



Mrs. Don C. (Mary) York at Her Home, 1221 Avenue A

Mrs. York Recalls Early Days At Arbor Lodge, in Plattsmouth

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There was a time when the big white house at Nebraska City was not the familiar tourist attraction that it is now, but rather the home of the J. Sterling Mortons where young Mary Mable Freese often went to join in the children's tea parties.

Mary, now Mrs. Don C. York of Plattsmouth, can well remember the gay times at those tea parties.

She remembers too, how anxiously all the children waited for the coming of the snow and just the proper crust, for then the old sleigh, which is now a part of the Arbor Lodge display, would be taken from its summer quarters in the carriage house, loaded with children and drawn across the wide, tree-planted areas of the estate.

Mrs. York was born in Michigan and came to Nebraska with her parents in 1889 when she was about 8 years old. The family lived on Tourington Farm, located about 12 miles west of Nebraska City on the old "Steam Wagon Road".

Mrs. York's father, W. H. Freese, ran a horse-drawn tank wagon for some time and then worked as a janitor at the Columbian School here. A Civil War veteran, he always led the Civil War contingent in the Fourth of July parade.

Her mother, Eliza Wynn, came from England when she was seven years old. Eliza's family settled first in Chicago and because of this choice Eliza always had a fascinating story to tell her children, for Eliza and her family were in Chicago the night of the great Chicago fire.

The Freese family came to Plattsmouth in 1892 and Mary Mable continued her schooling here.

She graduated in 1901, a member of the first and largest class to have their exercises in the old Parmele Opera House, now only a memory since fire took that corner of Plattsmouth recently.

Others in that first class were Mrs. Estelle McClusky and Mrs. George Farley.

After her graduation from school in Plattsmouth, Mrs. York taught both rural and public schools in the area. Her first school was the Rock Creek School where she taught one year.

She then taught two years at the Gees School and one year at Oreapolis before coming to the fourth grade room in town.

She taught four years in town and among her pupils were several that you of Cass County know well. Among them—Rex

Young, Billy Evers, Waldemar Soemichsen and Fred and David Rutherford.

I suppose these fourth graders, like their teacher before them, enjoyed sledding on high school hill. This is one of Mrs. York's fond memories of her childhood in Plattsmouth.

High school hill was then a dirt road and the river lapped at the skirts of Main Street. Imagine what fun it must have been to swoop down that high hill straight for the river!

In 1903, from Watson, Mo., came young Don York to work in the Plattsmouth Shops.

Here, he met and, in 1909, married Mary Mable Freese.

For 21 years Mr. York was foreman of the planing mill in the shops. An artisan and an artist both, he will always be remembered by many for his superb skill with wood and a wonderful musical talent.

The home where Mrs. York has lived since 1893 holds many beautifully done pieces of furniture, as well as knick knacks done by Mr. York.

Mr. and Mrs. York were both active in the Methodist Church.

Open House at School Tonight

Open house at the High School and Junior High tonight begins, at 7 p. m., in observance of National Education Week.

Registration is from 7 to 7:25 at the Auditorium or the front entrance of the High School building.

A general session convenes at 7:30 and lasts until 8 when parents and patrons will be able to visit individual teachers in their rooms.

Refreshments will be served on the ramp at 9:30.

Legionnaires, Ladies Mark Veterans Day

Plattsmouth Legionnaires and Auxiliary members will observe Veterans Day here this year with a potluck dinner at the Legion clubrooms tonight.

Commander Ed Glaze announced at the regular meeting of the local post Thursday evening that plans had been completed for the affair.

He also discussed with the members the coming Mid-Winter Legion Conference which will be held this year in South Sioux City.

Mr. York was a choir member for 53 years and Sunday School Superintendent for 14 years. Both were interested in the Epworth League.

Mrs. York is the church's oldest member, that is, has been member for the longest period of time.

The Yorks have three sons: Don F. York, Borger, Tex.; W. R. York, Denver; and Joe York who is Principal of Plattsmouth High School. There are five grandchildren.

