

Lions Building Dedication Set For January 19

Dedication activities of the Lions Building, corner of 4th and Main, now in the final stages of remodeling, has been set for January 19, 1954. Announcement of the dedication program was made Tuesday night at the regular meeting of the Plattsouth Lions Club by president N. W. McKee.

Mrs. L. Becker, Native Here, Dies Thursday

Mrs. Lena May Becker, native and lifelong resident of the Plattsouth community, died at Doctor's hospital in Omaha early Thursday morning, January 7, following a long illness. She was 60 years old.

Born on a farm west of Plattsouth on October 14, 1893, she was the daughter of John and Nettie Holschuh Hirz. She was married in 1930 at Wahoo to Phillip T. Becker, who died in 1939 at Plattsouth.

A registered nurse, Mrs. Becker was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical and a member of the church and Home Chapter No. 189, Order of Eastern Star.

Surviving is a brother, Fred of Plattsouth.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon, January 9, at two o'clock at Sattler Funeral Home with Rev. G. E. Seybold, pastor of St. Paul's church, officiating.

Visiting hours will be held at the funeral home from 3 to 5 and from 7 to 9 p. m. on Friday afternoon and evening. Burial will be at Oak Hill cemetery.

Sattler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Commissioners Consider Road Work With State

Commissioners W. F. Nolte of Plattsouth, Herman Bornemeier of Elmwood, and Ray Norris of Weeping Water, along with County Surveyor Glenn Johnson attended a conference with state highway department officials Wednesday to seek to work out a suitable secondary road proposal for Cass county.

A tour of the county will be held next week by state officials and the county commissioners to inspect roads which the county seeks to have included in the secondary road system.

Dimes Drive Events Slated; Helpers Named

Mrs. Don Wall, chairman of the March of Dimes drive at Plattsouth today named other officers of the local committee along with several local organizations that will join in the Dimes campaign.

Committee officers are Mrs. Don Williams, secretary; Orville Julian, treasurer; Mrs. Sophia Wolever, publicity; Mrs. Perry Dingman, rural chairman; and Mrs. John O'Hare, assistant to Mrs. Wall.

Saw Is Installed At Lumber Yard

A new skill saw has been added to equipment of the Plattsouth Lumber Company to aid in preparing lumber to specifications. The saw has been installed in a knotty pine enclosure and will be used for cutting lumber to the desired dimension. The saw cuts at angles, rips, cross cut and any number of cuts to meet specifications of the buyer.

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Air Force Lists Jim Alkire as Presumed Dead

First Lt. Jimmie A. Alkire of Plattsouth is one of five Nebraskans listed by the Air Force as "missing and presumed dead."

His wife, Mrs. Mary Jo Alkire, the former Mary Jo Rebal; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Alkire were informed of the Air Force action.

Lt. Alkire was reported missing nearly a year ago soon after going to the Korean area. A jet fighter pilot, he was reported to have been downed behind the North Korean lines while bitter fighting was still in progress in the Korean war.

He is the second count in the past two weeks to be listed among the dead, after previously having been listed as "missing in action." Ronald Bradley of Murray was listed late last week by the defense department as "presumed dead."

The Air Force list was made public Wednesday after the next of kin had been notified.

Jane Marie, who returned to her Louisville home from the hospital Tuesday, will have plenty of company in her new surroundings. The company will be provided by a six-year-old brother, Terry; and a four-year-old sister, Daleanne.

Her father is employed at the Ash Grove Lime and Cement plant at Louisville.

Early leader in the baby contest marathon was the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Brink of Plattsouth. She was born Monday, three days after her rival entered the world.

Entries in the contest will continue to be received until January 15 when the winner will be announced through the Journal.

The first baby of 1954 has awaiting her a variety of gifts to be presented by Plattsouth merchants. The cooperating merchants will present the gifts to the child's parents after the January 15 date.

Entries must bear the signature of the attending physician the date, hour and minute of birth. A birth registration is best suited for official entry. Only other restriction is that parents of the child must be residents of Cass county.

2 Grass Fires Unusual for Mid-Winter

Small fires in the community during the past two days indicate that abnormal weather is making practically everything unusual.

The Plattsouth volunteer fire department answered two calls Tuesday to battle grass fires.

First during the day was a widespread fire west of the new Valley View addition. The fire there apparently spread for several hours before the fire department was called. Corn fields and grassed areas were charred as the grass fire spread over many acres.

At mid-afternoon the department was called to the Ray Larson home on North 4th street where fire threatened to spread throughout a wooded slope area.

Grass fires for January are uncommon in themselves, and a two-day spread make some kind of a record.

Board Delays Salary Study For Teachers

Plattsouth board of education temporarily postponed its plans to consider a salary schedule for teachers until after it receives a report of the study being conducted by the Nebraska Education Association and the state department of public instruction.

The board, however, has set a temporary date of January 25 at which time the board will meet with a faculty committee to seek an answer to the salary problem. Report from the state organization is expected by the middle of this month.

