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Soldiers Evict Head Of Montgomery Ward Company

Sewell Avery of the Chicago Firm Is Escorted Out of Offices by Detail of Soldiers

Chicago, April 27. (UP)—Two husky soldiers picked up Sewell Avery, 49-year-old head of Montgomery Ward & Company, today and carried him, kicking and squirming, from the executive offices of the nation's second largest mail order house to enforce the government's seizure of the firm's Chicago plants.

The soldiers, accompanied by three other members of the detail, carried Avery out of his paneled, green carpeted office, loaded him into an elevator and hustled him out through the main lobby of the sidewalk where they put him down on his feet.

They carried him past startled employees of Ward's while Avery struggled and complained:

"You can't do this to me."

Reporters, who did not witness the eviction because the army restricted them to one room in the plant, got the description of the scene from Attorney General Francis Biddle, who had come here from Washington to help enforce the seizure order, and from Lt. Gilbert Cattanch, who detailed the five soldiers to rush Avery outside.

Biddle explained that the actual eviction was done by a sergeant and a private who remained unidentified.

Shortly after Avery was ejected, Elias H. Strawn, a member of the law firm of Winston, Strawn and Shaw, and a director of Montgomery Ward's, said the law firm was preparing to seek an injunction in federal court here restraining the government from taking over the plants. He said the request for the injunction "would be directed against those who now are trespassing."

"The government has no more right to take over the property than you have, and you will find that to be the case when it comes to court," Strawn told reporters.

Biddle said Avery's eviction followed his refusal to co-operate with commerce department agents who had taken control of Montgomery Ward's Chicago facilities, or to leave his office.

Describing the incident, Cattanch said:

"I was detailed to escort Mr. Avery. I ordered five of my men to stand by. Two of them grasped Mr. Avery, one on each side, by a leg and an arm."

He said the soldiers carried Avery out that way.

They went down eight floors in an elevator and outside.

The lieutenant said that while Avery, who is slightly less than six feet tall and weighs about 160 pounds, struggled to free himself from the soldiers' grasp, no one was hurt.

Biddle described the stormy scene in Avery's office before the soldiers took the millionaire executive away.

The Attorney General said that after Avery refused the government his co-operation in running the plant, he was asked to leave. Biddle said Avery then replied:

"I won't. I'm the boss here."

Wayne C. Taylor, undersecretary of commerce, who came here to run the plant for the government, turned to Major J. R. Weber, and said:

"Will you please escort Mr. Avery out."

According to Biddle's account of the incident, Weber asked Avery to leave but the executive, who was sitting at his desk, snapped:

"I will not move from this chair."

It was then that the major called in Lt. Cattanch and the two soldiers picked Avery up from the chair.

Biddle claimed that Avery's last word should over his shoulder as he was carried from the room were: "You New Dealer."

The Attorney General said Avery put up a good fight. The incident followed the seizure of the plant by the army and commerce department last night, for failure to comply with

Change in Real Estate

One of the most recent real estate changes being closed, is that of the sale of the Andrew Kroehler residence on Washington avenue, to Joseph Libershal. Mr. and Mrs. Libershal have sold their home in the south part of the city near the Columbian school to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Burcham. The transactions were made through the T. H. Pollock Real Estate agency.

Mrs. Kroehler is expecting to move soon to an apartment.

Republicans Have Large Group At Convention

Many Speakers Talk of Bright Outlook for Success in the Coming Fall Elections

There was a very large attendance at the republican county convention last evening at the court house, over 100 delegates being present and a great deal of interest shown, altho the conventions have less and less power in the recent years.

H. A. Schneider, chairman of the county central committee, called the meeting to order and C. E. Ledgway being named as the secretary. The officers presided over the meeting and later Mr. Schneider was re-named as the chairman of the central committee, with power to appoint the secretary.

Greetings were read from Senator Hugh Butler and Governor Dwight Griswold to the Cass county men and women with messages of success in the fall from the party leaders.

