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Death Ends Fishing Trip of Lincoln Family

Mrs. Antone H. Austrum, 26, Dies in Platte River Sunday—Steps Into Deep Hole

From Monday's Daily—
A tragic climax to what was to have been a pleasant Sunday fishing party, occurred Sunday morning north of this city when Mrs. Antone H. Austrum, 26, of Lincoln, was drowned or died of heart failure in the Platte river.

The members of the Austrum family and brother of Mrs. Austrum were camping along the river and enjoying a fishing trip and several of the party decided to try wading or swimming in the Platte and Mrs. Austrum was one of the party to enter the water near the Burlington railroad bridge and where the water was apparently shallow as others were wading there and she had walked out into the river up to waist deep water when suddenly she sank beneath the water and was swept into the rather swift current that sets in just below where she had sank. Several times the unfortunate woman came to the surface but was swept down and while her brother, James W. Corey, attempted to aid her he was unable to reach her owing to the swift current and twice had to be helped to shore by Paul Taylor, a member of the party.

The reports of the accident telephoned to this city brought a large number of the residents to the scene of the tragedy and the section of the river where she met death was soon filled with those who were searching for the body and which was found some two hours later by the searching party, a half mile east of where she had disappeared in the water of the stream. The body was revived by the unfortunate woman was made by Boy Scouts, camped near the place and others, but without success.

It was thought that Mrs. Austrum had suffered a sudden heart attack as she stepped into the deep water and it is possible that she had herself and died instantly as she was swept away by the current.

The husband was at the fishing camp at the time of the accident and was unaware of the tragedy until the cries of others of the party called him to the scene.

The members of the fishing party from Lincoln comprised Mr. and Mrs. Austrum, their daughter, Viola June, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Corey and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Taylor.

MERCHANTS TAKE VICTORY

The Plattsmouth Merchants Sunday afternoon took the baseball team of the Rushton Fire Co. of Omaha, to defeat by the score of 14 to 7. The local team had Walter Connors, the veteran hurler of Omaha on the mound for them and "Con" demonstrated that he has lost none of his skill in tossing the pill over the plate, holding the visiting team in his control all of the time. "Happy" Connors was at the receiving end of the battery and also was one of the big factors of the game in his stick work. "King" Poissil who was picking them up at short in great shape, enlivened the last of the game with a smash that netted a home run. The game was featured also by the fielding and stick work of Richard Herold and "Happy."

The game was enjoyed by a good sized group of the fans and the two teams gave a very good exhibition of the national pastime.

The visiting team was captained by Ernest Buttry, former Plattsmouth boy, he playing at the initial sack.

IMPROVES OFFICE

The Clويد Lumber & Coal Co. office has just been given a thorough overhauling and redecorating, which makes a great deal of improvement in the general appearance of the building. The old plastering in the office was all removed, some of which had been placed on the walls fifty-four years ago, this being replaced by a new form of plaster which comes in several varieties of tints and shades, all ready to be mixed and placed on the walls and ceiling. The office fixtures are rearranged also and makes for the convenience and comfort of the office force.

MARRIED AT M. E. PARSONAGE

From Monday's Daily—
Rev. C. O. Troy, pastor of the First Methodist church, was called upon to unite in the bonds of wedlock Mrs. Helen Lucille Hesford Dennis and Harold C. Wolfinger, both of Omaha. The bridal couple were accompanied by several friends from Omaha and after the ceremony the members of the party returned to their homes in the metropolis.

FARMERS WIN BATTLE

The Lyman-Richey baseball team Sunday met their ancient rivals, the Becker baseball team, on the Graham diamond west of this city and as the result the Becker team were the victors by the score of 26 to 6. The report of the game states that the farmer boys proceeded to annex ten runs in the opening inning and then coasted on into an easy victory. The game was featured by a large number of errors on the part of the gravelers and which helped swell the scoring sheet of their opponents.

The local Lyman-Richey team is preparing to battle the team from the Fremont sand and gravel pits on next Sunday and when these two teams meet there will be some gravel flying.

