

Three Given Reformatory Sentences

In the district court Monday (today) three Plattsmouth youths were arraigned on the charge of breaking and entering. William H. Burk, 19, Kenneth Leroy Schroeder, 20, and Gordon Hopkins, 19.

The three young men had been arrested on December 12th by Sheriff Tom Solomon and complaints for breaking and entering the Nu-Way Cafe in this city, owned by Harry Albin, and the tavern at Murray, were filed against the three and also Gene Lewis, 20, was taken in charge by the sheriff.

In the county court Lewis made a plea of guilty and was remanded to the district court where Judge Thomas Dunbar gave him a sentence of from one to three years in the state reformatory. Burk, Schroeder and Hopkins each plead not guilty in the county court and waived their preliminary hearing and were released under bond for appearance in the district court.

The three defendants at their appearance before Judge Dunbar, this morning, made a plea of guilty to the charges preferred, and were given their sentences. Schroeder was given two to five years in the state reformatory at Lincoln. Hopkins was given a sentence of one to three years in the reformatory, and Burk also was given a one to three year term. Judge Dunbar stated from the bench that the fact that Burk was married and had a child had caused the court to give him the lighter sentence.

In the hearing today, Judge Dunbar made the appointment of Attorney James F. Begley to appear in the case for the State of Nebraska, as County Attorney Water H. Smith, was at Lindsay, Nebraska, as was at Lindsay, Nebraska, to attend the funeral services of Mrs. Lena Lebens. Attorney Francis M. Casey appeared for the defendants.

The young men were remanded to the custody of Sheriff Tom Solomon to carry out the sentence of the court.

Death of Mrs. Lena Lebens At Hospital

The many friends of Attorney Harold Lebens over Cass county, will regret to learn of the death of his mother, Mrs. Lena Lebens, 61, that occurred on Friday afternoon at the St. Joseph hospital at Omaha, where she had been for several weeks in very critical condition.

Mrs. Lebens has been a resident of Platte county a great many years, the family residing at Lindsay, where the husband, M. J. Lebens, has been engaged in business for years.

There is surviving her passing: the husband, at Lindsay; four sons, Harold of Plattsmouth; John E. of Lindsay; George A. of Omaha; Paul D. of Rock Island, Illinois; one daughter, Mrs. G. M. Palmer, of Appleton, Wisconsin. One daughter Genevieve, preceded her in death.

The funeral services were held this (Monday) morning at the Holy Family Catholic church at Lindsay. Interment was at the cemetery at Dodge, Nebraska, the old family home.

Harold Lebens accompanied the funeral party to Lindsay and was joined there Saturday by Mrs. Lebens and the children to remain until after the funeral services.

Suffers Broken Wrist Saturday

Saturday, Julius Stofuss, old resident of the city, had the misfortune to fall on the streets here, due to the icy condition of the paving and as the result of the fall, sustained a fractured right wrist.

The patient was treated by Dr. R. F. Brendel and later was taken to the Methodist hospital at Omaha by the Caldwell ambulance to have the injured member set and will be cared for at the hospital.

STILL QUITE ILL
P. J. Meisinger, one of the long time residents of this part of Cass county, is still quite ill at the family home on the farm west of Plattsmouth. Mr. Meisinger is able to be a part of the time in his wheel chair, but is confined to his home.



SUCCESS STORY . . . Miss Elizabeth Taylor, who joined the company as a stenographer, has been appointed assistant secretary of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co.

March of Dimes Jan. 16th to 31st

A record number of civic and social organizations have united to carry the 1950 March of Dimes campaign through its most crucial test. Mrs. Don Warg, county director of the March of Dimes committee, disclosed today. The annual fund-raising drive of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis opens today and continues through January 31.

Epidemic aid funds of the National Foundation. Mrs. Warg said, were depleted by 1949's record high infantile paralysis epidemics in which more than 40,000 children and adults were stricken with the crippling disease. These funds were expended not only in caring for new cases, but in continuing treatment for thousands of patients stricken during the serious outbreaks of 1948.

"We are faced with the certainty that about 17,000 victims of 1949 must be cared for during most of 1950, the greatest carry-over case load in the 12-year history of the National Foundation," the March of Dimes county director stated. "That alone calls for a record-breaking March of Dimes campaign. But, further, we must stand ready to help new victims of outbreaks we know will hit many areas next summer.

