

150 Fail to Find Missing D.M. Man in Day-Long Search

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A day-long search in sub-freezing weather Saturday failed to reveal any trace of 52-year-old Donald A. Nervig, missing Des Moines businessman.

Nervig, of 1331 Mattern ave., co-owner of the Nervig & Avila Speedometer & Electrical Service, 814 Keosauqua way, last was seen, as far as officers know, at 9:15 p.m. Dec. 14 when he left a car on Second avenue near Hoffman road.

About 150 Boy Scouts, law officials, firemen and volunteers began searching at 8 a.m. near the spot where Nervig last was seen, and scoured the area until 4 p.m.

"We split into five groups," said Floyd R. Gabbert, 3908 Skith ave., a family friend who organized the search. "We covered an area from the Des Moines River to E. Fourteenth street, and from Broadway avenue north to and including the Margo, Frankel Woods State Park."

"To my mind, Don Nervig's body is not out there. I think there's a real hope that the man may still be alive."

Nervig is known to have an arthritic condition and required daily medication for a heart condition.

Mrs. Nervig has offered a \$500 reward for information leading to her husband's safe return.



Donald Nervig

Gala Democrat Fund Drive Here

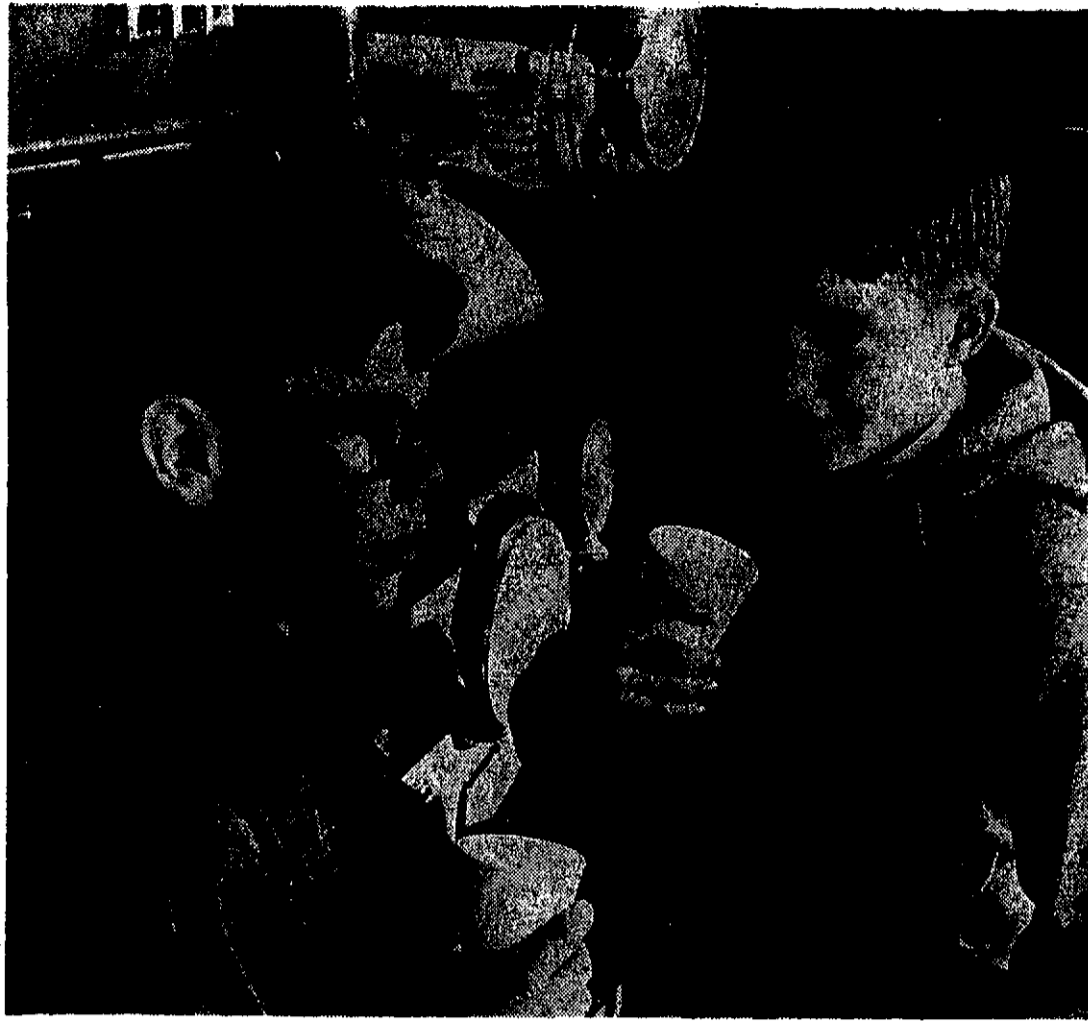
Iowa Democrats will stage a fund-raising "spectacular" at KRNT Theater Feb. 25 for the six Democratic congressional representatives from Iowa.

