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Girls Kidnaped from Peoria, Ill., Found at Union

Two Young Women Dancers Lured from Home by Promise of Work With a Show.

From Thursday's Daily
 Sheriff Homer Sylvester was at Union this morning where he was called by the abandonment there of two young women of Peoria, Illinois, who had been left there when they had refused to go farther with two men and two women who had lured them from their home Wednesday.

According to the story told by the young women, Clara Belle Tunis, 19, and Adeline Hallagan, 18, they had been approached by the two men and women with the proposition to go with them to a small town in Illinois to fill a theatrical engagement. The party had started out but instead of stopping in Illinois the car had been driven on west and into Iowa.

The two men with the party had given the girls several stories of their destination as they drove on west, promising to drop them off at Des Moines and several other places in Iowa. When the party reached this place the men had told the girls that they were intending to go to Laramie, Wyoming, and urged that the young women accompany them to that place, but the two girls had refused and demanded that they be given the funds promised them and that they be released.

When the car reached Union the two girls had been allowed to leave the car and reaching Union reported the matter and Sheriff Sylvester was notified of the kidnaping.

The remaining members of the party in the car had stated that they were going on to Omaha and thence west.

The parties were driving a 1928 Chevrolet sedan and which bore an Indiana license number 42-571. The Omaha police department was notified and the police ordered to be on the outlook for the party.

It is expected that a kidnaping charge will be preferred by the authorities at Peoria if the auto party is apprehended.

This afternoon the parties who it is claimed kidnaped or enticed the girls from their home were arrested in Omaha and will be held for the Illinois authorities if charges are to be filed against them.

The young women are here awaiting word from their relatives in Peoria as to their return to that city.

LESLIE L. BAXTER

Leslie L. Baxter was born July 9, 1909, near Murray, Nebraska, and passed away in Long Beach, Calif., May 27, 1934, having reached the age of 24 years, 10 months and 18 days. The deceased was an elder son of Harry and Grace Baxter, former residents of Murray, Nebr. The mother preceded him in death 16 years ago, also a younger brother, who died in infancy in 1915.

Those who are left to mourn his passing, are his father, now residing near Red Cloud, Nebr.; a sister, Velma Baxter, residing with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Valley of Omaha, Nebr.; the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Graves, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Churchill, Murray, Nebr.; Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Crawford of Coleridge, Nebr.; Mr. and Mrs. George Graves, and Edward Graves of Peru, Nebr.; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Graves of this city, and many distant relatives and friends of the family.

Interment was in the Young cemetery near Murray, Nebr., beside the mother and brother of the deceased.

RECEIVES SAD NEWS

From Saturday's Daily
 Last evening Fred I. Rea, manager of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co., received the message that his aged mother, Mrs. Belle Rea, 83, had suffered a stroke at the home of her sister at Hiawatha, Kansas, where she resided. Mr. Rea departed as soon as possible for the Kansas city but shortly after he left the second message told of the death of the mother. No date has been announced for the funeral services.

RECEIVES JAIL SENTENCE

Ed Price was arraigned Thursday in the county court on the charge of being implicated in the stealing of gas by syphoning it from a car. The young man made a plea of guilty to the charge and was given a sentence of thirty days in the county jail for the offense. Price and a companion, Elvin Shryock were implicated in taking the gas and the other young man was given a similar sentence last week.

Heaviest Rain of Season Visits This Section

Storm Breaking About Midnight Is General Over This Section and Brings Much Relief.

This section of Nebraska as well as western Iowa was visited by one of the best rains of the season varying from almost two inches to a half inch in other sections.

The storm was accompanied by considerable thunder and lightning and, some wind but no damage was reported from the wind.

In this city the gauges showed .57 of an inch of rainfall, the heaviest that has been recorded for many months during the prolonged drought.

The rain comes as a great help to the corn crop and all vegetation and will go far toward boosting the corn which is now in the process of being worked over or laid by.

4-H CLUB MEETING

A most unusual and entertaining meeting of the Sunnyside Girls Room Club was held June 19 at the pleasant country home of Grace Louise Wiles.

