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## SUNDAY AUTO ACCIDENT HAS FATAL RESULT

### HAROLD SMITH HURLED TO HIS DEATH WHEN CAR HITS A FORD TRUCK.

From Monday's Daily.  
This morning between 1 and 2 o'clock on the federal highway four miles south of this city, occurred a fatal auto accident in which Harold, or "Happy" Smith, as he was better known, met his death when the Ford roadster driven by Vern Flick of this city crashed into the rear of a truck belonging to Joseph Schroeder of Syracuse, demolishing the roadster and severely injuring Mr. Flick and Charles J. Kunsman as well as hurling "Happy" from the car a distance of several feet and breaking his neck.

As soon as the accident occurred and the members of the party were able to gather their senses they discovered the body of the unfortunate young man lying in the road some six feet from the scene of the collision and a call was made for medical aid from the city as well as for Sheriff C. D. Quinton.

The body of the young man was brought to this city as well as the other members of the party and taken to the court house where the parties awaited the convening of the coroner's jury.

Mr. Joseph Schroeder of Syracuse, owner of the Ford truck which was run into by the car of Mr. Flick, stated that the truck was being towed into this city by a Ford car belonging to Ralph Lahman of Nebraska City and that at the time of the accident they were stopped on the east side of the road and that as the lights of the truck were not lit he had gotten out with a flash light and was flashing it when he heard the car of Flick approaching and seeing them coming directly toward him had leaped for safety a few seconds before the crash. He also stated that there were no lights lit on the car of Mr. Flick.

The coroner's jury impaneled by County Attorney Cole at 9 o'clock consisted of Durwood Lynde, Eugene Roddy, Earl L. Murray, John B. Livingston, Glen Perry and Charles Manners.

The evidence of the owner of the truck Mr. Schroeder and his companion, C. C. Woodruff, also of Syracuse was taken and was practically as stated above. Mr. Woodruff stated that the cars had been moved a few feet to clear the road after the accident.

Ralph Lahman testified that he had seen the two men, Flick and Kunsman, when they were thrown from the car and had gotten out to assist the others in caring for the party but had not seen Harold Smith as he was hurled to death. Mr. Lahman and a young companion, Everett Emmons of Nebraska City, were driving the car that was pulling the truck of Mr. Schroeder.

Vern Flick, the young man driving the car that struck the truck, stated on the stand that he was in Omaha Sunday afternoon in company with Charles J. Kunsman and that they had returned to Plattsmouth about 6:30 in the evening and had a lunch at the Graham & Wier cafe and later they had again visited the cafe and met Mr. Smith there, it being the first time he had met him and Mr. Smith had expressed a desire to go somewhere and he had then gone to the garage and gotten his car and the party decided to drive to Nebraska City. This was late in the evening and they had driven south on the highway, the witness stated, to some point beyond Union if he recollected right, and had then turned around and started back. The car was coming up the hill north of the home of Glen Perry and the witness stated that the lights were burning and he did not see the truck standing in the road until they crashed into it and the next he remembered he was picking himself up and hearing Charles Kunsman groaning and he had asked if he was hurt and Kunsman stated he had injured his back. They had then looked for Smith and found him some distance away in the road and apparently dead.

Mr. Flick had gone to a neighboring house and called the sheriff and medical aid. He thought the truck was standing in about the center of the road at the time they struck.

Sheriff C. D. Quinton testified that when he had arrived at the scene of the accident he had found a Ford truck standing on the right hand side of the road at the edge of the graded road and that the left rear wheel as well as the shackle holding the left spring was broken and the board at the end of the truck was broken on the left side. The truck and car had been moved somewhat to open up the road. He found the body of Harold Smith some three feet from the front car and the broken up red roadster of Flick a short distance from the body. Glass was scattered all over the roadway the sheriff stated. The sheriff stated that it was possible to see on the road even without lights as it was a bright night.

In response to the request of the jury, Mr. Schroeder explained that the car of Flick after hitting his truck sheered off across the road

and again turned back and struck the left fender of the Ford of Mr. Lahman damaging it some.

The jury was out for some time and returned with a verdict finding that Harold Smith came to his death in an accidental manner in an auto accident and not through the felonious act of any person.

