

## Vandals Damage Traffic Signs And Lights

The members of the city police force and also the street department report a number of cases over the city where street traffic signs have been bent or taken away from their accustomed stations. This is reported especially bad on Chicago and Washington Avenue along highways 75 and 34.

The signs as to speed and stopping, were placed there as a measure of protection to the children who have to cross the avenue to and from their schools. Their unauthorized removal is not only the violation and destruction of public property, but as well a danger to the little children, as passing motorists unused to the streets leading into the school zones have no way of knowing that the streets are used by hundreds of children each day unless the signs are posted. Their removal may mean the injury of some child through an accident. The city street department have ordered several sets of the signs and find them bent up or taken away almost every day. The city police are on the lookout for the parties doing this damage and if located they will be brought into court for the offense.

The street lights in the outlying districts are also reported as being made targets for the rifles of youngsters, a number have been shot out and when replaced the same thing is repeated. This is something that does no one any good and certainly works a hardship on the localities where the lights are out of commission.

The police officers are checking these cases and will endeavor to round up the parties pulling off these stunts.

## Town Team in Dual Win on Thursday Games

The Plattsmouth town basketball team on Thursday night annexed two games to their credit at the high school gym in a battle with the Pay Less Food team of Omaha and the Firemen from Glenwood.

In the Pay Less Food game, the locals won 52 to 28 and in the scoring Clayburn of Plattsmouth led with 17 points with all of the team hitting the hoop consistently. For the Omaha team Devores and Brugger with 8 each were the high scorers for their team.

The Plattsmouth quintet in the last game were the winners from the Firemen by a score of 50 to 38. Reckard led the locals in scoring with 17 points, while Mitchell was the high pointer for Glenwood with 8.

The box score of the Glenwood game was as follows:

Plattsmouth	fg	ft	pf	tp
Stewart, f	2	0	0	4
Gall, f	1	0	0	2
Cole, f	2	1	3	5
Reckard, c	7	2	0	16
Hobbs, g	4	3	4	11
Vroman, g	3	2	4	8
Richards, g	2	0	0	4
Totals	21	8	11	50

Glenwood	fg	ft	pf	tp
Herold, f	0	1	1	1
Sell, f	0	0	0	0
Mitchell, f	4	0	2	8
Wade, f	3	0	3	6
Seitz, c	3	1	2	7
McKee, g	5	0	0	10
Barkas, g	3	0	3	6
Totals	18	2	11	38

On Tuesday, March 7th, the town team will stage a double header with the Omaha Socony Vacuum team of Omaha and the Co. I National Guard team of Glenwood.

## Former Resident Here from Lincoln

Friday J. C. Stroy, for many years a resident of the Murdock community, was in the city to spend a few hours looking after some business matters at the court house and calling on A. L. Tidd, an old friend of many years standing.

Mr. Stroy is now a resident of Lincoln where he has made his home for the past several years and enjoys very much his location in the heart of the fine agricultural empire of Cass county.

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## Changes in Office Of River Engineers

Changes are announced in the office of the army engineering force that will be effective in the next week.

Larry Zuroski, who has been clerk here in the local office of the U. S. engineers for the past three years, is being transferred to Nebraska City where the main offices are located.

Leonard Brothers, who has been located at Queen Hill in charge of the office work for the engineers, is being brought to Plattsmouth to serve as clerk in place of Larry.

## Louie Baumgart Acquitted of Driving Charge

The trial of the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Louie Baumgart, charged on the complaint of the state highway patrol of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquors held in the county court Thursday, attracted a very large audience for the hearing that required the entire day, and the case not given to the jury until 4:30, they returning a verdict at 5:30 finding that the defendant, Mr. Baumgart, was not guilty of the charges preferred.

The case originated on Sunday, February 19 when Mr. Baumgart with several friends were returning home from Council Bluffs on reaching this city, Mr. Baumgart, who was driving the car, was arrested by State Patrolman LeRoy Jensen, later released on bond for the hearing which was held Thursday.

At the request of the defendant counsel, Francis M. Casey, a jury trial was ordered by Judge Richard Peck, and a jury composed of James Campbell, Chester Weishimer, Henry Jacobs, Fred Armstrong, Edward Berlett, Hy Gruber, was sworn in to try the case.

