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## **Bandit Killed in Attempted Robbery of Plattsmouth State** Bank Wednesday Afternoon

Trio of Fort Crook Soldiers Attempt Stick-Up with Fatal Result-Two Captured in Garage on North 5th Street

DEPUTY SHERIFF JARVIS LANCASTER THE HERO

### Takes Stand Just Outside Bank Door and Engages in Battle with Would-Be Bandits-Kills One and Wounds Second-Face Cut by Shattered Glass.

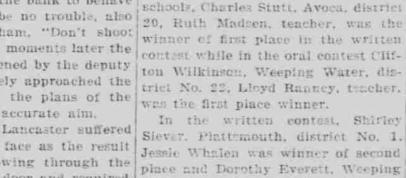
One dead bank robber, two cap- and one of the men had walked ditured, one of whom was wounded, is rectly toward the end of the room the toll of an attempted daylight while the command to stick up their stickup of the Plattsmouth State hands was given.

bank at 3:20 Wednesday afternoon. Langston had given the command for the Avoca and Weeping Water The bank was occupied with the and told those in the bank to behave force of officers and cierks as well and there would be no trouble, also as a number of customers as two of admonishing Durham, "Don't shoot the men entered the bank with drawn Shorty," but a few moments later the revolvers and the command to "stick gun battle was opened by the deputy The command was follow- sheriff as he bravely approached the 'em up." ed b the compliance of the order, and door and wrecked the plans of the Frank A. Cloidt, cashier of the bank, robbery with his accurate aim. under orders of the robbers, started Deputy Sheriff Lancaster suffered

to place the money in sacks, while small cuts on the face as the result other officers and customers of the of the bullets plowing through the bank were ordered to start to the thick glass of the door and required back room of the bank building. some time to have the glass removed.

In the meantime Frank and Claus That the deputy was partially blind-Boetel were standing near a west ed by blood from the small cuts probwindow of the bank near the corner ably saved the lives of the two reand heard the command of the rob- maining bandits, as his aim was afbers and at once gave the alarm, fected by the inability to see clearly while calls were being made to the through the blood.

sheriff's office, Deputy Sheriff Lancaster came south on Fifth street and caster came south on Fifth street and in response to the call of the Boetels Senator Banning came across the street and crawling



the event.

winner of first place in the written. contest while in the oral contest Clif- Acting on Appeal of President Rooseton Wilkinson, Weeping Water, district No. 22, Lloyd Ranney, teacher. was the first place winner. In the written contest, Shirley

The contest was a decided triumph

Avoca, Weeping

Water Win Spell-

ing Contest

teacher, was third.

students of district No. 20.

to enter the World-Hernld contest at house and Mrs. C. A. Rosencrans, Omaha which is confined to the oral head of the local department, was work, while both Wilkinson and Stutt delighted with not only the large are to compete in the interstate con- number of articles but the fine qual-

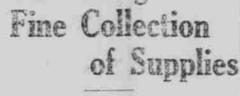
Southeastern Nebruska high school onference championship is now safe in the hands of the Nebraska City mintet while Auburn which for several weeks was tied with the "City" Charles Stutt Takes Written; Clifton Weilkerson First in Gral; Shirsustained at the hands of Fails City

ley Siever Places. on Friday. Despite the fact that Salurdey was While Falls City was trimming one of the worst days of the winter Auburn 52 to 12 to suntch second

secson there were thirty-five young place Nebrasha City dumped Tecumpeople of the Cass county schools ach by the score of 40 to 19, Plattsmouth high school is not a here to participate in the county

spelling contest in the afternoon at conference member and have in the season split even with Nebraska City The snow and storm had kept the it a victory and a loss and have a students west of Weeping Water from clean victory over the Aubura team.

attending the contest and those who braved the storm are to be commend-Scouts Bring in ed on the interest that they took in



velt, Local Scouts Canvass City in Storm, for Meedy.

In response to the request of Pres-Siever, Plattemouth, district No. 1, ident Roosevell to aid in the collec-Jessie Whalen was winner of second tion of needed supplies for the needy place and Dorothy Everett, Weeping of the nation, Platismouth Boy Scouts Water, district 22, Lloyd Ranney, were busy Saturday in the midst of the storm in collecting supplies of

ity of the goods received.

In the oral contest Charles Stutt, choihing, shoes and other articles. of Avoca was the second place win- There were sixteen Scouts particiner, while in third place was found pating and some thirty-three dozen Eunice Hoback, Avoca, both being articles were collected and delivered. The articles were turned over to

Clifton Wilkinson will be cligible the federal relief bureau at the court

each day.



