



The Local Flood Control Committee Wants To Make Certain There Is No Recurrence Of Floods Like The One Which Drowned Plattsmouth In 1907. Shown Are The BREX Shops, A Building Where Smith's Store Now Stands And Sixth Street Looking South.

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Crashes Injure Many

Two Million Mile Driving Record Of Edwards Is Broken

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Numerous motor vehicle accidents in the Cass County area kept law enforcement officers busy during the past several days.

A 51-year-old Creston, Iowa, woman has not yet recovered full consciousness in an Omaha Hospital where she is being treated for multiple injuries received in a crash Friday morning three miles west of Murray.

The victim, Mrs. Ina Parker Gidley, daughter of Mrs. Anna Parker of Weeping Water, is in serious condition suffering a broken vertebra of the back, and chest and head injuries.

Sheriff Tom Solomon said Mrs. Gidley enroute to pay a surprise vacation visit with her mother, apparently lost control of her car and it crossed the road and struck the oncoming auto of Jess L. Gibson, 26, of Murray.

Mr. Gibson received a painful cut on the head and his passenger, Robert Farris, 23, also of Murray, suffered a head cut which required 20 stitches to close.

Mrs. Gidley—who is the sister of Ida Cotner of Plattsmouth—rode from her home as far as Plattsmouth with her husband. He left the car with her here and went to Omaha by bus and she started to Weeping Water to see her mother.

Mrs. Gidley was pinned in her auto and rescue workers were forced to pry her free. Both cars were demolished.

The two and one-half million mile safety record of Fred M. Edwards of Plattsmouth ended abruptly yesterday when his car became involved in an accident at the north approach of Oreapolis Overpass.

The other two cars in the crash were driven by Donald H. Younker of Plattsmouth and Frank H. Zutz of Bellevue.

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Honor Guests On T-V Will Be Wehrbeins

The Ralph Wehrbein family of Plattsmouth will be featured as "guests of honor" over WOW-TV at noon Friday.

The family was selected as "farm family of the week" and will be interviewed during the station's farm portion of Four Star News.

The interview will be conducted by Mal Hansen, Radio WOW and TV farm service director.

The Wehrbeins always have active in farm programs in this area. Mr. Wehrbein is chairman of the Cass County 4-H Council.

Mrs. Wehrbein is a member of the Four-Mile Club.

They have four boys, Roger, Daniel, Steve and Ted.

Roger, a member of this year's graduating class at Plattsmouth High School, was awarded the Harriet Case Memorial Award for scholarship and activities. He plans to attend agricultural college this fall.

Daniel is junior at Plattsmouth High School and Steve and Ted are in the sixth grade.



RECEIVING JOURNAL AWARD—Publisher Ronald R. Furse is shown at left receiving the Journal's second place national award for service to agriculture. Making the presentation is Mr. Furse is A. A. Caruso, field sales manager, of Northern States Envelope Company, sponsors of the agricultural awards given at the annual banquet of Better Newspaper Contests of the National Editorial Association in Louisville, Ky. The Journal was judged second of newspapers with more than 2,000 in circulation. The paper taking first prize was the Macon, Ga., Telegraph, a daily and Sunday paper. Mrs. Furse accompanied the publisher to the convention. They will return early this week.

Man-Made Rain May Fall Soon On Cass County Crops

The clouds above Cass County may soon have a silver lining—and the farmers' pockets may be filled with gold.

Sounds like a fairy tale, but if all works out as hoped it may prove to be a true story.

The silver lining would actually be silver iodide, a chemical used by scientists to induce rainfall. And there's not a farmer to deny that successful completion of this project would mean gold in the pockets of all concerned with agriculture. Farmers from throughout the county are invited to attend a special meeting June 21 at 8 p.m. in Cass County Agricultural Auditorium in Weeping Water to discuss the rainmaking plans.

Behind the rainmaking program is J. L. DiSanto, regional manager of the Water Resources Development Corporation of Denver, Colo.

He has already discussed his tentative plans with farmers of the Weeping Water, Murray and Avoca area. Mr. DiSanto told the farmers they could be afforded a great

saving in the experiment if they wished to become part of an eight county area in Missouri and Iowa which has already signed up. Headquarters for the rainmaking efforts would be Shenandoah.

The cost to farmers in the county would be about \$7,000 or two cents an acre covering a 12-month period.

The special rate for Cass County is based on hopes Otoe County will also join in the rainmaking effort.

