

## Flood Does Much Damage to Geo. Bell Residence

George Bell, well known capitalist and sand and gravel operator, arrived back in Omaha Thursday after a winter vacation spent in California to find the real winter prevailing on the way through west Nebraska and a costly destruction from the Platte river overflow at his country home north of this city, a loss that is estimated will reach \$4,000 before it is all replaced.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell on their journey home found the going very good until near North Platte where they hit a belated blizzard and very heavy snow. They visited at North Platte with relatives and Mrs. Bell remained there while Mr. Bell came on here to look over the flood damage Monday when they reached North Platte they found traffic all tied up for a short while both east and west of the city. They found the snow so deep that it was necessary to push it away so that doors could be opened at the house and cars parked were snow bound in fifteen inches of the snow.

On reaching here and visiting the home north of this city, Mr. Bell found that the Platte river in its two day rampage, had played havoc with the surroundings of the home, sand is everywhere as the piles were washed by the water into nearby places. The road near the place had deep washouts that will require a great deal of work to close. An enclosed summer porch had been hit by the large chunks of ice and some forty-eight panes of glass were broken out and a section of the wall washed out.

Mr. Bell contacted County Commissioner W. F. Nolte and states he found him most pleasant and helpful and hopes to have the road possible in a short time.

## Ernest D. White Purchases Flower Shop

A change was made in one of the business houses of the city Friday, April 1st, when Ernest D. White, of Omaha, purchased the Hofmoeckel Flower shop on North 6th street and will at once enter on the operation of the business. Mr. White is an experienced florist as he comes to this city from the Victoria Flower shop at Norfolk, Nebraska, where he was engaged in the service of Paul H. Bowden, well known operator. The new owner has been engaged in the floral business for a number of years and has taken special training in flower arrangement and is in every way prepared to give the residents of this city the very best of service.

Mr. White is married and with the wife will make their home at an apartment owned by Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Jacobs at 709 Third avenue.

The new owner is a war veteran of eight years service in the navy and since his return from active duty has been engaged in the flower business.

Mr. White is no stranger to Plattsmouth and its residents as he is a brother-in-law of Eugene Keines and is a nephew of Howard Dadds of the local postoffice.

Mrs. Marie Condon and Mr. and Mrs. John Paul and daughter Viki of Omaha were Sunday visitors in Plattsmouth as guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Condon and family.

## Youths Admit Theft of Fish Saturday

Three youths ages 11, 15 and 15 admitted this morning to Sheriff Solomon their part in stealing fish from Sherman Hathaway's fish box Saturday. The fourth person, a grown man whose name is known is being sought in Omaha. Sherman informed the sheriff that approximately 150 pounds of live fish were taken or released from his fish box Saturday near the Missouri river.

## Red Cross First Aid Class Now Ready to Go

The Red Cross First Aid class that is starting training at the court house on each Monday, now has some twenty members enrolled and as many others as might desire to take the training are invited to join in.

Mrs. Coretta Pfann, of the county welfare office, is in charge of the training work as she is the only duly qualified instructor in the county, and is desirous of securing as many as possible that can give the instructions and training for students, increasing the number in the community that are qualified to give the first aid and instruction to others.

The class has been meeting on each Monday at the office of Sheriff Tom Solomon on the third floor of the court house building. If the number that are interested grows, other larger quarters will be secured for the training work.

The members of the state highway patrol are much interested in the matter and assist in the giving of the schooling. With the men as assistants it is hoped to interest more of the men in the community in the work.

The course is for eighteen hours and will cover four Mondays at 7 p. m. until the completion of the course.

## Breakins Reported at Murrav and Avoca

Unknown persons Friday night failed in their attempt to break into the Brubaker store in Murrav. Radke's tavern located next door was entered, through the front door and missing was a few packages of cigarettes. The sheriff's office investigated.

Sometime during Saturday a home located on Highway No. 34 near Avoca was entered, while the occupants were in Lincoln on business. Missing were one new pair of Walkover shoes size 10 1/2 AA, one pair of socks and four boxes of 22 Western Super rifle shells. The sheriff investigated and finger prints were found. Highway patrol cars joined with the sheriff in checking hitch-hikers in the Avoca area in search of the missing items.

## Hold School for Road Crews Today

A meeting was held today (Monday) at Weeping Water for the road crews of the three commissioner districts of Cass county, bringing together the men and the commissioners for a series of instructions.

