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WHERE FIRES STARTED in the Tommy Thompson home north of Plattsmouth Friday night in an attempted arson. Quick work on the part of Plattsmouth fire department prevented extensive damage. Faster action on the part of Sheriff Solomon landed guilty parties in county jail, thanks to a big assist from Hob Hinz.—Journal Photos

Two Men Arrested In Arson Attempt

Band Director Richard Kucera Starts Today

Richard Kucera, recently appointed director of the Plattsmouth High School Band, arrived over the weekend and took up his new duties today.

A busy schedule faces the new director with three band trips during the current week. The Blue Devils, 78 strong, will appear at the Otoe County Fair at Syracuse Thursday, at the fair in Columbus on Friday, and at the Nebraska State Fair Monday.



Director Richard Kucera

day, Sept. 3. The band's most recent exhibition was on Friday at the Cass County Fair in Weeping Water.

Director Kucera is a graduate of the Crete High School and of Doane College. During the past year he was band director at the Ashland High School and during the summer months attended courses at the University of Nebraska School of Music.

A sergeant in the National Guard, this past week was spent in training with his company at Little Falls, So. Dak. He is a member of the National Guard band.

Mr. Kucera is 24 and unmarried.

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THE WEATHER
Compiled for the Plattsmouth Journal at the Masonic Home Weather Station, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

	High	Low	Prec.
August 23, 24, 25, 26, 1956			
Thursday	94	52	.00
Friday	88	59	.00
Saturday	89	62	.00
Sunday	100	64	.00

Forecast: Partly cloudy. Temperature high near 100.

Sheriff Investigates Break-Ins At Eagle

Two minor break-ins were investigated by the Sheriff's office at Eagle during the past week.

Thursday night an intruder entered the Trumble Grocery and removed 50 pennies. Friday night an intruder threw a rock through the window of the elevator, reached in, unlocked the window, and entered the business place.

When departing the person closed and locked the window on his way out.

Several wrenches and a screwdriver were the only articles found to be missing.

Solomon stated the break-ins appeared to be the work of teenagers.

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Teachers' Meet Thursday

Fifth Annual Teachers' Workshop will get underway at the High School Auditorium here Thursday at 8:45 a. m. and will continue through Friday.

Climax of the two-day meeting will be a Business Education Dinner at 7 p. m., Thursday evening at the Lions Building where teachers and business men will join in a get-together meeting. Dr. F. B. Decker, Nebraska Commissioner of Education will be guest speaker at the dinner. Tickets for teachers can be secured from their building principal. Businessmen can secure tickets from the Chamber of Commerce.

While main meetings will be held in the auditorium, others will be held in Central School

Auditorium, High School conference rooms, library, classrooms 202, 203, 205 and 112, Central class rooms and Central cafeteria.

Other guest speakers include: Dr. Wiley G. Brooks, Principal, Plattsmouth High School, Mr. D. Dean Dunham, Secretary, Board of Education, Mr. Derwin R. Ferry, Enrollment Director, Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Mr. Bruce E. Gold, Mayor, Mr. Donald F. Kline, Executive Secretary, Nebraska State Education Association, Dr. Mary L. Mielenz, Supervisor of English, University of Nebraska, Mr. L. Row, Peterson and Company, Publishers, Mr. George E. Rotter, Director of Conservation, Education, Department of Education, Mr. Ernest Schultz, Pres-

ident, Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Jack Zysman, Representing Playtime Equipment Company.

Meeting will take off with a gathering of Supt. T. I. Priest and school principals at 8:45 a. m. First general session will get underway at 9:30 in the High School auditorium.

Sectional meetings will be held Friday include the Elementary Division, with Miss Helen Neddrenp, chairman; Junior High Division with Miss Naomi Owen and Mrs. Zelpha Seward, co-chairman; High School Division English, Miss Jessie Whalen, group leader, Social Studies, John Adkins, leader; Science, Burdette Hansen, leader; Mathematics, James Robison; Vocational Education, Donald Han-

sen, and Music, Mrs. Imogene Bridges, leader.

Elementary sessions will have the following group leaders: Kindergarten, Julia March; First Grade, Lucille Rosenkrans; Second Grade, Donna Hill; Third Grade, Edna Jean Schneider; Fourth Grade, Rosalie Meixsell; Fifth Grade, Rose Prohaska and Sixth Grade, Helen Neddrenp.

The annual meeting will come to a close following a group discussion on planning programs for the coming school year by principals and teachers.

Business men are urged to get tickets for the joint Teacher-Business dinner for Thursday evening and give instructors a fine welcome to the Plattsmouth community.

Mr. and Mrs. Kamstia from Lafayette, Ind., are visiting at the Chester Minnear home for a few days.

Omaha Man Is First Louisville Lake Victim

An Omaha man, Trinidad Gaitan, 58, became the first drowning victim at the State Lakes at Louisville for 1956. Mr. Gaitan lost his life, Saturday afternoon.

