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Italian Invasion Stirs Residents of This City

Two Suspicious Strangers Visit Stores Here and Cause Suspicion—Men Landed in Jail.

From Monday's Daily—
This morning excitement reigned in police circles as the result of the visit here of two of the fellow countrymen of Benito Mussolini, who visited a number of the local stores and created more or less stir as the men caused suspicion to fall upon them and the S-O-S call for the minions of the law.

The followers of the Fascist made their appearance here last night on the shelf and they attempted to enter into the purchase of the goods but their activity was not noticeable until this morning.

As the stores of the city opened for business the two men, who were not the most assuring in appearance, made their appearance at the store of H. M. Soennichsen Co., and made inquiries as to the price of silk and other high priced apparel that were on the shelf and they attempted to enter into the purchase of the goods but when the matter of paying for them by check was made the clerk balked on the proposition and from the action of the men there was a great deal of suspicion aroused.

The police were notified of the men and their activity and Officer Jackson and Chief of Police Johnson started in pursuit of the two strangers. One of the men was captured as they were making their getaway up North 4th street while the second of the men with the speed that he acquired in leaping over the hills of Lombardy disappeared to the northward and only a great vacancy existed where he had once stood. The officers made a hot pursuit of the stranger but he was able to make a get away at least temporarily and it is thought that he is seeking to get back into Omaha, from where the men apparently hailed.

The second of the two Italians was apprehended shortly before noon at the Platte river bridge when he was attempting to make his way north, being captured by Thomas Srobocha and was brought back to this city. When the man was searched it was found that he was luckier in his efforts to secure something for nothing as he had in his possession two silk ready to wear ladies dresses that were found to have been taken from the H. M. Soennichsen Co. store altho at first it was not thought that the men had made away with anything of value.

The two men were locked up and will await a complaint being filed against them charging them with the theft of the garments and which are of sufficient value to allow them being given a good stiff jolt for their offense.

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GIVES PLEASANT FAREWELL

From Tuesday's Daily—
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Murray who have been making their home in the south portion of the city have just purchased the Adam Kregger farm of 150 acres west of this city, were given a very pleasant surprise on Saturday evening at their home by the friends and neighbors.

The family were very much surprised when the party of friends arrived at the home with well laden baskets and announced that they were going to make the occasion one that the Murray family would long remember. The time was spent in visiting and enjoying a number of musical selections as well as taking in a number of radio programs. At a suitable hour the members of the party were treated to a very fine luncheon that was enjoyed to the limit by all of the members of the party.

Those who enjoyed the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Tim Wooster and children, Clement, Henry, Rose, Dorothy and Florence, Mr. and Mrs. Julius A. Pitz and children, Pauline, Helen and Margaret Ann, Mr. and Mrs. David Lickey and children, Donald and Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Mrs. John Wiles, Mrs. Dillhey, Johnnie Wiles, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Murray and Mildred Murray, Mr. John Bauer and son, Donald, of Omaha.

One of the pleasing new art work is that of fancy lamp designing and which can be learned by calling at the Bates Book & Gift shop annex and free lessons given. Join the classes that are working now.

OLD TIME FIDDLER HERE

From Monday's Daily—
At the old fashioned dance given at the W. W. A. hall on Saturday night, John Holder, well known old time fiddler of Council Bluffs, with his orchestra was one of the entertaining features of the evening and this organization gave a very fine program of selections for the old time square dances that entertained the very large crowd.

The management will give another of these dances on next Saturday and at which the Gradoville and Kohrell orchestras will play and assist in seeing that all of those in attendance have the time of their lives. There will also be a prize given at the dance next Saturday evening.

Happy Hundred Supper on Tuesday, March 9th

Postponement Was Changed From This Tuesday on Account of Good Roads Meeting.

From Monday's Daily—
The monthly supper of the "Happy Hundred" which was scheduled for Tuesday, March 2nd has been postponed until Tuesday evening, March 9th on account of the fact that the Cass County Bridge and Highway association is to hold their county meeting at Weeping Water on Tuesday evening and as a very large number of the residents here wish to attend the meeting it was decided that the supper would be laid over until a week later for action.

The committee in charge of the supper has secured the services of Henry Monskey, well known Omaha attorney and social worker as the speaker of the evening and which assures a very interesting and worth while address for the chief feature of the evening.

