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Gasoline Thieves Loot Tanks Near the M. P. Station

Continental Oil Co., Ofe Oil Co. Tanks and Warehouse of Sinclair Co. Suffer From Thieves.

From Thursday's Daily

This morning shortly after 1 o'clock one of the residents of the city who was returning from Omaha, noticed an automobile parked near the gas and oil tanks at the Missouri Pacific yards in the northwest part of the city. The matter was reported to the police and when the officers arrived on the scene it was found that the car had gone and with it several hundred gallons of gas. The amount of gas taken, however, would indicate that there was probably a truck used in getting away with the gas and that the car was one used by some of the gang.

The locks and pumps of the tanks were broken to permit the draining out of the gasoline.

The tanks of the Ofe Oil Co. suffered the loss of some 200 gallons of the Mobilgas, while the Continental Oil Co. had 158 gallons of ethyl gas taken from their tanks by the unwelcome visitors.

The warehouse of the Sinclair company was also broken into and here the robbers made off with two large empty gas drums and which it is thought were used to carry off part of the gas stolen.

Officers are of the opinion that a greater part of the loss in gas was occasioned by the fact that it had leaked from the broken pumps and tanks.

With the discovery of the burglary the representatives of the various oil companies were called to the scene to make a check of the damage that they had suffered.

Employees of the all night restaurants in the main part of the city report that a car answering the description of that seen near the tanks, had been parked several places in the downtown section and that it was occupied by two men.

4-H CLUB MEETS

Yesterday, June 1, 1933, the first of a series of meetings of the 4-H Girls Room club was held at the home of Mrs. Ernest Giles.

The club was organized at a previous meeting and the officers selected were: Lois Giles, president; Alice Wiles, vice-president; Mildred Cacy, secretary; Virginia Trively, news reporter; Anna Marie Rea, song leader; Marjorie Wohlfarth, yell leader; Madeline Wiles, game leader, and Mrs. Ernest Giles our club leader.

We discussed a name for our club, but reached no definite conclusion.

In this meeting each girl told the good and poor points of her room, and what she intended to do to improve her room. Lois Giles gave a very interesting demonstration illustrating hue, value and intensity in colors.

Our meetings are going to be held at the Giles home every Thursday unless a member wishes a certain meeting to be held at her home. The next meeting will be June 8.

After the business meeting games were enjoyed by all and we began to learn some of the 4-H club songs. At the close of the interesting afternoon, dainty and delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Giles. REPORTER.

GOES TO GLENWOOD

From Thursday's Daily

Vernon T. Arn, Jr., one of the graduates from the Plattsmouth high school this year, and better known to all as "Sam," went over to Glenwood, Iowa, yesterday, where he is accepting a position in one of the meat markets of that city, as meat cutter. "Sam" has been assisting his father in the meat department of the Black & White Store for some time, during his school years and vacation time. He is a "chip of the old block" and will make a real meat cutter for the Glenwood store. He is just another one of Plattsmouth's excellent young men starting out upon the world, and we can boast of them from coast to coast, and most all of them are making good, too.

WORKING DAY SHIFT

From Thursday's Daily
Officer Dave Pickrel, just recovering from a severe case of the mumps and other complications, was back on duty today and serving on the day force instead of the night detail. Chief of Police Libershall will look after the night work for the present until Mr. Pickrel regains his strength and is able to take up his regular routine. The many friends are pleased to see Dave back on the job and trust that he may be relieved from all of the complications that has followed the mumps.

Death of Hans Rathmann, Old Time Resident

Deceased Has Been a Resident of Plattsmouth Since 1887—Well Known Figure in City.

From Friday's Daily

Early last evening as the day was drawing to the close, Hans Rathmann, 81, a long time resident of Plattsmouth, passed to the last reward, following an illness that covered the last few days when Mr. Rathmann gradually grew more feeble until death ended his suffering.

Hans Rathmann was born February 11, 1852, at Breckendorf, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, in which country he was reared to manhood and on July 15, 1878, he was married to Anna Margaret Kuhr, who preceded him in death April 20, 1931. In 1881 Mr. and Mrs. Rathmann came to the United States and first located at Denison, Iowa, where they spent a few years and in 1887 they moved to Plattsmouth where they have since resided. For many years Mr. Rathmann was a familiar figure in the business section of the city where he was connected with the Soennichsen grocery, until his age and failing health made necessary his retirement from active service.