The main feature of the afternoon was in Miss Baldwin's explanation of the work expected of the girls for this year. Miss Baldwin also explained in a very entertaining manner how to arrange a study center for the girls room. Miss Baldwin is very busy in her work of County Home Extension Agent and the girls feel very grateful to her for giving so freely of her time.

Another interesting feature of the afternoon was in having a number of the mothers and sisters of the girls present. The visitors were Mrs. C. L. Wiles, Mrs. Casey, Mrs. Guy Wiles, Mrs. L. O. Minor and Constance Rea.

During the business meeting three girls were voted in as new members. The new members are Eleanor Minor, Virginia Trively and Grace Welch. The Club is glad to welcome these new members and are certain that they will prove an asset.

To fitfully and delightfully bring the afternoon to a close, delightful refreshments were served by Mrs. Guy Wiles.

HAVE CLOSE GAME

From Thursday's Daily
 The kittenball fans last evening who were present at the second game of the evening had a real treat when the Nebraska City team played the Chevrolets, the local team winning 6 to 5 in a thrilling seventh inning battle.

The score was tied up in the last inning when the visitors weakened and when the locals came to bat they were able to fill the sacks when Spidell was walked to first to load the bases. John Svoboda hit a short infield fly that looked to be in the bag for the last out when the first sacker of the Oteans arced the ball to escape him, allowing the runner on third to score for the needed run.

The BEXE with several assistants staged a game in the early portion of the evening that resulted in the BEXE regulars winning by the score of 11 to 6.

VISIT IN MISSOURI

Dr. and Mrs. H. G. McClusky, Miss Pearl Staats, Caroline and Estelle Baird, departed Wednesday for St. Joseph, Missouri, where they will spend a few days and then go on to Kansas City where they will spend a short time with friends.

Dr. McClusky and party expect to return home Saturday and in time for the regular services at the First Presbyterian church.

Garden Club Holds a Very Fine Meeting

Interesting Program Is Presented at the Auditorium of the Central Building.

From Friday's Daily
 The Plattsmouth Garden club had a very interesting session last evening at the auditorium of the Central high school and which was largely attended.

The committees were appointed to serve until election of the officers in January.

The reports were given and plans for the future work of the club discussed by the membership.

Roy Olson, chairman of the Fourth ward club is giving to the public library the very valuable book, "Garden Making and Keeping" by Doubleday. As rapidly as possible it is planned to place books of this kind in the public library for reference work.

In the discussion of planting of seeds it developed that some annuals may be planted at this time and produce blooms before frost, zinnias, larkspurs, and bachelor buttons, are of this class. This is the season of the year to plant perennials for next year's bloom.

The city beautiful committee, composed of A. L. Tidd, Julius A. Pitz, and Mrs. Lillian Freeman, are planning immediate work in the beautification of one centrally located spot in the city.

A trip to the Florence Perennial gardens is contemplated in the near future.

The next meeting will be the third Thursday of July.

The committees of the club will be published at a later date.

FUNERAL OF LESLIE BAXTER

The funeral of Leslie Baxter, 23, who died at Long Beach several weeks ago, was held Wednesday afternoon at the Horton funeral home at Seventh and Vine streets.

There were a large number of the relatives and boyhood friends of the young man in attendance at the services.

The services were conducted by Rev. O. B. Chastain, pastor of the First Christian church of this city, who brought words of comfort to the members of the bereaved family circle and the old time friends.

During the service Mrs. Hal Garnett and Frank A. Clodt gave a duet number, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and Mr. Clodt a solo, "No Night There." Mrs. O. C. Hudson being the accompanist.

The interment was at the Young cemetery south of this city in the community where the young man spent his childhood and where other members of his family are at rest.

GRETCHEN STEGER MARRIED

The announcement has been received here by friends, of the marriage on June 14th at Columbus, Nebraska, of Miss Gretchen Steger to Mr. Dewey Musser, of Rising City. The marriage ceremony was performed by the father of the bride, Rev. J. H. Steger.

The Steger family were residents here for a great many years, Rev. J. H. Steger having been the pastor of the St. Paul's church prior to going to Columbus to take a charge in that city.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Steger and received a part of her education here, later graduating from the Columbus schools. She has been teaching at Rising City for the past year.

