

The Plattsmouth Journal

Burglars Pay Visit to Homes Near High School

A. S. Ghrist Home Visited by Robbers and Plymouth Sedan of Lawrence Sprecher Stolen.

From Monday's Daily—
The residents of high school hill had a visitation last night or early this morning from burglars and who made a successful getaway of the Plymouth sedan belonging to L. R. Sprecher, which was stolen from the garage in the rear of his home, as well as ransacking the residence of A. S. Ghrist a short distance west of the Sprecher home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ghrist had returned home about 2:30 this morning from Des Moines, Iowa, and had placed their car in the garage and retired at once to their rooms on the second floor of the residence, at that time there being nothing apparently disturbed. This morning Mr. Ghrist on arising looked for a handbag that he had brought home with him and which contained valuable papers, and as he continued the search for the bag he noticed the garage door open and on investigation found the missing bag in the garage and also the empty pocketbook belonging to Mrs. Ghrist, both articles having been taken from the house. The entrance to the house had apparently been made through a door into the basement and which allowed egress to the main floor of the home. Mr. and Mrs. Ghrist heard no disturbance during the night and the burglars worked through the lower rooms as an investigation showed that a desk as well as the buffet had been searched thoroughly, but as to what had been taken Mr. Ghrist was unable to state until a close check of the contents of the desk and buffet had been made.

The car of Mr. Sprecher had been placed in the garage by the owner some time after 1 o'clock this morning and the key had been left in the switch of the car, as Mr. Sprecher was expecting to use the car early this morning in his taxi work. The loss of the car was discovered this morning, but no trace revealed of the person who might have taken the car. The car was a Plymouth sedan and a comparatively new machine.

There were traces at the garage of Howard Davis a short distance east of the Sprecher place, that some one had been trying to gain entrance there but had not been successful and there was no damage or property stolen at that place.

The estimate made of the loss at the Ghrist home, made by Mrs. Ghrist, is that \$20 in money was taken from her purse and desk and also that a diamond set lavalliere is missing.

Messages from Nebraska City near noon today were to the effect that the car of Mr. Sprecher had been recovered at that place, the car having apparently been abandoned by the parties taking it. As far as Mr. Sprecher could learn, the car was not damaged but was very muddy as the result of the drive from this city.

MANY ENJOY RECITAL

The recital at the public library auditorium Saturday evening, sponsored by the music teachers of the city as a part of music week proved a rare treat and was very largely attended.

The selections were well presented, the largest group being the piano offerings from the studios of several of the local teachers as well as several violin students who were heard in the recital.

The participants embraced a very large number of the younger artists of the city and their program was one that reflected the greatest credit on all who took part as well as the teachers of the various groups. The recital demonstrated that the future will see some very talented musicians developed among the young people of the community.

NAMED MAY QUEEN

Mrs. John A. Griffin and little son, Billy, were in Council Bluffs Saturday where they enjoyed a visit over the week end and attended the May day festival of the parochial schools and academics of the Iowa city. Miss Dorothy Ketchum, sister of Mrs. Griffin, was selected as the May Queen from among the outstanding students of the various parochial schools, a very high honor as there were a large number of contestants.

RECEIVES GOOD NEWS

From Monday's Daily—
The message was received here yesterday announcing the arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Dwyer at Glenwood of a fine little daughter. The mother and little one are doing nicely and the occasion has brought a great deal of pleasure to all of the members of the family. Mrs. Dwyer was formerly Miss Viola Meisinger of this city.

RECOVERS FROM ACCIDENT

John Svoboda, first sacker of the Murray Rex and clerk at the Farmers State bank in this city, is recovering from the effects of the injuries received Friday evening when he collided with Homer Spangler that gave him a real knockout and it was not until Saturday evening that he was entirely cleared up from the effects of the K. O. that had received. He was, however, able to be out Sunday and taking up his work today. Homer bears the marks of the accident also as he has a nasty cut over the left eye that will keep him disfigured for several days yet.

