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Gering Home Looted by Burglars Saturday

Discovery Made Sunday Morning by Caretaker of Fact House Broken Into—Loss Undetermined.

The fact that the beautiful Gering home on North 6th street had been visited by burglars, was discovered Sunday morning by Mrs. James Sochor, who has been looking after the residence since the departure of the family for the east. Mrs. Sochor had visited the house Saturday evening to check up and the house then was undisturbed so that the breaking in occurred sometime during the night.

Chief of Police Libershal and Deputy Sheriff Cass Sylvester were notified of the discovery of the burglary and on visiting the home discovered that entrance had been gained by prying up a window and breaking the lock to gain entrance to the home.

The party or parties had taken plenty of time in going over the house as it was well ransacked and articles scattered over the place.

The family are summering in the east near New York City and it has been impossible to determine just what was taken, if anything, from the house until the return of the family to check up on the contents of the home. There are many very valuable furnishings of the home and whether any of these are missing it remains to be discovered.

The officers are checking upon the case in the hope of running down the party that had pulled off the crime. The officers are of the opinion that those who committed the robbery were well aware of the fact that the family was out of the city.

LOCAL BOY WINNER

The finals in the Soap Box Derby, which was the culmination of several local derbies held over the eastern part of the state, was held at Omaha Sunday afternoon. The races were held on west Dodge street east from sixteenth street hill.

In the finals James Torbert, 13, of this city, was the winner of third place in the race and received a fine bicycle as his trophy of the race. Billie Schuler of Omaha was the winner of first place and will go to Akron, Ohio, to enter the national race.

Torbert and his nearest rival, Terry Horton, of Omaha, furnished the sensation of the afternoon when the car of Horton collided with that of Torbert just after the Plattsmouth boy was over the line as the winner of third place in class A.

Kenneth Wohlfarth, winner of class B in the Plattsmouth race, failed to place in the finals where a large entry of very speedy cars were made from all sections of the state, although the local boy and his car drew much attention in the race.

IN SERIOUS CONDITION

Mrs. J. A. Capwell has been spending the greater part of the time since the middle of May at Weston, Nebraska, where she has been with her mother, Mrs. Joseph Samek. Mrs. Samek has been bedfast since May and her condition is very grave at this time and her recovery a matter of grave doubt.

HERE FROM ST. LOUIS

Mrs. Harry L. King and daughters, Viola, Ruth and Lillian, of St. Louis, are in the city to enjoy a visit at the home of her father, John Lutz, as well as the brothers, Otto and Henry Lutz and families. Mrs. King reports that St. Louis and vicinity has also been suffering from the dryness of the last few months.

IN SERIOUS CONDITION

Claus Boetel, Sr., one of the oldest residents of the community, is in very serious condition at the county farm west of this city where he has resided for the past several years. Mr. Boetel is past ninety and has gradually succumbed to the attacks of his great years, his recovery being practically abandoned.

RETURN FROM THE WEST

Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Gradoville and family, of Knoxville, Iowa, were in the city Saturday to spend a short time with the relatives and old friends in this city and vicinity, departing Saturday evening for their home. They have been enjoying a vacation trip in Colorado, visiting at several of the places of scenic beauty in the mountain regions. While at Manitou they had the pleasure of a visit with Father George Agius, pastor of the St. John's church of this city, who is enjoying the coolness of the mountain country for a few weeks.

Prowlers are Reported on a Number Farms

Residents of South and West of Mynard Rout Prowlers by Unexpected Return Home.

A number of the residents of the territory west and south of Mynard Sunday reported to the office of Sheriff Homer Sylvester that prowlers had been around their home and had been routed by the return of the families.

Strangers were seen lurking around the farm homes of Phillip Kell, Perl Albin and John S. Vallery late Sunday as the members of the family who had been out for a Sunday drive, returned to their homes unexpectedly.

The strangers were able to get away before they could be definitely recognized by the householders but a very good description of the license number of the car was secured and reported, the car being from an outside county.

A number of the homes in the territory where the strangers were seen, have been robbed in the past few weeks and it is thought that the parties seen Sunday were the same gang.

