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11 On C of C Ballot

There are 11 candidates for new member of the board of directors of the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce to be voted on Jan. 6 at the Chamber's annual meeting.

Candidates are Robert Behmer, Frank Biles, Almore Brink, Chris Bull, Helen Elting, Ray Harold Jr., Mert Jochimsen, Joe Kuntorad, Warren Rhylander, Harold Smock and Ray Tlustos.

Six will be elected to three-year terms.

The board for 1958 will meet soon after the annual meeting to organize and elect its president and other officers.

Holdover members of the board will be current president Cecil Karr, Vern Waterman, Herb Freeburg, W. R. (Bill) Knorr, Carl Schneider, Joe Zastera, Del Heedum, Don Wall, Walt Gleason, Walter Smith and Al Huebner.

Outgoing members will be past president Ernest Schultz, Roy Moore, George Smith, John Cloidt, Lyle Grove and Howard Ruback.

Tickets for the 6:30 annual meeting can be obtained at the Chamber Office, Cass Drug and Schreiner Drug.

Students Help In Picking Corn

During the Christmas vacation in the city schools, a number of the boys in the high school decided to make the vacation profitable as well as pleasant. They have been engaged in picking corn on a number of farms in this section.

The result has been that many farmers that still have corn in the fields have been given a lift in getting in the crop and the boys garnered a neat sum for their efforts.

Church Services For New Year's

Many Plattsmouth and Cass County persons will begin the New Year by attending church services, some at special services New Year's Eve or New Year's Day, others at regular church services Sunday, Jan. 5.

First Lutheran Church here will have a special New Year's Eve Vesper Service at 7:30 p.m. and a New Year's Day service at 10 a.m.

St. John's Catholic Church will have masses at 6:30, 8 and 10 a.m. New Year's Day.

The "Church Page" containing regular Sunday schedules of Plattsmouth and county churches appears in this issue of the Journal.

Some churches had their New Year's services three days early, last Sunday.

Business Light In Police Court

Judge J. H. Graves reports today that his business for the weekend was carryover from the earlier part of last week.

James E. Doucett was charged with speeding, being ticketed by Officer Tesch and hearing was set for December 31.

Donald E. Baldwin of Omaha, arrested last week by Officers Chappell and Tesch, on a charge of securing alcoholic liquor for a minor, released on a \$75 bond appeared in court Saturday and received a fine of \$50 and costs amounting to \$54 which was paid and defendant released.

Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. Wayne Schneider and family motored to Peru Saturday for a delayed Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schneider, Sr.

THE WEATHER

Compiled for the Plattsmouth Journal at the Masonic Home Weather Station, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

Date	High	Low	Prec.
Dec. 26, 27, 28, 29, 1957.			
Thursday	49	20	.00
Friday	44	36	.00
Saturday	43	16	.00
Sunday	41	25	.00

Forecast: High in upper 20's; low near 5. Scattered light snow flurries.

Sun sets Monday at 5:04 p.m. Sun rises Tuesday morning at 7:50.



More County Burglaries Reported

A window-breaking burglar continues activities in Cass County, the sheriff's office said today.

Early Saturday morning, two rear windows were broken out of the Jenkins Cafe at 119 N. 6th St., and the place burglarized. The sheriff and Plattsmouth police are investigating.

Three other break-ins occurred in the county Friday night.

At Avoca, the Marquardt Service Station was entered after a "small framed" person entered through a broken window. That person took \$15 from a cash register.

At Elmwood, the Stander Service Station was entered by twisting the lock off the front door. Nothing was stolen, according to Hugh Spaulding, operator.

Across the street from the station, a burglar broke the front door glass at the T. W. Engles Lumber Co. Keith Bornemeier, an employee, said nothing appeared to be missing.

Sheriff Tom Solomon concludes the burglar was "strictly after cash." The sheriff said "good fingerprints" were found at the Engles building.

Saturday night, a burglar who is believed to be the same person who broke in the other places, nearly crossed paths with the law at Murray.

