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PLATTSMOUTH, CASS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1961

Courthouse To

Close at 4 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 22

The Cass County Courthouse

vil close at 4 n.m. Friday, Dec 22, instead of the usual 5 p.m., so

that the County Officials, their

Deputies and Clerks can have

The Courthouse, except for

County Court, will be closed

from Friday at 4 p.m. until the

regular opening hour Tuesday.

County Court is open Saturday

Christmas

Mail Rush

Hits Peak

or place of business?

the result:

work began):

Have you noticed the Christ-

Terrific, isn't it? Now, multiply

it by several thousand and pic-

ture a handful of men buried in

That's the picture at the Plattsmouth Post Office and at most Post Offices these days.

The past weekend, Christmas mail volume hit a peak here and

was expected to hold at about

that level for several hectic days.

listed these statistical notes in

a moment's lull (before the day's

Postmaster Vern Hendricks

"The dollar value of stamp

sales Dec. 16 was the largest

one day sales recorded in the

history of the Post Office here.

"The volume of incoming let-

ter-sized mail the first 16 days.

of December increased 9.2 per

volume of local drops this year

per cent over the same period

"The volume of incoming par-

mas rush of mal at your house

their annual Christmas party.

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Queen and King of the Junior High Christmas party Friday night | body. at the high school auditorium, pose surrounded by admiring class-

JUNIOR HIGH ROYALTY-Dona Steppat and Dick Spangler, mates. The Queen and King were elected by vote of the student

VFW Toy Shop To Be Open Thursday, Friday

today announced the opening of the VFW toy shop for needy chil-

Thursday and Friday, Dec. 21-22, at the Armory Building on Chifrom 7 to 9 each evening.

lection of toys and clothing.

shop and all activities of the

Christmas baskets for needy families will be arranged by the Post and Auxiliary and distributed by members of the post For Xmas Holidays Christmas Eve.

The Christmas program is an annual project for needy families of the community.

Mrs. Anna Martis Dies; Rites Thursday

Mrs. Anna Martis, 75, died Sunday at the home of her dau- regular hours Jan. 2. ghter, Mrs. Anna Bergman, The deceased was a resident of Man- - Journal Want Ads Pay - dren, respectively.

She is survived by the husband, Joseph; daughter, Mrs. Bergman; son, Joe B. Martis of Sacramento, Calif.; sister, Mrs Lewis Klema of Murdock.

Rosary is Wednesday night at 8 at Hobson Funeral Home.

Requiem High Mass will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at the St. Patrick's Church in Manley, Father Peter Gadient will officiate. Burial will be in the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Platts-

City Drops from 'Nebraska League'

The City Council Friday night

informed the city, dues would the Bob Mateer farm be on a per capita basis, 5 cents | The town is gone now, Root, who also served as postper person for cities of Platts- although at least a part of it master. mouth's size. Dues would have stood for 81 years. A census of totaled \$312

formed the city its plans are to Martin Keplinger, cooper (barrel town had also acquired a dressgreatly expand the organiza- -maker); Martin Hayden, shoe- maker, Julia Jenkins. its chief functions is a Legisla- smith and L. Johnson, farmer.

SCHOOL PROGRAM

Alvo Schools Christmas program Nebraska from his home in man who betrayed his two com- His oldest son, Walter attended will be held Wednesday evening. North Carolina and by 1883 a rades and they were dragged Peru State Normal School along Dec. 20, at the School Auditor- history of the Grove tells us that from the attic of a farm house. with a friend, John Ruby. Occa-

Journal Want Ads Pay

Dona Steppat, Dick Spangler

Queen of "Winter Wonderland"

The toy shop will be open Set for Saturday

The Plattsmouth Junior Chamber of Commerce and Mrs. cago Avenue. The hours will be Jaycees will stage their annual Christmas movie party for kids Members of the VFW Post and Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at the Auxiliary will assist in the se- High School Auditorium, JC Presdient Chas, Warga said to-

There'll be two hours of cart-Christmas program is Rudy oons for youngsters—admission Stoll, assisted by Herb Muehe free. It's a chance for parents to Fred Draper and Bob Bickle, park their youngsters for a Mrs. Wm. Tibbs is the Auxiliary couple hours while they finish Christmas shopping.

