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Ballroom Janitor Held In Bombing-Incendiary Quiz

Investigation of Fires at Fox River Grove Dance Hall Pushed

Charles Bickford, maintenance man employed at the Cernocky's Crystal Ballroom in Fox River Grove, was held in the McHenry county jail Wednesday afternoon without charges while authorities were investigating stories concerning two incendiary fires and a kidnapping at the ballroom Saturday morning.

Bickford's past is being investigated by Donald A. Wicks, assistant state's attorney, who found several discrepancies in his stories. His fingerprints were forwarded to the federal bureau of investigation in Washington.

Since the incendiary fire last Saturday, which was said to have resulted after a group of unknown men soaked the interior with gasoline and hurled two bombs into the place, residents of Fox River Grove have been questioned for information on the many angles already presented.

William C. Dvorak, Fox River Grove fire chief, and Rex Wright, who was stationed at the ballroom following a fire of suspicious circumstances on November 11, were kidnapped by the men who drove up in two cars Saturday morning and were set free near Palatine several hours later.

The four individuals are then said to have sprayed kerosene around the interior and hurled two incendiary bombs. The resulting blaze and smoke did damage estimated to exceed $20,000.

Frank R. Doherty, chief deputy state fire marshal, has been on the scene since the first fire on November 19. He is assisting in the questioning of Mrs. Louis Cernocky, daughter of the late Louis Cernocky, who built the dance hall and adjoining restaurant, her two sons, Louis and Edward, and other residents. George Kotaska, who was leaving the Cernocky tavern at the time of the blast, James Dyris, a constable who was nearby, and W. H. Pool, a salesman, were among those called for information.

Building Work Shows Slump; Totals $2925

Building activity in the village of Barrington decreased sharply during the month of November with permits issued by V. D. Hawley, building commissioner, totaling $2925. This is far below the total of October when the work amounted to more than $11 000.

Five permits were issued during the month to the following persons and the following places: Estimated costs: J. H. Catlow Co., 419 W. Main street, tool shed, $500; Sophie Hartman, 121 Cook street, remodel home, $275; Edwin W. Prigge, 209 S. Cook street, remodel home, $300; Ole Lageschulte & Hager Co.: storage shed, $250; Elden Gieske, 228 W. Main street, addition to house, $500.

George Landwer Wins Scholastic Standing

George Landwer, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Landwer, 212 E. Hillside avenue, has been awarded a pin for standing in the Drake university college of fine arts and will be eligible for graduation in June.

Landwer is a major in music and has been active in the Drake band, orchestra, glee club and trumpet trio. He has appeared in the Drake productions of "Faust," "The Mesaliance," and "Kollege Kapers." He is a member of Phi Mu Alpha, professional music fraternity. Landwer was graduated from Barrington high school in 1935 where he was active in band, orchestra, football and the senior class play.

Mrs. R. E. Church Addresses J.E.T.C.

Mrs. Ralph E. Church, wife of Congressman Church of the 10th district, spoke before the Junior Executive Training club of Jewel Tea, Inc., Tuesday evening and discussed impressions she received while traveling in France, Germany, Belgium and Norway this fall.

Mrs. Church was in Europe with her husband, who was an official delegate to the Inter-Parliamentary Congress at Oslo, at the outbreak of the present war.

New Cloths Will Be Dedicated Sunday at St. Matthew Church

In the morning service next Sunday, the first Sunday in Advent, a new set of silk brocade hangings for altar, pulpit and lectern will be dedicated for use in the St. Matthew church. This set of coverings, the second to be donated this year, is of purple-violet color and was given by the Walter League society of the church.

It will be used during the Advent and Lenten seasons of the church year. The three hangings and two book-marks have been trimmed with gold silk fringe and two gold embroidered ornaments have been sewed to the pulpit antependium and lectern hanging.

At this time a set of white hangings are also being prepared. These will be dedicated at Christmas time, Rev. A. T. Kretzmann, pastor, announced.

