

THE PLATTSMOUTH JOURNAL

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SANTA GETS ASSIST—Santa Claus had an unseen but much-needed and appreciated assistant on duty during times Santaland was open at the Chamber of Commerce here. Boy Scouts from Plattsmouth's two troops were on hand to man the record player, providing background music for Santa and also the downtown area. Helping with this detail were Scouts Billy Spradlin, Tom Hansen, Darrel Draper, Gary French, Niel Eraas, Calvin McDaniel, David Sullivan, Dale Johnson, Chuck Ault, Howard Austin, Jim Lutz, Spencer Davis, Gary Christensen (shown above catching up on some doodling during a three-hour stint), Lloyd Fitch, Billy Rishel, Ken Hamilton, Dave Nielsen, Steve Baburek, Steve Sullivan, Dick Dietrich, Jack Gorton and Al Hansen.

Fire Fund Total: \$2,217.02

The "grand total" of money contributed to the Plattsmouth Volunteer Fire Department's equipment fund this fall and winter is \$2,217.02, according to John Svoboda, department secretary.

Money will be used to buy additional firefighting and life-saving equipment for use in the Plattsmouth fire protection district.

Latest contributors to the fund:

- \$5 L. George Bora.
- Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hild. 83
- Mr. and Mrs. Les Niel. 82
- George Sachs. 31
- Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winkler.
- Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Sweem.

City Council To Meet Tuesday

The City Council will have its regular second meeting of December Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Ordinarily, the Council meets Monday nights, but because Monday is a legal holiday the meeting will be Tuesday, the final meeting of 1960.

Judge Dierks Overrules Motion To Dismiss Case

Judge John M. Dierks Friday overruled a motion by defendant to dissolve an order restraining the Alvo and Eagle School Districts from merging and gave the defendant district a week to answer or otherwise plead.

The motion was made in the case of Wilson Howe, et al. vs. School District 102 of Cass County, et al.

The Boards of the two school districts had voted to merge but Howe and others obtained an injunction restraining the merger before school began last fall. Since Alvo high school age students have gone to school elsewhere, most to Eagle. The community has maintained its elementary school.

Memorial Services Held Thursday For Emil J. Weyrich

Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the chapel of the Sattler Funeral Home the Plattsmouth community paid last tribute to Emil J. Weyrich, long time resident and business leader.

Rev. A. L. Embree, pastor of the First Methodist church, officiated at the service with Mrs. George Jacobs as organist.

Burial was at Oak Hill cemetery with Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 AF & AM in charge. Pallbearers were members of the Plattsmouth Lodge, John Schreiner, Marion Reed, John Janacek, John Beckman, William Howland and John E. Schutz.

Annual Baby Derby Pending

Climaxing the Holiday Season is the Annual Baby Derby sponsored by Plattsmouth Merchants and the Journal.

All over Cass County and in other places where the Journal goes to readers, folks watch for the news of the first baby of the new year.

This year is no exception and this year's first baby and it's parents have valuable gifts awaiting them from merchants whose ad appears in this issue of the Journal.



The Plattsmouth High Madrigal Singers Carol at the Courthouse

Madrigal Singers Carol

Thursday, the Plattsmouth High School Madrigal Singers made their annual carolling tour here.

The 19 students and vocal music instructor Beverly Goode who directs them visited all the public school buildings, including the temporary classrooms being used in churches and the Public Library, the County Courthouse and County Jail.

Because of time limitations, the Singers did not carol downtown as they have in past years.

In the group were: Vicki Fitzpatrick, Pat Markham, Linda Brittain, Alice Frady, Sheri McKulsky, Ginny Martin, Shirley Foster, Marilyn Morris, Carol Smith, Gay Gansemer, Tim Fischer, Tom Smith, John Wetenkamp, Gene Valley, Larry Toothaker, Bob Painter, Albert Wetenkamp, Steve Wehrbein and Ted Wehrbein.

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

Another Pilot Communication Medium Sought

HQ. SAC—"The feasibility of giving pilots another channel of communications is in the research stage by the Air Research and Development Command.

The new method involves change of vibrations, or frequencies of the voice, into mechanical vibrations which a pilot can feel by placing a small plate in contact with the skin.

On takeoff, for instance, jet pilots perform many manual functions while visually checking numerous instruments and talking with the control tower operator. Use of a small vibrator on the body would give them another means of receiving certain types of information.

Another situation when this means of communication might prove practical would be individuals responsible for missile firings. As the moment of launch approaches, numerous individuals must perform multiple tasks almost simultaneously. A third communications channel would enable them to perform more efficiently.