SHOW GREAT INTEREST

The interest in the selection of "Miss Plattsmouth" is growing and the list of business houses and professional men who are sponsoring candidates now number over sixty and constantly growing.

The young ladies that enter will not face the necessity of any extra preparation as to fancy costumes as a regular street or house dress, formal or sport suit will be in order. No bathing suits are required and no flowers or other additional features are to be permitted.

It should be borne in mind that this beauty pageant is being put on by the Korn Klub committee and the proceeds will go into the treasury of the King Korn Klub. With no subsidies from the state or county the Korn Klub faces a difficult task in financing the project this year against adverse conditions. We want every young lady who takes part in the beauty pageant and each one of their sponsors to feel that they are helping to make the Korn Klub possible. With this patriotic slant to the proposition, we trust everyone will get in and help put this over in a big day. If you have not been solicited please call Ed Schulhof at 150.

HONOR MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY

The members of the Kerr family had a very delightful time Sunday as they gathered at the old home to honor their mother's eighty-first birthday, where a very happy day was enjoyed by all.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Miles Reaser and children, Miles Jr., and Margaret from Glenwood, Mrs. Alice Andrews and son, Gene, of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. James Rishel and children, John, Burton, Louise and Mary, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Kerr and the honoree, Mrs. S. E. Kerr.

HERE FROM UNION

From Monday's Daily
Mrs. Louvina Comer, one of the long time residents of near Union, was in the city for a short time today looking after some matters of business. While here she was a pleasant caller at the Journal and renewing her subscription to the semi-weekly edition of the paper.

Council Favors Amendment to Cut Tax Penalty

Would Have Legislature Provide for Submitting Amendment to Eliminate Penalty Interest.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The city council last evening had another of their long winded sessions that involved a bond sale and also had a considerable amount of business to transact after the sale was disposed of.

The council received a communication from Hugh J. Kearns post of the American Legion of this city asking that the city remit the license fee for the Gibbs carnival company which is showing here under the Legion auspices. As this has been the custom in the past the council voted to allow the request.

The council then started in on the bond sale and which covered from 8:15 to 9:45 with several of the bond bidders taking part and the final result was that the \$45,000 issue of 4% bonds now outstanding were refunded at 4 per cent, twenty year, optional after five years, with a \$11 premium. The successful bidder was the First Trust Co., of Lincoln, and to whom the bonds will be delivered as soon as prepared.

The tax and property committee of the city council through Chairman Webb, introduced a resolution asking that the governor submit the matter to the state legislature of a constitutional amendment to be voted on by the people and which would cover the enactment of laws to permit the payment of delinquent taxes without the penalty interest and permit a larger amount of tax being restored to the state and other governmental divisions. The resolution adopted was as follows:

A Resolution

WHEREAS, an emergency Delinquent Tax situation has arisen in Nebraska during the past seven years of general and world-wide depression, which two successive legislative sessions have sought to remedy through the passage of non-penalty interest laws, applicable to both real estate and personal taxes, but which have been found inadequate and finally unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of Nebraska; and—

WHEREAS, in every county in the state many persons owing back taxes have taken advantage of the provisions of such non-penalty interest laws, either through payment of their back taxes in full or under the ten and five year payment provisions; and many hundreds of other similarly delinquent taxpayers are anxious to be allowed to do likewise; and—

WHEREAS, such laws remitting penalty interest are now in operation and proving very satisfactory in the way of getting in delinquent taxes that would be lost otherwise in the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, Montana, Texas and Washington, while in the state of Minnesota there has even been a remission of two-fifths of the principal amount delinquent, with equally good results; and—

WHEREAS, to make such a law operative in Nebraska it will be necessary to amend the Constitution, which can only be done by a vote of the people at the general election in November, which due to time limitations can now only be proposed by legislative enactment . . . now, therefore—

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Plattsmouth, Cass county, Nebraska, that His Excellency Governor R. L. Cochran be urged to call a special session to enact a constitutional amendment for submission to the voters at the election to be held November 3, 1936, regarding extended payment of taxes and remission of penalty interest, not only on real estate and personal taxes, but to go a step further and permit the governing bodies of cities and villages to enact ordinances remitting the higher rate penalty interest on special improvement assessments that are delinquent and permitting their payment in installments, all to the end that the taxpayers of Nebraska may be given an opportunity to pay the 40 millions of dollars in delinquent taxes in installment payments and without interest the same as is done in states enumerated above. And be it further—

RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent to Governor Cochran, the Nebraska League of Municipalities and other interested parties, as well as furnished the press for publication.

