



Kay Casey, among 11 Honor Grads

Kay Casey Honor Graduate Of University of Nebraska

LINCOLN — Kay Casey of Plattsmouth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis M. Casey, was one of 11 graduating seniors at the University of Nebraska who received their diplomas with honors Friday evening.

The 1960 graduate of Plattsmouth High School received a Bachelor of Arts degree "with distinction" at the University's Summer Commencement exercises.

With a major in journalism, she has accepted a position with an advertising agency in Vancouver, British Columbia.

She was able to earn her bachelor's degree by attending three regular school years and three summer sessions.

At the University, she was a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, a freshman women's honorary; Gamma Alpha Chi, a women's advertising society; Theta Sigma Phi, a journalism society for women; Kappa Tau Alpha, a scholastic society in journalism; and Delta Phi Alpha, an honorary society for those studying German. She also was a Journalism Gold Key winner as being among the top five journalism students in her freshman year.

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Other Cass County graduates: Robert L. Shumaker, Weeping Water, Bachelor of Arts. Michael T. Stacey, Weeping Water, Bachelor of Arts.

George A. Gillespie, Greenwood, Bachelor of Science in Education. William H. Todd, Union, Master of Education.

Rev. Mertz Is New Pastor at St. Paul's Church

The Rev. Russell F. Mertz last week took charge of pastoral duties at St. Paul's United Church of Christ here.

The Rev. Mr. Mertz is a graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa. He was ordained June 23, 1963, at First Reformed Church in Sunbury, Pa., his home town.

He is also a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, with a B. A. degree in philosophy.

Mr. Mertz is married to the former Carol E. Riegel of Sunbury. They are at home at the St. Paul's parsonage, 714 First Avenue.

The Rev. James Stroh of Omaha served St. Paul's as supply pastor since October, 1961, when the former pastor, the Rev. G. E. Seybold retired because of his health and moved to California.



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'Boy of Circus' Film Thursday For Story Hour

A total of 105 children were present at the children's program last Thursday at the Public Library.

This Thursday, the program will feature the films, "Boy of the Circus" and "The Monkey Who Would Be King."

Story hour starts at 2 p.m.

2 Die as Car Leaves Road Here

A man and woman were found dead just before noon today in the wreckage of a car which is believed to have gone off the road at Dead Man's Curve of Old Highway 73-75 north of Plattsmouth last weekend.

The car was spotted by a passerby. It was just barely visible from the highway, Sheriff Fred Tesch said.

He said it evidently had left the road sometime before today's light rain, hit a guard rail post and went down an embankment.

The man was identified from the registration and his driver's license as Dean F. Birch of Omaha, 41. He was an employee of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

By press time, the woman had not been identified positively. She was 48, according to identification found in the car.

It was thought the car left the road sometime Sunday night, or even possibly Saturday night.

Besides the Sheriff, County Attorney James F. Begley as County Coroner, was investigating.

Englishwoman 9th Drowning Victim in County

A 52-year-old English woman Sunday drowned in State Lake No. 2 at Louisville. She was the county's ninth drowning victim of the year.

She was Mrs. Ethel Mae Swaim of Norfolk, England, who was visiting her son-in-law and daughter A-1C and Mrs. George Pederson, Lincoln.

Mrs. Swaim had gone to the lake with her daughter and husband, their children and another couple. She was last seen Sunday afternoon, seated near the lake shore watching her two grandchildren play in the water.

When she was missed, a search was made and the rescue squad of the Louisville Volunteer Fire Dept. dragged the lake but without locating her.

This morning Sheriff Fred Tesch and County Surveyor William Coakley used the county's boat and equipment to drag. They found Mrs. Swaim's body about 10 a.m.

She had come to the United States in May and planned to leave Aug. 20 for home. Her husband had been here too but had left July 10 for home.

Earlier this spring and summer eight other persons had drowned, one other in the same lake at Louisville, one in the Missouri River and the others at swimming beaches north of Plattsmouth.

Education Key to Growth

LINCOLN — Urban centers have flourished along the West Coast areas and not in the Great Plains area primarily because western areas provide better opportunities in higher education, according to C. M. Hardin, Chancellor at the University of Nebraska.

He believes that a trend toward population growth in the Great Plains will have to start with more and better higher education.

Hardin made the statement before agricultural leaders attending the Great Plains Agricultural Council sessions here last week.

He noted that population growth in California has been phenomenal following a period when there has been great emphasis on higher education and much effort used to bring the very best manpower into educational institutions there.

Hardin also feels that higher education has an important role to play in helping communities make better use of manpower.

A tough challenge for higher education will be to "remain flexible and imaginative enough to work with the current trends in manpower use."

