

## Red Cross Fund Drive Reaches \$400 Mark

### Eagles To Hold Open House Here Friday, March 16

Plattsmouth Aerie, No. 365, Eagles, will hold a special open house Friday, March 16, marking the remodeling of the ground floor of their lodge building.

Remodeling has been completed after beginning almost two months ago.

Everyone is invited to inspect the Eagles' remodeled premises. Eagles invite residents of the community to visit their newly decorated rooms, and to attend a free dance that evening.

Tony Bradley and his orchestra will play for the dance, which is scheduled to start at 9:30.

The Aerie will note its 48th anniversary April 20th.

One of the leading community organizations in the city, Eagles stress the importance of family participation and open their club rooms and lodge facilities to all members of the family. The \$10,000 remodeling just completed, takes the family theme into account, and has provided excellent recreational and lounging facilities for all members of the family.

Its auditorium, largest in the city, where the dance will be held, has been used by numerous organizations and for many special activities. One of the most recent was the March of Dimes dance sponsored by the Junior Woman's club.

Youth activities too are a part of the Eagle's plan of community service. Annually they give a Christmas party for boys and girls in the community, and in addition they assist youth organizations in their activities.

The unit opens its hall every other Saturday night for everyone, when it sponsors community dances.

To show the public the facilities of the lodge, they will hold open house beginning at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The dance will be held in the evening.

## Chamber Drive For Membership Has Good Results

The Chamber of Commerce membership drive conducted here Thursday and Friday met with favorable results, according to Albin Chovanec, drive chairman.

Although complete returns are not available, indications are that the number of members will equal those of last year, when approximately 150 business men were members of the Chamber.

Chovanec commended the 12 membership campaigners who conducted the man-to-man drive. The group made the contacts and produced the desired results, in the opinion of the drive chairman.

A few members of past years have not been called upon yet, since a few were out of town or unavailable at the time the campaign was being pressed. Stragglers will be brought into the fold before the Chamber meeting Thursday night if possible.

With its membership drive out of the way, the Chamber can complete plans for its 1951 program.

## Merchants Issue Spring Opening Reminders Today

Business men in Plattsmouth issued another reminder today of the big deluxe "Spring Opening" planned for this week end. The money-saving venture is sponsored by the Ad club and the Chamber of Commerce.

Scheduled to open March 15, the "Spring Opening" promises to be one of the top bargain attractions in many months. Enthusiastic businessmen are acclaiming it as one of the best get-acquainted promotions they have ever held.

Merchants advise residents of the area to watch for their big "Spring Opening" ads in the Journal, which will be circulated into parts of Iowa as well as its regular county-wide coverage.

In this period of rising prices, shortages and vast inflation, merchants are bending over backward to provide quality merchandise, at greatly reduced prices.

Mrs. Helen Heinrich has been confined to her home since Saturday and is recuperating from a virus pneumonia.

With the local Red Cross fund drive two weeks old the chapter is still far short of its \$2,000 goal, Mrs. Alpha Muncie, local and county chairman disclosed today.

Heaviest contributions to the drive yet reported came late last week, boosting the returns to about \$400, one-fifth of the amount needed.

Unless a change of attitude is effected soon, the Red Cross fund drive is doomed to fall short of its goal here. Without Plattsmouth contributions hitting the quota, the county would have very little chance of meeting its \$6,000 quota.

Meanwhile solicitors are still out making contacts in the business and residential area, hoping to bring the local drive within scope of the desired amount.

But in case they should miss anyone, Mrs. Muncie requests that anyone desiring to contribute either leave their money at the bank or at Feldhausen Drug store. She also asks that they call her.

Contributions reported up until Saturday evening were: Russel Stander, Albert Todd, and Wm. T. Starkjohn, \$10; Carl Patschies, \$8; Wm. Gallows, Hertha Patschies, Wm. F. Holmes, Sterling Ingwerson, J. F. Wehrbein, John N. Holmes, Elmer L. Stoehr, Fred G. Noltzing, Fairview Woman's Club, Fred Tschirren, and K. B. Weaver, \$5; Verner A. Meisinger and Herman Graham, \$3.50; Edgar S. Meisinger, George A. Kaffenberger, and John W. Rummel, \$3; and Fred Wehrbein, Vernie Younkens, Ralph J. Wehrbein and John B. Kaffenberger, \$2.50.

