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Louisville Youth is Killed in Auto Accident Sunday

Percy Clay Jackman, Aged 14, Killed When Car Crushes Him in Wreck Near Cedar Creek.

From Monday's Daily.

The dead body of Percy Clay Jackman, 14, was discovered Sunday morning at 10:30, pinned beneath his car on the roadway southwest of Cedar Creek. The discovery of the fatal accident was discovered by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fulton of Omaha, who were en route to the Hofacker farm not far from the scene of the accident.

The car was a 1930 Plymouth coach, and from the tracks in the road, the driver had evidently had considerable trouble with the car before it had turned over. The car had started to run into a ditch and the driver had been able to right the car and get it back into the roadway and where one of the front tires had blown out and came off the rim, causing the car to swing across the road and turn over. It is thought by officers that the car had rolled over once or twice, the unfortunate youth being thrown out in the first revolution of the car and was caught beneath it the second time, the car crushing his chest and causing death.

Mr. Fulton as soon as he discovered the tragedy drove to the nearest farm and an alarm was sent out that brought assistance, some twelve of the young men of the community responding and lifting the car from the body of the youth.

Sheriff Homer Sylvester was notified of the accident and visited the scene but as the case was purely one of accident as far as could be ascertained, no inquest was ordered.

The deceased young man is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Jackman, prominent residents of Louisville and to the family the accident came as a terrible blow.

According to members of the family, the car had been in a previous wreck and had been hard to drive for some time.

The body was taken to Louisville by Stander & Stander, morticians at that place and where the funeral services will be held later.

Besides his parents, young Jackman is survived by four brothers, Marion and John of Louisville, Oliver of Lincoln and Raymond of Portland, Ore., and two sisters, Alice of Louisville and Mrs. Evelyn Frank of Cedar Creek.

INSTALL GUNS

Saturday a force of the members of the American Legion completed installing at the front of their building on Vine street, two anti-aircraft machine guns, war trophies that were recently received here by the local Legion post.

The two guns are eight millimeter anti-aircraft machine guns and were in use on the western front by the German army just prior to the armistice. The guns are a part of the war material that was turned over to the United States by the allied commission as trophies to be returned to the United States and distributed over the country to veteran and civic organizations.

The machine guns have attracted a great deal of attention and especially from the veterans who were familiar with these weapons in the days of the war.

The guns are placed in concrete emplacements and will stand for a long time as a war memorial.

TO WAR ON SPEEDERS

The city council of Pacific Junction have passed an ordinance pertaining to speed and reckless driving. This question has been under consideration for some time due to the excessive speed of many motorists through the town. Many local drivers utterly disregarding any laws on parking, speed and stop signs. Fred Mendenhall has been hired as a speed cop to enforce the ordinance. Each and everyone that drives a motor vehicle should take every precaution to drive carefully, stop at all stop signs that the city may continue to keep the record of no casualties.

VISITED IN WEST

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Oterdorsky in company with Twilla Fae Hendrix and Miss Virginia Samek, have returned from an auto trip through the west where they spent a short time at Colorado Springs, Denver and Estes Park. They visited at the several points and enjoy a much delectable climate of the mountain country.

Local Banks Receive New Insurance Signs

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Provides Designation for Banks Carrying Insurance

From Tuesday's Daily.

The Farmers State and Plattsmouth State banks today received from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at Washington the official signs which will hang at all receiving windows as visible evidence that the depositors of this institution are insured.

The Plattsmouth and Farmers State are two of more than 14,000 licensed banks in the country which are receiving these signs. Insured banks are able to offer protection to their depositors up to \$5,000. Statistical studies have shown that this maximum fully protects more than 97 per cent of all the depositors in insured banks.

A statement by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation follows: "The purpose of the signs is to let depositors know which banks are insured. Heretofore, although 90% of the licensed banks are insured, depositors have had no easy means of identifying them.

"If, by any unforeseen circumstance, an insured bank should suspend, the insurance Corporation would begin paying off the depositors just as soon as a receiver was appointed for the closed institution. The depositors would receive their money in a few days instead of waiting months or years as was the case in the former method of liquidation. This is not only a benefit to the depositors, but it saves the community from a terrific economic and social blow. When the depositors receive their insured accounts they assign their claims to the Insurance Corporation. Thereafter liquidation proceeds on a business-like basis with the maximum chance of the corporation and other creditors being paid in full."