"When we add to all this the cost of continuing vital research (Continued on Page 6)

Death of John Gruber at Avoca

John W. Gruber, 63, of Avoca, died Sunday afternoon, January 15th at his home. He was born February 16, 1887, at Nehawka, where he lived until 1904 when he moved to Avoca, where he has since resided on a farm. He was unmarried, and is survived by brothers Fred and Jess, of Avoca; and Charlie of Nebraska City; three sisters, Mrs. Effie Carey, of Columbus Junction, Iowa; Mrs. Daisy Pummel, of Avoca; Mrs. Nellie Zech of Douglas, Nebraska.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 1:00 o'clock from the Congregational church at Avoca, with the Rev. Berger officiating. Interment will be in Avoca cemetery.

The Caldwell funeral home of this city is in charge.

At The Cass County Court House

In the county court on Friday the complaint charging Sherrill White with disturbing the peace, was dismissed by County Attorney Walter H. Smith on the request of the complaining witness.

Final hearing was had Friday in the county court in the estate of Henry Oehlerking, deceased. Herbert Oehlerking is the executor of the estate and Guy Clements the attorney.

Order was entered by Judge Richard Peck in the estate of Henry Irons deceased, barring claims.

In the office of the district court Friday, a suit was filed entitled DeLores Adkins vs. Raymond Harold Little. The petition sets forth that the parties were married in Plattsmouth, Cass County, on July 29, 1949. The plaintiff asks a decree of absolute divorce, temporary attorney fees and spousal support. Attorney Paul E. Fauquet appears in the suit as attorney for the plaintiff.

Death of Mrs. C. C. Wescott On Saturday

Mrs. Edna E. Wescott, 76, wife of C. C. Wescott, was called to the last rest on Saturday, January 14th at the Doctors hospital at Omaha, where she had been taken a few days previously. Mrs. Wescott has not been in the best of health for the past several years.

The news of the death of Mrs. Wescott came as a profound shock to the many friends who have known her down through the years, quietly living her life filled with the love of home and family, friends, flowers and birds.

Mrs. Wescott was a member of Chapter F. P. E. O. of Home Chapter No. 189, Order of the Eastern Star, and the W. C. T. U. of this city. She had been very active in the local First Methodist church and Sunday School, of which she was a member for a great many years.

Edna E. Eaton was born at Crete, Nebraska, October 31, 1873, a daughter of Theodore and Alice M. Eaton. When six months of age she was brought to Plattsmouth by the parents and has since made this city her home. She received her education in the Plattsmouth schools and later was engaged as cashier and bookkeeper at the store of E. G. Dovey & Son. She was married in Plattsmouth on October 9, 1901, to Charles Clifford Wescott, the oldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wescott, pioneer residents of Plattsmouth. Since their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Wescott have made their home here in the residence at 7th and Main street.

There is surviving her passing, the husband; one son, Mason Eaton Wescott, of Wilmette, Illinois; one daughter, Alice Louise Wescott of Towson, Maryland; two sisters, Mrs. Maude Fricke and Mrs. Mable Cummins of Plattsmouth.

The body was taken to the Caldwell funeral home, 7th street and Avenue B, where visiting hours will be from 4 to 5 and 7 to 9 this (Monday) evening.

Private funeral services will be held on Tuesday morning at 10:30 at the family home, Rev. E. C. Williams, pastor of the First Methodist church, will have charge of the services.

"John Deere" Day Friday, January 20

Stander Implement Company of this city have set the date of Friday, January 20th as that of "John Deere" day for the people of Cass county, a day that will be filled with the greatest interest for all of the residents of the county.

The "day" will have many features offered in addition to giving the public an opportunity of seeing and appreciating this great line of agricultural implement that the John Deere company has made famous.

The Stander company are hosts at lunch from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m. at the store and display rooms on South 6th street, where the public will find a cordial welcome from the firm and its employees.

The entertainment features will be held at the Ritz theatre across the street from the store, here will be presented "Roots in the Soil," a wonderfully interesting picture of American life on the farms of the nation. The cast of the play is headed by Rochelle Hudson and Richard Travis. It has a great story, plenty of comedy and good music to make a real attraction.

