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Boyd Hubler, River Worker, is Found Slain in Rear Seat of His Car on Highway North of Town

Discovery Sunday Morning Reveals Death was Caused by Shot in Head—Face Showed Evidences of a Severe Beating

DEPUTY STATE SHERIFFS HERE TO AID

Investigation Indicates Murder Committed Elsewhere and Body Brought to Scene—Received Phone Call to Go to Omaha Saturday Night.

The body of Boyd Hubler, 28, was found Sunday morning shot and badly beaten in the car of the young man, about a mile and a half north of Plattsmouth. The car was headed south, parked on the shoulder, just off the paving on Highway 75, and had apparently been parked there for several hours. Early morning motorists observing it, had presumed the occupant became sleepy and pulled off the road to sleep, so did not stop to investigate.

The car had been left parked along the roadway some time between 5 and 8 o'clock as travelers on the highway between here and Omaha report seeing the car there as early as 5 o'clock, but none of the passers-by had thought to stop and examine the car and it was not until shortly after 8 o'clock that the gruesome discovery was made. A resident of the vicinity starting out on a milk route had noticed the car near where he drove out of a side road and stopped to look at the car. Glancing in the car he saw the body of the young man, blood stained, in the back seat of the car and apparently lifeless. The alarm was given and Sheriff Joe Mrasek was at the scene in a very few moments to take charge of the body and open the car.

Hubler lay with his head partially bent under the body as though the body might have been thrown into the back seat with force by his assailants or murderers. There was a great deal of blood and it was not until a more thorough examination was made of the body that the bullet wound on the top of the head was revealed and also the fact that the nose of the young man was broken and one eye black as though from the effects of a battle that he might have waged to save his life. The dead man had a handkerchief tied over his eyes and fastened at the back of the head as though to conceal from the man his assailants.

The death weapon was lying on the seat near the body, this being the chamber part of a .22 rifle, from which the barrel had been cut and also the stock of the rifle gone. One discharged cartridge was found in the gun, apparently that which had entered the skull of the unfortunate man. The gun was wrapped in dark cloth and had attached a small piece of rope as though the gun may have been used as a "sap" as well.

The car did not show the effects of a struggle as severe as that which Hubler must have made for his life and which leads to the possibilities that the man was killed elsewhere, the body forced into the rear part of the car and the Hubler car then driven to the scene where it was found.

The murdered man had been here for the past two years but for the last four years has been working along the Missouri river as an employe of the engineering department. He is reported by his acquaintances as a very quiet young man and who was not addicted to drinking or in the habit of visiting at the bright spots where he might have encountered trouble.

Mr. Hubler had roomed at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George Jordan and on Saturday evening had informed them that he was taking some friends to Omaha, this being the last known contact had with the young man until the dead body was found. Investigations have so far failed to reveal the companions of Mr. Hurler or where he might have gone. Reports which have not been able to be definitely fixed were to the effect that the young man in the course of the evening had been seen at one of the pleasure resorts north of the Platte but who was with him has not been fixed.

The pocketbook found on the young man contained no money and it is thought that perhaps robbery

might have been a motive for the crime.

The body was taken to the Horton funeral home where an autopsy was to be held today and held for an inquest.

The home of the young man was at Chenaic, Missouri, where his mother is making her home and where the body will be sent after the investigation.

Time Extended Two Weeks on Free Dictionary

Offer will Positively Expire on the Closing Night of Korn Carnival, September 23rd

In response to a number of requests, the Journal will extend the closing time on its free dictionary offer from September 10 to September 23. This extension of time will enable those coming to Plattsmouth's King Korn Carnival to still take advantage of the offer to pay their subscription and the required 19c additional for packing and mailing costs, and secure a copy of the 900 page New Universities dictionary.

This new and up-to-date edition will be mailed direct from the publishing house in the east. A sample copy is on display at our office and may be seen and examined.