School will be dismissed here Friday for the Christmas holi-

Public schools will dismiss at 2:30. St. John's Catholic School will be dismissed at noon after a Christmas party.

schools will resume classes at the

'Winter Wonderland' Royalty

Dick Spangler and Dona Step- grade, and were chosen by sepat were crowned King and cret ballot by the student body. Approximately 175 attended at the Plattsmouth Junior High the party which is sponsored an-Commander Harold Dukes of Christmas Party, Friday, Dec. nually by the Junior High Stumont and paving in Ideal Heights the Veterans of Foreign Wars 15. Both students are in the 8th dent Council. Indications were Addition—were levied Monday only the best attended, but also

> Dancing and games highlighted the evening. Prizes were awarded to winners in dancing and game contests.

the most successful.

The auditorium was decorated with homemade decorations. served by the students' mothers. the first of 10 annual

Chorus Presents 'Sound of Christmas' Tonite

The Plattsmouth High Concert Choir and small groups will present their annual Christmas program tonight at 7:30 in the high school auditorium.

The concert, called the "Sound of Christmas", will feature both

Both public and parochial sacred and secular music. The tickets, which may be purchased at the door, are 50 cents and 25 cents for adults and chil- Tuesday at 7:45 a.m.

To Assessments

Special assessments to cover cent over the same period last cost of construction of street im- year. (No record was kept of the provements in Districts 151 and 152-12 Street from 4th to Oak- or last.) Addition-were levied Monday days this month increased 112 that this year's party was not night by the City Council after an adjustment and equalization last year. hearing at which no objection to the proposed assessments was an post packages increased from

ceived either.

After the 50 days, the assess- erally, once-a-day delivery has

gether with annual taxes.

THE WEATHER

Date 28 18

Sun sets tonight at 4:56; rises

Cass Countyan of the Week

Mrs. C. D. Spangler Nostalgically Recalls Town of Eight Mile Grove

By Ruth Miller Nehawka Special Correspondent

Street. On one side stood the old store and moved the lumber Mrs. Spangler was the sixth church, school and drug store to his home where he put up a of Peter Perry and Catherine and on the other the King Post new store with a dance hall on Glenn's 11 children. Office and Store and the cem- the second floor.

No, this scene isn't taken from and put up a mill with an overdecided to drop the city's mem- the "Wild West". The town is shot wheel. There wasn't enough bership in the League of Ne- Eight Mile Grove, now a ghost water to keep the dam filled so moved to Elmwood. braska Municipalities for 1962. town, then the halfway point be- Mr. Jenkins would grind one day The city in the past paid \$50 tween Plattsmouth and Weeping then wait 3 for the water to fill Their daughter-in-law, Alice Poa year dues, a lump sum assess- Water. The stage came through in the mill pond. ment. In 1962, the League had twice daily, changing horses at

1354 records five families in the A letter from the League in- town: Benjamin Waller, farmer; tion's services next year. One of maker: John Hidgens, black-

houses in Plattsmou'l

In 1877, Peter Perry Mrs. C. EAGLE (Special)-The Eagle- C. Spangler's father, came to Snyder. A posse captured one and his love of a joke. corner of 4 precincts with a pop- the Eight Mile Grove Church down and bring them home. One mas package-just one of many and many such year's Dec. 1-16 volume.

In 1881, King so'd his store to three were hanged. W. Jenkins who lived a half mile south. Jenkins decided the town one of their tombstones is still With a little flourish of dust wasn't complete without a recre- there clearly marked "horse the stage rattled into Main ation center so he tore down the thief.

