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Ralph Connors Makes Attempt to End Life

Former Plattsmouth Boy Shoots Himself at Plaza Hotel, Omaha With Probably Fatal Result.

From Monday's Daily—

Ralph Connors, aged 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Connors, 2424 South 20th street, Omaha Sunday afternoon made an attempt at suicide at the Plaza hotel at Omaha with probable fatal results, little hopes being entertained at the Lord Lister hospital that the young man would recover from the self-inflicted injuries.

The young man had been worrying over financial troubles and had lost his position a week ago as a soda fountain clerk in South Omaha, living since that time with a friend, Cecil McCord, at the Plaza hotel and in whose room he attempted suicide.

The condition of the young man was discovered by the employees of the hotel and the police notified and then the young man removed to the Lord Lister hospital in a very serious condition as the bullet had nipped the edge of the heart and left but little hope of his recovery.

"I just thought my life was not worth \$75 and I couldn't bear the thought of telling my sweetheart that," Connors explained to the police as they found him in the room at the hotel.

"I owed about \$75," said Connors. "I worried over it too much and got to believing that it wasn't worth living for."

According to the parents of Mr. Connors the young man has been urging his parents to consent to his marriage to Gertrude Mitchell, 19 of 5226 North 14th street. Mr. Connors stated that he had told his son that he was too young to be married.

When notified of the attempted suicide Miss Mitchell became hysterical with grief and stated that she had been with him Saturday evening and at no time had he given any intimation of his intention of committing the rash act.

The young man left the following note at the hotel addressed to his family:

Dear mother and folks, and sisters and brothers: You probably had forgotten me as I have been gone a week now. But do not worry. I did this because things have not gone right. It is my wish to be buried by little Bobby if possible. There was just one thing to live for and that was Gertrude. Just try to make her happy. Good-by.

RALPH.

Ralph Connors was here last week visiting with friends and had expressed the desire of securing work here in the old home and remained here over night and then returning to Omaha. He stated to friends that he was married some three weeks ago and that his wife was living in Omaha. He did not seem despondent when here and the news of his attempted suicide came as a great shock to the many friends here of the young man and the family.

While a resident here Ralph attended the local schools and was one of the popular and well liked boys in the schools and very much interested in sports and Boy Scout work. He has been during the last summer engaged as a pitcher with the St. Francis team of South Omaha.

RAIN AND BASEBALL

From Monday's Daily—

The weather man and the fall baseball tournaments in this locality seem to be at odds and the baseball fans have suffered the fact that the plans for the tournaments have been sadly nipped.

First the Council Bluffs tournament was all juzzed up by the rain storms and now the Cass county tournament between Plattsmouth, Manley and Greenwood has been compelled to make two postponements.

The local baseball team had considerable work carried out on the local grounds on Friday in anticipation of the game here Sunday but the rain of Saturday and Sunday made the playing impossible.

The opening game that was set for Monday two weeks ago will be played there on next Sunday if the weather permits and the game here at Plattsmouth in two weeks. Any more postponements will make the finish of the game along about Thanksgiving time.

RETURNS FROM CHICAGO

From Monday's Daily—

John Straka, who has been spending several months at the Coyne Electrical school at Chicago has returned home and will look after the following of his profession as electrician and radio expert in this city in the future. Mr. Straka is a member of the graduating class of 1926 of the local high school and his many friends here are pleased to learn that he will locate here in the future.

DOINGS IN DISTRICT COURT

From Monday's Daily—

This morning in the juvenile division of the district court, an action was commenced by County Attorney W. G. Kieck, to have Howard and William McCarver, minor children of Robert McCarver, removed from the custody of Frank J. Pettit as guardian and placed in other hands to be cared for.

The father of these two lads was among the victims of the great flood at Louisville that took toll of the lives of several of the residents of that place. Since the death of the father, the little ones have been in the care of the Pettit family.

Death of Well Known Resident of Plattsmouth

Mrs. John Bucacek Died Sunday Morning at the Family Home After Long Illness.

From Monday's Daily—

Sunday morning at a very early hour the death of Mrs. John Bucacek, well known resident of the west portion of the city, occurred. The death came at the close of an illness of some duration at the family home where Mr. and Mrs. Bucacek have resided in their almost forty years of residence in this community.

The deceased lady was some seventy-seven years of age and was a native of Bohemia, coming to this country with her husband some forty years ago and locating in Plattsmouth where they have since made their home.

