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Rainfall Here Is Nearly 2 Inches; Mild to Continue

One of the driest winters in Cass county history ended abruptly Friday as 1.95 inches of rain fell at Plattsmouth and as corresponding amounts wetted down the entire county. The rainfall was the first major precipitation in the county in nearly four months.

But a predicted blizzard, one scheduled to hit eastern Nebraska, never materialized, though outstate areas were hard hit. Only slightly cooler temperatures and a general good feeling followed the rain here.

Pvt. Ed Snyder Takes Special Army Training



Pvt. Edward H. Snyder of Nehawka, recently completed a ten-week course at which selected enlisted personnel were trained to supervise military motor pool operation and to supervise enlisted organizational maintenance and recovery of wheel vehicles in infantry units.

The Nehawka high school graduate, assigned to the 23rd Company of the First Regiment in the quartermaster division, has a home base at Camp Polk, La., but took training at Fort Benet, Ga.

A letterman in football and basketball at Nehawka four year 4-H member and a delegate to Nebraska Boys' State, Pvt. Snyder was employed in farm work at Tobin Quarries as a crane and shovel operator before being inducted into the service last April. He had also attended county government day at Plattsmouth for two years.

Pvt. Snyder observed his 21st birthday anniversary last Friday.

Feeders Hear Comparisons of Cattle Feeding

Livestock production in Australia and the United States and different areas of this country were compared during the annual meeting of the Cass County Corn Belt Livestock Feeders Association Thursday night.

The comparison was presented by Marvel L. Baker, associated director of the University of Nebraska experimental station. Mr. Baker showed pictures of the livestock industry taken in Australia and New Zealand. He pointed out the great difference in feeding, explaining that the United States is the only area where corn, other grains and special preparations are fed to cattle.

Grazing and grasses are the only feed in Australia and New Zealand and as a result, cattle sometimes do not reach marketing stage until they are as much as eight years old.

Other features of the annual meeting were a banquet dinner served by Ruth Circle of the Weeping Water Methodist church and an address by Joan Norris. Miss Norris gave her district 4-H public speaking winning essay, "Unseen Passenger," an essay of safety on the highway.

Construction Of Murdock Elevator Starts

Construction has started on a new 200,000 bushel elevator by the Murdock Cooperative Elevator, according to Edwin T. McHugh, who was in Plattsmouth on business Friday.

An old alfalfa mill has been razed to provide space for the new \$125,000 unit to be constructed of concrete cylindrical type bins. Start of construction marks the first step in the elevator building program since the company's application to the federal government was approved several months ago.

The construction program follows a series of special stockholder meetings and a pledge program to raise funds for the new structure, which will provide an additional 180,000 bushel storage capacity and alleviate a city of added grain space.

Being constructed on the right of way of the Rock Island railroad at Murdock, the elevator will probably be ready by late summer. The Co-op plans to maintain the present 20,000 bushel elevator and the 45-foot scale now in use.

Services for W. Hottle, 90, At Elmwood

ELMWOOD (Special)—Funeral services were held at Elmwood Methodist church on February 12, for William M. Hottle, who died February 9. He was 90 years old.

Dr. B. L. Story, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. Herbert Kuhn of Cook, conducted the funeral at which Mrs. Dwight Clements was organist and Mrs. V. Clements, soloist. Casket bearers were Arlo Pratt, M. E. Shelley, Morris Mendenhall, Waldo Willett, Edgar Backemeyer and Orville Lenz.

Youngest son of Eli and Leah Wilkens Hottle, he was born near Corydon, Indiana, March 8, 1863. He received his education near his home and was orphaned at the age of 9, later making his home with an uncle and later with a sister.

In 1884, he, with two brothers and two sisters, came to Nebraska among the early settlers of the state. He was married January 30, 1901, to Lenora Albert. They settled in the Elmwood community, where they lived over fifty years. On January 30, Mr. and Mrs. Hottle celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. She died on October 27, 1952.

Mr. Hottle died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Bentzinger, near Cook, after a siege of pneumonia.

