

★ If You Have An Interest In Plattsmouth - - Vote For Schools ★

Next Tuesday, September 30, Plattsmouth residents of legal voting age, will for the third time this year have an opportunity to prove interest and confidence in Plattsmouth.

This newspaper is not interested in selling any resident of this community a bill of goods. Although we get rather angry at times, we still believe in an individual's prerogative in this great democracy of forming his own opinion, but we are fed up with some individuals attempting to falsify the issue regarding schools.

We admit to some errors in judgment here at The Journal, but on the whole this newspaper has a record for a good many other Nebraska members of the Fourth Estate to shoot at. When it comes to carrying information to our readers regarding bond issues, or any other type of promotion that directly influences the future of our citizens, we take pride in the fact that we check our sources of information carefully and go to the records for facts and figures—we do not subscribe to the curb stone information bureau that has been proven wrong more times than right.

We're tired of hearing that a decent school system in Plattsmouth is going to bankrupt every home owner, information put out by a group of people that seldom contributed one dime or an ounce of constructive helpfulness to this community, but have bled Plattsmouth and Cass county for everything they could get out of it and are still clamoring for more—afraid the majority of voters of this school district will see to it that they put some of it back.

We would like to discuss this tax assessment that will burden our home owners if they vote Plattsmouth the schools she so desperately needs. We checked the county assessor's office for

our information and you can do the same. Records there show that the average assessed valuation here in Plattsmouth is slightly under \$800 per taxpayer—one of the lowest in the state of Nebraska.

If the total amount of the bond issue proposed by the school board (\$450,000) is issued to be amortized over a period of 30 years, a levy will have to be made of eight mills the first 10 years, seven mills the second 10, and six mills the final 10 years to meet both principal and interest. THAT MEANS THAT MR. AVERAGE TAXPAYER IN PLATTSMOUTH WOULD HAVE TO PAY A LITTLE LESS THAN \$6.40, \$5.60 and \$4.80 for the respective three 10-year periods. On the above basis it would cost the AVERAGE taxpayer the whole sum of \$168 over a 30-year period.

Certainly, this newspaper does not expect to get by for this small tax. Nor will a good many other taxpayers of Plattsmouth. BUT, IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOUR TAX WILL BE get out your last tax receipt issued by the county treasurer and under the sixth column from the right that says "VALUE" take that figure and multiply it by .008. If the figure is \$1268 your additional tax will be \$10.14—not a dime more, nor one cent less, and don't let anyone try to tell you differently.

Frankly, we think the cost of this project has been talked about and stressed far too much—most of our citizens should be more interested in the welfare and education of the youth of this community than in the few additional dollars it will add to their tax bill. Most classes in our school system carry far more pupils than recommended by accreditation authorities. Overcrowding means that your child just cannot be given the individual attention and instruction he deserves. Everyone of

us, whether a parent or not inherits an obligation to give our boys and girls the finest educational facilities on earth if they are enabled to cope with a future this generation has slightly messed up for them.

We cannot afford to deny our boys and girls the educational advantages they are presented in other communities for, in doing so, we are only jeopardizing values of our personal investments in Plattsmouth. Today, this area faces the brightest future in its nearly 100 years of existence—with the new, big Allied Chemical and Dye Corp. plant employing upwards of 400 persons at our back door already assured, and with several more large industries making surveys and preparing plans for a move to this area, Plattsmouth cannot help but grow and prosper if we folks at home give just a little boost.

Presently more than 100 new homes are in the making for Plattsmouth—this means more families, more children to attend our schools, more taxpayers to help pay the cost of needed facilities, more citizens with pay checks to buy groceries, clothing, appliances, furniture, automobiles, pay electric bills, gas and water bills, all the necessities and luxuries they need to sustain and enjoy a full life.

Providing adequate school rooms and facilities, means more and more family people will want to live in Plattsmouth. It also means more business for the merchant, but above all this it is the determining factor in the value of your home, business building, or other investments in Plattsmouth. Demand determines the value of YOUR holdings in this city. Without demand you have no buyers and therefore no values. The truth of this statement was brought out forcefully to most residents dur-

ing the depression years in contrast to war years when we faced two great extremes.

