

Tornado Warning System Devised For Plattsmouth



City and volunteer fire department officials Wednesday jumped quickly into action to bring to Plattsmouth a tornado warning system.

Warning method was devised by Fire Chief Joe Kruntorad following a hastily called conference with Mayor Bruce E. Gold.

Chief Kruntorad said warning of an approaching tornado would be signaled by three short blasts on the fire siren. However, he said operation of the siren would be only by himself or city police.

As an additional precaution, Chief Kruntorad said either a fire department truck or his own car would be used to cruise residential districts with siren going to further notify residents of the impending winds.

In event it ever becomes necessary to warn of tornado, the chief asked citizens not to become excited and not to follow the truck or car. Rather he said they should begin taking whatever safety precautions are available.

For homeowners whose houses have basements, Chief Kruntorad said house-holders should go to the cellar's southwest corner. If the house does not have a basement, he advised finding a ditch or culvert—away from trees if possible—in which to lie down.

To notify authorities of an approaching tornado, call phone 5251 from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m., daily. During night hours call phone 4271.

Chief Kruntorad emphasized the tornado warning signal would be blown only if a tornado appears heading in the direction of this city.

He said no all clear signal would be given. Kruntorad felt most residents would realize when danger is past and to use the siren to signal all clear might add to confusion following a storm.

Journal To Print On Wednesday Next Week; Deadlines Set

Next Thursday's edition of The Plattsmouth Journal will be printed Wednesday in order employees may join with other citizens in observance of Independence Day.

All advertisers wishing to use space in this edition are reminded deadline for ad copy is Tuesday noon. No material will be accepted after that time.

Correspondents throughout the county are asked to have copy to the Journal not later than Monday morning.

Doody's Offer Of Free Beach Turned Down

City recreation program officials today thumbed down an offer by E. J. Doody, owner of Merritt Beach, to provide free use of swimming facilities for children.

In refusing the offer, program officials said a negative decision was necessary only because of insufficient supervisory personnel.

While Doody offered use of the beach Mondays through Fridays either mornings or afternoons, it was pointed out the recreation program would be unable to use the morning time because it would have to supply life guards.

Merritt Beach lifeguards are on duty every afternoon but again recreation officials had to make a choice: if recreation director Gary Ashbaugh and girls' director Sharon Harbaugh devote afternoons to swimming, balance of the city's play and recreation program would be wrecked.

Recreation committee said this was the major reason Glenwood pool was considered. At Glenwood supervisory personnel would have been furnished at the quoted figure of \$250.

The committee said it deeply appreciated Doody's gesture and regretted inability to take advantage of it, but felt present circumstances dictated dropping any plans for a swimming program.

Financially, the recreation program is in no shape to pay even one dollar for a swimming program. Although Merritt Beach has one block of marked shallow water and has always been used by the recreation program in previous years, the program could not avail itself of the morning hours because of inability to pay for lifeguards.

Mail Service Fees To Be Increased Here On Monday

An increase in all mail service fees effective Monday, July 1, has been announced by post office authorities.

The hike will effect such services as registered, insured, special delivery, special handling, money order and business replies.

Special delivery fees for first class air parcel post for items not over two pounds has been set at 30 cents; all other classes will be 45 cents. Over two pounds but less than 10 pounds the prices are 45 and 55 cents.

Complete data on other service fee hikes will be carried in Monday's Journal.

Leniency On Overtime Parking Tickets Is Asked

Gasoline Price Battle Flares In Plattsmouth

A large scale gas war brought lower prices to car owners and service stations in the community and signs along Chicago Avenue today invite passing motorists to take advantage of slashed prices.

The battle of prices was sparked by six stations dropping gasoline prices earlier this week. Current prices list ethyl gasoline at 32.9 and regular at 28.9. Rates had been 35.4 and 31.7.

Apparently the main reason for the sudden dip in gasoline rates is the fact Omaha has been involved in a gas war for almost a month. Prices in that vicinity have gone as low as 24 cents a gallon for regular type motor fuel.

Tom Grosshans, operator of Tom's Standard Station, told a Journal reporter purpose of the gas war is to bring lower prices to this city. His station was one of six which dropped prices earlier this week.

Grosshans stated he intended to leave his prices as they are until the state tax raises them a penny. This would happen about September 1. Then gasoline prices would be up to 29.9 and 33.9. He doesn't plan to lower prices more unless the company thinks they should be decreased.