There were a great many witnesses heard during the trial, the state presenting members of the state highway patrol in addition to Mr. Jensen.

The defendant had as witnesses the members of the party that were with him in the car at the time of the arrest as well as Sheriff Tom Solomon.

The court room and that section of the court house was crowded all of the day by friends of the defendant and those interested in hearing the testimony.

## Will Sponsor Bus To Auburn Tourney

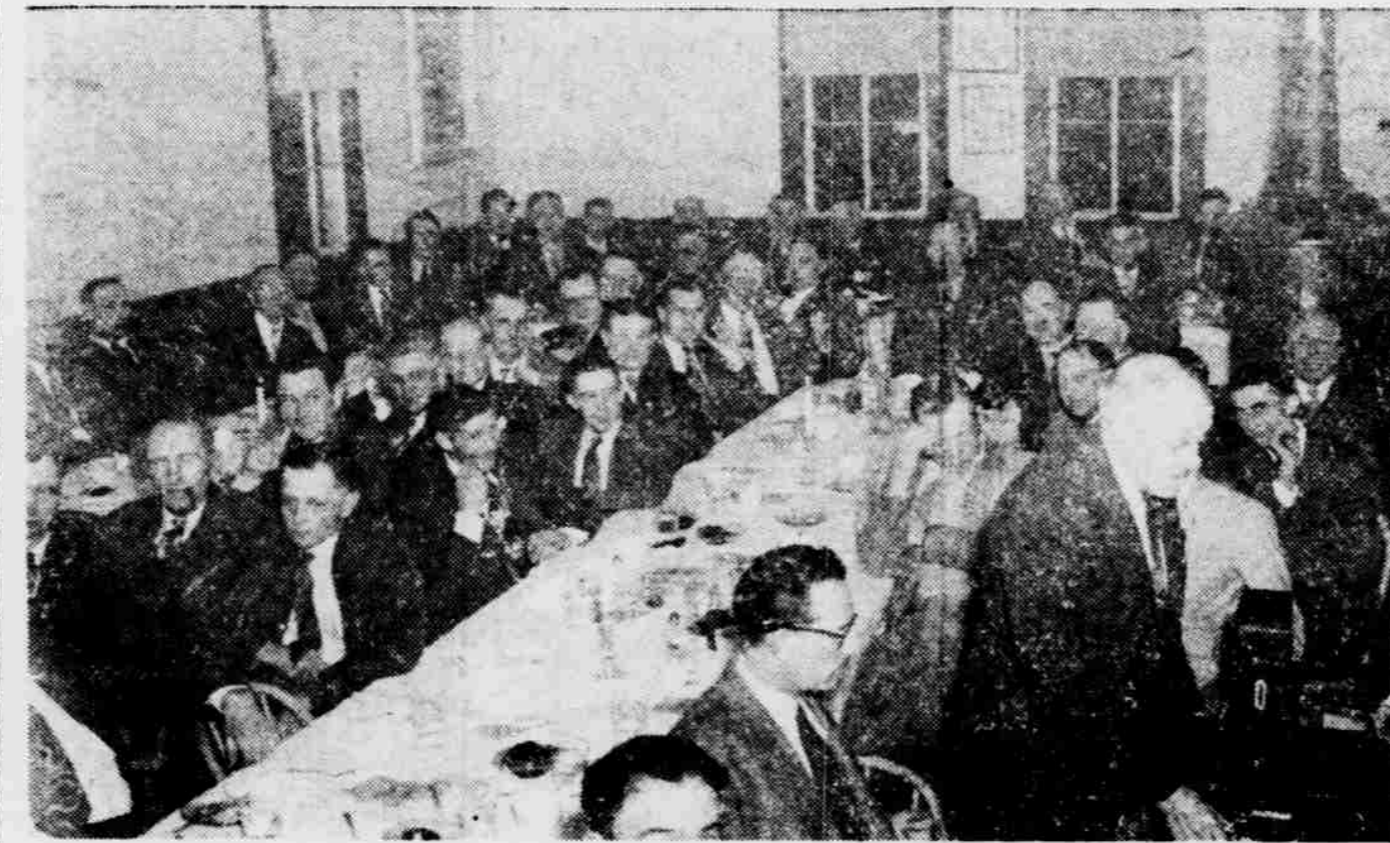
The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a bus to the district class B basketball tournament at Auburn on Wednesday, Mar. 8th. The bus will have a capacity of 25 and those who first apply will be given the preference. Harold Alkire is in charge of the bus trip and those who desire transportation should contact Mr. Alkire at Soennichsen's to secure reservations. The fare for the round trip will be \$1.

