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## Richard Edwards Shot During a Quarrel

P. A. McCrary Fires Shot That Injures Stepson During Family Battle at Edwards Home.

Saturday night the south portion of the city was the scene of a family quarrel that culminated in the shooting of Richard Edwards, 23, by his stepfather, P. A. McCrary, as well as the severe beating up of McCrary by the members of the Edwards household.

Mr. McCrary had been down in the business section of the city and returning to his residence on Lincoln avenue found that his wife was at the home of her son, Richard Edwards and wife, across the street from the McCrary home. He had then gone there and where the trouble commenced.

The affair culminates a long series of family differences and the filing of a suit for divorce some months ago by Mrs. McCrary, the second wife of the central figure of the trouble. With the killing of a son of McCrary two weeks ago the two had become reconciled and were living together.

Mr. McCrary, on returning home, had found that his wife was at the home of her son and accordingly had gone there and where the trouble occurred. It was claimed that Mr. McCrary had started quarreling with his wife and stepson and wife and which had led to anger on the part of all of the family and led to Mrs. McCrary asking the daughter-in-law to call for police assistance.

The threat to call police had led, it was claimed, to McCrary starting to choke his wife and which opened the scene of activities for the trouble.

The story that McCrary related to the officers on their arrival was that Richard Edwards, the stepson, had advanced on him with a stove poker and that he had fired in defense of his person while the other members of the family claimed that the beating up of McCrary occurred in defense of Mrs. McCrary and themselves in fear of being shot by McCrary, who had drawn his revolver.

In the affray Richard Edwards was shot in the thigh as well as through the wrist by the shots fired from the .32 calibre revolver in the hands of McCrary, the wounds, however, not being considered dangerous by the physicians that attended him.

Mr. McCrary suffered severe scalp wounds on the head as the result of blows from a poker and shovel wielded by his stepson and Mrs. McCrary, there being twenty stitches required to close the wounds on the head of the injured man.

When the trouble had culminated in the battle between the members of the family a call was made for the officers and Deputy Sheriff J. E. Lancaster and Officer David Pickrel of the night force hurried to the scene to settle the trouble.

The officers brought McCrary to the office of Dr. R. P. Westover where his injuries were dressed and he was then taken to the county jail where he will remain until action is taken in the case.

Edwards was given medical aid but was not arrested pending an investigation of the case as to whom was the aggressor in the quarrel that led to the shooting of Edwards and the beating up of McCrary.

McCrary, father of Douglas McCrary, shot two weeks ago by J. G. McMaken at whose home he was discovered at 5 o'clock in the morning by Mr. McMaken, was placed in the same cell of the jail with the slayer of his son, who is being held for trial at the April term of the district court.

This morning County Attorney W. G. Kieck filed information against Mr. McCrary in the county court, charging him with shooting with intent to kill, shooting with intent to wound and carrying concealed weapons, each count carrying a severe penalty.

Mr. McCrary was arraigned in court this afternoon and entered a plea of not guilty to the charges.

The preliminary hearing was set for Saturday, March 31st and the amount of the bond fixed at \$2,000, and the defendant held in jail until the amount of the bond can be arranged.

## ENJOY A FINE MEETING

The friendship hour at the First Methodist church Sunday evening was attended by a very large congregation to enjoy the fine treat that had been prepared for them.

Dr. P. H. Mordick, pastor of the Trinity M. E. church of Lincoln, was the speaker of the evening, presenting a most inspirational talk on the church and its work as well as the value of the church to the individual and the community.

In addition to the fine address the musical program was enjoyed by all of the congregation in the stirring hymns of the church.

## Candidates for City Offices All Stay in Race

No Withdrawals From the Republican or Democratic Tickets So Far Reported.

The candidates named at the conventions last week for the city offices, contrary to the general custom of some withdrawing, are apparently to stick in the race for the positions that they have been named for by their friends and supporters.

George Lushtinsky, named by the republicans as their candidate for the mayoralty Sunday announced that he would remain in the race and preparing to make the campaign for the office.

The candidates for the councilmanic offices are all lining up their forces and in most of the wards a nice battle will be staged by the candidates, a very capable and clean cut group of men being lined up in the race in the various wards.

