

City Schools Open Tuesday, August 30th

Plattsmouth city schools will open on Tuesday morning, August 30, 1949, with a complete staff of fully qualified instructors. Monday will be observed by all teachers in a series of professional and organizational meetings preparatory to the opening of school the next day.

Many interesting guest speakers have been selected to speak to and consult with the teachers during this day. County Superintendent Behrends and City Superintendent Priest have been fortunate in obtaining speakers who will be available for the city schools as well as the pre-opening meetings of the rural teachers which is being held on the same day. These guest speakers are Dr. Edith S. Greer, state supervisor of elementary education and normal training coming to us from the state Superintendent of Public Instruction at Lincoln, Mr. J. L. MacDowell, basic elementary reading specialist from Chicago and Lincoln and Mr. Neal S. Goman, special field representative from the Nebraska state education association office at Lincoln.

Following is listed the teaching personnel for the coming year:

- Miles Eloe, high school principal; Doris Atkinson Armstrong, vocational home economics.
- Gerald Clayburn, shop, mechanical drawing, science and junior high school physical education.
- Ruth Dickinson, commercial.
- David Fowler, Jr., music.
- Mary J. Kramer Eloe, English and journalism.
- Pearl Mann, science and mathematics.
- John J. O'Hare, institutional on-the-farm training.
- Jean Roadhouse, English and dramatics.
- Myrtle Schwab, history and English.
- Pearl Staats, English, normal training, library.
- Merle Stewart, science, athletic coach.
- Jessie Whalen, history, guidance, co-ordinator.
- Clara Weyrich, mathematics, tests and measurements.
- Joe C. York, mathematics, social science, assistant coach.
- Elementary grades - Junior High in high school building - Zilpha Seward, eighth grade; Alvina Zastrow, eighth grade; (Continued on Page Six)

Lightning Strikes Tower at Oreapolis

During the electrical storm on Thursday evening a bolt of lightning hit the "tower" at the Oreapolis crossing of the Burlington and Missouri Pacific railroads, north of Plattsmouth.

The lightning did little damage to the building, but burned out the electric fuses and caused the tower to be without lights and power for a short time.

The Plattsmouth fire department was called out by the lightning blast and hurried to Oreapolis but fortunately their services were not needed and business was progressing as usual in a few moments.

Accidental Deaths Total 13 for 1949

The total of accidental deaths in Cass county so far for the year total thirteen, reports at the office of Sheriff Tom Solomon show. This is a very strong showing up to date this year.

Three of the deaths were from drowning, four from automobile accidents, one from suicide and five from various types of accidents.

The accidental death of Harry Bashus brought the figure to thirteen in the list as the result of his shooting while hunting south of this city Friday.

O. W. Finney Has Stay in Hospital

O. W. Finney, one of the well known contractors in eastern Nebraska, has been at the Clark hospital at Omaha for the past ten days, suffering from an attack of stomach ulcers. Mr. Finney had a similar attack some years ago.

The patient has responded well to the treatment and it is hoped will be out and able to return home in a few days to Murray to recuperate at home.

Youths Confess Another Breakin

The Bellevue and Omaha youths, Edward Christianson and Dale Konvalin, who are being held in a connection with breakins and auto theft, have confessed to having been in the party that recently visited Cedar Creek. They confessed to having broken into the Ault store at Cedar Creek on the same night that they entered the Blair Construction Co. office. At the Ault store they were unable to secure any money, and left there to raid the Blair office where they secured \$26 and then were frightened away from the scene.

The two remain firm in their statements that they had no part in the breakins at Murdock or other places in Cass county.

Two of the youths that are listed as members of the gang, are still at large.

Great Game as Softball Season Draws to Close

The softball fans that journeyed out to Athletic park Friday night had a great treat afforded them in the clash of the Timms, league leading team, and Donat's second place winners. The Timms were the winners 1 to 0.

