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Two Men Admit Store Burglary

Face Charges Here and At Norfolk

Two of three men arrested in Norfolk early Monday morning and who are charged with breaking and entering in Madison County have implicated themselves in the Soennichsen store break here Feb. 8.

One of the men is in custody here and two of them have been charged here with breaking and entering.

The men are Henry J. Sears, 28, Danville, Ind.; Albert Duke Simon, 26, and his uncle, Mike Simon, 48, both of Omaha.

Sears and Albert Simon were caught inside the Jack & Jill market just outside of the city limits of Norfolk by deputized city policemen from Norfolk. The two men in signed statements implicated themselves in two other Norfolk breakins the same night.

Checking out the motel police of the men in Norfolk the police found Mike Simon who had \$500 in cash in his pocket which supposedly came from one of the earlier breakins in Norfolk.

In another motel room 34-year-old Monica Sears, wife of Henry Sears, was found with

\$5,000 BOND SET
Mike Simons was arraigned in County Court here today on charges of breaking and entering Soennichsen's Store Feb. 8. He pleaded "not guilty" and preliminary hearing was set for March 5. Judge Raymond J. Case set appearance bond at \$5,000 one of the largest ever set here. Simon is being held in lieu of bond.

over \$1,000 in cash in her purse. Clothing found in her room bore the name of Soennichsen's Store. Norfolk took her in for questioning then released her.

In checking out the clothing, the police observed that they were similar to the items listed on a circular received from the Cass County Sheriff's office on the Soennichsen break and called Sheriff Tom Solomon.

Mike Simon refused to give any statement, oral or written, to the Norfolk police concerning his part if any in the three breakins. But late Monday afternoon under questioning by Solomon he did give and sign a two page confession admitting his part in the Soennichsen store break. Sears gave Solomon an oral statement but before it could be put into writing Sears' lawyer intervened and broke off the questioning, Solomon said.

Albert Simon was apparently not involved in the Plattsmouth burglary. Both Sears and Mike Simon both have prison records. Simon served time both in Iowa and Nebraska.

Attorneys representing the three men filed habeas corpus action Monday in Norfolk before any charges could be filed and demanded immediate hearing and release. The writ ordered the chief of police to deliver the men immediately to the County Court at Madison.

At Madison, the defendants' attorneys asked dismissal of the action. The action was dismissed.

Wednesday, sheriff Solomon returned to Norfolk to take charge of Mike Simon after he had posted a \$2,500 bond. Mrs. Sears who planned to ride to Omaha with the sheriff in order to make arrangements for her husband's bond was seized by Norfolk police on a warrant charging her with taking part in the Norfolk breakins.

In Plattsmouth late Wednesday, an additional 4-page statement was taken from Mike Simon by Solomon. In his statement (Continued on Page 8)

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

Date	High	Low	Prec.
Monday	24	11	00
Tuesday	22	0	00
Wednesday	17	10	00
Forecast: High near 30. Low 15-20. Possible snow flurries tonight.			
Sun sets tonight at 6:04. Sun rises Friday at 7:11 a.m.			

Crop Drying Farm-Home Day Topic

Crop drying and beauty in the home will be subjects presented at the annual Extension Farm and Home Day program.

The date is Feb. 27 at the Agricultural Auditorium in Weeping Water.

The 1957 corn and milo crop was of bumper proportions. But there is a lot of stored grain which may be in jeopardy when the spring warm weather arrives, unless the moisture content of the grain is reduced.

The warm weather will cause hot spots to occur in damp grain. This induces molds to develop and is also conducive to greater stored grain insect activity.

Proceeding the educational program, Mrs. Everett Spangler, former Cass County resident, now living in Omaha, will show slides and tell of her trip to the Far East.

A free lunch will be served by the Weeping Water Chamber of Commerce from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m.

Specialists from the State Extension Service to present the demonstrations are Milo Munggaard, Extension agricultural engineer, and Magdalene Pfister in home furnishings.

\$52.50 Is Given in Suit Here

Lloyd Holman, was voluntarily given \$52.50 in a suit for damages against Herbert A. Sydik and the Capital Bridge Co. in District Court here Tuesday.

Holman had asked \$700 rental (\$100 a month for 7 months) on a tract of land on which he said the bridge company parked equipment and had a building during construction of a bridge across the Platte River on U. S. 73-75; payment for 500 tons rip rap rock and payment for crushed rock hauled to the bridge project.

A jury found for the defendants on the first two causes for action and the defendants voluntarily agreed to pay the \$52.50 for crushed rock in the third cause for action.

Sydik was named in the suit because he was foreman for the bridge company.