To date well over a hundred dictionaries have been sent out on this special offer, which positively ends with the Korn Carnival on Saturday night, September 23. Up to then, you can get yours by paying one (or more) year's subscription and the extra 19 cents handling and mailing costs.

Those who find it inconvenient to bring or send in their money, may hand it to our field man, M. S. Briggs, who covers a large part of the county each week.

Publishers advise copies of this edition are nearly exhausted and it was only by special arrangement we were able to get the offer extended this additional two weeks and a guarantee from them that they would be able to fill our orders.

If you want a copy, get under the wire before the expiration of this two weeks' extension in time.

NAMES ARE OMITTED

In the account of the Shrader family reunion appearing recently in the Journal the names of several of the families were omitted, the families of Glen Kaffenberger, Omer Yardley, of Ashland, Mrs. Harry Albin, John Potter and family of Ashland and the Vernon Gish family of Weeping Water.

The association this year is headed by Homer Shrader as president and Lula Wolfe as the vice president.

TO ATTEND KARNIVAL

Mrs. R. T. Shrontz of Kansas City, Missouri is visiting with her son, Wilson Green and Mrs. Green and Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Johnston. Mrs. Shrontz is a sister of Mrs. Johnston and is expecting to stay for the Korn Carnival with her family.

Joint Picnic of Legion and the Auxiliary

Date Set for Sept. 17—Also Plan a Carnival Float and Reception for Commander Nutzman

From Friday's Daily—Twenty were present at the regular monthly meeting of the American Legion held last night at the home of the Post Adjutant.

The more important business transacted included: The setting of Sunday, September 17 as the date for holding the annual Legion and Auxiliary picnic; plans to co-ordinate with the Auxiliary in placing an appropriate float in the Korn Carnival parade; preliminary arrangements for holding the county Legion convention here, instead of at Weeping Water, and plans for a countywide reception and dinner honoring Gene Nutzman, Cass county man who was elected state commander at the Lincoln convention of the Legion.

It was originally planned to hold the county meeting at Weeping Water again this year, but since Weeping Water is to entertain the district convention, County Commander Sterling Amick has suggested a shift to Plattsmouth for the county meeting.

The committee named by Commander Conis to make plans for the Nutzman reception and dinner comprised John Turner, E. G. Ofc and Elmer Webb. The committee is to work with an Auxiliary committee in arranging a float comprised L. S. Devoe, Clyde Jackson and Louie Baumgart.

Delegates John Turner and R. T. Cuthrell reported on the state convention, including a number of proposed changes in the by-laws.

Reports of the winning of the Dr. Arlo M. Dunn trophy for outstanding Boy Scout work and the winning of second place by the Junior Drum Corps at state fair competition were most pleasing.

Sick members reported four from here now in Veterans' hospital—Anton Rys, Adolph Cechal, Leo Boynton and W. O. Reeves. A number have called on these veterans during recent trips to Lincoln and others are urged to do so.

A buffet luncheon and cards followed the business meeting.

At 11:30 most of the group left for Louisville, arriving there just in time to join in the "shirt-tail" parade arranged by Louisville Chamber of Commerce for the midnight hour, which brought to a close the final toll watch on the bridge. Whistles were blown, bells rung and sirens sounded and a large group gathered at the bridge where a banner was stretched indicating that henceforth the structure would be toll free.

After an hour or so of gay frivolity, the Legionnaires returned home.

HERE FROM MONTANA

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Wurl of Billings, Montana, arrived Wednesday from their home in the west and will visit here for a few weeks and at Sioux City. They are visiting here at the home of Mr. Wurl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Wurl and at Sioux City with the parents of Mrs. Wurl. The visitors coming from the higher climate have found the extreme heat of the past few days very hard to take.

UNDERGOES APPENDECTOMY

William E. Metzger, popular and well known young farmer of near Cedar Creek, is at the Methodist hospital at Omaha, where he was operated on Wednesday for appendicitis. Mr. Metzger was taken suddenly ill and hurried to Omaha for the operation, which has proved very successful and he is doing nicely.

