

# Will Plattsmouth Move Forward?--It's Up To You!

It is stimulating, to say the least, when attending outstate functions to notice how discussions divert to Plattsmouth when they learn a resident of the city is in the group. Frankly, we believe Plattsmouth is the most talked about town in Nebraska at the present time.

Nearly everywhere you go people want to know what is happening in this community--what has brought on this reincarnation, so to speak. Here is a city that without doubt has shown more progress during the post-war years than any other of its size in the midwest. Our city can point out with pride the surge of new home development in the community, the numerous new business buildings, new store additions and improvements. Few cities can equal the blocks of new paving, our

street widening, new lighting system, athletic field, and dozens of others that escape attention at present.

And, there is still more to come.

This spring and summer will see many building programs get underway and completed. At least two new business buildings are in the planning stage. Present schedules call for construction of several new homes in one residential area of Plattsmouth. The city's main street is due for some more face lifting in the way of new store fronts and remodeling. In all, it looks like another banner year for Plattsmouth.

We bring these matters up again to thwart the attacks of the pacifists, the critics and the "Doubting Thomases" who wail and lament that progressive busin-

ess leaders of Plattsmouth are wrecking the community, burdening the property owners with heavy taxes that will drive families from our midst and leading to the ultimate downfall of the city.

Could this be true when the present tax rate in Plattsmouth is less today than it was five years ago before present improvements were made?

On Tuesday Plattsmouth residents will cast their ballot for a proposal to issue bonds for the construction of a new high school addition, for remodeling the present building to care for the ever increasing student load, and for a four-room ward school that should go a long way in relieving crowded conditions in the elementary grades. We are of the opinion the future growth and

expansion of this city hinges on the carrying of this bond issue. We believe, also, that given these additional improvements Plattsmouth will make even more progress in the next five years than in the past.

This story is not told with the intention of influencing any votes for this proposal. We believe residents of this community have made up their mind either for or against constructing these needed facilities. It is intended to impress you progressive citizens of Plattsmouth who favor this proposal the need for your vote Tuesday.

Let nothing stop you from casting your vote April 1. Every "FOR" vote will be needed to carry this issue. Do not fail to cast your ballot.

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### Juniors Wage Campaigns For County Offices

Strong campaigns were waged here Wednesday and Thursday by Federalist and Nationalist candidates for county offices. The candidates were named in balloting Tuesday at the high school caucus.

At stake is an office in Boys' and Girls' County Government to be held here April 9 under the sponsorship of the American Legion. Candidates for the eleven county offices were named in the caucus by both the Federalist and Nationalist parties.

### Weeping Water School Names County Officers

County officers from Weeping Water high school have been certified with Richard Peck, chairman of the Americanism committee of the American Legion, sponsors of Boys' and Girls' County Government.

The eleven elective officers and one appointive officer were selected in balloting at the school recently.

Officers, all members of the junior class, who will represent Weeping Water during County Government Day, April 9, are:

John Sheehan, county treasurer; Jim Stacey, clerk of the district court; Ben E. Olive, county attorney; Mary Murphy, register of deeds; Jerry Meeske, county surveyor; Joe Murphy, county commissioner; James E. Sperry, county clerk; T. Elwin Ranney, county sheriff; Donna Holt, superintendent of schools; Lucille Meyer, county assessor; and Alice Wiles, county judge. Leon Fitzpatrick was named welfare director.

It was the first group of county officers turned in to the county government director.

Plattsmouth high school is conducting its election today, and nine other county schools are still to be heard from. All schools plan to participate, Peck said.

### Onis Wright, 62, Dies At Omaha

Funeral services will be held at Hobson Funeral Home at Weeping Water at two o'clock Saturday afternoon, March 29, 1952, for Onis Wright, who died at an Omaha hospital late Wednesday, March 26, 1952. He was 62 years old.

A resident of Omaha for the past several years, he was a stationery engineer for an Omaha department store. He had resided at 654 south 26th street.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth; three brothers, Edward of Ash Grove, Mo., Charles of Hurley, Mo., and Onnie Davis of Prague, Oklahoma, and one sister, Mrs. Della K. Murphy of North Hollywood, Calif.

Rev. J. S. K. Whipp will officiate at the final rites. Burial will be in Oakwood cemetery, Hobson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wiles of Louisville were in Plattsmouth Wednesday. It was the first time they had been out in four days.

### Mark And Save Sample Ballots

Sample ballots, both Republican and Democratic, along with special and city ballots, will be found in today's issue of the Plattsmouth Journal.

The ballots, longest in history, will be found in one of the inside sections of the Journal. The ballots cover more than four pages.

The Journal suggests that voters save the ballots, mark them, and take the marked copies to the polls Tuesday, April 1.

