



Smoke billows from shopping center fire... as firemen pour on water from about 60 feet away.

—World-Herald Photo by Phil Johnson.

Smoke Covers Homes

Fire Guts Shopping Center

By Larry King

A fire that apparently had been burning for some time before being discovered about 7 a.m. Wednesday destroyed a Shaver's Food Mart, drugstore and liquor store at Sixtieth Street and Woolworth Avenue.

The four-alarm blaze burned out of control for nearly two hours. Heavy smoke, drifted from the building, settling over houses for several blocks to the south.

Bystanders were warned to get out of the smoke's path as officials feared the dense fumes could cause sickness.

Arson investigator Vernon Trapp said the combination of burnt plastics, pesticides in the grocery store and pharmaceuticals could have been dangerous to someone inhaling large amounts.

No residents were evacuated from their homes, but police warned those nearby to keep their doors and windows shut.

3 Firemen Hurt
No firemen were reported overcome by fumes. Three firemen were slightly injured in accidents and were treated and released at St. Joseph Hospital.

The injured firemen were: Robert Focal, 30, treated for a puncture wound on the hand and slight smoke inhalation; Louis Merwald, 47, treated for a knee bruise, and Norman Kyle, 37, treated for muscle strain.

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No Toxics

There weren't any toxic chemicals involved in Wednesday's fire, but residents of the area in the path of the smoke should take "reasonable care" by washing and cleaning any food utensils, an Omaha-Douglas County Health Department official said.

John Burleigh, chief of the engineering section of the division of environmental health, said that "film from a fire can be toxic even if chemicals aren't involved."

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A young couple who lived in the apartment, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Anderson, said they had left for work at about 6 a.m.

The couple said they did not notice anything wrong when they drove away.

Anderson said he heard about the fire on the radio.

The couple lost all their belongings, as well as a pet dog and a bird.

The drugstore was recently purchased by the Beaton Drug Stores, building owner John Ashley said.

Was Britt Drug
The store had formerly been called Britt Drug.

The liquor store was owned by Joseph Skudlarek.

The entire 16,000 square foot structure, which Ashley said was at least 53 years old, was destroyed. The four outside brick walls were left partially standing. The roof collapsed.

Fire officials said there were no fire walls separating the businesses, which allowed the fire to spread.

The first firemen said that when they arrived the drugstore was filled with smoke and flames which had already spread to parts of the other businesses.

Fire fighters said the fire was too far gone to fight from the inside and they could only pour water from outside.

Ashley said his father, E. E. Please turn to Page 6, Col. 3.

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Warm, Dry Weather Posts Records for Early Spring

Nebraska collected weather records Tuesday like a kid turned loose in a candy store: by the handful.

Five of seven weather stations in the state had record high temperatures. They included Eppley Airfield's 82, seven degrees above the 1879 mark and the warmest it has been this early in the season since Omaha records began 106 years ago.

Relative humidity at Eppley at 6 p.m. Tuesday was 15 per cent.

A Pacific cold front may bring some showers Thursday, forecasters said. Measurable precipitation chances, however, are only 20 per cent.

It is expected to be cooler Thursday, with a mid-50s high for Omaha after a low tonight in the upper 30s to low 40s.

Even for Evel's Thrillers Landings Never This Soft

By Edward Trandahl

Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Rohm woke up at 4 a.m. Wednesday to find a strange young man in their bed.

The unidentified visitor was motorcyclist Thomas J. Bugee, 23, of 8529 Lafayette Avenue.

Bugee told sheriff's deputies that the throttle stuck on the motorcycle while he was driving in a parking lot near the Rhom apartment at 5636 North 105th Street.

Bugee said he lost control, then was thrown through the apartment's picture window and into the bed where the Rohms were sleeping.

Mrs. Rohm was asked at an interview if she was surprised.

"I certainly was. When I saw his head pop up, I said, 'What

the hell is he doing here,'" Mrs. Rohm said.

The Rohms were temporarily sleeping on a fold-away bed in the living room until other furniture arrived. Their daughters 17 and 22, were sleeping in other beds in the apartment.

Despite the flying glass, Mrs. Rohm said she suffered only a minor cut on the arm. Deputy Clarence Horton said there were no other injuries.

Deputies ticketed Bugee for driving without a license.

Lane Estate Will Aid Law Students

By James Fogarty

A foundation established in the name of Omaha attorney Winthrop B. Lane and his wife, Frances, both deceased, will provide annual financial aid for area law students, it was announced Tuesday.

Lane practiced law in Omaha for more than 50 years prior to his death in 1969 at age 75. His widow died last spring at age 86, leaving an estate of more than \$2 million.

Clement B. Pedersen, attorney for the estate and Lane's former law partner, said Mrs. Lane designated that a major portion of her estate be used to set up the Winthrop and Frances Lane Foundation.