Carol Long To Appear

Carol Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Long will appear on WOW-TV Saturday morning June 29 at 9 o'clock on "Futures Unlimited."

She will also appear on the program at Veteran's Hospital this evening.

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Plattsmouth Family Is Rudely Jolted; 'Tomcat' Has Kittens

The Charley Christensen family, 1301 1st Ave., recently received a mighty rude jolt when a beloved "tomcat" gave birth to a litter of three kittens.

Two of the offspring already have been taken, but the Christensen family now is seeking homes for the mother cat and one kitten. Anybody like to have a real feline oddity—a mother "tomcat"—around the house?

Current Drive For Museum Totals \$1,491

Cass County Historical Society today issued another appeal for contributions to a drive to establish a museum which will hold relics and artifacts of early day life in the county.

Receipts in the current campaign total \$1,491.81 with an additional several thousand dollars pledged. But society officials said more funds are needed to insure creation of the museum.

Forty members of the society gathered Wednesday in the Weeping Water Christian Church for a combined luncheon business meeting. Lunch was served by ladies of the church.

Society President Martin Sporer, Murray, presented a paper on early Cass County and Carl Day, Weeping Water, sketched for listeners the early history of Weeping Water.

The society set July 24 as next meeting date. It will be a sack lunch to begin at 12 noon in Wash.

City council Monday night was given another bona fide cause of contention to gnaw on when Chamber of Commerce Manager Dale Bowman protested current police practices in ticketing out-of-town cars for traffic law violations and overtime parking.

City Dads hedged a bit when they placed the entire matter "under advisement" and tabled it for further discussion.

Bowman, representing the chamber of commerce and its affiliated businessmen, contended police should go easier in issuing tickets to out-of-town cars and suggested more leniency regarding overtime parking violations.

The chamber official suggested police allow three overtime parking violations a year before cracking down on offenders with summons which usually result in the payment of a \$1 fine plus \$4 court costs.

He contended strict enforcement of parking regulations was driving out-of-town shoppers from Plattsmouth to other cities and towns in the region. While council seemed to lean toward the idea present enforcement may be too strict, the city's official body appeared uncertain as to just how the matter should be handled.

Hence, the proposition was taken under advisement for further study before final action is taken.

In another portion of the session council opened bids from several companies for a new fire truck. Council was somewhat surprised be-

cause several of the nation's larger firms dealing in fire fighting equipment failed to enter bids here.

Bids received were turned over to the Volunteer fire department which, in turn, will scan them for a meeting of specifications.

A petition was presented to council by residents of the south 9th street area asking official action regarding speeding. The petition suggested no specific remedy.

Council was of the opinion "slow" would do no good because speeders are conscious of violating the law. The matter was referred to the Streets and Alleys committee for specific suggestions dealing with the problem.

Blind corners caused by high shrubbery also was made target of criticism. But council found no ordinance which covered the situation and instructed City Attorney Harold Lebens to draw an ordinance which will give the city jurisdiction to eliminate such corners.

Council also set around to making things a little easier for spectators attending sessions by ordering 15 new chairs for the council chamber. The new seats will replace rickety, broken chairs now in use.

Official sanction also was given to painting exterior of city hall. Council selected a light green color similar to that of the building which houses the Plattsmouth Journal.

