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Otto Petereit Captures Corn Thieves at Farm

Omaha Colored Man Discovered with Party Filling Sacks of Corn; Held for Officers.

From Monday's Daily
Otto Petereit, young farmer residing west of this city, last evening made the capture of a colored man who was one of a party that was loading up sacks of corn from the crib on the farm and making ready for a getaway.

Mr. Petereit has suffered a great deal in the past from losses of corn and chickens and has been keeping a lookout on the farm for the purpose of trying to detect the thieves and with the best of results.

Sunday evening he had visited the cribs where the corn was stored and all seemed well and he had then gone on to the house, later telling the wife that he believed he would look over the cribs again before retiring, this being around 8:30. Mr. Petereit with his small son drove to the vicinity of the crib, the lights being out on the car and he discovered other cars parked along the road and at that he switched on the lights of his machine and at once a general flight took place of the parties at the crib. One of the cars made a getaway but the one car and its owner was held by Mr. Petereit until the arrival of officers to take the man on into Plattsmouth.

The man captured was a colored man who gave the name of Arthur Bentley of 4416 South Sixteenth street, Omaha, while the car was found loaded with seven sacks of corn which was the same as that which was later found in four sacks that were left along the road and three which were being filled at the crib when the owner of the farm had appeared and discovered the robbery.

The car in which the corn was found was registered in the name of Mary Etta Bentley, wife of the captured robber.

Mr. Petereit has lost several hundred bushels of corn this season and his promptness and alertness has served to nip one of the gangs that has been preying on the farmers in this section.

The sacks in which the corn was placed had many chicken feathers in them and had apparently been used for other purposes than corn.

This morning the defendant was arraigned in the county court before Judge A. H. Duxbury and on a plea of guilty was given a sentence of thirty days in the county jail and in addition to pay the costs of the prosecution. The prisoner was remanded to the custody of Sheriff Sylvester to start serving his sentence.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

The attention of the office has of internal revenue has been called to the fact that in many instances farmers and others are slaughtering hogs and selling the products to consumers without payment of the processing tax. This is a violation of the Agricultural Adjustment Act and regulations promulgated thereunder, which provide that any person who slaughters hogs for market must file appropriate returns and pay the processing tax thereon.

The tax applies even to the case of the producer who slaughters his own hogs and sells or otherwise disposes of all or any part of the products.

Heavy penalties are provided for violation of the law or evasion of the tax, and any person who slaughters hogs and sells all or any part thereof should confer with the Collector of Internal Revenue, Omaha, Nebraska, who will assist him in preparing and filing the required returns.

RETURNS FROM VISIT

Mrs. L. M. McVey of near Nehawka and sister, Mrs. Frank Slagle of south of this city, who have been visiting with their sister, Mrs. V. E. Rose, near Coleridge, Nebraska, returned home Sunday. They report that that section of the state had a good corn crop this year and that the residents there are hopeful that the next months will bring much improvement.

WEDDING ANNOUNCED

The friends of the McMaken family have received the announcement of the marriage of Miss Ruth Esther McMaken, youngest daughter of Mrs. Minnie McBride of Tacoma, Washington, to Mr. Robert DeLand, of Tacoma.

Mr. DeLand is the youngest son of Mrs. William Wood, of Tacoma; his bride was graduated from the Lincoln high school, Tacoma, in the class of 1931, and both have a wide circle of acquaintances in Tacoma.

Mr. and Mrs. DeLand will reside at 7132 South Puget Sound, Tacoma. The bride is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Peterson of this city and a niece of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McMaken.

Murray Resident Celebrates His 93rd Birthday

A. H. Graves Reaches Age Far Beyond the Allotted Span of Life; Many Join in Event.

On Sunday A. H. Graves, long time resident of Murray and vicinity, observed the passing of his ninety-third birthday anniversary at his home in that place, where with the helpmate of many years they enjoyed the visit of the relatives.

There were present brothers of Mr. Graves, the members of their family circle including the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of this fine couple.

Mr. Graves has three brothers living, Judge Charles L. Graves of Plattsmouth; Sherd Graves, Rock Bluffs; and J. D. Graves of Peru; one sister, Mrs. Mary Burnett of Plattsmouth.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Graves are G. H. Graves, Plattsmouth; Mrs. M. G. Churchill, Murray; Mrs. Frank Vallery, Omaha; Ed and George Graves, Peru; Mrs. Bert Crawford, Hartington, Nebr. All of the children were present except Mrs. Crawford.

