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## Chamber Names New President And Directors

Ronald R. Furse, publisher of the Plattsmouth Journal was named president of the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce, Inc., at a Board of Directors meeting immediately following the Chamber's Annual Banquet last Thursday evening. Mr. Furse succeeds Ed Ernst, area manager of the Plattsmouth Telephone Company.

## Dorothy Blaser To Be Speaker For Banquet

"What do Americans think of us?" was the question most asked of Miss Dorothy Blaser of Columbus during her recent stay in Germany as an International Farm Youth Exchange delegate.



Miss Blaser will be guest speaker at the Cass County Extension Service Annual meeting to be held January 19 in Weeping Water. Persons attending the meeting will hear of the remarkable recovery of agriculture and industry in Germany, of the part tradition has played in shaping the German way of life, of the beautiful German forest, and of the friendliness of the German people wherever she went. She will illustrate her talk with colored slides.

The meeting will be held in the Agricultural Auditorium preceded by a dinner at 6:30 p.m.

If you wish to attend the dinner, (everyone is welcome) for your convenience you may secure tickets from the following Extension Board members: Frank Frohlich of Eagle, Peter Stander of Greenwood, Mrs. Herbert Oehlerking and Mrs. Eldon Mendenhall of Elmwood, Forest Engelkemier of Louisville, Harold Gregg and Mrs. Leonard Borm of Plattsmouth, George Rieke of Union, Mrs. Arthur Johnson of Murray and Mrs. Lyle Choat and Malcolm Polard of Nehawka.

Square dancing will be enjoyed following the program. Three board members will be elected, one from each of the three commissioner districts to succeed Mrs. Leonard Borm, George Rieke and Mrs. Herbert Oehlerking for three year terms. Board members cannot succeed themselves.

## 200 Schoolmen Are Expected at Peru

PERU—Nearly 200 school men from Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri are expected on the Peru State College campus Saturday, January 15, for the third annual Schoolmen's Dinner. Dr. Neal S. Gomon, president, announced today. Invitations have been sent to school superintendents in the area served by the College to bring their male faculty members. Registration in mid-afternoon will be followed by tours of the campus to acquaint the visitors with the facilities of the College. Following the dinner, the schoolmen will be guests of the College at the Peru State-Nebraska Wesleyan basketball game.

"We recognize the fact that many of the school men in the Peru area have never visited the campus and many others have not been here for years," Dr. Gomon said. "This event makes it possible for them to become familiar with the facilities and services of the College."

THE WEATHER  
Compiled for the Journal at the Masonic Home Weather Station, Plattsmouth, Nebraska, Jan. 6-9, 1955.

Thursday	42	19
Friday	42	14
Saturday	42	18
Sunday	42	24

Forecast: Today cold, partly cloudy, tonight continued cold.

## W. B. Girardot Dies Instantly In Motor Crash

Wayne B. Girardot, 51, of 901 Elmwood in Lincoln, brother of Clifford Girardot of Plattsmouth, was killed instantly in a one-car accident six miles west of Fort George on Highway 34 Saturday, Jan. 8, at 2:45 p.m.

A passenger in the car, Robert D. Turner, 51, was reported in a serious condition at Bryan Memorial hospital.

Cass County Sheriff Tom Solomon said that witnesses Fred and Ruth Christensen, 3042 So. 13th street, Lincoln, told him that "The Girardot vehicle passed us traveling about 55 miles per hour. As they started to pull back in their lane of traffic, they struck this patch of ice which threw their vehicle out of control."

Solomon said that the Girardot vehicle struck a state warning post, jumped a culvert then struck a tree roadside, rolled up it about 12 feet then came down to the ground.

The officer said there was a 180-foot patch of ice on the road which was otherwise dry.

Mr. Girardot was president of the Agrifirst Chemical Corporation of Lincoln.

Surviving are his widow, Dorothy; brothers, Carroll in Lincoln, Leroy, with the U. S. Civil Service in Africa, and Clifford of Plattsmouth; sisters, Evelyn of Plattsmouth; Marie of Seattle, Wash., and Edith of Sheldon, Ia., and the father, John of Plattsmouth.