He put a dam across the creek

Mile Grove had a physician, Dr. | county historical society

Ross Morrow was Justice of dren Everett and Margaret. the Peace and led the town's fife

Mrs. Spangler remembers (Mrs. Albert Lang). hearing about horse thieves at where, after a brief trial, all

According to Mrs. Spangler

One sister, Etta, married Steve Barker. Their daughter Mae now lives in Murray Lee married Will Cook and

Glenn married Addie Pitman. lock is a well-known Plattsmouth By 1882, we find that Eight citizen and is influential in the

> Ethel and her husband, Chas. (C. D.) Spangler, have two chil-

The other children are Walter, and drum corps. By 1881, the John, Charles, Pearl (Mrs. Sam Unland), Verner, Catherine (Mrs. Earl Cole and Manota

Peter Perry was a respected At this time there were only 2 Eight Mile Grove. One time two Grove citizen, being a real workhorses were stolen from Captain er in that church, but he was Isacc Wiles and one from John best known for his good humor

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No Objection

No written objection was re- the same period last year." Owners of properties assessed the local PO force and special

now have 50 days from Dec. 15 rush-time employes are keeping Refreshments consisted of in which to pay the total assess- abreast of the job, Hendricks punch and cookies, and were ment without interest or to pay said. A Christmas grab bag conclud- ments, also interest-free.

in one delivery.

Dec. 14, 15, 16, 17, 1961 High Low Prec. .15 piece of mail delivered before Thursday 14 .00 quitting Saturday." Friday 18 Saturday 26 Sunday ...

There will be no delivery or tr. window service Sunday or Mon-Forecast: Cloudy, windy, High day but special delivery, gift in mid-30's. Possible snow to- packages and perishables will be delivered, Hendricks said.

before 8 a.m. daily.

stacks the Post Office has handled this Christ-



THE \$64 DOLLAR QUESTION-This young lad ponders the Yuletide question deluxe, "And what do you want Santa to bring p.m. at Sattler Funeral Home. you this Christmas?" Santa holds personal audiences with young admirers at Santa Land, sponsored by Plattsmouth's Chamber of Commerce. To see Santa, come to downtown Plattsmouth,

Improvement of Cedar Creek "Carcellations for the first 16 Road Proposed to Council

Dec. 1 to 16, 34.8 per cent over Despite the increased volume, County Board of Commissioners be had. west from the Highway 73-75 byn routes are being

fitted to suit the occasion. Genondary road system. inside the city eligible for fed- reau of Roads sometimes insists eral matching urban road funds. on 45-foot curb-and-gutter con-

A man is on full-time duty delivering parcel post, beginning engineering firm said the preli-What's the future hold this hectic week? The instruction for Post Offices is "to get every stage.

Ray Story and Francis Casey brought the matter of improvement of the Cedar Creek Road before the Council.

Cedar Creek (Cemetery) Road Roads which administers the fed- and Mrs. Donald March, both was discussed Friday night by eral matching program is hold-the City Council. eral matching program is hold-ing accumulated \$24,600 in urban children; sister Mrs. Charles The Council then passed a motion authorizing Henningsen, Plattsmouth. They also said Ed Kelly, South Bend. Durham and Richardson to make there is a chance other funds, a preliminary estimate of con- unused by other urban commun- her parents and a sister, Anna.

will declare the road extending Matching is on a 50-50 basis. It is thought a 24- or 26-foot pass a part of the county's sec- paving with side ditches might be acceptable by federal stand-After the 50 days, the assess- erally, once-a-day delivery has ments will be certified to the handled it, sometimes delayed a to make the portion of the road tained, although the Federal Bu-

> A representative of the Omaha struction for in-city projects. Casey said he and Story would minary estimate would be made approach the County Board for the city without cost while about having the road added to the project is in the proposal the secondary system and would also ask whether the County would be interested in improving the road west to the Cemetery.