### Bridge Levy May Free Additional Funds For Roads

County Farm Bureau representatives in a statement released this week said they hoped that the passage of the emergency bridge levy might free some county funds for other much-needed road work. For several years now work on bridges has been requiring a large share of the county's road monies.

Funds not specifically earmarked, but available for road work, have had to be used on emergency repair of bridges much of the time. Passage of the 1.6 mill emergency bridge levy should not only make it possible to get started on a more realistic bridge program, but it should free some funds for regular road work also.

The emergency bridge levy of 1.6 mills to remain in effect for only two years, beginning with 1952, will be submitted to the voters at the April 1 primary elections.

A bureau representative is exhibiting a small scrapbook of bridge pictures taken throughout the eastern part of the county, which, he says, shows the need for increased bridge funds. Shown in the scrap book were the 90-foot bridge five miles northwest of Murray, which is out; a bridge one mile northwest of Mynard, on a mail route, which has been out for four years; a damaged bridge three miles southwest of Mynard; one on a mail route one-half mile south of Rock Bluff, an abandoned bridge three miles south of Plattsmouth, and one four miles southwest of Mynard which he says is in bad condition.

The representative points out that his scrapbook represents only a few of the useless bridges in the area.

### Stander Implement To Sponsor Farming Meeting Friday

Stander Implement Company of Plattsmouth will sponsor a Grassland Farming meeting at the company location on Third Avenue Friday night.

Farmers from throughout the territory are invited to the 7-30 meeting which will feature a movie on grassland farming.

A door prize will be awarded and refreshments served.

### Candidate Is Here Wednesday

Tom Dooley of Papillion candidate for the unicameral legislature from the third district, was in Plattsmouth Wednesday on business. A former legislator, Dooley is in the insurance and real estate business at Papillion.

### Two Hundred At 28th Past Masters Banquet

The Past Masters pln was presented to Royal Smith, immediate past master of Plattsmouth Lodge, No. 6, A. F. & A. M., at the 28th annual Past Masters Banquet held by the lodge Tuesday night.

Presenting the pin to the 1951 master was Edward Wehrbein, past master who headed the group in 1946. An estimated 200 Masons, including several Grand Officers witnessed the ceremony. Mr. Smith has been an officer of the Lodge since 1946.

Grand officers attending the annual banquet included Grand Master Thomas J. Aron of Crete, Grand Secretary Carl R. Greisen, Grand Custodian Raymond C. Cook, Grand Historian Harold Thom and Grand Senior Deacon and Masonic Home President Herbert T. White, all of Omaha.

Grand officers also included a number of past masters of the Plattsmouth Lodge, who were among the honorees at the banquet.

Masons also heard Dr. Joe R. Kennedy, pastor of the Christian church at Omaha, who gave the principal address. Dr. Kennedy spoke on "Ecclesiastes, Scavengers and Skilawags."

Dr. Kennedy told the Masonic group that there is more to life than just living. He cited recent political scandals, and the idea of taking everything out of life and putting nothing into it, as destroying the basic fundamentals of living.

Past Masters attending the annual banquet were William F. Evers, Leslie W. Niel, Luke L. Wills, Raymond C. Cook, Henry F. Nolting, Robert M. Painter, L. F. Terryberry, Leonard A. Born, Carl J. Schneider, Lester W. Meisinger, J. Russell Reeder, Ralph J. Wehrbein, John E. Parkening, J. Howard Davis, Howard E. Wiles, Edward F. Wehrbein, C. A. Wetenkamp, Chas. M. Mead, Verner A. Meisinger, C. E. Ledgway and Royal Smith.

C. Warren Rhylander, Worthy Master, presided at the banquet and was master of ceremonies. Rev. Harold V. Mitchell held the invocation and Rev. Wm. Halstead the benediction.

Musical selections were presented by the high school Madrigal group, and distinguished guests were introduced.

### Commanders Talk Turkey



Talking over Legion activities at the 33rd anniversary birthday party held at the 40 & 8 club Wednesday night are Commander Eugene Krings and Frank H. Smith, first commander of the Plattsmouth post when it was organized in 1919. With the Legionnaires are Mrs. Robert Slavicek, Mrs. Eugene Krings and Mrs. Deloma Mullenax. In the background is Miss Mildred Hall, president of the American Legion Auxiliary. The Auxiliary was host to the Legion at the birthday party.

—Journal Photo

### Four Voting Sites Selected

Four voting places have again been designated for the April 1 primary in Plattsmouth. Polls will be located at:

First Ward, first precinct, courthouse.

First Ward, second precinct, Plattsmouth Motors.

Second Ward, first precinct, Cass County Motor Co.

