

A Plattsmouth View of the Fair Russians Dealt Propaganda From Pavillion at Brussels

(Following is part of a letter from Tom Zastera, in service in Germany, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Zastera, Plattsmouth. It gives another view of the Brussels, Belgium, World's Fair.)

I had a wonderful time on my leave although I couldn't get all the flights at Rhein Main that I wanted. I was only able to stay in Madrid for one day since they have such a confused schedule of flights and my flight to Brussels was cancelled by weather so I had to stand up on the train all night to get there.

I think all of the standing was worth it. I stayed in a private room which I guess you could call "Mom and Pop's place" because we did everything but live with the family.

We were about 3 miles from the fair grounds but had good connections to the fair by street-car. We spent six days altogether at the fair and it was really something to see.

We went through all of the pavilions except two and it took five days of steady walking and glancing to do it! I was really surprised to see how some of the so-called backward countries like Africa (down in the Congo) have become so civilized in the last few years. They have just about all the modern conveniences that we plus a few that I haven't seen yet.

Of course you want to know about the U.S.A. pavillion, but I actually don't have much to say about it. It wasn't by far the best pavillion at the fair but I liked our displays and what they consisted of. We tried to show the people mainly how an average American lives, works and enjoys life.

Of course this was not done in a lot of the other pavillions so our show was more or less what I've been looking at for the past 21 years.

I think about the greatest display of art and science, plus a good look at how their people live, was in the French pavillion. Their building was by far the most modern. The architecture must have taken two years to figure, by the construction workers after it was put on paper! I have some pictures of its construction and design that I'm bringing back.

Well, I saw my first Russian! Ha! — and was their pavillion ever something! I have never seen so much propaganda in my whole life. They have people stationed all over their pavillion that speak all the languages in the world and can they ever talk!

As soon as Harold and I walked in the front door and walked about 20 feet, we had an English speaking Russian at our heels. He took us on a tour (free of course) of the pavillion and it was just like going through Rush Week at college!

Every display that we visited had a comparison between Russia and the U.S.A. and of course we were only a poor little country with no food, education, Sputniks, etc.

At the end of the "tour", Harold, a guy with a great sense of humor, asked the guy if he had anything planned for that afternoon. The Russian replied that he had to be in their pavillion but he would be asking them for a steak or something, so he said he might be able to get away for about an hour.

Then Harold said, "Come on over to our pavillion and we will show you around!" I just wonder how he would have felt if he would have come with us.

We also had dinner in the German pavillion with three Russians one woman and two men. Of course they couldn't understand us and we couldn't understand them so we didn't try to snow-ball each other. Harold said that I collaborated with the enemy by asking them for a match, but I didn't smoke the cigarette very long so I didn't feel so bad.

I was really surprised at the money Belgium spent on the fair. For one of their displays they constructed a "Belgium City" in the 16th century including all the shops, modes of transportation and living habits at that time. The "city" covered an area of about ten square blocks and you can imagine how much money it took to build a city of that size!

The buildings were so realistic that at first I thought that it was part of Brussels. The exterior of the buildings were covered with thin cloth and then plaster was applied in the design of bricks, etc. which were painted to give the effect of a very old building. You can see that they weren't constructed to stay there after the fair, but I was surprised to see that they have stayed up through the weather.

Of course, we went on a tour of the Atomium, and I think that I took some great shots of the fair from the top.

I could write about the fair all day long but I'd least like to talk about some of the rest of my leave. I first went to Munich for the October fest for four days (at the beginning) and it was just as great as last year. The second day we were there they had a six hour parade which was really something to see.

During different parts of the parade, there would be either a sport club containing forty or fifty people dressed in costumes that were four to six hundred years old. All these costumes have been worn during every October fest that has been held. It was also Munich's eight hundredth anniversary so they actually had a double celebration.

After coming back to Frankfurt, Harold and I tried to arrange a flight to Madrid for five days but were only able to go there for one day since the weather was bad and we were afraid we would not get back in time to catch the flight to Brussels. I wish we would have stayed longer though, because as it worked out, we missed our flight to Brussels anyway. It was nice but I was unable to see any bull fights, etc. so it was all for a lost cause.

