

### Plattsmouth Sixth In Conference Track Meet

#### Blue Devils Will Meet Bellevue In Play-Off Game

Plattsmouth high school finished sixth in the East Nebraska Seven conference track and field meet at Lincoln Thursday. The locals amassed 23 1/2 points in nosing out Wahoo for the cellar.

Blair repeated by winning the conference crown with 85 1/2 points to almost double Ashland, its nearest opponent. Finishing behind Ashland were Valley, Bellevue, College View, Plattsmouth and Wahoo.

Ray Koubeck turned in one of the best performances for the local crew, finishing second in the 180-yard low hurdles. Other individuals to score were Jerome Ulrich and Dick Tincher, fourth and fifth in the 100 yard dash; Stanley Cole, second in the broad jump and a tie for fifth in the high jump; George Born fourth in the 800, and Bob Sheard who won the freshman 75-yard dash in nine seconds.

Plattsmouth's 880-yard relay team finished second to Blair, both winning their own heats. Blair's time was one-tenth second better than Plattsmouth. Running on the relay team were Jerome Ulrich, Ronald Hunt, Merle Dasher and Dick Tincher.

The locals also finished third in the mile relay. George Born, Dwayne Noell, Don Haden and Vic Volkart ushered the Blue Devils into third place.

The freshman relay team finished second in the 440. Mel Wilson, Bob Sheard, Barney Eiting and Don Hutchinson ran for the freshmen.

Ray Lanik, Wahoo weight man turned in the top performance, tossing the discus 145 feet 7 inches.

#### Circus Scheduled To Appear Here Tuesday, May 29

Advance representative Art Miller for the Al G. Kelly and Miller Bros. Circus was in Plattsmouth today with information that he has completed preliminary arrangements for the appearance of the circus to play afternoon and night engagements here Tuesday, May 29.

The big tent, including and staged on the Louisville road at the edge of Plattsmouth.

Advertising cars will arrive in a few days to place posters within the city and surrounding communities. In addition to journal advertising, mailing lists will be utilized in the coming of this circus to Plattsmouth.

Appearance of the Al G. Kelly and Miller Bros. Circus will mark the first appearance of a big circus here in seven years, and undoubtedly the very first one to bring such outstanding and unusual animals as giraffe, hippopotamus, and rhinoceros. In addition a herd of eighteen elephants, besides over 200 animals including Polar bears, lions, tigers, leopards, panthers, pumas, kangaroos, zebras, camels, llamas, and many others.

Al G. Kelly-Miller Bros. is now recognized as America's second largest circus.

#### Interest In Oil In Cass County Climbs Again

Oil interest in the Plattsmouth community has increased in recent weeks after being out of the picture for several years, rumors indicate.

At least two prominent oil drilling firms are interested in making test runs in this area, this newspaper learned today. Names of the companies were not disclosed.

Representatives of one of the companies are known to have been in Plattsmouth early this week checking on the log of a well drilled northwest of Murray some ten years ago. The company apparently is interested in drilling in the Plattsmouth vicinity.

The other company, according to informed sources, has been interested in drilling here for some time, attempting to develop lands for oil drilling purposes also is rumored.

Geologists have in the past expressed the belief that Cass county is probably one of the richest oil producing areas in the state. The natural resource has been made for several years.

Gary Ashbaugh of this city and Allan Carper of Murray, students at the University of Nebraska, were here over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Derieg and Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Royal of Lincoln were here Sunday to visit Judge C. L. Graves, father of the ladies.

### Memorial Day Program Planned At Legion Meeting

Brief impromptu addresses by the Cass county commander and a past commander of Cedar Grove, West Virginia, highlighted the Thursday night meeting of Plattsmouth American Legion Post.

Emmet Cook of Elmwood, county commander, spoke to the members briefly during a continued drive for membership throughout 1951.

The other speaker was Warren Mamoran, who recently moved to Plattsmouth. Mamoran is employed in Omaha.

Other features of the meeting included discussion of plans for observance of Memorial Day, plans for the Junior American Legion baseball team, committee reports and other routine matters.

Rehearsal plans for Memorial Day services were approved by the group. A complete program has not been completed, however. Tom Walling was named to take charge of placing flags at veterans' graves in Plattsmouth cemetery. R. T. Cuthrell assumes the responsibility at Horning and Rock Bluffs cemeteries, and Rex Young has consented to be in charge of the detail at Young cemetery.

Joining the Legion in the Memorial Day observance will be members of the V. F. W. and its auxiliary. The V. F. W. color bearers and rifle squad will take part in the program.

Legion members are also searching for a manager for the American Legion Junior baseball team. Three names were suggested at the meeting, but no definite decision reached. The group did, however, vote to pay team insurance for the Junior baseballers.

