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## Gypsies from This City Have Exciting Time

Members of Tribe Located Near Here Forced to Pay Over \$113 Claimed Taken from Iowa Farmers.

Seven members of a gypsy tribe that have been making their headquarters in this vicinity, were the central figures in a hunt by officers of the law in southwest Iowa and Nemaha and Otoe counties, Nebraska, Saturday.

The search and pursuit of the gypsies started at Yorktown, Iowa, Saturday morning and led through Clarinda, Sidney, Nebraska City and Peru, where the law caught up with them and their car was captured.

The members of the tribe were taken on to Nebraska City where the Iowa officers and the victims of the robberies assisted in their questioning and examination.

The Nebraska City News-Press has the following account of the experiences of the officers with the members of the tribe:

At Sidney gypsies, took \$16 from the pockets of George Hodges, aged retired farmer, as he walked along the highway. According to Fremont County Sheriff Redenbaugh, the gypsies stopped beside Hodges, got out of their car and surrounded the surprised man.

"Big show! Big show!" they cried as they patted the man's pocket to find his wallet.

They were recognized as the same group suspected in the other thefts by the Cass county, Nebr., license plate on their car.

As is the rule in such matters the gypsies violently protested their innocence.

The jobs, said one referred to as "Maggie," must have been done by another group. "We're Brazilian gypsies," she boasted. "We don't steal. Only Hungarian gypsies steal."

Nevertheless, Sheriff Carl Ryder placed Charles Miller, only man in the party, in the county jail for safe keeping while other officers wrangled with the still-voiced women.

"We're poor people," declared "Maggie," spokesman for the group. "We're copper workers. Hard workers. We travel around repairing bakery machinery and creamery machinery. We're honest."

"Maggie" couldn't be shaken from her stand that they didn't have the money. When asked regarding the new Ford sedan they were driving she said, "Oh that. It belongs to the finance company. We buy a new car. All gypsies buy a new car. When we can't make the payments we give 'em back."

As a compromise Sheriff Ryder and Deputy Sheriff Bob McCurdy of Clarinda, leaving "Maggie," a comely 20-year-old girl and Miller as "hostages," took two of the women and the bawling baby to Plattsmouth to "raise the money in our camp."

Three thefts of money had been charged against the group, ranging from a few dollars to \$60 taken from a Clarinda, Ia., man.

Deputy Sheriff Clarence Rapp of Auburn said the gypsies had operated in his county and in Johnson county earlier this year. They were first seen, he said, about March 23.

The band pulled too many "tricks" in the same day, Saturday. As the counts against them piled up, long distance telephone wires burned as police spread the alarm. They crossed the Missouri river at Nebraska City, but evaded policemen when they left town by the Kearney Hill road. The band didn't stop at Nebraska City.

Their colleagues at Plattsmouth raised the money, and the little band was released. They returned to Plattsmouth where nine families have been camped for several months.

## BREX TAKE GAME

From Monday's Daily:

The BREX softball team last evening won their second game from the U. P. Storehouse team of Omaha at Athletic park. The game was well played and the locals were the winners by the score of 8 to 7. Both teams played a nice brand of ball that was much enjoyed by the fans.

## MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE

Saturday afternoon Judge A. H. Duxbury was called upon to join two couples in the bonds of wedlock at his office at the court house.

Miss Marie Rychetsky and Mr. James A. Moore of Omaha, were the first to be married, the ceremony being witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Mullen.

Miss Laura Jane Johnson, of Weeping Water and Mr. Edgar W. Pointer, of Murray, were also married by Judge Duxbury, the wedding being witnessed by Cassie and Effie Pointer.

## Farmers Urged to Register if in Need of Relief

Government Desires Complete Survey of Situation and Those Needing Assistance on Farms.

Because the federal government desires to know immediately the situation as it exists and will exist in each drouth county in Nebraska, a concentrated effort is being put forth in Cass county and other drouth counties to secure these facts before Saturday of this week.

All Cass county farmers in destitute circumstances or who will find themselves in destitute circumstances within the next sixty days, and have no other sources through which they may secure assistance for their families or for their livestock, or both, should register at the office of N. Pollard in the Central Application Bureau, located in the court house at Plattsmouth. The office hours for these registrations will be from 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.

