

Alvo-Eagle Districts To Merge?

Annexation of the Alvo school district to the Eagle district has been petitioned by 64.76 per cent of the legal voters of the Alvo district.

The petition is in the hands of the county superintendent of schools here, presented to him as ex-officio secretary of the Cass County Committee for Reorganization of School Districts.

The nine-member committee is scheduled to meet here Friday afternoon, March 18, to review the petition and make recommendations to the State Reorganization Committee which meets March 31.

A petition has not yet been received from the Eagle district where it is believed the board will act on a proposal.

Petitions for merger or annexation may be initiated by either the voters of the district or the board of education.

Fifty-five per cent of the legal voters are required to sign a petition. A board decision on the matter requires a simple majority vote.

After the State Committee has reviewed petitions and made recommendations to the County Committee, the latter calls a public hearing to give formal notice of the proposal. Then the petition is held for 10 days and filed with the superintendent of schools who also holds a public hearing.

Should all this be accomplished, the districts would merge effective July 1, that date one of the conditions of the Alvo petition which 136 of the 210 legal voters of the district had signed.

Another condition of the Alvo petition is that the enlarged district assume the indebtedness (\$10,000) of the Alvo district. The Eagle district has no indebtedness.

The school board of the enlarged district if merged would be the Eagle board.

Alvo, county superintendent's records show, has enrollment of 58 elementary pupils and 21 in high school. Eagle has 131 elementary and 59 high school.

Other comparisons: Alvo district, \$1,128,489; Eagle, \$2,392,857. Current tax levy, general—Alvo, 32.9 mills; Eagle, 28.26.

Operating expense of district, preceding year—Alvo, \$39,008.81; Eagle, \$70,527.92.

Alvo was one of the states first consolidated school districts, absorbing three other districts in 1916.

If the merger took place, the county's school districts would be cut from 46 to 45. Behrend's said the number of districts has been reduced from 86 to 46 in the time he's been in office, since 1944.

These are points the County Committee is to consider in reviewing the petition to annex.

Will the proposal result in a better educational program for all pupils in the area?

Will it form a part of the comprehensive plan formulated by the committee?

Will it assist in bringing about desirable comprehensive reorganization?

Water Dept. Has Hands Full, Too

Bob Cappell, manager of the Water Department, said they have been able to keep up with repairs on trouble calls this winter in good shape, despite the abundance of snow and disagreeable weather.

Two weeks ago a few residents in Oakmont were discomforted for awhile until the source of a water leak was discovered after a 1 1/2 day search. A break on South 9th some weeks ago also caused the department to dig out and repair the trouble.

But with most complaints the repairs have been made with little trouble.

This week frozen pipes under pavement at 10th and First Avenue were thawed by use of electrical equipment.

Repairs at 10th and First Avenue and in Oakmont were both made during snowstorms.

A lady on Main Street said she heard this was our last snow. "Yeah, replied her companion, the last until the next one."



READY FOR WATER—The Army Corps of Engineers, in spite of snow and cold, went right ahead with the work of controlling the channel of the Missouri River here. Above is a dike which was under construction amid bad weather. Dikes are made of "rip-rap," quarry-run rock, for this one hauled about two miles from the Hebbner quarry south of Plattsmouth along the river.

A. W. Huebner Named Head Of Rotary

A. W. Huebner is president-elect of the Plattsmouth Rotary Club for the year's term beginning July 1.

Election was held during the club's regular Tuesday meeting at the Lions Community Building.

Also elected were Robert Cappell, vice president, Lyle Grove, secretary, John Schreiner, treasurer (re-elected), Wayne Rodehorst, sergeant at arms, and George Jaeger and C. E. Shellenbarger, members of the board of directors.

Election was by motion calling for a unanimous ballot. Huebner currently is vice president. Carl Schneider is president.

School Term To End Later For Some?

The miserable weather and driving conditions this winter in Cass County may force extension of the school term for some districts.

While some allowance is made for days lost due to inability of teacher and pupils to attend, there will be a fixed (and small) number of missed days allowed.

Days beyond that will have to be made up, County Supt. L. A. Behrend said this week. He said he wasn't sure yet what the maximum of "allowed misses" will be.

School law requires that a year's term be 180 days long, of which school shall be in session 175 days with teachers and pupils present. Five days are allowed for teachers to attend professional conferences.

By interpretation of the law by the State Dept. of Education, practice has been to allow districts a few days when school could not be held without having to make those days up.

The law provides that this can be done in presence of an epidemic. The interpretation has applied it to cover times when weather makes school impossible.

The number of days to be allowed is at the discretion of county superintendents. If a district does not hold school 175 days the school district board may file an affidavit with the superintendent to the effect that school was not held certain days and list the reasons.

Filing of the affidavit for schools which do not hold sessions 175 days is necessary to qualify for state apportionment.

Continuing the term beyond the regular closing date may be the only solution for some districts.

Murray School Caucus March 21

MURRAY (Special)—The Murray School District caucus which was to have been March 15 at the school has been postponed to March 21.

Candidates will be nominated for two seats on the Board of Education.

