

## Omahan Admits Entering Three County Schools

Charles Norbert Lawson, 29-year-old Omahan, has admitted break-ins at three Cass county schools, Sheriff Tom Solomon disclosed Wednesday.

Lawson admitted the break-ins in a signed confession witnessed by Sheriff Solomon. Schoolhouses he admitted entering were at Alvo, Avoca and Murdock. He denied breaking into the Elmwood school.

Lawson, who had been prowling Cass county school buildings for at least a month, was picked up by State Patrolman Larry Jensen three miles south of Plattsmouth Monday. He was arrested when he returned to his stalled car after the car had been spotted by the patrolman during the night.

## Father And Son With Like Names Create Problem

Dr. O. C. Hudson and his father, O. C. Hudson, have given the Journal a tough time the past week as their friends in Plattsmouth honor them as they prepare to leave the city.

In addition to the like names, both are closely associated with Plattsmouth public schools.

Dr. Hudson is the present head of the board of education, while his father has been custodian of the school for 30 years.

Friday at a special covered dish supper, school teachers and members of their families presented the elder Hudson with a bell as a special going away gift.

The younger Hudson is in honor of Charles Merle Stewart and Gerald Clayburn who have been called to duty with the reserves.

Mr. Hudson, the custodian, was also presented a wrist watch as a special remembrance of the present body of the high school. The high school and junior high students presented "Huddy" the gift as a token of their friendship.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hudson left this week for California.

## Blue Devils Meet Valley In Finale Friday Night

Cough Merle Stewart's Plattsmouth cagers will make one final effort to end the season in the state when they travel to Valley Friday night. It will be the last scheduled game for the Blue Devils and the end of a four game road trip.

Behind a three game losing streak after breaking even in the first 12 games, the Blue Devils will rely on their own to bolster their record before hitting the tournaments.

An East Nebraska Seven conference will, the two teams are tied about even on comparison of scores with like opponents.

The game will determine the leading scorer for the Blue Devils and will give Stan Cole the answer to his hopes of enrolling in the 200 category.

A present the Blue Devils have won six and lost five in season play, in addition to splitting the conference tourney at Lincoln. The Blue Devils will enter district play at Auburn next week.

Mrs. Fred Beins was taken to the Methodist hospital at Omaha Wednesday for minor surgery.

## Friedrich Heil, Native Of Cass County, Dies

Friedrich Karl Heil, native of Cass county died at Mercy hospital in Council Bluffs Monday, February 26, 1951, following an illness of four weeks. He was 61 years old.

Born October 9, 1889 in Cass county, he was the son of Elizabeth and Wendell Heil. He was married to Esther Reinke Oct. 14, 1923. They were the parents of two children. Mr. Heil had been engaged as a farmer in the Plattsmouth vicinity for many years.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Marvinie Nielsen of Springfield, a son, Harlan, of Ralston; three sisters, Mrs. Ida Rohrdanz, of Ashland, Mrs. Carrie Jung of Omaha, Mrs. Francis Meisinger of Plattsmouth; six brothers, Joseph, Omaha; Walter of Plattsmouth; Henry, George, Ed and Philip of Louisville, and one grandson.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at Sattler Funeral Home at one o'clock and at the Immanuel Lutheran church at two o'clock with Rev. Melvin Meyer officiating.

Palbearers were Otto, Wendell, Herbert, Harold, Lloyd and Glen Heil. Burial was at Glendale cemetery west of Plattsmouth.

Sattler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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## X-ray Unit Has Month Yet To Go In Cass County

After a successful tour of two more Cass county towns, the portable X-ray unit moved into Alvo today for a two day survey.

More than three hundred residents of Elmwood were checked last week before the unit moved to Eagle.

The unit will be at Alvo Thursday and Friday, and then will move to Greenwood Monday and Tuesday.

Heading the Greenwood committee is Mrs. Walter Wittzel, chairman. Other committee members are Mrs. Barton Maxwell, Mrs. John Lambert, Mrs. Wayne Howard and Mrs. George Ray.

The unit will continue to tour Cass county communities until the end of the month.

Murdock, Louisville, Weeping Water and Plattsmouth are still scheduled for the chest X-ray survey.

