

Plattsmouth Should Organize Civil Defense

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The time has come when Plattsmouth should face the realities of the present state of world affairs and prepare itself for all eventualities.

Its approximate location to a strategic focal point for an all-out attack from an enemy must be recognized. It is not egotistical thinking on the part of the people that foresee a bombing attack on the city of Plattsmouth. We are not so naive to believe that we have anything in our community that could contribute to a war effort other than man power and dollars that an enemy would pin point this city for an attack.

But, strategically located only a few miles south of one of the nation's most important nerve centers, residents of this area, in another all out war, could be victims of a near-miss—and even that could play havoc in

a community not prepared in any manner for a minor disaster, let alone a major one.

This community should, without delay, form a Civil Defense organization made up of men and women of the community—professional, medical, educational—and joined in strict cooperation with firemen and law enforcement officials to map out plans to meet any emergency of the future.

Sections of the city should be assigned to teams made up of doctors, nurses, rescue squads, with complete pre-planned details covering emergency treatment stations, evacuation centers, available ambulance and medical service, hospitalization, and a home guard to protect property and assist both officers of the law and firemen.

Mobile units should be organized that would be available on a moments notice, stocked, manned and ready for action. Residents throughout this entire area, and that goes for towns and villages located within 50 miles of this point, should be versed in protection from nerve gas attacks, germ warfare and atomic bombing—a job that could be handled efficiently through schools.

These teams and units should not only be prepared and ready to handle any local disturbances, but to assist in neighboring towns and cities if the need should come . . . and it may be later than you think, Gov. Peterson, in announcing a plan for state defense, stated only Thursday, "America is in serious jeopardy and may continue to be for 50 or 100 years because of the organized challenge of the Communists of the world."

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Cass County Ups Business Trend Over Last Year

Cass County boomed business in November this year by 16 percent over a like period in 1949, according to a retail survey report of the University of Nebraska released Thursday. The report, however, revealed a small slump over the high peaks reached in October this year.

Of eight cities surveyed by the University Business College, only one, Lincoln, showed an increase over October. That city was up by three per cent.

Down were Omaha 15.6, Grand Island 15.7, Scottsbluff 16.3, McCook 6.3, Nebraska City 4.6, Hastings 4.2 and Fremont 3.3.

In a county survey the November-October contrast was: Antelope up 0.2, Chase up 15.7, Cumins up 0.3, Down were: Cass 5.0, Dawes 13.3, Dodge 12.0, Franklin 1.4, Grant-Hooker 7.1, Kimball 15.5, Thayer 3.0, Pawnee 14.6, Valley 5.5.

As compared with November last year the chart showed: Omaha down 0.3, Scottsbluff down 11.1. Those up were Lincoln 14.2, Grand Island 4.2, McCook 16.9, Nebraska City 8.9, Hastings 14.0, Fremont 32.2.

The county figures were: Dawes down 0.9, Antelope 25.1, Cass 16.0, Chase 7.2, Dodge 12.0, Franklin 8.5, Grant-Hooker 13.0, Kimball 21.1, Thayer 18.9, Pawnee 6.5, Valley 12.6.

Plattsmouth is expected to show a big increase for the month of December, reports of which will be out in January. Stores in the city report the greatest Christmas business registered here in years. Many business men report to this newspaper their December grosses are expected to reach an all-time high.

That's because most Plattsmouth merchants have learned to carry complete stocks at competitive prices . . . and they are letting the people know about it through advertising.

Nebr. Chapter Royal Arch No. 3 Confer Degree

A special meeting was called of Nebraska Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons at the Masonic Hall in Plattsmouth Wednesday evening for degree work.

Mark Masterson, first in Royal Arch, was conferred on by Wm. Armstrong, Plattsmouth, who has been a member of the Masonic Lodge here for several years.