To this union there were born five children, one of whom, Mrs. Fred Bartek, preceded the mother in death. To mourn her going there remains the aged husband and four children, Joseph Bucacek of Reliance, South Dakota, Frank Bucacek, Mrs. Mary Wondra and Mrs. Anna Sedlacek of this city.

It is expected to hold the funeral services on Wednesday morning from the Holy Rosary church as the son from South Dakota is expected to reach here by that time for the last sad rites.

To this sorrow that has come to them the members of the family will receive the deepest sympathy of the host of friends over the city.

ENTERTAINS FOR BRIDE

From Monday's Daily—

Last evening Mrs. John H. Palacek was hostess at a very charming 6:30 pre-nuptial dinner at her home in the Coronado apartments in honor of Miss Lillian Palacek, whose marriage to Mr. John A. Stander occurred this morning.

The dining room was very handsomely arranged in a color scheme of pink, pink roses forming the decorations of the event and whose beauty added to the charm of the occasion.

In addition to the dinner the bride elect was made the recipient of a very pleasing handkerchief shower that brought many handsome gifts from the friends that will be a happy remembrance of the friends.

Those who enjoyed the occasion were: Misses Florine Tritsch, Celia and Anna Palacek, Edna Warren, Eleanor Hiber, Edna Klinger, Rose Donat, Rose Janda, Edna Bentley of Omaha and Mrs. William Bentley of Omaha.

RESIGNS PASTORATE

From Monday's Daily—

Rev. George P. Clark, who has for the past few months been the pastor of the First Christian church of this city, yesterday resigned his charge at this place and the announcement was made to the members of his congregation at the church services and the meeting of the official board of the church. Rev. Clark has been a very able asset to the church since coming here but owing to the financial condition of the church it has been found impossible at this time to pay the salary that Rev. Clark would require and for this reason he was compelled to tender his resignation. No action has been taken by the church as yet relative to the calling of another pastor and it is thought that the pulpits here may be vacant for some time. Rev. Clark will remain here for this week to assist in the closing up of his charge.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation to the many friends and relatives for the kindness and sympathy rendered to us during the death of our loved one. To the M. W. A., the B. P. O. Elks, Blacksmith and Machine Shops, M. D. A., C. B. & Q. Veterans Assn., Foremen, Asst. Foremen, Gang Foremen, Production clerks, Mst National Bank and especially to Mr. and Mrs. John J. Clodt and Mr. and Mrs. W. Poynter for their kindness and consideration.—Mrs. Lena Wurga and Family.

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Young People Joined in Wedding Here Today

Miss Lillian Palacek Married This Morning to John A. Stander of Manley.

From Monday's Daily—

This morning at 8:30 at the St. John's Roman Catholic church occurred the marriage of Miss Lillian Palacek of this city to Mr. John A. Stander of Manley.

Preceding the wedding the Mendelssohn wedding march was very softly played by Miss Ruth Janda and to which the bridal party entered the church the sunshine through the beautiful windows sending a touch of color and beauty to the happy occasion as the young people advanced to the cancel of the altar where the ceremony was held.

The beautiful nuptial mass of the church was celebrated by Monsignor Michael A. Shine rector of the church.

The bride was a picture of radiant youth in a gown of tan crepe maine, carrying a shower of the Bride roses and lillies of the valley. Miss Palacek also wore a picture hat of tan to complete her costume.

The bridal party were attended by Miss Rose Donat as bridesmaid and Mr. John V. Earhardt of Manley as groomsmen.

Miss Donat wore a very attractive costume of jungle green crepe with hat to match and carried a bouquet of pink roses.

Following the wedding the members of the party motored to the home of the bride's father, where a hearty and delicious wedding breakfast was served to the bridal couple and the relatives who were in attendance at the wedding.

The young people departed this afternoon on a short honeymoon trip after which they expect to return to Manley where they will make their home at the family home of the Stander family near that place and where the home is waiting the coming of the bride.

The bride is the youngest daughter of John Palacek, Sr., and was born and reared to womanhood in this community, graduating from the local high school in the class of 1923 and has since that time been engaged in following commercial work, being a stenographer in the office of the county attorney for some time and up to the time of her wedding has been engaged in the Farmers State bank of this city as clerk and bookkeeper. A lady of the rarest charm of personality she has a very large circle of friends in the community who will join in a general regret that this estimable lady will be taken from the circle of friends to make her home elsewhere.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. August Stander of Manley and has grown to manhood in that community, being one of the best known and highly esteemed young men of that community and one of the industrial young farmers of that portion of Cass county.

