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## Officers Seek Painter on a Forgery Charge

### William Bowen, Working Here for Several Weeks Charged With Cashing Forged Check

**From Thursday's Daily—**  
Deputy Sheriff Rex Young was engaged today in a search over western Iowa for William Bowen, painter, who was engaged here for several weeks in looking after some painting contracts, the man being sought on an alleged forgery charge.

It was claimed at the office of the sheriff today that Bowen, who had been working in Omaha for a short time after leaving here, came down on Saturday and cashed a check for the sum of \$56, which was drawn on an Omaha bank and signed by the name of "W. T. Cook," who Mr. Bowen was doing the painting work for at Omaha. The check was cashed at the F. G. Fricke & Co. store where Bowen owed a small bill and he received \$56 in change back. The check was deposited at one of the local banks and in the course of business was cleared to the Omaha banks and where it was claimed the check was a forgery and the members of the Cook family denied making the check.

The last trace that has been learned of the man was at Red Oak, Iowa, where he was reported to have been seen on Tuesday evening and where he traded a car that he had secured here, to one of the Iowa dealers in exchange for another machine. Since leaving Red Oak no trace of the missing man has been found.

Mr. Young is having descriptions of the man broadcast from the Shenandoah stations and it is hoped to be able to secure him and hold him for the alleged forgery.

## W. C. RAMSEY HONORED

At the session of the Masonic grand lodge in Omaha Thursday, the appointment was announced of William C. Ramsey of Omaha to be grand junior master of the order. The appointment was announced by Grand Master J. R. Tapster at the morning session and the officers installed in the closing sessions in the afternoon.

Mr. Ramsey is a former Plattsmouth man, having been born in this city where the family have made their home for many years and Mrs. B. S. Ramsey, the mother, is still making her home. Mr. Ramsey first started his practice of law in this city on the completion of his university work, being elected as county attorney of Cass county and which office he resigned after several months to enter the practice of the law at Omaha. Recently Mr. Ramsey retired from the firm in which he has been associated with Clinton Brown and T. J. McGuire and is now engaged in the practice of law alone.

The many friends of Mr. Ramsey here are well pleased to learn of his recognition by the Masonic grand lodge as in the customary plan of advancement Mr. Ramsey will in the course of seven years be placed in the office of grand master, in which office an uncle and cousin of Mr. Ramsey have been honored, Judge A. W. Crites and Edwin D. Crites of Chadron, also former Plattsmouth residents.

## RECITAL GREAT SUCCESS

**From Thursday's Daily—**  
Last evening the recital of the piano and dramatic art classes of Mrs. J. A. Cull was held at the Liberty auditorium and proved a real treat to all those who attended the event, the members of the two classes showing very artistic work in their numbers and reflecting the splendid training that has been afforded them by their talented teacher. The program was varied and the wide range of the dramatic and humorous selections as well as the artistic musical offerings made the occasion one that all who attended will long remember.

Those who took part in the recital comprised the following:  
Sue Haluska, Granville Sigler, Shirley Walling, Helen Albert, Barbara Stander, Bobbie Hayes, Joan Platt, George Stander, Frances Clويد, Mary Alice Obischlager, Twila Fay Hendrix, Marjorie Anne Tidball, Virginia Trively, Katherine Armstrong, Rachel Robertson, John Kenneth Bestor, Herbert Minor, Billy Jensen, Thelma Kohlrel, Alice Barbara Wiles, Helen Woolcott, Mary Catherine Wiles, Edna Mae Peterson, Louise Speltz, Vestetta Robertson, Norene Engelkemier.

## RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Fred Howland, who has for the past two weeks been at the Methodist hospital at Omaha, who has so far recovered that she was able to return home yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Howland is feeling much improved following her treatment and operation and it is hoped will be restored to her former good health. The many friends are delighted to see that she is again home and trust that she may continue to improve in health.

## LEAVES OR WISCONSIN

**From Thursday's Daily—**  
Last evening Mrs. M. A. Bates and daughter, Mrs. Lucille Clabough, departed from the city for northern Wisconsin where Mrs. Bates will spend the summer with the daughter in the pleasant lake country. Mrs. Bates has followed the household goods here following the death of Col. Bates here last week and will make her home with the daughter in the future. Mrs. Bates has resided here since 1903 and has made many friends who are regretting very much to see her leave this community and make her home elsewhere. The long illness of the husband has been a very great strain on Mrs. Bates and she will now take a rest for the summer in the pleasant surroundings of the Wisconsin lake country.