Mr. Rathmann is survived by six children, Mrs. Anna Thompson, Omaha; Henry Rathmann, Sioux City; Mrs. Alvina Bergman, Lincoln; Louis Rathmann, Rochester, Minnesota; Mrs. Roy Stewart, Plattsmouth.

VISIT IN THE CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Royal, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Derieg and Miss Nellie Derieg, all of Lincoln, who were here for the memorial day services, have returned to their home. They enjoyed a visit here with Judge Graves, the father of Mrs. Royal, Mrs. Derieg and Harry Graves, who also visited with them the cemetery at Union. The other members of the party also visited at the Plattsmouth and Ashland cemeteries. While the party were en route home they stopped at Omaha to visit with J. D. Graves at the Immanuel hospital where he is showing some improvement.

TO ATTEND REUNION

Mrs. L. O. Minor departed Wednesday evening for Chicago, where she will attend the reunion of her class at Northwestern university, at Evanston, the class meeting at the general alumni gathering at graduating time at the university. Mrs. Minor will also attend the convention of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority of which she is a member and which is in session at Chicago. While on the reunion, Mrs. Minor expects to enjoy a visit at the Century of Progress exposition which has just opened its gates and which is one of the greatest expositions that has been held in the last fifty years.

ATTEND CONVOCATION

A number of the Plattsmouth people attended the convocation at Hastings college Wednesday at which the degree of doctor of divinity was conferred on Rev. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city. Rev. McClusky was presented for the degree by Rev. King, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Hastings. Those from this city, members of the local congregation, to attend the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Knorr, R. Foster Patterson and Carl J. Schneider.

Hold Closing Exercises of St. John's School

Class of Fifteen Graduated From the Eighth Grade—Fine Program Presented by Pupils.

The closing exercises of the St. John's parochial school were held Thursday evening at the American Legion building and which was filled with the delightful audience that witnessed the excellent program that had been arranged for them.

This year the school graduated some fifteen from their eighth grade and who are now ready for their high school career. The graduating class this year was composed of John Cloidt, Richard Otterstein, Charles Bennett, Robert Slavicek, Earl Pittman, Albert Sedlak, John O'Donnell, William O'Donnell, Mildred Knoflicek, Betty Kalina, Frances McCart, Theresa Altschaffl, Helen Jane Kopp, Barbara Zitka, Patricia Hisket. This fine graduating class as well as the fine manner that the program was given proved a tribute to the careful training they have received at the hands of the Ursuline sisters, who have charge of the school.

The visitors were welcomed by Master Edward Gradoville, who in a fine manner carried out his part of the program and bade the audience the appreciation of the school and its pupils.

The "Kindergarten Graduation," presented by the youngest group of the school was a very much enjoyed feature and splendidly carried out by the members of the group, who were clad in the regulation cap and gown of the graduate.

The older boys of the school were presented in a clever three act play, "The Country Boy Scout," which was introduced by a reading by John Kenneth Bestor. This play was one filled with plenty of action and culminating in the Boy Scout tribute to the American flag. All of the members of the cast did splendidly in their work and were heartily received by the audience for their excellent work in the play. Those who took part in the play were John Cloidt, Joseph Chovanec, Robert Slavicek, William O'Donnell, Richard Otterstein, Albert Sedlak, Ambrose Claus, Leo Welsh, James Webb, John O'Donnell, Warren Reed, Earl Pittman, Charles Bennett, Joseph Kvapil, John Bestor, Elmore Brink, Robert Neal, James Sandlin, Leo Hisket, Stuart Sedlak, Theodore Libershall and Donald Otterstein.

The intermediate grades of the school presented the younger girls in a very pleasantly offered song and drill, "The Little Cooks," that was enhanced by the attractive costumes of the young people.