Plattsmouth schools are filled to overflowing. Only this week the board of education was forced to set up a new kindergarten in the basement of Central building under most unhealthy and adverse conditions. There is just not room in Plattsmouth schools for the present enrollment regardless of information handed out by those reluctant to pay their just obligation to society. When a barn is full of hay, any farmer will tell you that you just can't get anymore in.

Plattsmouth has reached the peak of its growth under present educational conditions and facilities. No community can stand still—we can either build additional classrooms in the school system and continue to forge ahead, or we can look the other way and in time see our community begin the decline that has spelled doom to other promising towns in recent years.

Faith in America, Nebraska, Plattsmouth and the future has given most of us what little worldly goods we've accumulated during our short stay here on this earth, and that continued faith is the only thing that will assist us in retaining them.

A "YES" vote at Tuesday's school bond election is like money in your pocket—it is an investment in the future—it is insurance that good sound family people will want to make their home in Plattsmouth, assurance that your home will retain its value, that your job is secure, that your business has an opportunity to grow and prosper, that the boys and girls of Plattsmouth will have equal educational advantages with all other youth of America.

VOTE SCHOOL BONDS TUESDAY AND GROW WITH PLATTSMOUTH.

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Special School Bond Election Sept. 30

District Legion Convention Here Is 'One Of Best'

Over two hundred American Legion and Auxiliary members from four counties were in Plattsmouth Wednesday to attend the District 12 meeting. Attendance was described as one of the best reported at a district meeting.

Warren C. Wood of Gering, department commander of Nebraska, headed a group of state Legion officials who joined Legionnaires from the four counties at the meeting here.

Dirt Will Roll On Home Site Early Next Week

Heavy dirt moving equipment will move onto the Valley View housing site early next week as preparations are made to landscape the area, Attorney Francis M. Casey of Plattsmouth, spokesman for the group of builders, announced.

Casey said today that deed to the site, south of Plattsmouth, has been filed with the Register of Deeds after the group exercised its option here today.

Engineers will make a survey of the area and set stakes this week end in anticipation of the dirt moving next week. Casey explained that Arland Hunt, Omaha contractor, will do the landscape work at the housing site.

Plans of the group are to construct an estimated 100 houses on the site lying just south of the Plattsmouth-Louisville road adjacent to Highway 75.

PLATFORM CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Glenn Carneal was general platform chairman for the King Korn Carnival. Her name was not listed among committees in charge of coronation activities.

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* Principal speaker at afternoon sessions of both the Legion and Auxiliary, and again at a joint evening banquet, Commander Wood told the groups that Universal Military Training is a necessity for the United States. With the peace and security of the nation at stake, UMT is the logical means of protecting our heritage, Wood said.

The commander's statements were further enlarged when district Legionnaires voted in favor of a resolution advocating Universal Military Training.

