

Does SAC Plan Pulling Out of Offutt Field?

Pitiful housing accommodations may be instrumental in the Strategic Air Command pulling out of Offutt Field, according to rumors flying thick and fast in Washington, D. C. and local circles, unless a more vigorous housing program is initiated.

In spite of news circulated locally that a large housing project is in the planning stage to be constructed by personnel on the base for their own use, information coming to this newspaper reveals that commanding officers here and in the Pentagon are readying plans for removal of the base if conditions are not improved soon.

Congressman Eugene O'Sullivan, in a letter to the Omaha Chamber of Commerce Monday (today), reports that he is genuinely alarmed after having heard stories in official circles in Washington that there was much dissatisfaction among officers and personnel at Offutt Field, a fact that has been known here in Plattsburgh for many months.

These fears, he added, were increased after he had communicated with Lt. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, SAC Commander. Gen. LeMay, he said, had been very tactful in his replies, but it was apparent that he was not satisfied. O'Sullivan said that LeMay had told him that present plans for construction of rental units in this area appear to be "primarily tailored toward meeting the needs of the civilian populace. It remains to be seen," Gen. LeMay added, "whether these additional spaces will provide some relief for the families of military personnel."

While Plattsburgh has constructed numerous new housing and converted hundreds of apartments within the city, excessive rents and the unwillingness of landlords to accept children has contributed its share to the unhappiness of military personnel at the base. Plattsburgh, located only eight miles from Offutt Field, is ideally situated to lend a helping hand. Loss of the base would be keenly felt here and every effort should be made by local groups to stabilize rents and provide decent living accommodations to as many Offutt Field families as time and money will permit, and the time is short.

Bad Roads Halt March Moving for Farmers

The heavy snow and intense winter weather of the past four months are being reflected in the travel conditions over Cass county, and has served to upset the moving plans of the residents of the farming areas who usually start the moves to and from the farms on March 1st.

Searl S. Davis, who is an extensive farm operator and manager, states that the general softening of the roads over the county is serving to delay a very large number of the farmers from making changes in their locations, keeping them on the old stand for some time at least.

Travel is difficult even for just a car or light vehicle, especially so when heavy trucks and machines are to be transported from one location to another. How long this condition will exist cannot be determined and may be bad for many weeks at least, until the road surfaces are dried or hardened enough to allow the farmers to start on the yearly trek to and from their locations. It is one of the worst seasons in several years in this respect.

Gas Tax Shows 32 Per Cent Drop

The gas tax for the month of February shows a decline of 32 per cent from that of previous months and reflects the sharp decline in motor operation over the state during the heavy winter weather.

The allotments to the counties in this area are given. The first figures are the regular and the second shows funds for the mail routes:

Cass County - \$3,311 and \$2,207
Otoe county - \$3,667 and \$2,445
Sarpy county - \$2,830 and \$1,887

Mrs. Gerald Sebade, of Creighton, Nebraska, is here to visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Speck and her brothers and sisters. Mrs. Sebade is the former Eldell Speck.

Judge Dunbar Has Cases Affirmed

The Nebraska state supreme court has affirmed the awards made by a jury in the district court of Sarpy in connection with proceedings by the Loup River Public Power district to acquire by condemnation easements through privately owned land.

The case was heard by Judge Thomas E. Dunbar in the district court at Papillion. The jury in the district court awarded \$2,000 to John T. and Bertha S. Little and \$1,580 to Lester J. and Minnie C. Lutz.

The power district appealed from the awards on grounds that it obligated itself to pay all future crop damages incident to the maintenance and reconstruction of its 115,000-volt electric line. The court's failure to include this proposal in instructions to the jury prevented the district from having fair trials, it was claimed by the district.

But the supreme court ruled there was no evidence or claim the proposal was approved by the Littles and the Lutzes.

Seniors Present Class Play the Past Week

The members of the senior class of the Plattsburgh high school presented their class play on Thursday and Friday evening at the school auditorium with large audiences enjoying the excellent presentation of the clever and entertaining comedy, "We Shook the Family Tree."

The play was presented under the direction of Mrs. Alta Reade, the instructor in dramatics of the city school, and was well presented by the excellent cast.

