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## Punchboard 'Racket' Worked in Cass County

Sale of Punchboards at "Fort George" Followed by Two Comeon Men Who Make Winnings.

A "racket" in punchboards seems to be operating in this section according to a report made to the office of Sheriff Carl Ryder at Nebraska City.

The operation of the "racket" seems to be that a salesman shows up, makes his sales talk and usually lands the sale of the punch board and the accompanying prizes. Not many hours or days after the sale of the punchboards and their installation, two strangers drop in to the place where the boards are awaiting the gambling spirit of the public. The strangers take a few punches and with uncanny luck cop of the chief prizes for a small amount of cash and are on their way.

The "racket" was reported from "Fort George," a filling station south of Weeping Water, where a salesman had disposed of a board and the accompanying prizes. Shortly afterwards two genial strangers arrived on the scene and took a few chances on the board and with the result that they copped a large number of the prizes and without the expenditure of much cash.

This aroused the suspicions of the owner of the filling station and the matter was reported to the authorities. The owner felt that the "marksmanship" of the strangers was too good for mere luck.

### HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday evening December 15, the Young Ladies Sodality and the young men of the Catholic Youth Organization of the Holy Rosary church gathered in the club rooms of the church where an evening of great enjoyment was held. Some thirty-five of the young people were in attendance to enjoy the happy event.

The club room was artistically decorated, the usual Christmas spirit having been carried out. The Christmas tree which was so neatly decorated by the Misses Anna Zitka, Lillian Sedlak and Ruth Slavicek, was surrounded with numerous gifts of all kinds and which were later distributed among the young people.

The evening was spent in the playing of various games, which were directed by Miss Lillian Chovanec and which were enjoyed thoroughly by everyone present. During the evening the happy group sang a number of the Christmas carols and concluded the evening with the hymn "Auld Lang Syne."

At a suitable hour delightful and delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, Ruth Slavicek, Anna Zitka, Lillian Chovanec and Lillian Sedlak.

Those present at the Christmas party were: Barbara Zitka, Lillian Koubek, Lillian Chovanec, Eleanor Swatke, Adeline Venduska, Florence Sedlak, Alice Venduska, Mary Kvapil, Anna Zitka, Dorothy Svoboda, Dorothy Zitka, Mary Ann Sedlak, Teresa Sedlak, Antonette Koubek, Lillian Sedlak, Mildred Knoficek, Beatrice Knoficek, Mary Ann Gradoville, Rev. Adolph Mosler, Ernest Zitka, Joseph Kvapil, Joseph Chovanec, Albert Sedlak, Frank Kalasek, Lester Venduska, Stephen Vietros, Wesley Kratochville, Vladis Chovanec, Henry Venduska, and Bernard Knoficek.

### FINDS CONDITIONS DRY

From Saturday's Daily—Frank E. Vallery, of Omaha, was in the city today to visit with his friends and looking after some matters of business. Mr. Vallery has just returned from a business trip to Belgrade, Nebraska and vicinity. Mr. Vallery states that the conditions there are very dry, much more so than in this part of the state and wheat has suffered a great deal.

### BOX AD PLATE SUPPER

Box and Plate Supper, Dist. 60, Murray, Neb., Wed. evening, December 23. Program, Christmas tree and Santa, Ann Harris, teacher.

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### DENTISTS HAVE LUNCHEON

From Friday's Daily—This noon the members of the dental profession in the city had a most pleasant luncheon which was served at the dining room of the Hotel Plattsmouth. All of the dentists of the city were present and after the enjoyment of the luncheon a very interesting professional round table was enjoyed. The dentists have agreed that their offices will all be closed on Thursday for the year around.

## Garden Club Discusses Plans for Improvement

Programs for Civic Betterment Suggested by Members at Meeting Last Evening.

From Thursday's Daily—Suggestions for improvements in the city were given by members of the garden club at the meeting in the library basement last evening. A resolution was adopted requesting the city government to place waste paper baskets about the city for rubbish, and that the school board furnish waste baskets on the grounds at the schools.

Miss Barbara Gering suggested civic improvements in the first ward. She suggested a clean-up program for the district and an improvement of alleys.

Mrs. E. H. Wescott urged a sewer on Chicago avenue. She also suggested the planting of red bud trees in third ward.

