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Sox Thief Captured After a Hot Pursuit

Chief of Police Assisted by Volunteers Locates Man in Car Making Getaway.

Friday afternoon a stranger, apparently one of the 12,000,000 unfortunate and jobless of the nation, entered the store of E. A. Wurl and after standing around a few moments departed and taking with him two boxes of sox that he had picked up in the store.

The matter was reported and Chief of Police Libershal started in pursuit of the man, who had started west up high school hill. Several young men who were down in the business section also started after the man, who apparently was lost after the top of high school hill was reached. Melvin Stapp, one of the young men, inquired of a resident of near the high school and who had noticed a man cutting across their yard and headed north. The next trace Stapp found of the man was from parties who had seen him going north on highway No. 75 near the Heisel mill. The young man notified Chief of Police Libershal and who, securing the services of the car of Paul Wohlfarth, started in pursuit. As the pursuing party drove north on the highway the man was seen to have thumbed a ride with a passing motorist, then the flight was on. As the car carrying the wanted man drew near the unpaved section of the highway, the driver slowed his car and Mr. Wohlfarth passed him and the chief halted the car and secured his man.

The stranger was found to have the boxes of sox and was brought on back to this city and taken to the store of Mr. Wurl where he was identified. Mr. Wurl receiving the sox back requested that the man be released as he did not wish to press the charges if the man left the city at once.

The man gave the name of Frank Andros of Ottumwa, Iowa, and stated that he had taken the sox hoping that he might be able to sell them for food as he traveled around attempting to find work.

CLOSING GAME OF THE SEASON

The Plattsmouth high school football team will play its last game of the season on Thanksgiving day with Nebraska City. The game will be played this year in the Otoe county city and the first kickoff will be at 10 o'clock a. m. The early hour of the game will enable the teams and the spectators as well to enjoy their Thanksgiving dinner as usual.

The Plattsmouth and Nebraska City teams are well matched and the game should be one of the greatest interest to the fans. Both teams have won a number of games during the season, Plattsmouth having lost but one game. The records of the two teams are below:

Plattsmouth	
19 Iowa Deaf	0
7 Glenwood	13
48 Thurman	0
12 Ashland	7
20 Malvern	0
6 Auburn	6
33 Wahoo	0
6 Tecumseh	0
Nebraska City	
0 Benson	0
12 Tarkio, Mo.	24
7 Pawnee City	0
14 Tecumseh	7
26 Peru Prep	6
0 Falls City	21
6 Auburn	39

MORE FILE EXPENSES

The filing of expense accounts by the candidates at the last election are now being received at the office of County Clerk George R. Sayles as is required by law. County Commissioner-elect J. A. Pitz expended the sum of \$36.50 in his race, County Judge A. H. Duxbury reports the sum of \$155.03 in his candidacy, Judge James T. Begley filed the statement of \$65.16 for his expenditures, Rex Young expended \$117.40 in the race for sheriff while George E. Nickles expended \$100 to be elected as state representative. All of the amounts were cards and advertising from the various printing offices of the county.

PREPARING TO MOVE

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Becker, who have been residing at the county jail during the time that Mr. Becker has served as deputy sheriff, are preparing to move. The jail has been occupied by both the family of Sheriff Thimgan and Mr. Becker and they will now make way for the occupancy of the building by Sheriff Sylvester and family.

For the present Mr. Becker will have the furniture stored here for the next few weeks and they will reside with Mr. Becker's parents at Union over the holidays, expecting to return here the first of the year to reside.

The many friends of these popular young people will be well pleased to learn that they are leaving the city only temporarily and expect to make their home here later.

Walter Jurgensen, Lieut. Gov. Elect, in City

One of the Newly Elected Democratic Officials of the State Spends Short Time Here

From Friday's Daily
Walter H. Jurgensen, of Lincoln, who was chosen on November 8th by the people of Nebraska, to serve as lieutenant governor of the state, was in the city for a short time today. Mr. Jurgensen was en route to Omaha from Lincoln and while in the state metropolis expected to enjoy a visit with his predecessor and good friend, "Ted" Metcalf, his opponent at the election.

Mr. Jurgensen will have the pleasure of presiding over a senate in which but two of the thirty-three members are republicans and consequently will not have to worry over any party deadlocks. He is eminently qualified for the dignity of the position of presiding officer of the upper legislative body.

