

Poppy Day Memorial Is Saturday

Millions of red paper poppies, colorful memorials to America's war dead, will be worn throughout Plattsmouth, Saturday.

The annual observance is directed by the American Legion Auxiliary, which uses the services of volunteer workers to distribute the memorial flowers. Mrs. Donald Wurga, Auxiliary Poppy Day Chairman, has announced that 50 volunteers from the Plattsmouth area will be on the streets offering the veteran-made poppies to the public.

Poppy Day has been observed in Plattsmouth for the past 39 years. Mrs. Wurga said the American Legion and Auxiliary adopted the poppy as the official memorial flower shortly after the first World War. "Originally silk poppies were made by war widows and orphans in France for distribution in this country. But soon afterwards, disabled American veterans began making the now-familiar red poppies out of crepe paper," Mrs. Wurga continued.

"The poppy was a familiar sight to servicemen in Europe during the first World War. The hardy little flower, which was immortalized in Lt. Col. John McCrae's poem, 'In Flanders Fields,' bloomed in the war-torn battlefields and offered a touch of color to our soldiers' bleak surroundings."

"When the men returned home in 1918 they remembered the poppy and soon adopted it as a symbol of their comrades who had died in battle. It became a bright memorial to American dead of three wars and is also a tribute to our living, disabled veterans," Mrs. Wurga said.

All money received from Poppy Day goes directly to disabled American veterans or members of their families.

Elbert Wiles, Life Long Resident of Community, Dies

Elbert Wiles, 77, lifelong resident of this portion of Cass county, died Tuesday, May 3rd at the farm home south of this city as result of an heart attack. Mr. Wiles has been in failing health for the past five years.

He was born at Plattsmouth November 27, 1882, son of James and Martha Gagen Wiles. Growing to manhood Mr. Wiles followed farming and stock raising as his life work and was one of the outstanding farmers of the county.

On August 11, 1912 he was married to Oglia Minford, at the Minford home at Murray, the bride being daughter of one of long time families of the Murray community.

Surviving is: wife, Mrs. Oglia Wiles, Plattsmouth; three brothers, Ralph, Glenn and Myron Wiles, all of Plattsmouth; two nephews, Clark Wiles, Plattsmouth; George Minford, Murray; one niece, Mrs. Frances Schliefert, Louisville.

Mr. Wiles was the eldest of four sons. The father and mother preceded him in death several years ago.

Mr. Wiles was a most successful farmer and his reputation as a breeder of fine Belgian was nation wide, his stock being shown at the Nebraska and Iowa state fairs, also at the American Royal stock show at Kansas City, Mo.

He served for over forty years as a member of school district No. 3 and was a man highly esteemed for his business ability and interest in the community in which he has made his home.

Funeral services will be Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Caldwell-Linder funeral home, Rev. Melvin Shafer of the Mynard church officiating. Mrs. Melvin Shafer will be soloist and Mrs. Roy O. Cole as organist.

Interment will be at the Ilorning cemetery with George Minford, Orville Muller, Carl Schliefert, Glenn Schliefert, Clark Wiles, Emerson Wiles as casket bearers.

Visiting hours will be today (Thursday) 4 to 6 and 7 to 9 at the chapel of the funeral home.

Journal Want Ads Pay



COSTUME WINNERS — Judy Baumgart, right, daughter of Mrs. Melvin Moritz, was selected "Miss Junior Poppy" here last week. Judith Ann Ohnoutka was second in the contest. Both girls will help with the local poppy sales Saturday, May 7. Poppy Day, Miss Baumgart is chairman of the Junior group, Miss Ohnoutka an active member. Juniors will wear their Poppy costumes, selling Poppy's poppy day. Judges in the contest were Mrs. James Drennen, Mrs. John Kalasek, Mrs. De Forest Perry and Shirley Morehead.

School Board Reorganizes

The School Board met Monday evening at 7:30.

