

2 Here Are Commended as Merit Scholars

Two seniors at Plattsmouth high school have been honored for outstanding performance on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test given last spring.

Each student who is endorsed by his school receives a formal Letter of Commendation signed by his principal and the president of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Wayne Rodehorst, the school's principal, has announced that the commended students are: Suzanne Murdock and Larry Toothaker.

John M. Stalnaker, president of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, has said:

"Letter of Commendation are being awarded to some 28,000 students throughout the United States in recognition of their excellent performance on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

"While these bright youngsters did not reach the status of semifinalists in the 1960-61 Merit Program, they are so outstanding that we wish to single them out for special attention. The semifinalists and commended students together constitute less than three per cent of all high school seniors, and this certainly signifies noteworthy achievement."

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation gives recognition to two groups of students who achieve high scores on the NMSQT. The semifinalists group is composed of the highest scoring students in each state and in United States territories. Some 10,000 semifinalists will take a second examination in December to establish further their eligibility to receive Merit Scholarships.

"The Letters of Commendation provide tangible recognition of the commended students' high ability," Stalnaker continued. "It is our earnest hope that the recipients will continue their education, and thus benefit not only themselves but also the nation."

"The Merit Program has several objectives. One is the selection of Merit Scholars from among the semifinalists. However, we also strive to foster the pursuit of excellence among all highly able students. We urge the students honored today to make every effort to attend college, and to develop to the fullest their promise of achievement."

The commended students were among the high school juniors in more than 15,000 schools who took the NMSQT last spring. The test is a three-hour examination which covers five separate areas of educational development. It was the first step in the sixth annual Merit Program.

This year's program will conclude about May 1, 1961 with the naming of students who will receive four-year Merit Scholarships to the colleges of their choice.

The commended students and the semifinalists who do not win Merit Scholarships are considered for certain other scholarships which are offered through the facilities of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

The annual Merit Scholarship competition is open to all high schools in the United States and its territories. Approximately 3,200 Merit Scholars are currently enrolled in about 400 colleges and universities. Almost 500 Merit Scholars have been graduated.

Scholarship awards are made from the resources of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and through sponsoring corporations, foundations, associations, and individuals.

\$31,176 in County Taxes Delinquent

The Cass County Treasurer turned over to Sheriff Tom Solomon last week 633 distress tax warrants totaling \$31,176.74.

Solomon stated this was about a third higher than in previous years.

An almost-hundred-per-cent collection of taxes from persons still residing in Cass County last year will be the goal of this year's drive, according to the sheriff.

Mrs. Robert Longmore entered St. Joseph Hospital in Omaha a week ago and underwent surgery. She is expected home this week.



MRS. LORENE URISH is shown at her desk in Consumer's Public Power District Office. The utility will honor her Tuesday night with a retirement dinner, marking her 34 years as bookkeeper and cashier.

Mrs. Urish To Retire after 34 Years at CPPD Here

Oct. 31 marks the end of a career for a lifetime Plattsmouth resident, Mrs. Lorene Urish.

Her retirement comes after 34 years and five months as a bookkeeper and cashier for Consumers Public Power District here.

Mrs. Urish began her work with four other office girls across the street from the present Consumers building under the management of the late F. L. Rea, district manager. At this time the business was known as the Iowa-Nebraska Light and Power Company. It was united with the gas company.

In 1941 the business moved to the present location, and Mrs. Urish was among the three office girls retained. In all the more than 34 years Mrs. Urish said "yes sir" and "no sir" to only two bosses, Mr. Rea who retired in Dec. 31, 1954 and Ernest Elliott, now district manager, who was formerly a supervisor under Mr. Rea.

In her busy days as a career woman Mrs. Urish reared two sons who were just small boys when she began working, now are married and have children of their own. John Urish followed somewhat in the footsteps of his mother; he is sales supervisor for the CPPD office at Columbus. The other son, Virgil is a resident of San Leandro, Calif.

Mrs. Urish stems from a pioneer family. She is the daughter of Mrs. J. G. Meisinger and the late Mr. Meisinger.

She is a lifetime member of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church of this city; a member of Eastern Star, Home Chapter No. 189, American Legion Auxiliary member and a member of the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce.

Tuesday, a dinner will be given in honor of Mrs. Urish at a local restaurant. Employees and their wives or husbands will be present for the occasion. Also expected there are Lloyd Lundeen and Howard Haise of the Columbus general office; also Mrs. Urish's son John and his wife of Columbus.

Oct. 15 is the last day at work for Mrs. Urish. She leaves Nov. 1 for a visit with her sons for a few weeks, and a sister, Mrs. H. E. Comstock, at Los Angeles, Calif. She plans to locate in an apartment in San Leandro.

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During this same period, it was pointed out, the revenue of the Department also has shown an impressive gain with an increase from \$2,091,714,000 in fiscal year 1953 to \$3,275,800,000 for fiscal year 1960.

Here in Plattsmouth, receipts of the post office climbed from \$32,341 in 1953 to \$54,571 last year.

The City Council will meet at 7:30 tonight at City Hall for its regular first meeting of October.