Board of Appeals To Hold Hearing On Zone Changes

Four Sections Included in Schedule; Meeting Friday Night

Proposed changes in zoned districts in the village of Barrington will be discussed at a meeting of the zoning board of appeals to be held in the village hall Friday night. Four sections of the residential district are included in the proposed changes.

Providing no objections are received at the meeting by the zoning board, it will recommend to the board of trustees that the proposed changes be adopted. However, since the board of appeals began re-drafting the zoning map several months ago, there have been numerous complaints and it is expected some property owners will be present at the hearing Friday night.

Members of the board of appeals are: D. C. Schroeder, chairman, Arnold H. Sass, Tom M. Owens, Ray M. Jurs and H. H. Calkins.

Changes in the following property will be up for consideration Friday night.

North half of lots 3, 4 and 5, block D in the Original Town of Cuba (now zoned as class B), to be changed to class C.

Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 of block E in the Original Town of Cuba (now zoned as class B), to be changed to class C.

North one-half of blocks 3, 8 and 12, Subdivision G in the Original Town of Barrington (now zoned as class B), to be changed to class C.

To establish a building line 20 feet west of the West line of the W 33 ft NE¼ NE¼ Sec 1 T 42 R 9 (commonly known as George St.).

Willie Dreyer Takes 2nd in Five Mile Run Thanksgiving Day

Willie Dreyer of Barrington, prominent state marathon runner, placed second in the running of the annual five-mile Thanksgiving Day race in Waukegan Thursday. Dreyer was clocked in 28 minutes and 48 seconds and placed second to Dave Turner of Waukegan, who was the event for the third consecutive time in 29 minutes and one second.

Cecil Ritzelbach, also of Waukegan, finished third, four seconds behind Dreyer. Eight Lake county runners competed in the event, which was witnessed by 5000 spectators.

Infant Welfare Will Hold Benefit Movie

The Barrington Center of the Infant Welfare society will sponsor a special motion picture show at the Yellow theatre at 10 o'clock on Saturday, Dec. 16, for the benefit of needy families in this and other communities. Admission to the show, which is being arranged especially for children, will be foodstuff. A Walt Disney cartoon, and selected cartoon subjects will be included in the show through the courtesy of W. R. Callow, manager.

Mothersingers Will Meet

The P.-T.A. Mothersingers will meet Monday from 3 to 4 p. m. in the school music room.

Leaves for Kentucky

Blaine Dickson left Friday for Paris, Ky., where he will stay for a few months.

R. Plagges Return From Western Trip

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Plagges and son Robert, 154 Grove avenue, returned Tuesday from a trip of one week to Colorado, where they visited Lookout Mountain, Estes Park, Boulder Canyon, Pleasant Valley, Colorado Springs and Idaho Springs, Echo and Summit Lake on Mt. Evans.

Using the highest automobile road in the world, completed only four months ago, they visited Mt. Evans, an elevation of 14,260 feet.

At Colorado Springs, Norman Neetleorde, who is attending Colorado college, accompanied them to the Garden of the Gods and Seven Falls. They also visited with Miss Phyllis Beckman, formerly of Barrington, who is attending business school at Colorado Springs.

They returned home by the southern route, through Missouri and Kansas.

Robert Plagge spent the past two months in Colorado.

A United States of Europe Plan Speaker Suggests

Donald McGibney Addresses Woman's Group Here Wednesday

The United States of America could materially aid the cause of peace by introducing a plan for a United States of Europe which would possess an international legislature, judiciary and police force, concluded speaker Donald McGibney, noted NBC news commentator, who addressed members of the Barrington Woman's club and their guests at the Episcopal church Wednesday night. Mrs. Robert Work, club president, introduced the speaker, whose topic was "This Crazy World."

Before presenting his solution to a permanent peace plan, Mr. McGibney reviewed the European war situation and discussed the various peace plans in respect to national wealth, attitude and political beliefs.

In suggesting that the United States urge the adoption of a government similar to ours, the speaker advocated that the policing powers be distributed on a pro-rata basis with all countries having a share. A trained force of 50,000 men to settle acts of violence when disagreements occur between nations, was his proposal.

