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## Youths Caught Here Last Night with Stolen Car

### Lads Giving Age of 15 Years Forced to Abandon Car Near Gapen Farm—Now in Jail.

From Thursday's Daily—  
Gibson Williams, Quincy, Illinois, and Arthur Owens, St. Joseph, Missouri, are today in the county jail to face a charge of having stolen the Buick sedan belonging to J. E. Hall, Omaha real estate dealer from near the residence of Mr. Hall on Davenport street last night.

The two boys who gave their ages as 15 years were apprehended two miles south of Murray late last night by Deputy Sheriff M. G. Scott and Officer Clyde Jackson who was deputized to aid in the search for the stolen car and accompanied the deputy sheriff to the scene of action. The boys were compelled to abandon the car a few miles north of Murray on the K. T. highway when the clutch of the car refused to work and forced the boys to continue their journey on foot and while so engaged they were captured by the deputy sheriff and brought on into this city and lodged in jail.

The matter was reported to the office of Sheriff Bert Reed by the Livingston as he passed along the roadside south of this city and at once Deputy Sheriff Scott securing the services of Officer Jackson hastened to the scene and recovered the car as well as the two boys that had taken the machine.

When brought here and questioned the two boys seemed very unconcerned as to the seriousness of the charges that they faced. They stated that they had run away from the Father Flanagan home in Omaha yesterday afternoon, one having been there for a few days and the other for a few hours, they deciding to go to St. Joseph, where Owens has relatives living. They stated to Sheriff Reed that they had planned to go as far as Nebraska City in the stolen car and then take the train to St. Joseph.

The boys had driven through this city and crashed the stop sign along Sixth street and which had called the attention of the police to the car and which helped to identify the car as the one that had been driven from Omaha to this city, and which was later noticed by Mr. Livingston along the roadside.

### THIRTY-SIX YEARS AGO

From Thursday's Daily—  
One of our old time residents remarked today that St. Patrick's day was not what "she used to be," the remark being called for by seeing the few green ribbons and shamrocks that were being worn.

"Thirty-six years ago today," our friend remarked, "the streets here echoed to the marching feet of 1,000 Irishmen and many more were on the sidelines helping in the celebration."

The old resident stated that on this great and glorious celebration of Ireland's patron saint that Governor James E. Boyd, the first democrat ever to be elected governor of Nebraska, and himself a son of the old sod was here for the day and a great parade marched through the main streets of the city with a great mass meeting at the Waterman opera house, then standing where the Journal building is now located.

At that time there were hundreds of the Irish descendants living here and they made the occasion one of the most notable. The Evening Journal on that day was printed in green and the printers, while not all Irish assisted in the celebration.

As our informant was sipping a coca cola today, he stated "on the big day of the celebration a man that called for beer was looked at askance" and it is really no wonder there is no real enthusiasm nowadays.

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS HOLD STUDY PERIOD

From Thursday's Daily—  
During the Lenten season the policy of the Catholic Daughters being to dispense with social meetings, the regular monthly meeting date last night was given over to a study period instead. The meeting was held in the assembly room at St. John's school and was largely attended, the program of the evening being in charge of Mrs. William Woolcott, lecturer of the local court, C. D. A.

Mrs. Woolcott read a paper from the pen of Father Martin J. Scott, on "Fasting and Self Denial." This was followed by two vocal selections, "Holy City" and "Voices of the Woods," by Mrs. Charles Peterson.

Mrs. I. F. Rae gave a talk on "The Importance of Holy Week Services," followed by a piano selection "Farewell to Piana," by Beethoven.

Mrs. Wm. Swatek gave "The Origin of the Way of the Cross" and the program ended with another piano number by Mrs. Reed, "In an English Garden."

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## MONSIGNOR SHINE ABOUT SAME

From Friday's Daily—  
The many friends of Monsignor M. A. Shine, the distinguished rector of the St. John's Catholic church of this city, will be interested in learning that the rector is about the same as his condition has shown but little difference in the past few days. The patient is at the St. Catherine's hospital and where he was operated on a few days ago and in his present state of health and long period of poor health the patient has been in very serious shape. The many friends are hopeful however that the next few days may bring improvement and allow the rector to progress sufficiently to be out of danger.

## Joseph E. Hunter Died at Hospital at Casper, Wyo.

### Former Well Known Resident of This City Dies as the Result of Severe Intestinal Trouble.

From Friday's Daily—  
The death of Joseph E. Hunter, former well known resident of Plattsmouth occurred last night at 9 o'clock at the hospital at Casper, Wyoming, as the result of a very severe attack of intestinal trouble and for which he was operated on without avail as his death occurred a short time later.

