

Early Filings Indicate Highly Contested Races

Early filings indicate that the county primary election in August will be one of the most highly contested in recent years. With two months still remaining in which to file, more than 20 have indicated that they will be candidates for the post.

Most highly contested at this point are the Second Commissioner district, county treasurer, sheriff and assessor, where both parties have candidates filing for office.

Equalization Hearings Will Start May 17

Cass county commissioners will meet as a board of equalization in mid-May with hearings slated for from three to 40 days. The Commissioners will open hearings May 17 and will sit at least three days and not more than 40.

Members of the board of equalization will be County Commissioners Herman Bornemeier of Elmwood, W. F. Nolte of Plattsmouth and Roy Norris of Weeping Water.

County Clerk W. J. B. McDonald will serve as secretary to the board under the new set up for county boards of equalization. The board does not include the assessor as in past years.

Protests against assessment valuations must be filed with the county clerk before the end of the equalization hearing. The earlier the better so that Commissioners can arrange their hearings.

If a taxpayer feels his assessment is too high, he should compare it with others of similar conditions and then if out of line, file a complaint.

In cases, if any, where real estate values have been increased, the property owners will be notified by the county assessor.

Building Is Believed to Be 100 Years Old

Week-end rains slowed destruction of one of the city's oldest buildings last week-end.

The building, estimated to be 100 years old, was an early livery stable and warehouse and is located in the rear of Soennichsen's.

Believed to be razed by Roy B. Sharp's crew, the structure had undergone many repairs through the years. It had been used very little in recent years.

Owned by Soennichsen, it is being torn down to provide additional parking area for the grocery and department store.

Tales of early day Plattsmouth connect the building with heavy warehouse activity here. Shipments coming up the river were often stored in the building and later transferred to covered wagons for the long hauls into central and western settlements.

Since it was constructed 100 years ago, the building had been virtually silted in. What was at one time the main floor of the building, has in modern times, been more of a basement, while an upper floor had ultimately reached street level.

Razing the building necessitated quick action by the V.F.W. club here. Destruction of the west wall left the V.F.W. club basement unprotected. Volunteer club members quickly threw up a block wall Saturday just in time to prevent the heavy Saturday night and Sunday rains from flooding the club basement.

Mrs. Louis Baker Is Correspondent At Weeping Water
Mrs. Louis Baker has been named correspondent for the Plattsmouth Journal at Weeping Water. Mrs. Baker will succeed Mrs. Lee Stratton.

Nine Cubs Get Awards; Six Are Inducted

Nine Plattsmouth Cub Scouts received awards and six more were inducted at an April pack meeting held Friday night at Central school building.

Award recipients presented by Vern Waterman were:

Alan Hansen — silver arrow after Bear.
Billy Highfield — gold arrow after Bear.

Donald Yelick — silver arrow after Bear.
Michael Becker — wolf badge, gold and silver arrows.

William McGraw, wolf badge.
William Hirz — wolf badge.
Tommy Smith, service star.
Richard Heath — service star.
Terry Anderson — silver arrow after wolf.

Inducted into the pack at a ceremony conducted by Kenneth Weaver and Albert Hansen were Roger Roberts, Charles McNulty, Tommy Hansen, David Daniels, Perry John Dingman, and Frank Albert Clifford.

Opening activities were conducted by Lee McDaniel and Gerald with K. E. Weaver presenting colors. Plans were a winner's roast on May 16 were announced by Albert Hansen. A skit, "The Story of Oil" was presented by Den 6, led by Mrs. Davenport.

Recreational feature was a kite contest with prizes going to three Cubs, Kenneth Rhylander receiving the prize for the biggest kite, Warren McMillian, the highest and Delbert McDaniel's the kite that gave the most trouble.

Republican Pick Delegates To Convention
Cass county Republicans have set in motion machinery for the August 10 primary election. Candidates on the ticket marked attendance at the recent county convention at Louisville.

Delegates elected to the Republican convention in Fremont on May 24 are Alice Jane Grosshans, Richard Peck, Stephen Davis and James McMillian of Plattsmouth; Paul Everslund and Herman Bornemeier of Elmwood; Herman Meisinger of Mynard; Ward Brunson and Mrs. F. H. Brunson of Louisville; and Mrs. Ivan Balfour of Union.

