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## Rural Schools Taxation Need Is Down \$5000

Rural education is expected to cost about \$5,000 less in money raised by taxation for the coming year.

But there will be 10 fewer districts, that number having merged with others since last year.

Total amount to be raised by taxation for the coming school year will be \$150,612 according to budgets prepared by annual school district meetings held near the first of June. Last year \$155,231 was asked to be raised by taxation.

## Nebraska City Removes Toll; Bridge Is Free

NEBRASKA CITY — It's a free bridge across the Missouri river here now and Nebraska Citizens was in the second day of celebrating it Saturday as they enjoyed a band and circus day on Saturday.

Stage show was set for 8 p. m. Saturday.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony at the bridge took place Friday afternoon as Nebraska Governor Victor Anderson clipped the tape.

That gave Nebraska City its first free bridge and ended 25 years of toll-taking on this bridge since it was built, just 13 years after the Plattsmouth river bridge was built further upstream, where toll is still collected.

Though the ceremony was Friday afternoon, the real ceremony took place at midnight.

As rain dripped and a half dozen people stood by, Mayor Victor Bremer shook hands with Henry Mead, of Nebraska City and then waved at him across the Nebraska City bridge—the first nonpaying customer of the toll free era.

It was the event of a century, because, for the very first time, Nebraska City had a toll free crossing of the Missouri river.

Looking on was Street Commissioner F. E. Ziegenbein, who was mayor in 1940 when the city bought Waubonise bridge, set up the financing on a revenue amortization basis with the hope that the span would be paid for in the future. The foresight of Doctor Ziegenbein and his co-councilmen of 15 years ago paid off July 1.

It was something like a wake as the few people able to get inside the tiny toll house gathered at 11:45 p. m. Thursday to wait for midnight.

Present were City Clerk Ethel Gaskill, Bridge Board Secretary Helen Leidigh, J. H. Sweet, former member of the bridge board; Arthur Sweet, a present member; George Shelt-on, head collector on the bridge; Loren Smith, who was on duty on the 10 p. m. to midnight shift; Harold Rowe, photographer for the World-Herald, and a miscellaneous gathering of people waiting for the "hour."

Irvine Mitchell of Tabor, Ia., who, with his sons Charles and Steven, arrived at 11:50, driving to the bus station, had the dubious honor of being the last driver to pay a cash toll.

A few minutes later Clarence Specht and his wife crossed, paying the toll from a coupon book.

Autos parked on the Nebraska City side jockeyed for position at the toll house to become the first to cross, but the honor fell to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mead, who has used the bridge for years as residents of both Iowa and Nebraska.

Someone said it was midnight, Mayor Bremer shook Mead's hand and the parade was on. Several hundred cars whizzed by the toll house in the first hour—trying to become accustomed to the fact that they didn't have to stop at the toll collector's station.

State Highway Engineer Herb Schwaderer's crew put up warning signs Thursday afternoon in an effort to keep the traveling public from crashing into the toll house or each other at the curve on the west end of the bridge.

Within a month a new highway going straight into the west entrance of the bridge will have been completed by the state of Nebraska. The contractor is working on it now.

Fourth of July weekend guests at the home of Mrs. R. B. Hayes and George Sayles home are Mr. and Mrs. George E. Sayles and children of Fort Dodge, Ia.

## THE WEATHER

Compiled for the Plattsmouth Journal at the Masonic Home Weather Station, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

June 30, July 1, 2, 1955.  
High Low Prec  
Thursday . . . . . 91 64 0.50  
Friday . . . . . 91 54  
Forecast: "Today" Saturday continued warm, high near 90.

School districts which will no longer be in existence when the new school year starts, after mergers with other districts, are district 14, 15, 18, 19, 33, 43, 48, 71, 73 and 76. This left 52 districts raising tax money, though some do not operate a school-house, sending students to other district on a contract basis.

Two districts asked no money be raised by taxation this year. Laurel Hill, District No. 23, had \$5,475.74 on hand and needed no more and district No. 83, with an estimated need of \$2,527 for next year, had \$4,001.81 on hand.

Here is a list of the schools, the estimated budgets, and the amount they ask raised by taxation: (In the list following the first amount is that school boards estimate it will take to operate and the second figure, that which must be raised by taxation):

Dist. 2, \$4,450 budget with \$3,500 to be raised by taxation; Dist. 3, \$5,020 and \$3,191; Dist. 5, \$3,482 and \$1,348; Dist. 6, \$3,133 and \$2,800; Dist. 7, \$3,176 and \$3,500; Dist. 8, \$3,800 and \$2,000; Dist. 9, \$3,361 and \$3,000; Dist. 10, \$2,668 and \$2,668; Dist. 11, \$3,200 and \$2,800.

