

The Plattsmouth Journal.

Murdock Bank Robbers Make Jail Escape

Overpower Turnkey at the Douglas County Jail and Escape in Auto—No Trace Yet

From Thursday's Daily—Herman Banning and Harry Boroff, bank bandits charged with having robbed the Bank of Murdock in this county of \$13,000 on Saturday, June 27th, are again at liberty, making a sensational escape from the Douglas county jail at Omaha shortly after 11 o'clock this morning.

In the message received here by Sheriff Reed from the office of Sheriff McDonald at Omaha, stated that the two men charged with the Murdock crime as well as a third man, had complained of being ill and were being taken from the main jail section at the court house to the office of a physician nearby. The three men, so the report states, leaped on the turnkey, in charge of the men, overpowered him and made a dash for liberty. The two men wanted for the Murdock robbery are reported to have made a get away in a Lincoln sedan number 1-63828.

The third of the prisoners had been recovered at noon as he did not get far from the scene of the escape, but the two desperate bank bandits are still at large altho all possible effort to apprehend them is being carried out.

The two men, Banning and Boroff, are men with long prison records and Banning has served two terms in the Missouri penitentiary on larceny charges and Boroff one term on the same charge. The men are hardened criminals and evidently of a desperate type as Banning was wounded in a gun battle with the Council Bluffs police at the time he was captured.

Deputy Sheriff Rex Young departed for Omaha this afternoon to look into the case and to assist in the sending out of the warning for the apprehension of the two wanted bank robbers.

The men were awaiting trial here at the November term of the district court and had been confined at Omaha where there were better facilities for guarding them, but they seemed to have been able to successfully get away.

The escape today is the fourth in the last few months where men have made safe get aways from the Douglas county officers.

HUNDREDS ATTEND CONCERT

From Thursday's Daily—The band concert last evening at the court house lawn, given by the band of American Legion post No. 1, of Omaha, drew one of the largest crowds that has attended a similar event in this city in a number of years and for the duration of the concert the vicinity of the court house was a mass of spectators and autos.

The band is under the direction of Keith Laster, one of the leading band men of the west and comprises some of the leading musicians in this part of Nebraska, as was evidenced in the fine program that was offered as a compliment to the Plattsmouth people by the Omaha Legion. The program embraced a number of the standard compositions including the overture, "Luftspiel," and the waltz, "Tesoro Mio" and selections from "Prince Charming." Joe Dubinsky, presented a very beautiful euphonium solo, "The Old Home Down on the Farm," which was given in a very artistic manner.

The handling of the traffic grew to be a real problem as the number of autos from this community was added to by the large number from Iowa that were in the city and row after row of cars in double parking was necessary to handle the crowd, while the seats and the lawn of the court house was covered with the spectators.

Following the concert the members of the band and their ladies were served refreshments at the Stewart cafe, the Chamber of Commerce being the hosts of the evening.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of expressing our heartfelt appreciation of the many acts of kindness that were shown to our loved one in her illness and the sympathy and comfort given to us in our bereavement. These acts will always be a pleasant memory of the kind friends and neighbors.—Henry Sanders and Family.

LUCILLE ALBERT HOME

Miss Lucille Albert, who was very seriously injured several weeks ago in an auto accident on the Louisville road west of this city, has so far recovered that she was able to return home Friday. Miss Albert, who suffered a pelvic fracture as well as severe lacerations of the face and head and a broken jaw, is now able to walk and the injuries to the head and face have practically all healed.

Her condition at the time of the accident was such that her recovery was the matter of grave doubt and now that she is able to be home has brought a great deal of pleasure to the host of friends in this section of Cass county.

Cass County Students at the State University

Some Nineteen Are Enrolled From the County in Various Courses at Summer School

Nineteen students from the schools of Cass county are taking summer land; Cecile Newkirk Lee, a senior in the arts and sciences college; Eleanor Margaret Stroy, junior in Teachers college and a teacher at Bingham; Carl John Baumgartner, junior in the college of medicine at Omaha, and Percy Theodore Johnson, graduate student.

