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Board Joins Gas Tax Fight Move; New Terms Open

Cass county commissioners Tuesday continued their fight in defense of the county's portion of the gas tax which is being withheld by the state treasurer, paid some county bills, and prepared to meet again today (Thursday) for the swearing in ceremony of county officials.

The swearing in will include all elected county officials except County Commissioner William Nolte who is serving a 4-year term and was not up for election last fall.

Meisinger Rites Wednesday at Chapel Here

Services for Harry A. Meisinger, 71, who died Sunday in St. Catherine hospital at Omaha after three months illness, were held at the Sattler Funeral Chapel in Plattsmouth Wednesday.

Bearers were Howard Meisinger, Tom Meisinger, Floyd Thieroff, Richard Thieroff, Boyd Group, and Lyle Gottsch. Music was by Mrs. F. Nolte.

Burial was in Oak Hill cemetery.

Mr. Meisinger was born on March 6, 1883, at Cedar Creek, Neb., the son of Louis Wallinger and G. P. Meisinger. He was married at Plattsmouth on Dec. 22, 1909, to Harriet Blotzer who survives him.

The Meisingers lived on a farm near Cedar Creek until they moved to Plattsmouth 13 years ago.

Besides his widow, Mr. Meisinger is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Mayme Meisinger and Mrs. Gertrude Pullis, both of Omaha, and one brother, Irven Meisinger of Louisville, Neb. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Mrs. Ida Thieroff.

He was a member of the St. Paul's Reformed and Evangelical church.

Oelkers Rites Held At North Branch Church Dec. 27

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna E. Oelkers were held at the North Branch Church Dec. 27 with Rev. F. Fracker officiating. She died Dec. 23 at Otoe.

Mrs. Oelkers was born Jan. 12, 1886, in Harney, Germany, the daughter of Albert and Gesche Ropers and came with her parents to America. On June 4, 1887 she was married at North Branch church to Henry Oelkers.

Mrs. Oelkers passed away July 20, 1927. To this union eight children were born. Three sons, Louis, Henry, Avoca, John, Otoe; Mrs. Lena Kamman, Avoca; Miss Tina and Miss Anna Oelkers, Avoca. Two children, Marie and Albert preceded her in death. One brother, Albert Roper; 3 grandchildren. She lived near the church where she was married until moving to Otoe.

Burial was at North Branch church. Arrangements were in charge of Tonsing & Son, Syracuse.

Rotary Covers West In 30 Minutes

Rotary Club members took a whirlwind trip through U. S. National Parks, Canada and the Pacific Coast in a matter of only 30 minutes Tuesday, as program chairman C. E. Schellenberger presented the group with a collection of vacation pictures he had accumulated during the past four or five years.

Taken in color the pictures gave members a camera-eye view of historical sights in Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks, the Grand Canyon and other scenic points over the western part of the country. The candid shots were exceedingly colorful and pointed the way to many a Rotarian's vacation spot in 1955.

Supt. Tom Priest introduced Junior Rotarians for the month of January, Roger Snodgrass is representing the Junior class, while Roger Hill is attending as a member of the Senior group.

THE WEATHER

Compiled for the Journal at the Masonic Home Weather Station, Plattsmouth, Nebraska, Jan. 3-5.
High Low Prec
Monday52 30
Tuesday36 23
Wednesday44 24
Forecast: Today partly cloudy, continued cold tonight, increasing cloudiness, low 28.

C of C Dinner Tonight Turns To Light Side

Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce's new departure in its annual banquets will get underway at 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at the Lions Club building.

And you will be entertained if you go, for the Chamber members will lay aside all business for the evening to enjoy themselves with. 1. Food, 2. Professional entertainers, 3. Amateur entertainers.

Davis and Rees, making their first appearance in this territory, a professional team of comedians and musicians, will headline the show which follows a 7 o'clock dinner.

The banquet is open, not only to Chamber members and their wives, but to the general public. And Chamber President Ed Ernst has announced that if anyone wants to see and hear the entertainment but doesn't want to eat at the banquet, admission may be gained for this purpose for \$1 following the dinner, which should be about 8 p.m.