The game was one of the finest, if not the best seen on the local lot, in many months, both teams being at their best, good, fast, errorless ball was played by both of the teams.

The game ran into an extra inning before the final result was secured. It came as a real thrill to the fans when Earl Wiles, hurler for the Timms came to bat, and smacked the ball for a two bagger, being relieved on the base by Charles Eugene Ault, first sacker of the team, who was resting on the third sack when Grover (Tuffy) Parriott rapped a single to the right garden that brought in the winning run.

The game was one to enjoy all of the way through and filled with many brilliant plays.

Harry Rohlfis did the pitching for Donats while Bob Gall did the stopping back of the plate. Wiles and Spidel were the usual hard working battery for Timms.

Peru School Head Visits in City

Friday W. L. Nichols, president of the Peru State Teachers college was in the city for a short time looking over the city, while here was a caller at The Journal for a short visit and to look after some advertising for the school for the coming fall term.

In the past years Peru Teachers has grown to be one of the best known educational institutions in this section of Nebraska. Several hundred from Cass county in the years past, have received their education at the home of the Peru Bobcats, many of the graduates have served as instructors in the Plattsmouth schools.

The school has given a great opportunity to many that could not afford to attend the larger universities and colleges, placing them in a position to receive training for their future years in their chosen fields, particularly in the field of teaching.

The school will now be able to offer A.B. degrees to the students and this is expected to be a big inducement to the boys and girls of southeastern Nebraska.

Court House Briefs . .

The office of County Judge Richard Peck was the scene of two weddings on Friday afternoon. Edwin C. Scott and Evie R. Bell, both of Omaha were married by Judge Peck with Mrs. Marie Behrends and Miss Thelma Kruger as the witnesses. Lowell A. Whitaker and Marjorie J. Coney of Omaha were also married during the afternoon with Kenneth McAuffen and Betty Mae Johnson of Omaha as the witnesses.

In the office of the clerk of the district court Saturday, an action in divorce was filed entitled Alice Tignor vs. Earl Tignor. The petition sets forth that the parties were married on September 13, 1937, that the defendant is now a non-resident of the state of Nebraska. The plaintiff asks for a decree of absolute divorce and also for a restraining order to prevent the defendant from interfering with the personal liberty of the plaintiff.

Registration for Dividends On August 29

The Hugh J. Kearns post of the American Legion of this city is prepared to be in a position to aid all World War II veterans that wish to fill in their cards in applying for the National Service Life Insurance dividend. This applies to any veteran, regardless of organization affiliation or not.

The post has secured the use of the St. John's hall on Main street which will be used for registration headquarters and here the force of workers will be ready on Monday, August 29th at 10 o'clock to start in on the work of filling out the cards that are to be sent in to secure the dividend.

The hall will permit the use of a force of volunteer typists who will be ready and willing to get in and help get the veterans applications ready for mailing.

The cards are to be in the hands of the veterans on August 29th and should be sent in as soon as possible as they will be paid out in the order received. Payment is expected to start around the first of January.

It is announced by the state service office of the Legion that to speed up the processing of application forms, veterans are asked to bring their serial number, their insurance numbers and their VA (claim) C number if a veteran has filed a claim for VA benefits. If a veteran doesn't know his insurance number or numbers do not write to the VA. Cards are acceptable without these if not readily available.

Farm Home Near Alvo Destroyed

The farm home of Mr. and Mrs. John Weichel, located between Alvo and Elmwood, one of the large and modern farm homes in that section of the county, was destroyed by fire early Friday morning and Mr. Weichel had a very close call to get out of the burning structure.

The cause of the fire is unknown, the first intimation of the fact that the house was on fire came when the chimney of the building collapsed, falling into the bedroom where Mr. Weichel was sleeping, this arousing him, he was able to get out of the house which was by that time a roaring furnace.

Mrs. Weichel and children were visiting in Kansas and not at home at the time of the fire.