The issue was presented to the board a month ago by Melvin D. McKenney, chairman of the local faculty association.

Studies by the state education group and the state public instruction department are believed to include conclusive studies of all schools in the state. Comparable salary schedules were exhibited by Mr. McKenney a month previously.

Farm Families Guests Friday Of Stander's

Farm families throughout the Plattsouth trade territory will be guests of Stander Implement Company Friday afternoon for entertainment and educational films, along with a free luncheon.

It will mark the annual John Deere day program by the implement company here.

Activities will include a series of motion pictures at Cass Theatre starting at 1:30 on January 8. Featured among the films will be "Mr. Christmas," the story of a small town's centennial celebration.

Hugh Stander, Jr., implement company head, has sent invitations to farmers from throughout this area to attend the afternoon implement program. The program is open to all farm families and tickets may still be obtained at Stander Implement Company office on South 3rd street.

GRANDMOTHER DIES

Mrs. Plina Sims, grandmother of Mrs. Louis Amato of Plattsouth, died at Omaha on Wednesday, January 6. Funeral services will be held at Omaha on Friday.

New Year's Day Baby Leads Contest Entries

A new name moved into the lead in the Plattsouth Journal baby contest this week with report of the birth of a daughter on January 1 to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Steinkamp of Louisville.

The new leader, born just 13 hours and three minutes after the start of 1954, tipped the scale at 8 1/2 pounds. She is Jane Marie Steinkamp, who made her entrance at 1:03 p.m. on New Year's Day at the Methodist hospital at Omaha.

One thing appears certain — the 1954 first baby contest winner will be a girl. In fact girls have cornered the contest market this year, just as they had done the past two years.

Miss Steinkamp, now one week old, is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Mason of Louisville and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Steinkamp of Weeping Water. Her mother was formerly Audrey Ann Mason.

Jane Marie, who returned to her Louisville home from the hospital Tuesday, will have plenty of company in her new surroundings. The company will be provided by a six-year-old brother, Terry; and a four-year-old sister, Daleanne.

Journal Named Official Paper For Cass County

The Plattsouth Journal has been named official publication for Cass County. Official designation was given the Journal by the board of county commissioners at their regular meeting here Tuesday.

As the official county newspaper, the Journal will publish all legal notices for the county, plus proceedings of the board of commissioners. The Journal was also official newspaper for the county in 1953 and for several years previously.

"Just Kidding" Plea Ignored; Avoca Fined \$50

A "just kidding" plea by an Avoca man failed to sway an Omaha judge early this week, and the Avoca was fined \$50 and costs on a vagrancy charge.

Ernest Rohlf, 30, of Avoca reportedly now residing at Omaha, told Judge Patrick Lynch in the Omaha court that he was "only kidding" in the robbery threat of a cab driver at Omaha Monday night.

Rohlf had admitted asking the cabbie for \$10 but denied any threat was used. The cab driver drove at high speed to the police station to report the threat.

Lower Court Finds Omahan Guilty of Breaking, Entering

Judge Raymond J. Case found Mary Helen Boylan Miller guilty of breaking and entering when she was arraigned in county court at preliminary hearing on the charge Wednesday morning.

The judge found her guilty of breaking and entering the office of Dr. R. R. Anderson at Nehawka last April 2. The Omaha man was bound over to district court for hearing and was released after posting \$1,000 bond.

She was charged with breaking into the Nehawka doctor's office along with two Omaha men.

Motorists Line Up to Pay Tax

Waiting their chance to pay 1953 and 1954 motor vehicle taxes and receive their 1954 auto license plates are these six men and two women, mostly from out in the county. Tax notices in hand, they headed the line at County Treasurer M. N. Tucker's office Tuesday morning. In line are Jesse Jorgensen of Murray; George Jorgensen of Murray; Art Box of Ashland; Esther Tefft of Weeping Water; Earl Becker and Chester Ruth of Plattsouth; George Buell of Murdock and Della Wiles of Weeping Water. One step ahead of the group, but out of the picture at left, were Herman Bose of Avoca and W. A. Chancellor of Plattsmouth.—Journal Photo.

Arn Takes Office As Volunteer Fire Department Chief

Chamber Members Reminded of Annual Meeting Tonight

Chamber of Commerce members were issued a final reminder today of the important annual meeting of the Chamber tonight, Thursday.

The dinner meeting will be held at the Plattsouth Hotel dining room at 7:30. A business meeting, including election of officers, discussion of the 1954 program and a review of 1953 activities will be other features.

Chamber members unable to attend the dinner are invited to attend the business meeting which will follow at about 7:45 at the hotel.

Buses To Transport Music Students

Plattsouth board of education has authorized Supt. T. I. Friest to seek bids for transportation of the Plattsouth high school band and chorus to two conference meetings in February.

The musicians will compete in a band clinic at Wahoo and a choral clinic at Blair during the month.