Think Banning May Have Made Way to Omaha

Reports That Man Answering Description of Wanted Man Boarded Train

From Tuesday's Daily—
The city of Blair continued at a height of apprehension Monday night as Herman Banning, escaped bank robber was still thought to be in that locality and the citizens armed, maintained a watch on highways and guarding their homes.

The probability was advanced that the man might have made his way on a freight train into Omaha was also advanced on a report received by the officers who are directing the search and which is continuing unabated.

Jesse Osborn, who lives at Tenth and Colfax streets in Blair, told Sheriff Marion Sutherland there just before 5 p. m. that while standing in front of his home near the railroad tracks about 4 o'clock he saw a man wearing overalls but apparently naked from the waist up, come from the shrubbery and weeds across the tracks, run up the embankment, survey the terrain and again disappear into the brush.

Shortly afterward a freight train headed toward Omaha passed the house and it is possible that Banning, if it was he, boarded the train and came into Omaha on it.

Omaha officers were notified and rushed to Florence, arriving there after the train had pulled in. They found no trace of Banning and trainmen, while saying several holes had been left in the brush, had not noticed that any of them was shirtless. Word from Blair also was that three citizens rode every train through the town to prevent the fugitive getting away in that manner.

After the freight train had left Harvey Heinberling, living near Osborn home, reported that while the posse was beating the bush he saw a man run in a crouching position north along the railroad tracks. He could give no definite description of the man, however, who he said disappeared almost at once in a weed patch.

The posse found in weeds and brush 12 feet tall near where Osborn had seen the man, a "nest" which looked as though someone had rested there for some time.

Then about 7 o'clock Julius Peterson, 14, and his brother, Oscar, 19, driving home the cows on the Grim farm about half a mile south of the Osborn home, saw a man running through the pasture. He was wearing overalls, the boys said, but they could not be sure if he had a shirt on.

When he saw them, they told officers, he jumped into a creek bed and went through a culvert and disappeared. Poses searched the creek bed for a mile without finding the man, but as the creek is bordered by cornfields, they believe he found refuge in one of these.

HONORED WITH BEACH PARTY

A delightful event of the week end was an all-day beach party enjoyed at Boca Chica by a group of Harlingen people Saturday. The affair was in honor of Miss Charlotte Nielsen and Clarence Nielson, who are the guests of Mrs. Edna Copenhaver and her daughter, Marion.

A delicious picnic dinner and supper were enjoyed by the following: Mr. and Mrs. Don C. York, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Beem, Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Edna Copenhaver, Misses Virginia Lee Perry, Marion Copenhaver, Charlotte Nielsen, and Messrs. Don York, Billie Holloway, Joe York, Dick Holloway, and Johnnie Coston.—Harlingen Star.

IS SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

The many friends here of Mrs. Robert Troop, president of the Woman's Relief Corps, will be very much pleased to learn that she is doing very nicely following her operation at the Immanuel hospital at Omaha on Friday. Mrs. Troop is well advanced in years but has stood the operation in splendid shape and doing just as well as could be expected and it is hoped that she will soon be on the highway to complete recovery from her sickness and operation.

Bortorff, Bank Robber Suspect is Recaptured

Taken at Farm at Outskirts of Blair Saturday by Posses—Shows Strain of Hunt

Deputy Sheriff Rex Young returned from Blair Saturday night where he has been assisting in the man hunt for Harry Bortorff and Herman Banning, which culminated in the capture of Bortorff on a farm near Blair at 6:10 Saturday evening.

Bortorff was taken on the old Kerrigan place, west of the city, by Deputy Sheriff Gustin of Blair, Alfred Sick, lawyer and newspaper man, and Russell Harrison of Blair.

Deputy Sheriffs Ready and Fee brought him back to jail at Omaha at 7:26—just 56 hours and 40 minutes after he took his leave. A deputy gave him a cigarette and he smoked it calmly as he posed for photographers. He would not answer questions.

Banning still free.

Herman Banning, the second fugitive, is still at liberty.

