AVOCA GETS TROPHY—Jean Reiman, Virginia, president of the Peru State Teachers College Women's Athletic Association, presents the fourth place trophy to the Avoca High volleyball team members at the close of the 17th annual Peru State College Invitational Volleyball Tournament for High School Girls.

DAWSON-VERDON AND AVOCA High school spikers battle over the net for a point Wednesday night in the 17th annual Peru State College Girls Invitational Volleyball Tournament. Dawson-Verdon, in dark, copped third place honors with a 7-4, 9-5 victory over Avoca.

Avoca Wins 4th in Peru Volleyball

PERU—Unheralded and unseeded Virginia High School Wednesday night played the final act of Cinderella to win the championship of the 17th annual Peru State College High School Girl's Volleyball tournament. Millard High's spikers, also contesting for Cinderella honors, had to settle for the older sister role as they fell before Coach Don Week's Virginians 8-5 and 9-1 in the trophy winning tilt. It was Virginia's first Peru State Tourney competition since 1954.

In the consolation game Dawson-Verdon stopped Avoca 7-4, 9-5 to win third place honors.

Both Virginia and Millard, the latter also unseeded, came to the final game the hard way. Virginia Wednesday afternoon upset defending champion and first seeded Dawson-Verdon 4-13, 9-7, 11-4 in the semi-final round. On Tuesday night the surprising Pirate-ettes eliminated Alvo-Eagle, the fourth seeded team.

Millard stopped third seeded Avoca 5-12, 9-7, 8-6 in the semi-finals and eliminated second seeded Adams 9-2, 5-2, in Tuesday night's quarter-finals.

Virginia's first and second round victories came over Endicott and Stella, while Millard reached the quarter-finals on wins over Cook and Peru Prep.

Dawson-Verdon, tabbed by experts as the team to beat, handled Weeping Water, Malcom, and Prague before being upset by Virginia. The 32-team tourney's fourth place team, Avoca recorded wins over Douglas, Walton, and Shubert before Millard stopped their victory skein.

What! No Soap?

In some parts of Mexico hot springs and cold springs are found side by side. The women often boil their clothes in the hot springs and rinse them in the cold springs. A tourist who had been watching this procedure, remarked to his Mexican friend, "I guess they think old Mother Nature is pretty generous." "No, senor," the other replied. "There is grumbling because she supplies no soap."

Noell 4th in Hurdles At U of N Invitational

Gene Noell of Plattsmouth High placed fourth in the 60-yard high hurdles of the AAU track and field invitational in competition with hurdlers from throughout the state Saturday at the University of Nebraska.

Noell won his preliminary and semifinals heats and then ran fourth in the runoff. He ran :07.9 all three times.

He was the only Plattsmouth athlete to place.

Bob McClanahan ran 2:15 and Ted Wehrbein 2:18 in their half-mile legs of the two-mile relay for presentable showings, although the team failed to place.

Next for Plattsmouth thinclads is the Omaha University indoor invitational Friday night and Saturday afternoon.

Their first outdoor meet is April 6, the annual Tarkio (Mo.) Tri-State Track and Field Meet.

Index Developed For Predicting Dust Storm Threat

LINCOLN — Dust storm condition on the Great Plains can now be predicted with about 85 per cent accuracy, seven months in advance of the calendar year in which the storms will occur, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reports.

Using a new wind-erosion climatic index, developed by USDA's Agricultural Research Service in cooperation with the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station, scientists can forecast in May the number of dust storms that are likely to occur in a 12-month period beginning the following January.

Accurate estimates of the number of dust storms in the season ahead would help Great Plains farmers to decide whether special protective measures are needed. These measures, such as maintaining vegetative ground cover and establishing crop barrier strips or ridges to reduce wind velocity at the soil surface, would be in addition to practices recommended every ytar in semiarid areas, according to University of Nebraska agronomists.

The new index is based on weather conditions that cause erosion and dust storms on the Great Plains and is expressed as a mathematical formula worked out by Dr. William S. Chepil, Francis H. Siddoway, and Dean V. Armbrust, ARS soil scientists.

The wind-erosion climatic index shows the magnitude and relationship of precipitation, temperature, and wind velocity tend to occur together on the Great Plains.

Temperatures and wind velocities usually are higher than normal in dry years and lower than normal in wet years. Sequences of several dry years and several wet years alternate in irregular cycles. Within a dry cycle, wind erosion and dust storms become more serious each succeeding dry year, as vegetative cover decreases and surface soil becomes more pulverized. Thus, the index is based on an average of the weather conditions during three consecutive years.