As is usual at these gatherings, there will be fun and entertainment of local color afforded that will add to the enjoyment of all those who are in attendance.

The meeting this month will be held at the parlors of the First Presbyterian church and the supper part of the program will be in the hands of the very able and efficient management of the ladies of this church and which assures a real feast and a royal time for those who are in attendance.

ENTERTAINS FRIENDS

From Monday's Daily—
Saturday evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Johnson on Rock street was the scene of a very pleasant social gathering, the occasion being a 7 o'clock dinner party given by Mr. and Mrs. Johnson in honor of the members of the 500 Club of Omaha, composed of old time friends of the Johnson family.

The dining table was very prettily arranged with decorations of the yellow roses and yellow candles and presented a very handsome scene as the guests of the evening joined in the carnival of old times.

The evening was spent at cards and in the games Mrs. Henry Castleton was the most successful and received the first prize while the second prize was awarded to B. H. Homan and the third prize to Mrs. C. P. Houser. The consolation prizes were secured by C. P. Houser.

An entertaining Mrs. Johnson was assisted by Miss Mildred Chlatter and Miss Emma Johnson.

Those attending the pleasant occasion were Messrs and Mesdames Henry Castleton, B. M. Homan, C. P. Houser, Herbert Hopson, T. G. Freeman.

SPEAKS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

From Monday's Daily—
The members of the Methodist Sunday school comprising the Y. M. B. C., the Philathea class, the Queen Esther and the junior boys class, were very much pleased yesterday morning at the church to hear an address of "Law Enforcement" by County Attorney W. G. Kieck. Mr. Kieck covered very thoroughly this part of the function of government and which is one of the duties of his office, detailing the various ways in which the individual by study and law observance can aid in lessening crime and making the conditions of the states and nation better.

SECURES JAIL SENTENCE

From Tuesday's Daily—
This morning Jose Angeles, who was captured yesterday with the possession of two silk dresses that were taken from the store of H. M. Soennichsen Co., was charged in the county court by County Attorney W. G. Kieck with petty larceny of the goods valued at \$30. To this charge the prisoner at the bar entered the plea of guilty. As the man was without the funds to aid him in paying out the fine the prisoner was remanded to the custody of Sheriff Stewart to board at the county bastille for the next thirty days.

Cornerstone to be Laid Day of Convention

Plattsmouth to be Host to the First District Legionnaires May 20th—State Officials Here.

From Monday's Daily—
Several hundred Legionnaires of the First Nebraska District will be in Plattsmouth May 20th for the big district convention, an annual affair in this district.

The committees are getting busy on arrangements and will have preliminary reports to make at the regular monthly post meeting to be held Wednesday night of this week at the home of Post Adjutant Elmer Webb. Included in the arrangements are to be registration with large courtesy buttons issued to each registrant entitling him to free admittance to the various entertainments provided, a parade with novel floats, etc. a period of sports in the afternoon following the cornerstone laying ceremonies, a six o'clock feed, followed by the district business meeting and an abundance of dancing that will continue into the wee small hours.

Department Commander J. R. Kinder is expected to be here for the laying of the cornerstone of the new community building, the program arrangements for this part of the day's activities being in the hands of the Building committee.

At the district business session, among the most important matters to be decided will be the place of holding the 1927 district convention and the keen bidding for the honor is expected.

Those in charge of various phases of the work are: Maldon Brown, Finance; Otto Keck, Registration; Ed Fricke, Parade; Raymond Larson, Sports; Henry Soennichsen, Feed; Fred Lugsch, Dancing; Roy Holly, Hospitality; Frank Smith, Publicity. They will be assisted by individual members of the post.

Bulletins will be mailed to every Legion post in the district at frequent intervals starting next week, and the Nebraska Legionnaire which goes to every member of the Legion in the state will carry information of the big time planned at Plattsmouth. To further extend the invitation an all Legion program is being arranged for a date late in April, to be broadcast from WOAW, Omaha. This program was originally intended for the latter part of March, but it was thought best to wait until nearer convention time.

It will be a big convention and should attract not only Legionnaires, but people generally from all over Cass county who will be interested in being present at the cornerstone laying ceremonies of our new community auditorium.