Mr. Hunter was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hunter, long time residents here and was born and reared to manhood in this city and after finishing his school work the young man was engaged for a number of years in the local tin shop of the Burlington at the shops here up until a few years ago.

In the last few years Mr. Hunter has resided in the west, being employed at Casper in various lines of work and has been very successful there.

The death has come as a very severe shock to the members of the family in this city and the old time friends as they were unaware of his serious condition until the message of his death reached here late last night.

Mr. Hunter is survived by the wife and several children, all residing at Casper, three brothers and two sisters, James Hunter of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, Robert Hunter of this city and Paul Hunter of Chicago, Mrs. Ella Heinemann of Hitchcock, South Dakota and Mrs. William Simons of this city.

The funeral arrangements have not been announced as yet by the members of the family at Casper.

## ENJOY BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

From Friday's Daily—  
The sixty-ninth birthday anniversary of Mrs. Christiana Larson was very pleasantly celebrated at the Larson family home in this city yesterday, the occasion being marked by the presence of as many of the family circle as possible and was an event that all of the members of the family circle will long delightfully remember.

The occasion also being that of St. Patrick's day, the color scheme of the delightful family dinner was carried out in this note and made a very attractive setting for the event.

The members of the family enjoyed to the fullest extent the opportunity of being with the mother and also the grandchildren of the guests of honor added to the pleasures of the occasion.

At the noon hour a fine family dinner was enjoyed and at which the members of the party enjoyed a number of the guests of honor, including Mrs. Larson, "Sweetest of the Years Go By," this having been requested by the daughter, Mrs. R. E. Foster, of Union, who was unable to be present on account of illness in her own family.

Those who enjoyed the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Franzen and son, Omaha; Mrs. Ralph R. Larson and son, Ralph, Jr., of Louisville; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barkus and two daughters, Katherine and Helen, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Larson and son, Lars.

## LIKE FATHER LIKE SON

From Thursday's Daily—  
William Wetenkamp, residing in the vicinity of Mynard, some twenty-five years ago came to this city to purchase his first pair of long pants, a real event in the eyes of the day and age and yesterday Mr. Wetenkamp was here again with his son, William, Jr., who is shedding his short trousers and starting in on the long trouser period. Mr. Wetenkamp presented the matter of the C. E. Wescott's Sons' clothing store that he had been a patron since the day of his long pant purchase and wished his son to also purchase his first long trousers of this old and long established firm. The Wescott firm has presented William, Jr. with a letter that will entitle him to receive \$1 rebate on each suit that he buys hereafter and when he reaches 21, a \$2 rebate. If there are other boys in the county whose fathers may have purchased their first long pant suit at this store the Wescott firm will extend a similar offer.

## Basketball Team Enjoys a Splendid Farewell Dinner

### Members of the Team Entertained at H. R. Thomas Home—Ed Wescott Elected Captain.

From Friday's Daily—  
The home of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Thomas on west Elm street was the scene of another pleasant post season gathering of the members of the Plattsmouth high school basketball team last evening, the occasion being a dinner party tendered by Roland Thomas in honor of his associates on the team.

The handsome home made a very charming setting for the event and the dining room was brilliant with the decorations of the St. Patrick's day favors and colors as the green was used extensively in the decorative plan of the dinner. The green candles, tiny green shamrocks and a beautiful floral center piece comprised the settings while the Paddy place cards added their note to the enjoyable event.

The delightful dinner prepared by Mrs. Thomas was one that everyone of the party enjoyed to the utmost and the serving was most pleasantly carried out by Miss Carolyn Thomas while Mrs. Thomas was assisted by Mrs. C. A. Rosencrans in the arranging of the repast that was one to tempt the most discriminating epicure.

Following the dinner the members of the team were called upon for their expressions. Captain George Rebal, Gerald Smith, Roland Thomas, Bernard Galloway and George Perry of the team all expressed their pleasure at the season just closed, at the comradeships that they had enjoyed with each other and the regret that the retiring members of the team felt that the school years were fast fading would soon be closed for three of them.

Coach Fred Rothert expressed the appreciation of the team for the many pleasant features that had been afforded them and for the fine dinner that had been given in their honor. Mr. Rothert also expressed his appreciation of the services of the team in the past season and gave them a well deserved tribute for their splendid personal characters and conduct in their daily life. The training of the team had been a pleasure the coach stated and he had found all ready and willing to do their best in the work that he had been associated with them.

