four Door Sedan, only one of the many new styles produced by Pontiac.

The new models embody many new features including lower body designs, larger glass areas, new instrument panels, wider doors, more luxurious interiors, plus numerous other features.

Your Pontiac dealer extends an invitation to motorists to visit their showrooms and take a look at the finest motor car Pontiac has ever produced.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Miller and family of Lincoln spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Miller and with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sliyster of Manly.

Weather Promise to be Warmer in This Part of West

The weather bureau has promised relief for this section of the west with predictions of warmer weather, less of the severe winter that has gripped southeast Nebraska for the past week in one of the worst storms of years.

Sunday was a very pleasant day early Sunday and while cold, it was a relief from the bombardment of snow, sleet and ice that this section has labored under. This "Monday" morning the temperatures rose to 9 above zero and brought a small snowfall.

Travel is still blocked over a great deal of the county and few persons were able to travel any distance in the severe weather and snow blocked roads. While in many localities efforts were carried on to clear the roads, the drifting soon had closed a great many roads. In the localities south of this city farmers were busy Sunday in getting the roads open and a number of the farmers were in Plattsmouth for the first time in a week but at the best going was rugged.

John Deere Day Show February 2

The Stander Implement Co. on South 6th street, are presenting a real live wire show for Wednesday, February 2, at 1 p. m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars club rooms.

The show will present "The Sugar Plum Tree," featuring Billie Burke and Don Wilson, with Lee Lassie White and Linda Johnson and Kirby Grant, making a first class and highly entertaining movie.

In addition to the feature there will be a showing of several interesting and educational pictures on John Deere equipment and modern farming practices.

Following the show there will be lunch served and also prizes given by the sponsors.

Death of Infant of Mr. and Mrs. Moore

Mr. and Mrs. George Moore of this city are mourning the death of their infant daughter, Mary Ellen, who died at birth on January 24th at the St. Mary's hospital at Nebraska City. The body was brought to this city and the burial services were on Wednesday at the Horning cemetery south of this city with the Caldwell funeral home in charge.

There is surviving the parents, the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Fitchorn, of this city, and Mrs. Ella Moore of Choteau, Oklahoma.

T. K. Cornish Dies at Omaha Sunday

T. K. Cornish, 63, died suddenly at his home in Omaha Sunday a victim of a heart attack. Special Masonic services will be held from the Fitch and Cole Funeral Home, 36th and Farnam St., Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Cornish, well known in Plattsmouth, was the father of Mrs. M. F. Keiderling, residents of Plattsmouth and had visited here on numerous occasions.

Ordell Hennings Goes to New Post With Schoentgen

Ordell Hennings of this city, who has for the past thirteen months been the manager of the large super market for the Hinky-Dinky company at McCook, one of the largest stores of the organization in Nebraska and Iowa, has resigned his position and is taking a new position with the Schoentgen Grocery company of Council Bluffs.

With the Schoentgen company Mr. Hennings will have charge of supervision and as promotional manager for this large food corporation, one of the best known in the west. This firm has 130 stores on the Omaha territory that they handle and Mr. Hennings will have charge of the general supervision of the stores, to conduct the promotional activities of the company over the territory.

One of the attractive features of the new position aside from the advancement in his chosen line of activity is that it will permit his making his home here at Plattsmouth, as his tour over the territory will insure his being home each night.

The work of this Plattsmouth young man has been such as to win him high recognition in his line of work in which he embarked on completing his high school activities in this city in 1930. He was first attracted to the Hinky-Dinky company, and was employed here for a time when his marked ability in the line of store management won the attention of the heads of the Hinky-Dinky company, he was sent to Missouri Valley, Iowa, in 1935 where he served as the manager of the store for the company until later returned.



ORDELL HENNING

to the Plattsmouth store to look after its management before he entered the naval service and continued until after the close of the war, when he returned to Plattsmouth, to take over the local store and in this made a most outstanding record of efficiency. When the Hinky-Dinky company built their large super-market at McCook, he was named as the manager there, and more than made good in the position. Under his regime at McCook the establishment became the top store in Nebraska in volume of business, was second only to the Council Bluffs store in the total of the Hinky-Dinky standing in the system.