The capture of Bortorff was a result of an independent investigation by three Blair men—Harry Krause, the man whose car Banning sought to board on Friday night, J. E. Campbell and Sick.

The three went west of Blair Saturday morning and found tracks through a cornfield on the Jens Anderson farm, just west of town. They followed the tracks through the field, found nothing, and returned to Blair for help.

Deputy Sheriff Gustin was assigned to the search. He was accompanied by Sick and Harrison.

Part of Overalls Found.

They picked up the trail again on the Frank Jenkins farm, west of the Anderson place. At one place they found the torn bottoms of overalls, the man had apparently torn them off because they were too long.

Following the trail to a heavy weed patch, Gustin thought he saw the weeds moving.

"Come out or I'll shoot," he shouted.

Shot Three Times.

There was no reply.

Three times Sick repeated the order. There was no answer.

Then Gustin fired his pistol twice in quick succession, over the tops of the weeds.

Bortorff jumped up, his hands in the air.

The men brought him to the Blair jail. He refused to discuss his adventures since fleeing from the jail.

Needed Food.

He appeared haggard and worn by his long flight. A heavy growth of beard was on his face. He said he had had little to eat and asked for food.

It happened that at the moment they arrived at the jail Deputy Sheriffs Rooney and Peterson arrived from Omaha to relieve Deputies Ready and Fee. Sheriff Sutherland attempted to question Bortorff, but the latter refused to talk.

"All right, gentlemen," said Sutherland to the Omaha officers. He's your man. Take him."

The deputies at once shackled Bortorff with two pairs of handcuffs, and sped off for Omaha.

Says Was Asleep.

Coming in to Omaha, Bortorff told the deputies he had been asleep when taken.

"The first I knew was when they started shooting over me," he related, the deputies said. "Then I jumped up and gave myself up."

"I had been sick as a dog. That's why I couldn't make it over to the car to go with Banning last night. (When Banning commandeered the car of Harry Krause, Blair city clerk), I could hardly put one foot ahead of the other."

GOES TO MAYO CLINIC

From Monday's Daily—
George Chrisos, who was for some time with the Majestic cafe in this city, is at the Mayo clinic at Rochester, Minnesota, where he departed for the early part of last week and is expected to be operated on this week to try and rid him in his affliction of failing eyesight. While here in the cafe Mr. Chrisos had suffered from eye trouble and which was gradually growing worse until on the advice of his physicians he entered the clinic at the Mayo hospital. Mr. Chrisos has been at Nebraska City where his sister, Mrs. Gus Stavron resides and on his trip to Rochester he was accompanied by his brother-in-law, Mr. Stavron and Tony Chandler.

Rotary Club Hears of Chile and Its People

Arthur Wichmann, Engineer With American Copper Co., Talks of the Southern Country

From Tuesday's Daily—
The members of the Plattsmouth Rotary club had the opportunity of hearing first hand today of the republic of Chile, one of the great nations of South America, Arthur C. Wichmann, engineer for one of the large American copper companies, giving his observations of several years of service in that nation.

Mr. Wichmann was able to give many vivid descriptions of the country, its people and customs and of the various methods of handling the affairs of the government, praising many of the laws of the country which have been framed to care for the welfare of the common people, citing one instance in the old age and unemployment pensions laws. Mr. Wichmann was situated in the mountains of the republic and in his travels has come in contact with all classes of the citizens and was warm in his praise of the residents of the various sections and particularly those of the high class type.

In addition to the excellent address of Mr. Wichmann, the members of the club had in contact with several dramatic readings given by Miss Helen Westcott, in her usual artistic manner and which added much to the enjoyment of the program.

In the absence of Frank Clويد, L. D. Hlatt served as the official song leader for the Rotarians.

City Seeks to Enjoin Placing of Gas Pumps

Temporary Restraining Order Against Frank Krejci to Prevent Pump Placing

From Wednesday's Daily—
The city of Plattsmouth again took steps to prevent the installing of curb gasoline pumps along the streets of the city when a restraining order was asked by City Attorney J. A. Capwell against Frank Krejci, tenant, and George Sedlacek, owner of the property on Third street which is occupied by Mr. Krejci as a garage.