Two dollar donors were Robert Cappell, Catholic Daughters, Laurence Jones, Roy Tschirren, George Mayabb, Claude Mayabb, Earl Becker, Lloyd Morehead and George Imman.

Giving one dollar were John Motacek, Gene Hurst, Tom Mendenhall, Maynard Tritsch, Charles Forbes, Emery Rozell, C. E. Markham, Marion and Esther Christenson, Victor Volkart, Herbert Minor, Mrs. T. C. Koutek, Martin Peterson, Mrs. J. M. Bridgewater, Anna Law, Louis Born, Mrs. Fulton Harris, Mrs. Sophie Short and Harold Buschler.

Other contributors were Clayton Pierce, John S. Kalasek, Mrs. J. L. Mayfield, Mrs. James Rebal, A. S. Moore, Grace Dietl, Mrs. Mary Wasley, each 50 cents and Mrs. Helen Tiekotte, 75 cents.

## Oratorical Contest Held Here Today

Only two schools, Plattsmouth and Nebraska City, have entries in the American Legion sponsored district oratorical contest to be held at the Central school building here this afternoon.

Wm. Floyd, high school principal and contest director, said Monday that he is hoping more entries will appear before the contest starts.

Theresa Wilson will compete for Plattsmouth. She was the winner of the local contest.

## Changing His Mind Doesn't Alter Fine

A man, as well as a woman, has the right to change his mind.

That was the decision of Judge Balthazor of Plattsmouth Saturday when he asked to change his plea of operating a vehicle with out license plates from "not guilty" to "guilty."

After his arrest by Patrolman E. S. Pokorny, Balthazor entered a plea of not guilty and was released on \$25 bond Friday, Saturday morning, after thinking it over, he asked to change his plea to guilty.

Judge Raymond J. Case obliged, and in addition assessed a \$10 fine and court costs against Balthazor for the violation.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Cave and daughter Jolene spent Sunday in Genoa with Mr. Cave's parents.

## Court House Briefs . .

Charles N. Lawson was named defendant in breaking and entering charges brought against him in District Court Wednesday. Lawson was bound over to district court after pleading guilty to the charges in county court.

Paul M. Kupke has been named defendant in two damage actions brought against him in district court by Leta P. and Claude Heim.

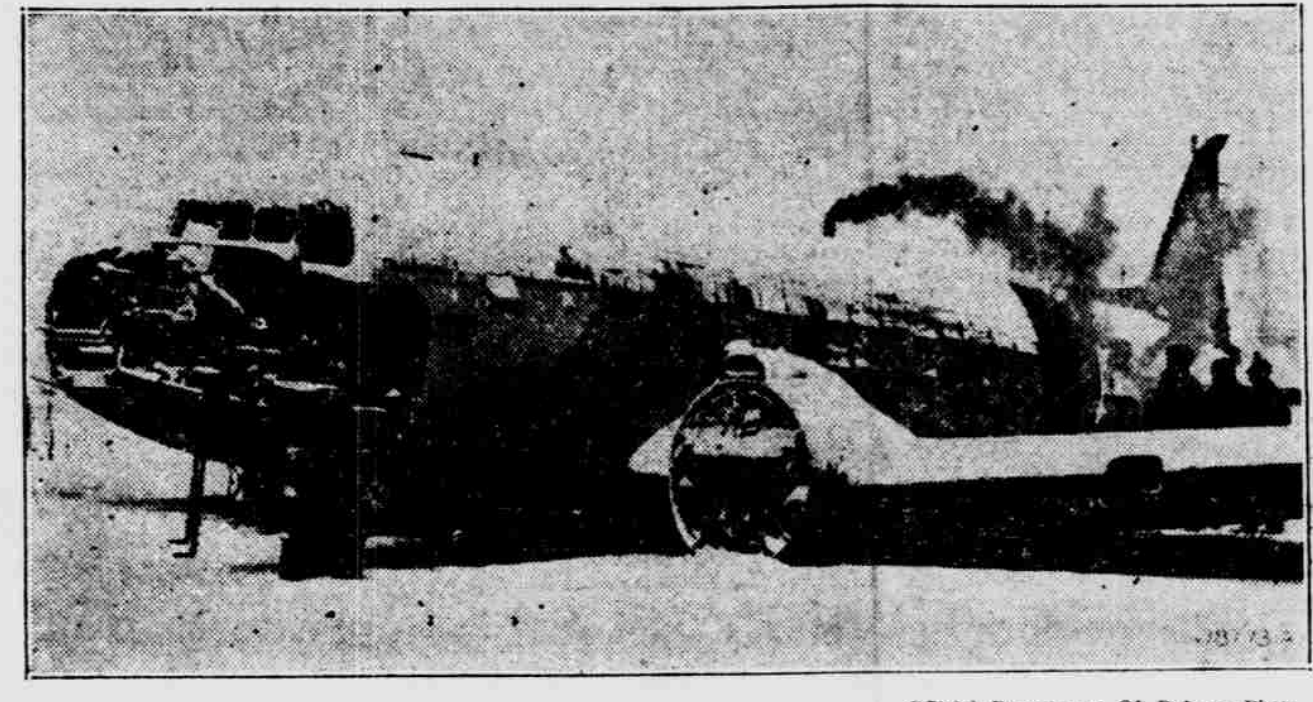
Wilke J. Juilfs of Talmage was fined \$50 and costs in county court Saturday, March 10, on charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcoholic liquors. Juilfs was arrested by Sheriff Tom Solomon Friday night.