The Alvo fire department was notified of the fire and responded to the call and were able to keep the fire from spreading to adjacent farm buildings. The house was a mass of ruins as it was so far along when discovered that nothing could be done to save the structure.

There was some insurance on the building it is stated but not enough to cover the loss.

Mrs. Zelpha Seward and Mrs. C. A. Rosencrans departed Monday for Honeywell, Missouri, where they will join their mother, Mrs. Mollie Lasey, who has been there for some time. Mrs. Lasey will accompany the daughters home.

Sell It Thru Journal Want Ads.



OFF-RECORD FACT DISCUSSION . . . Two who opposed Atlantic pact plead their points with bi-partisan co-pilots of the pact. Left to right are Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R., Utah), who joined minority leader Wherry in request for rider that would free United States of arms obligation, Senators Tom Connally (D., Tex.), Arthur Vandenberg (R., Mich.) and Kenneth Wherry (R., Neb.).

Install Officers At Forty & Eight Thursday

Thursday evening the regular installation of officers of Cass County Voiture 1218 of La Societe Des 40 Hommes at 8 Chevaux, was held at the Forty and Eight club, with the voiture being honored by the presence of one of the national officers, Max Berenberger, of Omaha. Sous Chef de Femein de Fer, as the installing officer. There was a very pleasing attendance of the members from this city as well as in Cass county.

The officers installed were: Chef de Gare—Eugene O. Vroman; Chef de Train—Robert Cappell; Commissaire Intendant—Albert Olson.

Conducteur—Thomas Walling; Garde de la Porte—Leslie W. Niel; Lampiste—Frank M. Rice; Commis Voyager—Louis Baumgart.

Medicine—Dr. P. T. Heineman; Cheminots Locale—Fred Lugsch, Charles Atteberry, Union; Frank H. Smith, Thomas Walling, C. E. Ledgway, Robert Cappell; Correspondant—Lloyd Behrends; Aumonier—Oliver Schriber; Advocate—C. E. Ledgway.

Reports of the grand promenade of Nebraska 40 & 8 at Omaha at the time of the American Legion state convention was given by Lloyd Behrends and C. E. Ledgway, very interesting and telling of the various actions of the body as affecting the organization.

A number of visitors were in attendance, including Kay Kamel, grand sous chef de train of Nebraska, Clarence Welsh of Omaha, grand correspondent of Nebraska, William Bishop of Otoe county voiture, Nebraska City, Robert Larkin, Omaha.

Following the meeting the members were entertained at a very pleasant luncheon at the club rooms and followed by an evening of visiting and social pleasures.

A number of local Forty & Eighters are planning to drive to Nebraska City on Wednesday evening for the installation of officers of Otoe county voiture. Dr. P. T. Heineman of Plattsmouth, grand chef de train of Nebraska, will be the installing officer.

Mr. and Mrs. Edson In Car Wreck

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Edson, of Sterling, Colorado, former residents of this city, who were here to call on old friends last week, were badly injured in an auto accident near Lexington, Nebraska, while on their way home. Mr. and Mrs. Edson enjoyed a visit here with Mr. and Mrs. Ward Schade and other of the old friends, that they had known during the time that Mr. Edson was the carrier on RFD No. 2.

From the reports received here, they were traveling alone on the way to the west, with Mrs. Edson driving, apparently she had dozed for a few seconds and the car crashed through the railing of a bridge, rolled down an embankment a distance of some fifteen feet.

When Mrs. Edson came to, she was in the car. Mr. Edson apparently thrown from the car, had been caught under the wreckage. Both were taken to the Lexington hospital and as soon as possible will be taken out to their home at Sterling. Mr. Edson's injuries were very severe and he is still in serious condition.

The car was completely demolished in the wreck.

Carl Morehead Badly Injured in Explosion

Carl Morehead, 25, one of the popular men of the community, was very severely injured on Wednesday evening while he was engaged in working on the county highway west of Plattsmouth.