Football Highlights To Be Shown Here

The feature picture of the University of Nebraska athletic department, "Football Highlights of 1950" will be shown here on three occasions Tuesday, March 13.

The film was obtained by Bob Walling through the athletic department at the university.

Showings of the film will be held at Plattsmouth high school, probably sometime during the morning, to the Rotary club at noon, and to Izaak Walton members in the evening.

Confer Degrees At Fairbury Monday

Wm. F. Evers, Grand Commander of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, and Ray Cook, Grand Custodian of Nebraska, assisted in the work of conferring Knights Templar degrees on five lodge members at Fairbury Monday night.

They were accompanied to Fairbury by R. R. Furse, Knight Templar of the local lodge.

## Spring Opening Is Boosted By Ad Club

The Plattsmouth Business Men's Ad Club Wednesday noon voted to appropriate monies from the free bridge fund to circulate the Spring Opening edition of the Journal to residents of Pacific Junction, Ia.

In taking the action, Ad Club members point out that through the availability of the newspaper and free access to the bridge, residents of the Iowa town will enjoy the benefits of the spring sales which will be conducted here.

The Spring opening is set to begin March 15.

## Thieves Attempt Break-In Of Murdock Store

Quick response to a burglary alarm Wednesday night permitted the owner of the Kruse Hardware store at Murdock to scare off three men bent on carrying out merchandise from his store.

Sheriff Tom Solomon who was called to investigate the break-in, said today that two of the three men had entered the store while a third sat outside in a 1939 maroon Ford. When they entered the building an alarm went off in the owner's home.

When the owner went to check the man in the car sounded the horn and his buddies jumped into the car and sped out of town. The car bore no license plate and is presumed to be a local car, Solomon said.

They had succeeded in carrying a television set and several other articles to the door before being scared off, Solomon said. The store owner reported nothing missing.

## Robert Richardson Gets Vacation

BMSN Robert T. Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Richardson of Plattsmouth, recently went to the Camp Wood Rest and Recuperation Center in Japan for a well earned vacation.

Richardson is a crew member of the U. S. S. Carmick which has been in Korean waters since the early days of the war.

## Series Of Stolen Cars Leads To Arrest Of Youth

A series of stolen cars led to the capture of John A. Carpenter here Monday. It was learned this week after the 16-year old youth had been questioned by FBI agents, Iowa and Cass county law officers.

Anderson told how he and a partner, Dennis Danohor, stole a car at Minneapolis, drove to Fairbury, Minn., ditched that car and stole another and drove to Emons, Minn., and then on to Des Moines, where they abandoned the second car.

He said they stole another car at Humeston, Ia., and drove to St. Joe, where they were in the process of stealing another when police caught Danohor. Anderson then drove off and was captured here by Solomon last Monday.

During each theft, they stripped the abandoned cars of valuable articles and were planning to continue the activity until taken by police.

Anderson was taken to Iowa Tuesday, where he will face charges of transporting a stolen car across a state line.

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

# Street Improvement Okayed

## Council Orders Attorney Prepare Parking Order

City council members Monday night instructed City Attorney Harold Lebens to prepare a resolution setting forth parking restrictions in the downtown business district. The action was a follow up on the recommendation of Councilman Sam Arn at the previous session.

The resolution will set forth the limits, designate areas and establish time when the parking limits are in effect.

Ten blocks in the business district will come under the parking limits, according to information given Lebens for the resolution.

Councilmen recommended that restrictions be placed on Main street between 3rd and 7th; and one block each way from Main on 4th, 5th and 6th streets.

Councilmen also issued a reminder that March 1, today, the city's no parking limitations go on Main street and sixth streets from 2 a. m. until 6 a. m. The no parking is effective until October 1, 1951.

The restrictions of night parking on Main street are provided so that the street department can maintain the street and through the flood season to protect personal property.

## Thelma Wilson Named Speaking Contest Winner

Miss Thelma Wilson, senior at Plattsmouth high school has been named the winner of the local public speaking contest sponsored by the Plattsmouth American Legion post. Announcement was made by Richard Peck, local director, Wednesday.