Prizes will be offered for the callers at the show and store. Those who have not received tickets can get them by calling at the Stander Implement.

Would Aid in Housing Needs

People interested in remodeling or rebuilding a new home in the year 1950 have been invited to a meeting to be held at the Cass county extension office in Weeping Water, Tuesday, January 17th.

Agricultural Extension Engineer E. A. Olson of the University of Nebraska will be on hand to discuss problems. The meeting is slated for 10 a. m., and all those interested are invited to call and explain their desires and needs.

County Commissioner Parr Young of Hawka, was in the city Friday to look after some matters at the court house.

Plattsmouth L. & B. Holds Its Election

The annual meeting of the Plattsmouth Loan & Building association was held on Wednesday evening at the offices of the company in the Chriswiser building.

The stockholders at their meeting re-elected the retiring members of the board of directors, E. H. Bernhardt and E. J. Weyrich.

The board of directors at their meeting later elected the officers for the ensuing year, as follows:

President—C. A. Johnson.
Vice-President—E. J. Weyrich.
Secretary-Treasurer—Albert E. Olson.

The report of the officers for the past year revealed that this long time local financial institution was in most excellent shape, and had a very successful year in 1949, the reports showing an increase in the volume of business of \$100,000 over that of 1948.

The Plattsmouth Loan and Building Association was organized in February 1881, and has been in continuous business since that time. The association in the early days served as the means for residents of the city to secure themselves homes and helping build a city of home owners down through the years.

In the years the association has served as a great investment for those seeking savings and many hundreds of the local people have found this a most profitable investment and one that could be depended upon. It has afforded many the opportunity of improving and extending their business places and has proven a great community asset.

In good times and periods of depression over the country the Plattsmouth Loan & Building has proven its worth to Plattsmouth and its people.

Blood Bank Day Brings 61 Donors

The visit of the mobile blood donor unit of the Omaha chapter of the American Red Cross to this city on Thursday, brought out 61 of the volunteers of this city who responded to the call to give much needed blood for the use of the hospitals and those who were in need of blood.

The number was very good considering the fact that the coming of the unit had not been thoroughly publicized. Two Plattsmouth groups, the Norfolk Packing Company and the Plattsmouth Motors, each had ten members of their force to volunteer for the blood donation.

The basement of the First Methodist church had been arranged for the use of the Red Cross for the day and here the workers were present from noon until 6 p. m. Dr. B. F. Brendel and Dr. R. J. Dietz of this city very generously volunteered their services for the good cause and were on the job all of the time the unit was here.

Dr. L. A. Amato was the general chairman of the blood donor drive while Miss Helen Elting was in charge of the securing of the volunteer workers.

The general registration chairman was Miss Naomi Owens and the ladies taking charge of the registration at the church were Mrs. James F. Begley and Mrs. Adrain Newsen.

The nurses for the day were Mrs. Amelia Heldt, Mrs. N. W. McKee and Mrs. Shrader Rhoden, all trained and experienced nurses and whose services were greatly appreciated.

Will Continue Feed Delivery Routes

Charles E. Walden, owner and operator of the Plattsmouth Feed Store, is announcing to the patrons through the medium of the Journal, his intentions of continuing his policy of free delivery of the products of the store along the lines of the regular routes that has been maintained in the recent years.

The store specializes in the Nutrena and Goch feeds which are well known over Cass county and Mr. Walden is very happy to be able to give his patrons the opportunity of securing the feeds at their homes.



A WEE (BABY) GROWS IN BROOKLYN . . . As locale for the unusual, Brooklyn holds its own with the birth of a one pound, 11 ounce baby, born 2 1/2 months premature, to Mrs. Theresa McKenna, 26. The little one is fed with an eye dropper on a special formula of evaporated milk. He gets a dram every hour. His name is Dennis.

McDaniel Fund Closed Saturday; \$293 Contributed

Contributions to the McDaniel fund surpassed this newspaper's highest expectations with a total of \$293.00 donated by friends in Plattsmouth and throughout Cass county when the books were closed Saturday evening.

Cash contributions reached the Journal from every quarter. Small and large, money was brought in and mailed from school children, organizations and individuals to help this family carry the financial burden in the sled coasting accident that cost the life of nine-year-old Beverly Jean.

