

## Cascades

Read in the papers Tuesday of the escape from San Quentin Prison of Charles A. Adams, a young bank robber serving a 20 year term. I remember young Adams quite well. The news dispatches are incorrect, however, when they list his age as 26. The young desperado is only 22 because he was 20 when in the fall of 1944 I saw him attempt to make a break for freedom in a crowded court room. His escape is not surprising. He is a sly, vicious young criminal.

The story of Adams began to unfold in the middle of 1944 when he and two 18-year-old deserters from the armed forces, plotted careers of crime. They stole an automobile and a machine gun from an army installation then they launched their short reign of terror. Brandishing the machine gun, Adams and his accomplices forced their way into the Imperial, Calif., jail. They freed a friend, took revenge away from policemen and made a getaway. They obtained another machine gun by overpowering a uniformed police patrolman.

They robbed several taverns before the inevitable happened and a nervous finger touched off Jackily, the automatic weapon the machine gun. An innocent bystander tumbled from a stool. Police had descriptions of the had been set for single fingerprints, but investigation was stymied and their car, also fingerprinted because the prints had no previous criminal record. Later the gang abandoned the car, written on the windshield, leaving an ominous challenge, "We're going to make Dillinger look like a small fry."

It is amusing to recall how the so-called wise eyes allowed in one of the bandits, Tex Nettie, was involved in a traffic accident. The traffic officer questioned him found that he did not subtly the same name as that on his drivers license. His suspicion aroused, he took Nettie to the station where it developed that both the license and automobile had been stolen. Little wonder that Nettie dangled the wrong answers. The young Texan could not read or write. Soon the entire gang was in custody.

Charged with a dozen felonies, including robbery, kidnaping, jail break and felonious assault, the youths received prison terms tantamount to life terms. Adams and another, Bob Hamm 18, tried to wrestle with an officer and take his gun in drama. I was entering the jail space in front of the bench when about a half dozen fellows rolled toward me. A sturdy deputy couldn't avoid charging into me and I landed without ceremony in a sixth row seat—without any damage to my camera. When things like that happen you don't see much. As I recall it, the two young thugs weren't able to see very much. By the time armed police had all subdued them their faces were a study in red and black. This, of course, is nothing more than the usual story, truthful as it may be, that crime does not pay.

Having seen a few major crimes I often shudder at the manner in which they are rebuffed in self-styled fact detective magazines. There is no glamor attached to crime. It is a sordid, bloody, distasteful mess that represents the most degraded stage of civilization. Here, just a simple-faced man who grovel when he didn't have a machine gun, is quite representative. I have run across two regularly published true crime story authors who I cannot forget. One author is a former high school principal who ditched teaching and makes a good living by writing famous west coast cases. The other took to writing while a convict himself and is now going straight with crime authoring livelihood.

Just in case you've ever wondered why the movies and news always have thugs talking out of the corners of their mouths, there is a reason. I have seen some ex-convicts who were neatly ventriloquists. This is due to the fact that in prison talking in divine hush is forbidden. The men learn to talk with as little lip movement as possible in order to get around this. This makes the voice seem tough as you can prove for yourself by trying it.

## Overnight Illness Fatal To Three Year Old

Little David Allen Krejci, 3, died suddenly at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Krejci, 914 South Ninth street, about 11 a.m. Wednesday.

The boy became ill Tuesday evening. Acting Coroner Tom Solomon and Dr. R. F. Brendel were called to the home. They were unable to determine the cause of the illness.

Surviving besides his parents are two brothers, Robert, with the army in Arizona, James and three sisters, Mrs. Frankie Cotner Jacqueline, and Carole Lee. Funeral services will be conducted by a Christian Science pastor at Caldwell's Saturday afternoon in Oak Hill. Visiting hours at the funeral home will be from 4 to 6 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday.

## Memory Lane--

### Runaway Ferry On Ice Packed River Headlined In Old Paper

Down Memory Lane through the files of the Plattsmouth Journal to February of 1916, the major story was the escape of the ferryboat owned by the breaking up of ice in the Missouri. The boat was shown near the mouth of Big Creek by farmers cutting ice. John Neumann filed for bankruptcy and a bill of sale of district court. The Platt river was threatened to damage railroad bridge north of here also at Louisville. County Commissioners inspected a damaged bridge near Cedar Creek. The commission has been lost from training to keep the different structures in shape with as little cost as possible. Many persons attended a box social at the High school. The program included singing by Miss Blanche Savelle, violin numbers by Miss Anna Zastrow, a reading by Miss Elizabeth Hall and music by a school band. The program was held at the school. The program was held at the school. The program was held at the school.