Judge Raymond J. Case fined Wm. Krzycki of Lincoln \$10 and court costs in county court Saturday, March 10, for speeding. Sheriff Tom Solomon made the arrest.

Speeding on Cass county roads cost J. E. Raup, Omaha, \$10 and costs in county court Saturday, after he was arrested by Sheriff Tom Solomon.

Meddie Balthazor was fined \$10 and costs in county court Saturday after pleading guilty to charges of operating a vehicle without license plates.

An answer to plaintiff's appeal, praying for a court order disallowing claims and dismissing claims of the plaintiff was filed in district court Monday by J. Howard Davis, executor of the James Stander estate. Plaintiff is Nebraska Wesleyan University.



SNUG QUARTERS IN OLD CARGOPLANE—All the comforts of home are offered by this stripped-down C-47, once used by the U. S. Far East Cargo Command. Its utility as a shelter is appreciated by American ground crewmen of a jet fighter wing in Korea who use it as quarters in sub-zero weather.

## Blue Devils Drop District Tourney Final To Indians

A torrid Pawnee City basketball team made certain of its return to the state tournament again this year by drubbing a cold Plattsmouth quintet 76-38 in the finals of the district tournament at Auburn Friday night.

The Indians, favored by the dopsters in pre-tourney selections, uncorked one of their heaviest scoring sprees of the season against the chilly Blue Devils.

Never in trouble, Pawnee City roared to the front early and held substantial leads at each rest period. The Indians led 40-21 at half-time as they doubled the count on Plattsmouth.

It was a hard game for the Blue Devils to lose. After a mediocre season, in which they dropped 10 of 16 regular contests and split a pair of conference tournament games, the Blue Devils appeared to have found the right combination as they stopped Auburn and Tecumseh in the first and second rounds of the district meet.

But Pawnee City, masters of the local quintet on the home court 51-44 during the season, was not to be denied its second consecutive shot at the state crown. The Indians lost to Holy Name in the first round at the state meet a year ago.

Chuck Jensen provided the damage to the Blue Devils. His 23 points provided the spark that gave the Indians their heavy point total.

Stan Cole and Merle Dasher, with 10 points each, were the top scoring threats for the Blue Devils. Cole's tournament play was especially impressive, as he paced the scoring in each of the three tournament games played by the Blue Devils. His three-game total of 47 points gave him an average of 15.7 points a game.

Dasher and Ray Koubek, as usual, were the other scoring guns for Plattsmouth.

## Nineteen Interested In Defense Work

Nineteen Plattsmouth residents have indicated that they would be interested in working in a defense plant, according to a survey of the Nebraska City Chamber of Commerce. Six hundred and thirty-six coupons from 41 cities had been received by Thursday.

Other Cass county towns listed were Weeping Water, Union, Nehawka, Murray and Avoca.

## Louisville Man Named In \$2,300 Damage Actions

Separate damage suits seeking \$2,350 damages were filed in district court Thursday by Leta P. Heim and Claude Heim against Paul M. Kupke. All are from Louisville.

The petitions allege that as a result of negligence and carelessness by Kupke in driving his automobile, Mr. and Mrs. Heim sustained personal injuries and damage to their car in an accident near Murdock January 11, 1951.