Prominent members of the party from the different sections of the county were called on for a few remarks and giving their views of the present situation and criticism of the New Deal administration. Those speaking were Willard Clapp, Elmwood; Searl S. Davis, Plattsmouth; Mrs. Clara Westcott, Plattsmouth; County Treasurer Ruth Patton; E. J. Richey, Plattsmouth; Herman Hornmeier, Alvo; Ray Pollard, Nehawka; County Commissioner G. W. Hart, Louisville; County Judge Paul Fauquet, running on the non-political ticket, was also present to greet the delegates.

An interesting feature of the convention was a secret ballot taken among the delegates that showed a marked Dewey sentiment, the vote being Dewey, 77; Taft, 1; Bricker, 5.

Attends Consistory

Frank A. Cloldt was at Omaha Thursday afternoon where he attended the consistory of the Scottish Rite Masons at the temple. The class that received the work was headed by William B. Wanner, grand master of the Nebraska Masons and among the members was Fred Malony, grand commander of the Knights Templar.

New Ration Clerk

Friends here will be interested in learning that Mrs. Katherine Healy Egenberger, of Nebraska City, has been named as the price clerk of the Otoe county ration board. Mrs. Egenberger is the wife of Captain John S. Egenberger, who is serving in the central corps of the army, a son of L. R. Egenberger of this city.

Suit is Dismissed

In the district court today before Judge William A. Robertson, a motion for the dismissal of the suit of Ray G. McMaken vs. Ray Wright, was made by the plaintiff, McMaken. The case is dismissed without prejudice.

The action was one in which Mr. McMaken sought the cancellation of sale contract and the recovery of \$2,500 paid the defendant for the purchase of the Bright Spot tavern.

a War Labor Board order.

After being ejected, Avery left the premises without making a statement.

Butter Points Cut, While Beef Cuts Upped A Point

Beef Higher Because of Demand Running Ahead of the Supply Over Nation

Washington, April 27. (UP)—The Office of Price Administration greeted housewives today with a four point cut in butter and margarine effective Sunday, but the same time raised choice beef cuts by one point a pound. Lamb and mutton point values were slashed in half, while those for veal and low pork cuts were held at April levels.

For the new ration period, which extends from Sunday through June 30, Price Administrator Chester Bowles put creamy butter at 12 instead of 16 points a pound; farm or country butter at 8 instead of 12 points; and margarine at 2 instead of the present 6 points a pound.

In paring the butter value from its previous position as the most expensive red point item on OPA's ration lists, Bowles explained that increased seasonal output and an estimated "cushion" of 20 million pounds held over from April continued to justify the reduction. April supply generally exceeded demand because of the 16-point ration value, Bowles said.

Beef points were raised because demand has been running ahead of supply, and the May supply actually will be less per person in that the new ration period extends for five weeks, Bowles pointed out.

Meat supplies for civilians in May probably will total 1,404,269,000 pounds after retail trading, compared with 1,233,900,000 pounds last month, the total when divided into five weekly allotments in less than the weekly April stock, he said.

Files Divorce Actions

Two suits for divorce were filed in the office of the clerk of the district court today, one action being that of Ella Arnold vs. Russel Arnold, the defendant at this time being a member of the armed forces. The petition states that the parties were married on October 2, 1937 at Glenwood, Iowa, later divorced and remarried on November 10, 1941. The plaintiff asks custody of two minor children.

The second action is that of Thelma Meisinger vs. Merrill Meisinger. The petition states that the parties were married here on October 11, 1935. The plaintiff asks decree of divorce and the restoration of her maiden name of Thelma Kobrell.

Owaissa of Camp Fire

April 20, 1944. We met at the Library. There were 13 members present and one visitor, Joan Mason. Patty Mason brought a miniature set of bedroom furniture that she had made.

Two girls came to the Library to teach us some games.

We planned a surprise for our mothers so I cannot tell you what it is.

Janice Caldwell thought it would be nice to sing America, and give the flag salute before starting the meeting.

