



**DUTCH ELM DISEASE CYCLE** — This drawing supplied by the Nebraska State Extension Service shows the cycle the bark beetle maintains if unchecked in spreading Dutch Elm Disease. Using this cycle and moving slowly, the disease is working westward across the U. S., doing great damages as it progresses.

## 36,516 Reasons Seen For Tree Care Here

There are at least 36,516 reasons why Plattsmouth residents should be concerned about tree care, the City Park Board says. That 36,516 is the number of elm trees in the city according to a survey conducted by the board and Bill Spradlin, local professional in tree care.

Much attention has been focused on elms lately because of a steady westward movement of Dutch Elm Disease for several years.

Reports from towns affected

## McHugh, Omaha Senators Agree On 'Jurisdiction'

An agreement has been worked out between the Omaha senators in the State Legislature and Edwin McHugh of Murdock, the Cass-Sarpy county representative, on bills affecting governmental or municipal problems of the Omaha metropolitan area and neighboring cities and towns.

The understanding the legislators reached is that they will not introduce legislation affecting the jurisdictional area of the other party unless there is mutual prior agreement. McHugh said.

As a result, two bills including points dealing with Omaha's "jurisdiction" in Sarpy County were dropped and will not be introduced.

## New Police Car Has Fire Alarm

Tuesday morning while the new police car was parked in front of the police station on No. 5th Street, members of the force on duty noticed the smell of smoke in the car.

Fire Chief Joe Kruntorad was called and started an investigation to discover that a wire in the radio equipment had developed a short under the back seat of the car. The chief checked the threatened blaze and the short was corrected.

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Date	Hi.	Low	Prec.
Monday	35	26	.00
Tuesday	25	19	.00
Wednesday	28	10	.00

Forecast: High near 20; low 10-15. Fair tonight after a cloudy day.  
Sun sets tonight at 6:03; rises Friday at 7:12 a.m.

## 'Reserves Vital to Security'

One of America's main hopes in the struggle against Communism is the nation's 3 million ready reserves, Nebraska VFW Commander Dale Bowman told the Rotary Club here Tuesday noon.

Bowman recently returned from a meeting of state VFW Commanders in Washington, D. C., and was reporting on his meetings with military, government and legislative leaders, as well as giving his own views on the nation's military establishment.

He said the "manpower" aspect of U. S. preparedness is most important and the reserves are vital to that aspect. They saved the nations when the outnumbered regular army was in trouble in Korea, he said, and their readiness is vital to modern defense since the U. S. would have to retaliate "in seconds" if attacked.

Bowman said we never intend to start a war but must always fear that Russia might do so. Therefore, the U. S. must stay 30 to 40 per cent ahead of the Soviet in preparedness order to remain even, he said.

That percentage is the amount of loss in striking power the U. S. would suffer if attacked, he said.

He quoted the Secretary of Defense in saying the U. S. "is ahead of Russia" in all aspects of military preparedness and advancement, including the rocket and missile program.

Bowman warned against an "enemy." He said public "apathy and unconcern" about the seriousness of the threat of Communism could be the nation's undoing.

He said Nebraskans often say "it can't happen here" but that Nebraska has more than 1,700 known Communists or fellow travelers.

Russia, Bowman warned, has set a goal of world conquest by 1973. Anyone who subscribes to the idea of the possibility of co-existence is falling into a Russian trap, he said.

The commander did see a ray of hope in the struggle of democracy against Communism.

Quoting Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn) who visited the Soviet, he said a relaxing of regulations against Christian worship is an important development in Russia. Most encouraging is the fact that many of those thus worshipping are young people who have had no other doctrine than Communism all their lives, he said.

Bowman defended the present draft law as the "backbone" of the vital ready reserve program.

Program chairman for the day was Cecil Karr.

## Jess H. Ogden Dies At Omaha Wednesday

Jess H. Ogden, 68, well known and popular resident of this community for 40 years, died Wednesday at an Omaha hospital as the result of a heart attack suffered a week ago.

He was born Nov. 4, 1890, at Fortescue, Mo., son of Daniel and Lucy Ann Ogden. He was never married and survivors are several nieces and nephews.

Jess Ogden was a man of genial and pleasant personality and had a host of friends he had made through the passing years in the community. A lover of the great outdoors, he spent his leisure time fishing and hunting with his friends in this locality.

He came to Plattsmouth from Kearney some 40 years ago and retired in 1955 from the employment of the Lyman-Richey Co., after 30 years service at the local sand pits.

He was a member of the So. Omaha Aerie of the Eagles.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p. m. at the Caldwell-Linder Funeral Chapel, Rev. J. W. Taenzler, pastor of the First Christian Church will officiate. Mrs. Twyla Hodge will have charge of the music.

Burial will be at the Oak Hill Cemetery with Lester Holman, Lloyd Holman, Max Holman, Delbert and Howard Nord and Grover Parriott, old friends, as pallbearers.