The fifth ward promises some fireworks in the election line as Harry Winscott, republican and Max Bowman, democrat, face the possibility of at least one and possibly two petition candidates for the council, Walter Brittain being urged to allow the use of his name in the race for councilman, while Councilman Adam Marshall, defeated for re-nomination, is also being urged to enter the race.

## SURPRISED ON BIRTHDAY

William Starkjohn was given a very pleasant surprise Saturday evening on the occasion of his seventeenth birthday as well as the St. Patrick's day anniversary. The young friends had planned the event and which was truly a surprise as the guest of honor was wholly unaware of the fine time that had been planned for him.

The evening was spent in games and contests and at which a great deal of pleasure was derived by the members of the jolly party.

The St. Patrick day spirit was carried out in the decorations and settings of the party.

At a suitable hour dainty and delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Henry Starkjohn, mother of the guest of honor, to the young people.

Those attending were: Misses Constance Rea, Agnes Brink, Rosemary Clout, Sophia Bieri, Rita Libershal, Marie Nolting, Lois Gles, Helen Woodcock, Margaret Bauer, Messers Richard Rea, Fred Kniecke, Sheldon Gles, Willard and John Brink, William Woolcott, Frank Bieri and William Starkjohn.

## DIES AT LINCOLN SUNDAY

Elisha G. Osborne, an uncle of Mrs. M. S. Briggs and Mrs. Lydia M. Davis, passed away Sunday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. P. R. Stangenberg, at Lincoln, following a short period of illness from a severe stroke. Mr. Osborne was born in Ohio January 19, 1852, but had made his home with the daughter in Lincoln for some time. He was past 82 years of age, but up until recently had been in fairly good health and active for a man of his age.

The funeral service will be held at Lincoln Tuesday evening, after which the body will be taken to the old home at Fort Madison, Iowa, where the family resided for a good many years and where the wife and three children are buried.

Mr. Osborne will be remembered by many here as having visited with the Cass county relatives on rather frequent occasions.

## 81% of Farmers Sign Contracts for Production Cuts

1,536 Farmers of Cass County in Corn-Hog Reduction Contracts Up to Saturday.

Late check Saturday night, March 17th, showed that 1,536 farmers had signed corn-hog reduction contracts. This number represents 81% of the farmers in the county.

87% of the corn acreage, and 90% of the hogs have been signed up, due to the fact that most of the large operators had filed their contracts. Salt Creek precinct has the smallest number of non-signers, which is six.

The permanent precinct committees are all at work this week on land appraisals. This work will probably be finished by March 30th.

At elections held by corn-hog contracts signers last week, the following men, four from each precinct, were named to constitute the permanent precinct committees:

Greenwood—Lloyd A. Grady, chairman; T. M. McKinnon, H. L. Borameier, Chas. Ayres.  
Elmwood—Fred Stock Sr., chairman; J. C. McCrary, Herman Schewpe, Chas. Long.  
Weeping Water—A. C. Munn, chairman; Fred Schaefer, John Kirchhoff, Herman Kamman.  
South Bend—A. D. Zaar, chairman; Ed Rau, Albert Blum, J. L. Cardale.

Tipton—Clyde West, chairman; Fred Munchau, Geo. Bickert, A. H. Siekman.  
Salt Creek—C. D. Fulmer, chairman; John Lambert Chas. M. Graham, E. H. Armstrong.

Stove Creek—R. J. Miller, chairman; Henry Vogt, John Gonzalez, Ed James.

Plattsmouth—Henry Nolting, chairman; Art Wetenskap, Sterling Ingwerson, E. H. Spangler.  
Avoca—Gordon Hepper, chairman; Dan Anderson, Carl Tefft, Geo. Meyer.

Mt. Pleasant—Parr Young, chairman; Oscar Domingo, Jake Hill, Henry Ragosa.  
Center—Will Sheehan, chairman; Andrew Schliefert, Herman Rauth, Ed Stahkamp.

Eight Mile Grove—John B. Kaffenberger, chairman; Earl Iske, Jacob Tritsch, John Gauer.  
Rock Bluffs—Jack Stamp, chairman; W. A. Wheeler, C. M. Reid, Everett Spangler.

Nehawka—J. Marion Stone, chairman; Nelson Berger, E. E. Stoll, Ed Shomaker.