The members of the party arrived with well laden baskets and which furnished the means of a fine luncheon that all enjoyed at the noon hour and where the various families met and mingled in the congratulations to Mr. Graves.

Mr. and Mrs. Graves last June celebrated their sixty-ninth wedding anniversary, an occasion that the members of the family also enjoyed with them.

During the afternoon the members of the party spent the time in visiting and the enjoyment of a fine musical program given by Sherd and Perry Graves and McGinnis Churchill that added to the pleasures of the occasion.

The members of the family joined in the wish that Mr. Graves might have many more such happy birthdays in the future as they gathered for the departure homeward.

Those who attended the event were: Mr. and Mrs. Sherd Graves and Perry Graves, Rock Bluffs; J. D. Graves, Ed Graves and son, George and daughter, Jessie, Mr. and Mrs. George Graves and daughter Mabel and husband, all of Peru; Mr. and Mrs. Andy Graves of Bellevue; Alvin Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vallery and Velma, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Churchill, Mr. and Mrs. John Frans and family, Murray; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Graves and daughter, Maxine, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Graves and little son, Plattsmouth; and the guest of honor, A. H. Graves and Mrs. Graves.

TO THE WOMAN'S CLUB

As a former president of the Library Board, the writer has an intimate knowledge of the use and benefit of the library to this community, as well as an interest in the continued service of the library to the community. Next to the schools of the city, the library is the most important educational service to the youth of this city and vicinity. To the grown up or adult population it serves as an institution for extension education or post graduate training of the mind and thought of the community. I heartily endorse the movement of the Woman's Club for the benefit of the Public Library.

A. L. TIDD.

Scout Cabin and Recreation Camp Assured Here

United Support of City Government and Civic Organizations to Provide Necessary Material

LEASE IS TAKEN ON CAMPSITE

"Camp Wheeler" to Become Reality as State CWA Board Gives Approval to Labor Cost.

It will be a source of much gratification to Journal readers to learn of the action taken last night by the State Civics Work Administration at Lincoln and by the city council of Plattsmouth, that will insure securing for this community a splendid Boy Scout cabin, swimming hole and recreation grounds—a project long in mind among local Scout executives, but considered almost hopeless of realization because of lack of funds.

Then, out of a clear sky came the civics work program offering grants of entire labor cost and limited sums for material for worthy civic enterprises. Co-incidental with this came the start of another civics work project, the tearing down of the old Walker building owned by the city, from which may be salvaged a great deal of usable lumber and thousands of bricks.

Scout executives visualized a plan of getting the long wanted cabin and got busy forthwith, closing negotiations for a long term lease of a suitable campsite, located on the old Wheeler farm six miles south of Plattsmouth, on the banks of Rock Creek, and which they were able to secure at a very nominal cost, due to generosity and interest in Scout work on the part of Mrs. Robert Patterson, daughter of the Wheeler family, who recently acquired the land in a division of the estate.

With the site problem solved, application was made for CWA funds to take care of all labor cost involved in clearing the site, erecting the proposed cabin, constructing rustic log seats, providing dykes, revetment of creek bank and suitable bypass for flood waters, to insure a suitable swimming hole in this spring-fed creek.

Brick masons and carpenters were taken to the site Sunday to hurriedly estimate material requirements and were able to arrive close enough to the total to go ahead with the project, backed with assurance of contributions from the Rotary club and other civic organizations to help pay for roofing material, sand, lime, cement, porch screening, nails, etc., of a nature that could not be secured from salvage from the Walker house. The Scout backers pledged contribution of the lease rental, free supervisory work and to undertake the transportation of men to and from work. The lease was completed, including "release from liability" clause required by the government before projects can be undertaken on privately owned lands. Copies of all necessary papers were furnished for transmittal to Lincoln, after receiving the endorsement of the county CWA committee, and last night this project was among those from Cass county to receive final approval of the state committee, which will permit work being started at once.

While the state committee was acting at Lincoln, the city council unanimously passed a resolution providing for the contribution of necessary brick for foundation, dimension lumber, doors, windows, etc., from salvaged material, to erect this planned cabin of 20x40 feet in size.

