

Seniors Bid Farewell on Friday Night

Friday evening, May 19th, is one of the outstanding events in the lives of young people comprising the class of 1950 of Plattsmouth high school, one that is filled with happiness at attainment of the goal of completion of their high school education, as well as a sense of regret at severing four years of happy association together as a class in high school.

The date marks changes for young people, some to seek training in higher educational institutions, others taking up the battle of life in the world, and seeking a vocation.

Graduation is marking a long step on the way of life, the severance of many school friendships that will gradually be erased in the passing years.

Members of the class have contributed much to history of the Plattsmouth school, serving with outstanding records in the field of sports, musical training as well as school government itself.

To parents of the students, attainment of diplomas represents many sacrifices through the years to see that the students have the opportunity of securing this first step into a new world.

Officers of the class of 1950 comprise: Bill Gottsch, president; Rita Mulholland, vice-president; Beverly Brown, secretary; Pat Dew, treasurer; Miss Jessie Whalen, sponsor; Joe York, co-sponsor.

The students will have a speaker for graduation, Dr. R. G. Gustavson, chancellor of the University of Nebraska, one of the outstanding educators of the middle west.

W. H. Wiles Is Found Dead at Family Home

W. H. Wiles, 64, lifetime resident of Cass county, was found dead Wednesday night in the garage at the family home on North 4th street, shortly after 7 o'clock.

Mr. Wiles was found lying on the floor of the garage, apparently suffering a heart attack that had resulted fatally, before he could summon aid. He had not been seen around the place by neighbors. In the evening a sister, Mrs. Garland Tilson, and Mr. Tilson had called at the home and not having located him at the house had visited the garage to discover his lifeless body. Neighbors were called to the scene and later Sheriff Tom Solomon had been called to make an investigation, as acting coroner, finding that the death was apparently from natural causes.

Mr. Wiles has not been in the best of health for some time and following the death of the wife, some two months ago, he has been at the Clarkson hospital several times, taking treatment, and returned just a short time ago to the family home.

There is surviving his passing two daughters, Mrs. Lawrence Jones and Mrs. Albert Hilficker of Plattsmouth; one sister, Mrs. Garland Tilson of Plattsmouth; four brothers, Ben and Everett Wiles of Plattsmouth, and Harry and John Wiles of Union.

Funeral services will be on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Sattler funeral home at 4th and Avenue A.

Calling hours at the funeral home will be on Friday, May 19 from 7 to 9 p. m.

Announce Prizes In Essay Contest

The Plattsmouth Garden club sponsored an essay contest on the subject, "Why I Want to Protect Birds." Pupils of the seventh and eighth grades of the local schools were invited to participate. Prizes for the best essays were as follows:

First prize, one dollar: Dorothy Piper, 7th grade, Miss Naomi Owen, teacher.

Second prize, fifty cents: Hazel Gold, 7th grade, Miss Owen teacher.

Third prize, fifty cents: Patricia Painter, 8th grade, Miss Alvina Zastrow, teacher.

The first prize essay will be entered in the state essay contest. Two bird feeders were donated as additional prizes for the first two winners, by Mrs. Edward Berlett.

Flood Damage Is A Great Problem

The flood damage over Cass county occasioned by the torrential rains of two weeks ago, is being slowly battled despite the widespread loss in bridges and highways. These losses will reach a very high figure it is expected, even more so than was at first anticipated.

The west bridge at Weeping Water is being temporarily repaired, made possible for travel and giving a way to and from the city of Weeping Water over the creek.

The loss of bridges and rail transportation in the south part of the county has been keenly felt and most of the communities are receiving mail deliveries by trucks once a day.

Highways and roads in all parts of the county swept by the severe storm of Monday, May 8th, are still more or less affected and in need of repair.

Poultry Clinic Points Way to Bigger Profits

Poultry raisers of Cass county will be offered a wealth of information during the "Poultry Question Box" to be held at the Cass Theatre next Wednesday afternoon, May 24, starting at 2:00 o'clock, under the sponsorship of the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce.

This two hour open discussion of poultry problems and profits will be under the personal supervision of Prof. F. E. Musshell, head of the Department of Poultry Husbandry at the University of Nebraska, recognized throughout the middlewest as a first authority on poultry.

Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce undertook the sponsorship of a series of these farm meetings during the year in an effort to be of service to residents of the rural areas the city serves. Considerable time on the part of members and money has been expended to bring these informative and valuable meetings within reach of a greater number of rural people.

There is no admission charge, no registration fee, the meeting is free to every interested person. Poultry raisers over the county are extended a special invitation to participate in the program. Here will be offered information and slide pictures on modern housing, rebuilding the old, modern drinking systems, heating, diseases, and any problems which might face a producer of poultry.

