

LETTER BOX

To the Letter Box:
This is not a "crab" letter, but a friendly effort on my part as a band parent, to express not only my own views, but those of every band parent with whom I have conversed, concerning your paper's coverage of our Plattsmouth High School Band's activities.

You perhaps aren't aware of the local interest shown our band, or of the fact that we Plattsmouth people consider ourselves a "Band Town".

Because of the marvelous record of our group, Plattsmouth is a name of which to be proud, wherever we participate. Our band has built us a reputation not only for top performances, but for sportsmanship and good character, due to the excellent behavior of our band members, wherever we send them.

Recently our band, under the very fine direction of Mr. Richard Kucera, won the top award of its division at Ak-Sar-Ben. This was the result of weeks of hard work, hours of drilling, unusual cooperation and highly capable instruction. The spirit of enthusiasm and determination with which Mr. Kucera instilled our young musicians, was a joy to behold! They went out to win, and they did! It was the top award in this territory. When the good news came it was after ten o'clock at night and telephones were ringing, carrying the news until mid-night.

The small article given us by your paper, minus any picture or headlines, was quite a blow, and most of us could hardly wait to see that issue! In a later paper, we observed a picture of our Director, Drum Major and our banner, but noted little enthusiasm in the few sentences beneath the picture.

Please Mr. Editor, how about some special coverage in your Journal for our champions and their director? Perhaps you don't realize that:

Our band is almost self supported through the Band Parents Club, yet the glory does greatly reflect on our town and school.

Our band has no "season" for working but works every month of the year, having had two weeks vacation in August.

Our students are given private lessons free of charge from our director, who has close to 200 pupils under his direction in the various grades.

Band members are good students, keeping their grades high and their work done well in advance of planned musical events.

We are proud of our winners, aren't you?

Sincerely,
Mrs. Grant Roberts
113 So. 9 St.

Sunday School Convention Held at Alvo

The 57th annual Cass County Sunday School Convention was held Oct. 15 in the Alvo Methodist Church with a nice crowd attending.

Officers for the year were Mrs. Emma Nutzman, Nehawka, president; George Stine, Union, vice-president; Mrs. Lynn Rothe, Weeping Water, secretary - treasurer; Mr. Edward Van Horn, Weeping Water, assistant secretary - treasurer.

The theme of the convention was "Where there is no guidance a people falls but in an abundance of counselors, there is safety." Proverbs 11:14.

Taking part in the program were Mrs. Archie Miller, organist; Rev. Joe Barr, Murray United Presbyterian; Mrs. Edith Braun, Alvo Sunday school superintendent; Mrs. Dorothea Stahn, Lincoln, speaker, Carol Printz, soloist; Rev. Merrill Willis, Lincoln Grace Methodist, speaker.

Also, Alvo school mixed chorus; Rev. Harold Sandall, Lincoln District superintendent; Mrs. Stahn, Rev. Dick Deems and Rev. Sandall, leaders of group discussions.

Alvin Groesser installed the newly elected officers: president George Stine, vice president Mrs. Lynn Rote; secretary-treasurer Mrs. R. A. Noell and assistant secretary - treasurer Mrs. Raymond Lancaster.

A Classified Ad in The Journal costs as little as 50 cents.

'Free Bridge' Use, Expenses Increase

A total of 355 cars a week are taking advantage of the cooperative Chamber of Commerce "free bridge" each Saturday this year, according to a report by the Chamber's bridge committee made to the C of C retail committee Friday.

This is a gain over the past three years' weekly average of 104 cars a week. Previous figures were 251 in 1955 and 320 in 1956.

But, the bridge committee re-

ported, while the popularity of the arrangement to interest local shoppers to trade in Plattsmouth is growing, so too expenses connected with the arrangement has grown.

The alternative to seeking to get an increase in amounts of pledges of current co-operators is to interest some of the 25 firms not belonging in joining the program.

The bridge committee says an increase per firm of \$11.27 would be needed to meet the budget if no new members were added.

