

'Operation Abolition' Film Report Shown for Rotary

The controversial film, "Operation Abolition," was shown here Tuesday noon at the regular meeting of the Rotary Club at the Lions Community Building.

The film, a report on Communist-led riots last year in San Francisco during hearings of the House Un-American Activities Committee, was made available by Rep. Glenn Cunningham of Omaha.

Eugene Mahoney, administrative assistant in Omaha to Rep. Cunningham, introduced the film. Dr. P. T. Heineman was program chairman for the day.

About the film and the work of the Un-American Activities Committee, Cunningham said before the House of Representatives in February this year:

"This committee performs a vital service for our Nation by carefully documenting and outlining the methods, tactics and operations of Communists in this country. The committee has been in the forefront of the fight against the worldwide Communist conspiracy.

"The committee's effectiveness is best illustrated by the intensity of the Communist drive against it. Aided by fellow travelers and those who see little or no danger from communism, the American Communist Party has launched an all-out campaign to abolish this important committee.

"Special 'front' groups have been established to carry out this campaign, known as 'Operation Abolition.' Fortunately, Congress has not been fooled by these phony organizations, and the vital work of the Un-American Activities Committee continues.

"I now include as part of my remarks a review of the film 'Operation Abolition.' This review, by Reporter Al Frisbie of the Omaha World-Herald, appeared following a recent television showing of the film. I commend it to the attention of my colleagues here in Washington and to the readers of the Congressional Record across the Nation:

"Omahans had a chance Sunday afternoon to see a comparatively small group of Americans thumb their noses at one of the cornerstones of their country's way of life.

"The disturbing opportunity came during the showing of the

film, "Operation Abolition," over KETV.

"The movie, assembled from news clips, shows the riots that went hand-in-hand with the House Un-American Activities Committee's hearing into Communists activity at San Francisco last May.

"Conflicting views concerning its effectiveness and even its authenticity have catapulted the film into special prominence during the past week.

"To this viewer it was pretty much a case of seeing is believing.

"Photographically, the film does not have all the precision and delicate lighting of a Hollywood production. There are times when you have to take the narrative at face value.

"Sometimes the sound and pictures of real-life action are a bit on the fuzzy side.

"But what comes into clear focus is the fact that "Operation Abolition" paints a vivid warning of how Communists can prod others to do their dirty work.

"What happened at San Francisco was a mockery to American ideals of respect for the law.

"The movie showed that even within the hearing room the proceedings sometimes took on the trappings of a Roman orgy.

"There were shouts and hand-claps for a college youth who glibly asserted the House committee had no legislative constitutional purpose and who then took the fifth amendment in avoiding an answer to an "Are-you-a-Communist-Party-member?" query.

"The film also showed that demands made by such known Communists as Archie Brown inside the hearing room were echoed thunderously by stu-

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Rat Control At City Dump In Making

Steps to control a reported rat infestation at City Dump were arranged, following a special meeting Monday night of the City Council with County Attorney James Begley, dump operator Emery Rozell, City Physician Dr. R. F. Brendel, Police Chief Fred Tesch, Sheriff Tom Solomon and an extermination firm's representative.

Begley told the Council there is an immediate need for control and suggested the city has a responsibility along with Rozell for correction of what Begley said in a letter to Rozell last week is a "public nuisance."

Rozell promised immediate action to make arrangements for extermination of rats, after he received the letter.

Monday night, the Council agreed the city has a share of responsibility toward condition of the dump by agreeing the city will pay \$15 a month toward rat control service bid by the Omaha firm, Lystad's. The service will cost \$27.50 a month and extend for several months until the rat population is controlled.

The city leases the dump from Rozell for citizens' use for \$25 a month.

Begley also advised the Council it should consider long-range needs for city refuse disposal and give thought to some other method of disposal, perhaps incineration or landfill. Budgetary provision for such a measure should be considered ahead of time, he suggested.

The County Attorney was concerned with the condition of the dump because it is located outside the city limit and is under jurisdiction of county officials. A State Dept. of Health inspector had been shown the dump by Sheriff Tom Solomon and recommended immediate attention be given to rat extermination.