The foundation will make funds available annually for loans, grants and scholarships to law students at Creighton University and at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

First in 1978

At a meeting Tuesday at the Omaha National Bank, Pedersen told the deans of both law schools that more than \$1.2 million of Mrs. Lane's estate will be distributed to the foundation this summer.

Financial aid will be made available to law students in September 1978, he said.

Attending the meeting were Dean Steven P. Frankino of the Creighton School of Law; Dean John William Strong of the Nebraska University College of Law; Thomas N. Moore, executive vice president of the Omaha National Bank; and Arthur C. Larson, vice president of the bank.

Both law deans praised the foundation. Strong called the program "a magnificent gift."

As executor of the estate, the bank will invest foundation funds. About 40 per cent of the income will be made available to Creighton law students and

Carter: Israel Faces Substantial Pullback

From World-Herald Press Services.

Washington — President Carter said Wednesday that an eventual Mideast peace might involve "substantial withdrawal" by Israel from territory occupied since the 1967 six-day war, but declared the peace process must start with ensuring Israel's survival.

Carter also told his nationally broadcast press conference that he will end the ban on American travel to the Communist nations of Cuba, Vietnam, North Korea and Cambodia.

Carter said Israel's defense lines might extend beyond its legal borders into territory captured during the war.

He said "recognized borders" in Israel have to be mutually recognized by other nations, but "defense lines may or may not conform in the foreseeable future to these legal borders."

In lifting the travel ban, Carter noted that the United States has no diplomatic relations with the four Communist countries and said such relations are "a doubtful prospect" at this time.

He stressed the need for "necessary precautions" by U.S. travelers because they have no protection from an American embassy.

Carter criticized Brady Tyson, deputy leader of a U.S. delegation to the U.N. Human Rights Commission in Geneva, for saying American officials had a role in the 1973 overthrow of Chilean President Salvador Allende.

Carter said Tyson's remark was "inappropriate." He said there was no proof the United States participated in the overthrow of the Marxist leader.

The President indicated he may seek continued authority to force power plants to burn coal instead of oil or natural gas.

Carter said burning natural gas under boilers to make steam and run turbine generators is a waste of the nation's most precious fuel.

The President also said: —As part of his economic stimulus plan, he has asked Congress to allocate \$1.5 billion to provide public service jobs for youthful unemployed.

—He is committed to withdrawing U.S. troops from Korea over the next four to five years.

—His inclination is to "minimize the use of any criminal penalties" against persons who disclose top government secrets. He said one way to solve the problem of leaks is to make certain fewer people have access to government secrets.

—He sees opposition in the Senate to Paul Warnke as chief arms negotiator for the United States as a "lack of confidence" in his own abilities on the issue, since he would have to approve any decisions Warnke made.

"The attacks on Mr. Warnke are primarily by those who don't want to see a substantial

reduction of nuclear weapons in the world," Carter said.

—He has not been asked for any classified documents in connection with a reported federal grand jury investigation into former CIA Director Richard Helms. But Carter said such a request could be in the mill, even though he has no knowledge of it.

Carter repeated his desire to limit initial disarmament talks with the Soviet Union to sub-

jects on which quick agreement can be reached.

However, the Associated Press said it learned that the Soviets have rejected Carter's proposal to speed up the talks by excluding the issue of the U.S. cruise missile and the Russian Backfire bomber.

Carter said he hopes the talks ultimately will lead to "the complete elimination of atomic weapons from the face of the earth."

High Schools Repeat Voluntary Integration

By Steve Jordan

Voluntary integration will be the word for the eight Omaha School District high schools again next year.

Asst. Supt. Rene Hlavac said enough students of both races asked for transfers for the coming school year so that the high schools will avoid required transfers.

The district's court-ordered integration program would have required transfers if the voluntary program had failed.

Hlavac said the response by students indicates that they are not dissatisfied with this year's voluntary program. He said the number of blacks signed up to attend the eight high schools next fall appears to meet court integration guidelines.

Hlavac said he does not know the exact number of students who asked for transfers, but said he thinks it is slightly smaller than the 1,417 who volunteered last year.

The figures do not all show gains in integration, which school officials said they had hoped for.

For example, South High School's percentage of blacks slipped slightly at a time when the school was trying to attract more blacks. "North High, which had tried to attract more whites, gained 6 per cent more blacks."

Other schools moved in the direction school officials had hoped. Benson's black enrollment went from 24.53 to 21.43 per cent and Technical's from 44.59 to 34.57 per cent, including a smaller percentage of the incoming sophomore class.

Hlavac said figures presented to the Omaha School Board Wednesday will be part of the district's report to the U.S. District Court next week.

Technical was the only high school to gain students, with a 36 per cent increase. Technical

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Ohio Quarry Blast Felt 100 Miles Away

Carey, Ohio (AP) — A deliberately set explosion of more than 20 tons of dynamite rocked a quarry where employees are on strike and left about a dozen families homeless in this small northwestern Ohio town, the sheriff said.