Howard Ruback and Ernest Schultz are chairmen of the committee. Other members are Bill Knorr and Del Heedum.

All '57 Crop Corn May Be Supported

LINCOLN — Corn produced on farms that have not complied with 1957 farm corn allotments will be eligible for price support, states Wilfred Nelson, chairman of the Nebraska Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee.

The local price-support rate for non-compliance corn will be based on a national average of \$1.10 per bushel. The national average price support for corn from farms which have produced corn within the farm allotments had previously been announced at \$1.36 a bushel.

The law provides that if price support is provided for non-compliance corn in the commercial area, the support available outside the commercial area is to be at 70 per cent of parity. Therefore, the price support rate for 1957-crop corn is non-commercial areas will average 70 per cent of parity.

Nelson points out that all corn must meet the established grade, moisture, and conditions of storage to be eligible for price support. Commodity Credit Corporation loans and purchase agreements will be available to carry out the program. Corn may be stored on the farm in approved structures or in commercial grain warehouses.

Generally corn may be placed under price support from harvest time through May 31, 1958.

Bloodmobile Here Thursday

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Plattsmouth Thursday from 12 noon to 6 p. m. Headquarters will be the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Bill Knorr, president of Junior Women's Club and several other members of the club were to meet with Mrs. Charles Attebery, Union, this afternoon to complete arrangements for the visit.

There is an urgent need for volunteers as blood donors because the supply in the blood bank is very low, bank officials say.

Plattsmouth has "fallen down" on its contributions the last two visits of the Bloodmobile, officials say.

Donors should contact Mrs. Bill Knorr, Mrs. Elsie Schultz or Mrs. Don Wurga.

Christmas Seal Drive Is Pending

In a few weeks the 50th Annual Christmas Seal Drive will begin. It has been announced by the Cass County Seal Chairman, Mrs. John E. Schütz, Plattsmouth. Letters will be in the mail by mid-November.

The drive is being sponsored by the 8 & 40 Cass County Salon No. 441.

1957 County Officers are president, Mrs. Duane Sack, Murray, first vice president, and publicity chairman, Mrs. Dean Dunham, Plattsmouth; second vice president, Mrs. Kenneth Roeber, Murdock; treasurer, Dean Dunham, Plattsmouth; representative director, Mrs. Eugene Roddy, Union; alternate representative director, Mrs. Lester Donlan, Eagle, and Mrs. Schütz, seal chairman, Plattsmouth.

J. B. Meisinger Dies at Lincoln

J. B. Meisinger, 87, resident of Plattsmouth for 35 years in the 1890's and early this century, died this noon at Bryan Memorial Hospital, Lincoln.

Only immediate survivor is L. A. Meisinger, Plattsmouth, a brother.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

Injury Fund Totals \$246.50

The Plattsmouth Fan Club's Injury Fund for high school athletes totaled \$246.50 today after contributions from two more sources.

The Plattsmouth JayCees turned over entire profit from a donkey football game last week, \$20, to the fund and Ray Larson contributed \$5.

Central Gridders Play Home Debut Wednesday Night

Central School's 7th-8th grade football team will display new uniforms when it makes its home debut and plays a return game here Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. against Glenwood's 7th-8th.

Coach Stan Cole of the Central team expects Glenwood to be much improved over the previous meeting when Central won, 31-0, at Glenwood. Glenwood recently defeated Red Oak.

Cole has named this starting lineup for Wednesday night: ends Dennis Campbell, Roger Meyer; tackles Marvin Fisher, Bruce Bullock and Charles Wondra (the latter two alternate); guards Wayne Molk, Dave Nettleman; center Roger Beverage; quarterback Tom Russell; halfbacks Bill Park, Jim Shipley, and fullback Al Konfrst.

Other squad members are Danny Schultz, Jerry Vetter, Robert Eaton, Steve Black, Gary Brennan, Butch McGraw, Larry Campbell, Gary Peterson, Mike Russell, Tracy Plack, Jerry Brown and Roger Hutchinson.

