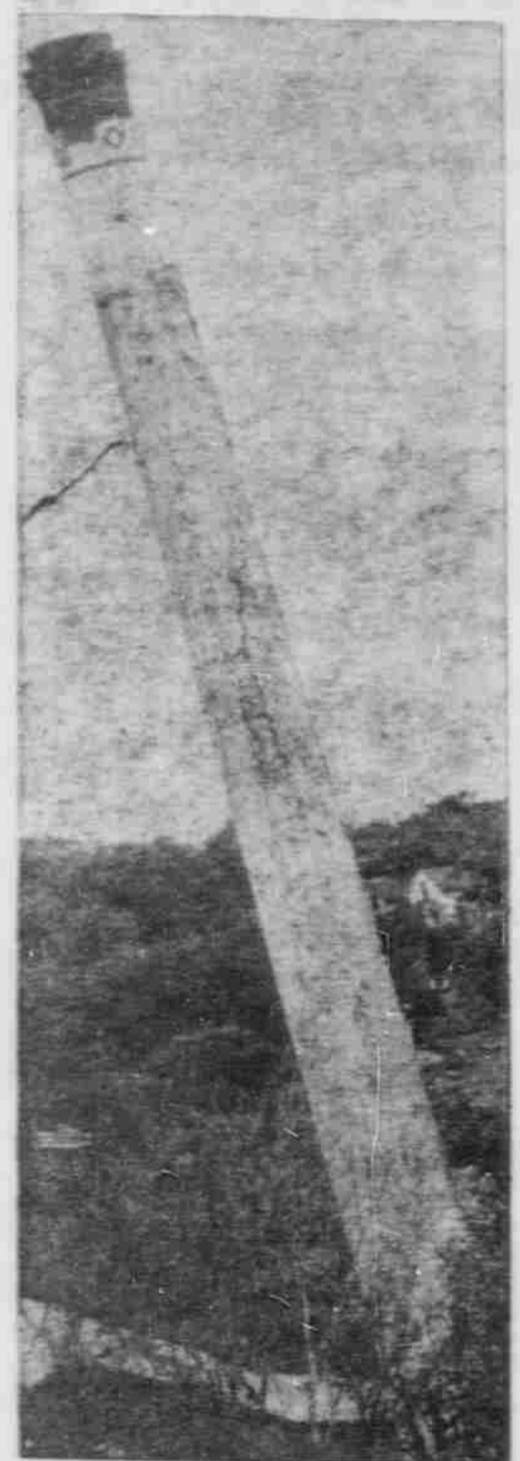


There She Goes



PLATTSMOUTH'S — Tallest structure in shown this past Friday as it fell to the ground after it was purposely undermined by a Chicago demolition crew. The smokestack, highest in the city, crumbled to dust after its fall.

City's Tallest Landmark Topples After 34 Years

Story And Pictures
By Butch Furse
Plattsmouth's tallest structure toppled to the ground Friday morning.
The structure belonging to the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, was the highest landmark in the city. It was 166 feet high and 24 feet in diameter at the base. The smoke stack, built in 1922, was constructed of concrete lined with brick. The stack was used for letting steam out of the shop's boiler room until 1955. The boiler room still stands.

The felling of the stack was accomplished by the Hinnie Chimney Company of Chicago. Company workmen cut the reinforcing steel rods with cutting torches and placed wooden cribbing inside the structure. Then burning out the cribbing the stack toppled within two feet of where the workers predicted it would fall.
The stack teetered from side to side for a moment and then fell to the ground with a crash that shattered windows in some nearby shop buildings.
A large cloud of dust rose almost 100 feet in the air after the smoke stack had hit the ground. When the dust cleared, people rushed from their safe vantage points to view the broken stack.
Many cameramen were also at the scene to get "action shots" of the fall. Many of the "shutterbugs" had waited more than an hour to get their pictures.
The Cass County Courthouse now reigns as the highest building in Plattsmouth. It is 131.2 feet high, according to the official measuring of County Surveyor Bill Coakley.



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Crowd of 500 Pays Tribute To War Dead

Amid the beautifully decorated graves of Oak Hill Cemetery the annual tribute was paid the war dead.

A crowd of about 500 witnessed yesterday's impressive, yet simple, Memorial Day services.