The registration must be based entirely upon need and inability to secure assistance from other sources to meet this need. Each case will be investigated by the government representatives and it is to be clearly understood in advance that any and all cases found to have other sources through which they can secure the necessary aid or cases in which the situation is not found to be as indicated by the applicant, will be rejected.

## ENJOY FISHING TRIP

A party of four from the vicinity of Ulysses and Seward have been here for the past few days, visiting at the Fred Druecker home, and incidentally enjoying fishing. James Gilmour, of Ulysses, a former resident here, has been extolling the fishing spots along the Missouri river and accordingly he was accompanied by Glen Tischue, Seward banker, Henry Heumann, Seward and Frank Mateji, Dorchester.

The party secured the assistance of the veteran fishermen, John and William Grebe and were more than delighted when they landed a fine 65 pound catfish.

## JUDGE GRAVES RETURNS

From Tuesday's Daily: Judge Charles L. Graves, police magistrate of the city, returned home last evening from a week's outing that he has spent with his children at Lincoln as well as calling on many old friends in that section of the state. The genial judge has had a very pleasant time on the trip but returns with one hand bandaged and which is the result of the Judge's fondness for the canines. While training the dog belonging to his daughter, Mrs. Harry Royal, the animal took a pick at the court and removed a small area of cuticle, but is not serious.

## RETURNING FROM COLORADO

Father George Agius, pastor of the St. John's church of this city, is returning this week from Manitou, Colorado, where he has been spending several weeks of the heated spell. Father Agius expects to be here by Friday and to take up his parish work. He has had a very pleasant outing and returns much refreshed for the regular work of the church and parish. During the absence of Father Agius the services at the church have been conducted by priests from the St. Columbian mission at Bellevue.

## Garden Club Program for Last Half of Year

Several Interesting Meetings Being Arranged to Develop Greater Interest in Work.

The Plattsmouth Garden club offers the most interesting program for the last half of the year. The best talent in the state will appear on the program. Below is given the monthly program:

August 19, at 7:30 p. m., Public Library. Music, vocal solo, Mr. Frank A. Cloldt. Topic, "Iris." Speaker, Dr. Harry H. Everett. Dr. Harry H. Everett, of Lincoln, Nebraska, is an authority on Iris. He is one of the directors of the American Iris Society. Through his influence the American Iris Society put on their National Iris Show in Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1934. Dr. Everett has grown Iris as a hobby for many years, and has produced some very fine specimens.

September 16, at 7:30 p. m., Public Library. Music, vocal solo, Mrs. L. O. Minor. Topic, "Roses." Speakers, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Berry. Mr. S. E. Berry of Omaha, Nebraska, is president of the Council of Garden Clubs of Omaha, and was general chairman of the Flower Committee of the spring flower show held at the City Auditorium last spring. Mrs. Berry has frequently acted as one of the judges of flower shows in the city of Omaha, and suburban cities. Mr. and Mrs. Berry have specialized in the growing of hybrid tea roses, and will speak from practical experience in the growing of beautiful roses—the queen of garden flowers.

October 21, at 7:30 p. m., Public Library. Music, piano solo, Mrs. Lillian Freeman. Topic, "Bulbs." Mrs. A. C. Nelson, speaker.

Mrs. A. C. Nelson has served nine years as president of the Lincoln Garden Club. She has frequently served as one of the judges at the Omaha flower shows, and elsewhere. She was general chairman of the National Iris Show held in Lincoln in 1934. Mrs. Nelson is particularly well qualified to give very valuable instruction on the planting and growing of the spring flowering bulbs.

November 18, at 7:30 p. m., Public Library. Music, piano solo, Mrs. L. S. Devoe. Topic "House Plants," Mrs. E. H. Wescott, speaker.

Mrs. E. H. Wescott has served this city as president of the park board and as general chairman of the Better Yard and Garden contest in 1931, in which there were 300 entries. She was the moving spirit in the organization of the Plattsmouth Garden club, and served as president the first two years of its existence. She was chairman of the Flower Show committee of the last Spring Flower Show. Mrs. Wescott has a fine collection of house plants, and will give us very valuable information on house plants.

