

**Snow Covers Cass County With Best Fall This Winter**

Cass county lay under a six-inch snow blanket this week, probably the most snow the area had had for two years, and it brought out slightly rusty snow shovels, snow tires and chains.

Traffic was slowed all around the area because of the fine but dry snow which fell on highways and streets.

**Tonda Lutes First Baby In Cass County**

Tonda Joyce Lutes, now 20 days old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lutes of Plattsouth, is Cass county's first baby of the year.

The baby was without any real competition after being born at 7:05 a.m. on Jan. 1, 1955.

The little girl weighed 9 1/2 pounds when born at St. Mary's hospital and was 21 3/4 inches long. Dr. Tyson officiated at the birth.

In winning, little Tonda will receive numerous gifts from Plattsouth merchants who are cooperating with the Journal in honoring the first baby.

**Youth Denies Setting Paint Store Blaze**

A 14-year-old boy who Monday told officials of how he set six fires in Nebraska City, Wednesday denied his earlier story.

The Nebraska City Paint Store building is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walling of Plattsouth.

The youngster, with his sister before County Judge D. P. West on a neglected child charge filed by County Attorney Betty Peterson Sharp, said he didn't tell the truth to Chief of Police Clarence Iversen, School Nurse Emma Brant, Mayor Victor Bremer, Fire Chief Harry Bishel, of Sheriff Carl Ryder and the county attorney.

The boy admitted setting of the fires in the trash box back of the Ward store about two years ago, and two in the wash rooms at the Missouri Pacific station Sunday. But the big one at Monte's he said he didn't set, although he had previously signed a statement that he did.

Neither the girl, who is 13, nor the boy could give any reason for setting the fires. They just set them, they said.

The youngsters live with their father and an aunt in Nebraska City. The mother, divorced from their father, has since remarried and lives elsewhere. Their home life, they said, is good and there was no evidence to show otherwise.

Ralph Monte, who owns the paint store, testified that his loss totaled \$11,426.57. This did not include damage to other personal property in the building or the damage to the real estate.

Ann Smith Wins Cherry Pie Bake

The aroma of cherry pie baking was carried throughout the Louisville high school as Ann Smith of Weeping Water and Judy Leadabrand of Greenwood competed in the 4-H cherry pie contest.

Miss Clara Graves, Home Ec teacher, gave the final result as follows to Ann Smith as winner. Ann will participate in the State 4-H cherry pie contest on Wednesday, January 26.

Judy Leadabrand will appear with the home agent on KUON-TV Thursday, January 27. Set your dial on channel 12 and watch Judy make a cherry pie.

**THE WEATHER**

Compiled for the Journal at the Masonic Home Weather Station, Plattsouth, Nebraska	
Date: January 17 - 19	
F-14 Low Prec	
Monday	40 18
Tuesday	24 20
Wednesday	28 2 08
6 inches of snow on ground.	
Forecast: Mostly cloudy today, snow beginning by evening, southerly winds, high near 30, low near 25.	

**Street Snow Cleaners at Work**



Tons of snow were removed from Main street in downtown Plattsouth Wednesday following a fall of about 6 inches. Plattsouth street department foreman Elmer Goehouen here operates the loader during the all-day job Wednesday.

Main street was blocked off Tuesday night and the snow bladed to the center of the street for easier loading.

Most streets were passable early Thursday but a light rain which began to fall in the morning began forming a coat of ice.

—Journal Photo.

**Charles Humberger Dies at Nebraska Masonic Home**

Charles Humberger, Sr., 84, died here at the Nebraska Masonic Home Wednesday.

He was admitted 10 months ago through the Dewitt Lodge No. 11, A. F. & A. M., Dewitt, Nebraska.

He was a retired farmer. Surviving are four sons, Clyde L. of Hastings, Loren G. and Robert S. both of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Charles E. of Key, stone, S. Dak.

Arrangements for services are being made by the Caldwell Linder Funeral Home in Plattsouth but are presently awaiting arrival of the sons. Burial will be at Fairbury.

