

## Inspector Probes Reported PO Box Tampering Here

A Post Office Department inspector from Lincoln was in Plattsmouth Monday investigating reported "tampering with mail boxes and mail" here.

T. R. Morell said complaints were registered with the Post Office Department through the local Postmaster. The complaints said children had been seen reported opening mailboxes, particularly street-side boxes on unimproved streets, Morell said.

He said he had talked with parents of some of the suspected children and tried to impress on them the seriousness of such an offense.

Conviction for an adult for such an offense could mean punishment of three years in prison or a fine up to \$500, the inspector said.

He said Plattsmouth seemed to have an unusual number of complaints of this nature for its population. This might be due in part, he said, to a disproportionate number of unimproved streets in the city but that the problem is big enough to warrant public attention.

Parti Page, TV personality:

"I'm not one of those gals who can eat and eat without putting on weight. I don't diet, but sometimes I have to watch how much I'm eating."



**SURE THING**—The sure advance of the season can be seen in the countryside in Cass County, although the weather hasn't warmed up fast enough to suit many persons. Pastures are greening and hay crops make patchwork of land viewed from hilltops like one northwest of Plattsmouth which gave this view.

## Cass Countyans Among Top UN Scholars

### Louisville News

Mrs. Ralph Wild, ck Phone 2511

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Heim are leaving Wednesday, April 18 to spend a few days with their son, Sp/4 Rodney Heim and Mrs. Heim and Cory at Lawton, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hiller and daughters, Glenda and Linda of Auburn were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gerdes.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Friedrich were dinner guests last Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Knabe in Nehawka. The occasion was the birthday of Bill Friedrich.

Herbert Heil Jr., student at the Ag College at Lincoln, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Heil Sr. and Mark.

Mrs. Wally Fornoff and Jean of Malvern, Iowa, were weekend guests of her mother, Mrs. S. J. Edgerton. Additional Sunday guests were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Edherton and family of Omaha. Sp/4 and Mrs. Arlie Persinger of Junction City, Kansas are parents of a daughter born April 2 at the Fort Riley, Kansas, Hospital. She weighed five pounds eleven ounces and has been named Rhonda Sue. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Guy Persinger of Cedar Creek and Mr. and Mrs. Al Jourdan of Omaha.

Mrs. Florence McGregor of Omaha was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lesan. Afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Vaughn and family.

The A.F. & A.M. met at the Masonic Temple in Springfield, Tuesday evening, April 10. A special meeting will be held Tuesday evening, April 24.

Mr. and Mrs. James Persinger, Kim and Kenneth of Papillion and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Persinger of Cedar Creek were Sunday guests of Sp/4 and Mrs. Arlie Persinger in Junction City, Kansas. They made the acquaintance of the little new one, Rhonda Sue born April 2. Enroute home they stopped and visited with the Guy Persinger's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Herrman and family at Scandia, Kans.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yanak of Lincoln were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Yanak. In the evening the group attended the wrestling matches in Omaha. Others from Louisville attending the matches were Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Voigtmann, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Voigtmann and son and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wildrick, Donald and Agnes.

A family dinner was held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Puls near Murray, honoring the 80th birthday of Otto Puls. Additional relatives called in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Stohlmann were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Haug and family in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Mrs. Richard Flala, Mrs. Jim Ingram, Mrs. Tom Tennant and Mrs. George Urwin attended the card party Wednesday afternoon at the St. Patrick's Hall in Manley.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roloff and children of Plattsmouth were Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Erhart and Larry in Manley.

Tuesday evening callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Campbell and family in South Bend were Mr. and Mrs. Linus Massoth, Jr. and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kuhn were Wednesday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Kuhn and Linda in South Bend.

Mrs. Frank Flala and Mrs. Frank Riean of Omaha were Friday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Flala and sons, Richard Flala, Jr. went home with his grandmother, Mrs. Frank Flala to spend the weekend. The Richard Flala's were Sunday guests of Mrs. Flala and their son Richard returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Anderson and children of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Isaac, Michael and Frankie of Manley and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jewell and sons were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Frank Pace in Weeping Water.

Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Arends, Barbara and Duane were Mrs. Emma Tegetmeyer of Nebraska City.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Leroy were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doyel Leroy and Randall in Elmwood.

Mrs. Kathryn Welte of Lincoln is spending a few days with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Welte and family.

## Corn Leaf Blight Recognized As New Threat in Nebraska

Editor's Note: The following story was written by Linda Albin, a University of Nebraska School of Journalism student, as a classroom assignment. However, it is deemed to be of sufficient general interest to be released to mass media covering the Nebraska agricultural scene. The story has been approved by Dr. John L. Wehling, Extension plant pathologist at the University's College of Agriculture.

A relatively new disease on the Nebraska scene could threaten corn crop prospects this year.

Helminthosporium turcicum is the technical name for it. Most farmers simply call it corn leaf blight.

Corn leaf blight was present in Lancaster County last year, according to Lancaster County Agent Cyril Bish. He said reports of the blight were much more common in the county than reports of corn rootworm, which plagued farmers in central Nebraska.

This fungus disease first became evident in Nebraska in 1959, according to John L. Wehling, Extension plant pathologist at the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture.

"Why the disease became prevalent in 1961 is not definitely known," Wehling said. "One major factor was present: high humidity which permitted occurrence of long dew periods. Long dew periods are vital for the growth of the fungus. In addition some of the fungus inoculum probably carried over from 1960, another wet growing season."

"Where natural epidemics become severe two to three weeks after fertilization, the disease may be expected to decrease yields as much as 50 per cent."

According to a report by Wehling, the disease functions in this manner:

During the growing season the fungus produces spores on the surface of decomposed corn tissues. These spores are carried

about by air currents and by chance some lodge on corn leaves.

The spores germinate and establish infection during long periods of dew and moderate temperatures. After the fungus has penetrated corn tissues, it grows up and down the leaf causing elongated lesion dead areas in the tissues—that are parallel with the leaf blade.

In early stages of lesion development, the dying tissues usually have a dark, water-soaked appearance. As the lesion enlarges and affected tissues change from a dry-green to a dusty-tan color, a concentric ring pattern may develop. This is due to a variable growth rate of the parasite within the tissues.

Wehling said it is the destruction of the functional leaf tissues that causes a reduction in grain yield.

He said that normally this disease is not conspicuous until some time after tasseling. The fungus does not affect the kernels.

According to Wehling, resistance to this disease has been incorporated in certain hybrids developed for the eastern half of the United States. Most Nebraska corn hybrids have very little resistance to this disease, he said.

Wehling believes that the corn leaf blight will not become a very serious threat in future years because of Nebraska's traditional hot, dry weather.

## Easter Bunny

Yes, Virginia, there is an Easter bunny . . . but sometimes, he's a bell.

According to the European legend, church bells, which do not ring from Good Friday to Easter, fly to Rome. On their way back, they drop eggs for children to find.

Bells have always been closely associated with religious observances, reports World Book Encyclopedia. Long before Christ, high priests of the Israelites wore bells as protection against evil spirits. Since the 500's Christians have used bells to summon worshippers.

During the Middle Ages, bells were considered spiritual things. They received the blessing of a bishop and were washed with holy water—a custom popularly known as the baptism of the bell. The bishop prayed that the bell would summon the faithful to worship, drive away storms and

frighten evil spirits.

Bells had other uses, too, such as announcing the curfew or calling town criers. They warned of fires and called soldiers together.

In fact, the power of bells to rally people was so great that a conqueror frequently melted down the bells of a town.

Carl Vinson, Representative (D., Ga.):

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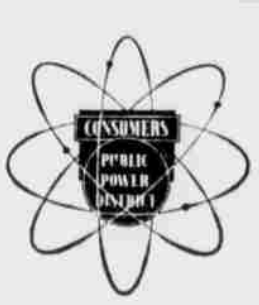
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