The fun and excitement was carried through all three acts and kept the audience very highly entertained.

The musical department of the school also assisted in the evening entertainment with selections by the band and orchestra.

The cast consisted of: Hildegard (who was tired of being a wallflower), De Nye Cundall; Mr. Doison (her father), Richard Means; Mrs. Doison (her mother), Joan Ault; Sally (her younger sister), Edna Jean Wetenkamp; Bob (the older brother), Jim Doody; Jimmy (the younger brother), Gordon Greene; Paige (who likes to play postman), Danny Lockin; Ellie Mae (Bob's sweetheart), Deloris Hill; Jill (her friend), Janice Long; Freddie Shermer (who wears knickers), Don Baker; Mr. Shermer (his father), Dick Gerbeling; and Mrs. Shermer (his mother), Pat Rogers.

Student directors were: Betty Uhlik and Patricia Kocian, with Leon Meisinger stage manager with Cyril Kocian as the assistant manager. The electrical effects were in charge of Kenneth Gewhen, Eugene Newburn and Ray Hill. Janis Schmidtmann served as the property manager. The business manager of the play was Bill Cecil, Frances Gunsolly and Ina Mae Finnebrook were in charge of preparing the tickets.

Neil Lugsch Named to Air Lieutenant

Neil D. Lugsch of Plattsburgh, has been commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol, an auxiliary of the U. S. Air Force. It was announced recently by Col. Rudy Mueller, Omaha, Nebraska Wing Commander of the Civil Air Patrol. Lt. Lugsch will serve as intelligence officer and public information officer of the Plattsburgh flight.

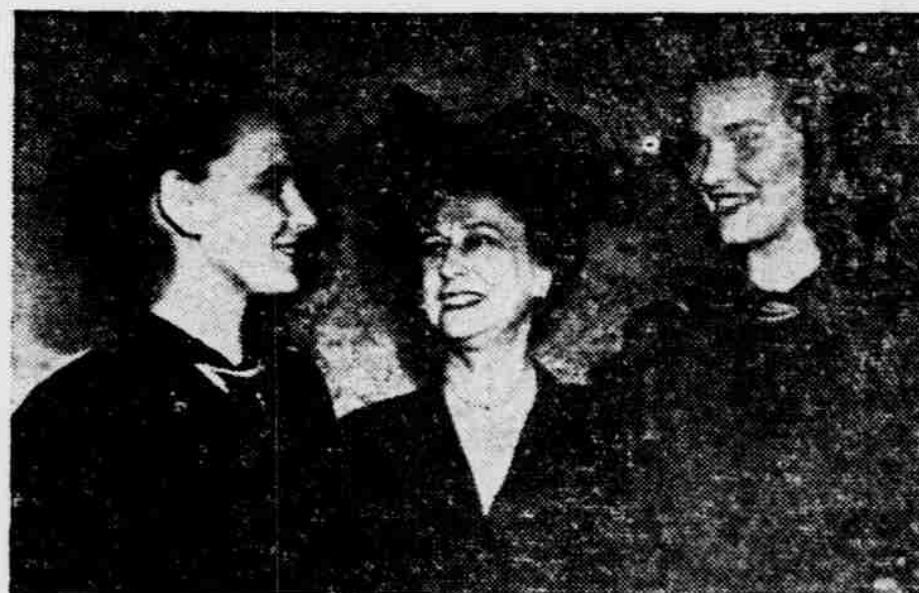
Court House Briefs . .

In the county court Friday final hearing as had in the estate of Hester Morgan deceased. Mrs. Nora Clements is the executrix of the estate.

Decree was given in the determination of heirship in the estate of Frank E. Vallery, deceased.

Hearing on claims was had in the estate of Mary Eriskine, deceased Friday in the county court.

In the office of the clerk of the district court on Friday a suit for separate maintenance was filed in which Evelyn Proctor is the plaintiff and Chester Proctor the defendant. It is set out in the petition of the plaintiff that the parties were married at Papillion on October 23, 1930. The petition sets forth that there are five children of the marriage. The plaintiff asks for temporary support money for the children as well as sup-



CHERRY BLOSSOM TIME . . . Dolores Motter (right) of Dearborn, Mich., chosen as Michigan's 1949 cherry blossom princess, and Jean Williamson Duty of Saginaw, last year's cherry blossom princess, are shown visiting with Mrs. Homer Ferguson, wife of Senator Ferguson of Michigan, at the state capitol in Lansing.