Mr. Jurgensen is well known in Cass county where he has often visited with the relatives in and near Manley. Mrs. Jurgensen having been a member of the Carper family, well known residents for many years in the central portion of the county.

While here Mr. Jurgensen paid a pleasant social call at the Journal and expressed his pleasure at the fine vote that he had received in Cass county in his recent race.

SCHOOLS TO TAKE UP LIBRARY COLLECTION

As has been the custom in the past, the Plattsmouth city schools will take up a collection from among the school children and donate it to the city library. This is a usual donation in the Plattsmouth city schools as a means of showing their appreciation for the excellent library available for the school's use. In the past donation has been quite extensive, but this year we are asking people to give what they feel they can for the circle of the library.

The library is a very valuable part of the public school organization. In order for our school to be accredited, it must meet certain requirements in the way of library books. If the school does not have these books available, they may be substituted by the city library. This is the condition in Plattsmouth. The city library makes it possible for the Plattsmouth public schools to receive a high rating because of the availability of the books in the library.

The collection will be taken Wednesday, November 23rd. The children will be asked to help to the limit of their means.

RECEIVES HAPPY NEWS

A telegram was received Wednesday by W. P. Hutchison, announcing the birth of a seven pound baby daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Jackson at Jamesport, Missouri. Mrs. Jackson was formerly Miss Marie Hutchison of this city. The mother and little one are doing nicely and the little lady has been christened Shirley Louise. It is needless to say that the message has brought a great deal of pleasure to the Hutchison family in the charming addition to the family circle.

The Minstrels of 1932 a Cook and Bennett Triumph

Personality of These "Two Black Crows" Reflected Throughout Entire Performance.

From Friday's Daily
From the opening chorus to the closing curtain, the personality of Bennett and Cook, Plattsmouth's "Two Black Crows," was closely interwoven with the comedy sequences of the first section and the plot of the second section of "The Minstrels of 1932," presented last night at the Legion Community building. In fact, the entire comedy script for the minstrel portion and the one act farce "Whata Nite! Whata Nite!" were written by these two heavyweight comedians, under whose direction the show has been produced.

"The Minstrels of 1932" are presented under auspices of Hugh Kearns post, American Legion, and all profit will be applied on Legion building indebtedness. The curtain at tonight's final performance will rise at eight o'clock.

Surrounding these two king-fun-makers is a splendid cast that includes twenty-five local people.

"Cap" Gayer and "Wink" Sprecher are the "little end men" and R. Foster Patterson, interlocutor. A running fire of conversation throughout the minstrel section, interspersed with some splendid musical numbers, provides a series of jokes that would do credit to the leading radio minstrels. Mr. Patterson's ability as an announcer is unsurpassed and his introduction of the various performers was most pleasing.

The greatest innovation from a local minstrel standpoint is the offering of a mixed instead of an all male chorus. The lady members of the "circle" are Cora Williams, Vivian Johns, Margaret Shellenbarger, Hinz and Evelyn May, while the men taking part are Frank Clويد, R. W. Knorr, Leo Boynton, Wm. Woolcott, W. A. Wells, John Frady, Dave Robinson and L. O. Minor.

Frank Clويد's pleasing tenor voice was heard in the first solo, "Roses of Picardy," one of the most pleasing of the older melodies incorporated in the musical score.

The ladies quartette, composed of Misses Williams, May and Johns and Mrs. Hinz was heard a little later in "The World is Waiting for the Sunrise." Their voices blend well and the number received much applause.

Dave Robinson, former high school quartette member, sang the new popular number, "All American Girl" in splendid manner, being joined in the chorus by the entire cast.

The male quartette's medley of old songs was especially pleasing and offered some of the finest of the old favorites. Members of the quartette are R. W. Knorr, L. O. Minor, W. A. Wells and Frank Clويد.

"Peg" Hinz, introduced as the beloved diminutive "blues" singer of Plattsmouth sang "Cabin in the Cotton" in a manner that would have done justice to a stage headliner. Repeated applause followed this number.

One of the big song hits of the production was the parody duet, "It Ain't No Fault of Mine," as sung by the heavyweight end men, Cook and Bennett. They were repeatedly called back until their stock of verses gave out and they were forced to sound the S. O. S. signal. W. A. Robertson is credited with having written most of the take-off verses, and our advice to him would be to add a half dozen or so more for tonight's show.