Missouri Pacific Sued for \$35,000 for McQuin Death

Administrator of the Estate of Deceased Man Seeks Recovery of Large Sum for Death.

From Monday's Daily—
The Missouri Pacific railroad and H. F. Kilmer, engineer in the employ of the railroad, were made defendants in an action filed this morning in the district court and in which Thomas McQuin as the administrator of Clifford McQuin, deceased, asks the sum of \$35,000 damages.

The petition of the plaintiff states that the accident that caused the death of Clifford McQuin occurred on the night of March 21, 1930, that the deceased with two companions were driving over a crossing of the defendant on the right way of the railroad company a half mile south of Union. The petition further claims that the railroad train that was being switched in the vicinity of the crossing had no lights visible from the roadway on which the deceased McQuin was traveling and that the switched freight car crashed into the car in which McQuin was riding and caused his death.

The administrator of the estate is the father of the late Clifford McQuin, whose heirs at law are the two minor sons of Mr. McQuin, in whose interest the action is brought. It is stated in the petition.

HONOR PLATTSMOUTH BOY

From Tuesday's Daily—
Last evening the Patriotic Council of the city, comprising several of the patriotic societies, the American Legion, Legion Auxiliary, the W. R. C. and D. A. R., joined in the presentation of an award of a \$10 gold piece to the outstanding member of the Citizen's Military Training Camp for 1929, from the city of Plattsmouth.

The young man selected by the officers of the Seventeenth infantry in charge of the camp at Fort Crook, was Carl Kell, who has been a student at the various camps for the past four years and was given command of a company at Fort Crook as a recognition of his ability as a leader among the students.

In reply to the request of the local committees that the officers at the fort determine the outstanding student, the following was received from Captain H. A. Austin:

"I received your letter of May 2nd requesting information about the Plattsmouth Boys at the 1929 C. M. T. Camp. I am able to advise you that Mr. Carl E. Kell was the outstanding candidate from your city and should be awarded the prize money."

"If your organization contemplates a similar donation this year, it would be well to send it to the Commanding Officer, Fort Crook C. M. T. Camp, with the provision of the award, so that it will reach this headquarters not later than July 15th, 1930."

"Thanking you for your interest in our Camps."

The presentation was attended by representatives of all of the various societies and was opened by the singing of America with Mrs. R. B. Will at the piano.

A short and informal discussion was enjoyed among the members of the audience on the advantages of the C. M. T. C. with the youth of the country and which was most interesting.

The presentation was then made to Mr. Kell as a recognition of his fine work in the camps and his outstanding and soldierly qualities.

The honor student at the C. M. T. C. is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kell of this city, a graduate of the Plattsmouth high school and where from he is an outstanding figure in athletics.

RECEIVES PLEASANT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jelinek have received the good news that they are now great-grandparents, a message having been received here of the birth of a son at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Jelinek at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Ervin Jelinek is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jelinek, Jr., of Omaha and a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jelinek of this city, who now have the pleasure of having four generations in the family circle.

Phillip Hirz Home Visited by Burglar

House Ransacked While Family Is Absent, Diamond Ring Taken, Robber Frightened Away

From Tuesday's Daily—
Last night the home of Phillip Hirz was added to the list of places that have been visited by the "prowler" that has been active in the city for the past few days, in this case the person committing the burglary had a close call from being captured red handed in the house as the result of the unexpected return of Mr. and Mrs. Hirz.

Mr. and Mrs. Hirz had completed their work at the meat market shortly after 10:30 and were taken home by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Thomas and as they came into the house they at once noticed that the furniture was moved around and that all of the drawers in the buffet as well as other articles had apparently been disturbed. Mr. Hirz started to procure a gun and as he did so he inquired of the wife as to where the shells were placed and at this time the burglar, who had evidently been concealed in the cellar of the house, broke for liberty as a crash of tin cans and other articles in the basement proclaimed the fact that Mr. Hirz was seeking the wide open spaces. Mr. Hirz was unable to glimpse the party in the getaway.