The council approved a resolution presented by Councilman Bestor which reconfirmed the members of

the new cemetery board of control, A. H. Duxbury and W. F. Evers for a term of one year, James Comstock and L. W. Niel for a term of two years and George A. Kaffenberger and Fred H. Sharpnack for a term of three years.

Police Judge C. L. Graves reported that for the weeks of July 16 and July 23 that there had been three arrests made and fines and costs of \$23.25.

The finance committee of the council reported a resolution asking that \$1,629 be transferred to the gasoline tax fund from the general fund to cover the excess due on work on Sixth street. The money to be paid the city in the gas tax fund is to be returned to the general fund.

The council then took up ordinance No. 723, providing for the levy for the year 1936-37 and which placed the levy at 23.40 mills on the \$1.00 valuation, a slight drop below that of last year.

The council then passed the annual appropriation bill in ordinance No. 724 and which placed the total cost of the operating expenses of the city government for the year at \$44,850, which covers to the close of the fiscal period, May 1, 1937. The appropriation for the past year was \$47,200.

The following claims were ordered paid by the council:

John Kubicka, street work	17.33
John Kubicka, burying one dog	.60
Geo. Taylor, work with team	27.00
Ivan Taylor, street work	26.80
George Taylor, same	4.20
Franklyn Kief, same	7.35
Charles Gradoville, same	19.95
National Ref. Co., gas	18.40
Clyde Jackson, labor	1.00
R. G. Reed, typing	1.00
H. W. Johnson, tractor operator	6.40
F. R. Gohelman, paint	15.45
Platts. Journal, printing	35.85
E. J. Richey, lime	2.10
D. H. Merritt & Sons, gravel, 6th street	224.77
Ray Bryant, repair truck	5.65
John Boetel, burying 2 dogs	1.20

KIDDIE PAGEANT

As a prelude or "curtain raiser" to the major show next Tuesday night at the Beauty Pageant, there will be a Kiddie Pageant of little girls from 2 to 6 years of age. Mrs. Henry Soennichsen and Mrs. E. L. McKissick are in charge of this feature and if you have a little girl of this age whom you would like to enter, phone Mrs. Soennichsen, No. 133.

It will cost you nothing for the entry and your little girl will enjoy the experience. These little tots will be judged by three out of town strangers.

Mr. Lapidus, proprietor of the Hotel Plattsmouth, has kindly offered the use of the hotel lobby for the assembly of the Beauty Pageant entrants. These young ladies and the kiddies as well, will come to the hotel lobby at 7:30 sharp. They will form in line and parade to the opera house next door where the pageant will be put on. Over 75 young ladies have so far entered. The judges are going to have a hard time.

IN CRITICAL CONDITION

Councilman E. O. Vroman has received word from Chicago of the very critical condition of his brother-in-law, Woodrow York, who has suffered a very severe attack of heart trouble and from which there is little hope held for his recovery.

Mr. York, who is twenty-five years of age, was born in this city and since the removal of the family to the east has been a frequent visitor here with his sister and family and the old friends. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. York.

The many friends here will regret very much to learn of his condition and share with the family the regret that his illness has brought.

Mrs. Vroman is at Chicago at the bedside of the brother and will remain there until there is a change in his condition.

RETURN FROM VACATION

From Tuesday's Daily
Dr. and Mrs. P. T. Heineman and daughter, Margaret, who have been enjoying a summer vacation in the Yellowstone national park and in the Teton park in Wyoming, returned home last evening and report a very pleasant trip and enjoying the coolness of the mountain country.

Truck Burns and Two Drivers are Injured Monday

Destroyed by Fire on Highway No. 75 Near Murray and Men Suffer from Burns.

