

## Winning Contest Stories Printed

Read Magazine annually conducts a Creative Writing Contest in the rural schools. This year's Cass County winners were Phyllis and David Thiessen, 7th and 8th graders respectively in District 41. Contest judges were Mrs.

Alice Woster, Mrs. Lorene Heineman and Mrs. Lucile Rosencrans, all of Plattsmouth. Honorable mention went to Mary Reinke, District 58; Ralph Beckman and Carole Cole, District 3; Mary Carmie, District 45. The winning stories, their publication arranged for The Journal by County Supt. of Schools H. Neil Lancaster, follow:

### Brains Over Brawn

By DAVID THIESSEN  
Grade 8, District 41  
(First Place)

The icy rustle of blowing snow was suddenly drowned in the shrill whine of a siren. Peter stopped with a jerk. Raising his eyes from the dim path ahead, he peered tensely into the surrounding darkness. From what direction was the sound coming? How far away was it? But even as he strained to see and hear, the soaring wall faded on the wind and was lost in the soft swish of drifting snow.

Peter hunched his shoulders against the wind and hurried on. In about fifteen minutes he came to the Forest Ranger Station. Hurrying up the steep steps to the small room at the top, he thought about how much he liked having a forest ranger for a father and living in the middle of the National Park.

Opening the door of the tower room he called to his father, who was preoccupied with searching the hillside with a pair of binoculars. "Hi Dad," he said, "what's up?"

"Haven't you heard?" he replied. "Sheriff Johnson was hurt in a car wreck. His prisoner escaped." "Gee! That's too bad. How is he?" "He just got shook up pretty bad. Good thing Professor Lyman and his daughter found him in time." At the mention of Professor Lyman's name Peter turned away. Since moving out here when his mother died, he thought about nothing but being a forest ranger. But his father had other ideas. He thought Peter should go to college. Professor Lyman, Dean of the State University, and his daughter, Lucy, helped Peter's father in influencing him to go to college.

"Hmph," he thought to himself, "How could a college education help a Ranger?" Taking pots and pans out of a cupboard along with various canned goods he turned and studied his father. He was tall, heavy-set, and built solidly. His gray hair did not match the age suggested by his youthful face. He was very intelligent despite the fact he never finished high school. Peter's train of thought was broken by a voice on the two-way radio. "Calling tower fourteen, calling tower fourteen," the voice repeated. "This is tower fourteen, over," replied Peter's father.

"Be on the lookout for a new model car containing two men. The one is an escaped convict who may have overpowered a tourist. He is dangerous and probably armed." "Roger," replied Mr. Reynolds. "Over and out." "Well," he said turning toward his son, "the fellow who owns that car is sure in a bad spot." Then he added jokingly, "You haven't seen one lately, have you, Son?" "I think I might have, Dad," replied Peter. "I saw Professor Lyman drive one into town today."

"Maybe you'd better hot-foot it down to their cabin after supper and see if he's home. That convict could have jumped him on his way home." On the way to the Lyman cabin, he thought about the escaped prisoner. His name was Gerald Parsons. He was of medium height, with light brown hair and eyes. "If it is Professor Lyman that he kidnapped, he'll show him brains is better than brawn," thought Peter smugly. Arriving at the small cabin, he bounded up the steps, and after crossing the porch, knocked on the door.

"Oh," said Lucy, "I thought you were Dad." "Why, isn't he home yet?" "No," Lucy replied. "I hope nothing has happened to him." "An escaped convict may be holding him prisoner," said (Continued on Page 6)

## Union PO Dedicated

UNION (Special) — Sen. Carl Curtis dedicated to public service the new Union Post Office at 2 p.m., June 8.

