

FIRE IS FATAL TO WOOD

Cascades

Many people would like to get into the newspaper business. Yes, at times, it is exciting. Other times it is pretty much routine.

Seems to me like the ball always starts rolling from the most prosaic things. Take a bowl of pea soup, for instance. That is what I was sipping last night at the 40 et 8 when things began happening.

The telephone operator called the club and asked for volunteers. There was a rush for the door. About three of us hit Fifth and Main at the time when the fire truck was making the Main street turn.

The fire was spectacular. I pitied the poor victim and his agony. That, too, is something that comes with this business. I see a lot and sometimes I am not inclined to write about it.

It reminded me covering flash oil well fires when men were caught upon rigs. They were virtually frozen in their positions and died that way.

Shortly after the Wood blaze the firemen got a call to Harry Young's place. Fire Chief Henry Donat and Carl Schneider helped fight that blaze all night. There were local volunteers to help out.

There are many other things about the newspaper game (and this is something like a writer talking to himself) that keep a person on his toes. It is not all exciting and flamboyant. Often, policy and common sense are needed.

Not to be ignored is the current Main street hullabaloo about the closing of poolhalls to minors. Enforcement of the rules is strictly right—that cannot be debated.

Why ignore the fact that this city ranks with Omaha, Grand Island and other major cities in the category of juvenile delinquency? The situation exists and certainly fails to improve.

There is a crying need here for more attention to the juvenile problem. The answer depends upon relatives and friends of the young people coming up.

\$5,000 Fire On Parr Young Farm Place Checked By Two Departments

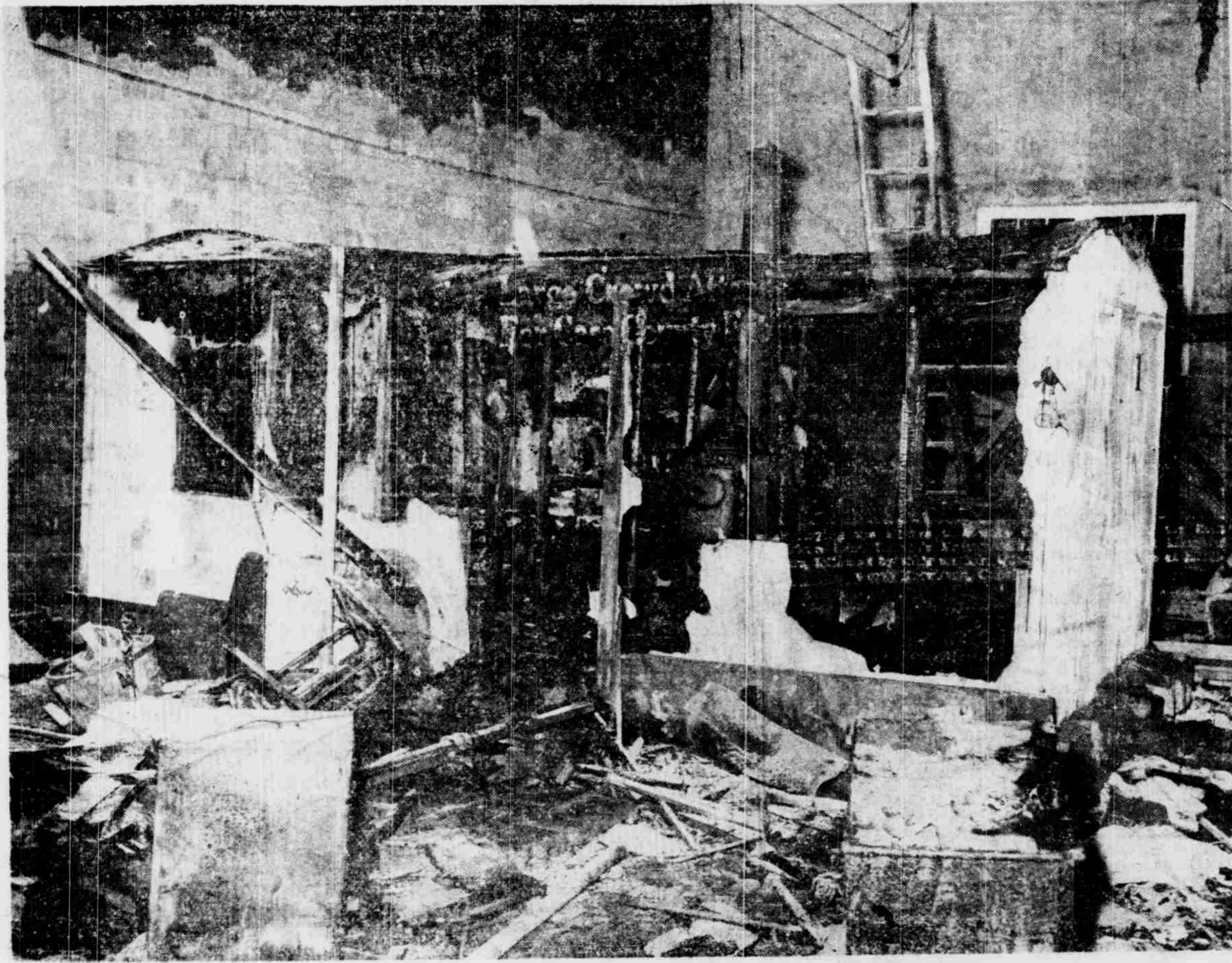
Priest Who Hit Back At Nazis To Be Speaker Here

