

Margin Narrows In Pin Loop; Oilers In Front

A three-game sweep by Myers Grocery, coupled with the Legion's two game win over Ofe Oil cut the four-game lead of the Oilers to two games with the close of play last week in the Plattsmouth Bowling League.

The Groceriesmen struck hard at Ernie's Bar to take the three games to bolster their season's record at 41-22, while the two game loss left Ofe's out front with a 43-20 mark.

Don Eaton and J. Willes joined forces to lead the Grocers in the three game sweep while Les Steinbach was the sole support of Ernie's.

Meanwhile the Oilmen were well under par as the Legion used a 60-pin handicap to take two of their three games. Cecil Karr and Don Warga led the Legion while Leonard Rakow was the big gun for the oil men.

Bryant Motors in third place, picked up one game, and now trails by only three. The Mechanics took two games from Tim's bar as Cliff Meisinger and Bob McClanahan led the attack. McClanahan included a 233 game in his series. Gene Nolting led Tim's.

The V. F. W. continued its climb toward the top and moved into the number four spot. The Veterans led by Harold Austin smacked Eagles Lodge three straight. Austin with help from Carl Sell and J. Jorgensen, included a 221 game in his 530 series. Charles Janacek led Eagles.

Sweeps were also recorded by Marge & Elmer's and Catalytic Construction Company. The Bartenders took their three games from Woster Shoe Store as Harold Mrasek and Norma Mrasek set the pattern of play. Catalytic's victim was Konats Bar. L. Eaton and L. Shrimpton gunned the Construction crew, while Louis Swoboda and S. Harold led the Bartenders.

In other games of the week Taster Shop vacated the cellar by tripping Plattsmouth Paint Store twice, Eunice Buechler led the Waitresses while Clayton Pierce and Dale Eledge were leading the painters.

Hotel Bar continued to move away from the cellar spot, taking two from Stander Implement. A. Davis and K. Barr were top pin-getters for the Hotelmen, while George Born led the Implement dealers.

Results:
Hotel Bar 620 695 594
Stander Imp. 569 544 666
High game, George Born, 171;
high series, A. Davis, 439.
Myers Grocery 702 674 612

Ernie's Bar 674 585 603
High game, J. Willes and Don Eaton, 179; high series, D. Eaton, 432.
Bryant Motors 634 724 728
Tim's Bar 667 678 717
High game, Bob McClanahan, 233; high series, McClanahan, 495.

Taster Shop 654 719 660
Paint Store 611 670 692
High game, Clayton Pierce, 187; high series, Clayton Pierce, 475.

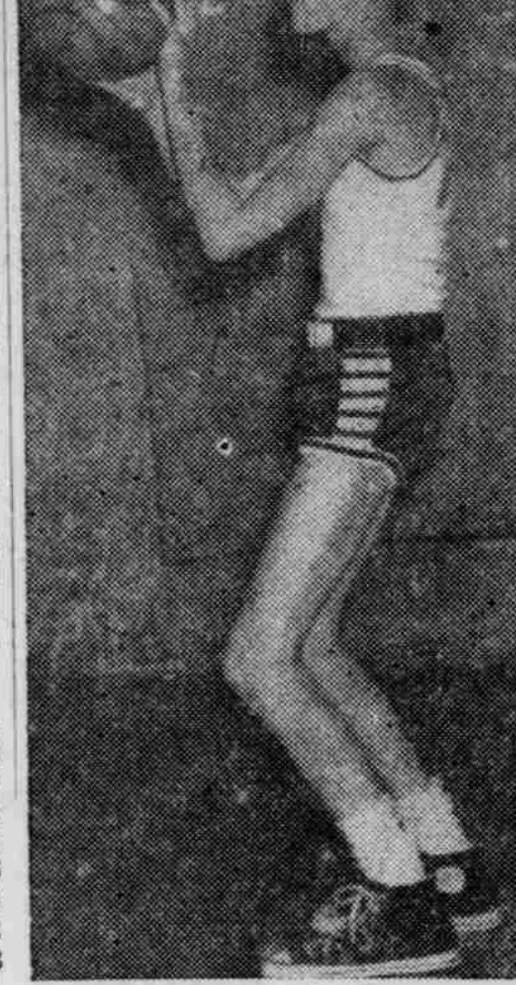
V. F. W. 760 692 709
Eagles 674 570 663
High game, Harold Austin, 221; high series, Austin, 530.
Legion 631 669 747
Ofe Oil Co. 618 687 722
High game, Leonard Rakow, 172; high series, Rakow, 445.

Marge-Elmer 639 648 616
Woster Shoe 560 573 531
High game, Howard Mrasek, 162; high series, Howard Mrasek, 460.

Catalytic 684 760 657
Konats 638 665 640
High game, L. Shrimpton, 186; high series, L. Eaton, 467.