The school of instruction was conducted by the tractor and oil companies and gave a fine demonstration of road building and maintaining that will be applied in the future in the care of the roads of Cass county. The school gave special training to men in the operation of road machinery and equipment and maintaining roads.

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TWIN TROUBLE ON THE TURF... Donald (shown at the left) or is it the right? and Ronald Brigley, twins, give turf fans double trouble as they try to tell them apart while watching a race. Riding in the same race, the two jockeys finished heads apart astride "Royal View" and "Fire Ladder" at Tampa's Sunshine park. Both were unplaced.

## Sale Barn Has Largest Sale in Its History

The Plattsmouth sales barn Saturday had the largest sale in its history, the report of the owners state. There was a very large crowd from this section of the state and the goods offered found a ready demand from the purchasers.

The sales barn is staging three large sales in the coming week that should attract a great deal of attention from those who will be able to find articles they may want in almost any line.

On Friday evening, April 8th, there will be a sale of surplus army goods that will afford a wide range of articles for the attendants at the sale and give them the opportunity of getting just what they may need.

On Monday, April 11th, there will be a horse sale held at the barn that should attract the attention of all the farmers or those who may desire to secure some excellent stock for their needs.

Another very large machinery sale will be held on Thursday, April 14th at the barn that will bring an unusually large array of all kinds of farm equipment.

## Youth Suffers Skull Fracture in Noon Accident

Dave Fleveger, 23, of St. Paul, Minnesota, is at the Methodist hospital at Omaha suffering from a fractured skull sustained this noon in an accident on south Chicago avenue, and a companion, Harold Mellicott, 20, also of St. Paul, was bruised and injured when his motorcycle hit a bump and he was thrown off.

The two young men were enroute from St. Paul to Sabetha, Kansas, and passed through this city traveling via highway No. 75. As the motorcycle of Fleveger was rolling at a good rate of speed the machine hit a bump in the paving just east of the Oakmount farm driveway, and the young man was thrown some distance onto the paving. Sheriff Tom Solomon was called to the scene and it was found that the boy was in very serious condition. He had apparently suffered a skull fracture and was hurried to the Methodist hospital at Omaha, where his condition was reported as being serious.

Mellicott was thrown from his motorcycle, but his injuries were not thought dangerous beyond a severe shaking up. He was also taken to Omaha for care and checkup.

## Court House Clock Job is the Tops

The replacing of the clock in the tower of the Cass county court house is a real job as a survey reveals, the clock is practically new and good for great many years of service.

The I. T. Verdin Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio, that had the contract for the re-installing delivered the clock here on Thursday, March 31st and it is now operating in the best of shape.

The company has spared nothing in making it a real job and the clock mechanics look like new as they are installed in the tower, all parts that were worn have been replaced, new universal joints have been added to the clock, all repainted and replated where necessary. The company also installed a new bell to strike the hours.

The total cost of the restoring of the clock, including the removal and replacing, also the electrification of the clock machinery amounts to \$1,615.

The clock as it stands today, will last for many years and serve as a monument to the public spirited citizens and old residents in other localities that made possible the modernization of the clock by their donations in the period from December 8th when the clock was stopped, to January 15th, when the fund raising campaign was closed.

The clock has been one of the most missed feature of the community life and especially in the downtown section of Plattsmouth, it is now a real pleasure to the residents to hear the old bell ring and see at any time of day or night the hand of time move on.

## POLICE COURT NOTES

In the court of Judge C. L. Graves Thursday afternoon two parties were on hand to plead to charges made of Officer Clifford Hanes. Alfred Granger was charged with disturbing the peace and received a fine of \$5 and costs and George L. Thompson was also involved in the charge of disturbing the peace and also speeding. He received a fine of \$5 for disturbing the peace and \$3 for speeding. The men made a plea of not guilty but this was later waived and the fine given.

Lloyd Schroeder was arrested by Officer Hanes for passing a stop sign and put up a cash bond of \$7.50 that was later forfeited in court.

Welden Switzer of Nehawka was a visitor in Plattsmouth Wednesday to look after some matters of business and visiting with old friends in the city.

## High Court Gives Decision in Wright Case

The state supreme court on Friday released a decision in the case of Elizabeth Wright and Roland Pruess vs. Earl Barclay, a case that involved one of the buildings on Main street in this city.

Mr. Barclay was the owner of the buildings that had been leased to the plaintiffs with an alleged agreement of purchase. The lease on the building was for the year 1946 and the plaintiffs contended that they had an option to purchase the premises.