Membership has climbed to 310 according to E. O. Vroman, membership chairman. Americanism committee and sick call committee reports were made by Richard Peck and Arthur Wurga.

Wm. Schmidtmann and Arthur Wurga, refreshment committee men, served lunch.

### “Stormy” Top Horse In Parade Stake

“Stormy,” owned by Jerry Smith of Murdock won the National Stallion Parade Stake at the Palomino Horse national stallion show at Des Moines last week. The horse also placed third in the Palomino open. It was first in the open show at the Nebraska State Fair a year ago.

Mr. Smith is leader of the Boot and Spur 4-H club.

### Weeping Water Takes County Track Laurels

Weeping Water, with only three first places, but with its auxiliary, the V. F. W., edged Murdock for the Cass county track and field championships at Nebraska City. The meet was switched to the Otoe county city when heavy rains made it impossible to compete at Weeping Water.

Chuck Backemeyer of Elmwood won the first 100-yard dash, followed by Johnson of Avoca and Dick Printz of Alvo, each with two firsts, were the individual stars.

Backemeyer, who won both hurdles, barely missed setting a new record in the high jump. He cleared 5-8 1/4, just one-fourth inch under the meet record.

Johnson was only one and three-quarters inches shy of the record with a discus toss of 120 feet 4 1/4 inches.

Trailing Weeping Water and Murdock in the meet were Alvo, Elmwood, Avoca, Union, Louisville, Eagle and Nehawka.

Track Events

100-yard dash—Won by Printz Alvo; tie for second and third between Kennedy of Louisville and Kenney of Murdock; fourth, Johnson of Avoca. Time: 25.1.

220-yard dash—Won by Printz Alvo; tie for second and third between Thiel of Murdock and Kenney of Murdock; fourth, Johnson of Avoca. Time: 55.3.

440—Won by Stone, Weeping Water; second, Thiel, Murdock; third, Kenney, Alvo; fourth, Eaton, Union. Time: 55.3.

880—Won by Thomassen, Weeping Water; second, Wilkins, Murdock; third, Eaton, Union. Time: 2:15.

1 mile—Won by Bickford, Weeping Water; second, Drake, Elmwood; third, Sterling, Weeping Water; fourth, Wortham, Louisville. Time: 5:15.8.

880 relay—Won by Alvo; second, Weeping Water; third, Murdock; fourth, Louisville. Time: 4:28.

100 low hurdles—Won by Backemeyer, Elmwood; second, McDonald, Murdock; third, Friesel, Weeping Water; fourth, Headley, Louisville. Time: 12:1.

60 high hurdles—Won by Backemeyer, Elmwood; second, Gibson, Weeping Water; tie for third and fourth between Nannen, Elmwood and McDonald, Murdock. Time: 08.6.

Freshman 880 relay—Won by Elmwood; second, Nehawka; third, Weeping Water; fourth Alvo. (Did not count in point totals).

### Mary E. Farmer, Masonic Home Resident, Dies

Mary E. Farmer, resident of the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth for more than a year, died late Sunday night. She was 82 years old.

Mrs. Farmer came to Plattsmouth from Western Nebraska, where she had lived for many years.

Born at Eagleville, Mo., March 19, 1869, she came to Nebraska many years ago. Among the survivors is one son, Roy W. Farmer of Lincoln.

Funeral services will be held at Western. Caldwell Funeral Home has the body here.

### Court House Briefs

Hearing on claims of creditors against the estate of Guy C. White will be held in the county court room September 14, the notice to creditors filed May 4, discloses. Smith and Lebens are the attorneys.

Final hearing in the estate of Henry A. Schwartz was held in the county court room Friday, May 4, 1951.

Petition was filed in district court Friday, May 4, 1951, by Cora M. Bradshaw against Philo D. Easterday, et al. seeking partition of real estate located at Weeping Water. The petition prays for sale of the real estate and that proceeds be divided among the partitioners. Paul Fauquet is the attorney.

Enos Arthur Sciple, 59, of Omaha and Maude Markey, 54, also of Omaha were married by County Judge Raymond J. Case Saturday, May 5, 1951. Witnesses were Verona Wilmont and Abe Millikan, both of Omaha.

License was issued and marriage performed in Cass county court Friday, May 4, 1951, for Stanley Martin Logan, 25, of Omaha, and Violet Ann Beck, 17, also of Omaha. Evelyn Beck of Omaha and Thelma Kruger were witnesses.

Frances Smerski of Lincoln forfeited a \$20 cash bond in county court Saturday after being charged with intoxication. She was arrested by Sheriff Solomon east of Greenwood April 28.

An order allowing a restraining order was filed in district court Monday in a divorce suit filed by Marie Jorgensen against Henry Jorgensen.