Another outstanding feature of the first section was the Moon Melodies number, featuring Cora Williams as soloist. With darkened stage, under the soft glow of a realistic half moon backstage, Miss Williams and members of the ladies quartette joined in singing a number of popular moon songs of the past. Miss Williams' solo offering was "Silver Moon" and all enjoyed hearing her rich soprano voice in this number.

As the curtain was rung down on the second act, the moon hid itself behind a cloud and rumblings of an approaching storm were heard, increasing in severity, as lightning flickered and thunder pealed.

This storm-like setting furnished a proper prelude for the opening of the

second or oleo section of the show, the scene of which is laid in the lobby of a Harlem hotel, not unlike the O-K hostelry of Amos and Andy fame. As the act opens, Mary Beverage, wife of Landlord Bennett, answers the doorbell and admits a guest in search of a room, Prof. Abdullah Rajputra, the great hypnotist (Raymond Cook). Landlord Bennett, victim of a severe case of "nerves" is found hiding from the storm under a very large rug, and from then on things begin to happen. Herman Thomas, as "Mug-Wump," the bellhop whose thirst is more pronounced than his ability to serve the guests, and Elmer Webb, corpulent traveling salesman in search of a bath, and later a bit of sleep, enter and re-enter as the act progresses. Millie Bullin, a vaudeville headliner, is introduced in a piano-accordion solo that grew into almost a concert due to repeated encores. Her skillful playing of this musical instrument is most pleasing to local audiences.

Anna May Sandin, the colored cabaret dancer who falls for Bellhop Thomas in a big way, furnishes a lot of the comedy in her solo number and dance.

Another of the comedy situations that got a hand from the audience was the arrival of Fire Chief Sandin to put out the fire. After being misdirected, he arrives at the scene with his trusty ax and chops a hole through the roof.

Prof. Rajputra's hypnotic demonstrations and the tilt between Landlord Bennett and his wife form the background for much of the conversation and many of the laughs.

Cook's singing of "Two Ton Tesele" and Bennett's recital to musical accompaniment of "Woodman, Spare that Tree" bring on the climax of the act as these two stalwarts "end it all" out of remorse for having "voted for Hoover" and provide the setting for the arrival of Claud Smith, "hard luck democrat." His tale of woe is so great it inclines to tears not only himself, but in turn, Webb, Thomas and Sandin, who become "The Four Sob Sisters," as the entire cast enters for the closing chorus. Thus ends the Minstrels of 1932.

Incidental music was provided by the American Legion orchestra, and Katherine Walling, accompanist. The orchestra is under the direction of W. R. Holly, and is composed of C. E. Ledgway, trombone; Marvin Tritsch and James Comstock, cornets; June Marshall, drums; Pete Gradoville, sousaphone; Rubinoff (Holly), violin, and Mrs. Walling, pianist.

Albert Olson as stage carpenter and James Farnham as electrician are deserving of credit for their part in equipping and lighting the stage.

The closing performance will take place tonight. It is announced there will be no free benefit show for unemployed this fall, such as given last spring, due to cost of heating the building at this time of year. There is some possibility of a performance at the Veterans' hospital on the O street road where stage accommodations have now been provided, but nothing definite settled about this as yet.

MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE

Judge A. H. Duxbury had a busy time Friday afternoon at the court house in joining several young people in the bonds of wedlock at his office.

Miss Helen Bursick and Carl Sanders of Omaha were made man and wife by Judge Duxbury in the presence of Mrs. Henry Sanders and Mrs. Bessie Brand, of Omaha. The bridal party after the ceremony departed for their homes in the metropolis.

Miss Mernie H. Jacobs of Tennant, Iowa, and Charles Boech of Shelby, Iowa, were also married by Judge Duxbury, the ceremony being witnessed by William Barrett of Shelby and A. W. Farmer, clerk of the court.

DIES IN KANSAS

Mrs. R. C. Bell, who has made her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Davis, passed away on November 11th at the Davis home at Kansas City, Kansas. Mrs. Bell was a visitor here several times while Mr. Davis was engaged here as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and will be remembered by a number of the local people, who learn with regret of her death. The burial was at Kansas City on last Monday.

Separate Trials for Daniels and Falk Approved

The Four Defendants Will Have Separate Hearings on Motion of Defense Counsel.