Candidates for county offices were introduced and Dan Martin of Kearney, candidate for United States Senate, addressed the group.

Republican candidates at the convention included incumbents Herman Bornemeier and Ray Norris, county commissioners; Glen Johnson, surveyor; Ernest Giles, assessor; and C. E. Ledgway, clerk of the district court.

Other candidates included Lloyd Fitch, sheriff; Clara Olson, assessor; Kenneth Wessel, second district commissioner; Mrs. Wayne Scoles and James McMillian, treasurer.

Darl Ashbaugh At Washington Safety Meeting
Darl B. Ashbaugh of Plattsmouth, safety expert for the Corps of Engineers, Omaha district, departed Sunday night by train for Washington, D. C., where he has been invited to take part in a safety congress.

Ashbaugh received the invitation from President Eisenhower last month. The safety conference opens Tuesday in Washington, and will run for about three days.

The conference was called in a movement to cut down traffic accidents and other mishaps which annually claim the lives of thousands in the United States.

Recently a group submitted a report of the White House Conference on Highway Safety. The national safety crusade is an "opportunity for every motorist, pedestrian and taxpayer everywhere to do something about traffic safety," the report stated.

General aim of the crusade is to reach each motorist and pedestrian as an individual and to impress on him the importance of his own efforts for traffic safety; the media report of the White House conference points out.

Murray Soldier Is Baker
M/Sgt. Charles E. Yates (left) of Murray, Nebr., and Sgt. Alton H. Dupont of Hartford, Conn., prepare rolls at Fort Bragg, N. C., where Exercise Flash Burn is under way. The maneuver includes training in the tactical use of atomic weapons. Both soldiers are bakers in the 510th Quartermaster Bakery Company. Sergeant Yates, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Yates of Murray, entered the Army in 1943. His wife, Arvetta, lives at 430 Grove Ave., Petersburg, Va. Sergeant Dupont, whose wife, Joan, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dupont, live on Route 4, Burnham St. E., Hartford, entered the Army in March 1953 and completed basic training at Fort Dix, N. J.—(U. S. Army Photo).

Bait Stations Placed at City Dump; Cooperation Asked

Bait stations were placed at the city dump today by Bill's Pest Control as the city's sanitation program was put into operation. One hundred bait stations are being placed at the dump in an effort to control rats.

A program originated by the city a year ago, is designed to have much greater coverage than the dump area alone. But for greater effect, the city administration is calling for complete cooperation from local citizens.

Bill Spradlin, pest control operator here, who has a contract with the city for placing and servicing the bait stations at the city dump, is seeking cooperation of local civic organizations in spreading the rat control program on a community wide basis.

Civic groups are being offered 10 percent from each rat control service contract for through Mr. Spradlin. Individuals may specify the civic group to which they wish to have the commission paid, or may contract for

the service through one of the participating service groups.

In action recently the city council has asked for complete cooperation from all individuals in controlling the rodents. Once a full, cooperative program is put in motion, control can then be constant at little cost.

Established the year's control service provides a steel bait station and fresh bait for a one-year period. Along with the bait and bait station, Spradlin also will place and relocate the stations for the best results.

A suggested program is for neighbors to get together in taking the one-year control service, sharing the overall \$5 cost. The bait station could thus be relocated between the two properties when the need arrives.

For those individuals and business places who already have their own bait stations, the war-fair bait and service can be obtained for \$3 a year.

The control program is also being handled through the office of Mike Typer, Chamber manager.

Avoca Farm Lady Injured in Auto Crash Near Home
Mrs. F. H. Haveman, 53, of Avoca suffered injuries in a two-car collision near Avoca last Wednesday. She was treated at Syracuse Memorial hospital for bruises on the forehead, an injured right knee and cuts on the head.

Mrs. Haveman was driving south when her car collided at a county road intersection with one driven by Robert F. Larrison of Topeka, Kansas. Larrison received a cut cheek bone, chest and facial bruises. He was driving east at the time of the mishap.

The front end of the Larrison car and side of the Haveman car were badly damaged. Mrs. Haveman lives on a farm near Ft. George.

Mrs. J. Beins, Ex-Nehawkan, Dies in Idaho
Mrs. John H. Beins, native of Nehawka and resident of Cass county, died at her home in Idaho Falls, Idaho on Saturday, May 1, of Uremic poisoning. She was 47 years old.

