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## Local Officers Uncover a Large Array Forgeries

Seeking to Question "A. R. Brown" as to Typewriter, Lid Is Brown Off Extensive Check Swindles.

Sheriff Joe Mrasek and Deputy Sheriff Emery Doody, Saturday night made the arrest of a man long sought as a forger and check swindle artist and who has operated in a large number of towns in Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and Missouri.

The man arrested was "A. R. Brown" who has been located here for the past five years and engaged in WPA clerical work, after the close of the transient camp north of Plattsmouth of which he was the superintendent for some time.

The man had pawned a typewriter in Omaha and the officers had sought to question him on this matter when the discovery of the extensive operations of the man was revealed.

He had been rooming at the W. A. Swatek residence on west Main street and was a very pleasant and well-mannered gentleman apparently. The officers visiting his place of residence discovered a large number of suitcases and baggage and which were filled with a large wardrobe, shoes and other wearing apparel, camera and a new typewriter. One of the grips contained the damning evidence of his activities in check books from banks in Columbus, Grand Island, Fremont, Continental Bank of Lincoln, Hastings, St. Joseph, Missouri, Sioux City, Iowa, Topeka, Kansas, and Creston, Iowa. He also carried with him a check book of the State Bank of Fort Dodge, Iowa, and the City National bank of Shenandoah, Iowa.

The man had gone under the aliases of C. A. Craig, C. A. Conly, A. H. Carter, R. C. Fenton, C. A. Conley, M. B. Condon, P. H. Carter and several others not yet learned.

The operation of Brown was to go to a bank, make a deposit of \$200 or \$300 in the bank, secure a check book and then go to a business house, make purchases and pay by check, later going to the bank and withdrawing his account before the checks were presented. In this manner he had apparently gathered his large wardrobe and was very successful in his work until caught up with by the Cass county officers.

The arrest of Brown is an excellent piece of work for which the sheriff and deputy should be commended and cuts off a series of bad check deals that have worried officers over the state.

Sheriff Mrasek was notified this noon that officers from Council Bluffs were en route here to secure the man as they have a warrant for his arrest on the check charge.

## ATTEND LECTURE AT OMAHA

Judge and Mrs. A. H. Duxbury and Mrs. A. L. Tidd were in Omaha Sunday afternoon where they attended the lecture given by Kirby Page, peace leader, traveler, author and lecturer. Mr. Page spoke at the First Congregational church and which was filled to capacity. The subject of the talk was "How Can America Stay Out of War." The Plattsmouth people were very much impressed by the address which Mr. Page presented.

## CALLS AT THE JOURNAL

From Monday's Daily—George Lohnes, one of the well known residents of Cedar Creek, was here today for a short time and while in the city called at the Journal to renew his subscription for another year. Mr. Lohnes states that his section had a fine rain last night that did a great deal of good to the farming section.

## MRS. MARY NICKLES ILL

From Monday's Daily—Lee Nickles and sister, Miss Etta Nickles motored to Murray, Nebraska yesterday and were guests of their aunt, Mrs. Mary Nickles. Mrs. Nickles, who is ninety years of age, is ill at her home in Murray. Her advanced age and condition makes her illness much more complicated.

## DEATH OF PIONEER

Miss Selma Deihm, popular teacher in the Plattsmouth schools was called to Beatrice Friday where her father, F. D. Deihm was very ill at a hospital. Word this morning from Beatrice states that Mr. Deihm had passed away after a short illness. The deceased was one of the long time residents of the vicinity of Sterling, Nebraska.

## WCTU Holds Its Election of Year's Officers

Mrs. R. B. Hayes Named as President for Ensuing Year—Very Pleasing Attendance.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union held their annual election of officers Monday afternoon at their meeting at the home of Mrs. Robert B. Hayes on Park hill, a very pleasing number being in attendance at the meeting.

The officers elected for the year comprised the following: President—Mrs. R. B. Hayes. Vice-President—Mrs. W. L. Propat. Secretary—Mrs. George L. Farley. Treasurer—Mrs. J. E. Wiles. Corresponding Secretary—Miss Olive Gass.