Brief remarks were made by Mr. H. R. Thomas and Frank Smith on the team and the splendid services that the boys and Mr. Rothert had given in the school athletic life.

The members of the team present held a short business session to determine the captain of the 1927-28 team and by their votes selected Ed Wescott, left forward of this year's team as the head of the team for the next year. The new captain will be a senior the coming year and his services to the team has been of a very high order in the past two seasons and which his team mates have appreciated in their unanimous vote for his election.

The new captain gave a short talk in which he expressed his deep feeling in the selection of captain and also his regret at the leaving of the seniors from the team and voiced the wish that the team of next year year might have the services of Coach Rothert for another year.

After some time spent in music and visiting with each other the members of the basketball squad were entertained by the guests of Mr. Thomas at the Parmele theatre where they enjoyed the presentation of "The Kid Brother" with Harold Lloyd in the title role and which was a fitting climax of an ideal evening of entertainment and enjoyment to all of the party.

Those attending the pleasant occasion were: George Rebal, Edgard Wescott, George Perry, Bernard Kilinger, Gerald Smith, Bernard Galloway, Robert Hadraba, Ralph Mason, Roland Thomas, Coach Rothert, Frank Smith and H. R. Thomas.

## ELKS' NEW OFFICERS

From Thursday's Daily—  
The members of the local lodge of the Elks are looking forward with interest to the meeting on April 5th when the newly elected officers will be in stalled and start in on the year's work in the order which is very bright for one of the best years in the history of the lodge. The new officers will be installed by George F. Corcoran, district deputy. The following elective officers will be installed:

Exalted Ruler—Bruce A. Rosencrans.  
Leading Knight—S. W. Bell.  
Loyal Knight—Lon Henry.  
Secretary—Chas. W. Hula.  
Treasurer—Mike Tritsch.  
Tyler—Harry Platt.  
Trustee—W. M. Barclay.  
The lodge will have as the delegate to the grand lodge, E. J. Richey, past exalted ruler and L. L. Turpin past exalted ruler as alternate.

## RECEIVES SAD NEWS

From Friday's Daily—  
Mrs. William A. Robertson of this city last evening received the sad news of the passing of her mother, Mrs. Marietta Grey at her home in Windsor, California, after a long period of poor health and which has not the past year been of such a nature as to keep her confined to her bed. Mrs. Gray and daughter, Miss Vesta Gray, have resided in California for the past several years.

The deceased lady was a long time resident of Fremont where the family was numbered among the most prominent residents there and the news of her passing comes with a great deal of regret to the old time friends there. Mrs. Gray is survived by her two daughters, Miss Vesta Gray and Mrs. W. A. Robertson, another daughter, Mrs. Jones of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, having preceded her in death four years ago.

## Christian Church Has Very Pleasant Social Gathering

### Program at Church Attracts a Very Large Number for the Enjoyable Occasion.

From Friday's Daily—  
The St. Patrick's day party sponsored by the Bureau class of the Christian church was very largely attended that delighted the audience while the readings were offered by Mildred Carlsberg, Marie Wright, Opal Hardison, Gretel Hackenberg and Richard Edwards proved a source of fascinating entertainment. Miss Eula Reed and Miss Margaret Snodgrass each gave a charming piano selection while Ralph Rowland of the city schools favored the members of the party with a violin selection of artistic standard.

Following the program a very fine luncheon was served that added to the enjoyment of all of those present.

Vocal numbers were given by Elsie Allen, Joe Graves, Mrs. Thelma Nelson, Clyde Graves and Mrs. Hal Garst that delighted the audience while the readings were offered by Mildred Carlsberg, Marie Wright, Opal Hardison, Gretel Hackenberg and Richard Edwards proved a source of fascinating entertainment. Miss Eula Reed and Miss Margaret Snodgrass each gave a charming piano selection while Ralph Rowland of the city schools favored the members of the party with a violin selection of artistic standard.

## STEAL MARCH ON FRIENDS

From Friday's Daily—  
When youth and maiden usually wed it is a difficult matter for them to conceal the fact from the public or the young people keep the secret of their wedding, but in the case of two well known young people of this city it is not the case.

It has finally been learned by members of the family circle that on March 19, 1926, Miss Minnie Klingner and William O. Kettelson of this city were united in the bonds of wedlock and have since that time kept their secret closely guarded and not even the nearest relatives learned the truth of the happiness until a few days ago.

The secretive bride and groom are due for the shower of congratulations from their friends and will surely receive the best wishes of all of those that the years may give them.

The bride is the present city clerk of Plattsmouth and one of the most popular ladies in the city while the groom has been engaged here for a number of years in charge of the battery station at 6th and Pearl streets.

