

What Do You Think?

Question: Have you noticed any changes in the acceptance and use of original art in recent years?

(Answers obtained around town and by telephone)

Mrs. Mary Lou Cook, of 4001 Oak Forest drive, art teacher and craftsman: "I've noticed enormous interest in the 'how-to-do-things-oneself' field. There is awareness of the need for every man to have a creative outlet and there's desire to spend leisure time as creative producers. There's the yearning to return to the simpler life that is satisfied in the pleasures of work done by hand. There's the discovery that ideas and imagination are often more effective than money in bringing beauty and individuality into one's home and office."



MRS. COOK

W. J. Plunkett, 40, owner, of Plunkett Gallery, 515 Eighteenth st.: "We have the good fortune to sell original graphics, etchings and lithographs not only in Des Moines, but also to many galleries and museums. Everywhere there is more opportunity for exposure to good art. Only by continued exposure can one develop appreciation. People in all walks of life want to live with better things. Homeowners show increased interest in art objects and graphics. Executives know that imaginative art enhances company image."



PLUNKETT

Prof. Robert W. McMillan, chairman of the art department at Grinnell College, Grinnell: "Yes, there is a continuing and growing awareness of the unique value of original works of art. Throughout the civilized world direct contact with original works becomes more and more available to more potential patrons every year. Perhaps we have greater reasons than ever for concern in matters of taste and judgment as market pressures mount and interest in the 'original' becomes an end in itself to patron and artist alike."



McMILLAN

Prof. Lawrence Mills, chairman of the Central College Art Department, Pella: "In certain aspects of the art world, change has been great. More people are purchasing original works but contemporary collections are relatively small. Most important collections of long standing are more accessible to the public. The public is taking advantage of this. Contemporary methods of reproduction and distribution have made art study available in the most remote areas. Probably this is the most important and encouraging development."



MILLS

4 CHARGED IN CHECK THEFT

Four youths were charged with breaking and entering Monday after they tried to cash checks taken in a break-in over the weekend.

The youths, and addresses they gave are:

Michael Stodgell, 19, of 1313 Clark st.; Stephen F. Wharf, 20, of 1004 E. Emma ave.; Michael J. Kelly, 20, of 3011 Fifty-seventh st., and James E. Harris, 20, of 3901 E. Twenty-eighth st. They were charged with breaking into the Medford and McGuire Roofing Co., 128 Clark st.

Stodgell and Kelly were released on \$500 bond each and Harris on \$300 bond. Wharf was held in jail in lieu of \$500 bond. Hearings were set for Jan. 7.

Police said the youths admitted entering the building through a window in an overhead door. Taken from an unlocked safe in the building were a book of checks and a check writer, police said.

Stodgell was arrested at the Hy-Vee store in Johnston, northeast of Des Moines, about 12:30 p. m., after he tried to cash a check there. The others were captured in a cornfield near Lower Beaver road and Interstate 35-80 a short time later.

Detectives also recovered the checks and the check writer in an apartment house where Wharf was said to live. They said Stodgell admitted cashing three other checks for amounts over \$100 Monday morning.

30 Ill in S. E. Bottoms, But Tests Boost Hopes on Peril

Test reports received here Monday show that the serious respiratory illness that has struck 30 persons in one area of the Southeast Bottoms is not the unusual and possibly fatal disease originally feared.

Dr. Julius Conner, director of health for Des Moines and Polk County, said last Tuesday that the disorders may be leptospirosis, an ailment that affects the liver and kidneys and can be fatal.

Dr. Conner reported Monday that tests for leptospirosis on 11 patients stricken with the respiratory illness were "all negative." The tests were analyzed at the hygienic laboratory at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

The report, Dr. Conner said, did not reveal the nature of the illness. He said tests for influenza had not been completed and added: "If they are negative, we will assume it's a virus. We are relieved to find it is not leptospirosis," he said.

Dr. Conner explained last Tuesday that severe respiratory attacks had hit with uncommon frequency in the Chesterfield community, which is bounded by Market street on the north, S. E. Thirtieth street on the east, the Des Moines River on

respiratory disorders, Dr. Conner said, is the elimination of rats and garbage from the community.