A retired farmer, he was a member of the Methodist church and Modern Woodmen and Odd Fellow lodges.

Nielsen Is Awarded Highest Recognition in Boy Scouts

The highest award in Scouting was bestowed upon V. Stuart Nielsen at a Boy Scout Court of Honor Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian church. The award of Eagle Scout was bestowed upon the 16-year-old Plattsmouth Scout as a climax to his eight years in Scouting.

Wendell Friest, also an Eagle Scout, presented the award to Nielsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Nielsen of Plattsmouth. Nielsen's award was the top one presented to some 30 Scouts at the Court of Honor.

A junior at Plattsmouth high school, Stuart entered Scouting in 1946 at the age of nine when he registered as a Cub Scout in Den 6, Pack 367. Three years later he advanced to Boy Scouts.

His Scouting history shows that as a Cub Scout he earned the Wolf, Bear and Lions Badges with a Gold Arrow and two Silver Arrows after each rank. He passed his Webelos in the fall of 1949 and entered as a Tenderfoot Scout in October 1949, was advanced to Second Class in May 1950, First Class in July 1951. He was made Star Scout in December 1952 and earned Life Rank in May 1953. He has served as Patrol leader in his troop and is at present Junior Assistant Scoutmaster.

At the court of honor Scout awards were also awarded to the following:

Second Class—Richard Kellison, Billy Long, Jim Bullin, Tom Dunham, Jim Show, Bob Hutson, John Fauquet, Larry Warner, Kennan Elting and Ronald Grant.

First Class—Ronald Reimer, Duane Bowman, Ronald Kruntorad and Robert Hughson.

Tenderfoot—Keenan Elting.

Countians Are Named to Boy Scout Posts

Several Cass countians have been appointed to district Boy Scout committee officers by Frank Sorrell, chairman of the Arbor Lodge District, who was elected at the district meeting at Louisville last Monday.

Sorrell's appointments included Earl Stiffler of Louisville, health and safety; Orville Neilson of Plattsmouth, advancement; Sigvald Jensen of Weeping Water, leadership training; Harry Vonrak of Nebraska City, organization and extension; Bob Wilson, camping and activities; and Ely Fiestner, health and safety.

Plans are now being made for the annual district meeting and banquet to be held at the Lions Building at Plattsmouth on March 15. The dinner event is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Man Fined \$150 For Drunken Driving, Leaving Accident

Ravmona McConnell, resident at 301 Plattsmouth, was fined \$150 and costs in county court Saturday following a late Friday night accident in which the car McConnell was driving collided with a parked vehicle owned by Robert Slavicek.

McConnell was fined on charges of drunken driving and leaving the scene of an accident. He also received a six month suspension of his motor vehicle license.

Neither McConnell or Mrs. Betty Grave, 22, of 320 Avenue A, Plattsmouth, were injured when the vehicles collided about midnight on South Sixth street.

James Graves Is Winner of Essay Contest

James Graves, 17-year-old Plattsmouth high school junior, has been named winner of the V.F.W. Auxiliary essay contest on "Building Through Citizenship."

Graves' entry rated first place and a \$10 cash award as the outstanding essay among the more than 350 entered in the contest, through cooperation of the Plattsmouth high school English Department with the V.F.W. Auxiliary.

Second place and a \$5 cash prize will go to Byron Finnefrock, senior at the high school. Honorable mention went to Jackie Rasmussen and Margaret Svoboda.

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In his winning essay, Graves pointed out how the little people in every community, through their everyday acts, are "building better citizens."

Judges for the contest were Don Wurga, Cecil Karr, Art Wurga and Harry Cane. English classes taught by Turman Little, Marie Loepp, Esther Lamb and Miss Roessler entered the contest, and Mrs. Sophia Wolever was V.F.W. Essay chairman.

