

## County Digs Out From Blizzard



Heavy damage was done to trees over the city from broken limbs unable to withstand the tremendous weight of the wet snow. Above is a scene at Fourth Street and First Avenue showing limbs of trees bent low and nearly blocking traffic. This scene was typical of many Plattsmouth streets early Monday morning. —Journal Photo

## Storm Moisture Hits 2.80 Inches

Plattsmouth and Cass County today still were digging out from under a weekend blizzard which raged across the midwest dumping about 12 inches of moisture-laden white stuff in this area. But the digging out at this date consists mainly in opening country roads still blocked by deep drifts—token reminders of the blizzard's wind driven force. Traffic is moving over all major arteries in normal fashion as highway crews struck quickly Monday and Tuesday to open snow-clogged roads along which stranded motorists were lined.

While a death toll of 29-3 in Nebraska—were reported in the midwest blizzard area, Cass County recorded one death, which may partially, at least be attributed to the storm. A 70-year-old Dawson woman, Mrs. Lucy Bell Mullins, died of a heart attack in a stalled car three miles north of the Union corner. Her death, however, was the only casualty noted among stalled travelers whose numbers reached into the hundreds in various sections of the county. While the sneak blizzard's damage will reach an as yet unestimated figure, most observers feel and result of its moisture will far outweigh the destruction.

## HI-LIGHTS

An engineer estimated that over seven tons of snow was piled on roofs of the average home during the severe storm over the weekend. Due to its excessive moisture content, one of the "wettest" snows on record, each snow shovelfull weighed approximately 28 pounds, it was learned by one inquisitive shoveler whose back began to ache before he had completed 20-feet of his sidewalk—the weighed it.

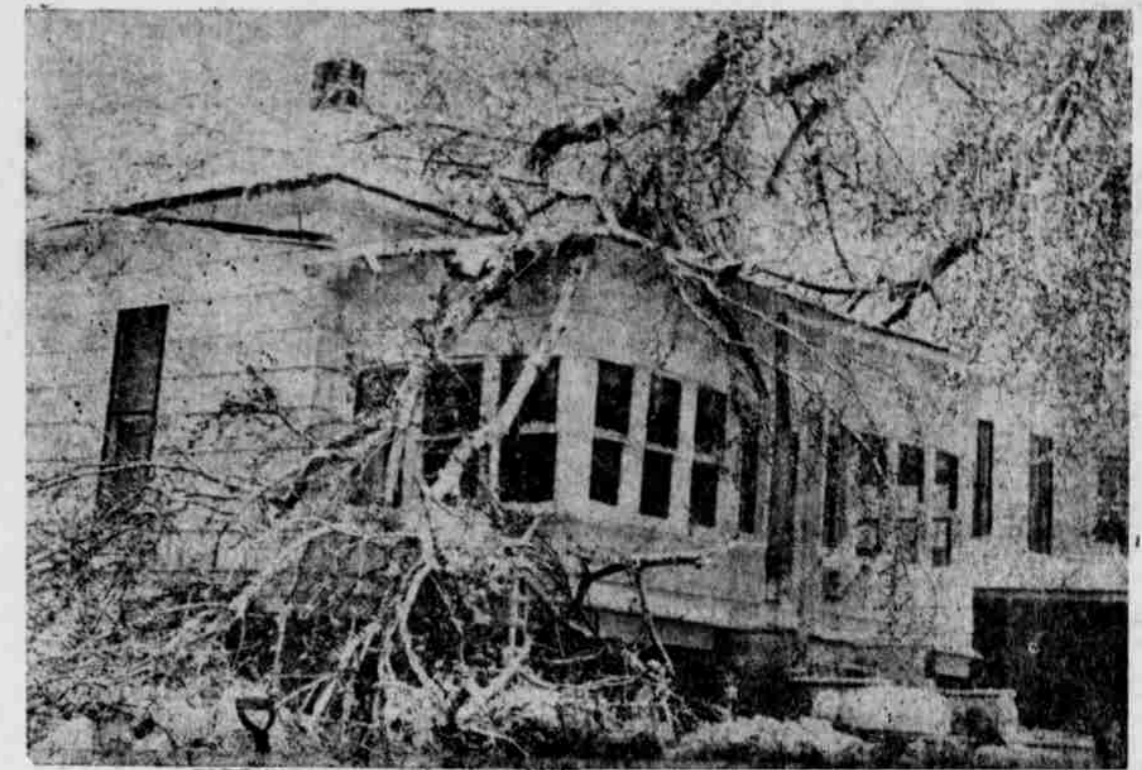
Street department and highway crews were up against a tough snow removal job. Due to the excessive moisture content of the snow, plows and maintainers were nearly useless in handling the heavy fall. Rotary plows clogged with packed snow that soon turned to chunks of ice. Much of it to be dug out with picks and crowbars. In many instances packed ice cracked frame and shafts putting the plows out of commission until repairs could be made.