The defendant, Frank Krejci, yesterday installed a new electric operated gasoline pump for the sale of the Mono Motor gasoline of which he is the local agent and had the pumps installed and ready for service when the restraining order was issued.

The pumps in question are located in the parking between the side curb and the curb and which the city contends is in violation of the city ordinances.

This curb pump question is one that the city has battled for several years and which will be threshed out in the court at this time to determine the legal status of the rights of the garage operators or oil station owners to maintain curb pumps. There are several of these pumps in the city that were placed before the passage of the ordinance and which includes the former pump of Mr. Krejci at the point where the new pumps are to be installed.

Mr. Sedlacek is made a party to the suit merely by reason of having claim to title of the property on which the garage is operated.

RETURN FROM SUMMER SCHOOL

The Plattsmouth teachers who have been attending the summer school at the Peru state normal for the past five and a half weeks, completed their course for the present year and have returned home. The ladies will continue their teaching work this fall and winter in the schools of the county and have enjoyed very much the summer work at the state normal. In the group from here were Misses Mary Swatek, Dora Soennichsen, Eula Reed, Marie Nolting and Mrs. Dora Trively. Miss Margaret Iverson, who was also at Peru, will remain over for the next six weeks of special teaching work.

Local Lady Enjoys Tour of the Pacific Coast

Miss Mary Peterson Returns From Travel Over the Pacific Coast on Special Train

Miss Mary Peterson, bookkeeper at the office of the Clويد Lumber Co., is now back at her work after a trip of some two weeks duration over the Pacific northwest and California, she being a member of the party of lumber dealers and their families which took in some 8,000 miles of the United States and in sections that were particularly of interest to the lumber industry.

The trip was made by special train and which started on the long trip from St. Paul, Minnesota, and from that city until the return the members of the party were feted at the different cities that they visited and while in the northwest were the guests of the large lumber companies in the state of Washington where a great deal of the lumber of the country is manufactured. The arrival of the train at Spokane, Washington, brought them into the real lumber producing regions and gave them the opportunity to observe the great trees arriving at the lumber camps and mills where the raw material was converted into the finished lumber and made ready for market, a most interesting sight for the members of the party, all of whom were interested in this industry.

Other of the Washington cities visited was Seattle where lumber is shipped to many parts of the world, as well as at Tacoma, where Miss Peterson had the opportunity of a visit with two of her sisters, Mrs. Minnie McBride and Mrs. Frank Peterson, she finding the families well and doing nicely. The party were also taken to Vancouver, British Columbia, where they viewed this interesting Canadian city, one of the active ports of western Canada.

The members of the party after their tour of the lumber regions were taken along the Pacific coast to San Francisco and Oakland to Los Angeles and the playground of southern California, being given a continual round of sightseeing to all of the points of the greatest interest in that part of the country. On the return trip the train was routed through Salt Lake City and Denver and at Salt Lake the party was taken over the city and viewed the many points of interest including the Mormon tabernacle, one of the greatest houses of worship in the nation, as well as the many places of historic interest covering the period of the founding of Utah by the Mormon people under the leadership of Brigham Young, who in addition to his leadership and ability as a statesman, also won fame as the husband of some fourteen wives and leaving a family of fifty-two children.

Miss Peterson states that the really best part of the trip was, however, when they reached Nebraska and once more viewed the broad and fertile Missouri river valley. In addition to Miss Peterson, John Crane, Manley lumber dealer, was on the train to represent Cass county on this great trip over the west.