The older girls of the school gave a very interesting sketch, "Mrs. Manhattan's Daughters," in which the six daughters of Mrs. Manhattan were to have one of their number selected as a bride, five of the daughters affecting the prim old fashioned training while the unaffected daughter was eventually successful in being the choice. This playlet was given by Betty Kalina, Theresa Altschaffl, Barbara Zitka, Mildred Knoflicek, Margaret Ann Pitz, Patricia Hisket, Frances McCart, Helen Jane Kopp and Pauline Pitz.

"The Little Farmers" was one of the pleasing offerings on the extensive program and which was presented by the boys of the intermediate grades who were garbed in fitting attire for their song and drill.

The younger girls of the school also gave as their part of the evening entertainment a sketch, "The Tea Party," and in which Clara Tomman, Florence Sedlak, Mary Ann Shiffer, Mary Altschaffl, Teresa Sedlak, Mary Pittman, Alice Bennett, Emily Kratochville and Mary Kvapil appeared.

The valedictory for the class was delivered by Miss Mildred Knoflicek, who in her remarks urged the members of the class to always retain the teachings they had received, the instruction and guidance that had been given them for their future in other lines of education or activity. The address was delivered in a fine, impressive manner by the talented young lady selected for this honor.

The speaker of the evening was Father Patrick Harte, pastor of the

St. Patrick's church at Manley, who in a short and able address brought to the class the value of their education. The speaker touched on the investment made in education, that of the community and the parents, who in their children and the youth of the land expected return in the lives and character of the men and women that were developed by this education. He urged the class to remember the training that they had received a fine general education and the religious teachings that had been a part of their education.

The distribution of the awards and diplomas was made by Father George Agius, pastor of the St. John's church under which the school is operated. There were a number of individual honors that the members of the class and the pupils in general received for their excellent work in the past school year.

Truck Driver Falls Asleep -- Truck Wrecked

Lew Busch, St. Joseph, Missouri, Driving Twenty-four Hours, is Victim of Accident.

From Thursday's Daily

This morning while Lew Busch, 30, of St. Joseph, Missouri, was taking a truck load of druggists' supplies from the Missouri city to Omaha and Council Bluffs, his truck was wrecked on highway No. 75, near the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power company station.

The driver of the truck, exhausted from a twenty-four hour shift of driving and without sleep, succumbed to the demands of nature as he was nearing this city and dropped asleep at the wheel and the truck crashed into the bank at the side of the road, damaging the truck and leaving the driver in a dazed condition, although apparently not otherwise injured.

The driver stated to Deputy Sheriff Lancaster, who was called to the scene that he had dropped asleep and the first he realized was when the truck crashed and the jar awoke him from his slumbers.

The truck was owned by the Eaton Transfer Co., of St. Joseph, Missouri, and it was quite badly smashed in the wreck, the front end and frame being bent as well as the right front fenders being smashed.

The driver was brought into this city to secure a much needed rest while the company by which he was employed was called by the deputy sheriff to come and look after the care of their truck.

SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

The reports from the hospital at Omaha are to the effect that George L. Kraeger, of this city, who has been there for the past two weeks, is now showing signs of improvement. Mr. Kraeger was very gravely ill for several weeks and his condition caused a great deal of apprehension to the members of the family circle and the change for the better has been most reassuring. Mr. Kraeger it has been found was suffering from a complication caused by an attack of the flu and which it is hoped can now be cleared up.

HERE FROM LINCOLN

Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson, former residents here, were in the city Wednesday afternoon and evening, motoring down from Omaha with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Perkins, the latter a daughter of the Nelson family. Mr. Nelson was formerly engaged as foreman of the Burlington tin shop here for several years, but on the leasing of the shops to the BREX he removed to Havelock, where he has since been located. While here, the party enjoyed a visit with their son and brother, William Nelson.

RETURNS TO WYMORE

From Thursday's Daily
Mrs. E. C. Ackerman and daughter, Miss Violet, of Wymore, Nebraska, were visitors in the city over the memorial holiday and departed today for their home. Miss Violet is well known among the young people here accompanied the mother here for a visit at the Lushinsky home and with the many old time friends.

River Work in This Section Shows Increase

Engineers Here to Look Over Projects for Extending Scope of Activity on Missouri.

For the past several days representatives of the government in Missouri river improvement projects have been in this city looking over the plans for the enlargement of the working program for the summer.