Second Ward, second precinct, Cass County Maytag.

In addition, residents of the school district, who live outside the city limits, will vote on the school bond issue at the courthouse.

Polls will be open from 8 a. m. until 8 p. m.

### Liquor License Applications Okayed For Ten

Applications for liquor licenses of ten Plattsmouth tavern operators and clubs were approved by the Plattsmouth city council Monday night.

Approved were applications of Arthur Reimer, Ralph Timm, Elmer Wurtele, Phil F. Haldiman, Erna Landius, George Comis, Harry Albin, V. F. W. 40 & 8 and Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Councilmen also okayed the application of Louis Naev for a package liquor license and forwarded it to the state liquor commission, and accepted the application of Esther Donat for a Class C liquor license.

In other action Monday night, the council approved the request of Alvin Smock for a sewer connection, approved the reports of the finance committee and police judge and adjourned at an early hour.

Sam Arn, street department committee chairman, disclosed that a street marking machine has been ordered, and councilmen generally discussed sale of the former Charles Forbes house, now property of the city.

Elmer Gochenour's street department crew came in for praise from Mayor Clement Woster, who cited the crew for its activity in removing snow from the main business district and for opening many of the closed streets following the season's record snow Friday and Saturday.

### Pfc. James Sell To Go To Germany

Word has been received from Pfc. James Sell that he has arrived at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, where he will be stationed for ten days during processing before being sent to Germany.

Sell was home for 10 days recently, returning to duty last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lathrope, Charles and Frank Thiele of Nebraska City, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barkhurst and Beverly and F. C. Schomaker of Nehawka, were guests at the Henry Thiele home Thursday.

### County March Of Dimes Drive Nets \$4,750.85

Mrs. Lottie Knecht, Cass county campaign director for the March of Dimes recently received a letter from Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, acknowledging receipt of the county campaign report.

The county contributed \$4,750.85 to the March of Dimes campaign, Mrs. Knecht reports. Half of the amount was remitted to the national foundation while the remainder will be used locally.

In his letter, O'Connor said, "I know that the best way I can thank you for your devoted and capable assistance in the campaign is to tell you that reports coming in from campaign directors in all parts of the county indicate that we are now in a position to meet our debt held over from last year's disastrous polio toll, and to carry forward our programs in 1952. Without your help and that of the fine men and women who worked with you, this would not have been possible."

Community contributions to the county campaign were Alvo, \$89.50; Avoca, \$265.39; Cedar Creek, \$98.67; Eagle, \$58.27; Elmwood, \$242.53; Greenwood, \$269.50; Louisville, \$326.75; Mardis, \$74.87; Murray, \$110.79; Manley, \$34.11; Mynard, \$15.63; Nehawka, \$95.92; Plattsmouth, \$1,260.54; South Bend, \$141.47; Union, \$162.12; Wabash, \$66.67; Weeping Water, \$438.12, and Offutt Air Force Base, \$1,000.

In addition Mrs. Knecht reports that \$22 to be turned over from other funds has not been received as yet.

Fellowcraft Degrees Conferred

Fellowcraft degrees were conferred upon five Masons by the Plattsmouth Lodge, No. 6, A. F. & A. M. at the Thursday night meeting of the lodge.

Degrees were conferred on Harold Mitchell, Warren Lillie, Troy Conner, Otto Siemers and Harold D. Woodruff.

Conferring the degrees were Henry Nolting, Maynard Ramsey, Marion Reed, John Beckman and Warren Rhylander.

Approximately ninety high school students from thirteen schools in southeast Nebraska participated in the contest. Following the morning registration, individual contest numbers in humorous, dramatic and oratorical declamation, interpretative reading, radio speaking, and discussions were presented. One-act plays were presented in the afternoon and evening.

Judging the entries were James Levitt, James Steele and Robert Moore of the college.

Father Kors Will Present Well-Known Educator, Author

Father Max L. Kors, pastor of St. Luke's Episcopal church of Plattsmouth will present B. I. Bell, noted author, educator and religious leader in one of a series of lectures which the Chigoan will give at Omaha this week.

The noon and evening lectures will be given at Trinity Cathedral and All Saints church in Omaha March 31 through April 4. Father Kors will make the presentation Friday night, April 4.

Bell's books are currently on display in a special wrack at the Plattsmouth Library.

Plattsmouth Man Pleads Guilty To Otc Check Charge

Carl R. Propp of Plattsmouth pleaded guilty in Otc county court Tuesday to a charge of passing a no account check. He was bound over for trial in district court. Bond was set at \$300.

Propp is charged with passing a \$50 check on the Plattsmouth bank to a motor company for a car payment.