Addresses Local Club. From Tuesday's Daily

Mrs. Grace Weich Lutgen of Wayne, Nebraska, chaitman of drama for the General Federation of Womens club, was guest of the Platts-

mouth Woman's club at the home of Mathilda Coennichsen and Mrs. Christine Kirkpatrick last evening. large group of women was present. and members of the Delphian chap-

ter were guests For an hour Mrs. Lutgen spoke of the possibilities of the drama in the local community, holding the interest of every listener. Her outline for local projects is as follows:

First: The study of native frama that will better acquaint us with the various sections of "These United States."

Second: A presentation of representative plays either as "A Walking Rehearsal" or actual production

Third: A medium in presenting other department work such as music, literature and art.

Fourth: Recognition of special day dramatics, emphasizing Arbor Day, which is Nebraska's gift to the nation, and urging club women to co-operate with the American Legion in carrying out the slogan "A tree for every stump.

Fifth: Community service projects using dramatic productions for public benefits to foster community spirit, and to help in teaching worth-while facts thru the medium of historic and citizenship pageantry. Sixth; Creative writing preEDITOR HAS SEVERE COLD

Editor Lee J. Mayfield of the ouisville Courier, was confined to is home today as the result of a evere cold and grippe and was unable to make his accustomed trip to this city in the interest of his paper. Mrs. Mayfield and Mr. and Mrs. Enril Talented Family Group From Weep-Mayfield, however, were here for a few hours on business. Mrs. Earl Mayfield is president of the Louis-

ville American Legion Augiliary and a now busy preparing for the district convention of the Auxiliary which will meet there in March, A large group of the local Auxiliary members are planning on attending the meetings.

# Students to Contest in

Tests for Selection of Representatives of Plattsmouth High School March 14th.

The local Declamatory Contest to elect Plattsmouth high school representatives for the sub-district con- sented. test, will be held in the high school in humorous, dramatle, oratory, and Auburn on March 20.

very successful in declamatory activ-In addition to the visitors the Roities in years past. For the past tary quartet gave two numbers while three years. Plattsmouth has won the George Jeager was heard in two viochampionship at Auburn and have lin selections that were much enjoyhad representatives in the district ed. E. H. Wescott serving as accomchampionship contest every year and panist for the local gro likewise, have placed in this contest Edgar Sigtz, senior and George on every occasion. On two occasions, Taylor, junior, who have been the Plattemouth was honored the final high school members of Rotary for final district contest for our declame the month of February were called Mrs. Lutgen states that there is a atory record. The Second District upon and gave their impressions of cellent shape and served to aid the need for plays that will properly pre- Declamatory Association is composed the Rotary club and its ideals, gathsent Nebraska to the rest of "These of 16 counties in eastern Nebraska ered from their observations and as-

Harmon Family is Featured at **Rotary Meeting** 

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ing Water and Avoca Heard on Program Here Tuesday.

From Wednesday's Dally

The Rotary club at their tuncheon on Tuesday of the Hotel Riley, had the pleasure of baying with them as part of the entertainment features. the Harmon family, well known musicians of Weeping Water and Avoca. This group comprised Mr. and Mrs. Havold Harmon and son, Duane, all talented musicians and whose coming through the cold and over had roads to entertain the local people was much appreciated

The program was in charge of E. Declamatory H. Schulhof, who presented a fine musical offering for the occasion

> Mr. Harmon and Duane were heard in a vocal duet that gave a fine op portunity for the range of their fine voices, both Mr. Harmon and son were also heard in vocal solos with Mrs. Harmon at the piano, being unusually delightful and finely pre-

Duane Harmon was heard in a auditorium on Wednesday evening, trumpet solo, as fine a cornet number March 14. There will be contests as anyone could possibly have given and the young man demonstrated the extemperaneous. Winner of first unusual muiscal talent he possesses places will represent the school at and his skill on the trumpet that won him second place in the state

Plettsmouth high school has been high school music contest

on his hands and knees approached the large glass door, pushing the door partly open and firing at the nearest bandit, and a gun battle ensued, one of the robbers being struck in the of the deputy and as he fell the other two robbers ran to the rear of the bank and plunged through a window in the directors' room, leaving a From Wednesday's Daily trail of blood that attested the aim Senator W. B. Banning, of Union, of the deputy sheriff had found an- candidate for the democratic nominother mark.

