

Nine Football Tilts Slated; Four at Home

A nine-game schedule, including four home tilts are on tap for the Plattsmouth high school football team this fall.

Again this year, the Devils have a schedule problem, being at home three consecutive weeks in October while spending the final three weeks on the road.

Featured on the home schedule will be Twin Rivers Conference clashes with Beatrice and Falls City. Beatrice is new on the Plattsmouth roster this fall, replacing College View. The Orangemen from Gage County are slated to play at Plattsmouth on September 17, one week after the non-loop, opener at Auburn.

Falls City will be here on October 8 and Wahoo October 15. The fourth home game will be October 1 against Omaha Westside.

Here's how the grid schedule looks:

Games Away
September 10 — at Auburn;
September 24 — at Ashland; October 22 — at Nebraska City; October 29 — at Blair; November 5 — at Bellevue.

Games at Home
September 17 — Beatrice; October 1 — Westside; October 8 — Falls City; and October 15 — Wahoo.

All games are slated at night under the lights. All will start at 8 p.m. except the Beatrice tilt which is carded for 7:30. Also included on the schedule is the third edition of the "Football Jamboree" at Blair. The jamboree pits eight teams against each other, four on a side for one quarter each.

Bowling Alley License Okayed

The approach of fall hints that another seasonal sport will soon be added to local activities. Payment of \$50 for operating a bowling alley was presented to the city council by August Gail Monday night. License was approved by the council.



Elmwood Woodpeckers

The Elmwood Woodpeckers had their 4-H achievement meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joyce Schutz and Jimmy on July 23rd with a 6:30 basket supper. All members were present with their families.

A group of 33 and 6 visitors enjoyed the evening by playing games and visiting. Each member brought 3 finished projects which they are planning to exhibit at the county fair. They also decided to have a float at the fair.

We want to thank our leaders, Joy Miller and Howard Pool, for all the help and time put forth to make our 4-H club successful.

Robert Fleischman, Reporter

Fairland Midgets

The Fairland Midgets 4-H club will hold their achievement meeting at the Peter Stander home Friday, August 20 at 2 p.m. The county home demonstration agent, Miss Pearl Schultze of Weeping Water, will be present.

Fairland Giants

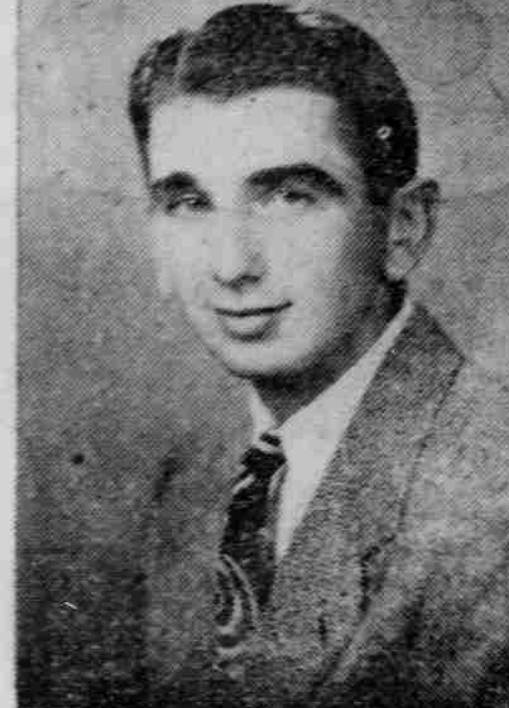
The Fairland Giants 4-H club's annual picnic was held at Pioneer Park in Lincoln Sunday. There was perfect attendance of all members and their families to enjoy the dinner at noon. Ice cream and cake was served in the afternoon. This was the final meeting of the year.

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Gridders To Start Drills Here



Cecil McKnight



Ken Schroeder

The thud of boot against inflated leather, the sound of pad against pad, and the thirst for gridiron blood is but a few days away, ready to molest the quiet sports atmosphere at Plattsmouth.

Memorial Athletic Field awaits the 1954 Plattsmouth grid machine at the school here in their first season. Schroeder, a 1954 graduate of the University of Nebraska, will direct the fall sport, with assistance from McKnight, former Peru College halfback; and Adkins, Tarkio College grad. Both McKnight and Adkins have spent the past seasons in the coach ranks. Adkins in Iowa, while Schroeder is tacking his first teaching assignment.