"Nowadays" in Monday Issue

"Nowadays" Magazine section of the Plattsburgh Journal will be circulated with the Monday issue of this newspaper in the future to lessen the load on the Thursday paper and to expedite delivery to Journal readers.

When combined with the Thursday issue the weight was proving too much of a load for Journal carriers, many of whom were hardly able to stagger along under the combined weight of three to four sections. Too, a number of readers receiving their paper by mail complained the section was lost in delivery.

"Nowadays" magazine section has proved a most popular feature of the Journal and it is hoped newspaper supplies will be ample soon to again issue the section weekly.

Affirmation of Marriage Sought in Court

An action was filed in the district court Friday in which Mildred Gakemeier is plaintiff, and Dean Gakemeier the defendant. The plaintiff asks for separate maintenance and for the affirmation of the marriage of the parties.

The petition, filed by Attorney James F. Begley, sets out that the plaintiff and the defendant were married July 10, 1946 at Craig, Missouri, that there is issue of the marriage two children, one aged twenty months and one two months.

The petition further sets out that the plaintiff left the home where she had resided with the defendant, in January 1949. It is alleged that the defendant, Dean Gakemeier and another woman were married on February 28, 1949, at Dayton, New Mexico. It is further alleged that the defendant and the other woman are now residing at the home vacated by the plaintiff.

It is further alleged that the defendant has denied the matter of the marriage with the plaintiff and it is asked that the court affirm the fact of the marriage in 1946, also that an injunction against the defendant be issued to prevent his disposal of his property, or the joint property of the plaintiff and defendant, and that the plaintiff be granted separate maintenance and the custody of the minor children.

Sudden Raise in Missouri Drowns Cattle

One of the heaviest losses reported as the result of the sudden raise of the Missouri river Saturday, was at the Peterson farm on the island southeast of this city, where Mr. Peterson and his partner, Rapp, of Omaha were feeding some 340 head of cattle.

The flood came suddenly as the river's water swept over the dikes around the island, soon the island was overflown and some seventy of the cattle washed away. Four young men were on the island at the time and were able to get most of the cattle out of danger. The flood entered the house on the island and drove the young men to seek shelter in the loft of the barn where they had to remain for several hours until the water lowered to permit their getting to the boat and later returned to the house to spend the night, coming back to the mainland Sunday morning.

The loss to the owners of the cattle will be quite heavy as the stock have been under feed for some time and were in excellent shape.

No Bus to Auburn Tourney Wednesday

The Chamber of Commerce had planned to sponsor a bus to take Plattsburgh fans to the Auburn basketball tournament on Wednesday. This has been found to be impossible owing to the fact that no busses were available as the Cotner lines have been unable to secure an extra bus.

NORMAL STUDENTS HERE
Mr. and Mrs. Don Templemeyer, students at Peru Normal, visited Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stander at Weeping Water over the week end. Mrs. Templemeyer is a daughter of the Standers.

SUFFERS FROM PNEUMONIA
James McCune, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McCune, of this city, is quite ill at the family home in this city, being taken ill Saturday with pneumonia. He is now under constant medical care.

High Water Not So Serious at Plattsburgh

The immediate vicinity of Plattsburgh has not been seriously threatened by the general flood conditions that have prevailed over this section of the state since Friday.

The huge ice gorge at the mouth of the Platte has served to cause much of the land on the north side of the Platte to be overflown, the residents in the vicinity of the Platte river parks and the Salvation army summer home to be taken to higher land for the present.

Water, that flowed over highway 75 near the LaPlatte overpass, caused the highway to be closed Saturday afternoon and night with travel going via Glenwood, but Sunday the usual traffic was resumed as the water receded. The Papio, threatening flood stage was reported lower today (Monday) but prospects of further raises were reported.

