

## Over One-Third Flood Control Funds Signed

Plattsmouth residents have rallied nearly one-hundred percent behind efforts to curtail future flood dangers in the city. Solicitors making contacts with businessmen and residents in the flood danger areas report that nearly one-third of the money needed to get the project underway has already been signed up. Yet, nearly two-thirds of contacts remain to be made.

Teams of workers report that cooperation has been far above expectations. One team making calls report that out of 35 contacts made, 32 signed for their share immediately, two indicated they would sign their pledge within a few days, and only one was reluctant to go along. Another team in a partial residential area got nearly 100 per cent cooperation—only misses were three who were not at home and one that was moving out of town.

At a meeting of the Flood Control Committee held Friday evening, reports showed that only two teams had completed their solicitation. The reports revealed that nearly two-thirds of the campaign is still to be made. Volunteer workers are urged to complete their contacts not later than Wednesday.

With the reception given the program and nearly \$10,000 in cash or pledges already in the "kitty," there is little doubt that Plattsmouth is going over the top in one of the most expedient here.

The flood control measure with more than three-fourths of the funds needed contributed by the Federal government under the Hope-Atkin Act, provides for a series of drop-inlet and retarding dams at strategic points adjacent to Plattsmouth. In addition, terracing and proper drainage procedure under supervision of U. S. Soil Conservation Department, plus seeding of water run-off areas, can provide flood protection to Plattsmouth for years to come.

Local costs under the present Act, and the first such program given an OK by Washington, gives Plattsmouth residents an opportunity to secure over \$100,000 in participation funds with little more than 15 per cent of the needed money coming from local contributions.

All construction work, contracts and funds are supervised by the Plattsmouth City Council, with the Flood Control Committee acting only as an advisory unit and making the solicitation for pledges.

Individual costs are extremely low. Assessments are on a five-year basis however, efforts are being made to collect at least one-half of the needed money now in order that easements and sites can be contracted for.

Be ready when volunteer workers call on you. If the same cooperation of those already signed is followed through, the city will be ready to start construction within a few weeks.



GETTING BETTER ACQUAINTED with women's residence halls housemother, Mrs. Evanelle Paradise, are these new arrivals to the Peru State College campus. The new Peruvians are (from left) Ruth Morse and Joan French of Douglas; Deanna Hutton, Plattsmouth; Joan White, Douglas, and Janice Wiles, Plattsmouth. Activities for new Peru students started Sunday evening with a dinner given by the college. Monday was occupied with the orientation program, and on Tuesday the newcomers registered for classes. After a recess Wednesday while the upperclassmen registered, classes started Thursday.

## River Elevator For Plattsmouth Plans Of Norris Grain Co.

### Students To College For Fall Opening

With the coming of the fall season, Plattsmouth students who have been home for the summer vacation, as well as graduates of the past year from the high school, are leaving for their higher educational work among the various colleges and universities in this part of the west.

The University of Nebraska is attracting the larger group of local people including Roger and Marion Hild, Tom Conis, Patricia Brown, Ronald Furse, James Jacques, Wendell Friest, Janice Caldwell, Barbara Sullivan, Ronald Schneider, Robert Carr, Sally Amato, Evelyn Henry and John D. Schreiner.

Peru Teachers College attracts a large number of the Plattsmouth young people among those enrolling are Janice Wiles, Deanna Hutton, Margaret Svoboda, Elwood Johnson, Gale Peterson.

Attending Wesleyan University at Lincoln will be Jeannine Newton.

Tarkio is attracting a number of the young men with Don Freeberg, Vernon Aylor and Vernon Kaffenberger enrolled.

Joan Livingston is enrolling in the Women's College of Colorado, located at Denver.

Merna Peteret will be among the students enrolled at Nebraska this year.

Returning to Hastings college for his second year is Dean Dunham, Jr. at Weyer Hall.

A Missouri river terminal elevator and feed processing plant at Plattsmouth is being seriously considered at this time by the Norris Grain Co., of Omaha and Chicago.

At a special called meeting of businessmen, utility heads, feeders, land owners and livestock men at Hotel Plattsmouth Coffee Shop Friday noon, Harry Christensen, president of the Norris Nebraska Corporation of the Norris Grain Co., of Chicago, sought further information and assured localities the construction of a 150 to 200,000 bushel river front elevator here was being seriously considered.

Although Mr. Christensen told the local group that planning of such a structure here had not gone too far to date, considerable information had been gathered, some heads of the company had surveyed the area near the docks and found an elevator served by both barge and rail at Plattsmouth could serve a large area profitably.