Procedure to poison rats will begin at the dump Monday, weather permitting. An advertisement placed by the city appears in The Journal today and will appear again Monday. It warns that children and pets be kept away from the dump for at least two weeks beginning Monday.

Display of Relics and Program Sunday Will Tell Centennial History Here

Objections Heard To Road Closing

Several dozen persons appeared Tuesday at a hearing by the Cass County Board of Commissioners on proposed vacation of 29 portions of unused roads in the county road system.

The hearing was held in the District Courtroom because of the size of the audience.

After hearing any objectors, or persons appearing in favor of vacating portions of road, the Commission adjourned the hearing until its next regular meeting June 19.

Twenty-nine portions of roads were proposed for vacation. Objections were heard on 13, as follows:

Road Description No. 2—Louis Meyers of Greenwood and a petition with 43 signers were opposed to the closing.

No. 3—In Greenwood Precinct, Floyd Claycomb against.

No. 7—Stove Creek Precinct, Victor Shoemaker against.

No. 8—South Bend Precinct, J. E. Johansen against.

No. 9—Elmwood Precinct, no objection; the Commission decided to close the east mile of the proposed 1½ miles.

No. 10—Weeping Water Precinct, Leon Meyers, Frank Meyers (by letter) and Lola May Nielsen (by her attorney) against.

No. 11—Center and Weeping Water Precincts, Harold Meyer, representing United Minerals Rock Quarry of Weeping Water, against.

No. 14—Eight-Mile Grove Precinct, Chris Metzger on behalf of his daughter, in favor; Art Fink, Otto Peteret, William Kraeger against.

No. 16—Avoca Precinct, 2-mile stretch north-south mile, Mr. Welch, Carl Neumeister, Harry Neumeister, Everett Reimers, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Elliott, against; east-west, Leslie Behrens against.

No. 18—Nehawka Precinct, Hal Harsen, Elmer Fitch, Herman Smith, Tom Troop, George Lopp, Gene Fitch against.

No. 19—Plattsmouth Precinct, Lawrence Bethel, Stanley Wolski, Mrs. Holman against.

No. 22—Rock Bluff Precinct, Art Hansen, Paul Wisely against.

No. 23—Liberty Precinct, Mr. Hostetter against.

No. 26—Eight-Mile Grove Precinct, Metzger on behalf of his daughter against.



MAIN STREET, 1861—Plattsmouth's Main Street looked this way 100 years ago. The high building at left foreground was the Brick School House of the Fitzgerald Block. Still there, it is now known as the Ruse Building at the corner of 6th and Main. The view looks east from what is now High School Hill.



COUNTY COURTHOUSE—The Courthouse was built in 1864. It was situated on the present Courthouse grounds at about the spot where the stone marker is now on the south lawn. The smaller entrance at the right of the building was to the County Clerks Office. The wall shown at extreme right is that of the present Myers Apartments.

Civil War Centennial Fete at 1:30

Civil War relics—which the Cass County Historical Society believes are priceless because they help tell the history of this locality—will be on display Sunday during the Civil War Centennial Program here.

The program begins at 1:30 p.m. on Main Street near the Historical Society Museum and is sponsored by the Society in co-operation with local and county groups, firms and individuals.

(In case of rain, the program will be at the High School Auditorium).

It will be preceded by a flag-raising ceremony at the Company A. First Nebraska Volunteer Infantry marker on Wintersteen Hill at 1 p.m.

A band concert at 1:30, invocation at 2, presentation of flag to the Society to B Battery, 6th Missile Battalion at 2:15, address by Aubrey Duxbury, formerly County Judge now of the Veterans Administration in Lincoln at 2:25 and a history of Company A which were Nebraska's first Civil War troops at 2:40 lead up to the re-enactment of the Pre-Muster Ceremonies of the company at 2:55.

A drill by the SAC drill team and a demonstration of 6th Missile Battalion sentry dogs will follow at 3 and 3:30.

The Society here has this to say about the Civil War display:

No one living in Cass County should fail to see the Civil War Centennial display at the Cass County Museum next Sunday.