Only real item of business, which shouldn't interfere, will be secret balloting on new directors for the chamber.

Master of ceremonies for the evening will be Walt Smith of Plattsmouth.

Only the capacity of 250 for the facilities being sold for the banquet tonight.

License Tag Sale Steady Except Mail

Buying a license plate by mail is a little confusing, it seems, though instructions have been floating around for a long time.

At the treasurer's window at the Cass county courthouse, plates were going at a pace of about 200 per day this week, about the same as last year, but the mail situation remains fouled up.

For instance, County Treasurer Alice Jayne Grosshans has letters paying the motor vehicle tax and nothing else — no request for license.

How can it be wrong to pay the motor vehicle tax even though not licensing the machine? That's easy. Motor vehicle taxes are now paid in advance so that only if the vehicle is being registered and licensed should the tax be paid. Otherwise, the machine should go on the personal property sheet as an unlicensed vehicle this spring.

So don't mail in the auto tax unless you are going to license and drive the vehicle.

Another thing. Some tax payers have ripped apart the copies of the tax statement sent them and sent back only part of the copies.

All copies must be sent back. One more thing. License tags buyers-by-mail are leaving out the necessary 25 cents postage on the license plates back to them. Put in 25 cents.

In other words, this is what should be mailed to the county treasurer's office to get tags by mail: 1. ALL copies of the tax statement. 2. The vehicle registration and the fee (\$6 for cars under 3,000 pounds; \$8 for vehicles over 3,000 pounds). 3. Twenty-five cents postage.

—Journal Want Ads Pay—



Little Tonda Joyce Lutes, born at 7 a. m., Jan. 1, 1955, shown here with her mother, Mrs. Homer Lutes of Plattsmouth, so far is the first baby of 1955 born in Cass county. Entries are still being received at the Journal office with many prizes from Plattsmouth merchants going to the winner. Deadline for entries is Jan. 15. Included with the entry must be all the data about the baby's hour of birth and a birth registration, document. Winner must be a resident of Cass County.

Divorce Rate Up But It's Costing

Cass county moved upward in the department "I can't stand to look at you anymore," during 1954.

Twenty-seven divorces were granted in the county during 1954, according to a report by C. E. Ledgway, clerk of the district court.

This was four more than were granted during the previous year when 23 bonds of matrimony were legally severed.

But it was costing somebody. Child support and alimony paid through the clerk of the district clerk's office in 1954 amounted to \$21,306.

Tax Returns Help Here January 10-11

Internal Revenue agents will be at the Cass county courthouse in Plattsmouth on Jan. 10 and 11 to help taxpayers with their income tax returns.

Individuals who derive at least two-thirds of their gross income from farming should file a return on or before January 31 or file a declaration of estimated tax by January 15 which will extend the filing of their income tax return to not later than April 15.

Income tax returns generally must be filed by April 15 this year, a month later than last year.

William Rose Rites Held; Cass Pioneer

AVOCA (Special) — William Rose, 91, a lifelong resident of Cass county, passed away on the way to the hospital following a heart attack Dec. 24. He had been making his home at the Elbeier Nursing Home, Elmwood.

William Rose was born June 2, 1863, son of William and Kersten Rose in the Avoca precinct and passed away Dec. 24, 1954.

He spent nearly all his life in Cass County except a few years in Colorado. He attended business school at Lincoln and made his home on a farm east of Avoca. He was a charter member of the Avoca Congregational church. He lived on his farm east of Avoca until 2 years until his health wasn't so good.

On Sept. 21, 1902, he married Nina Greson at Plattsmouth, Neb. To this union 4 daughters and one son were born. One daughter, Ruth Anguand, preceded him in death.

Surviving are Mrs. Zelda Richard, Wellington, Colo.; Violet Morten, Los Angeles, Calif.; Pauline McKinley, Los Angeles, Calif.; Bennett, Atlantic, Iowa; one sister, Mrs. Anna Morris, 13 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 28 in the Hobson chapel, Weeping Water, Rev. Fred Gardner officiating.