A check up of the house revealed the fact that a diamond ring belonging to Mrs. Hirz had been taken from the drawer of the buffet in the dining room, she having placed it there Monday while doing her housework and had forgotten to replace the ring later.

How the burglar gained entrance to the house is a matter of conjecture, altho the members of the family are of the opinion that a pass key was used in making entrance to the home and the burglar had then unlocked the outer cellar door to provide a getaway. The door of the house was locked when Mr. and Mrs. Hirz reached home, they state.

This is the second visitation in two days in the city by the prowler as he was working Sunday night in the vicinity of high school hill and burglarized the Ghrist home making away with some \$20 in money and jewelry at that place, the crime being committed after the return of the family to the home, but in the Hirz case the unwelcome visitor chose an early hour for his call.

OMAHA MAN FINED

Early Sunday morning the sheriff and police here were notified that a man was being in a car along highway 75, just south of Oreadpolis and was apparently lifeless. Accordingly Deputy Sheriff Young and Officer Libershal hurried out to the scene and discovered the man and the car all right but also found that the man was not lifeless but was decidedly drunk. The man was finally aroused and at the request of the officers to alight from the car he became hostile and proceeded to land a swift one to the nose of Deputy Sheriff Young and it was necessary for the officers to subdue the man before he was brought into the city and lodged in jail. This morning a complaint was filed charging the man with intoxication and he was arraigned before Judge Duxbury. The man gave the name of W. W. Baker and stated that he had been out on a party Saturday and how he came to be down in the ditch he did not know as he thought he had intended heading for the vicinity of Bellevue. His companion was absent when he realized his condition and he decided to sleep in the car until daylight or when he sobered up. He had not recognized the officers and which accounted for his outbreak he stated.

The court gave the man \$25 and costs and until which is settled he will remain as the guest of Sheriff Bert Reed.

FILES SUIT IN LINCOLN

In the district court at Lincoln Monday, Mrs. Katherine Karvanek, long time resident of this city filed suit against her daughter, Mrs. Mary Quinton. The plaintiff in her action seeks to recover five certificates of deposit in the National Bank of Commerce, which she alleges are illegally held by the defendant. The total amount of the certificates is \$1,500 and the plaintiff also asks for \$250 because of the alleged withholding of the certificates. The parties in the suit are well known in this city where the Karvanek family have resided for more than forty years.

DOING VERY NICELY

From Monday's Daily—
The Plattsmouth friends of Mrs. N. P. Schultz will be interested in learning that Mrs. Schultz underwent an operation a short time since at the Methodist hospital in Omaha and is now reported as doing very nicely altho still under the care of her physicians. Mrs. Schultz was formerly Miss Frances Cory of this city.

WEDDING IS ANNOUNCED

The many friends here of the George Thomas family will be interested in learning of the forthcoming marriage of George Mann Thomas, former Plattsmouth boy, to Miss Miriam Edith Kirker. The wedding is to take place on Friday, May 30th, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Kirker, in Pasadena, Calif.

The groom-to-be was born in this city and spent his younger years in this community, the family later moving to Nebraska City, where he was graduated from the high school at that place. The family have made their home in California for the last few years.

Death of Adam Wolff, Old Time Resident Here

Passing of Old Resident and Veteran Burlington Employee at an Early Hour Today

From Monday's Daily—
This morning at a very early hour at the University hospital at Omaha occurred the death of Adam Wolff, for many years a resident of Plattsmouth and one of the old time employees of the Burlington.

Mr. Wolff has been in failing health for some time and since his retirement from the services of the railroad two years ago he has gradually been growing more feeble until his advancing years and general condition made it necessary that he go to the hospital several weeks ago for care and treatment.

Mr. Wolff was well known in this community and especially among the shop employees and who will regret deeply to note his death.

The deceased was seventy-five years of age and leaves to mourn his death a son, residing in the west part of the state and several step children. He was twice married, his wives both having preceded him in death.

Governor Reported Ready to Announce

Rumors He Will Not Be a Candidate for Senate—Statement in Preparation

Governor Weaver is reported to be working on a statement which is expected to answer many requests that he run for United States senator against Senator Norris and as many that he again represent the republicans as its candidate for governor. Rumors are that he will not become a candidate for senator.