### Carrie Warren, Local Resident 50 Years, Dies

Carrie M. Warren, resident of Plattsmouth for 50 years, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Richard Beverage, Friday, May 4, 1951. She was 78 years old.

Mrs. Warren came to Plattsmouth from Denver, Colorado, in 1900. She was a member of the Presbyterian church of Denver. The daughter of Louisa and William R. Albright, Mrs. Warren was born December 5, 1872 at Thornton, Indiana. She was married September 19, 1897 to Frank E. Warren at Golden, Colo. Mr. Warren died in 1939.

Surviving are daughters, Mrs. Leo Boynton of Plattsmouth, Mrs. Richard Beverage of Plattsmouth; sons, Fred J. of Oakland, Calif., James A. of Alameda, Calif., and Francis E. of Van Nuys, Calif.; and six grandchildren.

One son, Robert Allen, and twin daughters preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Sattler Funeral Home with Dr. H. G. McClusky officiating. Burial will be at Oak Hill cemetery.

Visiting hours will be held at the funeral home from 3 to 5 and from 7 to 9 Monday afternoon and evening.

### Named Defendants In \$10,000 Suit

Norman Noble and Weeping Water Motor Company were named defendants in a \$10,954.22 damage action filed in Nance county district court at Fullerton recently. The action was brought by O. M. Harp.

In a summons to the defendants, they have been ordered to reply by May 28. The action arises out of an accident last fall.

### Break-In At Eagle School Nets Thieves \$20

Twenty dollars was taken in a break in of the Eagle consolidated school building early Sunday night, Sheriff Tom Solomon disclosed today.

Solomon and Otoe County Sheriff Kenneth Wiles were investigating clues found on the scene Monday. Solomon exhibited several clues which indicated that local individuals may be involved. The clues indicated that more than one person was involved.

Water-front entrance was gained by prying open a basement window. C. S. Newton, superintendent of schools, estimated the loss at \$20 in cash. Damage was negligent.

### Plan To Barge Sugar To Omaha

Public wharves for the Port of Omaha on the Missouri river are proposed by the Dock Board, the American Waterways Operators, Inc.

Water-front warehousing is an urgent need, but is dependent on dock improvements, according to the group. Sugar will be barged 1800 miles from New Orleans to Omaha as soon as warehousing is available.

### Ernest George Dies Saturday At Age 76 Years

Ernest George, retired blacksmith, died at Hillcrest home Saturday, May 5, 1951. He was 76 years old.

Mr. George had arrived at the home only a few weeks ago. He had lived for many years at Arlington, Neb.

Born in Buffalo county, Nebraska, August 25, 1874, he is survived by his wife, Minnie, a son, Hermon of Aida, Neb.; two brothers, Jess in Oregon, and Albert of Lushton, and one sister, Mrs. Cora Freeze of Grand Island.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock at Caldwell Funeral Home with Rev. Harold V. Mitchell officiating.

Burial will be at Oak Hill cemetery.

Caldwell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### Firemen to Complete Special Course

Plattsmouth Volunteer Firemen will complete a twelve week course of study covering fire fighting, handling of equipment, and safety, Tuesday.

The school has been conducted by Sgt. Ernest Yenney, Officer Air Base, and Darrell Ashbaugh of the U. S. Army Engineers. Sgt. Yenney has been in charge of fire fighting facilities at the air base, and Ashbaugh with the first aid department of the local engineers.

Attendance at the weekly sessions has been good.

### Murray Pastor Is Representative to Board Meeting

Rev. Roy P. Morris, pastor of the Murray United Presbyterian church, left on Monday for the east. He will spend two days at Roney's Point, W. Va., where he began his ministry, and then go to North Washington, Pa., to spend Mother's Day with his mother, who is past age of age.

Next week he will attend the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary, at Pittsburgh, Pa., representing Nebraska Synod. This will be a very important meeting of the Board, as plans are under way to erect new Seminary buildings on a new site in Pittsburgh. A campaign to raise \$1,000,000 to start this work is under way now throughout the United Presbyterian church and by the end of April over half the amount has been raised, with the campaign to continue through May.

Mr. Morris expects to return May 18th, and will preach at the regular services on the 20th. In his absence, the services on the 13th will be conducted by the Rev. H. B. Hutchman of Murray, who will preach on "The Message of Pentecost."

### April Rainfall At Plattsmouth Again Leads State

Rainfall throughout eastern Nebraska was considerably above normal during April, and once again, Plattsmouth was in the heart of the heavy rains.

After leading the state for rainfall in March with nearly six inches, another six and one-half inches was recorded here during April, according to the preliminary summary of the United States Department of Commerce.

Precipitation for Eastern Nebraska during the past month was about two inches above normal, according to the report. At the same time, temperatures averaged below normal.

