

25th Year Noted By Rotary Club Tuesday Night

"Service above Self" for 25-years has been the byword of Plattsouth Rotary Club, which Tuesday night celebrated the 25th anniversary of its founding. Rotarians, their wives and guests returned to the Presbyterian church for a special anniversary dinner. The church was the first meeting place of Rotarians here.

Four Initiated By Plattsouth V.F.W. Post

A. L. Nierste, past commander of the Plattsouth V. F. W. post, pinned a membership pin on his son, Pfc. Robin Nierste Monday night, as a feature of the initiation of four overseas veterans into the local post.

Others initiated were Bruce Lanum, Roy Wilson and Arl Camden. The initiation was a highlight of the February meeting of the post.

Reports Feature School Board Session Monday

Reports of the special speech therapy class, the condition of the music department's financial standing and additional school building information featured a meeting of the Plattsouth Board of Education Monday night.

Meeting at the office of Supt. T. L. Friest, board members learned in a letter from Floyd Parker of the state department of public instruction that his office has urged federal approval of the school district's application for steel allotments.

The group also learned that Ward Pscherer has kept the music department's expenses close to the appropriated budget.

Behrends Attends Rural School Board Session

Supt. Lloyd Behrends attended the annual meeting of the Nebraska Rural School Boards Association at Norfolk Tuesday. Fourteen county superintendents and 21 counties were represented at the meeting.

The rural school heads passed resolutions recommending that normal training for two year period be reinstated to cut the teacher shortage in rural areas; to study and recommend to the legislature the county unit education program; and to retain current legislation forbidding the sale of school lands.

The group also discussed election of a state board rather than a superintendent, and to appoint the superintendent or commissioner of education from that board.

Mrs. Elizabeth Tritsch, 100



A faint smile and bright eyes are the response shown by Mrs. Elizabeth Tritsch during celebration of her 100th birthday anniversary held at her home at 906 Avenue C Saturday. One hundred American Beauty roses, gifts of relatives and friends, center the serving table in the background. The centennial celebration of Mrs. Tritsch's birth was marked by the presence of more than 200 friends and relatives. The birthday party was given by Mrs. Amelia Heldt, niece of Mrs. Tritsch. —Journal Photo

Wabash Soldier Awarded Bronze Star For Heroism

WITH THE 1ST CAVALRY DIV. IN JAPAN—Sgt. Lloyd H. Vogt, Wabash, Neb., has been awarded a Bronze Star Medal for heroism in action in Korea.

Sergeant Vogt was helping lay communication wires from forward elements of the company to the command post after radio contact became ineffective.

"During the battle, however, wires over the entire battalion sector were cut by the enemy artillery and mortar fire which constantly raked the area."

Theatre Plugs School Plans

Cass theater began showing of slides outlining the general school building program this week. Howard Hirtz, in cooperation with the board of education, prepared the slide which is shown to patrons of the theater each evening.

A closer comparison shows the necessity for maintaining an adequate accredited school system here. Clarkson, a town of less than 1,000 has appropriated \$227,000 for a new high school. Schuyler, only a few miles away has funds for building a \$475,000 high school.

Broken Bow has authorized \$375,000 for an elementary building and auditorium. In addition to the many school projects now in progress, 65 similar school building projects were completed in the past five years, including 19 in 1951 and one in 1952. Floyd G. Parker, director of school building services with the state department of public instruction, reports.

Among those most recently completed was a \$300,000 high school plant and vocational art shop finished at Benkelman in December. Central City built a \$175,000 gymnasium-auditorium addition. Holdrege is now using a new \$249,000 elementary plant and Kimball completed a \$200,000 elementary plant in September. Also completed in 1951 were a \$255,000 elementary plant and high school addition at Mitchell, a \$300,000 high school and elementary combination at Neligh, white Pender recently

School Voting Requirements Are Explained

Because some confusion has arisen as to who may vote, where certain ballots shall be cast, and what property may be assessed in connection with the coming school bond election, the school board has obtained the following legal opinion.

The laws of Nebraska provide that every citizen of the United States who has resided in the district forty days and who is 21 years old or more, and who owns real or personal property that was assessed in the District in his name at the last annual assessment or whose spouse owns real or personal property that was assessed in the District at the last annual assessment or who has children of school age residing in the District, is entitled to vote at any school election.

This means that to be eligible to vote a person must be a citizen of the United States, over 21 years of age, and have a bona fide legal residence in the District for 40 days, and in addition either have children of school age residing in the District or have property assessed in his or her name or spouse's name at the last annual assessment. This differs slightly from the qualifications of voters for state elections and perhaps will affect a few voters.