On the jury were Willard McShane, foreman, Mrs. Alma Benner, John W. Barkhurst, Ernest M. Janda, Mrs. Elmer Kepler, Donald Hollenbeck, LaVerne Meisinger, Mrs. Gerald Meisinger, John A. Ruhge, Harry Rockenbach, Mrs. Ruth Luetchens and William Kraeger.

Court will reconvene Wednesday when Fred B. Forbes vs. Albin J. Sydik, an automobile damage suit, is scheduled for trial.

Death Of Clarence Ohm Of Elmwood

Clarence Ohm, 72, one of the well known residents of the Elmwood community, died suddenly on Tuesday. He was in the office of a physician where he was stricken and passed away in a few moments.

He is survived by his wife, Lucy.

Services were held today at the Hobson Funeral Home at Weeping Water. Interment was at the cemetery at Elmwood.

Life Was Complicated in 1874, Too

The Journal already reported a brief glimpse at the docket and on further thumbing continues...

Feb. 18, 1874—J. T. Floyd, David Floyd and John Floyd brought suit in justice court "for labour don thrashing in August, 1872, and August, 1873: one days hauling \$2.50 amounting in all to \$40.93 with a credit endorse of \$33.62 leaving a balance of \$7.31."

The case was tried and the justice concurred with the plaintiffs. After two years they got their \$7.31, or \$2.43 apiece.

Aug. 6, 1874—G. W. Rhoades brought suit against a man whose cattle "did damage to a

Farm Hiring Day Here Feb. 28 at Stander Implement

The Plattsmouth Farm Hiring Day of the Nebraska State Employment Service will be at 2 p. m. Friday, Feb. 28, at the Stander Implement Co. Clarence Rankin, Farm Labor Interviewer has announced.

Hiring Days are occasions on which farmers seeking farm jobs have opportunities to meet and to discuss individually job openings and qualifications with a view to making mutually satisfactory hiring arrangements.

In past years, numerous farm jobs have been filled by this type of meeting, Rankin said. A good balance in the number of farmers and farm hands is desired since the most successful Hiring Days in the past have been those where a good representation of both were present, he said.

Begley Files For Cass Co. Attorney

James Begley, Cass County attorney since July 1956, Tuesday filed for that office in the May primary election on the Republican ticket.

He became the first to file for county attorney.

Begley was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Richard Peck when the latter was appointed deputy U. S. district attorney.

Begley, 43, is a graduate of the University of Nebraska Law School. He practiced law a year in Lincoln before coming to Plattsmouth in 1941. He has practiced here since 1941 except for the time he spent in service, from 1942 until late in 1946.

The county attorney is married and has two children. He is the son of Judge James T. Begley, for 21 years judge of this district until his death in 1934.

Nehawka Gets \$5,436 in 'Free Hi School Tuition'

Nehawka School District received \$5,436 from the Cass County treasury for "free high school tuition" for the first semester of the current school year.

Nehawka's tuition total and 26 students on free high school tuition were inadvertently omitted from a list in a previous Journal news story.

Actually, Nehawka was the first district to file its claim for the first semester tuition.

Corrected totals for county tuition the first half of this school year are 250 students and \$53,196 paid.

Other district figures are: Plattsmouth 121, \$25,776; Nebraska City 22, \$4,908; Avoca 9, \$1,944; Murdock 3, \$648; Ashland 20, \$4,320; Elmwood 3, \$648; Weeping Water 13, \$2,784 and Louisville 33, \$6,732.

Tuition is paid at the rate of \$12 per week of attendance and is for students from districts which do not maintain high schools. Funds are raised county-wide by a millage levy on the assessed valuation in districts without high schools of their own.



25 YEARS SERVICE — Clyde H. Britain, right, gas distribution fitter for Central Electric & Gas Co., was presented a 25-year service emblem recently by District Manager W. T. Geason at a district safety meeting at the company office here. Britain has been an outstandingly conscientious and courteous employee since becoming associated with the preceding utility company in 1932 and with the present company since 1941, Geason said. Britain's fellow employees and many friends congratulated him on his service record.

Sunday Is the Day To Help Your Heart

Sunday is the day you can personally help your Heart Fund help your heart.

Heart Sunday headquarters is to be at Chriswer's Studio at 421 Main St., Phone 226.

Between 2 and 4 p. m., the Heart Sunday army, composed of 50 residents of Plattsmouth who have volunteered their services will visit homes in every corner of the city to collect contributions for the 1958 Heart Fund. Each volunteer will be identified by a circular lapel badge and will carry official printed envelopes in which contributors may seal their checks, bills or coins. The amount of the contribution need not be revealed.