Former U.S. Senator Guy M. Gillette will be chairman of the event. Ticket donations of \$25 a person and \$40 a couple are planned with proceeds going to the congressional district designated by the donor. It is hoped that the affair will provide from \$4,000 to \$5,000 for each district.

The gala will headline top Hollywood performers as well as a cabinet member of the Johnson administration to be announced later, officials said.



Line of searchers moves across field south of Interstate 80 and just east of Second avenue.



Two Boy Scouts who joined in Saturday's search for the missing Donald Amos Nervig stop in at the Saylor Township Fire Station to get warm and have a hot drink. They are Thomas Spieker, 11 (left), and Asa Hutton, jr., members of Troop 237 in Ankeny. It was five below zero when the search started.

UNIVERSITY SPAN TO CLOSE

The University avenue bridge over the Des Moines River will be closed for repairs at 2 p.m. Monday, the city Traffic Engineering Department announced.

The bridge will be closed most of the year. Rebuilding of the bridge is scheduled to be completed Oct. 1.

Assistant Traffic Engineer R. W. Grubb said some congestion is expected the first few days the bridge is closed. About 20,000 vehicles use the bridge daily.

Grubb urged motorists who normally use the bridge to choose an alternate route in advance.

West bound University avenue traffic will be detoured south on Pennsylvania avenue

onto the Freeway to Sixth avenue and back north to University. Eastbound traffic will be turned south at Second avenue, east on School street and the Freeway to Pennsylvania.

Grubb said traffic signals will be installed at Second and School and at the eastbound exit ramp of the Freeway at Pennsylvania sometime this week.

Found Dead in His Basement

Glen H. Luetke, 31, of 1319 Thirty-ninth st., was found dead in the basement of his home early Saturday morning. He was an elementary teacher in the Urbandale school system.

Assistant Polk County Medical Examiner Dr. R. C. Wooters said Luetke apparently shot himself in the right temple. Dr. Wooters said the death was an apparent suicide.

R. & T. POSITION FOR BARTLETT

William G. Dorris is retiring as mechanical superintendent of The Des Moines Register and Tribune, and Robert Bartlett has been named to succeed him, it was announced Saturday by David Kruidenier, vice-president and general manager.



BARTLETT DORRIS

Dorris, who lives at 1136 Forty-fifth st., joined the newspapers as mechanical superintendent in 1953. He will continue with The Register and Tribune until Mar. 1 to supervise the final stages of a major improvement in printing press facilities.

Bartlett, of 610 Seventeenth st., West Des Moines, joined the papers in 1941. He started as a machinist, was assistant maintenance superintendent, and became assistant mechanical superintendent last year. He is a member of the International Association of Machinists.

Before coming to The Register and Tribune, from Neo Grave Corp. of California, Dorris had been mechanical superintendent for the Roger-McDonald Printing Co., Los Angeles, Calif., and was with San Diego, Calif., newspapers.

He has been active in the organization and operation of the Mid-America Newspaper-Mechanical Conference. He is a past president of the Des Moines Press and Radio Club.

DANCE PROGRAM
DUBUQUE, IA. — Won-Kyung Cho, Korean classical dancer and critic, will present a dance program and slide lecture at the Loras College Auditorium at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Seek to Import Workers to Iowa

An Iowan has asked permission to bring a woman from Holland to serve as a housekeeper for his motherless family.

Efforts to find such an employe in this country have proved fruitless so far. The pay is \$40 a week plus room and board.

A construction contractor wants to import 50 pipefitters and welders and another 50 plumbers from Canada. An effort is being made to find such workers in the United States first. But the outlook is dim.

Finding tailors is a difficult job. Young Americans do not go into that trade very much any more. When a tailor is needed, frequently the employer has to do his recruiting in such places as Italy.

Frequent Requests
The Iowa State Employment Service reported Saturday that requests to import workers have become frequent in this period of labor shortages. Such requests have to be channeled

through the U. S. Bureau of Immigration.

"Our first responsibility, of course, is to find jobs for people here," said Phyllis Gruenberg of Des Moines. She is in charge of the employment service program of "inter-area recruitment."

Employers are required to advertise locally for the help they need before the import requests are considered, she said. Such employers must agree to pay prevailing wages.

Construction workers usually are brought in from other countries on a temporary basis, usually for a maximum of six months. But others, such as a housekeeper or tailor, would become permanent residents of the United States.