Final Payment On Schools Is Withheld

Request of Korshoi Construction Company for \$37,000 as final payment on the three new Plattsouth elementary school buildings and the high school remodeling was tentatively postponed by the Plattsouth board of education Monday night.

The board delayed payment until a number of minor projects at each of the schools meets approval of the architects and the board.

Architects Clark & Enersen of Lincoln were here last week end and conducted a tour of the buildings at which time a list of uncompleted or unsatisfactory jobs was made. For the most part, they are minor jobs or projects that are still not complete to the board's satisfaction.

A check showing that \$288,000 had already been paid to the contractor on the schools, including early estimates on the high school addition.

In discussing the building program, the board generally felt that the high school addition is moving along well, although they can see no chance of using the building until very late in the spring, possibly for commencement.

Little hope remains for completing the basketball season on the new court, and the board Monday expressed some discouragement over shipments of basketball goals.

Court House

Bernard N. Hunt was fined \$15 and costs in county court Tuesday after he pleaded guilty to a charge of speeding.

Cecil M. Brown was fined \$44 and costs in county court on a charge of overweight on capacity plates.

Results of Free Bridge Program Are Outlined

More than 8,000 Iowa cars crossed the Missouri river bridge at Plattsouth during 1953 under a free bridge program sponsored by the Plattsouth Business Men's Ad Club in cooperation with local merchants.

The figures were told at a meeting of the group Wednesday night to discuss the program.

Average weekly crossing was 154 cars for the year, with 167 cars using the gift each Saturday night during the last three months of the year. Total for the year was 8,036 vehicles.

Traffic under the free bridge program was outlined by Fred Feldhausen, president of the Ad Club.

Costs of the project were told by Frank Biles, treasurer. Total expenses for the program were \$2,454.30, with \$2,320 of that being paid to the Plattsouth Bridge Company for free crossing of cars each Saturday from Fremont and

Volunteer Fire Department Assumed Duties

New officers assumed duties with the Plattsouth Volunteer Fire Department Tuesday night at the department's regular monthly meeting, which was highlighted with discussion of plans for completing the unit's new club and training room.

Darl B. Ashbaugh, president for the past year, started his second term as head of the department, while Herb Minor remained in the vice president's job. Other holdover administrative officers are John Svoboda, secretary; and Adolph Koubek, treasurer.

Biggest change in department personnel came as Sam Arn took over the Fire Chief's job, succeeding Ray Wisel. Wisel had served as chief since the death of the late Henry Donat.

The department extended congratulations to Wisel for his activities in the department during his tenure as chief and cited him particularly for his efforts to stress department training activities.

In taking over the chief's job, Arn hinted that the training program would be stepped up during the coming year. Cooperation of the department's club and training room will play an important part in those activities. He pointed out that films will be added to actual training procedure of the department.

Carl J. Schneider, its first assistant chief and Louis Svoboda is second assistant chief. Other department officers are A. W. Huebner, first driver; Walt Bryant, second driver; and Leo Hohmann, third driver; Hugh Stander, Jr., chemical man; and Harry Hahn, hook and ladder.

In taking over the reins of the department for a second year, Ashbaugh cited the department for its activities during his first term. The inspection of the Plattsouth business district conducted by a special committee to continue the committee headed by Ernest Yenny drew praise from the department president, and he renamed the committee to continue the inspection during the coming year.

Interest at the meeting was centered on completion of the department training room. The room has been plastered and now needs a ceiling, floor and wall painting. Chairs have been purchased by the department and a few more pieces of furniture are being sought. Progress in the remodeling was told by Wm. Schmidtman, chairman of a special committee.

Standing committees from last year were also reappointed to carry on during the coming year, and department members briefly considered plans for their annual wives party.

Tennants Move To Louisville

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Tennant have moved to Louisville from their farm near Louisville. The Tennants recently purchased a house from Dale Steinkamp.

Mrs. Tennant is correspondent for the Journal and writes the Glendale news.

Conis, Friest To Attend Meeting

George Conis has been named official delegate of the Plattsouth board of education to the state School Board's Association convention at Kearney on January 19.

Conis and Superintendent T. I. Friest plan to attend the January convention.

Woman's Sixth Child Born on Way to Hospital

The New Year is off to an eventful start for the J. Ledbetter family, recently arrived in Plattsouth from Lafayetteville, Arkansas.

Climax to the new year came Wednesday, however, when Mrs. Ledbetter gave birth to a son in a Caldwell-Linder ambulance en route to an Omaha hospital.

Mother and baby are doing fine at Methodist hospital in Omaha today, and Mr. Ledbetter and Al Linder, ambulance driver, who helped deliver the infant are also said to be recovering well.

The Ledbetter family arrived here Tuesday to make their home and spent the night at the home of Mrs. Mary May Troop. Mr. Ledbetter is employed by Catalytic Construction company at the Allied Plant north of Plattsouth.

The former Arkansans have five other children.



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