From Saturday's Daily
This morning in the district court before Judge James T. Begley, Everett Daniels, William Falk, John and Ival Daniels were arraigned on the charge of first degree murder.

To the charge preferred by the state the four defendants entered a plea of not guilty and were held for trial at the opening of the district court on November 25th.

Attorney W. A. Robertson, counsel for the defendants made the motion that the four defendants each be granted separate trials which was granted by the court. No objection was offered to the motion by County Attorney W. G. Kieck.

The four men are charged with the murder of James Zoubek, Jr., in this city on the night of Monday, September 5th, when Zoubek was stabbed to death on Lincoln avenue, near the Zoubek and Daniels homes. The four it is alleged were fighting with Zoubek and Earl Newton and in the course of the fight Zoubek received the fatal wound.

The four defendants have been confined in the county jail without bail since the preliminary hearing at which time they were bound over to the district court.

NEWSPAPER WRITER HERE

W. M. Maupin, one of the veteran newspaper men of Nebraska, was in the city Wednesday afternoon in company with his son, Louis, the two motoring down from Omaha to look over the city. Mr. Maupin is at the present time with the World-Herald and has been engaged for the past year in visiting the various cities and communities of the state for his paper.

Mr. Maupin while here visited the various places of interest over the city and met a large number of the local people to gather material for his story of this community. He spent some time at the Nebraska Masonic Home where he found several of the old friends and acquaintances of Omaha who are now residing there.

While in the city Mr. Maupin was a visitor at the Journal to pay a fraternal call on the publisher, Mr. Maupin, who is an ardent democrat is much pleased over the result of the recent election, both national and state.

SECURE NEW TEACHER

The board of education have selected as teacher in the Junior high school, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Grace Nolting, Miss Lillian Garrett. Miss Garrett's home is at Beatrice and she has been teaching at Douglas, Nebraska, for the present term, leaving the school there to take over her work at Plattsmouth. Miss Garrett comes very highly recommended and studied at Wesleyan and the University of Nebraska. She has majored in history and also has been interested in the musical work of the schools.

H. F. GOOS TO HOSPITAL

From Friday's Daily
Henry F. Goos departed this morning for Omaha where he entered the Methodist hospital for an examination and treatment. Mr. Goos has not been in the best of health for some months and a short time ago was at the hospital for an examination, now being given further treatment. It is hoped that he may soon be able to return home and feeling much improved in health.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the friends and neighbors who so kindly gave floral offerings and furnished cars in our hour of bereavement, these acts will long be remembered.

We wish to especially thank the minister and the nurses and doctors at the hospital.—Mrs. Clara York Children, and Relatives.

EMPTY OUT "EVIDENCE"

From Friday's Daily
This morning the vicinity of the county jail was the scene of a great deal of activity, as many bottles of "home brew" as well as mash found its way into the sewer. The emptying of the booze which had been captured in a number of raids in different sections of the county, was carried out under the supervision of former Sheriff Ed W. Thimgan, with John C. Brittain as the official executioner of the contraband liquor. The sacrifice caused the odor in the vicinity to resemble a brewery and brought to many the impression that repeal was in full effect, but it was only a performance that is required frequently to relieve the county sheriff of the custody of liquor that has been used as evidence.

Free Turkeys Produce Battle for Capture

Release of Turkeys and Chickens This Morning Is Source of Great Interest.

From Saturday's Daily
The releasing of some ten turkeys and a large number of chickens this morning for capture by the public and with catchers keepers, drew out a large crowd of young and old alike.

The birds were thrown from the roof of the Anheuser-Busch building and a crowd of several hundred proceeded to chase them for a Thanksgiving feast. The larger turkeys when pushed off the building proceeded to seek refuge on the roofs of other buildings in the vicinity and where two were captured by parties that had the foresight to gather there.

A great deal of fun and excitement was provided for both the participants in the chase and the spectators as well.

In the intervals between the release of the turkeys the chickens were thrown into the streets and these were far easier to capture by the crowd than the stately turkey. One of the chickens, however, had the foresight to fly into the cedar tree in the court house yard where it remained safe for some time until finally dislodged.

The final release of the turkeys and chickens was made this afternoon at 3:30.

ENTERTAINS GUESTS

Mrs. Herman L. Thomas, president of the local unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, was hostess to a group of the local ladies and visiting officers of the Auxiliary in the twelfth district. The event was in the nature of a three course luncheon honoring Mrs. Venus Tyler, president of the twelfth district of the Auxiliary, who motored here from Nebraska City with Mrs. Holmberg.

