

# SPEEDING CAR IS LEFT BY THIEVES IN HANDS OF COP

Sam Stewart, Member of Moline Police Department, Has Exciting Experience.

## MECHANISM A MYSTERY TO HIM

Stolen Auto Moving 45 Miles an Hour When Occupants Desert—Finally Hits Right Lever.

To Sam Stewart, member of the Moline police force, belongs the distinction of performing about one week's work within the short space of 20 minutes.

At 8:50 last night Davenport police reported to Moline and Rock Island that a six-cylinder Haynes had been stolen from Herbert Steffen of that city. A general alarm went out and at 9:15 Patrolman Stewart saw a big Haynes car drive up to the curb in front of Josephson's jewelry store on Fifth avenue between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, Moline.

Two young men, about 18 years old, started to step from it to the sidewalk, but remained in their seats when Sam appeared beside them and told them to drive to the station. Sam hopped upon the running board.

The boy who was driving turned south on Sixteenth street towards the police station, but as he reached Sixth avenue he opened the throttle and the powerful car leaped forward like a wild thing, according to Sam.

At the same moment both boys dived over the side, rolling head over heels on the brick pavement, but quickly righting themselves and fleeing in opposite directions.

The officer, who was in no way acquainted with the mechanism of an automobile, chose to save the car if he could in preference to making an effort to capture the fleeing boys. The machine was hitting a pace of 45 miles an hour.

The officer saw some buttons and pressed one. The lights went out. He grasped a lever and pulled. The car jumped forward like a horse struck with a whip. Sam hastily jammed the lever back and then pulled every lever in sight.

Somewhere near Eighth avenue he succeeded in finding the right lever, for the car slowed down, stopped—and then started to back down hill. There was more lever pulling, but still the car backed.

## Secures a Chauffeur.

In front of the police station Sam gave the wheel a twist that he thought would send the machine backing into the curb. Then he deserted the ship. The big Haynes backed slowly against the curb, sighed and stopped.

As Sam stepped from the big car a machine approached, driven by a Moline citizen, accompanied by his wife. Sam stopped them, asked the woman to get out, and instructed the man to open up the throttle and cover downtown and adjoining streets. The boys, however, were not to be found.

The officer returned to the station in time to call attention of a fellow officer to the fact that a passing car had no lights. And so Mr. Berwald of Davenport was taken to the police station charged with running his machine without lights.

It was a busy 20 minutes for Sam. Mr. Steffen recovered his Haynes this morning. It was not damaged.

# STUDEBAKER CAR IS PUT THROUGH TEST

One of the most exacting tests ever put to an automobile out of stock is that just completed by Studebaker dealers all over the United States. Two weeks ago all dealers were invited from the factory office to join a thousand-mile reliability run, Nov. 8, 9, 10 and 11, leaving their garage each morning at 6 a. m., and to return to the garage not later than 6 p. m., the requirement being to cover 250 miles during the 12 hours each day, regardless of road or weather conditions.

The Interstate Auto & Supply company of Davenport, distributors for the Studebaker car for Scott county, Iowa, and Rock Island county and Mercer county, Illinois, did its share in making the test. The Davenport Auto club made the routing for each day over a different route. All kinds of road conditions were encountered, as shown by the general summary of the trip. A. C. Colbert, Iowa representative of Goodrich Tire company, whose equipment is supplied on all Studebaker cars, made the entire four-day trip and took notes of road and weather conditions, also road markings, all of which is interesting.

No mechanical trouble was experienced on the run. There was no lack of power at any time and gear shifts only made when run onto extremely wet slippery roads and sand hump deep through which no path had been made, making it necessary to back up and run forward to cut a path with the front wheels in order to get traction for the rear wheels.

# RUNAWAY HORSE IS FOUND AT A LIVERY

Joe Wahlunis, a farmer living near Silva, reported to the police this morning that his horse and buggy had been stolen. He said he tied it last evening at 9 on Railroad avenue and Eleventh street. When he returned it was gone.

