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## Death of an Old Time Resident of County

### G. F. McNurlin Passed Away Last Night After Stroke Suffered Last Friday Evening.

From Thursday's Daily—  
G. F. McNurlin, a long time resident of Cass county passed away last evening at the family home in this city, following a paralytic stroke that he suffered on last Friday night. Mr. McNurlin had just recently moved into this city and laid aside the cares of the farm, planning to spend his declining years in a well deserved rest, but death came to halt his plans for the future and to summon him to the last long rest at the end of a long and useful life.

The deceased was born in the state of Indiana October 12, 1852, and came to Nebraska many years ago and located on a farm southwest of this city where for many years he made his home and where by his industry and thrift he made one of the most attractive farms and added his part to the development of this county. On this farm home was reared his family and where also his wife and life's companion was called to the great beyond. In the last few years Mr. McNurlin has made his home with his daughter, Miss Dora, on the old homestead until they decided to move to Plattsmouth to enjoy the future, only to have their dreams of happiness shattered by the death of the loved father.

Mr. McNurlin is survived by two daughters, Mrs. R. A. Barrett of Havelock and Miss Dora McNurlin, residing at home. The departed leaves also to mourn his death one brother, John McNurlin of this city. Mr. McNurlin is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Olive Core of Alta, Canada, and Mrs. Miles Standish of Holton, Kansas.

## DOES HOLD MEETING

From Thursday's Daily—  
Last evening the B. P. O. Does held a very pleasant meeting at the Elks club and which was very largely attended by the members of the order and a great deal of business was handled in the time of the session.

One of the chief matters that occupied the attention of the ladies was the election of the officers for the ensuing year and the following were named:

- President—Mrs. L. L. Turpin.
- First Councillor—Mrs. F. M. Bostor.
- Senior Councillor—Mrs. Bert Coleman.
- Junior Councillor—Mrs. S. W. Bell.
- Recording Secretary—Mrs. M. E. Brantner.
- Treasurer—Mrs. A. G. Bach.

The members of the Does spent some time in the discussion of the plans for the ensuing year and which included the arrangements for the entertainment of the supreme officers of the order at this place with in the next four weeks and which the local Does hope to make a most notable occasion.

The next meeting of the order will be held on Wednesday evening, February 22nd, and will be held at 8:30 owing to the fact that this date falls on Ash Wednesday. The next meeting will be social in its nature.

## ICE DISPLAY FINE

The Missouri river has broken up in the mild weather that has prevailed and the result is that the bank on either side of the stream from this city on north is a great picture of the majesty of the huge piles of ice. On the east side of the river opposite the mouth of the Platte the ice has been piled up on the bank by the force of the water and is as high as an ordinary two story building, so intense has been the force of the water.

On the ferry road the ice has been piled up on the bank almost to the roadway and the broken pieces, many feet thick form a majestic picture to the eyes as they lay scattered along the river bank. Just opposite the Burlington station on the east side of the river ice to the depth of from twenty to thirty feet has formed along the bank.

## TAKES OVER RESTAURANT

From Friday's Daily—  
Yesterday Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Bunn and family arrived in the city from Nemaha, Nebraska, to take over the Main Hotel cafe that they have just purchased and which they will operate in the future. The residents here are delighted to welcome this very estimable family to the community and to know that they are to be a part of the life of the city in the future. They bring an ample restaurant experience and will be able to give their patrons the very best of service in the new location that they are just taking over. For the present the Bunn family are making their home at the Main hotel.

## SUFFERS INJURED KNEE

From Thursday's Daily—  
C. P. Sydebotham, veteran watchman at the Burlington bridge over the Missouri river, is off duty as the result of an accident that he suffered Wednesday night while coming from his work. Mr. Sydebotham was walking down the tracks from the bridge and stepped on a rider, this throwing him down and causing the injury to his knee. The knee has become quite stiff and sore and in such shape that Mr. Sydebotham has been unable to look after his usual duties as he is hardly able to walk and he will have to have the injured member treated.

## Sues to Have Deeds to Land Set Aside

### Guardian of Thomas Kratochvil Asks to Have Deeds and Mortgage Declared Invalid.

From Thursday's Daily—  
This morning in the office of the clerk of the district court an action was filed entitled Julia Kratochvil, guardian of Thomas Kratochvil, incompetent, vs. Joseph G. Koukal, et al.