The general activity of the engineering department along the river from Atchison to Sioux City makes bright the prospect for a much larger field of activity in the next few months.

There has already been a great deal of work carried out at Omaha in the way of riprapping and building of retards that will force the main channel of the river into a confined course and allow the stream itself to scour out a channel that will permit the navigation of the Missouri river by the freight barges and boats.

One of the spots along the river that has been a source of more or less trouble to the residents on the east side of the stream, is that portion just north of the mouth of the Platte, where the main current of the Missouri has swept against the Iowa bank and caused the loss of many hundred acres of land in the past few years. With the well organized plans of the army engineers for carrying out of the river improvement this danger should be eliminated as the retards and breakwaters will tend to throw the current away from the Iowa side and force it more toward the Nebraska shore at that point.

The office of the engineers engaged in the river improvement work on the upper Missouri river is located at Nebraska City and since the opening of the office there, some \$3,000,000 worth of river work has been handled out of that office. There are twenty-three men in the crews working out of the Nebraska City office and are divided into four groups to look after the making of the old Missouri river a docile stream and one that the steamboats can ply as in the days of yore.

GOING TO CALIFORNIA

With the group leaving Fort Crook Monday for northern California forest areas, will be two of the Plattsmouth young men entered in the forestry work, Joseph Zitka and Joseph Knoflicek. This group under the command of the regular army officers will be sent ahead and prepare the camp where their associates now at Fort Crook will be sent as soon as the camps are arranged and the work prepared to be carried out. The camps will be located at distant points from large towns and the young men will have to depend largely on their own entertainment in the recreation periods.

All leaves for those who are to depart with the first contingent will be cancelled from today and the members of the first party be required to stay at the fort and arranging for the journey to the west.

PRISONERS ARE CAPTURED

Sheriff Homer Sylvester has been advised that Warren Fridell and R. N. Gabreath, who escaped from the city jail at Topeka, Kansas, where they were held over night while en route here, had been recaptured. The men were picked up at Tulsa, Oklahoma, in the general dragnet sent out by sheriffs and police officers of the southwest to apprehend the Kansas convict band. The two men will be brought on back to this city by Sheriff Sylvester and to face a charge of breaking into the Welshimer gas station in the south part of the city.

RECOVERING FROM OPERATION

The many friends of Mrs. John Straka of this city will be interested in learning that she is now doing very nicely at the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha where she was operated on a few days ago. The patient came through the ordeal in fine shape and it is hoped will soon be on the highway to complete recovery and to resume her usual activities.

HERE FOR VACATION

Miss Jane Fricke, who is engaged in nurse training in the University of Nebraska school of nursing at the University hospital, is home to enjoy her outing here with her mother, Mrs. Maude Fricke, as well as her grandfather, F. G. Fricke and the other relatives and friends in this city.

Miss Marion Fricke, a younger daughter of Mrs. Maude Fricke, is spending a short time at Hastings, Nebraska, where she is the guest of friends in that city and enjoying a vacation in that section of the state.

Death of Mrs. Emily Morrison at Blair, Nebr.

Resident of Plattsmouth for Greater Part of Lifetime—Funeral to Be at Blair.

Mrs. Emily Morrison, 64, a resident of Plattsmouth for the greater part of her lifetime, died Thursday night at the Crowell Memorial home at Blair where she made her home for the last few years.

Mrs. Morrison was the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. C. Dabb, who were early settlers in this city and of her immediate family she was the last survivor, her mother preceding her in death a few years ago.

Mrs. Morrison had not been in the best of health for some time and was suddenly stricken Thursday and failed to recover from the effects of a stroke that brought death in a short time.

In the last years of life the condition of Mrs. Morrison became such that she found it necessary to reside at the home where she could be under care on account of her health.

Mrs. Morrison is survived by one son, George L. Morrison of Chicago, as well as a daughter who resides in the south.

The funeral services of Mrs. Morrison will be held Sunday at the Crowell Home and the interment made at the cemetery at that place.