Music was by Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Carsten, accompanied by Mrs. Henry Smith. "The Old Rugged Cross," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Burial was at St. John's cemetery, Nehawka. Hobson of Weeping Water were in charge of arrangements.

40 Ministers Due Here Tuesday For Conference

About 40 ministers of the Methodist church Omaha district will convene in Plattsmouth on next Tuesday, Jan. 11, for a conference on youth work. Rev. A. Kiel, pastor of the Plattsmouth church, said.

The subject of the conference has been the present program receiving the emphasis of the church.

Mrs. Mae Sigler, Nebraska Conference youth director, will be present for the meeting which opens at 10 a.m. Tuesday and closes at 4 p.m. that day.

T. L. Priest, superintendent of Plattsmouth schools, has been invited to address the conference on what the church can do for youth.

Noon luncheon will be served by the Naomi Circle.

The conference was called of all ministers of the Omaha district by the district superintendent to study and work out plans to build youth work in the district.

Watershed Group Sets Honor Date For January 27th

Russians Go Back! No Travel in Cass

Are you Russian, Red style? If so, there's bad news for you in Cass county.

The State Department Monday put 10 Nebraska counties off limits to Russians and Cass county was one of them.

Russian citizens may not travel in any of 895 counties in 39 states designated by the government according to the order.

Proximity to Offut field where the Strategic Air Command is stationed is the reason.

Counties named in Nebraska are Cass, Douglas, Gage, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson and Sarpy.

Two of the counties have large air bases. The Offut Air Force Base is in Sarpy county just south of Omaha and Lincoln Air Force Base is in Lancaster county.

However, Russian citizens may travel in both Omaha and Lincoln despite the fact that both counties are off limits to them.

Rev. Meyer Gets Call from South

LOUISVILLE — Just a month after declining a call to become pastor of a congregation at Hoffman, Illinois, the pastor of Immanuel Lutheran at Louisville, Rev. Meyer, has received a call to serve in a different field. The call comes to him from the Florida-Georgia District of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod.

Rev. Meyer stated that the duties of this call were to be missionary-at-large, where the district officials assign the place to work because there is no congregation to do the calling. This call requests the pastor to serve in Rome Georgia, a city of 45,000 and to establish a congregation there. At present about 30 people have been attending services held there by visiting pastors.

The call will be presented to the voters next Sunday, Rev. Meyer indicated, however, that a final decision will probably not be reached by that time. St. Paul Lutheran in Weeping Water will discuss the call Friday evening at their meeting.

School Board Accepts Books From VFW Post

Plattsmouth's school board spent one of its shortest evenings Monday at a regular meeting.

With little business on the agenda, the board accepted the resignation of a teacher, paid the bills and looked at two historical books presented to them by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Accepted was the resignation of Mrs. Charles Allen, high school English teacher.

Art McLean, commander of the Plattsmouth VFW post, and Lloyd Fitch, past commander, chaplain and community service officer, presented to the board with copies of a picture history of World War II, one dealing with the war in Europe and the second with the war in the Pacific. These will be added to the school library.

The board passed a resolution in appreciation of the gift.

J. S. Kearns Dies In Omaha Hospital

Joseph S. Kearns, who was born south of Plattsmouth but who had been a resident of Omaha for 40 years died at an Omaha hospital on Jan. 1, 1955, it has been learned here.

He was born in Cass county on Oct. 16, 1872, the son of Jonathan and Mary Kearns and was married to Emma Miller, Dec. 7, 1899. She survives him.

He was employed by the Burlington railroad.

Besides his widow, he is survived by a nephew, Herbert Saxton, Oklahoma City, Okla.; nieces, Mrs. Dora Green of California; Mrs. Doll Collins of Texas; Mrs. Margaret McPherson and Mrs. Eileen Adams both of Lincoln; Mrs. Mary Rogers and Ernest Kearns of Washington and a large number of grand nieces and nephews. He was a brother-in-law of Mrs. Ralph Deud.