This information was passed on to the Chicago office. The Omaha branch was then ordered to make a more detailed survey and to look further into business possibilities that could include feed processing, storage and country elevator service.

For a start, Mr. Christensen said a 150-to-200,000 bushel capacity elevator would be sufficient. Additional units could be added as needed and in a hurry.

Norris Grain Co., Mr. Christensen told the group, is deeply interested in river traffic in this area. The company, fourth largest in the country has many owned and leased elevators on the Mississippi and Illinois rivers and can foresee the future in the Missouri as a great cost saver that could mean as much as seven cents per bushel more for the farmers grain, a direct result of transportation savings.

"We don't know as yet whether we will build or not," Christensen said at the meeting, "but we are definitely interested and should come up with a final answer soon."

If constructed, the elevator would be located east of Plattsmouth on Main Street. It would be served both by the C. B. & Q. Railroad and the Missouri Barge Lines. It could develop into many diversified lines including dehydrating plants, alfalfa pellet processing, feed manufacture and others in which the Norris company is interested.

It was also pointed out that a business such as they were interested in establishing here would go a long way in attracting other industry on this site of some 900 acres adjoining the Missouri River and the Burlington Main lines.

### Tourists Have Good Word For Local Police

It is not too often that members of the police force receive words of commendation for their handling of traffic cases. One exception was this week when Mayor Bruce Gold received the following letter from a Des Moines, Iowa, party that passed through Plattsmouth Monday night:

"City Mayor Plattsmouth, Nebraska

"Dear Sir:

As a tourist I wish to express sincere thanks and appreciation for the courtesy extended to us by one of your policemen. As a result of his kindness, we have developed a very fine attitude of your city and feel we would like to stop the next time driving through. Regrettably I don't know the name of the officer referred to, but he will probably remember us.

"It was at midnight Monday (Labor Day) and we were enroute home, from Denver to Des Moines. We were stopped by this officer, instead of receiving the usual "brow beating" we received every courtesy and kindness. I certainly hope you will "pin a feather" in this officers cap for us. He is most deserving. Thanking him and with deep appreciation, I remain,

Sincerely,  
Bonnie M. Thorn  
4820 Ingersoll  
Des Moines, Iowa

Officers on duty Monday night according to Mayor Gold were Estil Jenkins and L. C. Chappell.

### Install New Pastor At Louisville

LOUISVILLE (Special) — Installation services for the Rev. Lyle Mueller were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, southwest of Louisville. Pastor Mueller will serve both Immanuel and St. Paul's Congregations at Weeping Water. Members of both congregations and many friends attended the service and reception, numbering well over three hundred and fifty.

Pastors who assisted in the service were Rev. E. Dwyer, Rev. R. Boerger, Rev. G. Ehlers, Rev. B. Ulmer, and Rev. G. Kupke.

The Rev. Carlton Spatzek of Plattsmouth served as liturgist. The Rev. Herbert Brase of Benson Station, Omaha, delivered the sermon and the Rev. Richard Nagler of Papillion read the rite of installation.

Prior to his coming here Pastor Mueller served in Country as chaplain in the army being stationed in Italy.

He is married and the father of two children.

### Eagle Annual Barbecue Set For September 16

Plattsmouth Eagles will be hosts to more than 14 towns here on September 16 at their annual barbecue.

Event this year will be held at the Ralph Sullivan Grove south of Plattsmouth from 12 to 7 p. m. Children under seven are free, with adults tabbed at \$2 per person.

In case of rain or foul weather the barbecue will be held the following Sunday.

### The First Baptist Church New Resident Minister

Newcomers to Plattsmouth are Reverend and Mrs. Serral Gregory and family, coming here from St. Louis, Mo., two weeks ago. Rev. Gregory is the new minister at the First Baptist Church.

The Pastor attended school at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, graduating in 1946. He is a native of Decatur, Ill.

He was ordained in October 1947 by the Illinois Fellowship of Regular Baptist Churches, and has held pastorates in Illinois, Kansas and Missouri before coming to this city.

For the past two years, in addition to his duties as pastor of the Jennings Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo., he taught in the Regular Baptist Bible Institute, Alton, Ill.

The Gregory couple have three children. They are, Joy, 11; Ronald, 8, and Seralyn, age 3.

They reside at 1010 Third Avenue.



Rev. Serral Gregory

### Fire Chief Warns Of Fire Dangers

With the approach of cool weather and these chilly nights, Fire Chief Joe Kruntorad is offering some timely advice to householders in this vicinity that may save them fire losses in the future.

The fire chief points out that all flues and chimneys in business houses and homes should be thoroughly gone over before fires are started for the fall season.