Mr. Barclay, the owner of the building, later disposed of the property to E. P. and Nyle Stewart of this city, who paid over the purchase price for the building.

In the trial of the case in the district court here several months ago, the decision was in favor of the plaintiffs, Mrs. Wright and her son-in-law, Roland Pruess. The court holding that the right of purchase agreement was valid.

The supreme court in its findings held that since the lease expired in 1946 and the sale of the property by Mr. Barclay did not occur until 1947, the trial court erred in granting plaintiffs option to purchase.

The court ordered reversal of the case with instructions to find for the defendant Mr. Barclay and against the plaintiffs.

In the trial of the case Emmett Murphy and John Baldwin of Omaha represented Mrs. Wright and Mr. Pruess, while Mr. Barclay and the Stewarts were represented by James F. Begley of this city, Max Lier of Lincoln and A. L. Tidd, also of Plattsmouth in the trial and preparation of the briefs before the supreme court.

## Birthday Camp Fire Will Be Held Thursday

Camp Fire in Plattsmouth is uppermost in my mind at this season because for a number of years it has been my privilege to have some participation in your Birthday Council Fire. That is impossible this year, but I would like to extend my congratulations to the Leaders, Guardians and the adults who are associated with the Camp Fire program there.

Sometimes the going gets pretty rough and you wonder if it is worth the effort you are putting into it, but you never know how far reaching your efforts are, and if you can help these girls to really live by the Camp Fire Law and learn to work while they play, what a contribution you have given to the Youth of America.

Camp Fire shows a tremendous growth and each of you are helping to make this possible. Isn't it a grand feeling to be a part of such a wonderful organization, helping to build the Homemakers of tomorrow? Thanks for this opportunity to say "Happy Birthday" to the Plattsmouth Camp Fire Girls and Congratulations to all of the adult workers.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Ted Akeson  
Former Guardian of  
the Netab Camp Fire  
Group

The above letter was written to the Plattsmouth Camp Fire Girls by Mrs. Akeson from Lincoln, Neb. Mrs. Akeson is a member of the Lincoln Committee of Awards.

The Birthday Council Fire will be held in the Central school auditorium on Thursday, April 7, at 7:30. The public is invited.

The ceremonial will be followed by a pageant, "Make Mine Democracy," and the Camp Fire choir.  
Plan to spend a pleasant evening with the Camp Fire Girls.

## Schools to Start Easter Vacation

The Plattsmouth city schools will have their annual Easter vacation this year from Friday, April 15th to Monday, April 18th is the announcement from the school.

This will give the teachers of the school system and the students an opportunity of observing the Easter season as many of the teachers can enjoy the opportunity of visiting their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Stone, of Nehawka, were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thiele the past week.

## Feeders Banquet a Great Success

(Editor's Note: Delay in carrying the following photos was unavoidable due to severe storms that held up mail service preventing arrival of halftones for an earlier issue.)



Howard Philpot, president of the Corn Belt Feeders Association, stands at the "mike" fulfilling his duties as master of ceremonies which, among other things, included the introduction of guests, officers of the local and state organizations, and the principle speaker, Mel Hansen of WOW.



One of the highlights of the evening's entertainment was a group of songs by the Schaefer sisters, Norma, Betty, Kathleen and Ruth, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schaefer, formerly of Nehawka. These girls nearly "brought down the house" with their close harmony.



The story of the Corn Belt Feeders banquet would not be complete without giving credit to a wonderful group of women and girls who prepared and served the delectable dinner. This group of women, only a part of whom are shown here, served the 350 seated at the tables in record time. Their accomplishment could not be surpassed.—Journal Staff Photo.

## Softball League Holds Meeting

The officers and directors of the City Softball league held a meeting the past week to get ready for the opening of the regular season.

The organization of the league was perfected and the rules for the coming season read and prepared.

Anyone that is interested in getting teams lined up for the season are urged to get in touch with President Phillip Keil, Secretary James Bridgewater or Charles Patch.

Another meeting will be held on Thursday evening at the V. F. W. club rooms of the team managers and sponsors to get the work of getting ready for the playing season.

## TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Fritz Siemonell, one of the well known farmers of this part of Cass county, was taken Sunday to Omaha where he entered the Immanuel hospital. He will be under observation and treatment to determine the cause of his illness as he has been in poor health for some time.

## Supreme Court Sustains Cass County Case

The opinion was rendered by the state supreme court Friday in the case of Idelle Holman et al. vs. Peter Kiewit Sons Inc., an appeal from Cass county, sustaining the finding of the district court and Judge Henry J. Beal.