Scribe: Phoebe Louise White

Club Elects Officers

Young folks interested in organization of 4-H Poultry club met at the home of Richard O. Cole on Tuesday evening, April 6, 1944. The officers were elected as follows:

President—Ralph Hill
Vice President—Andrew Ruffner
Secretary—Robert Cole
News Reporter—Merle Meisinger
Song Leader—Deiorea Hill
Cheer Leader—Dorothy Hill
Assistant Leader—Ralph Hill
Our leader gave us a 4-H demonstration on the care of the chick brooder stove. News articles were read and we discussed problems for the year's work.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Sherman Cole.
Reporter: Merle Meisinger

Makes Guilty Plea

Deputy Sheriff Emery Doody was out to Lincoln Wednesday to bring in Merrill A. Skinner on a complaint charging him with disturbing the peace of Mattie Coleman and Elmer Coleman, at Greenwood. The defendant made a plea of guilty to the charge in the county court. Judge Paul E. Fauquet assessed a fine of \$10 and costs on the defendant.

A complaint was also filed asking that the defendant Skinner be placed under a bond to keep the peace and to this charge Skinner made a plea of not guilty. The hearing was set for next Tuesday.

Democrats Of Cass County In Convention

The 1944 Edition of Annual Meeting Selects Committee Organization and Hears Talk

The democrats of Cass county met on Thursday afternoon at the rejuvenated district court room, with a very pleasing number of the delegates and leading democrats of the county present to take part.

D. D. Wainwright, of Weeping Water, the county chairman, opened the meeting and W. H. Puls of Plattsmouth was named as the secretary of the convention. So well did the two perform their job, that they were selected to be the chairman and secretary of the county central committee. Mrs. Lawrence Group of Louisville being named as the vice chairman of the committee.

Hon. W. B. Banning, of Union, candidate for the unicameral legislature from the third district, non-political ticket, was present to discuss with the delegates some of the issues of the day in Nebraska. Mr. Banning talked on the matters that may confront the legislature of Nebraska at the next session. Particular stress was made of the road money appropriated to Nebraska by the federal government, this to be matched by the state to secure the full sum that will be appropriated by the central government.

Senator Tom Dooley, of Papillion, the other candidate for the legislature was unable to be present at the convention. County Judge Paul E. Fauquet, candidate for county judge on the non-political ticket, was present to meet the voters.

Young People Married

Tuesday afternoon at the court house occurred the marriage of Pvt. Adelbert Howard Rhoads, of Heaton, Michigan and Miss Agnes Christina Staples, of Means, Michigan.

The groom is in the armed service and stationed at Fort Crook in the ordnance department and the bride has come west for the marriage.

The marriage lines were read by Judge Paul E. Fauquet and witnessed by Mrs. Robert Ray and Miss Minnie Hill.

Attends Conventions

While at Nebraska City Thursday Judge W. A. Robertson had the opportunity of looking in on the Otoe county conventions that were held at the court house. Judge Robertson has a large number of friends in both parties and had a most pleasant time in visiting them.

Hear Traffic Cases

Highway Patrolman Harry Carlisle Thursday afternoon filed complaint in the county court against two Plattsmouth young men, Vernon C. Shiffer and Paul Myers. Both of the young men were charged with reckless driving and were apprehended on Washington avenue. The two were fined \$19 each and had their drivers licenses suspended for a sixty day period.

Born

To Mr and Mrs. Sterling Ingverson on Wednesday, April 26th, at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha, a son. This is the second son in the family. All are reported as doing well.

COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP HELD VERY INTERESTING MEETING

Committee Will Visit Council to Urge Possibility of Community Recreational Program

An interesting meeting was held in the auditorium room at the Library on Wednesday evening. The number present and the interest displayed indicated that there is recognition of the need of such planning for this community. Mr. Orville Nielsen, acting as temporary chairman, introduced the guest speakers for the evening.

Mr. Friest, superintendent of schools, Plattsmouth, outlined the plans for enlarging the school lunch program and nursery school plans which are being conducted in the schools and under the auspices of the Federal Lanham Act. He pointed out that there is a growing need for such services in this community since it is in the war defense area where many mothers are unable to give the proper supervision in the home, due to their defense work.