The old Board transacted preliminary business and listened to Mrs. Elmer Gochenour and Mrs. Dale Jackson, representing Winterset PTA, concerning a request for a new piano for the Winterset School.

The Board suggested that the PTA investigate prices and work with Supt. O. F. Mussman in securing a piano.

Miss Leonard Honored by PTA Council

Miss Verna Leonard, Plattsmouth librarian, Tuesday night was honored by the Plattsmouth PTA Council for her public service.

She was presented a life membership in the PTA "on behalf of all the children she has helped so faithfully all the many years she has been librarian."

Presentation was by O. F. Mussman, superintendent of schools, and was made during the regular May meeting of the Council at Central School cafeteria.

New officers of the Council for the next term were sworn in. They are: Mrs. Ray Bernhardt, president; Mrs. Dale Jackson, vice president; Mrs. Albert Hansen, secretary; and Mrs. J. W. Taenzler, treasurer. Mrs. Green, Council president, presided at the meeting.

Neal Parsons Named Weeping Water Supt.

NEEPEE WATER (Special) — Neal B. Parsons has been selected by the Weeping Water board of Education to be the superintendent of the school for the coming year. He has signed a two year contract.

Parsons has been superintendent of the Shubert school since 1952. Mr. Parsons has a Master's Degree and is working for a Doctor's degree.

He served in the Navy during World War II as Lt. Commander and has served in the Union, Wahoo schools and also at York College and at Wesleyan. Mr. and Mrs. Parsons have two children, a son in high school and a daughter who will be in the 8th grade.

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

Commissioner Races Interest Cass County

Body Still Not Identified

Circumstances surrounding the finding of a body in timberland four miles west of Oread still remains a mystery.

The body of a man was found at 3:45 p.m. Tuesday afternoon on grounds owned by the Platte River Feeding Company. Two employees of the company, Jack McClellan and Bernard Grabow, made the discovery and summoned Sheriff Tom Solomon.

The body was located about a half mile north of the farm house which has been vacant since last August.

The County Corner James Begley was summoned to the scene by the sheriff and officers conducted their investigations together.

The body is that of a man over 45, five feet tall, weighing about 130 pounds, white, with light brown hair, partially bald, no upper or lower teeth.

The body may have lain there six months or longer and evidently wild animals had torn it apart and much of the clothing was torn loose and missing, the sheriff said.

No identification papers were found on the body or in the immediate area. Only one arm remained and fingerprints from the remaining hand could not be obtained.

The man wore size 4 shoes and because he was only five feet tall was first thought to be a young man but the balding head and no teeth lead officials to believe him to be much older.

The man's hat carried the label of a New York store and a key found under the body with a stamped number on it carried the name "Lancaster, Pa."

In the man's pocket, was found a razor which indicates he may have been a transient, inasmuch as many transients carry shaving equipment in their pockets.

The man had been wearing cotton gloves which may indicate he died during the winter months.

Sheriff Barkus of Glenwood viewed the body Wednesday and told Solomon that a man fitting the size and figure of the body found, was in Glenwood during the month of December seeking shelter.

The Lancaster, Pa., police department was furnished with the information and is checking files of missing persons.

The body is being held at Sattler's Funeral Home until the investigation is complete. If no identification is made, burial will be at Plattsmouth.

Men Face Charges For Gas, Oil Theft

Three Lincoln men face petty larceny charges in County Court Friday after stealing 15 gallons of oil and 10 to 15 gallons of gas from the Fred Schuelke farm two miles north of Avo shortly after midnight Sunday night.

Sheriff Tom Solomon said the men put the gas in their car and used some of the oil.

Committee Tonite Picks 'Queen'

A special committee is to meet tonight to select the winner in the Chamber of Commerce "Queen for a Day" Contest.

Entries were asked in a contest to pick a deserving mother for the honor in observance of Mother's Day Sunday. The winner will be notified by the selection committee.

Entrants were to write in 100 words or fewer why their nominee is deserving to be "Queen for a Day."

Following is a list of merchants cooperating by donating gifts for the winning mother.