SHERIFF HAS THE MUMPS

From Saturday's Daily
Sheriff Homer Sylvester when he awoke this morning discovered that he was a victim of the prevailing malady of the mumps which has so many of the citizens confined to their homes. The sheriff had planned on leaving today for Tulsa, Oklahoma, to secure the two bandits arrested there and who are wanted here for the robbery of the Welshimer oil station. The illness will, however, delay the trip for some little time. The many friends of the sheriff will regret to hear of his indisposition and trust that he may soon be over the malady and back at his duties. The illness of the sheriff has left both the field and office work on Deputy Sheriff Jarvis Lancaster and who is being kept on the go to look after the many duties of the office.

HEAR MURDOCK CASE

From Friday's Daily
This morning the county court was occupied in hearing a complaint that had been filed against E. M. Shatto and John Kruger, asking that they be put under bond to keep the peace and also one against Mr. Kruger, charging him with attempting to provoke an assault by the use of vile and profane language.

The complaining witness in the cases was I. G. Hornbeck, well known resident of that community. The court heard the plea of not guilty to the charge made by the defendants and the case was set for trial on June 8th at 3:30 p. m. when the testimony in the case will be taken up. The bond was fixed at \$100 and which was supplied and the defendants released for their appearance at the hearing.

OMAHA PEOPLE WEDDED

Miss Margaret E. Smith and Charles L. Hickman, both of Omaha, were joined in wedlock on Friday afternoon at the office of Judge A. H. Duxbury, who read the marriage lines for the happy young couple. The marriage was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jensen of Omaha, friends of the contracting parties.

Packing Plant Busy Now with Spinach Pack

Large Number Being Employed as the Pack of Early Vegetables Is Being Started.

The local plant of the Norfolk Packing Co., is one of the busiest places in this section of the state at this time as the packing of the crop of spinach is now under way and hundreds of cans of this vegetable are being prepared every hour of the day at the plant.

This is the first season that the plant has arranged to care for a large variety of vegetables, the last season only sweet corn and pork and beans being handled at the plant. This year the company has contracted for large acreages of a great many vegetables, spinach, peas, beets, sweet corn and cabbage being among the many lines that will be packed extensively here.

The company has had a large amount of new machinery installed and have taken over additional buildings from the Burlington that have been re-arranged for the use of the plant.

The opening of the summer pack has furnished employment to a large number of persons in the last few weeks and addition help is being added as the crops are coming in. The plant carried a large payroll last year and with the added lines that are being packed here Superintendent A. E. Stewart and his assistants will find use of a great deal of the surplus labor in the community in the summer.

The Norfolk Packing company has proven a most valuable asset to the city and the Plattsmouth people should give them all possible support in the use of their lines of products which rank among the best in the country.

Q. Z. HOLDS PICNIC PARTY

From Friday's Daily
Yesterday afternoon the Q. Z. society of the Presbyterian church held its annual picnic party and outing and for the occasion the husbands and families of the members were invited to join in the pleasant gathering. The picnic was staged at the Country club where the pleasant surroundings made an ideal setting for the happy event. The ladies in the earlier part of the afternoon held their business session and then adjourned to join in the social features of the day. The ladies and gentlemen of the party spent several hours in golf, baseball and croquet, these being enjoyed by a large number of the members of the group. As the day was drawing to the close the picnic suppers were served in the cool and shady surroundings of the club grounds.

DEATH OF MYRON DOOLEY

From Friday's Daily
The death of Myron Dooley, 61, occurred early this morning at the home on high school hill, following an illness that covered the past several months and from which he had been gradually growing worse. The deceased resided here for the past several years and was highly respected and esteemed by a large circle of friends. Mr. Dooley is survived by the widow and nine children, Cecil, of Geneva; Clarence, who resides in Kansas; Clayton, who is located at Fort Crook; Edwin, Glen, Forrest, Mildred, Dale and Robert, all residing at home.

The body will be taken to Palmer, Nebraska, old home of the family, for the interment.

STUDENTS RETURN HOME

The close of the state university at Lincoln has brought the Plattsmouth students or the larger part of them, home for the summer vacation. Miss Maxine Cloidt, Robert R. Livingston, John Becker, Miss Madge Garnett, Miss Mildred Hall and Miss Theresa Libershall, are home now for the season. James Begley, Jr., one of the Plattsmouth students at the university, is expecting to remain at Lincoln where he will be employed this summer and also attend the summer school of the university when it opens for the regular term.