STANDINGS	
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Ofe Oil	43 20
Myers Grocery	41 22
Bryant Motors	40 23
V. F. W.	38 25
Ernie's Bar	37 26
Paint Store	37 26
Catalytic	35 28
Marge-Elmer	35 28
Tim's Bar	32 31
Stander Implement	28 35
Konats Bar	27 36
Legion	26 37
Hotel Bar	26 37
Woster Shoe	20 43
Taster Shop	20 43
Eagles	18 45

Devils Bow In District Chiefs Hit Platters 46-35; Ptak Sparks Stewartmen



Denny Ptak

A fourth quarter press was too much for the Plattsmouth cagers to cope with Friday night and the Blue Devils bowed out of district cage tournament activity, losing 46-35 to Tecumseh.

Battling the favored Chiefs three periods, the Devils were unable to handle the 4th period Tecumseh press and dropped the tournament semi-final clash. Tecumseh went on to defeat Holy Name Friday night and earn a berth in the State Tournament at Lincoln this week.

Led by Denny Ptak, Plattsmouth pressed 7-12 after one period and was on the Chiefs' tail 19-22 at intermission. Ptak hit eight points during that first half battle, while Finnefrock and Wood were each chipping in four.

Though trailing throughout the first half, Coach Merle Stewart's cagers rallied in the third period. It was the only time the Devils were in front. They tied at 28-28 and 32-32 before the Tecumseh press began to tell the difference. Tecumseh led 32-28 at the three quarter mark.

Bob Finn, Tecumseh flash, spelled the difference in the first half. The Southeast Conference all star hit 8 points the first period and six in the second quarter enroute to a 15 point scoring performance. He had help from brother, Steve, with 6 points and Ruby with 2. Ruby and Stinson sparked the

second half Tecumseh drive. Impressive for Plattsmouth was the play of forwards Denny Ptak and Byron Finnefrock. In addition to leading Plattsmouth scoring, the duo combined to do a good job under the boards. Jon Schuetz and Lyle Wood also came through with seven points each for the Devils. Jim Jacques was held to a slim two points.

The loss ended Plattsmouth's season with a 15-5 record. All losses were to teams rated in the top ten Class B chart in the state.

Tecumseh used free throws to build up the late margin of victory over Plattsmouth. Though outscoring the Devils only 14 to 13 from the field, the Chiefs hit 18 of 24 possible free throws, mostly in the closing minutes of play. Plattsmouth connected on 9 of 18 gift attempts.

Plattsmouth 35			
	FG	FT	F
Nielsen	1	0-0	0
Ptak	4	2-4	1
Jacques	1	0-2	1
Finnefrock	3	1-4	3
Schuetz	1	5-6	4
Pierce	0	0-0	1
Wood	3	1-2	5
Tecumseh 46			
	FG	FT	F
B. Finn	6	3-4	4
S. Finn	0	6-8	2
Higgins	0	0-0	0

Two Plattsmouth Airmen End 2 1/2 Years in Japan

Airman Second class Norman E. Geschke and Cpl. Buddy White, both of Plattsmouth, arrived over the week end to start month-long furloughs after recently returning from Japan.

Geschke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Geschke, returned Saturday to start a 35-day leave. At the end of his leave, he will report to Ellsworth Air Force Base, at Rapid City, South Dakota. Geschke spent two and one half years in Japan.

Home also after two and one half years in Japan is Cpl. White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob White of Plattsmouth. He will report to Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland at the end of his leave.

The two youths were together throughout their service in Japan.

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Chamber to Have Banquet For Athletes

Plans for the annual Athletic banquet, a report of membership progress, and a discussion of Chamber business office facilities marked the regular monthly meeting of the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce Thursday night.

Meeting at the Lions building, the Chamber directors learned that the annual membership drive, launched a month ago, is running somewhat under expectations. General progress is noted however, and Chamber directors voted a strict policy toward recognizing 1954 members. Red, white and blue decals have been distributed to business places that have paid up membership for the year.

Definite arrangements for the athletic banquet await word of Skip Palrang, Boys Town athletic speaker at the event. Two dates, April 1 and 8, are being considered for the annual affair.

Along with football and basketball team players, members of the Pep Club will also be guests at the banquet this year. The banquet will be held at the Lions Building and will be served by the Lions Club.

Announcement was also made of the quarterly meeting to be held the first Thursday in April. Regular meeting night of the board, the directors will handle routine business at a 7:30 session with the membership meeting slated at 8 p. m.

Reports of other committee chairmen were also heard at the directors' meeting.

Southeastern Hobbyists Will Exhibit at Auburn

Hobbyists from southeastern Nebraska are extended an invitation to participate in the first annual "Hobby Show" March 21, at the Community Auditorium in Auburn, Neb.