Next case, which would be the first to get to trial this term which began March 14, is Jewel Whipple vs. Harding Cream Co., et al, damage, set for March 23-24.

Merlin Jochimsen and Don Williams are expected home this weekend from a vacation trip to Florida.

Changes in City Ordinance Being Studied Further

The City Council again Monday night discussed changes in an ordinance regulating entrance of minors into bars and taverns.

No action was taken, although the license committee presented a preliminary list of six regulations. This proposal will be presented again for consideration at a later meeting after further study.

It's Nice In California

Tuesday evening Estil Jenkins, former Plattsmouth officer, now residing in Burbank, Calif., called friends here to announce that their son, Larry, was to undergo his physical examination for the armed service. Estil also stated that he had been mowing the lawn, the temperature was 80 degrees. The friends here turned away from the telephone to glance out of the window here another "light" snow of three or four inches was falling.

Objection To Issuing Liquor License Heard

An objection to issuance of a Class C liquor license to Keener Price for a place on Chicago Avenue was voiced before the City Council Monday night.

Price has submitted an application for such a license and the application was given to the license committee for investigation.

Prior to consideration of issuance of a license, a legal notice of a hearing on the application has to be published and an official hearing held. In this case, these things have not been done.

The resident of the area for which the application was made said he "objected strongly" to granting a license there, both because of what he called a traffic problem in the area and because he didn't think a tavern should be located in the area.

The resident asked if a petition were circulated among residents in the area in order to sample sentiment.

Louisville Courier Sold to Couple From O'Neill

LOUISVILLE (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Huffman have announced the sale of the Louisville Courier, March first to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Graham of O'Neill, Neb., who will take possession March 21.

Mr. Graham previously worked on the Harlan County Journal at Alma. He learned his trade on the O'Neill Frontier.

He is married and has one child. They have taken residence at the Stohmann Apartments. Mrs. Graham will also be working at the Louisville paper, she is experienced, was employed at the Alma paper. The new owner plans maintaining the same staff and carrying on business as usual.

The Louisville paper was started 77 years ago by E. O. Mayfield, and was published as the Observer. It had been owned by only two families previous to Mr. Graham's purchase.

Various members of the Mayfield family owned and operated the paper for fifty some years. L. J. Mayfield was publisher for 45 years, and in 1936 the paper was sold to Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Huffman, who are now retiring and will continue to make their home in Louisville.

Pre-Easter Services for Three Churches

The Murdock Emmanuel, Murdock Ebenezer and Elmwood St. Paul Evangelical United Brethren Churches are sponsoring a week's special pre-Easter services, March 27-April 3, with Dr. H. E. Hiller of Dayton, Ohio, as the guest minister, and the Rev. R. P. Boyer of Tilden, Neb., as song leader.

All services will be held in the Murdock Ebenezer Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Dr. H. E. Hiller is a native of Minnesota, where he has held important pastorates, and also served as Conference Director of Christian Education, and as Conference Director of Christian Education, and as Conference Superintendent. Since February 1959, he has been serving the general church as treasurer of the Board of Pensions of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, and lives at Dayton.

Rev. R. P. Boyer is a pastor, presently serving the Tilden Evangelical United Brethren Church at Tilden.

The services will begin at 7:30 each Sunday evening, and at 7:45 each week night. There will be no service on Saturday night.

Special music is being planned for each service, and the public is invited to attend.

Rev. F. C. Ebinger of Elmwood and Rev. O. W. Matzke of Murdock are the cooperating pastors.

Mrs. A. L. Becker will celebrate her 92nd birthday, Sunday the 20th. All her children are expecting to spend the day with her.

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County Running Out of Room To Pile Snow

Zoning Commission Hearing On Zone Ordinance March 29

Plattsmouth Zoning Commission has scheduled a public hearing on a proposed zoning ordinance for the city, the hearing to be held March 29 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Commission Chairman Robert Way said the hearing is to hear all persons wanting "to submit any recommendations for changes in the proposed ordinance." The Commission has asked that such recommendations also be submitted in writing to the office of City Clerk before the hearing date.

A copy of the proposed ordinance can be seen at the Clerk's office.

Records Show We've Had a Lot of Snow

This area has had total precipitation of 13.14 inches in the last seven months, not tremendously above the average for that period of time.

But, it has been the manner it has come in the usually "drier" months of January, February and March that has made life difficult this winter.

Computing the "average" for the period from mid-August to mid-March from Weather Bureau statistics supplied by amateur climatologist P. J. Dingman, 15, Plattsmouth High School student, The Journal arrived at a mean total precipitation for the seven months of 11.81 inches.

However, the mean (and many would agree that's plenty "mean" enough) for January, February and half of March is 2.23 inches; whereas, this area has had 4.82 inches to date since the first of the year.

All this adds up to what you may have suspected from your aching back—you've had to do a lot of scooping.

The averages say we should have had .73 inch of precipitation in January, we got 1.57; .90 in February, we got 1.59; and .65 so far in March, we've had 1.66.

P. J.'s records show we've had at least a trace to nearly three-quarters of an inch on 12 days so far this month, some snow 18 days in February and 15 days in January.