Love, Tom Zastera

There Are Reasons for Picker Mishaps

Reports of last year's FFA Corn Harvest Safety Program show that accidents in the corn harvest season can be reduced. Accidents did happen, however, in spite of this program because some farmers in the community did not obey four basic rules for safe corn picker operation.

1. Before you leave the tractor seat always shut off the power to the picker. Over 90 per cent of corn picker accidents occurred while the operator was trying to clean or adjust the picker while it was in operation. The little time you save will not pay for an accident.

2. Do not wear loose-fitting clothes. They are bait for moving parts. If you wear gloves, don't wear the double-thumb variety.

3. Keep all guards and shields in place, especially on the power take-off shaft.

4. Keep equipment in good operating condition. By following these rules, says the local FFA, you'll help keep the 1958 corn harvest season in Cass County accident-free. This is the goal of the members of the Plattsmouth FFA who are taking part this fall in a statewide campaign to reduce the number of corn harvest accidents.

Western Union's New Home Is at Cass Drug Store

Joe Zastera announced this past week that the Cass Drug Store has been appointed as the Western Union Agency for Plattsmouth.

This brings the Western Union Office back on Main Street. For many years, Chriswiser's Photo Shop served as agency. When it was closed down last spring, Carl Chriswiser moved the agency to the basement of his home on 7th Street.

Under the new management, Helen Lessman will be chief operator with Joe Zastera also qualified to take over in her absence.

Agency hours will be from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. on week days, 9 a. m. to 12 noon on Saturdays, with no service on Sundays. Store hours will not be affected by the change but will remain the same as heretofore.

Objections to Sewer Assessment Must Be Written

Objections to assessments for sanitary sewer work in District 14 here must be made in writing in order to be considered. The district to be assessed has been listed in a Journal legal notice and property owners concerned have been sent a copy of the notice.

Any objection in writing must be filed with the city clerk on or before 5 p. m. Nov. 3. The City Council will sit as a Board of Equalization to hear objections and adjust assessments as it may see fit Nov. 6 at 7:30 p. m.

Even if a property owner intends to appear before the Board of Equalization personally, he must also file a written objection with the city clerk by the Nov. 3 deadline.

This 'n That In Agriculture

Hog production appears to be on the incline. Demand for breeding stock is good. A brief visit at the Knabe Sale at Nehawka evidenced spirited bidding for the regular fine offering of Hampshire. This was Harry Knabe and Son's 77th regular Hampshire sale.

Congratulations are certainly due the Knabes for their contributions to the swine industry. Harry is a veteran 4-H'er, being one of the first 4-H Club members in Cass County a number of years ago.

Any boy or girl who may wonder about the value of 4-H Club work can get a quick affirmative answer from either Harry or John.

Gilt selection is important. Clarence Jacobsen raised the size of litters on his farm 2 or 3 pigs in a hurry by ear marking the larger and better litters and selecting replacement gilts from them. Mr. Jacobsen is serving as herdsman for the Cass County 4-H Swine project.

The herd sire is a fine Yorkshire purchased by the Heim Brothers of Plattsmouth.

John Dietl of Nehawka has his 1958 milo crop in the bin. He was one of the first to complete his harvest. He reports a yield of close to 90 bushels per acre average of dried grain. One thing for sure, he needs not worry about the crop falling to the ground. It's in the bag or rather the bin.

Soybeans may be a more popular crop. Some very fine yields are reported. It is a crop which still is great enough demand to keep from going into government storage. One yield of 70 bushels per acre was unofficially reported in Cass County this fall. That's a lot of beans!

A corn referendum will be held in November. Corn producers should make their choice known by voting. Maybe neither choice is your preference but it will be one way or another. Your vote will help decide. — Clarence Schmadeke, County Agent.

Nebraskans Want Stricter Traffic Laws, Poll Shows

LINCOLN — Nebraskans want stronger controls over their drivers, according to the results of a public opinion poll on traffic safety announced today at the 51st annual convention of the Nebraska Association of Insurance Agents.

According to Leo J. Beck, Jr., president of the organization, the poll showed that the majority of Nebraskans want 1. re-examination of drivers' licensees, 2. a large highway safety patrol,

Children's Memorial Gift Bazaar Pends

Mrs. A. B. Rogers of this city has announced it is time again for the Children's Memorial Gift Bazaar. She has requested anyone wishing to give a gift to call her at 249. Donations must be in by Saturday, Oct. 25. The Bazaar is in November at the Fontenelle Hotel.