'Help Willie See' Fund: \$881.04

Following are new donors to a fund begun by the Plattsmouth Lions Club to raise \$1,000 for Willard (Willie) Simons, Plattsmouth man who was blinded by a tear gas charge nine years ago.

That amount is needed to pay for transportation to and from New York and hospital expenses during and following a corneal transplant which a specialist has advised Willie may restore sight in one eye.

Contributions to the fund may be sent or given either to L. W. (Roy) Moore, Lions Club president, or The Journal. Checks should be made payable to Willie Simons Fund.

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The principal speaker will be someone of national importance whose identity will be revealed at a later date, according to Casey.

The Kenneth Roerber family of Murdock has been honored by selection as Cass County's Conservation Award winners for this year.

Announcement was made at the Nebraska State Soil and Water Conservation Convention at Fremont Oct. 1-3.

Award families from all the state's Conservation Districts were honored at a banquet and aerial photos of their farms were flashed on a screen as there were introduced.

The families were seated at a separate elevated table and a spotlight was trained on each family as its members were introduced.

Cass County Soil and Water Conservation District supervisors attending the banquet were Henry Vinduska, Clarence Engelkemier, Eldon Mendenhall and Mrs. Mendenhall.

Acting Cass County work unit conservationist Cloyd Boydston and Mrs. Boydston also attended.

Bank To Close Columbus Day
Columbus Day, Wednesday, Oct. 12, will be business-as-usual day here for everyone except the Plattsmouth State Bank.

The bank will be closed Wednesday, but will be open all day Thursday, instead of closing at noon.

Schools will be in session and the County Courthouse and Post Office will be open as usual.

\$12-15,000 Fire Damage To Truck

An estimated \$12,000 to \$15,000 damage was done to a semi-trailer truck and its load in a fire Thursday night on the Jonville Road about six miles west of here.

Plattsmouth's Volunteer Fire Dept. sent two trucks and about 5 men to the fire, finally succeeding in cutting about three-quarters of the trailer loose from the rear part which was burning beyond control when the firemen arrived.

They thus saved part of the cab and the tractor. Fire Chief Joe Kruntorad said he and Farmers Mercantile Co. clerk of Red Oak, Iowa, driven by Cliff Wellemann of Red Oak was carrying bagged kankage and corn meal and liquid tallow in 55-gallon drums.

Wellemann told the chief he had detected rear tire trouble as he came through Lincoln but decided to drive on through to Plattsmouth to get the tire fixed.

He came through Louisville and about half the distance from there to Plattsmouth before fire broke out in a rear tire. He pulled over to the side of U.S. 66 and tried to douse the blaze with a fire extinguisher. Failing he headed for help. That was at 7:10.

At 7:20 the local department got the fire call, placed at the Ralph Wehrlein farm home west of where the truck had been stopped.

When the department arrived minutes later, the rear quarter of the 40-foot aluminum trailer was ablaze.

A second Plattsmouth fire truck was sent for when it became apparent water on the first was insufficient.

The chief said it was a dangerous fire, because of magnesium in the aluminum construction which explodes when heated and produces a toxic gas.

Finally, Winford Dasher of the volunteers came back to Plattsmouth for a cutting torch and with the truck driver's consent, cut the rear portion of the truck free.

The floor of that part of the trailer had burned through and allowed the load there to collapse to the ground.

Traffic on the highway was held up until the fire in the rear part of the trailer subsided.

Takes New Job
Thelma Garringer who has been employed at the sheriff's office for the past two years has accepted employment at the new Brandeis Store in Omaha, effective this week.

'Mixer' Set For Merchants And Teachers

The annual Merchant-Teacher Mixer will be held on Thursday evening, Oct. 20 at the Lions Club, according to Mrs. Harold A. Smock, President of the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce, the sponsoring organization.

Merchants will be contacted shortly regarding this affair, and tickets will be \$1.50.

The following committees were announced by Mrs. Smock:

General Chairman, Mrs. Thelma Baker.

Dining Room Chairman, Mrs. Phyllis Brookhouser.

Decorations, Mrs. Dorothy Meisinger.

Entertainment, Miss Vera Solomon.

Seating, Mrs. Marie Richards.

Tickets, Mrs. Marie Richards and Miss Helen Lessman.

Revival at Church Here Oct. 12-23

Special Revival Services will be held at the Wesleyan Methodist Church, 619 So. 10th starting Wednesday, Oct. 12, and continuing each night through Sun., Oct. 23.

Meetings will be held each evening at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Melvin Winkelmann from Tryon, Neb., will be the special speaker. Many of his years have been spent working with the American Indian.

The public is invited to attend these special meetings.

Thursday's Journal Will Interest

Thursday's Journal will be of special interest to readers.

The interesting readings will include the ads of Plattsmouth Merchants who will be offering sensational buys for Dollar Days Friday and Saturday.

Read your Thursday Journal carefully and be on hand for the bargain buys Friday morning.