## Flag Day One of the Nation's Great Events

### Observance of the Birth of National Flag a Great Patriotic Observance.

The following extracts from the 1931 flag lessons published by the national society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and contributed by Pontenelle Chapter, D. A. R.

**The American's Creed and Its History**  
Wm. Tyler Page

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

"I first learned of a national creed contest in May, 1917. I thought nothing more about it until the next day, Sunday, a beautiful May day, while walking home from church. At church I had just recited the Apostles' Creed. The thought came to me as I walked along that a secular creed should be fashioned in form on the lines of the Christian creed, and should be subordinate to it in length. I resolved at once to write a brief creed of like form but of course of different substance.

First, I re-examined the Apostles' Creed and found it to contain one hundred and nine words. The national creed must be shorter, I argued to myself, but my first effort at brevity was a failure, for, to my dismay, the initial draft contained one hundred and thirty-seven words, much too many. To make sure of my phraseology I resorted to the documents comprising my American Bible, and my second attempt that day brought me within striking distance of my own limitation. But still I did not get below one hundred and nine words. Then day by day I whittled away, reshaping the language, here a little and there a little, line upon line, precept upon precept, twisting it about, improving the rhythm, aiming all the while at brevity, until the following August when the product was as nearly satisfactory as I could hope to make. My manuscript sealed according to directions was sent to the committee on manuscripts the latter part of August, 1817.

As time passed and I heard nothing further about the matter it became almost a memory, and nothing moer, until one day in March, 1918, I received notice from the committee on awards that I was the successful competitor. The award of one thousand dollars offered by the city of Baltimore was presented to me by the mayor of that city, honorable James D. Preston, on April 3, 1918.

The award proceedings were held in the house of representatives office building, Washington, D. C., and the creed was accepted on the part of the United States by the commissioner of education and by the speaker of the house of representatives, Honorable Champ Clark, who happened at that time to be the highest ranking officer of the government in the city of Washington. Honorable Joseph G. Cannon, the former speaker of the house, also participated in the proceedings. A few days later the chairman of the committee on education of the house of representatives, Honorable William J. Sears, of Florida, caused the award proceedings to be printed in the Congressional Record of April 12, 1918. On April 6, three days after the award, I bought with the prize money the first of the Liberty bonds in the third Liberty drive on the froth steps of the capitol building."

## Flag Facts.

It is interesting to know the stars on the flag by states.

The stars guarding the four corners of the star field or union are: No. 1, Delaware; No. 8, South Carolina; No. 41, Montana, and No. 48, Arizona. No. 37, Nebraska, the fifth star in the fifth row.

Pledge to the Flag: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United

## CASS COUNTY GRADUATES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA



Elizabeth John-Katherine Cruise-Doris Magney-Charles Greer  
ELMWOOD EAGLE NEHAWKA ALVO



Kathleen Troop Welby Stewart Mary Ketch  
PLATTSMOUTH EAGLE NEHAWKA

Lincoln—Eight students from Cass county graduated from the University of Nebraska at the annual commencement exercises held June 6. The Cass county graduates are: Charles Henry Greer of Alvo, Doris Magney and Mary E. Ketch of Nehawka; Katherine L. Cruise and Welby Earl Stewart of Eagle, Ruth Elizabeth John of Elmwood; Kathleen Troop of Plattsmouth, and Sara Jane Upton of Union.

Mr. Greer graduated from the College of Engineering with a B. Sc. in agricultural engineering. He belonged to Phi Tau Theta, Methodist men's society.

Miss Magney received her B. Sc. degree in education from teachers college.

Miss Ketch graduated from the college of arts and sciences.

Miss Cruise graduated from the College of Business Administration. She belonged to Phi Mu social sorority and was a member of Phi Chi Theta honor society, and was active in Tassles, women's pep organization, and the Girl's Commercial Club.

Mr. Stewart received a degree in electrical engineering from the college of engineering. He was a member of Sigma Tau, honorary engineering society and was a member of the Engineering Student's Executive Board.

Miss Troop graduated from teachers college. She belonged to Union Literary Society.

Miss Upton graduated from teachers college with a degree in Fine Arts and teacher's certificate. Miss Upton's picture is not available.

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States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Salute to the flag—Stand with the right hand over the heart and at the words, "to the flag" extend the hand, palm upward, toward the flag and hold this position until after the words "justice for all" then drop hand to the side.

