

Bandit Killed in Attempted Robbery of Plattsmouth State Bank Wednesday Afternoon

Trio of Fort Crook Soldiers Attempt Stick-Up with Fatal Result—Two Captured in Garage on North 5th Street

DEPUTY SHERIFF JARVIS LANCASTER THE HERO

Takes Stand Just Outside Bank Door and Engages in Battle with Would-Be Bandits—Kills One and Wounds Second—Face Cut by Shattered Glass.

Bank banditry in Nebraska received a check Wednesday afternoon when in a gun battle with three soldier bandits, Deputy Sheriff J. E. Lancaster shot and killed one and wounded a second of the trio attempting to hold up and rob the Plattsmouth State bank.

The attempted robbery occurred at 3:20 during one of the busiest hours in the bank as the closing time was approaching and the force of officers and clerks, President H. A. Schneider, Frank A. Clويد, cashier, Carl Schneider, assistant cashier, and Miss Eleanor Hiber and Miss Edna Warren were engaged in the details of the bank work.

At the time of the robbery President Schneider with John F. Wehrbein, a customer of the bank and well known farmer, Attorney H. C. DeLamatre of Omaha, were seated in the office space in the front of the bank, while George Saxton, Omaha commission man and a Nebraska City man named Martin, were standing at the counter near the group. The other members of the bank force were engaged in routine work in the banking room as the tragic scene was staged.

The three bandits entered the bank, one going to the rear while a second stopped midway of the bank and pulled a gun to cover Cashier Clويد and Assistant Schneider, while the third, apparently acting as the lookout remained at the front a short distance from the door and confronting the group in the president's office.

The bandit later identified as John C. Scislowski came to Mr. Clويد and threw an empty pillowslip at him and with orders to gather up the money lying on the counter and in the cash drawers of the counter saying: "Keep quiet and don't start any funny business like ringing a bell or pressing any buttons. If you do some one will get killed. We have decided on you to hand over the money. Fill this sack with dough."

In compliance with the command Mr. Clويد started to gather the money on the counter, some \$1,500 in bills and coin.

When the command to hold up their hands was given Mr. Schneider was standing and his foresight is one of the things that helped wreck the plans of the bandits. Mr. Schneider with his hands aloft stood near a window on the west side of the bank and where he attracted the attention of bystanders that led to the alarm.

At the time of the stickup Frank and Claus Boedel were standing not far from the window where Mr. Schneider was holding up his hands and they also a few moments before hand seen the bandit car drive up and the men going into the bank. As they heard the unusually loud command in the bank they glanced around and saw Mr. Schneider and at once realized that they were eye witnesses of the bank robbery.

They called to parties across the street to call officers and at this moment Jarvis E. Lancaster, deputy sheriff, came down the street to prove the factor that blasted the plans of the robbers. They called Mr. Lancaster, who ran across the street and approached the door on his hands and feet and swung it open sufficiently to fire and the bullet caught Clyde Durham, 30, private in Co. A at Fort Crook, square in the heart and he fell to the floor, his two guns, automatics rolling from his hands onto the floor.

When the first shot was fired Scislowski, who was covering Mr. Clويد partially turned as the cashier dived beneath the counter with the sack of money and all the staff and persons in the bank sought shelter beneath desks or against the walls, with the exception of George Saxton, who was caught in the line of fire, one bullet from the bandits' gun striking him in the right wrist and another plowed its way through a window to the south of the bank.

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plated glass door and Mr. Lancaster again found a target in John R. Langston, the third of the trio, a bullet plowing its way through the upper part of the right arm.

The deputy sheriff was handicapped at this time by flow of blood from many tiny cuts inflicted by particles of glass from the shattered door and was unable to fire accurately and at this time Scislowski and Langston turned and fled to the rear of the bank and made their escape from the building and started to run down an alley to the east and then doubled north on Fourth street to again cut west to Fifth and continuing their flight.

J. E. Brown, worker for the A. W. Farney company happened to be on the street near the bank when the trouble started and secured a revolver from the Kroehler hardware and as the men started to run from the rear of the bank he started in pursuit and was soon joined by a large group of citizens armed with weapons secured by Mr. Lancaster from the sheriff's office. The party was hot on the trail of the bandits and were able to secure a shot at them several times as the men fled through the residential section on North Fifth street. The two fleeing bandits were seen to run onto the rear porch of the home of District Judge Begley and then flee to the Searl Davis home nearby. As the posse came to the Davis home they were informed by Mrs. Davis that the bandits were hiding in the garage. Brown entered the garage to find the men crowded in a corner. They were disarmed, Langston having one gun, dropping the second in the bank when he was shot and Scislowski disarmed of his two automatics.

The men were hurried to the county jail where Langston was given medical aid for his wound and the men questioned as to their names and the manner in which they had planned the holdup.

John R. Langston when first questioned, told that he was a former soldier but later admitted that he was a corporal in Co. C, at Fort Crook and had two children residing with relatives in Missouri. He gave his age as 35.

John E. Scislowski gave his age as 27 and that he was a private in Co. A of the Seventeenth infantry. He was unmarried, he told the officers.