**Rites for Mrs. Young Held on Tuesday**

Funeral services were held at the Caldwell Linder Funeral Home in Plattsouth Tuesday for Mrs. Rose Ella Young, 94, who died at the Nebraska Masonic Home here Sunday.

Rev. Erwin Kiel officiated. Burial was in the Schuyler cemetery.

Mrs. Young had spent 23 years at the Masonic home prior to her death and had been there the longest of any resident.

She was born on Dec. 28, 1861, in Keokuk county, Illinois, and married to George H. Young who preceded her in death 55 years ago.

Survivors are one son, Norman Young of Omaha, and a daughter, Mrs. William A. Scott of Michigan.

She was a member of the Presbyterian church at Schuyler.

**Ed Kelly Suffers Bruises In Fall**

Edward Kelly of Plattsouth was spending two or three days in bed this week under a physician's care after he slipped and fell on the sidewalk Monday near the Plattsouth bank.

His injuries, to his hip and shoulder, were thought to be only bruises.

**Student Breaks Ankle In Fall**

Kenneth Price, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Keener Price of Plattsouth, is confined to his home with a broken ankle today after he fell on the ice while playing at school last week, his mother said.

He is a sixth-grader at Central school.

**Johnson Heads Loan-Building Association**

C. A. Johnson of Plattsouth was re-elected president of the Plattsouth Loan and Building Association in a reorganization meeting held Monday night here following a regular meeting of the officers at which he was re-elected director.

Emil J. Weyrich was re-elected vice president of the group and Albert Olson was re-elected secretary - treasurer.

A report of the past year's work by the building and loan association showed that an increase of business for the year amounted to 15.18 percent over the year before as the first mortgage and accrued interest for 1954 amounted to \$701,106.34 as compared to \$601,122.30 in 1953. This was an increase of \$101,984.04.

The 1953 total was an increase over 1952 of \$112,467.61 or 20.26 percent. Thus the 1954 increase over 1952 was five percent.

At the end of 1954, the organization had Federal Home Loan stock of \$11,000; U. S. Government bonds totaling \$31,000 and cash on hand or in the bank of \$23,440.82.

Stockholders were paid dividends at the rate of four percent Dec. 31, 1954. The same rate dividends were paid on June 31, 1954.

**Rev. Meyer Will Not Accept Call**

Rev. Meyer, pastor of Immanuel, Louisville and St. Paul in Weeping Water, announced to his congregations Sunday that he was returning the call sent to him from the Florida-Georgia District, requesting him to serve in Rome, Georgia.

Both congregations were unanimous in their decision that their pastor decline the call.

**Men's Dinner Set As Building Fund Campaign Kickoff**

A Men's Dinner has been planned by members of the First Presbyterian Church in Plattsouth for Monday, Jan. 31, at which a building fund campaign for a new church building will be launched, it has been announced.

Also announced were the officers elected at a congregational meeting of elders recently.

Elected elders were Orville Nielsen, Raymond Larson, and Henry Nolting, for three years, and Richard Spangler, for two years.

Deacons—Clayton Rhylander, Russell Nielsen, Mrs. Leonard Steohr and Mrs. Arthur Weiss.

Trustees—Ralph Wehrlein, Warren Rhylander and Walter Gleason.

Others elected were Miss Mary Peterson, secretary; Mrs. P. T. Heineman, memorial secretary; Ralph Wehrlein, Sunday school superintendent; Mrs. T. I. Friest, assistant Sunday school superintendent; Arthur Warga, Sunday school secretary; Mrs. William Howland, assistant Sunday school secretary; and Mrs. H. G. McClusky, youth budget treasurer.

**Billy Baird Better**

William Baird, prominent Plattsouth citizen, who recently celebrated his 95th birthday here, was up an around at his home this week after being ill for a few days.

**Rotary Pays Tribute To Late Member**

Rotary Club members paid tribute to the late Geo. A. Farley at their regular meeting at the Hotel Plattsouth Tuesday.

Mr. Farley was a charter member of the local club and had a near perfect attendance record until confined with illness.