Lodge was opened by High Priest Warren C. Rhylander with other members, Royal Arch filling the chairs. M. E. Companion Earl Schultz, of Sidney, Nebr., was present to confer the degree on Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. Schultz was formerly affiliated with the Beatrice, Nebr., Chapter and is a Past High Priest. He came to Plattsmouth especially to work with the local lodge at Wednesday night's special meeting.

Following the work a special luncheon was served members and visiting members in the dining room of the hall.

Harold Alkire Shows Rapid Recovery

Harold Alkire, who was taken to an Omaha hospital Sunday evening suffering severe pain from an unknown cause, returned to his home in Plattsmouth Tuesday morning and is making good progress toward recovery. He was in the business section Friday greeting friends, blaming his illness on the pre-Christmas rush.

Cpl. and Mrs. Mike Kerns and daughter Patty Ann will leave by train Sunday afternoon for Oceanside, Calif., where the family is living while Col. Kerns is stationed at Camp Pendleton. They have been visiting at the home of Mrs. E. A. Cadwell, mother of Mrs. Kerns.

Mrs. Glen Vallery Fractures Ribs

Mrs. Glen Vallery has been confined to her bed the past few days suffering from fractures of two ribs occurring as she was alighting from a car in Omaha Tuesday. Mrs. Vallery slipped as she stepped from the auto, striking her side on the car frame. After returning to Plattsmouth, continued pain prompted her to seek medical attention. Examination disclosed the fractures.

Legion Auxiliary Is 'Thanked' By State Department

Plattsmouth residents received another word of praise from a state organization this week with a letter from the State American Legion Auxiliary extending thanks for the part local residents played in their recent drive for "Gifts for the Yanks Who Gave."

A letter from Mrs. Gene McGlasson, rehabilitation, hospital and poppy director located at Lincoln, addressed to Miss Shirley Jacobs, treasurer of the Plattsmouth American Legion Auxiliary, extended the personal appreciation of the staff and patients of the Lincoln Veterans Hospital for the generosity and thoughtfulness of those contributing to the fund.

Although the drive here "clashed" with other Christmas fund raising campaigns, it netted a total of \$106.89 to purchase gifts for hospitalized veterans.

The letter is as follows: "Dear Shirley: "There just aren't enough words to thank the Plattsmouth folks for their kindness and generosity in the contributions made to total \$106.89 for Gifts for Yanks Who Gave—and everyone who had a share in this gave a lot of happiness and joy. This was really wonderful and all hats off to Plattsmouth for doing things to make happiness.

"A great big wish to each of you for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Sincerely, Gene McGlasson."

Joan Gradoville Will Join Veterans Hosp.

Miss Joan Gradoville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gradoville of Plattsmouth, has been notified of her appointment to the nursing staff at Omaha Veterans Hospital and will report for duty on Tuesday, January 2.

Miss Gradoville is a graduate of the Plattsmouth schools with the class of 1947. She received her graduate nursing diploma from the University of Nebraska College of Nursing in May of this year and continued at University hospital until August. She joined the staff at Clarkson hospital, leaving shortly for Lincoln General resigning her duties there Friday, December 29, to accept this federal appointment.

Court House Briefs . . .

Marriage license was issued December 28 to Eugene R. Owen, 21, and Barbara Booker, 21, both of Omaha. They were married by Rev. Harold V. Mitchell, Methodist minister. Witnesses were Regina Braxton and Paul Braxton, Omaha.

Jack Leroy Scott, 25, and Alice Lary Wineland, 28, Omaha, were issued a marriage license by Judge Raymond J. Case, December 28. Witnesses were Estella L. Rutherford and Thelma Kruger.

Marriage license was issued to Lowell Dean English, 18, and Anita Roberta Macfie, 16, Omaha, December 29 with consent of parents. They were married same day by Judge Raymond J. Case. Witnesses were Robert E. English and Robert Macfie, Omaha.

Miss Thelma Kruger of the county court revealed that a total of 18 marriage licenses have been issued in the court during the month of December. Of this number, 11 were mar-

"Thought I Was Good At Ducking, But . . ."

