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More Street Oil By Council Nod; Grove President

Many of Plattsmouth's streets, which have been a quagmire in winter and dust bowls in summer, will likely get an asphalt oil coating, where the property owners have asked for it, within the next two weeks. But two other sets of property owners won't get their concrete paving this fall.

This was brought out when the Plattsmouth city council Tuesday night rejected the only bid placed by a contractor for two street improvement districts, No. 113 and No. 115, because the completion date would be next spring.

The council Tuesday night also elected D. L. Grove as president of the city council, succeeding Howard Hirz who resigned from the council.

Mr. Grove is the senior member of the council, though having been elected only last spring, he had served on the council before and got the present council's unanimous vote as new president.

Only the Anchor Construction company, now building water mains in Plattsmouth for the water board, put in a bid for the concrete paving project in the 11th street, Avenue F, 12th street, Avenue G area. Bids were under the $2,431 estimated cost by engineers for District 113 and $16,226 for District 115 but the constructon company placed a starting date for next spring. The plans called for starting this fall. A company representative present said steel and cements shortages prevented this. The council rejected the bids which are expected to be advertised again later with a starting date in the spring.

The council did however, let a bid for asphaltic oiling of Lincoln avenue. The Northern Iowa Asphalt company of Algona, Iowa, was the only bidder at 21 cents per gallon applied, or $1,575. The estimate was $1,650. Once the contract was granted, a representative of the company present made the council a proposition: That if the company was not required to put up a performance bond, which would take about 10 days, to get the job could be tied in with other jobs now being done saving the council one cent per gallon and starting in about 10 days. This was with a provision that the council ordered a 10,000 gallon car of the oil, instead of the 7,500 gallons required for the Lincoln avenue. The oil would be used to do other streets outlined by petitions and cash payments. The council accepted the proposition.

Third item which made a special session necessary was a waiver petition on a sanitary sewer lateral in the new Highland Addition. The council accepted the petition which would allow the hiring of a contractor to put in the sewer without advertising for bids up to $2,783.44, the engineer's estimate. Signers of the petition were D. M. and Francis Rabbitt, John J. Cloidt, Jr., and Winifred Cloidt, property owners in the addition. The

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Highway Gets Advisory Nod Offutt South

LINCOLN—The Advisory State Highway Commission this week approved two highway improvements which would effect Cass county.

A four-lane highway south from Offutt Field across the Platte river was one project approved.

Another was relocation and hard surfacing of Highway 50 south from Louisville to Highway No. 1.

The Highway Department seeks the recommendation of the advisory board but is not required to follow it.

Highway 73-75 is four-lane at present from Omaha south to Offutt Field. State Engineer L. N. Ress pointed out that the highway improvement would involve the building of a new four-lane bridge across the Platte river and repair of the present two-lane bridge.

Highway department plans are for eventual building of a by-pass west around Plattsmouth.

The advisory commission delayed recommendation on this when Commissioner William E. Metzger asked to see the highway department survey for the proposed by-pass.

Cotner Bound Over To District Court

Donald Dale Cotner, 38, of Plattsmouth, was bound over to the district court for trial on a charge of indecent molestation of a minor Wednesday following a hearing in county court. Cotner was released on a $1,000 appearance bond.

Cotner pleaded innocent to the charge when arraigned in county court earlier.

County Judge Raymond J. Case bound the case over to district court trial on the basis of a written confession given by Cotner to Cass County Sheriff Tom Solomon.

Services Held for Lutz Infant

AVOCA (Special)—Graveside services were held at Holy Trinity Catholic cemetery at Avoca Tuesday for the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lutz, who died shortly after birth Monday evening at St. Marys Hospital, Nebraska City. Rev. E. C. McFadden officiated. Surviving are the infants parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Conway, Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lutz, Avoca.

Roger Hild Pledges Alpha Gamma Rho

Roger Hild, who is a freshman in the University of Nebraska this fall, was recently pledged into the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.

Apha Gamma Rho is a national agricultural fraternity, Kappa Chapter being located in Lincoln. Kappa has ranked high in scholarship and campus activities on the University of Nebraska campus in past years.

Roger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hild of Plattsmouth. Henry Hild is also a member of the fraternity as is, Gary, an older brother of Roger, who presently is doing graduate study at the University.

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THE WEATHER

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

Sept. 26, 27, 28, 1955.