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Twice-a-day drills will start Monday, August 23, as approved by the Nebraska High School Athletic Association.

Start of grid drills Monday will mark a complete new era

in football at the local school. Absent after a 12-year tour as athletic department head is Merle Stewart, now traveling for a sporting goods firm.

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With a dozen letter winners

from the 1953 squad gone, the grid leaders must find replacements, and will probably find it necessary for some shifting of personnel.

Behind the Auburn opener, the three coaches can also look forward to entry into a much stronger Class A football league that will be noted a week later when Plattsmouth meets Beatrice in a Twin Rivers battle.

Aside from the Auburn opener, the Blue Devils will have all loop tests, in either the Twin Rivers Conference or the Ak-Sar-Ben loop. Beatrice, Falls City and Nebraska City are Twin River foes for the Devils, with Crete and Fairbury also in the conference. Plattsmouth will play Ashland, Westside, Wahoo, Blair and Bellevue in the Ak-Sar-Ben loop. Valley and College View are other members of the eight-team loop. College View was dropped from the Plattsmouth schedule this year to make room for Beatrice.



by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent
STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Garfield County

Settlers began to move up the Loup Valley into what is now Garfield County in the early Seventies. The two men who share honors as the first settlers are Charley Jones and Truman Freeland. Apparently they both arrived November 10, 1872, although Jones seems to have come into the county about six hours ahead of Freeland.

These two men were followed by others, who came in families and in small parties, until mid-1873 saw a number of settlers in what was to become Garfield County. The early settlers in the Loup Valley lived in constant fear of Indian attacks — and there were just enough depredations to give that fear meaning. Such incidents as did occur seem to have been largely the result of efforts on the part of wandering bands of Indians to loot the homes and farms of the early settlers.

The settlers demanded protection against the Indians, and in response to that demand the War Department authorized the construction of Fort Hartsuff, in what later became Valley County, in 1874. The Fort not only served to give the settlers a feeling of security against the Indians, its construction provided work for the poverty stricken pioneers. From 1874 until the abandonment of Fort Hartsuff in 1881, it served as a source of income and a social center for the pioneers of the Loup Valley.

Garfield County originally was part of Wheeler County, organized in 1877. In 1881, how-

er, the population of the west portion of Wheeler County had grown to such an extent that the voters of Wheeler approved the partition of the county. Pursuant to this expression of the will of the people, Governor Dawes in 1884 proclaimed the organization of Garfield County. The county was named for President Garfield.

From the beginning, the most important town in the county was Ft. Well, located in 1883 in the southwest corner of the county. For a time the settlement of Willow Springs loomed as rival of Burwell, but when the Burlington built to Burwell, Willow Springs passed out of existence. Today Burwell is the only town on the state highway map in Garfield County.

Though irrigation projects have greatly stimulated the versatility of the county's agriculture and increased its ability to resist drought, Garfield County remains primarily a ranching county—as it was almost from the beginning. To be sure, many of the early settlers tried general farming, but without irrigation their efforts were quite unsuccessful.

Garfield County's population in 1890 was 1,659. It increased steadily until 1920 when the high-water mark of 3,496 was reached. There was a decline in 1930 to 3,207, an increase in 1940 to 3,444, and another decline in 1950 to 2,912.

Nehawka FFA Boys Tour Projects of Five Members

Members of the Future Farmers of America chapter of Nehawka high school, and boys who graduated from the eighth grade last spring made a tour of the projects of some of the members on Friday afternoon of last week.

With their instructor, Haydn Owens, five representative projects were visited by the group. They were the projects of Robert Cook, Kenneth Meyer, Howard Gansemer, and Gerald Switzer.

After the tour was completed, the group attended a movie at Nehawka City.

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Enough Money To Run State 1000 Years

Despite two cutbacks in the national defense budget by the 83rd Republican Congress, the United States has enough money for military needs this year to run the State of Nebraska for 1,000 years, Representatives Roman L. Hruska of Omaha reported today.

Hruska used this example to illustrate the tremendous amount of money available for the protection of the Nation against its enemies.

"Our national defense is stronger and tougher today than at any time since World War II in spite of the fact the Congress has seen fit to reduce military appropriations both in 1953 and 1954," Hruska said.

"Not only is the Nation well prepared today but it is continuing to build up its military strength."