Margaret Grace Carver, Wilene Elizabeth Fager, Billy Merle Carver and Leonard Leroy Larson, a junior in Teachers college, will teach at Avoca this year. Wilene Fager is a sophomore in the college of agriculture. Billy Carver is a sophomore in the college of engineering, and Leonard Larson, who teaches at Avoca this year, is taking graduate work toward an advanced degree.

Alma Rosina Althouse, a junior in Teachers college, who is teaching in Lancaster county this year, and Gertrude Christensen, a sophomore in the arts and sciences college, are from Alvo. Alfred Theodore Sneed, also of Alvo, where he will teach this year, is taking graduate work.

The majority of the students enrolled at the University of Nebraska, according to registration figures released today by the registrar, Murdock is represented by five students. Avoca by four, Alvo three, and Eagle three.

William Lester Armstrong and Florence Mildred Jewell are taking work in the graduate college. Mr. Armstrong is teaching at Weeping Water during the coming year.

The five students from Murdock are Hildegard A. Baumgartner, a graduate student who will teach at Ashcroft in the summer session are teachers who taught school during the past year. Of this group, 1,687 are of this group. Those who attended school during the regular session are number 216, while the remaining 110 were engaged in various occupations.

Registration of totals show a slight increase over the number taking work at the university last summer. Most outstanding is a 23% increase in the graduate college, with many teachers returning to work toward advanced degrees. Those taking the six weeks term complete their work Friday, July 24. The nine weeks session ends on August 5th.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAYS

From Friday's Daily—Last evening a number of the friends of Miss Ruth Janda and Louis Sedlak joined in the observance of the birthday anniversaries of two young people and the event was most fittingly enjoyed in a wicker room and outing which was staged on the Platte river near Naevus park. The members of the party assembled at the James Holy home and there were taken by auto to the scene of the pleasant gathering and where the time was spent in the enjoyment of the refreshments provided by the ladies and in visiting. In honor of the occasion the guests of honor were presented with a remembrance of the event. Those who attended were: Misses Mary Holy, Ruth Janda, Frances Sedlak and Helen Kornik. Of Omaha, and Miss Catherine Janda of Hovelock. Messrs Louis Svoboda, Theodor Frank, James Holy, George Sedlak, Frank Koubek, Cary Speck, Frank Smith.

RECEIVES FINE FISH

From Thursday's Daily—Charles K. Bestor and J. C. (Daddy) Coleman, who are spending their vacation in Minnesota, fishing, have sent to a number of the relatives here some fine specimens of the fish that abound in the lakes of that part of the country. The Plattsmouth fishermen are enjoying themselves very much and have not decided just when they expect to return and will remain until the fish cease to bite good.

Plattsmouth to Be Link in Mo. River Work

Report Made on Progress of the Work and Plans to Make Channel in Missouri by 1932

Members of the Missouri River Navigation association, who Wednesday listened to the confidential report of Captain Theodore Wyman, Jr., district engineer at Kansas City on the progress of the river channel work, expressed themselves as highly optimistic as to future progress on the upper river.

They viewed as particularly important the assurances of Captain Wyman that an economical and navigable channel can be constructed north to Omaha and Sioux City. They were especially pleased with the businesslike manner in which the work is proceeding under the direction of Captain Wyman.

"Also the maintenance cost, we are told, will be less than the normal 3 per cent the first year, sliding down to a negligible point in three or four years."

"It was certainly encouraging to hear Captain Wyman's report, and to know that an engineer is in charge of the work who is so enthusiastic and confident of the success of the project," said Alvin F. Johnson of Omaha.

Detailed information as to the plans for the upper river are expected to be made public upon the visit of Major General Lytle Brown, chief of the army engineers, who will make an inspection trip along the river beginning August 1.

Captain Wyman said five crews of surveyors and engineers, with 17 men in each party, are now at work on the "middle river"—between St. Joseph and Sioux City. Four of them are working in Nebraska. One is at Florence, one near the mouth of the Platte, one at Nebraska City and one at Rulo.

