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City Lake.

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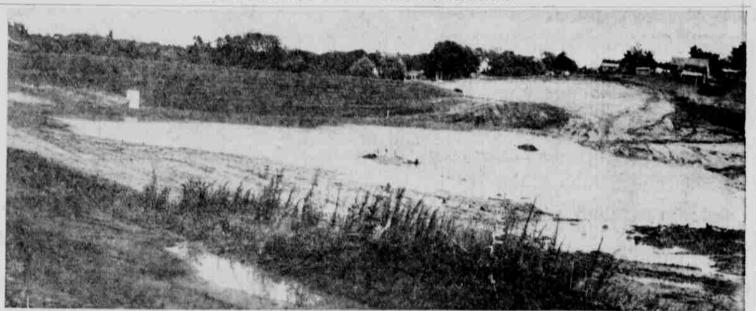
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YOU CAN BE PROUD of your project, Sen. Roman Hruska said quet, local flood control administrator; County Attorney and Mrs. here Friday night at the dedication of 3 flood dams, Shown at James Begley, Clem Woster, Mrs. Hruska, the senator and Mayor the head table at the dedication dinner from left are Paul Fau- and Mrs. Grant Roberts.



"HILL CITY LAKE" - The new lake behind Dam 10-A was "island at center". They seemed to enjoy the water although it only about two hours old when this photo was taken looking north- was thick. There were also two dogs in the muddy drink. east from the Missouri-Pacific RR track. Three boys are near the

Showboat's Coming!

The Showboat's Coming. Not for a while ye that that's the theme for the King Korn Karnival parade this year and those who will enter floats may want to think about it a little for those last weeks go fast.

The King Korn Klub believes the theme will give entrants a big field from which to choose float ideas. Boats, river navigation, minstrels, can-can dancers, showboat comedy routines or many other features connected with the show boat era are possibilities.

The Merchants Parade will be This year's Korn Karnival is

the 27th annual event,

Louis D. Noble, 89 Dies, Weeping Water

Louis D. Nolte, 89, of Weeping Water, died early today at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Frank

Survivers are four daughters Mrs Eva Snyder, Grand I land: Water: Miss Leah Noble, Lincoln; Mrs. Mildred Domingo, Weeping Water: two sons, Lawrence W. Grand Island; Louis, Weeping

Funeral services Wednesday morning at 10:39 at the Congregational church in Weeping Wa-

Hobson funeral home in charge of arrangements. Obituary will appear later.

Widening of Main Street Shown Wise In Friday Rainstorm

The widening of Main street some five years ago, really proved its wisdom Friday noon in the heavy wind and rain storm that swept over the community. and for a few moments gave the floods of years ago.

when it was proposed to take off has occurred to change the over- per cent due no doubt to the tioned for two years. He is a six feet from the sidewalk on all picture very much in July. Main street and give this addit- The narrow band of drouth ity zone who do not want to risk ional wid h to the street chang- across central Illinois has been ing the design of the curbs and relieved but slightly by scatter. higher priced hybrid seed. States ther John who is a student at drainage of the street, but in ed showers, but this area affects at the bottom of the social scale Syracuse University, New York, the first real test given in the only a small per cent of total on use of hybrid seed are Ari-Friday storm it proved its value, corn production.

On Sixth street where the street is the old width and high in largely from the north, reachhigh waters on the south side,

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scene on Main between 5th and 4th Friday noon at about the height of the runoff of storm water. Oldtimers were heard to say, "This! Wait'll you Mrs. Minnie Roberts. Weeping really see some water!" That might be true but

for a neophyte it was quite enough and it doesn't take a great deal of imagination to envision how the street would have looked if the 2 or 4 acres of water of 5 to 6 feet in depth had been in the flow instead of behind the dam above.

4.25 Billion Bushel Corn Crop Is Still in Prospect

focus for the current year.

largest crops of the century; ern Minensota, 3-5 days ahead; 20 years due to drouth in the Northern Illinois, northern Ind-Dakotas; oats is the smallest lana and northern Ohio, slightly bugs and disease; sorghum and lineis recently had a 2 to 4 inch acreages and soybean prospects ready good. have been cut materially by drouth in the most concentrated production area from Champaign to Quincy, Illinois,

impression of one of the flash among all farm crops with its record forecast crop of 4% billion There was some opposition bushels as of July 1st. Nothing cent, the 2 per cent below 100 to Africa where he will be sta-

47 per cent respectively. About mid-July, the farm reeurbs the flood waters sweeping porter of Champaign, Illinois Mr. and Mrs. George Toothnewspaper estimated farmers aker and family departed Fried over the curb in several pla- there were losing \$240 a day for day night for a three weeks Saturday ces and later on during the each continuing day of drouth | vacation stopping first at Colo-120 acres of corn.