In addition to the wealth of information to be supplied visitors, merchants of Plattsmouth have given generously of merchandise that will be given to those registering at this open meeting. These prizes are now on display in the windows of the Gas Company offices, 518 Main Street.

Make plans now to attend this meeting. Any person interested in poultry will not be disappointed.

W. H. Wehrbein Shows Improvement

William H. Wehrbein, well known farmer of this locality, is improving rapidly following his return from a hospital at Omaha, where he spent some two weeks. Mr. Wehrbein was quite seriously ill for some time but is getting back into his former good health.

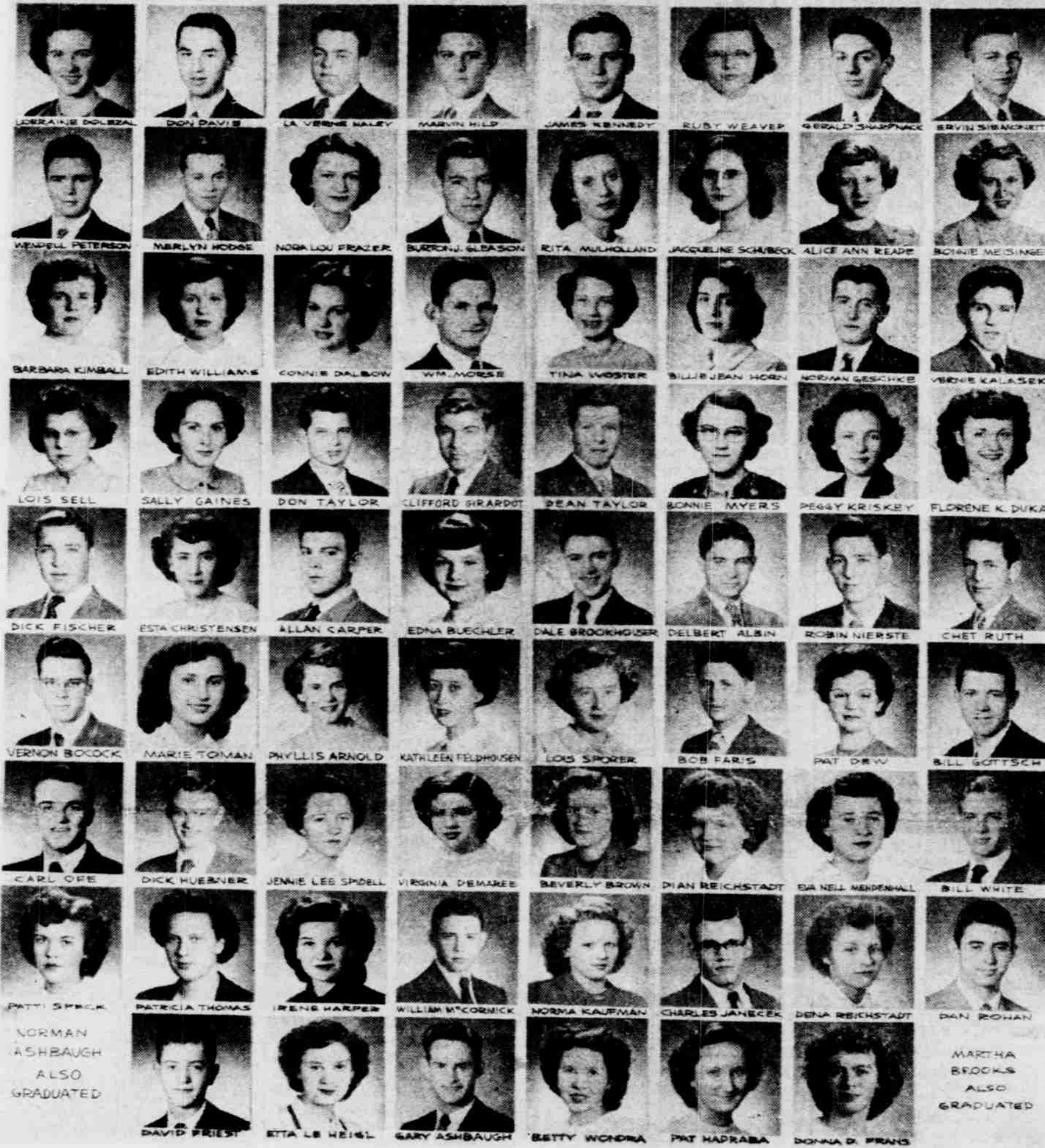
At The Cass County Court House

In the county court on Tuesday complaint was filed against Wayne G. Meisinger, charging him with speeding at night. On his plea of guilty he was given a fine of \$12.50.