The surveyors are using two steam boats, two pile drivers and a fleet of six barges.

They are making borings, investigating the river bottom, taking hydrographic data and investigating the silt deposits. Simultaneously, experimental work is being done at Sioux City to discover the type of silt best suited to middle-river conditions.

All this work should be finished by December 1, Captain Wyman said. Then as soon as the lower river work is completed and funds are appropriated by congress, the war department will be ready to start work on the middle river.

Work is now being pushed between Kansas City and St. Joseph, he related. Six contracts are in process of completion, and when they are finished about half of the river between Kansas City and St. Joseph will be open for navigation.

That probably will be next year, and then contracts will be let to finish the work as far as St. Joseph. After that—Nebraska and the port of Omaha.

"River work will start in several localities, working from spots where nature has already stabilized the channel," Captain Wyman said.

Those places already stabilized, such as Florence, Omaha, Plattsmouth and Nebraska City, will serve as "anchors" for the links in the river improvement project. In the end, all will be joined.

George J. Miller of Kansas City, executive secretary of the committee who came to attend the meeting, said that soundings taken in completed sections of the lower river in the past month proved the feasibility of river improvement.

Two hundred thirty-six soundings were taken, he related. At only one point was the depth less than six feet. At seven places the depth was less than seven feet, at 13 places it was less than eight feet, and at 24 it was less than nine feet.

ENJOY PICNIC PARTY

From Thursday's Daily—Last evening the Sunday school class of Mrs. E. H. Westcott met at "Sunnyside," the Westcott home on high school hill. The girls, some twenty-four in number, came with the baskets of the good things to eat and which formed the basis of a very delightful picnic supper. Following the picnic the members of the party enjoyed the band concert held at the court house lawn.

Legion Auxiliary Names its Delegates

Selects Ladies Who Will Represent Local Unit at State Convention at Fremont

The local unit of the American Legion Auxiliary met Friday afternoon at the American Legion community building to take up the regular routine meeting of the organization and had as their chief business there was the election of the delegates to the state convention to be held at Fremont on August 24th to 26th.

The delegates selected by the unit comprise the following: Mrs. J. J. Larson, local president, Mrs. P. J. Johnson, Mrs. C. A. Rosencrans and Mrs. Otto Keck. The alternates named were Mrs. J. H. Palacek, Mrs. Fay McClintock, and Mrs. Adelaide Boynton.

There was not a great deal of business to occupy the remaining part of the meeting and owing to the heat of an early adjournment was taken following the serving of the refreshments by the hostesses, Messdames J. H. Palacek, Ernest Melbern, W. T. Melbern, David Pickrel and August Roessler.

Rebekahs Hold Installation of Officers

Bud of Promise Lodge Has Interesting Meeting—Deputy State President Here

From Saturday's Daily—Bud of Promise Rebekah lodge held their installation of officers at the lodge rooms last evening with District Deputy Mrs. Harry Whitebread and staff, comprising Mrs. John H. Busche, Mrs. Clarence Busche and Mrs. Jack Schlater, all of Louisville, were in charge of the initiatory work of the evening.

The officers of the lodge installed were as follows: N. G.—Mrs. Harry Kruger. V. G.—Mrs. T. E. Olson. Secretary—Miss Marie Kaufmann. Treasurer—Miss Anna E. Leach. Warden—Mrs. Anna Ellington. Conductor—Mrs. Katherine Hill. Chaplain—Miss Elinor Ellington. Inner Guard—George Pick. Outer Guard—T. E. Olson. R. S. N. G.—Mrs. Hilda Coffman. L. S. N. G.—Mrs. R. W. Cavender. R. S. V. G.—Mrs. Martha Peterson. L. S. V. G.—Mrs. Susie Bates.

Mrs. Clara Lush of Omaha, vice-president of the district assembly gave a very helpful and interesting talk and promised to make up a school of instruction when the weather became more suited to the activities of the work.

