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## 1st Entry In Baby Derby Here

The first 1961 contestant in the Plattsmouth Merchants Annual Baby Derby entered the ring at an early hour on New Year's morning.

He is Jack Michael Safarik, born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Safarik of the Nehawka community just one hour and 55 minutes after the New Year had been ushered in at St. Mary's Hospital in Nebraska City.

Other entries may be around that have not, as yet, been entered at The Journal office.

The winner of the Derby, the first baby to be born to Cass County residents in the New Year, will be the recipient of prizes totaling more than \$70 in value from Plattsmouth merchants.

Entries must be entered by Jan. 15 to be counted in the contest.

Little Jack Michael was the first baby born at St. Mary's Hospital in Nebraska City this year. His parents, (his mother is the former Valera Holman) received a decorative birth certificate from the hospital and a baby book donated by merchants of Nebraska City.

## Katie Wolpert Of Manley Dies at 80

Katie Wolpert of Manley, lifelong resident of Cass County, died at St. Joseph Hospital Monday evening at 8:30 p.m. at the age of 80. She had been in poor health for some time and went to reside at St. Vincent's Home for the aged in Omaha last October.

Her brother, Joseph, and sister, Maggie, preceded her in death. She lived alone at Manley since her brother's death in 1955.

Miss Wolpert was an ardent member and benefactor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church at Manley and was always respected as a humble and loving member of the community.

She is survived by a number of cousins, among who are Ethel Kyles of Tacoma, Wash., Hazel Murlin of Lincoln, Bernard Brockrap of David City, and Abel Stonebarger of Los Angeles, Calif.

Funeral services were held today at St. Patrick's at 10 a.m. with Requiem High Mass. Father Gadjent, pastor, was celebrant, assisted by Father James Hennessey former pastor.

Pallbearers were Joe Sheehan, John P. Sheehan, Jerry Opp, Herman Bergmann, William Sheehan and Linus Massoth. Hobson Funeral Home of Weeping Water was in charge.

## Mrs. Helen Miller Dies Wednesday

Mrs. Helen R. Miller, 67, died at St. Joseph Hospital in Omaha at 8:15 Wednesday morning following a lingering illness. She was taken to the hospital early Monday morning.

The deceased and her husband, C. D. Miller, formerly of South Point, Ohio, had been making their home in Plattsmouth with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fischer and sons.

Survivors include the husband; the daughter, Mrs. Fred (Sara) Fischer; three grandsons, Tim, Phillip and John Fischer.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Caldwell-Linder Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. A. L. Embree, pastor of First Methodist Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery here. Private visiting hours for the family and intimate friends were to be today at the Chapel.

## Adult Class at Nehawka Tonight

NEHAWKA (Special) — The first adult class of the year will be held at the vocational agriculture building on Thursday evening, Jan. 5 at 7:30.

Dennis Hrubay, vocational agriculture teacher, will organize the class and explain the state departments revised policy governing adult and young farmer classes. The policy has been made more flexible to meet the needs of today.

Dates of future meetings will be decided. There will be a choice of projects to be selected.



**NEW COMMISSIONER**—Harold Gregg, left, was sworn in as District One Commissioner of Cass County this morning at the Courthouse. County Judge Raymond J. Case administered the oath of office. Present were several other county officials and the other members of the Board of Commissioners. It's Gregg's initial political office.



**JUDGE SWORN**—Raymond J. Case was sworn in as County Judge by County Clerk Chas. Land. Judge Case was re-elected without opposition in November.



**NOLTE HONORED**—Retiring District One Commissioner W. F. Nolte of West Rock Bluff was honored Tuesday on his last day of 12 years on the County Board of Commissioners. He was honored at an informal coffee and presented the ornate wall clock he holds, a gift from county officials and employees. Nolte, incoming District One Commissioner Harold Gregg and Commissioners Herman Bornemeier and Melvin Todd were guests for dinner with Sheriff Tom Solomon. The coffee and gift presentation were in the County Welfare Office for which Nolte was responsible many years.

## 2 Plattsmouth Men Named To State JC Positions

Two Plattsmouth men have been named to state posts by the Nebraska Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Wayne E. Schneider, 1015 Valley St., has been appointed State Vice President of the Nebraska Junior Chamber of Commerce, effective immediately.

He is a charter member of the Plattsmouth Jaycees and served his local chapter as Vice President, President, and was also a Director.

Schneider is married and the father of three children. His wife Jeanie, is local president of the Plattsmouth Mrs. Jaycees.

Archie D. Draper, 297 Perry St., has been appointed State Chairman of the Plattsmouth Jaycees Program, also effective immediately.

He has been a member of the local chapter one year and is currently serving as president of the Plattsmouth Jaycees Convention Club.

He is 23 and is single.

Miss Barbara Rountree has resumed her studies at the University and Miss Joanie Rountree at Brownell Hall in Omaha.

## Ever Try Tenting as A Mid-Winter Sport?

How'd you spend the week between the holidays?

Chances are you were pretty busy in the hectic time but still managed to enjoy the comforts of home.