The committee has wired for plans of suitable Boy Scout cabins of this size and will be guided in their determination of interior arrangement, etc., by such plans. A large screened-in porch is included in the exterior arrangement.

The task of providing a swimming hole is one that will require many man hours of labor to say nothing of the other work. The total number of man-hours requisitioned to take care of the entire project, including loading and unloading of materials, is 1,990 unskilled and 250 skilled. In dollars and cents this amounts to \$946.00. The customary 10 per cent grant to take care of part of the cost of additional materials was also

included in the requisition and given approval by the state board. In addition to this, the contributions of the local community, including the salvaged material, rental of grounds, etc., are listed at \$575.

The camp will be named "Camp Wheeler" in honor of the late William D. Wheeler, owner of the farm on which the site is located, and long time resident of Cass county. Mr. Wheeler made his home on beautiful "Oakwood" farm for many years, retiring there after serving four years as sheriff and four years as county treasurer of Cass county. The selection of the name is a graceful tribute to one of the most outstanding men who have made Cass county home.

The securing of this fine campsite will undoubtedly add a great impetus to Scouting in Plattsmouth. The present single troop sponsored by the American Legion has grown beyond ordinary troop size of four patrols and it is very probably one or more additional troops will be organized during the coming summer, under capable sponsorship by local organizations, and that the Scout program will be enlarged to include nearly every boy of Scouting age in the community. It will provide them with a safe and satisfactory camping place near at home and yet far enough removed from town to take them out into the great open spaces.

Catholic Daughters Hold a Class Initiation Sunday

Eight New Members Are Taken Into the Order at Largely Attended Ceremonial Sunday.

The local court of the Catholic Daughters of America held a largely attended meeting on Sunday at the Eagles hall and at which time a class of some eight members was received into the order.

The class comprised Mrs. John Bergmann, Miss Mary Holy, Mrs. Ed W. McGuire, Mrs. Richard Otterstein, Mrs. L. S. Pucelik, Miss Constance Rea, Miss Helen Woolcott and Miss Anna Zitka.

A large number of the members of the court at Nebraska City were present to witness the initiation and to enjoy the fine program that was arranged by the Plattsmouth ladies, the visitors being Miss Mary Zimmerer, Miss Emma Ramold, Miss Marie Worth, Mrs. Agnes Leckner, Mrs. Mary Leckner and Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. William Woolcott was in charge of the short and very interesting program that was offered.

The welcome to the new members was extended by the grand regent, Mrs. F. I. Rea, the responses for the newly received members being given by Mrs. John Bergmann, Miss Mary Holy, Miss Constance Rea and Miss Anna Zitka.

Piano numbers, "The Butterfly," by Miss Anna Marie Rea, "Tarentelle," by Miss Betty Kalina, "Il Trovatore" by Miss Helen Woolcott added to the pleasures of the afternoon.

Several readings were also given, "Henry's First Long Pants," by Miss Wilma Swatek, "Freckled Faced Girl" by Edna Mae Peterson, to add to the interest of the program.

The greetings from the Nebraska City court were given by Miss Zimmerer while greetings from the grand state court were brought by Mrs. Frank Mullen, a member of the state court.

At the close of the program a luncheon was served to complete the most enjoyable occasion, the luncheon being prepared by Mrs. Hermie Svoboda, Mrs. Edgar Creamer, Mrs. Elizabeth Meisinger, and served by Miss Dorothy Svoboda, Miss Pauline Nowack and Misses Mary and Eleanor Swatek.

INSTALLS NEW SHELVING

The Slayman vegetable and fruit market has just completed the installing of a new system of shelving that will facilitate the handling of their stock. A large refrigerated section has been made that will aid in the preservation of the fresh vegetables and shelving made for the other lines of fruits and vegetables. The addition has added greatly to the facilities of the store.

Cass County Secures Many CWA Projects

All Communities in County to Have Labor Employing Aid; Louisville Park Gets Large Sum.

The state committee of the civil works administration at Lincoln Monday afternoon granted the use of federal funds for a large number of Cass county projects that will take up the county's quota of some \$21,000.

One of the large items that was placed on the list at the request of the state parks commission was the continued work on the state park at Louisville which was stopped when the C. C. C. camp was removed from there some months ago. This project it is stated will take in the neighborhood of \$8,000 for its completion.

