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* A show of hands during the

Monday night informal session

showed about one-fourth of the

men in favor of the celebration.

Another show of hands indicated that only three in the

group would take active com-

Basically the group had met

1. If they would have a cen-

celebration would be held.

Since the answer to the first

The Monday night meeting

vious meetings had been ex-

work, and except for a few, no

Original discussion, started

centennial celebrations. Many

celebration a year ago. Clarinda,

Iowa, only last month celebrated

tions and changes were suggest-

Chris Bulin is the new

club secretary-treasurer suc-

honors were bestowed upon sev-

eral members. Ray Story re-

ceived the past president's pin, while Cecil M. Karr received a

similar pin as past secretary-

treasurer. In addition, Story

and Paul Fauquet received Key

pins for outstanding work in

In addition, several Lions re-

McKee. The committees are:

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Along with the installation,

ceeding Cecil M. Karr.

tion.

membership.

the King Korn Klub to decide.

its centennial.

mittee chairmanships.

to decide:

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Centennial Plans Kocian Assumes Presidency of Rotary (lub) Interest Is Cited

Plans for a Plattsmouth centennial are all washed up. A group of 20 local Chamber of Commerce and King Korn Karnival officials tossed the program aside following an informal Monday night meeting at which the group had sought some means of backing a centennial celebra-

A letter has been sent to the John B. Rodgers Producing Company informing it that the city will not need its services for conducting the proposed celebration. It never got beyond the talking stage.

Milo Wheeldon Dies Wednesday; **Funeral Friday**

Milo P. Wheeldon, resident tennial celebration. here for the past twenty years, 2. If the producing company died Wednesday, July 8, 1953, at should be hired to handle ada hospital in Council Bluffs, ministrative details if they voted Ia. following an illness of two for a centennial.
months. Mr. Wheeldon was 79 3. Whether to combine it with

He had resided here at the conduct a separate celebration. home of his daughter and fam- 4. Whether to cancel the Korn of the club. ily, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Karnival for one year if the Larson, in recent years. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at two o'clock question was "no", answers from the Peterson Mortuary at were not required for the Nebraska City with burial at others.

Wyuka cemetery. Born on April 29,1874, at Lo-gansport, Ind., Mr. Wheeldon marked the end to a series of club's thanks to E. A. Ernst and was the son of James G. and non-supported meetings to con-Katherine Wheeldon. The fam- sider plans for a centennial cele- held a week ago and urged ily moved to Iowa in 1881 set- bration. Interest in four pre- committee heads to get their

Mr. Wheeldon was married to ceedingly low. In fact the Mon-Mary Susan Keys on December day night attendance was the 24, 1893, and moved to Nehawka greatest for any of the meetin 1902 and to Syracuse twelve ings. years later. He retired from Among those present, it was farming in 1921 following the noted that but a very few showdeath of his wife and soon there- ed any interest in the centen-

Surviving are four children, generally pointed to the idea James A. Wheeldon of Lincoln; Mrs. Raymond J. Larson of Plattsmouth; Milo Wheeldon of Omaha, and Thomas E. Wheel-! time

don of Council Bluffs.

Mrs. Lottle Hauber of Nebraska City: nine grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. Two children died in infancy.

Other survivors are a sister,

Final Rites for Victor Thimgan Held at Murdock

for Victor Thimgan, who died June 30, 1953, at his home in Papillion. He was 52 years old. Son of Matthew and Ida Thimgan, he was born August 17, 1900, on a farm near Mur-He was baptized in Immanuel Evangelical United New Lions Club Goetz. At the age of eleven he Murdock for ten years and grad-uated from high school at Elm-He was married to Miss Edna mouth, international councilor on the north.