Visiting hours will be at the funeral home chapel Friday afternoon and evening, 4 to 6 and 7 to 9.



**SCENE OF TRAGEDY** — This was the scene Saturday shortly after a Plattsmouth woman was reported to have drowned in the Missouri River off the Plattsmouth boat dock. County authorities used a life line to trace her steps to the brink of the 20 to 30-foot deep river channel. They found no trace of the woman, Mrs. Clara Lawrence, 37, mother of six children. Wallace Arnold, 47, Plattsmouth, told the sheriff he and Mrs. Lawrence had parked near the river about 11 a.m. Saturday and she left the car after an argument, walked out onto the river ice and disappeared. By noon today, no report of any trace of Mrs. Lawrence had been received here. The sheriff said points south have been notified of the drowning.

## Proposal To Relocate Road Near So. Bend Draws Query

A proposal to relocate the South Bend West road north-west from South Bend has drawn comment and a counter-proposal from some South Bend residents.

The County Board of Commissioners at its first February meeting accepted a proposal by a state secondary roads engineer to relocate the four miles of road along the path of the power line leading northwest from South Bend.

## Bornemeier At Hearing

The Cass County Board of Commissioners was represented Wednesday in Lincoln at a Legislative committee hearing by Herman Bornemeier of Elm-district, commissioner from District 3.

He was present to protest Bill 273, proposing to change the allocation of mail route road funds.

The Cass County Board previously had passed a resolution of objection to the bill.

Also opposing the bill at the hearing were representatives of the state association of county commissioners.

## Free High School Tuition Amounts For County Listed

The office of the County superintendent of school today listed free high school tuition payments for the 1st semester of 1958-59, as follows (school, number of pupils, amount):

Plattsmouth	117	\$24,264
Syracuse	1	215
Ashland	20	4,320
Louisville	32	7,284
Nehawka	20	4,488
Elmwood	2	432
Weeping Water	14	3,024
Nebraska City	26	5,472
Avoca	15	3,240
Waverly	1	216
Springfield	1	216
Murdock	1	216

The rate is \$12 per week or \$432 for a 36-week school.

## Will Hold Services At St. Luke's Church

Father E. J. Secker, formerly of Norfolk, now residing in Omaha, and Chaplain Jennings of the Offutt Air Force Base, have consented to assist with the services at St. Luke's Episcopal Church pending arrival of a new rector sometime in the future.

The services will be held at 11 a. m. Sundays. The public is invited to attend.

## County Panel Moved

The County Commission Wednesday gave instructions to park the panel truck used by the office of county surveyor elsewhere besides on the street. There had been some comment about leaving the truck on the street for long periods without moving it. It will be parked on the courthouse drive or in some other parking place.

## School and City Caucus March 3rd To Name Candidates

While winter is still lingering in this part of the west, a sure sign of spring is that the dates of holding the city and school caucuses is drawing near.

Under the law the city and school meetings are to be held on the same date, the fifth Tuesday before election, which this year will be Tuesday, March 3. The city election this year will be April 7.

There will be few offices to be handled this spring, one councilman each from the First and Second Wards for two year terms and two members of the Board of Education for three year terms.

The meetings will be made and the calling places designated by the chairman of last year's caucuses, Carl Schneider, Republican, and B. H. G. Eiting, Democrat, and the secretary of the Board of Education, Albert Hansen.

Johansen and Wiles said after the board meeting they want to see the improvement and will abide by any board decision made after due consideration.

Board Chairman Melvin Todd of Union told them the board would certainly review the proposal and meet with the engineer about the alternate suggestion.

In any case, it isn't likely the project, even if finally decided on this year, would come up for construction too soon. Several other federal matching road projects in the county have been pending for a long time and would also be considered.

County clerk Charles Land said the apparent "allotment" in federal matching funds for the entire county in 1960 is about \$29,000.

## Caucus Sets Are Mailed To County School Districts

Caucus sets have been mailed by the county superintendent of schools to Cass County School Districts maintaining a high school or having a six member school board for recording and reporting the nominees for members of the school board or board of education.

A caucus is to be held on the fifth Tuesday preceding the municipal election or if it is not held then, it must be held no later than two weeks before the date fixed for the regular municipal election in April each year (first Tuesday).

## Spiritual Crusade At Elmwood Church

ELMWOOD — St. Paul's EUB Church here Sunday will begin a week of Spiritual Crusade with meetings each evening at 7:45 except Saturday.

The Rev. K. I. Clawson of Naperville, Ill., will be a guest minister; the Rev. Walter Lenz of Laurel will be song leader.

The church has invited the public to attend.

Mrs. E. J. Dieter returned home Monday after observation at an Omaha hospital.

## Fire Strikes at 2 County Farms

Fire struck at rural Cass County Wednesday, destroying a barn and 30 pigs on a farm west of Plattsmouth and damaging a house on a farm north of Union.