Monday afternoon in the county court Harris E. Boudish of Valentine, Nebraska, was charged with passing insufficient fund checks, being arrested by Sheriff Tom Solomon. To the charge he made a plea of guilty. Judge Richard Peck on hearing the facts in the case sentenced the defendant to thirty days in the county jail, he being remanded to the custody of Sheriff Solomon.

In the county court Tuesday, Eugene R. Bennett was charged in a complaint charging over weight on capacity of truck. He made a plea of guilty and was given a fine of \$10 and costs.

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Paul Fauquet to Make Race for County Attorney

Paul Fauquet, former county judge, is announcing his intention to file in the democratic primaries on May 17th, as a candidate for the nomination for county attorney. Mr. Fauquet, who since leaving the



Paul E. Fauquet bench has been engaged in the practice of law in this city, makes known his intention in a letter to the publisher of the Journal, Mr. Ronald R. Furse: "Mr. Ronald R. Furse, Publisher, Plattsmouth Journal, Plattsmouth, Nebraska. Dear Mr. Furse: (Continued on Page Eight)

"IKES" WORK DAY The members of the Plattsmouth "Ikes" are to have a work day on Sunday at the new park on the Platte bottom, north of Plattsmouth. The members are asked to report at the park Sunday from 8 a. m. on. Bring your tools and help in cleaning up the place.

Local League Team Home Sunday

Plattsmouth's American Legion team in the D-S-C league will be home Sunday to give fans the opportunity of enjoying a good hardball game.

The team is showing improvement in their playing, while this will be but the third league game, they are hoping to annex the contest from Papillion, who will be guests here on Sunday.

Games are called at 2 o'clock, giving fans a full afternoon of sport and fun.

Gretna Farmer Files for the Unicameral

Entries in the race for state senator in the third district, comprising Cass and Sarpy, grew to three Tuesday.

William G. Haldeman, Gretna farmer and stockfeeder, made his filing at Lincoln for the post now occupied by William A. Metzger, Cedar Creek, who is not a candidate for re-election to the office.

Other candidates already in the race are C. E. Metzger, of Cedar Creek, veteran stockman and political leader in eastern Nebraska, as well as F. Ward Brunson of Louisville, member of a prominent Cass county family, who has just completed post graduate work at the University of Nebraska. C. E. Metzger is father of Senator W. A. Metzger.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Richter and son Dennis spent the week end visiting at Council Bluffs, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert O'Neill.

Court Bids Bring Additional Funds To Davis Estate

In the district court this (Thursday) morning, in the matter of confirming the land sales in the partition suit of Rose Jeanette Davis vs. Ivy M. Davis, bids made in the court ran the land values to over \$100,000. At the sale held here two weeks ago the land bids were \$96,000.

The 200 acre tract was purchased in the court by M. H. Worthan, who has farmed the land, for \$41,000, against the previous bid of some \$37,000.

Dr. G. H. Gilmore was the purchaser of a forty acre tract for \$8,050.

The 160 acre tract was confirmed in Wallace Philpot who bid \$30,050.

The bid of Lester Dill on the 80 acre tract at \$16,000 stood up on the bidding.

The residence property purchased by G. E. Brubacher at the first sale stood up at the original price.

Ray Larson, Jr., Receives Honor

Raymond Larson, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Larson, of this city, junior in the college of engineering at the University of Nebraska, has been given a very pleasing honor at Lincoln.

Ray had been elected to Eta Kappa Nu electrical engineering honorary fraternity, Wednesday, he was elected as recording secretary of the resident chapter at Lincoln. Ronald McWilliams was named as the president of the group.

County Schools Promotional

The promotional exercises for the rural schools of Cass county will be held at Plattsmouth high school auditorium on Monday, May 22 at 2 p. m.

These exercises will bring to this city a large number of students from all sections of Cass county to take part in, and enjoy the program of the day. The public is invited to attend and greet the young people and their instructors.

Rev. Morris left Tuesday morning for Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he will attend a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Seminary, of which he is a member, and will also visit his aged mother while there.

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Unofficial Census Tab Gives Plattsmouth Less Than 5000 Population

New Pitcher for Ball Game Sunday

The Plattsmouth Legion team of the D-S-C league will have a new addition to their pitching staff here Sunday. The new hurler will show his wares against the Papillion team of the league, giving the fans an added treat.

This will be the first visit of the Pappio to the local diamond this season. A very fine game should be enjoyed as both teams have promising material, growing better as the season progresses.