The two captured bandits gave the name of their companion that was killed as Clyde A. Durham, also of Co. A, aged 29 and married, with a wife and child residing at Bellevue. State Sheriff Fred Benton and his force arrived at the jail and questioned the men as well as taking their fingerprints.

The two prisoners stated that the crime had been attempted on the spur of the moment when they had all been three drinking and the idea was broached of getting some easy money. Langston said that he had been in bad financial circumstances and thought to get the money through sticking up a bank.

Saxton, who is a former Union man, was taken to the office of Dr. T. P. Livingston by John Wehrbein immediately following the shooting and had his injured wrist dressed, the wound found painful but not dangerous.

As the gun battle opened between Deputy Lancaster and the bandits, large crowds gathered in the vicinity of the bank and made difficult the removal of the body of the slain Durham to the Streight funeral home where it was held until later taken to South Omaha to be prepared for burial.

Durham was considered one of the crack shots of the rifle team at Fort Crook and it is fortunate that Deputy Lancaster was able to prevent his getting in action in the banking room where several might have been killed.

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The car which the bandits drove, a Chevrolet coach, was left abandoned at the west side of the bank as the two living robbers fled. The key to the switch was found in the pocket of Durham, who was the owner of the car, officers from Fort Crook stated. There had been an attempt to disguise the car by the removal of the license plates and the substitution of a 1933 Lancaster county number. In the car was a high powered Springfield army rifle with 300 rounds of ammunition. The rifle was identified as that of Durham and that which he had used at Cleveland, Ohio, in winning the President's trophy in the national rifle tournament.

The bandits will be arraigned on Saturday morning before Judge James T. Begley and will be given their sentences for their offense, as they are to plead guilty to the charge of attempted robbery.

Do you honestly know what your insurance policies would do for you in case of a loss? I'll be glad to explain any insurance question anytime.

Searl S. Davis
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Cass County Farm Bureau Notes
Copy furnished from Office of County Agent Wainscott

Pupils Enjoy Hot Lunches.
\$50 hot lunches have been served by the 10 members of the 4-H hot lunch club to pupils of the Fairland school during the past two months. This makes the ninth year that members of this school have had a hot dish to supplement their noon lunch.

The members brought supplies from home and took turns in serving as cooks, housekeepers and bookkeepers. The records showed that these dishes had been served for two cents per pupil per meal.

Fifty people attended the achievement program which was presented by the club under the supervision of their leader, Miss Wilhene Peger. This completes the year's work, however the club expects to continue serving a hot dish during the cold weather.

Make 1934 Real Club Year.
The February Stenwinder carries the following suggestions to make 1934 a real 4-H club year:

1. Organize early.
2. Get all the new members possible.
3. Attend all meetings.
4. Do all the work assigned you cheerfully.
5. Exhibit your project work.
6. File your final report.

Let's start the year right by accomplishing the first two as soon as possible. 523 individual members profited by 4-H work in 1933. What will be the membership in 1934? You can help set this figure. Come on, let's go.

Happy Hundred Hail Advent of New River Era

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In the introduction of Governor Weaver, Mr. Patterson called upon H. A. Schneider, president of the Plattsmouth State bank, an old friend and associate of the former governor, to present him. Mr. Schneider told of the great waterways meeting at St. Louis, which he had attended and where he found Governor Weaver a leader and one whose counsel and advice was sought on the matters of river navigation.

Governor Weaver in his opening complimented the Omaha Chamber of Commerce on the fight that they had made over a long period of years for the river navigation program and which they were still carrying on. He also complimented former Governor Sheldon for his administration of the state and Senator Banning for his work in the legislature. He told of the gathering of the data for the Columbus and Sutherland projects in his term as governor and which had been the basis of the successful fight for this plan before the government officials at Washington. Mr. Weaver pointed out that there was more water in the Missouri river than any in the country, that the cubic inch flow was far greater than any stream that was now used for navigation purposes. The west had helped to build all of the other improved waterways and harbors of the country and was now only asking justice. The speaker told of the trip to Washington of the waterways boosters and their interview with the President in which they had presented their side of the case and which had readily been accepted by the President. Mr. Weaver paid tribute to President Roosevelt as a "great humanitarian American and who wanted to do the best for all the people." With the Fort Peck project awaiting it was proposed to pass the public works bill first and this matter he had taken up with Senator Wheeler of Montana and had gained the interview with President Roosevelt and as the result \$25,000,000 had been allotted for this work before other propositions had blocked its way.

The Fort Peck reservoir, Governor Weaver stated would provide ample water for the river and insure new life to this part of the west. Since the construction of the Panama canal, industries had fled from the west to locate on the seaboard or along rivers where navigation was available in order to compete with the plants already there and which the isolated inland west could not compete with in rates for their raw materials or the finished products. He cited the case of a dairy firm that had to pay a rate on their manufactured products of \$1.10 a hundred, while on waterway shipments it was but 45c. The river development was but economic justice to the west, the speaker stated, and once placed in effect navigation would bring to the great west new life, industries, pay-rolls and increasing population for all of the states. Not only would the river improvement bring renewed life to the industrial west but the prevention of soil erosion would alone save the Missouri river valley the loss of 38,000 acres of land each year that are swept into the river. The river navigation program would not bring injury to the railroads, the speaker pointing out that in sections served by water carrier service, the railroads had been able to carry greater loads and bring greater increases in their volume of business and it was possible for these two great means of transportation to coordinate in serving the nation to the benefit of the railroads and the people.