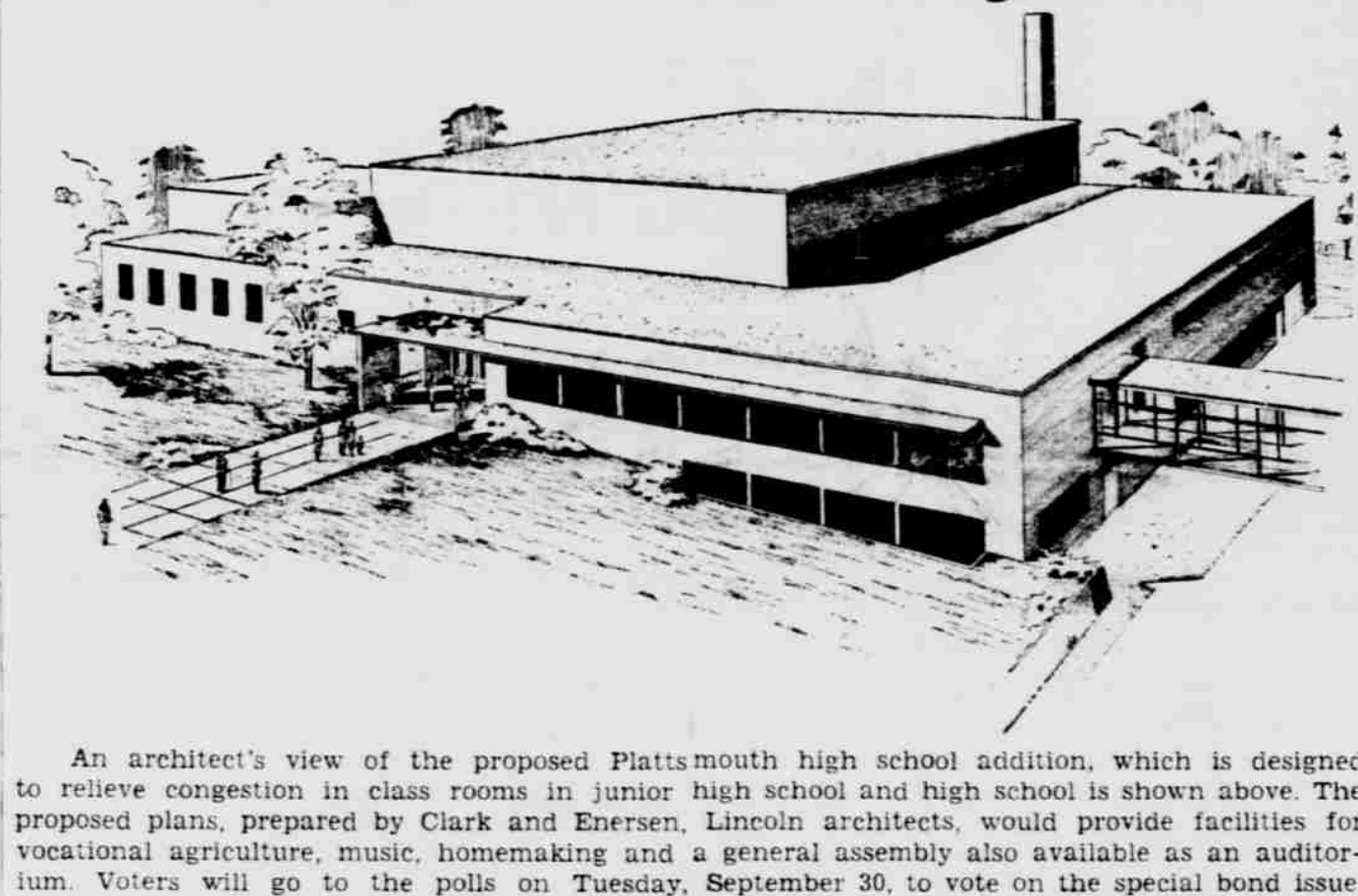
In other action at the afternoon session, delegates from the four counties named Henry Flau of Nebraska City as district commander. He succeeds Alvin Luebke, Leonard Brothers of Plattsmouth, recently discharged from the service, was elected vice commander and Father McFadden of Syracuse was elected chaplain.

At the session, Cass county Legion members also elected Bill Rosehart of South Bend as commander of the Cass County post.

Greetings to the nearly 100 Legion members were extended by Plattsmouth Commander James Begley, while Plattsmouth Mayor Clement T. Woster extended the city's welcome to the group. District Commander Luebke responded for the group. Afternoon discussion periods were led by A. H. Duxbury, former Cass county judge now with the veterans administration at Lincoln, Dr. Miller, chief medical officer of the vets administration and E. O. Raasch, chief of the administration division of the vets administration; State Welfare Director Sanderson with assistance from

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Addition To Relieve Congestion



An architect's view of the proposed Plattsmouth high school addition, which is designed to relieve congestion in class rooms in junior high school and high school is shown above. The proposed plans, prepared by Clark and Enersen, Lincoln architects, would provide facilities for vocational agriculture, music, homemaking and a general assembly also available as an auditorium. Voters will go to the polls on Tuesday, September 30, to vote on the special bond issue.

Former Union Resident Dies

Bert O. Frans, resident of the Union community most of his life, died at Denver, Colo., on Monday, September 22, 1952. He was 50 years old.

Mr. Frans was employed as a mechanic. Son of the late J. H. and Ida Frans, he was a member of the Baptist church.

Surviving are five sisters, Mrs. Orilla Gerking of St. Joseph, Mo.; Mrs. Earl Wolfe of Union, Mo.; Edith Kampf and Mrs. Lavon Prantes of Brule, and Mrs. Rex Reed of Cortez, Colo.; and a brother, Carl Frans of Denver.