Mr. Fred Lush was here with his wife as well as Mrs. Ella Galloway and Mrs. Ida Rogers of Alpha lodge of Omaha.

After the lodge closed the members of the party were invited to the Taplett sweet shop where very dainty refreshments were enjoyed and which had been arranged by the lodge as a treat to the membership and their guests.

TELEPHONE EMPLOYEES PICNIC

From Friday's Daily—Last evening the operators at the local exchange of the Lincoln Telephone company, as well as the linemen who are connected with the local exchange and the special force here from Lincoln, enjoyed a very delightful picnic party.

The members of the jolly crowd, some twenty in number, motored out to the country home of Mrs. Ruth Koukal, one of the staff at the exchange, and in the pleasant surroundings of the Koukal home several hours were most pleasantly spent. The fine array of the good things to eat were prepared and a campfire arranged for the roasting of wieners and which proved a very toothsome addition to the picnic lunch. After the enjoyment of the evening the members of the party at a late hour returned to their homes and trusting that many more such happy occasions would be enjoyed in the future.

Opening of New Offices of Iowa-Nebr. Company

Beautiful New Headquarters Thronged for the Day by Residents of the Community

From Friday's Daily—The formal opening of the new offices of the Plattsmouth district of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co. was held today and the beautiful and well arranged office room was filled by the patrons of the company and the general public to inspect the new headquarters and also to meet the representatives of the service company who were receiving the guests.

The offices are a distinct addition to the business section of the city and offer the latest devices in the way of office comfort and convenience to the employes and also to the public.

With the always paramount wish of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co. to serve the public, the company has arranged a very artistic rest room at the front of the building and in the business section, may drop in to rest or to visit with each other and in a most charmingly arranged spot be able to visit with each other.

Assisting in the opening today there was present S. Taber, assistant general manager in charge of the merchandising and office, Harold Wilson, of radio, industrial and commercial light and power department, C. Goodwin, of the department of heating in which he is the specialist, and Mr. Thurman, who is to be the heating expert in the Plattsmouth district, and Miss Nurnberger, home service demonstrator, all of the Lincoln office.

The local force comprised F. I. Rea, the district manager, Walter Gabriel, the sales manager of the district, and William Highfield of the army department. During the entire day refreshments were served in the new office room where a force of young ladies were busy serving and each of the visitors to the new offices were presented with a suitable remembrance of the occasion.

The company was presented with a very beautiful basket of summer flowers by the Chamber of Commerce of the city and the officers of the company were kept busy acknowledging the congratulations of the citizens on the splendid addition that they have made to the general appearance of the business section by the new offices.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

The fourth birthday anniversary of Master Billy Hirtz was celebrated on Wednesday at the family home in the north part of the city by the gathering there of a number of the little friends, making the day one of the greatest pleasure for all of the members of the jolly party. The time was spent in games and a general good time by the little folks until an appropriate hour when the members of the party were treated to dainty refreshments that were served by Miss Leola Hirtz. The luncheon was marked by the usual birthday cake and its candles to remind the little guest of honor of his anniversary. The mothers of the little folks also attended the event. The members of the birthday party were Mary Evers, Frances Krejci, Charlotte Cotner, Rose Mary Stepp, Jeannette Hirtz, Jacqueline Krejci, Alice Jane Hirtz, Raymond Evers, Robert Krejci, Donald Stepp, Edwin Stepp, Troy Cotner, Billy Hirtz.

VISITS OLD HOME

Mrs. Ann O'Neill of Ann Arbor, Michigan, was in the city Thursday for a few hours to visit with the old time friends in this community where she had made her home some forty-one years ago. Mrs. O'Neill was a daughter of Michael J. O'Reilly, a stonemason of this city and who was also for some years in the employ of the Burlington here. Mr. O'Reilly was the contractor that placed the foundation for the Cass county court house. This was the first visit of Mrs. O'Neill here since the family removed many years ago and she spent the time looking over the once familiar scenes and getting in touch with the old friends of her school days, now men and women of middle age. She was called to Omaha on business and took advantage of the occasion to drop down to this city for a short time.

