



CONGRATULATIONS. Danny, says Mayor Bruce E. Gold as he presents winners plaque and certificate to Danny Wehrbein at the teenage road-e-o Saturday afternoon. Young Wehrbein bested 20 other young drivers in the competition. Others shown are: Don Vogler (far left), Louisville, third place; and Welvon Stoehr (next to the mayor), second place. Back row (left to right): Wayne Schneider, Harold Smook and Charles Grosshans. Journal Photo

## Wehrbein Drives To Top Spot In Youth Road-E-O

Despite a gloomy, frigid day 21 young drivers turned out Saturday for the teenage road-e-o in Plattsmouth and Danny Wehrbein turned the intricate course chalking up 454 points out of a possible 500 for top honors.

Wehrbein's performance in the actual driving events capped a fine performance in the written examination where he also nailed down first place with a 94.

Another Plattsmouth teenager, Weldon Stoehr, drove himself into second place by scoring 444 points. Third place went to Louisville's Don Vogler, who counted 434 points.

The competition, which was held on Main street between Third and Fourth, featured a series of close maneuvers which tested to the utmost every skill the teenage drivers could muster.

One of the events, a picture of which is shown elsewhere on this page, consisted of driving an auto through a row of tennis balls. The driver had to drive through frontwards and then back the vehicle through. Other events included turns

## Murdock Bank Shows Interest In Judgeship

William Stock, president, and August Ruge, vice-president, of the Corn Growers State Bank at Murdock, are taking a special interest in a forthcoming appointment to a federal judgeship in Nebraska.

With the resignation of Federal Judge John W. Delehant, who has asked for retirement, two Nebraska attorneys are being considered for the appointment, Clarence S. Beck and Robert Van Pelt. Both are now directors of the Corn Growers State Bank.

Nebraska Attorney General Beck is a brother-in-law of Edwin T. McHugh, cashier and director of the Murdock bank. Mr. Van Pelt is a prominent attorney practicing with a law firm in Lincoln. The latter and Mr. McHugh began their association at the time Van Pelt was a professor of law at the University of Nebraska, from which the latter graduated.

Both Van Pelt and Beck, with other Murdock citizens, were active in the incorporation of the Corn Growers State Bank which was organized in 1950. Herman C. Kupke, prominent farmer of Cass County, constitutes the sixth member of the board of directors of the bank.

## Poor Box Taken

City police last week investigated the theft of the poor box from St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Investigative officer Lawrence Chappell said the theft occurred between 7 p. m. and 10 p. m. He said the front door was standing open and there was no visible evidence of a break-in. Amount taken was not determined.

## Quiet City Election Is Predicted Bypass Project Open For Public Hearing

### Council To Meet For Consideration Of Several Plans

City council will meet at 7:30 p. m. today in the second regular session for March which was postponed last Monday because of the blizzard which swept Cass County.

Several committee reports are expected to be given for council consideration including specifications for road oiling equipment which the city proposes to purchase.

### Storm Delays Court Trial On Condemnation

A condemnation litigation involving the state of Nebraska as defendant and Joan K. Solomon, plaintiff, originally scheduled for trial Monday March 25, as yet has not been redocketed by district court.

Boyles said copies of the commission's announcement of the opportunity for public hearing have been forwarded to the Cass County Board of Commissioners and to the Plattsmouth City Council.

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But if a request for hearing is not received, Boyles added, the commission will complete its study of the matter and will give its advice thereon.

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### Commission Meet

Cass County commissioners will convene at 10 a. m. Tuesday in a regular one-day session. County Clerk Charles Land said the meeting was strictly routine. Session will be held in the commission's court house offices.

### New Deputy Clerk

Plattsmouth resident Sara Cecil has been named new deputy clerk of county court. She replaces Pat Zanders who has resigned.

The new deputy clerk assumed her duties Monday morning.

### The Nebraska State Highway Commission

Commission has set April 18, as deadline for filing of requests for public hearing concerning construction of the Plattsmouth bypass on highways 73 and 75.

Through secretary Owen J. Boyles the commission said it was following procedure established in the federal aid highway act of 1956 which provides:

"Any state highway department which submits plans for a federal aid highway involving the bypassing of, or going through, any city, town or village, either incorporated or unincorporated, shall certify to the commissioner of public roads that it has had public hearings, or has afforded the opportunity for such hearing and has considered the economic effects of such location."

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The long task of changing numbers, Ernst said, was to be completed by April 1.

The new directory reflects the slow but steady growth of this area of Cass County. Although the "yellow pages" carries the same number of pages—30—as did its predecessor, white pages, which contain number listings, have jumped from 30 to 32 for a total of 62 pages.