A neck yoke manufacturer of Omaha addressed the Commercial Club at its meeting in Coates hall back in January of 1910. Dr. B. F. Brendel of Murray attended a meeting of the county sanitary commission here. Nebraska City tripped Plattsmouth high in basketball 32 to 13. Dr. A. P. Barnes moved his restaurant from the Veterans block to the building across from the Journal. The Improved Order of Red Men bought the Palmer building on lower Main St. was selling South Dakota land in the 300 block. W. E. Rosenkrans was selling Dakota land. An ad listed 20 acres of Cass County land and buildings with new improvements at 3,000.

In 1933 Herb Scheutz was injured when his car upset near Aver. Miss Cora Williams, music teacher here, was ill at her home in Elmwood. Sheriff J. E. Lancaster won high honors at the Plattsmouth shooting gallery. State Sheriff Ed Dres found an automobile near Platt Creek which was connected with the \$1500 Syracuse bank robbery. Honorary high school Rotarians for the month were James Robertson and Henry Kalfreber. Fred Res Light Co. manager, visited at his old home in Kansas.

## Many Dramas Outdoing Fiction Pass In Review In Cass County's Courts

County court—human drama on parade. There's an endless procession of wrongdoers, citizens seeking justice, the humble, the proud, the undaunted, the laughing and the fearful. But in nine cases out of 10 justice is the winner. Behind the clockwork is a spirit of human rights, tolerance and wisdom of which Cass County can be proud. Hundreds of interesting cases have been before the bench in recent years. Probably one of the most outstanding was heard several years ago by Judge Paul E. Fauquet. It was complicated. A wealthy person was declared incompetent in California after having temporary residence there and a trust company appointed guardian. Later the party returned here where the bulk of a large estate centered. In Cass county also, the person was declared incompetent and a local guardian appointed. The principal in the case died, seeking to collect a handsome fee, despite the fact that only a nominal bank account of the deceased was actually in California. The trust company tried to contest the local guardianship.

Legal question involved was the full faith and credit clause of the Constitution. Ruling against the California company's claim, Judge Fauquet pointed out that the court's jurisdiction over property extends only to property that comes physically into the control of that court's officer. Talented attorneys appealed to the district court but the local bench decision was upheld. The stage was set for another weird case when a farmer sought to collect \$270 damage for a bull which he alleged his neighbor had shot and killed. The defendant later filed a cross complaint and asked \$1,000 for damages to his heirs. A jury had been selected to hear the "shoot the bull" case when attorneys learned that the judge then occupying the bench was an experienced cattle raiser. The principals settled their differences out of court. The true life drama extends to district court, especially in the matter of divorce cases. One of the best yarns evolving about divorce cases in recent years concerned an attorney who left here to gain a nationwide reputation. He had been told by a number of prominent persons that they were acquainted with a Mr. Blank's wife and that the husband would soon file for di-

## Patterson Freed In Short Time By Jury Panel Here

Deliberating less than one half hour, a district court jury Tuesday acquitted Alex Patterson of an embezzlement charge.

The defendant was filed by Ole O'son and G. R. B. Biner, Weeping Water lumber yard operators and employers of Patterson. During the two day trial, Mrs. W. L. Dwyer, defense counsel, pointed out that evidence against her client was purely circumstantial. She pointed out that an opportunity existed for others to take the funds.

## Leader Training Meeting Arranged

Second in a series of leader training meetings on "Family Economics" will be held at the home of Mrs. George Torf here Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 12. Similar sessions are also being held in other towns of the county. Attorneys will assist in the instruction.

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Mr. Maher in 1911 married Nora Kenna, also of Cully Newport, Ireland, they had three children, James, Greenwood, Helen, Lincoln, and Dorothy, Greenwood. Nora Kenna Maher died in 1941. The longtime Cass county resident moved from his farm to Greenwood in the spring of 1920. Other survivors include a sister, Mrs. Josephine Ryan, Chicago, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. A granddaughter, Mamie Holka, died in April, 1945.