Residents of the Platte bottoms north of this city, were forced to abandon their places of residence Saturday morning, when backed up water invaded the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Parriott, Sr. and the Nord residence and made necessary the removal of the families and effects. The residents however had provided boats for emergencies.

The lowlands on the east of Plattsburgh were overflown Saturday when the water from the Platte started to overflow and the E. H. Pollock lands are now under several feet of water, that is up to the windows of the farm home east of the Burlington station. Father south along the Missouri, high water was invading the lowland and at the Claude Richardson home below the traffic bridge there was water in the house. The farm lands on the island and along the Missouri farther south was also being overflown.

One of the thrills of the high water here was the break up of the Missouri river at this point Saturday afternoon when the force of the water lifted the huge cakes of ice, piling them up along the banks of the stream.

The full force of the Missouri river flood was felt in the vicinity of Nebraska City where dikes along the river were washed out and adding to the danger to the lands on the Iowa side of the Missouri. South of Nebraska City the lowlying farms were covered by the flood waters. Hamburg, Iowa, always a hot spot from flood waters, is again faced with a menace from both the Missouri river and the Nishnabotna river that was threatening the town from the east.

One of the danger spots for the east Platte valley is that from the Elkhorn now breaking up and the Salt Creek area near Lincoln whose waters will drain into the Platte. All of the localities along the Platte are alerted after the Rock Island bridge over the Platte west of Louisville, suffered the loss of several spans Saturday. The Burlington bridge near Ashland is also reported Monday morning to have been washed out by the high waters and ice of the Platte and threatening the highway bridge over the Platte.

Schafers Purchase Fine Cow for Herd

Otto Schafer and Sons of Nehawka have made a most valuable addition to their herd of fine purebred Aberdeen Angus cattle, giving them a cow of the very highest breed that will make for the creation of a fine herd.

The cow was purchased from the firm of Penny & James of Hamilton, Mo., one of the largest herds of the Aberdeen Angus in the west.

The animal was purchased for \$1,000 from the breeders and has a fine registration strain, she being sired by Eilenmore 85, one of the best known animals in the west and an international grand champion and the 1935 grand champion.

The cow purchased has been bred to Eilenmore 487, who was purchased from the Penny heard for \$30,000 and is one of the finest types of male animal in the country.

No Vacancy to Be Filled on School Board

The voters of school district No. 1, Cass county, will only have to elect two members for a term of three years, it was revealed Friday on a check of the records of the board of education.

It had been thought that the two full terms and also a vacancy would have to be filled, but examination of the records back to 1946, revealed that what was thought to be a vacancy was really the expiration of a full term of three years, therefore, the man named will be elected for the full term.

The confusion in the office was due to the fact that there had been several named by reason of vacancies, all for the one term. Back in 1946 Mrs. Hazel McCord, regularly elected member of the board, resigned her office, later on the members of the board elected Warren Scharfenberg as her successor. Later Mr. Scharfenberg moved from Plattsburgh to Nebraska City, and again created a vacancy in the office that was later filled by the naming of A. W. Huebner to the office, whose term expires this year.

The school caucus was held on the supposition that there would be two long terms and the one vacancy to fill. The canvass of the records revealed that the retiring members of the board of education were W. F. Evers and Mr. Huebner and that there was no vacancy to be filled.

The school meeting Wednesday evening named A. W. Huebner, Walter Gleason, Harold Alkire and Clair Shellenbarger as the four to make the race at the election on April 5th for the two year terms, two to be elected.

The vacancy being found eliminated, these will be the duly named candidates and these named for the third place will not be certified to the city clerk for a place on the ballot. The hold over members of the board of education are Frank A. Clويد, A. B. Rogers, Dr. O. C. Hudson and John Schreiner. Mr. Clويد is president and Mr. Schreiner secretary of the board.

New Pastor at First Christian Church of City

The pastorate of the First Christian church, vacant since the removal of Rev. Sherman R. Hanson, several weeks ago, is to be filled after the trial of several young ministers and student pastors.

The church has called George D. Swiney, of Fargo, North Dakota, a student at Cotner college, Lincoln, who offered his initial sermon on Sunday, March 6th at the church.

Mr. Swiney made a very pleasing impression on the officers of the church and the congregation and will find a hearty welcome here in Plattsburgh, a city of friendly people.