The groom is one of the active young business leaders of his home community and is one of the highly esteemed young men of Rising City, where he has made his home since boyhood.

CARD OF THANKS

With the feeling of deepest gratitude and appreciation, I wish to most sincerely thank all of the kind friends, neighbors and associates for their kindly deeds and words of sympathy at the time of bereavement in the death of my dear husband.—Mrs. Agnes Bach.

ENTERTAIN FOR GUESTS

Mrs. E. W. Cook, assisted by Mrs. Frank Hawksworth, entertained very delightfully Thursday afternoon, the event being a 1 o'clock luncheon.

The luncheon was in honor of Mrs. Charles H. King and daughter, Miss Marion, of Los Angeles.

Those participating in the pleasant event were Miss Olive Jones, Mrs. L. O. Minor and daughter, Eleanor, Mrs. T. H. Pollock, Mrs. Virgil Perry and daughter, Elizabeth.

Burglars Visit Murdock Hardware Store

Secure Large Number of Articles From the A. J. Tool Store and Make Their Escape.

The village of Murdock was again visited by burglars Thursday night when they broke into the hardware store of A. J. Tool, the robbery being discovered this morning when the store was opened for business.

The robbers proceeded to take a large amount of goods from the store, the loot consisting of flashlights, razors, shot guns and other articles that could not be fully checked in the short time.

Deputy Sheriff Tom Walling was sent to the scene as soon as the report was received here in order to check up the various points in the case.

Murdock has had a great many robberies in the past and almost all of the business houses have suffered from the looting of the burglars in the past years.

RETURNS FROM CONFERENCE

A group of some seven of the members of the local Episcopal church were at Crete this week to attend the conference being held at Donne college at Crete. Those from this city at the conference were Blanche Barnes, Jessie Robertson, Marian Tritsch, William McMaken, Fred Fricke and Jack Barton. Canon Petter was also in attendance at the meetings.

The conference was under the direction of Bishop Ernest V. Shayler, bishop of Nebraska and the speakers included church leaders from St. Louis and Minneapolis.

The program of the day included four study periods each morning as well as a fine program of sports and other activities to serve as the entertainment of the party.

There were 117 in attendance at the conference from the various churches in the diocese.

HAS INTERESTING TRIP

Joe Brandt, candidate for the republican nomination for registrar of deeds, was in the city today for a few hours and while here was a caller at the Journal. Mr. Brandt has just received a letter from his son, Raymond, who is in service on the U. S. S. Marblehead, one of the fast scout cruisers of the United States navy. Raymond had been stationed at Bremerton, Washington, when the cruiser was ordered with other vessels of the Pacific fleet to the Atlantic coast. He made the trip through the Panama canal with the fleet, the entire fleet clearing the canal in forty-eight hours.

The Marblehead is now stationed at Rockford, Maine, but expects to join the rest of the fleet at New York where the major portion of the fleet is located at present.

TO RETURN GIRLS

The parents of Miss Clara Belle Tunis, of Peoria, Illinois, one of the young women who was brought to Nebraska from her home against her will, arrived here last evening. The parents are to take the daughter and her companion, Adelaide Hallagan, back to their home in Illinois.

The parents with Sheriff Sylvester were in Omaha today to view the party who had kidnaped the young women and who are now held in the Omaha city jail.

It is expected that a charge of violation of the Mann act will be filed and the men turned over to the federal authorities for their action in the matter.

Banning Starts on an Active Campaign

Democratic Candidate for Governor Announces His Own Platform—Travel by Auto.

W. B. Banning of Union, one of a prospective field of half a dozen democratic candidates for governor, stopped at the capitol Thursday and disclosed that he will start next week with a trip thru the southern part of the state, south of the Platte river.

He said he expects to make the trip in a car with a driver and a publicity man to give him aid in spreading the gospel of democracy as outlined in new planks of his own platform which he appends to printed matter which extols his permits as a commercial orchardist and a man of long experience in public life as a member of the legislature, which first hand knowledge of the problems of the farmer and country banker, lumber and grain business.

Banning has a plank calling for a non-partisan board, to serve without pay to plan for the state department of roads and irrigation. His platform declares for the following:

For placing code departments as far as possible under constitutional officers.