McCrory on December 31, 1938. and a past district governor. They were the parents of two It marked the start of the secsons, David Charles and Dwight ond year of the club in Platts-

Surviving are his wife and manager of Plattsmouth Motors, two sons, his parents, Mr. and was installed as the club pres-Matthew Thimgan and ident to succeed Ray Story. other relatives and Other officers taking posts in the club were Dr. W. V. Ryan,

Backemeyer, Carl Backemeyer, Fred Feldhousen, third vice Elmer Miller, Clinton Jones, president; Wynne Babbitt, tail Lawrence Earl and Lester Thim- twister; Roy Moore, Lion tamer; Interment was in Wabash Joe Zastera and Dr. Richard cemetery near Murdock with Brendel, new directors and Kahler Mortuary in charge. Francis M. Casey and Harry Kahler Mortuary in charge. Cane, holdover directors. Only Rev. Harvey A. Schwab of Blue Springs and Rev. Nichols Dr. Brendel missed the installa-

of Murdock officiated at the services. Mrs. Vernon Schewe and Marcus Rikli, accompanied by Mrs. Alfred Bornemeier, sang. Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, A. F. & A. M., was in charge of grave-

County Officers Are Preparing **Budget Estimates**

Cass county office holders are ceived citations for 100 per cent being urged to prepare their membership during the year. budget estimates to enable the They are Wynne Babbitt, Don county commissioners to estab- Bell. Bill Floyd, Charles Land, lish a budget during the coming N. W. McKee, Roy Moore, Dr. weeks. W. V. Ryan, Walt Soennichsen,

Arrangements are also being Joe York, Fred Feldhousen, made with the state auditor to Harry Cane, Dr. R. F. Brendel, meet with the board in the near Ray Story, Cecil M. Karr, Bill future. They are seeking a Hoagland, Tom Solomon and meeting with the auditor during Francis M. Casey the coming week when the com- | Committees for the Lions Club missioners will also outline their year have also been selected and own budget estimate for the announced by President N. W. fiscal year.

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I. L. Kocian, insurance agent, took over the reins of the Plattsmouth Rotary Club Tuesday noon from Howard Hirz. It was, in effect, a ten year birthday



I. L. Kocian Kocian became a member of the Plattsmouth Rotary Club in June 1953 and began serving a 3. Whether to combine it with the King Korn Karnival or to July 1, 1953. He served five of those ten years as secretary

the right direction. A very short business meeting followed

the presentation. Earlier Hirz had extended the his committee for the picnic

program at the conclusion of

make his home with his daugh- showed any definite enthusiasm Bids Received for the celebration. Discussion On Twelve Miles that it would entail a lot of one cared to put in the required Of Mail Route time.

the regular meeting.

several months ago, with an county road improvement pro- County Grader, Car idea of celebrating the 100th jects, for which bids were openanniversary of Cass county and ed Tuesday, was Peterson & Plattsmouth in 1954. Definite Wilke Construction Company. centennial celebration plans are | The company was low bidder on underway at Nebraska City and all three projects, one in each Omaha, while several Iowa com- | commissioner district. munities have already staged The three projects total ap-

proximately 12 miles of road conhere will recall the Glenwood struction, four in each district. Tom Solomon. The company's low bid of \$3,-740 in the first district is for Since plans for the centen-nial were sidetracked perma- the Louisville road, and two from the Glendale cemetery on Wednesday morning. The gradnently, part of the Monday night | miles south from Highway No. 1, meeting was devoted to discus- two and one-half miles west of sion of King Korn Karnival ac-tivities this fall. Several altera- The t

The three and three-quarter miles of construction in the seced but were left for officers of ond district was the greatest amount of the three bids. The company bid \$5,490 for improving the nearly four miles starting one mile south of the Union corner east to the Missouri river. Peterson & Wilke has bid \$3,will improve the four miles of day He attended Naperville Formal installation of new of road past the Harry Weichel,

The improvements are all for mail routes in the three commouth. N. W. McKee, business of the twelve miles is \$12,670.