## Tiekotter, Taenzler Student Rotarians

Honorary student Rotarians of this month are Kenneth Tiekotter and Jake Taenzler. They were chosen by the high school student senate.

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## Funeral Rites Are Held For Martin Maher

Last rites for Martin M. Maher, 87, one of the county's oldest residents, were held at Greenwood. The funeral was at St. Joseph's church with Fr. James Garvey, Davey, officiating, assisted by Msgr. C. J. Riordan, Lincoln.

Music was furnished by George Rau, Exeter, and Miss Leona Davaux, Manley. Alcolytes were Edward Torry and Richard Stander. Burial was in Caldwell cemetery at Lincoln with E. L. McDonald, W. L. Kelly, Pete Hill, John Meyers, E. A. Landon and Carl Stander as pallbearers.

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## Pat Kocian Is New Editor Of School Paper

Miss Pat Kocian is now editor of the Plattsmouth high school newspaper, The Platter. The Platter for the second semester is being edited by Miss Long is associate editor. Both are sophomores. Charles Warren, a senior in sports editor to succeed Bill Blunt. Janie Schmidtmann has been named news editor while Tina Wacker will continue to handle feature assignments. She is a freshman and an A student. Other staff members include Cecelia Miesford, business manager, Joan Ault, advertising manager, Lois Johnson, exchange editor with assistants Peggy Kriskey, Lois Sell and Alice Reed. Correspondents are Charles Quint and Bill Blunt. Emerson Wiles continues as photographer.

## Murray Firemen Organize. Plan Hunt As Benefit

Taking the first step in a fund raising campaign for a new fire truck the newly organized Murray volunteer fire department will stage a coyote hunt on Sunday, Feb. 16. About six square miles will be covered. The Murray volunteers hope to modernize their equipment with a series of activities. They now have a trailer which is equipped with 750 feet of hose. The department is headed by Claud Campbell president with Bud McColeby as chief. David Bessler is chairman of the coyote hunt committee.

## Rav Norris Buys 160-Acre Farm

Rav E. Norris has purchased the 160-acre Pollard farm near Weeping Water. The farm was in the Levi C. Pollard family of Nebraska since 1893 and was inherited in 1911 by Mrs. Sallie Pearl Johnson, Long Beach, California. The large lawn of the home has become known as a favorite picnic place as the Norris' entertain church, lodge and community groups several times every summer.

# Urge Party Plan End

## Local School Teachers Will Receive \$200 Cost Of Living Bonuses Soon

Thirty-five Plattsmouth public school teachers this year will receive \$200 cost-of-living bonuses. Local school directors in making the \$7,000 grant took into consideration increased living costs. The amount is in addition to the district's regular fiscal budget. Warrants will be issued payable by the district. About half the schools in the state have adopted the same plan for making the grants. School teachers of the elementary grades here receive from \$1,550 to \$1,800 a year, the latter amount received by principals. High school teachers are paid from \$1,950 to \$2,600 a year. The movement for teacher pay increases has been statewide. Other schools the size of Plattsmouth have made similar bonus moves.

## \$494.39 Taken In Local Drive For Polio Fund

Receipts of 494.39 have been reported to date in the city's March of Dimes campaign. Twenty one coin boxes netted \$132.12, according to Mrs. George Thun chairman. The donations were taken at Donat's, FOF hall, Bright Spot, Bob's Tavern, Cliveds Tavern, Black and White market, Hinky Dinky Food store, Hotel bar, Nelson's bakery, Nu-Way Lunch, Bestor's coffee shop, county treasurer's office, Conis shine parlor, Night and Day cafe, Plattsmouth cafe, Soenrichsen's, Mart's tavern, Taster shop, Phil's tavern and Peterson's pool hall. Miscellaneous collections which netted \$58.55 were taken at the Plattsmouth Sales barn, high school basketball game, BPEX office and George's barber shop. Miss Alice Hilt announced that the total received at the Cass theater during the week was \$57.72. Other committees are to report from the city total is known. Half of the funds obtained will remain in Cass county for the fight against polio.