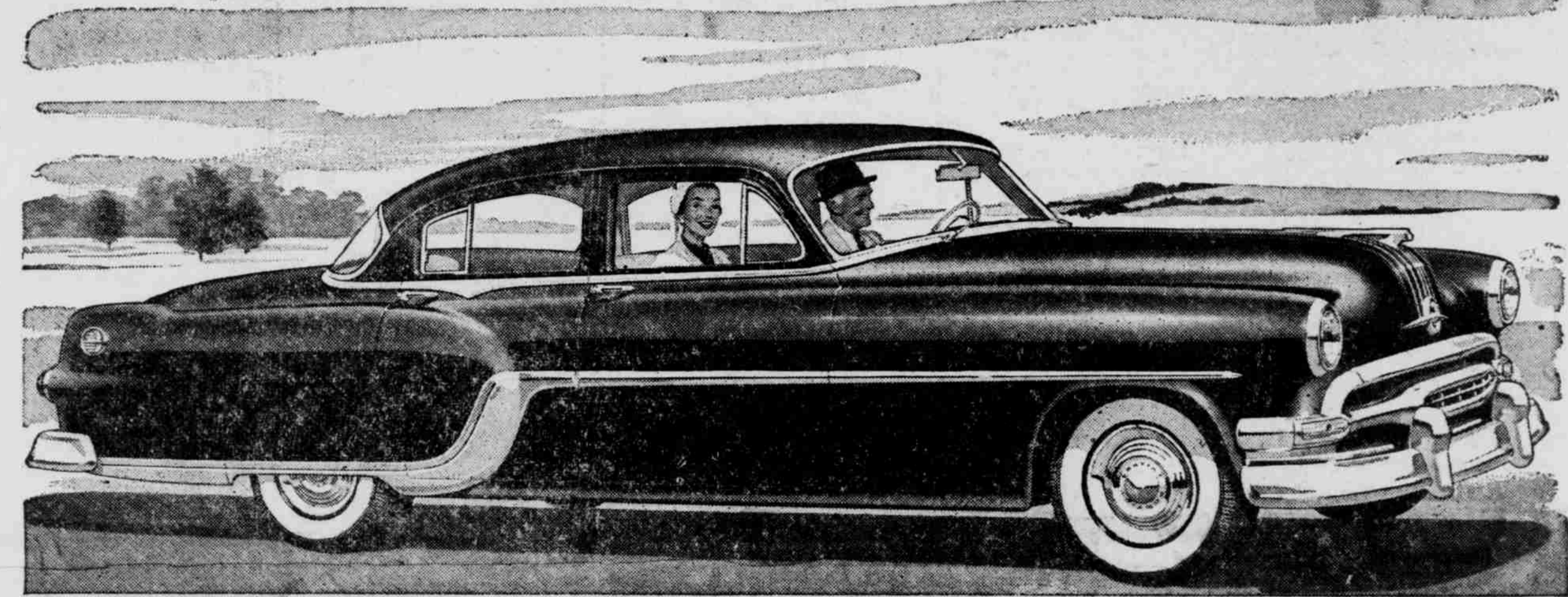
The event is being sponsored by the Auburn Junior Women's Club as a civic project designed to promote interest in hobbies and crafts and to provide an opportunity for the hobbyists of the area to display their work and collections.

Any hobbyists interested in being included in this show may register his exhibit on March 21st from 9 a. m. to 12 noon. The public is invited to attend the show from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m.

Avoca Navyman Returns To States

John A. Royal, radioman seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Royal of Avoca, Nebr., returned here February 23rd aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Bennington from the Mediterranean.

The Bennington, a newly converted Essex type carrier, has completed a tour of duty with the U. S. Sixth Fleet. The ship visited: Athens, Greece; Istanbul, Turkey; Naples, Italy; the French Riviera; Barcelona, Spain; and Lisbon, Portugal.



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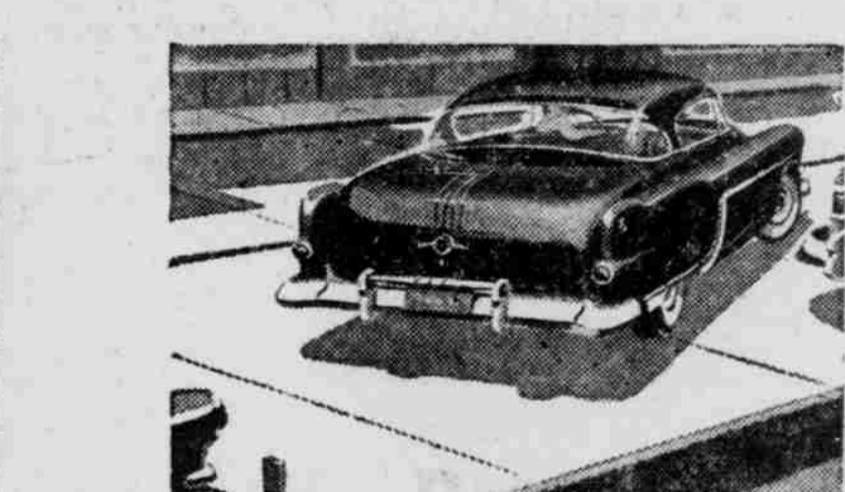
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