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## Bandits Captured at Union Confess Series of Holdups

Donald Hornung and Melvin Quiring, alias Hoffis, two young bandits captured near Union early Thursday morning, confessed late Thursday night at Lincoln to a series of holdups in the eastern section of Nebraska.

The two men were taken to Lincoln Thursday afternoon from this city and were grilled by State Sheriff Flake, Sheriff Andy Carter of York, Sheriff Frank Steinhacker of Geneva.

Hornung was the first to be questioned and after some time he broke and confessed taking part in holdups and robberies at York, Milligan and Friend—crimes that were committed this week.

Both of the men confessed to stealing the car belonging to Dr. Anstine at Utica, Monday night. The same night a robbery of a York filling station netted them \$49.50, the two confessed. On Wednesday, December 29th the two men had robbed a station at Friend and collected about \$8 from the attendant there.

The two had gone from Friend to Milligan where they staged the robbery of the Milligan drug store, owned by Roy Otreodosky. Here they obtained \$40 from Dr. B. J. Bukack, who was in the store at the time and \$12 from the cash register, and also took several rings and other articles from the store.

Both of the men have been living in Lincoln for some time until they started on their bandit foray that ended in disaster at Union and led to their capture.

The two men will be held at Lincoln for the present until charges can be filed against them in the counties where the crimes were committed, it was announced at the state sheriff's office.

### SET EXAMINATION DATES

The state department of roads and irrigation is announcing dates for the various counties where examinations for drivers licenses will be held in the month of January.

The examinations for Cass county will be held at the court house here on January 4th, 18th and 25th. The examination will be held in the morning here.

State highway patrolmen will conduct the examinations and test qualification of applicants for the right to operate a motor vehicle on the highways.

### TO ATTEND WEDDING

From Thursday's Daily—Mr. and Mrs. William L. Helrich departed this morning for Burlington, Iowa, where they will be guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Huneke, formerly of this city. They will attend the wedding of Miss Ruth Huneke which will take place New Year's eve.

### HERE FROM CAMP

Jess Tower, who is a member of the veterans CCC camp at Columbus, is here for a ten day leave and will visit with relatives and old friends. Jess is one of the chefs at the veterans camp and is enjoying a deserved vacation after the hard work of the holiday season.

### NOTICE OF MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers Elevator Co., of Cullom, Nebr., will be held at the Pleasant Ridge school house in Dist. 41 on Saturday, Jan. 8, 1938, at 2 o'clock p. m.

J. G. MEISINGER, President  
ALBERT HILFICKER, Secretary  
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### TO ALL STOCKHOLDERS

The annual meeting of the Farmers Co-Operative Creamery will be held at Mynard, Nebr., on Friday, Jan. 7, 1938, at 7:30 p. m. Come and be prepared for a surprise.

H. L. GAYER, Secretary.  
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### ROYAL NEIGHBORS ELECT

The local Royal Neighbors of America camp have selected their officers for the ensuing year and who will be installed later in the office to which they have been named.

The meeting was attended by a pleasing number of the membership and the following were named to the offices:

Oracle—Mrs. Helen Meisinger.  
Vice-Oracle—Mrs. Minnie Renner.  
Past Oracle—Mrs. Emma Kaffenberger.  
Recorder—Mrs. Sadie Jones.  
Receiver—Mrs. Freda Stibal.  
Marshal—Mrs. Louise Klinger.  
Inner Sentinel—Mrs. Pearl Meisinger.  
Outer Sentinel—Miss Wilma Friedrich.  
Manager—Miss Minnie Hild.  
Physician—Dr. R. P. Westover.

## Member of Noted Medical Family to Wed

Dr. Robert Livingston to Marry Miss Helen Lehlein at Omaha on Tuesday, January 4th.

Dr. Robert Ramsey Livingston of Denver arrived Wednesday afternoon to spend a few days here and at Omaha. While here he is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Minor.

Dr. Livingston and Miss Helen Lehlein of Omaha, are to be married on Tuesday, January 4th, at the St. Barnabas Episcopal church at Omaha. They will leave immediately after the wedding for Collbran, Colorado, where they will make their home.