Mrs. George L. Farley had charge of the devotions of the meeting Monday, she taking Hebrews 11th chapter as the topic.

At the close of the meeting dainty and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

## DIES AT MASONIC HOME

From Wednesday's Daily—This morning at an early hour occurred the death of Jacob A. Shridner, 77, at the Nebraska Masonic Home where he has made his home since June 15, 1938, when he came here from Norfolk, where he was a member of the Mosaic lodge No. 55, A. F. & A. M.

Mr. Shridner was born in Allen county, Ohio, March 30, 1862, but for many years has lived in Nebraska, at Fremont and Norfolk. He was a veteran in the services of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad and where he was employed until retired by the age limit.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Buri Haines, Norfolk, Mrs. Roy Clark, Hot Springs, South Dakota, and one son, Robert Shridner, Denver, Colorado.

The body was taken to the Horton funeral home and later taken to Fremont where the funeral services will be held.

## COUNTY WIDE BANQUET IN HONOR LEGION COMMANDER

Thursday night, Oct. 19, the men of Cass county are invited to attend a county-wide banquet to be held at the American Legion hall, in honor of Gene Nutzman, new state commander of the Legion. Tickets to the dinner are being sold at 50c, and all the men of the community are invited. It is not a Legion affair, but a county-wide tribute to a native son who has been honored by election to high Legion office. Get your ticket at Conis Shining Parlor or from Legion members.

## GOES TO HOSPITAL

Saturday evening Vern Hendricks was taken suddenly ill, the result apparently of a kidney infection and which made necessary his being hurried to the Immanuel hospital at Omaha. He will remain there for observation and treatment for some time.

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Miss Gerda Peterson departed Monday for Omaha where she entered the Immanuel hospital for observation and treatment. It is hoped that she may soon be able to return home restored to her former good health.

## MISS DAVIS ILL

From Monday's Daily—Miss Helen Catherine Davis, of the commercial department of the high school, was ill today and unable to return from her home at Lincoln to take up her work as usual.

## Large Number at County Meeting of Auxiliary

Spring Meeting to be Held at Greenwood in April—Plan Assistance at Hospital Party

From Wednesday's Daily—The attendance at yesterday's fall meeting of Cass county American Legion Auxiliary units was most gratifying, with approximately three score ladies present.

The noonday luncheon menu consisted of chicken and noodle casserole, escalloped potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls, coffee and pie.

Hallowe'en decorations of black and orange enlivened the appearance of the hall, and Hallowe'en favors were provided on the tables.

The business session was formally convened at 1:30, with members of the different units assisting with the opening ceremonies.

The program was carried out in much the order published in Monday's Journal, and included greetings from the hostess unit, reports from all the units except Greenwood, which was not represented.

The addresses by District President Emma Nutzman, Mrs. Genie McGlasson and Mrs. Grace Darby, who came down from Lincoln for the meeting, and Eugene Nutzman, state Legion Commander, were enjoyed.

The spring meeting goes to Greenwood, but with no one from there present to accept, Louisville unit extended an invitation, provided the Greenwood unit doesn't want to take its turn holding it.

The county units will join in helping sponsor a Hallowe'en party for patients at the Veterans hospital. Last year's entertainment there by Cass county units was a bingo party. It was late afternoon, when the meeting adjourned.

## CHAS. WOOSTER STILL SERIOUS

Friends and relatives here of Charles Wooster, former Plattsmouth young man, have received word that his condition is still very serious and one that is baffling the physicians at the St. Louis, Missouri hospital. Members of the family from near that vicinity are constantly at his bedside. His brother, Frank Wooster of Aurora, Illinois was in St. Louis a few days visiting with the sick man. Just recently Mr. Wooster has suffered a temperature of over 100 degrees for eleven consecutive days.