RECOVERING FROM INJURY

As the result of a severe fall that she was a victim of Saturday evening, Mrs. Ollie Atkinson of this city is recuperating from the effects of a wrist injury on the right arm. Following her unfortunate experience, Mrs. Atkinson was rushed to the office of Dr. R. P. Westover where the injury was treated.

UNHURT IN ACCIDENT

Charles F. Stastka, operator for Missouri Pacific lines at Nebraska City, and formerly of this city, escaped injury early Thursday morning when his automobile slid on a gravelled road and was ditched near Murray. Mr. Stastka was in Murray visiting his brother, J. G. Stastka, Missouri Pacific agent there, who will soon move his family to Nebraska City while keeping the Murray post. The car was slightly damaged.

M. E. Federation Has Installation Officers

Mrs. William Baird Serves as Installing Officer for Society's First Fiscal Meeting.

From Thursday's Daily—Due to the Passion Play, "Golgatha," which they are sponsoring this afternoon and evening, the September meeting of the Methodist church Women's Federation was held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 at the church parlors. A group, representing the Dorcas circle members, served as the hostesses.

The main feature of the afternoon was the installation of officers for the ensuing year. The installing officer, Mrs. Ona Baird, had charge of this ceremony. Officers installed were: Mrs. William Heinrich, president; Mrs. Ralph Wiles, first vice-president; Mrs. A. H. Duxbury, second vice-president; Mrs. Edgar Glaze, secretary; Mrs. Don Selver, treasurer. The three circle chairmen—Naomi, Mrs. John Hatt; Dorcas, Mrs. Fred Howland; and Gleaners, Mrs. Carl Hall, were also installed. Other officers are Mrs. J. C. Lawson, newly-elected chaplain; Mrs. Vernon T. Arn, Sr., missionary chairman; and Mrs. J. Howard Davis, publicity chairman. The business meeting was presided over by Mrs. Heinrich.

A delightful program was given following the business meeting. Mrs. Perry H. Murdick of Benton Harbor, Michigan, was present and gave several readings. Miss Lola Firchau, director of the play, "Golgatha," spoke a few words to the ladies and guests present. Resumes of interest taken from their recent trip to California were given by Mrs. A. H. Duxbury and Mrs. Zella Traudt.

Refreshments were served by the ladies of the Dorcas circle at the close of the business and social hours.

RECEIVES HIGH GRADE

Miss Marie Vallery, of the Ladies Toggery, of this city, who has been in attendance at the school conducted by the Gossard Corset Co., has received a very fine recognition to her interest and work at the school for the salesmen.

There were some six hundred at the school held at Omaha and after the check had been made of the work of the students Miss Vallery was awarded a percentage of 99 for her work, the highest grade given to any of the young women taking part in the school. This certainly speaks well for the efficient work of the Plattsmouth lady.

FIRE AT EAGLES PARK

One of the summer residences at the Eagles park, just north of the Platte river bridge, was destroyed by fire Wednesday. The house and all of the contents were destroyed in the blaze, fanned by the high wind, swept rapidly through the structure.

At the time of the fire which was in the early morning, the lady of the house was forced to flee from the building with only her night garments. It is thought that the fire originated from the explosion of a gasoline stove.

LEAVE FOR ILLINOIS

From Friday's Daily—This morning at an early hour Mr. and Mrs. Jake Hild and son, Arthur, of west of Mynard departed for a trip to Illinois and which will take them to Peoria and Pekin, Illinois, the old home of the Hild family. They were joined here by Michael Hild, who will enjoy the visit to the old home in the mid-west.

HERE FOR ANNIVERSARY

From Thursday's Daily—Mrs. Robert Foster Patterson, of Tarkio, Missouri, arrived here this morning to attend the fiftieth anniversary of Chapter F, P.E.O. which is being held today. While here Mrs. Patterson is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Schneider.

VISITS PARENTS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Merton Jacobs, of Elsie, Nebraska, are here for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jacobs, parents of Merton, and with the other brothers and sister.

