

6 Youths Face Escape, Car Theft Charges

Six youths from 17 to 19 years of age today were to face charges of escape from custody and auto theft in Cass County Court.

County Atty. James Begley said he would file those two charges against each of the youths separately when they appeared before Judge Raymond J. Case.

The youths are: Glen F. Nickels, 17, Plattsmouth; William F. Brown, 17, Omaha; Robert Mulford, 18, Omaha; Robert E. Harris, 18, Pacific Junction, Iowa; Norman Henry Hughson, 19, Plattsmouth, and Everett E. Halterman, 18, Plattsmouth.

The six youths broke out of city jail here early Sunday morning, stole a 1958 Chevrolet belonging to Rudy Iverson, N. 8th Street, and broke into two business places at Rising City and Shelby before being arrested for speeding by Highway Patrolman Duan Lovegrove near North Platte Sunday afternoon.

They had been jailed here Saturday night for disturbing the peace after an incident which occurred outside the Honey Comb, a confection and recreation place for young people. Police said a fight was just beginning when a patrol car arrived on regular patrol.

Police said the boys broke up a bed in the jail and used parts of it to "pry" their way to freedom. They pried loose bars in the jail and got into the jail office. They broke a small board window once used for a coal chute and escaped.

Police Chief John Hobscheidt today said damage to the jail amounts to \$237.

One of the six, Mulford, had been arrested Thursday night for disturbing the peace and vagrancy. He was fined \$14 and released Friday. He had a piece of chain in his possession when arrested Thursday.

The six, when arrested Sunday at North Platte, had the knives, cigarettes and cash in their possession.

The sheriff went to North Platte Sunday night and returned here with the youths early this morning.

The youths told the sheriff they hid behind a house a block east of the jail shortly after escaping while police searched for them.

Then they looked for a car and found the 1958 Chevrolet parked in front of the Iverson home. The car was unlocked and the switch, though it did not have a key in it, was in the unlocked position which did not require a key for starting.

The youths said they got into the car and drove around Plattsmouth for awhile, then headed toward Omaha. They stayed in Omaha for about two hours, they told the sheriff, and headed west on U.S. 30.

At Rising City, they broke into the IGA Grocery Store and took some food and several knives with which to cut lunch meat, they said, and continued on to Shelby where they broke into a beer tavern and took some beer, wine, whisky, cigarettes and about \$70 in cash.

They told the sheriff they continued on and about one-half mile west of Maxwell the state trooper observed the youths speeding and stopped them in order to issue a warning ticket. When they furnished no driver's license or ownership papers, the trooper had the youths drive into North Platte.

There, on questioning, they admitted the jailbreak.

City Council

The City Council meets in regular session at 7:30 tonight at City Hall.

'58 Soil Bank Base Should Be Set As Soon As Possible

Farmers who intend to participate in the 1958 acreage reserve program for spring-planted crops can save themselves time and trouble by having a "soil bank base" established for their farms as soon as possible.

A "soil bank base" must be set for a farm before the owner can sign an acreage reserve agreement, states Wilfred R. Nelson, chairman of the Nebraska Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee.

Farmers who have not already done so should furnish their county ASC committees with their farm's production history for soil bank base crops in 1956 and 1957.

Soil bank base crops, in general, include all crops produced for harvest on a farm, except hay crops in addition to the six cotton, rice, tobacco, and peanuts. Soil bank base crops also include such crops as the annual grasses cut for seed, oilseeds, grains, cowpeas, potatoes, commercial vegetables and the field and canning peas and beans. The farm "soil bank base" is established by the county ASC committee on the basis of the average acreage of land devoted to these crops during 1956 and 1957.



TWO THINGS YOU CAN DO WITH SNOW, you can tramp in it and you can eat it. At least that's what this pony seems to have done in his pasture here. He certainly tramped in it for there was no other way to get where he was going. But he wasn't eating it, only tending for feed and appearing to enjoy it.

Shooting Death Here Last Week Ruled Accidental

Death of Charles Dallas Koke, 55, here Thursday night from a .22 rifle bullet through the temple, has been ruled accidental by Sheriff Tom Solomon.

Mr. Koke, 224 Silver St., was found dead along the River Road about a mile east of the city at about 8:45 p.m. Thursday after a search had been started when he failed to show up at home at the usual time.

The body was found face up near a curve of the road where it turns north to the river dock. A .22 caliber single action rifle was found at Mr. Koke's feet. Death was evidently instantaneous from a wound with burn marks on the skin, the sheriff said.

He said that the angle at which the wound was made indicates he may have slipped with the loaded gun and accidentally fired the gun. Deep scratch marks on the sole of one of the dead man's overshoes may have been caused by the rocky surface of the road and support this theory, Solomon said.

Mr. Koke's car was found on the road and when his body was acting as coroner said, the man had been dead several hours.