December 16, at 7:30 p. m., Public Library. Music, Christmas carol, vocal solo, Mrs. Cora Reeder. Topic, "Civic Improvement." 1st ward, Miss Barbara Gering; 2nd ward, Frank A. Cloldt; 3rd ward, Mrs. Clara Wescott; 4th ward, Miss Clara Weyrich; 5th ward, Miss Anna Harris.

Each ward representative will give some concrete suggestions of some things that may be done in each ward to beautify it. These suggestions will serve as something for the Garden Club to carry out in its next year's program.

## UNDERGOING TREATMENT

Mrs. George Troop, of near Nehawka, is at the state tubercular hospital at Kearney, where she will undergo treatment. Mrs. Troop has not been in the best of health for the past few years and it is hoped that the present course of treatment may be beneficial.

## Readers Notice

Elmwood and Avoca News to Appear in Monday Paper

Due to space limitations in our Thursday Semi-Weekly issue, a change is being made effective this week, that will bring you Elmwood and Avoca news in the Monday instead of Thursday issue each week.—Editor.

## S. H. Atwood, Old Resident of City, is Dead

Many Years Prominent in Sand and Gravel Business in Cass County; Dies at Liberty, Missouri.

From Tuesday's Daily

Samuel H. Atwood, 58, for many years a prominent resident of Plattsmouth and Cass county, died on Monday at Liberty, Missouri, where he has been visiting at the home of a son, Calvin P. Atwood and family.

Mr. Atwood spent his younger years in this city where he occupied a large place in the community life and was interested for many years in the sand and gravel business with the late Judge W. H. Newell under the firm name of Newell & Atwood, they having quarries and pits at Louisville and Cedar Creek. He still retains interest in the business and owns several quarries and pits in northeastern Missouri and which have been under the management of his son.

Mr. Atwood and Miss Myrtle Parmele, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Calvin H. Parmele, were married in this city and made their home here up to some thirty years ago. Mr. Atwood built and occupied the residence property on high school hill now owned by Dr. R. P. Westover, for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Atwood in recent years have made their home at Washington, D. C.

There is surviving the aged wife, two daughters, Mrs. Juliet Cobb, Sioux City, Iowa; Mrs. Catherine Gardner, Washington, D. C.; Ralph K. Atwood, Washington, and Calvin P. Atwood, Liberty.

The funeral will be held Wednesday morning at Liberty, Missouri, with the interment at that place.

## VISITS WITH OLD FRIENDS

From Wednesday's Daily

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Wiltse and child, of San Juan, Porto Rico, were in the city for a short time today to visit with the old time friends in the community. Mr. Wiltse was for a number of years a member of the faculty of the Plattsmouth high school and while here was interested in scouting and was selected as the scoutmaster of the local troop, in which he proved very successful. He was very much interested in the scout work and took this up in preference to his teaching tasks and received a special training in the scout executive work, going later to the west where he served some time in scouting and in the past two years has been in scout work in Porto Rico.

The Wiltse family were en route to Iowa City, Iowa, where they will visit with a brother of Mr. Wiltse who is located in that city.

## PASSES 100 MARK

From Wednesday's Daily

The sun beating down with intensity today brought back the high temperatures that characterized July and the mercury at 2:30 p. m. today stood at 104 and was steadily mounting upward. After a few pleasant days the heat was doubly hard on the residents of the community.

## SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

The many friends of John L. Tidball will be pleased to learn that he is now showing a very nice improvement from his very serious operation of Saturday and is doing just as well as possible. Mr. Tidball is at the Immanuel hospital and in a few days it is hoped that he can show a definite advancement on the road to recovery.

## Officers are Named by the Local W.C.T.U.

Mrs. Elmer Sundstrom Named New President as the Ladies Take Up New Year of Activity.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Clara Wescott Monday afternoon with a fine attendance.

Devotionals were led by Mrs. Pearl Mann. This was followed by roll call, secretary's report, and treasurer's report.

A bill of 70c was allowed for the cosmos used in the membership display for Plattsmouth's twenty new W. C. T. U. members, at the national convention.