BOWEN IN HOSPITAL

Pat Reed returned Sunday from Ellenburg, Washington, bringing with him William Bowen, who is to face charges here of forgery. Bowen has suffered very much from the effects of injuries that he received when his car crashed down a 175 foot embankment near Ellenburg and which led to his capture. The man has one leg entirely paralyzed and his back has been cut and injured and it was with the greatest difficulty that Mr. Reed was able to secure his release from the hospital to be brought here as the hospital officials were of the opinion that the man should be kept there for some weeks. Bowen was unable to help himself and it was necessary for Mr. Reed to have assistance to move the man on the train and off from Washington. On the arrival at Omaha Bowen was taken to the University hospital to be cared for. The arraignment of the prisoner here in court will present difficulties as it will be necessary to bring him here to appear and make his plea to the charges preferred against him.

A REAL ANNIVERSARY

From Tuesday's Daily—
Today marks a red letter day in the family of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Marshall, it being the birthday of Mr. Marshall and also the eleventh wedding anniversary, but the chief feature of the day was the fact that a fine eight pound son arrived early this morning to gladden their home and to make the date even more memorable in the family history. The mother and little one are doing nicely and the happiness that the little one has brought is shared by the members of the family and especially the two little brothers, Cary A., Junior, and Robert Seybert. This is the second grandchild of Mrs. W. H. Seybert to be born in the last few weeks and the occasion has brought her much pleasure.

IMPROVES PROPERTY

The residence property at Thirteenth and Main street, so many years owned and occupied by the T. S. C. Dabb family, has been greatly improved in the past few months by the new owner, Thomas Walling. Since the Dabb family had moved from the home it has been allowed to run down and Mr. Walling and his father-in-law, Michael Bajcek, have added materially to its improvement with new floors in several of the rooms, redecoration of the house and repainting and the placing of walks around the house. The changes in the property has made it one of the attractive homes in that part of the city and restoring it to the excellent condition maintained by Dabb family for so many years.

Unearth Ancient Pottery in Old Indian Mound

Prof. Robert Gilder and Party Find Stone Vessel With Finger Prints on It

A party of research workers headed by Dr. Robert Gilder, well known Omaha artist and deliver into the early history of the settlement of the Missouri valley, unearthed near this city Sunday an ancient piece of pottery and on which was found what was thought to be the fingerprints of one of the dwellers of this section of the world back in the dim centuries of the past.

The pottery was discovered in a mound in the vicinity of Swallow hill near the rifle range and its finding has aroused the keenest interest among the students of the early settlements of the west. The excavation work will probably be continued in the hope of unearthing some more traces of the early inhabitants of this section.

The early residents of the community here state that the vicinity of Swallow hill was a favorite gathering place of the Indians that roamed over this section, the high hill being a place where a great many of the Indian mounds were buried. In the seventies and the early eighties there were many of the Indian graves found and from which relics of the red man were taken by the residents here, beads, pottery, arrows and arrow heads being found in abundance and the bodies of the buried warriors.

In recent years there has been no explorations of the section for traces of the early inhabitants of this locality until the part of Omaha explores and geologists paid their visit to this section. The work of excavation will be continued, it is stated, the government authorizing the work to be carried on and the findings turned over to the State university. Among the assistants of Dr. Gilder here were Carl Peterson, Council Bluffs, Fred Youm, Logan, Iowa, A. L. Bishop and Clarence Sterns of Omaha.

SCHOOL HOUSE BROKEN IN

From Monday's Daily—
The high school building was broken into sometime between Friday evening and this morning, it was disclosed today when Miss Wilhelmina Henriksen, secretary of Superintendent R. E. Bailey discovered that someone had been ransacking the papers in the office. Investigation by Chief of Police Jess Elliott disclosed that the party had gained entrance through a window in the music room on the ground floor of the building, this being on the north side of the school building and where it would not be readily observed. The party that made their entrance into the building had then broken the glass out of the door leading to the corridor and had also apparently searched among the woodworking and other tools in the manual training department. The entrance to the superintendent's office had also been gained by smashing in the glass of a door. So far as ascertained there was nothing of value missing but a check of the tools in the manual training department will be necessary. There was no valuables or money in the office of the superintendent and as far as profit to the robber, the burglary was a flop.