Mr. DiSanto told farmers artificial rainfall cannot be made, but when conditions are right and water bearing clouds are overhead they can be induced to produce rainfall.

He said there are probably six to eight times a month the silver iodide method could be used in this area. All monies collected for the program would be turned over to a board of directors in Shenandoah, he said. The directors would, in turn, pay the rainmaking firm.

Mr. DiSanto said the company's efforts produced much needed rain in the Meadow Grove, Oakdale, Elgin, Norfolk, Madison, Genoa and Columbus areas. Albion is also taking part in a rainmaking project and the most recent issue of the Albion News claims rainfall totals are now running above normal.

Mayor Warns the Business Tax Will Be Strictly Enforced Now

The City of Plattsmouth's occupation tax—a dust covered law little acknowledged here—will now be enforced, Mayor Bruce E. Gold announced today.

The council is now considering a revised business tax, the mayor said. Businessmen taking advantage of paying a fee for this year under the old law will actually be saving money as the new ordinance will bring about higher fees, the mayor forecast.

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A Chance to Serve Your Country:

Ground Observer Corps Will Be Formed Tonight

Plans are underway for the formation of a Ground Observer Corps in Plattsmouth.

A meeting will be held in the high school auditorium tonight at 8 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

The Ground Observer Corps has already established itself in Elmwood, Greenwood, and Weeping Water. These posts have been active since the early part of 1955.

Tonight's session is one of a series of three. The other two meetings will be at later dates.

At the end of the third meeting a graduation will be held and certificates will be awarded to the graduates who are qualified for observing aircraft and types of weather.

William J. Yonavich of Offutt Field will be in charge of the meetings. He appeared earlier this year at Plattsmouth High School and gave a lecture to the students on the GOC. About 150 students signed for the program.

A ground observer usually works a few hours a week with other volunteers in this area. There are thousands of people who are active in this type of program.

When a ground observer spots an airplane or an unidentified craft they call the Omaha Filter Center and the plane's course is traced and intercepted.

Louisville School Head Takes to the Air: Gets License

LOUISVILLE (Special)—Donald Lavigne, Louisville school superintendent, should have no trouble getting to school on time next fall.

Mr. Lavigne recently passed tests for a private flying license.

The "flying school teacher" is a member of the Civil Air Patrol. He now plans to get a commercial instructor's rating so that he may teach in schools having a flying curriculum.

Large Turnout Is Sought For Flood Control Meet

My Daddy Is Best Because:

Girl's Poem Nominates Her Dad As City's "Father of the Year"

Plattsmouth youngsters still have three more days in which to nominate their daddy as "Father of the Year."

The father chosen for the honors by a secret committee of judges will be showered with more than a score of gifts from Plattsmouth merchants.

The winning father will be picked on his merits as outlined by the youngster who writes to the Chamber of Commerce before 6 p. m. Thursday.

All area youngsters are invited to write their letters telling why they think their father should be chosen for the big honor and the jackpot of prizes. It will be a happy youngster, who on Father's Day, can present to his daddy the gifts ranging from popcorn popper to guest lamp.

The first letter in the contest was received by the chamber this past week.

In it nine-year-old Linda Frazier of 342 First Avenue nominates her dad with the poem: "Dear Chamber of Commerce, I think my daddy is the father of the year because:

"He helps me with my school work. He takes me everywhere. He buys me food and clothing and teaches me to share. He comforts me when I am sad. He mends my broken toys. I know he really loves me to give me all these joys."

Eight-year-old Karen Porter of 917 Avenue C was second in sending the chamber a letter. She nominated her father because:

"He works all day so that we can be comfortable. He is not rich or proud. He doesn't dress fancy, but makes sure we have new shoes on the spot when we need them—He does not have much time to play, but he makes sure we always have lots of fun. He's only a daddy but the best of men."

Mr. Crosby sent the Journal the seventh place certificate of appreciation.

The certificate reads: "In recognition of valuable public service in the fight are the nation's number one health problem, and with special gratitude for distinguished leadership in the campaign for public support of the 1956 Heart Fund."

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Dr. L. S. Pucelik of Plattsmouth was the local drive chairman.

Members of Plattsmouth Flood Control Committee today appealed for a big turnout at tonight's special meeting scheduled to discuss all aspects of the group's plans for putting a watershed project into actuality.

The public meeting is scheduled for 8 o'clock at the Lions Community Building. Paul Fauquet, committee chairman, will be in charge.