Police Court

Passing School Stop Sign—Helen M. Shropshire, Louisville, fined \$3 and costs; Charles J. Youngblood, Detroit, Mich., forfeit \$7 bond; George A. Steinheimer, Omaha, forfeit \$7 bond; Loraine Long, Plattsmouth, forfeit \$7 bond; Florence E. Deal, Wahoo, forfeit \$7 bond; Walter F. Hahn, Tecumseh, forfeit \$7 bond; T. J. Marcucco, Omaha, forfeit \$7 bond; Nata M. Niece, A. E. Cushman, Louisville, fined \$3 and costs; Amos Iske, Ft. Crook, fined \$3 and costs; Roy L. Sieplhmier, Dunbar, forfeit \$7 bond; Tom Ruyie, Beatrice, forfeit \$7 bond; C. C. Daggett, Ashland, forfeit \$7 bond; Louis Amelang, Louisville, fined \$3 and costs; August A. Brinkman, Rolfe, Ia., forfeit \$7 bond.

Parking Improperly—Everett Hicks, Plattsmouth, fined \$1 and costs; Earl J. Larsen, Plattsmouth, forfeit \$5 bond.

Intoxication—E. J. Hull, Plattsmouth, fined \$10 and costs.

Drunken driving—Clyde Bruntsack, Liberty, Neb., posted \$100 appearance bond, hearing set February 26.

Speeding and passing school stop sign—Dr. Paul F. Reichstadt, Omaha, fined \$10, \$3 and costs.

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Band Programs To Raise Funds For Trip To Oklahoma Clinic

Ticket selling for the "Oklahoma Band Wagon" concerts here Monday and Wednesday nights, were stepped up over the past week end as high school band members renewed efforts to increase sales and improve the Oklahoma trip fund.

Proceeds from tickets sales for the concerts will go to the band toward their \$2,000 goal for a mass trip to the Enid, Oklahoma, band clinic in May. Tickets sell for \$1 adults, and 50 cents for students and children, and are available from practically all band members.

Programs are scheduled tonight, February 22, and again Wednesday night, February 24. White tickets will be honored at the Monday night program while red tickets will be accepted for the Wednesday night program. Three-hundred tickets are available for each night.

For the two band performances, Band Director Melvin McKenney has announced a 12-selection program, that will include four special small group numbers, and eight by the band. Included are popular and classical numbers, both vocal and instrumental, plus a number of marches arranged especially for band.

White, amber and purple sponsor tickets will be honored at the Monday night program, and blue and red tickets will be honored at the Wednesday night program. Tickets will be on sale at the building after 7:30 each night.

Band concerts the two nights will be presented at the Lions building. They are scheduled for 8 p.m.

Here are the list of selections for the concerts this week.

- Program
- Manhattan Beach March ... Sousa
- Lustpiel Overture ... Keler Bela
- Scherzo from Symphony in B Flat ... Fauchet
- The Desert Song Overture ...
- Robbery-Bennett ...
- Dry Bones, Boys Quartet ...
- Gearhart ...
- Triumph March, Brass Quartet ... Williams
- Go Not Far From Me O Lord, mixed small vocal group ... Hartman
- Intermission ... Morgan
- Green Cathedral, Hahn-McKay ...
- Alexanders Ragtime Band ...
- Perpetual Motion ... Berlin
- Bohm ...
- Hosts of Freedom March ... King
- Concerts by the band tonight and Wednesday night were made possible through the cooperation of a dozen civic organizations and the high school band. Civic groups launched the campaign last December when they united to organize the series of programs and to sell sponsoring tickets. One hundred of the \$5 sponsor tickets were sold in December before the individual program tickets went on sale.
- It's all part of a fund raising campaign to send the band into the May 15-17 other items. Enid, Oklahoma, to compete with bands from throughout a 13-state area.
- An estimated \$2,000 is required to provide transportation, meals and rooms for the 75 band members who will make the trip.

City Election Is Only One Set for April

Caucuses of both the Republican and Democratic parties for the city election will be held at the courthouse on March 2. Originally the Republican caucuses had been listed for the public library incorrectly.

