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Man Sought by Postal Officials Makes Escape

Richard Mahoney, Sought for Violation of U. S. Laws Appears for Drivers License, Escapes.

From Monday's Daily—

A man giving the name of Richard Mahoney, who was reported to County Treasurer John E. Turner this morning as being sought by the postal department, did a sudden dash for liberty this noon shortly after 1 o'clock from the local court house.

This morning Mr. Turner had been notified by Postmaster F. L. Cummins, that the man sought by the postal authorities might call for license plates or drivers license. Mr. Turner had just returned from the noonday lunch when Mahoney followed him into the office and requested a drivers license, stating that he failed to secure one in Omaha. The county treasurer attempted to delay the issuance until possible to give an alarm and finally the license was filled and the man made his exit from the office as Mr. Turner was able to notify Sheriff Sylvester, who was not armed and the man dashed out and into a Ford V-8 thought to be a 1935 or '36 model and which bore the license plates 1-33720.

Sheriff Sylvester as soon as he could rush to his car started out on the pursuit of the man who had gone west on Vine street but apparently doubled back on the sheriff as a search for several miles on the main roads failed to locate the fleeing man and his companion.

Mahoney last year had a Cass county license issued to him by mail and claimed then to have lived north of this city.

In his application for drivers license he gave his present home as Omaha, but it is thought that this address was phony.

Sheriff Sylvester had officers at Omaha, Nebraska City and Glenwood notified of the escape of the man and that he was wanted.

Reports from Omaha are to the effect that postal officials have been working with state officers in a check up on the man who is also wanted for alleged participation in the holdup and robbery of the Harry Levine jewelry store at Falls City in November.

Omaha police state that he had a record and has been sought for several weeks.

LEAVING FOR CALIFORNIA

Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mullen, who have been visiting here over the Christmas holiday with Mr. Mullen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mullen, departed for their home in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Henry and children are accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Mullen to Los Angeles where they are to make their home in the future. The departure of the Henry family causes a great regret among the large circle of friends here who have enjoyed the association with this estimable young couple very much. They have been active socially and will be greatly missed by the old friends.

Mr. Henry has made his home here for the past fourteen years and Mrs. Henry has made her home here for over twelve years, coming here with her parents from Nebraska City when Mr. Mullen established his meat market.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Henry are highly esteemed and while their going will be felt very much by the friends they are carrying with them the best wishes of all for success and happiness in the new home in the west.

Mr. Henry will be employed on a large construction project in connection with the Los Angeles water system and which project is expected to last some three years in construction.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Patty Clويد, who for the past ten days has been at an Omaha hospital recuperating from an operation for appendicitis, returned home Sunday. She is doing nicely and after a short recuperative period is expected to be able to resume her school activities.

HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

Sunday Mrs. Robert E. Sedlak entertained at a family dinner party in honor of the twenty-second anniversary of Mr. Sedlak. A very delicious repast with all of the dainties of the season had been arranged and which was enjoyed to the utmost by all of the group. Those who enjoyed the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Wilson, daughter Mildred, and son, Roy, Mr. and Mrs. Clelland Gansemer and daughters, Joan and Phyllis, of Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Sedlak and son, Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. John Wondra of this city, Mr. and Mrs. George Trotter and daughter, Beverly of Fort Crook and the honor guest and Mrs. Sedlak.

Suit Filed to Have Stull Deeds Set at Naught

Ira Stull Files Action to Have Deeds Disposing of Property to Seven Children Declared Void.

From Monday's Daily—

This morning in the office of the clerk of the district court, an action was filed in which Ira Stull is the plaintiff and Julia Stull Bethel, Harriet Stull, Valeria Stull Holman, Archie, Rosie, Buddie and Susie Stull are the defendants.

The deeds which are questioned were executed on September 23, 1936 by the late C. Lawrence Stull, conveying the farm lands of Mr. Stull, amounting to some 1,000 acres north of this city, to the seven younger children, which deeds were filed and recorded in the office of the register of deeds in this county.

The petition states that Mr. Stull died on October 6, 1936, several days after the filing of the deeds. The reasons given by the plaintiff for the setting aside of the deed, alleges that no consideration was paid for the transfer of the land through deed, that the deeds were procured through undue influence and that the deceased C. Lawrence Stull, by reason of his illness, was incompetent to make the deeds and dispose of the property.