## HERE FOR WEEK END

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Lockhart and son Robert, of Sioux City, South Dakota, were here over the week end as guests at the home of Mrs. Lockhart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gopen. Sr. Mr. Lockhart is an employee of a large wholesale grocery house at Sioux Falls and with his family were guests of the Gooch Milling company Saturday at the Minnesota-Nebraska game at Lincoln. Mr. Lockhart attended the Plattsmouth-Sidney game Friday night and was much impressed with the local boys and their fast and aggressive plays.

## VERA SOLOMON OPERATED ON

Vera Solomon, 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Solomon of this city, underwent an operation for the removal of her adenoids Monday morning. With her during the operation was her mother. Although she has not resumed her school activities as yet, the little lady is reported to be recovering very nicely.

## MRS. BECKER IMPROVING

The friends over Cass county of Mrs. Ray F. Becker will be pleased to learn that she is showing a very fine progress following her operation for sinus two weeks ago at Omaha. She is now able to be around and look after her usual activities at the family home.

## VISITS IN OMAHA

From Wednesday's Daily—Mrs. George R. Sayles was in Omaha today where she spent the day with her daughter, Mrs. P. T. Campbell and Dr. Campbell.

## PLEGDED AT WESLEYAN

Wednesday evening of last week Ellis Schlichtemeier of Nehawka pledged Phi Kappa Tau fraternity at a formal dinner given at the frat house at Nebraska Wesleyan University. Dr. Harry Taylor was national president of this fraternity for several years.

Dr. Taylor and Ellis' father, Omer Schlichtemeier were roommates during their college years.

## Cass County Farmers Check Farm Yields

Hugh Stander and Charles Warga Among Those Checking and Reporting for Competition.

Cass county's outstanding farmers including Hugh L. Stander and Chas. Warga are busy checking up on their corn yields in the presence of neighbor witnesses and reporting them for county, state and national competition in 1939 corn championship contest.

High yields and not tall stalks are what will count when all of the thousands of entries have been reported from every part of the corn-belt. Local corn growers are confident they will turn in a creditable showing in this mammoth agricultural event.

Five prizes are to be awarded in the county with a grand championship prize for the county's number one corn grower. By winning the county grand championship, he will automatically be placed in competition with the grand champions of every other county in the state for the title of Nebraska corn king.

Finally, the state champions from the leading corn producing states will be judged in national competition, and the winner awarded the national grand championship prize.

The top yield reported in the contest at this writing is 145.29 bushels per acre. It was made by P. J. Roth of Wayland, Iowa with a DeKalb hybrid, 823.

During the next several weeks 17 radio stations in the corn belt will feature the corn contest returns daily.

## PLAN HALLOWE'EN DANCE

From Wednesday's Daily—At the Junior Chamber of Commerce business meeting Monday evening final arrangements and plans for the Hallowe'en ball at the American Legion hall were completed. The meeting was held in the newly-remodeled and decorated basement of the Hotel Plattsmouth. Due to the absence of the secretary, Ordell Hennings, his brother, Cecil substituted for him.

The committees for the Hallowe'en dance were selected as follows:

Concession committee—Raymond Hild, John Urish, Thornton Baker.

Publicity committee—Cecil Hennings, Marion Speck.

Ticket committee—Charles Walden, chairman, Lumir Gerner, Randall York.

The organization has selected Lloyd Hansen and his all-modern orchestra of Minneapolis, Minnesota to play for the event.

## AN APPRECIATION

I wish to express for myself and the Catholic people of the city of Plattsmouth, our gratitude for the fine co-operation of the city officials during the 80th anniversary celebration, particularly to the city police department and Sheriff Joe Mrasek for their excellent work in handling traffic during the parade.—Rt. Rev. Monsignor George Agius.

## SUFFERS SECOND STROKE

Following the second stroke which she suffered just recently, Mrs. Ignac Straka is showing some improvement at her home on North Maiden Lane street. The son, John has been here with the mother at different intervals but at the present time he is in Syracuse, Nebraska.

## HERE FROM OMAHA

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Manacek of Omaha were here Sunday as guests for the day of Mrs. R. A. Bates and her guest, Mrs. E. B. Oakes, returning late in the evening.

## Legion Urges Better Citizenship Contest

Would Eliminate Much of Physical Tests in the Contests—Plan Nutzman Banquet.