Many a farmer found himself in trouble. Hundreds of wells pumping water to livestock are operated by electricity. When power lines failed, farmers were hard pressed in trying to supply water to animals. Coolers were out, iceboxes, lights and other equipment were put out of commission. But, think about one poor farmer near here with 32 milk cows and his electric milking machine out of commission. This man and his wife got the job done by the old-fashioned method. They really appreciate electric power again.

Seventy people were stranded at the Babe Clark farm home south of Plattsmouth on Highways 73-75 and 34, many of them arriving early Sunday afternoon. Cupboards were bare and the fatted calf had disappeared before Mrs. Clark could get appetites subdued and her visitors on their way late Monday evening.

Mrs. Clark was not so lucky as friends further on down the road, the Jack Harris and Walter Riecke families, who found over 100 Sunday visitors flocking into their homes at the height of the storm. These folks could go no further, and hungry mouths were plentiful. Luck was with them, however, as a driver of a large semi loaded with provisions for a food chain also became one of their guests. This fellow, Milton Beck of Omaha, opened up the doors and doled out canned goods, fresh vegetables, and other supplies that placed this group in the spot of being the best fed "refugees of the storm" in the midwest. For nearly 48 hours, these motorists ate "high off the hog."

Hatcheries were having their difficulties with power failures and incubators crammed with thousands of unhatched chicks, brooders full of chicks needing warmth from heat lamps and brooders. Kreifel's Hatchery at Springfield, with nearly 30,000 chicks on hand and thousands of eggs ready to hatch was without power beginning Sunday. Telephone lines are still down as this is being written—only Kreifel knows what was being. (Continued on page 4)



Considerable damage was done at the Hal Perry home, 915 Second Ave., when two large instances and the clearing away job has many limbs from a giant 100-year-old tree gave way a slow and costly task for many home owners. Sunday night crashing into porch and house. —Journal Photo

## Teenage Road-E-O Contest Is Saturday

An estimated 40 teenage drivers at 1 p. m. Saturday will toe the mark for competition in the junior chamber of commerce-sponsored teenage road-e-o. General chairman Wayne E. Schneider today announced his committee was completing final details of the road-e-o which is attracting young drivers from Plattsmouth, Louisville and Weeping Water.

Driving contest, Schneider said Jaycees felt it was "an opportunity for teenagers to demonstrate to themselves and to their community they are interested in increasing their knowledge of traffic laws and improving their driving skill." Named as contest judges are: Capt. Donald R. Shear, Nebraska Safety Patrol, Chief of Police H. P. Kinsey, Bellevue, Chief of Police Clarence Iverson, Nebraska City, Chief of Police John Hobscheidt, Plattsmouth, and Don Davine, Louisville.

## Louisville Set For Tuesday's Village Election

LOUISVILLE—This village is set for a running start in Tuesday's election when residents will select two members for the village board of trustees, two members for the school board and a police magistrate. Polls will be located in the Louisville city hall and voting hours are set from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. Candidates for the town board are: John Revelliac, Fritz True and Clarence Ackles along with LaRue Williams and Clarence Nessen whose names appear on the ballot by petition. Seeking election to the school board are: Mrs. Anna Stiffler, Mrs. Sue Pankonin, Lauris Hendrix and Dr. Herbert Worthman. William Kahler is running by petition for the position of police magistrate.