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

Schedules Decline \$2,000,000 Precinct Tabulation

	Precinct	Personal Busines		iness	s Total	
	Tipton\$	561,630	\$ 4	6,690		18,30
	Greenwood	690,250		8,830		9,08
	Salt Creek	524,100		1,380		5,48
	Stove Creek	942,830		1,510		4,34
	Elmwood	850,890		1,830		2,72
	South Bend	502,300	13	5,800		8,10
	Weeping Water Prct	769,690	3	9,380	80	9,07
	Center	748,920		6,710		75,63
	Louisville	418,670	83	6,920		5,59
	Avoca	604,530	5	1,720	65	66,25
	Mt. Pleasant	983,620			98	3,62
	8 Mile Grove	890,930	13	7,280	1,02	28,21
	Nehawka	511,600	7	5,880	58	37,48
	Liberty	573,010	3'	7,140	61	0.15
	West Rock Bluff	891,000		6,280		27,38
	East Rock Bluff	327,510				27,51
	Plattsmouth Precinct .	1,324,840	3	8,120		2,96
	Plattsmouth City	470,480	50	4,370		74,85
	Weeping Water City	108,680		2,110		10,78
1		\$12,694,480	\$ 2,28		\$14,97	76,43

Past President Howard Hirz School Census Up Ten presented the president's pin to presented the president's pin to Kocian to get him started in Rocian to get him started in Percent At Plattsmouth

not be ready any too soon a actual enrollment is taken this school census check completed fall. In view of the crowded recently shows. The census re- conditions in past years, the port was presented to the board new census figures indicate that of education Monday night. That census shows that dur- given a good indoctrination this school age children in Platts-Kocian called a directors mouth has climbed another 10 and four additional high school meeting to outline the club's per cent. Final tabulation shows classrooms will be provided in the census at 1,328 this year, the new construction and re-

compared to 1,204 a year ago. modeling program. The increase is 124 youngsters. That compares with a some- ago is 10.3 per cent, mostly in what smaller increase a year the elementary grades, where The increase, coupled with will be available. A new fiveroom school replaces the onePortable Seats

centinued influx of new resi- room school replaces the onedents to Plattsmouth, may re- room school house in First Ward sult in the biggest school en- to provide the additional elerollment here in history when mortary classrooms.

new school facilities will be ditional elementary class rooms

Actual increase over a year the four additional classrooms

been visiting relatives in Cass county, was struck by a county road grader operated by Ray Campbell, according to Sheriff

county road 10 miles west of two miles of county road south | Plattsmouth about 11 o'clock er was in the process of backing up when the collision occur-

Damage to the Lohnes vehicle was said to be light.

Father, Brothers Of Plattsmouth Woman Injured

Four members of one family, was converted and united with the Ebenezer church in Mur
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Convert trict. Starting two miles east when a gas explosion rocked a Schuetz will open for Wolever's and one mile north of Alvo, they Lincoln neighborhood Wednes- crew against the Springfield

bach's father and three brothers. ward the fund.

County Grader, Car Collide Wednesday A car driven by Martin L. Lohnes of Pekin, Ill., who has Lohnes of Pekin, Ill., who has Revenge Plotted Tonight Against

Plattsmouth Junior Legion

Vengence will also be in the mind of the local Juniors Sun- are tentatively scheduled for day when they travel to Springfield. Springfield owns the only league over the Plattsmouth Legion team. The Millard game is scheduled at 8:15 at the Plattsmouth ball

park. Leon Mullenax will probably draw the starting assignment for the Devils. Either John Blotzer or Joe

nine on Sunday. The Springfield They were William Pillard, 56, game will be an afternoon af-

Yakel was helping the Pillards have been announced. They are at their regular meeting.

Decreases Are General Throughout All Precincts; Tabulation Shows Actual Values For All Precincts

County Assessed Value is \$41,461,461

Cass County Business & Personal

Two Items Missing Total assessed valuation of all Cass county property as tabulated in the county's affidavit to the state tax com-missioner is \$41,461,461, a three million dollar decrease

over a year ago. The 1953 figure, however, does not include values for railroads and utilities which

last year were nearly \$3,000,-With the addition of the railroad and utility properties the county assessed val-ue is expected to fall about

one million dollars short of last year's \$44,770,326 valuation. Among some of the top items of valuation in the county were the following. All are actual value figures:

Corn-.... Wheat 88,675 Household Equip.