Scamman's, Gamble's, Swatek's, Jochimsen's, Ray & John's, Knorr's, Soennichsen's Dry Goods, Soennichsen's Grocery, O'Connell's, Ruback's, Beauty Box, Ladies Toggery, Schreiner's, Hinky Dinky.

Style Shop, B & H Shoes, Feldhausen Drug, Biles Paint Store, Plattsmouth Paint, Stibal's, Linder Firestone, Brown Floral Shop, Style Shop Beauty Shop, Grove Jewelry, Cass Drug and The Journal.

Extension Service Seeks Office Change

The Cass County Extension Service Board has asked the County Commission for permission to move the Extension office from the Fair Board's Agricultural Auditorium to another building in Weeping Water owned by the Fair Board, just across the street. It's a building being remodeled with Ak-Sar-Ben grant assistance.

Elmer Sprague of Louisville, Extension Board chairman, and board member William Klemme of Nehawka were here Tuesday to ask the Board of Commissioners for approval.

The Commissioners took the request under advisement.

\$11,300 Seen for County In CD Road Assistance

It appears Cass County will be able to get \$11,300 in Federal Civil Defense assistance toward bridge and road repair and rebuilding necessitated by flood damage this spring.

The County Board of Commissioners Tuesday signed papers forwarded by the State Dept. of Roads which administers the assistance program.

Receipt of that amount is contingent on the county's doing specified repair and rebuilding projects and standing the balance of the cost, estimated at about twice the federal assistance figure.

This is work which the county would have to do anyway, since it all is on the regular road system.

To get the assistance, the county must have started work on the designated projects by July 1.

The projects include the road from the grade crossing of the Burlington Railroad below low-

Zone Ordinance 'Advanced' Here

The City Council Monday night acted to advance a city zoning ordinance to a second reading.

Further reading of the ordinance will be at a subsequent meeting. The Council has a regular session next Monday night.

The move to advance the ordinance followed the Council hearing on the proposal which was attended by about 20 persons, including several members of the City Plan Commission which acted as a Zoning Commission to prepare the proposal.

As at the prior Zoning Commission hearing, most of persons who attended came to make inquiries about portions of the ordinance.

As a result of the discussion, the ordinance will be amended slightly in a couple places for clarification.

Councilman Warren Rhylander suggested that the area east of the Highway 73-75 by-pass be zoned "commercial" south to the city limit. He said that when there is commercial growth it will be westward.

He said he felt it would be "easier" for a person wanting to get a zone changed to have "commercial" rezoned "residential" initially.

The proposal calls for a "commercial" zone for that portion of the area which has already been designated as the future site of Winterset Manor, a restaurant-recreation area business location.

This was the only question raised about the proposed ordinance, except for the minor clarification.

Passage of ordinances requires three readings; however, second and third readings can be bypassed by suspending the rules governing passage and reading the ordinance by title only those times.

The ordinance proposal is an 11-page document. It would be published as a legal notice for the first time after passage before becoming effective.

Contract for Use of Roads Being Negotiated

A contract between Cass County and an Omaha trucking firm which will unload and truck equipment for the Consumers Public Power District power station at Hallam near Lincoln is being negotiated.

The firm asked and got tentative approval to use a route on county roads from the Plattsmouth dock area on the Missouri River front to the point where the route enters Lancaster County.

Tuesday, a representative of the firm was at the meeting of the County Board of Commissioners to present a contract. Some additions and changes were advised by County Attorney James Begley.

The Commissioners agreed to furnish a road patrol (grader) at \$15 an hour to follow the caravan of trucks hauling the heavy and big equipment. The patrol would smooth out any ruts left by the trucks.

Because of the size of equipment, it will be moved by county roads. Shoring of bridges, moving of power and telephone lines and tree trimming will be necessary. Widest pieces of equipment are nearly 30 feet wide.

The equipment is on its way by train and river barge, having been built at Philadelphia.

