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## Missing Banker Found in Cleveland to Return

Three Year Search for Jack Patterson Reads Like Page from Most Thrilling Story.

From Saturday's Daily—  
The search that has been made nation wide for Jack Patterson, missing Union banker, culminating in his apprehension yesterday at Cleveland, Ohio, reads like a page from the most thrilling detective story and ends the many false clues that have been sent from different parts of the country as to the location of the missing man.

Since his disappearance on July 21, 1924 at Chicago, the missing man has been mourned by his family as lost in the waters of the lake and time and again they have been notified of false reports of his whereabouts and it is hard for them to realize that the missing man has been traced down.

The final clues that led to his identification came in letters that were received here and which gave the tip where the missing man might be found in Cleveland and which were followed by representatives of the insurance companies in tracing the man and brought his apprehension yesterday afternoon at the oil station in Cleveland where he had been for three years as an attendant and where he was working under the alias of Frank Smith.

Sheriff Bert Reed departed this morning for Cleveland, to bring Patterson back to Plattsmouth to complete his identification.  
Patterson, his black hair nearly white from worry and weighing 50 pounds less than when he dropped out of sight in Chicago three years ago and supposedly was drowned in Lake Michigan, in talking to Cleveland police and inspector of Detectives Cornelius Coady, admitted his identity and said he was willing to return to Nebraska without extradition. He adopted an alias.

Carried \$44,500 Insurance.  
At the time of Plattsmouth's disappearance insurance officials were not satisfied with the authenticity of his purported death and instituted a search which led to his discovery. He carried approximately \$44,500 in insurance and the insurance companies have resisted all efforts to collect the sum. Five cases are still pending in the courts.  
In a telephone conversation with an Omaha man Friday night, H. W. Lake of St. Louis, special insurance adjuster assigned to the Patterson case said Patterson had made a complete confession and was willing to return to Nebraska and face charges pending here.

Hair Nearly White.  
"I wouldn't have known him from his photograph," Lake said. "His hair is nearly white and he doesn't look like the same man. He takes his arrest very philosophically and says he will not be a martyr."  
Special dispatches from Cleveland say that Patterson freely discussed his predicament with newspapermen Friday night, as he sat in his jail cell, but that he became agitated when photographers attempted to take his picture.

He told reporters that he had planned to kill himself "but couldn't get up the nerve. Then I bought a new suit, left my old one in the car, took a train for Toledo and eventually came to Cleveland."

For two and one-half years he has worked as a filling station attendant for the Pochontas Oil company, M. F. Squire, Cleveland sales manager of that company, said he appeared to be a "misfit as an oil station attendant, was given to having long moody spells and was shifted from station to station."

Admits Personal Debt.  
In his talk with reporters Patterson said he did not believe that any of the bank funds were missing, but admitted a debt of 10 thousand dollars in personal loans.

"I had hoped to save enough to be able to pay all my debts," he said. "I'm sure if they permit me to go back to Union that I can set myself up in business and can straighten out my affairs."  
Acquaintances say he had an automobile and took frequent trips into the country. Last winter he took courses in salesmanship and psychology at Carnegie Hall.

"It's pretty tough to be found after three long years," Patterson said to reporters. "But a great weight is off my mind. I'm not worrying over my arrest. At the time I was desperate and nearly crazed with the thought of what I had done. After I got to Cleveland, I thought the situation over and intended to go back as soon as I got on my feet. In fact I was going to write my wife, but I never could muster up enough courage."

"Out of My Mind."  
"I don't know what made me desert my family in Chicago. That was at the time all these little country banks were failing and as our was none too strong financially, I was worried about that. I was almost out of my mind, I guess when I left them."

I couldn't think, I couldn't do anything.  
About a week ago those conducting the search received information that led them to believe that Patterson could be found in Cleveland, and they followed up this clue, finding the banker working for the Pochontas Oil company there, under the name of Frank Smith, they state.  
Patterson was then identified by a Nebraska acquaintance and the arrest followed.