The second speaker, Mrs. Gertrude Flyte, special field representative from the Federal Works Agency, St. Paul, Minnesota Regional Office, outlined the services available through

the Federal Lanham Act. She stated that her brief visit to this community and her study of its needs indicated that it is much like other communities of its sort that have suddenly found themselves in defense areas. Many problems unknown to such a community less than five years ago, have become paramount. She mentioned such needs as better school facilities and equipment, better housing and sanitation, health problems, recreational facilities, as some of the problems common to all such communities and described the method by which some communities are meeting certain of these problems.

In the discussion that followed these talks, a motion was made and carried requesting that a committee be appointed to go before the city council at their next meeting to discuss the possibility of a community recreation program and that the report of this committee, together with additional information on community planning, be brought to the next meeting. The next meeting of this group will be held within the next two weeks, the time to be announced in the paper.

Gardner-Steppat Wedding Held At Oklahoma City

Bride Is a Member of the WAVES and Groom Plattsmouth Boy in Naval Service

In a very simple and impressive ceremony in the First English Lutheran church at Oklahoma City, Okla., occurred the marriage of Miss Maxine Gardnour of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Edwin M. Steppat, S1/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Steppat of this city.

The double ring ceremony was solemnized by Rev. F. R. Block. Miss Jean Harrel and John DeArmon attended the couple.

The bride wore her naval uniform and carried a bouquet of red roses. Her attendant, wearing her uniform, carried gardenias.

The bridegroom is a graduate of the Plattsmouth High school in the class of 1941, and before enlisting in the navy he was employed at the Martin-Nebraska Co. at Fort Crook. Both the bride and groom are now stationed in San Diego, Calif.

Commercial Club Meets

The High School Commercial club met Wednesday morning at the appointed hour. Minutes were read by Betty Ann Albert and received the approval of those present. We then proceeded to the program arranged.

The guests at the meeting were Joan Tiekotter, Betty Henton, and Catherine Conis, all graduates of the class of 1942. Geraldine McClintock introduced Catherine Conis as the first speaker. Catherine cleverly told of her experiences at "job hunting" and the line of work she's now engaged in as secretary for County Superintendent Lora Lloyd Keick.

Next came Joan Tiekotter who is employed by County Treasurer Ruth Patton. Joan gave a most enjoyed talk on the amusing incidents as well as the tasks required of her in her line of duty.

Lastly Betty Henton was introduced. Betty told of her experiences while employed at Father Flannigan's Home for the two months preceding her securing her present position at the county attorney's office.

These girls gave many helpful suggestions and put many worthwhile thoughts into the minds of those who will be seeking like positions in the next few weeks.

News Reporter

Is at Rochester

Mrs. Philip Lepert of this city, is at Rochester, Minnesota, where she will take treatment at the Mayo clinic. Her health has not been so good in the past few months.

Blue Devils Win From Boys Town, Score Of 7 to 5

Ed Gradoville Does Excellent Mound Work—Team Shows Good Hitting With Wester High

Friday afternoon, the Plattsmouth High school baseball team journeyed to Boys Town, where they beat by a score of 7 to 5.

Through the combined efforts of Ed Gradoville, who did some tight pitching when the going got tough, Duane Sack, who caught his first game in a Plattsmouth uniform and aptly relieved "Doc" Eaton, regular coach for the team, who had broken his finger earlier in the week in a practice game. Despite this he played an excellent game in right field, and Bob Wester, whose timely hitting aided the Blue Devils time after time.

Boys Town scored first, getting four runs in the second inning on two errors, a walk, and two doubles. But in the third, Plattsmouth came back on three errors and successive hits by Eaton, Vroman, and Cole to score three runs and from there on Plattsmouth went on to tie the game and then go ahead and finish on top.

Errors played a large part in the game—Plattsmouth committing four and Boy's Town four.