"There is a horse and a part of a rig at Blackwell's livery," was a report the day sergeant found in his book, so Mr. Wahlunis went to Blackwell's and found his horse and what was left of the buggy. The horse had evidently broken loose and run away.

# High School Staff Which Published Recent Student Edition of The Argus



Top row—(left to right)—Robert Pearce, Robert Olmsted, Will C. Robb, faculty member in charge of staff; Carl Sodergren, Ralph Welch. Middle row—Robert Ackley, Edgar James, Vivian Thomas, Harry Lyford, Verner Hallgren. Front row—Miss Elizabeth Olmsted, Miss Charlotte Murray, Miss Alma Sanderson, Miss Bessie Baker, Miss Margaret Dibbern.

Next Wednesday evening at 8:30 members of the staff from the Rock Island high school who published the recent edition of The Argus will be given a dinner at the Manual Arts building in honor of their victory over the Moline Dispatch, which was edited on the same day by pupils of the English department of the Plow City institution. The students of both schools showed remarkable ability as news getters and news writers and have been showered with praise for the fine showing made. The "cubs" displayed a world of enthusiasm and aggressiveness, qualities which have much to do with the efficiency and worth of the real reporter.

This was the second year of the competition with Moline. Last year the cup went to the Plow City and this year to Rock Island. The trophy must be won three years to become the permanent property of the school. Much credit is due Miss Jennie Sturgeon and W. C. Robb, members of the high school faculty, for the successful work of the young journalists.

# TURN ATTENTION TO RIVER FRONT

Councilmen Stirred to Thought by Waterway Meeting Held at Davenport Commercial Club.

## NO REPLY MADE TO PETITION

War Department Has Not Responded to Request of City to Establish a Harbor Line Here.

The Rock Island municipal commission is turning its attention to the need of a proper river front for this city as a result of attendance of the councilmen at the waterway meeting at the Commercial club in Davenport Thursday night.

Just what steps, if any, the commission will take toward securing the establishment of a harbor line and the construction of a levee is at present undetermined, but it is said that the councilmen were stirred to thought with reference to the Mississippi as a highway of commerce by speakers at the banquet in Davenport.

During the close of the last administration the city petitioned the war department to establish a harbor line. No reply has been received as yet from government officials, and as far as could be learned no attempt was subsequently made to secure a reply from the war department.

## Government to Act First.

Until the government acts on the petition and surveys are made by government engineers on the harbor line asked by the municipality nothing can be done by the city on the erection of a river front.

Less than ten years ago the city also made an attempt to have a harbor line established. Nothing was done at that time further than to present a petition to the war department.

# COURT HOUSE NEWS

Judge W. T. Church in circuit court today awarded a divorce decree to Mrs. Lydia F. Blunt from Harrison Blunt. Desertion was the grounds.

Judge Frank D. Ramsay, Morrison, will be here Monday afternoon to conduct branch court. He expects to spend several weeks in the city in an effort to clean up the overloaded docket. He will probably return in February and may hold main court with a jury, while Judge Church will go to the branch court.

Mrs. Edna J. Mertz was granted a divorce from Royal H. Mertz. Desertion was charged. Alimony of \$40 per month was allowed.

Application for letters of administration to be issued to the Central Trust & Savings bank has been made in probate court in the estate of H. E.

Casteel, by the widow, Mrs. Emma A. Casteel. Judge H. S. Bell confirmed the nomination. Mr. Casteel left no will.

Affidavit for replevin for a two-ton auto-truck was filed by Frederick B. Hovey vs. Thomas McLean, constable, in circuit court this morning by Albert Huber, counsel for Mr. Hovey.

Deputy Sheriff J. E. Miller has returned from Glenwood where he placed Angelo Armetta, aged 11 years, in the school. The boy was declared a delinquent.

Charles George filed the name "Shady Dale Farm" for his place in Cordova township with County Recorder Ryerson for record today.

