

State Highway Department Employee County's Only 'S-D' Day Victim

Cass county had the unwanted honor of recording the first personal-injury accident in Nebraska Wednesday (Safe-Driving Day) when 24-year old Eli P. Best drove his car into a center island at the intersection of highways 75 and 34 near Union.

Best, an employee of the state highway department, was driving south on highway 75 and rammed into the island at 5:20 a. m. He suffered cuts on the face, hands and neck, and was released after treatment at St. Mary's hospital in Nebraska City.

Best told Sheriff Tom Solomon, who investigated, that he didn't see the island. Best was struck in the face by flying glass after a large sign, mounted on a four by four timber, knocked out the car's windshield. The sign warned motorists to drive to the right of the island.

Best was dazed by the accident, and drove nearly 400 feet down the road before he stopped. The car was damaged about the bumper, hood and windshield.

It was Cass county's only personal-injury accident of the day.

The nation recorded only 41 deaths Wednesday, which is relatively low. Admiral H. B. Miller, director of the president's action committee on traffic safety, said "There is every reason to believe America is demonstrating its ability to use teamwork, common sense and caution to reduce the traffic toll substantially."

Nebraska had no traffic deaths Wednesday, as patrolmen worked long, hard hours to keep motorists from risking their own and others' necks. Iowa recorded one death near Northwood about 11 p. m. Wednesday.

Officials are reporting the world's first Safe-Driving Day as a success. Although there were many accidents and many deaths, there seemed little doubt but that at least a few lives were saved and at least a few persons were saved from serious injury.

The record left Nebraska significantly lower in accident death rate over last year when 328 died from automobile mishaps through December 15. This year only 306 had become traffic victims. However, neighboring Iowa was up from 558 in 1953 to 591 in 1954.

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Dunlap Resigns; Fauquet Named City Attorney

Plattsmouth's city council was looking for a new police chief this week.

And they were just one jump behind their vacancies after confirming Paul Fauquet as city attorney Monday night to fill that spot which had been open since May 1 when Harold Lebens term ended and the council refused to confirm Mayor Meisinger's appointment of Fauquet, the first of several times.

Wiyssel Elected As Fire Chief

Ray Wiyssel, a member of the Plattsmouth Volunteer Fire Department for the past 15 years, this week was elected as fire chief for the 1955 year by members of the department.

Officers elected and listed by the group for the city council Monday night were approved by a unanimous vote.

Wiyssel succeeds Sam Arn as chief.

Carl J. Schneider was elected president of the organization; William J. Highfield, vice president; John V. Svoboda, secretary; Howard Hirz, first assistant; Louis Svoboda, second assistant; A. W. Huebner, driver; Walter Bryant, driver; Leo A. Hohman, driver; and Herbert Baumgart, chemical. Other members for 1955 are Dr. O. Sandin, William Schmidmann, Fred Lugesch, Franklin Kief, C. T. Woster, H. F. Schuetz, W. Ray Herring, John Sattler, Louis W. Kief, James Begley, Ernest Yenney, Carl Christwiser, D. B. Ashbaugh, Herbert Minor, Hugh Stander, Jr.; Ben Anderson, Clark Finney, John J. Cloidt, Jr., Joseph Krumtorad, and Winford Dasher.

Secretary John V. Svoboda reported to the city council that V. T. Arn was given a leave of absence and that Harry Cane and James Aspedon resigned.

Choral Concert Well Received

A well received choral concert was attended by 300 to 400 persons at the Plattsmouth high school auditorium Tuesday night.

The high school choral group of 128 voices presented a variety of choral numbers during the first half of the program and sang Christmas music during the last half under the direction of Melvin McKenny, Plattsmouth High School choral and band director.

The choral concert replaced a vesper service which was given last year.

Shirley Story was soloist of the evening accompanied by a madrigal group.

The Madrigals will perform traditional Christmas carolling in Plattsmouth during the week end.