The county board of directors is composed of the sixteen precinct chairmen as follows:

Lloyd A. Grady, Fred Stock, Sr., A. C. Munn, A. D. Zaar, Clyde West, C. D. Fulmer, R. J. Miller, Henry Nolting, Gordon Hepper, Parr Young, Will Sheehan, John B. Kaffenberger, Jack Stamp, and J. Marion Stone, who because of their election as precinct chairmen automatically became members of the board.

At the organization meeting of the board of directors the following officers were elected: President, Parr Young, Nehawka; vice president, Henry Nolting, Plattsmouth; secretary, D. D. Waincott; treasurer, John B. Kaffenberger, Plattsmouth; and Marion Stone, Nehawka and C. D. Fulmer, Greenwood, members of the allotment committee. The president of the board makes the third member of the allotment committee.

## C. C. C. REGISTRATION

The call for the fifteen young men from Cass county for the Civilian Conservation Corps has been received by the local committee and the date for the registration has been set for Saturday, March 21st at the court house in this city.

The men called for service must be from 18 to 25 years of age and must be unmarried, or in the event that they marry after entering the service they are to be dropped from the rolls and others called.

In the registration of the men all those who wish may have their names enrolled and from these, fifteen will be selected for the coming camp. Those who have dependents will be given the preference in the selections if they are able to pass the required physical examination.

Major Philpot of the seventh army corps headquarters will be here on April 10th for the examination of the men selected and those who pass the examination will be sent at once to the scene of their future activities.

## WILL FARM IN MISSOURI

Chester B. Briggs, who has been making his home at Winer, South Dakota, where he has been with the Tripp County Journal as a linotype operator and ad and job man for the past five years, arrived here Saturday night with his family, being on route to Scotland, Mo., where they will engage in farming during the coming summer.

They will remain for a few days' visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Briggs, before continuing on to their new home in the Ozark country.

## Joseph McMaken is Released on a \$5,000 Bond

Young Man Held on First Degree Murder Charge Released on Bond by Judge Fitzgerald.

From Tuesday's Daily

Last evening Joseph C. McMaken, who a week ago was arrested on a first degree murder charge after his exoneration by the coroner's jury in the shooting of Douglas McCrary, was released on bond.

Judge James M. Fitzgerald of Omaha was called here to hear the matter of the application for bond and held that in this case the defendant might be admitted to bail and setting the bond in the sum of \$5,000.

The bond was signed by Mr. McMaken and E. H. Tritsch, Allie W. McIsinger, Louis Bern and P. T. Becker, and approved by the court and the defendant allowed to go on his way to appear at the trial at the April term of the district court.

Mr. McMaken has been engaged in a contract on the new extension of highway No. 75 north of this city and was unable to look after his work while in custody and will now be able to resume his duties on the road gang.

## W. C. T. U. MEETING

The W. C. T. U. met on Monday afternoon at the Y. M. B. C. rooms in the Methodist church and with a large number present to take part in the meeting which was devoted largely to the matter of the exercise by the citizen of the right of the franchise.

The devotional period of the meeting was led by Mrs. George L. Farley who selected the 22nd chapter of St. Matthew.

The roll call of the meeting was given by the members on "Why Should I Vote," each one giving their reasons for participating in elections.

The ladies had the opportunity of hearing a very able discussion of the power of the ballot by Mrs. E. H. Westcott, who spoke on "The Power and Responsibility of the Citizen," presenting the various needs in national, state and civic affairs, where the citizens should express themselves on the questions of the day.

Following the address the ladies were served with refreshments by the hostesses, Mrs. R. B. Hayea, Mrs. J. E. Wiles, Miss Elizabeth Spangler and Mrs. V. T. Arn.

## ARREST OMAHA YOUTHS

Monday evening Officers Dave Pickrel and Roy Stewart rounded up a party of boys from Omaha who had been driving around the city until in the still watches of the night, being eventually traced down by the officers for questioning as to their activity.

The group was taken to the police headquarters and after some questioning one of the party stated that he had taken his brother's car without his knowledge or consent and with his associates had driven on down to this city.

They gave the names of Louis Zienba, 18; John Karas, 17, who had taken the car from his brother; Bernard Janson, 17; Steve Kappler 18, all residing on the south side at Omaha.

The group was turned over to the county authorities to be held for further investigation.

Glen Kline, of Omaha, a former resident of Union, was in this city Saturday, attending to some business matters and visiting friends.