Following the shooting Deputy Sheriff Lancaster rushed into the bank where it was found the robber dead on the floor of the bank and ing that the club has held since its son, Weeping Water. George Saxton, Omaha commission man, shot in the right wrist by a bullet from the gun of one of the bandits.

The injured Omaha man was taken to the office of Dr. T. P. Livingston by Mr. Wehrbein to have his injuries dressed.

The pursuit of the two fleeing bandlis was taken up by posses of the front the people of the state. He was dar Creek. citizens and they were followed in of the opinion that a state official their flight north on Fourth street. had his largest duty to his state and Mynard. the men doubling back onto Fifth the needs of the commonwealth rather street where they continued their flight. The arrival of armed parties in the neighborhood staged a battle with the bandits who were rounded up in the garage at the Searl Davis state and its operations. Senator residence and where they surrendered Banning discussed various issues of Avoca, to members of the posse.

The men were taken to the county The club and its members were jail and locked in the cage to await pleased to have the distinguished Murray. the arrival of officers from the state speaker with them and felt especially sheriff's office.

At the jail the injured man, shot addresses since his formal filing for ing Water. through the upper part of the right the democratic nomination for the arm, was given medical treatment governorship. and both of the prisoners talked freely of the unlucky exploit that they had embarked in.

The men gave the names of John From Wednesday's Dally R. Langston, 35, of Fort Crook, being | Martin Neilson of Weeping Water, Speck, Plattsmouth, the wounded bandit, John H. Scislow- a candidate for the democratic nomski, 27, and their dead companion, ination for sheriff, was in the city Plattsmouth. Clyde A. Durham, also of Fort Crook. today in company with his son, Car- Plattsmouth.

Langston stated that he was a for- ter. Mr. Neilsen is getting acquaintmer soldier as was his two compan- ed with a large number over the wood. ions, and in response to questions county as a part of his campaign. stated that it was their first attempt as this is his first venture in politics at robbery. He gave as the reason and he is visiting the different sec- Mynard. for his participation that he was a tions of the county.

GIVEN FAREWELL

married man with a wife and two children and neded the money for their care.

The trio were driving a Chevrolet | Last Thursday night, February 22, Murray, coach which bore a 1933 Nebraska a large number of neighbors and District No. 7-Joan Hall, Mur- Ramsey of Omaha, will be present at young men were sentenced for the license No. 2-4039 and which is friends gathered at the home of L. C. ray. thought by officers to be a stolen Hoschar and gave that fine citizen Nehrwka. car they being compelled to abandon a farewell party as he and his famthe car in their attempted flight for ily are moving to town soon. Some hawka. liberty. Mr. Wehrbein stated that he was suitable hour lunch was served. All Louisville.

in the bank with Mr. Saxton, the went away wishing Mr. Hoschar and wounded bystander, negotiating some son and daughters happiness in their land business as the robbers entered new home.

Talks to Young test at Shenandoah, Iowa. The contest was in charge of Miss Some of the supplies gathered were Democrats Club Alpha C. Peterson county sayarin- distributed at once to those who had endent, with R. W. Eaton, of Omzha, need of them and proved most appre-

propouncing the words for the con-, clated. The articles were all in exheart by a bullet from the revolver Candidate for Democratic Nomination testants. for Governor Heard on State The judges of the contest were R. needy in fine shape.

Issues at Court House.

M. Walling. ation for governor of Nebraska, was

were: the guest last evening of the Young Democrats club at a meeting held at Weeping Water. the court house, the first open meet-District No. 22-Clinton Wilken-

formation. ren. Plattsmouth. The meeting was presided over by District No. 47-Darlene Hennings, sults.

Robert II. Bestor, president of the Louisville, club and who introduced the speaker | District No. S .- Grace Sutton Plattsmouth. of the evening.

District No. 9-Winifred Kaffen-Senator Banning, who is one of the best informed men on the affairs berger, Cedar Creek. District No. 9-Anna Jean Terryof the state government, gave a most berry, Cedar Creek.

state government and issues that con- singer, Cedar Creek. District No. 31-Lois Wagner, Ce-

than in national affairs and issues Union. and that local questions were of the ton, Union. District No. 17-Etta Mae Newmost importance to the people who District No. 20 - Charles Stutt, were maintaining the cost of the Avoca.

District No. 56-Donald Nelson, interest in the conduct of the state. Murray.

honored that this was one of his first nard.