The dedication program was sponsored by the American Legion Robert Bernard Roddy Post 235, with Melvin Todd, Cass County Commissioner, as master of ceremonies. Rev. Arthur Burder of the Union Methodist Church gave the invocation. A. B. Heiligman, from the Wichita Regional Office, and Mayor Marvin Atebery, took part in the program. The Lu Ta Ha Ma Camp Fire Girls, with Mrs. George Stine as Guardian, delighted the audience with two songs, "America the Beautiful" and "It's a Grand Old Flag." Thomas Wolfe, accompanied by Edwin Wolfe, sang "God Bless America."

An impressive flag raising ceremony was held in which Senator Curtis presented a flag which had flown over the Nation's capitol to postmaster. Amanda H. Banning, the color guard, commanded by Sgt. Paul Pickering, stood at attention while Jan Wolfe read the "Ode to the Flag." While the flag was being raised, Thomas Wolfe sang "The Star Spangled Banner." The benediction was then given by Rev. Russell Jones of the Union Baptist Church. An invitation to inspect the new Post Office and enjoy light refreshments was then extended by the postmaster. Later a buffet supper was served by the Ladies of the Legion Auxiliary to all officials and postal people and other guests. The ladies of the War Dad's Auxiliary served refreshments in the Post Office.

Union can well be proud of this fine modern facility of 1322 Sq. Ft. of floor space and some 10,000 Sq. Ft. of maneuvering, dock and lawn area. The building is owned by James P. and Margaret Roubal of Omaha, Nebraska and is leased to the federal government. Union is a transfer office and a large amount of mail is handled through the office. The large dock and mail vestibule accommodate many sacks of mail from star routes each day. The building is completely air-conditioned for the comfort of its employees and patrons.

## Wading Pool Open At Garfield Park

The wading pool at Garfield Park is open for use by younger children daily from 1 to 5 when a supervisor is on duty. The City Park Board asks that small children be accompanied by parents when using the pool.

**SPEED SIGN ASKED** City Councilman Robert Aspedon Monday night asked the Council for a "speed sign" on West Main Street. He said youths have been "dragging" on the unpaved extreme west end and there is a danger involved because of many small children in the area. The matter was referred to committee for attention.

## EUB Annual Conference At Church in Murdock

The 90th session of the Nebraska Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church will convene in the Ebenezer Church at Murdock June 17-21. The session will open Monday evening, June 17, at 8:45 with the Holy Communion service in which Bishop Paul W. Milhouse will bring the communion message. This will be followed by the annual Memorial Service, at which Rev. F. C. Weber of Lincoln will speak on behalf of the ministers who have passed away during the past year, and Mrs. C. E. Nichols of Dawson will speak on behalf of the ministers' wives. The business sessions will open Tuesday morning at 8:45, with Bishop Milhouse presiding. In the afternoon at 4, Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland of the Nebraska Methodist Conference will address the gathering. At 6:30

## That's Your Reward

By Phyllis Thiessen  
Grade 7, District 41  
(Second Place)

The icy rustle of blowing snow was suddenly drowned in the shrill whine of a siren. Peter stopped with a jerk. Raising his eyes from the dim path ahead, he peered tensely into the surrounding darkness. From what direction was the sound coming? How far away was it? But even as he strained to see and hear, the soaring wall faded on the wind and was lost in the soft swish of drifting snow.

Peter hunched his shoulders against the wind and hurried on. What was that? Something had hit and knocked him down. What was it? Straining his eyes still further and scrambling to his feet, Peter saw it. A white form. Why it's a goat! Not knowing what to do he grabbed for the rope around its neck. Which was a mistake for the goat decided to go in the opposite direction in which Peter wanted to go. "What will I do? I guess I'll take him home with me." They were walking along quietly when all of a sudden the goat wanted to go a different way again. Which just happened to be a snow bank. Peter caught off guard landed right in the middle of it. Peter hurriedly got up and reached the sidewalk. There was the goat tangled around a tree. He quickly untangled the goat and headed home again.

Upon reaching home Peter put the goat in the garage. Then he hurried into the house. "Hilda, I'm home," said Peter. "Hilda, can you keep a secret?" "Sure, what is it?" asked Hilda. "Well," began Peter, "I found a goat and I brought him home. He won't be any trouble and it's just till I find his owner." Hilda was very much surprised. "Well, I suppose so," answered Hilda, "but your father must not find out. He doesn't like animals so well since you brought that skunk home."

