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Elmwood and Avoca Stores are Looted

Gang of Robbers Enter Large Number of Places in Two Towns Sometime Last Night.

Following in rapid succession robberies of business houses at Weeping Water and Louisville, apparently the same gang struck last night sometime at Elmwood and Avoca and while the sum total of the money or goods taken was not large, a very large number of places suffered from the visitation of the gang.

The town of Elmwood had six places entered and two attempted to be broken into by the robbers and here it is thought that the robberies occurred after 4 o'clock in the morning as up to that hour the town has a night watchman on duty and so far as learned there was no trace seen of any strangers around the town and the first intimation of the robberies was this morning when the business section of the town started its usual activities and it was found that the larger part of the business houses had been robbed.

The stores that were broken into at Elmwood were the Green and the Tyson drug stores and at the last named place some \$50 in money as well as cigarettes were secured, the lumber yard of the Union Lumber Co., the Backmeyer filling station, the Sken harness shop where a number of leather jackets were taken, while at the William garage entrance was made and the robbers damaged the entrance a great deal in attempts to force an entrance into the safe. The Coatsman hardware store as well as the Stokes store were also visited by the robbers but were unable to gain entrance. In every case the robbers made their way into the stores by prying open the front doors with a small bar apparently, the same methods that were used last week at Weeping Water and Louisville.

The town of Avoca suffered five of their places being visited and while the loss will not reach over \$300 it is fortunate that the entire stocker was not taken. The largest sufferer at Avoca will be that of the George Pollard general store where silk hose and other articles of wearing apparel was taken. At the H. H. Marquardt drug store it was reported that some flashlights as well as a great many other small articles were missing. The robbers did not secure a great deal at the William Gollner meat market or the J. P. H. Rughe grocery store as far as could be learned at noon today. The Jorgensen garage was also visited and here the locks on the gas pumps were broken and also a number of inner tubes stolen.

The Avoca robberies were discovered at 7:30 this morning and at that time the parties who had committed the outrages were able to be well under cover in Omaha or Lincoln, out of which places it is thought the robbers are operating.

Sheriff Bert Reed was at the two towns today looking into the case and to try and if possible secure some clue that might fix on the gang that was engaged in the depredations over the central part of the county in the past week.

HONOR OLD RESIDENT

Mrs. Elizabeth Tritsch, one of the loved and highly esteemed residents of this city, was given a very pleasant surprise on Sunday at her home on Locust street, the occasion being the passing of her seventy-eighth birthday. The event was planned by the members of the family and those who enjoyed the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Mike Tritsch and children, Florene and Marvin, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Tritsch, Miss Elizabeth Tritsch and Christy Stohman, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tritsch and daughter, Miss Esther, Clyde Gilmore and Miss Amelia Friedrich.

YOUNG PEOPLE WEDDED

Rev. H. E. Sortor of the First Methodist church was called upon late Saturday to unite in the bands of wedlock Miss Emily Johnson and John F. Wright, both of Council Bluffs, who later motored back to their home.

At the office of County Judge A. H. Duxbury occurred the marriage of Miss Carrie Fredrick and G. A. Kelpin, both of Omaha, who were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Harris of this city, friends of the contracting parties and who served as the witnesses for the happy event.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

From Monday's Daily—
Mrs. Max Valley, who has not been in the best of health for some time past, became so serious the past week that it was necessary to have her taken to the Clarkson hospital at Omaha and where she was operated on. The case has been a very serious one and the patient, while doing as well as could be expected at this time, is still in very poor condition. Mr. Valley has been at the hospital with the wife a part of the time, making the trips back and forth from the farm.

Death Comes to Mrs. Lester Burrows Sunday

Lifetime Resident of the Community Passes Away After Illness of Several Months

From Monday's Daily—
Mrs. Lester G. Burrows, aged fifty-one, passed away at her home in the north part of the city following an illness that covered several months, on Sunday morning at 4 o'clock. The death messenger came as a blessed relief to the patient who has been suffering from cancer and a few months ago was operated on at the hospital at Omaha but her case was such that no permanent relief could not be given.