Plans for a Day of Recollection for the Catholic men of Plattsmouth under the sponsorship of the Knights of Columbus lodge were announced today. The selected day, Sunday, will begin with Holy Communion during the 8 a. m. mass in Holy Rosary church.

Three afternoon conferences will be conducted by the Rev. Fr. Henry Igenhorst of St. Paul, Neb. Fr. Igenhorst studied in various German universities before the Nazis assumed power. He served with the German underground movement and when detected fled to the United States.

Parr Young Speaks At Rotary Meeting

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Local Man Dies of Severe Burns; Faithful Dog at Side

Frank Wood, 77, was fatally burned when fire gutted his one-room trailer dwelling in the alley between Third and Fourth streets, one half block from Main street, about 8 p. m. Wednesday.

Wood, who suffered third degree burns about his head, chest and arms, died early today at an Omaha hospital. The body was brought to Sattler funeral home. The trailer went quickly.

State Auditor Checks Records Of Cass County

Past expenditures of the county commissioners and the present good condition of county finances were stressed by George F. Kozlow, assistant state auditor, when he met with the county board here Tuesday.

Kozlow analyzed the collections and disbursements of each office. He skipped as "gone into before" the disbursements of G. W. Hart, Louisville, and H. C. Backemeyer, Murdock, former commissioners.

The report showed that the office of Co. Treas. Ruth Patton is more than 10 days ahead of normal on collections.

Kozlow stated that his suggestions to the county clerk are being carried out.

The auditor said that \$22,000 in fees have been turned in by officials and that they are doing a good job.

The Journal has obtained a complete report of the county auditor, an analysis of which will be printed in the next issue.

Hundreds Attend Services For Vet Of 2 World Wars

Many relatives, servicemen of two wars and friends attended last rites for James A. Persinger at the Sattler funeral home Wednesday. The Rev. Schubert of Omaha officiated.

Vocal numbers were by Frank Cloidt, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. H. G. McClusky.

Pallbearers were veterans of both world wars: Fred Herbarter, C. E. Leisewy, Clyde Rosborough, Herbert Baumgart, Dale Bowman and Richard Novak.

The Plattsmouth American Legion post was in charge of the burial in Oak Hill.

Survivors: Wife, Meta; daughters, Mrs. Nathan Wetherbe, Decatur, and Mrs. Maxine Rhoades, Plattsmouth; sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Janacek, Mrs. Miss Nelson, Mrs. Helen Winter, Mrs. Florence Persinger, and brother, George Persinger.