Mr. Flick in the accident suffered a severe cut on the forehead as well as bruising his right wrist quite badly while Mr. Kunsman suffered a severe strain to his back and this morning was unable to leave his bed as the result and was also suffering from a badly bruised right leg.

## DEATH BRINGS A VERY DEEP REGRET

### "Happy" Smith, Killed in Auto Accident This Morning, Was a Favorite of Friends.

From Monday's Daily.  
The sad news that was learned this morning of the death of "Happy" Smith as he was so well known, brought to a myriad of friends a keen sense of loss of a dear companion and friend.

Harold Smith was just entering into his manhood, having been born February 2, 1901, and has spent all of these years in this city where his warm genial nature has made him many friends, not only with those of his own age but men and women of older years and whose grief is keen at his taking away.

The young man was a gifted musician and had often delighted the Plattsmouth public with his work as a pianist and was always active in the younger set of the city in their sports and amusements and in which he found the greatest pleasure.

He is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Smith, who in their grief will have the deepest sympathy of the entire community on the swift and sudden tragedy that has darkened their home and stilled the voice they loved. One sister, Ruth, also is left to bear the loss.

While death in the swift and terrible form that it has come has caused a quite serious one, it is perhaps the best that it should be so. The wisdom of the All Highest that the deceased should answer the summons of death while yet in the bloom of youth was on his cheek and life had yet to unfold its pages to his view is after all perhaps the greatest boon altho in the hour of sorrow we may question the need, we do not know the wisdom that calls the loved one home in the morning of their lifetime.

## HAVE CLOSE CALL IN AUTO ACCIDENT

### Ford Roadster Driven by Floyd Elliott Turns Over On West Main Street.

From Monday's Daily.  
Yesterday shortly after the noon hour a quite serious auto accident occurred on West Main street near the Twelfth street intersection and fortunately there was no one injured seriously altho the car of Floyd Elliott was made a complete wreck as the result of the accident.

The Ford roadster was driven by Floyd Elliott and in the party were Glen Henry and Fred Rebal at the time of the accident. The boys had taken one of their young men friends out to the west part of the city and while endeavoring to turn the car around the steering wheel cramped and caused the car to turn over. At this place the hill is quite steep and the car made two complete turns before it rested a complete wreck in the ditch.

When the car was going over the first time, Fred Rebal was able to disengage himself from the wreckage and rolled to safety by the road, suffering only a few bruises while Glen Henry was the most seriously injured, having his right shoulder very painfully wrenched and also suffered some minor cuts about the head. Floyd Elliott suffered a few cuts and bruises but nothing of a serious nature.

The car was a complete wreck, the two front wheels as well as the top being demolished and the axle of the car bent and twisted.

## MAYOR MAKES CHANGE IN THE POLICE FORCE

### EXTRA POLICE ARE RELIEVED AND THE NORMAL FORCE IS RESUMED.

From Monday's Daily.  
This morning Mayor C. A. Johnson in view of the fact that conditions in this city have been excellent since the adoption of the plan of a special police force for the city, decided to cut down the force of men employed and permit the regular normal police force to carry out the enforcing of the law.

To this end that differences that have existed might be made up, the mayor named an entire new force of men for the police department, selecting E. P. Stewart, who has been acting as one of the special police, as the head of the new department, and Earl L. Murray as the regular night members of the force. For the present two extra police will be maintained, George Decker and Rex Young being the two who were selected to carry on the work of law enforcement.

The change will permit Captain Harrison L. Gayer and Durwood Lynde, who have been here for the past two weeks to return to their homes and with the assurance that their excellent service combined with the earnest and patriotic services of the Plattsmouth citizens has resulted in the clearing up of the situation as far as law and order was concerned and in saving the city from the period of the military occupation of the disorders that had occurred. Both Mr. Gayer and Mr. Lynde made sacrifices of their private interests to assist in the work here and are entitled to the appreciation of the city and its people.

The two weeks of special policing has resulted in the disarming of parties who were carrying firearms and the demonstration that the city government was making an earnest effort to see that all of the citizens were given the protection that they were entitled to.