Solomon said investigation showed Mr. Koke had purchased the used .22 rifle here in Plattsmouth about 5:30 Thursday and had also bought a box of shells although he had some shells in a pocket. He made the remark to the merchant that

15 Prisoners In County Jail

County Jail here today was bulging with 15 prisoners being held, including six youths arrested in North Platte Sunday afternoon after breaking jail here Sunday morning.

The sheriff said nine or 10 was the most previously held at any one time.

Bed capacity of the jail is 13. The sheriff said he would have to pick up some beds if the population was the same tonight.

Prisoners being held include some awaiting District Court appearances, some being held for non-payment of fines.

he planned to go down to the river and try the gun out.

Mr. Koke had been in the store a week earlier to look at the gun.

The sheriff said the death appeared accidental also because of the fact Mr. Koke had spent a normal day at work according to Emil Seier, foreman of the Lyman Richey Sand & Gravel La Platte plant where he worked. Mrs. Koke worked from 6 a.m. until 5 p.m.

When he failed to arrive home from work as usual his family and friends, and later the sheriff, searched.

The sheriff said the gun was tested for mechanical condition and found to be in "perfect working order, including the trigger mechanism."

Death of Charles D. Koke Sr. On Thursday Evening

Charles D. Koke, Sr., 55, died Thursday evening as result of an accidental gunshot bringing a deep sense of regret to the community in which he has spent most of his lifetime.

He was born at Plattsmouth August 24, 1902, son of Clemmons C. and Bessie Mason Koke, and grew up in this community where he received his education and has made his home.

He was married in Plattsmouth January 20, 1926 to Grace Arnold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Arnold.

He has been an employe of the Lyman-Richey Co., at their sandpits near this city for the greater part of his adult life.

Mr. Koke was a member of the Methodist church.

Surviving his passing are: wife, Grace, Plattsmouth; two sons, Charles Koke, Jr., Louisville; Verlin Le Roy Koke, Plattsmouth; father, Clemmons Koke, Plattsmouth, sister, Mrs. Louis Schiessl, Plattsmouth, three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the chapel of the Caldwell Linder funeral home. Rev. E. S. DeSpain, pastor of the First Methodist church, conducting the services. Music was by Bill Knorr, soloist with Mrs. George Jacobs as organist.

Burial was at the Oak Hill cemetery with Fred Forbes, Elmer Haffke, Earl Owings, William Paben, Walter Long and Robert Shipley as casket bearers.

Visiting hours were held at the chapel Sunday afternoon and evening.

Caldwell-Linder funeral home in charge of arrangements.

Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses have been issued in County Court here to Floyd W. Reeves, Peru, and Shirley M. Turner, Nehawka; and Bert L. Story and Joy Marie Armstrong, both of Lincoln.

Thanksgiving Services Set Wednesday, Thursday

7 Fines for Speeding \$293 Here

Speeders found little sympathy in County Court here last week as seven of them paid a total of \$293 in fines. They were part of a long list of fines assessed, including:

Richard H. Moses, Lincoln, \$64, speeding; Billy Reed Dowling, Corning, Ia., \$64, speeding; Ray Edward Tarwater, Topeka, Kan., \$89, speeding; James F. Kraft Omaha, \$14, speeding.

Loal Gieselman Bloomfield, \$54, overload on axle; Lowell B. Hopkins, Plattsmouth, \$29, speeding; Vernon Lenoir, Lincoln AFB, \$9, no operator's license; Wayne L. Phillips, \$19, speeding improper muffler.

Nathaniel Johnson, Omaha, \$14 expired operator's license; Ernest Samples, Lincoln, \$29, careless driving; J. D. James, Ashdown, Ark., \$54, overload on axle; James H. Lindan, Lincoln AFB, \$14, speeding.

Charles E. Daugherty, Lincoln AFB, \$50 possession of alcoholic liquor by minor; Ralph Surface, Union, \$24, no operator's license; McClellan Jones, Omaha, \$27, overweight on capacity plates; Curtis W. Piggott, Lincoln AFB, \$50, possession of alcoholic liquor by minor.

Adult Welding Instruction Offered Here

The Plattsmouth High School has completed arrangements to offer adult instruction in welding in interested city people and farmers.

Two classes will be offered, one of 15 sessions and one of 10 sessions. Each class will be limited to twelve interested men. An enrollment fee of \$4.50 for the long session and \$3 for the short session will be charged each enrollee. This will pay for the cost of materials used.

The instruction will be divided between arc welding and gas welding. The classes will be divided so each person will get one hour's instruction and welding practice each night of the class.

As the classes are limited in size, it will be a matter of first come, first serve. Advance registrations will be taken by Dale Bowman, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, or Don Hansen, High School Vocational Agriculture Teacher.

The organizational meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 7:30 p.m. Future meeting nights will be decided by the class. The meeting will be held in the Agriculture room in the new high school building. Those who do not enroll previous to the first meeting may do so the 27th.

Don Hansen will be the instructor.