William C. Grebe Dies Here Tuesday

William C. Grebe, 66, long time resident of Plattsmouth, died Tuesday evening at the family home on Winterstein hill, death coming suddenly, the result of a heart attack.

Mr. Grebe several months ago suffered severe injuries while engaged in his work as meat processor at the local locker plant, being badly crushed and injured by an animal that he was handling. Apparently he recovered and was about his usual activities. He was in the business section of the city Tuesday visiting with friends. News of his death came as a distinct shock to his many friends.

William C. Grebe, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Grebe, was born in Mannheim, Germany, May 26, 1883. When six years old he was brought to the United States, the family locating at Plattsmouth, where they were reared to manhood and womanhood. Here the parents resided until their death.

Growing to manhood in this city Mr. Grebe engaged in a number of occupations, largely in butchering in this section of Cass county for many years, as well as his loved occupation as a fisherman in the Missouri river. "Bill" as he was better known, was perhaps the best informed in the community on the Missouri river, as well as on (continued on page six)

J. W. Tritsch Honored at Banquet

Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Jake W. Tritsch and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Meisinger of west of Mynard were among the honored guests at the Pioneer Stockfeeders banquet held at Omaha, given by the Omaha Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Tritsch, an outstanding farmer and stockfeeder, was especially given recognition as having been a shipper to the Omaha livestock market continuously for the past fifty years.

Mr. Tritsch was presented with a framed wall plaque of a certificate of merit from the Chamber of Commerce.

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Better Late Than Never



Somewhere in the hustle and bustle of newspapering the above photograph was lost in the shuffle, but here it is after three weeks. Above left to right are Weeping Water athletes holding their "Oscars," Jerry Joyce, Dave Dennis, Del Amick and Duane Burger, flanking Coach P. H. Hines, U. N. Head Coach Bill Glassford and Sam Vanconati, as they appeared at the Weeping Water High School Athletic Banquet held recently. Presentation of letters and awards were made during the evening.—Journal Photo.

Unless a good shaking of the "bushes" in Plattsmouth brings forth a number of uncounted persons in the census enumeration announced as completed today, most of our citizens are in for a rude awakening.

With estimates during the past three years as high as 7000, the unofficial tabulation secured by this newspaper from a reliable source discloses that but 4,738 were counted by the census takers within the boundaries of the city.

While the percentage of increase over the 1940 count is one of the highest in the state, the population figure in considerably below the most conservative estimates by many Plattsmouth residents. A number of our citizens feel that some people have been overlooked or have not been counted.

The Journal wishes to aid the Census Bureau in every way possible in assuring the count of every man woman and child within the city. On another page of The Journal will be found a coupon to be filled out by any person or family who knows, or doubts, they were counted in the tabulation. This can be mailed or given to The Journal, Mrs. Francis M. Casey, Cass County Enumerator, or mailed directly to the Census Bureau, Federal Building, Omaha.

This coupon can be used by persons throughout the county as the count has been completed with the exception of Plattsmouth Precinct. (Plattsmouth City is complete.)

According to the unofficial tabulation Plattsmouth, Louisville and Greenwood are the only towns within the county to show an increase in population. Count at Louisville came up with an increase of 24, just over the thousand mark with 1002 residents.

All other towns as well as the county itself, will show a loss in population unless every effort is made by residents to report all people living in the county who have not been accounted for. It is imperative that everyone see that all persons are counted.

One provision in the enumeration regulations is seemingly unjust and cuts the figures for many towns in that all college university students are added to the figures of the city where they are attending school. It is estimated this provision cuts Plattsmouth's count by between 125 and 150 persons.

Ask and urge all persons to be sure they were counted. Let's try to bring Plattsmouth to at least the 5000 figure.

Children Given Treat by Firemen

Tuesday, members of the Plattsmouth volunteer fire department were hosts to the little folks attending the Central School lower grades. The firemen had one of the fire trucks out loading up a truck load of the children for a trip over Plattsmouth.

It was a real thrill to the little folks to ride in the red wagon, occasionally sounding the siren to give a sensation of rushing to a fire, although the driver of the truck did not break any speed records.

Sam Arn was driver of the truck with Mayor Clem Woster acting as watchman on the rear to see that all stayed aboard. Loading was under the direction of Chief Henry Donat.

Two trips were made, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, giving all children at the school a chance for a ride in the "fire wagon."

Car-Truck Wreck On Chicago Avenue

This (Thursday) noon a small wreck occurred on Chicago avenue, between a pickup truck, driven by William Seay, of this city, and a Buick passenger car driven by Robert C. Omen.

The truck came out of the Phillips "66" station and started across the avenue as the car came from the south.

The car had the left front fender and the rear wheels of the truck damaged in the impact.

None of the parties were injured however.