Louise Guthmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Guthmann, was born in Plattsmouth, May 28, 1878, where her parents were among the prominent residents of the community and in this city her lifetime has been spent, she growing to womanhood and receiving her training in the local schools. A lady of much charm of personality she has made a large circle of friends who will most sincerely mourn her passing as that of a true friend and devoted neighbor. In this city she deceased was united in marriage to Lester G. Burrows and they have enjoyed a happy wedded life and in which there were no clouds of sorrow or regret until the shadow of illness came to darken the happiness of the homelife.

Besides the husband there are surviving two brothers, Edward Guthmann of Grand Island, Will Guthmann of Plainview and two sisters, Mrs. H. H. Goss of Omaha and Mrs. Ida Postlewaite of Kansas City, Missouri. The parents have preceded her in death a number of years ago.

MRS. LAWTON RESIGNS

From Monday's Daily—
Mrs. Ona Lawton, matron at the Nebraska Masonic Home, has resigned her position at that institution after some ten years service in assisting in the care of the aged and sick members of the Home.

Mrs. Lawton first came to the home as head nurse ten years ago and later was advanced to the position of matron which place she has held up to this time when she submitted her resignation to the officers of the Masonic Home association.

The retiring matron has been untiring in her work at the Home and her kindly and pleasant personality will be missed very much by all those who make their residence at the Home. In her interest and care of the aged she has been most gentle and aided the residents very much in bearing the infirmities that the advanced years had brought.

Her associations have been most pleasant with the members of the Home staff as well as the members of the large family at the Home and they will miss her as a real friend as well as an efficient worker in the executive management of the Home and its affairs.

Mrs. Lawton is expecting to make her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Young, pioneer residents of the county, on the farm south of this city and where she will assist them in the care of the farm as well as looking after their welfare.

While it is a matter of general regret that Mrs. Lawton has resigned as matron at the Masonic Home, it is hoped that she finds enjoyment and pleasure in the life down on the farm where she lived in her girlhood days.

OMAHA TEAM WINS

From Wednesday's Daily—
Last evening the Plattsmouth Athletic basketball team found themselves in the pathway of the availing of the Hamilton Street Tire Shop team of Omaha and the visitors won the winners by the score of 30 to 14.

The Hamilton team comprised the old time Nebraska School for the Deaf team that years ago made the going rough for the Plattsmouth school team, and they have improved with the years so that they are now one of the fastest teams in Omaha.

The visitors swept away the locals and played one of the fastest games that has been seen on the local court in a long time.

McClanahan was the chief factor for Plattsmouth with Peterson heading the scoring and playing a hot game all the way through.

Phone us the news. No. 6.

Athletics Win from Florence Saturday Nite

Score of 27 to 25 Is Rolled Up in a Red Hot Battle on Omaha Court Saturday Evening

The Plattsmouth Athletics, composed of some of the former high school stars of the years past, won their opening game of the season 27 to 25 on Saturday night when they defeated the Florence Merchants, one of the fast organizations of the north side and who have in their membership, Lynch, former St. Paul star and Carl Smith, Creighton Prep guard of last year, both of whom are now on the Creighton university squad, as well as Gandy, North high ace of the last two seasons.

The Florence Merchants led the battle until the final quarter when the Plattsmouth quintet were able to cut down the margin and finally stepped out in front.

The shooting of Gandy and Lynch in the opening part of the game gave the Florence team a 11 to 7 advantage at the first quarter and at the half they led by the score of 17 to 11. In the third the Plattsmouth team was able to add to their score and at the third period the Florence team was leading 21 to 17.

In the final period of the game the Plattsmouth team was able to stage a rally with the fine shooting of Lund, local star, and the score stood 25 to 24 in favor of the Plattsmouth quintet as the game was going into a minute to play and then Lund was called on a foul and Lynch, the deadly shooting ace of the Merchants was the boy to shoot the free tosses, and after making good the first toss to tie the score, he missed the second and as it bounced from the bank board, John Svoboda, local center recovered the ball and passed to Schneider who dribbled down the floor and again passed the ball to Svoboda who sank a beautiful field goal as the pistol sounded and the game was over, 27 to 25 for the Plattsmouth team.