## School Caucus Selects Nominees Last Evening

J. A. Capwell, E. A. Wurl and W. F. Evers, L. O. Minor, Selected as Men for Race.

The annual caucus of the voters of school district No. 1 of Cass county, was held Monday evening at the high school auditorium and attended by a very large group of the voters of the district to select the nominees for the position of members of the board of education.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Etta Gorder, president of the board of education and with Frank A. Cloldt presiding as chairman and secretary.

The caucus was organized by the selection of Dr. G. L. Taylor as permanent chairman and Earl S. Davis as the secretary of the meeting.

There was a great deal of interest shown and the names of some nine candidates placed before the caucus and from whom four would be chosen to have their names placed on the ballot and from whom two will be elected.

The balloting was spirited and required seven ballots before the final selections were made, as the last ballots represented a neck and neck race between Dr. F. L. Cummins and E. A. Wurl, retiring members of the board and whose friends were urging the nomination of one of these.

The nominees decided on by the caucus were L. O. Minor, J. A. Capwell, W. F. Evers and E. A. Wurl and who will have their names appear on the official ballot at the school election on April 3.

## WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

From Tuesday's Daily

The Plattsmouth Women's club met last evening at the home of Mrs. J. E. Wiles with a very large number of the membership in attendance at the session.

The ladies had a very complete outline of the plans made for the first district convention which is to meet in this city in the early part of April, preparations for which have been in progress for some time and give promise of being one of the most successful conventions that has been held in the district.

Mrs. Marion Tucker, of Nehawka, district president, was here Monday to meet with the local committees in getting the final details of the meeting arranged.

The ladies had an unusual treat in the book review by Mrs. William Baird, "The Catpaw" by Buddington Kennand, being the work selected, which was given in the usual delightful manner of Mrs. Baird and enjoyed to the utmost by the ladies.

At the close of the evening delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Wiles, Mrs. Florence Coleman, Mrs. George Conis, Mrs. J. W. Taylor, Mrs. Glen Valtery and Mrs. Everett Noble.

## PLEASANT RIDGE COMMUNITY

The Pleasant Ridge Community club met March 16th at the school house for the monthly meeting.

Despite the unfavorable weather a large number were present to enjoy the evening entertainment. The program was arranged by Hilda Johnson and Catherine Meisinger. The business meeting was presided over by Edward Wehrbein, the president.

The program opened with Misses Anna Margaret McCarty and Lois Bestor playing a piano duet. Little Eldell Speck was heard in a song and her sisters, Phyllis Jane and Shirley, were heard in a vocal duet. Their accompanist was Miss Marie Speck.

John Kenneth Bestor gave several readings. Mrs. Gilbert Hirz gave several vocal solos, being accompanied by Mr. Glen Woodbury. Miss Marjorie Wohlfarth was heard in a reading.

The last feature on the program was little Billie Rose Canterbury who sang a number of songs.

Lunch was served by Mrs. Will Wehrbein and Mrs. Ben Speck, following the program, which was enjoyed by everyone.

The Journal aims to print all the news and will appreciate your assistance to that end. Call No. 6.

## ENGAGED IN LIBRARY WORK

Miss Jessie M. Robertson, who has been at Syracuse for the past several weeks, was home over the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Robertson and other relatives and friends.

Miss Robertson is engaged in the work of reclassifying and arranging the books in the Syracuse library and expects to be engaged over the coming week in this labor for which she is so well qualified. Miss Robertson has taken a special course in library work and which especially fits her for this line of activity.

## To Recruit Additional C. of C. Members

Cass County to Have Quota of Fifteen Young Men for Service in Conservation Camps.

The notification has been given the local committee that under the orders of the government there will be fifteen additional members recruited in Cass county for the Civilian Conservation corps camps within the next two weeks.

The callistment period of many of those who were enrolled last May are now expiring and will lead to many camps being disbanded while others will be established in all sections of the country.

The registration for the camps will be completed by March 31st and the members selected will be sent to their new destinations.

The first group of young men enrolled in May, 1933, were sent to the camp at Roseburg, Oregon, from where they are expected shortly to leave for home and to receive their discharges at Fort Crook where they were mobilized in May.

The last group of young men from here were sent to a camp near Garden City Kansas, where they are still on duty in a large land erosion and reforestation project.

The camps in Nebraska are to be readjusted, several closed and new ones opened at other points where the work may be needed in various projects. One of these new camps it is proposed will be located in Cass county.