### Bloodmobile At Elmwood Sept. 14th

Elmwood will have a visit from the American Red Cross bloodmobile unit on Friday, September 14th to afford donors an opportunity for donations of blood.

The Elmwood American Legion Auxiliary will have charge of the operation of the blood donations to be held at the community building starting at 11:30.

There is a great need to replace blood used in Cass county and all who can are urged to do so.

Contact any member of the American Legion Auxiliary or the president, Mrs. Harry Krall, who will be glad to advise you regarding the donations.

For those who may not be able to give blood and desire to assist in some way, cookies, fruit juices and sandwiches are acceptable for blood donors. Send to community building or contact Auxiliary president.

### Tumpance Company Has New Contract

The awarding of a \$1,624,450 Air Force contract to Tumpance Company Inc., at Offutt Air Force Base was announced Thursday night at the air base.

The announcement was made by General E. W. Rawlings, commander of the Air Force Material command.

Emil Fitter, Tumpance manager at Omaha, said the contract for continuance of mothballing work, the firm has been doing since 1947 in the former Glen L. Martin plant.

Tumpance reconditions and stores Air Force machine tools there.

This plant furnishes employment to a large number of the residents of Plattsmouth and vicinity.

### Burlington Bridge Built 76 Years Ago

Wednesday, September 12, is date of a very important event for Plattsmouth, the Burlington railroad as well as the south part of the state of Nebraska.

On that day seventy-six years ago, the railroad bridge over the Missouri River here was completed and placed in service, giving the Burlington a route to the west side of the river and extension of their line west to Denver.

Practically all that were here at that time have passed away and only the now aged residents can recall stories of the completion of this gigantic task.

Bridge building was not as advanced as now and it required a great deal of labor to complete the task.

The large granite piers that hold up the present bridge still stand as a monument to the builders of the original structure.

The super structure of the bridge was rebuilt at the dawn of the twentieth century and many recall the months that it required to get the new span in condition for use and still keep the traffic moving.

In the years before the first bridge was completed and open for travel the trains were ferried across the Missouri by a steam ferry, to the landing near Rocky Point, thence along a line northwest to Plattsmouth. Traces of the old roadbed along the bottoms east of the city could be seen for many years.

### Charles Dill Dies At Omaha Last Friday

Charles H. Dill, 73, member of a pioneer Cass County family, died Friday, September 7th at the Methodist hospital in Omaha, where he has been for the past few weeks suffering from a stroke six weeks ago.

Mr. Dill was born December 22, 1883, son of Benjamin and Jane Dill. He spent his youth in Murray community and has spent the greater of his life in that community except for several years in Gandy, Nebraska, and two years in Thurston county, Nebraska.

He was married April 7, 1906 to Cynthia J. Philpot at Omaha.

Survivors are: three daughters, Mrs. Lavinia Appleby, Noxon, Montana; Mrs. Loretta Smith, Lexington; Mrs. Daisy Richards, Plattsmouth. Brothers Frank Dill, Nehawka; Lester Dill, Murray. Sisters, Mrs. Ethel Rice, Murray; Mrs. Grace Christensen, Omaha. Six grand-children and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Caldwell-Linder chapel.

Rev. Keith Delap, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, conducted the service.

Mrs. Hugh Stander was vocalist and Mrs. George Jacobs organist.

Burial was at Oak Hill cemetery.

Pall bearers were Eugene Fitch, Dan Hoschar, Guy Murdock, Ben Noell, Dale Philpot, and Henry Rice.

### Plattsmouth Lady Victim Of Holdup

Mrs. Catherine Shrout of Plattsmouth, cashier of the Grandview Drive-in theatre on highway No. 75, south of Omaha and north of Offutt Air Base, had a very startling experience the past week.

On Monday night she was in the ticket selling booth about 10:45 when there was a knock at the door of the booth. When she opened the door a man wearing a silk stocking over his head, forced his way into the booth, hitting the cashier on the jaw and knocking her down.

The assailant took Mrs. Shrout's purse containing \$100 of her private funds as well as the night's theatre receipts estimated at some \$200 by the proprietor Everett Petsch.

### Two Stolen Bicycles Returned To Owners By Law Officials

Two bicycles stolen from the Wayne Gorton home Thursday night were returned to their owners Friday evening through the offices of Sheriff Solomon.

Belonging to Jack and Jerry Gorton, the two machines were purchased new only a few weeks ago and had been parked near the back door of the family home. They disappeared during the night.

Sheriff Solomon said the bicycles were recovered from two small boys found sleeping in a pickup truck in a store parking lot early Friday morning. They admitted taking them around midnight.