ENJOYING MOTOR TRIP

A motoring party composed of Miss Alpha C. Peterson, Miss Gerda Peterson, Miss Marie Kaufmann and Mrs. Justus Lillie, are enjoying an auto trip through the Black Hills with a short stop at North Platte, where they called at the Fred H. Mumm family for a short time before continuing on to the scenic beauties of the "Hills" and where they expect to spend some time. They will also attend the international Educational Association meeting at Denver, one of the largest world meetings of educators from all parts of the world.

CHANGE IN MANAGERS

The Hinky-Dinky grocery of this city, which has for the past several months been in charge of Glenn Groff, has been given a change of management. Mr. Groff going to one of the Omaha stores and E. B. Sharp of Omaha, sent here to take over the control of the Plattsmouth store of the company. Mr. Sharp has been in active charge of the store since Wednesday and is now getting settled here with his family. While residents here Mr. Groff and family made many friends and who regret very much to see them leave and trust that they may enjoy in their new location the success that they so well deserve.

County Audition to Be Held Sunday, August 2d

Contest Will Be Held at First Methodist Church and Many Contestants Are Entered.

The first Atwater-Kent audition for Cass county will be held at the First Methodist church in this city at 8 p. m. on Sunday, August 2nd. Mrs. E. H. Westcott, county chairman of the audition states. There is still time for those who wish to enter for the contest to get in the contest and while a very fine list is already entered it is urged that all of the musically talented young people in the county take part.

The various county auditions will be followed by the district contest which will be held by the 10th of September and the state contest in October. The wealth of musical talent in the county should make a list of contestants that will be real contenders for the state honors.

The contestants that have enrolled so far in the audition are as follows: Miss Leon Hudson, Plattsmouth; Miss Evelyn Sumner, Avoca; Harvey O. Wall, Eagle; Miss Margaret Engelkemier, Plattsmouth; Miss Mildred Hall, Plattsmouth; David Robinson, Plattsmouth; Mildred D. Hoback, Avoca; Jean Hayes, Plattsmouth; Miss Helen Curtis, Williams; Mrs. Turner Holden, Weeping Water; Raymond Lourilzen, Weeping Water.

The general committee for the county comprises Mrs. Eugene Nutzman, Nehawka; Mrs. Carl Day, Weeping Water; Mrs. Cora Williams, Plattsmouth; Mrs. C. B. Smith, Union.

The Plattsmouth committee is as follows: Mrs. E. H. Westcott, Mrs. J. A. Capwell, Mrs. Robert Reed, Mrs. Hal Garnett, Frank A. Clويد, Emil J. Weppner.

Those who have not as yet entered their names for the audition should do so at once and prepare for the contest to be held soon.

In speaking of the contest Mrs. Westcott states that the members draw for numbers the three judges, unaware of the identity of the singer, as the contestant will sing from behind a screen and every means taken to see that the result is determined solely on merit and the voice possibilities of the contestants. Mrs. Westcott also states that where winners are announced will be furnished the singers, but those who wish to have their accompanists provided here should get in touch with the committee.

FUNERAL OF MRS. SANDERS

The funeral services of the late Mrs. Henry Sanders was held on Thursday afternoon from the St. Paul's Evangelical church, where had gathered a large number of the old time friends from all sections of Cass county to pay their tributes of love and respect to the memory of this splendid lady. The pastor of the church, Rev. O. G. Wichmann brought a message of hope and comfort to the members of the bereaved family. During the service the choir of the church gave several of the old and loved hymns.

The body was laid to the last long rest in Oak Hill cemetery, the pall bearers being selected from the neighbors and old friends, they being Hans Seiver, Louis Keil, Harry Schulz, William Starkjohn, George Fornoff and August Engelkemier.