More Respond for Floats in the Merchant Parade

Committee Wishes to Have Individuals Enter as Clowns or Comics to Aid in Parade.

The committee in charge of the Merchants day parade of the King Korn Carnival are busy on the final plans for the big event which it is hoped will be larger than usual and in which the greater part of the business houses of the city will be represented.

In addition to the floats, of which there has been a fine number promised, the committee desires that individuals participate in comics or other roles during the float section of the parade.

George Dobson and J. W. Holmes are the chairmen of the parade and those who can or will participate should get in touch with them to arrange to help make it a grand and glorious success in every way.

New floats pledged for the parade comprise the Bauer Auto and Supply Co., Cass County Motor Co., Clويد Service, Erneal Service Station, Frady Garage, Gerbeling Standard Oil Station, Coryell-Giles Service Station, Hendrix (Conoco) Service Station, Hild Service Station, Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co., Claude Ruse Motor Co., Charles Valley Service Station, Wincot (Texaco) Service Station, the Cass County Officials and Employes.

Already there had been pledged floats from the following: Grosshans Sale Barn, Plattsmouth Fire Dept., Knorr's Variety Store, P. E. O. Organization, H. M. Soennichsen & Co., Norfolk Packing Co., Recreation Center, International Harvester Co., Junior Woman's club, Brink Hatchery, Joe's New-Way Grocery, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Job's Daughters, Ofe Oil Co., Ladies Toggery, Ad Club, Thomas Walling Co., Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Co.

THE MARDI GRAS PARADE

One of the attractive features of the King Korn Carnival that is planned by the committee in charge, will be that of the Mardi Gras parade and festivities that will be presented on Thursday evening, September 21st, the second day of the carnival.

It is desired that the residents of the city and the nearby communities prepare to have a part in the event and which will be a challenge to the individual to produce some striking contribution to the evening of fun frolic.

It is planned to make the parade of individuals and small groups something that will long be remembered in the line of attractions for the carnival.

Prizes will be offered for the parade for the best and most original costumes that will carry out the festive idea of the event. The family storehouse of old or comic garments should be searched to provide a fitting garb for the big parade.

It is being arranged that the evening culminate in a free street dance after the parade that will be a winner, the promoters believe.

ASSUMES NEW POSITION

Miss Marjorie Fitch has been named to the position as office girl in the offices of Dr. Wilbur S. Eaton, physician and surgeon and Dr. Frank R. Molak, dentist. Miss Fitch fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Miss Anna Marie Rea, whose marriage to Edward Osenkop will occur in the near future. Miss Fitch began her duties Tuesday.

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DEPARTS FOR THE EAST

From Friday's Daily—This morning Miss Hazel Dovey, who has been here for the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Dovey, departed for Canton, Ohio, where she is teaching in the city schools at that place. Mrs. L. O. Minor and daughter, Eleanor who have been here as guests at the T. H. Pollock and Virgil Perry homes, accompanied Miss Dovey as far as their home at Kankakee, Illinois, where Miss Dovey will stop for a short visit.

Football Hopes Good at PHS as Practice Starts

Coach Hoffman Has Turnout of Some 62 to Take Part in Early Workouts for Team.

Despite the fact that the temperatures have ranged in the hundred neighborhood since school opened and the training season started, there has been a fine response on the part of the boys of the school and some sixty-two have been out to get their first workouts and tests for places on the regular squad that will be finally selected as the season gets under way.

Three backfields have been tested out by the coach and seem to click well and give promise of a fast and aggressive group of ball carriers for the coming season.

Newer players that have looked well are Kozak, Parriott, Lester, Larson, Richter, White Noble, Smith and Martin have also been showing well in the first workouts of the season.

The team will have their first game on Friday, September 15th when they will play Weeping Water at the county fair.

COUNTY COURT NOTES

From Friday's Daily—Today was probate day in the county court and a number of hearings came up for the consideration of Judge A. H. Duxbury.