The program was begun at the Legion plot as the Plattsmouth High School Band played "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," after which a commemorative prayer was given by the American Legion Chaplain Art Warga.

Rev. Max Kors delivered the main address wherein he emphasized the importance of carrying on our sacred heritage of freedom.

"Blood shed for this cause of freedom," he said, "makes mere words superficial."

The band then played "God Bless America" and wreaths were placed at the memorial stone by presidents of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The VFW Firing Squad honored the war dead with a volley.

The program at the Legion plot was ended as Legion and VFW Commanders raised the colors and the band played the National Anthem.

Following these services, a ceremony was held at the VFW plot.

The detail then proceeded to the Missouri River Bridge where a wreath was cast into the water, in memory of Navy veterans.

VFW Asks Council For Sunday Hours

Legal Snafu Blocks Plan For Children

Legal technicalities thwarted the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce Monday night as it sought financial aid from the city for the planned summer youth activities program.
After hearing Manager Dale Bowman and President Ernie Schultz request \$1,000 from the city amusement fund, city councilmen rummaged through law books to check the legality of any grant for the project.

After discussing their findings, the council said it felt it was obligated to turn the approximately \$800 it receives from the amusement tax over to the Plattsmouth High School Band as it has done in past years.

This sum is used to pay a portion of the salary of Music Director M. D. McKenney.

Mr. Bowman told the councilmen previously he felt the band covered only a small portion of the area's youth, but the Chamber's planned program would cover possibly as much as 90 percent of the city's youngsters.

However, Mr. Bowman and Mr. Schultz said they were against taking the money from the city if it were to mean curtailment of the band program.

The Chamber representatives said they did want to make certain provisions were made in the forthcoming budget to allow for youth activities next year.

The chamber said it needs \$1,500 to carry out its planned two months program for this summer. A portion of the money is expected to be raised from the parents of youngsters participating through the sale of T-shirts, Mr. Bowman said.

Donation boxes are being displayed in local stores and the chamber and American Legion plan to contribute to the program.

The council referred the chamber representatives to the Park Board. It is hoped a plan can be worked out whereby park funds can be used for a recreational program.

The Lepert-Wolever Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, went before the Plattsmouth City Council Monday to determine whether or not the clubrooms could operate Sundays and holidays.

The VFW clubrooms, located at South Sixth Street, sell to its members beer and liquor under the terms of a Class C license granted by the city.

Boating Site Will Be Done Next Sunday

Within the next 10 days Plattsmouth boaters will have fine facilities for harboring and launching their craft, according to Clem Wooster, member of the Plattsmouth Wildlife and Recreation Association Boat Committee.

Work has been underway for the past two Sundays at the boat launching site. Bulldozers are sloping the muddy banks and trucks have hauled crushed rock which will be applied to the landscaped banks.

After they are stopped and covered with rock the banks will provide an outstanding location for boaters to launch their craft, committee members said.

The club members have high hopes for the success of their project as the harbor area was formed by the river itself and appears to be of sufficient size to accommodate all boating enthusiasts in the area.

Mr. Wooster told the Journal workers plan to complete the site by next Sunday.

The harbor is located south of River Road.

The council batted the issue back and forth with club members for more than a half hour before voting to turn it over to the judiciary and license committee for further study.

The councilmen said it was their opinion present city laws make the Sunday opening of the club illegal.

However, LeRoy Wilson, commander of the VFW, said in other such areas such as Omaha and Nebraska City private clubs were allowed to remain open.

Mr. Wilson also said his club was advised by a state liquor representative to the effect the club could sell beverages to its members on holidays.

It would be much better to have the money "our own club members spend rather than let them go across the river (to Iowa) to spend it," he said.

Dale Bowman, a past commander of the VFW, also spoke on behalf of holiday hours for private clubs.

The VFW representatives argued the club members were not actually buying their beverages retail, but instead were drinking their own property as they were the club members.

However, councilmen said they believed the members were still in violation of the retail sales law because the members must pay for their drinks — even though they own the club.

Clubs and regular Class C license holders are in the same category under the law, the councilmen said.

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Mrs. Kerns Will Receive Union Award

Special To The Journal
Mrs. Eva Kerns of 316 Main Street, Plattsmouth, will be awarded a union welfare counselor certificate in Omaha tonight.