## Plattsmouth Woman Screams, Thwarts Robbery Attempt

Kansas City, Mo. — A Plattsmouth woman was the object of an attempted robbery in Kansas City Thursday night while visiting her sister in Kansas City. But a scream drove the assailant off.

Mrs. Eleanor Iverson, 50, of Plattsmouth, and her sister, Mrs. Frances M. Bestor, 68, of 250 East Sixth street, Kansas City left a bus at Sixth and Oak streets, and started the short walk home when a man stepped from a car in the shadows and asked about an address. Before they could reply, the man reached for the purses the women carried. In a brief struggle, Mrs. Bestor fell to the ground with the man, who lost his grip on Mrs. Iverson's purse. Mrs. Iverson screamed and the man fled to the car and drove away.

Mrs. Bestor was injured by the fall. Her sister went to the home of George M. Winger nearby for help and Winger drove the two women home.

A physician was called to treat Mrs. Bestor who lives with a son and daughter - in - law, Mr. and Mrs. John K. Bestor.

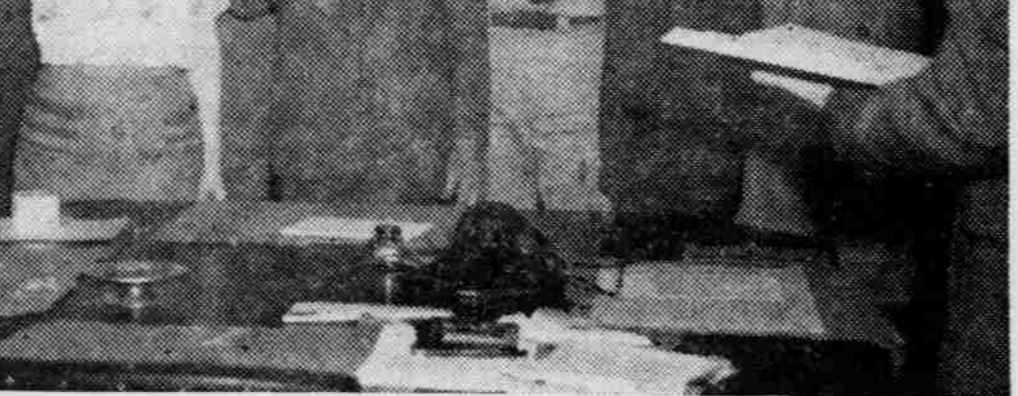
## Suit Is Filed

A suit has been filed in Cass county district court by Charlotte Ann Corbett against James D. Lugsch and others asking \$1,940.02. The petition says that the defendant owes money on a foreign judgement in Santa Monica, Calif., of May 4, 1951.

## Wins Scholarship

Joyce Ellen Beesley of Beatrice, and niece of the Schissel and Mrs. Max Valery families, Plattsmouth, has been awarded the \$100 Union Pacific scholarship to the University of Nebraska at the annual Gage county 4-H party. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Beesley of Beatrice.

## County Officials Take Oath



Cass County Judge Raymond J. Case, right, administered the oath of office to this group of Cass county officials who took up new terms last week. Three of the officers were new, the remainder succeeding themselves in office. Herman Bornemeier, starting a new term as county commissioner, arrived late and was not in this photo. In this photo, from left, Clara Olson, county assessor; Tom Solomon, partly hidden, sheriff; Alice Jayne Grosshans; county treasurer;

Charles Land, county clerk; Lucille Horn Gaines, register of deeds; L. A. Behrends, superintendent of schools; Ray Norris, county commissioner; Glen Johnson, county surveyor; Richard Peck, county attorney; C. E. Ledgway, clerk of the district court. Only Commissioner William Nolte and Judge Case were carry over officers. Clara Olson, Charles Land and Alice Jayne Grosshans are newly elected.—Journal Photo.