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mrs. Belle Stoner of Glenwood was honored last evening by a most pleasant birthday party held at the home of Mrs. H. F. Polly, 2301 Castler street, Omaha. The event was arranged by Miss Laura Grassman for her mother and participated in by the members of the family. The occasion was featured by a most delicious six o'clock dinner featured by the traditional birthday cake, which had been prepared by Mrs. Hillard Grassman of this city. Those attending the happy event were Mr. and Mrs. Hillard Grassman and children, Jacqueline, Robert and Donald, Mrs. R. A. Bates of this city, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Grassman and son, Billy, Mrs. Polly and Miss Laura Grassman of Omaha.

VISITS WITH PARENTS HERE

William Woolcott, Jr., who is a student of the C. M. T. C. at Fort Crook, was in the city Sunday to visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Woolcott and had with him as a guest, James Fotliz, of Ogallala, also a member of the C. M. T. C. The young men enjoyed very much their work in the camp and William has the distinction of being a member of the championship volleyball team of the camp.

RETURN FROM VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Schneider returned home Sunday from a short vacation trip to Colorado, which has taken them through many of the most interesting spots in that state. They spent a great deal of the time in Estes Park where they found nice pleasant weather for their stay.

Mayor Lushinsky Urges Co-Operation in Safety

Mayor Joins in Nation Wide Move to Curtail Automobile Accidents That Claim So Many.

Throughout the United States last year 30,500 persons were killed and more than 800,000 were injured in automobile accidents. Such a casualty record is certainly staggering, but present indications are that the record this year will be even worse—36,000 deaths and more than one million persons injured.

To this end, more than a majority of the states of the country are cooperating in September in a concerted program of street and highway safety. The effort should merit the active support of all. As the mayor of this city, I am glad to have the opportunity to enlist all proper municipal agencies in the September undertaking.

When it is recognized that the vast majority of all automobile accidents result from carelessness or recklessness, it must be admitted that a great many automobile accidents, with their serious consequences, could be prevented if motorists simply drove a little more slowly, if pedestrians were to take more time to safeguard their own lives, and if adults were to keep constantly in mind the fact that children are likely to run out into the streets and must, therefore, be protected to the greatest possible extent.

Everyone knows that careless acts occur daily upon our streets. Everyone knows further that drivers and pedestrians could put a stop to many careless acts if they simply made up their minds to do so. I hope, therefore, that as a demonstration of the fact that most automobile accidents are unnecessary, the people of this community will pledge themselves to a more careful use of the streets and highways.

Children will be returning to school in September and, therefore, extra precaution on the part of motorists is necessary. It would be helpful if the schools were to devote some time during the month to safety instruction. Many civic organizations during the month may find it possible to give some time to a consideration of the automobile accident problem. The support of the churches would be invaluable, and I know that the press can be counted upon to continue its efforts to bring about a safer use of our public thoroughfares. Every person and every organization should be more than willing to co-operate in the country-wide September program of street and highway safety.

GEORGE LUSHINSKY, Mayor.

A FAMILY REUNION

Sunday, August 12, a family reunion was held at the beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Nickles in honor of Mrs. Rosa Cogdill who is the daughter of the late Rebecca and William Frans. It was the first time Mrs. Cogdill and her children had all been together in 26 years. The main feature was the bountiful dinner of which Mrs. Cogdill was hostess. The afternoon was spent in visiting and pictures were taken in the afternoon of Mrs. Cogdill and nine children, the fourth generation picture and another of Mrs. Cogdill and grandchildren. Everyone had a lovely and interesting time.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Klaurens and daughter Doris, of Menlo, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harn of Belle Fourche, South Dakota; Mrs. Bessie Niday of San Francisco, California; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cogdill and family of Coleridge, Nebraska; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fluery and family of Magnet, Nebraska; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Craig and family of Magnet, Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. W. Bartlett and family of Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Pat Campbell and family, Plattsmouth; Mrs. Opal Cicelio and son, Dwight, Omaha; Mrs. Rosa Cogdill and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Nickles and family.