Two truck drivers were slightly injured and a large truck was destroyed by fire when the gasoline tanks on the truck caught fire and exploded Monday five miles north of Murray on highway No. 75.

Chester Griffin, 2418 8th Ave., Council Bluffs, driver, and his companion, Roy Wilson, Chicago, escaped with only slight injuries, Griffin said.

Griffin had burns about the arms and hands and Wilson suffered a bad head laceration when he jumped from the careening truck.

Griffin said the truck, loaded with 16 tons of lumber consigned to the penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., caught fire when the sediment bulb on the motor burst and the leaking gasoline sprayed onto the exhaust pipe.

One fuel tank exploded, wrecking the sleeper cab and blowing a mattress through the roof of the cab, according to Griffin.

Griffin said he steered the truck into the ditch, told his companion to jump and then jumped out himself. Then the second tank blew up.

The lumber and truck were burned completely, according to Griffin's report. Value of the load, he said, was about \$1,000 and of the truck about \$3,000. The transport was property of the Midwest Forwarding Co. of Chicago.

DIES FROM AUTO ACCIDENT

For the third time in a two week period, death has invaded the circle of the W. P. Wortman family of Malvern, Iowa. Saturday at the hospital at Omaha occurred the death of Miss Helen Zane Wortman, third victim of an auto accident which occurred two miles west of this city on the Louisville road, Saturday, July 11th.

The father, W. P. Wortman, died a few moments after arrival at the hospital on the afternoon of the accident, the mother passed away last week and the daughter now joins the parents in the last rest. The deaths that have come so rapidly in the family circle have been a great shock to those of the family group that survive. The only living member of the party that rode in the wrecked Wortman car is Mrs. Fred Newell, sister of Mr. Wortman, who is suffering a fractured leg, but otherwise is expected to recover.

HERE FOR VACATION

From Tuesday's Daily
Miss Alice M. Funk, of Baltimore, Maryland, arrived here this morning for a vacation visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Funk as well as the other relatives and many old friends. Miss Funk since the completion of her training as a deaconess, has been engaged in the work of her profession in the east and has been assigned to the Fayette-Bennett M. E. church at Baltimore, one of the largest churches of this denomination in the east. She has made a splendid record and has been asked to continue on in this church for the ensuing year.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Monday afternoon at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lohnes, John Chamberlain celebrated his sixth birthday anniversary. The afternoon was spent in playing games. Prizes were won by Millie Lohnes and Ralph Hill.

At a suitable hour a delicious lunch was served, and a very pretty cake with its six glowing candles. John received many beautiful gifts.

VISIT RELATIVES HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Woolcott, of Batavia, Illinois, were visitors here at the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Woolcott, the former a brother. They have been visiting in the west and stopped here to enjoy a short stay with the relatives in this city.

BIND MEN OVER

In the county court Saturday afternoon Robert Lee Whitfield and John H. Pointer, both of Murray, were arraigned in connection with several bad checks which had been circulated here and signed by the name of John Davis. The men had entered a plea of not guilty to the charge. After hearing the evidence offered the court bound the two men over to the district court and set the bond at \$500 and failing to supply the same the men were remanded to the custody of the sheriff.

Officials Discuss WPA Future Work

L. A. Woodward, Lincoln; Mark Kerns, G. W. Welch, Neb. City, Meet with Commissioners.

From Wednesday's Daily

This morning a meeting was held at the court house by the board of county commissioners, Fred H. Gorder, E. B. Chapman and J. A. Pitz, with L. A. Woodward of the state office of the WPA and drouth relief, Mark Kerns and George W. Welch of employment of the district WPA at Nebraska City.

The work this year will be planned in advance so that the problems may be arranged to be taken care of as they arise instead of the matter being forced on the organization in a group as was the case last year.

One of the problems of the future is going to be that of taking care of many farmers who are suffering from the effects of the drouth in the various sections of the county and which will make necessary the organization of propositions that can take care of a number of the farmers that may be in need of relief through work facilities.

The situation was gone over thoroughly by the officials of the WPA and the board of commissioners and it is hoped to have a definite lineup on future projects arranged before the fall season.