Dr. and Mrs. P. T. Heineman motored to Burwell the past weekend for a field trip of Nebraska Ornithologists' Union, a state wide organization interested in birds. They watched the prairie chickens and saw 58 different birds.

THE WEATHER

Compiled for the Plattsmouth Journal at the Masonic Home Weather Station, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.
May 2, 3, 4, 1960
High Low Prec.
Monday 72 53 .00
Tuesday 75 53 .00
Wednesday 83 59 .40
Readings taken at 8 a.m.
Forecast: High in 60's; low near 50. Showers and thunderstorms will decrease tonight.
Sun sets tonight at 7:26; rises Friday at 5:15 a.m.

3 Seek Each District One Nomination

Races for nomination for Commissioner from District One (the Plattsmouth area) are of particular interest in Cass County in Tuesday's primary election.

Three candidates each are seeking Republican and Democratic nomination.

Incumbent William Nolte of West Rock Bluff Precinct is seeking nomination for election to a fourth term on the Republican ticket.

He is opposed by Gerald (Jack) Ault of Cedar Creek and Chester Sporer, West Rock Bluff, both seeking office for the first time.

BALLOTS INSIDE

Samples of the official Republican, Democrat and non-political ballots to be voted Tuesday at the primary election can be found on pages 4 and 5 of Section C of this edition of The Journal.

This issue also contains several political advertisements of persons seeking nomination for candidacy in the November runoff election.

Polls Tuesday will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in all Cass County's 21 precincts. Election returns will be tabulated Tuesday night by the office of county clerk in the Courthouse here.

On the Democratic ticket, Dale Bowman of Plattsmouth, Harold Gregg of West Rock Bluff and Jim Markham of Plattsmouth seek nomination. All are first-time political office seekers.

Other county offices, all non-political, are without competitive races.

County Judge Raymond J. Case of Plattsmouth is unopposed for re-election as is District Judge John M. Dierks of Nebraska City who serves this district.

Edwin McHugh of Murdock, incumbent Cass-Sargy county senator in the unicameral, seeks re-election. Edwin Clausen of Bellevue is also on the ballot and since two candidates will be named for the November runoff there is no race except perhaps to indicate a trend for the Fall.

Brief sketches of the Commissioner nomination candidates follow:

Republican
Nolte—W. F. Nolte, 68, lives and farms in West Rock Bluff where he has lived since 1918. The Noltes have a married daughter in Iowa and a son, Eugene, at Murray. Nolte has long been chairman of the County Public Welfare Dept. as a Commission assignment.

Ault—Gerald (Jack) Ault, 48, has farmed and been in business in the Cedar Creek community for 30 years. He attended high school in Nehawka, Louisville and Plattsmouth and Park College, Kansas City, Mo.

Sporer—Chester Sporer, 55, farms northwest of Murray. He was born north of Murray. He is a graduate of Plattsmouth High School and attended the Agriculture College of the University of Nebraska and Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Democrat
Bowman—Dale Bowman, 40, is a barber here and manager of the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce. He is a 1937 Plattsmouth High graduate. He is active in veterans affairs and organizations and is a past state commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Markham—Jim Markham, 55, has lived in the county 31 years and has served 19 years as administrator or supervisor in government service. He has a civil engineering degree and served as surveyor and highway commissioner for Cass County in 1949 and 1950. Currently, he is in engineering and construction work.

Gregg—Harold Gregg, 43, farms and feeds cattle in West Rock Bluff. He has lived in the county 14 years, has been active in several farm groups and 4-H work. He is a member of the Livestock Feeders Association and the Cass County Committee for Reorganization of Districts.



PROM ROYALTY — Plattsmouth High's Junior-Senior Prom Queen and King are shown with their attendants. Queen Diana Allison is at center and to her left are 1959 Queen Linda Long and attendants Noveta Humiston, Susan Lebens, and Judy Nickles. On King Francis Lebens's right are 1959 King Tom Mincer, Larry Christenson, Bill Farris and Galen Pritchard.