Woman Injured In 4-Car Crash

Mrs. Bettie L. Larson, 43, of 1412 Highview drive, was admitted for observation at Iowa Lutheran hospital with possible head injuries after she was injured about 5:30 p. m. Monday in a four-car collision at S. E. Fourteenth and Railroad streets.

Police said the car driven by Shirley Ann Larson, 21, of 1054 Twenty-first st., was stopped to make a left hand turn and was struck from the rear by the car of Kevin L. Deaton, 31, of 16 S. E. Payton ave. Mrs. Bettie Larson's car then struck the rear of Deaton's vehicle, and her car was struck from behind by David L. Horn, 31, of Swan. Deaton was charged with having inadequate brakes.



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'Amahl and the Night Visitors'

The Christmas play, "Amahl and the Night Visitors," will be presented at North High School at 8 p. m. today. In this scene, Amahl presents his crutch to his mother as the three Kings look on. From left are: Caryn Bobenhouse, 17, as the moth-

er; Curt Peterson, 17, as King Gaspar; Myron Linn, 17, as King Balthasar; Phil Sams, 16, as King Melchior, all students at North, and Richard Bowsby, 13, who portrays Amahl. He is a student at Harding Junior High.

CITY TO STUDY S. E. VIADUCT

The Des Moines City Council decided Monday night to make a preliminary study of whether to build a viaduct over railroad tracks on S. E. Sixth or S. E. Seventh street.

Last week Councilman George J. Nahas asked the city legal staff to determine whether it was possible to force the railroads over which the viaduct would pass to pay for building it.

In a letter to Nahas, assistant city attorney Gary H. Swanson cited laws allowing cities to require railroads to build viaducts, with restrictions. Swanson said the first step in such a procedure would be to petition the Iowa Commerce Commission to determine the necessity of a viaduct at S. E. Sixth.

The council asked the Legal Department to make a preliminary study on the matter, including the estimated cost of acquiring right-of-way the city would need.

In other action, the council designated the W. H. Jamison and Co. low bidder for general construction of new sales and services hangars at the Municipal Airport.

TAKE ACTION IN ILLEGAL ZONING

The Des Moines City Council Monday night authorized zoning enforcement officer Donald Starb to take legal action to force Clifford B. Taylor to conform with the zoning ordinance on two properties.

The council was told Taylor owns an apartment house at 3120 Kingman blvd. with 10 units and one at 2808 Kingman with three units. Zoning in that area permits only one unit.

The council was told Taylor was served with notices in November, 1964, to comply with the ordinance but that he has neither complied nor appealed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a waiver.

Earlier this year, Taylor was convicted by a jury of bribing a city zoning inspector and was sentenced to 60 days in jail. He has appealed this.

Taylor was accused of giving an inspector a \$500 check in November, 1964, to "forget" two zoning violations concerning his apartment house at 3120 Kingman.

Historic Landmark Honor for 65 Sites

WASHINGTON, D. C. (AP)—Sixty-five additional sites, buildings and districts were listed Monday by Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall as eligible for designation as National Historic Landmarks. Included is the Vieux Carre historic district—the old French Quarter—of New Orleans.

Missing Man 'Couldn't Walk Far'

By Nick Lamberto
A 52-year-old Des Moines businessman who "couldn't have walked very far because of his arthritis" and who needed daily medication for a heart condition has been missing for six days, police reported Monday.

The missing man is Donald Amos Nervig of 1331 Mattern ave., co-owner of the Nervig & Avila Speedometer & Electrical Service, 814 Keosauqua way.

Nervig was last seen, as far as officers know, at 9:15 p. m. last Tuesday (Dec. 14) when he left the car of a man he had met for the first time earlier that night.

Nervig left the car of Ronald Leroy Kyger, 26, of 2930 Tiffin ave., a loan company official, on Second avenue between Hoffman road and Broadway avenue north of the city. Officials said the two men had met in a tavern and later went to a restaurant.

Nervig's wife reported her husband missing last Friday morning, more than two days after he was last seen, but police said she had "done some checking on her own with friends" before reporting the matter to police.

Detective Lester Kellogg said Nervig's disappearance had not been reported sooner because Mrs. Nervig "kept thinking he might come home." Police said he had not been known to remain away from home overnight.