The Plattsmouth projects that were allowed at the meeting Monday at Lincoln total \$2,340, which is in addition to the \$8,635 that was allowed in the first letting of the labor projects. The local work will include the Boy Scout camp, Camp Wheeler, to be erected at the Wheeler farm on Rock Creek, as well as the improvement of the Wintersteen hill public school and additional sewer repair work. Several of the local projects that were submitted were laid over by the committee on the lack of funds.

Other projects cover the county and the list of different improvement and labor employing enterprises were:

Murray — School improvements, \$200.
Nehewka — Cemetery improvements, \$305; street improvements, \$590.

South Bend — Cemetery improvements, \$135.

Union — Street repairs, \$1,700; school improvements, \$640.

Plattsmouth precinct — Cemetery improvements, \$307.

Murdock — Improvements, \$560.

Alvo — Construction of ditches, \$400; repair of walks, \$400.

Wabash — Improve cemetery, \$110.

Himwood — Repairs and improvement of park, \$1,120.

Weeping Water — Cemetery improvements, \$800.

Work on the projects over the county will be started at once and should care for the unemployment conditions in all sections, relieving the conditions that have caused many to be out of work.

TAG DAY FOR LIBRARY

One of our invaluable institutions is our library. It enjoys the distinction of having the largest circulation per capita of any library in the state and perhaps most of the states. That shows one thing, that our people here are the greatest readers of any other town, city or village. Perhaps it means we are the most intellectual. Let us think so any way.

Our library is now finding it difficult to maintain itself on the income from the taxes that the being paid in. Outside help is necessary right now to augment the regular income and keep our library able to serve this constant and large demand upon it. And help given to the Woman's club committee on Tag Day will be well used and come back to the people in added service.

VISITING HOME FOLKS

Ted Hadraba, who is soon to leave for Europe to enter the University of Prague, as the result of an award of a fellowship, is home for a few days with his father, Joseph F. Hadraba and his brother and sisters. Ted is to leave Thursday for New York and then sail for Europe to take up his nine months course at the great Bohemia university. This signal honor that was accorded this Plattsmouth young man, has been a great pleasure to the host of friends in this city and who are delighted to have the privilege of a visit with him before he leaves for the old world.

VISIT IN THREE CITY

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Will Mabis, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Grassman and little son, Miss Laura Grassman and Joseph Manacek, motored down from Omaha to spend a few hours here with the relatives and friends and enjoy the splendid autumn afternoon.

ART CLASS HAS TRIP

Tuesday afternoon the art class of the high school under the direction of Miss Lillian Garrett, had a very interesting trip to Omaha, leaving here at 2:30 and driving to the Joslyn Memorial. The class inspected the work of the Nebraska and Iowa artists that is featured there and from which a great deal of information of interest in the art work was derived. The party also visited the Union Pacific and Burlington passenger stations where they inspected the buildings and the designing and finishings of the two structures. This gave the class some practical ideas of the western artists' work as well as the modern architecture which is found in the designing of the buildings.

Plattsmouth Firm Makes Remarkable Sale

Weyrich & Hadraba Make Sale of Five Atwater-Kent Radios for Shipment to Europe.

Weyrich & Hadraba have just completed a rather remarkable sale; they have sold five of the celebrated Atwater-Kent radios to Mr. B. Soumar, who has been the Czechoslovakian representative at the Century of Progress Exposition at Chicago.

Mr. Soumar investigated the radio field very thoroughly, and concluded that the Atwater-Kent was the outstanding set on the American market. However, he was not able to close the deal through any of the Chicago dealers, as they could not furnish him just what he wanted, which was an eleven-tube model which would enable him to get all of the broadcasts from the various countries, both in the regular and the very short wave lengths. He wanted them without cabinets, on account of the severe tariff restrictions should he take them into Czechoslovakia. No Chicago dealer could furnish them without cabinets, as Atwater-Kents are never put upon the market in that way.

Theodore Hadraba promptly informed Weyrich & Hadraba of this situation, and they in turn got busy, and through their Omaha distributor, succeeded in getting the Atwater-Kent factory to waive one of their iron-clad rules. Thus this Plattsmouth firm put one over the big Chicago dealers and made the sale of five of these fine instruments.