Large Crowd At Last Rites For Elmwood Woman

An overflow crowd gathered at United Brethren Evangelical church in Elmwood Tuesday for the funeral of Mrs. Nora M. Kimz. The Rev. W. W. Haist officiated and burial was in Elmwood cemetery.

Pallbearers were Harry Voe, Harry Fischer, Joe Kunz, Otto Fleischman, Ed. Rosenow, and George Lenz. Hymns were sung by a quartet that consisted of Mrs. Harry Greene, Alvin Rueter, Mrs. Joe Kunz and Howard Voe. Mrs. Norman Bornemeier was accompanist.

Weather

Nebaska Forecast: Partly cloudy and somewhat warmer on Thursday followed by clouds with light snow Thursday night and in the east and south portions Friday, somewhat warmer Thursday night extreme west; low temperatures 25 to 30; a little colder Friday in the west and north portions; high Thursday 50 to 55 west, 40 to 45 east.

WEeping WATER — William Heebner has bought the interest of his sister, Mrs. Lewis Lorenson, in the 100 acre farm southeast of here which was the home of their parents. The house on the farm was destroyed by fire several years ago.

Roy Sharp, who lives in a second floor apartment across the alley from the Wood trailer, glanced from a window and saw the tiny dwelling mushroom into flame. He heard a man screaming.

Standing in the trailer doorway, a human torch, stood Mr. Wood. Sharp said that as he ran to the rescue he observed that Wood appeared to be paralyzed. He did not move, only pleaded for help.

Despite the fact his clothes were in flames, the aged man was talking. He did not complain of pain.

Sharp attempted to beat out the flames with his hands and suffered minor burns.

Harold Hamilton, blacksmith working in his shop next door, heard the commotion. He immediately connected a small hose and strung it outside through the window.

Water from the garden hose extinguished Mr. Wood's blazing clothing and helped keep the fire from spreading to nearby business buildings until the fire department arrived.

Sharp placed Mr. Wood on a wheelbarrow away from the flaming trailer.

Arriving within minutes, Plattsmouth volunteer firemen took over. An ambulance was summoned for Mr. Wood and the fire was extinguished in a short time.

The building and its furnishings were total losses.

Mr. Wood's condition was considered critical from the moment of his rescue. His head and back were charred.

Sheriff Tom Solomon notified relatives and they rushed to the hospital to be at the man's bedside. He died about 4 a. m.

Other business buildings and residences in the congested area immediately off Main street and near First avenue were not damaged.

Mr. Wood's faithful dog—a springer spaniel he called Pattv—was with him—even to the death. The dog perished in the fire and was found by firemen beneath a board.

Wood and his dog were familiar Plattsmouth figures. The aged canine and his master were inseparable. Neighbors today recalled how Wood would address his pet and converse with it.

Wood Funeral Is Tentatively Set

Funeral services for Frank K. Wood, 77, have tentatively been set for Saturday. Final arrangements will be announced by the Sattler funeral home.

Mr. Wood was born July 25, 1869, at Cameron, Mo. He died from burns received in a fire at his home Wednesday night.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters: Dick Wood, Cameron; Burr Wood, St. Joseph; Roy Wood and Fern Wood, Plattsmouth; Mrs. Walter Williams, St. Louis, and Forrest Wood, who is with the army occupation forces in Germany. There are also eight grandchildren.

Street Flusher To Arrive Here

Long needed as a sanitary measure, the city's new street flusher will be delivered here Monday.

The new equipment, most modern of its kind, will be put into operation immediately. Streets, especially in the downtown area, are muddy and slushy from the long stay of winter.

The flusher was suggested many years ago by civic leaders but did not materialize. The present council ordered one as soon as it was available.

The vehicle was bought with funds obtained through the city occupation tax.

