

# Nebraska City To Celebrate 100th Birthday

Nebraska City, Neb. — South-east Nebraskans and southwest Iowans will join soon with Nebraska Citizens in celebrating the old river town's 100th birthday.

Climax of the summer-long celebration will be Pageant Week starting Sunday, August 15, with a special Religious Freedom Day, Parades and "special days" are planned for every day of the week.

In addition to the huge and colorful "Prairie Panorama" spectacle which will be staged in Hayward park each of the six evenings August 16-21, the week's program will include many other features to entertain young and old alike.

The highlight of the Nebraska City Centennial celebration will be the "Prairie Panorama" spectacle in which more than 500 Citizens will depict the history of the pioneer town in 20 scenes on a huge Panorama stage which will extend almost the full length of the football field.

Depicted in the 20 scenes will be such historical events as Lewis and Clark in Nebraska, Fort Kearney and the early pioneers, signing of the Pawnee Treaty, the first newspaper in the state, early school and church, steamboat days, the Overland Trail, founding of Arbor Day, the Roaring Twenties.

During the week a number of carnival rides and attractions will be set up in the city for Centennial celebrators who desire the most circus-type fun.

During the entire week Nebraska Citizens will be dressed in their old-time costumes of frock coats, sunbonnets and top hats and the men will sport their lush beards.

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Mrs. Nettie Mendenhall spent three days last week visiting her daughter, Mrs. Claude Hewitt and family at Diller. Their son, Russell, who is now Corporal, was at home from Pennsylvania on a fifteen day furlough.

Spending the day with Mrs. Mendenhall on Thursday were five ladies from Weeping Water: Mrs. Herbert Ratnour, Mrs. Will Jameson, Mrs. Tom Coibert, Mrs. Stella Wurman, and Miss Maud Melton and from home town, Mrs. Chas. Fleischman and Mrs. Ellis Miller.

Tuesday noon guests of Mrs. Melvin Miller were Grace Copple of Alvo, Mrs. Lloyd Miller, Mrs. Chas. Fleischman, Ruth Monning, Emily Gonzales and Nettie Mendenhall.

## Sells Home; Will Move To Plattsmouth

Mrs. John Long has sold her home to Rev. Hamilton of Plattsmouth. He will likely have it as a rental property. Mrs. Long has purchased a home in Plattsmouth to be near her son and will move there later.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Halvert and daughter, Helen of Council Bluffs, visited their cousins and had evening dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Palpa Creamer. They dined on Maud and Jessie Creamer earlier in the afternoon.

Harold Wilken is working on his own house when others give him time. The roof is new and raised, so there will be upstairs rooms. Part of the asbestos shingles are on.

## Special Show Nets \$61.25 To Polio Fund

The polio benefit program at Elmwood theater on Wednesday evening was not disappointing. The play was musical "Sweethearts on Parade" and the box offering came to \$61.25. Mrs. Monning, local chairman and Henry Wendt, manager for that night, were pleased. Local offerings through August will be well received.

## Funeral Services Held For Ed Schlater

Attending the funeral services for Ed Schlater at Louisville Christian Church on Monday afternoon were Mrs. Ebeler, Mrs. Monning, Mrs. Wilhelm and Mrs. Plybon. The sermon, given by Rev. C. S. Alvord of Bethany, was able and comforting. The group with them were served light refreshments at the home of Ed's brother and niece, Jack Schlater and Mrs. John Schlater, and with Miss Daisy Schiath as one hostess.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. San Clements are their sons and families, the Richard Clements family of Rochester, New York, Mr. and Mrs. John Clements and daughter of Kansas City, and a friend, Miss June Pharoah of Peru.

The August meeting of the Methodist W.S.C.S. will be held Friday August 13. Program will be in charge of president, Mrs. R. Eveland and leaders, Mrs. Frank Buell and Mrs. Partsell with Mrs. Ellis Miller, social chairman.

Mrs. Lewis Hollenbeck and Mrs. Plybon enjoyed the day in Lincoln on Tuesday and the ride home on the new bus route. Mrs. Addie Fleischman came home same way after a few days visit with her daughter, Mrs. Rhea Apt and her brother, Bryan Hagerty and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Louisville and Mr. and Mrs. Long of western Iowa, visited their mother, Mrs. John Long on Thursday.

## Many Attend Services For Bess S. Aldrich

Among the many out-of-town folks attending the memorial services for Mrs. Aldrich, were Mrs. Lefler and Harry from Gretna, and from Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Lefler, Mr. and Mrs. Ledger, Mrs. Edna Neely, Mrs. Harriet Zink, Mr. and Mrs. Veach from Ashland, Edith Moon Jumper, Mr. and Mrs. Moon Jumper.