The bus will leave here at 6 p. m. for Auburn as the Plattsmouth team will play the last game of the evening. Plattsmouth has Crete for their foe on the opening night.

## Court House Briefs

In the office of the clerk of the district court on Saturday an action was filed in which Paul V. Nichols is the plaintiff and Fred Chambers and Fred Chambers are the defendants. The petition of the plaintiff sets out that on March 4, 1937, the defendants made a note for \$400 to be due March 4, 1940, also delivering a mortgage deed. That the parties are all residents of Fremont county, Iowa. The note and mortgage were made to Thornell & Nichols and the plaintiff is now the owner of the note and mortgage. The land involved in the transaction was located on the Missouri river bottoms in Fremont county at the time of the making of the note. The petition states that in 1943 passed a law defining the boundary between the two states along the Missouri river, leading to each other certain lands that were not in accordance with the new channel. The petition asks for the foreclosure of the note and mortgage, and

## Rotary Club Visits Lewiston Farmers



In spite of bad roads only five Rotarians failed to make the trip to the Lewiston community building last Tuesday evening when the local club acted as hosts to the farmers of that community. Over 150 Rotarians and guests were present for the big feed and program that included a talk by Dr. F. D. Keim (in foreground), of the agronomy department of the University of Nebraska.—Journal Staff Photo.

## Melvin Todd Honored by Stock Feeders

The national meeting of the Corn Belt Livestock Feeders association that closed in Omaha Saturday honored one of the active leaders in the work in this part of the west, selecting Melvin Todd of Union, president of the Nebraska Livestock Feeders, as the first vice-president of the national organization. The president of the association will be C. B. Watson of DeKalb, Illinois, re-elected to the post he has most ably filled. Mr. Watson was the speaker at the Cass County meeting held at Weeping Water two weeks ago.

The members of the convention made it evident that they want a secretary of agriculture from "down on the farm." The meeting also favored donating surplus crops instead of dollars to the people of the old world.

Delegates ended the two-day association convention with pledges to fight the Brannan plan, and to combat "socialization" of the livestock industry and the government.

The controversial Brannan plan for agriculture a target throughout the entire meeting, was condemned as having "unending possibilities of government control of our industry."

The stock feeders cheered a suggestion by editor Byron Livestock Journal that "we need a farmer who has been out in the field and got manure on his shoes as secretary of agriculture."

## Death of A. H. Siekman, Well Known Resident

The death of A. H. Siekman, 75, a prominent resident of west Cass county, making his home on a farm a mile east of Eagle, died on Thursday morning at the farm home.

He was born at Lengo, Germany, coming to the United States when he was 16 years old. He lived first at Sprague, Washington, where he worked for the Great Northern railroad. In 1897 he came to Nebraska, living at Elmwood. He married Margaret Nickel in 1901, moving to Palmyra where he lived seven years. For the past 40 years he has lived on the farm near Eagle, retiring in 1945 because of ill health.

He was an active member of Trinity Lutheran church and was vice president and a board member of the Farmers Union elevator at Eagle. He was also president of the Eagle Telephone company and had served on the Eagle school board for several terms.

Surviving are his wife; four sons, Floyd of Rt. 7, Ray of Rt. 3, Harold of Hastings and Roy of Eagle; two sisters, Mrs. Alton Miller of Elmwood and Mrs. Roy Palm of Lincoln, and ten grandchildren.

**HENRY STARKJOHN RELEASED**

Mrs. Henry Starkjohn with Mr. and Mrs. William Starkjohn, departed today for Savannah, Missouri where Mr. Starkjohn has been for the past three weeks. He has shown a fine recovery and was released from the hospital and is expected to return with the wife and son to this city.