Date	H	L	Prec.
Monday	56	50	0.40
Tuesday	78	50	
Wednesday	76	54	

Forecast: Thursday, (today), sunny, warm, high near 75 tonight low about 55.

Taylor School Wins Contest

A float with a transportation motif, "From the Oxen Train to the Speedy Airplane," won first place among rural school floats at the King Korn Karnival last week. Nancy Wondercheck is the teacher. Personnel on the float were Curtis Rader, Cathy Buechler, Brian Stander, Carl Penke, Ellen, Doris, Lois, Diana and Bobbie Rader; John Campbell and Sandra Abel. —Journal Photo.

Presbyterian Float Judged Best in Parade

An entry presented by the First Presbyterian church in Plattsmouth was judged No. 1 float in the organization and fraternal parade at the King Korn Karnival last weekend for theme and originality.

An organization from out of county came to Plattsmouth and won first in the Farmer Parade last Saturday at the King Korn Karnival. It was the Sarpy County Farm Bureau. Social Workers Flower Club took second; Mynard Jolly Workers were third.

Jochimsen's Grocery float won first place in the merchant's parade. Knorr's was second; Soennichsen's third.

The Lions club was first place winner among organizations parading floats. The American Legion and Auxiliary were second place winner and Jobs Daughters were third.

Among churches, the Presbyterian float took first: St. Paul's was second and the First Methodist church float third.

Swatek's, The Journal and Ruback's received honorable mention among merchants floats.

Winner among commercial floats was Ray's Bar: Phil's Bar was second and Corner Bar third.

The Presbyterian church float was judged the best overall float in theme and originality.

2 Cass Countians Madrigal Singers

Twenty-three members of the University of Nebraska's Madrigal Singers, have been announced by Dr. David Foltz, director and chairman of the department of music.

Jeanine Schliefer of Murdock was announced as a second alto singer and Wendell Friest of Plattsmouth as a member of the second tenor section.

Miss Wetenkamp Is Chosen for Choir

LeMars, Iowa — Edith Wetenkamp has been chosen by Professor Larry Day to travel with the Westmar College A Cappella Choir on their southern tour from Dec. 2 through Dec. 11.

Edith is a sophomore at Westmar, a four-year liberal arts school owned and operated by the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Police Court

"Joe Doe," Iowa license, forfeited $5 bond, illegal parking in flood zone.

Dean Biles, Plattsmouth, $3 and $4 costs, excessive noise with vehicle.

Richard Skinner, Bellevue, forfeited $7 bond, failed to stop at school stop sign.

Amos Taliferro, Denver, $10 and $4 costs, speeding.

Leander J. Stuchlik, Colon, Neb., forfeited $25 bond, speeding.

Dale Wohlfarth, Murray, $1 and $4 costs, illegal parking.

Walter E Peterson, Louisville, illegal parking, dismissed.

School Population Falls Off In Total Cass County Figures

Fewer students are going to school in Cass county.

This was revealed by figures released by the office of the Cass county superintendent of schools here Thursday.

Elementary students in the county number 2,704 this year as compared to 2,807 last year.

Districts with high schools have 1,983 elementary students this year compared to 2,054 last year — 71 fewer. Rural and Village school districts without high schools had elementary students numbering 753 last year as compared to 721 this year — 32 fewer.

But the population bulge remains in the lower grades in rural schools. There are 99 first graders; 86 first graders; 90 third graders; 86 fourth graders; 87 fifth graders; 67 sixth graders 66 seventh graders; 62 eighth graders.

High school students are up in number from last year. A total of 949 were enrolled in county high schools last year as compared to 952 this year — three more.

Here's some figures on various towns in the county: Plattsmouth has 805 elementary students enrolled and 396 high schoolers; Union has 71 in elementary and 39 in high school; Avoca has 56 in the grades, 39 in high school; Weeping Water has 212 elementary and 111 high school students; Louisville has 201 elementary and 102 in high school; Greenwood has 85 in the grades, 27 in high school; Elmwood has 136 grade school students and 68 in high school; Alvo has 77 elementary and 30 high school; Nehawka has 94 grade schoolers and 47 in high school; Eagle has 115 in grade school and 54 in high school. This gives a county total of 1,983 grade school students and 952 high school students in high school districts.

18-year-olds Must Register for Draft

All young men must register for selective service when they reach the age of 18 the Selective Service Office said here today.