The president of the striking union said his members had nothing to do with the blast.

No injuries were reported from the explosion, which was felt in Detroit, 100 miles to the north, and shattered numerous windows in Wyandot County and surrounding areas within a five-mile radius. Debris was thrown a mile.

Sheriff Mark R. Kauble said the blast left a crater 100 feet long by 80 feet wide and 50 feet deep in a field by the quarry. Twenty-five deputy sheriffs kept spectators back a quarter-mile.

"Evidence at the scene indicated it was intentionally detonated," Kauble said, "and virtually eliminates the possi-

bility of any accident."

The sheriff said 40,000 to 50,000 pounds of dynamite were involved in the blast at the National Lime and Stone Co., one mile north of here. A spokesman for the company said, "We don't even know what blew up yet."

Some 150 members of Local 15050-1 of the United Steelworkers Union have been on strike at the plant since Feb. 19 in a dispute over a wage re-opener clause in the first year of a three-year contract. Employees receive \$4.08 to \$4.67 an hour, a union representative said.

Hostage Incidents
Washington (AP) — Gunmen invaded B'nai B'rith Headquarters in downtown Washington and reportedly took over a Moslem center on Embassy Row Wednesday, taking hostages in both episodes. Their demands were not known, nor was it clear whether the two episodes were connected.

Others Named
Other beneficiaries of Mrs. Lane's estate include a daughter, Marjorie L. France of Omaha, grandchildren, several individuals, plus religious and civic organizations.

The latter groups included the Uta Halee Home for Girls, Inc., \$10,000; Omaha Association of the Blind, Inc., \$10,000; First Central Congregational Church, \$25,000; Wellesley College, \$25,000; and Laubach Literacy, Inc., \$25,000.

Helmet Laws End; Deaths Rise

Newhouse News Service.

Washington — Motorcycle deaths have increased 20 per cent in states that have repealed their mandatory helmet use laws, preliminary data gathered by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration show.

The agency found no increase in fatalities among motorcycle riders in states that have retained their helmet laws.

Last May, Congress rescinded the Department of Transportation authority to withhold highway construction funds from states failing to enact mandatory helmet laws. All but three states had done so.

Since then, nine states have repealed their mandatory use laws. They are Alaska, Arizona, Connecticut, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Rhode Island and South Dakota. California, Illinois and Utah either had a limited use law or none at all.

The study, prepared by the agency and sent to a federal advisory panel on highway safety, compared fatalities among motorcyclists for five months in 1975 in six states that had helmet laws with the same period

in 1976 after they had repealed the laws.

The study found "a 20 per cent increase (in fatalities) in 1976 over 1975" in the repeal states — from 126 to 152. No increase in fatalities was found in 36 nonrepeal states.

While cautioning that the 1976 figures were preliminary, the study stated: "We expect repeal or weakening of helmet laws will result in significant increases in motorcycle fatalities."

The study did not note how many of the fatalities were head injuries that could have been prevented or minimized by helmets. But it did say additional studies along this line are being made.

Safety officials have been growing increasingly alarmed by the trend toward repeal of mandatory use laws. Such repeal measures currently are pending in almost two dozen states, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

Nebraska Law Also Repealed

WORLD-HERALD BUREAU.

Lincoln — A law mandating the use of protective headgear by motorcyclists in Nebraska was found unconstitutional.

The statute, which had never been enforced in the state because of legal challenges, was repealed during the current session of the Nebraska Legislature.

Medical Notes

Smoke May Clog Lung Defenses

Chicago Sun-Times Service.

A test of smokers and nonsmokers at the University of Illinois Medical Center indicates that smoking slows the lungs' ability to clear themselves of dirt, increasing the smoker's risk of respiratory infections and diseases.

According to Dr. Ruy V. Lourenco, professor of medicine, cigarette smoke impairs the movement of cilia (hairlike outgrowths of cells) that line the membrane of the tracheobronchial tube. The movement of the cilia forces mucus containing pollutants and bacteria breathed into the lungs into the throat.

A person either swallows the mucus or coughs it out. But bacteria and other particles of dirt remain in the lungs longer when smoke is present.

The lungs of former smokers showed marked improvement in their defenses against respiratory infections, but their clearance mechanisms still were slower than for those who never smoked, the study indicated.

Dr. Lourenco and his researchers also are trying to determine what drugs might improve the lungs' natural defenses.

Drug 'Steps'

A stepping-stone pattern from the use of alcohol to more dangerous drugs was established in a recent Yale University survey of high school students in New Haven, Conn.

According to a report in American Medical News from the Archives of General Psychiatry,

the survey indicated the order of progression usually starts with alcohol and proceeds to marijuana, hashish, barbiturates, amphetamines, LSD, mescaline, cocaine and heroin.