This is a unique display. It is history that cannot be found in any book yet written, and it cannot be duplicated anywhere in the world.

It is the visible story of our own locality.

See authentic Civil War muskets, sabers, bullet molds, powder horns, and bullet pouches; canteens, cookpots and blanket-rolls.

There is a Sergeant's dress uniform and military head-gear of the period.

There is the largest known private collection of badges.

The epic of Company "A" and the life story of Dr. Robert Ramsey Livingston are inseparable. A full-length portrait of Dr. Livingston, who rose to the rank of Brevet Brigadier General, has just been given to the Cass County Museum by the Nebraska Historical Society.

The museum has also received, from donors throughout Cass County, many items that are a revelation of daily living 100 years ago:

Old mill equipment from Factoryville, Avoca, Manlev, and Plattsmouth, is on display. There are outstanding exhibits of century-old tools, household articles and apparel.

Do not fail to see these items, following the Civil War Centennial program next Sunday, June 11.

For the benefit of the guests, there will be a lunch stand, opening at noon.

Mrs. Lockhart, 62, Dies Here; Rites Friday

Mrs. Garland (Frances) Lockhart, 62, died at a Nebraska City Hospital Tuesday. She had been ill since August.

She had lived in Plattsmouth since 1937, coming here from Nevada, Mo.

Funeral will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Caldwell-Linder Funeral Home with the Rev. Gene Swim, pastor of First Baptist Church, in charge. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery here.

Visiting hours are today from 4 to 6 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Mrs. Lockhart was born Oct. 16, 1898, at Kingston, Mo., daughter of William and Etta Sater Lester. She was married at Nevada June 5, 1918, to Garland Lockhart.

He survives along with three sons, Wilfred of Lincoln and William of Plattsmouth; seven grandchildren; brothers, Mayne Lester, Recluse, Wyo., and Joseph Lester, Escondido, Calif., and sisters Mrs. Elizabeth Stebbins, Arnold, and Mrs. Cora Robinson, San Diego.

Mrs. Lockhart was baptized in the Baptist Church at Nevada where they lived 12 years.

Snakes Alive! Anyone for The Mile Run?

Excitement was at a high pitch Wednesday afternoon at the Cass County Treasurer's office here.

Mrs. Gwen Scoles, the treasurer, and her office help were visited by TWO BLACK SNAKES!

The unwelcome guests made their entry through a window. One felt so welcome he entered a clothes closet, and crawled into an opening.

Screams from the ladies brought the Commissioners and the custodian, and with a dose of an insecticide—and the quick action of County Clerk Chas. Land (who caught the snake by the tail) and with Commissioner Melvin Todd's steady aim, the snake was knocked on the head.

When a reporter visited the office after the incident—the ladies were a wreck—the windows were closed but the ladies weren't minding the perspiration a bit.

School Board Sets Budget Meet Tuesday

The Board of Education Monday night set next Tuesday as the time for a special meeting to work on the proposed budget for the ensuing year. Other budget meetings have already been held. The budget may be passed that night.

In other business, the Board—Accepted a bid of Vanguard Inc. of Omaha for installation of a fire detection system in Wintersteen School, for \$200; and the bid of Notifier of Lincoln for installation of a fire detection system in First Ward School, for \$427. All the schools now have such systems installed, being installed or under contract.

—Accepted bids for purchase—exchange of nine manual and one electric typewriters from three firms.

—Heard the final report of resigned Elementary Supervisor James Jennings. Jennings recommended that the Board hire a replacement and continue the position he had held. The plan for next year is to have an administrative principal and assistants in each school in place of the supervisor-principal plan of the past year.

Civil War Notes:

The flag for Plattsmouth's Civil War militia company was made by Mrs. O. F. Johnson "who owned the only sewing machine in town," according to private writings of a member of the company which was Nebraska's first Civil War troops.

The Journal received an excerpt from the notes of Joseph W. Johnson, the millitiaman, from F. Walker Johnson, Tulsa, Okla., who wrote:

Please find enclosed an excerpt which I have copied from notes written by Joseph W. Johnson regarding interesting incidents in his life.