The new police force brings with it the same spirit of impartiality and strict law enforcement and to relieve the condition that had been necessary to create by the city government to quiet the troubles, the places of business and amusement that have been under the 10 o'clock closing regulation will be allowed to resume their usual hours after December 11th.

The new chief of police, Mr. Stewart, is well known to the Plattsmouth people as he has been a resident here for the past few years and has had a fine experience in handling men as a soldier in the regular army and a good judgment that will be found invaluable in his new office. Mr. Murray who will act as the regular night member of the police force is a veteran of the World war, having gone from this city into the service at the outbreak of the World war, enlisting in Co. I of the 168th Infantry, a part of the Rainbow division, and served with distinction in that famous organization.

Both Mr. Decker and Mr. Young, the special men retained for the present, are well known residents of the city and county and men of the highest standing who will give the people fair and impartial enforcement of the law, which is the desire of everyone in the community.

The mayor has urged the citizens to co-operate in the assistance of law enforcement to the end that the situation may be cleared up with a credit to the city of being able to handle its own affairs without state assistance.

In the situation just past Mayor Johnson has shown a wonderful ability and determination to do for the best interests of the city regardless of his own personal feelings and interests and has shown himself a real official and has had the very capable assistance of City Attorney Rawls in handling the matter in a very able manner. The community has been fortunate in having two men of high ability at the helm in the present situation and they have proven their worth.

## WILL MEET TITLE HOLDER

(Omaha News Radio Service)  
Omaha, Dec. 5.—Frankie Schoell, who will meet Dave Shade in elimination battle for the welterweight crown in Omaha December 15th, will arrive here Saturday, according to announcement made today. Shade is already here and in training. Both want a battle with "Mickey" Walker, the title holder. The Omaha scrap will determine which one gets the first chance at the title holder.

Mrs. Evi Speir, formerly Mariel Straight, who has been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Straight for the past few weeks, departed this afternoon for her home at Alliance and was accompanied as far as Omaha by her mother, Mrs. W. J. Straight.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. NOBLE

From Monday's Daily.  
The funeral services of the late Mrs. Everett Noble were held this morning at 10 o'clock from the Holy Rosary Catholic church on West Pearl street and very largely attended by the lifelong friends and associates of the departed lady. The requiem mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Ferdinand Suesner and at the conclusion of the service the body was borne to Oak Hill cemetery where it was laid to rest. The wealth of floral remembrances at the funeral spoke silently of the deep feeling of affection in which she had been held by the many friends.

## ELKS PAY TRIBUTE TO DEPARTED ELKS ON SUNDAY

### Large Audience Gathers to Honor Those Who Have Gone to the Grand Lodge Above.

From Monday's Daily.  
Yesterday afternoon Plattsmouth lodge No. 749 B. P. O. E. held their annual services in memory of the departed members of the order who have gone from the scenes of activity to their final reward.

The services were held at the lodge rooms and a large number of the membership as well as others were present to participate in the tribute to the Elks passed away. The Elks orchestra furnished an appropriate selection at the opening of the ceremony. The lodge was opened in form and the Star of Fidelity cast its glow over the scene of impressiveness as the officers convened the lodge and the program of the day opened.

The opening number was the solo, "Stream of Paradise," given by Mrs. Edna Marshall Eaton in her usual charming manner and who was accompanied by Mrs. Christine Coughlin, Frank A. Cloyd, one of the leading musicians of the city, sang very beautifully the "Vesper Prayer," the piano accompaniment being by Mrs. Coughlin.

The roll call of the departed made by the secretary of the lodge was most impressive and as the names of those gone before were called their friends recalled their many virtues and acts of friendship in their association in the order.

The address was delivered by District Judge James T. Bagley in an oration that was eloquent in the tribute to those who had passed on and in the order whose motto is: "The faults of our brothers we write upon the sands, their virtues we carve upon the tablet of love and memory."

Mrs. E. H. Wescott gave a very beautiful number, "Hemeland," the piano accompaniment being played by Mr. Wescott.

The address delivered by Rev. H. Kotlich was one appropriate to the occasion and spoke of the triumphs of peace as well as war and the efforts of the good men and women on the making of civilization.