Seventy-five per cent of the students surveyed used alcohol. More than 50 per cent had at least tried marijuana and a third were still using it. About 18 per cent of the students were using hashish.

Eighteen per cent had used amphetamines, 18 per cent had tried barbiturates, 12 per cent had tried LSD, 10 per cent had used mescaline, 9 per cent had sniffed glue, 6 per cent used cocaine and 2 per cent had used heroin.

Multiple drug use was common among the students, with 58 per cent saying they had used two drugs and 44 per cent using three or more drugs.

Teen Pregnancies
The Ford Foundation has awarded a \$22,530 grant to the National Alliance Concerned with School-Age Parents to study the question of whether the United States is facing an epidemic of adolescent pregnancies.

Statistics show that in 1974 608,000 teen-agers gave birth to babies and 122,000 of the teens were under 16.

The study group, headed by Executive Director Janet B. Forbush, will publish a paper on school-age pregnancy and parenthood and make recommendations for future policies, services and programs.

Temperatures

Readings taken at Eppley Airfield		Tuesday		Wednesday	
1 a.m.	74	1 a.m.	48	1 a.m.	52
2 a.m.	77	2 a.m.	47	2 a.m.	50
3 a.m.	80	3 a.m.	46	3 a.m.	49
4 a.m.	81	4 a.m.	45	4 a.m.	48
5 a.m.	80	5 a.m.	44	5 a.m.	47
6 a.m.	75	6 a.m.	43	6 a.m.	46
7 a.m.	65	7 a.m.	42	7 a.m.	45
8 a.m.	62	8 a.m.	41	8 a.m.	44
9 a.m.	53	9 a.m.	40	9 a.m.	43
10 a.m.	47	10 a.m.	39	10 a.m.	42
11 a.m.	47	11 a.m.	38	11 a.m.	41
Midnight	50	Midnight	37	Midnight	40

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Bob Was Just a Dope In Sniffing Out Drugs



Mexico City (UPI) — Bob, a German shepherd police dog trained to sniff out drug smugglers at Mexico City International Airport, has been banished to the mountains of Si-

naloa because he embarrassed detectives once too often.

For the past couple of months, Bob would snatch a traveler's purse or piece of luggage and in some cases tear

them apart.

Detectives would then seize the owner, thinking they had grabbed a smuggler.

But after a careful search, no drugs would be found. The owner would file a complaint and demand compensation for the torn piece of luggage.

In the latest case, Bob snatched the purse of an elderly lady and detectives found a hot dog inside.

Detectives were hopeful the dog would regain his sniffing ability in the drug-prone Sinaloa area in northeastern Mexico, about 650 miles from Mexico City. The area is labeled by many as the "world's drug capital."

Police: No Complaint Means No Arrests

By Larry King

Police said Tuesday no individuals or companies have complained about damage or injuries inflicted by union pickets Monday at the Dubuque Packing Co. plant, 4003 Dahlman Avenue.

Because no one has complained, Police Chief Richard Andersen said, no arrests will be made.

To obtain a conviction, Andersen said, there has to be a complaining witness. If no one has a complaint, Andersen said, there is no reason for an arrest.

The driver of a cattle truck injured Monday afternoon when a brick was thrown through the open window of his truck has said he does not wish to press charges, Deputy Police Chief Jack Swanson said Tuesday.

A trucking company that had windows broken on a truck Monday morning by rocks thrown by pickets also told police it did not wish to press charges, Deputy Police Chief Joe Friend said. Police officers made out reports of the incident for police information, Friend said.

Windows Broken
No one else has complained to police about damage inflicted by pickets as of Tuesday night, all three police officials said.

Three cattle trucks had windows broken when they left the packing plant Monday morning, passing through the picket line of Local 730 of the Amalgamated Meatcutters and Butcher Workmen of North America. The truck driver was injured Monday afternoon.

The union is protesting the hiring of nonunion workers at the plant, which reopened Monday under new owners. The plant had been closed since Dec. 1, and was sold to Dubuque Packing shortly after. Under the previous owner, workers at the plant were members of Local 730.

Two police officers were standing near the picket line Monday morning when the rocks were thrown. Andersen said Tuesday the officers reported they knew rocks were being thrown, but had not been able to see which individuals in a group of about 50 union members had thrown them.

View Blocked
A World-Herald reporter at the plant at the time observed that the officers had their view blocked by trucks. The three trucks which were damaged left the plant, one immediately behind the other, and drove between the pickets and the two officers. Thirteen armed private security guards hired by the packing company also were screened from view by the trucks and made no move toward the rock throwers.

Andersen said Tuesday that if complaints had been filed, police would have tried to determine who threw the rocks. He said all the assembled people could not be arrested just because they belonged to the union. Most of the 50 stood across the street from company property.