Dr. Livingston, a graduate of the University of Nebraska medical college, has completed his internship at the Denver General hospital and will at once enter the active practice of his profession. He is to conduct an office at Collbran for several months before he decides on a definite location.

Dr. Livingston is a son of the late Dr. T. P. Livingston and comes of a family that has produced several very prominent members of the profession, his grandfather, General Robert Ramsey Livingston as well as his father, Dr. T. P. Livingston and uncle, Dr. J. S. Livingston having been leaders in their profession in the state and for many years were the medical advisors for the Burlington railroad in Nebraska.

### WELL DRILLING MACHINE

O. G. Wiesneth of Louisville was a Plattsmouth visitor Friday, calling at the Journal office to place an ad for his well drilling service and having his name added to the subscription list of the Semi-Weekly.

Mr. Wiesneth, who operates the Wiesneth Plumbing and Heating shop in Louisville, recently purchased a well drilling rig and has been able to keep it busy sinking wells for farmers in various sections of Cass and Sarpy counties. It has a capacity of 800 foot depth—and when you get beyond that, it's not water but oil that is sought.

Mr. Wiesneth services municipal waterworks in his home town and five or six other towns in the western part of the county. He says business has been good during the past year and he has no cause to complain.

### 'POSSUM FOR CARD CLUB

Members of the Shuffle and Deal card club are looking forward to meeting soon to enjoy a New Year's gift presented by George Jaeger, one of their members who has been vacationing over the holidays in Virginia.

Friday there arrived here a large crate consigned to the club and which contained a large fat 'possum, one of the kind that would provide a luscious meal for the club members.

The 'possum is in charge of Carl Ofe, sergeant at arms of the club and all the members are busy in looking up the methods of preparing the 'possum for the table.

### RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

From Saturday's Daily—Miss Geraldine McClintock who underwent an operation at the Methodist hospital recently was able to return home yesterday.

## Fred H. Gorder Resigns Office of Commissioner

Dean of the Cass County Board Quits by Resignation Which Is Effective Today.

Cass county has suffered a real loss in the services of their efficient county commissioner from the third district, Frederick H. Gorder, of Weeping Water. Mr. Gorder resigned as commissioner, this being effective today.

Mr. Gorder has served the county as commissioner for the past seventeen years and has given Cass county a thorough business administration of the office and his splendid advice and good judgment has kept Cass county among the best managed in the state.

Mr. Gorder celebrated his seventy-third birthday on Christmas day at his home in Weeping Water and for the greater part of these years he has been a resident of this county. His family were early day residents of Plattsmouth and where he resided until locating in Weeping Water where he was in business over a long period of years.

Mr. Gorder was mayor of Weeping Water over a long period and gave that city a wonderful business administration until seventeen years ago when the residents of the third district prevailed on Mr. Gorder to enter the race for the position of county commissioner.

Since taking office Mr. Gorder has gained the confidence of the people in his fine clean cut, able business methods of handling the commissioner's office and today retires honored as one of the most capable men that has ever served in the office of commissioner.

It was under the service of Mr. Gorder that the first real steps were taken to place the Cass county court house in proper shape and he has been keen in seeing that all county property was kept up to the highest standard possible.

There is not a voter or taxpayer in Cass county that will not regret to see Mr. Gorder terminate his service but he can well be proud of the fine record that he leaves behind.

A number of prospective candidates are being suggested for the place made vacant and among these are Frank Woods, secretary of the county fair and Chris Rasmussen, prominent Weeping Water business man. The selection must be made from the third district and which includes Weeping Water city, Weeping Water, Stove Creek, Greenwood, Salt Creek, Elmwood, Tipton and South Bend precincts.

The vacancy will be filled by County Treasurer John E. Turner, County Clerk George R. Sayles and County Attorney J. A. Capwell.

### FOG HARD ON TRAFFIC

From Thursday's Daily—The fog that visited this section early today was a real menace to travel on the highways and only those who were forced to travel risked the dangers of the fog clouded and slippery pavement.

The Union Pacific busses from the south reported the fog all of the way from Kansas City north, the fog being even heavier farther south. The fog made necessary traveling at a much slower rate of speed than usual and making the busses late at points along the line.