This is a requirement of the Service Office said here today.

One Cass county young man entering the Army through the Selective Service system this month was Merlyn Herman Minderman of Avoca, a volunteer who left for Army induction Sept. 21.

Dickman Rites Held Nebraska City Tuesday

NEHAWKA (Special)—Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Dickman, 77, of Nebraska City were held at the Peterson Funeral home there Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Dickman died Saturday evening at a Nebraska City hospital after a long illness.

She was born at LaGrange, Mo., a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wiliam Turre. She was married at Nebraska City in 1896 to Louis Dickman. She lived most of her life near Nebraska City.

Surviving are seven children. They are George Dickman and Mrs. Minnie Garrett of Nehawka; Louis Dickman of Long Prairie, Minn.; Charles Dickman of Otoe; Henry Dickman of Union; Ernest Dickman of Unadilla; Mrs. Louise Schreiner of Dunbar. Thirteen grandchidren and five great-grandchildren survive. One brother, Bill Turre of Manitoba, Canada, survives, along with two sisters, Minnie Herman of Montana and Emma Fleugual, British Columbia.

She was a member of the Bethel Evangelical church of Nebraska City.

Burial was in Wyuka cemetery at Nebraska City.

Recent callers at the George Dickman home were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anderson; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stoll; Mrs. Floyd Joerger; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fitch and Dwight Cook.

Court House

Marriage licenses issued:

To Johnny Miller, 22, and Janice Atkinson, 24, both of Osceola, Iowa.

To James L .Regner, 26, and Doris E. Wood, 20, both of Plattsmouth, married by Rev. Raphael Chonta of the St. John's church on Sept. 24.

County court:

Milan R. McCartney, Lincoln, $10 and $4 costs, speeding.

Jack Boyde, Lincoln, $10 and $4 costs, speeding.

Marion W. Fly, Clinton, Mo., $10 and $4 costs, speeding.

Charles Ernest Stubbs, Council Bluffs, Iowa, $11 and $4 costs, speeding.

Homer F. Helms, $10 and $4 costs, speeding.

Max Rosen, $15 and $4 costs, speeding.

Darrell Jones, Omaha, $10 and $4 costs, exceeding legal height with truck.

Willard P. Bishop, $15 and $4 costs, speeding.

Elmer Harvey, $10 and $4 costs, failure to stop at stop sign.

OMAHA LINCOLN WOMEN WIN HINKY-DINKY CONTEST

Mrs. Dan Foltz of Lincoln and Mrs. Roy Larson of Omaha each won vacations to Mexico in Hinky-Dinky stores holiday contest.

The vacation provides eight days for the winners in seven Mexico cities.

— Journal Want Ads Pay —

Tutors Name Donald Lavigne CEA President

WEEPING WATER — Donald Lavigne, high school principal at Louisville, was elected president of the Cass County Educational Association at the first meeting of the group of the school year here Tuesday night.

Mr. Lavigne succeeds Ernest Heim, Murdock superintendent, in the position.

A total of 125 teachers attended the meeting, one of the best turnouts for a first meeting since the founding of the group. Meeting place was the Congregational church here.

Other officers elected include Donald Yocum, Alvo superintendent, vice-president; James Robinson, Plattsmouth high school faculty member, secretary-treasurer. Named to the executive board were Mrs. Rodney Whittemore, elementary teacher at Elmwood; Darrell Brandenburg, Louisville high school faculty member; Ernest Heim, Murdock; Spencer Leger, Avoca high school principal; Mrs. Wilma Lang, teacher at rural district No. 5, and Joann Colby, teacher at rural district No. 6.

T. I. Friest, Plattsmouth superintendent, was named to the delegate assembly. Alternate is Orville Schmeding, Eagle superintendent.

Speaker was Edward LaBrosse of the Lincoln office of the United States Social Security. He spoke to the delegates on the relationship of teachers to the social security program.

4 Plattsmouth Seniors to Try Scholarships

Four outstanding seniors at Plattsmouth high school will compete in the new, multi-million dollar National Merit Scholarship Program, Principal C. A. Weddel announced today. These high ranking local students will be aiming at some 200 four-year college scholarships that can carry up to full tuition and living expenses, depending upon the financial need of each winner. Winners will be chosen on the basis of their ability to profit from a higher education.