Dr. A. L. Amato, program chairman, was again stymied by storm in presenting his speaker and prevailed upon Searl S. Davis to pinch-hit and completed a summary on Rotary service and membership.

Visiting Rotarian was Russell Reeder, Cambridge, Nebr., former resident here.

**Snowball Bruises Child's Cheek, Eye**

Cheryl Tolman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Toman of Plattsouth, was resting at home Thursday with a badly swollen eye and a bruised cheek from a snowball thrown at her while playing at school Wednesday, her mother said.

Cheryl is a fourth grader at Columbian school.

**Roses for Ladies at Ruback's Opening**



Hosts of customers went through the new Ruback super market during its opening here last week and hauled out lots of groceries. Here's a photo taken during the activities of Mrs. Harold Fox, with the type of balloons which were

given away during the opening, at left, and Lucille Horn Gaines, second from left; Mrs. Meyer Ruback and Mrs. Ray Rice, receiving roses.—Journal Photo.

**March of Dimes Farmers Pickup Is Set Jan. 26th**

Polio drive in Cass county will get a boost next week when the VFW farmers pickup starts.

Plattsouth's VFW club will spend two to three days picking up whatever gifts farmers in the county have to give the cause, to be sold later at the sale barn.

Three routes for trucks to be operated under the supervision of the Lepert - Wolever Post at Plattsouth, have been laid out by Louis Menge's chairman for the farm pickup.

Menges outlined his truck route plan like this today.

Beginning Jan. 26, next Wednesday, a truck will go to the Cedar Creek road picking up articles for the drive then return by the Cullion elevator road to Plattsouth.

Next route will begin at Mynard and go east and return via the Louisville road to Plattsouth. A separate route will also run east on a road one mile south of Mynard.

Trucks will also pick up articles on Highways 73 75 on the east side of the road to Union, leaving the west side for another county group.

Included will be a route on Rock Bluff road to Rock Bluff. Anyone who will lend a truck for the pickup should call 6250.

No report of the total collected for the March of Dimes has yet been made by the county chairman, but presumably the drive is lagging.

The Plattsouth VFW has scheduled a basketball game, a card party, and other Plattsouth organizations as well as organizations in other towns have planned money raisers.

**County Board Fills Vacant JP Positions**

Cass county's board of commissioners Wednesday spent a day of sifting through various claims and signing them, besides appointing two justices of the peace where terms expired and no officer was elected to the office.

The county dads also muttered again about the tie-up of gas tax money which has halted surface digging close to in the county. A suit brought by Douglas and Lancaster counties contesting the census on which the state treasurer was apportioning the gas tax money, has caused the tie up and commissioners also digging for the bottom of the money barrel.

The commissioners appointed James H. Graves, present Plattsouth police judge, as justice of the peace for Plattsouth precinct to succeed Perry I. Graves whose term expired.

Appointed to succeed Graves as justice of the peace for Louisville precinct, was Harry Ahl.

The board of commissioners regular meeting day was Tuesday out snowy roads kept the entire board from being present and main business of claims examination was put off until Wednesday. Hearings in some county welfare business was conducted on Tuesday however.

**Parent-Teachers Eye Pool Chance At Weeping Water**

WEEPING WATER (Special)—A committee has been appointed here by the Parents-Teachers Association to investigate the possibilities of a swimming pool for Weeping Water at a meeting of an executive group of the organization.

Also in planning is a PTA carnival to be held on January 27 as the group's project of the year. According to present plans it will be held on the first floor of the Weeping Water school building.

John Bender and Harold Elliot will investigate the possibilities of the pool for the group.

The carnival will include many types of entertainment such as bands, movies, games and refreshments. Everybody is welcome.

**Roy Tlustos Buys Art's Barber Shop**

Roy Tlustos who was employed in Art's Barber Shop here for more than 17 years, announced the purchase of the business today and will open to customers on Saturday of this week.

Mr. Tlustos announced that Danny Woods, who was employed by the late Art Johans, will continue to hold down a chair in the shop. Both extend an invitation to old and new customers to visit their place at anytime.