The many friends among whom the Journal is pleased to be numbered, join in their well wishes to this estimable couple for many years of happiness and success.

MAY UNDERGO OPERATION

From Monday's Daily—

Mrs. Albert Godwin of this city, who has been in very poor health for some time as the result of a nervous breakdown and general undermining of her health, was taken to Omaha yesterday where she was placed in the Wise Memorial hospital in that city for observation and treatment. Mrs. Godwin was suffering from a goitre of some standing and which Dr. Rotter, the eminent goitre specialist of the Mayo hospital thought might be the cause indirectly of the sickness that has affected this estimable lady for the past several months. Mrs. Godwin will remain at the hospital for some time under observation.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

From Monday's Daily—

Sam Giventer, manager of the Peoples Market, who has for a period of several weeks been at the hospital in Omaha taking a course of treatment, was able Saturday to return home and resume his work at the store. Mr. Giventer has been in a very run down condition for the past summer and his condition became such that it was decided to have the patient spend a few weeks in rest and recuperation and which has had a very beneficial effect on the patient.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our friends and neighbors who assisted us during the illness, death and burial of our dear father, John Lohnes. For their many expressions of sympathy, the beautiful floral offerings, the songs by the quartette and the comforting words of the ministers, we are very grateful.—The Lohnes Family.

LEAVING FOR FLORIDA

From Tuesday's Daily—

Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rehal entertained at a card party at their home in honor of Adolph and John Cechal, brothers of Mrs. Rehal, who are leaving Wednesday for Florida, to look after their real estate interests there which were in the hurricane swept district around Miami. The occasion was in the nature of a "stag" for the intimate friends of the two young men. Following the card games a very dainty and much enjoyed luncheon was served by Mrs. Rehal that completed the pleasant occasion.

Overtaken Truck Cause of Nelson's Death

George Nelson Was Crushed Beneath Truck and Received Injuries That Resulted Fatally.

From Tuesday's Daily—

Last evening the body of George Nelson who was killed in an accident at Mid West, Wyoming, Saturday arrived here for the last rites, the body being accompanied by the widow and little son and who were joined in Omaha by the parents of Mr. Nelson and other of the relatives and friends. The body was taken to the Straight funeral chapel to remain until the funeral Wednesday afternoon from the First Christian church.

The cause of the death of Mr. Nelson had not been given in the message received here by the Hudson family Saturday and the relatives were unaware of the circumstances until the arrival of the members of the family here last evening.

It seems that Mr. Nelson with the foreman under whom he was working and two other workmen had started their work in the oil fields, making the trip in a truck that was driven by the foreman. As the truck proceeded on its way they met an automobile approaching on the narrow road and the truck was driven to one side of the road close to the towering walls of rock and dirt and without warning the rock and dirt started to cave in on the truck, the truck being overturned and it was turned over twice, the men in the truck being unable to leap from the truck and as the result all were injured. Mr. Nelson was struck in the side of the face by a large 75 pound jack and as the truck overturned the last time he was caught beneath it and crushed so badly that death came a few hours later. The lower part of his legs were fractured, the bones of the hip and thighs being completely crushed as well as several ribs.

Mr. Nelson was a young man so badly injured that it was feared that he would die before reaching the hospital to which he was hurried. The accident occurred at 7 o'clock in the morning and the young man lingered until shortly after noon Saturday when he was relieved of his suffering.

One of the other men in the truck suffered a concussion of the brain and is expected to die while another is in very critical shape. The only member of the party that was not dangerously injured was the foreman who had driven the truck.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

From Tuesday's Daily—

The Plattsmouth Woman's club met last evening at the home of Mrs. Ray McMaken and the session was one that was very largely attended by the ladies.

The opening session was devoted to the parliamentary department and in each department there were twelve members enrolled.

The committee heads gave their reports at this part of the meeting. The civics department of the club held a very interesting part of the evening program with a talk from W. G. Davis, secretary of the chamber of Commerce on "Plattsmouth, Its Opportunities and Needs," which was very much appreciated and gave an insight into many civic needs.

County Judge A. H. Duxbury gave a list of the state and county candidates that will be before the voters this fall, his talk being purely of a nonpartisan nature and merely giving the ladies an insight into who they would find on the ballot.

During the evening several musical numbers were given by the club ladies and which were very much enjoyed. At the conclusion of the meeting dainty and delicious refreshments were served.