There has been some movement of farm workers from other states into Iowa, from Missouri, for example. Usually, however, such families do not want to move unless the employer is willing to pay moving expenses.

A report has been current for

several weeks that an application has been made to Washington for \$265,000 in federal funds to move 150 needed farm families into the Fort Dodge area and other parts of northwest Iowa.

Such families would be recruited in southern Iowa, the report said, and in Missouri and Kentucky if need be. A total of \$60,000 of that amount reportedly would be used to pay the moving expenses of such families.

Federal manpower officials in Iowa said they are not acquainted with the \$265,000 request. Employment Service officials, however, said they have reason to believe such an application is pending.

The Employment Service is known to be planning to establish an office in Ottumwa to help relocate available southern Iowa rural people for jobs, on farms in some instances or in cities and towns in others. The Ottumwa office would be a pilot project.

Burglars Break Glass in Escape

Three businesses in the McNeal shopping center, Merle Hay road and Urbandale avenue, were broken into Saturday night, and two burglars escaped by running through a glass door of one of the firms when police discovered them.

Patrolman Ray Williamson said he was told about 10:40 p.m. by a resident of the area that two men were breaking into the businesses. Williamson said that as he went in the back door of the Robinson Fabric Shop, the men broke the front glass door and fled.

Also broken into were the American Automobile Association (A. A. A.) office and the McGarvey-Atwood Coffee Shop. Police said apparently nothing was taken, although the burglars had attempted to open a safe in the A. A. A. office.

BREAD SALE FOR CHARITY

Hundreds of Des Moines and West Des Moines high school students will be selling bread from door to door today in an effort to raise money for the March of Dimes.

The bread will be sold for whatever the buyers want to give.

The bread is being bought at about cost from Sunbeam

Bread, Fort Dodge, and all profits will go to the March of Dimes.

The sale is sponsored by the Teen-Age Program Committee. Co-chairmen are Toni Sarcone, Carolyn Cook and Cindy Thomas, all of Roosevelt High School.

Students selling the bread will be representing all but Lincoln and Tech High School, so the sale will be conducted in all high school districts but Lincoln's.

The students will sell the bread from about 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PROBE HIRING OF LAWYERS

Iowa Attorney General Lawrence Scalise confirmed Saturday that he is investigating the employment of attorneys in the filing of lawsuits arising from the tragic Keokuk Army blast Nov. 24.

Millions of dollars in damages is expected to be sought in cases based on the blast. Twenty-one persons lost their lives and about 25 others were injured.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees may be involved. Lawyers in such cases often charge a fee of 25 per cent of the amount awarded if the case is settled without trial. The fee may be 33 1/3 per cent of the award if the case is tried. The share sometimes rises to 50 per cent if the case is carried to the Iowa Supreme Court.

Case Lost, No Pay
When a suing person is not awarded damages, the lawyer isn't paid either. Scalise said: "It is unethical, of course, for anyone to solicit law business."

He added that he has no direct information that such solicitation is going on. He said the matter was brought to his attention by bar association sources.

Scalise said two agents of the Iowa Bureau of Investigation have been assigned to look into the matter.

Gas Blasts
A Thanksgiving eve square dance was in progress Nov. 24 when gas explosions wrecked the National Guard Armory at Keokuk.

The Keokuk Gas Service Co. is one possible target of lawsuits growing out of the blast. So is the State of Iowa which owns the property.

Robert Walker, Keokuk attorney, has been appointed a committee of one by the First Judicial District Bar Association to inquire into the question of hiring lawyers by various plaintiffs. The First Judicial District consists of Lee County.

"Everything may be perfectly all right," Walker said. "We have heard rumblings of various people being approached. We just want the air cleared. If something unethical has been going on, we want to know about it."

RETIRES

(The Register's Iowa News Service)
GLENWOOD, IA.—Bernard F. Rhoades retired last week as a postal clerk after 45 years of sorting mail and packages here.



WIREFOTO (AP)

Iowa Pilot in Viet Nam

Capt. Richard G. Head, center, of Des Moines and formerly of Cedar Rapids, shows Air Force Secretary Harold Brown, right, some of the weapons used on the Skyraider fighter plane. Head flies as a member of the 602nd Fighter Squadron in Viet Nam. Brown and Lt. Gen. James Ferguson, left, Air Force deputy chief of staff for research and development, talked with Head Jan. 2 at Bien Hoa airfield. Head, 28, who holds the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with 10 clusters, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Glenn Head of 342 Fifty-ninth st. He is a graduate of Franklin High School, Cedar Rapids, and a 1960 graduate of the Air Force Academy. He has been in Viet Nam about a year and is due to return to the U. S. Jan. 21.

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