### TO HAVE TONSILS REMOVED

From Friday's Daily—  
This morning Miss Alice Funk and Little Miss Helen Perry were taken to Omaha where they enter the Methodist hospital at that place and will have their tonsils removed at that institution. The ladies have suffered for some time from the effects of the tonsils and to give them permanent relief the operation was decided upon.

## Reserve Officers Camp Starts at Central City Soon

J. A. Capwell, Lieutenant Infantry, Will Be Only Local Representative at Camp.

From Thursday's Daily—  
Riverside park at Central City, Nebraska, will be the site for an encampment for reserve officers of the 355th infantry, a unit of the skeleton 89th national army division, which is a part of the national defense program under the act of 1921.

It is expected that there will be some fifty officers in attendance and they will be given a thorough training period in problems that might arise in wartime, study of terrain weapons, map drawing and other lines of the branches of military science.

The members of the camp will be housed in cabins and special entertaining features will be offered during the camp for the visiting officers.

Col. Phil L. Hall of Greenwood, reserve colonel of the 355th infantry will be in command of the camp and with the wide field of military experience as adjutant general of the state and colonel in the world war will make him well fitted for the direction of the camp.

City Attorney J. A. Capwell, who hold a commission as first lieutenant of infantry in the regiment, will forsake the law and its dull and musty activities for the two weeks and devote his time to the study of the problems of warfare and is anticipating a real time in the intensive work of the camp.

### CONCERT IS HELD

From Thursday's Daily—  
Last evening the Eagles band presented their regular Wednesday evening concert at the court house lawn despite the fact that the rain of earlier in the afternoon had threatened to cause a postponement of the musical treat, but the thinning clouds and pleasant sunset weather allowed the concert to take place on scheduled time, at 8 o'clock.

The rain caused many from the country districts to refrain from attending the concert but a large number of the local people were out to take in the delightful numbers offered by the band.

The program was arranged by Director Holly to give a pleasing range of numbers of different type that made the program most enjoyable. The beautiful tone poem of Tobani, "Hearts and Flowers" was one of the most beautiful of the numbers and very artistically presented by the band.

A number of selections that had been requested by the music lovers were offered and which proved as big a hit as in their first presentation.

### W. H. E. S. CLUB MEETS

From Friday's Daily—  
Last evening the W. H. E. S. club, comprising a number of the young ladies of the city held a very delightful meeting at the home of Mrs. Louis W. Egenberger on Vine street and which was attended by a very pleasing number of the members. The evening was spent in bridge and at which a great deal of pleasure was derived by the members, the first prize being awarded to Miss Jeanette Weber of Omaha and the consolation prize to Mrs. Len Henry. At the close of the evening dainty and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess that added to the enjoyment of the members of the party.

### HOLD FINE SOCIAL

From Friday's Daily—  
The ice cream social given on Wednesday evening by the Catholic Daughters of America, proved one of the most successful affairs that this organization has given in the present season. The threatening weather caused the change in the place of holding the social from the Fred Egenberger lawn to the Knights of Columbus hall and where a very fine patronage was enjoyed by the ladies.

## Plattsmouth Man Has Car Returned to Him

Waldemar Soennichsen Has Ford Returned as the Machine That He Lost in Omaha.

From Thursday's Daily—  
Last night Waldemar Soennichsen of this city was notified by the police department of Omaha that a Ford coupe recovered there had been described as being stolen from the location of 17th street between Harney and Howard where the car of Mr. Soennichsen was taken several weeks ago.

The owner of the car hastened to Omaha but found that the car that he held by the police bore but little resemblance to the car that he had stolen from him, the only identification that Mr. Soennichsen could make being the Duco finish that the car had just recently received. The car had been stolen, one of the men arrested stated, at the time the Soennichsen car disappeared and from the same location. The car had the engine number filed off and another substituted, new lights were on the car and it was otherwise greatly changed from the appearance when it had been left parked on the Omaha streets by Mr. and Mrs. George F. Dovey of this city who had driven it to Omaha.

Mr. Soennichsen brought the car back to this city to submit it to the workmen that had overhauled it a short time before it was stolen, in hopes that they might make definite identification of the car as the one belonging to the Plattsmouth man.