Hardin also recognized the necessity of training teachers expected to train young people who do not go to college for work but want to look for opportunity in vocational fields.

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Judy Trutna

Judy Trutna Selected as 'Miss Murdock'

Judy Trutna, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Trutna of Murdock, has been chosen Miss Murdock by the Murdock Lions Club and will represent this community at the Cass County Fair in Weeping Water.

Miss Trutna graduated from the Murdock High School this spring and has been accepted in the Teachers College at the University of Nebraska where she plans to attend and major in elementary education.

She was active in various school activities including Drum Majorette—five years, first flute in concert band—5 years, girl's glee—4 years and chorus—4 years. Pep Club—4 years being a varsity cheerleader 2 years and on the Volleyball team—3 years.

She attended Cass County Government Day, Co-editor of Annual, assistant editor and sports editor for school paper, casts for Junior and Senior plays and class officer.

Judy is a member of the Murdock Evangelical United Brethren Church where she is Sunday School organist, assistant Bible school teacher, choir member and held various offices in the Youth Fellowship and Sunday School.

She was also a 4-H member three years and was selected to represent Murdock as a Countess at the 1962 King Korn Carnival.

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Tom Dillon Gets ROTC Commission To U of Nebraska

Tom Dillon of Plattsmouth, a 1963 graduate of Plattsmouth High School, has received a Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps commission to attend the University of Nebraska four years.

Dillon has been accepted as a regular student at the university beginning this fall.

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July Takes Over Heat Lead

BY P. J. DINGMAN

Remember June, which was hotter than last July and August? Well, July was even warmer—by about 3 degrees.

The five HOTTEST days were: 99.2 on the 1st, 97.2 23rd, 96.4 24th, and 96.0 on the 5th and 19th. The first 2 mentioned above were hotter than any day Jan-June, and these 5 + 95.7 on the 18th and 95.2, on the 31st were hotter than any day all last year.

Also worth mentioning is a string of 13 days beginning mid-month when the mercury rose to 90 or above.

By the way, we've now had 14 days this year when the mercury zoomed up to, or past, 95 degrees.

The 5 coolest mornings were: 57.0 on the 14th, 59.1 9th, 62.1 10th, 62.7 23rd, and 63.1 15th. We had 11 nights when the temperature refused to get below 70.

Also featured was the warmest night in several years, (later broken) 75.4 on the 19th.

The average high was an unbelievable 90.22 (2.82 degrees above normal), the average low was 67.45 (only .05 degrees above normal), therefore the month was about 1.44 degrees above normal, ugh!

We had less rain than normally expected, only 1.82 inches (3.70 is normal) which was dumped by 6 thunderstorms (1 less than normal).

Getting back to August, we find very little has happened in the last 4 days, only the best rain in 18 days, 27 yesterday, AND the hottest day, not only for this year, but since I've been keeping records (4 years), and the hottest night for the same period.

That day, Friday, was perfect, if you're a native of a tropical rain forest. The morning LOW was an abominable 78.4, and the afternoon high was a relatively humid 101.1 degrees.

The latter betters the record, since I've kept records, of 100 on July 4, 1959.

The forecast is about the same, highs around 90 lows around 70, with scattered thundershowers.

The chart:

Day	Time	Pres.	Hi.	Lo.	Prec.
Thurs.	5:45	90	92	70	07
Fri.	6:50	90	101	78	00
Sat.	8:35	73	90	70	01
Sun.	6:35	83	88	64	27

Chas. Land, County Clerk, Dies From Heart Attack; Rites Tuesday

Thomas Conis Temporarily Police Judge

Thomas Conis, Plattsmouth attorney, today was appointed temporary Police Magistrate of the City of Plattsmouth, according to an announcement by Mayor L. W. Moore.

He was named to serve in place of the elected magistrate, Judge James H. Graves, who resigned recently because of his health. The term of office runs until next spring.

Conis is associated as an attorney with Francis M. Casey here.

Until today, County Judge Raymond J. Case had been temporarily serving as Police Magistrate.

Helping Hands Summer Session Ends

The Helping Hands Summer School ended July 31 after six weeks of swimming, craft work and playing for one day each week. A lot of craft work was made and all the children enjoyed the swimming lessons which were given to them at the Nebraska City Pool.

On August 2, a family picnic was held at the Gerald Paasch farm near Union to honor the two children that the Cass County Association for Retarded Children has "adopted" from the Beatrice State Home.

The regular monthly meeting of the Cass County Association for Retarded Children will be held Friday, Aug. 9 at their school near Weeping Water.



Chas. Land

FIRE CALLS

No damage was reported in two fires to which the Plattsmouth Volunteer Dept. was called Friday.