Mrs. Catherine West Hennessey, Chucky, Michael, and Susan had their usual Thursday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. West.

Word from Mrs. Douglas this week was that her condition has some what changed to a more serious nature. Later her daughter, Ellen, wrote that she looked about the same as at this time last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Dick visited in York over the week-end last week. This week they heard from their son, John in North Carolina, that he had been hospitalized for several days with an infected tooth and complications. He is in the service there.

George Bornemeier underwent surgery on Tuesday at Syracuse hospital.

Miss Nettie Bornemeier is assisting at the Cafe in place of Mrs. Fred Linhardt.

Rev. John Ward of Pittsburgh, Pa., and daughter, Ruth, visited Mrs. Louis Ward Stock and her husband this week at Murdock. Miss Ruth remained for a longer visit.

## Light Vote Predicted In State; County Contests Are Hot

(Continued from Page 1) mer Plattsmouth police department member.

There is quite a scramble for the office of County Commissioner from the Second District. On the Republican ballot are three candidates, R. E. Norris, incumbent, George F. Wiles and Kenneth R. Wessel. Democrats have two filings for this same office with Otto Schafer and Fred H. Stohlmann making the race.

Two have filed for the nomination for State Legislature, third on the District Non-Political Ballot, Wm. A. Metzger, former State Senator, and Tom Dooley, incumbent.

With seven candidates for Senator (full term), 16 for the short term to fill vacancy and seven running for the Governorship on the Republican ticket, it will be an interesting battle of ballots in the State Primaries for the Republicans.

Democrats, not to be outdone, have their share on the ticket for these offices, too. There are three each for the full term and short term Senate seat, while the Governorship has four aspirants to the office.

Your right to vote should be exercised. It is the democratic way of naming the men who will make the laws that govern you for the next two to six years. Make sure you vote Tuesday, August 10.

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## Famous Negro Choir Will Appear Here on Friday



Shown here is the nationally known "Wings Over Jordan" colored choir that will appear at the High School Auditorium on Friday evening, August 13. Admission to the program is free under the auspices of the Plattsmouth Ministerial Association.

World Famous Negro choir, "Wings Over Jordan" will appear in Plattsmouth on Friday evening of this week at the high school auditorium. The program will get underway at 8 p.m. with no admission charge.

"Wings Over Jordan," is coming to Plattsmouth under the sponsorship of the Plattsmouth Ministerial Association. This group is making a tour of the country as a means of showing different races and creeds that the American Negro is a worthy, hardworking citizen of a free land and to further a better relationship between the citizens of this country.

This outstanding singing group has won the title of the world's most renowned Negro choir. It has been a featured program over the Columbia Broadcasting system for many years and has been heard by millions each Sunday morning. It was selected to sing before servicemen during War II and has appeared in Italy, France, Belgium and Germany. "Wings Over Jordan" has appeared in 45 states, averaging over 50,000 miles each year.

They have appeared at New York's Town Hall, Madison Square Garden, Carnegie Hall, Hollywood Bowl, and many others, telling the story of the American Negro through music sung with feeling and understanding.

Plattsmouth is fortunate to have the facilities in the new high school auditorium to accommodate this group. It is even more fortunate in being included on their itinerary of their good will tour of the country. It is an outstanding musical treat for residents from this entire area.

"Wings Over Jordan" has retired from the commercial field of charging admissions. Instead, the choir is on a good will tour of the country fostering friendly relations between the races. In order that everyone may have an opportunity to hear "Wings Over Jordan" you do not have to have the price of a ticket. Admission is free. Their appearance here is strictly on a free will offering basis.

## State Levy Set At 6.69 Mills; Tops 1953

Despite a cut in valuation ordered by the State Board of Equalization last week, Cass Countians will pay a higher rate of taxes into the state treasury in 1954. A mill levy of \$6.69 per \$1000 valuation was set by the tax board, it was announced Friday.

Compared to a levy of \$5.75 in 1953, this means that tax rates will go up for state purposes nearly one dollar per \$1000 valuation. Although valuations were cut by 10 per cent, a taxpayer with a \$3000 valuation in 1953 will be cut to \$2700 in 1954. However, his taxes last year for state purposes totaled \$17.25, on the new rate and a lower valuation, the same taxpayer will kick in \$18.06 to the state in 1954.

The 1954 tax rate was set during the week by the State Board of Equalization which is headed by Governor Crosby.

The board said the amount of money needed this year for general fund purposes is \$14,721,537, and the total amount of taxes is \$20,348,640. Last year the state needed \$13,146,585 in the general fund.

Total assessed value of all property in Nebraska this year was set at \$3,041,650,249, as compared to \$3,370,822,538 in 1953.