Temperature extremes on his charts show 93 (remember?) August 21 and 28 as highs for the seven-months period and minus-16 (forget!) March 4 as the low.

Most precipitation in one day was 91 inch Sept. 18.

Through the seven months, we've had roughly (enough) one day of moisture, one day of no moisture. Totals are 108 days with moisture in 103 without. It's time to quit.

WW Church Labels AF Manual 'Unfair'

WEEPING WATER (Special)—At the close of morning worship on Sunday at the First Congregational Church of Weeping Water a meeting of the fellowship, actually the second, took place to consider action to be taken on the recent publication of an air force manual which "made the charges that our Protestant Churches have been infiltrated by communists and fellow-travelers."

Similar charges were made again at the National Council of churches, partly by inuendo, because members of the governing body of this group had been responsible for the production of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

"Rev. I. C. G. Campbell said. It is to be noted that the writer of this attack belongs to a group which dislikes the Revised version of the Bible because of its use of the translation 'young woman' instead of 'virgin' in Matthew 1:23. He also made use of materials published by fundamentalist groups in his attack on the National Council.

"As a result of the meeting the following resolutions were adopted unanimously by the church and the Church Clerk was instructed to forward copies of them to the appropriate quarters."

WHEREAS, the Continental Air Command recently issued a training manual, NR 45-0050, (Continued On Page 2)

Board Will Try Again Friday

The Cass County Board of Commissioners today planned to meet Friday, providing the three members can get to Plattsmouth.

They were to meet Tuesday, their regular date, but got snowed in. The same condition was in effect Wednesday for two members of the board and today one still was unable to get out in time for a meeting.

They'll begin about mid-morning Friday, unless.

Chairman Melvin Todd lives near Union, William Nolte near Plattsmouth and Herman Bornemeier near Elmwood.

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QUARRYING—"Rip-rap" is loaded with a power shovel which was keeping a half-dozen trucks driving hard to keep up. Rock is weighed on a portable scale near the quarrying site. This year, \$1,200,000 worth of this kind of dike work is up for contract along the river here and south of here.

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Cass County got its worst snow of the season Tuesday and Tuesday night—worst because the 6 to 8 inches came on top of more than two feet and there isn't much room left to put it.

That was the problem through Tuesday night, Wednesday and today as shovellers scooped and city and county crews plowed.

There is increasing evidence that the cost of this winter's snows is tremendous, not only in time and labor spent but in effect on streets and roads, wear and tear on maintenance equipment and wear and tear on cars, trucks and people.

Here Tuesday night, distress calls and the "routine" of trying to keep the main routes driveable made life hectic for street department crewmen and city officials.

The police got a call Tuesday night that Mr. and Mrs. Joe Adams who live on Smith Avenue in the extreme southeast part of town were ill, she with flu and he with a bone infection in a foot.

Joe is 80, his wife 77. And, there was a report of a woman nearing childbirth living in that area.

So, the city set out to give these people a way out. There were four and five foot drifts, too much snow for the ordinary plowing equipment to handle.

The city went the first several blocks with a front-end loader and plow before calling in a bulldozer to take over.

The dozer, owned by Carl Morehead, took over at 11 p.m. and worked right through until 9 a.m. to reach the Adams home, most distant of the two in distress.

Snow was pushed up 8 and 10 feet high at the deepest drifted spots.

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Charles Manners, Spanish War Vet, Dies at VA Hospital

Charles Martin Manners, 86 Spanish War veteran, died Tuesday at Veterans Hospital at Omaha, following an illness of several months.

He was born Sept. 17, 1873, in Harrison County, Missouri, son of John W. and Sarah E. Portorff Manners.

He was married Aug. 30, 1899, at Plattsmouth to Ora May Johnson, who preceded him in death July 29, 1955.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Frank Strough, Plattsmouth; three grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Dorothy Fulmerston, Langley, Wash.; four brothers, James, Longview, Wash.; Dan, North Platte; Fred, Lincoln, and Ira, Albuquerque, N. M.

He was preceded in death by the wife, parents, son, Harold, July 31, 1958, two infant children and seven brothers.

Mr. Manners made his home in Plattsmouth for the past 60 years and was a man respected and honored by those who had the privilege of his acquaintance. He was a retired veteran of the BREX railroad shops in this city.

With the outbreak of the Spanish-American war in 1898, Mr. Manners with several brothers enlisted in Co. B, Third Nebraska Infantry, commanded by Col. William Jennings Bryan, serving with that regiment through the war and also seeing service in Cuba. He was discharged May 18, 1899.

He was a member of the First Christian Church of this city.

Funerals will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Sattler Funeral Home, the Rev. J. W. Tenzler, officiating. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery with the VFW in charge of the graveside service.

Visiting hours will be at the Sattler funeral home Friday, 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

THE WEATHER

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

March 14, 15, 16, 1960

	High	Low	Prec.
Monday	23	21	.50
Tuesday	26	22	.00
Wednesday	28	12	.00

Readings taken at 8 a.m. Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear; high in 30's. Sun sets tonight at 6:33; rises Friday at 6:31 a.m.