The flag of the United States of America is the third oldest of the national standards of the world; older than the union jack of Britain or the tricolor of France.

The flag was first carried in battle at Brandywine, Sept. 11, 1777.

The flag was first carried around the world by Captain Robert Gray of Rhode Island sailing from Boston in 1787 on the ship Columbia, returning to Boston in 1790.

The flag should be displayed only from sunrise to sunset, or between such hours as may be designated by proper authority.

On Memorial day the flag is displayed at half-staff from sunrise until noon and at full staff from noon until sunset; for the nation lives and the flag is the symbol of the living nation.

## Ladies Have Very Startling Experiences

### Mrs. John Sanders Believed Car Was Shot at by Motorist Last Evening

**From Thursday's Daily—**  
Last evening Mrs. John Sanders and sister-in-law, Miss Anna Sanders, had several nervous moments and the police some time in searching for an auto party that was supposed to have shot at the car driven by Mrs. Sanders.

The ladies had been returning from Omaha and were driving south on the highway near the Oreapolis crossing of the Burlington, noting the fact that a red coupe with a Douglas county license was in front of them as they came over the crossing. The car in advance, so Mrs. Sanders stated, had been some little way ahead and the driver had placed out his hand and arm as if to signal his intent of turning right into the old highway and now which is but little used. Just at this time Mrs. Sanders claims to have felt some object hit the windshield and fall at her feet in the car and which caused more or less fright as it was thought that a red coupe with a car in advance had shot at the Sanders car. The car of Mrs. Sanders was driven on ahead and they were able to pass the red car and get into the city where the matter was reported and Officers Libershal and Pickel made an investigation of the matter.

There was no trace of bullet holes in the windshield or body of the car of Mrs. Sanders and it was not learned who had driven the red coupe, they apparently not having come on into this city as Mrs. Sanders did not see them following after her car had passed them. Another car that had been back of the Sanders car was located here but they had failed to see any signs of shooting, so that it is thought that the object that caused the fright of Mrs. Sanders might have been a small rock or large piece of gravel that had been thrown against the windshield as the car was traveling over the highway.

## CARS HAVE SMASHUP

**From Friday's Daily—**  
Yesterday afternoon shortly before 4 o'clock Miss Patricia Ferrie, who was driving in a Ford sedan west on Washington avenue and Elm street, was the victim of a small smashup by a sedan driven by C. E. Henning of Omaha. The Omaha car had swung into Elm street from the John R. Webster boulevard and the car came straight on and into the path of the Ferrie car and in order to avoid a collision Miss Ferrie attempted to drive into the driveway of the Heisel mill but the Omaha car struck the Ford head on. The Omaha car had both front fenders and bumper smashed and the car of Miss Ferrie was quite badly damaged and it was necessary to have it taken to the garage for repairs. In the accident Miss Ferrie suffered several severe bruises on the arm and was generally shaken up.

## STORES TO REMAIN OPEN

**From Friday's Daily—**  
The retail section of the Chamber of Commerce at their meeting on Thursday decided that they would have their stores open every Wednesday night from now on during the summer and fall. This will give the residents of the country districts and nearby communities opportunity to drive in after their work of the day, attend the theatre and also look after the shopping of the family. It has been the policy in the past several years to have Wednesday night opening of the stores for the convenience of the public and this has resulted in making it much more convenient for the residents of the community.

## PRESENTS FLOWERS TO JOURNAL

**From Friday's Daily—**  
Yesterday afternoon, Edward Ripple, who resides on west Vine street, presented the Journal office with a large bouquet of red and white gladioli, which were very beautiful and brightens up the appearance of the office. The Journal appreciates very much these favors, of which they receive many from the different residents of the city who raise many varieties of beautiful flowers.

## ARRIVES IN EUROPE

James Cernik, well known and popular resident of this city, who left here some three weeks ago for a trip to Europe and to his old home in Czechoslovakia, has arrived in the old home where his wife and children are residing.

On the way east Mr. Cernik traveled by way of Chicago and the special train on which the party with which he was traveling took a trip through Canada and had the opportunity of viewing Niagara Falls, one of the great scenic wonders of the country. Mr. Cernik with the remainder of the party sailed on the steamer Lewistown of the U. S. lines and had a very fine trip across, letters received here state. Mr. Cernik found a great deal of pleasure in the voyage and had many interesting experiences in the trip with the jolly party of which he was a part. On the trip the party was provided with all manner of amusements in the morning on the decks, motion pictures in the afternoon and after the evening dinner at 7:30 the time is devoted to dancing and which continues until 11 o'clock, while there are many other diversions for the passengers that do not care for the other forms of entertainment. Mr. Cernik in his letter states that the boat was drawing near to France and he expected to arrive on Monday, May 29th, and start to Paris on the way to the old home. Jim wishes to be remembered to all the old friends in Plattsmouth and assuring them that he is remembering them and the many fine times he enjoyed while here.