CROSSING DUE SOON — Main Street will sometime soon have a new look as viewed from east to the Burlington Railroad tracks. A grade crossing of the tracks will be established just to the left of the present depot building (at right in photo). The overpass at left, now the only means of getting to the river bottom east of here

No One Hurt in Car-Farm Wagon Accident Friday

A car-farm wagon accident occurred at 6:15 p. m. Friday 2 miles west of Nehawka on US 34. Martin E. Ross of Nehawka was proceeding west on 34 on a farm tractor which was towing 2 farm wagons. James E. Simmons of Plattsmouth was also westbound and his right front fender came in contact with the box of the rear trailer.

There was no injury according to Sheriff Tom Solomon who investigated but damage was heavy to both the car and the four wheel trailer.

\$100,000, \$50,000 Suits Filed

Two damage suits for injuries alleged to have been suffered in a car accident near South Bend June 27 have been filed in District Court here.

They are for \$100,000 and \$50,000 damage.

Ferdia Kelley, 18, Louisville, seeks \$50,000 in a suit filed on his behalf by his father, Hose Kelley.

Quentin Peoples, 20, Louisville, seeks \$100,000 in a suit filed on his behalf by his mother, Sadie Peoples.

Both suits name Charles E. Hadden of Omaha as defendant.

The suits allege injuries suffered in a collision between a car driven by Hadden and one driven by Thomas Baker in which the two plaintiffs were passengers.

The accident, the suit says, occurred about 2 miles east of South Bend on Spur No. 150.

County Commission

The Cass County Board of Commissioners will meet Tuesday and Wednesday this week in regular session. The meeting will begin about mid-morning each day.

— Journal Want Ads Pay

Kucera in Bandmasters Band Dec. 20

Richard Kucera, instrumental music supervisor in the Plattsmouth schools, has been selected to play in the fourth annual All American Bandmasters Band which will be featured at the Mid-West National Band Clinic at the Sheraton Hotel in Chicago, Dec. 20.



Richard Kucera

The Band will be conducted by Major George H. Willcocks of London.

Kucera will play alto saxophone.

Selections of band members were made after study of hundreds of applications from Canada.

The band will rehearse three days before its concert.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hershiser of Cedar, Minn., were here the past week at the home of their daughter and family, the Howard Lindquist. They came to help their granddaughter, Debbie Lindquist, celebrate her birthday, Oct. 16.

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

District Legion Meet Saturday At Nebraska City

District No. 12 of the American Legion of Nebraska meeting was held at Nebraska City Saturday attended by a large group from Otoe, Cass, Seward and Lancaster county outside of Lincoln.

The 12 districts has some 3,600 members according to District Commander Ray Oltman of Hallam, who presided over the meeting.

State Commander James Smith of North Platte was the chief speaker and stated he had set a goal of 55,000 members for 1959 in the state. He continued that another goal of the Legion was not to get new benefits but to keep present benefits for the veterans.

In the election John McNeal of Utica was named commander. Clarence Halm of Nebraska City, vice commander, Clare Beach, Nebraska City, finance officer.

Other state officers president were Roland Willis, senior vice commander; Warren E. Baker, adjutant; John E. Curtiss, national committeeman and Robert Tubach, Area C vice-commander.

A luncheon was served the delegates at the Legion club and a banquet at 6:30 p. m. at St. Mary's church with John E. Curtiss as the chief speaker.

Attending from Plattsmouth were E. O. Vroman, Don Wurga and Oliver Shiber.

Attend Rebekah Assembly Held At Beatrice

The past week Mrs. J. J. Stibal district president of the Rebekah lodge, with Mrs. Fred H. Vincent were at Beatrice where they attended the state assembly of the Rebekahs.

Roy Carey of this city was also attending as delegate of Platte lodge No. 7, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mrs. Loreta Schunabel of Ainsworth, presided over the assembly.

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NSEA Thursday; PHS - Neb. City There Wednesday

Public school will be dismissed for the week here and at most county schools after regular sessions Wednesday.

Thursday and Friday while students have vacation, teachers will attend district conventions of the Nebraska State Education Association. Sessions begin Thursday at 8:15 a. m.

Plattsmouth teachers have a choice of going either to the District 1 convention at Peshing

Memorial Auditorium in Lincoln or the District 2 convention at Civic Auditorium in Omaha.