Tractors

Farm Machinery

Personal Goods

School Purchases

1,871,680

148,175

and roll away bleachers for the on 10th Street and struck a car Rural Lands and Improvements new high school auditorium was belonging to E. S. Newton, and Actual transacted Monday night by the later struck a car belonging to Plattsmouth board of education. Naomi Willard of Papillion | 1952 The units were purchased after parked at the intersection of City lots and Improvements bids had been studied by board

Cost of the seven sections of roll-away collapsible bleachers amounted to \$3960. The pur-Baseball team will seek to a- chase provides two movable venge an earlier los when they | bleachers for the stage and five meet Millard at Memorial Ath- 16-foot sections in the main letic Field here tonight. Thurs- auditorium. The five sections day. Millard jumped on Lindy will be placed below the perma-Wolever's gang 14-3 two weeks nent bleachers which will be built into the auditorium The steel framed bleachers

delivery about the first of the The board also approved pur-

the hallway in the remodeled assembly area. Delivery is ex- the parked McLaughlin car. pected in early September.

School Budget Is Approved

The Plattsmouth board of ed-Four additional contributors to and adopted the \$175,250 bud- night, Fire Chief Ray Wiysel has the Plattsmouth fireworks fund get as established a month ago announced.

Business and personal property schedules in Cass county have taken the expected drop, according to figures in the abstract of assessment filed by County Assessor E. C.

Giles with the state tax commissioners office. The decline is slightly over two million dollars on assessed valuations with combined totals of \$7,488,215 for 1953 in comparison to \$9,679,645 for 1952. The drop nearly erases the \$3,000,000 gain noted in real estate

assessments over a year ago. Child Injured; \$25,000 Personal

A \$25,000 personal injury suit has been filed in District Court here against Dewey C. Reed of Plattsmouth by Donald J. Mc-Laughlin, father of William Mc-La

jured when pinned between two mouth and Weeping Water. vehicles Tuesday afternoon. The suit alleges that the defendant failed to exercise proper ed in the abstract is \$12,697,480 care and that he had been drink- with assessed value, or half, at ing when he backed his pickup \$6,348,740. That compares with truck into the private driveway assessed value on personal pro-

at the McLaughlin home at 716 perty for 1952 at \$7,750,815. South 10th, striking the youth. Actual value of the county lin youth is in St. Catherine's They'll be assessed at half act-Hospital at Omaha, where he is ual value however or \$1,140,975.

receiving treatment for injuries Last year they equaled \$1,928 .to the face and head, lacerations 830. on the right arm, and body and

dent report explains that after ping but a few thousand dollars. striking the McLaughlin boy, Reed's pickup backed into the Purchase of 116 steel lockers McLaughlin car, then continued 6th Street and First Avenue. Actual Solomon said Reed failed to Assessed bring his vehicle to a stop for any of the four aecidents.

Arrested and charged with drunken driving and leaving the scene of an accident, Reed pleaded guilty to both charges and was fined \$154, sentenced to 10 days in jail and given a six months suspension of his drivers' license. The Sheriff said Reed told

him that he had consumed four or five beers and two sleeping of the actual value. Assessed tablets prior to the accident. The McLaughlin youth had been playing in his family's prichase of 116 lockers for the re- vate driveway when the Reed modeled high school building at vehicle backed into the driveway a cost of \$1,317. The lockers will in an effort to turn around. He be installed in recessed areas in was pinned between the rear of Reed's vehicle and the rear of

Training Sessions Set For Firemen Plattsmouth Volunteer Fire-

men will begin an extensive

Firemen will meet at the fire missioner districts. Total cost connect an oil furnace to gas Culligan Soft Water Service, The budget for operation and station at 7:30 Tuesday night, when the explosion occurred. Caldwell-Linder Funeral Home, maintenance of the school sys- July 14th, for the first training The house was owned by Yakel. Brown Floral and Briza TV and tem is up only slightly from a session. Other training ses-The Pillards are Mr. Stein- Radio Service. Each gave \$3 to- year ago with the same tax bud- sions will be held during the

Total business and personal property valuations for Cass county are \$14,976,430 but when sliced in half under the 50 percent ruling fall far short of the more than nine million dollar assessable total of a year ago. Valuations of business and personal property for the dif-ferent precincts and the total for each precinct will be noted in the tabulation at left. On the

and villages in the precinccts Laughlin, who was seriously in- with the exception of Platts-