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### Heavy Vote Is Expected Here At City Election

With interest running high in local, state and national tickets for the April 1 primary, a heavy vote is expected in Plattsmouth city election to be held the same day.

Voters will be asked to elect a mayor, clerk-treasurer, police magistrate, three councilmen and two members to the board of education. In addition write-in campaigns are underway for at least two of the offices.

Individuals who were nominated at the city caucuses and whose names will appear on the ballot are:

Mayor - Clement Woster.  
Clerk-treasurer - Albert Olson.  
Police magistrate - J. H. Graves.

Councilman, first ward - Howard F. Hinz, republican, and Clyde Rosborough, democrat, two year term.

Councilman, second ward - Francis M. Casey, democrat and E. O. Vroman, republican, one year term.

Councilman, second ward - Carl Chriswiler, democrat and Les Hutchinson, republican, two year term.

In addition a vigorous write-in campaign is being waged for Fred Vincent for mayor. Vincent, a former police officer here and a resident of Plattsmouth for 30 years, declared publicly today that he has consented to run as a write-in candidate for mayor.

Vincent said that he had been asked by a number of Plattsmouth voters to seek the mayor's chair, and that "if they want me, it's my duty to run."

Incumbent Clement T. Woster was nominated by both the republicans and democrats at the city caucuses held in February. He is seeking his third term as head of the city government, and a resident of Plattsmouth on the city council. Woster's name will be the only one for mayor to appear on the ballot.

Albert Olson, dean of city administrators, and J. H. Graves, a newcomer to city office duties will be unopposed in their terms. Commissioner whose term will expire this year, is a candidate for re-election on the Republican ticket.

He will be opposed by Sam T. Gimour of Plattsmouth, who is also seeking the commissioner seat.

No Democratic candidate for the office will be carried on the ballot.

Precincts to vote on the commissioner are Eight Mile Grove, West Rock Bluff, East Rock Bluff, Plattsmouth, and the city of Plattsmouth.

Herman L. Bornemeier of Elmwood and Ray E. Norris of Weeping Water are the other commissioners.

Major and Mrs. Hal Platts are moving to Papillion Friday.

Sgt. and Mrs. Baline Snider and sons were visiting friends at Offutt Air Base Monday.

Three Districts Seek Funds For Schools

Residents of three school districts in the county will be asked to vote on school construction bond issues at the April 1 election. Issues are to be offered at Alvo, Murdock and Plattsmouth.

Similar programs were defeated at Alvo and Plattsmouth in special elections held previously.

Locally residents will be asked to approve a revised school building program that was defeated a few weeks ago. The revised program calls for construction of a five grade elementary building in the North Ward, and construction of the gym-auditorium high school addition. Approval of the building program will also provide opportunity for remodeling of the current high school building to include additional classrooms.

In addition to the gym-auditorium in the proposed addition, facilities will also be provided for a music department, and a kitchen for public use.

Proposed plans for the elementary school call for classroom facilities for grades, kindergarten through fourth. The proposed building will be constructed on the site of the current North Ward school. It will have four classrooms on the first floor and kindergarten in the semi-basement.

The Plattsmouth issue is for \$295,000.

At Murdock, a similar gym-auditorium building program is planned. If approved by the voters, the school district will construct a high school addition which will have facilities for homemaking and a hot lunch room.

The proposed building, approximately 90x100 will be connected with the current school structure. A large stage, two dressing rooms and a good seating capacity are planned in the new structure. Homemaking department will be completely furnished, as will the lunch room.

Estimated cost of the proposed building is \$66,500.

At Alvo, school district voters will ballot on a \$28,000 proposed school addition. Voters there turned down a \$50,000 bond issue a year ago. The proposed addition will be constructed adjacent to the current building, and will be completely furnished by funds asked for in the special election.

Other special elections on tap Tuesday will be on sale of the county farm, and levying of 1.6 mills for a special bridge fund.

### Edgar Bell, 83, Near Greenwood 50 Years, Dies

Edgar Bell, resident of the Greenwood community for nearly 50 years, died Sunday, March 23, 1952 at his home. He was 83 years old.

Funeral services were held at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Greenwood Methodist church with Rev. David Simmons officiating.

Born in Iowa, he had lived at Greenwood about 50 years ago. He was a member of the Methodist church of Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary in November.

Surviving are his wife, Ollie; three sons, Winnie Byron of Lincoln, and Charles William and Harold E. both of Greenwood; a daughter, Mrs. Chester Todd of Greenwood; two brothers, Guy T., and Charlie, both of Lincoln; two sisters, Mrs. Eva Root of Beaver Crossing and Mrs. Frederick Riggs of Clinton, Oklahoma; seven grand children and two great grandchildren.

Burial was in Greenwood cemetery.