The new pastor is married and has a family of three children who will locate here at once and make their home in the parsonage near the church, where the family will be handy for the needs of the members of the parish.

HERE TO ENJOY VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. George Hobscheidt and family of Lavern, Iowa, arrived here Friday for a visit with the relatives. They assisted Mrs. John Hobscheidt, Sr., mother of George, in the observance of her 59th birthday. They are also visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Warthen, parents of Mrs. Hobscheidt.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cooper, who operate a cafe at Louisville were here Saturday to spend a few hours looking after some matters of business.



MIGHT AS WELL BE SPRING . . . According to the calendar, spring isn't until March 21, but why bother to look at the thermometer when crocuses bloom in Brocklyn's Botanical Gardens, with the temperature around 67? That's what Kathleen Miller, above, thought as she greeted the premature harbingers of spring.

Plattsburgh is Fed Up at Delay in Rifle Range

Present indications point to the fact that development of the Plattsburgh Rifle Range is getting the "run around" from the State Game Department. Rosy promises of many months ago have taken on a slightly "blue" tinge and local sportsmen are ready to come out in the open with the fight.

Purchased over a year ago with funds contributed in a large part by the Wild Life association, the Plattsburgh Rifle Range held great promise to Eastern Nebraskans of becoming a popular wild game refuge, shooting grounds and fishing spot for sportsmen of this area, who feel that they have long been neglected by the State Game Department.

Recent meetings held here in Plattsburgh by the Izaak Walton League, the driving force behind the development, has brought only evasive answers to their many questions regarding the progress of the area, while at the same time the Game Department campaigns vigorously for additional funds from licenses and other fees.

While the Plattsburgh Waltonians have been pushing the development through contacts with the commission in Lincoln and meetings locally, other groups in the area have started putting on the pressure through other methods. At Omaha, 1-623 signers are on a petition opposing the increase in license fees presented to the legislature. Most of these signers placed their name on the petition against the increase as a wedge to get something done about the Plattsburgh Rifle Range.

Plattsburgh Waltonians have been carrying the brunt of the load alone until the past week, when local forces were joined by Omaha sportsmen with the additional aid of the World-Herald through Howard Wolfe, field and stream editor, who states that "Eastern Nebraska has reason for complaint, Eastern Nebraska shouldn't be neglected. It is now—especially on the Plattsburgh issue."

It is hoped the Game Department will come through with some definite plans for action—and soon.

Stag Party Held by the V. F. W. Club

Thursday evening the members of the Wolover-Lepert post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars entertained at their club rooms in the Nerster building, at a stag party given for the entertainment of the members and their invited guests.

The crowd was very large, it is estimated that there was some 400 to attend the meeting and enjoy the evening of fun that had been arranged.

The committee in charge had secured a very interesting and educational picture as one of the features of the evening that served to help in the entertainment of the group.

Games followed the motion pictures for the remainder of the evening and enjoyed until a late hour by the vets and their friends.

The members of the party were regaled with a lunch of prime roast beef sandwiches as well as cheese sandwiches and the usual refreshments to complete the evening.

Sgt. Ray Tinchler to Officers School

Sgt. Ray Tinchler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tinchler of this city, who has been in the army for the past seven months, stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky, arrived home Thursday morning for a few days visit here with the parents and old friends.

Sgt. Tinchler was enroute to Fort Riley, Kansas, where he will enter the officers candidate school and if successful will be duly commissioned into the regular army. He has had a very high record in his service since enlistment.

Ray is a graduate of the class of 1947 of the Plattsburgh high school where he was a very active figure in the student body during his four years in the high school.

Mrs. Joe Noble and little daughter of Downers Grove, Illinois, are here for a short visit at the home of Mrs. Noble's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Libershal and the other relatives and friends.



TEA FOR PAT'S TASTE . . . Sitting in as an unofficial connoisseur, Patricia Morison, stage and screen star, invitingly purses her lips for—believe it or not—a sip of tea as U. S. tea tasters conduct their annual quality tests in the Rainbow room of Radio City. Holding the spoon up to Pat's mouth is Grayson Lattrell.