



COMING AND GOING—Captain Cecil Carr (center) greets Private Larry Stones on his return from six month's active duty at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. At left is Private Francis Go-

## Friday Night Shopper Time Has Ups-Downs

The Friday evening store hours in downtown Plattsmouth made quite a hit with the shoppers, but their enthusiasm wasn't completely shared by the merchants.

The first evening of the new plan turned out to be wet and somewhat chilly, but the main streets of the city were still lined with the autos of shoppers.

Some merchants said they received no extra business, while others reported a profitable time at the cash register. All said they would try it a while longer to determine the full possibilities Friday night shopping hours.

Most shopkeepers reported things very quiet between 6 and 7 o'clock — but then things began to pick up.

Many merchants conceded they heard much favorable comment on the Friday opening hours from the shoppers.

Man-on-the-street interviews conducted by Chamber of Commerce President Ernie Schultz and Manager Dale Bowman also turned up a number of visitors who were very much in favor of the extra night's shopping. Previously the stores were only open Saturday nights.

Mr. Schultz said Saturday after he reviewed the evening he believes Plattsmouth will "definitely" become a Friday night shopping area.

He said part of the slowness in business reported by some merchants could be blamed on the "nasty" weather. Some merchants did real well, he said.

The chamber president suggested the Friday night shopping should be promoted a little more with additional prizes offered. The man-on-the-street interviews also proved heartening, he added.

Mr. Bowman said this morning he found the shoppers were well pleased with the new evening hours and he was pleased with the overall results, taking into consideration it was tried for the first evening.

The plan was put into effect after a poll by the retail division of the chamber revealed a majority of merchants wanted to give it a try.

Special sale prices and prizes were offered, but the weather just didn't cooperate.

The stores were also open Saturday night during the regular hours and the usual amount of business was reported by the merchants.

chenour who will go on active duty in September. All are members of the 355th Reserve Infantry detachment. Goehenour and Stones are serving under the six months active service reserve act of 1955.

## Check Cases Will Not Be Prosecuted

Two cases involving insufficient fund checks were dismissed this week at Cass County Court at the request of the prosecuting witnesses.

Both were first offense cases and will not be given a court hearing.

The offenders were Louis Hathaway of Union and James V. Byerly of Omaha.

Hathaway pleaded guilty to writing a \$20 insufficient fund check on the Nehawka Bank made out to Charles Attebery. The check was dated October 22, 1955.

Byerly pleaded guilty to writing \$150 insufficient fund check on an Omaha bank. The check was made out to Attebery Chevrolet and dated September 13, 1955.

Hathaway was ordered to pay \$4 court costs and \$7.30 sheriff's fee.

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## Gamble's to Move: A New Store Coming

A new department store is moving into Plattsmouth, it was learned by the Plattsmouth Journal today.

The new store will occupy the quarters presently housing Gamble's at Sixth and Main.

Herb Freeburg, owner and proprietor of Gamble's, announced today he purchased the old Hinky Dinky building from Soennichsen's and will move his store into that location.

Mr. Freeburg said the move will be made within the next 90 days.

Heading the new department store will be John J. O'Connell. The latter was manager of the J. C. Penney Store in Nebraska City for many years and for the past two years has operated a store at Kenyon, Minn.

## Man Seeks Home; Overparks, Is Fined And Then Pardoned

A Polk man who is thinking of moving to Plattsmouth had another reason added to the affirmative side here the other day.

Leo C. Negley was apprehended by Plattsmouth City Police for parallel parking in a diagonal zone. He was making a telephone call to check on an apartment at the time.

Police Magistrate James Graves fined the motorist \$1 and costs of \$4. However, Negley didn't like the idea of being fined and after leaving police court went to see Mayor Bruce Gold.

The mayor ordered the case be made a "warning" and the fine and costs remitted.

It is within the mayor's authority, by Nebraska Law, to pardon defendants in city court or remit their fines.

## Hiatt Furniture Building Sold; Sale On Wednesday

The Hiatt Furniture Company building was sold recently and a closeout sale of all merchandise will begin Wednesday. The store was owned and operated by L. D. "Demi" Hiatt for about 20 years. Mr. Hiatt said he now intends to "take life easy" and loaf around for a while. He is 79.

Before going into the furniture business, Mr. Hiatt was head of the shoe department at Soennichsen's. He later operated a basket factory.

Before coming to Plattsmouth, he was a resident of Murray.

Mr. Hiatt is one of the earliest businessmen in Cass County and has always been interested and active in community affairs. He is a member of First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Hiatt said the new proprietors have not, as yet, decided definitely what will be done with the building.

The Hiatt Furniture Company is located at 126 South Sixth Street.

## Mayor, Residents Are Invited to the Air Force Program

Mayor Bruce Gold and all residents of Plattsmouth are invited to attend an open house celebration May 19 at Lincoln Air Force Base.

The invitation comes from Major Vaughan O. Stevens, Armed Forces Day project officer.

Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine and reserve components will take part in the program. Things will get underway at 1 and run until 5 p.m.

The Air Force's modern bombers and fighters will be on display.

## Wendell Friest To Appear in "Joan of Arc"

LINCOLN — Wendell Friest, University of Nebraska student of Plattsmouth will appear with Vera Zorina, internationally known stage and screen actress and dancer, in the musical drama, "Joan of Arc" at the University of Nebraska Coliseum, May 13 at 8:00 p.m.

The production will include five professional soloists, four narrators, a 500-voice University chorus, and a 70-piece orchestra. Also taking part in the program will be the Boy's Town Choir.

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## Sheriff Arrests Omaha Pair on Morals Count

An Omaha pair have forfeited bond posted after they were charged with indecent exposure, drinking on a public road and throwing debris on a public road at 4 a. m. Saturday morning.

The pair was identified as Dorothy L. Harnett and William M. Resler by Sheriff Tom Solomon.

Miss Harnett forfeited bond of \$20 and Resler forfeited his bond of \$24. They were apprehended at the Mynard road one mile east of Mynard.

## Times Were Tough In Late Thirties, Old Journal Tells

Times were really tough during the depression of the thirties.

Things were really so tough some people couldn't take office.

The Plattsmouth Journal of May 11, 1936, reports the Community Building Fund refused to allow its president-elect to be seated because he was unable to pay his club dues for a week.

## Blair Pharmacist Is Helping Local Man

L. C. Moore, registered pharmacist of Blair is the relief pharmacist at the Feldhausen Drug Store in the absence of Fred Feldhausen, local druggist. Mr. Feldhausen is a patient at St. Catherine's Hospital, Omaha, where he submitted to an emergency operation last week.

## From the Editors Notebook . . .

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## Local Merchants Can Study Latest Tax Laws on May 15

Robert McConalee, secretary of the Nebraska City Chamber of Commerce said today that business-men in the Plattsmouth area, employing four or more persons, will have an opportunity to understand the operation of the Nebraska Employment Security Law and their taxpaying responsibilities under the law by attending the Unemployment Insurance informational tax meeting, sponsored by the Nebraska City Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on May 15, at the Memorial Building in Nebraska City.

## Labor Market In Cass County Is Improving

A sharp decline in the number of job seekers in this area was noted in April, the Labor Market News of the Nebraska State Employment Service reported today.

The area covers Nebraska City, Plattsmouth, Falls City and Auburn.

In Plattsmouth three agricultural and three non-agricultural jobs were filled. Orders were received for five workers to fill new positions.

There were 23 new applications for work and 157 visits were made to the Plattsmouth office. Many of these job seekers who reside in Plattsmouth obtained positions outside the city or outside of the services offered by the state employment service.

It is expected the availability of high school and college students and graduates will augment the labor supply considerably within the next 30 days.

## Free Concert Expected to Attract Many

A large audience is expected to attend the Strategic Air Command band concert and variety show at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Admission will be free.

The band from Offutt Air Force Base will feature a male chorus, barbershop quartet and other special acts in addition to the band music. Also, the SAC Dance Band will play for a short period of dancing following the regular performance.

The group is composed of the most outstanding musicians selected from Strategic Air Command's many bases throughout the world.

## Wedding Permit To Plattsmouth Pair

A marriage license was granted in county court this week to Charles E. Thomason, 26, and Shirley L. Glaze, 20.

The couple is from Plattsmouth.

# Plattsmouth Watershed Project Nears Final OK



CITIZENSHIP AWARD—Atty. Walter Smith of Plattsmouth, head of the Red Cross drive here, is shown receiving the VFW's citizenship award from Past Commander A. C. McLean. The presentation was one of several citizenship awards made during the annual installation of officers in the clubrooms recently.—Journal Photo.

Hopes were expressed here today that final details will soon be cleared for the beginning of the Plattsmouth Watershed flood control project.

U.S. Senator Roman Hruska of Nebraska has written Paul Fauquet, local flood committee chairman, that members of a Senate committee looking into the matter have advised him the proposal would be approved by June 5 and "very likely earlier."

## 4-H Trips Are Awarded to 7 In the County

Seven Cass County 4-H'ers were recently awarded club week trips to Lincoln from June 5 to 8.

Those honored include Sharon Wall of Eagle, Marilyn Mendenhall of Elmwood, Carolyn Spohn of Elmwood, Weldon Stoehr of Plattsmouth, Arlene Johnson of Greenwood, Marilyn Pollard of Nehawka and a leader, Mrs. Eldon Mendenhall of Elmwood.

Fred Lindsey of Union is the recipient of the club week trip awarded in the Nehawka area by Sheldon's Store in Nehawka.

Any other 4-H members, 14 years or older, may also attend the activities by filing an application which can be obtained at the Cass County Extension Office in Weeping Water. The registration fee is \$13.

Clarence Schmadeke, county extension agent, said today it appears the number of 4-H membership enrollments in this county will go over 550 mark set in 1955.

