

New City Officials Take Office; Gold Sets Up Council

Councilman William G. Highfield of the second ward, was selected by the council as president at Tuesday night's meeting, and to serve as acting mayor when occasion demands it. Mr. Highfield is serving his second term on the city governing body.

Monday night marked the closing meeting of the year for the present council. This meeting found a change in the official family with the induction of two newly elected councilmen taking over their positions. They were George Kalasek, first ward, and Louis B. Svoboda, second ward. They replace James McMillan and Ray Wysel, both of whom have served the past two years.

Two lots on Holdrege street in the south part of Plattsmouth that have been owned by the city for several years were turned over to the park department for a period of two years by unanimous agreement. It is proposed the park department will make a play and recreational ground for children in that section of town.

Mayor Gold announced the appointive officers for the coming year, all of whom were confirmed as follows:

Albert Olson, city clerk-treasurer



George Kalasak



Louis Svoboda

Members of city police force, John J. Hobscheidt, Sr., chief; Lawrence W. Chappell, Estil Jenkins, Wayne E. Schneider, Fred Tesch, Jr., patrolmen.

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Two Teenagers Face Juvenile Court Charges

Two teenage boys, ages 11 and 15, will face juvenile court charges here after being caught rifling a cash register following a break in at the Elliott Implement Co., offices at Alvo Wednesday noon.

Don Elliott told authorities that someone had looted his register on April 19 after breaking into the building during the noon hour. Following that break in he has been remaining in the locked building during the noon hour.

Wednesday, while Elliott was in the building, the two youths forced the rear door and entered. They then forced open the cash register and as they attempted to remove the money, Elliott took them in hand and called Sheriff Solomon.

In a statement given the Sheriff, the two youths said they had taken \$20 from the register on April 19. They also admitted entering a barber shop across the street on four different occasions and removing money.

Four Divorces Filed In District Court

Three divorces have been filed in the office of Clerk of the District Court during the past two weeks. They include:

William Ernest Heard vs. Wilma Sue Heard, both of Weeping Water, on charges of cruelty. Plaintiff is represented by Mrs. W. L. Dwyer. Case was filed March 30.

Larry Gardner, a minor, filed through his mother, Virginia Gardner, a petition for divorce from Sherry Gardner charging cruelty, on April 16. He is represented by Smith and Lebens. The couple was married in Glenwood, Ia., on October 22, 1953. There are two children, ages two years and another seven months.

Harold R. Lebens, city attorney; Dr. R. F. Brendel, city physician.

Cemetery board, J. C. Comstock, Henry Starkjohn, re-appointed.

Park board for a term of one year, Lloyd Fitch, John J. O'Donnell, Robert Aspedon.

Street Commissioner, Elmer Goehouwer.

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Mayor Gold announced the various committees of the council as follows:

Finance-Tax and Property, L. W. Moore, chairman, L. B. Svoboda.

Judiciary-License, George Kalasek, chairman, W. G. Highfield.

Streets, alleys and bridges, George Kalasek.

Fire, Water, Lighting, L. B. Svoboda, chairman, W. G. Highfield.

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Plattsmouth To 'Blossom Like A Rose', He Says

"Plattsmouth will blossom like a rose within the next five years," Earle Reynolds, state manager for the National Federation of Independent Business, told Rotarians here at their regular Tuesday noon meeting at Hotel Coffee Shop.

Mr. Reynolds, long a dominant figure in Omaha business circles and head of many civic organizations in past years, said however, that small business is "facing the greatest crisis in the history of free enterprise and is face-to-face with the toughest problems in the post-war period at the present time. It is expected their will be upwards of 13,000 business failures in the next year."

Business throughout the area is spotted, he said. In the past year he has spoken to at least 1500 businessmen in over 200 Nebraska towns and cities. In the irrigated sections business is good. On the uplands, it is poor and in some places actually bad.

"Small business is a part of the whole economy, not just the community in which it operates under the free enterprise system. However, the profit motive upon which this country was built is endangered by unfair competition by discount houses, misrepresentation, unscrupulous business methods by individuals and groups that threaten the very foundation upon which this great nation has grown and prospered," he stated.

"This country's small towns exist to serve somebody. If you didn't have the little towns, you couldn't have the big cities," Reynolds emphasized. He went on to explain what inflation has done to this country. Of the lack of young college graduates who go into business for themselves, but instead take a job with some large corporation that is forever getting bigger while the small businesses are getting fewer.

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Jury Verdict In Supreme Court From Cass County

The verdict of a Cass County district court jury was correct, a brief filed in the state supreme court says. The jury found for the defendant in an assault and battery case of James Elliott against William Brandt.

The case brought by Elliott, was to recover for personal injury alleged to have resulted from an assault and battery committed on him in September 1953, by Brandt. The parties to the suit were farmers in Cass County.

The jury in the district court found for the defendant Brandt and Elliott appealed.