In addition to the funds contributions were sent directly to the family totaling nearly an additional \$100. Dozens of neighbors and friends came to their own donations of groceries and wearables that will help Mr. and Mrs. Lee McDaniel to carry on in spite of their heartbreaking loss.

The Journal extends its appreciation to the fine people of this community for the excellent response to a worthy cause. All money collected will be given the family to relieve the financial burden incurred.

Previously reported . . . \$209.75
Hotel Plattsmouth . . . 5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haffke 1.00
Plattsmouth State Bank (additional) . . . 15.00
Mary Propst . . . 5.00
Josephine Rys . . . 1.00
Mrs. James Yelick . . . 1.00
Mrs. Howard Burcham . . . 1.00
Herbert Meisinger . . . 1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Don C. York 5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Baumgartner, Murdock . . . 1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jahrig 1.00
V. F. W. Auxiliary . . . 5.00
A Friend . . . 1.00
Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Sween 1.00
John Alwin . . . 1.00
Jean and Joe Lockin . . . 1.50
Msgr. George Acius . . . 5.00
Mrs. Guy C. White . . . 2.00
Pupils of Columbian . . . 1.00
School . . . 1.50
Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Co. employees 7.25
Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Lancaster . . . 2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wall 3.00
Earl Harris . . . 1.00
A Friend . . . 1.00
Mrs. Ella Berns . . . 1.00
Fred Marquardt and family Avoca . . . 10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gruber, Louisville . . . 1.00
Geo. L. Farley . . . 2.00
Total . . . \$293.00

The babe was born at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha on Saturday, January 7th.

The attending physician was Dr. Roland W. Tyson of Murray, and the babe with the mother are now home from the hospital.

The mother of the child is the former Mary Catherine Wetenkamp, and Gary Wayne is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wetenkamp of this city. The prizes offered the baby by the Plattsmouth business houses comprise the following: Bates Book Store, Babykin container; Warg Hardware, Baby trailer; Style Shop, \$5 in trade; Chriswiser Studio, photograph; Hinky-Dinky, \$5 in trade; Farley's Furniture, \$3 in trade; Grove Jewelry, Silver fork and spoon; Plattsmouth State Bank, \$5 savings account; White Flower Shop, Baby flower arrangement; Stander Implement, Electric heat pad; Soemniclisen's, Baby blanket; Journal, 25 printed announcements; Wee Wardrobe, Snappididi; Feldhausen Drug, \$5 in trade; Woster Shoe Store, first step shoes; Alamo, 20 quarts of milk.

Aged Resident At Hospital

J. C. Bridgewater, old resident of the north part of the city, was operated on Wednesday for a hernia from which he has suffered for some time. The operation was quite successful and the patient is doing fine and it is hoped will be home in the next few days.

Attends Insurance Meet at Omaha

Miss Loris Long has returned from Omaha, where she attended a two day meeting of the Nebraska Agency of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States. This was a special Educational Conference on important changes and revisions of the life insurance business.

Emil Schmidt Now Back Home

Emil Schmidt, one of the well known young farmers of the Cullom vicinity, has returned home from the Immanuel hospital, at Omaha, where he spent a few days having an operation for a cyst. The operation was quite successful and Mr. Schmidt will be able to resume his usual activities in a few days.

Blue Devils at Auburn Tuesday

The Plattsmouth Blue Devils basketball team are to travel to Auburn on Tuesday, where they will meet the Auburn Bulldogs, ancient foes, in what should be a good fast game.

The Blue Devils were cheated out of their game on Friday with Pawnee City at that place owing to the bad weather and will be on their toes to win this one from the Bulldogs.

The locals will be without the services of Bill McCormick, the star forward and basket shooter, who will probably have to be out of the games for the rest of the season, a very serious loss. The rest of the team has shown well in their games so far this season and gives hopes of a real successful season on the hardwood court for the Blue Devils.

Assessments Discussed by County Assessors

Business property and livestock is assessed at less than 50 per cent of its value, State Tax Commissioner Phillip Johnson, said in an address before the meeting of the County Assessors' association.

W. H. Puls, Cass county assessor and secretary of the association, was in attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Johnson said that since 1916, county assessors have made some progress in assessment of personal property but that there is still room for improvement.