The action is one in which the plaintiff asks to have set aside certain deeds made by John Koukal, now deceased, to Thomas Kratochvil, and a mortgage from Thomas Kratochvil to John Koukal. The plaintiff in her petition filed by her attorney, D. O. Dwyer, alleges that in 1915 Thomas Kratochvil, while engaged in his labors at the Burlington shops suffered an injury that resulted his nervous and mental system receiving a shock that has rendered him unfit to transact business. After the accident some time, it is claimed, John Koukal sold to the plaintiff, Tom Kratochvil, a tract of land and the price of \$12,000 was made for the place, \$4,000 being paid in cash and a mortgage of \$8,000 being given Mr. Koukal. After the death of Mr. Koukal the mortgage was sold and is now held by other parties. It is asked that both the deed and the mortgage be set aside on the grounds of incompetency and that the plaintiffs be given relief as the circumstances of the case warrant.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. DONALDSON

From Thursday's Daily—  
Yesterday afternoon the funeral services of Mrs. Bert Donaldson were held at the First Methodist church and very largely attended by the old friends and neighbors who gathered to share with the bereaved family the sorrow that the death of this estimable lady has brought to the community. The sermon was given by the Rev. H. E. Sertor, pastor of the First Methodist church and in which the pastor gave words of comfort to the bereaved family and friends and held to them the promise of the meeting in the hereafter where partings shall be no more.

During the service two duet numbers were given by Mrs. Thelma Nelson and Mrs. Hal Garnett, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and "Shall We Meet Beyond the River." Mrs. Nelson also gave a solo number, "The Garden of Prayer."

The interment was at the Oak Hill cemetery.

## HOLD PLEASANT MEETING

From Thursday's Daily—  
The Glendale Woman's club held a very pleasant meeting at the home of Mrs. George Privett this week and which was attended by a very large number of the membership and with three visitors present to enjoy the occasion. Mrs. Privett was assisted by Mrs. Lawrence Melstner and Mable Ingram.

A short business meeting was turned over to Mrs. Philip Hennings, the club delegate, who instructed the meeting on sewing from the plans that had been prepared at the county office.

The ladies also voted to hold a card party and oyster supper on Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Lizzie Stevens at which the husbands of the members will be guests of the ladies and enjoy the fine treat.

The next meeting of the club will be at the home of Mrs. Lester Tennant.

## IMPROVES STORE

From Friday's Daily—  
The interior of the L. B. Egenberger grocery store has just been given a thorough renovation and the main store room is now a picture of neatness and cleanliness with the walls newly papered, the ceiling painted a light shade of cream and the fixtures glowing with new varnish and making a very attractive picture. The store is now one of the most attractive in the city and with the well arranged and fine large stocks of goods on the shelves makes one of the neatest stores in the city. The work has been done by N. K. Peoples.

## Fathers and Sons Banquet is Very Well Attended

### Annual Feature of Boy Scout Week Goes Big—Walter Kirkbride, of Lincoln, Speaker.

From Thursday's Daily—  
Last evening the Fellowship room of the First Presbyterian church received a real dedication in the spirit of fellowship, when the boys ranging from twelve to eighteen years of age mingled with their dads or other mature men of the community, who had gathered at the annual banquet of Father and Son, a feature of the Boy Scout week program and the high light of the weeks' activity.

In many cases the fathers of the Boy Scouts were detained away from the banquet by varying causes and the dads found their adopted dads in the men of the community, who came to the banquet to find a son awaiting them and in the mingling of the pleasant event the older men became acquainted with a great many of the men of tomorrow that are embraced in the ranks of the Scouts.

Mr. Kirkbride congratulated the city on the fine array of Scouts that it possesses and the other organizations here that he has come in touch with. He pledged the assistance of the Lincoln Scouts in any way to aid the local Scout troops and the use of the Lincoln Scout camp at Camp Quivver.

The meeting was closed with the singing of America and the benediction by Rev. H. G. McCluskey.

## Strangers Flock Here to Attend 'Auto' Dance

### Largest Crowd Since Opening Dance with Tracy-Brown Here Last Night—All Enjoyed It.

From Thursday's Daily—  
The largest crowd at any dance save the grand opening ball, was present at the "Auto" Dance in the new Legion community building last night. More than fifty per cent of those present were from out of town, many of them coming from 50 and 60 miles away, where they could get here over gravel roads. The muddy condition of the dirt roads prevented many from the nearby rural communities attending, however.