SCHMADER WINS BOUT

From Friday's Daily—George Schmader, local boxer, was the winner of a six round bout at the athletic show at the West Brothers shows. The battle between the local fighter and Ellis, the carnival boxer, was a good one and enjoyed very much by the large crowd that was in attendance. In the fifth round Schmader was awarded the fight in a technical knockout as Ellis was down three times in this round for the count of seven and nine and in the final knockdown he was forced to remain down.

The athletic show is owned by William P. Dyer and who has in his show the only champion boxer and wrestler. The show is one of the big attractions of the West shows and one that has given plenty of entertainment for the fans here this week.

New Manager is Selected for Local Creamery

George K. Hettrick of Creston, Iowa, Will Take Place Here as General Manager

George K. Hettrick of Creston, Iowa, has been selected to take the management of the Farmers Co-Operative creamery, which has for the past several months been under the management of the Golden Valley Creamery Co., he taking charge at once and starting in on the task of operating the local plant.

Mr. Hettrick had some twenty years experience in buttermaking and also business management of creameries and the officers and stockholders of the company feel well pleased that he has been secured for the important task of caring for the business affairs and active operating work of the creamery. The new manager is a Nebraska man, having been reared in this southwest section of the state and is thoroughly familiar with the condition that exists in this line of work. He has been in charge of creameries in Lincoln and Creston, both as buttermaker and manager and brings to the local plant the advantages of this long experience.

Mr. Hettrick is to strive and operate the plant economically and efficiently and to get the business to the most successful creameries in the state.

Mr. Fred Davis who is connected with the Golden Valley Creamery interests in western Iowa, will resume his activities in that company as he moves from this city back to Iowa. Mr. Davis in retiring is urging that all persons who have checks of the Plattsmouth Produce Co., of which he is in charge should turn these in at once so that the change in the management can be made as speedily as possible.

MERLE MCCRARY INJURED

From Friday's Daily—Merle McCrary, one of the popular young men of the city and a member of the class of 1931 of the Plattsmouth high school, was very severely injured last night in an unusual accident at the carnival grounds where the West Brothers shows are located.

The young man had been standing on a wire of a fence that was used to enclose the grounds and apparently the wire had broken and Merle was impaled on the sharp steel posts that were used to hold the wire, the post inflicting a terrible wound, the young man being caught astride the post and helpless to extricate himself from the position. The plight of Merle was noticed by a younger boy and who was unable to get the suffering young man off the post, the younger boy ran to one of the carnival shows and secured the assistance of Ed Velick and Lyle Lawton, they placing the injured young man in a car and hurrying him to the office of Dr. R. P. Westover. The terrible injury caused the loss of a great deal of blood and the examination at the office of Dr. Westover disclosed the injury was such that an operation would be necessary to permit the injury being properly handled. The injured young man was hurried into Omaha to the Methodist hospital where Dr. C. R. Kennedy, eminent Omaha surgeon was awaiting the coming of the accident victim and at once he was taken to the operating room. Merle was on the operating table over an hour.

The accident is very severe and has caused a great deal of suffering to the young man and while he is progressing as well as possible it will be some time before he is over the effects of the injury that he has suffered.

WILL START VACATION

From Saturday's Daily—Glenn Woodbury, district court reporter of the second district, is planning on his summer vacation and which he hopes to spend with Bob Nichols of Louisville in the north woods and mountains. The time of the vacation is to be determined, however, by the court work as the reporter has been on the grind for the past week at Papillion and whether the cases there will be disposed of in time for the start of the vacation next week, as planned, remains to be seen. The two young men are planning to make their trip to the north by auto and will camp along the journey to the land where men are men, and the Mounted always get their man.

WITNESSES JAILBREAK

While in Omaha Thursday morning Mr. and Mrs. Louis W. Egenberger of this city, were eye witnesses to the break made for liberty by the two suspected Murdock bank robbers as they made their escape from the Douglas county jail. Mrs. Egenberger was sitting in the parking car when the car which Mrs. Kate Smith Jensen was driving with a handit holding a razor to her throat swept by carrying the prisoners on their way to a successful escape.