Johnson reported that in 1946 the assessed valuation of personal property was \$679,642,051 while in 1949 it was \$1,080,157,589, an increase of 59 per cent. He went on to say there has been improvement in the field of equalization as between classes of property.

In 1946, he said, real estate was bearing 69 per cent of the tax load and personal property, 31 per cent. In 1949 real property carried 59 per cent and personal property, 41 per cent.

A state wide check on last year's assessment schedules of several thousand business firms revealed, Johnson said, that 31 per cent were assessed at 75 per cent of actual value. Twenty-three per cent were assessed at from 50 to 75 per cent of actual (Continued on Page Four)

Frank Scott Farm Sold for \$25,000

One of the large farm sales of the past few weeks was that completed Friday, whereby Mrs. Helen Peterson, of Nebraska City, became the owner of the Frank Scott farm, south of Plattsmouth on highway No. 75.

This farm of eighty acres is well located and was sold for \$225 an acre or a total of \$18,000.

Mr. Scott has just recently purchased a new residence at Ashland and moved to that place to reside, and offered the Cass county home for sale. The Scott farm is one most pleasing to the new owner and will give them a nice home and a well laid out farm.

The transaction was handled through Rex Young, the well known auctioneer, and was a deal that was most pleasing to all parties interested.

The farm purchased by Mrs. Peterson will be operated by an 18-year-old son of Mrs. Peterson, who will have a hearty welcome from the residents of the community.

District Court Of Honor to Be February 19

A court of honor of the Cass county district court of the Boy Scouts of America will be held in Plattsmouth on Sunday, February 19th at 3 p. m., at the First Methodist church, is the announcement made by the Cass county leaders of scouting and Judge Paul E. Fauquet, the district chairman.

This will be one of the big events in the Scout year, and will bring many of the Scouts and Scouters here for the program that will confer the advancement and honors of the members of the various troops over the county.

Notices of the plans for the court of honor will be given later for the benefit of the various troops over the county that are expected here for the honors.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Noble of Omaha, were here for the week end visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Siever, parents of Mrs. Noble.

Sleet and Rain Bring Ice to Cass County

This city and the surrounding territory was visited by the heaviest storm of the winter season on Thursday night. On Friday, January 13th the residents of Plattsmouth awoke in a world of icy and slick streets that held the usual activities up for the greater part of the day.

The storm opened with rain that toward midnight Thursday developed a strong and biting wind that soon was freezing the wet streets and walks and in the early morning hours there was nothing but a glare of ice, only the walks sheltered by the nearby buildings and houses escaping being icy ricks.

The storm was felt most severely by the workers that were hurrying to their activities from 6 a. m. on, they finding the going very hard and in many cases were unable to reach their destinations owing to the danger of travel on the dark streets and walks.

The early morning scene in the business section, while very annoying to the public trying to "slip around" in the dark, had its lighter moments as the travelers strove to aid each other in trying to get somewhere on the ice. It was not unusual to see some wayfarer crawling on hands and knees up onto the back from the slick and icy curbs, it being impossible to either get onto the curbs or off of them, owing to the ice and the tenour of the curbs.

The trucks that were brought out early in the morning served to roughen up the ice on the streets so that the foot passengers were able to get through as long as they remained on the streets but getting on the walks was a larger story.

The number of people employed in Omaha was unable to get out to work, as the cars and buses that they were using for transportation, were unable to get going until late in the morning and some were not able to travel all day, especially those (Continued on Page 6)

W. H. Puls Given Re-Election by Assessors Meet

W. H. Puls, who for the past twenty-six years has served as the assessor of Cass county, was honored on Friday of the past week by being re-elected as the secretary-treasurer of the state association of county assessors, a post that he has so ably filled for the past fourteen years.

The convention was one that was attended by representatives of seventy-four of the ninety-three counties of the state, a very fine representation.

The meeting selected as the other officers of the group, George C. Novotny of Colfax county as the president; Willard H. Foster, Fillmore county, vice-president.

The meeting was very interesting and many very able speakers were at the meeting to discuss the methods of assessing and the tax problems occasioned by the new laws that were in effect the past year.



SHE DOESN'T LOOK RE-LEASED . . . Valentina Gardner, White Russian war bride, receives kiss from husband, Henry Gardner, in San Francisco after her release by immigration authorities.