All property otherwise liable for assessment for school purposes is likewise liable for assessment under the levy for the bond issue, and this will include tangible personal property as well as real estate.

Although the legal proceedings require the school district which has always been known as District No. 1 to be officially named as "The School District of the City of Plattsouth in the County of Cass in the State of Nebraska," this requirement does not change the District's boundaries or affect the right to vote of persons living outside of the city limits but within the school district. However, in order to eliminate confusion, the Court House has been designated as the voting place for such voters and the judges there will be instructed to accept their ballots and the judges in the other precincts will direct them to the Court House.

Sheriff Abused; Youth Fined \$15

Marvin C. Pierce, 18, of Plattsouth was fined \$15 and costs in county court Wednesday on a charge of resisting and abusing an officer. Judge Raymond T. Gentry also suspended a fine against the youth on a charge of operating a vehicle with improper muffler.

Pierce was charged with resisting and abusing Sheriff Tom Solomon, when arrested on the muffler charge.

School Construction Here Behind Rest Of Nebraska

Thirty-six Nebraska high school districts have appropriated funds for construction of high school and elementary buildings and additions, according to information received from the state department of public instruction.

Costs of the structures range from a \$35,000 bond for gymnasium-auditorium at Center, to several millions of dollars at Omaha, Lincoln and Grand Island.

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VFW Post Indorses School Building Program Of Board

Buyers Skeptical Of Dollar Value

Values are always numerous in Plattsouth. Louis Naeve, proprietor of Naeve's Liquor store, established that as a certainty this week when he offered to sell genuine U. S. Government minted \$1 bills for only 95 cents.

Television Taken At Greenwood Is Recovered

The E. L. McDonald's store break-in at Greenwood on January 28 is in the process of being solved according to Sheriff Solomon. The break-in netted the burglars almost eight hundred dollars worth of merchandise which included three television sets.

Sheriff Solomon broke the case open Tuesday afternoon after locating one of the television sets at a residence at 5910 N 52nd St., in Omaha. The owner of the residence had signed a full statement with the sheriff in which he gave the name of an ex-convict who sold him the set the day after the burglary for \$110.

Reckless Driving Costs Woman \$10 In County Court

Dorothy Akins of Union was fined \$10 and costs in county court Wednesday morning when she changed her plea from not guilty to guilty on a charge of reckless driving.

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Newburn Enlists In Marine Corps

Eugene Newburn departed Monday for the marine base at San Diego, Calif. He enlisted for three years.

Two Places Are 100 Percent Donors

Two Plattsouth business places had one hundred per cent donations during the recent bloodmobile visit here.

Band Concert Pleases Near Capacity Crowd

During the Wednesday night Mid-Winter Band Concert at Plattsouth high school, Wendell Friest was revealed as guest conductor. His trials and tribulations as an orchestra leader were well received by a near capacity audience.

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Hearing On Rural Fire District Is Continued

A group of approximately 25 farmers from the Wabash and Murdock communities voted Tuesday to continue hearing on a proposal to create a rural fire district in north-central Cass county.

The farmers met with Cass county commissioners at the courthouse Tuesday afternoon to discuss the proposal. The hearing will be renewed March 4 after farmers have had an opportunity to further consider the proposal.

Under the rural fire district proposal, a unit would be set up at Murdock to serve rural areas in the South Bend, Cedar Creek, Murdock and Wabash communities. A petition signed by more than 65 percent of the property owners in the rural areas has requested creation of the district.



An overturned convertible shown here represents the damage which ice on the highway can cause. The convertible, driven by Richard Colville of Cedar, Iowa, was damaged and a trailer home which it was pulling, completely demolished when the vehicle went out of control after striking ice on the pavement near Elmwood. Two other cars, driven by Cpl. William Harper of Lancaster, South Carolina, and Pfc. James T. Richter later were involved in accidents at the scene while State Patrolmen and Sheriff Tom Solomon investigated the mishap.



The wreckage pictured here once was the trailer-home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Colville and son of Cedar, Iowa. The trailer was completely demolished and two members of the Colville family hospitalized when the trailer overturned on highway 34 three miles from Elmwood early Friday morning. Injured were Mrs. Colville, and two-month-old son, Chris. They were treated at a Lincoln hospital. The trailer and convertible, left the road after Mr. Colville lost control of the vehicle when it struck an icy patch on the highway.