HAS PLEASANT SURPRISE

Dr. J. H. Hall was given a very pleasant surprise Tuesday afternoon when his cousin, J. Ed Hall and wife, of Alexandria, Indiana, with several friends, arrived here for a short visit. Dr. Hall, they being en route to Denver. The Indiana party are to visit a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hall at the Colorado city and enjoy a vacation in the pleasant and cool surroundings of Denver. Ed Hall will be remembered by the older residents of Cass county, he having taught school at Weeping Water for a number of years while his brother, Dr. Joe Hall was located at that place. The visit of the relatives was much enjoyed by Dr. Hall as he had not seen the relatives since his trip back to Indiana a year ago.

CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

From Monday's Daily—
Merle McCrary, who is at the Methodist hospital at Omaha recovering from the effects of injuries received here in an accident at the carnival grounds on Thursday night, is continuing to improve very nicely and it is thought that his case is progressing just as well as possible. The young man is resting comparatively easy now and barring any possible infection should soon be well on the highway to complete recovery.

All the local and county news in the Journal.

Auto Caravan from Texas to Pass Thru City

Delegates to Convention of Highway Association of No. 75 to Be Here Next Monday

A large delegation of autos bearing representatives of the city of Galveston, southern terminus of highway No. 75, as well as representatives of cities along the route of the highway through Oklahoma and Kansas, is to visit this city on next Monday, en route to Winnipeg, Canada, where the program for these its northern terminus and where the convention of the highway association is to be held the coming week.

This highway is one of the most important in the United States and follows a straight north and south route through the nation from the Gulf of Mexico to the Canadian line, being rapidly made into an all paved highway for its entire course. Several of the most extensive improvement plans on this highway is being made in this section where two overhead viaducts are being constructed, at La Platte and Fort Crook, as well as the completion of the paving program from north of Fort Crook to the Platte river, work that was delayed by the fact that the grade crossings over the two lines of railroad had been in the way of the completion of the program but these are to be eliminated this summer and joining up the paving between the Platte river and Omaha and leaving only a small portion of roadway from the Stull farm to the Platte river bridge to be completed and this awaiting decision as to the route of the highway from Oreadpolis to the bridge.

The visitors can appreciate the very great improvement that has been made in the highway since the last convention at Winnipeg, making a personal inspection of the highway work along the entire length of the highway.

It is expected that there will be from fifty to seventy-five cars in the caravan when they reach this city. It had been planned to have the Omaha civic bodies and good roads organizations meet the visitors in this city but owing to the road work north of this city this has been abandoned.

What local recognition will be given the arrival of the caravan has not been announced by the Chamber of Commerce, but it is probable that the visit of the delegation of the southern good road boosters will be made the occasion of a greeting and acknowledgment of the visit of the highway representatives.

ARRANGING FOR PICNIC

From Monday's Daily—
Father Edward J. Chapuran, pastor of the St. Wendelav Catholic church at Omaha, was in the city today, discussing with the members of the committee on arrangements and Father Marcelles Agius, details of the big picnic which is to be held at Naves park on Sunday, August 2nd. The orchestra from the St. Wendelav parish will be one of the attractions at the picnic, they being popular radio entertainers from station WAAW at Omaha and also there will be present a large group of the Catholic turners, both the men and women's classes being present for drills and apparatus turning.

It is hoped also to have the Plattsmouth Elks band present to take part in the program of the day, giving a short concert in the afternoon. The ladies of the church are planning on serving a picnic dinner at the park and sports, dancing and musical program will make the day one of the greatest pleasure for all who attend.

IMPROVES RESIDENCES

One of the most striking and attractive residence properties in the city is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Pease at Tenth and Marble streets which has just been remodeled and redecorated and adds very much to the charm of this beautiful home. The unique shingled exterior of the house in the gray-brown finish and the red roof and windows and doors makes the house one that is a distinct addition to that section of the city.

The residence, owned by Mrs. Mary Weckbach on Vino street has also been redecorated and placed in first class shape in every way and will be occupied in the future by Mrs. Sadie Shrader and son. The house adds much to the general appearance of that section.