Mr. Johnson, my grandfather, migrated to Nebraska from Leesburg, Ohio, where he was born on January 19, 1835. He arrived in Plattsmouth on the 17th of April, 1857. Shortly thereafter he and several others who came from Ohio with him homesteaded west of 8-mile Grove. Later he worked in a sawmill at Clarks Mill on the Iowa side.

In the spring of 1858 he went to Kansas and being from Ohio was not welcome. Later he worked in a blacksmith shop in Barry, Clay County, Missouri, until the spring of 1860 when he tried Kansas again and found that it still was not the place for him.

He returned to Clarks Mill where he met his future wife. . . . she was bareheaded and barefooted, her brown hair fell down on the horse's back. She was driving cows. I thought she was the most beautiful lassie I had ever seen."

That summer he went with the Clarks by ox-team into the mountains west of Denver where Clarks bought a sawmill. However, the business failed and they returned to Clarks Mill again, spending the winter . . . "mostly dancing at St. Mary's, Pacific City and Glenwood and at private homes on the bottom. The lassie who roared the white horse was a near neighbor. I took her to many dances."

Her name was Mary "Molly" Henton and she was to become my grandfather's wife after the Civil War.

During the early 1870's he was Sheriff of Cass County and later County Judge.

Inasmuch as the Company A of the First Regiment of the Nebraska Infantry was formed 100 years ago, I thought that perhaps the attached excerpt might be of interest at this time in history.

The original handwritten notes are in the Library of the Nebraska State Historical Society.

The excerpt:

... the spring of 1861 came on and so did the Civil War. I and Alge Pratt, Bill Bain, and Sam Peters went over to Plattsmouth and enrolled in a company forming at that place by Dr. R. R. Livingston. The Company was organized and officers elected as follows: Livingston, R. R. Captain; McKinney, A. F. 1st Lieut.; Sharp, N. J., 2nd Lieut.; Whitlock, J. G., 1st Sergeant.

"The Ladies of Plattsmouth made a beautiful silk flag to present to the company, at a meeting called for that purpose. Mrs. J. D. Simpson was elected President, Mrs. Moses Dodge, Secretary, and Mrs. Burwell Spurlock, Treasurer. Mrs. O. F. Johnson, who owned the only sewing machine in town, made the flag.

"The place of presentation was in a beautiful grove of oaks on Wintersteen Hill, overlooking the Missouri river.

"It was presented by the Pastor of the Methodist church, Rev. Jerome S. Spillman.

"Capt. R. R. Livingston responded. Captain had the company kneel and take a solemn oath never to surrender the flag.

"I went up to old Saint Mary to a dance. The ballroom and saloon were connected by a partition door—very handy—late at night a fight began in the saloon. I went in to see.

"A fine looking chap was down on the floor and two or three fellows kicking him. I got to him and pulled him out into the street. I asked him his name, he

'The Ladies of Plattsmouth Made a Beautiful Silk Flag'

said Jack McDonald, 'Where do you live?' He said 'No Place.' "Would you like to volunteer and go south?" "Just what I want to do," he said. So I took him along with me and the next day he enrolled in our Plattsmouth company.

"The day was finally set to go to Omaha to be mustered in. I went across the river to bid Molly good-bye. The last word I said to her was 'Molly, when the war is over I will come back and we will be married.' She said 'Joe, I will wait for you.'"

"On the 10th of June, 1861, our company crossed the river and marched up the river on the Iowa side.

"At Saint Mary, Col. Peter A. Sarpy had many tubs of Egg Nog sitting on the side walk and invited all to drink, but warned the boys not to drink too much.

"Sarpy made us a speech, which was full of patriotism. His prediction of the coming struggle was prophetic. He seemed to comprehend what was coming better than anyone I had heard talk on the subject.

"Well, on June 11th, 1861, at Omaha, Neb., Ter, we were mustered into the service by Lieut. Merrill of the regular army. We became Company "A" (the first company) First Reg. Nebr. Infantry. This made our Capt. Livingston the ranking Captain of the Regiment, which was very important.

"The regiment was finally organized, ten full companies, and ready for the south.