Mr. Soennichsen has not accepted the car as his however, and will await the verdict of the workmen on the car before he will take it as the machine that he had stolen.

The car now bears a Council Bluffs license and is registered in the name of Joe Walker, one of the men taken by the Omaha police in their roundup.

### SURPRISED ON BIRTHDAY

From Thursday's Daily—  
Yesterday was the twenty-first birthday anniversary of Clyde Graves, and in honor of the occasion he was given a most delightful surprise at his home on west Granite street. The event was kept a close secret from the guest of honor and it was not until he arrived home that he realized the pleasant treat that was in store for him. Some twenty friends were at the home and joined in the shower of well wishes to the young man on his attaining his majority and the remainder of the evening was spent in the enjoyment of games of all kinds that passed the hours very rapidly, while musical numbers during the course of the evening added to the enjoyment of the jolly party. In honor of the occasion the guest of honor received a number of very much appreciated gifts. As the evening grew to the close dainty refreshments were served which were featured by the large and handsome birthday cake prepared for the event.

### STILL UNDERGOING TREATMENT

From Thursday's Daily—  
M. M. Beal of this city who was taken to Omaha on Tuesday to enter the Immanuel hospital, is still undergoing treatment and it will probably be several days before he gains strength enough to undergo an operation which it is hoped will give him some measure of relief from his long standing illness. Mr. Beal has suffered for several years from attacks of the bladder trouble and the last attack has proven so severe that it is thought best to have an operation performed in order to bring him some measure of relief from his suffering.

### UNDERGOES SMALL OPERATION

From Friday's Daily—  
John Richardson, 11, thirteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Richardson of this city, was operated on yesterday at the Clarkson hospital in Omaha for the removal of his tonsils which have been bothering him for some time. The lad came through the operation in fine shape and has so far recovered that his parents were able to bring him back home this afternoon. The young man feels in the best of shape and it is hoped will soon be on the highway to recovery.

### RETURNS FROM VACATION

From Friday's Daily—  
Yesterday afternoon Dr. Joe J. Stibal returned home from a very pleasant vacation trip that has taken him to his old home at Lidgerwood, North Dakota, and which was found a most enjoyable trip with side trips to Fargo and other of the interesting cities in that section of the country. On the return trip Dr. Stibal made the 450 mile run from Lidgerwood to Plattsmouth in one day, the route being over the King of Trails highway and which is graveled for the entire distance and made a very fine trip.

All local news is in the Journal.

### MARRIED AT PARSONAGE

From Friday's Daily—  
Yesterday afternoon at the parsonage of the First Methodist church occurred the marriage of Edwin Page Glaesel of Fort Crook and Miss Mable Elizabeth Batcheller of Omaha. The young people motored to this city and after securing the necessary license at the court were accompanied by S. W. Bell, an old friend of the groom to the home of Rev. H. E. Sortor where the wedding ceremony was performed in the presence of Mr. Bell and Miss Alice Louise Westcott. Following the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Glaesel motored back to Fort Crook where they are to make their home in the future.

## Well Known Local People are Wedded

Mrs. Lillian Rogers of This City and Carl C. Meisinger of Havelock Wed in Omaha.

From Friday's Daily—  
Yesterday afternoon at Omaha occurred the marriage of two of the well known residents of this community, Mrs. Lillian Rogers and Carl C. Meisinger, who has for the past few months been located at Havelock where he is engaged in working for the Burlington.

The wedding was a very quiet one, the bridal couple, accompanied by a brother of the bride, motored to Omaha yesterday morning and the marriage ceremony was very quietly celebrated.

Mr. and Mrs. Meisinger returned to this city last evening and departed today for Leonard, where they will be pleased to learn of the new happiness that has come to her.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Meisinger of this city one of the old and highly respected families of the community and the groom has spent his lifetime in this community, having lived on the farm near Cedar Creek prior to coming to this city and has in the last few years been largely engaged in work for the Burlington. The groom is a former service man and member of the local American Legion post.