Where the volunteer finds no one at home, he or she will leave a pre-addressed mail-in envelope in which a contribution may be readily sent to Heart Fund headquarters during the next few days.

"The volunteer army this year as in previous years is made up of men and women who have determined that the battle against the heart diseases merits their fullest cooperation." Mrs. Don Wurga announced.

"In behalf of this dedicated army, I would like to make two simple requests of the residents of Plattsmouth," the chairman said. "First, please welcome your Heart Sunday volunteer. Secondly, please think of all the hearts you love, and give for each of them."

Co-chairmen of the drive are the American Legion Auxiliary and VFW Auxiliary. Mrs. Wm. Maston and Arthur Wurga will assist in totaling the contributions.

Concert Program To Be Feb. 24

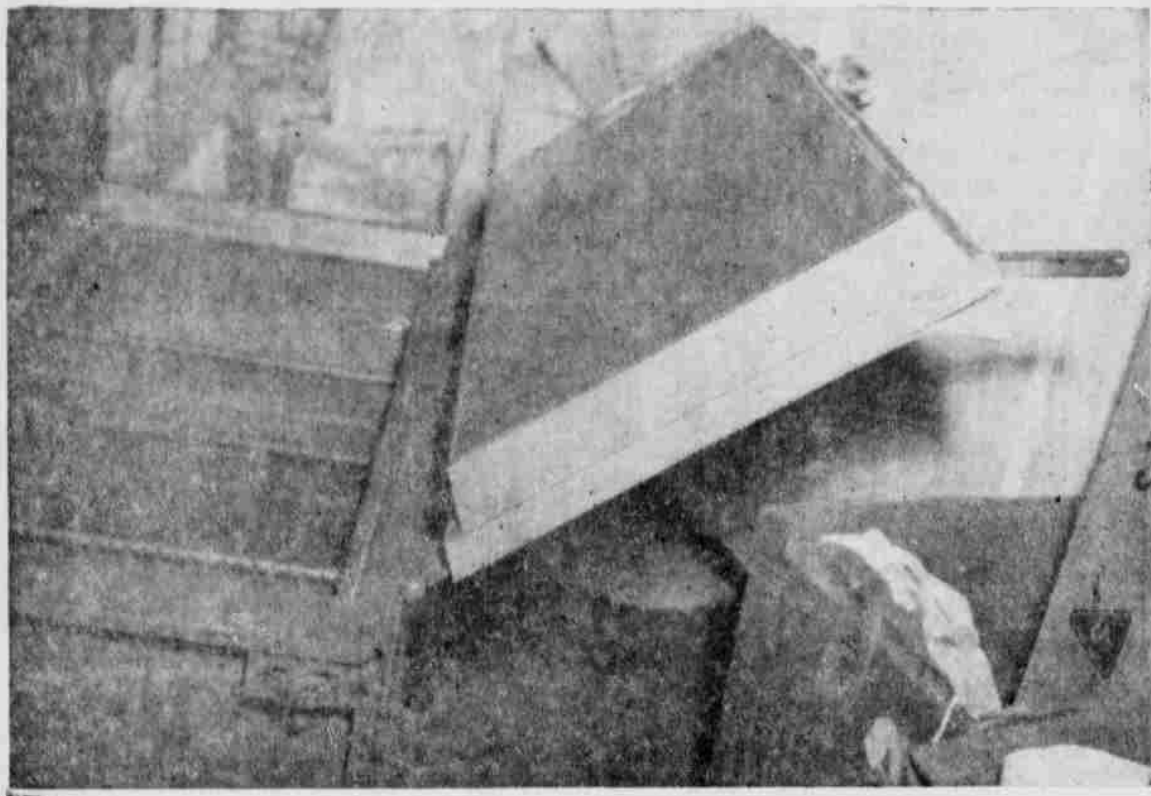
Plattsmouth High School A Band Concert "Music of the 50's" is to be presented Monday, Feb. 24 at 8 p. m. under the direction of Richard Kucera.

The band will offer the following numbers: "Keynote March" by Erickson; "Ballet for Young Americans" by Hermann; (teenage overture, day dreaming, first driving lesson, prom night and graduation march) with Larry Fitzgerald as narrator; "Spiritual From Symphony No. 5 1/2" by Gillis; "Holiday for Trombones" by Rose.

Featured as the fifth number is the high school dance band. The concert band will continue with "Night Song" by Baskerville; "Display Piece for Band" by Morrissey; "Study in Rhythmic" featuring the percussion section of the band and written by Muccigrosso; and the finale number, "Marching The Blues" by Bowles, this selection to feature the majorettes.

Tickets for the concert are 75c for adults and 50c, children.