Other Cass County teachers in town and rural school are also expected to attend the conventions and school will be dismissed Wednesday at the closing time in those schools also.

The NSEA has 5,500 members. Plattsmouth's game this week in the Twin Rivers Conference, at Nebraska City, is Wednesday night at 7:30.

The change from the usual Friday time is because of the district teachers convention the latter part of this week.

Plattsmouth has no win, 2 losses and a tie in the conference, 2-2-1 overall.

Nebraska City is 2-2-0 in the Twin Rivers and 2-3-0 overall. Latest for Nebraska City was a 33-13 loss to Falls City Friday night.

Plattsmouth lost to Falls City, 41-19. Other common opponents were Crete and Beatrice, Nebraska City beating Crete 13-7 and beating Beatrice 13-6. Plattsmouth tied Crete 7-7 and lost to Beatrice 13-0.

Cob Pile Burns At Petersen Home On Highway 34

Sunday the members of the fire department were called to the J. P. Petersen property on highway No. 34 southeast of the city. It was found that a large pile of cobs that accumulated at the place had gotten on fire.

The fire it is thought was caused by children playing with matches that ignited the dry leaves and cobs. The fire had worked through the cobs and into a dump nearby making it necessary for the firemen to spend sometime at the scene and members returned later in the evening to check the pile.

It is estimated that the loss is the neighborhood of \$20.

UN Home Ec Club Cites Sharon Ramage

LINCOLN — Nineteen girls were honored here Thursday night for their participation in various activities of the Home Economics Club at the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture.

Pins were presented to the girls in connection with the Ellen H. Richards dinner in the University's Student Union.

The included sophomore Sharon Ramage, Plattsmouth.

Attend State Board Meeting Of D. A. C.

The state board members of the Nebraska Society of Daughters of American Colonists met Saturday at 12:30 at the Cornhusker hotel in Lincoln for their meeting and luncheon.

Mrs. Ernest R. Morgan of Omaha, state regent, presided at the meeting and luncheon.

Attending from Plattsmouth were Mrs. Dale Philpot, state historian, Mrs. H. L. Garner and Miss Jessie Robertson.

Marilyn Pollard, Ted Brannon Queen and King at Nehawka

NEHAWKA (Special) — Marilyn Pollard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Pollard, and Ted Brannon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Brannon of Union, were

crowned queen and king of the homecoming game Friday evening with Elmwood. The ceremony was held at the school after the game.

Last year's royalty, Carol Reys and Jim Gregg, placed the crowns.

Attendants to Marilyn were Judy Attebery, Connie Dietl, Norma Ross and Marlene Uhe and to the king were Bob Garreans, Duane Hohnscheidt, Glen Keene and John Stanley.

Following the ceremony, there was a dance for graduates, parents and students at the school.

Nehawka Lists Honor Roll

NEHAWKA (Special) — The six weeks honor roll here includes:

7th grade—Susan Balfour, David Johnson, Julia Johnson, Mary Lindsey, Garry Weik.

8th grade—Barbara Chandler, Jackie Dodson.

Freshmen—Ann Briley, Thelma Ketelhut, Sandra Stapert.

Sophomore—Jim Johnson.

Seniors—Mary Lou Briley, Roger Dodson, Edward Johnson, David Lindsey, Marilyn Pollard, John Stanley, Rosie Stoll and Carol Stone.

Mary Lou and Ann Briley had the highest averages with 5 A's each.



CITATION — Steve Davis, right, of Plattsmouth has been given a Distinguished Service Award by the Nebraska Association of Insurance Agents for his part in promoting a public opinion poll of the association on traffic safety. The Journal co-operated by publishing the poll form and replies were sent by Davis to become part of the public opinion sampling. The statewide poll showed Nebraskans favoring stricter traffic laws. Shown with Davis is Leo Beck, president and state national director of the association, who made the award Friday night at Lincoln during the group's convention banquet.

THE WEATHER

Date	Hi.	Low	Prec.
Thursday	81	50	00
Friday	75	40	00
Saturday	74	42	00
Sunday	81	54	00

Forecast: High near 80; cloudy tonight, possible showers. Low in mid 40's.
Sun sets tonight at 5:36; rises Tuesday at 6:42 a. m.