Conferences with heads of his state departments reported held during the past few days have given rise to reports that the governor will review briefly the work of his administration for the past two years and the hope he may entertain for further accomplishments during a second term in the office as governor. Friends of the governor say his personal preference would be to return to his home and work at Falls City, but that he is willing to serve in any capacity where he may accomplish the most good.

W. H. Pitzer, attorney of Nebraska City, recently placed in nomination for state senator from Otoe and Cass counties by republican electors, was at the capitol Monday to attend a meeting of the state normal board. He said he had not yet decided whether to accept the nomination for state senator. Senator W. B. Banning of Union, democrat, who has served in this position many years, has announced that he will not be a candidate. Whether some other democrat will file has not been announced.

RIVER MAKING THREAT

The raise in the Platte river in the last forty-eight hours is causing some uneasiness at the sand and gravel pits north of this city where the stream has reached a high stage and is threatening to cut in on the lands that are used to secure the sand and gravel. The raise it is thought is caused by the very extensive rainfall over the territory that is drained into the Platte river and just how much of a menace the raise will prove has not been fully determined. The employees of the company are hopeful however, that the water may soon fall and eliminating the danger of the river cutting on the land near the pits.

RECEIVES REMEMBRANCES

Mrs. R. H. Patton was one of the many mothers of the city that was given a pleasant treat on Sunday as she had with her four of the children and received greetings from the four that reside at other places as well as many happy remembrances of the day. Miss Mayhew Saville of St. Joseph, Mo., a niece, was also a guest at the Patton home.

Former Cass County People in Tornado

Mrs. Robert Kyles and Aged Mother, Former Murdock People Have Close Call at Greeley

Mrs. Robert Kyles, former Murdock resident and her mother, Mrs. Rager, were among those who were caught in the tornado that swept through portions of Greeley county on last Monday, their experiences being such as to leave a lasting impression on the two ladies. Mrs. Kyles and her mother, Mrs. Rager who is an invalid, makes her home with the two daughters, Mrs. Kyles and Mrs. Lizzie Buskirk of near South Bend and has been at the Kyles home.

The Greeley Citizen in speaking of the severe storm and the harrowing experiences of the two ladies has the following:

The Robert Kyles' ranch home, eight miles northeast of Greeley, was the scene of one of the heaviest losses. More than a dozen outbuildings were demolished and carried away. The house was left standing, but was moved some distance from its foundation. Mrs. Kyles and her aged invalid mother were the only occupants of the house when the storm approached. Mr. Kyles was in town and was unaware of the damage. When Mrs. Kyles noted the storm cloud she went into the bedroom of her mother and comforted her. She remained seated on the bed during the storm. Plaster from the walls fell all about them, but they were uninjured.

"When I saw the storm coming our way," said Mrs. Kyles, "I went to my mother's room. It would have been impossible, because of her condition, to move her to the storm cave. I cannot tell how long the storm lasted. It may have been only a few minutes or it may have been an hour. I cannot remember hearing any noise except the falling plaster."

Several head of sheep and hogs were killed as well as dozens of chickens. Some chickens were observed in a pasture nearly a half mile from the house. A large quantity of hay and grain was stored in the barn and was scattered over the countryside.

A garage was blown away and a light sedan was carried a distance of more than a hundred feet and dropped on its side. The impact of the fall was such that the machine was flattened.

Debris Carried a Mile.
Debris from the wrecked buildings was found more than a mile from the farm yard. A wood saw from the workshop was driven almost to the handle in the ground.

A large framed picture was left hanging on one of the walls of the house, although all the plaster was stripped from the room. A china cabinet, containing hundreds of pieces of delicate china and glassware was moved to the center of the room with the loss of but a single plate.

A cabinet in one of the upstairs rooms was used for the storage of jams and jellies. It was completely turned around so that the doors were against the wall. Not one glass was overturned from its place.