A friend of Nervig's said he telephoned Nervig shortly after noon Tuesday and Nervig told him he planned to go home and take a hot bath for his arthritis and "just relax."

Nervig is believed to have



Donald Amos Nervig Missing Since Last Tuesday

been carrying about \$340 when he left his business place Tuesday afternoon, said Detective Chief Cletus Leaming.

About \$300 of that amount was cash and checks from business receipts, Leaming said, and the rest was "about what he (Nervig) carried in his pockets."

Kyger said Nervig had no money bag and very little money during the time they were together.

Kyger said he "even had to buy him (Nervig) a beer and pay for a pizza later on" because Nervig didn't have any money with him.

"He more or less invited himself along when I went for pizza," Kyger said. "He was all right when I left him off near the Firestone plant. I showed police the spot."

"I sure hope they find him. A man can't just disappear."

"The possibility of foul play

has not been ruled out," Captain Leaming said. "And because of his (Nervig's) physical condition someone had to bring him from that area. He couldn't have gone very long with his heart condition and arthritis."

Officers said Nervig and Kyger met at the Executive Lounge, 605 Seventh st., between 5 p. m. and 6 p. m. Tuesday and after several drinks decided to get something to eat. They had not known each other before the meeting in the tavern, officers said.

Left Truck

The two men left in Kyger's car and went to a restaurant in the Highland Park area. Nervig's truck was left near his place of business, a short distance from the Executive Lounge.

After the men left the Highland Park restaurant there was some argument about Kyger's driving and Nervig turned off the key to the car, said Sheriff Wilbur Hildreth. At this point, Nervig was let out of the car, Hildreth said. Police have established the time at about 9:15 p. m. because Kyger picked his wife up at the Hyperion Field Club at 9:45 p. m.

The Nervigs have three children—Carol, 19, and Donella, 16, at home, and Mrs. T. J. McGiverin of West Los Angeles, Calif.

also wore a green jacket. Nervig is "about 5 feet 10 inches" tall, weighs 150 pounds and has black hair and blue eyes, police said.

D.M. Pedestrian Struck by Auto

Floyd William Lahn, 66, of 1501 Twelfth st., suffered a cut nose and body bruises when he was struck by a car as he was crossing E. Fourteenth street at Madison avenue about 4:15 p. m. Monday.

He was treated at Iowa Lutheran Hospital.

Police said he was struck by a car driven by William J. Kline, 51, of Norwalk. Kline told police he was making a left turn onto E. Fourteenth street and was blinded by the sun. He was charged with failure to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian in a crosswalk.

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Fire Causes Hour-Long Blackout in Oskaloosa

OSKALOOSA, IA.—A major part of Oskaloosa, including the principal business district, was blacked out from an hour to 90 minutes Monday night after fire broke out in a bank of relays at the Iowa Power & Light Co. station.

An employe, Don Schweitzer, suffered second-degree burns on one hand and singed eyebrows and hair. He was hospitalized for observation. Cause of the fire was under investigation.

The power failure occurred at 7:45 p. m., while stores were doing a substantial business with Christmas shoppers. Some places closed down when lights didn't come back on in a few minutes, but others used candles and flashlights for illumination.

Lights started returning in the business district by 8:45 p. m. Service was restored to all the downtown area by about 9:05 p. m. Several residential areas waited another 10 or 15 minutes for power.

The police radio system was out and policemen had to depend on short-range walkie-talkies.

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FALSE ARREST; CITY PAYS \$50

The Des Moines City Council Monday night authorized the payment of a \$50 claim to a man who had been arrested and jailed for a delinquent overtime parking ticket after the ticket had been paid.

The payment will go to Joseph A. Reid, who was arrested Sept. 29 at his home at 632 Thirty-ninth st. He had paid the ticket a week earlier.

Acting Corporation Counsel Anthony T. Renda explained that Reid was arrested because a warrant for his arrest was not canceled after the ticket was paid.

Reid was required to post a \$100 bond to get out of jail before the warrant was dismissed.

After the arrest, Municipal Judge Luther Glanton, jr., strongly criticized procedures of the bailiff's office, which apparently allowed the mistake.

The council approved the \$50 settlement with little discussion Monday night, although Councilman George J. Nahas termed it "very reasonable."

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