## Atom Bomb's Blast Force Is Described

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## Al Etheredge Dies Thursday At Age Of 101

Alvin Etheredge, one of Cass county's oldest citizens, resident of Greenwood, died on Wednesday at Weeping Water where he has been a resident of a nursing home for some time, at the age of 101. Mr. Etheredge was well known to a large circle of friends and acquaintances in the northern portion of Cass county. He has often been a visitor in Plattsmouth while his health permitted his traveling. The funeral is expected to be held Saturday at Greenwood, according to Kenneth Marcy, Ashland mortician.

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## Feeders Tour, Drought Meeting Postponed Until Later Dates

A scheduled Cass County Feeders tour on Saturday has been postponed to Friday, April 12, it has been announced by County Agent Clarence Schmadeke. He said the tour would follow the original plan when it is conducted. The County agent also disclosed cancellation of a drought meeting which was to be held in Murray Friday night. Schmadeke said a date for the meeting would be announced later. Both events were delayed because of the storm.

## Ten Candidates To Vie In Tuesday City Ballot

Tuesday's election for two council seats and three members of the board of education is quietly approaching with no fanfare and a marked lack of enthusiasm of the voting public. Four candidates will be vying for election in the Tuesday balloting for two seats on the city council currently held by Ray Wiyse and James McMillian. Both Wiyse and McMillian are seeking reelection to their

seats with opposition furnished by George Kalasek and Louis Swoboda. The terms are for two years. In the school board race, four nominees are contesting for two three-year hitches on the board with two other candidates seeking a one-year term. Asking election to three-year terms are Maxine Clodt, Merle Stewart, Robert Tritsch and Albert Hansen. The one-year

term has George J. Smith and Everett Newton as contestants. City Clerk Albert Olson this morning said neither election judges or clerks have been selected for the city's five precinct polling places. But he indicated the task should be finishing sometime this afternoon. Polls will be located as follows: First Ward, First Precinct: Court House. First Ward, Second Precinct: Christian Church. Second Ward, First Precinct: Cass County Motors. Second Ward, Second Precinct: Cass County Maytag. Second Ward, Third Precinct: Sites Implement Co. Polls will be open from 8 a. m. until 8 p. m. to accommodate the city's voting public. To be eligible for voting Tuesday the person must be 21, own real or personal property properly assessed in the last assessment of the district in which he desires to ballot or must have children of school age. In addition, the voter must have been a resident of Nebraska for six months, and lived in the county 40 days and in the ward or precinct for 10 days. This upcoming election, observers believe, is following the pattern generally followed in off-year balloting: interest is low and predict only a small percentage of eligible voters to cast ballots.

## To Pick Up Tree Limbs

City officials today announced municipal street department trucks will pick up all brush and tree limbs piled on parkways next to curbs. But they emphasized the city will not take out or trim damaged trees for they believe that to be the property owner's responsibility. In making the announcement, authorities said removal of brush and tree limbs—stripped during the soggy snowfall of Sunday and Monday—would take several days because the task will have to be sandwiched in between other street department duties.

## Busy Schedule Arranged For Coast Youths

Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce Saturday night will roll out the welcome mat for three Santa Paula, Calif., youths arriving here under an FFA exchange program. The West Coast trio will be returning an earlier visit to their stomping grounds by Herbert Kraeger, Roy Smith and Gary Rieke, of the Plattsmouth FFA chapter. A chamber delegation is scheduled to meet the youths in Omaha Saturday night bringing them to this city where on Sunday they will clamber into a busy week of sight seeing and visitation. The visit will be launched Sunday morning with a breakfast in the VFW Club and will be followed with attendance at the First Christian Church for morning services. In the afternoon, the three will be taken on a tour of projects of the local FFA chapter. On Monday the youths will inspect the Omaha Livestock yards and exchange building, lunch there and tour a radio station. They then will be taken through SAC headquarters at Offutt Air Force Base. The Californians on Tuesday will visit classes at Plattsmouth High School and at noon will attend a meeting of Rotary. Afternoon itinerary calls for them to view the sand pit, BRES shops, Rhylander and Cady Stander Implement and the Huebner Quarry. Topping the agenda Wednesday will be a tour of the Allied Chemical Plant and visit to the Mel Hanson farm broadcast Thursday the trio will be taken to Lincoln where they will attend the state FFA convention. They are scheduled to embark Friday night on the return trip to their California homes.