The banquet was presided over by Judge James T. Begley, who carried in his opening remarks the message of the spirit of the day of the better understanding of the father and the son and the splendid work that the Boy Scouts are doing in the community.

The Boy Scouts and their officers joined in the repeating of the Scout oath, the binding vow that has so much to do with the High standard of Scouting.

The toastmaster called upon members of the executive committee, board of education, Scoutmasters and assistant Scoutmasters, as well as the American Legion committee, to stand and who received a hearty hand from the audience.

R. Foster Patterson, member of the High school faculty, responded to the toast to the Fathers and gave a very beautiful tribute to the love of the mother and her tender care of the child and to the fathers, who in their quiet way carried the family burden to give to the children the advantages that they might have planned for the boys in their schooling and future lives. The remarks of Mr. Patterson were very beautifully given and carried a wonderful message to the audience.

## FUNERAL OF OLD RESIDENT

From Friday's Daily—  
The funeral service of the late Frederick Jacob Fornoff, old time resident here held at the St. Paul's church was one of the largest despite the bad weather that has been held for some time and large number of the old friends gathered to pay their last tribute. The pastor of the church, Rev. O. G. Wichmann, gave a very inspiring sermon on the life of the departed and brought words of sympathy and comfort to the members of the bereaved family circle.

The choir of the church gave a number of the old and loved hymns during the course of the service.

The cortege moved to Glendale cemetery west of this city and a short service was held at the church nearby, where a large number of the old friends and neighbors had gathered to pay their last tributes of love and respect to this good man.

The pall bearers at the funeral were six of the nephews of the deceased, Fred Furness, George Miller, Ruben and Elmer Meisinger and Lester and Verner Meisinger.

The flowers and the large attendance at the service spoke of the high respect held for the departed in the community where he had so long lived.

## COMMISSIONERS MEETING

From Thursday's Daily—  
The board of county commissioners met yesterday afternoon and made the award of the contract for the burial of the pauper dead to Streight & Streight funeral directors of this city. The board rejected the bids for county printing and ordered them re-advertised.

The resignation of C. L. Graves as justice of the peace for Liberty precinct was received and accepted.

## A Good Rain Brings Muddy Road to West

### Louisville Road Sticky and Hard Going for the Motorists in Past Two Days.

From Friday's Daily—  
The advantages of the graveled roads is amply shown in the past two days when as the result of the rain and snow that came as a life-saver for the crops also brought in its wake the muddy condition of the roads and which is making travel very hard for those who desire to get their gas cars out on either business or pleasure.

We must have the rain for the benefit of the farmers who raise the food for the world in this part of the country and without the rain we would be out of luck, but the roads can be placed in shape for an all season use and that part of the program is up to the residents of the districts that are affected by the mud roads.

One of the roads that is affected by the mud to a large extent is that of the highway between this city and Louisville, where the rain has made the going hard and difficult as the mud is very sticky and retards the travel of cars to a great extent.

When the weather is good and the dirt roads are possible to maintain in good shape, everything is fine and dandy, but when the rains or the melting snows come, they create havoc with the highways and make it a matter of the greatest difficulty to get around and in many cases the farmer who desires to move stock or produce to market a real loss in delay.

The need of gravel on the main highways is keen and the residents in the vicinity of the highways that are the main roads of the county should be all back of the move to gravel the roads and the plans for the general graveling program and which has the main east and west roads through the county in the northern portion—the Louisville road as one of the objectives.

This highway should be graveled through the deluge of the baskets that eliminated the Discoverers from all chance of winning the game.

The locals had many chances at the baskets that they failed to make good and had they had any degree of luck in their tries the score would have been a great deal larger.

Through out the game Coach Rothert used a great many of his second string men in combating the visitors and who showed good form in their work on the floor.

The floor game of Galloway, Hatt and Hadraba added to the difficulty of the Discoverers in making any notable gains and the Plattsmouth defense was airtight at all stages of the game.

The tabulated score of the game was as follows:

Plattsmouth—				
Hatt, r.	FG	FT	PP	TP
Hatt, r.	0	0	2	0
Mason, rf.	1	0	2	2
Wescott, lf.	5	5	2	15
Galloway, J.	0	0	0	0
Perry, c.	4	1	2	9
Hadraba, rg.	1	1	1	3
Galloway, B. lg.	3	1	1	7
TOTALS	14	8	8	36

## MANY ATTEND FUNERAL

From Saturday's Daily—  
The funeral services of the late G. F. McNurlin were held yesterday afternoon from the home on Oak street and a large number of the old friends from all parts of the county were present to pay their last tributes of love and respect to this estimable gentleman that had been called to the last long rest.