Evidence for the plaintiff was completed last evening in county court in the case of Sandbo Starter company against J. H. and C. L. Bloom for \$300 alleged due for the sale of scrap metal. The jury was excused until Monday morning at 9 o'clock when arguments will be made.

# CLUB IS ABSORBED BY BAPTIST CLASS

At a meeting held last night by the Men's club of the First Baptist church the club was merged with the men's class. The class has been devoted to the study of the bible, while the club was a fellowship organization. By combining the two, and carrying on both branches of work in one club, it is hoped to obtain better results. Feature of the program last night was a talk by J. F. Mills of the Calvary Baptist church of Davenport on "The Middleman." E. C. Fisher, city superintendent of schools, presided. Supper was served at 6:30 and 35 members were in attendance. Another meeting will be held before Christmas.

## MILAN

Earl Erick of Geneseo visited last week with his sister, Mrs. George Rambarger, and his niece, Mrs. Ed. Andre.

Mrs. Vera Becker of Moline visited Friday at the home of her mother, Mrs. P. H. Philebar.

Mrs. Skinner of Sears visited last week with Mrs. I. S. Post.

Mrs. Henry Wilson returned home after visiting for a few weeks at the home of her son, Earl Wilson, in Moline.

Antle Marr is visiting for a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Marr. Antle has been working in Spring Valley and is waiting for orders to go down south.

The Girls' club of the Presbyterian church were entertained by the Misses Mamie and Opie Campbell at their home Friday night.

Beware, O you susceptible male, of the Lotharios. She is on the way, according to Dr. Earl Barnes of Chicago, who in a lecture in Pittsburgh yesterday predicted that "the day is coming when mashing will be done by women."

# POLICE RECOVER STOLEN MACHINE

Car Taken from in Front of the Y. M. C. A. Is Found Later by Patrolman Berry.

An automobile owned by William Thoms and which he left standing in front of the Y. M. C. A. last evening was stolen while he was in the building, but was later recovered at the corner of Twenty-second street and Fifth avenue by Officer Berry. Police believe that the machine was taken by some boys who, after riding about, deserted the car at the corner at which it was found.

C. C. Wilson, who resides at 975 Brasher street, last night reported to the police that his bicycle was stolen from the corner of Twenty-seventh street and Seventh avenue. It has not been recovered.

# YEGGS WHO BLEW SAFE STILL FREE

Man Held in Chicago for Matherville Bank Robbery Released and Officials Say They Are Baffled.

Information from the sheriff's office in Alledo today was to the effect that detectives in the employ of the Illinois Bankers' association as well as Mercer county officials have as yet reached no tangible clue to yeggs who blew the safe in the Matherville Farmers' bank Tuesday night.

Sheriff Mackay said that the man arrested in Chicago Wednesday has been released and although it was claimed that a kit of burglar's tools was found in his possession he was able to prove that he was not implicated in the Matherville job.

This leaves the detectives completely in the dark as to the route the robbers took on the morning of the robbery. It was at first believed that they came to Rock Island but when the arrest was made in Chicago this led officials to the opinion that the yeggs went direct to the latter city.

# COURT REPRIMANDS MOLINE CONSTABLE

Magistrate Frank Gustafson in Moline police court this morning reprimanded Constable Ellis of that city when he appeared with William Klingebiel, west end grocer living at 119 Fourth avenue, Moline, who had been arrested on complaint of Mrs. Martha Becker on a charge of disturbing the peace. Mrs. Becker alleges Klingebiel refused to pay her for washing she had done for him. Klingebiel, with the constable, entered her home and removed the washing. Sight of the

officer's star so frightened Mrs. Becker's little girl that she was unable to appear in court today. The case has been continued until next Wednesday.

# SAYS WIDOW NOT PARTY TO ACTION

Proponents Allege Deed Given to Mrs. Annie Smith Destroys Her Interest in Estate.