The plaintiff asks that the deeds be set aside and he be declared the owner of a one-eighth undivided interest in the real estate covered by the deeds.

ST. PAUL'S YOUNG PEOPLE PRESENT "THE OTHER JESUS"

From Monday's Daily—

"The Other Jesus" by Elizabeth H. Emerson was presented by the young people's organization of the St. Paul's church last evening. The story told of the freeing of the "Other Jesus," leader of the Zealots, instead of Jesus Christ.

Costumes and lighting effects added a great deal to the three act play. Characters in the prologue were Dorothea Simonoff, Eldon Meisinger, Marie Nolting, Mata Schakneis, and Albert Weiss.

Those who took part in the play were Robert Woest as Jesus Barabbas, Max Schakneis as Simon, Mata Schakneis as Adah, Leona Meisinger as Helah, Lydia Pitz as Sarah, Howard Baker as Caddis, Max Schakneis as Zadok, Virgil Urish as the guard, Robert Landvuehr as the keeper, and Marie Nolting as Mary. Fritz Schakneis, Darwin Pitz, and Edgar Kief were among the band of Zealots.

RETURN TO DES MOINES

W. W. Moore and children, Wilson, and Helen Lou, who were here to visit with relatives over the holiday season, returned Sunday to their home. Mr. Moore is engaged in newspaper work at Des Moines where he has been located for a number of years. The son, Wilson, is a student at Drake university where he is a student in the commercial college and also taking a journalistic course.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Ralph Bayly was taken to Omaha Monday afternoon by the Horton ambulance and placed in the University hospital for treatment. Mr. Bayly has not been well for some time and it was thought best to have him placed under hospital care.

City Council Has Busy Time at Monday Meet

Number of Matters Come Up for Consideration by the City Legislators During Session.

The city council had a busy and brisk session Monday evening with a large number of matters coming up for the attention of the members, a full house being on hand when the gavel of Mayor Lushinsky fell at 7:30.

The League of Nebraska Municipalities presented a communication asking that the city renew its membership and which was carried by the unanimous vote of the council and the fee of \$20 ordered paid.

The L. W. Egenberger agency reported \$19.80 collected in city rentals and turned over to the city treasurer. In regard to the claim of Guy Miller for hauling rock, turned over to the WPA committee, he asked more time to investigate why the city owned trucks had not been used.

Fire Chief Dr. O. Sandin reported two fires had occurred since the last report with damages estimated at \$1. This was received and placed on file. Police Judge Charles L. Graves reported for the last week that he had one arrest and fines and collections of \$10.

Mayor Lushinsky called the attention of the council to the fact that a sale of tax property will be held on January 16th. He urged that the councilmen contact anyone that might be interested in purchase of property at the sale.

Councilman Tippens, of the streets, alleys and bridges committee, reported that the Norfolk Packing Co., had reported they had a car of cinders that the city might have for use on the streets. Chairman Schutz of the fire and water committee, reported that the fire department had asked for the purchase of six new rain coats for the department and use on the trucks. A bid of \$6.60 had been received from the Fetzer Shoe Co.

Councilman Bestor asked that the matter be referred back to the committee to make a call for bids. He also stated that the coats should be left on the fire truck when not in use and members should not take the coats home and leave them there where they were useless in a fire call. It was decided to have the matter sent back to the committee and to take it up at the next meeting.

Councilman Johnson of the lighting committee reported that Manager F. I. Rea of the Iowa-Nebraska Light and Power Co., had reported that electrolyzers on the east end of the Main street line were not apparently receiving as strong a current as the others and he has asked permission to make tests as to the amount of current received. This was granted.

Chairman Bestor of the WPA committee reported that there had been twelve to fourteen men placed on the Wintersteen hill project and that more had been requested. This should result in good progress on the work, the councilman reported.

The finance committee reported that there was \$2,046.46 in the funds of street improvement districts No. 52 to 59, whose bonds had been refunded, that the money should be transferred to the refunding bond and interest fund and which was so ordered.

Councilman Tippens brought up the matter of the dead trees in street parkways and it was decided that these fell under the jurisdiction of the city park board.