Fourth ward improvement was discussed by Mrs. Robert Hayes. She told of the need for better arrangements for people who have picnic parties in the park. She also suggested that more trees be planted in the park. Miss Genevieve Whalen asked the club to push a movement for the repair of the sidewalk in the improvement of the Wintersteen hill road.

Miss Anna Harris urged improvement of the Lincoln avenue. She also suggested that the lots formerly used by the South Park school be made into a city park.

Mrs. J. R. Reeder had charge of the musical program. Miss Harriett Goos sang a solo. A sextette from the Plattsmouth high school sang a Christmas carol.

### ORDERED INTO EXILE

Thursday evening as the shades of night were closing over our little city and the street lights twinkled out a merry greeting, a voice lifted in song, rang through the business section of the city.

Officers Lancaster and Pickrell investigated the song and the singer and found him gaily warbling a group of greeting for the Christmas season. To the officers the man explained that he was a World war veteran and had arrived here Wednesday and was en route to Omaha where he was a member of the American Legion post. The man had just recently been released from a hospital and it was thought by the officers that his condition was due more to his physical shape than the small amount of liquor he had imbibed. He claimed he was singing to bring together the veterans of the community.

The man was sheltered here for the night and this morning sent on his way rejoicing.

### HAS A BUSY TIME

W. F. Evers, superintendent of the Nebraska Masonic Home and one of the active leaders in the Knights Templar of the state, was at Auburn Thursday evening to attend a school of instruction. Mr. Evers was accompanied from this city by Clarence O. Dawson, of Blair, deputy grand commander. At Auburn Grand Commander Edwin Carr, of North Platte and the grand inspector general were conducting the school. There were eighteen commanderies represented as guests of Mt. Carmel commandery No. 3, of Auburn.

Mr. Evers was at Blair Wednesday evening where he served as the inspecting officer of Jordan commandery No. 15. There was a very large attendance of the members.

## Miss Egenberger to be Married in February

Announcement of Approaching Marriage Made December 12 in Long Beach, Calif.

The home of Dr. and Mrs. Francis Llewellyn Rogers, 362 Junipero avenue, Long Beach, Calif., was the setting Saturday evening for a family dinner gathering of more than ordinary interest, as it welcomed to the circle Miss Helen M. Egenberger as the fiancée of Dr. Thomas L. Rogers, brother of the host, and of Miss Julia Ellen Rogers.

The bride-elect is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick G. Egenberger of Long Beach. She returned to Long Beach Sunday from a leisurely and enjoyable circuit of the middle and eastern states that began in the summer. Friends and relatives entertained her in Salt Lake City and Denver, and she enjoyed a stay at her old home, Plattsmouth, Nebr. Sight-seeing was enjoyed in Oklahoma City, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Wooster, Ohio; Buffalo, Boston, New York and Washington, Niagara Falls, the Great Lakes and the Grand Canyon.

Dr. Rogers is a well known physician here, having been in practice in Long Beach since 1911, on the staff and board of directors of Seaside hospital. He is a member of the Virginia Country club, of the Masonic order and of Elks.—Long Beach Press Telegram.

The wedding will take place February 3 at St. Anthony's Rectory in Long Beach.

Miss Egenberger was graduated from the Plattsmouth high school then attended college in Dubuque, Ia. She taught school in this county and was employed at the Iowa-Nebraska company. She has been in California during the past six years.

### FEDERATION PARTY

From Thursday's Daily—Mrs. Ralph Wehrbein opened the Christmas party of the Presbyterian Federation in the K. C. Hall yesterday afternoon with the Christmas story and prayer. Mrs. P. T. Heinemann also took part in the devotional period, telling of the plans for the new dormitory at Hastings.

Games were led by Mrs. J. R. Reeder. Gifts around the Christmas tree disclosed an array of useful articles for the kitchen. Towels, bowls, spoons, holders and other items were given by members for use in the church kitchen.

Students from the fourth grade of Columbia presented Dickens "Christmas Carol." They were under the direction of Miss Margaret Iverson. George Attebury played the part of Scrooge, Norma Spidell was the angel, Carl Grassman of the kindergarten took the part of Tiny Tim. Other characters were Dorothy Bayl, Bernard Richter, LeRoy Covert, Marcella MacCormack, Geraldine Gradoville, Jean Highfield, and Billy Lockhart.