## A. L. Tidd Breaks Arm In Icy Fall Here Saturday

A. L. Tidd, venerable Plattsmouth attorney, is expected to return home from St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha Tuesday, where he has been since fracturing his arm in a fall at his home Saturday.

Reported to be much improved, Mr. Tidd received the fracture about eight o'clock Saturday morning as he was leaving his home to go to town. He fell on the icy steps leaving the house.

Mrs. Tidd, who was still in bed at the time of the mishap, said that an Alamito milkman, and neighbors, saw him fall and assisted him into the house, while another neighbor called the doctor.

He was taken to Omaha by Caldwell ambulance where the break was set and the arm put in a cast. The break was near his shoulder.

## Louisville Man In Accident In Omaha

Edward W. Gress of Louisville was one of three men charged with reckless driving in Omaha Wednesday night as a result of a three-car collision.

After a car driven by Otto Frahm of Omaha collided with the one driven by Gress, a third car, driven by Francis McPherson, collided with the two stopped cars while police were investigating the accident.

## Schools' Clothing Drive Week Set Of March 26-31

The Nebraska Motor Carriers Association, Inc., has joined hands with the state's school children in Nebraska's schools greatest effort to raise clothing for the needy. F. B. Decker, state superintendent of public instruction and state chairman for the Tenth National Children's Clothing Crusade, announced today.

An estimated 200,000 school children will bring bundles of good used clothing to Nebraska schools during Bundle Week March 26-31. The Nebraska Motor Carriers Association, Inc., will make available over 2,000 trucks during Bundle Week and will pick up the clothing at all participating public and private schools and will transport without charge the clothing to St. Louis where it will be shipped to clothing centers of Save the Children Federation for sorting and reconditioning.

Save the Children Federation program, distributes clothing in devastated war areas of Korea, Italy, Austria, Holland, France, Greece, Finland, West Germany, on the Papago, Hopi, and Navajo Indian Reservations and in handicapped rural areas of America.

Superintendent Decker reported that schools daily were sending in participation cards for the drive and added, "The splendid response to date leads us to hope that every single school in Nebraska takes part in the Children's Clothing Crusade."

Plattsmouth schools will participate in the program and County Superintendent L. A. Behrends has asked rural schools to take part in the Crusade.

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## Watershed Field Trip For Chamber Is Postponed

The proposed watershed field trip planned for members of the Chamber of Commerce has been cancelled. The trip had been scheduled for Tuesday, March 13.

Paul Fauquet, chairman of the Chamber's Flood Control Committee, sponsoring the trip, said the heavy snowfall Sunday would force postponement of the excursion. He said enough of the Chamber members had shown interest in the venture.

Postponement of such field trips is not uncommon to Fauquet, who is also secretary-treasurer of the Cass Weeping Water Creeks Watershed Association. The directors of that group were forced to postpone similar trips twice before the weather permitted them to inspect watershed development in the Syracuse area.

Fauquet said the proposed trip may be scheduled for another time.

Meanwhile his committee, and the directors of the Watershed association, are looking forward to hearing on the proposed watershed bill March 22.

Sponsors of the bill have planned amendments to the measure to clarify assessments as outlined in the bill. The bill was introduced by Senators O. H. Liebers, Lincoln, Ed Hoyt, McCook, and O. H. Person, Wahoo.

The senators feel that a watershed district can better accomplish its purpose if all of its relations with other public sub-divisions are on a "purely voluntary and cooperative basis."

Activities of the watershed group has also received favorable comment from Senator Hugh Butler. In a letter to Paul Fauquet, Sunday Butler explained that he hoped to be in Plattsmouth soon to discuss legislation pertaining to watersheds.

## Man Severely Injured Thursday In Accident

Kenneth Morehead is in St. Catherine's hospital mending after receiving numerous cuts and bruises about his face and body when the car he was driving plunged out of control over an embankment early Thursday morning.

The accident is believed to have happened shortly after midnight Wednesday. He was taken to Dr. L. S. Pucelik, who worked on the youth for four hours. One side of his face was severely slashed and required a large number of stitches. Dr. Pucelik said he did not know how many stitches were taken in the boy's body during the four hour period. Dr. Pucelik was notified about 1:30 Thursday morning, one and one-half hours after the accident apparently happened.

Morehead's car plunged down a 20-foot embankment near Ben Seybold's filling station at Murray. He was taken to the doctor after making his way to his parent's farm home near by.