The new company with which Mr. Hennings will be identified, is planning a large expansion and promotional program that will give Mr. Hennings many new opportunities for demonstration of his ability as a store executive and manager.

Mr. Hennings is expecting to start on his work this week.

Jim Aikire, who is attending the University of Nebraska, was here several days the past week to visit, having completed his examinations at the school.

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Ice Jams Cause Raise in the Missouri River

The Missouri river is showing many ice jams along the course of the river in this section that has caused apprehension to the dwellers on both the Nebraska and Iowa sides of the stream.

A jam in the territory near Nebraska City earlier had caused a marked raise in the river in this locality but this has since fallen as the river opened up.

One of the heavy jams has been north of this city, above the mouth of the Platte river in the vicinity of Bellevue, where the ice blocked the stream and caused a heavy raise that caused much apprehension to the residents of the lowland and especially in the vicinity of the new power plant that is being erected there to supply additional power for this area. So far the high water has not reached the stage where it has checked the construction work and it is hoped to get the stream opened up and relieving the danger of overflowing.

The tremendous fall of snow in this area and all over the west causes much speculation as to what the next few months will bring as the snow starts melting and vast quantities of water begin seeking their outlets in the streams and rivers. The Platte and Missouri rivers are expected to reach a very high record before the flood waters pass this area as they are fed by many of the smaller streams in the snow bound areas of the state.

City Borrows Maintainer to Battle the Snow

The city of Plattsmouth through the efforts of Mayor A. B. Rogers, entered the picture Friday to help battle the immense quantity of snow that lay over every section of the city and to make travel possible on many of the streets blocked by the heavy drifts.

The maintainer, equipped with a heavy blade proved effective against the snow piled high on the streets and soon made it possible for travel to get through although eventual problem of getting the snow entirely removed must await better weather to help on the job.

The snow of Thursday night was one of the heaviest in the last two years and gave the city plenty of problems in trying to get the streets open and many of the streets in the residential section were still closed at the week end.

The maintainer that worked Friday was secured from Cass county through the efforts of Commissioner W. F. Nolte and operated Friday afternoon, but was taken off Saturday to aid in the work on the county roads and the battle to get them open for travel.

Representative to Discuss Clock

John L. Beckman, custodian of the Cass county court house, has received word from the I. T. Verdin Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio, that a representative of their company would be in Plattsmouth on February 11th or 12th to discuss with the committee in charge of the court house clock modernization, details of what would be necessary in getting the clock in operation again.

The company had hoped to have a man here to talk over the matter earlier but the extreme weather conditions in the west has made it impossible to reach here.

This will be of great interest over the community and it is hoped that some definite information can be secured on which the committee can go ahead on their plans.

Mrs. Lois Carr Suffers Injury

Mrs. Lois Carr was severely injured Friday morning while she was preparing to start for work, sustaining a fall on the ice and snow that resulted in the fracture of the right leg and ankle injury. She was taken to the Clarkson hospital in the Caldwell ambulance.

The weather and road conditions made the trip quite trying to the injured lady and when reaching the hospital it was found that the fracture could not be reduced until the patient had gained more strength.



FIRST-BORN... Thirteen-year-old Mrs. Enriquez Ampare of Oakland, Calif., who left school last March to marry 18-year-old Alfonso Ampare, gave birth to a six-pound, six-ounce daughter. Both were reported "doing nicely."

Legion Auxiliary Has Very Fine Meet Thursday

The American Legion Auxiliary held their regular meeting on Thursday evening at the Pine room of the Rainey coffee shop in the Hotel Plattsmouth.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Leonard Brothers, unit president, with a pleasing attendance of the membership despite the very disagreeable weather.

Report was given by the child welfare chairman, Mrs. Sophia Wolever, telling of the Christmas articles given, also of the baskets that had been prepared with food and clothing for the needy and treats for the veterans families. All members had not been able to be at the meeting at the time to make their contributions for the department layette and they may make their contributions to Mrs. Brothers or Mrs. Wolever.