New equipment the boys will wear Wednesday night includes red and white jerseys and white pants.

Thursday, Friday School Holidays

Thursday and Friday will be public school holidays here this week.

Those are the days of the Nebraska State Education Assn. convention in Omaha.

Commissioner Nolte Has Statement



CORONATION — This was the scene Friday night at Plattsmouth High's gala Homecoming coronation ceremonies in the school gym. Shown at center are Queen Janet Campbell and King Larry Cundall during the ceremony. At right is 1956 Queen Sharon Harbaugh Cundall, at left 1956 King Mike Lewis. The King and Queen were chosen by election of the student body.

'Road Under Question Is Vital One'

Considerable comment has been made and much written about a bridge southwest of here, constructed this year on an unopened section line on direction of William Nolte, commissioner of District One in Cass County.

A public hearing on opening of the section line as a county road has been set for the afternoon of Nov. 20 in the Board of Commissioners' chambers in the courthouse.

The following is a statement by Nolte, given by him to the Journal in typewritten form:

"Since some pertinent facts have been omitted in the now much-publicized bridge controversy, I thought it only proper to submit to the taxpayers the following statement and facts for their consideration.

"First, that this bridge is on a line which is the shortest and most direct route across the county, east to west. It connects highway No. 6 at Greenwood to U. S. 75 south of Plattsmouth. Large sums of taxpayers money, together with Federal Matching Funds have been spent on the west one-half portion of this road, including a number of very expensive bridges, while the east end of my district has gone unimproved and remained closed in areas.

"The only part of this most direct route that remains to be opened is 140 rods, which is located on a section and township line. This area contains the so-called controversial bridge.

"In 1946, a large group of property owners petitioned the County Board to open this mile of road. This was apparently approved by the board and the surveyor was directed to select the site of the bridge and put in the construction stakes.

"Then sand, gravel and steel was moved to the construction site where the bridge was to be built. The first step then, as now, was to build the bridge before opening and grading the balance of the unimproved area.

"Before the job was started, heavy rains fell in the county and the bridge material was rushed to another district for use. This caused the suspension of this project until 1953 when again a request was made to open this all-important service road. Consequently, only the west portion of this closed mile was opened at that time due to lack of funds.

"Again this summer, a request by landowners and users was made to open the balance of this mile. In call to this demand I ordered removal of a bridge structure from an abandoned road and used it as the framework for this now controversial bridge.

"Only last year, a larger and much better bridge was salvaged by us, but this bridge was hauled away and placed on a very little traveled road near South Bend.

"Having lived in this community for the past 40 years, I feel I am well acquainted with the people and history pertaining to this road and bridge and can vouch for the honesty and integrity, for the statement of facts, that can be secured from individuals who took part in those proceedings which petitioned the commissioners in 1946 for opening of this closed mile.

"When this matter first came to my attention I suggested that anyone who wished to make a complaint would be given a public hearing before the board with the attendance of the county attorney. No such request was ever made until some

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Fire Dept. Fund Drive \$1,125 So Far

Contributions to the Plattsmouth Volunteer Fire Department's annual fund drive have totaled \$1,125.75 to date, department treasurer John Svoboda said today.

The first contribution was received Oct. 7 and the drive will continue as long as persons in the fire protection area want to contribute. Anyone who did not receive a letter about the drive can contribute.

Donations can be made to the department, in care of Svoboda at the Post Office or brought to him at the bank or to any department member.

All funds collected, less a small amount for postage and printing expense, will be turned over to the city to help purchase a new fire truck. Last year \$2,550 was collected for that purpose.

Farmers Asked To Help with Acreage Survey

Several thousand Nebraska farmers will be asked to help this month in the final surveys on acreage of farm crops in the state.

A fall survey of crop acreage will be made during the last two weeks of October. A. V. Nordquist, State Agriculture Statistician, announced today.

The information which farmers provide in this survey on the number of acres of corn, wheat, oats, soybeans, and other crops will provide the basis for the final acreage figures used to determine production of crops in 1957. Later on, after harvest of corn and sorghums is complete, a survey will be made to get information on yields of late harvested crops.