As a result, she will be eligible to compete in the district contest, which will be held late in March. William Floyd, Plattsmouth high school principal, is director of the district contest.

For her winning 10-minute prepared oratory on the subject of the Constitution, Miss Wilson was awarded a \$25 Savings Bond by the American Legion. She also gave a four-minute extemporary address on a subject selected by the judges.

## Miss Ruth Dickinson Buys Hudson Home

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hudson have sold their home at 1019 Main street to Miss Ruth Dickinson, commercial instructor, Plattsmouth high school. This transaction was handled by Miss Louis B. Long, local real estate broker.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson left this week to make their home in California.

## Temperature, Birds, And Rain Beckon Spring

Spring Is Sprung! While the calendar and our favorite weather predictor, "Mr. Groundhog" have forecast at least three more weeks of winter, Spring has very definitely made a sound impression on residents of the Plattsmouth area.

February, generally a month of snow, cold, and strong northerly winds, ended in an array of sunshine, sprinkled with drenching amounts of much needed moisture, oddly enough in the form of rain.

And following suit, March has continued the spring-like weather, at least for the opening day. Flights of ducks or geese were heard headed north early Thursday morning.

And with the advent of the warm spring temperatures, a report from Mrs. Lillian Schmitt at the Herold Apartment discloses that she observed a flock of 15 robins in the area.

In like a lamb, out like a lion. That's the proverbial prediction, let's wait and see.

## Purple Heart Award For Son Received

W. R. Smith of Murray reported this morning that he has received the Purple Heart, awarded to his son, Cpl. Francis K. Smith, who was killed in action in Korea in December.

The award was sent to the Murray man this week by the government.

Mrs. Olive Dasher and Mr. and Mrs. George Swain were at Wayne, Nebr., Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. John Dasher, sister-in-law of Mrs. Dasher.

## Odor, Not Topics Turn Noses Down

While discussion at the city council meeting Monday night primarily concerned the dirtier details in administering city affairs, councilmen had a bright, clean atmosphere in which to conduct it.

Even so noses were turned down more because of the paint odor than of the topics for discussion.

The odor resulted from re-decorating the council chambers during the past week. The effect compared to the drabness previously prevailing, seemed to spur discussion for the session was over in less than an hour.

The council chambers now boast a complete new covering. Walls and ceiling of the room were painted in a green pastel, while wood work has been painted a mustard-yellow. The bottom portion of the walls is covered with an imitation wood-grained wallpaper, and the floors were brightened with a coat of gray paint.

Police Judge C. L. Graves' chamber is due for the same treatment this week.

# Council Votes To Advertise For Bids; Lights Are Ready

Plans were adopted and advertising for bids for improving Main street were approved by the City Council Monday night, following a motion by Councilman Sam Arn.

The action followed the suggestion of Mayor Clement Woster that "we get moving on advertising for bids for the street improvement." John Sattler seconded Arn's motion and the action was given unanimous approval of the council. Councilman Frank Rebal, who is on vacation, missed the session.

The street improvement provides for widening Main street from 1st to 6th street and for installation of a new lighting system along the same streets and a block north and south of Main on 6th street.

The action climaxes almost two years of maneuvering on the part of the businessmen, individuals, civic groups and the council who opened a drive for improving streets in the business district.

Definite action originated with the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce which petitioned the City Council to create a street improvement district for the project. The Chamber of Commerce appointed a committee, headed by W. A. Swatek, to promote the aims of the Chamber.

In late May, 1950 the Council approved the plans and passed an ordinance creating Street Improvement District No. 100, which provides for the improvements on Main Street. The ordinance was published July 3, 1950.

Action on the improvement district was speeded up by the Council so that work on the project can begin as soon as weather permits and so that the improvements can be completed before the flood season starts.

Plans and specifications for the widening project have been on file with the city for some time, and advertisement of bids had been delayed until prospective contractors had been consulted.

Specifically the ordinance calls for widening the streets, construction of curbs and work incidental thereto, while the plans and specifications call for widening the street six feet on each side, and construction of step-up curbs on both sides of the street.

The lighting system which is to be installed in connection with project, is ready to go. All materials for the new system have been received, except a few nuts and bolts, which are now being shipped, according to word received here last week.