Andersen said he was aware of a Jan. 31 court order by District Court Judge Samuel Caniglia limiting pickets at the plant to two every 50 feet. But, Andersen said, orders resulting from civil actions in District Court are not police matters.

Attorneys from one side or the other may file complaints with the court, Andersen said, and after a hearing the judge can determine a penalty, commonly a daily fine levied against the side judged to be in violation of the order.

The judge could order the pickets physically removed, Andersen said. But such an order would be carried out by the District Court's law enforcement body, which is the Douglas County sheriff's department, Andersen said.

No such order was given in

this case, he said. Andersen said he has learned that the Dubuque Packing Co. did file a complaint against the union for violating Caniglia's order. A hearing has been set for March 25, he said.

Andersen said the two police officers at the plant Monday morning were there as observers. Anytime police learn that there will be pickets at a site, Andersen said, observer officers are assigned. He said police do not send a large body of officers to a work site every time there are pickets.

Observers Sent
Andersen said he knew the packing company planned to start operations Monday morning with nonunion workers. He said the police officers were at the plant to call for help if any violence erupted. He said he could not anticipate when or if there would be rock throwing.

No police officers were at the plant when the truck driver was injured Monday night. Andersen said cruiser officers in the area were assigned to watch the plant closely.

Andersen said all police activity Monday was based on information police learned themselves. The chief said no official of Dubuque Packing Co. talked to him until Monday afternoon. "And he was in Dubuque, (Ia.)," Andersen said, "not out at the plant."

Andersen said the company tried to hire off-duty Omaha police and officers as security guards about two weeks ago. Andersen said when he learned of the job offers, he forbade officers to work there. "That really would have caused conflict of interest," Andersen said.

'Remain Neutral'
Andersen said his concern in such labor disputes is to maintain order.

"We want to remain neutral in these disputes," he said. "We don't want to be dragged in by either side."

"We are ping pong balls in these situations," he said. Andersen called such labor situations "volatile."

"We have to use our best judgment in such situations," he said. "There are no black and white answers. Any police actions or arrests have to stand up in court."

The Omaha attorney for the packing company, Roger Miller, said his criticism of police was that "it took an injury of an individual to get a dispersal."

Andersen went to the plant Monday afternoon and asked the pickets to leave after the truck driver was injured.

"I regard police as experts in this area," Miller said, "and I hope they continue to keep the lid on the situation."

There have been no reports of incidents at the plant since Monday afternoon.

Ceiling Upgraded For Courthouse

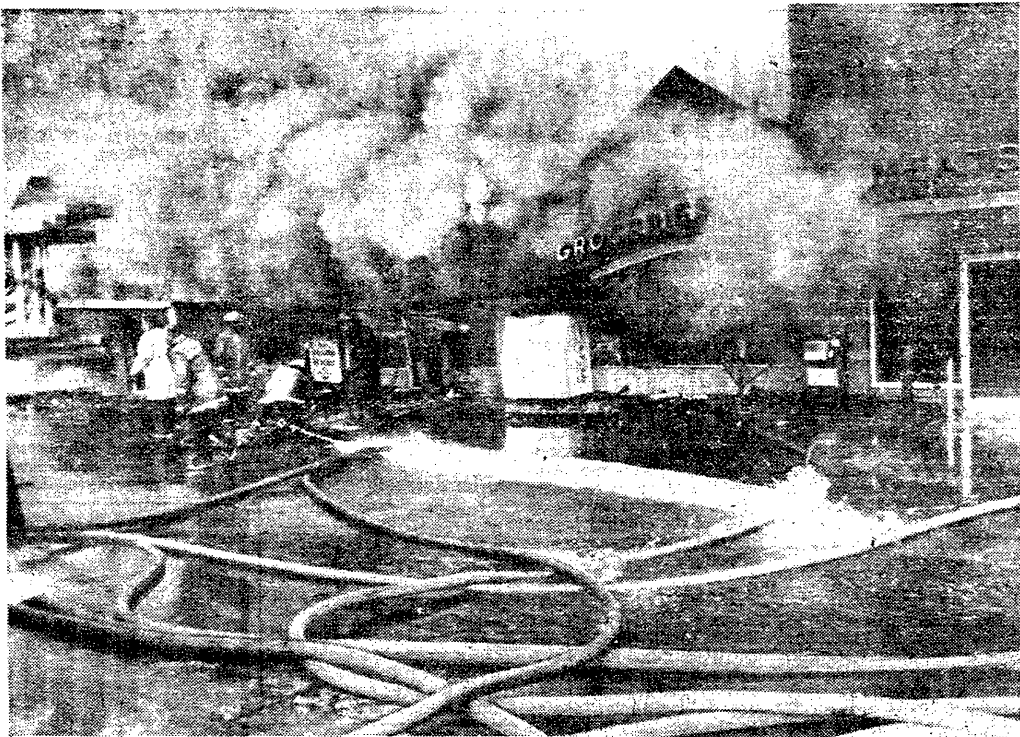
Ceilings which Nes Latenser said would be quieter than a cheaper alternate were approved for the Douglas County Courthouse remodeling project by the Omaha-Douglas Public Building Commission.