Former Resident Is Buried In Oak Hill

Clara Jess, 60, former resident who died at Omaha, was buried in Oak Hill cemetery here this morning. A bachelor, Mr. Jess is survived by two brothers and five sisters.

Grassman Taken To City Hospital

Hilliard Grassman, manager of the Bates Book store, is at a private hospital at 404 So. 38th street in Omaha for treatment.

Regular Services At Mynard Church

Regular services at the Mynard church have been instituted again with the coming of the new pastor, the Rev. Ivan Kilpatrick. Due to a merger last fall the church now bears the designation Evangelical United Brethren church. The Rev. Mr. Kilpatrick expresses himself as being pleased with the fine attendance last Sunday morning and wishes to use as his motto: "A friendly church serving a friendly people."

1st Sgt. Dunlap Shifted To 88th At Trieste, Italy

First Sgt. Kenneth J. Dunlap, husband of Mary Jane Dunlap of 810 Ave. G, Plattsmouth was assigned to the famous "Blue Devils" 88th Infantry Division on February 3, 1947. He is now serving as 1st Sgt. with the MP outfit which is "K" Company of the 351st Infantry Regiment in Trieste, Italy.

First Sgt. Dunlap is administrator on supply and MP in Company K. Sgt. Dunlap was promoted to 1st sergeant, November 18, 1943. Due to his long career in the army Sgt. Dunlap has come to fire almost every type of weapon available. During his Army career he has received the Good Conduct and Pre-Pearl Harbor awards and also once attended an Army night school in California.

WEeping WATER — Sigvald Jensen, who recently returned from spending the winter in Denmark, will tell about his trip at a dinner meeting of the Methodist Brotherhood Tuesday evening.

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CHARRED REMAINS of gutted trailer house in which Frank Wood was fatally burned are shown above. The blaze is believed to have started near the stove at center of photo. At the time Mr. Wood was rescued he spoke of his billfold. The wallet was found this afternoon beneath debris. Although his jacket was burned to a crisp, the money holder was intact. It was turned over to relatives. At left is a view of the charred trailer interior. In the background is the bed beneath which the body of Pattv, the aged local man's faithful dog, was found.

Former Director Of Music Here Is Given High Honor

Once music supervisor of Plattsmouth schools, Leland W. Fleas, now at Sampson college of the Associated colleges of Upper New York, has been given recognition. When the national conference of University Band conductors was held recently in Chicago, Florida was elected by members from 29 states to head the eastern division

Constructive Program to Defeat Delinquency Urged

With the city's juvenile delinquency problem sharpened by an edict of the sheriff's office to keep minors out of billiard parlors, there loomed today certain developments.

The city council, according to Mayor Clem Woster, on Monday night will consider constructive suggestions about the local situation. The council expects an expression of local opinion.

For some time there has been talk of setting up a young people's recreation center. Such a place would be equipped with game rooms and other facilities for providing youngsters with healthy recreation during after-school hours.

A delegation of youngsters this week approached the Journal to

protest against the billiard parlor edict.

In a prepared statement, the young people in part declared:

"Does it not stand to reason that one of the main causes of the juvenile delinquency of Plattsmouth is due to delinquent leaders and those lacking a positive course of action?"

"We do an organization called the Karitime Klub. They put on a dance for us and give us a few parades which are appreciated very much by us minors. The sponsors of the Klub are very good and have been doing a swell job. It gets pretty monotonous to have to handle it by themselves. There are several people

at the head of it that seem to be the only ones trying to solve the delinquency problem. We do not ask for too much of a good thing but would appreciate a little something.

"Would parents want their children to stay home every night of the week? . . . The curfew will soon drive us off the streets—but to where?"

"Plattsmouth citizens could check a lot of delinquency if they furnished a little entertainment that would keep our minds busy."

Dr. G. H. Gilmore of Murray was here Wednesday for the meeting of the Cass County Historical society at the Plattsmouth hotel. Dr. Gilmore has been ill with the flu for two weeks but is recovering.