Seed corn production areas in where they will visit relative at 5:21 a.m. indicate considerable range in es.

corn development this year. As July reaches its last week, Across central Illinois and Indcrop prospects are coming into iana, the crop is a week ahead of normal; in the area embrac-Winter wheat is one of the ing northwest Iowa and southspring wheat production is one southwest Iowa and eastern Neof the smallest crops in the last braska, a week behind average; crop in 20 years due to green shead of normal. Northern Ilsoybeans both have reduced rain which boomed prospects al-

ated that Iowa and Illinois now thers, plant 10 per cent hybrid corn; Corn stands pre-eminent and Missouri, Nebraska, Wisconfarmer in the very early matur- firefighter. zona and Montana with 35 and

estimated 2 bushels loss daily on rado Springs and then taking night High's in lower 90's. the southern route to Californ-

Doll Costume Winners Listed

Winners in the City Recrea- mouth, tion doll costume contest are: Ages 7-9-1st, Vicky Winters; 2nd, Becki Tilson; 3rd, Twila Garrett

Ages 10-12-1st, Melissa To-Juanita Davidson

Frederick and John Haith Here

ick Haith has departed for ov-A recent USDA release indic- here with his parents and bro-

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray-Ohio and Indiana - 99.5 per cent; mond Haith, he has been sta- loans should be "hard-nosed" tioned at Gunter AFB in Alasin and Michigan at 99 per cent. bama and was flown to South Minnesota is ranked as 98 per Carolina after the leave to go by County Attorney James Beg-

While the airman was home. their uncertain crop against he was joined here by his bro-

THE WEATHER July 30, 31, Aug. 1, 2, 1959 Trafe High Low Prec. Forecast: Partly cloudy to-Sun set; at 7:39; rises Tuesday

'Hill City' Project Dedicated Friday . . . Not by a Dam Site Downpour Points Up Plattsmouth, Near Areas Value of Structures

The demonstration was unbid- a bigger sewer but to hold back of Friday's flash storm, den as far as anyone here was the runoff. es of rain fell in a period of 30 control committee with the help windows of homes, trees, gar-

before noon. nearly curbful for 30 minutes gram under federal law and the here in several years. and the storm washed nearly ev- start of preliminary work in Apery street not hard-surfaced to ril, 1948. some extent or a lot.

The brief savage storm did land on the Henry Schneider in west Plattsmouth. widespread if mostly minor da- farm south of Valley View, Furmage to trees, gardens and ther terracing in advance of

of the dam dedication from the Dam 10-A site in west Plattsmouth indoors to the Lions Com- city, county and state levels of munity Building. But, Friday noon's downpour

and frightening runoff was still fresh in everyone's mind and the dedication in the presence of some 100 persons was effective. Clem Woster was emcee. The new dam site and area

which will become a city park and Park" in a sentence-long ceremony pronounced by Mrs. ence. Roman Hruska, wife of principal speaker Roman Hruska of Omaha, Nebraska senator in

A prayer of dedication was said by Msgr. Joseph Przudzik 4.90 Inches Here of St. John's Catholic Church.

Before and afterward were Friday to Sunday several short addresses which recounted the history of flood control here and of the benefits derived from the 10-dam pro- day and Sunday totaled 4.90 in- some from 4 a.m. on, to get the gram, the first 3-dam phase of ches, as measured by Schrein- trouble corrected, which was dedicated Friday er Drug Store.

referring to the heavy rain that site) was quite sufficient. had Main and other streets a- But, then the second nor eas- businesses reported taking a litwash. The storm also put about ter arrived, this one just before the water at ground level. two or three acres of water into 5 p.m. Saturday. It appeared to pool behind Dam 10-A, ranging be a twin of the Friday noon to 5 to 6 feet deep. Rainfall at storm but gusty winds at the the dam site was measured at start didn't have the force or 3.10 inches. lasting quality of the earlier

The senator commended the storm. people of Plattsmouth and co- It did bring 1.55 inches of rain operating conservation and gov- and wind and lightning caused ernment agencies for the pro- some additional trouble on rurject. It wasn't quick because al phone and power lines. And big things take a long time to it added another acre to "Hill grow." he said. Sen, Hruska referred to Platts- Also, it dirtied up many of the

mouth in another way and at the places, sewer intakes and street same time got in a comment intersections, the city street on foreign aid spending and crew had labored Friday and feeling toward America abroad Saturday to police Talking of mob violence which A Burlington freight train was

greeted Vice President Nixon on held up here for a itme Satura visit to Venezuela, he said: day evening by a clay bank slide 'Just think of it? Here was the across the track near Louisofficial representative of the ville. A work crew and machin-U.S. on a good will tour and this ery from Lincoln were sent out is how he was treated." (Ston- to clear the line. es were thrown and the cars of Saturday's runoff had Main the party shaken, pounded and Street almost full again and 6th Street and the avenues were

In the vice president's party curb-full, was the president of the Import-Export Bank which makes for- rainfall total was .89 inch, comeign loans. It was a comment ing in a less violent storm from of the latter quoted from an ar- the southwest. Rain began about ticle which referred to Platts- 3 a.m., lasted until nearly 6.

ed how he felt when the mob streams on each side. came at the American motor party. He replied that it was like fair for today and tonight was a feeling he'd had in Platts- welcomed man; 2nd, Susan Rouse; 3rd, mouth, Neb., when a wall of water came down Main Street. sweeping everything before it. one felt so helpless.