### RECOVERING FROM ACCIDENT

From Thursday's Daily—  
Mrs. Charles Olson of this city, who was injured several days ago in an auto accident is reported as doing very nicely altho she was cut some about the face and head in the accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Olson had been out at Louisville on Tuesday evening and on their return home they met with the accident. Their car was traveling along the highway four miles west of this city when it suddenly veered off the road and was turned over, the car being damaged and Mrs. Olson sustaining the injuries from which she has since suffered. The hour was late and few cars traveling and the result was that the victims of the accident had to walk on to this city and secure help to have their damaged car brought on into the city and also to have the injuries of Mrs. Olson looked after. Mr. Olson was not injured in the accident and was able to continue his work as usual in the railroad yards of the Burlington where he is employed in the train service.

### DELIGHTFUL BRIDGE LUNCHEON

From Thursday's Daily—  
The attractive home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Valley, north of this city was the scene of a most enjoyable bridge luncheon on Tuesday evening which was given by Miss Marie Valley and enjoyed by some sixteen of the young lady friends of the hostess. The decorations throughout the parlors and dining rooms were in the rich tones of yellow, the attractive Golden Glow being used in the floral decorations of the luncheon.  
In the playing Miss Frances Wiles was awarded the first prize and Miss Mildred Schultz the second prize.  
Mrs. Valley was assisted by Misses Helen and Gertrude in serving the dainty luncheon that was very much enjoyed by all of the members of the party.

### LITTLE SON ARRIVES

From Friday's Daily—  
The home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lamphere is one of the happiest in the city as the result of the arrival of a fine little son and heir that has come to share the future years with the parents. The mother and little one are doing nicely and the occasion has brought a great deal of pleasure to the delightful father and "Chick" is flipping pancakes and steaks with more than usual speed at the restaurant since the son came to brighten the home.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

## Heavy Rain Sweeps Over East Nebraska

Over Inch and a Half Here and Much Heavier to North—Burlington Has Trains Delayed.

From Friday's Daily—  
The rain storm that came up yesterday afternoon following a very sultry day, proved one of the heaviest of the last few months here, one and fifty-five one hundredth of an inch of rainfall being reported at the local government gauge at the Burlington station.

The storm was not violent in this locality and the rain will do a great deal of good in the city and vicinity and should serve to make a great increase in the corn crop of the territory.

The territory from Louisville to the north, through Sarpy and Douglas county which had a two inch rain on Wednesday night was again visited by one of the heaviest rains of the season and as the result the Burlington had a great deal of trouble on their Omaha-Ashland line. No. 2 due here at 4:30 being over an hour late and following the heavy rain in that locality at 6 o'clock the track- age was so badly washed and softened that travel over it was discontinued for the night and No. 14, the night train leaving Lincoln at 6 o'clock and arriving here at 8:40, was sent over the shortline from Ashland to Orestopolis. This morning the east bound trains were delayed for several hours, the earlier trains being routed over the short line. The damage was however repaired by noon and the regular service resumed on the main line between Ashland and Omaha.

So far as was learned the storm did little damage here altho the rainfall was intense for almost an hour. The streets, alleys and bridges committee of the city and been doing a great deal of work in having the natural waterways cleared out and very little debris was washed into the sewer inlets and permitted the sewers to carry a great deal more water. The inlets that have been installed along Chicago and Washington avenue were also able to handle a great deal of the surface water and very little found its way into the main part of the city.

### PROWLERS STILL ACTIVE

From Friday's Daily—  
Residents of the south portion of the city, where several weeks ago a scare was developed by prowlers in that locality, is again in the midst of another alarm over the night callers who seem to have started in on their activities.

Several of the persons in that part of the city have reported that some one has been seen and heard around their homes during the night and one or two of the persons claim to have had a hurried view of the man as he scurried around the houses.

The residents of that part of the city are very nervous at the night callers and are preparing to arm and nail the person or persons who are doing the gumshoeing around their places of residence.

The activities seem to be confined to a small section covered by one or two blocks and those who live in the neighborhood visited by the night prowler feel that they are justified in a little target practice and any one who expects to visit that locality would do well to make their calls in the day time or make themselves known if they do not wish to become filled with holes.