Someone broke a door glass at the C & M Garage there and removed a cash register containing about \$15. George McKusky checked the garage about 11:30 p.m. and everything was in order.

Then, Solomon, on prow for the burglar, checked the garage about 2 a.m. and discovered the break-in. Surrounding counties were notified to be on the alert and Deputy Sheriff Wayne Schneider was called from Plattsmouth to help search side roads. The search was unsuccessful.

Fran & Estil Cafe North 6th Street Robbed Friday Night

Friday night between the hours of 8:30 p.m. and 6 o'clock Saturday morning the Fran & Estil Cafe on North 6th street was entered and robbed of some \$80.60, taken from the cash register of the place.

Entrance was gained to the place through breaking out a window in the kitchen of the cafe, that gave the parties entrance to the dining room where the register is located.

The place had been locked up as usual at 8:30 and the break-in was revealed Saturday, when Mrs. Fran Jenkins, the proprietor, arrived to open up for the day. Opening the door her attention was attracted by the cold breeze from the kitchen, and a check of the place disclosed the broken window and looting of the register.

Mrs. Jenkins notified Sheriff Tom Solomon and Chief of Police Hobscheidt, who with Officers Lawrence Chappell and Fred Tesch visited the scene of the robbery. Sheriff Solomon took tests for finger prints on the register.

The register was apparently the only place disturbed, as other money concealed in the building was not taken and none of the stock of cigarettes or candy was disturbed.

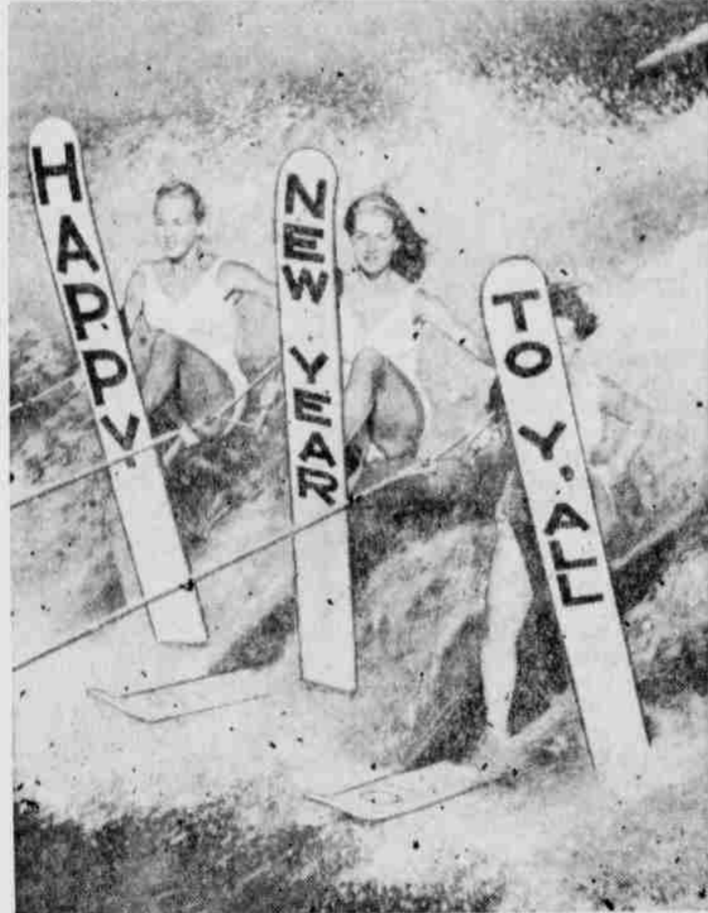
Mrs. Jenkins reported that several days ago a man had visited the place and asked to be fed, and on departing he had threatened the owner "that he would be back and get her," but he had not been seen since and apparently was a hitchhiker.

City Council Meets at 7:30

The City Council meets tonight at 7:30 at City Hall in a session postponed a week because the regular fourth-Monday meeting occurred in Christmas week.