In a special session Tuesday, the commission decided to not go along with an alternate ceiling which would have saved about \$57,000. The remodeling project covers the first three floors.

The action was ratified earlier by the County Board.

Latenser, whose architectural firm is in charge of the design, said an alternate recommended by an outside consultant would increase the chance of sound leaking from judges' chambers, jury rooms and hearing rooms.

The change means total contracts for the remodeling will be \$3,566,770, said Verne Vance, commission legal adviser.



Smoke pours from twisted metal, collapsed walls . . . of shopping area.

Smoky Blaze Guts Shopping Center

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"Hugh" Ashley, purchased the property in 1923. The part of the building that housed the drug and liquor stores had been built a few years before that, he said.

Neil Shaver, vice president of Shaver's Food Marts, said his father, Joe, got his start in the grocery business at the location.

Started in 1924
The elder Ashley started a 20-by-40-foot grocery store at the site in about 1924 and later took Joe Shaver into the business, which was called Crestwood Shops. They remained partners until about 1952, Neil Shaver said.

In 1962, Shaver's took over the location, although Ashley retained ownership of the enlarged building.

Shaver said he estimated his inventory loss at about \$100,000. Shaver and Skudlarek said their losses were covered by insurance.

Ashley said the structure, valued at about \$300,000, was only partially covered by insurance.

Ashley said he will rebuild at the location. He said he would have to assess the needs of the neighborhood to determine what businesses would be best for a new shopping center.

Ashley said the businesses received good support from neighborhood customers and he hoped a grocery store and drug store would relocate there.

Beaton Drugs had just signed



World-Herald Photo by Robert Paskach.

Firemen gets some outside help . . . from Donnie Kirby, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Kirby, 5831 Pine Street.

a multi year release a few weeks ago, Ashley said. Skudlarek also was planning to renew his lease, Ashley said.

Plans Drawn Up
Remodeling plans had just been drawn up, Ashley said. "Now all I can use is the sign," he said.

Shaver said his lease was due to expire in May and he was thinking of moving out. He said the lack of parking spaces at the location hurt business.

The 15 persons who were employed there will be relocated to other stores, Shaver said. Trapp said the cause of the

fire may never be determined because it appeared to have originated in the ceiling of the drugstore and the roof has collapsed, destroying all evidence.

Fire officials said the standing walls probably will have to be bulldozed because they are in danger of collapse.

Trapp said the fire probably was either burning for a long time before it was detected or was caused by an explosion because it was so hot.

The fire was discovered by a man walking his dog.

Glass Breaking
Other neighbors said they

New Plaque For Eppley

Midlands Community Hospital Wednesday unveiled a plaque honoring the late Eugene C. Eppley, Omaha hotelman and founder of the Eppley Foundation.

The foundation contributed \$300,000 to Midlands Hospital as part of its drive to raise the \$3.1 million "down payment" for the new facility near Papillion.

Among those at the ceremony were J.R. Reifschneider, Eppley Foundation president and honorary chairman of the hospital's board of trustees, and Morris Christian, foundation treasurer.

Reifschneider will be honored at a \$100-a-plate fund-raising dinner for the hospital on June 5 at the Hilton Hotel. It will be sponsored by the Midlands Community Hospital Foundation.

The plaque has been placed in the outpatient entrance area of the hospital.

Tests Show No Pot In El Crash Driver

Chicago (AP) — Tests on urine samples showed no evidence of marijuana in the system of a motorist of a Chicago Transit Authority train which crashed and killed 11 persons, according to the National Transportation Safety Board.

are sincere about getting them jobs in the construction industry," Millard said. "We hope Ted's accomplishments will help us do that."

About 235 persons have been hired through the minority program in the last five years, about 85 per cent of the plan's five-year goal, Millard said.

That is reasonably successful, he said, considering lagging building activity which has kept unemployment high in many trades.

St. Cyr, 614 Poppleton Avenue, began apprentice training last September. He was referred to the program by the Nebraska Job Service.

A high school graduate, he is enrolled in a four-year apprentice program and works for Furey Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc.

He will be in the national contest in Minneapolis in May.

Deputy Baited In Worm Theft

Casper, Wyo. (UPI) — A deputy investigating the theft of 11 million worms hopes a reward offered in the case won't produce any more tips like the one suggesting he question the nearest 500-pound sparrow.

Lt. Art Terry of the Natrona County, Wyo., sheriff's department said someone also suggested he talk to a rainbow trout.

Someone else suggested he could trace the worms by identifying them through numbers under their tails. The worms, valued at \$50,000, were stolen Jan. 17 from a wholesale worm ranch.