Republicans will meet in the county courtroom and Democrats will meet in the district courtroom. Both caucuses have been set for 7:30 p.m., to enable voters to attend the school caucus at 8 p.m., the same night.

Party voters will select candidates for mayor, city clerk-treasurer, police magistrate, and council men from each ward. Terms of two school board members expire and four candidates will be named at the school caucus.

Since no state and national primaries will be held this spring, the spring election will be an all-city affair. The election will be held April 6.

It is doubtful a fifth voting precinct will be established in time for the city election, although city councilmen are seeking to establish a definite fifth-voting precinct to cut the heavy load from the Second Ward second precinct. Considered for the added voting precinct is the area generally west of Lincoln avenue and south of the Plattsmouth-Louisville road.

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City Police Officers Jackson and Lvtie made the arrest. McConnell was reportedly traveling about 25 miles an hour when the cars collided. He is employed as a laborer at the Allied plant.

Melson Given Ten Years for Bank Robbery

Allen Paul Melson, confessed robber of the Murdock Bank, started a ten-year term in the Nebraska penitentiary at Lincoln Friday after being sentenced by District Judge John M. Dierks.

Arraigned in district court Friday, Melson was sentenced to ten years in the state institution, and was taken to Lincoln later that day by Sheriff Tom Solomon.

The 29-year-old Weeping Water quarry worker pleaded guilty to the charge of armed bank robbery, after he had taken \$1,700 in an early afternoon theft of the Corn Growers State Bank at Murdock. He was apprehended an hour later and pleaded guilty in county court to the robbery charge.

Money taken in the bank hold-up was found sewn in the doll of Melson's three-year-old daughter.

BARN DESTROYED

A barn on the Vogler farm south of Louisville was destroyed Friday morning when struck by lightning. The Louisville volunteer fire department was called to the blaze about daybreak Friday.

A full program has been outlined for the Annual Cass County Farm and Home Day program to be held Wednesday March 3 program starts at 10:00 a. m. when the County 4-H committee will hold their annual meeting. The Committee, which consists of one elected man and woman from each of the 17 precincts, 4-H leaders, and friends of 4-H are all invited to attend. Two offices on the executive committee will need to be filled as the two year terms of Clyde Althouse of Eagle as chairman, and Mrs. Eldon Mendenhall of Elmwood, as vice chairman, expire. The 4-H meeting will be held in the auditorium, main floor.

Also at 10:00 a. m. the annual meeting of the Cass Noxious Weed District will be held at the Chief Theatre. The term of Ed Steinkamp, director from district 4 expires. On the weed district program will be a report of the manager; a discussion on road side brush control led by Herman Bornemeier, commissioner from district 3; a report on Weed Control Research by Paul Sand, Agronomist from University of Nebraska; and Seed Inspection Work by Wm. Hansen, from the State Noxious Weed district. Wm. Streich of Murdock will preside.

A free lunch will be provided by the Weeping Water Community Club at noon in the basement dining hall in the Agricultural Auditorium.

In the afternoon, separate programs are offered to men and women. The men's session will assemble at 1:00 p. m. at the Chief Theatre, across the street from the auditorium. Appearing on the program will be Don Burzioff, extension agronomist who will discuss grasses and pasture programs. Also on the afternoon program will be featured Dr. M. D. Weldon, extension agronomist (Soils) from the University of Nebraska, who will discuss the most popular subject soil testing, liming and recommended use of commercial fertilizers. Dr. Weldon is a noted authority on his subject and has the ability to express himself in a very understandable way.

The ladies section of the afternoon program also is scheduled at 1:00 p. m. on the main floor of the auditorium. This is the annual achievement meeting of the Home Extension Clubs. The honor clubs will be recognized and two demonstrations will be given. The first, district home economist from the International Harvester Co., will give a freezing demonstration. Mr. Vern Vogt, manager of Piece Goods Department from J. C. Penney's at Lincoln, will give us the latest information on fabrics.

All Cass county homemakers are invited.

A classified Ad in The Journal costs as little as 35 cents