The services were conducted by Rev. George Weaver of the United Brethren church of Mynard who gave a splendid tribute to the memory of the good man that had been taken from the loving circle of his family and left them as well as the many friends bereft of one that they had loved so well through the years.

During the service the Masonic quartet gave two numbers, "Jesus Savior Pilot Me," and "Now the Day is Over." Frank A. Clويد also gave as a solo number "The City Four Square."

G. F. McNurlin was born in the state of Indiana, Oct. 12, 1852, and passed away at his home, Feb. 8, 1928. At the age of four years he moved with his parents to Illinois, in 1858 the family moved to western Iowa and resided near Taber. In 1868 he came to Cass county to make his home.

Mr. McNurlin was married March 8, 1876, to Mary E. Watson, daughter of the late Henry Watson of this city.

To this union three daughters were born. Florence, who died in infancy. Mrs. R. A. Barrett of Havelock, and Miss Dora who resides at home.

Mrs. McNurlin preceded him in death three years ago.

Besides the two daughters Mr. McNurlin is survived by one brother, John McNurlin, of this city, two sisters, Mrs. Olive Core of Alberta, Canada, Mrs. Standish of Holton, Kansas and four grand children, Viola Glenn, Howard and Russell Barrett of Havelock.

## PRESENT JORDAN MEDAL

From Saturday's Daily—  
Last evening some twenty of the members of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., motored to Nebraska City where they were guests of Western Star lodge No. 2 and had the pleasure of witnessing the presentation of the Jordan medal to William A. Cotton, veteran member of Western Star lodge who has been a member of the Masonic order for the past sixty-two years and enjoys the distinction of being the oldest Mason in the state in membership in the order. The medal was presented by A. R. Davis of Wayne, grand master of the grand lodge and Lewis E. Smith of Omaha, grand secretary. The Masonic quartet of this city gave several numbers during the course of the evening that added very much to the impressive program.

## DIES WHILE ON VISIT

From Saturday's Daily—  
This morning Bert Donaldson of this city departed for Auburn where he was called by the news of the death of his uncle, Preston C. Tankersley, aged 73 years. The aged man died at Fort Crook where he was visiting his son, Ray A. Tankersley. Being taken with a sudden attack of heart trouble that proved fatal. He is survived by his wife, three sons, Roy of Fort Crook, C. A. of Auburn and H. R. of Lincoln, one daughter, Mrs. H. M. Carter of South Sioux City, and one brother, M. R. Tankersley of Auburn. The funeral services will be held on Sunday at Auburn.

## Fremont Five Bows in Defeat to the Platters

### Score of 36 to 11 Tells Story of Overwhelming Tide of the Blue and White.

From Saturday's Daily—  
Last evening the Discoverers from Fremont came down from their home balcony to clash with the basketball artists of Coach Fred Rothert and as the result were swamped by the score of 36 to 11.

The opening quarter of the game was the only period in which the visitors appeared in a dangerous role as they opened the battle with a good clean field goal by Dunn, followed in a few seconds by the toss of Galloway. Perry and Wescott also scored field goals and free throws while Hadraba a field goal for good measure, while Siders of the visitors was the only scorer with two free throws.

The last half of the game was one that spelled disaster to the visitors when the baskets were rolled up by the blue and white, while Fremont was able to add but six points to their score. Perry with three field goals, Wescott with two, Galloway with two and Mason with one field goal and free throws by Wescott and Perry made the story of the deluge of the baskets that eliminated the Discoverers from all chance of winning the game.

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Fremont—				
Siders, rf.	FG	FT	PP	TP
Siders, rf.	0	3	0	3
McMillan, rf.	0	0	1	0
Dunn, lf.	1	1	0	3
Ostrand, lf.	1	0	0	2
Treadway, c.	0	2	2	2
Druker, c.	0	0	0	0
Dickerson, rg.	0	0	3	0
McMillan, rg.	0	0	0	0
Thomas, lg.	0	1	1	1
TOTALS	2	7	7	11

Preliminary to the main event the second team of the high school won from the members of the faculty by the score of 12 to 10 in a red hot battle that was featured by the floor work of Hutton and the shooting of Stout for the seconds while Coach Rothert gained and the Plattsmouth scores of the faculty with Principal Simons dropping a field goal. The game attracted much attention and more enthusiasm than the big game.