Carl has been operating his caterpillar on the roads for Cass county and Wednesday was working in the dusk to get the work completed before calling it a day. As he was lighting a cigarette, he started to investigate the condition of his diesel fuel tank, suddenly the fuel tank blew up and the flames swept into the face of the young man.

It was thought at first that the injured man might have sustained possible fatal injuries and he was hurried into Omaha where he was placed in the St. Joseph hospital. An examination disclosed that the burns on the face were very severe and the eyes of Carl seemed affected by the blast.

Relatives visiting at the hospital Thursday found that he was able to detect the difference between daylight and dark and this was all that he could see with the eyes that are being kept bandaged as well as the rest of the face.

Students Seek Board and Room

Several requests for board and room from rural high school boys and girls have come to Superintendent Friest's office. People in Plattsmouth who would like to keep boys or girls during the school year for pay or work should contact Mr. Friest's office. The phone number is 5278. His office will serve as a clearing center. This may be the means of which some rural boy or girl may be assured of a high school education.

Softball Tourney Starts Tuesday Athletic Park

With the close of the regular season of the softball league, the directors are planning a Tuesday tournament that will open Tuesday evening at 7:15 at the Athletic park.

The first game will be between the Murray and Veterans of Foreign Wars, while the second game will be between Donats and the Timm team, league leader.

On Wednesday at 7:15 the winner of the Murray-VFW game will play the winner of the Donats-Timm game, in the first contest of the evening. In the second game the losers of the Tuesday round will play each other.

On Thursday the winner of the second game Wednesday will play the loser of the first game Wednesday.

On Friday evening the winner of the Thursday game will play the winner of the first game Wednesday.

Mrs. Tucker to Head USO Drive

Mrs. Marion N. Tucker, of Nehawka, has accepted the Cass county chairmanship of the U.S.O. drive that will be held in October. This announcement was received from the office of B. Frank Watson, Lincoln, state chairman of the organization.

Mrs. Tucker has been an active figure in the various patriotic drives in the county during the war days.

VISIT WITH PARENTS

Don Stewart, of San Francisco, arrived the past week to visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Stewart and the many old time friends of the community. Mr. Stewart has been located on the west coast since his return from service, but still enjoys being here among the familiar scenes of his boyhood days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Neitzel of Omaha, were here Monday evening for a few hours to visit with old time friends in the city. They had enjoyed a trip to Louisville and Cedar Creek and stopped here before going on back to Omaha.

Mrs. Wildon Switzer, son and daughter of Nehawka, were county seat visitors Wednesday afternoon.

State Engineers Open Office Here

With work on the Louisville road project to start in a very short time, the state highway department is opening an office here for the use of the engineers that will be engaged on the job.

The office for the supervising engineers has been opened on the third floor of the court house, in the office that was formerly used by the county attorney, which makes quite a comfortable place for the work and handling the blue prints of the job.

Dean Hill, of Lincoln, is the engineer on the job, and will be located here as soon as the active work on the grading and drainage work starts.

It is hoped that the work can be opened at once to get as much done as possible before the fall season closes.

Edith Solomon Purchases the Coffee Shop

The sale of the Coffee shop in the Hotel Plattsmouth building, was made on Friday evening by Don Rainey, disposing of the shop and equipment to Miss Edith Solomon, one of the well known and active young business women in the city.

Miss Solomon, the new owner, took over the plant on Saturday and Sunday was in full charge of the handling of the coffee shop and the Sunday meals at this popular eating place.

Miss Solomon needs little introduction to the residents of this community, as she has made her home here for a number of years, completing her school work here and for a number of years was an able official in the handling of the WPA and relief work in this section. In the war years Miss Solomon was a member of the armed service, serving in the WAVES, and is an active member of the American Legion in this city. She has more recently been engaged in an important post in the government work at Fort Crook.

Miss Solomon states that it is her sincere desire to make the coffee shop one of the best in this section, her efforts will be directed into this line. The ambition of the new owner will be to see that the very best of food and service be provided her customers.