Councilman Rebal reported that the purchasers of city property whose deeds had been held in escrow, had complied with the requirements and that the deeds had been turned over to them as provided in agreement.

Councilman Vroman brought up the matter of securing a section of snow fence for use along the west side of Pershing avenue, south of the Columbian school, it being pointed out by the councilman that snow drifted badly at this particular place. He thought two fifty foot rolls would do the job.

Councilman Johnson, while not objecting to the particular piece of work, was of the opinion that this

would establish a precedent that might prove costly as other sections would feel that they were also entitled to the use of fences. This same viewpoint was taken by Councilmen Bestor, Tippens and Hall.

On the motion to refer the matter to the streets, alleys and bridges committee with power to act and place the fence, the vote was tied. Puls, Rebal, Schutz, Vroman and Brittain voting for the fence and Bestor, Webb, Tippens, Hall and Johnson against. Mayor Lushinsky cast a vote on the tie against the motion and which was lost.

Councilman Vroman asked that the streets, alleys and bridges committee investigate the need of a guard rail along a part of Patterson avenue, this being referred to the committee.

Councilman Brittain asked that some old bricks be placed in holes along Bryant street and which was referred to the streets, alleys and bridges committee with power to act.

Councilman Schutz stated that some time ago the chief of police had notified dealers that all punch boards and other gambling devices be removed but that while they had been removed there had been other equipment added. He thought that all of these devices should be eliminated.

Councilman Vroman stated that he had seen no punchboards in any of the places and if they were there had been well concealed.

Mayor Lushinsky stated that he had not visited any place where they might be operating but would have the chief of police investigate and if found have them confiscated.

The following bills were approved: John Iverson, repairs to jail—\$ 4.75 Duplex Mfg. Co., grader blade 9.60 George Winscott, bury dog— .60 League of Municipalities, 20.00 Ofe Oil Co., gas and oil 17.16 W. A. Swatek, shovels and bolts 18.30 J. H. McMaken, sand 12.00 John Kubicka, street work 26.08 George Taylor, same 19.98 Ivan Taylor, same 30.20 George Taylor, street work with team 12.00 Bill Reed, wash streets 2.80 Frank Boetel, same 2.80

G. A. RANDALL ADDRESSES YOUNG PEOPLE AT BANQUET

From Wednesday's Daily—

Rev. G. A. Randall of the Grace church in Omaha was the main speaker at the banquet closing the mid-winter institute in Plattsmouth last evening.

"God's Investment in You" was chosen as the topic of the talk. Rev. Randall said, "God pushed us out in this world, he sent us with something of himself in us—He has an investment in your life and mine... Manage this life God has given that it might bring an increase in the Kingdom of God."

Among the other guests who gave short addresses of welcome were Mrs. Harlan Cain of Omaha; Harlan Cain, president of the Epworth league; Herman Crowell of Omaha, manager of the institute week at Camp Sheldon June 11 to 18; John Wilke of Omaha; and Miss Kathryn Loske, first vice president of the southeast district of the Epworth League.

Rev. Walter Jackson of Nebraska City acted as master of ceremonies during the banquet. Dr. M. E. Gilbert, district superintendent of the Omaha district spoke briefly. E. H. Wescott accompanied for group singing.

BUSY IN MOVING

The third floor of the court house is a busy place as two of the officials prepare to take charge of their new official positions after January 7th. William G. Kieck, present county attorney, district judge-elect, is moving from his former offices to the new office that has been arranged for his occupancy as judge.

Mr. Kieck will have the offices that were formerly used by Judge Egley, they having been redecorated and placed in excellent shape and Mr. Kieck has moved his office equipment into the room which is now one of the most attractive offices in the court house.

Mr. Capwell is now moving his library and office furniture into the offices formerly occupied by Mr. Kieck and will be in readiness to start in the discharge of his new office as the change is made next week.

Forestry Camp Here Expected to be Closed

Expiration of Six Months Project Points to Closing Unless Can Be Revived at Washington.

The forestry project that has been in operation north of this city at the U. S. military reservation for the past summer and fall is closing and from information received, the camp will probably be closed officially on January 1st.

