

Girl Not Told of Drowning of Playmate

Officers Criticized for Methods of Life-Saving Used on Viola Patton.

Despite frantic efforts to rescue her on the part of lifeguards and bathers, Viola Patton, 15, 3518 U street, was drowned in the Morton park pool Wednesday night, after she had been pushed into the water during a frolic with two playmates on the edge of the pool.

Efforts at resuscitation with a pulmonary proved fruitless. The girl was pronounced dead by Police Surgeon A. J. Young when he arrived. Viola, who had gone to the pool against the wishes of her mother, had been playing on the edge with Helen Cunningham, 8, and another girl. During a frolic, Helen pushed the other girl into the pool.

"Can you swim?" Helen asked Viola.

"Sure I can swim," Viola replied. A moment later, she was pushed into the water. When she failed to reappear, Helen, badly frightened, raised an outcry.

Gerald Hincheby, lifeguard at the pool, plunged into the water to search for the missing girl. He was joined by William Earle, foreman of the staff, and Ray Donovan.

Irene Swanson, thirty-ninth and V streets, an expert swimmer, plunged into the pool fully dressed to aid in the search.

Failing to find the girl, the lifeguard and several bathers organized a systematic search, lining up and plunging into the water side by side, combing the bottom of the pool.

The girl's body was found at the opposite side of the pool from which she had disappeared by Carl Pohl, 15, 3244 W street. It had been in the water between 8 and 10 minutes.

Lifeguards attempted resuscitation, but when Dr. Young arrived and pronounced the girl dead, they were ordered to desist by a police officer, according to Ira Jones, recreation director.

While the work of rescue was in progress the Cunningham girl went and urged the searchers to greater haste.

Does Not Know Viola Drowned. She was hysterical and was removed to her home. She was not told of Viola's death. She does not know of it yet.

The inquest was held Thursday afternoon at the Crane mortuary, 515 South Twentieth street. Ethel and Edith Githoffer, expert swimmers, who witnessed the drowning, were to appear. They gave statements to the county attorney's office this morning.

County Attorney Beal was probable charges made by the girl's parents that the police surgeon and the lifeguards were negligent.

Ira Jones, city recreational director, in a statement this morning, said that he believed everything possible was done to save the life of the girl. "I do believe that further effort at resuscitation might have been made, however," he said. "This was prevented by a police officer, whose name I do not know."

"He told the lifeguards who were working on the girl that the doctor had pronounced her dead, and told them to get away and let her alone. The girl could not swim. She was pushed into the pool, probably with her mouth open, and undoubtedly inhaled a great deal of water. No amount of careful watching could prevent an accident of this sort."

Royal Highlander Rate Case Will Be Reargued. Lincoln, July 12.—The supreme court yesterday entered an order providing for the reargument of Royal Highlander rate case, which was submitted to some of the members of the court last April. The case involved principles of law affecting fraternal insurance orders and is regarded as of so much importance that the entire bench will listen to the reargument.

Turks Demand British Withdraw Warships. Lausanne, July 12.—A hitch in the agreement between the Turks and the allies has arisen over the question of withdrawing the British warships stationed at Constantinople. The clause in the draft treaty concerning evacuation of the allied forces refers only to troops, the Turks apparently having neglected the insertion of a reference to the warships.

Chum and Girl Who Tried to Save Drowning Victim



Irene Swanson, thirty-ninth and V streets, expert swimmer, plunged into the pool, fully dressed, in an effort to save the Patton girl's life.



Helen Cunningham, 8, thirty-eighth and V streets, chum of the Patton girl, who has not yet been told the Patton girl is dead.

Underworld by Day

Omaha Bee Reporter Has Varied Program Radio World by Night

Eugene Rouse, police reporter for The Omaha Bee, is the most widely known police reporter in the world. This is the result of his dual life.

By day he keeps his finger on the pulse of the city's underworld; by night he keeps his thumb on a microphone button, and serves humanity as announcer for radio station, WOAW, located on top of the Woodmen of the World building.

His voice is heard daily by thousands, from coast to coast and from Canada to the Gulf, not to mention passengers on ships at sea.

A recent issue of the Woodman paper, which has a nation-wide circulation, carried a picture and brief account of Mr. Rouse, concluding with the comment that he is police reporter for The Omaha Bee.

Hence his claim to the distinction of being the most widely known of his species.

Man Who Dies from Delirium Identified as Ex-Convict. Lincoln, July 12.—A man identified as Lewis Andreas, who died here Sunday night after being found in a delirium in the Burlington railroad yards, was declared today by Chief of Police Johnston to have had a long record of criminal acts in California and elsewhere.