GOES TO SOUTH DAKOTA

From Monday's Daily—

Miss Kathleen Darcy, for the past three and a half years stenographer in the law office of D. O. Dwyer, has resigned her position here, to become chief stenographer in the law office of Orvis and French of Yankton, So. Dak. Miss Darcy is a young lady of splendid ability in legal work and a favorite among her many friends who regret her departure from our city.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

Cass County W. C. T. U. Convention Held

Largely Attended Meeting Held and Great Interest Shown in the Work of the Society.

From Tuesday's Daily—

The 35th annual convention of the Cass County W. C. T. U. was held at Louisville Sept. 29, 1926. Delegates from all six unions of the county being in attendance.

The morning session which opened at 9:30 was led in devotionals by Mrs. McNealy of Louisville, followed by reports of the different departments, Anti-Narcotics, Child Welfare, Essay Contests, Non-Alcoholic Extracts, Sunday School Temperance reports of officers and delegates. Mrs. Troop of Plattsmouth being in Colorado sent a letter with her report. We found much work being done with essay contests and the two leaders, Mrs. Hayes of Plattsmouth and Mrs. Westlake of Eagle should be given a hearty vote of thanks for these boys and girls writing these essays denouncing cigarettes and tobacco are the future men and women of tomorrow. Nebraska Guards and Girls' Reserves are gaining steadily in our country. Mrs. Parrish of Elmwood is the very efficient director of this department.

Memorial hour for our six departed members was conducted most beautifully and solemnly. A large green bow was placed on the altar and small white bows were placed on this in memory of our beloved workers. They were Mrs. Lottie Marshall of Weeping Water, Mrs. Nancy Kent and Mrs. Rebecca Romyer of Eagle, Mrs. Jennie Dodge of Plattsmouth, Mrs. Alice Shoemaker and Mrs. Angie Everett of Union.

The old officers were all re-elected, they being as follows:

President—Mrs. Fred Gorder of Weeping Water.

Vice President—Mrs. Ula Westlake of Eagle.

Secretary—Mrs. Ivan Balfour of Union.

Treasurer—Mrs. McFall of Eagle.

At the noon hour the members enjoyed a very fine dinner prepared and served by the Louisville W. C. T. U. to which all did ample justice.

After noon devotionals were led by Mrs. Cross of Union. Mrs. Hayes sang in her nice pleasant way, "Just for Today," and Mrs. Shaogol gave a reading which was full of wit. One interesting feature of the afternoon was the topic "Bread and Water or Roast Beef and Gravy." All decided if prisoners did not want bread and water they know how to avoid it.

The Girl Reserves put on an attractive pageant which was heartily enjoyed. After a talk on prohibition, by Rev. Thomas of Louisville and the song, "Blessed Be the Tie," our meeting was adjourned to meet next year at Elmwood. A strong appeal was made to not give money to the Anti-Saloon League as they are able to sponsor their own financial matters.

There are 188 members in Cass county, 10 towns having unions, Plattsmouth, Louisville, Eagle, Elmwood, Weeping Water and Union.

DRY CONFERENCE MEETS

From Tuesday's Daily—

Yesterday afternoon a dry conference was held at the First Methodist church under the auspices of the anti-saloon league of Nebraska and which was presided over by F. A. High, the state superintendent of the league.

The meeting was attended from 2 to 3 o'clock in the afternoon by the members of the W. C. T. U. and who later adjourned for their own meeting and derived a great deal of interest from the discussions of the live problem of prohibition.

During the afternoon a short talk was given by Rev. H. G. McClusky on the church and prohibition and County Attorney W. G. Kieck also gave a resume of the law enforcement that has placed Cass county among one of the best regulated counties in the state as regards the law observance and enforcement. Deputy Sheriff W. C. Schaus also gave a few figures of the returns in fines and costs that were collected through the enforcement of the prohibition law.

DRIVES FROM THE WEST

From Tuesday's Daily—

J. E. Teeple, storekeeper at the B. R. X. shops in this city has just returned home from a visit of a short time at his old home at Spokane, Washington. Mr. Teeple made the trip by auto, bringing his car that he had left at that place, back to Plattsmouth with him. He reports the trip as a very pleasant one and the roads in very fair condition, the worst piece of road encountered being that just north of this city.

One of the greatest literary successes of the year is "The Cutters," the latest work of Best Streeter Aldrich, Nebraska's own author. For sale at the Bates Book & Gift Shop.