Mr. Rainey, former proprietor, has not announced his plans for the future and will take some time to determine just what he will engage in.

Sheriff Called Out on Traffic Case

Sunday a small auto wreck occurred north of the Murray corner when a car driven by Andrea De Regus of Omaha, ran into the rear of a car of Thomas Dukes, also of Omaha. An investigation of the accident by Sheriff Tom Solomon disclosed that De Regus had fallen asleep at the wheel of his car and before awakening the car had ran into the back of the Dukes car.

One of the cars was run into a small ditch but was not overturned and the other car partially slid into the ditch on the opposite side of the road. Both cars were damaged some but none of the occupants injured.

Stuart Nielsen, who has been visiting at Minden, Nebraska, at the home of his grandparents and other relatives has returned home. He had a most pleasant outing.



REFUTER . . . Dr. Edward U. Condon, bureau of standards director, refutes charges that he is "untrustworthy" and tells senate rules committee he favors resolution permitting persons smeared by committees to refute the charges.

Harry Bashus Killed Friday In Accident

Tragedy was revealed Friday afternoon at the Range farm south of Plattsmouth, on highway No. 75, when the lifeless body of Harry (Skeets) Bashus, 21, was found lying in the pasture of the farm near a wooded sector of the place.

Alvin Range and son, Robert, had started out to drive in the cows from the pasture the men walking down the highway to where the cows were located. As the cows were wending their way through the pasture, the men noticed the cows stopping, and apparently frightened. They hastened up to drive the cows and discovered lying in the path, the body of the unfortunate young man.

The Messers Range hastened to the house and sent in a call for Sheriff Tom Solomon, who in turn, called County Attorney Walter H. Smith, acting coroner.

When the sheriff and county attorney reached the scene, they found the young man lying on his side, a 22 gauge rifle across his feet, a wound in the right temple of the head. He had apparently been dead for several hours as rigor mortis had started to set in on the body.

From the reports received at the office of the sheriff, the young man had been enjoying a day's vacation from his work in Omaha and taken the day out in the open.

The car of the young man was parked in the highway near the fence and here the officers found the bill fold with some money, cards and snapshots as well as the auto registration card that revealed that the young man was Harry Bashus, 7006 Fort Crook drive, South Omaha.

The body was removed to the Sattler funeral home to await the funeral arrangements.

Sheriff Solomon and County Attorney Smith found that the rifle had one discharged cartridge in the chamber, in the pocket of the dead man several other unused cartridges were found.

Inquiry of relatives revealed that the rifle had a defective firing pin and that the last week while Harry was driving with friends, the gun had accidentally been discharged in the car but without injuring anyone. It is thought that this defect may have caused the accident. (Continued on Page Six)

Honor Churches In Series of Ads By Business Men

Starting with this issue and to appear once each month is a series of page advertisements honoring the churches of Plattsmouth and community, a good-will contribution to church groups paid for by local business men who's names appear on the page.

During the coming months each church of all denominations in the community will be featured in separate releases, together with a biography of the ministers. Purpose of the series is to better acquaint the citizens of Plattsmouth and Cass County with the religious activities and services offered in this community.

It is hoped this series of advertisements, generously supported by local business men and women, will bring to residents of this territory a better understanding of religious organizations, tolerance and cooperation among the creeds represented here and will be of benefit to all churches in their efforts to spread the Truth of God and a better way of life to all.

Return Home from Outing in North

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lugsch, who have been enjoying a vacation trip to the Lake Superior region of Minnesota, returned home Saturday after a very pleasant stay in the north country.

Fred demonstrated his skill at fishing, he returned home with his limit in game fish, twelve walleye pike and twelve northern pike being his trophies.

They enjoyed visiting in and near Fort Arthur, Duluth, and other places of interest, and report that the weather was very hot during their stay, and the fisherman returned bearing the marks of the intense heat and sunburn.