In the estate of William Leesley, deceased, of Greenwood, the hearing on final settlement was held and Mrs. William Leesley, administratrix, was discharged. Mrs. Leesley and son, Robert were here for the hearing.

Hearing was had on the appointment of an administrator in the estate of Fay Kested, deceased, of Manley. William J. Rau was nominated as the administrator of the estate.

Hearing on claims in the estates of James H. Heneger, deceased, of Weeping Water and James Forbes, deceased, of Elmwood were held.

HERE FROM ILLINOIS

Prof. and Mrs. Wiley G. Brooks and daughter, Mary Jane, are here for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Crabill and family. Mrs. Brooks being a sister of Mr. Crabill. They have been making their home at Bloomington, Illinois, where Mr. Brooks was with the Illinois Wesleyan college. From here they go to Superior, Nebraska, to visit Mrs. Isaac King, also a sister of Mrs. Brooks.

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Louisville Folks Rejoice Over a Non-Toll Bridge

Structure Formally Turned Over to the State Friday and Governor Cochran Makes Payment.

Friday afternoon amid festive scenes and a large group of the residents of Cass and Sarpy counties, the traffic bridge over the Platte river at Louisville, was formally made a non-toll structure after a long period of years in which it has been exacting tolls.

The event marked the culmination of a long struggle of the people for a free bridge dating back to the old wooden structure that was often washed out in the time of high water and breaking up of the ice.

Governor R. L. Cochran highlighted the Friday program and gave the main address as the structure was turned over to the people of the state. The governor in his remarks hoped for the day when all toll bridges might become the property of the states and interstate bridges be made free. This is the last toll bridge in the state of Nebraska. The governor then presented a warrant for \$62,040.57, that represented the sum appropriated by the last legislature to pay the balance due on the bridge.

Fred Carsten, state senator, presided and introduced State Engineer A. C. Tilley, and Senators Edwin Schulz of Elgin and William Diers of Gresham.

The untying of the ribbons that signaled the freeing of the bridge was carried out by Governor Cochran, assisted by Marvella Hijman, 6 and Marlene Boardman, 7.

The "WOW" entertainers under the direction of John K. Chapel gave a fine program and a mass band concert by the bands of several of the Cass county towns, Plattsmouth, Louisville, Elmwood, Weeping Water and Murdock, was heard. Peter Gradoville was the leader of the band.

A large group from Plattsmouth was in attendance at the afternoon and evening program.

HAS BIG SURPRISE

This week our genial friend, W. W. Wasley had the biggest surprise of his life when his three sisters from Wisconsin stepped in to greet him. Guess he won't lose his smile of happiness for some time! The sisters, Mrs. Martha Flatman and Mrs. Celia Sullivan of Madison, Wis., and Mrs. Edith Cassara of Aurora, Ill., were accompanied by a friend, Mrs. M. Johnson, also of Aurora. As this was their first visit to Nebraska their cheering talk about old times should help boost Mr. Wasley back to better health. Mr. Wasley has been very ill since the first of the year.

After a splendid visit with their brother and family the sisters departed this morning for their homes in the east.

GUEST AT WILES HOME

From Saturday's Daily—A week-end guest of Miss Mary Kathryn Wiles is Miss Ruth Larson of Omaha. Miss Larson arrived last evening and will spend the week-end with her friend, Miss Wiles and Miss Larson were roommates at the Phi Beta Phi sorority house during their attendance at the University of Nebraska.

LEAVE FOR THE WEST

Miss Catherine Anthes and sister, Miss Irene, are to enjoy a two weeks vacation in the west, stopping at Salt Lake City for a short time to looking over this wonderful city and going on to San Francisco to take in the World's fair. Miss Catherine Anthes is the operator at the Mary May Beauty shop on Granite street.

PIG AND AUTO RACE

The first four men applying who have an old Model T hand starter or any other kind of a hand crank car can get into the auto-pig race Friday afternoon of the Korn Carnival. Prizes totaling \$10 are offered. For particulars see Bruce Rosencrans or Charles Howard. This is going to be good.

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