Most all of the girls stayed several days after the reunion to visit with relatives and friends.

RETURNS TO DUTY

From Monday's Daily.

C. E. Ledgway, clerk of the district court, who has been confined to his home for several weeks as the result of a heat attack and a severe fall, was back at his desk today at the court house. Mr. Ledgway still feels the effect of the illness, but it is hoped that he will soon be able to regain his health and be restored to his old time vigor.

Evangelical Church Meeting Attracts Many

Seventh Annual Convention of Evangelical League and Sunday School Workers Meet.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The seventh annual convention of the Evangelical League and Sunday School Workers of the Nebraska district, opened last evening at the St. Paul's church in this city.

The meetings are being held at the church and the opening session last evening was very largely attended, there being some sixty of the visitors registered as well as a large number of the local church people that turned out to welcome their visitors.

Rev. G. A. Pell, pastor of the local church and the fine group of local workers had arranged a fine welcome for the visitors and every preparation has made their stay here pleasant and profitable from the religious standpoint.

The theme of the convention will be "When Is Our Christianity Vital," this being stressed by the various speakers on the program. The meeting was opened Monday evening with the address "When Is Our Christianity Vital" with the Rev. E. G. Kramps, Plymouth, Wisconsin, as the speaker, it being a stirring appeal to the convention and which started the meetings well on their way.

The morning session today was occupied by several of the able speakers, Rev. Ralph C. Abele, of St. Louis, opening the session at 9 o'clock with his message, "What Beliefs Are Basic to Vital Christianity?"

In the morning session Rev. A. J. Helm of Omaha, was the speaker on "What Are the Implications of a Vital Church Membership," giving his address at 10 o'clock to group one.

Group No. 2 was addressed by Miss Irmgard Sattler, Wichita, Kansas, who spoke on "What Should Be the Church School's Relation to Organized Christianity."

The members of the visiting party were entertained at luncheon at the church by the local ladies organizations.

RETURN FROM CANADIAN TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Richardson and daughter, Ruth and Mrs. T. A. Kennedy and sons, Claude and Jimmie, returned Sunday from a trip to Swift Current, Canada, where they were for several days guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Linquist and family, Mrs. Linquist being a sister of the ladies.

The parties left this city early on a Thursday morning for Canada and were at Swift Current shortly before midnight on Friday. The party made the trip of 1,138 miles in thirty-one hours and their Chevrolet set a fast pace for this long mileage.

The party had one misfortune on the trip and this was when their luggage caught fire, and was destroyed near Minot, South Dakota. The fire was caused by the exhaust.

They found conditions some better in Canada and in parts of Minnesota and northern Iowa than here but many more places where the drouth effects were far greater.

VISIT HERE SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Williams and daughters, Mrs. Karl Schneider and Miss Anna Williams, with Mrs. L. F. Langhorst and daughter, Miss Ethel, were visitors in the city Sunday. They were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Reeder, the latter being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Williams. The party were dinner guests here and returned in the evening to Elmwood.

Ernest Milbern Ends Life After a Gun Battle

Barricaded in Residence at Farm West of Murray, Milbern Defies Arrest Until Gassed.

Ernest Milbern, 39, former war veteran and until a few months ago mail carrier at Murray, ended his life Tuesday afternoon after a most dramatic battle against arrest at his farm home.

The death of Milbern ended a siege of his home that had lasted from shortly before noon until after 2 o'clock when the drunk crazed man ended his own life by firing a bullet into the right temple from his .32 revolver.

On Monday Mrs. Milbern had been granted a decree of divorce from her husband in the district court in this city, the grounds being cruelty and in the case Judge Livingston had entered an order that the wife was to have the right to move the furniture from the home to Lincoln and the other property was to be sold at auction and the proceeds divided.

To carry out the order of the court to allow the goods to be moved, Sheriff Homer Sylvester and Deputy Sheriff Thom Walling had driven to Murray Tuesday morning and were there when Milbern arrived on the scene, where Frank and Earl Mrasek of Murray had arrived to load up the household effects to truck them to Lincoln. Milbern was informed by the sheriff of the court order and not to attempt to interfere with the loading of the goods or the removal of the family. Milbern had requested to see his wife who was in the house assisting in the moving, Sheriff Sylvester going into the house to ascertain whether or not she would see the husband and she declined to see him. Milbern had then gone to his car and left the scene. In the meantime a rifle and a .45 revolver had been taken from the car by the sheriff and deputy.