At 10:30 a.m., the Volunteers were called to the George Jacobs farm a mile west of Mynard. Cause of a fire in loose hay in a barn was undetermined. Fire Chief Joe Kruntorad said.

At 12:15 p.m. they were called to 821 Whitman Ave. to put out a weed fire.

Courthouse Closed Tuesday Afternoon

The Cass County Courthouse will be closed from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday to allow county officials and employees to attend the funeral of Charles Land, County Clerk who died Saturday.

1 of 4 Farms To Be Eliminated by 2000

LINCOLN — Some present trends in agriculture are more disturbing and may be more important than those getting all of the attention in farm policy discussions today, according to one of the nation's top authorities in land use management. He believes the time is ripe for taking a new look at agriculture and agricultural policy.

In a keynote address to area agricultural leaders attending the Great Plains Agricultural Council meeting at the University of Nebraska here this week, Dr. Marion Clawson, director of land use and management programs for Resources for the Fu-

ture, Washington, D. C., complained that "problems connected with supply management, price supports and storage and disposal programs have dominated agricultural policy discussions for the past 30 years."

Important as this subject is, Clawson believes farmers today face more fundamental adjustments.

Farm Income

One is the continuing trend in the rise of real income per capita.

Total net income from farming has declined about 40 percent from its peak on a per farm basis. Although this decline has been relatively slight, Clawson reminded the agricultural leaders that this has taken place during a time when per capita income of non-farm people has risen sharply.

"Farmers have simply not shared in the general prosperity; those who could step up output enough have managed to maintain their income, but it has been only a few of the most able who have held or improved their incomes compared to incomes of non-farm people."

A disturbing development here is the tendency for farm operating costs to rise as a percentage of gross farm income. Operating costs took about half of the total farm income during the 1930's; they have now risen to two-thirds, or more.

Clawson sees little hope for raising farm income. To close the widening gap between farm and non-farm income, farmers will have to work even harder to increase agricultural output per man.

Yet total demand for farm products will not increase substantially. It is expected to rise almost exactly in proportion to increases in population in the U. S. In addition, the outlook for increasing agricultural exports

is dark. "I think we will have great difficulty holding present volumes even if we are willing to nearly give (farm products) away," he says.

Exorbitant Land Prices

Coupled with the income trend is the dramatic rise in land values. "Land prices have now been bid to levels which makes it impossible for farm labor earnings to equal non-farm labor earnings," says the specialist.

Total capital (including land) in agriculture is now estimated at \$200 billion; at a competitive interest return, this means \$10 to \$12 billion must go annually to interest on capital alone; and this just about equals the net return to agriculture in recent years. "It is impossible to have competitive returns to capital out of current earnings and also to have labor earnings equal to those for comparable labor elsewhere under these circumstances," he says.

Ramification

While there has been much attention directed at population growth, Clawson pointed out that more than half of the counties in the Great Plains States lost population during the 1950's. Most gained fewer residents than their own natural increase in population.

Clawson predicts that towns of 5,000 and up will grow or hold their own but, "I think we will see a vast shrinkage in total population in towns and the open country." He estimates that one of every four farms (nearly a million) will be eliminated by the year 2000.

"If this projection is right it will impose major strains on rural communities and small towns where government and business services are designed to meet the needs of larger populations in a day when transportation was slow and expensive.

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No Replacement Fee

No one could expect to operate a blood bank successfully by cutting off such a source of supply.

When Red Cross blood is "spent" from a bank, the doctors and hospitals generally try to obtain replacement deposits from relatives and friends of the patient. The patient and those closest to him appreciate most keenly what blood can do, and how it is needed. The Red Cross does not use a replacement fee as a club.

The value of blood can't be expressed in dollars; nor can blood be bought if the donor will not give.

Besides this source—voluntary replacement—the Red Cross has

another source not usually tapped by private blood banks. This is in the public-spiritedness of clubs, industries, unions, church and benevolent groups and organizations. Their members are large group donors of blood, often signing up for entire days or hours at the local blood center.

Please donate blood on Aug. 7. Phone 7148 or 5250, asks the local Bloodmobile committee, which wrote this article.

Chairman of the Telephone Committee is Minnie Schiber (Mrs. Oliver).

The Bloodmobile will be at First United Presbyterian Church Aug. 7, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.



NEW OFFICERS of Hugh J. Kearns Post of the American Legion were installed Thursday evening. From left are: Edgar Glaze, Commander; Ted Ohnoutka, 1st Vice Commander; Lyle Meisinger, 2nd Vice Commander; E. O. Vroman, Executive Committee member; second row—Boyd Linder, Fred Lugsch, Charles Thomason, all members of the Executive Committee.