Mr. Soumar had decided on the Atwater-Kent because it is made by one of the most reputable radio manufacturers of America, and the construction is most substantial of any set to be found on the American market.

Weyrich & Hadraba are indeed to be congratulated on being able to make a sale to be shipped to Europe, and Mr. Soumar is to be congratulated on the wise selection; with the Atwater-Kent he will be able to follow Byrd in Antarctica, as well as all other radio broadcast features of Europe and America.

HAVE FINE MEETING

The Westminster Guild of the Presbyterian church was entertained at the home of Miss Welhelmina Henrichsen last evening. This being the second meeting of the month, the evening was devoted to social purposes. Marjorie Lohnes led the brief devotional period.

The Guild had not heard reports from the members who had been in attendance at the Bellevue conference, therefore they were asked to say a few words.

Helen Gilmour, Eleanor Olsen and Helen Warga, who were the delegates to the Summer Conference enacted a playlet which gave a splendid idea of the life at the conference. The benefits in inspiration for right living and wholesome recreation were shown by the sketch.

After this very unusual report, the girls had a pleasant time visiting and enjoying themselves generally.

The hostess served delicious refreshments which closed a very enjoyable meeting.

Bert Everett, J. B. Roddy and Frank Finkle, of Union, were in the city Tuesday afternoon to enjoy a short stay and visiting with friends.

Navigation Congress Draws Many Delegates

H. A. Schneider of This City Finds Great Enthusiasm in River Improvement Program

From Wednesday's Daily
This morning H. A. Schneider, president of the Plattsmouth State bank, who has been spending the past several days at St. Louis, returned home. He has been in attendance at the Mississippi Valley association.

The convention was enthusiastic over the work and progress that has been made in the Mississippi and Missouri river improvement programs and which hold the promise of a great future to the central western states in the advantages of water transportation to the sections that have heretofore been blocked from participation in the advantages of water transportation.

One of the outstanding figures at the convention was Arthur J. Weaver, former governor of Nebraska, who was one of the first in the forefront of urging the river improvement program back in the years when it seemed but an idle dream. His realization of the desire for Missouri river improvement was shared by the convention.

The association commended the administration for undertaking the Fort Peck reservoir in Montana as a measure for navigation and a means of water control.

In another reservoir the group recommended to the government "the great value of source stream control on the Missouri, the Arkansas, the Ohio, the upper Mississippi, the Red and other tributaries" as a means of preventing floods and erosion, and promoting navigation and development of water power.

The association said it regarded an American merchant marine as essential in affording products of the Mississippi Valley admission to new foreign markets. It repeated its desire for private operation of inland waterway services, but asked that the Inland Waterways Corp., operating the Federal Barge Lines, be kept under government management until private carriers are able to take it over.

The organization re-elected its major officers, President Robert Isham Randolph of Chicago; vice president-at-large, Thomas F. Cunningham of New Orleans, and treasurer, R. S. Hawes of St. Louis.

HOLDS BIRTHDAY PARTY

From Wednesday's Daily
Last evening Edward Hadraba enjoyed a very pleasant birthday party in honor of his fifteenth anniversary, a number of the school friends being present to join in the pleasant event.

The evening was spent in games of all kinds and at which a great deal of entertainment was derived by the party. Music also served as a diversion of the event.

At a suitable hour refreshments were served and which was featured by the birthday cake and its glowing candles which closed a most pleasant time.

In honor of the occasion the guest of honor received a number of very handsome and attractive gifts.

Those attending the happy event were: Lois Meade, Jane Poesdcker, Laura Manack, Frances Childs, Tella Fay Hendrix, Lillian Taylor, Donald Warga, Henry Guy McMaken, Floyd McCarty, Charles Walden, Joe Hendrix, Arthur Warga, Raymond Wooster, Donald Cotner, Frederick Fricke, Carl Hula, Frances Hadraba, Mary Ann Hadraba, Ed Hadraba.

HAVE PLEASANT MEETING

The Social Workers of the Methodist church met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. W. Crabbill with Mrs. Clement Woster as the hostess of the occasion. The ladies spent some time in the discussion of the plans for their cookie sale as well as the preparation for "Church Night" which they will hold in a short time. There was a very pleasing attendance and several visitors were present. Mrs. Everett Stanton, Mrs. Myers and Mrs. Tishus, new residents of the city being guests of the society for the day.