The contest was refereed by George Parish, well known arbitrator and who gave his usual fine and impartial handling of the game.

The Plattsmouth team is to play the Hamilton Street Tire Shop team here on Tuesday evening at the high school gym. The Hamiltons were victors over the Florence team a week ago.

Chet Lund was the high point man of the Plattsmouth team with 13 counters and the whole team played an excellent game. Henry Krejci, one of the new members of the squad was given a part in the game, replacing McClanahan in the game and played a fine forward and was able to prevent many shots for the opposing team.

The tabulated score of the game was as follows:

Plattsmouth—				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
McClanahan, f	2	3	2	13
Lund, f	0	0	0	0
Krejci, f	0	0	0	0
Svoboda, f	3	0	0	6
Schneider, g	0	0	0	0
Svoboda, L. g	2	0	1	4
	12	3	6	27

Florence—				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Gilsman, f	0	1	0	1
Bjork, f	0	0	1	0
Gandy, f	5	0	0	10
Thomas, f	0	0	0	0
Lynch, c	4	2	1	10
Smith, g	1	2	0	4
Peterson, g	0	0	2	0
	10	5	4	25

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

The eleventh birthday anniversary of little Miss Edna Mae Peterson occurred on Saturday, a group of some thirty-five of the youngsters gathered at the home on Park hill to see the event was suitably observed and made one that the guest of honor will long remember.

The time was spent in games of all kinds and among these in the Polo-Ball game Rachel Robertson was the most successful while in the Bean Bag and Straw games, Joan Moore was the winner of the prizes.

The guest of honor received a large number of very attractive gifts as remembrances of the occasion and which she will long treasure as tokens of the affection of the many little friends.

The afternoon was closed with the serving of dainty refreshments by Mrs. Peterson who was assisted in serving as well as in the games by Miss Amanna Hiatt, Miss Gertrude Mortensen, Mrs. Martha Peterson, Miss Florene Schutz and Miss Fern Stivers.

BIRTH OF LITTLE SON

The many friends here of the Donald Fickie family will be pleased to learn that a fine little son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fickie on Friday at the hospital in Omaha. The mother and little one are doing nicely and it is needless to say that Donald is feeling mighty proud of the little lad that is to bear his name.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

E. L. Glaze, salesman for Morton-Gregson Co., Nebraska City, who underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis at Immanuel hospital at Omaha, has returned to this city.

Mr. Glaze was on his territory and was near Elmwood and was taken suddenly sick near the city of Elmwood, where he called a physician who pronounced acute appendicitis, who rushed Mr. Glaze to a hospital and the operation was performed at once.

Mr. Glaze is at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Glaze, at present recovering from his sickness and is feeling as well as can be expected.

Death of Former Resident of City Occurs at Lincoln

Miss Lydia Weckbach Passed Away Early Sunday Morning After an Illness of Months

The death of Miss Lydia Weckbach, member of one of the early families in this city, occurred at 3 o'clock Sunday morning at the family home, 1709 L street, Lincoln, following an illness that has covered the past few months and during which time the condition of her patient has been such as to give but little hope of her recovery.

The deceased lady was born in Plattsmouth fifty-eight years ago and her family was among the early residents here, her father, Joseph V. Weckbach, having been a merchant here for a great many years, the grandfather of the deceased, Michael Weckbach, with his family coming here in 1866, and here the family made their home for a great many years.

Following the death of J. V. Weckbach the family moved to Lincoln, some thirty-nine years ago and have since made their home in that city.

Miss Weckbach was noted in this section of the state for her art work, she having been a very talented artist and for some years carried on a studio of which she was an instructor in Lincoln, her work in this line having attracted a great deal of attention. In recent years her failing health has made necessary her giving up her work. She was also very active in the work of the Catholic church, serving as an instructor in the St. Mary's parish and services in the St. Mary's parish at Lincoln, her passing will take away a very active figure in the church.

Miss Weckbach is survived by four brothers, Edward of Denver; Eugene of Reno, Nevada; Louis of Los Angeles, and Mrs. M. W. Costello of Lincoln and Sister Mary Leon, B. V. M. of Boulder, Colorado.