Already some 359 boys and girls in the county have enrolled in projects, he said.

All enrollments must be entered by June 1, Mr. Schmadeke said.

## County Court

### Two Speeding Charges Are Tried in City

The number of Cass County speeding violations diminished considerably this week as only two cases were listed on the county court docket.

They were: John F. Bergman of Plattsmouth, \$25 fine, \$4 costs.

David H. Stahmer of Omaha, \$15 fine, \$4 costs.

Other cases included: Dick Neeman of Douglas, overweight on capacity plates, \$20 fine, \$4 costs.

Edward J. Colna of Offutt Air Force Base, no driver's license, \$5 fine, \$4 costs.

I GO Van and Storage of Omaha, improper use of local plates, \$10 fine, \$4 costs.

Leon Poag of Chickasha, Okla. over gross weight, \$50 fine, \$4 costs.

### New Donations Add to The Red Cross Drive

Two sizeable donations have bolstered the Red Cross fund, it was announced today by Atty. Walter Smith, Plattsmouth drive chairman.

The fund now stands at \$611.04. Latest contributions include \$50 from Plattsmouth State Bank and \$10 from Central Electric and Gas Company.

### Biology Students Here Are Offered A Black Tarantula

The biology class at Plattsmouth High School has a new and rather weird specimen. It is a fierce looking black tarantula.

Merlin Joehimsen gave the spider-like creature to the class after it was found among some bananas in an Omaha grocery warehouse.

The spiders are found in South America in banana growing areas. This one had apparently clung to a large bunch of the fruit and made the trip north.

Tarantulas are not very active in the climate of this area. However, they are still considered dangerous.

The one turned over to the school is considered small. It's only about four and a half inches from leg to leg.

A hearing on the Plattsmouth project — designed to stop the flooding of streets and land during excessive rainfalls — is being held today in Washington.

However, the senator advised Mr. Fauquet the Senate Agriculture Committee is meeting with the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Interior and U. S. Army Engineers on the subject. There is no need for a member of the local committee to be present, Senator Hruska wrote.

The senator did say a member of his staff would sit through the hearing to make certain all went well.

The Plattsmouth Flood Control Committee met this past Thursday night to iron out some of the features in the plans to control flooding here.

The erection of three dams was foremost in the discussion. These three dams would offer the majority of protection under the plan.

One would be south of the BRESX shops, one would guard the Chicago Avenue area and the third would protect the Washington Avenue area. The exact location of the dams has not been released pending final study and approval.

During the first year of the flood control project the majority of the effective control measures would be carried out, the committee said.

This would include the erection of the three dams which would offer ample protection against severe rainfall.

The erection of at least one of these dams could be tied in with the Parks and Recreation Department as it could be developed into a fishing and recreation area, the committee said.

Finances of the proposal were discussed and some planning carried out. Under terms of the bill in Congress the overall project is figured at \$99,800 with the federal government contributing up to a maximum of \$66,500 for the project covering about 2,465 acres of Cass County in and adjacent to the city.

The committee said the federal Government must be shown the local area will be able to raise its share of funds for the project.

This is planned through moderate assessments against land owners in the flood areas, donations, contributions by businessmen and through cooperative work which can be carried out by the city, the committee announced.

The local share for the first year's work is expected to be about \$5,600 for actual work and about \$6,000 for property easements for flood control construction.

The committee said it will attempt to set up a tentative voluntary assessment program making those in the areas most susceptible to flooding more responsible financially than those in less susceptible areas.

The assessments would be only a small share of what flood insurance would cost—if it were available, the committee commented.

It is necessary to figure a budget for the project by May 21, the committee said. This budget would be for work during the fiscal year of 1956-57.

The committee said the city's share in the project could be carried out without additional cost to city taxpayers—yet, certain work could be applied to.

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### Senate Candidate Comes Here Seeking Campaign Support

Tom Dooley, a candidate for the Nebraska Senate, was in Plattsmouth Saturday seeking support for his campaign.

Mr. Dooley, a resident of Papillion, has served as a senator for six years at various intervals.

He is a former Sarpy County clerk. The candidate is 60 years old.

# Modest Boy Is Not Extinct

"I've got a story for you," he tells her. "I wasn't going to bother but my friend, Bud, up at Central School told me I ought to stop in and see you."

He then tells he's visited 48 states and every nation in the world with the exception of two. His travels include the North Pole and other equally remote lands.

The places he remembers best are Japan, Alaska, Africa and Canada. He's got a brother and sister who travel along wherever mother and father are sent.

"Nope, don't want any pictures," he directed. "And don't make it too long—hey and don't put it on the front page."

Well Buck we didn't take the picture, we tried to keep it as short as we could and still tell the whole story. But by golly there's no room on the inside pages so we had to make Page 1.

But we did enjoy your visit, your novel approach and sincere modesty.

"Ya don't find many of these kind of kids anymore."

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