COMMISSION MEETING

The Cass County Board of They showed a proposed route Commissioners is meeting at the and discussed with the Council Courthouse here today and possibilities for acquiring right- Tuesday. It's the regular second meeting of December,

Roeber Heads 4-H Council

The Cass County 4-H Council has chosen a new 4-H chairman, Leonard Roeber of Ashland, was elected to this office at the annual meeting of the Council.

Mr. Roeber is well qualified for this position, having served as a precinct council member several years from South Bend precinct. He also has been a 4-H leader and equally important the Roeber family have been an active 4-H family for several years.

Mrs. Forrest Engelkemeier of Louisville was elected to a twoyear term as vice chairman of the Council.

The other members of the 4-H Executive Committee of the Council are John Knabe, Nehawka, Mrs. Clarence Stohlmann, Louisville, and Mrs. Harold Meisinger, Weeping Water.

Mrs. Emil Koukal Dies at 63; **Funeral Tuesday**

Mrs. Emil Koukal, 63, a lifelong resident of the Plattsmouth community, died Friday at St. Catherine Hospital in Omaha after an illness of four years. Funeral services will be Tues-

the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Przudzik officiating. Rosary will be tonight at 8 Burial will be in Holy Sepul-

day at 10 a.m. at St. John the

Baptist Catholic Church with

chre Cemetery. Mrs. Koukal (Edythe Genevive) was born here Sept, 8, 1898, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Mockenhaupt Kelly. She was married Jan. 29, 1925, at

Council Bluffs to Mr. Koukal. He survives along with daug-Possibility of surfacing the They said the State Dept. of hters Mrs. Harold Peterson Jr.

She was preceded in death by a preliminary estimate of con-struction cost, providing the lities and to be realocated, could St. John's Church and the Altar

The current and continuing voluntary drive for funds to purchase more lifesaving and firefighting equipment for the Plattsmouth Volunteer Fire Department's use in this area today reached \$1,404.50. New contributions totalling

\$205 include; Riverview Nursing Home.

\$10 Mrs. Frank Schuldice, Dr. W. V. Ryan, Mom's Cafe, Robert

Mann, Geo. Smith Clothing

John F. Wehrbein.

Store.

Mrs. Harvey Gamer, Mr. and Mrs. John Altschaffl, Mr. and Mrs. Glen McClure, Lloyd Burd c (Omaha), Mr. and Mrs. Herb S. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Herbster, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kreiel. Fern McMaken, Louis Naeve, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Mor tz, Mr. and Mrs. Palph H Fllingson Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bethel, B. B. Shanhoitz, Mr. and Mrs. Art Welenkamp. Verna and Harriett Goos, Josephine Warga and Antonia Vanek

Mrs. E. J. Lutz, Mr. and Mrs. Del Heedum, Mrs. J. A. Capwell, Mr. and Mrs. Faye Spidell, Fred and Marilyn Tesch

Mr. and Mrs. Elleworth E. Taylor, Jennie Gray, Mrs. Ed. Tschrren, Ralph M. Wiles, Art Ofe, Miss Thyra Baumgart, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vinduska, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Johnson Mr. and Mes. Joe Lochman, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard John, Mr. and Mrs. Rex. W. Ccen, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reckard, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gansemer.

Mabel Cummins Elizabeth Hirz, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winkler.

TRUCK HITS TRUCK

A 1955 Ford truck driven by George B. Baxter of Omaha for Continental Baking Co., of Omaha, hit a parked 1961 Chevrolet truck owned by Tickotter Construction Co. of Plattimout's PARCELS APLENTY-Postmaster Vern Hen- mas season. Hendricks reports parcel post in-Saturday about 9:15 a.m. on 4th It was a "close settlement on the Posse and prisoners returned to sionally Mr. Perry would drive dricks of Plattsmouth stacks up another Christ- coming volume nearly 35 per cent above last Street near 1st Avenue. Danage was about \$75 to the Ford, about \$235 to the parked truck.