This year's state levy includes several fixed taxes—\$1.10 for the state institutional building fund, 50 cents for the teacher's retirement fund, and 25 cents for the University Medical College at Omaha. The institutional building fund will raise \$3,345,815 this year, the teacher's levy \$1,520,825 and the college of medicine \$760,412.

## County Extension Club Supervisors Select '55 Projects

Thirty-two members of the Cass County Extension clubs met to decide the demonstrations for 1955. They are Electrical Housewares, Entertaining and Broiler Meals.

Four delegates were chosen for the State Council meeting at Nebraska City. They are Mrs. Herbert Oehlerking, Elmwood; Mrs. Jesse Westlake, Elmwood; Mrs. George Lutz, Union; and Mrs. Oliver Meisinger, Louisville.

## Police Court

Lawrence J. Santo, Auburn, forfeited a \$25 cash bond on a charge of speeding 60 mph in a 40 mile zone.

Oscar A. Pierce, Omaha, will have a hearing Tuesday on charges of speeding 55 mph in a 40 mile zone. No bond was filed for appearance.

Fred H. Little, Plattsmouth, has a hearing set for August 10 on charges of reckless driving. No appearance bond.

## Farm Bureau Starts Series District Meets

The Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation next week begins a series of nine district meetings in all parts of the state which will launch the 1954 policy discussion program of that organization. The policy discussion activity at the community unit and county Farm Bureau level is preliminary to the adoption of recommendations by the counties to the state convention in November.

The district meetings will begin at the Hotel Lincoln in Lincoln, Monday, August 9. Particularly invited are county Farm Bureau board members and members for the county and unit policy development committees, but any interested individual Farm Bureau member may attend.

Other district meetings will be held at Beatrice, August 11; Fremont, August 12; Norfolk, August 13; Grand Island, August 16; Holdrege, August 17; McCook, August 18; Ogallala, August 19; and Scottsbluff, August 20.

Participating in the district meetings will be Charles Marshall, state president; Robert Thompson, state secretary-treasurer; Kenneth Snyder, state organization director; and Norris Anderson, research and legislative director.

Among the program features will be a discussion of the mechanics of a new policy development program which incorporates the use of county, state and national affairs committees members at the county and community organization level.

These individual members will be responsible for seeing that Farm Bureau membership is informed and understands the issues regarding local, state and national matters.

Other features on the program are discussion of techniques of policy development and background information on such state and national issues as taxes, roads, schools, farm price policies, farm program, foreign trade, power and water development, etc.

The August district meeting is an annual feature of the Nebraska Farm Bureau program, designed to launch the fall policy discussion activity in the counties affiliated with the state organization. Previous district meetings have had a high attendance despite weather, vacation schedules, and farm work activities.

## Former Resident Dies At El Paso, Texas

Word has been received in Plattsmouth of the death on July 23 of Mrs. Wm. Tonkins, at El Paso, Texas, where she had been making her home recently.

Mrs. Tonkins was the mother of Mrs. Charles C. Stebbins, former resident of Plattsmouth, and made her home here with her daughter and her husband, S-Sgt. Charles C. Stebbins, while he was stationed at Offutt Air Force Base north of the city.

Funeral services and burial was in San Francisco, Calif., Mrs. Tonkins' former home.

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## Compact Mist Blowers Have Been Developed

Up to now insecticide mist blowers have been large, expensive machines designed chiefly for use in forests, large orchards or parks.

Now, however, researchers of the Connecticut Experiment Station and the U. S. Department of Agriculture have developed a less costly bantam blower which may prove useful to truck gardeners, fruit growers, and nurserymen in all parts of the country. Unlike other sprayers that are designed for one particular job, this new mist blower can be fitted with different insecticide outlets to make it suitable for many purposes.

Department entomologists, who cooperated in this development, suggest that it may prove very useful for treating nursery stock, row crops, pasture, orchards, livestock buildings for fly control, and low-growing shade trees. In extensive tests, the new mist blower has adequately controlled insect pests on trees 40 feet high, and on row crops at the rate of 3 to 4 acres an hour. This sprayer gave satisfactory control of such diverse pests as the potato aphid on tomatoes,

the Mexican bean beetle on beans, the spruce mite, the two-spotted mite, two species of scale insects, the black vine weevil, strawberry root weevil, Japanese beetle, gypsy moth, green birch aphid, leaf mining sawfly, and mosquitoes.

Compactly built and weighing only 200 pounds, the new mist sprayer can be fitted on pick-up truck, trailer, or tractor. As in the heavier types of blowers this insecticide sprayer employs air at high velocities to atomize and propel concentrated chemicals for many feet.

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