Plattsmouth. District No. 2-Mary Ellen Kauff-

man, Platismouth. gram, Louisville.

District No. 41-Robert Meisinger,

District No. 95-Joe Miller, Elm-District No. 1 - Shirley Siever, Plattsmouth.

Plattsmouth. District No. 5-Leta Mae Hike, Plattsmouth.

From Tuesday's Daily

Journal Want-Ads get results! county.

serving the records and traditions of our own community or county, and presenting it as an inspiration to present and future generations.

Foster Patterson principal of Platts- Mrs. Rosencrans has prepared an United States."

turned over to the scontmaster that Nebraska-her native state-one is The final contest will be held at Co- club. The various students competing the boys may have the proper recog- not surprised that she has written lumbus on April 6.

nition of their services in the line of many plays and pageants portraying The local contest is under the di-District No. 22-Dorothy Everett, Scouting-that of doing a good turn the history and beauty of the state, rection of Mr. Figley and 26 students

District No. 42-Katherine Tschir- and best handled drives that has been Native Land."

hers. Refreshments were served.

#### DIES AT CHADRON

ATTEND FUNERAL SERVICES Mrs. B. S. Ramsey of this city, late The funeral services of the late Saturday evening received a message that her sister, Mrs. Delia A. Fox- Mrs. Henry J. Miller were held Sun-

interesting talk on the matters of District No. 31-Katherine Mel- well, had passed away at Chadron, day afternoon at Alvo and attended years she has made her home with this city as well as the host of friends an admission fee of ten cents will be ground for the children in the sum-District No. 27-Dorothy Ulrich, a daughter, Mrs. Ernest Slattery. of the Alvo community,

> Birkin, of the Brethern church at encourage the work in the declam- gardens. ally failing in health.

the state of Wisconsin to William ice three of the old hymns were given fit to so many of the students. District No. 20-Eunice Hoback, Foxwell and they moved to Nebraska by Frank A. Cloidt of this city, a District No. 56-Deloris Barker, soldier's claim and they resided there and "Going Down the Valley."

until in 1893 when they came to The interment was at the Alvo Learn to Fly"; Wm. Slayman, "The District No. 2-Florence Wiles, they moved to Lincoln and later de- meler, Simon C. Boyles, John Ban- Wohlfarth, "Ma, What Did Dad parted for England where Mr. Fox- ning, Lafayette Mullen, Charles Res- Say?"; Marjorie Tidball, "Topping

well had inherited an estate, but after now. District No. 47 -- Katherine In- a five years residence in the old Those from Plattsmouth to attend country they returned to Nebraska the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Song"; Katherine Armstrong, "The District No. 41 - Phyllis Jane and again made their home at Lin- Becker, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Becker, Face of Christ"; Frederick Fricke,

Foxwell, the widow moved to Chad- Mrs. Frank Brinkman and son, White Hands of Tellam"; John Not-District No. 5 - Hazel Payton, ron where she had resided with her Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. telman, "The Execution of Sidney From Wednesday's Daffe Cloidt.

TAKEN TO LINCOLN

eldest daughter, Mrs. Slattery. Mrs. Foxwell is survived by three children, Mrs. Slattery, Mrs. Ger-

District No. 27 - Junior Kiser, Jessie Phillips of Chadron, as well From Tuesday's Dally

The funeral will be held on Tues- with him Floyd Kyriss, Ellis String- Ian Kelly, Maynard McCleary, Elea- Hungary, as he stated to several perday afternoon at Chadron. Owing to feld and Carl Park, all of whom are nor Black.

District No. 7-Betty Hostetter, poor health Mrs. Ramsey is unable to start serving a three year sento make the trip, but William C. tence at the state reformatory. The PARENTS OF FINE DAUGHTER the outbreak of the world war to

sticking up and robbing the attend-

45 or 50 were present, and at a District No. 79 - Joyce Kraft, residents of near Nehawka, was in here and in view of their youth and little one tipped the scales at nine turned over to the sheriff for transthe city today to look after some mat- that it was their first offense, they pounds and with the mother is doing portation to the camp at 22nd and ters at the court house and meeting were given the lightest sentence pos- nicely while the occasion has brought Hickory streets, Omaha, where sevhis friends in this section of the sible under the law which set the the greatest happiness to the proud eral hundred men are being cared

maximum sentence at fifty years. father.