The children also sang "Silent Night." They were accompanied by Miss Birdie Mae Johnson. A girl's sextette from the high school concluded the program with a Christmas carol. Those taking part were Harriett Goos, Eleanor Minor, Jean Knorr, Helen Hiatt, Frances Clويد, and Eleanor Giles with Mrs. J. R. Reeder accompanying.

### GOING TO WEST COAST

Charles K. Bestor and Byron Golding of this city are planning on a very pleasant winter vacation trip, starting the last of the month. They are to motor to the west coast where they plan to spend several months among the old friends and visiting with relatives.

The trip is to be made via the southern route that will take them away from the cold of the north as they journey to the land of sunshine on the west coast.

They are anticipating a very pleasant time and the opportunity of meeting many of the former Cass county people that now make their home in the west coast cities of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

Phone news items to No. 6.

### RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Mason Wall, injured in the burning of the truck in which he was riding, has returned home from the hospital at Sabetha, Kansas, where he has been since the accident. Altho in grave condition for many days, he has shown a fine progress and is able to be home altho still suffering from the effects of the severe burns. Mrs. Chester Wall, his mother, Donald Wall, a brother and Russell Arnold, motored to Sabetha to bring the young man back home.

## Greenwood Watchman Routs Bandit Crew

George Gustavson of Greenwood Is Wounded as He Drives Off Would Be Robbers.

George Gustavson of Greenwood, night marshal of the village, proved a real hero Wednesday night when he drove off a gang of bandits who were trying to force an entrance into the building occupied by the Union State bank and the U. S. post-office.

Mr. Gustavson was making his rounds of the business section of the town when he discovered the bandits in their act of trying to get into the building and a gun battle ensued between the officer and the bandits. It was close to the midnight hour when the party of robbers was discovered.

In the pistol duel between the officer and the bandits Mr. Gustavson received a bullet in the calf of his leg, the wound however not thought to be dangerous.

The robbers are believed to be part of the same crew which has been breaking into numerous stores in Nebraska the past few weeks. Gustavson could not give a good description, because of darkness.

### ENTERTAINED AT CAMP

From Friday's Daily—Last evening the residents of the U. S. forestry camp north of this city had a very pleasant time when a group of the local people visited there to entertain the members of the camp.

The program was one that proved most enjoyable to the members of the camp and comprised a reading by James Sandin, popular young artist, as well as dancing and songs by Billie Rose Canterbury, and tap and acrobatic dancing by Doris Canterbury. Miss Elva Olson served as accompanist for the group.

A number of the residents of the city drove out to the camp to enjoy the evening and to visit with the residents of this important local enterprise.

On next Tuesday, Rev. R. R. Brown, radio minister and a group of his congregation will visit the camp and give Christmas carols.

On Wednesday evening the band and orchestra, organized under the auspices of the WPA will be at the camp and give a program under the direction of Peter Gradoville.

### DOES A GOOD WORK

The American flag that has hung back of the seat of the district judge in the Cass county district court room, is to be given a much needed cleaning. The dust of several years has dulled the brilliant colors of our national emblem and Judge-elect William M. Kleck decided that once more it should shed its true lustre. The matter was taken up and Fred Lugsch, local dry cleaner and a war veteran decided that there should be something done about the matter—Fred is to clean the flag free of cost to the county.

### HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Charles K. Bestor was at Lincoln Friday for a few hours attending to some business matters and on his return was accompanied by his niece, Miss Lois Bestor. Miss Bestor is a student at the University of Nebraska where she has made an outstanding record in her work. She will remain here for the holidays and resume her school work after the first of the year.

## Platters Win Opening Game of Season 12 to 9

Locals Show Lack of Speed But Check Efforts of Visitors to Score Save in Long Shots.

The 1936-37 Plattsmouth high school basketball team took their initial game of the season Thursday evening when they entertained the Tecumseh Indians and won the game 12 to 9.

The locals showed the lack of smoothness that usually marks the first game of the season, but demonstrated that they have a team that should be able to establish a good record when the season is at an end.