Mr. McGibney also suggested that we make our hemisphere impregnable to invasion by assisting South American countries defend their shores through the loan of officers and ships. After a brief question period, a social hour concluded the meeting.

Refreshments were served from a table decorated with chrysanthemums. Mrs. Henry C. Sandow, chairman, was assisted by the following: Mrs. Corliss Anderson, Mrs. W. Burkhart, Mrs. J. P. Barner, Mrs. Leslie Hansen, Mrs. C. G. McCray, Mrs. Edward Schroeder and Mrs. W. M. Watson.

Car Skids on Road, Cary Woman Is Hurt

Mrs. Laura Phelps of Cary escaped serious injury when the car she was driving skidded on the wet pavement of route 14, two miles west of Barrington, Thursday evening, hit a guard fence and then crashed into the ditch. She was taken to Cary for medical treatment.

Hopes of Oil Strike Blossom As Test Well Is Started Near Here

Visions of an oil strike in northern Illinois suddenly blossomed this week when drilling operations were started on a truck farm located on Cook-Lake county line road near Skokie highway. The test well was started by Henry Boysen Jr. of Libertyville, Albert Wulff, a truck farmer, has leased the land to a syndicate. Operations have been suspended until the syndicate officers return from Southern Illinois with professional drilling equipment.

Hold Services for Mrs. P. H. Jacobson

Funeral services for Mrs. Peter H. Jacobson, who died Saturday night at her farm home between Barrington and Wauconda, were held at the late residence Tuesday afternoon. Rev. L. H. M. Rognlie of Elgin officiated and burial took place in White cemetery.

Mrs. Jacobson had been in ill health for some time.

She was born in Denmark on November 11, 1857 and came to the United States 50 years ago and settled with her husband on a farm near St. Charles. For the last 16 years they had farmed near Barrington.

Survivors include the widower; four daughters, Mrs. Louis Schumacher of Elgin, Mrs. Emmett Garry at home, Mrs. Harry Hansen and Mrs. Robert Vasey, both of Chicago; two sons, Fred Jacobson at home and Earl, residing in Wauconda; one brother and one sister residing in Denmark; three brothers, Fred, Julius and Walter Rasmussen, all of Elgin; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

John Sloan, Baking Concern Head, Dies

Funeral services for John A. Sloan, president of Sloan's Bread Inc., Chicago wholesale baking concern, were held Wednesday afternoon in Chicago. Burial took place in Mt. Olivet cemetery. Mr. Sloan died Sunday at the age of 60 years at his home on Sutton road, west of Barrington.

He was born at Cascade, Ia., on September 29, 1878, and had been in the baking business for many years.

Surviving are his widow, Augusta; two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Wachbols and Mrs. Edith Bleil; a brother, Jason B. Sloan; and two sisters, Mrs. Edith Normandy and Mrs. Jane Myles.

Bank to Distribute $20,000 Club Fund

The First National bank announced this week that on Friday, Dec. 1, checks covering payment of the 1938 Christmas club will be available to club members.

The 1939 club totals over $20,000. This fund will be distributed among 400 members of this community. While most banks do not pay any interest on Christmas savings, the local bank is paying interest on those 1939 clubs which total $50 or more.

In evidence of the increasing popularity of the Christmas club the bank reports that the 1938 club showed an increase of almost 20 per cent over the 1938 club.

Former Resident Dies

Word was received this week of the death of Mrs. Sarah Absher, former resident of Barrington, who died in Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 19. She was visiting a niece, Mrs. Maude O'Brien, at the time of her death.

Milton H. Wright Is Suburban Council's Speaker December 7

The principal speaker at the annual banquet of the Northwest Suburban council, Boy Scouts of America, to be held next Thursday evening, Dec. 7, in the social hall of the Congregational church of Des Plaines, will be Milton H. Wright of Wilmette, a prominent educator and lecturer and a recognized authority of youth programs.

Mr. Wright is vice president of the North Shore Area council and a veteran scouter with more than 20 years service. He has also served as chairman pro tem for court of honor and chairman of the Leadership Training committee in his council.

Other features of the program will be demonstrations of the cubbing, scouting and sea scouting programs and the installation of the newly elected officers.