Shirley Hild, Carol Potschies, James Ulrich, Herman Weber are seniors named to take a preliminary screening test to be given in the high school Oct. 26, as the first step. Competition is open to all secondary schools, and is the largest program of its kind.

The scholarship program is conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, an independent, non-profit educational organization set up by grants of $250,500,000. Aimed at the discovering and helping the most talented students in the country, the Merit Program permits the winners, known as Merit Scholars, to choose any accredited college or university and any course of study.

Some 800 runners-up in the competition will be awarded Certificates of Merit, and their names will be announced to all colleges and other scholarship agencies as students of unusual ability.

Nelson Home Sold

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Nelson have sold their home at 224 Avenue A to Mr. Roy Gregg of Murray in a transaction handled by Loris B. Long, local real estate broker. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have purchased a home in Des Moines, Iowa, and will make their home there.

67th Anniversary Of Soennichsen's Noted This Week

Soennichsen's will celebrate its 67th anniversary this week.

The store, in some form, has been in operation in Plattsmouth for that number of years and is now a department store and super market grocery, one of the largest and best business in Cass county.

H. M. Sonnichsen, founder of the store, has for these many years been a civic and business leader in Plattsmouth and has seen his store endure to become one of the oldest in Nebraska. Still active in the business, Mr. Soennichsen, now 88 years old, opens the store every morning.

Mr. Soennichsen was born in Germany and came to the United States with members of his family, settling in Plattsmouth, now the traditional home of the Soennichsen family.

The business originally began with a grocery at the corner of 5th and Chicago avenue, where the Plattsmouth Cleaners is now located, called "The Five-Corner Grocery." Mr. Soennichsen founded this store after working as a grocery clerk in Plattsmouth for his uncle, P. J. Hansen, and being in partnership with George P. Lenhoff at Sixth and Main street. He sold the grocery at "five-corners" to Zuckweiler and Lutz in 1895. He then operated a coal and lumber business before returning to the grocery business. He had a partnership in the A. H. Weckback & Co., until Mr. Weckbach died and Mr. Soennichsen acquired the business which he has operated since.

Rapid growth of the store came after 1913, when he built what is now known as "the Hinky-Dinky" building in the 400 block on Main street in Plattsmouth. Many members of the family have, and are now taking part in operating the super market and many-items department store, which is located at Sixth and Main.

Last of the old-time business which dominated the Plattsmouth business scene with Soennichsen's for many years have now dropped out. The last two to go were Wescott's and The Fricke drug store. But the Soennichsen's operation is still here and growing.

In celebration of the 67th anniversary this week, the store has outlined several bargain items for their customers in a Journal advertisement today.

Three Are Injured In One-Car Mishap At Murray Corner

Three Cass county young men were injured when a car in which they were riding overturned at the intersection of US Highway 34-73-75 and State Highway No. 1, a mile east of Murray at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Injured were Darrell M. Yenney, 15, of Plattsmouth; Dennis Burbee, 15, of Union, and Robert McKlusky, 15, of Murray.

Yenney, who was driving the car told Sheriff Tom Solomon, who investigated the accident, that he was attempting to overtake and pass another vehicle, in a no passing zone when the wheels of his car dropped into some holes on the shoulder and sent the car out of control. Solomon reported the car traveled off the road for 210 feet before turning over. A witness told the sheriff the car rolled over three times.

Burbee was hospitalized at Nebraska City with cuts and bruises but has been released. Yenney had cuts and bruises and a sprained ankle. McKluskey also had cuts but neither Yenney or McKlusky were hospitalized.

Additional King Korn Koronation Personnel Listed

Here are more people who took part in the King Korn Karnival Koronation in addition to those listed by the Journal Monday:

Queen's crown bearer was Susan Rains, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rains; King's crown bearer was Gene Wehrbein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Wehrbein; Queens train bearers were Steve Delap, son of Rev. and Mrs. Keith Delap; Susan Hansen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hansen; Pamela Brookhouser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brookhouser and Steven McKenney, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. McKenney.

One of the flower girls was Kathy Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Robinson, instead of Patricia Brink, as listed earlier.