The closing ceremonies by the officers and the selection by the Elks orchestra closed the program.

## HAVE A BUSY DAY IN JUDGE WEBER'S COURT

Three Violators of Hunting Laws Receive Justice and Three Drunk Cases Handled.  
From Monday's Daily.  
The mill of justice in the court of Judge Weber was kept grinding at full speed this morning when six cases came before the court for adjustment. E. S. Renner, M. S. Sprout and J. B. Pleasant, all three charged with hunting on the farm of Alfred Beveridge near Murray without the permission of the owner and contrary to law, were given a fine of \$2 and costs, which amounted to \$5 and which was paid and the offenders allowed to go on their way rejoicing. The complaints were filed by E. W. Melborn, game warden, and County Attorney A. G. Cole.

## WOMAN'S CLUB HAS A VERY FINE MEETING LAST EVE

### Interesting Program is given and Large Number of Ladies Enjoy Pleasant Gathering.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
Last evening at the public library auditorium the Plattsmouth Woman's club held their regular monthly meeting and which was quite largely attended and a great deal of interest shown by the ladies in the business session which marked the opening portion of the evening. After the routine of business had been passed by the ladies were given a most delightful as well as instructive program and which was fully appreciated by all of the membership present.

Dr. R. P. Westover, one of the popular musicians of the city, gave two very pleasing vocal numbers, "Three for Jack" and "A Bowl of Roses," which were a delightful feature of the evening. Mrs. B. C. Doolan in her usual pleasant manner gave a reading that added to the interest of the program and the School Girls' sextette favored the audience with one of their numbers in which the young ladies captivated the entire audience.

Mrs. R. B. Hayes gave a short talk relative to the colleges in the Orient which are now occupying such a prominent place in the public eye and explained the needs of modern Christian education in the far off countries of the near and far east.

The leader of the meeting was Miss Jessie Robertson, who in her opening remarks discussed the needs of education and the work of educational work that is now being observed throughout the nation by the various civil organizations and as well reviewed "Our Courts," taking the organization of courts, both state and national, their jurisdiction and the manner in which cases are handled in the different courts of the land and this was an address that proved of the greatest value to the ladies and was one of the most complete and concise statements of the courts of the nation that has been offered in this city and was one that should have been heard by everyone to give them a clearer insight into the workings of the law through the courts.

## ADDRESSES HIGH SCHOOL ON EDUCATIONAL WEEK

### Raymond J. Larson, Commander of Local American Legion Post, is Speaker Today.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
In the observance of Educational Week in the city a number of addresses have been arranged for the benefit of the high school and the junior high school at the convocation hour each day and this morning the speaker was Raymond J. Larson, commander of the local American Legion post.

Mr. Larson in his remarks took up the history of the American flag, its usages and proper use, the courtesy that the flag was entitled to receive as the national emblem, the manner in which it should be displayed and the way it should be carried when used in parades. The speaker also discussed the manner in which the citizen should use his individuality in promoting the development of the true American spirit. He also urged the intelligent use of the ballot by the citizenship of the country and the real appreciation of the value of the American public school system.

## BASE BALL PLAYER MAKES "HOME RUN"

### "Jiggs" Parker, Well Known Baseball Player, Scores in Matrimonial Game Last Week.

The friends in this city of James or "Jiggs" Parker as he was better known to baseball fans, will be pleased to learn that James has decided to abandon the state of single blessedness and take unto himself a wife. The marriage of Miss Katie Schanck and Mr. Parker occurred Thursday at Beatrice, where the groom is employed by the Standard Oil company at the present time and during the baseball season is playing third base with the Beatrice Blues. Mr. Parker played the past season in that city in the State league. His friends here will extend their best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Parker on their new found happiness.

Andrew Rabb, Sr., was a visitor in Omaha today to spend a few hours with his son, Tom Rabb, at the Presbyterian hospital where Tom is slowly recovering from his wounds.

Elgin, Howard and Hamilton watches for men, also the Ingersoll line, \$1.50 to \$9.00.—John W. Crabb.