THE WEATHER
Oct. 6, 7, 8, 9, 1960

Date	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	69	40	0.00
Friday	68	49	0.00
Saturday	70	41	0.00
Sunday	75	43	0.00

Forecast: High in lower 70's; low in 40's. Partly cloudy, occasional showers tonight.
Sun sets tonight at 5:52; rises Tuesday at 6:31 a.m.

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Boy Scout Fund Drive Underway

The annual Boy Scout drive for funds here was to begin today and culminate in a final push Tuesday, Oct. 18.

Volunteers will begin their work of contacting every family this week.

The cost of operating the Boy Scout program, like everything else, has been affected by inflation so it will be necessary for

Local Scouters Participate in Council Showando

The first Showando (show and do) conducted by the Covered Wagon Council was held Oct. 8 at Camp Cedars near Fremont.

Showando is a training event for Scouters (adult Scout leaders). Ninety Scouters, including Scoutmasters William Spradlin and Robert M. Mann of Plattsmouth, attended.

Scouters arriving at Showando were registered and then organized into patrols of about eight members each. Each patrol made a journey, spending 20 minutes at each of 14 stations where they received instructions in specialized Scouting subjects. Instructors at each station first explained and demonstrated his subject, then each member of the visiting patrol tried his hand at that skill.

Spradlin served as an instructor in rope whipping and knot tying. Mann instructed in lashing.

Each Scouter prepared his own evening meal from raw vegetables and meat, over an open fire without cooking utensils.

After the Scouters had prepared and eaten their evening meal, they were treated to a feast. A "bean-hole" and an "imu" were opened.

The day was closed with a campfire program. Both Plattsmouth Scout troops were honored by being awarded a proficiency shield for showing growth of at least five new members each during the month of September.

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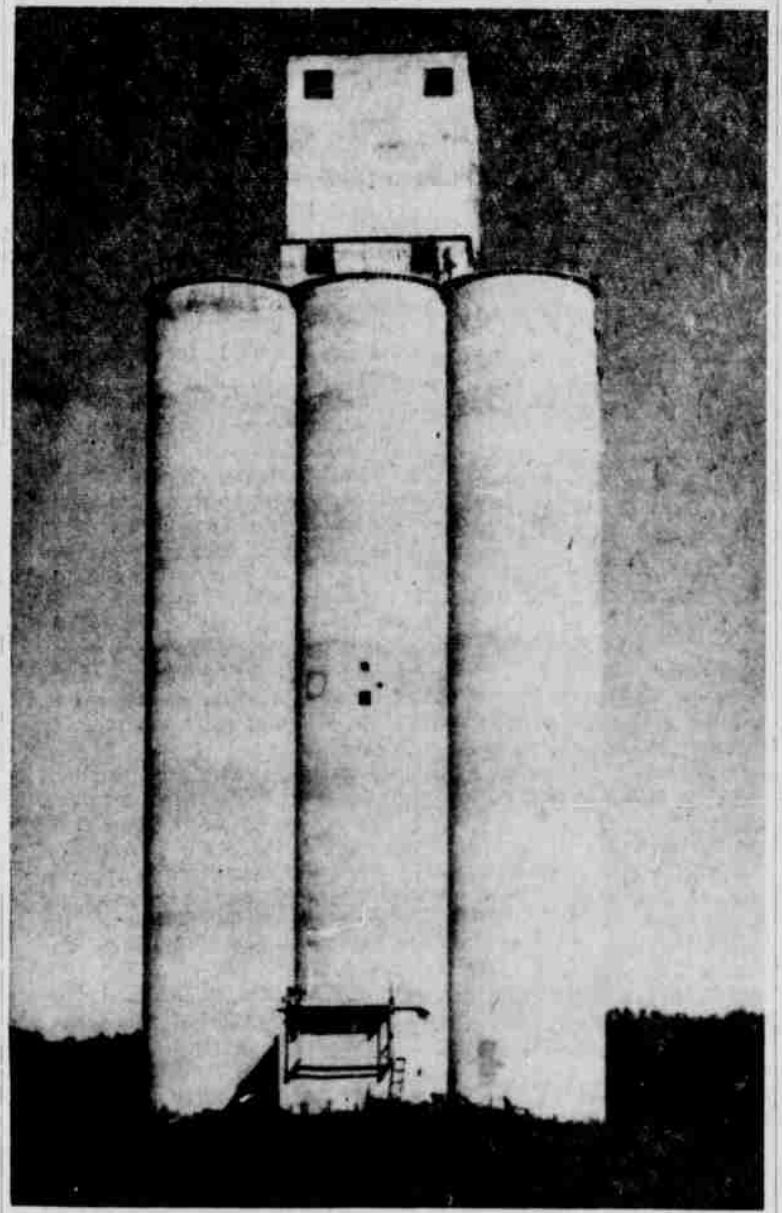
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The elevator has a capacity of 265,000 bushels; is 161 feet tall, with 7 rail sized concrete tanks, one half-tank and 10 interstice bins. It rests on some 300 piling driven to 35 feet. The structure is 30 feet from the river bank, which eliminates necessity of a long loading conveyor to take grain from the

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