Actual value of personal property in Cass county as provid-

The three-year-old McLaugh- business schedules is \$2,281,950

The two million dollar drop back injuries. The petition in business and personal schedcharges that the boy suffered a ules was actually made up in brain concussion and that his town property assessed valua-left eye was driven back into tions which climbed just short of \$3,000.000. Rural farm pro-Sheriff Tom Solomon's acci- perty held about steady, drop-

> Here's how the actual value and asessed values for the en-Business Schedules

Totaling the four tax brackets gives the county an actual value of \$75,181.170 with an assessable value of \$37,590,585 or one half same bracket was \$36,832,245 thus giving the county under \$1,000,000 increase in assessed values.

That increase is primarily in Plattsmouth real estate values with minor adjustments throughout the county in the various taxable divisions.

Assets of Two State Banks Are Report of conditions of the

Plattsmouth State Bank and the Murray State Bank show assets for the two banking institutions at well over the \$6,000,000 mark. But total assets and liabilities for the two banks are under those of six months ago. Plattsmouth State Bank with

assets of \$4,505,830.37 on June 30 are up slightly from the December 30 total of \$4,476,869.94, while assets for the Murray bank dipped from \$1,674,750.79 in December to \$1,624,216.39 on June

Demand deposits in the Murray bank are up nearly \$100,000 in the six-month period while time deposits dropped slightly

the city council has taken the tions that are condusive to the ray bank climbed from \$18.092.12 to \$21,505.18, while at the Plattsmouth bank they moved up

EMPLOYED AT OMAHA

All graduated from Plattsmouth gram at the group price paid Dr. G. H. Gilmore of Murray "Realizing the importance of by the city for the bait sta- today announced that meetings

the summer until September.

society hae been postponed for

At the final rites pallbearers were Edgar Backemeyer, Alvin Backemeyer, Carl Backemeyer, Carl Backemeyer, Carl Backemeyer, Carl Backemeyer, Ted Feldhousen, third vice president; Cecil M. City - Wide Rat Clean Up Advocated By Council Plattsmouth city officials are iness houses, while the Boy



Program-Paul E. Fauquet, had been feeding from the rectangular bait sta- five days.-Journal photo.

Dead rats litter one small area of the city tions also shown in the picture. Several thoudump as shown here in the picture. The rats sand rats are estimated to have died in the past

going all out in their crusade to Scouts under the direction of pace, they are now backing a

cently made relative to sanita- cian, urges the cooperation of all in the Plattsmouth bank droption and proposed methods of citizens in this vital phase of ped nearly \$200,000 while time helping rid the city of potential the general program to rid the deposits are up \$34,000, methods of spreading disease, city of any unsanitary condi- Undivided profits at the Murmethods of spreading disease, city of any unsanitary condilead by starting a rat control spread of disease. program at the city dump. The results are already in evidence citizens of this community with as large numbers of dead rats good information, considerable are now scattered about the research has been done and perdump premises.

Mayor Clement Woster has ap- where in this issue of the Platts- They are Shirley Glaze and Carol pointed Councilman B. H. G. mouth Journal. Readers are Kreici, both in the service de-Eiting to coordinate the citywide control campaign. Eiting formative article and to file it Bradley in the field department. is working with the Chamber for future reference. of Commerce, the Boy Scouts of | Eiting said that the city has High school this spring. America and the city health made arrangements for all resiboard to spread the control dents to participate in this pro- Meeting Postponed practices.

an overall program," Eiting said, tions, which have already proved of the Cass county historical "The Chamber of Commerce is their value at the city dump. actively contacting all local bus- (Continued On Page 4)

get rid of the "rats" in the com- Scoutmaster Al Linder will atmunity. After setting the early tempt to contact all homes on 30 Thursday, Friday and Saturday, crusade which they hope will July 9-11, to solicit and urge see 100 per cent city-wide co- participation of residents in this important program. Following the inspection re- Dr. R. F. Brendel, city physi- under \$60,000. Demand deposits

In the interest of providing from \$149,203 to \$150,964.

tinent data compiled. The in-now employed by the WOW In-In view of the early results, formation will be found else- surance Company at Omaha;