Since Mr. York's death in 1959, Mrs. York has lived alone in her home at 1221 Avenue A, but she is right next door to her son and enjoys frequent calls from that family. Mrs. York's papers include every tax receipt since 1893 on the home.

She has one living sister, Mrs. L. F. Copenhaver, Harlingen, Tex. A slater and brother are deceased.

We'll remember in the hearts of those who were her pupils, and well-honored by the fine records of her children, this teacher and mother, I think, deserves a moment of thanks and recognition in this column. Won't you join with me this week in saying "thank you" to Mrs. Don C. York, who not only came to Plattsmouth and made it her home but gave of her best to make Plattsmouth better.

Weeping Water District Votes On School Addition Nov. 19

WEeping WATER (Special)—Voters of the Weeping Water School District will vote Nov. 19 on the question of whether or not to construct an addition to the district's existing school building.

A 85 per cent majority is necessary to pass the proposal to issue \$80,000 in a 10-year bond issue to build a two-story addition containing:

- a large music and band room on the first floor with acoustical material on ceilings and upper walls; practice rooms, combination music library and teachers' station, instrument storage cabinets and a separate room across the corridor for band uniforms and choir robes. The room could be shut off from the rest of the main building and heated separately for night meetings;
- second floor classrooms for 35 students of the 7th and 8th grades, with capacity for teachers' cabinets, book trucks, general storage cabinets and paper storage cabinets;
- first and second floor toilet facilities for boys and girls, jan-

Grade Schools' Visitation Set Here This Week

Plattsmouth's public grade schools have set aside hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for parents to visit their children's classrooms during American Education Week, Nov. 11-15.

Hours suggested for visitation:

- First Ward—Tuesday, 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. for A. M. Kindergarten to 4th Grade; 2:15 to 3:15 for P. M. Kindergarten.
- Central—Tuesday, 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. for A. M. Kindergarten through 6th Grade; 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. for P. M. Kindergarten.
- Wintersteen—Wednesday, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., 1st to 4th Grades; 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Kindergarten.
- Columbian—Wednesday, 1 to 2 p.m., P. M. Kindergarten to 2nd Grade, and 2 to 3:15 p.m., 3rd to 5th Grades; Thursday, 9 to 10 a.m., A. M. Kindergarten.

RATE 'SECOND' WEEPING WATER (Special)—The 6th Annual Nebraska High School Marching Band Festival was held Nov. 2 at Pershing Municipal Auditorium, Lincoln.

The Weeping Water Band under the direction of Mrs. Klump, performed at 2 p. m. that day and rated a "Second."

Window Display Calls Attention To Schools

In observance and promotion of National Education Week, Nov. 10-16, there will be a window display at the Gas Co. representing of the many facets of learning in the Plattsmouth school system.

The display will be erected Tuesday and will remain in the window all week. The display will be a composite of examples of the well-rounded educational program offered children in the many departments of the educational system.

The purpose in observing National Education Week is to promote a deeper and widespread understanding of the achievements, problems and needs of the public schools, and to encourage a greater participation by parents, laymen and the general public in developing even more desirable improvements for an even better educational system, a school representative said today.

The display is sponsored by the PTA Council with aid and contributions from the various departments of the high school and elementary schools.

The PTA Council "urges you to visit your school this week and see your schools in session."

Airman James Mudd Completes Schooling

OFFUTT AFB—Airman First Class James B. Mudd of RFD 1, Plattsmouth, Nebr., has graduated from the Noncommissioned Officer Preparatory School here.

Airman Mudd was trained in management, leadership, security, human relations and other duties and responsibilities of Air Force noncommissioned officers.

He is assigned to the 549th Strategic Missile Squadron here. The airman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Mudd of Rt. 1, Fairdale, Ky., is a graduate of Flaget Memorial High School, Louisville, Ky. His wife, Dorothy, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Martin of Las Vegas, Nev.

Judge Case Files For Re-election

Judge Raymond J. Case has filed to seek re-election as Cass County Judge.

He seeks nomination in next spring's primary election for his fourth full term as County Judge.

