

## Centennial Plans Collapse; Lock Of Interest Is Cited

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

## Milo Wheeldon Dies Wednesday; Funeral Friday

Milo P. Wheeldon, resident here for the past twenty years, died Wednesday, July 8, 1953, at a hospital in Council Bluffs, Ia., following an illness of two months. Mr. Wheeldon was 79 years old.

He had resided here at the home of his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Larson, in recent years.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at two o'clock from the Peterson Mortuary at Nebraska City with burial at Wynka cemetery.

Born on April 29, 1874, at Logansport, Ind., Mr. Wheeldon was the son of James G. and Katherine Wheeldon. The family moved to Iowa in 1881 settling near Payne.

Mr. Wheeldon was married to Mary Susan Keys on December 24, 1893, and moved to Nehawka in 1902 and to Syracuse twelve years later. He retired from farming in 1921 following the death of his wife and soon thereafter came to Plattsmouth to make his home with his daughter.

Surviving are four children, James A. Wheeldon of Lincoln; Mrs. Lottie Hauber of Nebraska City; nine grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

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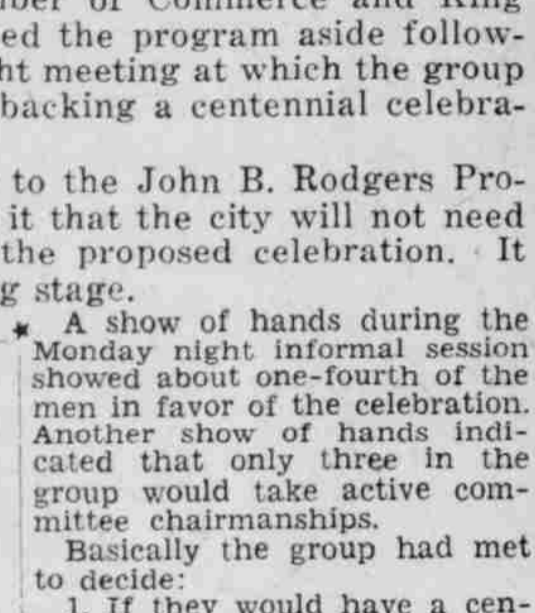
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## Kocian Assumes Presidency of Rotary Club

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 present for Mr. Kocian.



I. L. Kocian

Kocian became a member of the Plattsmouth Rotary Club in June 1953 and began serving a year as president of the club on July 1, 1953. He served five of those ten years as secretary of the club.

Past President Howard Hirz presented the president's pin to Kocian a week ago and urged committee heads to get their reports in during the coming week.

Kocian called a directors meeting to outline the club's program at the conclusion of the regular meeting.

Original discussion, started several months ago, with an idea of celebrating the 100th anniversary of Cass county and Plattsmouth in 1954. Definite centennial celebration plans are underway at Nebraska City and Omaha, while several Iowa communities have already staged centennial celebrations.

Since plans for the centennial were sidetracked permanently, part of the Monday night meeting was devoted to discussion of King Korn Carnival activities this fall. Several alterations and changes were suggested but were left for officers of the King Korn Klub to decide.

New Lions Club Officers Installed; Awards Presented

Formal installation of new officers of the Plattsmouth Lions Club was conducted Tuesday night by E. A. Ernst of Plattsmouth, international counselor and a past district governor.

It marked the start of the second year of the club in Plattsmouth. N. W. McKee, business manager of Plattsmouth Motors, was installed as the club president to succeed Ray Story.

Other officers taking posts in the club were Dr. W. V. Ryan, first vice president; Cecil M. Karr, second vice president; Fred Feldhausen, third vice president; Wynne Babbitt, tail twister; Roy Moore, Lion tamer; Joe Zastera and Dr. Richard Brendel, new directors and Francis M. Casey and Harry Cane, holdover directors. Only Dr. Brendel missed the installation. Chris Bullin is the new club secretary-treasurer succeeding Cecil M. Karr.

## Bids Received On Twelve Miles Of Mail Route

Low bidder on three Cass county road improvement projects, for which bids were opened Tuesday, was Peterson & Wilke Construction Company.

The company was low bidder on all three projects, one in each commissioner district.

The three projects total approximately 12 miles of road construction, four in each district. The company's low bid of \$3,740 in the first district is for two miles of county road south from the Glendale cemetery on the Louisville road, and two miles south on Highway No. 1, two and one-half miles west of Murray.