### HOLD WATCH PARTY

From Saturday's Daily—Last night at Sunnyside, home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wescott, the Methodist Epworth League had a watch party.

Games were played and there was group singing. Rev. J. C. Lawson gave a short talk which was very much enjoyed. Foster May's program was heard and then it was 12:00 and everyone wished everyone else a "Happy New Year."

### RETURN EAST

From Saturday's Daily—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sinkula and Mr. and Mrs. Anton Novak, of Cleveland, Ohio, who have been here visiting with Father J. R. Sinkula, pastor of the Holy Rosary church, departed last evening for their home in the east.

### ADDRESSES STATE MEETING

Judge A. H. Duxbury was at Omaha Thursday where he attended the meeting of the association of county judges which was held in connection with the meeting of the Nebraska Bar association.

Judge Duxbury, who is one of the veteran jurists of the state, was on the program at the session and had as his topic that of forms. Judge Duxbury has made an extensive study of forms used in the business of the county court.

Judge Duxbury was also the chairman of the nominating committee of the association and assisted in the selection of the officers. Norris Chadler of Holdrege, a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Wolff of this city was named as the vice-president.

## Mayor George Lushinsky Leaves Railroad Service

Will Retire Next Week After Forty-seven Years Service—Long Active in Political Activities.

From Saturday's Daily—The coming week Mayor George Lushinsky will retire from active railroad service after a record of forty-seven years spent in this line of activity.

It was forty-seven years ago that he was enrolled as an apprentice at the Burlington railroad shops in this city, being assigned to the paint shop for service and which trade he has since followed.

At the time that he entered the service the late David Hawksworth was master mechanic at the local shop, one of the main shops of the system and the only one on the Burlington and Missouri River railroad in Nebraska at the C. B. & Q. had shops on their east lines. The late Dan Smith was foreman of the paint shop and it was under his training that he learned his trade.

For several years Mr. Lushinsky was with the Union Pacific, the Colorado & Midland and the Colorado Southern, returning in 1902 to Plattsmouth and where he has since been continuously employed.

Mr. Lushinsky has been a very active figure in the life of the community in social and political activities, for many years being active in fraternal orders and has served the city many years as councilman and is now completing his second term as mayor of the city.

His long service has won him a deserved rest and he can now find the leisure to enjoy life with his family and friends at the close of his long service.

### LETTER FROM SWITZERLAND

From Friday's Daily—Herman Reichstadt, well known shoe rebuilder, received a letter to-day from his mother, Mrs. Alberta Reichstadt, 86, who lives at Otten, Switzerland. In the letter she tells of the new streamlined trains that are being placed in service on the lines from Geneva to Italy and makes a twenty-four hour service.

She also states that they have had little snow so far this winter and lots of rain. The past year the crops were excellent in all parts of Switzerland. Mrs. Reichstadt is the owner of several large business properties at Otten and where two sons and two daughters are still residing.

### HERE FOR NEW YEARS

From Saturday's Daily—Mrs. James Nowacek and sister, Miss Pauline, who are making their home in Lincoln, came in last evening to enjoy the holiday here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Nowacek and other relatives. Their brother, Faustine, who has been visiting at Lincoln accompanied them to this city prior to leaving for Atchison, Kansas, to resume his studies at St. Benedict's college.

### IN SERIOUS CONDITION

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Albee were at Omaha Friday where they were called by the critical condition of Mrs. E. J. Albee, a sister-in-law. Mrs. Albee is the wife of Dr. E. J. Albee and has been ill for some time and her condition now is very grave.

## Death of E. P. Bracken Removes a Rail Figure

Was Well Known in Plattsmouth Where He Often Visited as Executive Vice-President.

The death of E. P. Bracken, Friday at his winter home at Winter Park, Florida, removed one of the best known figures of the western railroads in the past thirty years and finished a notable career.

Mr. Bracken was well known in Plattsmouth where he was a familiar figure to railroad men on his frequent visits to the local shops on tours of inspection and his passing is felt as a real loss by William Baird, former shop superintendent and a long time friend of Mr. Bracken.