JINX PURSUES TEAM

From Monday's Daily—
The Plattsmouth high school basketball team seems pursued by the tournament jinx as each season when the hardwood court classic is about to be held the hard luck comes along and adds its burden to the local ball hurlers. Two years ago the mumps made inroads on the team just on the eve of the tournament and deprived the team of the services of Joe Krejci while last year Krejci was out of the lineup on account of the broken leg that he received in the football game at Nebraska City on Thanksgiving 1924. This year it seems to be the vaccinations that will add their part to the undoing of the team and bring on the court a bunch of sore armed warriors. The team is also without the services of their coach, F. A. Rothert, who is confined to his home by illness and with several of the team nursing sore arms from the vaccinations the outlook is not the most rosy for the blue and white making a very effective struggle at the state tournament that opens in seven days at Lincoln, if the team is able to be on the job at all.

SMALL FIRE OCCURS

From Tuesday's Daily—
Last evening shortly before 5 o'clock the fire department was called to Wintersteen Hill where the residence occupied by William Mendel and family was reported to be on fire. Sparks from the chimney it is claimed caused the blaze that was extinguished without little trouble and the only loss will be a small amount of shingles that were removed in extinguishing the fire. Fortunately the fire did not get a very strong start or the high wind that was blowing would soon have whipped the blaze into a fire that would be hard to stop.

LEADING HOG STATE

Washington, March 3.—Iowa was firmly established on January 1 as leading hog state in the union, commerce department figures announced today crediting the state with having 8,689,061 swine of all ages on farms and ranges. Illinois with 4,863,379 and Nebraska with 4,280,009 were next, while the total for the country was placed at 51,842,428.

SMALL AUTO ACCIDENT

From Monday's Daily—
Near the home of Glen Perry south of the Perry place was returning home an auto accident that while it fortunately did not result in the injury of the lady driving the car caused a great deal of damage to the car itself.

Miss Lairrick, who resides near the Perry place was returning home and met a party of young people in a car when near the Perry place and to avoid a collision turned to one side of the road, being froddly wrecked, one wheel being knocked off and all of the glass in the car broken, but fortunately the lady driving the car escaped without serious injury altho she was bruised and shaken up more or less by the force of the wreck.

Death of J. W. Hendee, an Old Timer Here

Death Came Very Suddenly at His Home at Wichita, Kansas, on Saturday Morning.

From Monday's Daily—
Yesterday A. M. Searl of this city departed for Wichita, Kansas, where he was called by the message announcing the death there on Saturday morning of J. W. Hendee, a brother-in-law and for many years a well known resident of this city.

The message was a great shock to the relatives here as a few days previously they had received a letter that the family were all well and doing nicely and the death of Mr. Hendee had evidently come very suddenly.

The deceased was sixty-five years of age and was for a great many years a resident of Plattsmouth where he was engaged in the hardware business and numbered among the leading residents of this community. The family left this city about twenty-five years ago and located at Wichita and where Mr. Hendee has been engaged in the conduct of a clothing and gents furnishing store for a great many years.

While a resident here Mr. and Mrs. Hendee were both very active in the social life of the community and possess a great many friends among the old time residents who learn of the death with the greatest sorrow and regret.

Mrs. Hendee was a sister of A. M. Searl of this city with one son, Searl Hendee survives the passing of the husband and father.

SAYS ROADS BAD

From Tuesday's Daily—
Louis Buskirk and W. G. Pankonin of near Louisville were in the city yesterday and while here were callers at the Journal office. The two gentlemen found that the roads between this city and Louisville were very poorly and that they were in need of working in order that the residents might have a means of traveling without all of the trouble and annoyance that the present condition of the road now gives. The Louisville and Cedar Creek highways are both important means of travel and should be given some measure of attention by the good road boosters to see that they are made so that they can be passable in all kinds of weather. A large population lives along and adjacent to both of these highways and they should have an adequate highway that they might be able to get over without all of the difficulty that they have at the present time.

W. C. T. U. MEETS

From Tuesday's Daily—
The members of the W. C. T. U. were most pleasantly entertained on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John F. Gorder, the event being designated as Membership day, and in which one new member was added to the rolls of the society of the ladies.