The brief said the case was fairly and properly tried and the jury was correctly instructed. It asked that the judgment be affirmed by the supreme court.

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Ralph E. Witt, 33, of Greenwood, was arrested at midnight Wednesday in Alvo by Sheriff Solomon and lodged in the county jail on charges of intoxication.

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HUNDREDS OF FREE PRIZES WHEN

Homemakers Day Starts Tuesday

Mystery Surrounds Vanishing Hat Act At Cass Courthouse

While digging for details to bring Journal readers at the courthouse Wednesday afternoon, the publisher's hat did a disappearing act.

A thorough search of Chick Ledgeway's office by this printer and Chick's talented wife, Helen, failed to bring any light on the mystery. However, another size seven was found in the district court room a couple of hours later by Mrs. Ledgeway. It's a pretty brown hat, even prettier than the missing one.

This newspaper would not dare accuse anyone of theft, but if John Fisher of Murray will take a look inside the band of the hat he has at his house, we're sure he'll find R. R. F.

We will be happy to trade—we wouldn't cheat anyone!

League's First Ball Game Set For Sunday

First appearance of the season for Plattsmouth's baseball team sponsored in cooperation with Offutt Air Force Base will be held Sunday at Millard. While only a practice game, it will give localites an opportunity to size up the local nine for the first time this year.

A special meeting was held at Plattsmouth Tuesday night attended by local manager Don Wall and three representatives from Offutt. At this meeting schedules had to be revised due to the withdrawing of Herman, Neb., from the Platte Valley League. This last minute change means the league will play with but 11 teams in both the northern and southern division. However, Mr. Wall states there is a possibility that Blair will come in with a team, which could bring it back to an even dozen.

The first practice game to be held in Millard Sunday will get underway at 2 p. m. Three local men, who have tried out for the team will be in the lineup, Larry Long, outfield, Denny Hirz, infield, and "Buz" Blotzer, pitcher.

Manager Wall said a special meeting will be called here some time next week when a name will be selected for the team and a schedule for the coming season will be released.

Opening game of the Platte Valley League will be on May 12, he reported, and added that there is still time for any local ball players to try out for the team.

Too Many Trout Cost Three Men In County Court

Three men, each with seven trout, was three too many and brought them into county court here the first of the week after they had been picked up by Deputy State Game Warden Bernard L. Patton.

Taken with their catch near the Louisville Lakes were Edward A. Hrusky and Edward E. Svoboda, both of Omaha, and John L. Graham of Lincoln.

For their disregard of the limit on April 13, each of the three were assessed fines of \$10 and costs of \$4, with the fines split equally between the county and game commission, according to court records.

The Lakes at Louisville had been stocked, fishin' was good, and the three men had been misinformed of the catch limit.

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Chamber Of Commerce To Honor High School Athletes

Warren Schmackel, assistant football coach of the University speaker at the Chamber of Commerce annual Athletic Banquet which will be held at the High School gym on Tuesday, May 7, at 6:45 p. m. and will be open



Warren Schmackel, Asst. Coach University of Nebraska

to all interested people, both men and women.

Mr. Schmackel, 35 years of age was formerly head coach at Central Michigan College. Chosen on the Little All Amer-

Couple Injured In 3-Car Crash Near Cortland

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Boward of Cortland, Neb., and Mrs. Don Meints and son, of Omaha, were involved in a three car accident Monday just seven miles from Cortland.

Mr. and Mrs. Boward, parents of Mrs. William Meints, Plattsmouth, had just returned from a three months stay in Washington, and spent from Saturday to Easter Sunday at the home of their daughter and son-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Meints and son were not injured, but the Boward couple are hospitalized at the Lutheran Hospital in Beatrice. Mrs. Boward, 72, has a broken collar bone and other bone breaks and Mr. Boward, 74, has two fractured ribs.

The car of Don Meints involved in the accident was said to have been a near total loss.

Mrs. William Meints visited Tuesday with the parents at the hospital.

State Hospital Gets Man On Morals Charge

Harry Moore, 75, Elmwood, who was taken into custody last week by county authorities on morals charges involving women and young girls, was committed to the State Hospital at Lincoln following his appearance in court Wednesday morning.

Moore, in signed and oral statements to county officials admitted several indecencies in the Elmwood vicinity over a period of several months. He was picked up following complaints of several local residents of the Cass County community.

Complaint against the elderly man was filed by County Attorney James Begley and he was brought before the County Board of Health.

Moore has lived in Elmwood since 1948, coming there from Verdun, Neb.

He was taken to the state institution soon after the hearing Wednesday.

Robert Fleck Met Death At Omaha

Robert L. Fleck, a former Louisville resident who had been living in Omaha for the past few years, met instant death in that city, Monday when he came in contact with high voltage power lines while trimming trees on west Dodge street.