The annual business session of the council will be held at 6:45 o'clock at which time the election of officers will be held. This annual banquet is attended by scouters and their wives and parents and friends of scouting.

Two Youths Will Hear Sentence On Burglary Charges

Up Before Judge Prystalski Friday; Testimony Heard Last Week

Lyle Hix, 19 years old, of Barrington, and Fred West, 20 years old, of Wauconda, will appear Friday morning before Judge John Prystalski in the Cook county criminal court to hear sentence on a charge of burglary at night. Testimony in their case was presented last Friday morning and Judge Prystalski delayed sentence until this week in order to study the case. Application for parole has been made, but, according to reports, parole may not be immediately consider.

It is possible that the charge may be changed to a lesser one if a great deal of sentiment is brought in order to obtain the court's parole. Another charge, carrying a concealed weapon, has not been pressed.

Warrants charging Hix and West with burglarizing the Harold M. Keele place on Sutton road on the night prior to their arrest in Park Ridge are now in the Cook county sheriff's office and have not been served on them at the conclusion of their trial, it was learned.

The youths appeared before Judge Prystalski on a technical plea of not guilty last Friday. The case was heard without a jury and the judge took the information against the carrying a concealed weapon charge and also the fact that they were said to be implicated in stealing the R. D. Wells home on West Lake street and the Keele place on Sutton road. They were arrested in Park Ridge November 1.

Hold Last Rites for Mrs. Emma L. Page

Last rites for Mrs. Emma L. Page, 417 Grove avenue, were held at the Salem Evangelical church Sunday afternoon with Rev. W. A. Stauffer officiating and Rev. C. R. Drussel assisting. Burial took place in Evergreen cemetery.

Mrs. Page underwent an operation at the Sherman hospital in Elgin on November 22 and died the last Friday morning.

She was born in Cuba township and spent her entire life in this community. She was a practical nurse for more than 35 years. She was married in September, 1928, to Clarence P. Page, who preceded her in death two years ago.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Julia Benson of Barrington, Mrs. Lydia Lageschulte of Randolph, Neb., and Mrs. Malinda Tatge of Hemmingford, Neb.

20 SHOPPING DAYS Until Christmas

Community Christmas Program Plan Started

To Give Concert

Owen Berger, Barrington pianist, will present a concert at the Methodist church on Friday evening, Dec. 8, at 8 o'clock under the auspices of the Scholarship Loan fund committee of the Barrington woman's college. Mr. Berger will be assisted by his sister, Miss Pauline Berger, soprano, who will be accompanied by Victor Chesnais of Chicago.

Mr. Berger received his master's degree in music in June, 1939, and now is on the faculty at Rogers Jawski College of Music in Chicago. He plans his New York debut during the winter of 1940-41.

The Scholarship Loan fund committee is composed of the following members: Mrs. Harold P. Grede, chairman, Mrs. H. R. Brintlinger, Mrs. Elden Gieske, Mrs. Frank A. Hoch Jr., Mrs. Cecil Kellam, Mrs. J. J. Pelham, Mrs. C. N. Watkins, Mrs. Orin Wold, Mrs. Lawrence T. York.

Committee Votes To Hire Speakers For Coming Series

10 Persons Will Be Engaged; C. Kaylor to Complete List

A list of thirty possible speakers for the Town-Wyming series to be held here early in January was discussed by members of the planning committee at a meeting held in the school house Wednesday evening and it was voted to have C. W. Kaylor, noted Wednesday night sage eight available persons of nationally-known prominence.

Mr. Kaylor decided Wednesday night to extend the Town-Warming series ten days to permit the inclusion of two speakers who were unexpectedly received here last February when the first series was held. They are Mrs. Anna Steese Richardson, speaking on "Making Spiritual History," and Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones, whose topic has been "Adventures Among Great Americans." According to plans, Dr. Stockdale will be the concluding speaker on the coming series.

E. S. Smith, chairman of the planning committee, reported that he is receiving answers to the letter of appeal for contributions and comment sent out last week. The size of the contribution is not the big factor at present, Mr. Smith said. "We want an expression of opinion on the series from all residents," he pointed out, "and I urge everyone to drop the committee a line of comment together with whatever amount they feel free to give for the support of the program."