### CHILD HAS CLOSE CALL

From Thursday's Daily—  
Yesterday afternoon Eugene, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Giventer, had a very close call from serious injury near the corner of 6th and Main street, when he was struck by a passing automobile while the child was out in the street. That the little boy was not injured seriously is due to the careful driving of William Tritsch, in front of whose car the little one dashed and the parents are thankful that it was Mr. Tritsch at the wheel of the car as the child probably owes his life to this fact. The boy had run out into 6th street in his play and in disregard of passing cars and ran in front of the Tritsch car which was going very slowly, one of the front fenders struck the boy, but without injuring him seriously beyond a few bruises. Had the car been going at a good rate of speed the boy would have probably received serious if not fatal injuries.

### RETURNS FROM OUTING

From Thursday's Daily—  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Pease of this city who have been enjoying a vacation auto trip through northern Nebraska and South Dakota, have returned home and are now resuming the regular grind of business. They visited at Yankton, South Dakota, as well as at Creighton and Neligh, Nebraska, and with the relatives of Mrs. Pease, having a very pleasant time and enjoying the many points of interest in that section of the country.

### CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Miss Mary Foster entertained a few ladies Wednesday at her home, 4424 William street, Omaha, in honor of her mother's eighty-fifth birthday. Mrs. Foster is quite well and active for her advanced years. The guests were: Mrs. A. L. Dixon, Mrs. Louis Grupe, Mrs. J. D. Hamilton, Mrs. R. Terrell, Mrs. K. R. Ryan and Mrs. M. L. McCleave.

Baskets of marigolds, the flowers of her youthful days, were used as decorations, with the golden glow for the table piece. All enjoyed being with Mrs. Foster at this time, wishing her health and strength to enjoy many birthdays, as well as her husband, D. W. Foster, who has just passed his ninety-third milestone and is wonderfully well and takes great delight in having the news of the day read to him, as he "does not choose" to become a back number.

## County Levy for the Year is Fixed by Board

County Levy Will Be Two and Nineteenths Mill and State Three and Seventy-Five Mills.

From Friday's Daily—  
The board of county commissioners at their session this week fixed the tax levy for the coming year and also made the estimate of the expense that will be required by the county for the handling of the county affairs in the next fiscal year.

The county levy for all purposes had been fixed at two and nine tenths mills and which is estimated to bring in the following sums to the county funds:

County general, \$56,125.48; county bridge, \$44,218.51; county road, \$4,596.76; mothers pension, \$2,729.54; soldier relief, \$545.91. The county commissioners lowered the levy on the bridge, mother's pension and soldier's relief funds and increased that on the road fund.  
The levy for the various funds is as follows:  
General fund ..... 1.03 mills  
Bridge fund ..... .81 mills  
Road fund ..... 1.00 mills  
Mother's pension fund .05 mills  
Soldier's relief fund .01 mills  
The state levy for the year will be three and seventy-five mills and which is the highest state levy for a number of years and will boost the total amount to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year.

### STRUCK BY TRAIN

From Thursday's Daily—  
John Jelk of this city, who makes a specialty of basketmaking, had a close call from serious injury this morning while he was en route to the Missouri river bottoms to secure willow and hickory wood for his basket making. Mr. Jelk was walking along the Arlington right of way when two trains approached from the east and west and in getting away from the one he stepped too near the track on which the other train was traveling and a part of the pilot of the locomotive struck him, knocking him down but not apparently inflicting any serious injury. After the accident Mr. Jelk resumed his journey to the river in search of the wood and apparently little the worse for the worse for the experience with the train.

### VISITING IN MISSOURI

From Thursday's Daily—  
Howard Fullerton, Henry Ofe, Jr., and John Jordan are spending a few days visiting in that attractive part of Missouri in the Ozarks in the southern portion of the state, at Buffalo, the home of the Fullerton family, and other points of attraction in that part of the country. The party of young men will leave the Ozarks Monday to go to Oklahoma and expect to visit at Tulsa and other points in Oklahoma for a short time before they start on their homeward journey to Nebraska. They report a pleasant time and enjoying the famous Missouri hospitality that is a noted characteristic of the residents of that part of the "show me" state.