Gaitan, on a family outing with his family, dove into the lake in an attempt to save his daughter, Mrs. Gloria Longoria, who, while swimming got into trouble and called for help.

The father, while sitting on the bank fully clothed and with shoes on dove into the water to assist her. After reaching Mrs. Longoria, he also was overcome and sank in about 20 feet of water.

The daughter was rescued by her husband, Fred.

Larry Luken and Joe Mather, both of Louisville, were summoned from nearby and recovered Gaitan's body about 15 to 20 feet from shore. The Louisville Fire Department was summoned along with the sheriff's office. Every effort was made to revive the man with equipment from the Cass County mobile unit, but he failed to respond.

Sheriff Solomon acting as Cass County Coroner ruled it an accidental drowning.

Witnesses stated they believed the body remained in the deep water for 10 to 20 minutes before it was pulled to shore.

Murdock Fire District Is Now Approved

Cass County commissioners Saturday gave approval to requests for creation of a rural fire protection district in Murdock and vicinity. Petitions had been circulated for the formation of this district some time ago.

Representing the petitioners was Attorney Edwin McHugh of Murdock at the hearing before the board. Objection of two landowners was received, their property was set outside the new district by the county board.

This represents a successful effort of residents in that part of Cass County to secure adequate fire protection for their farm property in the northwestern section of the county, long badly needed. It will place this part of the county in line with other areas for adequate fire protection.

Meeting for the election of officers will be held on Saturday, September 15th at 8 p. m. at Murdock School.

Hitch Hiker, 94, Picked Up Here

Normally hitch-hikers picked up by the Sheriff's office are of the teen-ager group, however a call to the sheriff Thursday noon was just the opposite.

A caller informed the gendarmes that a man was lying down in a ditch about four miles south of Plattsmouth. Checking, Sheriff Solomon found the man, Abe Rarik, of Kearney, resting in the ditch due to what he stated "his heart acting up."

Rarik was returned to the courthouse where he informed officers that he was 94 years of age and was enroute to New York City. A check with Kearney authorities brought information that Rarik ran away from a nursing home in that city.

Rarik was held in custody and turned over to Kearney authorities who came for him.

State Orders Cities To Build Sanitation Plants

Gave Cass County Queen To Wrong Domingo Family

A Journal story announcing the naming of Cass County's new queen for 1956 carried Thursday gave "Miss Weeping Water," Yvonne Domingo, to the wrong family.

Information supplied the Journal was in error and correction was not received until after the first section had been printed and distributed.

Miss Cass County is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Domingo of Weeping Water.

Rev Mina Smith To Wesleyan Church Here

The Wesleyan Methodist Conference and Campmeeting of Nebraska met for its sessions Camp Ground located six miles east of Atkinson.

Pastors and delegates are present from 21 churches throughout the state. Conference sessions opened August 14 with an opening message of welcome by Rev. Gordon Goodsell of Grand Island.

The following conference officers were reelected for the coming year:

President - Rev. Charley Phipps of Atkinson; Vice President - Rev. Gordon Goodsell of Grand Island; Secretary - D. H. Basumussen of Lincoln; Treasurer - Neil Lancaster of Plattsmouth; and Sunday School Secretary - Rev. Fred Warrington of North Platte.

The Ladies' Missionary Society elected Mrs. Lois Grosenbach of Gordon as president, Mrs. Lora Olmstead of Venus as vice president, Mrs. Orlean Hansen of Red Cloud as secretary, Mrs. Ethel Dooley of Palmer as treasurer, and Mrs. Teleta Strove of Venus as superintendent of the Young Missionary worker's band.

The youth department of the church elected Rev. Morris Budensiek of Wayne as president, Rev. Dale Hornback of Grand Island (formerly of Scottsbluff) as vice president, Rev. George Francis of Tryon (formerly of Plattsmouth) as secretary, and Mrs. Paulette Warrington of North Platte as treasurer.

Rev. Mina Smith, formerly associate pastor at Atkinson was named pastor of the church at Plattsmouth replacing Rev. George Francis who was transferred to Tryon.

Delegates from Plattsmouth to the conference were: Neil Lancaster, and Elbert Schwenecker.

Suffers Injury To Left Foot

E. E. Howschultz of Oakmont farm, suffered a painful injury to his left foot Thursday night. He was having some work done on his car that was on a hoist at the time.

When Mr. Howschultz reached in the car for some equipment the car slipped off the hoist and caught the foot. The result was a very badly bruised member that has made necessary the use of a cane in getting around.



CHANGING HYDRANTS OVER — Fire Chief Joseph Kruntorad is shown looking over the switch of hose connection threads on city fire hydrants. A standard thread was adopted upon the advice of Bruce Wilson, state chief of vacation for fire departments. Others in the picture are Geo. Holman, local fire department truck driver, and Don Wall, a fireman. (Journal Photo).