The force of workers at the camp have made a wonderful improvement on the grounds in the time that they have been engaged there and it has been hoped by local people that the park work might be carried on to its full completion, but this apparently must depend on revival of the project at a later date.

The Chamber of Commerce, Plattsmouth Ad club and other civic bodies as well as many of the individual citizens have joined in representation to the congressmen and senators of the state in an endeavor to secure reopening of the project and that the present force of men be continued at their tasks.

During the time that the camp has been a part of the forestry service of the department of interior, a great improvement has been made, permanent buildings erected and extensive work carried on through the grounds of the camp.

The officials in charge of the camp have been of a very high type and the members of the camp have been of exceptionally good type and while strangers here have found a hearty welcome in the community.

There are some 158 men at the camp at this time and with its closing their status will be undetermined, and what disposition is to be made of them has not been announced, whether they are to be transferred or merely released on their own.

The work that is being done here is of a type that can be made permanent and provide a fine park in the course of time as well as a bird and game preserve which is so badly needed.

If the government wishes a real benefit from this type of relief work they could not do better than to see that the camp is kept intact and the work on the park carried on.

FUNERAL OF MRS. GODWIN

The funeral of Mrs. Raiph Godwin was held on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Sattler funeral home where a group of the old friends and neighbors of the family joined with the family in the last tributes.

Rev. J. W. Taenzler, pastor of the First Christian church, conducted the services to give comforting thoughts to the bereaved family that has suffered the loss of the wife, mother, sister and granddaughter.

During the services Mrs. Hal Garnett and David Robinson gave two of the old and loved hymns, "Jesus Lover of My Soul" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," Mrs. Mollie Shugart, of Kenesaw, sister of Mr. Godwin, being at the piano.

The interment was at the family plot in Oak Hill cemetery, the pall bearers being John Smith, George Winscott, Sr., J. H. Graves, David Robinson, Frank Godwin, Fred Herbst.

SUIT FOR PARTITION

From Wednesday's Daily—

In the office of the clerk of the district court today an action was filed entitled Errett Wiles and Roy Ward vs. Harold E. Wiles, et al. The suit is for partition.

The petition states that Isaac Wiles died March 22, 1936, leaving as his heirs Mrs. Cordelia E. Wiles, widow; Harold E. Wiles, James Leslie Wiles, Edith M. Ward, Stella Wilkins, Hazel Tenatt, Roy E. Wiles, Herbert Ward, Lloyd Ward. The petition further alleges that the property in the estate has been cleared, that remaining personal property will care for any claims, the plaintiffs ask that if settlement cannot be reached that the property be sold and divided. That the heirs be awarded a one-fifth share and that the Ward heirs be decreed the one-fifth share of Edith M. Ward.

CAR RUNS AWAY

This morning Melvin Wilkins of Auburn, parked his auto on the Fourth street side of the court house where he had some business for a short time. While Mr. Wilkins was absent, the car decided to go places on its own, the brakes failing to hold. The car rolled across the street west, narrowly missing crashing into the parked car of E. A. Webb, finally stopped by the brick wall of the building occupied by the Donat beer tavern. Some of the bystanders were of the opinion that the car wished some good old Falstaff in its radiator.

Rotarians Enjoy Having Ted Hadraba as Speaker

Plattsmouth Young Man on Leave From Duties at Praha, Czechoslovakia, Honored Guest.

From Tuesday's Daily—

The Plattsmouth Rotary club this noon had the pleasure of having as their guest, Ted Hadraba, Plattsmouth young man, who is home on a leave from his duties with the U. S. department of commerce at Praha, Czechoslovakia.

Mr. Hadraba discussed very interestingly his experiences as a young American youth at the great University of Praha, one of the greatest in Europe and also gave a delightful account of the country as a whole and the interesting people that form the population. He also related his impressions of the various places that he had the opportunity of visiting while abroad.

There were several guests present, Judge Norris Chadderdon of Holdrege, county judge of Phelps county, H. M. Smith, Omaha, Charles Staska of Union, William F. Evers, and Joseph F. Hadraba, the father of the speaker.

The program was in charge of Fred Lugsch.