A third use of the "sensor" might be when an individual would want to communicate with another without the knowledge of persons nearby. A small vibrator attached to the body could easily go unnoticed.

Research on this new communications channel is being conducted by the Human Engineering Laboratory of the Rome Air Development Center.

Mrs. Henry Fornoff will join her children Christmas Day at the home of her son Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fornoff at Murdock. Another son, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fornoff and family of Fort Crook will be present, as well as another son, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Fornoff and children of Nehawka. Mrs. Fornoff's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Merie Iske and family of Fort Crook, will also be present. The guest list also includes Mrs. William Hellwig of Fort Crook and Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Luethchens and family of Murdock.

KEEP IN TOUCH

At the Richard Collins home, guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cox of Sioux City, parents of Mr. Collins, also Mr. and Mrs. Al Moudry of Ord, a sister of Mr. Collins. On Monday the Richard Collins will drive to Logan, Ia., where they will be guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Burkholder.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hardy will motor to Cedar Rapids, Iowa where they will be Christmas guests of his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. William Heinrich will entertain Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jahrig, Blanche Price, Mrs. R. C. Jahrig all of this city and Harriet Sizman of Omaha Christmas Day.

Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Brendel and children accompanied by Mrs. Margaret Brendel of Murdock will drive to Sargent, Nebr., where they will be Christmas Day guests of the Doctor's aunts.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hell will entertain their children and grandchildren Christmas Eve. Guest list includes Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bryant and children of this city and Mr. and Mrs. Herb Baumgart and family of Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. William Senf will be hosts Christmas Day to their children and grandchildren. They are Mr. and Mrs. Lowell McQuinn, Marcella Mary; Mr. and Mrs. Karl Senf, Bill, Linda, Gloria, Steven and Karlene who is home from the University of Nebraska; Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Dasher, Shirley and Susan; Mr. and Mrs. Marion Christensen and son Larry who is home from the University of Nebraska. Also Mr. and Mrs. John Stoll and Dickie, Tommy and Johnny of Omaha.

Naomi Day left Thursday by plane for Indianapolis, Ind. to spend Christmas with a niece. She will return Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warga will have their baby baptized Sunday morning and then the family will be guests of Antonia Vanek and Josephine Warga. Other guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gunia and George and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warga, Sr.

Arriving Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Redd were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Adams, Sr., of Colorado. They will return home Monday, and will be accompanied by their son, Ray, Jr., who will enjoy a vacation from his work. Christmas Day guests at the Redd home also will include Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Pohleimer, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Adkins and Connie Rae, and Phyllis Miller of Omaha.

Mrs. Esther Marler fell Friday morning and fractured her hip. She was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Neosho, Mo.

Mrs. Rose Day will be a Christmas guest of her children, Mr. and Mrs. Don Wood and family.

County Hosts 9-County Meeting on Soil-Water Conservation Planning

The Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Committee held one of their area meetings on Dec. 15, at the Agricultural Auditorium at Weeping Water.

The Supervisors of the Cass Soil and Water Conservation District were hosts for the meeting which was attended by supervisors from Richardson, Pawnee, Nemaha, Johnson, Otoe, Lancaster, Seward, Sarpy and Cass counties.

Also in attendance were some of the District's clerks, personnel from the Soil Conservation Service, Extension Service and the ASC.

Conducting the meeting was Everett Barr, Corresponding Sec'y and Area Director of the Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Committee.

The meeting was directed toward improved planning of programs by soil conservation district governing bodies, coordinating these programs with other groups, revised and improved legislation affecting districts, and using financial assistance made available by state and county tax money to good advantage.

Other personnel from the Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Committee appearing on the program were: Elmer Juracek, vice pres.; Warren D. Fairchild, exec. sec'y.; Dayle Williamson, asst. exec. sec'y.; and Milton Fricke, member of the committee who discussed the legislative topic.

Supervisors from Cass County include Henry Vinduska, Plattsmouth; Eldon Mendenhall, Elmwood; Harold Melsinger, Weeping Water; Wayne Weyers, Eagle; and Clarence Engelkeimer, Murray.

Jan. 31 Deadline To Get Loans On Most Grains

Farmers have until Jan. 31, 1961, to cover their grains and a number of other 1960 crops under the Price-Support Program, Ivan G. Althouse, chairman of the Cass County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, said today.

For wheat, compliance with the individual farm allotment is required in order to be eligible for price support on the crop, he said.

Cass County is one of the counties that is now making tax money available to the local Soil and Water Conservation District for additional assistance in getting the conservation job done.