Cub Scouts Make Field Trip To State Capitol Tuesday

Sixty-five Cub Scouts of Pack 369 left Plattsmouth by bus at 8 a. m., Tuesday, for a field trip to Lincoln.

Accompanying the group were R. F. Schald, pack chairman, and the following mothers and assistants:

Mrs. Mary Bowen of Den 1; Mrs. Marion Garrison, Den 2; Mrs. Mary Joe Nielsen, Den 3; Mrs. Royer, Den 4; Mrs. Helen Liddick and Mrs. Don Wall of Den 5; Charley Christensen, Den 6; Mrs. Dorothy Dittmore, and Mrs. Eraas and daughter, Janet, of Den 7; Mrs. R. F. Schaik, Den 8; Mrs. Joe Richter and Mrs. Gene Gruber of Den 9, Murray.

Also den chiefs, Warren McMillian, Brian Nelson, Kenny Price and Duane Haith.

The group arrived at the State Capitol at 9:30 where a guided

Teenage Girls Contribute \$23 To Pool Fund

Interest might be lacking in some quarters in building a new swimming pool for Plattsmouth, but among the younger generation they are looking to the future with anticipation.

The Friendship Club, a group of teenage girls ranging in age from 12 to 14 years, are doing their part in making a fine pool a reality in this community.

Recently the girls held a bake goods and candy sale at Wagon Hardware which netted \$23. The entire amount was turned over unselfishly to the Swimming Pool Fund.

Fourteen members form The Friendship Club headed by Mrs. S. A. Zwanzig, including Sammy Zwanzig, Mickey Sutton, Joyce Buechler, Sandra Spangler, Zandra Nielsen, Judy Nichols, Barbara Wiysel, Nancy Bullin, Karen Kiel, Sally Dunham, Carol Spangler, Leona Chappell, Carolyn Garrison and Janelle Meisinger.

No Injuries In Two-Car Accident Friday

A two-car accident at the Union corner Friday night resulted in property damage to both vehicles. Drivers of the two cars escaped personal injury.

Sheriff Solomon stated that a car traveling south driven by Harold J. Frank, of Coon Rapids, Ia., was making a left turn at the intersection when struck from the rear by a car driven by Roy O. Gatewood of Omaha.

"The time of grace period for not building sanitation plants is over," so stated the Nebraska Department of Health at a meeting in the Capitol building in Lincoln.

Mayors of river cities including Plattsmouth, Bellevue, Omaha, Nebraska City, Blair, Peru, Ft. Calhoun, and others, were sent a near "demand" appearance letter by health officials in Lincoln to start work on purification of inter-state waterways last Tuesday.

(Mayor Gold, due to other commitments on that date was unable to attend the meeting.)

T. A. Filipi, assistant head of the Department of Health, informed the representatives that the Federal government had appropriated \$661,000 a year for the next five years to the State of Nebraska to aid communities in construction of proper sewage disposal plants.

Catch is to most communities this fund can be used for "only 30 per cent of the initial costs involved in building the necessary sanitation plants to keep pollution out of the Missouri."

It was outlined that the 30 per cent gift from the government cannot "include the building of sewers as such," but can go only for plant construction or for "direct sewage connection links only."

Filipi outlined that most cities along the Missouri were "just playing against time" before sanitation would be a great factor in everyday health. Septic and seepage tanks were capable of giving service for only a short time to come. He estimated that "in 10 years the problem will be upon you to such an extent that severe health ravages could be felt," and added, "Now is the time you had better be planning on a way to cope with those days to come."

Here in Plattsmouth, present and previous, city council have made studies of the costs to the city to install adequate sewage disposal system. It is estimated by engineers the costs of plant alone would total \$150,000 to \$200,000. Added to this would be the costs of extending and re-routing sewers in many sections of the city, which would be an extensive undertaking, according to engineers who have surveyed the system.

Officials of Plattsmouth realize the seriousness of the problem, both in river pollution and financial. There is no doubt under the ultimatum from Filipi that it will come up for some serious study at future council sessions.

Court Issues License, Married By Judge

A marriage license was issued Saturday morning August 25, to Raymond Kaspar, 43, Omaha, and Emma Rahe, 45, Omaha. They were married immediately by Judge Raymond J. Case. Witnesses were Mrs. Florence Legg and Frank J. Wodraska, both of Omaha.

Report Loss Of Five Gallons Gas

Walter M. Schmitz, residing at 1047 Avenue C, reports the loss of five gallons of gasoline, taken from a pickup truck at the Shady Nook Trailer Court. This was taken sometime Wednesday night.



OFF ON PAPER ROUTE — City Councilman William G. Highfield is shown recently off on his Plattsmouth Journal paper route. It actually wasn't his route, but that of his son, Bill. The catch was Bill was vacationing—so pop took over. Best part was the substitute didn't skip a customer. (Journal Photo).