Hruska is a member of the House Armed Services Appropriations Sub-Committee, which plays a major role in deciding how much should be spent for defense needs.

"In approving any appropriation the Sub-Committee is forced to consider two important factors," the Congressman said. "We had to provide the Army, Navy and Air Force with ample funds to insure a strong, adequate national defense. At the same time, however, we had to keep the dollar cost within the taxpayers' limit."

In his last year in office former President Truman asked Congress to approve a \$41 billion defense budget for 1953. Congress, however, reduced his figure to \$34 billion and for the present fiscal year cut the request still further: to \$29.3 billion.

Hruska pointed out that this \$29.3 billion is added to \$25.5 billion appropriated by previous Congresses but not spent. This brings the total defense funds available for expenditure to \$81.8 billion.

"When you consider that Nebraska's state budget totals about \$33 million, simple arithmetic shows that the \$81.8 billion set aside for 1954 defense requirements would be enough to operate the state for a thousand years," Hruska explained.

ONE MINUTE SPORTS QUIZ

1. In their last series at New York, how did the Yankees and Indians come out?
 2. What football game did Notre Dame recently announce already sold out?
 3. What four-year-old pacer recently set a 6 1/2 furlong route at Roosevelt Raceway?
 4. For whom does Wally Westlake play?
 5. What American League pitcher is known as the Junkman?
- The Answers:
1. The Indians took two out of three.
2. The Michigan State game October 16th.
3. Gene Jester.
4. Cleveland Indians (AL).
5. Eddie Lopat of the Yankees.

COST-OF-LIVING UP

An increase of four-tenths of one per cent in food prices between mid-May and mid-June caused the Consumer Price Index to go up one-tenth of one per cent. Rent showed no increase and four other categories remained stable.

County Hits 75 Per Cent Savings Bond Quota

Walter G. Smith, Chairman of the Savings Bonds Committee in Cass County announced today that total sales of Series E and H Bonds for the first seven months of the year amounted to \$704,363. This is 75.4% of the 1954 county quota.

Sales of Series E and H Savings Bonds in Nebraska during the same period amounted to \$76,871,596, according to Wade R. Martin, State Chairman of the Savings Bond Committee.

This is a gain of 31 per cent over the corresponding period of 1953 and represents 81.5% of the state's annual quota. Twenty-one counties have attained 100 per cent or more of their respective quotas.

"The Savings Bond program has always been popular with Nebraskans as a means of practicing thrift," Martin remarked. "Our people like the security represented in these bonds which are entirely riskless."

CHEAP ATOMIC FURNACE

The Atomic Energy Commission has set in motion a project aimed at developing a new kind of atomic furnace for the generation of cheap electric power. The AEC has approved a \$10,000,000 project in which the commission and North American Aviation Inc., of Los Angeles, will work on the development of the nation's first sodium graphite reactor—an atomic furnace that will use slightly enriched uranium or a combination of thorium and U-233 as fuel. The experimental furnace is due to be operating by mid-1957.

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Ask Fishermen To Report All Tagged Fish

LINCOLN NEB. — When you hear the term "tagged" you automatically think of baseball or the game the kids play out in the backyard, but never fishing. Yet, many Nebraska fishermen will start to think of tags and fishing if they catch one of the 3000 tagged catfish released this year by the Nebraska Game, Forestation and Parks Commission.

These fish have had a small metal tag attached to their tails with a serial number engraved on it. Also, "Nebr. Notify Game Comm." is on the tag. The purpose of tagging the fish is to learn more about the movements of stocked catfish, in order to improve stocking techniques.

Fishermen who catch one of these tagged fish are asked to let the Game Commission know the serial number, size and weight of the fish, the exact location and the date of the catch. Please forward this information to the Nebraska Game, Forestation and Parks Commission, State House, Lincoln.

"STANDINGDEER" DEAD.

CHEROKEE, N. C. — Carl Standingdeer, probably America's "most photographed Indian," died here recently. A cluster of photographs which made Standingdeer famous, draped his coffin. Tourists, particularly children, passing through the Indian reservation, were delighted with the full-blooded Cherokee's full Indian.

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THE BROOK

LARGE-SCALE EFFORT — Duke Snider of the Brooklyn Dodgers makes like a human fly as he scales the center field wall at Ebbets Field in a vain attempt to grab the high-flying ball (arrow). It was a double by Ralph Kiner of the Chicago Cubs.

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