## 1st Cass County Polio Check



Holding the first check contributed to the Cass county March of Dimes Drive are the 1955 co-chairmen for the county, Mrs. Rose Day, right, and Mrs. Hazel Fitch. Both past presidents of the Plattsmouth Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, they will call on that organization to help sponsor the drive. Co-incidentally, the check they are holding, the first received in the drive, is from the Rebekah Lodge at Plattsmouth, of which both are members.—Journal Photo.

## Most Couples Stay Wed Count Shows

Nearly one couple in six who get a marriage license in Cass County get a divorce. At least that's what Thelma Kruger and Estella Rutherford of the Cass county judge's office figured out quickly when they saw the report of how many divorces were granted in Cass county in 1954.

Twenty-seven divorces were given by the district court in the county last year, and when the two women counted the number of marriage licenses issued and found 149. Quick division showed that for every 5 1/2 certificate issued, one couple got a divorce.

Record number of marriage licenses issued for last year came in November when there were 19. Here's the way the months went: January, 7; February, 21; March, 11; April, 12; May, 13; June, 13; July, 5; August, 7; September, 11; October, 12; November, 19 and December, 17.

## 11 Students Are Moved to Nehawka As Teacher Quits

NEHAWKA (Special)—Eleven students of School District 15 were moved to the Nehawka school this week after their teacher, Mrs. Arley Schoonmaker, resigned.

District 15 was one of five districts reorganized into a larger district through a vote of patrons last fall.

Some of the students of the new district are still going to their old schools under the direction of the reorganized area's school board and some are brought into Nehawka by bus.

A site for a new school building, to serve the entire district, has been selected at Nehawka and plans are now getting underway for the construction of a new building.

Picked up by a Nehawka school bus now from district 15 are Eddie and Gary Fitch, Bill Schlichtemeier, primary room; David Johnson, Charles Hadley, Jackie Dodson, 3rd and 4th grade room; Everett Hadley, Shirley Ross, Jim Johnson, 5th and 6th grade room; Norma Ross and Dean Hadley, 7th grade.

## Molck Promoted In Air Force Job

William Molck, Jr., has been appointed as Airman second class by his commanding officer according to word received here by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Molck. The letter from his squadron, the 434 FTR, said that his work is held in the highest esteem.

In a telephone conversation with him at Christmas his parents learned that he had spent the holiday weekend in Los Angeles with friends.

A 2c Molck is a jet engine mechanic stationed at George Air Force Base, Victorville, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hilficker and daughter were in Omaha Saturday on business.

## Polio Drive Open In Cass County; Chairmen Named

Cass county's 1955 Polio fund drive was under way this week as two hard working Plattsmouth women took over the reins to raise money to fight the disease.

Mrs. Rose Day and Mrs. Hazel Fitch of Plattsmouth accepted the co-chairmanship of Plattsmouth and already have their first check—a contribution from the Plattsmouth Rebekah Lodge.

## Police Arrest Two For Drunk Driving In Plattsmouth

Plattsmouth police nailed two drunken drivers on the weekend and by noon today both were through the courts with heavy penalties.

Two judges assessed fines and provisions which took them both off the roads.

Plattsmouth Police Officers Richard Winn and Delbert Green arrested Merle I. Porter, RFD, Fort Crook on Washington street Friday and the case went to the Cass County court on a second offense of driving while drunk. Judge Raymond Case fined Porter \$300, sent him to the county jail for 30 days, revoked his license from the date the fine is paid, and ordered him not to operate a motor vehicle in any manner on his plea of guilty. His vehicle was impounded for 60 days at Plattsmouth.

In a second arrest by Police Officer Winn, Harvey D. Haagen, 7614 Pacific street, Omaha, was charged with driving while drunk and City Police Judge James H. Graves, fined him \$100 and \$4 costs, and suspended his driver's license for six months. Winn made the arrest on Main street in Plattsmouth.

County chairmen warned that the importance of giving to the March of Dimes this year is more important than ever for it is the year when the immunization program results will be known. Millions of dollars have been committed to the search for an effective immunization against polio. If the Salk immunization works, then it must be paid for and, if it doesn't, a new search must be started.

For those who don't believe they could be struck personally by the disease, the chairmen had this to point out:

If you live in a county of small population, the risk is greater than you will.