## Rites For Former Local Physician Held Wednesday

Funeral services were held at the Caldwell funeral home Wednesday for Dr. Edward D. Cummins, 82, retired physician who once practiced in Plattsmouth. Dr. Cummins died Monday at his home in Lincoln. He practiced here many years prior to 1916 when he moved to the capital city. Surviving are his widow, Lottie two daughters, Mrs. Homer Grosbach and Mrs. Louis H. Babst, both of Lincoln, and a sister, Mrs. J. M. Roberts, Plattsmouth. Burial was in Oak Hill. A brother, Dr. Frank Cummins, died several years ago. Pallbearers were William Evers, William Melsinger, Fritz Fricke, Emmors Richer, Walter Tritsch and Malden Brown.

## Retired Railman Is 89 Years Old

John H. Palczak Sr., celebrated his 89th birthday Sunday at his home at 12th and Avenue A, when his children and their families gathered as a family again to spend the day. A dinner was served at noon with the birthday cake baked by a granddaughter, Mrs. Herman Bopman of Plattsmouth. John has four daughters, Mrs. John Stander of Manley, Mrs. Andrew Stander of Weeping Water and the Misses Catherine and Anna Palczak of Plattsmouth; and two sons John H. Palczak Jr. of Omaha and Frank Palczak of Burlington, Iowa. All the children participated in this event except Frank who was unable to be here. Mr. Palczak is a retired Burlington employee, and has made his home here for many years.

## New Construction Planned At Avoca

AVOCA (Special)—Robert Mc Donald has purchased the lots next to the Carl Zazier garage and will erect a store building on them. Warren Bollemeier was installed as commander of Plattsmouth post 2543, Veterans of Foreign War at the group's regular monthly meeting in St. John's hall Monday night. Also assuming offices were Louis Eaton, vice commander, Robert Long more adjutant, and Al McClan nishan, committeeman who will serve with Dale Bowman and John Altschull. The commander of the Omaha VFW installed. The group has selected the first and third Mondays of each month has meeting nights. Additional officers will be elected at the next meeting.

## Egenberger Elected New King Korn Klub Chief To Succeed W. H. Smith

Edward M. Egenberger Tuesday night was elected president of the Kass County King Korn Klub to succeed Walter H. Smith. The election and business session was held at Bestor's coffee shop. Others chosen to head the important civic organization were Richard C. Pock, vice president, Harold R. Lebens, secretary, and William Puls, treasurer. Board members are Dr. W. V. Ryan, Fred Wehrlein and John Svoboda. As retiring president, Mr. Smith automatically becomes a member of the directory board, the group decided. Puls reported that the klub has a fund of \$1,040 on hand. The group each year is in charge of the annual Kass County King Korn festival, premier event of Cass activities.

# Plan End

## Vroman And Rebal Enter Council Race, Huebner Candidate



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Former councilmen are candidates in second ward. Frank Rebal, above, will be opposed by E. O. Vroman. Both are railroad men.

## Blue Devils In 50-25 Loss To Boys Town Club

Lost in the large West Dodge gym after many games on small courts, Blue Devil cagers lost to Boys Town, 50-25, Wednesday night. BT made it a clean sweep by copping the reserve curtain raiser, 34-25. There was no doubt about the outcome from the start. The winners scooted to an 18.2 advantage in the first quarter and made it 24-6 at halftime. Going into the last quarter it was 41-17. Kroll paced the Omahans with 17 points. Thimgan and Alkire got seven points each for the locals. Also appearing in the Blue Devil lineup were Brookhouser, Ofe, Baumgart, Wohlfarth, Bill Edwards, Jim Edwards, Kimball, White, Hill, Doody and Meissner. The home club plays Ashland here Friday night.

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## Four Rural Areas Report USO Funds

John J. Clodt, chairman of the USO drive, reports that with in the next few days the campaign to raise funds will be pushed to completion. To date four rural district have turned in full quotas. Those reporting are Captains L. G. Meisner, Lester Meisner, Honey Nolting and John Wehrlein. The cold weather has slowed the campaign considerably but Clodt hopes Plattsmouth will make a good showing when the final totals are tabulated.

## WEATHER

Cold winds and snow combined for a wintry thunders here today. Mercury dipped to 12 degrees and the state forecast for Friday will be fair and colder, said the WM.