He retired five years ago after forty-five years of service.

He was born at Tecumseh. His widow, the former Julia Dew of Tecumseh, and two daughters survive. The family home is at Evanston, Ill.

Mr. Bracken's positions were always concerned with the operating department. He was an expert in efficiency and safety matters. He had a large part in extending Burlington lines in Nebraska, Wyoming and Texas, supervising construction of several hundred miles of track in Texas completed last July.

As executive vice president he succeeded the late Conrad E. Spens, another Nebraskan, in 1931. Other positions he has held include vice president in charge of operations, general manager and federal manager.

Positions he held with the road before 1931 were: Roadmaster at Tecumseh, 1888; trainmaster, Wyoming division, until 1905; assistant superintendent, Lincoln division, 1905-06; superintendent of various divisions, 1906-09; general superintendent, Wymore district, 1909-10; assistant general manager, lines west, 1910-17; vice president in charge of operation, 1917-18; again general manager, 1918-19; federal manager, 1919-20; vice president in charge of operations of entire Burlington system, 1920-31; executive vice president, since 1931.

Mr. Bracken, because of long service on Nebraska lines of the road, had many friends in this state. He owned considerable property in western Nebraska and made frequent trips to the North Platte valley, even after retiring from his Chicago position with the railroad.

### PREPARING FOR BUDGETS

One of the chief occupations of the officials at the court house these days is that of preparing budgets for their offices, figuring out the probable operating expenses that will be necessary and which they must report to the board of county commissioners. The county board will make their estimates from the figures supplied for the various offices.

In a number of cases it is quite difficult to tell just what will be required to carry on the functions of the office and this requires a great deal of time to prepare figures.

The budget will be effective in August but it is necessary to get all in readiness for it.

### HERE FROM DENVER

From Thursday's Daily—Carl Weigel, of Denver, arrived this morning to be a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wescott and Miss Alice Louise Wescott of Chicago, who is home for the holidays.

Mr. Weigel, who is one of the best known pipe organists in the west is now engaged in his musical work at Denver and where he has been very successful.

Mr. Weigel was formerly of this city where he was organist at the Parmele theatre for some time and his many friends are pleased to have the opportunity of visiting with him.

### HERE FROM OMAHA

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Place, of Omaha, were here Thursday evening to visit with Miss Alice Louise Wescott of Chicago, who is home for the holidays. Mrs. Place was formerly Miss Helen Pfoutz, a classmate of Miss Wescott.

### HOLD REUNION

On Sunday afternoon at the Grand hotel in Nebraska City, the children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Abbott, former Plattsmouth residents, will meet for their second reunion dinner in the past eight years. The first dinner was held last Sunday at the Abbott home.

This is the first time in the eight years that all of the children could be home with the parents and this has made a truly happy occasion.

The children are Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Ware and son Frederick, Jr., of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Abbott of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacKinnon of Buffalo, N. Y.; and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Wilson of Nebraska City.

## Modern Woodmen Hold Election of Officers

O. E. Finnefrock Is Re-elected as Venerable Consul of Cass Camp No. 332.

The Cass Camp No. 332, Modern Woodmen of America, held their election of officers on Wednesday evening at their lodge rooms in the Eagles building and the following were chosen:

Venerable Consul—O. E. Finnefrock.  
Advisor—Edward Kohrell.  
Banker—Edward Gabelman.  
Escort—Leo Boynton.  
Watchman—Edgar Newton.  
Sentry—Lester Gaylord.  
Trustee—George L. Farley.  
Physician—Dr. R. P. Westover.

H. P. Goos, who has served so efficiently as the clerk of the camp for a long period of years is re-appointed by the head camp and will serve the members in his capacity in the coming term.

Following the business meeting of the camp the members enjoyed a smoker for some time.

### JUDGE YEAGER TO SPEAK HERE

From Saturday's Daily—The Plattsmouth people are to have an unusual treat afforded them on next Monday evening at 8 o'clock, presented under the auspices of the Plattsmouth Woman's club.

This will be an address by Judge John W. Yeager, of Omaha, presiding judge of the fourth judicial district. Judge Yeager will discuss the "Prevention of Abuse of the Pardon and Parole System."