EARTHQUAKE HERE

Did you know that Plattsmouth ever was visited by an earthquake? This question was propounded by E. C. Ripple, one of the old time residents of the community, who as a boy well recalled the incident of the quake and he is anxious to find just how many can recall the year that this unusual event took place.

On the day of the earthquake Mr. Ripple was at school, the present Central building, with the top story, long since removed, serving to house the pupils of the city school. As the quake started the children of the school were marched out of the building and as Mr. Ripple came down the stairs he was swept off his feet by the larger students and fell on the floor, where he was tramped on by the horde of frightened youngsters and received a gash near the left eye as the result of a mud scraper inflicting damages on the face. Mr. Ripple recalls the incident and states that the quake did more or less damage to the old school building and marks of which can still be seen in the old structure.

HONORS MRS. FAITH

Sunday afternoon Misses Josephine Rys and Mary Krejci entertained at the Krejci home a number of friends in honor of Mrs. Joe Faith of Kansas City.

The afternoon was spent in visiting. At the close of the afternoon a light lunch was served by the hostesses.

Those who attended the occasion were: Mrs. Hamilton Mark, Mrs. Portrest Rhodes, Mrs. Howard Scott of Lincoln, Miss Anne Krejci of Omaha, Misses Frances and Mary Krejci, Josephine Rys and the guest of honor Mrs. Joe Faith.

PRESENTED NEW SIGN

The garage and sales building of the Plattsmouth Motor Co., is boasting a very fine electric sign that announces to the world the location and business of this up-to-date institution. This sign was presented to Mr. Petring by the employees of the garage and the sales and office force of the institution and which is the more appreciated by the owner of the garage as a tribute from his own employees.

Standard Oil Filling Station is Held Up

Walter Fulton, in Charge of the Station Is "Stuck Up" Last Night at 6:30.

From Tuesday's Daily—
The Standard Oil filling station at Seventh and Vine street, located along one of the main streets of the city and a block from the heart of the business section, was "stuck up" last evening at 6:30 and between \$25 and \$35 taken from the cash register by the young man who pulled off the job. So far no trace has been found of the lone bandit, who it is thought made his way on into Omaha.

Walter Fulton, who had charge of the filling station, was sitting on a small bench near the cash register last evening when a young man, a stranger to Mr. Fulton entered the station and gave the custodian a very pleasant smile as he advanced over to where Mr. Fulton was sitting and followed this with the request that he open the cash register. At first Mr. Fulton did not realize that he was being made the victim of a holdup, but as he failed to get busy at once, the command was repeated and with emphasis to "get busy and no fooling," a nickel plated gun in the left hand of the holdup adding to the force of the command. Mr. Fulton then opened the register and the stranger, keeping the gun trained on Mr. Fulton, proceeded to help himself to the money, laying aside the checks and pennies that were in the register. The hold up then forced Mr. Fulton into the rest room adjoining the main room of the station and added the command that he remain there for thirty minutes or else he would be pushing up daisies.

After being forced into the smaller room Mr. Fulton heard the door of the station slam and a few moments later the sound of a car starting up, seemingly just south of the station on Seventh street. This was followed by the entrance of two men into the station and hearing these men talking Mr. Fulton came out and reported the robbery of the station. The two strangers who were seeking gas had not seen anyone near the station as they came up, however, and the holdup man had apparently made a quick getaway from the scene.

Mr. Fulton on getting out of his improvised prison, called the office of the sheriff, and Pat Reed, who was located, hurried at once to the scene of the robbery and stopping out to get the description of the robber, started in pursuit toward Omaha.

The bandit had carefully covered his tracks and the only possible trace of the bandit and his car was that given by some motorists north of the city who having car trouble had stopped and had noticed a car going north at a high rate of speed but as to numbers of the car or the occupants they could give no information. Mr. Reed continued on into Omaha where with Omaha police efforts were made to locate anyone that might have had connection with the holdup but without success.

The description given by Fulton of the holdup is that of a young man of apparently twenty-five years of age, about five feet and a half tall, light complexion and wearing a sheep lined coat. The bandit had very prominent teeth.