The ladies gathered to plan the final details of the district convention which is to be held in Plattsmouth on December 6th. The final plans were completed and all details arranged for the successful handling of the convention which is held at the same date of the American Legion convention.

Those who were guests from this city at the luncheon were Mrs. C. A. Rosencrans, national committeewoman, Mrs. F. R. Gobelman, Mrs. Robert Will and Mrs. Katherine Walling.

ENJOY SOCIAL MEETING

The members of the Catholic Daughters of America held a very pleasant social meeting last evening at the hospitable home of Mrs. W. A. Swatek on west Main street and which was quite largely attended.

The ladies spent the evening at cards, pinocle and bridge, in which the bridge prize was awarded to Mrs. Frank Mullen while the pinocle honors were awarded to Mrs. Kate Hiber.

As the evening was drawing to a close Mrs. Swatek and the associate hostesses, Mrs. Joseph Wooster, Mrs. Anna Zitka, and Mrs. Hermie Svoboda, served dainty and delicious refreshments that was enjoyed to the utmost by all of the members of the party.

Grade Schools Organize Character Clubs

Knighthood of Youth Organizations Formed in a Number of Grades of School.

The Plattsmouth grade schools are organizing a Character Club to be known as the Knighthood of Youth. The organization will function in grades three, four, five and six, throughout the entire system. It has for its purpose the development of characters, citizenship and better morals among the children of these grades. Only a few of the rooms have completed their organizations. The fifth grade in the Central, of which Miss Cook is president, was the first to report.

The first meeting of this grade was held November 7, in which they nominated Frank Luschnisky for president; Donald Bush, vice-president; Jean Reid Taylor, secretary. The chairmen for the different committees were: Courtesy, Betty Ann Farris; Cleanliness, Phyllis Redd; Decoration, Frank Luschnisky; Entertainment, Junior Devoe; Library, Dennis Scout; Order, Robert Gradoville; Scholarship, Thelma Capper; Safety, Edward McMaken; Health, Jean Reid Taylor.

The second meeting was held Friday, November 11, and for roll call each member gave the name of some state, after which reports of the committees were received. It was decided at this meeting to call the club Washington Circle of Knighthood of Youth. The following program was given at this meeting:

Song-----5th Grade Pupils
Tap Dance-----Shirley Mason
Harmonic Solo-----Phyllis Redd
Recitation-----Charlotte Cotner
Flag Salute-----Class
Star Spangled Banner-----Class

A few of the pupils submitted yells for the club. The following is a list of them with the name of the author from the class:

If you meet us round the corner,
Or meet us on the street,
The Knighthood of Youth Club will greet you,
No matter where you meet.
-----Phyllis Redd.

Shake them up, shake them down,
We're the best club in the town,
Who are we, full of glee?
Knighthood of Youth Club, can't you see.
-----Junior Devoe.

Ice cream and soda water,
Ginger ale and pop,
Knighthood of Youth Club
is always on top.
-----Phyllis Redd.

A Knighthood of Youth Club has been organized in grade four, Central building. The following officers were elected by the members of the club:

President—Charles Kozak.
Vice-President—Richard Bell.
Secretary—Joe Noble.
Health Officer—Rosalyn Mark.

At the meeting held Nov. 17, the members decided to have a short program about Thanksgiving next Wednesday. The committee that will plan this program includes Ruth Westover, Carter Minor and Rosalyn Mark.

At the next meeting they will elect officers and be awarded stones in their castles for "deeds" they have accomplished the past month.

HOME ECONOMICS CLASS ENTERTAINS MOTHERS

From Saturday's Daily
Yesterday afternoon at 4:15 the girls of the 7th grade home economics class served tea for their mothers. The girls served nut bread sandwiches, ice box cookies and tea.

After the luncheon Miss Nordholm discussed with the mothers, "Home Projects," in connection with the girls' foods and clothing work. This is very helpful to the girls in their home work. Miss Nordholm showed the mothers the advantage gained by teaching home economics to the girls.

OTOE VISITORS HERE

Adolph Wolf and son, Willard, well known residents of Otoe, were in Omaha for a short time Thursday and while en route home stopped in this city to look after some matters of business. While here they were callers at the Journal office to renew their subscription for the ensuing year.