Court costs of \$1.50 included (Continued on Page 8)



EVIDENCE — A chisel protrudes from the corner of a door of a filling cabinet burglars forced open Feb. 8 at Soennichsen's Store here. The chisel was purchased at a store here and the clerk identified the buyer.

Dari B. Ashbaugh Funeral Service Held Here Today

Dari B. Ashbaugh, 51, well known and highly esteemed resident of the Plattsmouth community, died Monday evening at the family home, 629 Oakmont Drive, following an illness that had covered a period of ten months.

Mr. Ashbaugh was born December 31, 1906 at Grant, Ia., son of J. W. and Jennie Bridwell Ashbaugh, spending his childhood in that community.

He was married on October 18, 1930 at Rockport, Mo., to Miss Virginia Lorraine Johnson, who with two sons, Norman and Gerald, both of this city, survive the passing of the husband and father.

Mr. Ashbaugh was a veteran in the service of the US engineers, being engaged in service with them for a period of twenty years, having a large part in their Missouri river improvement program and other projects during that time. In his engineering work he was a great advocate of safety first among the workers and was publisher of "Safety Engineering Service," one of the best known works of its kind in recent years.

Mr. Ashbaugh came to Plattsmouth in 1934 to make his home, but in his work with the engineers has traveled over a great deal of the west.

While a resident here, Mr. Ashbaugh was a member of the Plattsmouth fire department, serving as an officer and member for a number of years.

He was also a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Glenwood, Ia., lodge No. 54, AF & AM.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Sattler Funeral home, Rev. Keith Deland, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, conducting the services. Bill Knorr served as vocalist for the service with Mrs. George Jacobs as the accompanist.

Interment was at Oak Hill cemetery in this city with members of the Plattsmouth fire department serving as casket bearers. A. W. Huebner, Joe Krantrod, Clement Woster, William H. Schmidtman, Herbert Schuetz, and Howard Hirtz. The Sattler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

McLean Named To U. S. VFW CD Committee

The Commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Richard L. Roubush, Indianapolis, has announced the appointment of Arthur C. McLean, Plattsmouth, as a member of the VFW National Civil Defense Committee.

In making the announcement, Roubush said: "As a veterans organization, I think we have an obligation to alert the American people as to the necessity of an adequate national civil defense program."

"We have a big job to do because Civil Defense has become something of a step-child in our order of top priorities. I feel confident that Arthur McLean will donate much to our constructive program and we will be able to rectify this situation."



ADMITTED BURGLARS — Henry Sears, left, and Mike Simon admitted to Sheriff Tom Solomon breaking into Soennichsen's Store here. They have been charged with breaking and entering, the same charge they face at Norfolk.

4 FFA Members from PHS To Trade Visits at Arcadia, Fla.

Don Hansen, vocational agriculture teacher in the Plattsmouth High School, announced today that four FFA boys have been selected to participate in an exchange student program with the Arcadia, Fla., FFA chapter.

The student exchange is being made as a part of the observance of National FFA Week Feb. 22-March 1.

The local students will leave Plattsmouth Feb. 21 and return home March 2.

The Arcadia members will visit Plattsmouth the week of April 7.

Some of the highlights of the Florida trip will be a trip thru the everglades, a trip through a phosphate mine, citrus groves and a fertilizer plant.

Arcadia is located about 120 miles southeast of Tampa. During their visit, the Plattsmouth members will live on the farms of the Arcadia members.

The four boys were selected by fellow members of the Agriculture III class.

Those selected are:

Leonard Hild, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hild.

Hunter Ingwerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Ingwerson.

Dennis Todd, son of Mrs. Albert Todd.

Robert Ehlers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Ehlers of Union.

Ingwerson and Hild are juniors and Ehlers and Todd are seniors.

Probably most outstanding, according to Hansen, is the farming program of young Hild. He has for his third year farming program the following projects: 55 acres corn, 10 acres oats, 16 acres wheat, 5 acres milo, 10 beef cows, 2 beef fattening, 10 sows and litters and 15 breeding ewes.

Ingwerson has established himself as an up and coming breeder of purebred Landrace hogs. He now has 13 purebred sows to farrow this spring as well as 16 acres milo, 250 baby chicks and 10 head of fattening beef.

Ehlers has as his project program the following: 70 acres of corn, 10 acres sweet clover and one sow and litter.

All four boys have made outstanding records and are worthy of the awards received, Hansen said.

Last year, Roy Smith, Gary Rieke and Herbert Kraeger were exchanged with the Santa Paula, Calif., chapter.

The local chapter pays \$250 toward the railroad tickets which cost \$83 apiece. Money for the trip was raised through the sale of calendar advertisements.