In addition to carrying general information about telephone use, the directory at the beginning of the classified sections, gives a brief history of Plattsmouth.

The directory was printed in the job department of the Plattsmouth Journal.

## County Schools Eye Government

Intense campaigns this week are being waged at Plattsmouth High School as students prepare to elect officials to take part in student government day, April 10.

Two parties, the Federalist and Nationalist, have been formed at the school and each has held a nominating caucus.

Nominated by the Nationalists were: commissioner—John W. Bride; clerk—Kathy Johnson; register of deeds—Nancy Lancaster; clerk of district court—James Morris; sheriff—Mac Freeman; treasurer—Kola Gardner; superintendent of schools—Gary Horan; judge—Larry Cundall; attorney—James Lamascus; surveyor—Lowell Rieke; assessor—William Sullivan.

Named by the Federalists were: commissioner—Jay Speck; clerk—Lauren Fleischman; register of deeds—Herbert Kraeger; clerk of district court—Betty Dolezal; sheriff—William Long; treasurer—Larry Cole; Superintendent of schools—Shirley Gerbeling; judge—Dan Wehrbein; attorney—Robert Hutton; surveyor—Roger Sutton; assessor—Sharon Biggerstaff.

The elected commissioner will appoint a welfare officer. School officials have indicated a third party may be in the making for the election which is to be held Thursday.

All high schools in the county have been invited to take part in student government day during which students selected at each school will take part in actual functions of the county government.

Two schools have sent in lists of elected officials for the days: Greenwood; county assessor—Donald Bolter; county surveyor—Ethel Towle; judge—Gary Maughan; attorney—Gene Wright; sheriff—Glenn Bolter; superintendent—Sharyn Tennant; clerk—Lennice Rodenslaben; commissioner—Beverly Yabaley; treasurer—Dianne Tennant; clerk of district court—Jackie Wiles; register of deeds—Carol Kirk; and Judy Stewart, welfare director.

Eagle—county assessor—Darlon Angelo; surveyor—Ronnie Reynolds; judge—David Paswaters; attorney—Mary Weyers; sheriff—Ronnie Johnson; superintendent—Lols Root; clerk—Rene Rockenbach; commissioner—Phyllis Schwartzman; treasurer—Janet Umland; clerk of district court—Marilyn Bird; an Bethel Wolf, welfare director.

### Nolte Recaps District Fight To Open Roads

In a recapitulation of the battle to open roads in district 1 following last week's blizzard, County Commissioner William Nolte Friday said with one exception all roads in his district had been cleared for travel by Wednesday evening.

The sole exception was one leading to half a dozen farm homes which was cleared early Thursday.

Looking back on the storm's results, Nolte said every mile of county and state roads were at least partly blocked. But he said work to clear the highways was completed in "big" time because of the fine cooperation of private contractors who came to his assistance.

Nolte said much credit should go to Ray Campbell and Bill Vest in getting the road clearing project organized and the job finished in record time. He said the men jumped into a breach created by the hospitalization of district road foreman Clyde Thurman and Nolte's own inability to get out of his snow-bound home for two days.

The commissioner also wished to thank Lyle Sparks for his deed in opening several miles of county road and about 10 miles of the Louisville state road.

But Commissioner Nolte said one lesson to be gained from the experience was evident: "A \$20,000 motor grader or a truck were almost useless and better be left in a show case. It was the lowly 'dozers' that opened the roads," he said.

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### Local VFW Post Is Given Verbal Boost

Plattsmouth Veterans of Foreign Wars post was given a verbal pat on the back Friday night when national senior vice commander Richard Rodebush complimented the local organization on its fine community service record.

Rodebush, an Indianapolis, Ind., livestock broker, was making an official visit to the post and was honored at a smorgasbord held by the post.

Better than 100 persons attended the dinner and program which followed and the audience included several high ranking officers of the State VFW department.

Rodebush dealt at length with the membership problem confronting VFW posts throughout the country and urged local posts members on to greater efforts in the field of securing new personnel for the post.

Due to a tight time schedule and visits in other Nebraska cities, Rodebush left shortly after his speech.

The senior vice commander is labled in many quarters as almost certain to succeed next year to the post of national commander.

Representatives from other VFW posts in the area were present at the Friday night session and dignitaries included A. H. Duxbury, former Cass County judge, who has just been named manager of the regional Veterans Administration office in Lincoln.

### Six Divorce Suits Filed; Holman Sues For Injunction

Divorce suits far outnumbered other cases in litigations filed recently in district court.