The topic selected was that of "Union Signal Day" and the program consisted of several readings from extracts of this paper, the official organ of the W. C. T. U. in the nation. The readings were given by Mrs. J. E. Wiles, Mrs. Walter R. Robb, Mrs. Jessie Hall, and Mrs. J. F. Gorder and all were well selected and proved most interesting to all of the members of the party.

The ladies were also entertained by a dramatic reading by Miss Bernese Ann, the accompaniment for this number being given by Miss Marjorie on the piano.

The members of the party also enjoyed very much the singing of a group of the old and well loved songs and the occasion was closed by the serving of dainty and delicious refreshments.

Those who are interested in learning the new decorative art work in lamp shades and screens, can receive free instructions by calling at the annex of the Bates Book & Gift shop.

County Treasurer Candidate for Re-Elect'n

Miss Mia U. Gering to Place Before Consideration of the Voters of Cass County.

From Tuesday's Daily—
Miss Mia U. Gering who is serving her first term in the office of county treasurer of Cass county, is to be a candidate for re-election to that office at the coming November election, filing for that position today and as her renomination at the hands of the democratic party is assured, her only contest will be at the general election.

Miss Gering has been engaged in this office under the terms of several of her predecessors and her work has been of a character that has set the Cass county treasurer's office apart from others over the state, a model of efficiency and accuracy.

It is seldom that an official is found even in the best conducted and arranged offices, that devotes the real effort and takes the keen interest in the work of the position that they have enjoyed from the services of Miss Gering, in the treasurer's office, both as the deputy and as the head of the office.

The treasurer's office is conducted so that every fund that is created is kept accurate and to the minute and making available for those having business at the office of the treasurer to learn in a very few minutes any fact that they may wish to know in regard to the county's finances.

In addition to her efficiency Miss Gering has proved a very pleasant lady in the office and takes the time and trouble to aid in any way that is possible those parties who have business at the financial department of the county government and making the visitor realize that the treasurer's office is being conducted for the interest of every taxpayer and on a most safe and efficient basis.

Those who are familiar with the conduct of the offices of treasurers of other counties have been loud in their praises of the methods that Miss Gering has introduced in her administration of the Cass county treasurer's office.

The taxpayers and voters can feel well pleased with their treasurer and that they will make this feeling felt at the election there is little doubt.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

From Tuesday's Daily—
Last evening the Plattsmouth Woman's club held their regular meeting at the auditorium of the public library and as one of the features of the evening the annual election of officers was held. The following being named to the various elective offices:

President—Mrs. Allen J. Besson. Vice-President—Mrs. Fred Lugsch. Recording Secretary—Mrs. H. G. Soennichsen. Corresponding secretary—Mrs. A. H. Duxbury.

Treasurer—Mrs. Monte Straight. Auditors—Mrs. S. S. Chase, Mrs. Glen Perry, Mrs. F. G. Egenberger. A short and very pleasing musical program was given that added interest and pleasure to all of the members of the party. Arnold Sharp was heard in a very delightful harmonica solo that was well given. Mrs. William Woolcott and Mrs. P. J. Flynn also were featured on the program with a duet that gave the fullest expression to their voices and added much to the program. The Woman's club chorus made their first appearance since their organization and which showed the ladies to be showing fine progress in their musical work.

Plans were also discussed for the coming county convention of the Cass County Federation and which will bring all of the various clubs of the county here as the guests of the Plattsmouth club, the convention being held in the next few weeks.

The club has in the past year had a successful career and now has 169 members on the roll for the year and with many accomplishments to the credit of the ladies in the past season.

LITTLE GIRL INJURED

From Monday's Daily—
While Margaret Shellenberger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Shellenberger was riding out Chicago avenue Saturday on a bicycle, she was so unfortunate as to fall and injure herself to some extent. The little lady caught her foot on the bicycle as she fell and as the result had the heel of one foot cut quite badly and also had the ankle sprained to some extent. The injured girl was brought to the office of Dr. R. P. Westover where the injured ankle and foot was dressed and the little lady made as comfortable as possible altho she will be confined to her home for some time.