Wet grounds in eastern Nebraska also cut down the acreage of oats planted in 1951. About one-half of the intended acreage was not seeded and will be diverted to other crops.

The report also disclosed that practically no ground has been prepared for planting corn. Side roads were muddy and impassable over the eastern portion of the state. Farmers will readily testify to the last statement. They'll also agree that farm work is much behind normal.

### Local Students At Peru Senior Day

Seven Plattsmouth seniors were among the one hundred fifteen from Nebraska and Iowa attending Peru State's first Senior Day activities Monday. Nineteen high schools participated.

Seniors attending were Marvin Sackett, Ray Koubeck, Alvera Haase, Joy Hild, Marilyn Tyson, Richard Gopen and Gary Hild.

Included in the day's activities were a tour of the campus, class room visits, dinner in the cafeteria and a concert. Seniors also received instruction in their field of interest.

### Salary, Mileage Raise Approved

The Nebraska Legislature passed two bills which give the sheriff's office personnel an increase in income. L. B. 408 permits the county board to pay the chairman of the county board of health \$50 a month. The sheriff is the chairman of the board of health.

In the past the sheriff has carried out county health work without receiving any salary. L. B. 411 increases the mileage rate from eight to 10 cents a mile.

### Dr. Galen Saylor To Be Graduation Speaker

#### Funeral Services For Mrs. Todd Are Held Friday

Funeral services for Mrs. Pauline Todd, native of Plattsmouth and lifelong resident of Cass county, were held at Holy Rosary church, Friday, May 4, 1951, with Father Edward T. Czech officiating. The Rosary was recited Thursday evening at Sattler Funeral Home.

Mrs. Todd died suddenly at St. Paul, Minnesota, April 28, 1950. She was 40 years old.

Casket bearers were Donald Blotzer, Francis Ptacek, Richard Ptacek, Norman Gradoville, Paul Gradoville and Robert Gradoville. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Mrs. Todd is survived by her mother, Mrs. Charles Gradoville, four children, Jack, Betty, Lauren and Robert; four sisters, Mrs. T. H. Kohoutek and Mrs. Agnes Ptacek of Plattsmouth, Mrs. Catherine Westphal of Minneapolis, Minn., and Mrs. Ross Bourne of San Diego, Calif.; four brothers, Thomas Gradoville of Burlington, Ia., Dr. Charles Gradoville of Omaha, Edward H. Gradoville of Plattsmouth and Frank Gradoville of Washington, D. C., and her husband, L. E. Todd.

She was preceded in death by one child. Her husband recently underwent a serious operation at Rochester, Minn. Mrs. Todd had been there with him just prior to her death.

Born at Plattsmouth, June 30, 1910, she was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gradoville. She was married to L. E. Todd, June 3, 1930.



Dr. Galen Saylor

### Graveling Cass County Roads Is Planned Soon

Maintenance gravel resurfacing of 643 miles of highway as well as construction on 112 miles will be bid upon by contractors at the May 24th letting. The State Highway Department has announced.

Included in the maintenance graveling patrols will be 56 miles in Otoe, Cass and Nemaha counties. Approximately 3,780 cubic yards of gravel are to be placed on Highway Nebraska No. 50 between Highway No. 2 and Highway U. S. No. 34 and on the spur to Otoe and Avoca. On No. 50 north of U. S. No. 34 to Louisville, about 2,680 cubic yards of gravel will be laid down.

Highway Nebraska No. 1 from Elmwood north to Murdock and the highway between Alvo and U. S. 34 will receive 1,365 cubic yards of gravel. About 540 cubic yards of gravel are to be placed on the three miles of highway west of Plattsmouth.

### Mrs. Caven, 82, Masonic Home Resident, Dies

Mrs. Armilda Caven, resident at the Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, died Thursday. She was 82 years old.

A native of Illinois, she was born at Rock Island, January 11, 1869. She came to the Masonic Home three years ago.

Mrs. Caven was a member of Maple Leaf, Chapter 152, O. E. S., Omaha.

Eastern Star services were held at Haynes-Roeder funeral parlor Saturday, May 5, at Omaha. Burial was at Wisner cemetery, Wisner, Neb.

### Vacation Bible School Scheduled May 28 To June 8

Final arrangements have been completed for the vacation Bible school at the Christian church. The school will be conducted from May 28th until June 8.

Materials have arrived and an excellent teaching staff is now being prepared for one of the finest vacation schools, using the theme, "Our Wonderful Lord."

Children from four to 14 years of age are invited to attend. The school is being conducted earlier than usual to prevent interference with other vacation plans.

Sponsors urge youngsters to plan now to attend the vacation Bible school at the Christian church.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Mayfield of Louisville were here Monday to look after some business matters.

Edward McHugh, Murdock banker, was in Plattsmouth Monday morning.