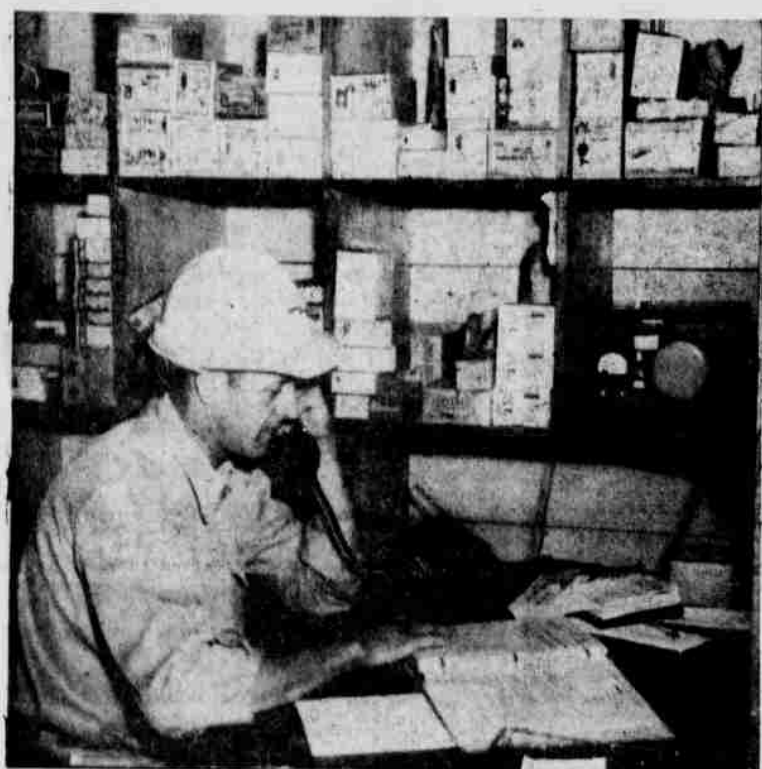
Mayor Bruce E. Gold reported to council results of his "door bell razing" expedition into the city's west side, where he asked residents how they felt about obtaining sanitary sewer service. Mayor Gold said a surprising number of residents contacted favored the idea.

He recommended council commission an engineer to give an estimated cost on construction of laterals required to serve that district. But he suggested before doing so, council should study plans drawn in 1947 by D. McKnight, Lincoln engineer, and review them in comparison with a recent survey conducted by an Omaha engineering firm.

Council also opened a lone bid on road oil. The bid, offered by Standard Oil of Indiana, was accepted and the streets and alleys committee was instructed to order oil as soon as ready.

In another action, council heard a request by the Box brothers requesting establishment of a sanitary sewer district in an area on South 13th Street.

While council told the Box brothers, who are building homes there, it was sympathetic, officials suggested the brothers contact property owners in the district to determine how many favor such a plan.



RECEIVING you loud and clear. Bill Highfield (top), and Charley Christensen show how Consumers Power District mobile radio units will act to forward word of storms which may threaten the Plattsmouth area. Highfield is lineman and serviceman for the company while Christensen is superintendent.—Journal Photo

Storm Watch Set By Power District

Nebraska's statewide storm-warning system gained another active "team member" today when Consumers Power District's 263 radio units joined forces with the state's Civil Defense weather watcher.

The move directly affects Plattsmouth and Cass County as this district's three radio equipped CPPD trucks will be put on storm alert duty.

The scattered, but tightly-knit storm-warnings "team" was announced by CPPD officials and Austin S. Beacon, Lincoln, deputy state director of Civil Defense.

Ernie Elliott, CPPD's Plattsmouth district manager, said drivers of his district's three trucks have been instructed to forward immediately to the home office by radio any sight-

ing of funnel clouds in the area. He said the Plattsmouth district also is in constant radio contact with Lincoln and could also receive storm alerts from that source.

Following receipt of storm warning the Plattsmouth office will, Elliott said, pass on such information to city officials and Sheriff Tom Solomon, civil defense director here.

Elliott Wednesday conferred with Plattsmouth Mayor Bruce E. Gold concerning a warning setup for the city.

Plattsmouth CPPD district has remote control units located at the Main Street office and sub station south of the city. Transmitter is situated at the North 8th Street tower.

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Larry Cole Has Lead Role In Production

A 16-year-old Plattsmouth High School senior has been assigned one of the lead roles in "Girl Crazy", a musical comedy by George Gershwin which will be presented at 7:30 p. m. Friday in University High School auditorium in Lincoln.

He is Larry Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Cole, and is attending the All-State Fine Arts Course in Lincoln.

Young Cole is one of a cast of 80 all-state students who will take part in the production which is under the direction of Margie Smith, vocal music instructor at Thomas Jefferson High School, Council Bluffs.

Choreography is being done by Judy Graziop, 17-year-old high school student also from Council Bluffs.

"Girl Crazy" will bring forth such musical hits as "Embraceable You," "I Got Rhythm," and "Bidin' My Time."

There is no admission charge and the public is invited to attend the comedy which deals with a boy who has been sent to Arizona as punishment by his father, and also with his episodes during the stay.