"But I didn't know he wasn't deodorized," replied Peter. "Somehow they kept Mr. Reynolds from finding out that night." Peter was glancing through the paper the next morning when he saw it. There had been an accident. That's where the sirens were. But what caught his attention was the last paragraph saying that a goat had been in the truck that was in the accident. Whoever found it was to notify Gerald Parsons. His telephone number was 8184. The goat's name was Star. In big print was, "There will be a reward." "Hilda, it's in today's paper about the goat," said Peter. "Good," said Hilda. "Your dad got kind of suspicious when I wouldn't let him into the garage. I told him that whatever was inside was a surprise."

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## 1,100,000 Gallons Water Set Record!

Did you water the lawn; fill the swimming pool for the kids; wash your car, last Saturday? If you did, you helped Plattsmouth set what may be an all-time record for water consumption in a day—1,100,000 gallons. Manager Jim Markham of the Board of Public Works says the average daily usage for June, if the weather keeps up (heavy rain forbid) will be about 700,000 gallons a day.

Asa Kellison, operator at the pumping station, says the 1,100,000 gallons is the most in his 14 years on the job and probably the most ever. Sunday was a big day too, 800,000 gallons being pumped. The rest of this week, 750,000 to 800,000 gallons a day were pumped. May's average, Markham says, was 520,000 gallons a day. Capacity for the plant would be about 1,500,000 gallons a day, Markham says.

## Kiddies Parade Winners Listed:

Winners in the Kiddies Parade here this morning, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce are as follows (first, second, third, etc. in each classification): Pets: Alice Hobbs, Margaret Rice and Randy Gochenour, Emory Lou Love, Mary Brink and Trudy Timm. Comics: Mark Roloff, Larry and Kathy Clark, Ricky Williams, Rusty and Pete Pederson and Peter Rishel. Vehicles: Gregory Cuthrell, Carol Lockhart, Kenneth Joyce, Randy Winters, Karen and Connie Smock, George and Randy Exline. Fictional: Mary Henningsen and Susan Smith, Mike Roloff, Barbara and Patty Brink. Miscellaneous: Roger, Karen Lockhart, Jimmy Cuthrell, Rhonda and Renee Wilson, Janell Runion and Sheri Hopkins. First Prize winners won \$4, second place, \$3; third, place, \$2, and fourth place, \$1.

Additional prizes were Badminton Set, Magic Muscle Exerciser, Sinclair Plastic Dino Toy and Chicken salt and pepper set. All kiddies taking part in the parade received a free ticket for one ride and free ice cream.

**'WITH DISTINCTION'** Three Cass County students at Peru State Teachers College were named to the Dean's Honor Roll "with distinction" for the second semester. They are Joe Ward, Weeping Water; Judy Weichel, Aiy, and Eugene Wright, Plattsmouth. For "distinction" a student must average between 7.25 and 7.99 on a grade point scale of 9.00.



**MARAUDER BAGGED**—Sebert Little of the Plattsmouth Police Dept. is shown with a full-grown coyote he shot early Wednesday morning in the vicinity of Maiden Lane and Avenue C. A resident of that area had phoned Mayor Roy Moore to complain about a coyote chasing neighborhood dogs. Little responded and made the kill. The animal's teeth showed age.

## Sweet 16 Crowning Set for Friday at 6:30



**PARK WORK UNDERWAY**—Grading and bulldozing at the city's new park site in southwest Plattsmouth has been started. Above a view looking northeast from a point near the water tower shows a dozer pushing earth in the area which has been designated for tennis courts and swimming pool as possible future developments. Earth will be graded from the north and west to fill in the open valley and provide more level ground.