Included in the business to be discussed is possible acquisition of the old Alamito Building as a city equipment garage.

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NEW YEAR'S BELLES—Shapely Aquamaids churn up a spectacular seasonal greeting in Cypress Gardens, Fla.

Facing Up To The New Year

Every person should take stock of his progress toward some goal occasionally. At the beginning of a new year is the customary time.

The first thing one should consider is his goal in life. Where are you going? Are you helping others? Are you satisfied with the life you are living?

Second, after setting your goal, comes the hard part. You must discipline yourself to live by the resolutions which will make you the person you would like to be.

The year 1958 might contain many pitfalls. The threat from the Communist world is the greatest threat our country has faced since the Revolution. This will worry many of us — especially those in the armed services and with members of their family in service.

But, all-in-all, 1958 will come and go, and most of us will survive. At the end of the year, it would be nice to look back and feel that your goal had been achieved. To be able to do that you must steel your resolution now, and set your standards for conduct and business, and stick to them.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

'Sunnyside' School District Change Filing Due by Jan. 2

A petition to dissolve Cass County School District No. 40 (Sunnyside District) and attach it to District 22 (Weeping Water) is still in the status of "under consideration."

The petition must be filed with County Supt. L. A. Behrends by Jan. 2 and he then must call another hearing within 10 days to finally consider the "sufficiency and validity" of the petition, in other words whether there are at least 55 per cent of the qualified voters represented by signature and whether the signatures are valid.

This is a formality required by law.

The petition does contain the required percentage of voters names, 18 out of 24 for 75 per cent. There is no doubt the signatures are valid or the County Committee for Reorganization of School Districts would have learned of it in its study of the proposal.

So, the district change appears to be nearing completion. The only way it can now be dropped is by withdrawal of names from the petition in sufficient number to bring it below the required 55 per cent.

Names can be withdrawn up to the time of filing, Behrends said.

In considering the petition and making recommendations to the State Committee for School District Reorganization, the county committee answered three questions:

1. Will the proposal result in a better education program for all the pupils in the area? The answer was "yes."
 2. Will the proposal form a part of comprehensive plan filed by the county committee? The answer was "No."
 3. What effect will the proposal have on the comprehensive plan for reorganization? The answer was "Questionable."
- The state committee concurred with the county committee in its recommendations and so

Assistant Agent Trainee Set for County Jan. 2

Jan. 2, Dick Kiburtz will report to work in Cass County as an Assistant Agent Trainee. Kiburtz is a graduate of the University of Nebraska, class of 1955, having just completed a tour of duty in the armed forces. He is not married and his home is at DeWitt.

He will be the third trainee in Cass County to work and learn under County Agent Schmadeke in less than 3 years.

Skyline Changing

The bumper 1957 corn and sorghum crop has resulted in more grain storage buildings on many Cass County farms. On the skyline in the Alvo community now appear two large tile granaries on the Zoz and Leaver farms. To blend in with the upright silos it takes on an air of skyscrapers in the city.

In addition to these structures there dotted around the county on many farms are many steel bins filled with wheat and milo.

Ironically the same day these new structures were observed a hay barn on the Bill Zoz farm west of Murdock burned.

Soup and Sandwiches

Surely soups and sandwiches are a favorite light dinner or lunch enjoyed in many homes. There are no doubt many favorite kinds. Cass County homemakers in January will learn techniques of adding variety to their menus.

Ethel Diedrichsen, Extension Service Food Specialist, will present the lesson to readers from the 36 Cass County Home Demonstration clubs early this month.

Leaders receiving the training will then present the lesson to their club membership.

Clarence Schmadeke County Agent

Marvin Winters Suffers Injury In Severe Fall

Marvin Winters, 53, of this city, suffered severe cuts to his head Friday while at his work in the Union Pacific shops at Omaha. Mr. Winters was engaged in cutting hand rails off a car when he fell, sustaining severe cuts to the head and scalp, as he fell head first to the ground.

