

Plattsmouth Faces Biggest Problem at Falls City

It's out of the frying pan into the fire.
That's the prospect for Plattsmouth High School's basketball team this week.

The Blue Devils play at Falls City Friday night in the Twin Rivers Conference against the conference leader and one of the better teams in Class B in the state.

Plattsmouth is 2-2 in the conference after bowing to Beatrice here Saturday and 4-7 overall after losing five of seven games since Dec. 14.

The Devils got off to a 2-0 Twin Rivers start by beating Fairbury and Nebraska City, then bowed at Crete and here to Beatrice.

Falls City is unbeaten in the conference. Its ranking in Class B by the metropolitan newspapers has been in the top five all season, currently is No. 4. Its record is 14-1.

Falls City's only loss was to University High of Lincoln, the state's top-ranked Class B team.

Veterans Ben Mize and Ernie Stratal are the team scoring leaders and top playmakers.

Plattsmouth's lineup for Friday, again, is doubtful. Coach Lowell Johnson was not pleased

with Saturday's performance generally.

Sure to figure prominently in his plans, though, is 6-3 sophomore forward Bob McClanahan who scored 18 points Saturday in the varsity game and 10 in the Reserves' win.

Backcourt prowess is one of the things for which Johnson is looking. Panic against a pressing defense made Saturday's game a long one for Plattsmouth.

At Falls City, the Reserves play at 8:30, the Varsity, at 8 o'clock.

Volleyball Meet At Arlington

WEEPING WATER (Special)—The Eastern Nebraska Conference volleyball tournament will be held at Arlington, starting at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 16th. Weeping Water has been tops in the tournament. They drew a first round bye and will meet Arlington in the second round.

The girls took third place in the Syracuse invitational tournament. They bowed to Douglass, 6-4 and 7-4 in the semifinals but in the consolation finals defeated Johnson, 8-10, 11-5 and 14-2. Since then they have defeated Elkhorn 15-5 and 15-0; they defeated Arlington 15-3 and 15-1; they dropped two of three games to Elmwood, 5-11, 9-4, 5-12. Their season record is now seven wins and three losses.

Their next game will be with Plattview Feb. 12 at 8:30 p.m. and then they will play Johnson Friday, Feb. 15 at 6:15 p.m.

Basketball Scores

Mustang Tourney
Murdock 48, Palmyra 30.
Avoca 59, Nehawka 50.
Eastern Nebraska Tourney
Plattview 45, Louisville 44 (overtime).
Millard 64, Fremont Bergan 48.
Weeping Water 67, Arlington 49.
Waverly 73, Millard 51.
Bennington 43, Gretna 28.
Plattview 54, Elkhorn 51.

Elmwood 38, Oxford 35.
Millard 54, Louisville 36.
Syracuse 50, Tecumseh 48.
Wahoo 62, Ashland 52.
Tecumseh 79, Superior 59.
Ashland 78, Valley 59.

To Science Conference

EAGLE (Special)—Kathy Oberle and Gary Adkins March 14 will represent Alvo-Eagle School at the Second Annual Conference on Human Sciences. This is sponsored by the Nebraska Psychiatric Institute of the State Department of Health.
On the 15th they will visit with representatives of the various professions at the Nebraska Psychiatric Institute at Omaha, an educational opportunity.

Scouts Stress Physical Fitness



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Scout Week Celebrates 53rd Anniversary
Physical fitness, one of the principal aims of the Boy Scouts of America for 53 years, is receiving special emphasis during Scout Week in February by the organization's 5,219,906 members. The theme, "Strengthen America—Be Prepared—Be Fit", as shown on the new 1963 Scout Week poster, will be dramatized during special meetings on nearly 135,000 Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, and Explorer units.



WON'T BE LONG?—The nice weather recently may have given some local golfers thoughts of spring and made fingers itchy for the feel of a club. It's too soon, of course, but the unusual warmth is a hopeful reminder that golfing weather isn't too far off at Plattsmouth Country Club.

BOWLING

WOMEN'S LEAGUE table with columns for team names and scores.

MIXED LEAGUE table with columns for team names and scores.

CITY LEAGUE table with columns for team names and scores.

INDEPENDENT LEAGUE table with columns for team names and scores.

Nebraska Fish Tops

LINCOLN — Nebraska fishing records, as kept by the Game Commission, won hands down in competition with top Iowa marks.
In the seven species compared, the NEBRASKA trophy fish took all the honors.