Shortly before noon the officers were at the barn preparing to release some horses and other stock out into a pasture to feed when they heard a cry from the house, "There's Earnie." Milbern apparently had driven up through a small grove and parked his car, reaching the house unobserved until he came into the lower hall where the two Mraseks and their helpers were boxing up goods and furniture for loading.

"Where is she?" was the demand of Milbern as he entered, a .32 caliber revolver in his hands, "I'll make her talk or else..." Mrs. Milbern and the daughter, Harriett, who were near the stairway, dashed up the stairs, Ed Austin, a mover's helper, ran out of the hall door, while Joe Richter and Hollman McKinney, two other helpers, who were on the top floor, ran to a small two story porch at the front of the house, where they jumped off. Mrs. Milbern and her daughter also sought refuge on the porch, but were afraid to jump to the ground.

Milbern, still flourishing the gun, ran up the stairs where he found Earl Mrasek in one of the rooms and pressed the gun into his side and made him do his bidding. He cursed the truckman and announced that he would not move anything from the house. Milbern forced Mrasek into one of the rooms and commanded him to lie down and keep quiet.

The officers had come from the barn and Deputy Sheriff Walling entered the house and started up the stairs when Milbern came into the hall, pointing the pistol at the deputy and ordered him down stairs. Walling, caught at a disadvantage and unable to draw his gun, was forced to retreat.

Milbern then returned to the room where Mrasek tried to reason him out of his warlike mood but without success. Sheriff Sylvester at this time started to ascend the stairs and Milbern ran into the hall and to the landing where he pointed the gun at the sheriff and commanded, "If you come another step, I'll plug you." Sheriff Sylvester replied, "No you won't Earnie," continuing on up the stairs. Milbern fired the bullet just grazing the hat of the sheriff and leaving faint powder marks, forcing the sheriff to retreat from the

threat of death at the hands of the enraged man.

The mover helpers had secured a ladder and rescued Mrs. Milbern and daughter from the porch during the shooting in the house and they were taken from the danger zone. A son, Stuart, 12, was found by his father hiding behind a mattress in one of the upper rooms and he was sent down stairs with a curse. Mrasek also making his escape down the stairs and to safety.

Sheriff Sylvester, recognizing the folly of attempting to storm the stairs in face of the deadly fire of Milbern, drove to Murray, taking Mrs. Milbern and the children with him, they stopping at a store until the outcome of the battle at the home was decided. The sheriff called the office of State Sheriff Fred Benton and a state deputy was sent at once to the scene with gas bombs to dislodge the man from the house.

Deputy State Sheriff Lee Byrnes arrived on the scene at 2 o'clock and issued bullet proof vests to the officers who approached the house and the bombardment of the gas bombs was started as they were fired through the windows of the house.

A crowd of 100 had gathered around the front of the house and in the roadway by the time the gas bombardment was started, they paying little regard to the danger from the bullets that might fly.

The officers approaching the house commanded Milbern to come out, but no reply was given.

Deputy Byrnes finally broke in the front door and found the hall filled with the dense gas fumes that drove him back. He then secured entrance through a side door and fired a shot into the house and again commanded Milbern to come out. The reply was two shots, fired apparently down the stairway.

The officers had fired several times in the windows of the upper part of the house and finally one shot was heard from the interior of the house.

The state deputy, Sheriff Sylvester and Deputy Walling decided after the silence had continued in the house that it would be necessary to storm the house regardless of the cost. They entered the house where the gas was still quite strong, and made their way up the stairs to find on the floor of one of the bare rooms, the dead body of Milbern.

Milbern had shot himself in the right temple with the .32 caliber revolver and had died almost instantly.

The news of the finding of the body drew a large number to the house to view the scene of the greatest tragedy that had visited that section for many years.

The body was later removed to the Hobson funeral home at Weeping Water at the request of the wife.