Dist. 12, \$3,388 and \$2,494; Dist. 13, \$3,000 and \$3,000; Dist. 21, \$2,445 and \$1,200; Dist. 23, no budget presented by no money asked by taxation; Dist. 25, \$3,919 and \$3,919; Dist. 26, \$6,682 and \$2,000; Dist. 27, \$2,682 and \$1,500; Dist. 28, \$4,240 and \$3,192; Dist. 29, \$3,580 and \$1,000; Dist. 30, \$3,802 and \$3,000.

Dist. 31, \$7,609 and \$7,609; Dist. 32, \$2,959 and \$2,700; Dist. 33, \$3,065 and \$3,065; Dist. 35, \$4,596 and \$4,100; Dist. 37, \$4,200 and \$3,200; Dist. 40, \$2,925 and \$2,500; Dist. 41, \$3,459 and \$3,200; Dist. 42, \$4,175 and \$2,500; Dist. 45, \$2,860 and \$2,500; Dist. 47, \$3,700 and \$3,700; Dist. 49, \$3,602 and \$3,700; Dist. 50, \$4,845 and \$2,250; Dist. 55, \$2,675 and \$1,200.

Dist. 56, \$22,520 and \$15,700; Dist. 57, \$6,620 and \$5,435; Dist. 58, \$2,665 and \$2,665; Dist. 63, \$3,514 and \$2,803; Dist. 64, \$1,904 and \$2,300; Dist. 70, \$2,947 and \$2,000; Dist. 72, \$1,600 and \$500; Dist. 78, \$3,500 and \$3,500; Dist. 79, \$5,129 and \$5,129; Dist. 80, \$3,955 and \$2,500; Dist. 81, \$2,919 and \$2,500.

Dist. 82, \$3,937 and \$3,000; Dist. 83, \$2,557 and \$2,557; Dist. 86, \$4,631 and \$3,273; Dist. 88, \$2,950 and \$2,950; Dist. 91, \$3,415 and \$2,920; Dist. 96, \$6,800 and \$6,800; Dist. 97, \$3,507 and \$2,013; Dist. 98, \$3,512 and \$3,500; Dist. 105, \$4,021 and \$2,500.

## Cass Polio Gifts .5672 Per Person

SEWARD—Nebraskans, through their voluntary contributions to the annual March of Dimes, again hit hard at polio in the January campaign, it was announced today by State Chairman Ted R. Hughes, Seward.

According to county reports filed in the January campaign, it was forwarded to National Headquarters for final audit, Nebraskans gave \$729,459 for a per capita average of 55 cents. This was slightly under the final total of \$747,721 contributed in 1954.

The Cass county polio campaign funds raised in 1955, under the direction of Mrs. A. L. Carper, were down slightly at \$2,278.21 total or .5672 cents per capita as compared to 1954 when the total was \$9,421.07, per capita .5758.

Richardson county had a per capita contribution of .4853 cents in 1955; Sarpy county .8730 and Douglas county .3784 cents per person.

Mr. Hughes, himself a volunteer in the polio drive, spoke highly of the unselfish spirit of Nebraskans which has prompted them to give freely both in service and money to help fight the disease.

The State's highest per capita contribution for 1955 was \$1.39 registered by Kearney County (Minden) under the leadership of the State's Dean of March of Dimes volunteers, Emil Nelson. Others with per capita contributions of over a dollar among counties with populations of from 6,000 to 12,500 were Washington \$1.12 and Dixon County \$1.08. Next was Cheyenne County with 97c.

Among counties with population of less than 6,000, Sioux County again led the list with (Continued On Page Three)

## Ball Teams Double Head Sunday



Weeping Water, dumped in two baseball games by Plattsmouth Legion teams Wednesday in a postponed engagement, will be at Plattsmouth for a return game Sunday afternoon. Midget teams open at 1 p. m. with Junior teams clashing at 2:30 p. m. Plattsmouth Junior Legion team is in upper photo. Members back row from left, Manager John Adkins, Jim Pucelik, Denny Hirz, Mike Lewis, Bob Beverage, Larry Long, Vern Kaffenberger, Vince Milharic, assistant coach. Bottom row, Dean French, Bob Wild, son, Loren Haase, Doug Reno and Roger Hill. Midgets, in lower photo, back row from left, Bob Richter, manager, Jerry Smith, Tom Winscott, Larry Cundall, Dennis Meisinger, Bill Long, Jim Shown, Don Dietl, Ron Toman, Larry Walton, Tommy Smith, Ron Dietl and Roger Smith.—Journal Photo.