The three and three-quarter miles of construction in the second 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 \$3,740 on four miles of construction in the Alvo area in the third district. Starting two miles east and one mile north of Alvo, they will improve the four miles of road past the Harry Weichel, William Westphal, Otto Reichman and Edwin Taylor farms. It connects with Highway No. 1 on the north.

The improvements are all for mail routes in the three commissioner districts. Total cost of the twelve miles is \$12,670.

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# Cass County Business & Personal Schedules Decline \$2,000,000

## Precinct Tabulation

Precinct	Personal	Business	Total
Tipton	\$ 561,630	\$ 46,690	\$ 608,320
Greenwood	690,250	28,830	749,080
Salt Creek	524,100	61,380	585,480
Stove Creek	942,830	71,510	1,014,340
Elmwood	850,890	61,830	912,720
South Bend	502,300	15,800	518,100
Weeping Water Prec.	769,600	39,380	809,070
Center	748,920	26,710	775,630
Louisville	418,070	896,920	1,305,590
Avoca	604,530	51,720	656,250
Mt. Pleasant	983,620	.....	983,620
8 Mile Grove	890,930	137,280	1,028,210
Nehawka	511,600	75,880	587,480
Liberty	573,010	37,140	610,150
West Rock Bluff	891,000	36,200	927,380
East Rock Bluff	327,510	.....	327,510
Plattsmouth Precinct	1,324,840	38,120	1,202,960
Plattsmouth City	470,480	504,370	974,850
Weeping Water City	108,680	132,110	240,780
	\$12,694,480	\$ 2,281,950	\$14,976,430

## School Census Up Ten Percent At Plattsmouth

Plattsmouth's new schools will not be ready any too soon a school census check completed recently shows. The census report was presented to the board of education Monday night.

That census shows that during the past year the number of school age children in Plattsmouth has climbed another 10 per cent. Final tabulation shows the census at 1,328 this year, compared to 1,204 a year ago. The increase is 124 youngsters.

That compares with a somewhat smaller increase a year ago over the previous year.

The increase, coupled with continued influx of new residents to Plattsmouth, may result in the biggest school enrollment here in history when actual enrollment is taken this fall.

Actual increase over a year ago is 10.3 per cent, mostly in the elementary grades, where the four additional classrooms will be available. A new five-room school replaces the one-room school house in First Ward to provide the additional elementary classrooms.

County Grader, Car Collide Wednesday

A car driven by Martin L. Lohnes of Pekin, Ill., who has been visiting relatives in Cass county, was struck by a county road grader operated by Ray Campbell, according to Sheriff Tom Solomon.

The mishap occurred on a county road 10 miles west of Plattsmouth about 11 o'clock Wednesday morning. The grader was in the process of backing up when the collision occurred.

Damage to the Lohnes vehicle was said to be light.

Father, Brothers Of Plattsmouth Woman Injured

Four members of one family, relatives of Mrs. Les Steinbach of Plattsmouth, were injured when a gas explosion rocked a Lincoln neighborhood Wednesday.

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

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 Injury Suit Filed

A \$25,000 personal injury suit has been filed in District Court here against Dewey C. Reed of Plattsmouth by Donald J. McLaughlin, father of William McLaughlin, who was seriously injured when pinned between two vehicles Tuesday afternoon.

The suit alleges that the defendant failed to exercise proper care and that he had been drinking when he backed his pickup truck into the private driveway at the McLaughlin home at 715 South 10th, striking the youth.

The three-year-old McLaughlin youth is in St. Catherine's Hospital at Omaha where he is receiving treatment for injuries to the face and head, lacerations on the right arm, and body and back injuries. The petition charges that the boy suffered a brain concussion and that his left eye was driven back into his head.

Sheriff Tom Solomon's accident report explains that after striking the McLaughlin boy, Reed's pickup backed into the McLaughlin car, then continued on 10th Street to the intersection of E. S. Newton, and later struck a car belonging to Naomi Willard of Papillion parked at the intersection of 6th Street and First Avenue.

Reed failed to bring his vehicle to a stop for any of the four accidents.

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-month suspension of his driver's license.

The Sheriff said Reed told him that he had consumed four or five beers and two sleeping tablets prior to the accident.