Judge Yeager is one of the leaders of the legal profession in the state and in his service as county attorney of Douglas county and as district judge, has had full opportunity to observe the working of this system and the results.

The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Glen Vallery at Ninth and Granite streets and the public will be welcome to attend and hear this very able discussion of a most important subject.

### SUES FOR DAMAGES

An action entitled Louis Bauer vs. Claire Kellogg a suit for damages, has been filed in the office of the clerk of the district court.

The petition sets forth that the plaintiff is a resident of Highland, Kansas, and the defendant of Ashland, Nebraska. It is alleged that on September 19, 1937, the defendant was driving an automobile on the highway near Reserve, Kansas, that the plaintiff was a guest riding in the car at the time. It is alleged that owing to the reckless driving of the defendant the car was forced into a truck and as the result the plaintiff suffered physical injuries that confined him for five weeks in the hospital and he is still suffering from the effects of the accident.

The plaintiff asks judgment in the sum of \$25,000 for injuries received.

### OMAHA PARTIES WEDDED

Friday evening at the Methodist parsonage occurred the marriage of Miss Ernie A. Newhouse and Mr. Fred R. Johnson, both of Omaha. The marriage lines were read by the Rev. J. C. Lawson, pastor of the First M. E. church. The newly weds returned after the wedding to their home at Omaha.

## Moore-Rueter Wedding is Held Here Wednesday

Miss Blanche Fay Rueter of Alvo Married to William Dewey Moore of Near Cedar Creek.

Wednesday afternoon at the city hall occurred the marriage of Miss Blanche Fay Rueter of Alvo and Mr. William Dewey Moore, of Cedar Creek.

The marriage lines were read by Judge Charles L. Graves in his usual impressive manner in joining the lives of the young people.

The bride wore a gown of blue crepe and black accessories.

The marriage ceremony was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. George Schmader, the latter a sister of the groom.

Following the wedding the bridal party returned to the farm south of Cedar Creek where they are to make their home in the future.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred August Rueter and is one of the popular and well known young ladies of the western part of Cass county.

The groom has made his home for the greater part of his lifetime in the vicinity of Louisville and Cedar Creek and where he has been engaged in farming. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Moore of Louisville.

The many friends will join in their best wishes to this estimable couple and for many years of happiness and success.

### CHURCH BOWLING LEAGUE

From Thursday's Daily—Last evening representatives of the St. John's, Christian, Presbyterian, and Methodist churches, together with Iley Mays and Mr. LaRue of the bowling alley met in the lobby of the Hotel Plattsmouth and before the meeting had terminated a new bowling league was formed: The Church Bowling League.

During the course of the meeting the registration of the members of the teams; the computing of averages and handicap; and the election of officers was discussed, as well as other rules governing the supervision of the league. Roy Olson, Presbyterian representative, was selected as president and "Dusty" Rhoades of the Methodist church was elected secretary-treasurer; Ed Thimman represented the Christian church and Charlie Ault the St. John's church.

During the coming week further plans are to be discussed, players registered and a schedule drawn up. All four teams in the newly organized league are to bowl once weekly, every Friday evening starting at 8 p. m.

Friday, January 7 is to be the opening night of this league which should be one of the most closely contested, spirited, and successful leagues of the local bowling circles.

### FIRE AT TOURIST CAMP

The fire department was called Wednesday afternoon to the Sullivan tourist camp on Chicago avenue where fire was reported in one of the cabin apartments.

It was found that some of the residents at the cabin had evidently dropped a cigarette on a mattress in their apartment and which had finally ignited the mattress.

The blaze was extinguished without trouble and the only damage was from smoke caused by the smoldering mattress.

### RECEIVES SAD NEWS

Word has been received here by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hyde, of the death of an infant son born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hyde of Downers Grove, Illinois. The little one was born Sunday evening and lived but an hour after birth. The mother is at the St. Charles hospital at Aurora, Illinois and is reported as doing well.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many friends and neighbors for the gifts, flowers and cards sent Mary Katherine during her illness. This will be a long cherished memory.—Mr. and Mrs. George Mumm. d&w