Night Peeper Hunt Goes on; Culprit Hurt

Cass county and Plattsmouth city law enforcement officers continued their search today for a window peeper who visited the Valley View addition of Plattsmouth at about 11:30 Monday night.

The peeper was observed by Howard Speigler, 1603 Valley View, looking into an adjoining home, according to the report.

Speigler slipped out and caught hold of the person. The peeper reached into his pocket and came out with a solid object and struck Speigler over the head three times and kicked him twice. Speigler continued to struggle and finally wrestled the unknown man to the ground.

Speigler said that after he had bumped the peeper's head against a cement block about 10 times, he became motionless — so Speigler went to his home for a flashlight and a gun. On his return, the peeper was gone.

Speigler said he struck the person in the mouth with his fist during the fracas.

Officers are now searching for a man about 22 years of age, 5 feet - 6, 125 pounds, bare headed, wearing a short leather jacket with possible mouth and head injuries. Citizens are urged by law enforcement officials to report any information which would be helpful in the case.

Officers said that a peeper who was seen earlier that same evening in the Oakmont area was apparently not the same one who tangled with Speigler.

District 70 Case Postponed A Week

District Judge John M. Dierks continued the School District No. 70 case, Stander vs Clyde Smith et al, to next Wednesday after hearing a little of the case yesterday. Opening statements were given in the case and one witness partly heard before the continuance was given because of the illness of one of the attorneys, according to the judge's record.

Judge Dierks also granted a divorce on Tuesday when he entered a decree for the plaintiff, Jill Poole, divorcing her from Donald James Pool and giving her custody of a minor child and child support.

Local Home Sold By The Sandins

Steve Davis, local realtor, has announced the completion of sale of the James Sandin home at 808 South Ninth street in Plattsmouth to Mr. and Mrs. Orville F. Martin. The Sandins have moved to Lincoln and the Martins will take immediate possession of the new home.

Court House

County court: Richard Krohls, Wichita, Kans., \$11 and \$4 costs, speeding.

Andrew F. Garber, Sabetha, Kans., \$100 and \$4 costs, overweight on axle.

James R. Ciernia, Long Beach, Calif., \$11 and \$4 costs, speeding.

Arliss G. Mann, Council Bluffs, Ia., \$16 and \$4 costs, speeding.

Lewis D. Morris, Quantico, Va., \$16 and \$4 costs, speeding.

John Nicolette, Ottumwa, Ia., \$10 and \$4 costs, speeding.

Richard G. Dulac, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif., \$15 and \$4 costs, speeding.

S. W. Fleck, Minneapolis, Minn., \$10 and \$4 costs, speeding.

Johnny R. Peterson, Council Bluffs, Ia., \$11 and \$5 costs, speeding.

John H. Gutschell, Lincoln, \$10 and \$4 costs.

Iral B. Payne, Onawa, Ia., \$50 and \$4 costs, overweight on capacity plates.

No Injury Found In Truck Mishap

No injuries were reported in a one - car motor vehicle accident at 1 p.m. Monday south of Plattsmouth.

Cass County Sheriff Tom Solomon said a pickup truck operated by R. T. Cuthrell was going south near the electrical substation on Highway 34 - 73 - 75 when one wheel went off on the shoulder and hit a chug hole sending the truck off the right-hand side where it reared up on its nose and fell back into normal position. Though the truck was heavily damaged, Solomon said, Cuthrell, who was alone at the time, was not injured.

Harry Kruger of Plattsmouth underwent an operation at St. Joseph's hospital in Omaha Wednesday. He is reported getting along pretty well.

Members of the board of directors are Hugo Meisinger, and Paul Fauquet, of Plattsmouth; Clarence Engelkemier of Murray; Forest Engelkemier of Louisville; Fred Baker of Union; Arthur Wolph and Will Ott, of Nehawka; Joe Bender and Lloyd Rook of Weeping Water; Leroy Cook, Elmwood; William Blum and Herman Schweppel of Murdock; Robert Masick of South Bend; Atvin Reuter of Murdock and Lyle Choate of Nehawka.