Sen, Hruska said that while the cost of the dam projects is Airman Third Class Freder- great the saving to the community will be \$13,000 to \$14,000 erseas after a 30-day furlough a year, which is the estimated annual damage of all sorts from water runoff here.

On foreign aid, he said such and "show a return." The senator was introduced

Other distinguished guests were introduced by R. R. Furse. They included city and county officials, county and state conservation agency representatives and others.

Mayor Grant Roberts gave a welcome to the guests and said he hoped the bad floods of the ast here will only be "horrib-

Paul Fauquet, flood control administrator for the Plattsmouth watershed, traced the history of the program here. First activity to promote a program followed a disastrous flood in

Hardest Hit By Storm

Plattsmouth dedicated its first Investigation, he said, showed Plattsmouth and the area to A big cottonwood fell onto the flood control dams and saw the way to control water was the west, northwest and south- main feed line to the city water their need demonstrated Friday, not to dig a deeper ditch or build west of the city bore the brunt plant pump house.

There was general damage ages and a Union area one outconcerned as upwards of 3 inch- Efforts of a volunteer flood throughout the city to roofs and age from tree limbs. to 45 minutes beginning shortly of the Soil Conservation Service dens and flowers and Main got a program outlined, result- Street, Sixth Street and the av- next few days to make more The rain had Main Street ed finally in inclusion in a pro- enues had the most runoff seen permanent the repair work al-

Rainfail was measured at nest Elliott said. 2.46 inches by Schreiner Drug, First work was terracing of 3.10 inches at the 10-A dam site

Longe t-lasting trouble perhaps omes. dam construction then set the aphone company which worked Fauquet said the program got for two days to get some 500 100 per cent cooperation from city county and state levels of in service.

> government and conservation agencies, also great cooperation telephone company said troub- had to be cleaned out. from local persons. He said he le was due to tree limbs blown The big flow down Main St hoped any of the latter who had over lines and "wet cable." carried trash of all sorts, boards failed to do a fair share in the The latter caused most of the and large limbs, even a bicycle initial projects would help with trouble

Pearl Finnigan, director of the les containing the lines and the and to within a foot or two of state department of agriculture, result is shorts, crosses and curbs on Main St. brought brief greetings from ground outs, Water enters where The street was quickly cleared was dedicated "Hill City Dam Gov, Ralph Brooks who was en- there are cracks or holes in the as soon as the flood warning route to the Governors Confer- lead casing, Clark said. These siren was blown. are caused by wind whipping Rose trellises took a beating the cables and cracking the cov- and garden corn and beans were ering or even by squirrels gnaw- battered. ing the cables, it is thought for A large elm blew onto the

mineral content. cable, open up the casing the at the Don Born home was blown entire length of the wetting, in- next door into the Ray Story sert a drying compound and yard on Washington Avenue. At close it up again.

Fourteen men worked Friday Rainfall here Friday, Satur- until after dark and Saturday,

Most everyone thought Fri- otherwise wasn't great but some Water damage in Plattsmouth Sen. Hruska said the project day's 2.46 (or 3.10 as measured basements did take in water. was "a success at noon today," by engineers at the 10-A dam one downtown where four inches invaded. Several downtown

> Consumers Public Power crew day to clear up, at least tempor- southwest of town arily, all difficulties.

es by wind or falling tree limbs.

Murray had two power out-

ready done, CPPD Manager Er-

A big job of cleaning up was handled Friday and Saturday by the city street department. With two trucks hauling and all available men cleaning debris from streets, many loads were

hauled. Gravel, crushed rock, sand and mud were washed many blocks down hilly streets. Tree branches blocked sewer intakes and

for a way. Water was up on the Water gets into the phone cab- sidewalk at spots on Sixth St.

home of Mrs. Marietta Long. The solution is to find the wet 816 Ave. E. A weeping willow Story's a walnut tree was broken off and light lines and met-

er ripped from the house. There were dozens of other instances of damage, including an aluminum window ripped apart and mostly carried off.

The E. O. Vroman home on Clinton Street was damaged. one chimney blown away, another badly loosened and the

porch loosened from the house. In rural areas, damage was vidently worst in the first 10 men worked until 8 p.m. Fri- miles or so west, northwest and

At the Fritz Siemonett-Emil Here, about 25 house electric Schmidt farm, six large trees services were ripped from hom- were broken.

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- Baies of hay were tossed by Friday's wind across a fence into a ditch, even across Highway 66 at the Ralph Wehr-Main Street looked more nor- bein farm west of here. Herman Hennings of this city was wit-The bank president was ask- mal with "only" 8 or 10 foot ness of the flight of the baled hav. He was at his farm west of the city when the storm started and decided to drive home to A weather forecast of mostly Plattsmouth, Passing the Ralph Wehrbein farm he was startled to see bale after bale of hay come rolling down the hill, through the fence and into a drainage ditch.



MYNARD DAMAGE - At a residence owned by Myron Wiles in the east part of the Mynard the place at present. community, the wind demolished a shed and an

"early American half-bath."