For reorganization of the state sheriff's department as a clearing house for all county sheriffs and to cooperate in the detecting of crime and the enforcement of laws.

For reduction in the expenses of the state, efficiency, honesty and service in state affairs.

For a non-partisan planning board in the department of roads and irrigation, some to meet quarterly and to serve without pay except expenses.

Reorganization of the banking department, and providing for examination and regulation of all going banks, and place control of bank receiverships back to local courts, and local depositors committee, subject to examination by banking department.

For setting a minimum and maximum salary for county officers, same to be set by county board.

EAGLES TAKE EASY GAME

The Eagles' kittenball team, one of the strong organizations in the local league, last evening took an easy victory from the American Legion team by the score of 10 to 2. Charles Miller hurled a strong game for the Eagles and received fine support at the bat from his team mates through the game.

The box score was as follows:

Eagles—	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Cotner, ss	4	0	0	1	2	1
Sprecher, 2b	4	2	1	2	1	1
Shuback, rs-1b	4	2	0	1	1	0
Thingam, rs-1b	4	2	1	3	0	1
McCarty, 1b	4	2	1	6	0	2
Clark, 3b	4	0	2	4	1	0
Britain, cf	4	0	1	4	1	0
Taylor, lf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Miller, p	3	0	0	0	1	1
Fullerton	1	0	0	0	0	0
Whiteman	1	0	0	0	0	0
	38	11	8	21	7	6

Legion—

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Hilt, ss	4	1	1	2	5	2
Niel, 2b	3	0	2	4	0	0
Boag, 1b	3	0	0	5	0	2
Westover, lf	3	0	1	1	0	0
Rhodes, 3b	3	0	0	3	4	0
McGuire, c	3	0	1	0	0	1
Marshall, rs	3	1	1	5	0	2
Nord, cf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Kalacek, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Herold, p	3	0	0	0	0	0
Taylor	1	0	0	0	0	0
	31	2	6	21	9	8

Umpires, Handley, Shellenbarger, Taylor Struckout by Herold, 6; Miller, 3; Bases on balls off Herold, 2.

FILES FOR STATE SENATOR

The filing was made for Henry Cleve of Nebraska City, as a candidate for the democratic nomination for state senator from the second district at Lincoln. Mr. Cleve made his acceptance of the filing Thursday and is now fully in the race for this office.

Mr. Cleve is one of the prominent leaders in community life at Nebraska City and has served as a representative from Otoe county in the state legislature and also as a member of the board of education of his home city. Mr. Cleve is identified with the business life of Nebraska City for a great many years.

OMAHA PARTIES WEDDED

Rev. C. O. Troy, pastor of the First Methodist church, was called upon to officiate at the marriage of two Omaha young people. The bridal couple were mates and made necessary the minister having an interpreter present to relay to the bride and groom the marriage lines and their responses. Following the wedding ceremony the bridal party returned to Omaha where they are to make their home in the future.

City Dismisses Suit Against the Omar Baking Co.

Dispute Over Collection of Occupation Tax Will Lead to Revision of the City Ordinance.

From Tuesday's Daily
 This morning in the police court the action of the City of Plattsmouth against the Omar Baking Co., which has been pending for several weeks, was dismissed on motion of City Attorney J. A. Capwell and the defendants paying the costs of the action.

This was an action in which the city sought to collect a tax from the baking company for operating a delivery truck in which they sold direct to the consumers in their homes instead of delivering at the stores as other companies do.

The city contended that the company should pay the rate prescribed in the city ordinance of \$5 per day for peddling instead of the regular \$7.50 occupation tax such as the other companies do in their deliveries to the stores of the city.

The company resisted the claims of the city and the representatives of the company were ordered placed under arrest for the refusal to pay the daily tax and the case set for hearing but postponed until today.

The baking company is willing to pay the tax on a yearly basis and it is expected that the ordinance will be amended to fit their case.

RE-ELECT W. F. EVERS

Thomas Fletcher, of Fort Worth, Tex., is the new president of the Masonic Home executives of the United States. He was elected at the meeting held at Harrisburg, Pa. His home city will entertain the 1935 meeting.