"Boarded July 30 Col. Thayer had a cannon placed on the bow of the boat.

"We landed at Plattsmouth; the whole town was there to meet us to bid us good bye. A little six-year old girl, Miss Lillie Simpson, with a fine bunch of flowers went aboard and delivered them to Capt. Livingston.

"What a sad parting. Husbands - Fathers - Brothers - Sons and lovers bidding their dear ones good bye. Many of them never returned."

James Childers Dies in Missouri

James Childers, brother of Mrs. Wayne Meisinger of Plattsmouth, died early Wednesday morning at McFall, Mo.

Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Brooks Funeral Home in Albany, Mo.

'Sweet 16' Contest Set; Entry Deadline July 20

The Plattsmouth Mrs. Jaycees have announced plans for their third annual "Sweet 16" contest, to be held in conjunction with the Jaycee-sponsored carnival July 13-14-15.

The contest is open to all girls who will not have reached their 17th birthday before July 20.

The winner of the contest will be crowned during the Jaycee carnival.

The Queen will be voted on and voting is a penny a vote. Each girl entering the contest will have a container placed in a place of business, the container bearing her picture and a short autobiography of herself.

The winner of the "Sweet 16" Contest will be presented with some gifts, and will represent the Plattsmouth Mrs. Jaycees at various functions the coming year. Each girl entering the contest will receive a gift.

Proceeds from the "Sweet 16" contest will be used for various civic and charitable contributions of the Plattsmouth Mrs. Jaycees, including the scholarship fund recently established.

The chairman for this year's Sweet 16 contest is Mrs. Bob Sedlak, and she will be assisted by Mrs. Bob Paris, Mrs. Abner Rubin, Mrs. Tom Martin and Mrs. Dean Biles.

Any 16-year-old girl wishing to enter the "Sweet 16" contest or anyone wishing to submit the name of a 16-year-old girl may contact any of the above committee.

Results of voting for the contest will be announced in The Journal.

Liquor Commission OKs License

The Nebraska Liquor Control Commission in a letter to the City Clerk postmarked Monday informed the city it had approved the application of Keener I. Price for a Class C liquor license for 316 Chicago Ave.

The Commission had a hearing June 2 on the application, scheduled after residents here protested the City Council's recommendation that the license be approved. Objectors addressed letters to the Commission and posted \$100 surety cause bond, required by the Commission before a hearing is set.

Sixteen objectors appeared at the Commission hearing. Petitions bearing signatures of 200 objectors were introduced in evidence.

The City Council earlier this spring voted 44-0 to recommend the license be approved after a hearing in which oral objections were heard.

In its letter to the City Clerk, the Commission said:

"Upon consideration of all the evidence and files, the Nebraska Liquor Commission finds:

"1. That the City Council of the City of Plattsmouth recommended issuance of the license.

"2. That the application be approved and a license duty issued."

Price as applicant was assessed costs of \$15.

The City Council passed an ordinance extending the boundaries of the liquor district to include portions of Chicago and Washington Avenues.

Tuesday, Mrs. Price paid the fee for the license which is not actually a new one but one transferred from a location at 125 So. 5th St.

The annual Class C license fee totals \$750, \$500 of which goes to the city and \$250 to the school fund.

Disapproval Of Beer License Recommended

The Cass County Board of Commissioners Tuesday voted 3-0 to recommend disapproval of an application by Dennis C. Smith of Plattsmouth for an off-sale beer license for a location west of U.S. 73-75 this side of the Platte River bridge.

Smith has a bait business there.

Smith and his attorney, Francis Casey, appeared on behalf of the application.

The Rev. John Hoschar, pastor of Community Church here, appeared against issuance of the license. Several letters of objection had been directed to the Commission.

The Nebraska Liquor Control Commission has jurisdiction to approve or disapprove the license.

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Date	High	Low	Prec
Monday	78	65	.00
Tuesday	84	63	.00
Wednesday	79	63	.41
Forecast: High 80-85; low near 60's. Fair tonight.			
Sun sets tonight at 7:55; rises Friday at 4:51 a.m.			