From Wednesday's Daily—The members of Hugh J. Kearns post of the American Legion met last evening at the Legion building and with a large number of matters of importance to come to the attention of the members.

One of the chief matters was the adoption of a resolution for presentation to the district convention in which it was urged that citizenship in the Better Citizenship contests rather than the present standards of physical and intelligence tests which in the past have been the chief measurement by which the awards have been made.

The banquet which will be tendered here on October 19th in honor of Eugene Nutzman, of Nehawka, state commander of the American Legion, was also discussed and plans made for the handling of the affair which will be for the public as well as the service men. Governor R. L. Cochran has promised to attend the banquet and C. W. Motter, of Fremont, will be the main speaker of the evening.

The Legion also planned a joint meeting with the Auxiliary for an Armistice party on Saturday evening, November 11th. L. S. Devove and E. G. Ofe were appointed to arrange for this feature of the fall program.

## AD CAMPAIGN TO TELL ABOUT LOW PRICES HERE

From Wednesday's Daily—Plattsmouth business men present at today's noonday luncheon agreed that not enough printer's ink has been spread to advise the public of the fact that stores here HAVE NOT raised prices. A survey among the representative business men attending proved this fact. Nor, say the business men, will prices be increased on their goods in stock, regardless of how high replacement market quotations may go.

Another fact on which the spotlight of publicity has not been turned is that Plattsmouth is paying a premium price for eggs over that paid anywhere in this territory just now.

To acquaint the public with the facts, the Advertising committee was directed to line up a series of special sales announcements during the next three months—one each in October, November and December.

## URGE CAREFUL DRIVING

In conjunction with the safety patrol of the state of Nebraska, a representative was in Plattsmouth Tuesday and reported that there is an incessant amount of carelessness in automobile driving on the state highways. In inference to staying on the pedestrian's side of the line is one of the chief causes of mishaps or accidents. It becomes very hazardous especially when cars are driven at a speed of 50 to 70 miles an hour. He reported that this sort of carelessness is found largely among young people.

Plattsmouth and vicinity residents are urged to drive carefully and safely.

## STILL AT HOSPITAL

Mrs. J. B. Benedict, of this city, is still at the University hospital at Omaha where she has been for the past week recovering from the effects of a very serious operation. It will be necessary for the patient to remain for some time and it is probable that a second operation may be necessary.

## MOLAKS HAVE GUESTS

Dr. and Mrs. Frank R. Molak and little daughter had as guests Sunday, the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Molak of Weston, Nebraska. The Weston residents were here to be among the attendants at the 80th anniversary of Catholicity celebration.

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## HAS FOOT INJURED

Edwin Leesley, twenty-two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Leesley of this city, suffered injury to his right foot Saturday while engaged at work for the government at Carter Lake. The young man had the misfortune of breaking his heel. He was rushed immediately to the Medical Arts building in Omaha where the injured member was treated.

## Fire Prevention Week in the County Schools

State Fire Marshal Davis Carrying Out Program in the Schools Over Cass County.

The present week is being observed as Fire Prevention Week over the nation and in this community there are extensive programs being observed in the schools and public meetings.

State Fire Marshal H. M. Davis, of Lincoln, has arranged a special program of fire eradication for the state and which is being given their first trials in Cass and Howard counties, one in the east and one in the western sections.

In this plan there are questionnaires being placed in the hands of the rural school children in the two counties, enumerating the fire hazards that may exist in the home and also providing for report when the hazards are taken care of and cleared up. The child visits his or her home, checks on the hazards that may exist and then when these have been corrected makes the report.

The fire marshal is making personal visits to all of the schools of this county in company with County Superintendent Lora Lloyd Kieck, placing the program before the teachers and the pupils.

## HEAR COLUMBUS DAY PROGRAM

Tuesday at their weekly luncheon the members of the Plattsmouth Rotary club had the pleasure of a very fine program on Christopher Columbus, in whose honor, October 12th, anniversary of his discovery of America, has been set aside by the legislature of the state.