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## Death of Mrs. Lydia Hartman

Mrs. Lydia Hartman, 77, widow of the late Rev. Theodore Hartman, for a great many years pastor of the Immanuel Lutheran church near Louisville, died Thursday at an Omaha hospital. She has been making her home at 607 South 31st street.

Survivors: Daughters, Harriet, Chicago; Esther, Stanford, Cal.; Mrs. John Thomson, Miami, Fla.; Mrs. C. B. Drake, Omaha; Mrs. W. J. Baumgartner, Knoxville, Ia.; Mrs. John Herrmann, St. Louis, Mo. and Mrs. Robert Hanson, Grand Island, Nebr.; son, Theodore H. Appleton, Wis.; Otto, Houston, Tex.; Arthur H. and Clemens H., Los Angeles.

Funeral service were held today (Monday) at 1:30 from the First Lutheran church, Omaha. The burial was at the Hillcrest Memorial park in Omaha.

S. J. Million has returned from spending the winter months with a son at Ft. Worth, Texas, and a daughter at Alexandria, Virginia.

## Ruth Patton Makes Filing For Re-Election

County Treasurer Miss Ruth Patton, today (Monday), made her filing for re-nomination and re-election to the post that she has most capably filled since 1942 when she was named by the board of county commissioners to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of John E. Turner.

Miss Patton has been untiring in her work, her office has been given the highest recognition by state officers for its efficiency handling of the county financial affairs.

Miss Patton was clerk in the office of register of deeds in 1926, when Mr. Turner was elected as the treasurer of Cass county, and she was tendered a position in that office and entered on the discharge of the duties that she has so efficiently carried out. In 1929 she was named as the deputy in the office, proving her efficiency in handling the county financial exacting and complicated office.

With the coming of the war years Miss Patton took a short leave of absence and was engaged in work at the Martin bomber plant at Fort Crook until the resignation of Mr. Turner led to a demand for her return as the head of the office.

Miss Patton was re-elected in 1944 and again in 1946 without opposition.

Her fine work and clear understanding of the job soon won her recognition in the State County Treasurer's association, serving for five years as the secretary of the group. In 1948 she was selected as the president of the association with a very fine record of service and she is now a member of the legislative committee of the association.

The residents of the county will be pleased to learn that Miss Patton will enter the race for the position, as she has a knowledge of the office in every department, as a visit there in the work day will demonstrate to anyone that has business in this important part of the county government.

## Cub Scouts Have Blue and Gold Dinner Friday

The Blue and Gold Anniversary dinner for Cub Scouts was held at the Central school building on Friday evening, February 24. The usual large number were in attendance and there were plenty of food at the potluck dinner which preceded the regular pack meeting.

Committees in charge of the dinner were: food committee, Mrs. Humerickhouse, Mrs. Havel, Mrs. Doran Bowman, Mrs. Ben Anderson, Mrs. Ed Mische, Mrs. Earl Winscott. Decorations were in charge of Mrs. Richard Beverage, Mrs. Ernest Janda, Mrs. C. E. Markham, Mrs. Wm. Meints, Mrs. Earl Alibee and Mrs. Chris Bullin. Pop and coffee was served by Ed Mische, Walter Smith and Doran Bowman.

A special treat to the Cubs was a piece of birthday cake which was baked and donated by Jack Archer of the Tastee Shop.

Following the dinner the regular pack meeting was held. In addition to the regular advancements and achievements, seven cubs were graduated from cubbing to be ready for scouting. They were: Daniel Archer, Edward Eugene Egenberger, Loren Haase, John Haith, Edward Mische, Stanley Rozell and Herman Weber.

Representatives of all three Scout troops were present to bid these boys welcome into their ranks. (Continued on Page Six)

## Death of Anton Auerswald Tuesday

The death of Anton Auerswald, 69, long time resident of Manly, occurred on Tuesday at his home. Mr. Auerswald was a blacksmith for a number of years in this county, coming to that locality from Omaha, his former home.

He is survived by his wife, Camilla, daughters, Mrs. Roy Steinkamp, Manly, Mrs. Frank Bahula, Omaha.