Judge Case took the bench in 1950 to fill an unexpired term and has won election three times since.

County and district judges are elected in presidential election years. All other county officers are filled in off-year elections.

Principals at Lincoln Workshop

Joe York, High School Principal, and David Miller, Elementary Principal, are in Lincoln today attending a Nebraska School Administrators joint conference workshop.

The workshop, today and Tuesday, is on Nebraska's Growing Pains.



MOISTURE WELCOME—Plattsmouth's Volunteer Fire Dept. was called to the Fred Draper residence southeast of Wintersteen School Friday to put out a weed fire which threatened a shed near the house. Danger of fire has been

great, this area having had only three showers in almost two months. Light rain Sunday night and this morning was welcome if sparse. Before that receipts of rain were .20 inch Oct. 16 and .10 Sept. 23.

Walter H. Polley, 78, Dies Sunday; Rites in Kansas

Walter Hugh Polley, 78, resident here since 1952, died Sunday night at an Omaha hospital after an illness of several years.

He was a retired grocer, living at Republic, Kan., until he and Mrs. Polley moved here to be near their daughter, Mrs. R. R. Puse.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 1:30 p. m. at the United Brethren Church in Republic with the Rev. Leon Salsbery officiating. Masonic graveside rites at Lakeview Cemetery will be by the Republic Masonic Lodge.

Visiting hours here at Caldwell Funeral Home Chapel will be Tuesday from 7 to 9 p. m.

Mr. Polley was born Nov. 20, 1884, son of Milton C. and Anna Cleland Polley, at Republic.

He was married to Mildred King April 2, 1908, at Belleville, Kan.

Mr. Polley was a member of the Baptist Church at Republic and of Masonic Lodge 123 here of which he was a Past Master. He also served as Postmaster Republic from 1920 to 1933.

Survivors are his wife; daughters Mrs. Irene Puse and Mrs. Agnes Klome, Decora, Iowa; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; three brothers, William C. of Belleville, Bruce of Emporia, Kan., and Robert of Kandiyo, Minn., and a sister, Mrs. Edna Smith, Belleville.

Youths Plead 'Not Guilty' To Water Farce

Four Iowa youths pleaded "not guilty" here to charges of "minor in possession of alcoholic beverage" and "tampering with city equipment" when arraigned before Police Magistrate Thomas Conis.

The four—two 16 years of age, one 15 and one 18—were arrested Sunday morning about 12:30 after 14 fire hydrants in Plattsmouth had been opened and about 200,000 gallons of water run out.

Acting Police Chief Donald Smith said the police got the first call about an open hydrant about 10:45.

Before all the hydrants were located and the Water Dept. got them shut off, about \$45 worth of water had gone down the drain and parts of the city were shy water pressure temporarily.

Smith said one of the youths admitted the four turned on the hydrants "for kicks" but the four pleaded "not guilty" on arraignment. Smith said a pipe wrench and crescent wrench had been found.

Judge Conis set a hearing for Nov. 21. The boys were released on \$125 bond each.

Hydrants opened were at: 6th and Avenue E, 8th and Avenue G, 9th and Avenue G, 10th and Avenue D, 12th and 4th Avenue, 13th and 4th Avenue, 15th and Main, Lincoln and 12th Avenue, 5th and Avenue D, 5th and 3rd Avenue, 10th and Avenue D, 11th and 12th at Hermia, 9th and Main, 11th and Avenue G and Lincoln at 5th.

Jr. Class Play To Be Friday at 8

The Junior Class of Plattsmouth High will present the play, Second Fiddle by Guernsey Le Pelley, under the direction of Mrs. Don Wozniak Friday, Nov. 15, at 8 p. m.

A young bridegroom comes to the town of his fiancée to see her and an old college friend.

In telling of his fears of the wedding, they perform a mock ceremony, which is performed by a notary public, the butler. The aunt and friends of the couple involved in the mock ceremony, try to plan a plot to secretly get the couple divorced.

The fiancée and mother-in-law of the bridegroom appear several times to add more to the plot.