VISITS IN CITY

John McKay of Weeping Water was in the city Tuesday to look after some business at the court house and meeting a number of the old friends. Mr. McKay is getting around with the use of a cane as the result of an accident a short time ago. He was working at the barn with the horses when one of the young horses kicked and inflicted a painful injury on the leg of Mr. McKay and which has made it difficult for him to get around.

The past summer Mr. McKay was in South Dakota where he visited with a son and also enjoyed the experience of placer mining in one of the gold mines of the Black Hills country.

HAS A REAL GIFT

Janis Schmidtman, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Schmidtman, is one of the children of the city that has had a Christmas gift that will long bring a joyful reminder of the yuletide.

Janis visited the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Sattler, Jr., Christmas and was a very happy girl when she found under the Christmas tree a real live beautiful black and white pony destined as her present.

It is needless to say that Sana made a gift that Janis appreciates very much and she is anticipating many a fine ride on the pony, which for the present is being kept at the Sattler home.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express to our old friends and neighbors a deep sense of appreciation of their acts of kindness to us in our bereavement and the words of sympathy that have helped us to bear our grief. Especially do we wish to thank Rev. J. W. Taenzler, Mrs. Hal Garnett and David Robinson for their services as well as the pall bearers and those sending flowers. These will always be long remembered.— Ralph Godwin and children; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Godwin; Richard Godwin.

Your courtesy in phoning news to No. 6 is appreciated.

President's Farm Tenancy Committee Meets in Lincoln

Farmers and Representatives of Farm Organization Are Urged to Attend Hearing.

President Roosevelt's farm tenancy committee will conduct hearings at the College of Agriculture, Lincoln, Nebraska, Saturday, January 9, it was announced in a special dispatch from Washington.

Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace, chairman of the president's committee, in announcing the hearing stressed the importance of attendance at the all day session of farmers throughout the Great Plains area. Farmers and representatives of farm organizations will be given an opportunity to express their opinion in regard to a long term program which will eliminate many of the short-comings of the present farm tenant system.

"The committee desires to obtain a comprehensive picture of the tenancy problem in this section of the country and as broad a cross-section of public opinion as possible," the secretary of agriculture said. "We are especially anxious that farmers attend from all parts of the Great Plains so that we may have their opinion on the problem. All interested groups or individuals who have given special thought to the growing problem of tenancy are urged to be present and express their views."

Recognized leaders of agriculture, such as M. L. Wilson, assistant secretary of the department of agriculture, and Dr. A. G. Black, chief of the agricultural economics bureau, both of Washington, will conduct the Lincoln meeting. Leaders of farm organizations, representatives of agricultural colleges, official representatives of surrounding states, heads of federal, state and private agricultural agencies, and farm organizations and leaders in all walks of agriculture or industry are invited to attend.

Organizations who will send representatives are urged to present their views in writing and such reports will be given careful consideration in the preparation of the committee's report to the president.

While no set program has been announced, the following topics are suggested for discussion:

1. What can states do to improve present rental contracts? Through legislation? Through education of landowners and tenants?
2. How should tenants be recompensed for improvements made on the farm, or penalized for depletion of land?
3. What are the chief difficulties facing tenants who wish to become owners?
4. How can the federal government help tenants to acquire farms? By loans for purchase of farms? By public acquisition of farms, and lease to individuals?
5. What are the possibilities of cooperative farming by tenants?
6. What interest rates and amortization plans should be applied to government loans to tenant farmers or cooperatives?
7. What type of education is needed to help tenants become successful owner-operators?
8. Can the present policies of the government in regard to farm credit, AAA benefits, etc., be shaped to favor farm ownership?

The Lincoln meeting, which will be held in the Student Activities building on the College of Agriculture campus, is fourth of a series of five regional hearings, the first held at Dallas, Texas, January 4, with other meetings at Montgomery, Alabama, Indianapolis, Indiana, and San Francisco, California.

As a result of these regional hearings the tenancy problems of the Cotton Belt, Corn Belt and Great Plains area will be carried to the president and will represent the thought of the farmers themselves in legislation planned to correct the tenancy evil.

SUFFERS FROM INFLUENZA

Ed Steppat of this city has been confined to his home due to an attack of influenza. It is hoped that he may recuperate soon and resume his usual activities within the next few days.

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