A member of Local 3092, Steelworkers Union, she is one of 14 completing an eight-week course on community welfare resources. The graduate counselors will advise fellow employees where to seek welfare aid when in need.

The welfare training course is the first joint program locally of the new AFL-CIO. It was sponsored by Omaha Federation of Labor and Omaha-Council Bluffs Industrial Union Council in cooperation with the labor participation department of United Community Services.

The curriculum included lectures on health services, financial assistance, social security, veterans benefits, family counseling, child welfare, workmen and unemployment compensation, recreation and senior citizens.

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Those from Cass County taking part will be Larry Pershing, Gail Otto and Judy Leadabrand, all of Greenwood, Weldon Stoehr and Tom Kraeger of Plattsmouth and Jim Ulrich of Louisville.

A car driven by Laurence Hallow of South Dakota stopped to wait for the Wolee car to turn. A car driven by Alan T. Wiles of Plattsmouth rammed the rear of the Hallow automobile.

The Wiles car was then hit by a car driven by Grover L. Cundall, Jr., of Plattsmouth.

Damage to the Wiles and Cundall vehicles was heavy. Little damage was done to the Hallow car.

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1 Way Street Is Out

City Council Votes To Restore Two Way Traffic On Seventh

Plattsmouth's first and only one way street will soon be a thing of the past. The city council voted unanimously Monday to return Seventh Street between Avenue A and First Avenue to a two way roadway.

Prior to the official vote on the question, two councilmen—Ray Wysel and James F. McMillan—said they personally were opposed to changing the one way street, but they voted with the proponents when City Clerk Albert Olson called the roll.

The one way street was in force for more than two months. It was set up under the administration of former Mayor Leo Melsinger.

The one way street was put into effect as a safety measure. It was under constant fire since its inception, but sufficient support was always on hand previously to insure its remaining.

Th one way street was supported by Police Chief John J. Hobscheidt, Sr.

The street issue was brought up at the most recent council session when Dick Gerbeling told the councilmen the one way traffic was interfering with the sale of the Standard Service Station, owned by his late father, Floyd Gerbeling.

The station is located at Avenue A and Seventh Street. Mr. Gerbeling said the one way street factor had lessened the value of the station. He requested the street be made a

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Two Ashland Men Fined on Drunk Counts

Two Ashland men were in Cass County Court this week due to an over-consumption of intoxicants.

William D. Norris pleaded guilty to drunken driving and was fined \$100, paid costs of \$4 and his driver's license was suspended for six months.

His companion, James W. Roberts, was fined \$10 after pleading guilty to a charge of intoxication. He also paid court costs of \$4.

Other cases:

Jack D. Welsh of Midwest City, Okla., speeding, \$16 fine, \$4 costs.

Chester L. Cheate of Terre Haute, Ind., speeding, \$36 fine, \$4 costs.

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Arthur L. Edminster of Grand Rapids, Minn., speeding \$26 fine, \$4 costs.

Lester J. Kinney of Omaha, overload on axle, \$50 fine, \$4 costs.

Donald E. Petersen of Omaha drinking on a public highway, forfeit of \$24 bond.

Ralph E. Ipock of Weeping Water, speeding, \$15 fine, \$4 costs.

Divorce Petition

A petition for divorce was filed recently in district court by Leslie H. Nolte.

He seeks separation from Cora L. Nolte on grounds of extreme cruelty and asks custody of the minor children.

Union Girl, 4, Takes Auto For Drive: Loss Is Heavy

UNION — A four-year-old Union girl took her father's auto for a short, but disastrous ride along Main Street of this village Tuesday.

Little Linda Sue Gannaway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Gannaway, managed to hit three other cars and a cafe in her less than 200 foot drive.

Deputy Sheriff Shrader Rhoden said the girl's father left her in the car while he ran an errand. He took the ignition keys from the vehicle, but did not leave the ignition switch locked.

Somehow Linda got the car started in reverse and it bolted into the street and struck the

passing car of Ardith Ervin. The driver and her two passengers, Nola Keene and Merina Wolf, were uninjured.

Then the auto with Linda at the wheel sped backwards and rammed the parked car of Dr. R. R. Anderson. It pushed the Doctor's car into another parked car, the owner of which is unidentified.

Linda's ride did not stop then, however. She kept on going and rammed into the door of Johnny's Cafe. This proved a double loss for the Doctor as he owns the structure.

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