Forty-nine new light poles will be installed along Main street and on 6th street between 1st Avenue and Avenue A. New type globes will also mark the lighting improvement. The City Council entered into a contract with Consumers last summer for the lighting system at an estimated cost of almost \$13,000.

In late July petition, objecting to the improvement, was handed to the Council. The petition was later found to lack sufficient qualified signatures and the council went ahead with plans for the improvement.

Tentative plans would call for letting contracts in about one month, which the improvement, to get under way within ten days after letting. The contractor would have 60 days in which to complete the street widening project.



Cpl. Gerald Sudduth

## Extent Of Cpl. G. Sudduth Wounds Not Known

No further information on the extent of injuries sustained by Cpl. Gerald Sudduth were available yet today, his mother, Mrs. W. E. Sudduth disclosed.

Mr. and Mrs. Sudduth received a cablegram from their son last week in which he reported that he had been wounded in action in Korea.

Meanwhile, his parents check the mail carefully every day hoping that some word of the nature of his wounds will be received.

Cpl. Sudduth had been assigned to the Second Division in the Korean battle.

## Taylor To Operate Delivery Service

Chester Taylor has taken over the delivery service previously operated by Harold Parker under the name "Pete's Delivery." Taylor took over the business this week.

## Sewers, Streets And Garbage Pose Problems For Council

Sewers, streets, alleys, and garbage filled discussion at the city council Monday night. And all seemed to demand the immediate attention of councilmen.

Sam Arn opened the fireworks by explaining to councilmen that the alley pavement from 5th to 6th streets one-half block north of Main street has started to buckle. He said he thinks it may tie in with water seeping into basements in the same area.

For the time being signs have been posted in the alley warning of any possible danger to motorists driving through the alley. Arn suggested that the city wait until warmer weather is assured before checking it further.

By comparison of figures, Arn also brought out that the city may be able to save money by purchasing their own machine for cleaning out sanitary sewers.

Exhibiting a pamphlet describing one of the machines, Arn told councilmen that the unit could be purchased for less than the city had spent to have sewers opened in the past three months. At the same time, if the city owned one, it could be available for use by residents as well, Arn declared.

## Millers Will Do Custodian Work At High School

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Miller of Plattsmouth have joined the high school staff as building custodians, replacing Oliver Hudson, who resigned recently to move to California.

Mr. Hudson had served as custodian at the high school since 1912. The Millers assumed their duties at the school Monday.

## Reserves To Be Feted At Farewell Party

Reserves from Plattsmouth who have been ordered to report for active duty March 10, will be feted a special farewell party Friday night. They will be honored by members of the 40 & 3, American Legion and their auxiliaries.

Special invitations were sent out to the duty-bound reserves this week. Anyone who has been missed in the invitations is given a blanket invitation to attend the party, Legion Commander Don Warga said.

# Few Show Up At Caucuses

Candidates may be able to carry the city election here April 3rd by flooding the ballot boxes with their own votes.

That seemed apparent Wednesday night as party caucuses convened for the purpose of nominating candidates to run for two city council posts.

While a single vote may not provide the margin of victory, a candidate with a large family should have a pretty easy time of it.

Less than twenty townspeople showed up for the two party caucuses. But those that did turn out accomplished the desired results.

Three Democrats, meeting in the District Court room at the court house, completed necessary business by re-naming present office holders to run for re-election.

Named by the Democrats were Frank Rebal, candidate for city council from the second ward, and D. L. Grove, first ward candidate also serving on the council at present.

Rebal has served several terms on the council, while Grove has served as an appointive councilman for one month.

The two councilmen also were endorsed by the Republicans, twelve of whom crowded into the basement room of the Lib-

rary to conduct party affairs.

Democrats also returned most committee members to their posts. Named were Francis M. Casey, chairman; Leda Bourck, secretary-treasurer; Lucille Gaines and Walter H. Smith, committeemen from the first ward; and Mrs. Francis Casey and Albin Chovanec, second ward committeemen.

Named on the committee by the Republicans were Mollie Gobleman and Maxine Clويد, committeewomen from the second and first ward; and Dwight Talcott and Wm. P. Kraefer, committeemen from the same wards.

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