## MUMPS STOP CASE

**From Friday's Daily—**  
The case of Mary E. Mast vs. Ada Murray and Edward Murray, which was on trial all day Thursday in the district court, came to an abrupt recess as Mr. Murray was reported this morning as suffering from an attack of the mumps and which prevented his being in court and accordingly the case was laid over until a later date. Mr. Murray was in attendance at court Thursday and did not complain, the attack developing suddenly.

This case is one in which the plaintiff, Mrs. Mast, widow of Abraham Mast, seeks to have a deed made to Mr. and Mrs. Murray set aside, the life interest of the plaintiff in the estate restored, and that the defendant be required to make accounting of rents for the farm land.

## ASKS FOR DIVORCE

**From Thursday's Daily—**  
This morning an action was filed in the office of the clerk of the district court by W. G. Kieck, attorney for Albert A. Kiser, in which Mr. Kiser is seeking to have the ties of wedlock between himself and Mrs. Lela R. Kiser, dissolved and that he be restored his freedom. The parties were married in 1927 and have since 1928 been residents of Cass county.

## LOCATED IN THE WEST

The many old time friends of Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Gade will be pleased to hear from this estimable couple who are now making their home on the west coast. Mrs. D. C. Morgan of this city, who was a close friend of the Gade family during their residence here, has just received a letter and in which the Gade family tell of their very pleasant home in the west, they now being located at Vancouver, Washington, where Rev. Gade has charge of the Presbyterian church of that city. Since coming to Vancouver they met Miss Emma Treshman, an old time teacher in the grades of the Plattsmouth schools. Rev. Gade was located in this city for seven years as pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

## Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 Inducts Officers

### Harrison L. Gayer New Master of Local Lodge—Fine Program and Luncheon Enjoyed

**From Saturday's Daily—**  
Last evening Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M. held their installation of officers for the ensuing term and a very large number of the membership was in attendance at the meeting and to enjoy the impressive ceremony and the fine social time that followed.

The officers of the lodge were installed into their offices by W. A. Robertson, past master, and W. F. Evers, as marshal. The following were the officers installed:  
W. M.—Harrison L. Gayer.  
S. W.—Robert Painter.  
J. W.—L. F. Terryberry.  
Treasurer—F. A. Clويد.  
Secretary—L. W. Niel.  
S. D.—Leonard A. Born.  
J. D.—August Kafkenberger.  
Tyler—Carl Schneider.  
S. S.—Lester Meisinger.  
J. S.—Robert Foster Patterson.

The retiring master of the lodge, Dr. R. P. Westover was the host at the luncheon that had been arranged for the officers and members, which was a much appreciated repast was enjoyed and over which Raymond C. Cook presided as toastmaster. The newly installed officers as well as various members of the order were called upon for brief remarks and which added a great deal of enjoyment to the event.

During the evening Frank A. Clويد was heard in two very pleasing vocal selections, "The Old Refrain" and "In the Garden of Your Heart" and the Masonic quartet composed of the following members, each year in order that they may have the care and comforts this splendid institution offers.

The decision of the grand lodge to approve the plans for the new building will be the source of a great deal of pleasure to the Plattsmouth Masonic bodies, who have been much interested in the movement and have given every possible aid in its success.

No more fitting monument to the seventy-five years of Masonry in the state could be found than in the erection of this building to care for the aged members of the order.

## GIVES FINE RECITAL

**From Saturday's Daily—**  
Last evening the beautiful home of Mrs. Lillian Freeman was the scene of a most delightful musical gathering when the recital of the piano pupils of Mrs. Freeman was offered. The home was very tastefully arranged, the roses and other flowers of the summer season and which made a most attractive setting for the occasion. The program comprised solo and duet numbers and each one participating showed the most unusual skill in their work, reciting the lyrics and the highest of their training in the knowledge of music and its interpretation. Owing to the very large class it was impossible for all to participate and the following were presented in the different numbers: Wilma Swatek, Phyllis Speck, John and Virgil Ulrich, Jacqueline Stratton, Elizabeth Kasper, Earl Pittman, Theodore Libershal, Thelma Jones, Mary Ann Gradoville, Mary Jane Mark, Eugene Meisinger, Florence Sudduth, Betty Bull, Geraldine Sudduth, Marie Speck, Evelyn Meisinger, Jane Rebal, Geraldine Griffin, Rosemary Clويد, Jacqueline Grassman, Mary Katherine Wiles, Robert Allen Warren, Betty Kalina, Aimee Jane Thomas, Margaret Nelson, Thelma Rhodes, Dorothy McCarthy, Marvin Tritsch, Inga Reichstad, Lois Besler, Anna Margaret McCarthy, Mildred Murray, Charles Nowacek.