The funeral was held Thursday at 3:30 p. m. at the Brewer-Korsko chapel at Omaha and burial at the National Bohemian cemetery.

## Mrs. Elmer Tritsch Now in Hospital

The many friends here of Mrs. Elmer Tritsch of Murray will regret to learn that she is now at the Methodist hospital at Omaha where she was taken last week for observation and treatment. She may later have to undergo an operation.

She is reported as doing as well as possible and it is hoped may soon be able to return home.

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## Water Loss Heavy

The farm of Mrs. George Domingo, near Weeping Water, was visited by fire on Saturday morning that burned to death seven brood sows and a hundred small pigs.

Harold Domingo, the tenant, said a number of cattle in a lean-to broke away but two calves were missing.

Fire Chief James Kivett of Weeping Water reported that when he arrived the roof and framework of the large barn—filled with hay, straw and feed—were ablaze.

A corn crib and several brooder houses close to the barn were pulled away. Firemen were able to save the other buildings because of a large supply of water in a storage tank and the 500 gallons carried by the department's pumper.

## Legion Hears Reports on Mid Winter Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Hugh J. Kearns post of the American Legion was held on Thursday evening at the main dining room of the Edith Solomon coffee shop with a very large attendance of members and a great deal of business shown in the reports on the various activities of the post and the state organization. Commander Howard Hirz presided over the meeting.

The athletic committee of which Leonard Brothers is chairman and Jack O'Donnell, Russell Nielsen and Fred Herberster members, had a very interesting report to offer. It was announced that the sixteen suits for the baseball team sponsored by the Legion had been ordered for the boys that will represent Plattsmouth in the DSC league this summer. Chairman Leonard Brothers announced that sixteen merchants have agreed to furnish suits for the team. Jack O'Donnell, one of the well known baseball players of the city, who will have a large part in the playing operations of the coming season, reports that there had been a large number of the players of last year recruited for the season and some promising material that had graduated from the Junior Legion teams would be available for playing. He stressed the need of additions to the pitching staff and this will be one of the main spots to be looked after by the committee. It was suggested that the committee have season tickets printed that could be sold and help finance the team in the earlier stages of the season.

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## Blue Devils Win at Close Of Season Play

The Blue Devils of Plattsmouth high closed their basketball season on Friday night with a victory to climax a good season of play. The Blue Devils defeated the Valley team in the closing of the season by a margin of 40 to 34. This was an East Nebraska Seven contest and left the Plattsmouth team No. 2 in the conference.

In the game Friday, the visitors from Valley started strong and were in the lead for the first half, largely by their success in recovering the rebounds and making them count. The locals were without the services of Janacek at the center post that forced McCormick to center and hampered his usually sharp shooting eye from this position.

In the opening quarter field goals were registered by McCormick, Stanley Cole and two by Dasher, who also had a free throw. Dan Rohan also scored a free toss. For the Valley team, Weldon, Sullivan, Hansen and Lewis each scored field goals, Sullivan having two to his credit.

In the second quarter of the game, Dasher and hard fighting Cole each had two field goals and Gary Ashbaugh also had a field score. Weldon with a field goal and two free tosses, Lewis (Continued on Page 6)

## County Officials At Lincoln Meet

The meeting of the Southeast Nebraska County association was held in Lincoln on Friday, bringing together a large number of the officials from this part of the state. The meetings were held at the Lincoln Hotel.

Attending the meeting from Cass county were: County Assessor W. H. Puls, County Treasurer Ruth Patton, Register of Deeds Lucille Horn Gaines, County Surveyor C. E. Markham, County Commissioner and Mrs. W. F. Nolte, County Commissioners Parr Young of Nehawka and Alva Reid of Elmwood.

## We'll Recommend This Group of Cooks



An old adage claims "too many cooks spoil the soup," but take it from a Journal reporter the group pictured above could improve the servings at the Waldorf. No ambulances were needed following the feed at the Rotary-Lewiston Farmers meeting last Tuesday night, but many spent a sleepless night after partaking of numerous "seconds" of the bountiful feed prepared by these women. The cameraman had his back to the wall, but couldn't avoid clipping the end ladies short. Our apologies.—Journal Staff Photo.