Fletcher was elected Thursday at the closing session of the fourth annual conference, other officers: Vice president, John Redhead, Columbus, Miss.; secretary treasurer, Fred S. Lynn, La Grange, Ill.; executive committee Thaddeus Helm, Elizabethtown; William F. Evers, Plattsmouth, Neb.; L. M. Tesreau, Alma, Mich.; W. W. Martin, St. Louis, Mo.; A. E. McCorbie, Sullivan, Ind., and Edward J. Price, Springfield, O.

ARRIVE FROM CALIFORNIA

From Tuesday's Daily
 Last evening Mrs. Milford B. Bates and children, Texanna, Milford Jr., and Roberta arrived from Los Angeles to join Mr. Bates, who has been here for the past several weeks. The family are making their home with Mrs. Robert A. Bates for the present. They are expecting to make their home in this city in the future and will receive a hearty welcome from the large circle of friends of the family in this community. Mr. Bates will serve as the business manager of the Journal, assisting Mrs. R. A. Bates, the owner of the paper.

CHARGED WITH INTOXICATION

Last evening the night police force placed under arrest Herbert Rodd, who has been residing at the infirmary camp north of this city, whom they claim was in a state of intoxication. The young man was taken to the city jail and held there for the night, this morning being turned over to Sheriff Homer Sylvester for investigation.

LOOK INTO OIL PROSPECTS

John Urish, one of the well known residents of Mt. Pleasant precinct, was in the city Friday to look after some business and visiting with his friends. Mr. Urish is much interested in seeing tests made for oil in his section of the county and has been able with the aid of representatives of a large southern company to secure leases on much of the land in that section.

Mr. Urish strongly believes that there is oil in that section of the country as he has had much experience in locating wells and thinks that he can as readily locate an oil well.

DRAWS FIFTEEN DAYS

Herbert Rudd, who was taken in Wednesday night by the members of the night police force, was arraigned Thursday afternoon in county court before Judge A. H. Duxbury on the charge of intoxication. The young man made a plea of guilty to the charge as preferred and accordingly was given a sentence of fifteen days in the county jail. He was remanded to the custody of Sheriff Sylvester to serve out the sentence.

VISITS AT OMAHA

Mrs. Fischer and children of near Mynard were at Omaha Wednesday where they met their cousin, Francis Fischer, who has just completed his work at the St. Joseph college at Westmont, Illinois.

Story of Pioneer Family of the Western Country

Jacob T. Berger One of Early Residents of West—Story Related by Son, Geo. L. Berger.

George L. Berger, old time resident of Cass county, while here a few days ago related the story of the settlement by his family in Nebraska seventy-seven years ago.

The father of Mr. Berger was Jacob T. Berger, who was born in February 1818 in Germany, the family living in one of the provinces near the Rhine river. When Jacob Berger was twenty-six years of age he left his native land to come to the United States, as at that time there was a strong liberal movement in Europe and which resulted in persecution of those who had espoused the liberal cause.

Mr. Berger located in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, where he purchased a 100-acre farm and carried this on as part of his activities, also being interested in canal digging.

In the years that followed he was married to Miss Margaret Ann Waltenough, who was born in 1823 in Pennsylvania.

When the reports of the gold strikes in California in 1849 were received in the east, Mr. Berger with many others started on the long trip to the west that at that time required months to accomplish. After two years in the west he returned to Pennsylvania for a short time.

In June 1856, with his son, W. H. Berger, Mr. Berger came to the new territory of Nebraska and located in this community where he was engaged in freighting to Denver for several months.

On March 31, 1857, the family disposed of their holdings in Pennsylvania and loaded on a steamboat at Rochester, near Pittsburgh, for their start toward the great western country. They traveled down the Ohio river to Cairo and thence up to the mouth of the Missouri at St. Louis and then up that stream to where the pioneer trading post of Plattsmouth had been established. It was on April 28, 1857 almost a month since they had left their eastern home that the family arrived at Plattsmouth.

The family located on a section and a half of land in Louisville precinct which the father had secured on his previous trip to the west. It was in that locality that George L. Berger was raised to manhood.

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