The box score of the game was as follows:

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Faton, rf	3	2	1	1	0	0
Gradoville, p	4	2	1	1	4	0
Wester, 2b	4	2	3	3	2	2
Vroman, ss	4	0	1	1	1	0
Cole, 3b	4	0	1	1	2	0
Wolver, lf	3	1	1	1	0	0
Sack, c	2	0	0	4	2	2
Goehenour, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Beverage of	4	0	0	0	0	0
Vinduska, 1b	3	0	0	10	2	0
	32	7	8	21	9	4

Boys Town:

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Freeman, rf	3	1	0	1	0	0
Mitchell, 2b	4	1	2	0	2	0
Maxwell, ss	4	1	2	2	2	1
Brogan, c	3	0	1	4	4	0
Roe, lf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Fiedler, 1b	4	0	1	9	2	2
Nierzski, cf	4	1	0	0	0	0
Fitzgerald, 3b	1	0	1	1	1	1
Kroll, p	2	0	0	2	0	0
	28	5	8	32	13	4

Strikeouts—Kroll, 3; Gradoville, 4; Pases on balls—Kroll, 2; Gradoville, 5.

An Appreciation

I wish to thank the many friends for their remembrances on my nineteenth birthday anniversary, especially those who sent in the greeting cards. I really appreciated them so much.
Anton Swoboda

Attend Dancing Parties

Last evening a group of some fifteen Plattsmouth girls, members of the Victorettes, were at Fort Crook to attend the sponsored dance held at the Non-Commissioned Officers club.

These dances are given for the entertainment of the men attached to the ordnance school and the young women of Omaha, Plattsmouth and the nearby territory are invited to attend, many delightful dancing parties being held through the winter and spring season. The dances are carefully chaperoned and prove one of the delightful special features of the season.

Miss Harriett Goes is the chairman of the Victorettes of this city.

Eight Vegetables Added To Point Free List Of Foods

"Bargain Sale" However to End When the Present Old Storage Stocks are Cleaned Up

Washington, April 28. (UP)—The Office of Price Administration today added eight popular rationed canned vegetables to the point-free list in a move to free storage space for new crops.

The OPA's announcement, however, said that the "bargain sale" will end when old stocks are gone.

New point values for processed foods effective next Sunday through June 3, show reductions for soups, certain jellies, spaghetti sauce and other items, and increases for cranberry items, large cans of tomato juice, and tomato catsup.

Yesterday, the OPA announced a four-point reduction in butter points which will put that item back to 12 points after being at 16 points for seven months.

The new point-free canned items are tomatoes, corn, apraxanus, beets, leafy greens, spinach blackeye peas and garbanzo beans, all in No. 2 sized containers, except vacuum packed corn which is listed as 12-ounce size.

All frozen foods, peas, green or wax beans, mushrooms and some other items had previously been made point free.

Tomato catsup and chili sauce in 14-ounce container were increased 7 points to a new value of 30; cranberry items, No. 2 size, were boosted 7 points to 15 points; 46-ounce and 6-pound cans of tomato juice went up 2 and 6 points respectively to new values of 18 and 26 points, and one-pound containers of raspberry or strawberry foods, unixed or in combination with other fruits, were assigned a value of 16 points, up 8.

Spaghetti sauces went down 2 and 3 points, apple, grape, mint and plum jellies were lowered 2 points, tomato and other condensed soups as well as clam and other sea food soups were cut 1 and 2 points.

Although the outlook is for record farm production this year, Price Administrator Chester Bowles said the prospect is for a short supply of canned fruits and vegetables for civilians in 1944 because it is anticipated that increased military needs will more than offset production gains.

Netab Campfire

Netab Camp Fire girls had their Council Fire at the E. H. Bernhard home. The mothers of the girls were invited.

After our council fire the girls served refreshments. The rest of the evening was spent playing games in the recreation room.

We all had a grand time.
Scribe: Jeanette Rhylander

St. Luke's Guild

There will be no meeting of the St. Luke's Guild on Thursday, May 4, as was announced, but the meeting will be on May 11th at the home of Mrs. Guy Long.

All members are urged to note change made owing to annual meeting at the Trinity cathedral at Omaha on May 4th.