A boys quartet, "The Uncalled Four," presented a specialty on the program Tuesday night. Members of this group were Bob Carr, Marion Hild, Bill Todd, and Terry Ernst.

Mr. McKenny has announced that Plattsmouth will be host to all schools of the Ak-Sar-Ben Conference on Feb. 10 for a choral clinic. About 600 visiting students are expected.

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Christmas Buyers To Find Home Town Shopping Best

Christmas shopping conveniences were numerous in Plattsmouth this week as the holiday turned toward the last stretch of hurried completion of plans to buy gifts for the nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters. —And the other folks you almost forgot.

Santa Claus was even attending to his business in an intense manner as he prepared for the rush.

He had put a helper in downtown Plattsmouth — on duty every night at the gas company offices.

Plattsmouth merchants are adding to the convenience of last-week shoppers by stretching the shopping days. Originally, plans had been made to stay open at night only through the last week before Christmas, but a change for further convenience was made this week and Plattsmouth business will stay open the remaining evenings until Christmas, until 9 p. m., including tonight (Thursday) and Friday. Stores will be open as usual on Saturday night.

It is an added effort by Plattsmouth merchants and businesses to ease the last-minute shopping efforts of their customers.

The Chamber of Commerce and merchants have urged the people of Plattsmouth to take advantage of the convenience offered by this added service.

"Your hometown merchants have established their businesses for the purpose of service the public in and around Plattsmouth," Charles Allen, manager of the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce said today. "Show your appreciation to those merchants for their efforts directed toward giving you better service. Why shop out of town, adding to cost by travel plus frustration in traffic and facing parking problems, overcrowded stores and streets, picked over merchandise, impersonal service and frayed nerves?" He asked.

"This is something to keep in mind, not only during the Christmas season, but during the entire year," he continued. "Your hometown merchants are interested in satisfied customers and will give every consideration to their disposal to serve the people of Plattsmouth. Merchants and business men of Plattsmouth are constantly striving to make service better," he said.

The Chamber of Commerce, the organization of Plattsmouth business men, merchants and civic leaders, sponsor for customer benefit various activities such as special sales promotions, barbecues, banquets and other community activities, Allen pointed out. "They are interested in you and want you to become interested in them and their services," he said.

Allen pointed out the difficulty of making exchange of gifts if purchases are made outside Plattsmouth and noted the First Charge System is in operation for the benefit of customers. "Plattsmouth has all the advantages of big city shopping plus," he finished.

Pvt. Roloff Soon Home on Leave

Pvt. Bill Roloff, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Roloff of Omaha, will be home from basic training at Ft. Bliss, Tex., early in January.

He is a graduate of Plattsmouth high school, class of 1952, and worked in the Burlington shops in Omaha before his induction.

—Journal Want Ads Pay—

only 7 Shopping days 'til Christmas!

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Promise A Promise With U. S. Mailmen

The word "immediately" has taken on an entirely new meaning for E. E. Vroman of Plattsmouth.

This is why—in 1923 Vroman checked with the Plattsmouth post office about getting mail delivered by city carrier at his home.

Certainly, he was told, immediately after he put in a sidewalk . . . in fact, they would start the very next morning after the sidewalk was finished.

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Wiyssel left Tuesday for Dallas, Tex., where he was present on Wednesday for the first showing of the 1955 Packard models.

Highlight of activities planned for an open house celebration in Plattsmouth about Jan. 17 in the dealer's show room on

Chicago avenue, will be the first showing of the Packard luxury line.

Wiyssel has been in the automobile business since 1938 when he entered at Wahoo.

Well known in civic as well as automotive circles, Wiyssel is the present fire chief, having been elected chief by the Plattsmouth Volunteer Fire Department members this week. He has been a member of the organization for the past 15 years.

The agency will now be a dual one, handling both the Studebaker and Packard lines. The Plattsmouth designation is one of the first dual franchises established under the Studebaker-Packard program.

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