The bureau of criminal investigation at Leavenworth, Kan., supplied the police department here with Andreas' record. According to this report, he spent over three years in penal institutions on the west coast.

As L. F. Andreas, he was sentenced September 1, 1915, to two years in the California state prison at San Quentin. As Frank Andreas, he served six months in jail at San Francisco for carrying concealed weapons, in February, 1917.

As Frank Andreas, he was charged with vagrancy in Oakland, Cal., March 27, 1922. As Louis F. Andreas, he was sentenced at San Jose, June 28, 1922, to six months in the Santa Clara county jail when convicted of vagrancy and violating the state poison law.

The record also shows he committed crimes at Reno, Nev., and at Salt Lake City and Ogden, Utah.

City Pauses to Do Honor to Dempsey

Official Omaha Attends Funeral Held at St. Cecilia's Cathedral Thursday Morning.

Official Omaha virtually suspended operation Thursday morning to pay tribute to former Chief of Police Mike Dempsey.

Body of the former police head was taken from the home, 3215 Myrtle street, at 8:30, under guard of two platoons of police, headed by Captains Russell and Allen, to St. Cecilia's cathedral, where solemn high mass was celebrated with Father Spiskol of St. Cecilia's as celebrant, Father F. G. Latsch as deacon, Father J. C. DuHamel as sub-deacon and Father L. Mainszer as master of ceremonies.

Brief service was held at the home for relatives before the body was taken to the cathedral.

Mrs. Dempsey entered the cathedral on the arm of her sister, Mrs. Margaret Ormsby.

Eulogy by Archbishop. Following the mass, a brief eulogy was delivered by Archbishop Hart, in which he characterized Chief Dempsey as a "sturdy Christian man, controlled by his conscience and his principles and swayed by patriotism."

"A greater blessing can exist in a community than good order, tranquility, and security of life and property," the archbishop declared.

"These blessings are secured by a reign of law. Michael Dempsey, whose body lies before you today, assisted for more than 40 years in obtaining these blessings for the community in which he lived, and 40 years is a splendid record."

Compassion for Delinquents. "His life has been devoted to the good of the community of Omaha; his generous heart was filled with compassion for delinquents. To the family and relatives and gentlemen representing the majesty of the law, this splendid life, closed by a peaceful death, which I may liken not to a Nebraska sunset, which is beautiful, but to a Nebraska dawn, which is more beautiful still, should offer inspiration."

"May the memory of this wonderful compassion of heart and personality dwell with you men of the force throughout your lives."

Hundreds Packed Cathedral. Hundreds of persons from all walks of life, and of many religious faiths, packed the cathedral during the services. Rich and poor, workmen and employer, Catholic and Protestant, Jew and Gentile, rubbed elbows to pay final tribute to Chief Dempsey.

Virtually every member of the police department, not on duty, was there, together with city officials. More than 100 firemen accompanied the body from the house to the cathedral.

Municipal courts suspended sessions until 2 this afternoon, in order that all court employes might attend the funeral.

Procession Two Miles Long. Following the services at the cathedral, a procession nearly two miles in length followed the body to Forest Lawn cemetery.

At the grave, low hanging clouds, which had threatened rain just prior to the prayer service conducted by Thomas Sheehan, broke as the service was concluded, and the sun shone through. A few minutes later a light rain fell.

"Oh, my God! Don't take him from us," sobbed Mrs. Dempsey just before the body was lowered into the grave.

Language Law Is Officially Dead

State Supreme Court Sends Mandate to Hamilton County Court.

Final official action in the Meyer language law case was taken yesterday when the supreme court of Nebraska sent down a mandate to the district court of Hamilton county ordering the case dismissed.

The mandate was issued following formal notification to the state supreme court of the action of the United States supreme court, holding the Nebraska foreign language law unconstitutional.

Robert T. Meyer, an instructor in a Lutheran parochial school, had been prosecuted under the Simon law and was fined \$25 for teaching a pupil under the Ninth grade in the German language during the noon hour.

It was this case that the United States supreme court selected to base its opinion on the constitutionality of the law. I. L. Albert of Columbus and C. E. Sandall of York were counsel for Meyer, and it was Mr. Sandall who made the argument on the unconstitutionality of the law before the supreme court in Washington.

Judge Albert and Mr. Sandall were also associated with Arthur Mullen in the Fremont appeal case on the Reed-Norval law, which for the sake of convenience was argued in Washington at the same time as the Meyer case.