Ernest Milbern grew to manhood in this city and in his youth and younger years was a young man of high standing in the community. He entered the service of his country in the world war and served in Co. E, 134th infantry until discharged in the early part of 1919. He was married to Miss Marie Davis of Murray, who with three children, Harriett, 15, Stuart, 12 and Richard, 10, survive his passing. The mother, Mrs. W. T. Milbern and one brother, Ray, reside at Lincoln and a married sister at Norfolk.

MUSICAL TREAT PROMISED

The music lovers of this community are promised a real treat for next Sunday afternoon in the visit here of the state institute band of Glenwood.

This band has some of the best musicians of southwestern Iowa in its ranks, several of which have assisted the Plattsmouth band at different times in their concert work.

The Glenwood band will be heard in concert at the grounds of the Nebraska Masonic home, coming here as a special tribute to the aged residents of the home. The concert will probably be held at 3 o'clock and all music lovers are invited to be present and enjoy the event.

DUCK SEASON SATISFACTORY

Gordon, Neb.—Duck hunters in this region are well pleased with the setting of the season for Oct. 16 to Nov. 14. Native ducks are fewer than usual in the sandhills and many smaller lakes have dried up, but sportsmen say there will be fair shooting.

Nice Reduction in Taxes Here for Coming Year

State Cut 29 Cents, County Raised 9c, City Cut 60 Cents, Schools Cut \$3.20 and Bonds 20 Cents

\$4.20 REDUCTION ON THOUSAND

Comparative Table of Assessments Reveals 1934 to Have Lowest Real Estate Tax Since 1926.

Residents of Plattsmouth will pay \$4.20 less taxes per \$1,000 assessed valuation than last year, according to the completed levy that covers state and county, county road, city, public schools and high school bonds.

This cut is made in the face of a reduction of \$63,745 in total valuation in the city or \$61,250 reduction in the school district, that includes territory beyond the city limits.

This reduction in total assessed valuation is accountable to the following items: Railway assessment cut approximately \$10,000 by state tax board; personal property valuation \$20,000 under last year; individual real estate cuts, on run down houses and properties owned by county and city taken off the tax list, \$30,000.

The total city valuation for 1933 was \$1,946,563; for 1934, \$1,882,818. The school district valuation for 1933 was \$2,107,986, and for 1934, \$2,046,736.

Where the Cuts are Made

The state levy is cut from \$2.39 to \$2.10 on the \$1,000 assessed valuation, while the county levy (exclusive of county road) is increased from \$2.81 to \$2.90 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. The county road tax on this valuation is continued at \$1.00, the same figure it has been held at for the last decade, with the exception of one year, when it dropped to 90 cents.

The city tax on \$1,000 valuation has been cut from \$24.40 to \$23.80. Two years ago, the city levy was an even \$25.00 on the \$1,000 valuation.

The school levy has been cut from \$19.00 per thousand valuation last year, to \$15.80. Two years ago the school levy was \$17.00 per thousand.

High school bonds which required a levy of \$2.20 per \$1,000 valuation last year, are back down to \$2.00 for this year, about the level they have been maintained at for the past few years, since gross valuation dropped. The school bond fund will run out in a few more years, when money will have been collected sufficient to pay off the bonds issued for erection of the high school building.

The total of this year's levy per thousand valuation will be \$47.60, or \$4.20 under last year's \$51.80. Two years ago the total was \$49.50.

Comparative Figures

In all of the last three years real estate has been assessed 15 per cent under the former level of values that had been adhered to for a good number of years. The comparative assessment figures, computed on the old valuation, from 1921 to date, are as follows:

1921	41.60
1922	41.20
1923	39.30
1924	40.80
1925	41.00
1926	38.50
1927	42.65
1928	44.20
1929	44.90
1930	43.00
1931	42.40
1932	42.07
1933	44.03
1934	40.46

Thus it will be seen that this year's levy on real estate, with its drop in valuation effective in 1932, is comparatively the lowest levy in the past eight years and with the exception of 1923 and 1926, the lowest in the fourteen years listed.

ENJOYING VACATION

Miss Anna Zitka, stenographer in the office of County Attorney W. G. Kieck, is now enjoying a short vacation from the duties of the office and will spend the time resting at home and visiting with friends at Omaha. During her absence the stenographic work is being looked after by Miss Lillian Sedak, cousin of Miss Zitka.

Phone the news to No. 6.