## HAS A FINE TRIP

**From Friday's Daily—**  
S. S. Gooding, of Omaha, was here for a short time today, visiting with the old friends after his return from his trip that has covered the past thirty days and over a great part of the United States, he having visited some eighteen states. Mr. Gooding leaving here took the train to St. Louis and from there visited the southland, going as far as Miami. Later returning to northern Florida, Mr. Goodman spent some time at several of the well known cities and then stopped at New Orleans for a brief visit, going from there to Houston, Texas, and then to New Mexico. He also took a trip north to Colorado Springs and Denver and then into the mountain areas to visit at Billings, Montana, and other places.

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## Masons Vote to Erect New Unit at Masonic Home

### New Structure will Cost \$200,000, According to Estimate—Money Raised by Donations

The Nebraska grand lodge of the Masonic order in their closing sessions at Omaha Thursday, approved the movement that had been endorsed by both the retiring grand master, Orville A. Andrews and the new master, J. R. Tapster, that of the erection of a new unit at the Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth.

The new structure, it is estimated, will cost in the neighborhood of \$200,000, and will be erected as a memorial of the seventy-fifth anniversary of Masonry in Nebraska.

The grand lodge voted that the amount needed to erect the building be raised by the voluntary donations of the members of the order in the state, which move was strongly urged for some time and the Plattsmouth lodge recently pledged donations of more than double the quota that might be expected to be asked of the local lodge and this solicitation will be carried on over the state until the amount is raised for the new structure.

Whether or not the building that is to be erected will be one to replace the present main building or be an added unit, has not been determined and will be taken up later by the committees in charge and who are to be named at once by Grand Master Tapster.

The increasing demands on the Home it is possible that the new structure will be erected as a new addition and not to replace the older units, as the need of more room to care for the applications for residence is growing more acute. It is estimated that some sixteen now on the waiting list.

The building will be of the latest type and one that will be a fitting companion unit for the infirmary building, one of the best of its kind in the state and will add to the value of the Home. The new structure now represents several hundred thousand dollars of investment.

The grand lodge in their visit here on Tuesday were well pleased with the condition of the Home and the beautifully landscaped grounds as well as the efficient manner in which it is being managed. The visit also provided them with first-hand information concerning the necessity of further expansion in order to care for the aged and ailing members of the fraternity, who are coming to the Home in increasing numbers each year in order that they may have the care and comforts this splendid institution offers.

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## FUNERAL OF JOHN F. GORDER

The funeral services of the late John F. Gorder were held on Friday afternoon at the First Presbyterian church and was very largely attended by the old friends that had known and respected the departed for his lifetime in this community.

The services were conducted by the Rev. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the church, who was assisted by a number of the members of the bereaved family and held to them the blessing of the life eternal that had been awarded to their loved one.

The Masonic quartet composed of Frank A. Clويد, Raymond C. Cook, H. G. McClusky and R. W. Knorr, gave two numbers, "Still, Still With Thee" and "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," during the services at the church.

The body was borne to the last resting place in Oak Hill cemetery by the pall bearers, old time friends, they being Edward, William and John Wehrlein, H. A. Schneider, Claude C. Smith, Walter Gouchenour, Luke L. Wiles and B. F. Wiles.

At the grave the Presbyterian burial service was given and the Masonic quartet gave as their number, "Now the Day Is Over," as the body was laid to the last long rest.

## WELL ARRANGED STORE

The Hinky-Dinky store in this city is one of the most attractive business houses in the city and Manager Glenn Groff sees that it is kept in the most up to date manner. Neatness is the keynote of the store and all articles that are on display are handled and shown in the most sanitary manner. The arrangement of the store with the stock displayed and ticketed as it is makes it possible for the customers to make their selections with dispatch. The large store room makes it possible to have the very best display of the stock of goods.