The Plattsmouth fire department was called Wednesday at 10:15 a. m. to the farm of Mrs. Verna Tschirren and son Kenneth, four miles west of this city on the Cedar Creek road.

A large barn containing 400 to 500 bales of hay and some straw and a shed adjacent to the barn were on fire and beyond saving when the department arrived.

A sow and about 30 two-week-old pigs were destroyed with the barn. Other pigs escaped from the shed.

The fire department was able to save a small shed adjoining the large barn and shed, although it was damaged to a great extent.

It is thought by the firemen the fire was caused by heat lamps used in keeping the small pigs warm.

The loss is estimated in the neighborhood of \$2,100, loss on the pigs being placed at \$300, \$600 on hay stored in the shed, \$1,000 on the barn and shed and \$200 on the shed partially damaged.

The loss was partly covered by insurance, Tschirren said.

The Union Fire Dept. was called to the George Stiles rental property, the home of the Merle Reed family shortly after five a. m. Wednesday morning.

## Game Area Manager Is Named Here

LINCOLN — The appointment of resident area managers for the Plattsmouth and Sacramento game-management areas and of a new employee in the District III land-management division were announced by the Nebraska Game Commission.

Harold K. Edwards of Norfolk, district supervisor of land management in District III, was appointed area manager at Plattsmouth. A native of Kansas, Edwards graduated from Kansas State College.

Richard J. Spady, district supervisor of land management in District V, was named area manager at Sacramento. A native of Hastings, Spady has been with the Game Commission since June 23, 1958. He attended Hastings college and subsequently graduated and received a masters degree from the University of Nebraska.

Delvin M. Whiteley, who has been with the Commission for 1 1/2 years, was named supervisor of land management to succeed Spady. Whiteley has served as management supervisor for the land management division in District V. He is a native of Nelson and graduated from the University of Nebraska.

At about 5:30 p. m. Wednesday, the youths' car was spotted parked near the bridge in Nebraska City by Nebraska City Police Chief Clarence Iverson. In a cafe nearby, Iverson found the two youths eating supper and took them into custody.

On their persons the youths had \$116.15 in cash and in the car were found the two revolvers stolen from Weeping Water, fully loaded. The youths had the holsters cut for "quick draw" and evidently had been using the leg ties of the holsters.

In Dunbar Wednesday morning, the youths were surprised at a service station by a dog and one of the youths shot the dog in the leg with one of the stolen guns and took two shots at a house nearby where a man was sleeping, the sheriff said.

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Both youths were first to be charged in Otoe County at their place of arrest today on breaking and entering charges. Charges will be filed against them in Cass County also, Solomon said.

## PTA Council Has 'Founders' Display

The Plattsmouth PTA Council has invited everyone to notice its Founders Day display in the east window at the Gas Company.

The Parent-Teacher Association is 62 years old this month. Alice McLellan Burney was one of the founders.

## PO, Courthouse, Bank To Close

The Post Office windows, the bank and county courthouse will be closed Monday, Feb. 23, in observance of Washington's birth day which falls on Sunday.

It'll be business as usual for the rest of the city and school will also be in session.

## Mel Hansen, Slides At Nehawka Feb. 26

NEHAWKA (Special) — Nehawka PTA will sponsor Mel Hansen of Omaha and his color slides of South America Thursday evening, Feb. 26, at the school auditorium.

The place is located one mile north of the Union corner and just 200 yards from the Grandview Nursing Home.

Mr. Reed upon rising had started a fire in a wood heating stove and because of a defective flue the fire broke out.

There was water and fire damage to the house, but most of the furniture was saved and the fire brought under control two hours later by the Union department.

Water was supplied by Nehawka fire department tank.

## 2 Youths Admit Series Of Breakins

Two youths have admitted a series of breakins in Cass and Otoe counties, Sheriff Tom Solomon said here today.

They are Leonard LeRoy Heebner, 19, who lives west of Avoca, and Omar N. Voyles, 18, who lives south of Avoca in Otoe County.

The youths admitted the following breakins in Cass County:

Feb. 13 — Hardaway Store 17 Wabaah, taking candy, money, cigarettes and a small crescent wrench.

Feb. 17 — Gambles Hardware Store in Weeping Water, two .22 caliber revolvers, two holsters, \$15 in cash and 3,500 rounds of .22 ammunition.

Feb. 17 — High School at Avoca, removing \$40 from the superintendent's office (this was children's lunch money).

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The youths also admitted 10 breakins in Otoe and Dunbar on the night of Feb. 17 and early morning hours of Feb. 18.

Cass County Sheriff Solomon and Otoe County Sheriff Ralph Hall in investigating the Feb. 18 breakins compared notes and from what information they had gathered decided the two youths were the guilty parties.

So a search was begun early Wednesday morning for the youths in the Avoca area and a statewide pickup for the youths was put out by the Cass County sheriff's office.

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