Other members of the committee are: Rev. C. R. Drussel, Rev. W. A. Stauffer, Karl Hatje, Frank A. Hecht, M. H. Schreiber and Mrs. G. Rutledge.

$12,000 Estate Left by Roselle Resident

The late John Homeyer, who died intestate in Roselle on October 25, left an estate valued at $12,000, according to an estimate filed in the Cook county probate court this week when the appointment of an executor was asked. His heirs are three sons and three daughters. Mrs. Sophie Hartman of Forest Park is daughter, was appointed administratrix. The other sons and daughters live in Roselle. They are: John, Henry Jr., Emil Homeyer, Mrs. Wilhelmina Mueching and Mrs. Caroline Wade.

Name Committees To Draft Events At Holiday Time

Arrange to Have Santa Claus Here on Three Saturdays; Slogan Adopted

Plans for a community-wide Christmas program in Barrington, embracing decorations and entertainment, were rapidly brought into shape at a series of meetings held this week. At a meeting of the Barrington Business Council in the village hall Friday night, committees were announced and the type of decorations for the business district were voted upon and approved.

P. A. Connelly, president of the Council, announced the following committee appointments: program, Dr. E. A. Kleinwachter, chairman, Carl Dernham, E. H. Sasman, Rev. G. P. Ellerbrake, D. C. Sorenson and Mrs. H. O. Wood; public address system, A. E. Bateman, chairman, Clarence Ahlgrim, Edward Ericson, Edward Schroeder and Russell Brockway; decorations, W. R. Callow, chairman, Tom Owens, J. H. Blanke, Charles Roselle and Albert Wilkins; Santa Claus committee, H. E. Willmering, chairman, Miss Agnes Welch, Walter Kain and A. W. Davis; publicity, H. N. Watkins, chairman, B. A. Schroeder, Henry Lipofsky, George Elliot and V. J. Gallagher.

It was voted by the Council Friday to purchase metal frames which could be placed on the 63 ornamental light poles in the business district. These frames are to hold two small Christmas trees covered with lights. The frames are being made by members of the high school building trades classes under the supervision of Charles Roselle.

The Village Garden club of Barrington, through the cooperation of its Civics committee, is handling a home decoration contest. Prizes will be awarded to the homes most attractively decorated on the exterior. Judging will be done the week before Christmas. Members of the committee are: Mrs. J. M. Friedlander, chairman, Mrs. F. Kirchman, Miss Elizabeth Otis and Mrs. D. C. Schroeder.

All home owners in Barrington are eligible to enter the contest. No entry blanks are required.

Committees responsible for the program meet at the village hall Monday evening and begin making plans for the various events. It was decided then to have Santa Claus come to Barrington on three Saturdays immediately preceding Christmas, Dec. 9, 16 and 23. Details for the Santa visits are not completed, but it is understood he will be located in the downtown area in place where he can let parents to bring their children for an interview. An auto trailer has

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Council-Wide Court of Honor on Friday

The council-wide court of honor of the Northwest Suburban council, Boy Scouts of America, will be held Friday evening, Dec. 1, at the Des Plaines Junior high school.

Awards will be presented to scouts from all over the council and in addition to the scouts and scouters, all parents and friends of scouting have been invited to attend.

The program will open at eight o'clock and the climax of the evening will be the presentation of two Eagle awards to Life Scout Glenn Park of troop 3, sponsored by the Park Ridge Kiwanis club, and Scoutmaster Richard J. Roettcher of troop 28, sponsored by the Morton Grove P.-T.A.

Prairie View Girl Wed 4-H Award

A gold shield embossed with a centipede, will be presented to Marcia Holtzee, Prairie View, who was chosen last week as county winner in the national 4-H canning achievement contest.

The contest is the 11th one conducted by the farm extension service of the country. Miss Holtzee will receive the shield from Mrs. Helen J. Volk, farm adviser, at County Achievement day on December 12 at the Grayslake farm bureau.