If you hadn't been so busy and were willing to desert the fireplace you could have done

what two groups of local people did, mostly just for kicks.

What'd they do?

Camp out—tents, that is, on the cold, cold ground.

This isn't recommended for the thin-blooded or sparse-padded, even though the weather wasn't bad at all for mid-winter.

Actually, the fact that the Boy Scouts camped out at Merritt's Beach and Clark Finney and his two sons spent most of the week at a camp site along Four Mile Creek isn't unusual—they do it annually this time of year.

The Journal visited the camp sites to arrange for the information and get the pictures which tell the story on Page 6, Section B.

## School Board Meets

The Board of Education of the Plattsmouth School District met for its regular meeting Monday, Jan. 2.

The Board agreed to allow the City Summer Recreational Program the use of the Old Gym and the playground facilities.

James Beesley was hired by the Board to serve as a legal counsel during an anticipated building program.

The contract of O. F. Mussman as superintendent of the city schools was extended through the 61-62 and the 62-63 school terms.

A meeting to study teachers salary schedule is planned for later this month.

## Earl Mink, 55, Dies from Heart Attack

Earl E. Mink, 55, of Plattsmouth, died Wednesday at 1 p.m. from a heart attack while at work at National By-Products plant at LaPlatte.

Mr. Mink had worked at the plant since 1953 and had lived in Plattsmouth since 1948. Prior to that he lived in the Weeping Water community.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Caldwell-Linder Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. J. W. Taenzler, pastor of First Christian Church, in charge.

Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery here. Visiting hours are Friday from 4 to 6 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the chapel.

Mr. Mink was born Sept. 3, 1905, at Battle Creek, Mich., son of John P. and Ann Gore Mink. He was married to Lorene G. Durman at Methodist Church here in 1928.

His wife survives along with seven children: Leon N., Mrs. Ramona Goehner, Mrs. Cora Berry, Jack E., Charles and Wayne E., all of Plattsmouth, and Mrs. Darlene Johnson of Omaha; four grandchildren; two brothers, Albert, Swiss, W. Va., and J. P., Gauley Bridge, W. Va.; two sisters, Mrs. Wm. Martin, Charleston, W. Va., and Mrs. Nona Trent, Gauley Bridge, W. Va.

Mr. Mink was a member of the Baptist Church.

## 31.08 Inches of Moisture Here

Total precipitation in Plattsmouth in 1960 was 31.08 inches, according to the Nebraska Masonic Home.

The Home records precipitation and temperature data on equipment maintained at the Home.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Coming soon is a spectacular show with something to suit everyone. It has music, romance, comedy, excitement and suspense. Don't miss this chance of a lifetime coming Friday, January 13, 1961 to the High School Auditorium.

Eddie Craig of Murdock was in town Thursday on business.



Wayne E. Schneider  
State JC Vice President



Archie D. Draper  
State JC Flag Program Chairman

## Cass FB To Hear Talk by Author

Author W. Cleon Skousen will be heard in an address by tape recording at a meeting of the Cass County Farm Bureau tonight (Jan. 5) at 8 o'clock at the Agricultural Auditorium in Weeping Water.

Skousen is author of "The Naked Communist."

## 'Dear Mr. Ulrich:'

## Kennedy Answers Boy, 10

Fred Ulrich, 10, of rural Louisville figures he's about the luckiest boy he knows.

Wouldn't you, if you had a personal letter from the President-elect of the United States?

Shortly after the November election, Fred, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ulrich, wrote Sen. John Kennedy his congratulations on his election, wishing him well in his four years of office.

Recently, Fred got a personal letter from the Senator.

The letter:  
Mr. Fred Ulrich

Dear Mr. Ulrich:

I want to thank you for the very friendly message you sent to me after my election to the Presidency.

I am most heartened by the many expressions of good will which I have received. I am sure that they reflect a broad unity of purpose in our nation. I hope that my record during the next four years will sustain your generous confidence.

With every good wish, I am,  
Sincerely,  
John F. Kennedy

Fred, a 5th grader at Hill School (District 89) said he's sure he's a Democrat for life now, if there were any doubt about it before.

In his own letter, Fred told how he had been a Kennedy booster throughout the Presidential campaign, how he'd worn Kennedy buttons proudly.

He told the President-elect he was "glad he was elected" and wished him "lots of good luck" and with true political zeal, that he was "sure the four years ahead would be better than the last eight."

## City Accepts Bid on Car

The City Council Saturday accepted the bid of Rubin Auto Co. on a 1961 Ford 4-door Fairlane for use as a police car.

Rubin's bid of \$2,000, without trade-in, was one of three received. Others were by Bryant Motors on a 1961 Dodge Seneca and by Wysel Auto on a 1961 Lark V-8.

Prior to the bid opening, the city had sold the 1960 Ford currently being used as the police cruiser for \$1,380 by private negotiation.

## Thieves Hit 2 Farm Homes

The loss of articles from two farm homes was reported to the sheriff's office.