Divorce actions include: William Ernest Heard vs. Wilma Sue Heard; Luella F. Zears vs. David F. Zears; Mary I. Carper vs. Forrest J. Carper; Ada Jane Dougherty vs. Jacob W. Dougherty; Clara Compton vs. Philip Compton; and Norma M. Mrasek vs. Howard C. Mrasek.

In another litigation, Lloyd Holman has filed for an injunction against L. N. Ress, state highway engineer, in connection with condemnation proceedings at Holman's property north of Plattsmouth.

### Precinct Polls

Here are locations of the five precinct polling places in Plattsmouth for Tuesday's municipal election.

First ward, first precinct court house

First ward, second precinct—Christian Church.

Second ward, first precinct, Cass County Maytag.

Second ward, second precinct—Cass County Motors.

Second ward, third precinct—Sties Implement Co.

Polls will open at 8 a. m. and are scheduled to close at 8 p. m.

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Polls will open at 8 a. m. Tuesday in Plattsmouth for a city election which apparently hasn't been considered of enough importance to make an item of conversation.

It is predicted only a small portion of the city's estimated 2,500 eligible voters will find their way to precinct polling places tomorrow to cast ballots for two city councilmen, two members to the school board for three-year terms, and one school board member for a one-year term.

Two incumbents, Ray Wysel and James McMillan, are seeking return to the city's governing body for two year terms. Their opposition is being furnished by Louis Swoboda and George Kalasek.

Four candidates are vying for three-year school board posts. They are: Maxine Cloldt, Merle Stewart Albert Hansen and Robert Tritsch.

George J. Smith and Everett Newton will be competing for the one-year school board seat.

Polling hours in the city's five precincts will be 8 a. m. until 8 p. m. and regular election laws will be observed. This includes a ban on sale of alcoholic beverages during the hours polls are open for balloting.

Persons close to the political picture in Plattsmouth are at loss to explain the seeming lethargy by voters in connection with the upcoming election.

One observer told the Journal he couldn't understand the lack of interest in view of the many important actions which will face the city in months to come.

He cited such impending action as the purchase of municipal owned road oiling equipment; the current wrangle on the private sewer question; the move to obtain a new fire truck, as prime examples of subjects which should be of vital importance to each city voter.

"Yet," he said, "from lack of enthusiasm being exhibited here, voters apparently are unconcerned either with the results of the aforementioned steps or results of the election."

City Clerk Albert Olson Saturday morning announced names of precinct judges and clerks who will officially run the election. But in releasing the names Olson indicated some of them may be subject to change before the Tuesday morning polls opening.

The election boards are as follows:

First ward, first precinct—Judges: Honey Lou Cole, Ann Stoll, Eleanor Iverson, Clerks, Irma Johnson, Mathilda Long.

First ward, second precinct—Judges: Mrs. Helen Woodruff, Nell Wehrbein, John Hadraba, Clerks: Mrs. Dorothy Lloyd, Ruth Krings.

Second ward, second precinct: Judges: Estelle McCluskey, Marie Valley, Franklin Kief, Clerks: Mrs. Glen Sawin, Mrs. Ellsworth Taylor.

Second ward, third precinct—Judges: Mrs. Robert Brookhouser, C. A. Johnson, J. C. Comstock, Clerks: Vera Crandell, Mrs. Henry Starkjohn.

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THE WEATHER  
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Date High Low Prec.  
Thursday 46 22 .00  
Friday 47 22 .00  
Saturday 45 32 .00  
Sunday 54 38 .00  
Forecast: High near 50. Low near 35. Continued cloudy Tuesday with little temperature change. Sun sets tonight at 6:49. Sun rises Tuesday at 6:06 a. m.

## California Youths Arrive For Plattsmouth Visit

Three Santa Paula, Calif., Future Farmers of America members arrived in Plattsmouth early Sunday morning and after a brief period of rest jumped into a schedule which will keep them busy until they embark Friday night for home.

Following breakfast yesterday the youths attended church and in the afternoon were taken on a tour of local FFA projects.

While in Plattsmouth the California youths are staying at the homes of Herbert Kraeger, Roy Smith and Gary Rieke, who recently made a trip to Santa Paula under the exchange program.

The West Coast youths appeared bright and fresh after their long journey and eager to start the round of events. Although they hadn't had much time to look over the country all "were glad to be here."

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ORANGES from California were presented Sunday to Cecil Karr and the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce by three young members of the Santa Paula Future Farmers of America chapter. President of the Santa Paula group, Jim Powell (holding orange), made the presentation to Karr, (left center). Watching the proceedings are Roy Smith (far left), Plattsmouth FFA member, and Jim Beakman and Allan Peck, right, both of Santa Paula. Journal Photo