## 16 New Officers Are Elected Cass Rural School Districts

Sixteen new officers of Cass county school districts have been elected in annual school meetings held at the first of July, according to reports of those meetings filed with the office of the county superintendent of schools.

Only one school did not have a full slate of officers. This was district No. 35 where Francis V. Robinson resigned as secretary following the meeting.

New officers elected among those on 52 active school districts in the county include Velma Rea, of Plattsmouth, treasurer at District No. 8; Fay Jose, Murray, new president at District No. 26; Ford Heim, Plattsmouth, new secretary at District No. 30; Harold Goderson, new treasurer at District No. 33; Bennett Bornman, new treasurer at District No. 33; Gene Nolting, treasurer at District No. 42; Eugene Nolte, president, and Olin Morris, treasurer, both of Murray, at District No. 56; Oliver C. Felker, Ashland, president at District No. 58; Herman Luetchens, Wabash, secretary, District No. 70; Leo Thimgan Louisville, president, District 79; John Seegel, Greenwood, treasurer, District 81; E. J. Steckley, Weeping Water, president, District 83; Robert Schneider, Louisville, president, and Wilbur Hubbell, Louisville, secretary, District No. 97; Leslie Behrns, Nehawka, treasurer, District No. 105.

Rural school district officers (listed in the following order): president, secretary, treasurer, Dist. 2, Guy H. Wiles; Robert E. Jacobs, Newton Sullivan, Dist. 3, Thomas Grosshans, John Beckman, James E. Wiles, Dist. 5, George A. Hull, R. T. Cuthrell, Ralph Sullivan, Dist. 6, O. A. Ramge, Maynard Ramge, R. D. Patterson, Dist. 7, Henry Hobscheidt, Mrs. Keith Hostetter, Harley Cottingham.

Dist. 8, Forrest Bell, Mrs. Betty Campbell, Velma Rea, Dist. 9, Oliver Meisinger, Ernest A. Hill, Harlan Hennings, Dist. 10, Carl Everett, Henry Pearley, John Klein, Dist. 11, Frank Roddy, John Everett, Henry Dickman, Dist. 12, Jack Baker, Kenneth Hoback, Harry Gobelman, Dist. 13, Gerald Paasch, Otto K. Ehlers, Charles W. Swan.

Dist. 21, Renos Anderson, DeForest L. Brown, Leroy Ahrens, Dist. 23, Kenneth C. Wiles, Kenneth O. Baier, Mark Hohman, Dist. 25, Verner Hill, Verl Smith, Kenneth Todd, Dist. 26, Fay Jose, Clarence Jacobsen, Leonard Lutz, Dist. 27, Albert Kraeger, Paul Long, Harry Nielsen, Dist. 28, Julia Bethel, Kenneth Russell, Stanley Wolski, Dist. 29, Carl Pochies, William Starkjohn, Mrs. Wilma Becker.

Dist. 30, August Keil, Ford Heim, Mrs. Leonard Stoehr, Dist. 31, Boyne Parson, Mrs. Melvin Gerdes, Morris Miller.

Dist. 33, Fred Terryberry, William J. Leddy, Harold Goderson, Dist. 34, Leonard Roebler, Clarence E. Wills, Bennett Bornman, Dist. 35, Harry V. Bricker, secretary vacant, William Stander, Dist. 37, Sterling Ingwerson, Lester W. Meisinger, Leonard Born, Dist. 40, Peter Gobelman, Ralph Welte, James Wiles, Dist. 41, Ben H. Speck, Louis Fredrich, Otto J. Meisinger.

## Nellie Johnson Rites Are Held At Spokane, Wash.

WEEPING WATER — Private Christian Science services were conducted by Edwin Smetheram for Nellie Pearl Johnson at Spokane, Wash., June 2, followed by cremation. The remains were brought to Weeping Water and placed beside those of her husband in Oak Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Johnson died May 31 at the home of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. C. Ray Olson at Spokane.