The body is at a Nebraska City funeral home. Funeral services and burial will be at Union.

Attend Convention

Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Feldhusen of Plattsmouth were in Nebraska City Sunday where they attended a convention of the Eastern Nebraska district pharmaceutical group.

Registration "Not" Necessary To Vote

It is not necessary for residents of Plattsmouth to be registered to vote in either the special school bond election to be held on Tuesday, September 30, or the general election on November 4.

Residents do not have to register or be registered to be entitled to cast their ballot in either election.

Chamber Directors Set Group Meeting

A general membership meeting of the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce will be held on October 16 at Plattsmouth Hotel. The session was set by the board of directors Tuesday.

At the Tuesday session the directors also went on record as being favorable to plans for starting a museum at Plattsmouth.

3rd Kindergarten Class Started At Central School

Heavy enrollment in kindergarten in Central school has necessitated adding another kindergarten class. Supt. T. I. Frier disclosed that a third kindergarten class was started this week in the basement of Central school.

Mrs. Vic Schreiner is teaching the new afternoon class which was formed from surplus in other classes. Frier explained that 12 morning students and 10 afternoon students have been transferred to the third kindergarten section.

Early enrollment in kindergarten exceeded the 70 mark and new entrants have been coming in almost daily. Prior to adding the third class, the two kindergarten sections each included 37 pupils.

The heavy enrollment in the Central school kindergarten is a result of having no kindergarten facilities in First Ward school.

High teacher ratios are also noted in the second, fifth and seventh grades. Thirty-six second graders are in one class while the two fifth grade classes are 36 and 37 while the two 7th grade classes are also 36 and 37.

Services Are Held For Polio Fatality

Funeral services for Cass county's fifth polio fatality of 1952 were held at St. Mary's Catholic church at Elmwood Wednesday morning with Rev. J. P. Hennessy in charge.

Latest victim was Albert J. Staack of Weeping Water, who was one of the earliest victims of the disease. Mr. Staack had recently returned home from the hospital at Lincoln.

Burial was in Holy Trinity cemetery near Avoca.

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

Three Elementary School Buildings Included In Plans

Polling Places For Special Bond Election Designated

Four polling places have been designated for the special school bond election to be held here Tuesday, September 30. Description of the voting precincts with their polling places are:

First Ward, first precinct—Persons residing north of Main street and east of 7th street will vote at the court house.

First Ward, second precinct—Persons residing north of Main street and west of 7th street will vote at Plattsmouth Motors.

Second Ward, first precinct—Persons residing south of Main street, west of 6th street and north of Holdrege street will vote at Cass County Motors.

Second Ward, second precinct—Persons residing south of Main street, east of 6th street and south of Holdrege will vote at Cass County Maytag.

All other qualified voters of the school district, who are not residents of city wards, will vote at the courthouse.

Mrs. Margaret Schroeder visited her sister, Mrs. August Keil and family last week and also enjoyed the King Korn Carnival.

Visiting this week at the Fred Wehrbein home is Russell Ut of Indianapolis, Indiana. The men were "buddies" while in service during the last war.

Historical Society Hears Ideal Museum Plans Here

Plans for a Cass County Historical Society museum at Plattsmouth were boosted Wednesday noon by Marvin Kivett of the state historical society.

Speaking at a special meeting of the Cass county group, Kivett pointed out activities of other communities in carrying on small museums. The meeting was held at Hotel Plattsmouth.

In the talking stage for more than a year now, the Cass County museum appeared to take on more definite form after society members listened to Mr. Kivett.

Kivett told the society to decide on a special type museum, one that tells a story of Cass county. He explained that the story can be told in the type of articles displayed and the methods of display.

He explained that a number of other factors are involved. Among those factors here is selection of a location, either renting a building or raising funds for constructing a small museum. Administration would be another factor to

Charges Filed Here In Recent Traffic Death

County Attorney Richard Peck has filed charges of motor vehicle homicide against William Looney of St. Joseph, Mo., following a coroner's inquest held in the death of Mrs. Karol H. Davis of Lafayette, Indiana.

Mrs. Davis died of injuries received in an auto accident two miles east of Elmwood on Highway 34 on September 18. Her husband, Harry, also received injuries in the accident.