While the local offensive was slow in getting underway their defense was exceptionally good and checked any serious effort of Tecumseh, altho the visitors made repeated thrusts in the last half at the scoring.

Miller, Seitz and Wooster played a fine floor game in checking the attacks of the visitors, while Don McCarroll accounted for eight of the locals twelve points.

The visitors had the best of the free throws, they making three out of six good while the blue and white boys had but two out of seven to their credit.

The first quarter was in the starting seconds when McCarroll, the local center tossed in an under basket shot for the first score, receiving a pass. McCarroll on the under basket plays hooked two additional field goals in the opening stanza, while Halverstadt, center of the visitors scored their sole point on a free toss. The score at the end of the first quarter was 6 to 1 for the Platters.

The visitors began to look bad in the second quarter and the margin of lead of the blue and white was seriously threatened. Seitz failed to make good a foul made by Anderson, when on the next play Bauers, forward of the Indians broke through the local defense to sink a basket from near the foul line. Anderson of the visitors secured a side shot at the basket for another field goal to make the going tough for the locals. Miller, who was hacked by Kritner, failed to make good the toss and the half showed the Platters leading by a margin of six to five, they having failed to register in this period.

When the teams returned to the floor for the second half, both showed more fire in the battle and enlivened the play with plenty of mixing and both teams working hard to get through the defensive of their opponents, the Platters having the ball a greater part of the time. Miller, local guard, placed in a nice side shot to increase the lead of the Platters, but this was wiped out a few seconds later when Bauers sank a long shot. Seward of the visitors made good a foul and brought the score up to an 8 to 8 tie as the third period ended.

In the last quarter the visitors tried to press the game as the Platters regained the lead in a free throw by Wooster and McCarroll again scored one of the underbasket shots. Bauers secured a free throw for the only point of the quarter for Tecumseh. Miller made good a free throw and the game closed with the locals in possession of the ball in the center of the court. The final tally was 12 to 9.

Falk, captain of the team, was out of the game as he had suffered a tooth extraction and his playing was prohibited. Hayes and Reed were used in the forward positions a part of the game and showed well. The box score of the game:

Plattsmouth—	PG	FT	PF	TP
Wooster, f	0	1	0	1
Reed, f	0	0	0	0
Hayes, f	0	0	0	0
Seitz, f	0	0	1	0
McCarroll, c	4	0	2	8
Forbes, g	0	0	3	0
Miller, g	1	1	0	3
	5	2	6	12

Tecumseh—	PG	FT	PF	TP
Bauers, f	2	1	2	5
Bueth, f	0	0	0	0
Kritner, f	0	0	1	0
Kreps, f	0	0	0	0
Halverstadt, c	0	1	1	1
Seward, c	0	1	0	1
Bates, g	0	0	0	0
Keitcheil, g	0	0	1	0

Anderson, f	1	0	2	2
Kelly, g	0	0	0	0
	3	3	7	9

### Blues Win

In the curtain raiser the blues of the eighth grade defeated the whites by the score of 33 to 11. The blues had the best of the game throughout and were helped out when one of the whites in his excitement tossed a field goal against his own team.

The next Platter game will be here on January 8th with Ashland.

## Chicken Thieves Strike Several Farm Henhouses

Three Farms in Vicinity of This City Suffer from Depredations of Thieves Friday.

This section of Cass county was visited Friday by an apparent gang of chicken thieves that made raids at three of the farms near this city and made away with a large number of the fowls.

The farm of Donald Born, west of this city on the Louisville road, was visited Friday afternoon by the thieves apparently while the members of the family were absent from home. The loss of the chickens was discovered about four o'clock when Mr. Born returned home from wood-cutting and found that the door of the henhouse was not as he left it. An investigation showed that twenty-five to thirty chickens had been taken. There were tracks in the yard which indicated that the parties had come in from the west and apparently taken the chickens out through the northwest part of the farmyard.

This morning more calls of the depredations of the chicken thieves came into the office of Sheriff Homer Sylvester, when John S. Vallery from southwest of Mynard reported that some sixty of his choice chickens had been taken some time during the night.

The chicken thieves also visited at the farm of Roy Tschirren where they had made away with from fifty to sixty of the choice birds of the flock.