Nellie Pearl Bird was born on a farm one mile north of Avoca, on Oct. 4, 1882. She was the daughter of Willis and Frances Bird. She attended several schools in and around Avoca and Weeping Water and was graduated from Weeping Water high school in 1902. While her family was living north of Weeping Water she met James Johnson and they were married in April, 1907 after she had taught a rural school for two years. Their wedding was held in a sod house near Stockton, Kans., where her parents had in the meantime gone to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson had one daughter, Birdie, now Mrs. C. Roy Olson of Spokane, Wash. The Johnsons spent the greater part of their lives in the vicinity of Avoca and Weeping Water, but finally Mr. Johnson's failing health made it necessary for them to give up the home in Avoca in which they lived for 25 years, and they moved to Hammond, Ind., to make their home with their daughter, in May, 1948.

There Mr. Johnson died in March, 1951. In May 1953, Mrs. Johnson moved with her daughter and husband to Spokane, Wash., where she lived until the time she died May 31, 1955.

She is survived by her daughter, Birdie, and by three brothers and one sister having preceded her in death. Those who remain are Mrs. Charlotte Hazen, Mrs. Mildred Maddy, and Willis S. Bird, of Stockton, Kans., and Chauncey E. Bird of Kirwin, Kans.

Mrs. Johnson was a member of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Weeping Water, for over 60 years, and only a year ago transferred her membership to Second Church of Christ Scientist, Spokane.

## Traffic Crash Union Corner Hospitalizes 4

A collision at Union corner shortly before 4 p. m. Friday, at the intersection of Highway 34 and U. S. Highway 73-75, hospitalized at least four persons and caused heavy damage to two cars, and slightly injured several others.

Hospitalized were Mrs. Clyde Miller, Lincoln; Mrs. Laura Sloan, Jewell, Kans.; Mrs. V. W. Laub, Evansville, Ind., all riding in a car driven by Clyde A. Miller, Lincoln; and Jack Chihick, Pawnee City, driver of another car.

Four grandchildren of Mr. Miller, riding in the car with him, making a total of eight in the car, and Mr. Miller were apparently not seriously injured. Four girls in the Chihick car had some injuries.

Miller said he and his seven passengers, his mother-in-law, Mrs. Sloan; his wife, his daughter and four children, were returning from Evansville, Ill., where they had been visiting and were traveling north on Highway 73-75 when the mishap occurred. He said he didn't know what happened.

Caldwell-Linder Ambulance from Plattsmouth removed Mrs. Sloan to St. Mary's hospital at Nebraska City and others were moved to the hospital there by Nebraska City ambulances.

Four girls in the Chittick car, which was travelling south on Highway 73-75 when it collided with the Miller machine, were Helen Ann Chittick, Connie Kanaly, Carolyn McVitty, and Norma Burns, all of Pawnee City.

The Miller car was driven backward by the collision across the intersection and into a deep ditch on the east side, though it did not overturn.

Seriousness of the injuries was not immediately available.

## Don't Be Too Independent Of the Fourth

"The Fourth of July is Independence Day, but the driver who gets too independent on the road may find himself in the custody of the Patrol."

This warning was given to Nebraska motorists today by Colonel C. J. Sanders, who said, "that the Nebraska Safety Patrol will be making an all-out effort to see that traffic accidents will not mar this year's Independence Day celebration."

"The Fourth of July is the summer's most dangerous holiday, which was borne out by the fact that Nebraska experienced six traffic deaths over the long week-end last year," Colonel Sanders said.

The Colonel also warned against trying to cover too many miles in too short a time and driving at speeds not safe for conditions. He gave the following tips for a safe Fourth of July week-end:

1. Start your trip a little earlier so you won't be tempted to speed.
2. Don't try to cover too many miles.
3. Don't cut in and out in heavy traffic. Stay in line until it is safe to pass.
4. Don't drink before driving.

## Large Crowd Attends Meisinger Recital

The pupils of Mrs. Arnold Meisinger presented a piano and accordion recital to a crowd of approximately 200 at the Lion's Community building in Plattsmouth on Wednesday evening, June 29.

The Double M Melody Makers, consisting of 18 accordions and one bass horn were featured during the evening performance playing several numbers.

Pupils of Mrs. Meisinger appearing on the program were: Joyce Fornoff, Glenn Fornoff, Mary Schmidt, Lyle Engelkemier, Jim Hoover, Janice Siemsen, LeMar Vogler, Karen Tilson, Eleanor Stohman, Lawrence Vogler, Larry Engelkemier, Eddie Olson, Nancy Tilson, Kenny Meisinger, Donald Vogler, Sharon Kiser, John Wilkinson, Sandy Toman, Patty Toman, David Albert, Robert Engelkemier, Larry Peterson, Margie Johnson, Ronald Puls and Carolyn Vinduka.

