

Cancer Crusade Is Initiated Today

After weeks of preparation, Cass County volunteers got into action this morning in the American Cancer Society's 1956 educational and fund-raising crusade, Mrs. Clovis Day, city chairman, announced today.

Nationally that organization is seeking \$26,000,000 this year for its three-front cancer control program of medical and scientific research, public and professional education, and service to patients.

Mary Becker Dies Saturday At Speck Home

Mrs. Mary H. Becker died Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ben Speck, with whom she was living.

She was born in Pekin, Ill., August 4, 1865, the daughter of George P. and Eva Volk Horn. She was married to William A. Becker in Plattsmouth, December 7, 1892. Mr. Becker died in 1952.

Mrs. Becker moved to Plattsmouth in 1931.

She was a member of St. Paul's Reformed and Evangelical Church of this city.

She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Ben Speck, and sons Earl and Floyd, all of Plattsmouth. One brother survives. He is J. J. Horn of Creighton. Twelve grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services are set for 2 p.m. Tuesday at Sattler Funeral Home. The Rev. G. E. Seybold will officiate.

Calling hours are today from 6 to 9 p.m.

Burial will be at Oak Hill cemetery.

Trailer Damaged As Trash Fire Gets Far Out of Control

The Plattsmouth Fire Department was called to extinguish a fire in a trailer home Friday morning.

The trailer, owned by Stan Prokuek of 1601 Main Street, caught fire as a result of trash burning out of control and spreading to the trailer.

Damage was estimated at \$25.

Two Divorce Cases Are Filed in Court

Two petitions for divorce were filed in District Court during the past three days, reports Clerk C. E. Ledgway.

Elizabeth M. Reed has filed a suit against Dewey Reed on charges of extreme cruelty. Francis M. Casey is attorney for the plaintiff.

Frances Mendenhall is asking a divorce from Ronald Mendenhall on charges of extreme cruelty. She is asking custody of the minor child, Smith and Lebens are attorneys for the plaintiff.

The quota for Cass County is \$1700.

Many of the volunteers began a door-to-door canvass of homes throughout the city, in most cases being assigned to their own neighborhoods or to other areas with which they are familiar. Others set out to canvass offices, industrial plants, and stores.

Mayor Leo Meisinger, who today proclaimed April as Cancer Control Month, in line with similar action by President Eisenhower and Governor Anderson.

Mrs. Clovis will be assisted by William Wetenkamp, retail chairman, and Naomi Day, treasurer. Mrs. Clarence Norris of Weeping Water is Cass County chairman.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary will conduct a house to house campaign at a later date.

"Beside soliciting funds, our volunteers are carrying on a vital educational drive," Mrs. Day said today. "At every house and business establishment visited, they are leaving cancer literature. This material accents hope and assurance in the cancer fight. It points out the great importance of periodic health examinations as a safeguard against that disease, and tells of cancer's seven danger signals."

There are 400,000 persons living in this country today who have been cured of cancer, and some 80,000 men, women, and children were saved from cancer deaths last year, because in their cases there was early detection and adequate early treatment.

"The fine spirit of all those taking part in the campaign promises complete success for it. We confidently rest our case against cancer on their efforts and on the concern of the people of Plattsmouth in saving lives from man's cruellest enemy."

Contributions may be left with Miss Day at the Plattsmouth State Bank.

More Donations Swell Heart Fund

The Plattsmouth Heart Fund has now reached \$671.45, Dr. L. S. Pucelik, chairman, announced.

Most recent contributions are: \$10, T. H. Pollock; \$3, in memory of Louis G. Meisinger; \$2, John Cloldt, Sr.



OUTSTANDING FUTURE FARMERS—Roy Smith, left, and Weldon Stohr display one of the awards Plattsmouth High School Future Farmers won at the State FFA Convention. The local unit won a superior rating for its work among other awards. Latest to be announced is the presentation of a blue ribbon team prize in dairy products judging. Jim Krager received an individual blue ribbon in this category and Dennis Burbee, an individual red ribbon. Jim Grosshans is the team's third member.

Fire Destroys Two Barns; Cass Sheriff Opens Probe

A neighboring farmer saved from a fire nearly all the livestock in two barns at the Len Meisinger farm near Louisville Saturday.