Koronation was sponsored by the V.F.W. auxiliary, Mrs. Maxine Bowman chairman. Co-chairman was Mrs. Margaret Fitch and Mrs. Lucille McLean, assisted by members of auxiliary, Mrs. Hazel Fitch, Miss Shirley Fitch, Mrs. Deloma Kaffenberger, Mrs. Vera Warga, Mrs. Dorothy McMillian, Mrs. Marge Willis, Mrs Louise McNulty, Mrs. Eunice Tiekotter, Mrs. Lorna Rains, and Mrs. Pearl Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Earl Dyer have returned from a trip to New Orleans Louisiana, Murray, Kentucky, and Champaign Illinois.

Lincoln Sowers C. of C. Guests Wednesday

Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce was host to the Lincoln Sowers Club at a luncheon held in the Lions Club building Wednesday noon. Over 100 local and Lincoln business men attended the dinner and program.

Arriving here in two chartered busses at 12:00 noon, the colorful group in red hats and white jackets were welcomed into the city by Mayor Leo Meisinger and other lacalites.

Following the dinner, Chamber of Commerce President R. R. Furse opened the meeting, presented local officials and introduced Dale Berger, of KOLN-TV who acted as master of ceremonies. Richard W. Chapin, KFOR, president of the Sowers, greeted Plattsmouth guests.

After a short musical interlude by a trio of Sowers, Bill Morton, amateur magician of some renown, gave a 30-minute performance of tricks and demonstrations that delighted the audience. Before departing, Sowers presented a large number of door prizes to the Plattsmouth group, in addition to numerous handouts from individual Sowers.

Leaving Plattsmouth at 1:30, the Sowers were to stop in Union, then into Otoe county. Their trip was to wind up at Nebraska City for a dinner meeting before disbanding in Lincoln.

The local Chamber was deeply indebted to the Plattsmouth Rotary Club for postponing their meeting and attending the luncheon in a body.

Airmen Smalley To Leave for Korea

A 2/C Russell Smalley, son of O. F. Smalley departed Friday evening by bus from Omaha enroute to Missoula, Mont. to visit with his brother Ted and family.

A 2/C Smalley will report at Parks Air Base, Calif. then depart for a year's duty in Korea.

Mrs. Robert Fitch Jr. of Holdrege, Nebr., who was at the Clarkson hospital for observation and treatment returned Wednesday and with Mr. Fitch are staying for a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fitch.

Kalf Show Champion Heifer

Carrol Schmidt of Plattsmouth shows his Angus calf which was named champion heifer of the show last week at the King Korn Karnival. This heifer was withdrawn from the calf sale, held at the Plattsmouth sale barn, and did not go on the block. Top price of $31 per hundred was paid at the sale.—Journal Photo.

Coffelt Rites On Wednesday At Plattsmouth

Funeral services for William H. Coffelt, of Plattsmouth were held Wednesday afternoon at the Sattler Funeral Home in Plattsmouth. Rev. J. W. Taenzler conducted the rites. Burial was in Oak Hill cemetery.

Mr. Coffelt died at an Omaha hospital Sunday.

Music was by Mrs. Lloyd Fradv, vocal soloist, and Mrs. Carl Duncan, organist.

Casket bearers were Carl Carlburg, Philip Rihn, John Alwin, Leslie Winters, Reuel Sack and E. B. Thomason.

Mr. Coffelt was born at Oakland, Iowa, on Aug. 28, 1889, the son of William and Alice James Coffelt. He was married on Jan. 31, 1915, to Stella Lewis, who survives him. He lived in Plattsmouth for 45 years and has been employed by the Burlington Refrigerator Express shops.

Besides his widow he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Loretta Freeland, Martinview; four sons, Lourice, Fairview, Ohio; Lloyd of Omaha; Wayne of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Richard of Plattsmouth. Three sisters survive. They are Miss Ella and Miss Mabel Coffelt of Carson, Iowa; Mrs. Pearl Sutton, Pasadena, Calif., and one brother, Everett, of Carson, Iowa. Five grandchildren survive. His parents preceded him in death.

Mr. Coffelt was a member of the First Christian church.

Leonard Burbee Hurt in Mishap While Working

Leonard Burbee has been notified of the back injury and hospitalization of Earl Hardison, former Plattsmouth resident.

Mr. Harison who lives in Tempe, Ariz., and is employed at a service station there, was injured Sept. 3, while putting in a vehicle transmission which fell on him.

Injuries were to his back.

Phoenix Osteopathic hospital x-rays showed 3 injured vertebra. Mr. Hardison will remain in the hospital for several weeks.

Cards and letters may be sent to the hospital, 4007 North 7th Street, Phoenix, Arizona.