RALPH CONNOR POORLY

From Tuesday's Daily—

The reports from the Lord Lister hospital in Omaha today are to the effect that Ralph Connor, former Plattsmouth boy, who shot himself on Sunday afternoon at the Plaza hotel in Omaha, is in very serious condition.

Ralph is unconscious a part of the time and his periods of consciousness are growing less frequent. The young man sank into unconsciousness Monday morning and has been gradually growing weaker since that time. The attending physicians are not hopeful of the case and the chances of the recovery of the boy are held to be very slight.

Restoration of Eyesight a Real Surgical Feat

Mrs. Raymond Cook of This City Comes Through Critical Operation Most Successfully.

From Tuesday's Daily—

The case of Mrs. Raymond Cook of this city, who was for three days in a state of blindness, has attracted state wide attention by the triumph of the surgeons in restoring the sight of this lady after the period of blindness.

Mrs. Cook was taken to the hospital at Omaha in very serious condition and without the use of her eyesight at all, having for the period of several days gradually losing her sight until the eyes became entirely blinded.

The physicians at the hospital diagnosed the trouble as the enlargement of the pituitary gland which caused pressure on the optic nerve. Because of the situation of the gland—in the brain cavity in front of the medulla, the operation was very dangerous and its success is a great triumph for the modern surgery.

The operation required three hours and was one of the most critical that has been performed at the hospital and its successful outcome is most pleasing to the surgeons that performed the operation.

Mrs. Cook is doing very nicely and it is thought after she has recuperated from the effects of the operation she will be entirely relieved of the trouble and is now allowed the use of her eyes, being able to see clearly and feeling much pleased over the relief that has come to her through the skill of the surgeons.

Mrs. Cook is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Snyder of near this city and one of the most popular ladies of this community.

HERE FOR A VISIT

From Monday's Daily—

Mrs. James H. Carter and little daughter, Beverly Ann, are here for a week's visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Eigenberger, parents of Mrs. Carter, and this is the first visit of little Miss Carter at the home of the grandparents.

We have a few of the Cass county maps showing every man's farm, and will close them out at 50c each. Call at Journal office and get one now.

Mrs. F. G. Fricke Passes Away at Home Last Night

Death of Well Loved Lady Comes as Great Shock to the Community and Friends.

From Tuesday's Daily—

Yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home on North 6th street Mrs. Emma Niemeyer Fricke, well known resident here, passed to her last reward after an illness which has gradually undermined her health and which made her recovery very doubtful from the beginning. Mrs. Fricke had been taken to the hospital a few days ago for an examination and in hopes that an operation would give her relief but it was decided that this would be useless and the patient was returned home to spend the last days in the home she had loved and where her closest ties of life were with her.

Mrs. Fricke was one of the most highly esteemed ladies of the city and her friends in the community were legion as in her residence here of more than forty years she has lived her life in the peace and quiet of the home, ministering with loving christian care to the family that she loved and the home that she had idealized. The community is poorer indeed in the taking away of this splendid lady but who leaves to her family and to the circle of friends who had the privilege of knowing her, a priceless memory of her undying love.

Miss Emma Niemeyer was born February 25, 1848 at Schwulper, near Braunschweig, Germany, and where she spent her girlhood days and part of her young womanhood, leaving her native land and coming to the United States in 1871.

She was married at the home of her brother, Adolph Niemeyer at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, to Frederick G. Fricke in 1871, their very happy wedded life lasting over a period of fifty-six years until the parting of the ties of love in the calling of the wife and mother yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Fricke moved to Mound City, Ill., the same year of their marriage, where Mr. Fricke engaged in the drug business until 1883 when they came to Ashland, Nebraska.

The family came to Plattsmouth in the year 1884 and have since been located here where Mr. Fricke has been engaged in the conduct of the firm of F. G. Fricke & Co., druggists.

There is left to bear the sorrow of the separation the husband and six children, Miss Dora Fricke, Fritz and Edwin Fricke of this city, Carl G. Fricke of Nelson, Nebraska, Dr. Albert Fricke of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Lena Harris of Omaha, together with eight grand children.

ATTEND MURRAY MEETING

From Wednesday's Daily—

Quite a number from this city were at Murray today to attend a meeting held at the Presbyterian church there which accrued out a debate on the question of the prohibition law enforcement which was presented under the auspices of the anti-saloon league. Among those who attended from this city were Rev. Harold Sator, C. C. Westcott, F. A. Clodt, S. S. Davis, C. E. Martin, C. A. Rawls, County Attorney W. G. Kieck and County Judge A. H. Duxbury.

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