Farmer George Shroeder saw the flames and led all the cattle, with the exception of one small calf, to safety.

The Meisinger family was in Plattsmouth attending a funeral when the fire broke out.

A large barn and a smaller farm building were destroyed in the fire on the former George Fomoff farm, 12 miles west of Plattsmouth. Part of the loss was covered by insurance.

Mr. Meisinger summoned Sheriff Tom Solomon to investigate the cause of the fire. The sheriff has talked with the owner and members of the Louisville Fire Department which fought in vain to save the structures.

Today the sheriff said there is no indication the fire is connected in any way with the two arson attempts last week in the Greenwood area.

These two unexplained blazes are still being investigated by Sheriff Solomon and Deputy State Fire Marshal V. W. Germaine.

The probe so far has revealed that at least 10 gallons of kerosene were dumped in the vacant house owned by Ralph Clymer, one mile east of Greenwood, and about 20 gallons of kerosene on the floor of the corn crib of the farm of Art Jarman, three miles south of Greenwood, Sheriff Solomon said.

Both fires were put out before any considerable damage was done.

In both cases it appears too much kerosene was used, the sheriff said, and instead of the wood becoming ignited only the kerosene burned.

Virgil Schuelke, a farmer, was enroute home when he discovered the corn crib fire. He told investigators a car was parked nearby when he pulled up and as he left his car the other vehicle sped away.

A fire at the rear of the Standard Hardware Store in Louisville Saturday night was extinguished before it caused serious damage.

Fire Chief Paul Luker again called the sheriff to investigate, but it is believed the blaze was caused when sparks from a nearby paper fire blew into a lean-to at the rear of the store.

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Journal Named Winner Of Agricultural Award

The Plattsmouth Journal is one of five Nebraska newspapers to be cited for its "outstanding" service to agriculture.

The Journal and the Dawson County Herald tied for first place in newspapers of communities of more than 2,000 in population. Both papers received a bronze plaque and a check for \$100 from Ak-Sar-Ben at the banquet of the 82nd annual Nebraska Press Association convention in Omaha Friday.

5 Cass County Students Are To Be Honored

Five Cass Countians are among five hundred-eighty students who will be honored for high scholarship tomorrow at the University of Nebraska Honors Convocation.

Those recognized will be: Mary L. Domingo of Weeping Water, senior and John R. Toman of Plattsmouth recognized for superior scholarship and for having been on the honors list every year since entering as freshmen.

Peggy Sand Nability of Nehawka, senior, recognized for high scholarship.

Wendell P. Priest of Plattsmouth, junior, recognized for high scholarship.

Evelyn E. Henry of Plattsmouth, sophomore, recognized for high scholarship.

Guest speaker at the convocation will be Dr. Frank C. Baxter, professor of English at the University of Southern California.

Mrs. Skipsky Passes Away After Illness

Mrs. Josephine Skipsky, a former Plattsmouth resident, died Saturday in Omaha after an extended illness.

Mrs. Skipsky lived here until the time of her marriage in 1918, then moved to Omaha. She was born in Plattsmouth August 22, 1899, the daughter of Frank and Anna Sabatka.

She leaves her husband, Charles, a son, two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Aschenbrenner of Plattsmouth, and Mrs. Anna Hrbacek and two brothers, Joseph of San Diego, and Frank of Omaha. Four grandchildren survive.

Preceding her in death were her parents, two sisters, and one brother.

Funeral services will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday at Assumption Church in Omaha.

Rosary will be 8 p.m. tomorrow at the Dworak Funeral Home in Omaha.

Bogus Check Passer Nabbed Here After Victimitizing Store

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Mrs. Wiles Is Named Head of Church Group

The Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service met Wednesday in the church memorial room.

During the business meeting, an election of officers was held. The officers elected were:

Mrs. Howard Wiles, president; Mrs. J. H. Davis, vice president; Mrs. R. C. Humiston, secretary; Mrs. John Schreiner, treasurer.

Circle chairmen elected were: Mrs. Dale Philpot, Dorcas; Mrs. William Heinrich, Naom; Mrs. Fred Fischer, Gleaners.