BALL PLAYER IS WEDDED

On Saturday afternoon County Judge A. H. Duxbury was called upon to join in the bonds of wedlock Miss Frances Morse and Mr. Orval Johnson, both of Table Rock, Nebraska, who motored here for the happy event and to enjoy a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hintzmann, the latter a sister of the groom. Mr. Johnson was a resident here for several years while employed in the Burlington shops and has a very large circle of friends in this community. While here Mr. Johnson was a member of the local baseball team and served as one of the outfielders on the team. In the past two years he has made his home at Table Rock and where he and his bride will continue to make their home.

FUNERAL OF MRS. BURROWS

From Wednesday's Daily—
The funeral services of the late Mrs. Lester Burrows were held yesterday afternoon at the Sattler Funeral home and with a large number of old time friends of the family present to share with the sorrowing husband and members of the family the deep regret that the passing of this loved lady has brought.

The services were conducted by Rev. H. E. Sortor of the First Methodist church and during the course of the service Mrs. E. H. Wescott sang two of the old loved songs, "The City Four Square" and "Some Day the Silver Cord Will Break".

The interment was at the Oak Hill cemetery in the family burial plot at that beautiful city of the silent.

ACCEPTS PETITION

From Tuesday's Daily—
This morning Theodore R. Davis, of Weeping Water, in whose behalf a large petition was filed asking him to be a candidate for sheriff, was in the city and filed his acceptance of the petition and is now a candidate for the republican nomination for the office. Mr. Davis is a resident of south of the city of Weeping Water and a well known and popular farmer in that locality where he has resided for many years. While here Mr. Davis was busy meeting a great many of his old friends.

Robberies in County Work of Organized Gang

State Officers Believe That Store Robberies of Past Week Handiwork of One Gang.

From Tuesday's Daily—
There is little doubt but what the same gang of thieves pulled off fifteen jobs at Avoca, Elmwood, and Eagle Sunday night, and at Weeping Water and Louisville the past week, according to State Deputy Haddon and Walter Schroeder, state fingerprint expert, who spent all of Monday investigating the robberies.

In each town the same kind of jimmy was used in opening doors at nearly all the places entered and inside the stores and filling stations the methods employed were practically identical.

Another robbery in the same vicinity Sunday night was reported Monday. This was at Ashland where marauders entered the public school building and took articles valued at approximately \$25, among them a traveling bag, brief case, fountain pens, radio tubes and an ivory clock. Access was gained by breaking the glass of the window to the music room on the first floor. A file was found which had been used in an attempt to get in the door.

An eyewitness describing of "four husky men" seen entering the Adams grocery at Eagle and a set of finger prints obtained at a grocery store at Avoca were about all the clues officers had to work with in the Cass county robberies.

Mrs. John Peterson of Eagle, living across the street from the Adams grocery, was awakened at about 3 a. m. Monday by a noise and looking out the window she saw four men in front of the store. She could only describe them as husky.

Mrs. Peterson called the telephone operator, Mrs. Emil Oberlie, but before she could rouse the town the yeggs had left. The loss in the four places entered at Eagle, two stores and two filling stations, was small.

The thieves apparently were after money swag principally for the stores in all the towns they overlooked valuable merchandise. Their biggest loot in merchandise was at the Pollard store at Avoca, where they took \$150 worth of silk hose, and at the William Sken harness shop at Elmwood, where they made away with five coats.

HAS TRUCK DAMAGED

From Monday's Daily—
Last night while Joe Mrasek, local truckman, was at the South Omaha stock yards unloading a truckload of hogs at the docks, he had the small truck that he operates very badly damaged when it was backed into by a larger truck. The Mrasek truck was very badly damaged as the heavier swag crushed in the back of the truck. The driver of the truck doing the damage to Mr. Mrasek's truck had the damaged vehicle taken to Council Bluffs to be repaired and placed back in service. At the time of the accident Mr. Mrasek was accompanied by his son-in-law, William Lintner, and fortunately for the occupants of the truck none were injured and they had been able to get the hogs unloaded before the accident occurred.

KING'S HERALD MEET

The King's Herald met Saturday afternoon with Beatrice Arn. It was the first meeting of the year and proved to be a very interesting one.