Cause Unknown In Infant Death

Authorities Wednesday said they have not received results of an autopsy performed to determine the cause of the Monday morning death of 4½-month-old Amber Lee Brayman.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Brayman, 3236 Tenth Avenue, said they found the baby had stopped breathing in its crib.

Services are set for 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Meyer Chapel with burial at Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Other survivors include two brothers, Robert and Lonnie Jr., both at home.

11 Third Graders Poster Winners

Eleven Omaha area third graders have been named winners in the Henry Dooly Zoo poster contest.

The posters will be displayed at area shopping centers and the winners will receive family membership to the zoo.

The winners, chosen from among more than 2,000 entries, are:

Michele Kuehl, Hartman School; Lori Pierson, Western Hills School; Stacie Mumm, Immaculate Conception; Kim Lullen, Edgemoor; Bob Chapman, Pottawattamie; Scott Posenitz, Bellevue; Julie Swoboda, District 66; Ann McWhinnie, Kirkland; Elizabeth Larsen, Council Bluffs; Penny Huebner, Sunnyside School; Molly Peterson, Brownell Talbot.

Opinion: Court Cost From Fine Is Illegal

Lincoln (AP) — The State Justice Department has issued an opinion that the City of Omaha cannot divert any money whatever from parking ticket fines to pay court costs.

The department cited Supreme Court decisions and concluded that all monies derived from fines are to go for support of public schools. Omaha keeps \$2 from its \$3 parking fine as "court costs," Omaha City Atty. Herb Fille has indicated he feels the practice is legal.

Chapel Hills OK's Accord

The Chapel Hills Homeowners Association and developer Harold Rogers have signed a peace treaty.

The organization Tuesday said through a spokesman that it would not object to rezoning sought by Rogers because of an agreement separating Chapel Hills from a new development Rogers is planning.

The organization previously had been concerned that if Rogers tied the new development to Chapel Hills, taxes would go up for Chapel Hills residents.

The Douglas County Board voted 4-0 to approve rezoning from agricultural to single-family zoning after the agreement was announced.

Richard Croker, attorney for Rogers, said his client has agreed to create a sanitary and improvement district for the new development instead of expanding Chapel Hills' SID 57.

The new SID would contract with SID 57 for sewer services and agree to pay part of the cost of building and operating SID 57's treatment plant. The payment would be based on the 77 lots in the new development, to be called Rogers Ridge, located at Skyline Drive and Pacific Street.

Car-Train Crash Kills Woman, 19

Sidney, Neb. (AP) — Roxanna Steele, 19, of Crook, Colo. died and two other Western Nebraska Technical College students were critically injured in a car-train accident, the State Patrol said Tuesday.

The accident occurred when the southbound car failed to stop for a westbound Union Pacific freight train at a crossing 6.6 miles west of Sidney, the patrol said.

Brad Nutter, 19, of Thedford was hospitalized in Denver and Perry Keys, 18, of Elsmere, Neb., was hospitalized in Scottsbluff. The patrol said it was not known who was driving the car.

Soup Approach May Be Lumpy

Although Campbell Soup Co. people may still be telephoning people inquiring about their favorite soup, they aren't coming door-to-door.

Lt. Lee Dolan, of the police criminal fraud unit, said Wednesday Campbell Soup Co. has received several inquiries recently about people knocking on doors in Omaha and asking to demonstrate the company's new frozen soup packages.

Dolan said the company has no such program and any approaches of this sort should be reported to police.

Court Backs Drug Verdict On Omahan

From World-Herald Press Service, Lincoln

In a 5-2 decision, the Nebraska Supreme Court Wednesday upheld a Douglas County District Court conviction of William Shiffbauer for delivering caffeine tablets which he represented to be dextrodine.

He was found guilty of selling 100 caffeine tablets, which he said were dextrodine, to an undercover agent on June 16, 1975.

In his appeal Shiffbauer challenged the constitutionality of a part of the state's Uniform Controlled Substances Act which forbids delivering, dispensing or distributing a substance represented to be a controlled substance when it is not.

Any person violating those provisions is guilty of a felony.

The court majority opinion, written by Justice Harry A. Spencer, noted that the act was modeled after the Federal Comprehensive Drug Abuse, Prevention and Control Act of 1970.

The section challenged by Shiffbauer was added by the Legislature in 1974.

Judges Hale McCown and Donald Brodkey dissented, saying the law is unconstitutional. They argued the portion of the law in question could encompass the innocent activities of doctors and pharmacists.

Justice Leslie Boslaugh concurred with the majority, but disagreed that knowledge on the part of the defendant that the substance he sold was not what he represented it to be is not an element of the offense.

Mall Damaged; Three Arrested

Workmen at Midlands Mall shopping center Wednesday replaced several skylights broken by vandals.

Security guards arrested three persons on the shopping center roof early Wednesday.