It was announced that the annual conference of the Auxiliary will be held at Grand Island on February 21-22, Mrs. Brothers and Mrs. Wolever being named as the delegates and Mrs. W. H. Woolcott and Vera Lewis as the alternate for the meeting.

Mrs. May Sedlak was named as the Americanism chairman. Mrs. Sedlak also reported that the Auxiliary would hold a box supper at the club house on the curve on Friday, February 4th for the members and the Legion members.

There was some discussion of forming a Junior Auxiliary, all girls up to 18 years of age would be eligible. While no action was taken members may now enroll subject to the final action of the Auxiliary.

The committee in charge of the meeting comprised Mrs. Vera Perry, Mrs. Marie Walters, Mrs. Edith Akeson, Mrs. Guy Wiles, Mrs. Betty Haffke, Mrs. Edgar Glaze, Mrs. Daisy Richards, Mrs. Don Rainey.

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

Remember folks the White Elephant sale on Thursday, February 3, at 7:30 at the Plattsmouth Sales Barn in the south part of the city. All who can are urged to donate to the March of Dimes cause with any articles they may have around the house or farm.

The articles will be sold by the management free or cost and the entire proceeds go to the March of Dimes funds.

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BIG LOSS... Serious fruit damage was experienced by southern California citrus growers when a cold wave and snow swept in to inflict an estimated loss of 60 million dollars, M. C. Bowman, Ramona, Calif., grower, shows one of his snow-covered trees on which nearly all of the oranges were damaged.

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Scouts Program to Start Sunday, February 6th

Twelve outstanding Boy Scout, representing each of the nation's Boy Scout Regions, will represent America's 2,200,000 Scouts and leaders in ceremonies at Washington, D. C. and New York City during Boy Scout Week, opening Sunday, Feb. 6, and closing on Feb. 12, Lincoln's Birthday.

Boy Scout Week will mark the 39th anniversary of the incorporation of the movement at the nation's capital. On Tuesday (Feb. 8) the actual birthday, the entire membership will recommit themselves to the Scout Oath or Promise at 8:15 p. m., in the four time zones.

Observed in every city and town and most villages and hamlets throughout the nation and its territories by 70,000 units, the celebration is the largest birthday observance of young America.

Federal officials and national Scout leaders will greet the twelve representative Boy Scouts when they arrive at Washington, D. C. on Tuesday, Feb. 8th. There the Scouts will share in ceremonies opening a new two-year program to "Strengthen the Arm of Liberty" by giving more boys in Scouting a richer experience. Scout leaders expect the organization to be at the peak of its usefulness to the nation by the end of 1950, near the close of its 40th anniversary year.

While at Washington the Scouts will make a "Report to the Nation of the Scout Citizen at Work in 1948," summing up the service projects and activities of America's 70,000 Scout Units.

After their stay in Washington the Scouts will go to New York to meet United Nations officials and take part in ceremonies at the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor on Saturday morning, Feb. 12, where torches will be lighted to symbolize the start of the two-year crusade.

Taking part in the ceremonies at the Statue of Liberty will be the United Nations Boy Scout Troop, comprising sons of U. N. personnel of many lands, and some New York Scouts whose parents are of foreign origin. The entire group will then go to the Greater New York Scout Camp near Alpine, N. J., nine miles north of the George Washington Bridge.

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Reports Roads are Gradually Opening

Today (Monday) a number of the residents from the various rural sections of Cass county, were in the city for a few hours, looking after necessary trading and in a number of cases securing mail that had been held in the local postoffice owing to inability of delivery.

The Murray road west from highway No. 75 was reported as being open four or five miles west of the old time Maple Grove corner, and on highway No. 34 west from the Union corner, the road was well open to the Nehawka corner although from there the going was more difficult.

Residents from along the Louisville road, in today, state the road to be near the Becker school but hard of traveling.

Sheriff Tom Solomon was out Saturday to Weeping Water and found the going quite severe but as he had to deliver "Bingo" Joe Rickard to the Rest Haven Home, he finally made it through from Fort George into the town. He reports that in Weeping Water the city had the snow pretty well whipped and started to have the surplus hauled out by trucks.

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