He was taken to the St. Joseph Hospital where the injuries were dressed and he was kept at the hospital for further treatment. He had apparently suffered a concussion from the effects of the fall that will keep him out of working for some time, but the injuries are not thought dangerous.

Marriage License

A marriage license was granted in County Court here to Ray Hanson, Weeping Water, and Viola Bornemeier, Elmwood.

Viaduct Work At Louisville Started

LOUISVILLE (Special)—Work is underway on the viaduct on new Highway 50 here.

Capitol Bridge Co., Lincoln, put up the first of the steel pillars last week near the North Depot Street pavement on the north side of the Burlington tracks. The high grade from the hill to the railroad has been under construction for some time.

The new South Bend Road approach to the new highway has been graveled and will be usable all winter.

Termite Treatment At School Here

Work has been proceeding on treatment of the old high building here for termites. A contract was awarded for the work to Bill's Pest and Termite Control here after bid taking.

Mrs. Lester Thimean and daughters Jane and Sarah departed Sunday for their home at Des Moines, Ia. Mr. Thimean and son, Jerry returned to their home after Christmas.

'Discrepancies' In Murder Confession Are Being Checked

Nebraska Among Four States In New Ag Plan

Nebraska is one of four states in the nation in which farmers will have an opportunity to make a dollars-and-cents "Bid" per-acre which they are willing to accept for putting all of the cropland on their farms on the basis of lowest acceptable offers, Althouse said. Bids will be accepted only on all eligible cropland on a farm put into the program for 5 to 10 years, he said.

Between now and Jan. 31, meetings will be held to acquaint farmers with the new "Bid" procedure. Immediately after Jan. 1, farmers will be able to submit bids at the County ASC office. The trial program will be available only through Jan. 31, 1958—two and one-half months before the regular Conservation Reserve Program closes.

Because they will be offering all eligible cropland on their farms for the "Reserve", farmers who enter "Bids" will not be required to have a soil bank Base set for their farms. Althouse said. Thus, farmers may go ahead and make their "bids" at any time between now and Jan. 31.

According to Althouse, this trial program is being put into effect to enable the U. S. Department of Agriculture to evaluate the effect of the "Bid" procedure in helping more farmers to divert all their eligible cropland from production to conservation uses.

Under the regular conservation reserve program, farmers are offered specific per-acre annual payments for all or part of their eligible cropland put in the program. These rates will be available under the regular program which will be open for signup until April 15, 1958.

The Conservation Reserve is open to all farmers with eligible cropland, whether or not they have acreage allotments.

To participate, a farmer signs a contract with his county ASC committee to divert a certain number of acres of cropland to conservation uses for 3, 5, or 10 years. Under 5 and 10 year contracts, a cost-sharing payment is made the year that a conservation use is established on the farm.

Cost-share payments are not made under 3-year contracts. Under all contracts, annual per-acre rental payments are made

each year the contract is in force and complied with.

The trial "Bid" program will provide the same cost-share payments for putting land into soil, water, forestry and wildlife conservation uses, but annual payments will be at the rate "Bid" by the farmer, provided it is accepted by USDA.

Only "Bids" putting all eligible cropland on the farm into the conservation reserve for 5 to 10 years will be considered.

Maximum annual payments, held to \$5,000 under the regular program will be increased to \$10,000 under the "Bid" procedure to enable larger farms to participate.

Farmers with part of their land already in the conservation reserve may "Bid" to put the rest of their farm in the program. If a farmer already has land in the 1958 Acreage Reserve, it will remain in that program until the end of the calendar year (1958) and then will belong part of his conservation Reserve if he puts all of his eligible land under the program through the "Bid" procedure.

Althouse urged all interested farmers to get in touch with the County ASC Office for further details of the program and "Bid" procedure.

Docket Call Set Jan. 10

The law and criminal docket call for the term of District Court beginning Feb. 3 will be Jan. 10 at 10 a.m. with Judge John M. Dierks presiding.

New cases filed in District Court are: Harriet Fern Stocker vs. Oliver Dean Stocker, suit for divorce; and Eliza Weyers vs. Otto Weyers et al, suit for accounting of estate.