Students presented Mrs. Meisinger with a red carnation corsage. Mr. Meisinger was Master of ceremonies.

**Ptak Selected For Tarkio Scholarship**  
James B. Shawn, business manager of Tarkio college, Mo., and the Scholarship Committee announces a special abilities scholarship to Denny Ptak, 1955 graduate, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Ptak in the amount of \$600 over a four year period. The scholarship was based on Ptak's outstanding record in athletics.

## Crops Catch Up As Hot Weather Precedes Fourth

Cass county's wheat harvest ought to be in full swing as the Fourth of July weekend fades.

Observers thought that recent rains, which had a tendency to overload the wheat heads with moisture making harvesting less advisable, may have slowed the harvest appreciably but it appeared most combines might be starting.

Oats and corn both appeared to be on an even keel, with oats judged to be about ready when the wheat harvest has been completed.

Corn had lagged as rain fell but during the past week hot sunshine had caused the stalks to grow rapidly and mostly overcome the retardation. Most corn was about normal for the Fourth of July.

The Journal's corn stalk, around which a contest has been built in guessing how tall it will be by the Fourth of July, and on Sept. 1, reached 39 inches when measured last Monday, just a week before the first section of the measuring ended.

Funeral services for Mrs. Frances M. Meisinger of Plattsmouth were held at the Caldwell-Linder Funeral home here at 2 p. m. Saturday. Rev. Richard Nagler of the Papillon Lutheran church conducted the rites. Burial was in Glendale cemetery, west of Plattsmouth. Mrs. Meisinger died at a Council Bluffs hospital June 29 after being ill since March.

Music for the service was by Mrs. Hugh Stander, soloist, and Mrs. George Jacobs, organist. Flower bearers were Mrs. Louise Huebner and Mrs. Doris Huntington.

Casket bearers were Floyd Gauer, Edward Heil, Glen Heil, Wendell Heil, Raymond Jardine and Leroy Meisinger.

Mrs. Meisinger was born on Nov. 19, 1885 near Cedar Creek, the daughter of Wendell and Elizabeth Heil. She was married on March 25, 1920, at Louisville, Louis. G. Meisinger. He survives her.

Also surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Nola Stander of Plattsmouth; and brothers, John Heil, Omaha; Henry Heil, Louisville; Philip Heil, Louisville; Walter Heil, Plattsmouth; sisters, Mrs. William Rohrdanz, Ashland, and Mrs. Caroline Jung, Omaha, and two grandchildren. One son, Marlin, died in infancy in 1924.

Mrs. Meisinger had lived in Plattsmouth community all of her life. She was a member of the First Lutheran church at Plattsmouth.

## Rev. Thomas Barden Services Tecumseh

TECUMSEH — Funeral services for Mgr. Thomas Barden, 77, who served in Tecumseh 51 years, were held here Saturday.

Rev. Barden died Thursday here.

He was born in County Cork, Ireland, and was ordained March 9, 1901, serving at St. John's church at Plattsmouth for a few weeks shortly afterward, later going to Tecumseh where he served St. Francis. St. Andrews as pastor along with other churches in the vicinity.

Entries for the Fourth of July section ended Wednesday but entries for the Sept. 1 guessing will be accepted until a date to be announced. The one guessing the nearest the height of the corn stalk when it is measured next Monday will receive a free subscription to The Journal. So will the nearest guess on the Sept. 1 measuring. Fill out a coupon found elsewhere in the Journal to enter the Sept. 1 contest. September guesses already made are valid—or enter again if you wish.

In Monday's photo of the corn stalk, at left in the accompanying picture, the stalk measured 39 inches at the high est bend of a leaf, a total of 11 3/4 inches of growth, the most so far in one week.

## Nebraskans Picnic Long Beach July 16

The Nebraska State summer picnic will be held at Bixby park, Long Beach, Calif., on Saturday, July 16. Shiles Clark, president, and Paul A. Durham, secretary, of the Nebraska State Society of Long Beach, have announced. Registration by counties at assigned tables will be held to assure reunion with former acquaintances.

Mrs. R. B. Hayes will leave Wednesday for Cleveland, Ohio where she will join her son Robert Hayes and family, for a ten day vacation at their cottage in Lake Erie, Penn.

## How Tall Will it Grow Contest

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

The Journal's Corn Stalk will be \_\_\_\_\_ inches high on September 1.

— Journal Want Ads Pay —