The sheriff was out in the country for the greater part of the time today to try and get a lead that would make possible the apprehension of the thieves.

### YOUNG PEOPLE MARRIED

Thursday afternoon at the court house occurred the marriage of Miss Emma Viola Nelson of Weeping Water and Mr. Harris Emerald of Valentine, Nebraska. The marriage lines were read by Judge A. H. Duxbury and the wedding witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Mogenson, of Weeping Water. The bridal party later returned to Weeping Water to receive the congratulations of the friends.

The residence of Rev. and Mrs. V. C. Wright was the scene of a very simple wedding on Thursday afternoon when Grace Hinch of Bridge-water, Nebraska, was married to Orlando Everett Weaver of Greenfield, Nebraska. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Wright.

### HAS HAND INJURED

Herbert Meisinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Meisinger, was in the city Friday to have his hand dressed, following an accident of a few days ago. The young man was assisting in butchering at the farm of Anton Meisinger, a neighbor, while working he slashed the first finger of the left hand with a sharp butchering knife and which made a very severe wound and made medical attention necessary. It is doing nicely however now.

### HAS NEW LICENSES

County Clerk George R. Sayles has received his supply of the 1937 hunting and fishing licenses and the new trapping licenses. These can be issued at any time now and are good for the remainder of the 1936 season as well as the coming year. Many have made inquiries about the licenses and can now find them available when they wish them.

Improving our farm-to-market roads will be of direct benefit to everyone in Cass county.

## Students Return from Schools for the Holidays

Number Arrive in Plattsmouth Last Evening—Others are Coming Home Today.

From Saturday's Daily—

Among the students who returned to their homes last evening from school duties at the University of Nebraska were: Dorothy Farmer who will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Farmer; Lois Giles spending vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Giles; Clement and Herbert Sundstrom vacationing with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sundstrom; Richard Spangler visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Spangler and Charles Walden.

More of the students are returning from Lincoln this evening. Robert Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hall; Anna Margaret and Floyd McCarty, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. McCarty; Edwin Kalina, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Kalina; Irma Pittman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Pittman are among this group of students.

Joe Hendrix returned last evening to spend vacation at the J. A. Capwell home. Frederick Fricke, also a student at Doane, returns this evening to spend vacation with his mother, Mrs. Maude Fricke.

George Adam returned from Tarkio last evening to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Adam. Kenneth Armstrong, Stuart Foster, and Donald Cotner are expected this evening.

Helen Gilmour returns from South Dakota this evening for holidays with Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Gilmour.

June Sumner, student at the Lincoln School of Commerce returned last evening to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Sumner.

### DIES IN CALIFORNIA

Word has been received here of the death in LaVerne, California, of Mrs. John Murray, a former resident of Cass county and daughter of the late George W. Young, former county commissioner. Mrs. Murray was formerly Miss Una Young and was born and grew up in the Nebraska community. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Murray farmed in this county and later removed to the vicinity of Hennessey, Oklahoma. Mrs. Murray has been visiting on the west coast.

The body is being brought back to Nebraska and the funeral will be held at the Otterbein church and cemetery the first part of the coming week. The body is expected here either Monday or Tuesday.

Mrs. Murray was a niece of Mrs. Charles R. Troop of this city.

### NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given to all stockholders of the Plattsmouth Loan & Building association, that the regular annual stockholders meeting will be held on Monday evening, January 4, 1937, for the purpose of electing three directors and such other business as may come before the meeting. The meeting will be held at the office of the association in the Brown jewelry store, Plattsmouth, Nebraska, at 8 o'clock p. m.

C. A. JOHNSON, President.

E. P. LUTZ, Secretary.

### VISITS IN THE CITY

From Saturday's Daily—Father J. J. Hoffman, new pastor of the St. Patrick's Catholic church at Manly, was in the city today to visit with Father Agius and Father Mosler.

Father Hoffman was just recently installed in the new pastorate and is now busy in the charge of his work.

### WILL ATTEND WEDDING

From Saturday's Daily—Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Clويد are leaving Sunday morning for Sumnerfield, Kansas, where they are to attend the wedding of Walter W. Boggs, an old time friend. Mr. Clويد is to be one of the bridal party, singing "At Dawning," as a part of the ceremony.