Daughter of William and Christian Schwartz Chappell, she was born October 25, 1906, at Nehawka. She was married to John N. Beins of Plattsmouth on September 27, 1927, at the W. T. Richardson home in Mynard. They moved to Idaho in November, 1936.

Surviving are her husband, John, of Idaho Falls; a daughter, Karen Beins of Idaho Falls; a son, John A. Beins in the United States Air Force at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; a mother, Mrs. Christian Chappell of Nehawka; a sister, Mrs. Henry Lyons of Manitow Springs, Colo., and brothers, Vilas Chappell of Excelsior Springs, Mo., and Lawrence Chappell of Plattsmouth.

Funeral services and burial will be held at Idaho Falls.

Mrs. Stones Breaks Leg in Kitchen Fall
Mrs. John W. Stones of Plattsmouth is recuperating at Clarkston hospital in Omaha where she is receiving treatment for a fractured leg.

Mrs. Stones suffered the fracture Saturday afternoon when she fell in the kitchen at her home here.

Nine-Year-Old Fractures Bone
Carolyn Sue Lamascus, nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Lamascus, broke her collar bone in an accident at her home Friday morning.

The Plattsmouth grade school student stumbled over a pillow and fractured the bone in the fall.

Roller Rink to Open Tuesday At Plattsmouth
G. E. Whitlock today announced that his open air roller rink on Chicago Avenue will open on Tuesday, May 4. Final construction for the rink is now in progress.

The roller rink is located across from Oakmont on Chicago Avenue.

Skating will be from 7 to 9 and from 9 to 11 p.m. according to Mr. Whitlock's announcement. Skates will be available at the rink.

CARS DAMAGED
Two cars sustained minor damage when they collided at the post office corner Saturday. Police Chief Kenneth Dunlap reports.

Drummer's Fun Day Set; Smorgasbord, Tours Are Slated



An unusual and educational program will kick off Centennial activities at Plattsmouth on Thursday, May 6, when Plattsmouth is host to salesmen and associated dealers at a "Drummer's Fun Day" program.

The one hundred or more Plattsmouth merchants participating in the activity will be host to an estimated 500 associate dealers and salesmen at a smorgasbord and tour of the city on Thursday.

Final arrangements for the event, under the direction of the King Korn Carnival Klub and Centennial committee, were outlined at a meeting of the group Friday night.

Featured during the day will be a trip on the Missouri river from the Plattsmouth Dock to Queen Hill quarry. Confirmation of the trip was

Drummer's Day Schedule of Activities

Registration from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. will open the Drummer's Fun Day program at Plattsmouth Thursday, May 6.

It will be followed by a full day of tours of local places of interest plus the smorgasbord. Here is the time schedule adopted for the day:

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. — Registration.
11 a.m. — Tour of the Masonic Home.
12 noon to 7 p.m. — Smorgasbord at Lions Building.

1 p.m. — Inspection of BREX shops.
2 p.m. — Visit to Plattsmouth schools.

2:45 p.m. — Allied Chemical & Dye Corporation plant.
3 p.m. — U. S. Engineer Dock and boat ride on the Missouri river to Queen Hill Quarry.

4:30 p.m. — Arrive at Queen Hill.
4:45 — Inspection of new housing in community.
Tour No. 2

3:30 p.m. — Tour of the Nebraska Masonic Home.
4:30 — U. S. Engineers Dock.
5:00 p.m. — Queen Hill Quarry.
5:30 p.m. — New Housing.

"Don't Forget Mom" Is Chamber's Advice For Special Week

Don't forget Mom! That's the reminder from the Chamber of Commerce today as "Take Her Out to Dinner" week gets underway at Plattsmouth, following a proclamation by Mayor Leo Meisinger.

The week of May 2 to May 9 has been proclaimed "Take Her Out Week" here. It's a prelude to Mother's Day which will be observed May 9.

Morning registration will be held for the visiting salesmen, company executives and associate dealers and a smorgasbord will be served by the Plattsmouth Lions Club at the Lions building from noon throughout the afternoon.

Food will be available at all hours to enable the hundreds of anticipated visitors to view the many places of interest in the community at different times of the day.

Completion of ticket sales Saturday showed a late rush of interest and enthusiasm for the Drummer's Fun Day activity. Both local residents and out-of-town registrations indicate good attendance for the event.