The McLaughlin youth had been playing in his father's private driveway when the Reed vehicle backed into the driveway in an effort to turn around. He was pinned between the rear of Reed's vehicle and the rear of the parked McLaughlin car.

School Purchases Portable Seats And New Lockers

Purchase of 116 steel lockers and roll away bleachers for the new high school auditorium was transacted Monday night by the Plattsmouth board of education. The units were purchased after bids had been studied by board members.

Cost of the seven sections of roll-away collapsible bleachers amounted to \$3960. The purchase provides two movable bleachers for the stage and five 16-foot sections in the main auditorium. The five sections will be placed below the permanent bleachers which will be built into the auditorium.

The steel framed bleachers are tentatively scheduled for delivery about the first of the year.

School Budget Is Approved

The Plattsmouth board of education Monday night approved and adopted the \$175,250 budget as established a month ago at their regular meeting.

The budget for operation and maintenance of the school system is up only slightly from a year ago with the same tax budget as established in 1952.

CONTRIBUTORS TOLD

Four additional contributors to the Plattsmouth fireworks fund have been announced. They are Culligan Soft Water Service, Caldwell-Linder Funeral Home, Brown Floral and Briza TV and Radio Service. Each gave \$3 toward the fund.

Revenge Plotted Tonight Against Millard Juniors

Plattsmouth Junior Legion Baseball team will seek to avenge an earlier loss when they meet Millard at Memorial Athletic Field here tonight. Thursday, Millard jumped on Lindy Wolever's gang 14-3 two weeks ago.

Vengeance will also be in the mind of the local Juniors Sunday 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 Schuetz will open for Wolever's crew against the Springfield nine on Sunday. The Springfield game will be an afternoon affair.

## City - Wide Rat Clean Up Advocated By Council



Dead rats litter one small area of the city dump as shown here in the picture. The rats had been feeding from the rectangular bait stations also shown in the picture. Several thousand rats are estimated to have died in the past five days.—Journal photo.

Plattsmouth city officials are going all out in their crusade to get rid of the "rats" in the community. After setting the early pace, they are now backing a crusade which they hope will see 100 per cent city-wide cooperation.

Following the inspection recently made relative to sanitation and proposed methods of helping rid the city of potential methods of spreading disease, the city council has taken the lead by starting a rat control program at the city dump. The results are already in evidence as large numbers of dead rats are now scattered about the dump premises.

In view of the early results, Mayor Clement Woster has appointed Councilman B. H. G. Eiting to coordinate the city-wide control campaign. Eiting is working with the Chamber of Commerce, the Boy Scouts of America and the city health board to spread the control practices.

"Realizing the importance of an overall program," Eiting said, "The Chamber of Commerce is actively contacting all local bus-

ness houses, while the Boy Scouts under the direction of Scoutmaster Al Linder will attempt to contact all homes on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 9-11, to solicit and urge participation of residents in this important program."

Dr. R. F. Brendel, city physician, urges the cooperation of all citizens in this vital phase of the general program to rid the city of any unsanitary conditions that are conducive to the spread of disease.

In the interest of providing citizens of this community with good information, considerable research has been done and pertinent data compiled. The information will be found elsewhere in this issue of the Plattsmouth Journal. Readers are urged to carefully read the informative article and to file it for future reference.

Eiting said that the city has made arrangements for all residents to participate in this program at the group price paid by the city for the bait stations, which have already proved their value at the city dump.

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## Assets of Two State Banks Are Over \$6,000,000

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 30.

Demand deposits in the Murray bank are up nearly \$100,000 in the six-month period while time deposits dropped slightly under \$60,000. Demand deposits in the Plattsmouth bank dropped nearly \$200,000 while time deposits are up \$34,000.

Undivided profits at the Murray bank climbed from \$18,092.12 to \$21,505.18, while at the Plattsmouth bank they moved up from \$149,203 to \$150,964.

EMPLOYED AT OMAHA

Three Plattsmouth girls are now employed by the WOW Insurance Company at Omaha. They are Shirley Glaze and Carol Kreiel, both in the service department, and Mrs. Margaret Bradley in the field department. All graduated from Plattsmouth High school this spring.

Meeting Postponed

Dr. G. H. Wilmore of Murray today announced that meetings of the Cass county historical society has been postponed for the summer until September.