The Platters will play the Nebraska School for the Deaf at the local gym on Monday evening at 8 o'clock and as this will be one of the last games of the season the blue and white should have a large group of rooters present.

## RIFLE CLUB SHOOT

From Friday's Daily—  
Last evening at the American Legion building the Plattsmouth rifle club held their shoot and a very large number were out that had not been able to shoot on Tuesday. The scores made at the shoot were as follows: E. H. Douglas, 293; E. L. Trumble, 284; John Palacek, 241; L. P. Terryberry, 229; Charles Trumble, 225; L. W. Uiel, 180; John E. Turner, 156; Max P. Zmeyer, 151. Shooting in prone position, W. R. Holly secured a score of 20, one of the records of the season.

## Gravel Plant to be a Real Enterprise

### Omaha Company Now Has \$30,000 Invested in Pit and More to Be Expended in Buildings.

From Saturday's Daily—  
The Sand & Gravel Co., of Omaha, who have recently become interested in opening a large gravel pit north of this city at the old Nord farm, is making a real investment in this locality that has already reached the figure of \$30,000 and will be increased by several thousand additional in getting quarters ready for their employees on the farm that is soon to be a place of real industry.

Yesterday afternoon D. K. Ellingsgood, of Omaha, manager of the company, was in the city and secured the services of two carpenters that will be used in the handling of the work of construction of additional buildings and remodeling of the residence at the Nord farm which will be used to house the employees of the company who will be required to live at the scene of the operation of the large gravel pit.

This company bought a tract of land owned by T. J. Pollock several months ago for \$10,000 and have recently purchased the Nord farm of David Rutherford, the present owner, for some \$20,000 and which gives them a good field for their gravel pits, as the gravel found in this locality is of a very high standard and which the company can find a ready market for on the local gravel pits and paving throughout the state.

It is the expectation that the preparatory work will cover a sixty day period and the firm be ready to have active work started on the handling of the gravel by April, and start in to make this a real industry.

There will be the latest machinery installed and an adequate force of men employed to handle the work and the expectation of the management is that there will be fifty cars of gravel handled a day at the new pit when it is under full swing and ready for business.

The new pits are located just south of the Platte river bridges and near the Burlington tracks and where it will be possible to secure the trackage needed in handling the gravel.

The new gravel pits will be some of the most extensive in the state and will be operated at top speed during the summer in supplying the demand for this product that is growing more and more each year as the western states are developing their road programs and gravel being adopted in place of the leading road materials in use in the west.

Just a few miles west of the gravel pits the Lyman-Richey company are to open up large sand pits and the vicinity five miles north of this city will be a real live place this summer with the work of the gravel and sand companies.

## A WONDERFUL PICTURE

From Thursday's Daily—  
"The Noose," attraction at the Parmele theatre last evening and tonight, has proven one of the very best pictures that has ever been shown at this playhouse and is a wonderful triumph of the directors art and the wonderful portrayal of some characters by a cast of the highest type.

The theatre was filled to its capacity last evening and as the scenes of the picture unfolded they held the audience spellbound with tenseness so gripping are the situations in the play that runs the range of the great, part of human emotions. From all parts of the audience would come sounds of expression of the great acting of the cast in the pent up emotion of the auditors that in many cases forced a tear unbidden as the story of love and sacrifice was revealed.

Richard Barthelmess, headed the cast as "Nickie Elkins," his work being undoubtedly the best of his long and wonderful career on the screen and giving him a real vehicle for his talents in the dramatic art. The work of Lina Basquette as the "girl" was truly a wonder and a great revelation to movie fans. Althea Joyce as the mother, gave one of her most brilliant characterizations in the role and her contribution aided in the powerful and gripping story. The role of the villain is taken by Montagu Love in his usual masterful manner.

Those who failed to see the play last evening will miss a real treat in not being present this evening as it is far and away one of the best pictures that has been offered in this city in many months.

## RECEIVES A FINE

From Friday's Daily—  
Yesterday afternoon the court of Judge William Weber was a place of activity when the matter of the complaint filed against Victor Wehrlein by the night police was called for hearing. The police had complained that the young man was driving his car in a reckless manner and was under the influence of intoxicating liquors. A plea of guilty was entered and a fine of \$10 and costs assessed against the defendant, which was paid and he sent on his way.