HERE FROM UNION

From Tuesday's Daily

This morning Mr. and Mrs. John Lidgett and Mrs. Martha Lynn of Union were in the city to attend to some matters of business at the court house and visiting with friends. While here Mrs. Lynn was a visitor at the Journal office to renew her subscription to the semi-weekly edition of the paper. While at the court house they were paying their taxes and were pleased to find that they were several dollars less than for the former years.

LEAVE ON OUTING

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rising of near Cedar Creek, accompanied by Miss Grace Livingston, Townner Livingston and Franklin Wehrlein, departed Sunday on a vacation trip to the west. They are to visit at Yellowstone park, thence to Spokane and Seattle, Washington, and then down the Pacific coast to California. The father of Mr. Rising lives at Los Angeles and here they will spend some time in visiting.

HONOR RETIRING SCHOOLMAN

From Tuesday's Daily:

Mrs. Alice Andrews was a visitor in Omaha today where she attended a dinner party at the Hotel Fontenelle in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Booth, the former, retiring head of the Nebraska School for the Deaf, where Mrs. Andrews has been a teacher. Mr. Booth has served as head of the Nebraska school over a long period of years but is leaving Omaha on August 1st for an important school post in the east.

SUFFER FROM MALARIA

There are several cases of malaria reported from La Platte and vicinity but in the cases the patients are all doing nicely. The cases are thought to be originated from the very low water supply that is found over the state and which has brought on, in many cases, the impurities in the water.

Recreational Program Started Locally Today

Supervisors Meet with County Director G. M. Corum of Louisville; Plan Program for City.

From Tuesday's Daily:

The recreational program planned by the WPA had its first start today when a large group assembled at the Central school building to meet County Director G. M. Corum and the supervisors who will have charge of the work here. These projects are all absolutely free and from the indication of the initial meeting there should be a large number enrolled before the end of the week.

Peter Gradoville has been selected as supervisor of music and will have charge of band work, harmonica bands, community singing and orchestras will come under the department of Mr. Gradoville and whom anyone interested is requested to contact.

Rev. H. A. McKelvey will be the supervisor of boys work and which will include athletics, handcraft and supervised play.

Mrs. Ruby Lester will be the supervisor of girls work, which will include dramatics, athletics, handcraft, singing and supervised play.

Thelma Duncan, primary supervisor, will have charge of the primary children, singing, games, paper cut outs and all kinds of supervised play and instruction.

Clyde Jackson has been selected as the building and grounds supervisor of the local group projects.

RETURN FROM THE EAST

Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Cloldt and daughters, Maxine and Frances, returned home Sunday morning from a very pleasant outing that has taken them to a large part of the east coast country and parts of Canada. They enjoyed several days at Ottawa, the Canadian capital city, Montreal and Quebec, the latter two very interesting by reason of their old world French atmosphere. They also spent a few days in New York City, Boston, Providence and at the Cleveland Great Lakes exposition. On their return trip they stopped for the evening meal at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and had the pleasure of meeting Marion Dickson, who is conducting a theatre in that city. Leaving Mt. Pleasant they drove all night and reached home at 4:30 Sunday morning.

RETURNS FROM EUROPE

Miss Mathilde Soennichsen of this city, who has been spending two months in a trip through Europe, has returned to the United States, arriving on Thursday at Baltimore on the Baltimore Mail Liner, "City of Norfolk." Among others on the "City of Norfolk" were nine year old Michael Edward Palmquist of Hollywood, California and Captain George H. Stone, U. S. Army flyer, returning from the orient via Europe. Captain Reginald Rose was in command of the vessel that sailed from Bremen and Southampton.

LEAVE FOR MINNESOTA

Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Clare Shellenbarger and little son and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Robinson and little son, departed for Minnesota where they will enjoy a fishing trip and outing for a week. They are spending the greater part of the time at Bowman's Resort at Parham, Minnesota, near where are located several large lakes that are very popular with the fishermen.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the kind neighbors and friends for their beautiful floral remembrances and kindness in any way at the funeral services of our dear father and brother.—Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Tefft, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Buttery.

HERE FROM NEHAWKA

John M. Fitch of Nehawka, was in the city for a short time on Tuesday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Journal office to renew his subscription for the ensuing year.