Also present at the meeting were: Harry Garber, Chairman, Elmer H. Mahlin, Sec'y and Carl W. Dietemeyer, Member, from the Board of Educational Lands and Funds of Nebraska. They discussed agreements, leases, and their interest in seeing that the school lands of Nebraska be under a soil and water conservation program.

The 1960 crops for which Jan. 31, 1961, is the deadline for obtaining loans or purchase agreements include wheat, barley, oats, grain sorghums, rye, soybeans and dry edible beans.

The chairman reminded growers that good storage, which must first be approved by the County ASC Committee, is a requisite for obtaining a price-support loan on any farm-stored crop.

LETTER BOX

To the Editor:

I wonder how many of our School Board members, Administrators, teachers and taxpayers in general, saw and heard the television discussion between Arthur S. Fleming, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare and Senator Joseph S. Clark on Saturday, Dec. 17th at 8:30 P.M.?

The subject of this program, Federal Aid to Education, and Teacher's Salaries, was very intelligently and clearly discussed.

Both men agreed that Federal Aid to Education is not the "bogey-man" that many of our Senators and Congressmen, including those from Nebraska, are leading people to believe.

Every taxpayer should take the time to inform himself on this very important issue. It is the only way that this serious situation in our education program can be corrected as quickly as possible. Bond issues and Sales Tax bills will be voted down.

While the farmer himself is responsible for storing a crop covered by a purchase agreement, the condition and quality of the crop will be a determining factor in the amount of the support he receives should he decide to deliver his crop under the support program at the end of the season, Althouse said.

Fire Department Has Country Fire Call Thursday

Thursday afternoon shortly after 5 o'clock the local fire department was called to the Harold Gregg farm two miles south of this city, where a truck was reported on fire. The Petersen trucking firm was engaged in assisting in corn shelling on the farm, when it is reported, burning corn shucks alighted in the cab of the truck and started the blaze. The loss will be quite heavy to the trucking firm as the truck was very badly damaged.

The property owners in Plattsmouth and other communities cannot carry this continual rise in taxes. Mothers are having to work at jobs outside of their homes to add to the family income, and old people on fixed incomes, and beyond the age of earning power are desperately worried about how they can meet these situations.

Let's stop "politicking" and really get some action on this seriously important issue!

Another Interested Taxpayer,
John Smith

THE WEATHER

Dec. 22 23, 1960

| Date | High | Low | Prec. |
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| Thursday | 15 | -2 | .00 |
| Friday | 42 | 20 | .00 |

Forecast: High mid 40's, colder tonight with low around 20.
Sun sets tonight at 4:59; rises Christmas morning at 7:48.



VO-AG PROJECT—Jerald Heim, Bill Senf, Roger Mrasek (left to right on ground) and Ron Tilson (in the loading hatch) are shown with the cattle self-feeder they designed and built for Dr. Richard Brendel as part of their vocational agriculture program at Plattsmouth High School. The feeder will hold 600 bushels of grain.

Vocational Agriculture Class Here Working on Variety of Projects

High school boys enrolled in vocational agriculture at Plattsmouth High School are well into another busy year with their shop projects.

Although only about 40 percent of their time is spent in shop, it is one of their showiest activities.

Last week Jerald Heim, Bill Senf, Roger Mrasek and Ron Tilson put the finishing touches on a cattle self-feeder being built for Dr. Richard Brendel who owns a farm near Murray.

The feeder was designed and built by members of the vocational agriculture classes to fulfill the requirements of the owner. About 50 cattle are to be

fed from the building holding 600 bushels of grain.

Some of the features of the building are: a flat floor so that it can be used for grain storage if the need arises, an overhanging roof to protect cattle and feed, bunk feeding space completely encircling the building for more efficiency of the building, interior braces and rods to protect the building and pressure creosote treated skids to make the building movable if the need should arise.

Inside the school shop the day the accompanying picture was taken, were Emery Green who was rebuilding a wagon box; Jim Ingwerson, overhauling the hydraulic system on his father's

diesel tractor; Rollin Terryberry, building a boat to use on a bass pond on their farm; Bill Paris, spray painting his father's tractor and Larry Engelkemier, building a sun case.

If the total value of all the projects being worked on were figured, it would be many thousands of dollars. However, not one cent of school money is actually put into any shop project.

Members of the three vocational agriculture classes often build farm buildings for interested people and not necessarily for the members of the classes. Interested persons wanting farm carpentry jobs done should contact Don Hansen at the high school.