U. S. Fights To Save Bald Eagle

The United States is trying to save the national emblem—the bald eagle—by protecting its golden cousin.

As part of a three-way effort by government agencies, Congress has passed a law protecting all eagles. The bald eagle has been sacrosanct since 1940, but it was often shot mistakenly because it looks like the more populous golden eagle. Both have large, dark-brown bodies and a wingspread of about six feet.

To spur public interest in the magnificent bird's welfare, the Post Office recently put a bald-eagle design on airmail cards.

To learn why the eagle population is dwindling, the National Audubon Society and the Fish and Wildlife Service are conducting a five-year study.

More People, Less Eagles

Once a king of the skies and common over the entire United States, the bald eagle now numbers less than 5,000, says the National Geographic Society.

The guns of hunters, spreading civilization, and the widespread use of insecticides have taken the life and liberty of many bald eagles.

Eagles have a vicious reputation, largely undeserved. Hunters mistake them for hawks. Farmers blame old "Baldy" for missing chickens and chop down his nesting tree. Egg collectors rob eyries.

The burgeoning population has built roads, factories, and housing developments in places where the eagles formerly nested. Unfortunately, both people and eagles, being fish eaters, prefer shore-front property.

Audubon studies in Alaska and Florida, the last two strongholds of the bald eagle, indicate that DDT poisons fish which, in turn, can poison or produce sterility in fish-eating eagles.

Revered in image and prosecuted in life: This is the paradox of the American bald eagle.

The bald eagle wasn't even popular with all the country's founding fathers. It took the Continental Congress three committees and a dozen years to decide on an appropriate national symbol. Ben Franklin led the dissidents, calling the bald eagle a "coward, robber, and of bad moral character." He preferred the wild turkey.

The United States Government from 1917 to 1952 paid hunters in Alaska a bounty to kill the bald eagle as a pernicious predator. More than 100,000 were slaughtered.

It was not until 1940, 158 years after it had been honored by the Congress, that the bald eagle received legal protection in all the existing states.

All-American Bird

Eagle fanciers maintain that the bald eagle (Haliaeetus leucocephalus) is a most appropriate American emblem. It is native to North America, rarely ventures outside the United States except to friendly Canada.

Strong and swift, the eagle is as majestic as any bird aloft.

Though a bird of prey, "Baldy" is scarcely more rapacious than a sparrow. It lives mainly on fish and has such good eyes that from three miles up it can spot a dead one floating on a lake.

The bald eagle mates for life and returns annually to its huge nest. A nest in Ohio was used for 35 years, weighed two tons. One house-proud eagle furnished its eyrie with scavenged light bulbs, spark plugs, candles, sheets, magazines, and a family photograph in a heavy frame.

Introduction

This happened in England. The bus was starting in the midst of a torrent of rain, when the conductor put his head inside and inquired: "Will my gentleman get outside and oblige a lady?"

"She can come inside and sit on my knee, if she likes," said a passenger, jocularly, and, to his great surprise, in bounced a buxom woman, who forthwith appropriated the offered knee.

After a time the man got into a conversation with his burden, and asked her where she was going. On hearing her destination, he exclaimed, "Bless me, that's my house!"

"Yes, sir," replied the woman, blushing, "I'm the new cook."

CHAMPIONS—Members of Price's Bar, winner of the team event of the Plattsmouth Bowling Association Tournament, are shown above, from left: George Campbell, Howard Kennell, Cliff Kennell, Wayne Dasher and P. J. Dingman.

NEW YORK-BOUND—The Electric Service team of Plattsmouth is on its way to Buffalo, N.Y., to bowl in the American Bowling Congress tournament's Booster Division and in singles and doubles. The team ranks high in the current Nebraska State Tournament at Lincoln and several individuals will also finish in the money. Shown from left are Tom Gregg, Jim Gregg, Verle Steinshouer, Lowell Rieke, Jay Speck and Gary Rieke. The team, sponsored by Ray Harold Electric, is due to bowl Tuesday and Wednesday at Buffalo.

INDEPENDENT LEAGUE

	W	L
Huebner's '66'	61½	22½
Electric Service	49½	34½
Cass County Motors	49½	34½
Ritz Theater	49½	34½
Bob's Bar	49	35
Price's Bar	48	36
Soennichsen's	46	38
Kent's Oil Company	45	39
Bowlero	42½	41½
Modern Woodmen	38	46
Culligan's Water	37	47
American Loan	36	48
Murray Hardware	35	49
Pierce Saw Mill	31	53
Cady's	28	56
Linder's Firestone	26½	57½

Hi game, H. Kennell 236; hi series, C. Cuthrell 606; hi team game and series Huebner's 991 and 2,804.