CAPTAIN GAYER RETURNS

From Tuesday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon Harrison L. Gayer returned home from St. Louis where he has been for several months past, taking treatment at the U. S. Veterans hospital in that city for his disability that has for many months interfered with his performance of his daily tasks. Captain Gayer is feeling very much improved and well on the highway to recovery which will be most pleasing to his many friends, but his return home is clouded by the fact that little Mary, daughter of Captain and Mrs. Gayer, is very critically ill at the home south of this city. Mary was taken sick Saturday with pneumonia and has been in serious condition since that time and the crisis of the case has not as yet been passed.

Changes in Teaching Force of the Schools

Several of the Instructors in High and Grade Schools to Leave for Other Fields.

From Tuesday's Daily—
The Board of Education some time ago mailed out to the various members of the teaching force of the city schools their contracts for the new year of 1926-27, which would allow the teachers as well as the board of education the opportunity of definitely making their plans for the coming year in the schools.

There are some nine of the members of the teaching force of the city schools who will close their work here at the end of the present school year and have decided that they will not renew their contracts for the next term of school.

Among those who will not be here the next year are W. D. McMahan and Irving Witte of the Commercial department of the High school, Leroy F. Fager, supervisor of music of the city schools; F. A. Rothert, manual training instructor and athletic coach and R. B. Felton of the Science department of the High school.

In the grade schools Miss Florence Frahm, Miss Lucy Goll and Misses Marion and Mildred Walker have decided that they will leave their work here.

Mr. McMahon and Mr. Rothert, as well as Miss Frahm, are planning to take up higher educational work and complete the studies necessary for a degree, while other members of the teaching force will probably take positions elsewhere.

The Board of Education has regretted very much to lose the services of the teachers, but with the wish of many to finish their college work for higher degrees and the fact that the condition of the district would not permit the payment of the salaries that were desired has made necessary the change.

PLATTSMOUTH GIRL MARRIED

From Monday's Daily—
Mrs. and Mrs. Mike Tritsch received word of the marriage of their daughter, Estelle Irene, to Vern H. Nolin, of Santa Ana, California. The marriage was at the Christian parsonage of Fullerton, Cal. They will make their home in Huntington Beach.

Michael Rys Passes Away at Omaha Hospital

Well Known Resident Here for Many Years Called to His Last Long Rest Yesterday.

From Tuesday's Daily—
After an illness that has covered the past six weeks and during which time he has been gradually failing, Michael Rys, old and well known resident of Cass county and Plattsmouth, passed away yesterday at the hospital in Omaha, where he has been for the past month.

Mr. Rys was injured last summer, while at his work at his blacksmith shop at Murray and which incapacitated him for several months and although he had apparently recovered from this affliction, during the past few months he has been feeling poorly and six weeks ago suffered a stroke of paralysis and was later taken to the hospital, where he has since remained, and where he passed away.

Michael Rys was born in Bohemia, February 22, 1858, and spent his boyhood days and young manhood in his native land, coming to the United States forty-eight years ago. He has spent the greater part of his years in this country in Cass county, being located first at Cedar Creek up until eighteen years ago, when the family moved to Plattsmouth and have since resided in this city, where they have been numbered among the best known and highly respected residents of this community. Eight years ago, Mr. Rys secured the blacksmith shop at Murray and has been looking after the needs of the residents of that portion of the county since that time.

There is surviving the passing of Mr. Rys, the widow and four children, Frank Rys, of Chicago; Anton, Josephine and Anna Rys of this city. Two children died in infancy and one daughter, Mrs. Mary Stonking passed away eighteen years ago. He also leaves two grandchildren and one great-grandchild to mourn his loss.

In their loss the members of the family will have the deepest sympathy of the large number of friends in this community.

MRS. POLLOCK OPERATED ON

From Tuesday's Daily—
Mrs. T. H. Pollock of this city, who has been at the Mayo hospital at Rochester, Minnesota, since last week, was operated on Saturday at that place and the latest reports from the hospital are to the effect that she is now doing just as well as could be expected altho she is suffering more or less from the effects of the operation. It is the wish of the many friends here that the patient in the next few days may be able to show improvement that will place her on the highway to complete recovery.

NEW DAUGHTER ARRIVES

From Monday's Daily—
The home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Favors, in the south part of the city, is much happier in the last few days as the result of the arrival there of a fine little daughter. The young lady has been christened Ruth Ann and with the mother is doing very nicely while the event has brought a great deal of pleasure to the happy father.

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