To learn the outcome, see The Junior Class Play.

Cast members are Marilyn Hutchinson, Linda Frazier, Laurie Nettelmann, Dave Kimble, Karen Engelkemier, Reid Kirschenman, Sherry Simmons, Janet Gansemmer and Dave Nielsen.

The Date: November 15, Friday. Time: 8 p. m. Place: High School Auditorium.

Tickets: Adults, \$1.00; Students, 75 cents.

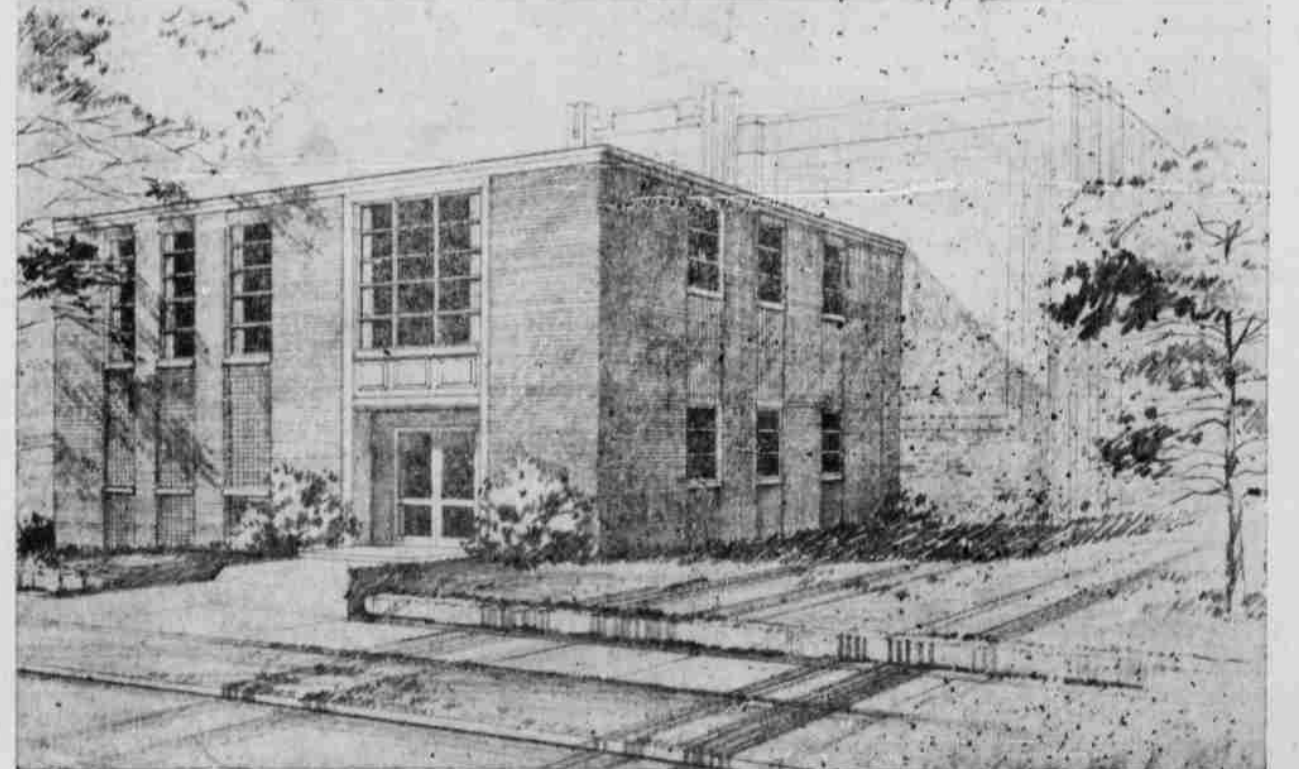
City Council Meets Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.

The City Council will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. at City Hall in its first session of November.

It's the regular meeting, shifted from tonight because of Veterans Day.

Opening of bids on a truck for the City Street Dept. will be among items of business.

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An Architect's Drawing of the Proposed Weeping Water School Addition

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