Nebraska's record bluegill weighed in at 2 pounds 8 ounces against 1 pound 12 ounces for Iowa. This state's best largemouth bass weighed 9 pounds 14 ounces as compared to Iowa's 7 pounds 4 ounces.
NEBRASKA's carp took the honors at 25 pounds 2 ounces against 20 pounds for the Hawkeye record. The Cornhusker record channel catfish weighed 31 pounds 12 ounces while the Iowa specimen weighed only 21 pounds.



PCC CREEK—A new creek in these parts was sighted a few days ago, pouring water down off the main part of the Country Club golf course into the lake below the No. 1 tee where terror lurks for many a duffer. Anyone who hoped to see the lake go down so his dozens of golf balls might appear, can forget it. The pond was bankful after two days of melting temperatures.

Labrador's A Hunter, Invited or Not

LINCOLN — If L. W. Myers never hunted again in his life he could still probably have as many pheasants as he would ever want—if he didn't mind digging them out of the barn.
Myers, who owns a farm near Loreto, suffered an injury in a baling accident last summer and was not able to hunt; this past season, his black Labrador, though, was not to be denied.

Two hunters from Omaha stopped by the Myers home one day just before the season ended and asked Mrs. Myers if her family owned a big black Labrador. She answered yes, and the hunters told this story:
They had been hunting in a field not far from the house when they were joined by this big lab. Not long after, one of the hunters shot a pheasant and the lab retrieved the bird. However, instead of giving it to the hunter, the dog sped off with the bird and headed for the barn behind the Myers home.

Mrs. Myers heard the hunters' story and went out to the barn. She was met at the door by the Labrador with a look of great innocence on his face. There were feathers on his nose. However, and the barn was full of dust. Mrs. Myers made a quick search and found the plucked bird buried under a manger.
The two hunters found the situation so funny they went off and left their pheasant.

Feb. 11 Deposit Date For Withheld Taxes

Internal Revenue Service District Director Richard P. Vinal, Omaha, reminded employers who made timely deposits of income withholding and social security taxes for the Fourth Quarter that they must file their Fourth Quarter returns on Form 941 no later than Feb. 11, 1963.
Similarly he said, manufacturers, retailers and others who made timely deposits of all Excise Taxes due for the Fourth Quarter must file their Fourth Quarter returns, using Form 720, no later than Feb. 11, 1963.

DISTRICT COURT
These cases were filed recently in District Court here: Floyd O. Ring vs. Mary Adelaide Ring, divorce; William Edgar Casey vs. Fay Evelyn Casey, divorce.

Murdock, Avoca Win Berths in Mustang Cage Tourney Semifinals

Murdock and Avoca won Tuesday night to qualify for tonight's semifinals of the Mustang Conference Basketball Tournament at Elmwood High School.

Murdock defeated Palmyra 48-30. Avoca won over Nehawka, 59-50.

Carl Jones tallied 15 points and Bob Rikli 11 to pace Murdock which led by 20-13 at the half and 35-20 at the end of three quarters.

Bob Kempkes' 10 were high for Palmyra.

Avoca sped to a 35-21 halftime lead and held on as Nehawka rallied to win the second half, 29-24.

Dennis Stubbendick of Avoca was the first round's high scorer with 20, including four for four from the free-throw line. Ron

Wohlars scored 17 for Avoca. Stan Roberts led Nehawka with 18. He was helped by Al Johnson with 13 and Wayne Ried with 10.

Tonight's pairings are Murdock vs. Alvo-Eagle at 7 and Avoca vs. Elmwood at 8:30. Elmwood and Alvo-Eagle drew first-round byes.

The championship game is Friday at 8:30. Tonight's losers play at 6:30 for third place.

Tuesday in the concurrent Girls Volleyball Tournament, Elmwood defeated Nehawka, 2 games to 1; and Palmyra won over Murdock, 2-0.

Tonight's pairings are Elmwood vs. Avoca and Palmyra vs. Alvo-Eagle. Avoca and Alvo-Eagle had first-round byes.

The final is Friday at 7:45; the third place game, at 5:45.

Scoreboard for Mustang Conference Basketball Tournament Semifinals, listing teams (Murdock, Palmyra, Avoca, Nehawka) and individual player statistics (points, rebounds, assists).

How To Catch a Coyote...

LINCOLN — Few sports are more fast-moving and exciting than coyote hunting.

A chase-type coyote hunt, which involves dog packs, pickup trucks, and any number of hunters in a wild scramble over country roads and through the brush, is gaining in popularity with Nebraska sportsmen — especially in the off-season.

The theory of the hunt is simple. Hunters, using trucks outfitted for hauling dogs, drive until a coyote is located. Then the pack is released and the chase is begun.