"Remember when I told you that I was getting pretty good at ducking over here? Well . . . It's a story of bloodshed, cold, retreat, fighting and killing in Korea received by John and Vic Schreiner from their nephew, Fred "Skeets" Schreiner, a member of the First Marine Division that he says "got into a little trouble up along the Yalu river in Korea."

Fred, who lost his father as a result of complications of the First World War and his mother shortly after, has been a ward of his uncle, John Schreiner, and enlisted in the Marines two years ago.

This is an interesting story. We'll continue where we left off, I guess I wasn't good enough. They finally got me with a mortar, but don't worry, it's not bad. I was really lucky, I was just hit in the back of the left hand and as far as I know

will be able to use it OK in a few months.

"We really stepped into a mess at Chasin Reservoir I hope I never see that many Chinks" again. They were just lousy on all sides of us and the more we killed the more would come. I've never seen so many guys with intentions of getting the hell out with no place to go but back up on the hill again.

"We started breaking up road blocks through the mountain passes November 30 at noon. I was hit at 2:30 a. m. the first of December. We finally broke through to Hagaru on the fifth. I was air-evacuated to Hamburg the sixth and in Japan the same day to Yohasuka, then to Otsu and here I sit waiting for something to happen—which will when they start taking the scrap iron out.

"You probably wonder just (Continued on Page 5)

Howard Shinrock To Speak At C. of C. Meeting

Howard Shinrock, Omaha, manager industrial department of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, will speak before the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce Thursday night, January 4. It was announced here Friday by Chamber President Cliff Girardot.

Next Thursday's meeting of the Plattsmouth group is the annual organization meeting. New officers for the year 1951 will be elected and printed reports of the Chamber's accomplishments of the past year will be presented to members and guests.

Services of Speaker Shinrock were secured as an added feature to the local Chamber's activities in retail and industrial development of the community. Mr. Shinrock will dwell at length on "War Contracts for Small Business Men," a subject of vital importance to every person interested in the growth and prosperity of Plattsmouth.

Richard C. Peck, secretary, states that special notices are going out to all members of the Plattsmouth Chamber calling their attention to this meeting and urging their attendance. The meeting is called for 6:30 p. m. in the main dining room of Hotel Plattsmouth.

For the past two or three years the Chamber of Commerce has been responsible for many of the improvements in Plattsmouth. It has been instrumental in finding locations for several new businesses that have located in the downtown district. It was within this organization that several progressive steps toward modernizing streets, lighting and improvements were made. It should demand the support and active participation of every business head in the city.

It is good to remember that any city needs an active, progressive Chamber of Commerce if it is to thrive—it is well to remember a mediocre organization reflects on YOU, for you ARE the Chamber of Commerce.

Local Recruits Join 16 Others In Air Force

Three Cass county young men enlisted in the U. S. Air Force December 28 at the Nebraska City Recruiting office. Sgt. Vogt, recruiting officer in charge, announced Friday.

Cass county youths in the group included Ralph D. Younker, Jr., Union, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd J. Younker; Wm. T. Kellison, Plattsmouth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Kellison, and Donald L. Taylor, Plattsmouth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion A. Taylor. They will be stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, after the first of the year.

Others joining up in the air force with the Cass county trio were Harlin D. McIntire, Nebraska City; Leo R. Lechner, Nebraska City; Irvin L. Rowen, Auburn; Robert L. Atkins, Auburn; James Cross, Auburn; Edward J. Moody, Auburn; Delbert D. McIntyre, Auburn; Robert D. Geddes, Auburn; Raymond Douglas, Peru; Richard D. Parriott, Peru; Ray E. Allgood, Syracuse; Laddie M. Kolar, Humboldt.

The following youths enlisted December 29, 1950 for the regular army and will take their training at Ft. Riley, Kansas: Marvin Bruce Meyers, Talmage; Gerald T. Lechner, Seneca, Kansas; Fred Wm. Curtis, Jr., Auburn.