Fleck, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fleck of Louisville, was employed by the Asplundh Tree Expert Co., and was engaged in trimming trees for the Omaha Public Power District. Workers with him said all they saw was a flash of light and fire shooting from his shoes. They assisted in lowering his body to the ground, but he was pronounced dead on arrival at a hospital.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the First Methodist Church in the Louisville with interment in the Gretna Cemetery. Rev. Donald Webster had charge of services.

Mr. Fleck, who came to Louisville with his parents in 1941, was born July 31, 1928 at Gretna, Neb. He was married in 1953 and has a son, Robert Lyle Jr.

He is survived by his wife, Janice, and son, his parents, and four sisters, Mrs. Mary Conley, Weeping Water; Mrs. Margorie Hays, Omaha; Mrs. Margaret Hoppe, and Miss Lois Fleck, both of Louisville; three brothers, Tony, in the army at San Antonio, Tex., and Jack and Harold, both of Louisville.

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Mrs. Pat Baburek is in charge of the noon luncheon that will be served in the High School Auditorium.

In addition to this wide-range program, floor space in the auditorium will be crowded with displays of local dealers on the latest in home wares and appliances. Committee reports that space has been at a premium and been sold out for months.

Dozens of free prizes will be given during the day to visiting women that have been contributed by local merchants and companies they represent.

Registration for Plattsmouth Annual Homemakers Day starts at 8:30 a. m. Tuesday, April 30, at the High School auditorium and will continue until 9:30, it was announced today by Helen Lessman, general chairman of the Woman's Division of the Chamber of Commerce.

This annual event, one of the highlights of Chamber activities during the year, will draw hundreds of rural and urban women from over a wide section of the county. In fact, the program has become so popular, some reorganization was necessary this year when feeding accommodations would no longer accommodate the large throngs during the noon hour.

Under the new program, it was necessary to rotate a number of rural groups sent a free dinner invitation. Under the new program clubs will be given the dinner invitation on alternate years. However, all are welcome to attend the entertainment and demonstration features of the event during the day and evening.

Mrs. Marie Richards and Helen Elting, co-chairman of the program, report an exceptionally fine series of events have been lined up for the day. Included is a demonstration of gas cooking by Mrs. Sylvia Anderson, home economist of the Central Electric and Gas Company of Lincoln, with Walter Gleason, local manager, in charge of arrangements. Gas stove and appliances are being furnished by the Swatek Hardware.

Cooking electrically will also be demonstrated to those attending homemakers day. A feature of the demonstration will include the electronic oven and proper method in using a roaster. This feature is furnished by Consumers Public Power, with Manger Ernest Elliott in charge. Demonstrating methods and appliances will be Mrs. Howard Peterson, of the Betty Tolson TV Show, home economist of the Hot Point Division of General Electric, of Omaha.

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To Fete Feeders Thursday Night

Ed Janike, director of the University of Nebraska Extension Service, will be the principle speaker here Thursday night at the Cass County Corn Belt Feeders Association annual banquet to be held in the Lions Club building at Fourth and Main Streets.

With Newton Sullivan, president of the association acting as toastmaster, the 1957 banquet promises to be one of the best in recent years. With the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce cooperating with the feeders group in the entertainment field, the more than 250 guests of the city are expected to be given a show every member of the family will enjoy.

Other highlights of the planned program include invocations by Rev. Keith Delap, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. Hart Jorgensen, executive director of the Livestock Foundation of Omaha, will introduce guests, while Don Magdanz, secretary of the state association, will discuss activities of this state-wide group during the past year.

In addition a girls quartette of Plattsmouth High School along with Merlin Jochimsen, will offer some special and novelty musical numbers.

The Cass County Association is one of the most active in the state. It has a large and county-wide membership that includes some of the outstanding feeders of the Midwest, many of whom are, or have served with the state and national associations as officers and directors.

During the year the local association and its members spend much of their time and energies in promoting better feeding programs, sponsorship of



Shown here are Dick Tritsch and Cass County Feeder's Association President Newton Sullivan when the recent feeders tour group visited the former's feed lot he operates in conjunction with Carl J. Schneider. Dick had just shipped 96 head of fat cattle to market, but had another herd of nearly 150. He had fed the first group 160 days and had shown an average gain of 192 pounds. Paul Geyer, University of Nebraska, said present trend in marketing cattle is for less finish and fat for better prices.

—Journal Photo

boys and girls in club beef, pig and lamb programs. They sponsor feed lot tours, bringing into the community technical experts that give grassroot feeders down to earth information and policies to get the most out of their efforts and expenditures in the way of new types of equipment and balanced feeding programs, plus latest information and nutritional formulas.

Present officers of the association are: Newton Sullivan,

Wm. Mead Injured

At press time The Journal learns that Wm. Mead, Union, was seriously injured in the Union vicinity and was rushed to St. Mary's hospital, Nebraska City. He was working for the county in District 2 operating a front-end loader. The machine dropped on him in some unknown manner, injuring him critically.