## New Plans for Station Approved

The City Council Monday night approved revised plans for development of the old hotel site at 6th and Main. A representative for D-X Sunday showed the proposed plans and said the intention is to begin work within about two weeks. Previously, plans had been presented and approved. The building permit for the service station was transferred to cover the later plans.

## Here We Go again!

Watch out, that stubborn mercury is on the way up again! The heat-telling liquid has been (for the last 3 days) cooperating with the public in staying low. The next few days should see the mercury rise to the 90's time and again. The chart:

Time	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Day (P.M.)	6:25	7:00	7:50	8:50	9:50	10:50	11:50
Pres.	77	75	85	87	90	92	95
Hi	91	88	95	97	100	102	105
Lo	62	60	68	70	72	75	78
Prec.	00	00	00	00	00	00	00

## STREET LIGHTS OK'D

The City Council on recommendation of its Lighting Committee Monday night approved installation of two street lights on the east side of the highway in south Plattsmouth at the entrance and exit to Plattsmouth Baptist Church, which requested the lights.

## City's New Park Site Now Under Development

The Park Board is in the process of bulldozing and grading in the new park area in southwest Plattsmouth, title to which was recently obtained by the city from the Estate of Mrs. Erna Lapidus. The aim at the present time is to grade the north and west sides of the park down to road level, pushing the dirt into the valley to gain as much level surface as possible, the Park Board said.

The west side of the park is planned at present to be used for playing ball and other summer recreation programs in future years. The north side is seen as a site for a possible swimming pool and tennis courts and other things that may come into planning at a future date, the Board said. The wooded area will contain picnic tables, play equipment, rest rooms, etc.

## 'Agri-Business' Continues To Be More Complicated

Farming and farm management are becoming more and more complicated, a farm manager told the Rotary Club Tuesday noon at its regular meeting. Rotarian Steve Davis who operates his own farm management service told of some of the problems involved in managing farm land.

Farming, he said, should rightly be called "agri-business" nowadays because of the complexity of factors involved. He said there has been as much change in farming in the past few years as in the preceding 30. More and more rapid changes are due, he added.

He said the present era is one in which farms are either becoming larger or very highly specialized. As an example, Davis said that this year in his operations, seeding plans for corn called for determination of how many "kernels" not "bushels" would be planted per acre. A guest at the meeting was Dr. William Becker. Next week's Rotary meeting will be a joint "picnic" with the Nebraska City club at Winter-set Inn, as a return for last year's bi-club picnic at Nebraska City. Buffet supper will be at 7 p.m.

## Contract Awarded To Cornhusker Paving

The City Council Monday night on recommendation of its consulting engineers awarded a contract for 38 blocks of street paving to Cornhusker Paving Co., Omaha. Cornhusker was low bidder in the aggregate and individually on each of the eight projects in the May 28 letting.

The bid of \$214,267 compares with the engineer's estimate of \$265,485. Next lowest bid on all the projects was \$225,233. Work was expected to start this week, probably with the Cemetery Road project or an adjacent one.

## Steve Davis Named To City Park Bd.

Steve Davis's appointment to the City Park Board to succeed Chas. Warga Monday night was approved by the City Council. Mayor Roy Moore made the appointment. Other members of the Board are Lloyd Fitch, chairman, and Glenn Pankonin. A previous proposal to enlarge the Board to six members was abandoned because of statutory limitation.

## Hours Changed for Swimming Classes

The hours for the Red Cross Swimming Program at the Glenwood, Iowa Pool have been changed. Correct hours are as follows: Beginning June 13 at the Glenwood Pool, 11:15 to 12 noon; meet at the Pool for registration. Age group minimum is 9 years or in Third Grade. Adult class will begin June 17, every following Monday and Wednesday, 11:15 to noon, registration at the Glenwood, Iowa Pool. Junior and Senior Life Saving Class will be held Fridays, beginning June 21, at the Glenwood Pool, with registration there. Classes will be Fridays, 9 to noon.