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Like It Or Not - - You'll Pay For Disposal Plant In City

By EARL S. DAPP
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There is one unchangeable fact among the many presented concerning sewage disposal facilities and improved sanitary sewer lines for Plattsmouth:

Whether the current city administration actively backs improvements, or ignores them; whether residents of the city actively back such improvements—or ignore them—

Every taxpayer in the city beginning in 1958 will be paying a two mill levy for the construction of a sewage disposal plant.

It's an inescapable tax—and there are no loopholes at least as far as this city is concerned—for the tax is labeled "LB 123" and was enacted into law by the 1957 legislature.

The law leads to only one ul-

timinate, all-encompassing conclusion:

If taxpayers of the city are going to pay through the nose for sewage disposal facilities, they may as well get in the act by getting on a sanitary sewer line it's the only way they'll realize any benefit from their tax money.

But is such a plan so lousy? Inescapable as is the upcoming state tax for disposal facilities, equally inescapable is the fact a city must put its best foot forward if it is to progress. And to progress, a city must offer present householders and prospective householders of the future conveniences which add to the overall attractiveness.

There is no better way to begin than through the construction of adequate sewage disposal facilities and mod-

ern sanitary sewers which will serve all areas in the city.

Additionally, sewage disposal facilities and sanitary lines in modern cities no longer are considered luxury items. Rather, they are classed as necessities.

Anyone who has battled balky cess pools or septic tanks probably would agree without hesitation. Certainly a majority of medical men and health departments agree adequate sewage disposal and sanitary sewers are musts in the teeming cities of today.

Actually, Plattsmouth is in the dark ages on sanitary sewers and disposal. The city is a hodge podge of lines originally constructed as private sewer mains but recently brought under municipal control. But they serve only limited areas. A good por-

tion of the city currently is without sanitary sewer service.

They dump their refuse into the only disposal facility the city can offer—a ditch at the foot of Main Street which carries the offal into the Missouri River. Residents have a name for this so-called "creek", but it isn't used in polite society or in newspaper columns.

Nevertheless, the title fits and will remain until such time as adequate, modern disposal plant is in use here.

Engineers of Henningson, Durham and Richardson in a recent survey of Plattsmouth, offered a preliminary plan to city council which estimated cost of a sewage disposal plant at \$217,263.

Cost to the city, however, would be about \$152,084. This is made possible because recently

federal grants for construction of sewage treatment works have been made available to municipalities through public law 660. The law broadens the federal water pollution act and provides assistance in the financing by direct grants for construction, and means 30 per cent of cost for a treatment plant in Plattsmouth could be paid through this fund.

Getting sanitary sewers into those areas now unserved is another problem.

City council can order main sewer lines constructed and no following petition from affected landowners can alter the plan. However, construction of laterals is a different proposition. Here the landowner can voice an opinion either by approving or disapproving creation of sanitary sewer districts.

further action should be taken. He said, 'The chamber feels it did the best it could to protect the interests of Plattsmouth. At least our protests to the proposed bypass are on record with the highway commission.

Karr also felt if the state is to have its way about the bypass, the city should at least have some say in location of the access road which will lead to the highway.

As planned by the department the bypass will turn south near the Oreapolis viaduct and will reconnect with present highway 73-75 at a point near the Richard Spangler farm.

The highway department's 1957-58 construction program includes the 5 1/2 mile bypass at an estimated cost of \$1,020,000. A good portion of the funds will come from federal aid.

Several Plattsmouth businesses have indicated construction of such a highway would cause severe economical damage to them and other firms in the city.

Korn Karnival Meet Slated Friday Night

A complete outline for this September's King Korn Karnival will be given at 7:30 p. m. Friday in chamber of commerce offices, Karnival President Ernie Schultz said.

And he emphasized interested persons not only are invited but urged to attend this second planning session for the Karnival. Schultz said committees have been appointed and have been working on delegated tasks. Each committee will report on what it has accomplished to date.

The Karnival president said representatives of various organizations also would be on hand and he said each would be handed an "obligation" for his respective group.

Schultz said each organization would receive a definite obligation such as planning for Pioneer Day or Kiddies Day or other promotions connected with the Karnival.

THE WEATHER
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Date	High	Low	Prec.
Monday	81	48	00
Tuesday	79	62	05
Wednesday	79	59	00

Forecast: High near 80. Showers tonight and continued cloudy Friday.
Sun sets tonight at 8:01. Sun rises Friday at 4:53 a.m.



Mayor Gold eyes city's present disposal facility