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FIRE SALTED DOWN— Volunteer fireman Kenneth Young is shown Friday as he dropped about 3 pounds of ordinary salt down the chimney of a home here to control a chimney fire. It was at the home of W. P. Sitzman on west First Avenue (See story below).

Theft Case Goes To District Court

Roy Charles Green Jr., 20, Omaha, Thursday was bound over to District Court by Judge Raymond J. Case in County Court here on charges of breaking and entering and grand larceny.

Green pleaded "not guilty" before Judge Case on the two counts.

He is charged with breaking and entering a Heebner Quarrel trailer storehouse Aug. 10. Several cases of dynamite were discovered to be missing from the trailer.

He is also charged with taking a 15 horsepower outboard motor from the property of Lavone Thomsen here Sept. 25.

Judge Case set appearance bond of \$2,000 and on Green's failure to pay he was recommitted to the County Jail where he has been held since arrested by Sheriff Tom Solomon along with three companions in Omaha, Nov. 8.

Mrs. Allen Dansig, of Washington D. C., was here to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, William Keeley, Mrs. Dansig is the former Dehlla Solomon.

Burning Chimney Cause Of Alarm

The Plattsmouth fire department was called Friday morning to the west part of the city by an alarm from the W. P. Sitzman home on west First Avenue. It was found on arrival at the scene that an overheated chimney was the cause of the alarm.

The prompt report of the fire and quick response of the firemen prevented what could easily have been a costly blaze.

As it was, the only damage was several scorched timbers around the chimney and roof and small water damage to the plastering.

The blaze was checked by a fireman, Kenneth Young, throwing salt down the chimney onto the blazing soot and some water applied to charred timbers.

Mrs. Sitzman first noticed a smell of smoke and gave the alarm. Mr. Sitzman was down in the business section of the city and had just entered the Plattsmouth State Bank to be greeted by news of the fire. He was taken home by bank president Carl Schneider but the firemen were already on the job.

Union Service Wednesday At 7:30 p.m.

Plattsmouth and Cass County people will pause this week to give thanks—grateful thanks on Thanksgiving, 1957, in the most-blessed land on earth. Thanksgiving services will include:

A Union Service for all of the faiths, will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. at First Christian Church. The interdenominational service will be sponsored by the Ministerial Union. The Rev. G. E. Seybold of Plattsmouth will speak. Music will include a solo by Betty Taenzler, Plattsmouth, accompanied by Mrs. Carl Duncan, organist.

St. Luke's Episcopal, Holy Communion at 9 a. m. Thanksgiving Day.

St. John's Roman Catholic, Communion at 7 a. m., mass at 8 a. m., Thanksgiving Day. Holy Rosary Roman Catholic, Thanksgiving Day service, mass at 8 a. m.

First Lutheran Thanksgiving Day service, 10 a. m.

Christ Lutheran on the Plattsmouth-Louisville road, Thanksgiving service Wednesday at 8 p. m.

Community Presbyterian, at Cedar Creek, joint Thanksgiving service in Louisville with the Methodist Church, Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

Immanuel Lutheran Louisville, Thanksgiving Day service, 10:30 a. m.

St. Paul Lutheran, Weeping Water, Thanksgiving Day service, 8:30 a. m.

Xmas Program Here Friday

The official opening of the Christmas program in downtown Plattsmouth is set for Friday when Mayor Bruce Gold will initiate it by pushing a button to turn on the street decoration.

A Chamber of Commerce committee has been busy putting decorations in place for Friday's inaugural.

Besides the first lighting of decorations, Friday's program will include the Christmas Parade featuring Miss Christmas, Santa and his elf, and opening of Santa Land.

Stores are remaining open Friday and Saturday nights until 9 o'clock. Beginning Dec. 16, they'll be open each night until Christmas Eve.

State New Trial Motion Overuled

In district court at Papillion last week Judge John Dierks overruled a motion filed by the State Department of Roads for a new trial in the condemnation suit against the Twenty Club, north of this city in Sarpy county.

The jury had awarded the club \$2,740 damages for property needed by the state for widening highway 75 near LaPlatte. The court ordered the state to pay the award plus six per cent and court costs.

BREX Retirement Agent Here Monday

A representative of the Railroad Retirement Board will be at the Burlington Refrigerator Express Company in Plattsmouth Monday at 9:30 a. m.

Persons having questions in wife's or husband's annuities, unemployment insurance, sickness benefits, or who are interested in railroad employment, may call on her.



THE SENATOR SPEAKS— Sen. Carl Curtis (R-Nebr.) is shown addressing a meeting of the Plattsmouth Rotary and Lions clubs at the Lions building Tuesday night. He gave an insight into labor union racketeering investigations by the McClellan committee of which he is a member and urged legislation to alter the conditions which lead to union corruption. At his left are Plattsmouth Rotary president and Mrs. Lester Dalton; at his right Richard Peck (barely visible), Mrs. Peck and Mr. and Mrs. Al Linder.

Only 24 Shopping Days 'Til Christmas