Claim is being made by the proponents in the Smith will contest, which is on trial in circuit court that a deed signed by both the testator and his wife, had been executed before the last testament was drawn, transferring the property in such a way, that the standing of the widow is jeopardized in the present case. It is alleged that she is not properly a party to the suit.

It is said that the testator and his wife had had a misunderstanding and that separation and settlement was proposed. Proponents claim it was the understanding that the property was to be turned over to the father, who in turn would give the widow the other third she would be entitled to. It is alleged that Mr. Smith's mental condition then became worse and that he was taken to the Watertown hospital where he died. It is understood that the deed in question may be attacked in other litigation.

Witnesses yesterday afternoon were Frank Morgan, witness to the will, Swan Swanson, who lived on a farm adjoining to Mr. Smith for many years, William Gilbert, teamster and W. F. Garnett, jeweler. The latter's testimony was stricken when it was learned that he had had no conversation with Mr. Smith for 12 years. The other witnesses said in their opinion the testator was sane at the time he drew his last will.

Judge Church excused the jury yesterday afternoon until Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

# City Briefs

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# NOTED WRITER TO MAKE TALK HERE

Randall Parrish of Kewanee to Address Broadway Presbyterian Men's Club Friday.

Randall Parrish of Kewanee, Ill., famous author, will address the Broadway Presbyterian Men's club next Friday evening. The program committee today announced that in the visit of Mr. Parrish the club will have the privilege of hearing one of the most notable speakers in its history.

Mr. Parrish is one of the best known of the popular writers of the day, being the author of "My Lady of the North," "Bob Hampton of Placer," "When Wilderness Was King," and many other well known works. His extensive travels and his exhaustive studies into American history have given him a wonderful fund of material on which to draw for his books and addresses. He is recognized as an authority on the early history of Illinois, and some of his best books have dealt with themes and scenes of the period of early development in this state.

On account of the exceptional interest of this meeting the attendance will not be limited to the membership of the club, but men who are interested in hearing Mr. Parrish will be welcomed to the meeting, regardless of membership.

The meeting will be held as usual at Broadway Presbyterian church, with supper at 6:30, following which the program will be presented, with Mr. Parrish as the principal speaker. Preparations are being made for a large attendance, as it is expected that a great many men will wish to meet this distinguished visitor and hear his address.

Child Struck With Hammer. When his playmate, a girl, carelessly wielded a hammer, Melvin Warren, 5 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs.

William Warren, 2325 Nineteenth street, Moline, was struck over the left eye with the tool. The flesh was laid open and on account of the swelling it was necessary for the attending physician to use clamps to close the wound. While the injury is extremely painful, it is not thought that there will be any serious results.

# BELIEVES TEUTONIC SPIES SEEKING HIM

A watchman at the Velle Engineering company's plant in the east end of Moline was horrified when at 2:45 this morning he saw a stranger scale the high picket fence that surrounds the plant and drop into the enclosure. Visions of bomb explosions and incendiary fires flashed through his mind. Although expecting every instant to be lifted into the high heavens by exploding dynamite the watchman closed with the stranger and captured him. A few minutes later he was turned over to the Moline police.

At the station the prisoner said his name was Frank Fontaine, that he had stolen \$20,000 and that he was pursued by German spies. To prove his story of the robbery he produced five cents, which he solemnly told the sergeant was \$19,500.

Investigation developed the facts that the man had given his correct name, that he is a resident of Rock Island, living on the bluff, and that he was temporarily insane. This morning he was turned over to friends in Rock Island. He has been employed as a saloon porter.

# FIREMEN VICTIMS OF A PRACTICAL JOKER

A false alarm resulted in an unnecessary run to the Moline Foundry plant, Sixth street and Railroad avenue, at 5:03 last evening. The call came by telephone and the guff party is known. The laddies arrived on the scene in short order, but found no fire. A number of other false alarms have been turned in this fall by parties unknown.

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