Sgt. Vogt of the Nebraska City Recruiting District reports he has another shipment going out January 15 for air force and army enlistments. Any one desiring to leave on that date or any other date should contact him at 202 P. O. Bldg., Nebraska City. Telephone No. 108 for an appointment. Any group enlisting together will take their training together. You have to have a birth certificate if you are under 21 years of age.



RELEASED BY REDS . . . P.F.C. John Palma, embraces his mother upon arrival in New Nebraska from Korea. He was one of 26 captured by Reds, "indoctrinated" and released.

Auburn Fire Victims Have Relatives Here

A basement apartment fire at Auburn Thursday afternoon that took the lives of two young women reached into a Plattsmouth home, taking away the joy of a holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cacy were notified of the disaster late Thursday afternoon. Their niece, Mrs. Earl Fox, 20, and her sister, Miss Eloise Fox, 18, both lost their lives by fire resulting from an explosion in the furnace room adjoining their apartment. The two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fox was critically burned, but a boy, 3, was carried to safety by his father.

Mr. Fox stated he and his family were seated in the kitchen of their apartment eating a meal when the explosion occurred, enveloping the entire basement in flames. He said he grabbed Ronnie, 3, and carried him to safety, but was unable to reenter the apartment because of the dense heat.

Mrs. Fox, according to her husband, had opened the door to the wash room, located in the room with a furnace, and cried out that the furnace was afire when it exploded, enveloping the entire apartment in flames. The two women from their location in the room had no chance of escaping the terrific heat and resulting blaze, Mr. Fox stated.

Mrs. Tom Cacy, daughter, Wanda, Mrs. Chas. Walden and husband, were called and departed immediately for Auburn, joining other members of the family in extending all assistance possible. Mr. and Mrs. Cacy returned to Auburn Friday and will return to Plattsmouth following funeral services for Mrs. Fox Saturday.

Latest reports are the boy, 2, is in critical condition in the Auburn hospital with third degree burns, with little hope held for recovery.

Army Increases Reserve Training

The Department of the Army has announced an increase in the training program of the Organized Reserve Corps due to the increased tempo of the nation's defense efforts. The active duty consists of 15 days, on-the-job training. Reporting dates will be the 1st and 15th of each month, with the exception of the first group which will report on 3 January 1951.

The first two units in Nebraska to start training in this program are the 9953d Organized Reserve Technical Service Unit, Medical Detachment No. 1 of Omaha, which will train at Fitzsimons Army Hospital, Denver, Colorado. This unit is commanded by Lt. Colonel Paul S. Read, Medical Corps, of Omaha.

The 5438th Organized Reserve Army Service Unit, Induction Station of Omaha, will train at Ft. Omaha, with the existing Induction Station, commanded by Major Robert L. Bogard, Infantry.

Vets Blood Donor Drive Is Netting Scores Of Signers

Members of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars and their Auxiliaries are meeting with great success in their drive for donors to the Plattsmouth blood bank for the next visit of the Bloodmobile to be in the city Thursday, January 4.

Response from every quarter has been encouraging, with a big percentage of persons contacted signing up. With only a few members of the Veterans Auxiliary working a portion of the business district and a test section of a residential area Wednesday, the group came in with nearly 75 signatures.

Friday the drive got underway in earnest with the entire city mapped into sections and assigned to teams of workers. Intentions are to keep the drive going throughout the balance of the week and the first of next in order to contact every resident of Plattsmouth and vicinity.

March Of Dimes Drive Will Start Here January 15

March of Dimes Drive will get underway in Cass County on January 15, it was announced this week by Mrs. Orlan Nielsen, county chairman, and will be brought to a climax on the evening of January 30 with a Birthday Ball.

Part of present plans call for erection of a large corn crib in the business section of the city under the sponsorship of Henry Donat where contributions of corn can be placed, later to be sold and money turned to the infantile paralysis fund.

Names of local chairman in Plattsmouth and other county towns was announced today (Saturday) as follows:

Cass Co. Director—Dee Nielsen. Those assisting the County Director: House to house—Ella Thun; Rural Route—Vera Ward; Organization—Lillian Schmitt; Rural Schools—Joan Solomon; City Schools—Faith Friest.