The banquet closed with the benediction by Dr. H. G. McClusky of the First Presbyterian church.

Work of Coach Rotherth and Team Given Review in Southeast Tournament Eve at Neb. City.

The work of the Plattsmouth basketball team and the brilliant record of Coach Fred A. Rotherth in the local schools, is given prominence in the pre-tournament news in the Nebraska News-Press, a fitting tribute to his fine work.

In addition to his fine work of the football and basketball field as given in the News-Press, Coach Rotherth also has had many outstanding men in track in his eleven years here, Jack Hatt, Bernard Galloway and Homer Spangler setting records in Peru and Wesleyan meets.

Perhaps the greatest contribution that Coach Rotherth has given is his fine control and example to the athletes that he has had under his charge and no team has shown more real sportsmanship on the field or on the court than the local teams and he as well has aided in maintaining a very high standing of discipline in the school from the young men under his charge.

The review of his work as given by the Nebraska City News-Press is as follows:

Plattsmouth, one of the favored teams in the coming regional Class A basketball test, has long been an outstanding southeast Nebraska competitor.

Coached by Fred A. Rotherth the Platters will come to Nebraska City seeded in the top position of the upper bracket.

Rotherth, denn of Southeastern Nebraska athletic coaches, is now serving his eleventh year as coach at Plattsmouth. He has seen new athletic directors come in every school in Southeastern Nebraska, but he has gone on through good seasons and bad. Rotherth came to Plattsmouth in the fall of 1923 after two years at Peru, where he won his letter in football and was ranked as one of Peru's basketball immortals. Here he made the all-state basketball team and led

75% Cass County Farmers Sign Corn-Hog Program.
A check up in the corn and hog office Saturday night revealed that approximately 1,400 corn and hog contracts were signed. There is about 2,063 farmers in the county. There are one and a half precincts to sign as yet that should bring the total up to well over 1,500 contracts.

There will be quite a number of people come in and sign from other precincts even yet. The reasons for their not having signed as yet are, because they are moving, getting more proof, getting their landlord's consent, etc.

The temporary precinct committees are now at work on the clean up which means that they are contacting every farmer in the precinct that hasn't signed. In many cases they can explain some point that has been confusion to the man and he is signing up. Others that will not sign are giving in a work sheet and are classed as non-signers in the corn and hog office.

Plan Achievement Programs.
Miss Mary-Ellen Brown, state extension agent of Women's Work, met the Home Economics Council and assisted with plans for the group achievement programs. The achievement days will be held at the six training centers sometime in April. Mrs. R. A. Kuelha and Mrs. Oscar Zink, Murdock, Mrs. Eveland, Elmwood, Miss Evelyn Wolph, Nehawka, Mrs. Everett Spangler, Murray, and Mrs. Albert Shelhorn, Louisville, represented the different groups. Watch the papers for the date of the program in your locality.

EXPECTED TO RETURN SOON
The friends here of Everett Stanton, one of the office staff of the A. W. Farney Co., will be pleased to learn that he is soon to return home from the hospital. Mr. Stanton has showed a fine rate of progress since his operation for appendicitis at the Lord Lister hospital at Omaha. He is expected to be able to be back home by the last of the week or the first of next.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC
Anyone wanting manure may have same free of charge at Plattsmouth Feed Yard. IS-tfd&w

FOR SALE
All cultivated eighty, woven wire fenced, Near Alvo. \$6,000. Terms, \$1,000 cash, balance five years, 5%. RALPH FETTERMAN, Lincoln. d&w

Journal Want-Ads got results!
PUBLIC AUCTION

The undersigned, administrator of the estate of George Everett, deceased, will sell at Public Auction at the George Everett farm two and one-half miles east and two miles south of Union, on—

Saturday, Mar. 10
beginning at 1:00 o'clock p. m., the following described property:
Two old horses.
One red bull.
One 2-year-old steer.
Six cows, some fresh, others to freshen soon.
Two heifers, one with calf
Two young calves.
One 1927 Chevrolet sedan.
One wagon, half interest in manure spreader; one overshot hay stacker, two hay bucks; thirty tons of prairie hay; some alfalfa hay; 175 bushels of oats; two dirt slips; one buggy; several stands of bees and other articles too numerous to mention.

TERMS—Cash.
John Everett,
Administrator of Estate of Geo. Everett, Deceased.
REX YOUNG, Auctioneer.

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Caught in Law's Dragnet



Showing unmistakable marks of conflict, the Millen brothers of Boston, Merton (center) and Irving, are pictured with Merton's wife in New York police headquarters after they had lost out in a gun battle with police in a crowded hotel lobby. They are wanted in connection with bank robbery and murder in Needham, Mass. Mrs. Millen is the daughter of a Boston clergyman.