

County School Census Shows Slight Increase

More and more Cass county youngsters are receiving formal education at a steadily increasing cost, according to a compilation of figures in the annual report of Superintendent of County Schools, L. A. Behrends.

Behrends reports show that 3,428 students were enrolled in county rural and town schools during the past school year, compared with 3,362 the year before. There are more boys than girls attending county schools.

Gas Rate Hikes In Effect With August Billing

W. T. Gleason, manager of the Central Electric & Gas Company, announced that due to increased cost of gas purchased at wholesale, increased cost of labor, material and all other items of expense required to provide dependable natural gas service had made it necessary for the Gas Company to make an upward adjustment in its rate.

The most important item of additional expense is the increase in wholesale gas rates. On June 27, 1952, the Northern Natural Gas Company from whom Central purchases the gas distributed in Plattsmouth, was permitted to place their third increase in wholesale gas rates in effect. This third increase, said Gleason will increase his company's cost of gas purchased at wholesale more than \$1,600,000 above the rates recently approved by the Federal Power Commission, covering Northern Natural Gas Company's first two applications for rate increases. The wholesale rates his company is now forced to pay he said, are more than 60 per cent above the wholesale rates in effect during the early part of 1950.

It is impossible for our company to absorb all these increased costs, he said, and therefore effective with the billing for August 1952, new gas rates amounting to an increase of only five cents per thousand cubic feet will be placed in operation.

The effect of this increase on the individual customer's bill will be small, Mr. Gleason said. For example, the bill for 1000 cubic feet will only be increased 5c from \$1.45 to \$1.50 or 3.4%. A bill for 5000 cubic feet will only be increased 25c, from \$4.65 to \$4.90 or 5.4%. A bill for 10,000 cubic feet will be increased 50c, from \$7.40 to \$7.90 or 6.8%. A bill of 20,000 cubic feet will only be increased \$1.00, from \$12.20 to \$13.20 or a 8.2% increase. A bill for 40,000 cubic feet will be increased \$2.00, from \$23.90 to \$25.90 or 8.4%. The average increase to all customers he said, is approximately 7.6%.

Knorrs Start Remodeling Of Store Front

Plans for a new front at the Knorr 5 cent to \$1 store on Main street between Fifth and Sixth got underway this morning. An entirely new front will be constructed with some interior remodeling also planned. Plans for the new front include large glass window display area topped by red glass with the store's gold sign above. The bottom of the store will be of aluminum.

Windows will angle toward an inset doorway three feet back of the store front. Remodeling of the front will also mean complete alterations to the window display region. Crewmen for Herman Tiekotter tore out the front this morning and will rebuild the new front. Pittsburgh Glass Company will handle the glass work connected with installation of the new front.

Plans are to repair the present store sign and to use it.

At The Cass County Court House

License for marriage was issued in Cass county court to Paul Eugene Reink Jr., 23, of South Bend, and Norma Jean Schick, 21, of Elmwood. Charles W. Few was fined \$10 and costs in county court on a charge of speeding. Complaint was filed by Patrolman Wise. Few pleaded guilty to the charge.

Leaders Last Year To Defend Honor



"Squeeze that trigger and you can't miss." That's the word Plattsmouth Reserve riflemen receive from their coaches as they line up on the firing range at Camp Carson, Colo. Plattsmouth unit, Co. H, 355th Infantry regiment in training with the 89th division, is in its second week of maneuvers at Camp Carson. Members of the unit, left to right, are Sgt. Robert Cappell, Sgt. Bill Cecil, both of Plattsmouth; Pfc. Merle Bornemeier of Murdock; Cpl. John Bradley of Murray; Pfc. Tom Rohan and Pfc. Don Ayler, both of Plattsmouth. The unit is expected to return to Plattsmouth on Sunday, August 10.

Damage Suit Asked \$25,000 In District Court

Arch A. Lamb of Missouri and Leo R. Vermillion of Kansas, were named defendants in a \$25,000 damage suit filed in Cass county district court by Oliver Henton.

In his action, Henton alleges that as a result of an accident one-half mile north of the Murray corner last fall, he sustained damages and personal injuries.

Henton's petition alleges that last September a tractor on which he was riding was overturned when a transport driven by Vermillion and a pick-up truck driven by Lamb collided at the intersection where Henton had stopped his tractor to await safe entrance to Highway 73-75.

After the two vehicles collided, the pick up truck collided with the tractor, overturning it, causing damage and injuring Henton, the petition charges.

Also named defendant in the suit is the Transit Incorporated of Herman, Nebraska, for whom Vermillion was employed.

Rutherford In Fair Condition

Fred Rutherford is reported in fair condition at Immanuel hospital at Omaha following major surgery on Tuesday of last week. Mr. Rutherford is expected to remain at the hospital for at least another week.

New Owner At Mom's Cafe

Mrs. Marine Tritsch, native of Plattsmouth, but more recently of Hamburg, Ia., and Nebraska City, is the new owner operator of Mom's Cafe on Main street.