## Police Ask Help In Finding Dog

Wide search is being made over the city for a white terrier type dog with brown and black spots for a rabies test. Police have been combing the city in an attempt to locate the animal after it had bitten Walter Yenny at the Central School grounds Tuesday afternoon. Two other boys, Roger Roberts and Dennis Horn, were also victims of the dog, but medical attention was not necessary. Citizens are requested to keep a lookout for a dog of this type and notify the police immediately. If the dog is not found, Walter, the son of Mrs. Ernest H. Yenny, will be forced to undergo a series of costly rabies shots as a precautionary measure.

## Roy Smith Wins Ak-Sar-Ben Award For FFA Record

OMAHA—Roy Smith, vocational agriculture student at Plattsmouth High School, received a \$25 cash award this week from Ak-Sar-Ben, Omaha civic organization. The prize was awarded for his outstanding record in FFA work. J. L. Thurmond, chairman of the Ak-Sar-Ben public affairs committee, announced 20 top ranking vocational agriculture students in Nebraska have received the \$25 cash awards to defray expenses in attending the Nebraska FFA convention in Lincoln, next week.

## THE WEATHER

Compiled for the Plattsmouth Journal at the Masonic Home Weather Station, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.  
March 25, 26, 27, 1957.  
Date High Low Prec.  
Monday 37 29 1.3  
Tuesday 42 29 .00  
Wednesday 44 20 .00  
Forecast: High near 50. Low tonight near 20. Skies will be fair Friday with cooler temperatures. Sun sets tonight at 6:44. Sun rises Friday at 6:13 a. m.

## Hastings Band To Play Friday

The Hastings College concert band at 8 p. m. Friday in the high school auditorium will present a program under the direction of James M. King. No admission to the concert will be charged but it has been announced a free will offering will be taken. Featured on the evening program will be clarinetist, Norman Walker, and a trumpet trio. The concert here is one of 22 appearances for the Hastings College band which is currently on a nine day tour of the area. Plattsmouth has been selected as one of the overnight stops and college musicians will be housed with members of the First Presbyterian Church.

King, who is serving his 28th year on the Hastings College faculty, is head of the band instrumental department and has gained recognition as author of the brass ensemble called the "Cornet Choir," publications of which are being used from coast to coast in high schools and colleges. King and his Hastings College concert band have conducted annual tours throughout the midwest since 1934. He is the dean of Nebraska college band directors, has been a critic and judge for music contests in surrounding states and is especially well known as a guest conductor in high school band clinics.

## VFW Officer Will Speak Here Friday

A dinner, reception and meeting, all of which are open to the public, will feature a Friday evening visit to Plattsmouth by Richard L. Roubesh, senior vice commander of the national Veterans of Foreign Wars. Roubesh, who is scheduled to arrive at Omaha by plane shortly after 6 p. m. Friday, will be greeted at the airport by local VFW officials and honor guard. The dinner, a smorgasbord affair, will get underway in VFW clubrooms, promptly at 7 p. m. and tickets are priced at \$1.50 per person. The smorgasbord is to be followed immediately by the evening program for which Commander Roubesh has been named main speaker. Following the program a reception will be held for the commander, who hails from Indianapolis, Ind. Several high-ranking state level VFW officers also are slated to appear. The list includes: Wilbert Wagner, state department commander; Frank Short, Lincoln, state department senior vice commander; and Robert A. Lowe, departmental adjutant. The entire program for Roubesh, who is a livestock broker in his home city, is open to the public and interested persons are urged to attend. Commander Roubesh is expected to speak on matters of interest to veterans of armed service.