Steven S. Ridder, 20, of 109 Fourth Street, was charged with malicious destruction of property in Magistrate Court Wednesday. His case was continued until Thursday.

Authorities said his two companions, girls ages 11 and 16, will be referred to Juvenile Court.

Equivalency Tests

High school equivalency tests will be given at 5 p.m. Friday and at 8 a.m. Saturday in the Career Center Building, 815 North Eighteenth Street.

Traffic Fatalities

	March 9, 1977	1976
Omaha	4	7
Nebraska	53	54
Western Iowa	14	11
Iowa	72	96



Rachel, left, and Janet Gibbs . . . Nomadic cult lost its hold on both in St. Louis.

'I Cried a Lot' Rachel: God Deprogrammed Me

By Steve Yentes

Rachel Martin is smiling again.

Rachel was liberated, her relatives say, from the nomadic cult with whom she had spent the last 19 months by a group headed by her uncle, Eugene Wyman of Omaha.

The distinction between liberation and kidnapping apparently was resolved when Wyman was released from custody by St. Louis police Monday.

Kidnaping, destruction of property and disturbing the peace charges were dropped.

The smile that broke across her face Tuesday night was not a part of her life while traveling with a sect headed by a man named Jim Roberts and called Brother Evangelist.

"I cried a lot," she said repeatedly while telling about 85 persons at the Ralston Legion Hall of her ordeal.

Rachel, unlike many young persons retrieved from religious cults, was ready to be taken from her "brothers and sisters" in the cult when her uncle arrived last Sunday at the house they occupied in St. Louis.

"God deprogrammed me," she said at the Love Our Children, Inc., meeting. "I was deprogrammed before the deprogrammer got to me."

"I believe that one reason it did not take me as long to be deprogrammed as others was because I had a religious background and had studied the

Bible before I left Kearney with them."

She disappeared from Kearney, Neb., in August 1975 with members of the cult, which has no name.

Since then, Wyman and her parents groped for bits of information that finally led them to the 22-year-old woman.

Robbed Men
Rachel was attending beauty school in Kearney when she met two robbed young men who convinced her to "trust God."

"When I met those men, they told me I just had to trust Him. I thought, 'Yeah, God has been preparing me for this. This seems so much more spiritual than going to beauty school.'"

But months later, after the crying and a siege of mites within the group that left Rachel with scarred arms from subsequent infection, she began preparing for the attempt to snatch her that the group said was inevitable.

"During that last month or so, I would sit down and try to memorize Bible verses so I would be strong if the deprogrammers ever got ahold of me."

But when the time came and she was reunited with relatives after being taken from the cult, Rachel said the deprogramming was brief.

Unlocked Smile
Jerry Regier, of McLean, Va., her brother-in-law, helped unlock the pent-up smiles. "When I got with my brother-

in-law, I knew what I wanted to ask him. He talked to me, and I was deprogrammed before we got to the hotel," she said.

"When I found out about Nicki (Barker) living with my parents, I smiled. When she got to St. Louis, we talked about the times we were told not to laugh because the Lord didn't like it."

Nicki Barker met Rachel while both were cult members. Nicki was taken from the cult while the group was in California.

Another former cult member provided the information that finally led to Rachel's return to her family.

"Janet Forney Gibbs was in the same cult and was in St. Louis with Rachel two or three days before we found her (Rachel)," Wyman said. "Janet went to Denver with two brothers in the cult to contact her husband. She was taken from the brothers in Denver."

Called Parents
"Janet's parents called Rachel's parents, and that's how we found out about Rachel."

Rachel said Tuesday that the spell cast by Jim Roberts has been broken. But she would like to see some of her friends within the cult again.

"I believe that God has used the experience to bring me closer to Him," she said. "I'd really like to get more members out. I was really close to the women and shared their anxieties."

Apprentice 'Surprised' He Won

Ted St. Cyr said he wasn't very confident when he entered a six-state regional contest for first-year sheet metal apprentices in Kansas City last month.

He already had beaten 13 other apprentices in local competition to get to the regional, where he was one of nine entrants. The eight-hour contest involved a written test, a drafting exercise and construction of a metal chimney cover.

"I really was surprised I won," said St. Cyr, 29.

Officials of the Omaha Home Town Plan are particularly happy about his victory. The Home Town Plan is a joint effort by contractors, building trades unions and minority groups to increase minority employment in the construction industry.

St. Cyr, a Winnebago Indian, is the first person hired under the Omaha minority employ-



World-Herald Photo.

ment plan to win such a contest, said Herb Millard, home town chairman. Most building trades sponsor similar competitions.

"We've had some difficulty convincing minorities that we

Photos and newspaper story about Crestwood Building at 60th & Woolworth Streets. Photos from the Durham Museum Archives



Note the baby buggy by the woman. Note that shoppers are well dressed. Note saws hanging in the butcher's counter.



Note tin ceiling tiles.