COMMUNITY LEAGUE

	W	L
Marge & Elmer's	54	30
C & M Implement	53½	30½
Bryant Motors	50	34
Corner Bar	42	42
Lyman Richey Cullom	41	43
Stander Implement	40	44
Lyman Richey LaPlatte	30½	53½
Overdrafts	25	59

Hi game, A. Campbell 235; hi series, G. Winscot 636; hi team game and series, C & H Implement, 961, 2,666.

CITY LEAGUE

	W	L
Hillcrest	58½	28½
Ofe Oil Co.	53	34
Scanlan	44½	42½
Platts. Cleaners	44	43
Leo's Clip Joint	43	44
Steve Davis Ins.	43	44
Computers	42½	45½
Austin Sheet Mtl.	19½	67½

Hi team game, Hillcrest 930; hi team series, Ofe Oil Co. 2,608; hi game, C. Kennell 221; hi series, R. Lanum 588.

WOMAN'S LEAGUE

	W	L
Marge & Elmer's	52	26
Doll House	49½	28½
Beauty Box	45½	32½
Bob's Bar	45	33
Austin's	45	33
Corner Bar	40½	37½
Soennichsens	40	38
Ruse Motors	38½	38½
Hinky Dinky	39	39
Culligan's	39	39
7 Up	36½	41½
State Farm	33½	44½
Bowlero	32	46
Rays Welding	31½	46½
Kents Cafe	30½	47½
Lyman Richey	25	53

Hi game, J. Nelson 214; hi series, R. Dickman 548; hi team game and series, Doll House 782 and 2,227.

Mustang All-Loop Teams in Basketball, Volleyball Named

The following have been nominated to Mustang All-Conference Teams.

BASKETBALL

First team — Doug Johnson, Alvo-Eagle, Bryce Doebele, Elmwood; Dennis Stubbendick, Avoca; Ralph Maloy, Murdock; Bob Trukenbolz, Alvo-Eagle.

Second team — Stan Roberts, Nehawka; Ron Wohlers, Avoca; Clayton Miller, Elmwood; Gary Adkins, Alvo-Eagle.

Honorable mention — Wayne Dunkle, Elmwood; Bob Kempkes, Palmyra; Jim Stock, Murdock; Louis Van Ackern, Avoca; Dave Johnson, Nehawka; Albert Johnson, Nehawka.

VOLLEYBALL

First team — Christy Kepler, Avoca; Marcia Ronhovde, Alvo-Eagle; Cathy Norris, Avoca; Sharon Stock, Murdock; Linda Laughlin, Alvo-Eagle; Sharon Wohlers, Avoca.

Second team — Ruth Palsay, Palmyra; Betty Wallberg, Alvo-Eagle; Beverly Balfour, Nehawka; Pam Rase, Murdock; Nancy Miller, Elmwood; Diana Root, Alvo-Eagle.

Don Lebens Wins 'Center' Table Tennis Tournament

Plattsmouth's sporting history has seen individual names and championships in bowling, golfing, track, baseball, football, and in basketball.

And now another name and another championship can be added to that list. The name is Don Lebens and his title is Plattsmouth Youth Center Table Tennis Champion of 1963.

Don earned undisputed right to this title by successfully winning the first annual table tennis tournament, held at the Plattsmouth Youth Center, March 23.

The tournament was divided into quarter, semi, and final elimination brackets. To open the tournament, sixteen entries drew for individual pairings in a sudden death best two out of three games.

At the end of the first round, eight contestants remained to draw for the semi-final round.

Bill Nettelmann, Dave Nielsen, Mike Liddick, and Don Lebens managed to survive this round.

To determine final competition, Dave Nielsen edged Mike Liddick, 21-16, and 21-18, while Don Lebens nudged Bill Nettelmann, 21-13, and 21-17.

Don then displayed his championship abilities by winning 21-7 and 21-11 over Dave. Mike Liddick took third place in the consolation game.

By winning, Don received an engraved table tennis statuette.

Dave and Mike received certificates for second and third.

THE PRIZE—Champion Don Lebens, left, and runnerup Dave Nielsen admire the statuette Lebens was awarded for winning the Plattsmouth Youth Center Table Tennis Tournament Saturday night.