The two fatherless boys have been in minor trouble before, it is reported, but the victims of the bicycle theft preferred not to file charges.

### Head Blood Donation Unit

Mrs. Meta Haverman of Avoca will be in charge of the blood donation unit for Weeping Water, Nehawka, Union and Avoca, on September 14th. Mrs. Robert Grunwald is helping at Union only.

## Allied Gets Natural Gas

Federal Power Commission Friday awarded Nitrogen Division of Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation 12-million cubic feet of natural gas daily on a firm basis, it was announced in Washington.

The permission was granted Northern Natural Gas Co., to furnish the gas after an up-hill fight covering more than two years that found local citizens joining with Congressmen, Senators, Governors and other groups requesting granting of the additional gas to assure adequate supplies for the big plant north of Plattsmouth and to allow for expansion.

Served on an interruptable

basis since its opening nearly four years ago, the firm base contract will assure the company of adequate supplies of the fuel to allow fertilizer manufacturer to continue without shutdown. It will also allow for planned expansion of manufacture facilities at this huge installation.

In the planning stage for more than two years, expansion of the plant has been held up awaiting a decision from Washington. Although some preliminary work has been done, authorization for firm gas clears the way for enlarging manufacture operations.

Application for this firm gas contract was made June 4, 1954. Allied said at that time it would

double capacity of the plant if firm gas was assured. Following application, local business people and residents sent a barrage of telegrams and letters urging the Federal Power Commission to grant Northern's request to furnish Allied this gas. Friday it was granted.

The president of the Nitrogen Division said recently that the company still plans to expand the local plant, but the expansion would not be started immediately as originally planned, press reports reveal.

Allied has come to hold great impact on the economy of Plattsmouth and vicinity. The granting of firm gas is good news to this area.

### Court House

**Marriage Licenses**  
John Discher DelRosario, 26, New York City, to Evelyn Ethel Kelsey, 17, Plattsmouth, issued September 6.  
John Myron Hammons, 21, Louisville, to Norma Ray Addleman, 21, Louisville. Issued September 6.  
LaVern Henry Klipp, 19, Ashland, to Lois Marie Rager, 18, Ashland. Issued September 7.  
James Alan Hermanson, 19, Alvo, to Nancy Lee Bickford, 20, Weeping Water. Issued September 8.

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

Sept. 6, 7, 8, 9, 1956	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	66	36	.00
Friday	70	40	.00
Saturday	74	45	.00
Sunday	82	52	.15

Forecast: Partly cloudy, highs around 90's. Lows expected in 50's. Little temperature change tonight and cloudy. Sun rises tonight at 6:42 p. m. Sun sets on Tuesday at 6 a. m.

### Scouts In Roundtable Here Sept. 11

The fall program of activities for the Boy Scouts and Cubs is ready to get underway.

The Boy Scouts of America Covered Wagon Council south district will hold their monthly roundtable meeting at the Plattsmouth High School Gym, September 11, starting at 7:30. Plattsmouth Troop and Cub Scout Pack 369 will be hosts.

WHAT IS THE ROUNDTABLE? The roundtable is a meeting of all unit leaders and committee people. The roundtable programs are planned to help all leaders in making plans for their respective units.

The new leaders get help with more ideas, as well as the experience of the "old timers." The experienced leaders get some new ideas as well as being "brushed up" on other ideas, and most important, satisfaction from helping the inexperienced leaders.

So, no matter which you are new or experienced, plan on attending the Roundtable.

Plattsmouth Cub Scout Pack 369 is in urgent need of Den Mothers!

Also on the agenda is a Jam-borette for Boy Scouts of America south district at the Salvation Army Camp Gene Eppley just north of the Platte River, east of highway 73 & 75, September 14, 15, and 16.

### Dedication Sunday Of New School

Sunday, September 9th, marked the formal dedication of the beautiful new St. John's School in this city, one of the finest and most up to date structures of its kind in the state.

The occasion brought to this city many of the Catholic clergy in this section of the state to participate in the blessing and dedication of the building.

The professional was started at 4 p. m. from the rectory to the main entrance to the building on Avenue C. It was comprised of members of church societies, laity and members of the clergy with escort of third and fourth degree Knights of Columbus from Omaha and Plattsmouth in uniform.

At the main entrance to the building, Rt. Rev. Monsignor Francis O'Brien, vicar general, acting for Bishop Kucera, read the dedicatory blessings assisted by the members of the parish and patrons of the school, that now become a reality. In his remarks he paid tribute to Father Raphael Chonta, who had been assistant pastor here and to the many that had contributed to the school in labor and in the fund campaign.

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