Rural mail carriers and their postmasters will cooperate in selecting farmers to receive the blank forms for the acreage survey.

"We hope," Nordquist said, "that every farmer who receives a blank form asking questions about his crops this fall will take a few minutes to fill out the form accurately and put it in his mailbox. The more reports we get, and the more carefully they are filled out, the more accurate we can make the Nebraska estimate of acreage and crop production.

VFW To Present Gift at Dinner

The VFW here will have its membership kickoff dinner and make a special gift to a fellow veteran tonight at its clubrooms.

The post will present a hydraulic hoist to George Moore, Rock Bluff, World War II veteran paralyzed by polio. The post also presented the veteran a wheelchair.

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Homecoming Is Big Success Here

Homecoming, celebrated at Plattsmouth High School was a big success Friday night. It was a beautiful night, stupendous victory at the football game and the auditorium was beautifully decorated for the dance.

The Pep Club had spent a busy week decorating the auditorium and arranging the setting for the crowning of the new king and queen.

To background music of the Starlighters Orchestra, Sharon Harbaugh Cundall and Mike Lewis 1956 homecoming king and queen stepped down to Janet Campbell and Larry Cundall, 1957 king and queen.

Attendants were Maid of Honor Kathy Johnson, Mary Sullivan, Nancy Lancaster, Sheila Marsh and Judi Lutz. They were escorted by Kenny Dasher, Loren Fleischman, Gary Horan, Bob Hutton and Bill Long.

Shirley Gerbling was mistress of ceremonies.

Many teachers, alumni and PHS students attended the affair. Several were home from various colleges, renewing old acquaintances.

Guests were served punch and cookies and enjoyed an evening of dancing and visiting.

Retirement Board Rep At BREV

A representative of the Railroad Retirement Board will be at the Burlington Refrigerator Express Co., here Tuesday at 9:30 a. m.

She will answer questions in connection with retirement, wife's or husband's annuities, unemployment insurance and sickness benefits.

31, 22, 24 Here

Plattsmouth had its first frost of the season Thursday night when the temperature dropped to 31 and then had a sharper frost Friday and Saturday when low readings were 22 and 24, respectively.

Sunday night's low reading was 34.

Nehawka Woman Tells about Germany Restitution Court

NEHAWKA (Special) — Wilda Mitchell arrived in Nehawka last week from Nuremberg, Germany, where she was affiliated with the supreme restitution court. She is spending her vacation with her brother, Sheldon Mitchell and family and cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Tucker, all of Nehawka, and her sister, Mrs. Clark Kuppinger and family of Prairie Village, Kan.

The supreme restitution court is an international court consisting of two American judges, two German judges and the president of the court, who is from Denmark, a neutral country.

The court was set up when Germany was given her sovereignty in 1955. Prior to this it was an American court. Miss Mitchell was assigned to this court from the American embassy at Bonn, Germany, where she was stationed for two years.

The purpose of the court is to settle claims of minority groups for property losses sustained during Hitler's rule. There are three divisions of the court, American, British and French. Miss Mitchell manages the office of the American court and her staff consists of 30 people. The office staff contacts the public and the sole duty of the judges is to decide the case.

Most of the claims are by Jews. They are usually elderly people. Indirect claims are made by descendants of those who owned property. These claims come from people all over the world.

Farmers Union To Have Meeting

The Cass County Farmers Union will have a county meeting at the GAR Hall at Elmwood, Oct. 24 at 7:30 p. m. for the purpose of discussing insurance which the State Union has to offer.

Refreshments will be served by the Cass County Farmers Union.

Halloween Party For Lions Tuesday

Plattsmouth Lions will entertain their wives at a Halloween Party at their meeting Tuesday evening. The party will start at 7 p. m. and everyone will be in costume.

Plans for the event are under the direction of Alva Linder and his committee. After the dinner, there will be games and dancing.