## Benjamin C. Alm Dies in Minnesota

Benjamin C. Alm of Minneapolis, Minn., father of Robert Alm, Plattsmouth, died Friday morning of a heart attack. He was born July 19, 1906, at Boone, Iowa. Surviving are two sons, Robert of Plattsmouth, and Benjamin C. Alm Jr., Arnold, Md.; two grandchildren and three sisters. Mr. Alm was an automatic technician, Western Union Telegraph Co.; was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Omaha, No. 288. Funeral services were June 10 in Boone.

## Project Cost for Storm Sewer Repair: \$30,820

The City Council Monday night approved plans and specifications for a storm sewer to replace the existing sewer in 6th Street between 1st Avenue South and Main Street, and passed an ordinance creating a storm sewer district for the project. The special engineers, Henningson, Durham and Richardson, Omaha, estimated the construction cost at \$25,000-plus and the project cost at \$30,820. The new sewer will be 54 inches in diameter. Also included is re-

## Voting for 'Queen' Continues

The Plattsmouth Mrs. Jaycee's Sweet 16 Contest will come to a close at the Crowning ceremony Friday evening at 6:30. The stage will be set on the sidewalk in front of the Chamber Office.

Following the ceremony, the queen and the other lovely candidates will be presented some very lovely gifts, the compliments of the local merchants.

Standings and Placements are: containers are listed here in the Journal and in The Gas Company window. Each girl has a container in 3 different places of business these last few days. Voting will continue until 3 Friday afternoon.

Handings and Placements are: Judy Jackson — Knorr's, Wee Wardrobe, Wargas; Pam Aspdon — Plattsmouth Paint, John's Sales and Service, Beauty Box; Michlene Rice — Doll House, Gas Co., Rubin Auto; Mary C. Stones — Soenichsen's Grocery, Journal, Smith's Mens Wear; Sherrill Jose — Swatek's, Plattsmouth Cleaners, Style Beauty Shop; Carol Thornton — Kents, Gambles, Linder Firestone; Peggy Liddick — Biles Paint, Grove's Jewelry, Farley Furniture.

Also Susan Boldra — Cass Cafe, Scanlan's, Dairy Queen; Jackie Godbey — Hinky Dinky, Topliff's Florist, Schmidtman's; Marcia McQuinn — Cass Drug, A & W Root Beer, Plattsmouth Lumber; Donna Muehe — Consumer's, Cass Motors, Western Auto; Connie FitzPatrick — Ruback's, Ruse Appliance, Jochimsen's Market.

## Mrs. Bonna Kline Dies at 70; Rites Monday at 1 p.m.

Mrs. Bonna Belle Kline, 70, died today at the Nebraska State Masonic Home. She had lived here since 1960, through Lodge No. 50 of Hastings. She came to Plattsmouth from Long Beach, Calif. Mrs. Kline was born April 7, 1893, at Sioux City, Iowa, daughter of Henry and Lizzie Luick. She was married to Daniel Kline Nov. 11, 1923. He preceded her in death in 1935. She has no survivors. Mrs. Kline was a member of Methodist Episcopal Church. Funeral services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Caldwell Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in the Masonic Lot at Oak Hill Cemetery. Visiting hours will be Sunday from 4 to 6 and 7 to 9 p.m.

## Mrs. Julian Named To Library Board

The City Council Monday night approved Mayor Roy Moore's appointment of Mrs. Orville Julian to the Library Board. Her appointment was recommended to the city administration by the Board after the resignation of Mrs. Victor Schreiner who will be teaching full-time in the schools here this fall.

## Reflector for Bike Free Sunday

Sunday, June 16, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., the VFW will put reflectors on all bicycles at the Hinky Dinky parking lot across from the Dairy Queen. Scout Troop 399, sponsored by VFW Post 2543 will help place the reflectors on the front and back of each bicycle. This is a Safety project sponsored by the VFW and is free to each bicycle owner. So Parents, see that your child brings his or her bicycle down and keep the Scouts busy for a city wide bicycle safety program.