### HAS THUMB INJURED

From Thursday's Daily—  
Harry Johnson, who is making his home at the Hotel Perkins, had a very painful accident this morning. Mr. Johnson had gone to his home to secure a cook stove for a prospective purchaser and while they were moving the stove Mr. Johnson had his left thumb caught under the stove and almost had the end of the thumb severed. The injured member was dressed and is going nicely altho it is very painful to the victim of the accident.

### ASKS FOR DIVORCE

From Saturday's Daily—  
An action was filed this morning in the office of the clerk of the district court in which Mrs. Elizabeth Wright is the plaintiff and Lester Wright the defendant. The petition alleges cruelty and non-support as the basis of the action.

## To Urge Commission Form of City Governm't

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce Vote to Back Measure for a Change in Government.

From Thursday's Daily—  
The directors of the chamber of commerce at their session this week voted that the organization would go on record as favoring the substitution of the commission form of government for the present councilmanic form under which the city has operated since its organization in 1855. The directors authorized the forming of a committee composed of W. A. Robertson, Seal S. Davis and H. W. Knorr to conduct the circulation of petitions for presentation to the city council asking for the submission of the question to the voters of the city as to the proposed change in government.

The number of commissioners asked will be three, similar to that of Nebraska City where the form of government has proved most efficient in the conduct of the business affairs of the city.

The matter of a commission form of government has been agitated here for some years but this is the most concrete action that has been taken to bring it to the attention of the voters who will have the expression on the matter at the polls when it is submitted for their consideration.

The chamber of commerce has also filled their committee to act with those from the Ad club and the American Legion in the projected fall festival that will be held either in September or October and be a county wide affair according to the present plans. The committee of the chamber of commerce is S. S. Davis, Waldemar Soennichsen, L. O. Minor, the Ad club have selected as their committee F. I. Rea, R. W. Knorr and H. A. Schneider while the American Legion will be represented by W. R. Holly, Fred Lusch and Ray Larson. The fall festival committee has selected F. I. Rea as general chairman and W. R. Holly as the secretary of the committee.

### RURAL INDUSTRIAL GROWTH ENCOURAGING

Many who think of our country as a great industrial nation, have in mind only the larger cities. But the industrial output of smaller cities and "country towns" is gradually surpassing in volume the output of the great centers of population.

Just as the country towns and smaller cities hold the preponderance of newspaper circulation in the nation, so the thousands of smaller industries in these towns hold the preponderance of payrolls and general production, except in a few highly specialized industries.

This remarkable rural industrial growth has taken place largely within the past twenty-five years, and has been concurrent with the far-reaching development of electrical power and distribution. Large power plants at central points are linked up with each other, and maintain distribution lines to far remote placers, to smaller towns and even to open country regions.

All this tends to result in men employed in industry being able more and more to find homes where they can have more of the comforts of life than they could in the congested centers of the great cities.

Electricity contributes to recreational facilities of smaller communities, and tied up with the auto and radio, its younger brothers, provides all the advantages of the large city to the country dwellers. This development is one of the interesting phases of modern advancement in the United States.

### RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

From Thursday's Daily—  
Roy Stewart of this city, who has been at the Lord Lister hospital at Omaha for the past ten days recovering from the effects of an operation for rupture, has so far recovered that he was able to return home and will recuperate in the pleasant surroundings of the home. Mr. Stewart is still weak from the effects of the operation but expects in the next few days to be able to regain his strength and to soon resume his activities. The many friends are much pleased to see him back home and trust that he may enjoy a permanent relief from his operation.

### MRS. WOOLCOTT IMPROVING

From Thursday's Daily—  
Mrs. William Woolcott who was operated on the last of the week at the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha, is reported as doing very nicely and improving from the effects of the operation and while she is still weak and feeling the effects of the ordeal that she has passed through, she is doing just as well as could possibly be expected under the circumstances and the family and friends are hopeful that in a short time she may recover sufficiently to return home to this city.