A Queer World. Icicles 3 Inches Long Fall in Hail Storm at Moosejaw, Canada.

Things Come Down. Moosejaw, Canada, July 12.—Icicles three inches long, fell during a hail storm early today. Crops were badly damaged.

Meaneat. Chicago, July 12.—Brighton Park police here have another candidate for the "meaneat man" title. He drove up to the David School residence and offered 25 cents to the girl who would wash the family dishes, because his wife was sick and then gave Frances Nawrocki, 9 years old, 14 cents after she had accepted the offer and done the work.

Liquor With Meals Is Rejected in Manitoba. Winnipeg, Man., July 12.—A bill to make legal the sale of light wines and beer with meals in hotels was crushed by voters of Manitoba yesterday, the same voters who, less than three weeks ago, gave an overwhelming sale of intoxicating liquors. The vote today was about 2 to 1 against the bill sponsored by hotel men.

Manitoba Wants Its Rum. Winnipeg, Man., July 12.—Manitoba voters today were on record as wanting their liquors, but not wanting the sale of light wines and beer with meals in hotels legalized. Three weeks ago they voted overwhelmingly in favor of government sale of intoxicating liquors.

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Nebraska Grain Reported Good

July Figures Show Gain in Corn Acreage—Bumper Oats Crop.

Nebraska oats promise a bumper crop according to the July report of the division of crop and livestock estimates.

Increase of 12 per cent in corn acreage in the state is noted, while the condition of all spring grain, wild hay, tame hay and pasture remains high, the report says.

Winter wheat is slightly improved. The acreage of corn is estimated at 8,172,000 acres, compared with 7,296,000 last year. The condition of corn is 86 per cent, or 3 per cent below the 10-year average, and forecasts a crop of 293,810,000 bushels, as against 182,400,000 bushels last year.

Winter wheat improved 3 per cent and the average condition of 71 per cent indicates a production of 38,498,000 bushels.

Spring wheat is rated at 93 per cent and the present estimate is 5,729,000 bushels. Last year the crop was 2,673,000 bushels.

Largest Oats Crop in Years. Oats are in excellent condition throughout the state on an increased acreage. The present condition of 93 per cent promises a crop of 85,488,000 bushels as compared with 66,106,000 bushels last year. Probably the crop will be one of the largest on record, except, perhaps, that of 1917, when the acreage was much larger.

Condition of barley is 94 per cent and the indicated crop 9,464,000 bushels. Forecast for rye is 2,142,000 bushels as against 2,106,000 bushels last year.

All hay crops are good. The forecast for tame hay is 3,550,000 tons, as compared with 3,323 tons last year. Present forecast of wild hay is 3,322,000 tons, as against 1,577,000 tons last year.

Acreage of potatoes has been reduced 15 per cent, but is still above normal. Preliminary estimate is 118,000 acres, as against 139,000 acres last year. The condition of 91 per cent forecasts a crop of 9,499,000 bushels, as compared with 11,676,000 bushels last year.

Hay is High. Condition of other crops in the state is reported as follows: Sweet potatoes, 90 per cent; flax, 92 per cent; timothy, 95 per cent; clover, 94 per cent; pasture, 100 per cent; grain sorghum, 94 per cent; tomatoes, 85 per cent; cabbages, 90 per cent; onions, 100 per cent; watermelons, 85 per cent, and sugar beets, 83 per cent.

Apple crop is reported to be 69 per cent; peaches, 65 per cent; grapes, 85 per cent; pears, 69 per cent; blackberries and raspberries, 86 per cent.

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Funeral for Balloon Race Victim to Be at Cedar Rapids

By International News Service. Cedar Rapids, Ia., July 12.—The funeral of Lieut. Louis J. Roth, air cavalier, who lost his life in the American elimination balloon race, will be held here Friday at 2 in the First Christian church, of which his parents are members.

The body will lie in state at the church from 11 a. m. until the funeral services. World war veterans will act as pallbearers, and a firing squad will fire a volley over the grave.

Roth's parents have received hundreds of condolences. A cablegram from their son's former companions in Paris brought back recollections of his war career.

Mrs. Harry S. Acken Dies. Mrs. Harry S. Acken, 74, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sylvia Wrenn, 1625 Maple street, Thursday. She is survived by two other daughters in St. Paul, Minn., Mrs. C. L. Pettee and Mrs. B. F. McClellan, and two sons, F. H. Acken and W. E. Myers.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at the Crosby-Moore chapel.

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