This was an action to set aside a deed made to the defendants by the plaintiff and to quiet the title to the property, located north of Plattsmouth near the Platte river. The corporation negotiated with Mr. Holman in 1934 for right to secure material with which to build a highway overpass. The corporation and Mr. Holman executed a deed in 1935 for the lot, but the deed was not recorded until in 1947.

Any exchange of money in the negotiations, the court held did not amount to a mortgage.

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## Volunteers Work to Rock Louisville Road

A group of the farmers residing on and near the Louisville road, Friday gave a demonstration of volunteer road work and repairing on the Four Mile Creek bottom west of Plattsmouth, on the road that has for weeks been difficult of travel and at times impassible.

One of the prime movers getting the work started was Max Valley, whose farm residence is near the Four Mile bottom, who has been aroused at all hours of the night by appeals from motorists and truckers to assist in getting them through the soft and almost bottomless roadway.

The farmers did a great job of work in rocking the road and making travel possible, the rock was donated from the Cuthrell-Gayer farm, trucks being furnished by Albert Ulrich, Hillard Land, Louis Wagner, Ed Meisinger, William Peterson, brought the rock to the scene of action.

The volunteer workers gathered at the farm and assisted in getting the rock loaded and then helped get the rock spread over the road way, the county machine then helped set the rock packed into the road so that it was possible.

Those who carried on the work were Max Valley, John Horn, Harlan Hennings, Lawrence Jones, Fred Tschirren, Sr., Fred Kaufmann, Fred Tschirren, Jr., Floyd Becker, Ben Speck, Hillard Speck, Ross Horn, Herbert Hill, Ross Thompson, Charles Thompson, John P. Kaffenberger, Lyle Meisinger, Edgar Meisinger, Herman Graham, John Rummel, Arnold Meisinger, Edward Warben, Rev. A. L. Leitz, Oliver Meisinger, Fred Hill, David Toman.

The piece of work certainly shows the spirit of community interest and aid in time of need and will be appreciated by all those who have to travel the road.

This is one of the heaviest traveled roads in the county and it is hoped that in the coming summer some permanent steps may be taken to get more miles of the road, including the Four Mile bottom in shape that it can be traveled in all kinds of weather conditions.

## Funeral Directors Meet at Omaha

Thursday afternoon the members of district No. 2 of the Nebraska Funeral directors association met at Omaha for their regular meeting to discuss matters of interest to the members of the profession.

The meeting was presided over by L. A. Caldwell of this city, the district president and was attended by a very large number of the directors in this part of the state.

Among the members of the association attending was John Sattler of this city, operator of the Sattler funeral home.

## At The Cass County Court House

In the county court on Thursday petition was filed for the probate of the estate of Orin A. Davis deceased and the appointment of James Vance Pittman as the administrator. E. M. Casey, attorney in the action.

Petition was filed in the county court Thursday for the determination of heirship in the estate of George Utt, deceased. J. F. Begley appears as attorney in the matter.

Petition has been filed in the county court for the probate of the estate of Otto Renwez, deceased. The petition asks for the appointment of Frederick J. Patch as the administrator.

Petition was filed in the county court Friday in the administration of the estate of Esther Sheldon, deceased and for the appointment of Esther Tefft as the administratrix. Paul E. Fauguet appears as the attorney for the estate.

Petition was filed Saturday for the probate of the will of Orin A. Davis, deceased. The will nominates Searl S. Davis as the executor of the estate. J. F. Begley appears as the attorney.

Petition was filed in the county court Saturday for the probate of the estate of Stella Weichel, deceased. The appointment of H. M. Weichel as administrator is asked.

In the estate of Bertha True, deceased, petition was filed asking for the determination of heirship in the estate and defining the interest of the heirs.

## A Grassed Waterway Must Be Properly Constructed



If grassed waterways are to do the job for which they are intended they must be properly constructed. Pictured at the left is a waterway which has cut around the side and the farmer

has continually farmed too close to the waterways and in spite of the expense and labor the farmer has put into the project, he continues to get too fast a run off.

At the right is a properly constructed grassed waterway on the Hugo Meisinger farm near Plattsmouth. This waterway is well balanced, is well contoured and gives protection during

heavy rains that prevents washing and run-off of valuable soil. Mr. Meisinger is an enthusiastic supporter of sound conservation programs and has carried out extensive projects on his own land.