Devotions were given by Mrs. John Schreiner, and the lesson by Mrs. Darwin Hoover, assisted by Mrs. Paul Long.

The special afternoon program was under the direction of Mrs. Howard Wiles and Mrs. Grant Roberts.

Using the theme, "This Is Your Life," four members were honored with life membership pins for their work in the church.

They were Mrs. Robert Keller, Mrs. James Cook, Mrs. Karl Grosshans and Mrs. Vernon Waterman.

Mrs. Waterman presented corsages for missions work to Mrs. Robert Humiston, Mrs. M. M. Muncie, Mrs. L. J. Hutchinson and Mrs. Erwin Kiel.

Daughters of three Society members also attended the Wednesday meeting. They were Mrs. Emerson Wiles of Plattsmouth, Mrs. Joan Lawrence of Omaha, and Mrs. John Stapp of Nebraska City.

Hostess for the meeting was the Dorcas Circle.

Red Cross Drive Fails to Achieve Much Needed Spurt

Cass County Red Cross contributions are still lagging far behind the 1956 quotas, drive officials said today. The goal is set at \$6,399.

Atty. Walter Smith, Plattsmouth, reports this city has contributed only \$210.25 towards its quota of \$1,800. Local collections in 1954 were \$1,500, and last year, \$826.15.

Mrs. John B. Elliott, Alvo chairman, reports collections of \$123.25. The 1954 collections totaled \$177.50, and for 1955, they were \$151.75.

Avoca Chairman Elmer Hallstrom so far has collections of \$326.50. In 1954 some \$401 was collected and \$283 in 1955.

Mrs. Clinton Westlake, Eagle chairman, reports 1956 collections now total \$140. For 1954, they reached \$213. In 1955 they were \$139.92.

Mrs. Emily Gonzales reports Elmwood's total has reached \$270.61. In 1954, it was \$313.39, and in 1955, it was \$363.50.

Lauris Hendrix, Louisville chairman, has collections of \$217.25. Collections were \$491.90 for 1954, and \$411.23 for 1955.

Manley chairman, Mrs. William Dieckman, reports collections of \$71 as compared to \$59.70 for 1954, and \$95.50 for 1955.

Mrs. Carl Rickert, Murdock, (Continued on Page 4)

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Let's Hope It Doesn't Get Hungry!

Alligator Makes Fine Pet

By Jerry Sharpnack
Most people don't find a live alligator in their mail box, but Steve Timm did!

His father, Ralph, acquired the foot-long reptile during his recent safari to Florida and sent it back to Steve.

Steve, who lives with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Naeve, says he is very pleased with the pet, although he feels there is a certain amount of jealousy among other members of his menagerie, i.e., Parky the parakeet, and Hans and Herman, goldfish.

The alligator, whose name is Al, lives in a tub in the basement. He also has a plastic-topped "traveling case" in which

Steve takes him such places as the schoolhouse, to the horror of several classmates and faculty members.

As yet, Steve is not sure of Al's feeding habits. He has been offered hamburger and horsemeat, but seems despondent and, inclined to be snappish on the smallest provocation. Although Steve assured us Al was far too lazy to bit, this writer kept his distance.

However, Al is constantly shown love, care and attention, and in time, Steve believes he will grow (and grow, and grow) to be a big cheerful and contented household pet.

Steve and his grandparents are glad to have Al in their household, yet some fears were expressed as to what might be sent from Ralph's next vacation.

Finds It Costly To Forget Ticket

Police Judge James Graves reports a single violation on the docket at police court the past three days.

The charge was registered against W. W. Nord of Plattsmouth, who failed to pay two parking meter tickets. He was fined \$2 and paid \$4 court costs.



Steve Timm and His Pet

THE WEATHER
Compiled for the Plattsmouth Journal at the Masonic Home weather Station, Plattsmouth Nebraska.

April 12, 13, 14, 15, 1956.	
High Low Prec	
Thursday	64 40
Friday	72 30
Saturday	75 42
Sunday	70 34

Forecast: Mostly cloudy today, with promising showers turning to snow. Sun sets Monday at 7:05 a.m. Sun rises Tuesday at 5:42 a.m.