The Methodist Sunday school is carrying practically the full course of temperance instruction. It is hoped to get reports from the Sunday schools of the other churches of the city later.

The annual election resulted in the following members being named: President—Mrs. Elmer Sundstrom. Vice-President—Mrs. Clara Wescott. Secretary—Mrs. Flora Ann. Treasurer—Mrs. Elizabeth Spangler.

The resolutions passed by the national W. C. T. U. convention were carefully studied by the members present. The study was under the direction of Mrs. Wescott.

The report of the Nebraska liquor commission was reviewed by Mrs. R. B. Hayes. Of the total sum of \$1,546,284.88 paid to the state treasurer it requires \$162,738.58 to administer the commission; \$92,396.98 of which is paid in salaries, \$17,471.88 going to just five employees. The full report was published in the Plattsmouth Evening Journal July 21, 1936.

After the benediction the hostess, assisted by her sister, Mrs. Mae Morgan, served delicious refreshments.

## FISHERMEN IN BAD LUCK

The court of Judge A. H. Duxbury Monday afternoon was a scene of a field day for fishermen, minus the fish, a trio of wardens of the state game commission being the prosecutors of the complaints.

A trio of colored folks from South Omaha were in court, two charged with the possession of undersized fish and they each received a fine of \$25 and costs while a sixteen year old colored lad, caught fishing without a license, drew down \$5 for the offense. As the parties were without the necessary amount to pay the fines and costs, the settlement of the costs was accepted and the fishermen and women sped on their way.

Another case was that of a fisherman who was found fishing in the Louisville lakes after the hours set by the state commission and accordingly drew down \$1 and costs for the offense. The fisherman had failed to catch any fish and the fine and costs was the only trophy of the fishing expedition.

## ORGANIZE CLUB

Last evening a very enthusiastic group of the young republicans of Plattsmouth and Rock Bluff precincts, met at the home of Miss Minnie Guthmann on North 4th street for the purpose of the organization of a Young Republican club for these two precincts.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. E. H. Wescott, chairman of the organization and who assisted in getting the new club launched on its way.

The club adopted a constitution and prepared to take up the work of the presentation of the republican principles to the people of the community in the coming campaign.

It was decided to wait until the next meeting when the officers of the group will be named and the active work of the campaign started.

The greatest of enthusiasm was shown and all members showed the greatest interest in the plans as they were discussed.

## CUTS THUMB BADLY

James Benedict, who is engaged in cutting willows in the vicinity of Bellevue, was injured severely Monday. He was cutting willows with a large corn knife, using his left hand and as he slashed at a large willow, the knife slipped and the end of the right thumb was practically severed from the hand. The injury was temporarily dressed and the young man after the flow of blood was stopped, refused to return home and continued on to the close of the work day. The hand today, however, is very painful.

## Walt Wunderlich Found to be in Severe Shape

Taken to Hospital, Nehawka Banker Found to Be More Seriously Hurt Than First Thought.

Walter Wunderlich, Nehawka banker, who was injured last week in an auto crash north of Nehawka, is now at the Bryan Memorial hospital at Lincoln, his condition much more serious than was at first thought.

Mr. Wunderlich suffered only minor injuries it was thought at the time of the accident, and was able to assist in getting the other injured persons loaded in cars to go to the St. Mary's hospital at Nebraska City. Later he was taken on home and given treatment and was apparently merely badly bruised.

Sunday, Mr. Wunderlich was much worse, his condition alarmed the family and he was taken to the Bryan Memorial hospital at Lincoln, where an examination disclosed fractures of the cheek bone as well as of the nose and it was thought a slight fracture of the front of the skull. A further examination is to be made by the specialists called into the case and it is hoped that the full extent of the injuries may be determined. Mr. Wunderlich will be kept at the hospital until his condition shows some more decided improvement.

## HEAR OF VACATIONS

The members of the Rotary club who have remained home and suffered in the heat and uncomfortable condition of July, were entertained on Tuesday at the weekly luncheon with the experience of a number of their vacation members.