Anybody can get polio, anywhere, any time. It is no respecter of class, job, group—or of geographic boundary. But statistics gathered by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis show the chances of polio striking have been 14 per cent greater in counties where there are less than 50,000 people than in counties with a larger population.

Dr. E. A. Rogers, state health director for Nebraska, says 1954 polio incidence records for Nebraska bear out the national figures.

He said that the average per capita polio incidence rate was approximately 39 per 100,000 population for Nebraska counties over 50,000 in population, as compared to approximately 60 per 100,000 for Nebraska counties under 50,000 population.

These facts may surprise a great many people, Ted Hughes, state March of Dimes chairman, says. Years ago, most diseases, including polio, were reported more fully in big cities where health departments had larger staffs.

But the crippling pattern of polio incidence, Hughes continued, has been carefully traced by the National Foundation since 1938. Figures during a five-year period, '48-'52, show:

In larger counties with more than 200,000 people, the annual average is 23 out of every 100,000.

In counties with less than 50,000, the annual average was 27 persons stricken with polio per 100,000.

Why this is true, Hughes said, no one knows. Epidemic studies of polio prove that there is no true and steady pattern to be found in the course of this disease.

But today, he said, one thing about polio is predictable. That is the promptness with which aid is sped into the fight by the Foundation. When polio strikes, you can be sure of swift assistance in any part of the country.

## Legion Elects One, Appoints Two in Meeting

Plattsmouth's American Legion Post ran through a list of routine business Thursday night, elected an officer, and heard reports for the year 1954.

Albert Olson was elected to fill a vacancy on the executive committee and Commander Herb Baumgart appointed Dr. P. T. Heineman and Albin Chovanec as Legion building trustees.

One hundred-ninety-six members were reported paid dues-wise for 1955.

Gene Krings reported junior baseball expenses last summer at \$275 and Don Kellison reported on Christmas activities.

The group also proffered a vote of thanks to Les Niel for his continued efforts in behalf of work on the Legion building.

James Lepert hit the jackpot, but he was not present.

## Anderson Services Are Set for Monday

Mrs. Mamie L. Anderson, 83, died at 275 and Don Kellison reported on Christmas activities.

Funeral services have been set for 1 p.m. Monday at the Caldwell - Linder Funeral home in Plattsmouth. Burial will be at Lincoln Memorial Park cemetery at Lincoln.

Mrs. Anderson is survived by two nephews, Claude Lewis, City, Ia., and Basil Jones, Rollins Prairie, Ia., and a niece, Mrs. Emman James of Barnston.

Mrs. Anderson was admitted to the home three years and four months ago through the Barnston, Neb., Lodge No. 165, AF & AM.

## Probate Hearings

Two hearings in probate were held in Cass county court Monday.

A determination heirship was heard in the case of Lena Ried Reitter and the first hearing of probate in the case of Fred J. Reitter was held. Fred Reitter was appointed administrator.

## Cornmaker Wins Schorn Yield Award

Fred Schomaker of Nehawka, Neb., was named High Yield Award Winner in the non-irrigated division for Cass county, sponsored by the annual Tekseed Hybrid Corn Contest in Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Colorado, Kansas and Missouri.

Mr. Schomaker had a yield of 107 to win the High Yield Certificate for Cass County.

## Court House Briefs

County court:  
George E. Meier, 2615 E. street, Lincoln, \$10 and \$4 costs, speeding.  
Harry C. Hiatt, Jr., 5701 Newton, Lincoln, \$10 and \$4 costs, speeding.  
Robert D. Irmer, 1634 K street, Lincoln, \$10 and \$4 costs, speeding.  
Richard Bauers, Weeping Water, \$10 and \$4 costs, no muffler.  
Billy Lee Borton, 18, and Helen Faye Gonsulley, 19, both of Plattsmouth, license issued.  
Van W. White, 19, and Bette A. Janacek, 18, both of Plattsmouth, license issued.  
Larry Daine Phipps, 18, and Angela Evelyn Greis, 16, both of Council Bluffs, Ia., license issued.  
Robert C. Tourville, \$10 and \$4 costs, speeding.

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