## FILES FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS

A new entry into the primary lists for the coming August election was made Tuesday when Carl R. Kell, of this city filed as a candidate for the democratic nomination for the office of register of deeds.

Mr. Kell is well known over the county and particularly in this city where he has grown to manhood and is a young man held in the highest esteem by a large circle of friends. Mr. Kell is a graduate of the Plattsmouth high school and later attended the Kemper Military academy and the University of Nebraska.

Mr. Kell is at the present time connected with the Cass County Chevrolet Co. in this city.

This is the first filing for this office that has been made from either party, altho there have been several prospective candidates for the position. It is expected that Miss Lillian White, democrat, the present incumbent of the office, will be a candidate for re-election.

## NEED ARMY COTS

The Health and Nutrition center at the first ward school building, has a great need for fifteen army cots and those in charge would appreciate if anyone having such cots would be willing to donate them for use. The cots will be called for and good care taken of them until their return to the owner. It is necessary to have the cots for use of the little ones from two to five for their daily rest period. Cots that were formerly in use do not comply with the specifications required and make necessary this additional appeal. Those who have cots may call telephones 29, 550 or 568.

The Center has received a very fine response from the residents of the community as regards support as several fine donations both in money and in supplies have been made. In addition several of the ladies of the city have volunteered their cars to go each morning at 8:30 and bring the children to the center.

## Herb Schliefert Dies Suddenly Tuesday Night

Young Man Dies at Parriott Farm Home Near Ashland—To Hold an Autopsy.

From Wednesday's Daily  
Herb Schliefert, 34, who has been farming in the northwest section of Cass county, last night shortly after 9 o'clock, staggered into the home of George Parriott, a few miles east of Ashland and in a few moments was dead before medical aid could reach him.

The dead man was a widower and is survived by two children who reside with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Schliefert of near Manley.

He had moved onto the Buskirk farm in the vicinity of Ashland on last Thursday and was planning to farm there the coming year and since locating there had started his spring work. He had been a friend of the Parriott family and was keeping company with a relative of the Parriotts for some time. In the last few days he had not been seen around the farm and Tuesday night had an engagement with his lady friend and it was supposed that it was to keep this date that he arrived at the Parriott place.

As he entered the door Mr. Parriott stated to officers he had been staggering and uncertain in his walk and Mr. Parriott had asked him what was the matter and he had replied that he was very sick and asked for a glass of water. He had then laid down on a cot in the Parriott home and seemed to quiet and died almost before the family realized his critical condition.

The Parriott family at once notified Sheriff Homer Siverster of the tragedy and he drove to the scene of the death and found the young man in a very advanced stage of rigidity that led to the officers suspecting that the man might have committed suicide.

The stomach of the dead man was taken to Lincoln today to be examined by the state chemist to determine the cause of his death.

## CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

The birthday anniversary of William H. Mason was very pleasantly observed at the Mason home on Monday evening, when the members of the family circle and a few friends arrived to assist Bill in seeing that the event was properly carried out.

The evening was spent in playing pinochle and at which a great deal of pleasure was derived until a late hour by the members of the jolly party. At a suitable hour dainty and delicious refreshments were served.

Those who enjoyed the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Herbst, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lohnes and children, Mr. and Mrs. Varro Handley and daughter, Elaine, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Warka, Mrs. John P. Sattler, Sr., Lawrence Sprecher, Robert H. Fitch, John Sattler, Jr., Ralph and Shirley Mason.

## NEW EMPLOYMENT DIRECTOR

The local county re-employment office has received the notification of the appointment of Francis V. Cornell, a field representative of the national board, as re-employment director for Nebraska. Mr. Cornell succeeds George Hodge, who has been in that work for the past several months and who has been recalled to Chicago by the International Harvester Co., of which he is an employe and who permitted him to assist in the national re-employment work during the fall and winter months.

The local representative of the re-employment department is Judge A. H. Duxbury who has had charge of the work since last summer when he was selected by the state board.

## VISITORS IN THE CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Smith of Florence, Miss Laura Grassman and Joseph Manacek, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Grassman, of Omaha, were guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Bates for a short visit, later motoring back to their homes. Mr. Smith is a brother of Mrs. T. B. Bates, former resident of this city and has been a frequent visitor here.