THE WEATHER

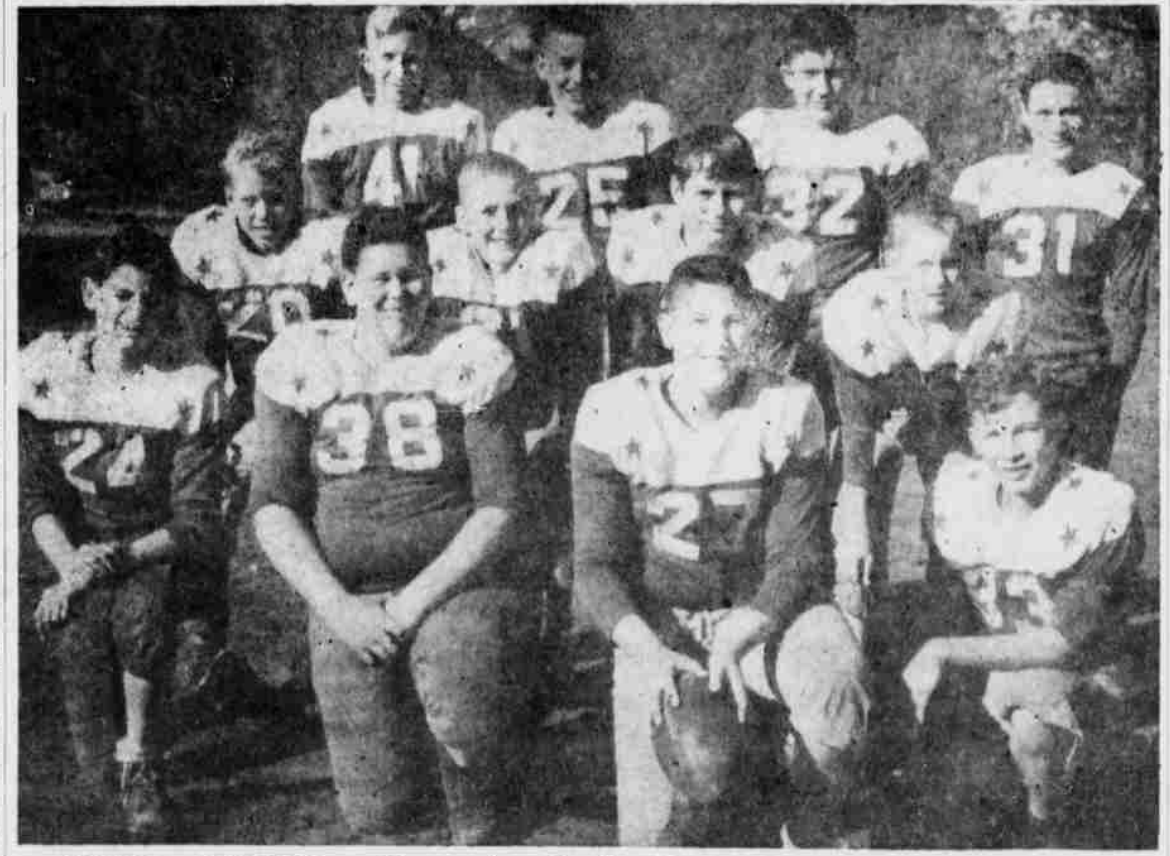
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Oct. 17, 18, 19, 20, 1957

Date	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	70	31	.00
Friday	68	22	.00
Saturday	68	24	.00
Sunday	67	34	.00

Forecast: High in lower 60's low in mid 40's. Continued cloudy through tonight.

Sun sets tonight at 5:35. Sun rises Tuesday at 6:44.



CENTRAL GRIDDERS — Shown above is the Central 7th-8th grade eleven (actually 12 because two boys alternate at a tackle position). Left to right are: front — Marvin Fisher, Charles Wondra, Roger Beverage, Tom Russell; center — Dave Nettleman, Bruce Bullock, Al Konfrst, Dennis Campbell; back — Wayne Molk, Roger Meyer, Bill Park and Jim Shipley.