## ACCEPTS POSITION

From Saturday's Daily—  
Miss Ruth Stizman, one of the efficient students of the commercial department of the local high school, has accepted a position as stenographer in the law office of J. A. Capwell and will assist in the office during her spare time and on Saturday while she is completing her school work.

Miss Stizman is one of the leading students in this department and her splendid work has won her recognition at the school and lead to her being given the position.

The commercial department of the school has fitted a large number of the girls in this city for clerical and office positions and where they have made successes that reflect the greatest credit on the careful training that they have received in the schools of Plattsmouth.

Other former students of the commercial department are now holding excellent positions in offices are Misses Margaret and Elizabeth Stizman, Ruth Patton, Charlotte Nielson, Florence Newasek, Helen Libershal, Viola Archer, all of these having received their training here.

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## Speaks on the Present Mexican Problems

### Rev. W. E. Thomas Tells of Conditions From His Observations—Many Hear Address.

From Friday's Daily—  
Rev. William Evans Thomas, spoke last evening at the First Methodist church in this city on the present day problems of Mexico, declaring that he had every hope of the present situation in Mexico righting itself and the differences between the government and church being straightened out amicably. Rev. Thomas was for five years pastor of the Union Protestant church in Mexico City.

The trouble there stated, he said, over a law passed in 1917 which ruled that all ministers and priests must be Mexican born. There are a few exceptions, in the case of a congregation of foreigners, which are allowed a foreign pastor. In Mexico City the Union Protestant, Episcopal and Christian Science, which has no pastor, are allowed foreign leadership.

At the present time the people are still allowed to go to churches to worship, as the churches, he said, have not been closed by the government, but the priests have declared a policy of not saying any further masses since August. This does not deprive the people of the chance to go to church for their private worship.

There are more pyramids in Mexico than in Egypt and likewise the remains of an ancient religion with its idols and other paraphernalia of ancient superstitions. Two idols several hundred years old of an ancient rain god were shown; one made of volcanic glass. The knives which were used in the human sacrifices in these ancient religious practices for cutting out the hearts of the human victim were also made of this volcanic glass. According to a noted historian the Mexican civilization has been destroyed three times, the last being by the conquest of Cortez, who burned his ships that his Spanish soldiers could not return. It was stated that the reason for the difference between the degree of civilization in Mexican people are not inferior people naturally, but as demonstrated by the work of even the most ignorant of them, they possess great native ability.

The unrest and unsettled condition of today in Mexico are not a sudden upheaval, but a gradual growth of protest against the oppression of the masses. The first great revolt to establish the present ideal of government was through the influence of Mexico's great Indian general in the middle of the last century. He has tied to Mexico the name of Abraham Lincoln. This revolt was broken and its effects temporarily lost, but the constitution adopted in 1917 again decreed, the separation of church and state. The government was not strong enough to enforce its decrees however, and it has only been recently that a real attempt has been made. There is a great deal of misunderstanding about this question on both sides of the Rio Grande, but the Mexican government is not against religion. It does say, however, that all peoples must obey the laws whether they be Protestant or Roman Catholic. Rev. Thomas said there were many priests who would obey the law if the church would allow them and that many Roman Catholics helped him in his work in Mexico City. A group of Roman Catholics even were ready to purchase him a car for his pastoral work, when the law went into operation last August. The government is making valiant efforts to establish a real system of schools. During 1926 it established one thousand new schools and had placed within its budget finances for one thousand more new schools during 1927. It is making a real effort to break up the great estates and form small holdings for the Mexican people to be financed on a long payment loan. Likewise the government has no quarrel to pick with any church, but feels that any system which has been in operation for over four hundred years and has left over eighty-five per cent of Mexico's fifteen millions, absolutely illiterate has not lived up to its great opportunity. The government feels there are too many magnificent churches and too many priests for the real needs of the people. There are many magnificent cathedrals in Mexico; even in a very small village one will be found often costing more than a quarter of a million dollars. According to an official of a foreign corporation in Mexico one could throw a lasso from nearly any spot he has in mind to any village or city of Mexico and it would drop around a priest.

## RECEIVES GOOD NEWS

From Thursday's Daily—  
Last evening a telephone message was received here from Sheridan, Wyoming, announcing the fact that a fine bouncing seven and a half pound son had arrived there to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adrain June, the latter being formerly Miss Elizabeth Wadick of this city. The mother and little one are doing nicely and the little lad has attracted a great deal of attention from the grandparents and also Uncle Robert and Aunt Kathryn are feeling well pleased over the new addition to the family circle.