NEW POLICEMAN — Fred Tesch, Jr., was appointed to the Plattsmouth Police Department this past week following the resignation of Roland Cooper. Mr. Tesch is the owner of the Whirlpool Laundry.

Post cards were sent to most property owners who will be assessed a fee for flood protection work under the committee's planning. Other ways of raising monies locally to match the Federal Government's contribution will be discussed.

The government, under the Hope-Alken Act, will contribute \$60,500 for the erection of dams, obtaining property easement, getting dam building permits and administrative work.

The city is expected to contribute \$30,840 as its share of the project during the next three years. The committee's plans call for the local financial burden to be apportioned to those who receive benefits under the control work.

The planned project will be sufficient to handle a six inch runoff with no serious flooding, the committee said.

The control program, if put into effect, will remove the danger of floods similar to those which raised havoc here in 1949, 1907 and other years.

Only this past week the Federal Government released the necessary funds for the flood control work here. Unless matching funds are made available locally the federal funds cannot be used.

"Taking Over Cafe" Brings a \$10 Fine For Murdock Man

MURDOCK—A local man who, after several too many drinks, decided to take over a cafe here Friday spent the night in Cass County Jail.

Charles Williams was arrested by Sheriff Tom Solomon after Helen Johnston, proprietor of the Murdock Cafe called for aid. She told the sheriff Williams just walked in and decided to "take over."

For his short-lived reign, Williams paid a fine of \$10 and costs of \$4 in Cass County Court.

Julian Faces Thomason in Legion Vote

Hugh J. Kearns Post, American Legion, nominated officers for the annual election at a meeting Thursday night.

Seeking office are Orville Julian and Charles Thomason, commander; Lloyd Fitch, first vice commander, and Art Warga, second vice commander.

Fourteen are seeking election to the nine member executive committee. Those running for the posts include E. O. Vroman, Richard Peck, James Begley, Alva Linder, Fred Feldhausen, William Schmidtman, Eugene Krings, Art and Don Warga, Les Niel, George Conis, Dr. A. E. Johnson, Ray Larson and Joe Zastara.

A vote of thanks was given Searl Davis, Sam Gilmore, Rex Young and Darrell Mather for placing the flags on veterans' graves for the Memorial Day holiday.

A donation of \$100 was voted to the city recreation program, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

The Cass County American Legion convention will be held in Union June 22.

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

June 7, 8, 9, 10, 1956.
High Low Prec.
Thursday 83 50
Friday 87 52
Saturday 92 56
Sunday 94 66

Forecast: Highs today in 90's, lows in 65-70. Tomorrow continued hot and dry air. Sun sets today at 7:57 p.m. Sun rises Tuesday at 4:50 a.m.

Journal Given Seventh Place By Heart Fund

The Plattsmouth Journal was today awarded a seventh place award in the state for its coverage of the Nebraska Heart Fund Drive.

Some 70 newspapers of the 276 in the state were honored by Robert B. Crosby, state fund chairman. Winning first place was the Cuming County Democrat.

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Now He's Painting the Town Red

Roy Crawford Is One-Man Team To Brighten Up City

By Margaret Dingman
Journal Woman's Editor

As the television tooth paste commercial goes, "You'll wonder where the yellow went?"

Well, one who knows very well where the "yellow went" is Roy Crawford, city street department worker.

He's been putting the yellow where it belongs.

The other morning as I walked to work I noticed how clean the Plattsmouth streets appeared after the night before bath. There was Mr. Crawford down on his knees marking the parking space areas with the brightest of yellow paint.

He could have well been a Rembrandt—if your imagination took the best of you as it did with me. He was putting forth his best efforts to make each line neat and within its boundaries.

When you park your car, try to stay within your parking spot so other cars may use the space that was outlined by this street department worker.

Can you imagine a more monotonous job than to paint line after line of yellow—and how disturbing it must be to this man to see cars park slap-hazardly.



This painting job is not too complicated a procedure, but is a very important one.

In carrying out the project Mr. Crawford used 30 gallons of yellow paint, plus a large quantity of thinner.

He wore out four top quality paint brushes on yellow alone. And now he's started on the red paint for some gutter markings.

It is things like this which make our city "click." Through such efforts Plattsmouth becomes more and more attractive both to we who live here and the hundreds who drive through the city daily.

We salute Roy Crawford for his conscientious efforts in carrying out his job in the manner in which he does. We want him to know we appreciate the interest he takes in painting our city whether it be yellow, red or any other color.