The windmill tower was toppled over and crushed. The gear of the mill was blown some distance and parts of it could be found all over the place.

The tub of a power washing machine was lifted from the frame of the machine and carried away.

While the house was left standing, it might be called a total loss. All of the windows with the exception of three lower panes on the south side of the kitchen were broken.

The loss is partially covered by insurance.

BRIDGE OPENING PROGRAM FRIDAY

12:30 P. M. Complimentary luncheon at the American Legion Community building, admission by ticket to honor invited guests.
1:15 P. M. Concert by Seventeenth infantry band at court house
2:15 P. M. Auto procession leaves Legion building for Missouri river bridge.
2:30 P. M. Dedication of the new \$700,000 traffic bridge over the Missouri river, on plateau on the Nebraska side of the river. Address by Governor Arthur J. Weaver.
4:00 P. M. Band concert by Seventeenth infantry band at court house.

In case of rain interfering with the set program the formal exercises will be held at the American Legion auditorium.
Vine street from Fourth to Sixth will be reserved for the parking of cars with special parking tags.

Mrs. George Weaver departed this morning for Lincoln where she was called to spend a short time in that city visiting with the relatives and old time friends.

COURT HOUSE TO CELEBRATE

The county officers and employes at the court house will assist in the formal opening of the new Missouri river bridge at this place on Friday, they having decided to close the offices on Friday afternoon and joining in the big ceremonies that will mark the dedication of the structure that unites two great states and makes an important link on a great trans-continental highway between the east and west. The decision to close will make it possible for all of the court house people to join in the big festivities at the bridge in a fitting manner.

Another Visitation Reported from Prowler

Some Person Enters the Residence of Mrs. F. S. White and Purloins Billfold of Roomer.

From Wednesday's Daily—
The prowlers or prowler who has been active in the city since Sunday was again on the job last night and this time the scene of his activity was on North Sixth street where the home of Mrs. F. S. White was entered and a billfold with some \$40 was taken from the room of a boarder named Franklin.

The billfold, so the police report had been left by Mr. Franklin lying in the dresser drawer when he retired and this was sometime near 9 o'clock. He was aroused about 1 o'clock by the chill of the room and discovered that the door of the room was open, altho he had closed it when retiring. Mr. Franklin arose to shut the door and discovered that the dresser drawer was open and a search revealed that the bill fold was also missing from the drawer.

The bill fold contained besides the contents of the room the bill for the latest type and finished in the dull green that sets off splendidly the entire operating room.

The new building has provided a private business office for Dr. Heineman that is flanked on either side by the laboratory and the rest room for the patients, all being finished in the soft tones of cream and grey. A swinging glass door connects direct with the reception room from the office and will be a great convenience in saving steps for the dentist in getting to and from the laboratory office and the reception room and communicating with the patients.

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Dr. Heineman Opens Fine New Suite of Offices

Cook Building Remodeled Into One of Finest Dental Offices in the Entire State

The dental offices of Dr. P. T. Heineman, which has been located in the Hotel Riley building, are being moved to the Cook building on the south side of Main street just opposite the Parmelee theatre, where the building has been remodeled and made into one of the finest dental establishments in this section of the state.

The building has been entirely rearranged for the use of Dr. Heineman and is the last word in comfort, convenience and beauty and making a most attractive addition to the professional offices in the city. The entire building on the interior is finished in the soft tones of gray and cream, the woodwork throughout the building having been finished in this coloring. In the reception room the walls are arranged in the panelings of the art paper in soft and delicate tints that blend most artistically with the painting of the room and the flooring is of the marble effect with a black border that heightens the artistic effects of the room and new and modern lighting effects adds to the charm of the room.

A rounded archway leads into the small corridor that connects the operating room with the reception room and also the private office of the dentist, this also having a beautiful wall lighting effect and finished as the reception room.

The operating room has as the flooring a tiled flooring of red and brown with the black border and here Dr. Heineman has placed an entire new array of equipment, the operating chair, cabinet and other fittings of the room are of the latest type and finished in the dull green that sets off splendidly the entire operating room.

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