The dogs are usually greyhounds or mixtures of tracking dog and greyhound. Russian wolfhounds are sometimes used as kill dogs.

Canines do most of the work and almost always execute the kill. The hunter's role is one of watching the pack in action and of trying to head off the predator. The men do carry guns, but these are seldom used.

Hunters judge the quality of the hunt by the length of the chase and by the methods the coyote uses to elude the pack. In long chases hunters use a relay system in which fresh dogs are released periodically. Even then, however, a smart coyote with a good set of legs will escape altogether. Other times will see the chase last only a short while—this is usually the case when the quarry is young or incapacitated in some way.

The airplane provides a variation to the hunt. One or two of the hunters fly over the territory until they spot a coyote. They radio or signal to the men in trucks who then speed to the area and release the dogs.

This airplane method has its dangers, however, especially if the pilot gets too engrossed in watching the coyote and forgets about flying the plane. Of necessity, the aircraft must be flown low so it is possible to spot the coyote. Engine trouble or a miscalculation on the nearness of a highline pole or hillside at such low altitudes is often fatal.

Pressure on the coyote population.

lation applied by this type of hunting is light, and Game Commission biologists aren't worried about wiping the varment out. Coyote hunting has been going on for many years, and still the breed thrives — right on the very doorstep of civilization.

"He's too smart to become extinct," the biologists laugh.

Youngsters Take Course In Boating

LINCOLN — There will be more than reading, writing, and arithmetic in five Howard County schools this semester.

Students in grades 5 through 12 in St. Paul, Elba, Boeclus, Dannebrog, and Farwell schools will be taught the fundamentals of boating and water safety by Dudley Osborn.

Osborn, who is the Game Commission's boating supervisor, intends that the nine-hour course provide students with the basics of boating safety, and knowledge of equipment requirements for the craft and navigation aids.

Instruction in Federal boating laws, river boating, emergency procedures, and mouth-to-mouth respiration are also part of the course.

Osborn said he also hopes to take the students out in boats to give them a chance to apply what they were taught in class.
At the end of nine weeks, after a written exam and a water test, the students will each be awarded the National Red Cross Basic Boating Certificate.

The course is not all work. As an extra treat the students are given 20 minutes to let off some steam through calisthenics. Osborn, a member of the Governor's Physical Fitness Committee, directs exercises at the end of his lectures.

These Howard County classes are only a small part of the large program instituted several years ago by Osborn. Nearly 2,000 Nebraska youngsters in schools, 4-H camps, and scout groups have received boating and water safety instruction courses.

Whooping Crane Population Down

LINCOLN — North America's wild whooping crane population dropped back to 32 birds after reaching a peak of 38 last winter, the U. S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife newsletter reports.

The 32 whoopers were counted on or near the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge in Texas during December of 1962. A distressing factor is that no young birds of the year have been seen this year.

These rare birds pass through Nebraska's Platte Valley during both their spring and fall migrations. Many Nebraskans have had the privilege of viewing the majestic whoopers.
The spring flight will pass through the state during early April. Numerous sightings are reported to the Game Commission each year. However, some of the sightings upon investigation turn out to be pelicans which are also large white birds with black wing tips.

The wild whooping crane population built up from a low of only 21 birds in 1954. At present there are seven whoopers in captivity, one in the San Antonio Zoo, and six in the New Orleans Zoo.

'Beef State Company' To Be Recruited

Chief Kermit A. Robinson, recruiter in charge of the Navy Recruiting Station in Nebraska City, announced today, that young men of Nebraska have an opportunity to become members of the Navy's famed All-Nebraska "Beef State Company '63."
"Because these young men are from the great state of Nebraska, they feel they are friends and "Buddies" from the start," Chief Robinson said. "That is why these men absorb their training more easily, learn faster, and display a sense of pride and determination that is hard to beat."
"Former 'Beef State Companies' have won top awards while taking their basic seamanship training at San Diego, Calif.," Robinson said. "And I have every confidence that this year our young Nebraskans will do as well."
The members of this year's "Beef State Company" will be administered the Oath of Allegiance at special ceremonies in the State Capitol Building at Lincoln Feb. 28. Governor Frank B. Morrison has indicated he will attend, as well as other high ranking state and Navy Officers.

Advertisement for Valentine's Gifts from Cass Drug. It includes a list of gift items such as Revlon Manicure Sets, Ladies' & Men's Electric Shavers, Timex Watches, Cameras, and more. The ad also features the Cass Drug logo and contact information: Walgreen Agency, Dial 2189.