Peck said today that the coroner jury's verdict was that Looney, driver of the other vehicle, caused the fatality by unlawful operation of his motor vehicle.

In the accident, Looney, and a passenger in his car, were also both injured. Looney has been receiving treatment at a Lincoln hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Biles departed Tuesday for a two week vacation to Long Beach, Calif., where they will visit with relatives.



Dr. G. H. Gilmore

consider in event a museum would be started.

Among Kivett's suggestions (Continued on Page 5)

Open Forum On School Building Proposal Scheduled Friday By PTA

A special meeting of one of Plattsmouth's largest civic and educational welfare organizations, the Parent-Teachers Association, will be held at the high school auditorium Friday night.

An open forum to discuss one of the Association's primary objectives "to promote the welfare of our children in school" and to explain plans for Plattsmouth's school bond program will be featured.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 Friday night, September 26 at the high school auditorium.

Participating in the open forum will be James Begley, secretary of the board of education; Bruce Gold, president of the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce; and Col. Harold "Chips"

Woodruff, president of the Parent-Teachers Association.

Open to the public, the forum is intended to acquaint the general public with the Plattsmouth educational situation and the need for additional building facilities. Every person interested in the welfare of the Plattsmouth school children and the Plattsmouth school system is urged to attend.

Taking a stand for the PTA, Woodruff declared that "A community's schools, a nation's future—are two elements of American life inseparably related and both depend upon the citizens of today. Nearly three hundred Plattsmouth citizens have indicated their belief in this philosophy by becoming mem-

bers of the Plattsmouth Parent-Teachers Association," Woodruff said.

Over 7,200,000 other Americans throughout the nation have in the past year declared their intention to work for the welfare of the children of this country through their membership in the National Parent-Teacher Association.

According to Woodruff 26,000,000 children are attending school in America today. A million more enter every year. Yet, American taxpayers pay more money annually on prison and corrective institution upkeep than they do for educational welfare of the nation's youth. "Second rate school facilities tend toward producing second rate citizens," Woodruff points out.

"A community's schools are only as good as its citizens want them to be," the PTA president said.

"Teachers, alone, can't do the job. American desire for progress has brought us the highest standard of living in the history of mankind. This progressive spirit must be maintained through our children and their children, and first on our planning priority must be their educational welfare," Mr. Woodruff explained.

Plattsmouth residents will be asked to carry out this trust on Tuesday, September 30, when a special election for issuing bonds for school buildings will be put before the public.

Coffee and donuts will be served by the PTA.

Sanctioned by the board of directors of the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce, the school building program calls for four room elementary schools in the First Ward and Columbian school districts; a three-room elementary school in Wintersteen and an all-purpose general assembly high school addition.

Members of the board of education, confronted with unusually heavy teacher-pupil ratios for the second straight year, explain that additional classrooms are needed to meet state standards and to provide proper and uncluttered classroom facilities for each student.

Through the building program, the school would gain at least six elementary classrooms, and nearly a dozen rooms for the junior high and high school departments. In addition the building program would enable the school district to provide a more complete curriculum to enable students more specialized high school instruction and more readily prepare them for vocations and higher training when their public schooling is completed.

Four polling places have been designated for the special election and will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., on Tuesday, September 30.

At the polls voters will be asked to determine if there is a need for a three-room elementary school building in Wintersteen; five-room elementary school buildings in First Ward and Columbian school districts; and additional facilities at the high school. More than 1,000 school kids, one fifth of the total population of Plattsmouth are dependent upon the facilities of these schools for their education.

Enrollment during the current 1952-53 school year has necessitated that many rooms, not designed for classroom work, be utilized to enable every Plattsmouth youngster to receive the education he deserves. Early this week a third class room for kindergarten was started at Central school newest in the Plattsmouth school system. Enrollment in kindergarten in Central school alone necessitates three teachers. The latest class is receiving instruction in a basement room of the school.

In the 72 year old Wintersteen school, nearly 50 school age children, ages 5 to 8, are in two rooms, while the 81 year old school building in First Ward was put back in use after being declared useless 12 years ago.

Columbian school, youngest of the elementary group, now 60 (Continued on Page Eight)