Boating Deadline Is April 1st

LINCOLN — Nebraska boat owners have only until April 1 to register their craft for 1963, reminds M. O. Steen, game commission director. Applications for registration are coming in slowly, and time is growing short, he said.

Registration procedures are the same as in 1962. Application and information leaflets are available at county clerk and treasurer offices, from all fishing and hunting permit vendors, and at Game Commission offices.

The new boat decals are black and international orange. They are to be applied in the same place as the 1962 decals—in the same horizontal plane and to the left of the state identification numbers.

Certification of assessments and payment of taxes appear on the boat application form. These certificates must be completed and signed by the county treasurer to make sure the individual is not delinquent in any personal taxes.

The county assessor will then verify that the boat has been assessed for 1963. All certificates must be completed by the county assessor and treasurer in the county where the boat is subject to taxation.

New boat owners may operate without numbers or decals only seven days from the date of purchase, Steen said, but during that time they must have a dated bill of sale in their possession.

Spring Fishing's Just around the Corner

LINCOLN—With spring fishing just around the corner, it's time for the angler to get his rod and reel into working order, the Game Commission said.

It won't be long now until all the lakes are ice-free. And added attraction for anglers in Eastern Nebraska will be the opening of Two Rivers Recreation Area April 1.

Some suggestions given by the Commission in preparing for fishing onslaught are cleaning and oiling the reel with light oil or grease for a smooth cast. The Commission advises checking the line, too. A weak spot could let that "once in a lifetime" fish keep his freedom.

A look into the tackle box will determine if it contains plenty of sharp hooks, sinkers, bobbers, lures, and leader material. Dull hooks on plugs can be sharpened in a few minutes. Metal lures which are tarnished can be made to look like new with brass or silver polish. A few spots of paint can do remarkable things for lures which have been chipped.

While the Nebraska weather is still deciding what it is going to do, the angler can bring out his hip waders and test for possible leaks. Discovery of a hole while standing in a stream can be an uncomfortable experience.

Landing nets should be replaced if the netting appears rotten, the Commission said. Another factor to keep in mind is that it is now a state law that each fisherman have his own stringer and keep only his own fish on it.

But before heading for that favorite fishing spot, the angler should be sure he has his $2 fishing license.

Weeping Water News

Mrs. Edward Van Horn — Phone 823-5305

Mrs. Florence Paap, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hudson, Truman Lytle, Mrs. Edward Van Horn and Mrs. Truman Lytle and daughters attended the Invitational Volleyball Tournament at Peru Monday evening.

Mrs. Edward Van Horn and Carol and Mrs. Florence Paap enjoyed a tour of the new library at Peru State Teachers College Monday afternoon. Mrs. Ralph Brant, assistant librarian, guided them on the tour. She is a good friend of Mrs. Paap. Carol enrolled at the college on Monday and will enter the college next Fall.

Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Taylor and their four children of Enid, Okla., attended the worship service Sunday at Weeping Water Christian Church. Rev. Taylor gave the morning message. A basket dinner was held following the service for the Taylor family. Rev. Taylor and his family were at the Murray Christian Church for the early service and Rev. Taylor preached. Following church, Rev. Taylor was hired as the pastoral-unity minister of the Murray and Weeping Water Christian churches. He will begin his ministry the first week in June. He is a professor at Phillips University at the present time.

Mr. and Mrs. George Olive of Cannonsburg, Pa., are parents of a daughter born at Pittsburg March 12. She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and has been named Susan Abigail. Mrs. Ben Olive of Weeping Water is maternal grandmother. The new arrival has two brothers, George and Joseph, and a sister, Dorothy.

Mrs. Henrietta Kirchhoff entered the new Homestead Rest Home near College View following her stay at Bryan Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

Roger Wiles Choice For Boys State

WEEPING WATER (Special) — Roger Wiles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wiles, has been selected by the American Legion Post 237 members to represent Weeping Water at Cornhusker Boys State on the University of Nebraska campus in June.

Alternate is Russell Keplinger Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Keplinger.

Both boys are active in several phases of school work. Roger is a member of the Methodist Church. Rusty attends church at St. Patrick's Catholic in Manley.

Simple Method

Mrs. O'Dooley had twins. They were very like each other; in fact, to the casual observer they were identical.

"Faith, Mrs. O'Dooley," said a neighbor to her one day. "I can't make out how it is you can tell them apart."

"Sure, and it's easy enough," was the answer. "Ye see, one has got his teeth and the other hasn't. So I sticks my finger into Pat's mouth, and if he bites I know it's Dennis!"