## W. C. T. U. MEETING

From Tuesday's Daily.  
Yesterday afternoon the W. C. T. U. society held a very interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. George A. Dodge and which was attended by quite a pleasing showing of the membership. The subject of the meeting was "Tobacco" and a number of the ladies gave papers on this well known smoke producer, including one by Mrs. Dodge on the laws governing the sale of tobacco. At a suitable hour very quaint and enjoyable refreshments were served by the hostess that came as a very pleasant close of the meeting.

## DECIDE ON YORK FOR CANTONMENT

### J. H. Short of this City, Department Commander, Assists Committee in Making Selection.

The committee from the Patriarchs Militant of the I. O. O. F. composed of J. H. Short of this city, department commander, E. A. Johnson, chief of staff, R. B. Golden, adjutant, D. E. Butten, grand patriarch, John Pitman, superintendent of the I. O. O. F. Home at York, met at York on November 25th to look over the location there for the fourth annual cantonment of the order and decided that the city was the real place for the gathering.

The location is in a part of twenty acres, all fenced, with a stream of running water forty feet wide and from four to five feet deep with facilities for boating.

There is also a large dining hall capable of seating 250 with large kitchen and three gas ranges and with plenty of tables and hot and cold water.

There is an amphitheatre on the grounds capable of seating 5,000 persons and ample for the use of the meetings and the park and theatre are all lit with electric lights and the park affords a fine drill grounds for the militant organization.

The commercial club extended the committee every courtesy and aid and promised cordial co-operation at the cantonment.

## COMPLETES WORK

The Modern Construction company of this city which has just completed the sewer on Washington avenue and the paving near the Nebraska Masonic Home, has a job finished of which it can well feel proud of. The work reflects the greatest credit on the company and is a real piece of work in both cases. The company that completed the work consists of J. H. and H. C. McMaken and had delivered the goods in the most approved manner, both in the sewer and the paving. The paving is to be paid for by the Nebraska Masonic Home association under the agreement with the city.

## COCKRELS FOR SALE

S. C. Rhode Island Red cockrels, \$2.00 each.—C. R. Todd, phone 3102, n16-6tsw

Remember the Journal office is the place to buy your Dennison Christmas tags and seals, the very best on the market.

## NEW MANAGER OF LIGHTING COMPANY IS HERE

### Mr. C. J. Theelen, Formerly of Neb. Power Co. of Omaha Takes up Duties of Manager Here.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
Yesterday the new district manager of the Nebraska Gas & Electric Co. arrived to take up his duties and was busy meeting the patrons all yesterday and looking over the plant of the company in company with Mr. J. C. Kuykendall, the former manager, now located at York.

The new district manager is Mr. C. J. Theelen, formerly of the Nebraska Power Co. at Omaha and who is a gentleman of much experience in handling the affairs of public utility companies such as the lighting company and he will at once take over the work in this district which has for the past several years been handled by Mr. Kuykendall.

The new manager is a very agreeable gentleman and one that the patrons should find capable and efficient in seeing that the city receives the very best service which the lighting company has given in the past year since the thorough organization of the various units.

The lighting company will have additional service to supply when the electrolier system is started which is promised in a very short time and the new manager will have the rate question to handle with the city when the new system is ready to be started out.

## FORD SEDAN IS BADLY WRECKED

### Car Driven by Bernhart Lemke is Struck by Cass County Car Which Does Not Stop.

A Ford sedan driven by Bernhart Lemke was wrecked north of Dunbar Sunday evening when struck head-on by a car carrying a Cass County license pad. The sedan was thrown into the ditch and the top caved in, three fenders torn off, one wheel demolished and the front end badly damaged.

The driver of the Cass county car did not stop but continued his journey. Lemke was brought to the city and yesterday the sedan was towed in.

Mr. Lemke stated yesterday that he was accompanied by a young woman and was on his way home when the accident occurred. Lemke suffered a slightly injured leg in the accident but the young woman escaped injury.—Nebraska City Press.

## COMMISSIONERS IN SESSION

From Tuesday's Daily.  
The board of county commissioners this morning started on the monthly grind of allowing the bills that have accumulated for the last thirty days in handling the affairs of the county. The commissioners and County Clerk George Snyles will attend the meeting of commissioners and clerks in Omaha tomorrow and enjoy the interchange of opinions by the various officials.

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