Dr. P. T. Heineman, who with his family are enjoying their vacation in the Yellowstone national park, told of the many interesting points in that section of the west, while L. O. Minor, who with his family spent their vacation in Colorado, told of the many interesting places that they had visited in this wonderland of the nation and where nature has afforded a great natural playground for the tourists in the heat of the summer season. Frank A. Cloldt, who with his family had gone east for their vacation, related the impressions that he had received of the cities that they had visited and particularly of the trip into Canada which included visits at Ottawa, the national capitol as well as Montreal and Quebec.

## TO FOLLOW USUAL PAYMENTS

The local old age assistance commission and director have received no instructions as yet regarding the suggested adoption of the last of the month payment of the checks to the aged. The local director has had the checks prepared as usual for August and which will reach the parties to whom they are made, in the usual time. The change, if it is made later, will not make a great deal of difference as it will merely delay the checks a week later than at present.

## HERE FROM OKLAHOMA

Charles Chassott, of Oklahoma City, is here to enjoy a visit at the home of his cousins, the Hansen family in the north portion of the city, and Saturday in company with P. C. Hansen, was meeting a number of the old friends and neighbors of the family. It was thirty years ago when the family moved from this county to the south and have since made their home in that section of the country.

## Rehearsals are Progressing on 'Jade Necklace'

Members of Cast Preparing to Offer a Real Thriller and with Fine Cast of Young People.

Activity resembling the "old days" when dances used to be held on the third floor of the Bekins building is again noticeable these evenings, as members of the cast of the "Jade Necklace," climb the stairway to the clubrooms of the Plattsmouth Dramatic club, located on the building's top floor, for nightly rehearsals.

Many well-known local names appear in the cast of the play which will be presented by the club at the Cass theater on August 25th. Clem Woster, stage manager of the last production, comes from backstage to play a role "out front," as well as Edith Solomon, property manager of the former play. Others who will appear are: Gertrude Vallery, Kathryn Armstrong, Eleanor Swatek, Chris Bullin, Ed Wehrlein and Mildred Cacy, all seasoned amateur actors.

Roy Olson, club president, is in direct charge of the production, acting as director of the cast in addition to other duties. His assistants are Robert Wurl, business manager, and Paul Vandervoort, advertising and stage manager.

The club itself, is sponsoring this production, in order to secure funds for improving the clubrooms, for purchase of stage literature and other equipment necessary to the club. The reporter had the privilege of witnessing a rehearsal the other night and was surprised to learn that the cast was working without books, after only half-dozen rehearsals.

At the club's regular meeting, last night, tickets were handed out to each member to sell and the general public may purchase tickets from any club member between now and the night of the play. Tickets may be secured from Robert Wurl, at Wurl's store by anyone not approached by club members.

## GREENE-RUETER WEDDING

The marriage of Donna Beth Greene to Alvin Rueter took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Greene, in Elmwood Tuesday evening, August 11, at 8 o'clock, in the presence of fifty relatives.

The bride wore light blue floor length organza with a shoulder corsage of Tailsman roses. The bridesmaid wore a gown of yellow embroidered organdie with a corsage of Tailsman roses and Delphiniums. They were met at an improvised altar of garden flowers and ferns by the groom and his brother, Clarence Rueter. The grandfather of the bride, Rev. F. L. Weigert, performed the ceremony. The prelude and Lohengren's wedding march were played by Mrs. Chas. Staley of Milford, an aunt of the bride.

Light refreshments were served by the Misses Shirley Greene, Pearl Rueter and Hilda Schlaphof.

Out-of-town guests were Miss Luthera Kline of Franklin; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schroeder and daughters of Wahoo and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tolhurst of Raymond.

After a short trip Mr. and Mrs. Rueter will be at home on a farm after September 1st.

## WILLIAM BARKER FUNERAL

A large number of the old friends from this section of Cass county were present Monday afternoon at the Sattler funeral home to pay their last tributes to the memory of the departed.

The Rev. V. C. Wright, of the First Methodist church, conducted the very impressive service that brought consolation to those who were left behind of the family circle.

During the services a male quartet composed of Lawrence Leonard, Charles, Edward and Grant Howard gave two numbers, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "In the Garden," very beautifully rendered.

The burial was at Oak Hill cemetery in the west part of the city.

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