Miss Marilvn Hendricks spent the weekend in Omaha with her grandmother, Mrs. Fern Hendricks. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Hendricks went after her Saturday evening.

## Defense Department Hides Korean Casualty Figures

From Drew Pearson's Staff  
Memo to Editors: Twice we have reported that the army is withholding from the public the true picture of American casualties in Korea. Twice the army has vigorously denied our charges and heatedly denounced us for printing them.

The first time, we replied simply by publishing the secret testimony of Maj. Gen. G. E. Armstrong, deputy surgeon general of the army, who gave the true figures to the senate appropriations committee behind closed doors. The figures that he gave on page 122 of the secret transcript were the same that we used. The army backtracked, admitted Armstrong's figures but claimed they were "flash figures."

Now for the second time, we are compelled to reply to the army. Here is our answer, point by point:

1. The army denied our statement that unreported casualties "would increase our casualty figures by nearly 50 per cent."

## Dunbar To Study Lawson's Record; Defers Sentence

Charles N. Lawson, 29 year old ex-radio announcer at Omaha, was placed in the custody of Sheriff Tom Solomon Monday by District Judge T. E. Dunbar, while the Judge makes a pre-sentencing examination and study of the record of Lawson.

Arraigned in District Court Monday morning, Lawson asked the court for leniency. After the hearing, Judge Dunbar, deferred sentencing while he studied the testimony.

## W. Schmidtman, Dr. Snyder New 40 & 8 Members

William H. Schmidtman, member of the Plattsmouth American Legion post, and Dr. W. J. Snyder, Louisville Legionnaire, were elected to membership in Cass County Vulture 1218 of the 40 & 8 Societe Thursday night.

The action was taken at the Societe's regular meeting at the 40 & 8 club rooms.

Lawson, who has confessed breaking into and entering three Cass county school houses and a Murdock grocery store, was picked up three miles south of Plattsmouth a week ago. He is on two year probation from Lancaster county District Court. Held in jail here since Sheriff Tom Solomon brought him to Cass county from Lancaster county after sentencing there, Lawson told the court that he had been employed as a truck driver at Omaha in recent weeks.

He said he came to Omaha a year ago. Except for the four break-ins in Cass county and a \$150 theft from the Waverly school, the Omahan has no previous record.

A veteran of three years during World War II, Lawson received a medical discharge after breaking his leg in a parachute jump.

Married and the father of two small children, Lawson told Judge Dunbar that he did not know what effect the "acts" would have on his ability to obtain employment. He said he did not know how his wife and children are getting along.

In a signed confession Lawson has admitted thefts at Murdock and Alvo schoolhouses. He also has admitted entering the Avoca schoolhouse. In addition he had admitted taking \$7 from a grocery store at Murdock.

Before his capture here, Lawson had taken Lancaster county law enforcement officers on a 90-mile an hour race over country roads.

## Survey Shows 73 Cars With Non County Plates

An after midnight check of automobiles parked on Plattsmouth streets during the night, reveals that 73 of the cars bear out-of-county license plates, Sheriff Tom Solomon disclosed today.

Solomon said several checks on different nights have been made. The survey does not take into account many which are probably in garages or off the streets.

Owners of the cars are now being investigated to discover whether or not they are residents of the county and if they are violating the law by purchasing out-of-county license plates. Several cars have already been ticketed, reminding owners of the violation, and possible penalty.

Solomon said when the investigation is completed, cars will be ticketed ordering owners to court for alleged violations. A heavy fine is assessed against violators, the sheriff said.

While all of the car owners may not be residents of the county, those that are deprive the county and the school district of several thousand dollars annually in Plattsmouth. In addition many residents in other county communities also are known violators of the law.

But the violators may still have to pay their rightful tax in Cass county when the investigation is completed. Names of known violators will be reported to the county assessors office and the taxes for the cars will be assessed against the owners, according to the sheriff.

It is also possible to have the out-of-county license plates cancelled, according to the sheriff.

## Football Film Will Be Shown Here Tuesday

"Football Highlights of 1950," a revue of the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers in action, will be shown at three different times Tuesday, March 13.

First showing of the movie will be held at the high school for Plattsmouth students. At noon, Rotarians and their guests will witness the film. The final showing will be at the 1ke meeting at the 40 & 8 club rooms Tuesday night.

The film was obtained for the showings by Bob Walling.

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