and is divided into 5 sections. Last sociations of the past several weeks. mouth high school, Mrs. William itemized statement of what each After listening to Mrs. Lutgen and year, over 50 schools competed and The meeting was presided over by Schmidtmann, Jr., and Mrs. Robert Scout turned in and which is to be catching the enthusiasm she has for 20 were represented in the finals. Searl S. Davis, past president of the

HAVE ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

She is also the composer of Nebraska are preparing to contest for the From Tuesday's Daily

This is one of the most complete Federation state song, "Nebraska My honor of representing the school. The Third ward Carden club had Nine of these are in the humorous di- a very enthusiastic meeting last

held in the city and with the best re- Mins Margaret Taylor and Miss vision; 9 in the dramatic; 4 in orig- evening at the auditorium in the Lois Bestor presented musical num- inal oratory, and 4 in extemperan- Central school building, the cold cous. Due to the large number of weather serving to keep a number entries in humorous and dramatic, a away but in no way detracting from preliminary elimination will prob- the interest shown by those who ably be held to cut these down to 5 were present.

There were general discussions on Judges from out of town will be the matter of projects for the club Nebraska, where for the past few by a large party of relatives from called in to decide the winners and and which included a ward play-

charged to all. Last year the audi- mer season as well as many inter-Mrs. Forwell would have been The funeral was held at 2:30 from torium was filled for this event and esting ideas as to the beautification District No. 17 - Ella Griffin, eighty-four years of age in April and the Methodist church at Alvo, Rev. it is hoped that an equally large of the ward in general and the utilin the past two years had been gradu- McKinzie of Alvo and Rev. Leonard number will be present this year to lization of waste spaces for vegetable

The deceased lady was married in Lincoln, officiating. During the serv- atory department which is of bene- John J. Cloidt gave a very interesting talk on the pruning of The following is the list of entries: trees and shrubs as his part of the in 1877, locating first in Boone coun- nephew of the deceased, "In the Sweet Humorous division: Jeanette Hirz, program and which was followed ty where Mr. Foxwell settled on a Bye and Bye," "No Night There," "At the Swimming Pool"; Wilda with the greatest of interest by all Johnson, "Ma at the Races"; Edna of the audience.

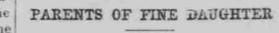
Mae Petersen, "Some Other Birds The leaders of the work in each District No. 3-Robert Beal My- Plattsmouth to reside in the property cemetery and the pall bearers were Late Lamented"; Mary Katherine block are enthusiastic over the re-District No. 40-Earl Wiles, Weep- at 11th and Main streets and where selected from the old friends, they Wiles, "'Leas"; Betty Kalina, "The sponce that they have received and the family remained until 1902 when being Lee Snavely, Herman Borne- Home Talent Rehearsal"; Mildred it is hoped that everyone in the word Dvoracek, "Brotherly Love"; Jane will be ready to start active work when the spring season arrives. The meetings in the future will Off Teacher.'

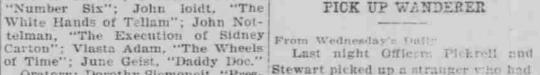
Dramatic division: Alice Hirz, be held at 7:30 on the second Mon-"Mercedes"; Lois Giles, "The Swan day of each month.

coln. Following the death of Mr. Mr. and Mrs. John B. Kaffenberger, "Number Six"; John loidt, "The

of Time": June Geist, "Daddy Doc." Oratory: Dorothy Siemoneit, "Pres. Stewart picked up a stranger who had

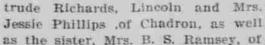
vester departed for Lincoln, taking ing the Crisis."





ent Dangers to World Peace"; Earl been found wandering around the Lamberson, "Should We Prepare for streets and loniing in several places, War"; Oliver Taylor, "The Road to who apparently had no place to stay as the sister, Mrs. B. S. Ramsey, of This afternoon Sheriff Homer Syl-Extemporaneous: Edgar Seitz, El- was an alien and a native of Austriasons with whom he had conversed that he had come to this country at avoid serving for his native Austria

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Atkinson, resid- and had never taken out his citizenants at the Rock Creek filling station ing on South 9th street, are the proud ship here. The man was lodged in a few weeks ago. The young men en- parents of a fine daughter that ar- the city jail to await action in his Fred Rose, one of the prominent tered a plea of guilty to the charge rived at their home on Monday. The case as it is expected to have him for.



District No. 5 - Mary Gayer, this city .

the services.

District No. 79 - Evelyn Sass,

Louisville.

District No. 91-Betty Schafer,

District No. 91-Louis Puls, Ne-

VISITING IN CITY