While sale of tickets officially closed Saturday in order to prepare for the Thursday activities, Korn Klub officials indicated that they would still make provisions for late comers if the number is not too large.

Mayor, Fire Chief Invited to Take Part in Parade
Mayor Leo Meisinger and Fire Chief Sam Arn have been invited to take part in the annual "Bellevue Days" celebration on Saturday at 2:30, May 29.

They will be among guests for the "Chief and Mayor Day" parade. The parade will feature a centennial theme.

The community has been invited to enter floats in a Plattsmouth section of the parade which is to be headed by the Fire Chief and Mayor. The event is sponsored by the Bellevue Volunteer Fire Department.

Clyde Jackson Is Dropped from City Police Department
Mayor Leo Meisinger has removed Clyde Jackson from the police force, and named Dick March to full-time duty as special officer for meter maintenance and supervision.

Jackson finished his lengthy service on the force last week. No successor has been named.

Bill Hoschar and Peggy Frans Are Prom King-Queen
Bill Hoschar and Peggy Frans were crowned king and queen at the annual Junior-Senior prom at the high school auditorium Saturday night.

Jon Schuetz was the royal escort and Barbara Sullivan was maid of honor.

Attendants were Betty Todd, Carolyn Robinson, Shirley Story, Joan Ezenberger, Ruth Bruns, Terry Ernst, Marion Hill, James Graves, Roger Hild and Bob Carr.

Sun Returns On Heels of 2 1/2 Inch Rain
Return of sunshine here Monday was just as welcome as the nearly 2 and one-half inches of rain that fell here over a four-day period ending Sunday.

Total for the four days, from late Thursday night, through early afternoon Sunday was 2.40 inches.

One inch of rain was recorded following the Thursday night and early Friday downfall, while another .30 inch was recorded on Friday.

An additional 1.10 inches was recorded in the Saturday night and Sunday precipitation. Rain started about 9 o'clock Saturday night, fell intermittently through the night and up till shortly after noon Sunday.

Welcomed by Cass county farmers who will soon begin planting the 1954 corn crop, the 2 1/2 inches of rain has also boosted the outlook for small grains.

Falling slowly over the four-day period, every drop of the moisture soaked into the county farm lands. It was described as timely by many farmers who will soon be starting their corn planting.

Court House Briefs

Wayne L. Jacobson was fined \$1 and costs in county court on a charge of no registration.

License for marriage was issued in county court Saturday, May 1, to Thomas Lee Flackman, 18, of Lincoln, and Dorothy Lee Phobis Hiskey, 16, also of Lincoln. They were united by County Judge Raymond J. Case.

Danile Kassing was fined \$10 and costs in county court when he pleaded guilty to a charge of speeding.

Ulysses Williams, 30, and Charlotte Elizabeth Thomas, 29, both of Omaha, were issued a license for marriage and were united in county court Friday by County Judge Raymond J. Case.

Judge Raymond J. Case dismissed a charge of failing to stop at a stop sign against Arthur Sackett in county court.

Lawrence M. Owens was fined \$10 and costs in county court

after pleading guilty to a charge of speeding.

Speeding was also costly to Joan A. Alley. She was fined \$25 and costs when arraigned before Judge Raymond J. Case on the charge.

Ronald Lee Boswell, 19, of Union, and Marilyn Elizabeth Younker, 16, of Plattsmouth were issued a license for marriage in county court Friday.

Raymond Davis, Jr., was fined \$10 and costs in county court on a charge of speeding.

Speeding also cost Ralph E. Dreamer \$10 and costs when arraigned in county court.

Elmer R. Bowen was fined \$10 and costs in county court when arraigned on a charge of passing on a hill.

Louis C. Myers pleaded guilty in county court to a charge of speeding and paid a fine of \$15 and costs.

Insufficient Fund Check Charge Is Filed in Court

An insufficient fund check charge was filed in county court Thursday by County Attorney Richard Peck against K. E. Dokter.

The petition charges that Dokter issued an insufficient fund check in the amount of \$115.17 to the county treasurer on the Nebraska State Bank at Weeping Water.

COACH MERLE STEWART TO END CAREER HERE
Coach Merle Stewart, head of the athletic department here for 12 years, has submitted his resignation to the Plattsmouth Board of Education.

See complete details in Sports Section, Page 6.