## Death of Mrs. Mathilda Fleming Near Nehawka

### Aged Lady Passes Away Last Evening at the Advanced Age of 84 Years.

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Mrs. Fleming came to Cass county when a girl and the greater part of her eighty-four years of life has been spent in this community where she was known and loved by a very large circle of friends. On the occasion of her 84th anniversary a few weeks ago Mrs. Fleming had a special musical number, one of the old loved songs, dedicated to her from station KMA at Slemansoath, Iowa.

Mrs. Fleming was preceded in death by her husband, Granville E. Fleming some thirty-five years ago. In her advanced years her health has been gradually falling until death came to close the long and eventful life of this splendid pioneer lady.

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The table arranged for the "Merry Maids" was arranged in a color scheme of pink and white, carried out in festoons, candles and the large handsome birthday cake with its glowing candles and the dainty butterfly nut baskets.

All the ladies wore head frills of pink crepe. There were fifteen of the young ladies present with their teacher, Miss Edith Farley and their much loved superintendent, C. A. Rawls to enjoy the occasion.

The members of the party remained for the study class and the Sunday school choir and then adjourned to the Mansie where the remainder of the evening was spent in games of all kinds and which made several hours of pleasure and fun for all of the party.

Miss Catherine received as a remembrance from the class a handsome variety case that will be treasured by her as a token of esteem.

At a late hour the members of the party wended their way homeward expressing their best wishes to Miss Catherine for her future years and to Mrs. McClusky who has assisted in the planning and carrying out the surprise.

ENJOY A FINE DANCE  
From Friday's Daily—  
Last evening the drill team of the local serie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles staged a very pleasant dance at the Eagles hall and which was one of the most largely attended dances of the past few weeks.

The time was spent in dancing to the music that was furnished by the Gradoville orchestra and which proved a real treat to the members of the large party and the latest and most popular selections were offered as the evening passed swiftly by.

There was a large number of the Omaha Eagles present and who had with them the popular Toonerville quartet that enlivened the occasion with a number of popular songs and entertaining features.

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## Mrs. John Urish Passes Away at Omaha Hospital

### After an Illness of Some Duration, Well Loved Lady Hears the Last Summons Thursday

From Friday's Daily—  
Late yesterday afternoon, Mrs. John Urish, well loved resident for practically her lifetime of near Murray and Mynard, was called to her last reward, death coming to this estimable lady at the Immanuel hospital in Omaha, where she has been very critically ill for the past week.

Mrs. Urish has not been in the best of health for some time and on arrival at the hospital it was found that her case was quite grave and while all that was possible was done to give her relief, it was without avail and for several days but little hopes of her recovery were given the members of the family circle.

Miss Mary Sporer was born in Wisconsin and since her early childhood has made her home in this portion of Cass county, where she was married on December 15, 1887, to John Urish. The family have since resided on the farm in this section, where they have been numbered among the most highly esteemed residents of the county. In her long residence here Mrs. Urish has made a wide circle of friends who learn with the greatest of regret of the sad tidings of the passing of their old time friend and neighbor.

There remains of the family circle the husband and four children, Henry Urish, Mrs. Philip Schaefer, Mrs. Jesse Terryberry and Miss Genevieve Urish. Three children have preceded her in death. There are also three sisters and one brother surviving Mrs. Elizabeth McBlock, of Los Angeles, Mrs. Rose Work, of Long Beach, California and Mrs. Anna Munster, of Sheridan, Oregon.

MRS. ARTHUR HELPS DIES  
Announcement has been received here of the death a few days ago at Long Beach, California, of Mrs. Arthur Helps.

The deceased lady was the second wife of Mr. Helps, he having remarried several years ago after the death of the first Mrs. Helps at the English day celebration at Long Beach in which she was killed in the collapse of a pier on which the festivities were being held.

The Helps family were residents here for a great many years and in his bereavement Mr. Helps will have the deep sympathy of the many old time friends.

## TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Washington, D. C., January 31, 1927.  
Notice is hereby given to all persons who may have claims against "The First National Bank of Plattsmouth," Nebraska, that the same must be presented to Fred Buerette Receiver, with the legal proof thereof, within three months from this date, or they may be disallowed.

CHARLES W. COLLINS,  
Acting Comptroller.

## EMPIRE STATE "GOES IRISH"

Albany, N. Y., March 18.—The empire state government "went Irish" in honor of St. Patrick. The day's calendar in the senate was printed in green while Governor Smith wore a green tie, green hosiery and a shirt with green stripes.



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