Mrs. Tritsch assumed management of the cafe on August 1, after purchasing it from Hy and Ruth Gruber, who had operated the cafe for about five years.

Mrs. Tritsch has been in the cafe business for over 22 years, 19 at Hamburg and three at Nebraska City, where she recently sold her interests.

The cafe will feature dinners, sandwiches, short orders and homemade pie.

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Avoca Red Cross Blood Donors From Four Towns

Donors from four Nebraska communities offered 173 pints of blood during a recent Red Cross Bloodmobile visit to Avoca. Donors were from Avoca, Union, Elmwood and Nehawka.

Donors included Louie Allgayer, Mrs. Pauline Adams, G. L. Andrews, Bob Akins, Loyd H. Anton, Wm. Brendt, Mrs. John Berner, Valda Bornemeier, Oscar Brandt, Leslie Behrens, Laura Brockhoff, Mrs. John Berner, Sr., Mrs. Leonard Brinkhoff, Mrs. Albert Bese, Mrs. Herman Bese, Wm. E. Berger, Herman Bredekamp, Jim Burbee, Alvin Czeschin, Mrs. Francis Crawford, Betty Crawford, John Compton, Joe Case, Mrs. Maxine Compton, Mrs. Hattie Dettmer, Mrs. Harvey Dettmer, Henry F. Dankleff, Mrs. Henry Dankleff, Mrs. Henry Dodehoff, Miss Marie Dankleff, Lyle Dankleff, John H. Dankleff, Mrs. Harry Ehmkke, Harlan and Harry Ehmkke, Walter Everman, John Emshoff, Mrs. Walter Everman, Mrs. John Emshoff.

Arnold French, Elsie Frans, Donald Freudenberg, E. A. Ford, Richard Lutz, Harry Ludwig, Orval Ganzel, Mrs. Orval Ganzel, Margaret Garrison, Mrs. Henry Grafe, Phyllis Grunwald.

Committeemen And Directors Of KKK To Meet

Directors and committee chairmen of the King Korn Carnival Club are slated to meet Tuesday night, August 5, at the City Hall. President Richard Young called the meeting in an announcement last week. The meeting is called for 7:30.

With the Carnival now only a little over a month away, activities are expected to start booming. All board members and committee heads are urged to attend the session.

At the session it is expected that a complete advance program for the Carnival will be outlined.

Thirty Complete In Share The Fun 4-H Contest

A Plattsmouth 4-Her and two girls from Elmwood shared the number one spot in the 4-H Share the Fun contest held at Weeping Water Thursday.

Miss Nancy Simonet of Plattsmouth with her tap dance, and Jolene Spohn and Raylene Miller of Elmwood with a musical reading on "Ma and the Ants" rated the number one spots. Both groups will compete in the state contest to be held later this year.

Alternates named at the contest were Janice Wiles of Plattsmouth, toe dance, first alternate; and Valerie Uffelmann, Weeping Water, vocal solo, second alternate.

The event which drew 30 contestants was held at the agriculture building July 31.

Postpone Tractor Demonstration

Hugh Stander today announced that the planned tractor demonstration originally scheduled to be held this afternoon will be held on Monday, August 11.

Wet grounds forced postponement of the demonstration, Stander said.

As a result of the demonstration of the new John Deere tractor, No. 60, and the "soil surgeon" will be held one half mile south and one-half mile west of the Platte river bridge. The demonstration will be held at two o'clock, August 11.

The demonstration will be given by Stander Implement Company of Plattsmouth.

Korean Vet Is Transferred To Georgia Camp

Lt. and Mrs. Charles A. Seitz and daughter, Georgia, visited with Mrs. W. L. Dwyer of Weeping Water Saturday. Lt. Seitz is being transferred from Topeka, Kansas, to Camp Gordon, Georgia, for 13 weeks.

Following the Georgia assignment he will report to the Far East command where he served during 1950 with the 1st Cavalry Division in Korea.

Democrats Confer Here

Francis Robinson of near Ashland and Frank M. Morrison of McCook were here Saturday to call on Attorney Francis M. Case.

Mr. Robinson is a candidate for chairman of the state Democratic committee and Mr. Morrison is seeking the national committee position.

Darl Ashbaugh's mother, from Omaha, is now making her home with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Darl Ashbaugh and Gary.

"School Days" Approaching; Repairs Many

A check of rural school buildings over the week end indicated that "school days" can't be too far away for rural Cass countians.

With repairs and remodeling to rural schools either completed or in full swing, indications are that the summer vacation is nearing the end of a long three-month rural. Rural students will be heading back toward the "little white school house" in just four weeks, some even sooner.

Nearly every rural school district has completed some necessary repairs for the coming year. Including a new roof on Fairview school near Elmwood, rural schools are marked by considerable interior redecorating. Improvements to grounds and buildings have been notable throughout most county schools.

Rural schools for the most part will start the first Monday in September, with a few slating late August openings. Most teachers have also signed on the dotted line for the coming year.

Modern Service Station Planned South Of City

Razing of the old station in preparation for expansion of the Texaco Service Station on the intersection of Highway 73-75 and the Plattsmouth-Louisville road got underway last week.