The title of the text book being used is "Going to Jerusalem."

Louise Rishel had the devotions, using Matthew 19:14 for the scripture.

It was agreed upon that they would hold their monthly meeting the first Saturday in each month.

RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS

From Wednesday's Daily—
Superintendent R. E. Bailey, who has been suffering more or less from the effects of illness for the past few weeks, is now able to be up and around again and attending to his duties at the high school in guiding the work of the teachers and pupils. Mr. Bailey was able to make his appearance at the Rotary Tuesday and helping maintain the high standard of attendance which is a boast of the local club.

Patriotic Themes Make Club Program

Plattsmouth Woman's Club Have Delightful Time in Session Last Evening at Richey Home

From Tuesday's Daily—
The members of the Plattsmouth Woman's club held a very interesting meeting last evening at the attractive home of Mrs. E. J. Richey, in the north portion of the city, and a very large number of the members were present when the meeting was called to order by Mrs. E. H. Wescott, president.

In the business session a number of matters of importance came up for consideration, among these the matter of the county convention and it was voted to invite the county convention here in October for their annual meeting.

The announcement was made from the state department that Mrs. F. G. Corvill had been named as the head of the Better Homes department and Mrs. Corvill gave a short outline of her plans for the year.

The club is to continue their scholarship fund work and the finance committee is arranging for the financing of the young people that are having the advantage of the fund. Mrs. Frank Mullen, of the finance committee having announced that a benefit card party would be given February 13th at the Hotel Riley for the benefit of the fund and at which time the club will ask the patronage of the general public.

The local club will also endeavor to induce ladies residing in the community adjacent to this city to join in the local club and help carry on the very interesting programs that are being arranged.

The community service department of the state is organizing a contest on the lines of "The Right Use of Leisure," and in this there will be several local members contest.

The program of the meeting was of a patriotic nature and had been arranged by Mrs. Ralph Wiles and proved a most instructive as well as entertaining offering with Mrs. James T. Begley presiding over that portion of the evening's offering.

The singing of "America" and the salute to the flag were the opening numbers of the program and proved a fitting starting of the fine enjoyment.

The Misses Patricia, Rose and Ruth Ferris were presented in a very lovely and delightfully given patriotic tableau that was very much enjoyed.

Several musical readings featured the program, Twila Fae Hendrix and Edna Mae Peterson each giving two of these selections in a very artistic manner.

As a part of the February program Mrs. F. G. Corvill gave a very fine sketch of George Washington, the first president, covering in a most convincing manner the life of this great leader and the effects of his life on the nation.

Little Miss Shirley Keck was heard in two well presented readings that reflected the greatest credit on this clever little lady.

The great address of President Lincoln was given by Miss Janet Westover in her most delightful manner.

As the subject of the second address of the evening, Mrs. A. H. Duxbury was heard on the life and work of Abraham Lincoln, giving a graphic sketch of the son of the common people that had been called to the highest place in the gift of the nation.

Miss Lois Bestor also added to the musical portion of the program with a stirring march number.

The formal program of the evening was closed with the vocal offering of Miss Jean Hayes, a most appropriate selection to the evening, and the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner."

Mrs. Richey and the associate hostesses, Mrs. Harry Platt, Mrs. John Gordon, Mrs. John Alwin and Mrs. E. H. Wescott served very dainty refreshments at an appropriate hour.

DIES AT LEXINGTON

From Tuesday's Daily—
The message was received here last evening of the death at Lexington, Nebraska, yesterday of Virgil McFarland, 52, well known in this city and the husband of the former Olga Martin, step-daughter of A. P. Campbell, and for many years a resident of Plattsmouth. Mrs. McFarland was very active here in the social life of the community and in the young peoples work of both the Methodist and Presbyterian churches, and the many friends here will regret very much to learn of the sorrow that has come to her.

The body of Mr. McFarland will arrive here Thursday morning over the Missouri Pacific at 9:45 and will be taken direct from the station to Oak Hill cemetery for interment. Plattsmouth lodge No. 6 A. F. & A. M. will have the ritualistic services at the grave.

Frank M. Bestor was at Omaha today where he enjoyed the hard-worked convention that is being held there this week.