Judge A. H. Duxbury was the leader of the meeting and presented County Attorney Walter H. Smith, who in turn introduced Father Patrick O'Connor, a member of the faculty at the St. Columbian's mission at Bellevue and editor of the "Far East," Catholic mission publication.

Father O'Connor chose as his subject for the talk that of the life and work of Christopher Columbus, graphically telling of his life from his birth in Genoa, Italy to his passing in Spain after a life of success and contribution to civilization only to receive condemnation and scorn from the nation to which he had given a new world and untold riches.

The address was very finely presented and gave many interesting and little known facts on the life of the great navigator and leader.

The two high school members of the club for October were also present at the meeting, they being James Jones, senior and Clayton Sack, junior.

## 1940 WHEAT CROP INSURANCE

The sale of 1940 wheat crop insurance has been completed with a total of 2,110 policies out of 1,800 wheat farms in Cass county. Practically all the applications have been completed in the county office and have been forwarded to the state office. As soon as approval of these has been received at the county office, the applicant's copy of the insurance policy will be mailed to him.

## OUT AFTER ILLNESS

John C. Brittain, who has been quite ill at his home since September 27th, has so far recovered that he is able to be up and around and today was down in the business section of the city. Mr. Brittain was taken quite suddenly ill and for several days was in very serious condition. He is still showing the effects of the illness.

## Daughters of Revolution Study Education in U. S

Program for Fall and Winter Season Will Cover Education in the State and Nation.

From Wednesday's Daily—Last evening Fontenelle chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held their regular meeting at the home of Miss Caroline Baird, regent and at which time the ladies took up the study of education, the themes being "How Education Came to Nebraska" and "How Education Came to the Colonies."

A very interesting program had been prepared and in which development of education in the state was followed from the early days, as well as the work of sectarian schools in the country in early days.

Miss Pearl Staats entertainingly told of the organization of the higher educational institutions in the state, the establishment of the state university at Lincoln where it has developed into one of the greatest in the mid-west, also the creation of the state normal schools, the first of which was at Peru, altho now there are a number in different parts of the state.

Mrs. Frank R. Gobelman told of the work of the Methodist church in the fields of education where it had left its distinctive mark.

Miss Caroline Baird, daughter of one of the early Presbyterian ministers and educators, told of the church schools of that faith in Nebraska and particularly in the southeast where they were in existence at an early day.

Mrs. E. H. Wescott gave a very interesting phase of the program in the story of Doane college, a sectarian college that had had an important part in the development of the state as one of the early institutions. This college had sponsored five academies which have had a large part in the educational field of the state.

Mrs. H. C. Mocksburg, of Blair, was a guest of the local chapter at the meeting.

At the close of the evening a dainty luncheon was served by the hostess to complete a most delightful event.

## ANNOUNCE COMING MARRIAGE

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Talhurst of Raymond have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary Talhurst to Donald Gonzales of Washington, D. C. Both of the contracting parties formerly resided in Elmwood where the parents of the bride were engaged in the lumber business for a number of years, and M. Gonzales who is a son of Mrs. Emily Gonzales, cashier of the American Exchange bank of that place.

Miss Talhurst has been a student at the University of Nebraska and is a member of the Delta Omicron. As a graduate of the University of Nebraska school of journalism, Mr. Gonzales is a member of the Alpha Sigma Phi. He is in Washington, D. C., where he has a position with the United Press. No date for the wedding has been announced.

## MANY TO ATTEND GAME

The football game between Ashland and Plattsmouth high school teams on the Ashland grid Friday, promises to draw out a large number of the fans from this city for the event.

The game will be played in the afternoon and if the weather conditions remain good should bring out a fine representation from this city to see the Platters and the boys from the Saunders county city clash.

The Ashland team was a sufferer from graduation last spring that took out several of the backfield stars of the previous three years, but a very hard hitting team has been trained this fall.

## ATTEND PRESBYTERY

From Monday's Daily—This morning Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, with Carl J. Schneider, departed for Lexington, Nebraska, where they will attend the synodical meeting that is being held this week.