County Court

The following cases have been handled in County Court here by Judge Raymond J. Case:

Louis G. Melsing, Plattsmouth, \$104, drunken driving; Wesley A. Waltermier, Omaha, \$9, parking on highway; Valden L. Julfs, Omaha, \$19, speeding; James C. Draper, Plattsmouth, \$9, parking on highway.

— Journal Want Ads Pay —



CHRISTMAS GOOD DEED — The Plattsmouth Cross Rods, a club of youngsters dedicated to promote and practice safety and courtesy on the streets and highways, lent a different kind of helping hand for Christmas. The members donated toys and clothing and repaired them for three local families. They also bought groceries in cooperation with Ruback's for the families with funds from the club treasury. The club assembled its gifts at Gambles which also assisted. Club members shown with some of the gifts are: left to right standing — Dean Biles, Dean Davis and Jim Lamason, and kneeling holding a turkey — Tom Mincer.

Lancaster and Douglas County authorities today continued to check "discrepancies" in the murder confession of a 34-year old Omaha man, made to Cass County Sheriff Tom Solomon Thursday night.

Phillmon William Immenschuh confessed the Dec. 1 shotgun slaying of a Lincoln service station attendant but it has been reported several points in the story do not appear to agree with known facts about the case.

Solomon had questioned Immenschuh, an admitted narcotics user and ex-convict who served sentences in Cass County in jail for insufficient funds and no account checks, about break-ins in recent weeks in Cass County when the sheriff visited the confessor Wednesday night at Douglas County Jail in Omaha.

The sheriff had learned that Immenschuh was in custody in Douglas County Jail and decided to question him about any offense he may have committed in Cass County.

Immenschuh had been arrested by Solomon three times and spent three months in Cass County Jail here and had lived in Cass County.

The Omaha man, being held for trial on a Dec. 18 burglary of the Hickman, Neb., postoffice told the sheriff he was not involved in any Cass County crimes but did tell the sheriff about other offenses he had never told authorities about.

Solomon said that during his talk with Immenschuh he brought up the Lincoln slaying and the man said the first he had heard of it was by reading about it in the newspapers.

Then, Thursday night, Douglas County deputies called Solomon and the confession followed. The deputies said they'd questioned Immenschuh but he'd refused to tell them anything.

Solomon turned the confession over to the Lancaster County sheriff Friday.

Immenschuh's confession as recorded by the sheriff follows at the end of this story.

The man confessed to murdering Robert Colvert, 21, on a road northeast of Lincoln, robbing him and disposing of the gun by throwing it into a creek "about a mile down the road from where the shooting took place."

Lincoln authorities said after the slaying that about \$160 in station receipts were missing from the body of Salt Creek near where the body was found and dragged for a murder weapon but none was found.

Although investigation has been carried on continuously since the crime, no clue has been found. Sixteen suspects were given lie-detector tests but all were released.

No lie-detector test has been given Immenschuh or a least none has been reported.

Discrepancies in his story, reports say, are that the time of the slaying does not quite agree with what authorities have deduced about it; that an Omaha acquaintance discredited Immenschuh's story about being in Lincoln the night of the slaying and that Immenschuh did not own a car at the time of the murder.

Rewards totaling \$1,225 were posted for information leading to the conviction of the person or persons responsible for the death of the attendant.

Immenschuh has a record of four convictions for forgery and bad checks. He was released from the Nebraska Penitentiary Nov. 22.

His latest arrest was for passing bad checks taken in Iowa and Kansas burglaries. While in jail since Dec. 20, he confessed the postoffice burglary.

In his confession to the sheriff, he admitted using narcotics and that he had been "using junk" the night he says he killed Colvert.

Immenschuh in his cell Thursday night, showed Solomon a compartment in his shoe where he said he was accustomed to carry narcotics. At the time he had \$40 in the shoe but no narcotics.

Solomon recalled that Immenschuh was a model prisoner while here and got to be a

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