Town Campaign Directors: Avoca—Elmer Hennings; Murdock—Mrs. O. B. Lupaer; Alvo—Mrs. Everett Heiers; Union—Mrs. Howard Snodgrass; Mynard—Herman Meisinger; Louisville—Mrs. Lawrence Group.

Nehawka—Mrs. Kent Balfour; Greenwood—Mrs. Mildred Comstock; South Bend—Mrs. Lottie Knecht; Elmwood—Mrs. Ruth Manning; Eagle—Mrs. Wm. Trumble; Weeping Water—Walter Patton; Murray—Mrs. Charles Boecker.

Plattsmouth—Henry Donat; Manley—Mrs. Joe Baker; Cedar Creek—Mrs. Lloyd Schneider.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Mayfield of Louisville were in the city Friday visiting with friends and also calling at the Mike Tritsch home. Mr. Mayfield spent some time at The Journal office during the afternoon.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE
Blood Bank Drive

Does Our Own County Get To Use All The Blood We Give? All counties in the region have an annual blood quota of 3% of their population. Doctors have estimated that this quantity will meet the needs for whole blood, blood plasma, and the various blood products. Over a period of time, about the same percentage of people get sick everywhere, so if the same percentage are giving blood everywhere, the benefits come back equally.

What Veterans' Hospitals Does This Region Supply? We are now supplying the Veterans' Hospital in Lincoln with part of the blood they use. Their manager has said that when we are able to supply them completely, this will save the taxpayers \$36,000.00 per year. That was the amount they spent last year for blood from professional donors. Within the next 6 months we will be called upon to supply two more V. A. hospitals—the one at Omaha and one at Grand Island.

TEE SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM DEPENDS UPON DONORS. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE ENOUGH PATIENTS!



Harry J. Cane

Izaak Walton To Hold First Shoot Sunday

Plattsmouth Izaak Walton League will hold its first trap shoot at the Izaak Walton grounds one-half mile east of the Plattsmouth bridge, starting at 11 a. m. Sunday, December 31.

The years ago when the organization first got underway, the Waltonians sponsored numerous successful shoots on leased ground north of Plattsmouth. Hundreds of marksmen from over this area participated regularly and interest reached a fever pitch. Loss of leases, moving of equipment and failure to provide compensation to members in charge of shoots took its toll and they were discontinued.

Paul Barker, who has been placed in command of trap shoots sponsored by Waltonians, has arranged for lunch to be served on the grounds at a nominal charge. Cash and merchandise prizes for top scorers will be numerous and give all classification a break in a run for their share of premiums.

Present plans call for a shoot to be held twice each month, with dates to be announced several days before each shoot. This is a sport that all hunters enjoy and should merit the support of all outdoorsmen of the community. Line charges will be fair, commensurate with prizes awarded.

All profits from the shoot go into the Izaak Walton treasury to be used for improving hunting and wildlife facilities in Cass county and this community.

Leave For Visit In Los Angeles

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gradoville departed Friday evening by train for Los Angeles, Calif., where they will spend two weeks visiting relatives and with their son, Lt. Edward Gradoville, stationed at San Francisco. The latter had intended driving through Plattsmouth on his way to the east coast, however, all leaves were canceled and his parents decided to visit him before he goes overseas with his unit.

They will also spend some time with Mrs. Gradoville's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kalasek, and sisters, Mrs. Cecil Lewis and Mrs. Carolyn Reek. They will also visit Mr. Gradoville's sister, Mrs. Ross Bourne, in Los Angeles.

SMALL FRY HELP OUT FORT WORTH, TEX (UP)

A group of neighborhood children put on a backyard playlet and donated the \$21 proceeds to a polo fund. Honored guest at the play was Sandra Casstevens, a young girl who suffered an attack of polio during the summer.

A classified Ad in The Journal costs as little as 35c.