At the David Toman farm located eight miles west of Plattsmouth and one mile south, thieves Jan. 1 filled their car's gas tank from the farm pump, then stole an electric lantern, a 410 shotgun and four hubcaps.

At the James Wiles farm, thieves entered the home on Dec. 31 during the daytime and \$5 in cash and \$12 to \$15 in pennies were stolen.

The Wiles' were gone at the time of theft which occurred between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., according to Sheriff Tom Solomon.



**LETTER FROM THE TOP**—Fred Ulrich of Louisville looks at the letter he received from President-elect John F. Kennedy, in reply to a congratulatory note he wrote following the election.

## Careless Gunhandling Causing Damage, Concern, Sheriff Says

Careless discharge of firearms in the county continues to do damage according to reports received at the Sheriff's office.

The Fairfield farm home lo-

cated west of Alva sustained damages from gunfire. Four windows and the front door lock were hit. The house is currently empty and Mrs. Fairfield is temporarily in Lincoln.

A school house in District No. 3, located west of the Plattsmouth sub-station drew three 22-caliber slugs during the past weekend. Two bullets entered the north window and one the west window which lodged in the school's blackboard. The bullets were recovered for possible comparison.

Charles Lee, of Omaha was traveling north in Highway 73-75 Tuesday when a gun shot entered the rear window of his station wagon and narrowly missed Mrs. Lee who was a passenger in the vehicle. The incident occurred 5 miles south of Union just over the line in Otoe County.

## Car Damaged; 'Stripping' Case Solved Here

Vandalism to a car New Year's Eve and recovery of equipment stripped from a car Dec. 18 were reported by police here over New Year's weekend.

A 1959 Plymouth parked in the 500 block of Avenue B was damaged last Friday. The report was made to police at 10:15 p.m.

A wrench was thrown through the rear window, completely shattering it. A door and a side panel of the car owned by Donald Parriott were also damaged.

Police Chief Fred Tesch said parents of four boys from three families reported their sons aged 8 to 12 had stripped a 1932 Model A Ford parked near W. E. Cady and Co. at the Burlington Shops area.

The parents realized what the boys had done after seeing a Journal story telling of stripping of the car.

The boys thought the car was an abandoned one and took several high pressure gauges from the dashboard and damaged a radio. Tesch said repairs to the instruments would exceed \$150.

## Minor Traffic Accidents Reported Here

Several minor traffic accidents were reported to police here: New Year's weekend.

Dec. 30 at 5 p.m. two cars collided at 1st Avenue and 6th Street. Damage was about \$120 to a 1957 Plymouth driven by Cecil Ash and about \$35 to a 1952 Hudson driven by Ray Simons.

Dec. 30 at 11:40 p.m. the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and U.S. 73-75 South was the scene of a collision of a 1954 Chevrolet driven by Bernard Richter, damaged to the extent of about \$175, and a 1955 Oldsmobile driven by Robert Moritz of Garden City, Kan., damaged about \$350 worth.

Dec. 30 at 10 p.m. a 1956 Chevrolet owned by Orville Skaggs was struck by a hit-run driver and damaged to the extent of about \$70. Skaggs had parked in Soennichsen's parking lot and was not in the car at the time.

Jan. 3 at 9 p.m., two cars collided at 2nd Avenue and Chicago Avenue near the Armory. A 1949 Chevrolet driven by Lynn Hendrix was damaged \$100 worth and a 1952 Chevrolet driven by Gilbert Hinz sustained about \$125 in damage. Hinz was charged with drunken driving, pleaded "guilty" and was fined \$100 an costs.

Dale Hendrix, 11, a passenger with his brother, suffered a cut lip.

## 16 To Compete In JHS Spelling Contest Tonight

Sixteen contestants will compete tonight at 7:30 in the HI School Library in the Plattsmouth Junior High Spelling Contest.

They'll be competing for the right to represent the Junior High School in the annual Cass County Spelling Contest this year.

Two contestants will represent each home room in tonight's contest, to be judged by James Johnson, elementary school supervisor, and Mrs. Tom Detweiler.

The public is invited to the contest.

## C. J. Schneider Is Re-appointed

C. J. Schneider Saturday was re-appointed to another three-year term as a member of the Board of Public Works.

His appointment was made by Mayor Grant Roberts, approved by the City Council.

## Wildlife Club Banquet Jan. 11

The Plattsmouth Wildlife and Recreation Association will hold its annual banquet Jan. 11 at 3 p.m. at the 40 & 8 Club.

Dr. Joe Stibal is a patient at the Methodist Hospital in Omaha, room 302 for observation.

**THE WEATHER**  
Dec. 31, 1960-Jan. 1, 2, 3, 4, 1961

Date	High	Low	Prec.
Saturday	38	20	00
Sunday	37	1	00
Monday	26	3	00
Tuesday	33	16	00
Wednesday	49	17	00

Forecast: Fair and mild, high near 50; low in lower 30's. Continued fair Friday.  
Sun sets tonight at 5:09; rises Friday at 7:50 a.m.