Plans for the station, operated by Alvin Smock, include extension of the building to provide a modern grease pit, roomy enough for two cars; room for washing cars, a complete remodeling of the current building, construction of an all-concrete driveway and the addition of a lunch room.

As Mr. Smock explained, plans call for a completely modern station built along the lines adopted for Texaco stations throughout the country. C. E. Welshimer, area distributor for Texaco products, is having the work done. Albert "Red" Young is doing the work.

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Neither man was seriously injured although both sustained bumps, cuts and bruises.

Pacific Junction Flier Is Dead

Capt. Cluyft Vest, 33, of Santa Cruz, Calif., formerly of Pacific Junction, Ia., was one of several Air Force men killed near Arthur, Nebraska, in the crash of an Air Force plane last Sunday.

Funeral services were held at Santa Cruz, California, where Capt. Vest had lived. He was born and reared at Pacific Junction, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vest.

Surviving are his wife, Carol, and three children of Santa Cruz; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vest, and his grandmother, Mrs. Minnie McCrary, all of Pacific Junction.

Rumors That Beach To Close, False

Rumors that Merritt Beach will be closed are false, D. J. Doody, manager of the resort, said today. Doody said rumors have been circulated that the beach would be closed.

In fact, Doody explained that a test conducted by the Omaha testing laboratories on July 31, 1952, gave the beach a clean bill of health.

Mrs. Faye C. Spidell was a surgery patient at Methodist hospital at Omaha Saturday. She is reportedly showing rapid recovery.

Improvements Of County And City Roads Up

Road construction activity throughout Cass county, including within the city limits of Plattsmouth, will be stepped up late this summer and early fall, according to requests for bids currently being submitted by the State Department of Roads and Irrigation.

Notice to bidders is published in today's Plattsmouth Journal on construction of the new concrete paving on Washington Avenue and Webster Boulevard. Letting is scheduled for eight o'clock on August 26. The project is a joint city and state undertaking.

A department of roads and irrigation letting on August 28, bids will be asked for placing new gravel surfacing on 7 miles of highway No. 50 south of Weeping Water. The grading of the more than half-mile project, the laying of new concrete pavement in Weeping Water and the construction of a new bridge across Weeping Water creek is now in progress.

Meanwhile activity in the western end of the county where a nine-mile stretch of highway No. 1 is being extended, has been stepped up. Grading and graveling of the nine miles from Murdock west to the county line is currently underway. The project is financed with federal matching funds.

Completion of the Cedar Creek road is also near. A project started earlier this summer, graveling of the road is now virtually complete. Pavement north of Louisville on Highway 50 is another of the 1952 summer construction projects which will mean better roads for Cass county.

These highway improvements along with road construction reported in the three commissioner districts marks rapid progress in improving roads in the county.

Greer 40 Acres Brings \$12,750

Forty acres of land near Greenwood brought just short of \$350 an acre at auction on Wednesday of last week. Richard Peck, attorney for the Greer trusteeship, disclosed that the 40 acres brought \$12,750.

The land was purchased by Harry Marloff, who owns land just across the road from the Greer land. The land is located one mile south and one mile west of Greenwood. It is in Lancaster county.

Lincolnite Is Buried At Manley

Funeral services for Edward William Murphy, 68, who died at Lincoln Friday, were held Monday afternoon at Blessed Sacrament church with Rev. A. J. Kraemer officiating. Burial was at Manley, former residence of Mrs. Murphy.

Former co-workers at the Lincoln police station were honorary pallbearers at the services.

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Lightning Strikes Church; Rainfall Here 2.73 Inches

The weather man boosted corn harvest and fall planting prospects, plus the morale of Cass countians over the week end, as more than two inches of rain fell here.

Accompanying the rain was the most severe electrical storm of the summer. The lightning blasts and thunder storm brought most of sleeping Plattsmouth residents to life early Friday morning.

Residents Here To Pay \$62.98 On Assessment

Plattsmouth residents will pay \$62.98 for each one thousand dollars of assessed valuation, according to a compilation of local, county and state levies for the current year.

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Firestone Sale Successful

Melinsner Firestone Store's first business anniversary sale was very successful. Mrs. LeB Melinsner said today following the close of the big two-day sale.

Prize winners at the sale were Albert Scheumann of Union, food mixer; Mrs. Victor Melinsner of Louisville, radio; Clara E. Druceker of Union and Mrs. Nattie Snidell, pitcher and glass set; Edwin Younkers and James E. Wurga, canister sets; and Mrs. Helen Lanum, pitcher and glass set.

"Oscar, the Magical Man," treated men, women and children to two days of fun during the sale. The Hollywood actor, currently on tour of the states carrying out similar promotions, was a big hit at the store.

Journal Sales Over Counter Show Increase

Sale of the Plattsmouth Journal is increasing on the newsstands as well as by mail. A check just computed for the month of July shows that more than 569 papers were sold at Cass Drug during the month.

In addition the Journal is sold across the counter at Bates Book Store, Conis Clear Store and the Sports Hall plus the Journal business office.