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## Second District Bar Pays Honor to Judge Kieck

Memorial Service Are Held at the District Court Room Wednesday Evening.

Tuesday evening the members of the bar of the second judicial district gathered at the court room in the Cass county court house to pay tribute to the memory of Judge William G. Kieck.

The occasion was very impressively carried out and afforded tribute not alone to the ability and services of the departed judge as a member of the bench and bar, but warm personal tributes from associates who had known him well in the past years, in college and in later life.

D. O. Dwyer of this city, president of the bar association, presided, with Judge W. W. Wilson, of Nebraska City, present judge, occupying the bench.

Mr. Dwyer presented Attorney William H. Pitzer of Nebraska City, who offered the resolutions of respect of the bar association.

Mr. Pitzer in offering the resolutions for the consideration of the bar association and court, gave a very fine tribute to Judge Kieck in his review of their common service in the Nebraska constitutional convention of 1920, praising the independence and the thoughtfulness shown by Judge Kieck. He was one of the members that advocated the effort ballot for state officers and which has been constantly urged as one of the reforms needed in state government.

The resolutions presented were as follows:

May it please the Court:

We, the undersigned members of the joint committee appointed by Mr. D. O. Dwyer, chairman of the Second Judicial District of Nebraska Bar Association as a committee of five to prepare and present resolutions relative to the life, character and work of Judge Kieck, respectfully submit this our report in form appropriate for recording in the judicial records in the district court of each of the three counties in the Second Judicial District.

We deem it most appropriate as a part of our report that a brief record be made of the life and work of Judge Kieck and of the estimates of his character unanimously accepted by members of the Bar of the District and by all those who enjoyed his personal acquaintance and friendship and who knew of his work. We therefore adopt and submit as a part of this report the sketch of his life and work and characterization so well compiled and stated by Mr. Robertson following Judge Kieck's death, the same being as follows:

**WILLIAM G. KIECK**

William G. Kieck was born in Omaha, Nebraska, May 18, 1892. When two years of age he was taken by his parents to Springfield, Nebraska, where he grew to manhood, graduating from the high school there at the age of eighteen. In 1914, he graduated from the University of Nebraska with an A. B. degree, then taught for two years in the high school at Springfield. Following this, he was teaching in the high school at Imperial, Nebraska, when America entered the World war. Being one of the first to enlist, and receiving military instruction at the first Fort Snelling training camp, he was commissioned a lieutenant of infantry in the summer of 1917. As an officer in the military service of the United States he arrived in France with one of the first contingents, and there transferred to the aviation service, serving with that branch till the end of the war.

In 1919, his company returned home. A desire to study caused his enrollment in the law school of Creighton university from which an LL.B. degree was received in June 1921. While still a law student he was elected the representative of Sarpy county in the Nebraska Constitutional Convention of 1920, and had the distinction of being the youngest and one of the ablest members of that body.

April 1922, Judge Kieck transferred his law offices from Omaha to Plattsmouth and since that time has been a resident of Plattsmouth and a member of the Cass County Bar Association. June 25, 1924, he was united in marriage with Miss Lora Lloyd of Nehawka, a teacher in the Plattsmouth public school system. To this union were born two children, Marilyn Jean, now six, and William Robert, now four.

In the November election of 1924, the voters of Cass county elected Mr. Kieck county attorney, to which position he was repeatedly re-elected, and filled that office from January 1925, to January 1937. Having been elected Judge of the Second Judicial

District of Nebraska, he took office in January 1937. In the short period which he served, he demonstrated his remarkable talents by energy, efficiency, thoroughness and fairness to all, giving promise of a brilliant career.

Of a genial and friendly nature, he made warm and lasting friendships as evidenced in his associations with his fellow men. These qualities were recognized first in college days in his membership in Acadia and Delta Theta Phi fraternities; later in other organizations; Springfield Lodge No. 112 A. F. & A. M., in which he served as master; Nebraska Chapter No. 3 Royal Arch Masons, in which he served as excellent high priest; Mt. Zion commandery No. 5 Knights Templar; Plattsmouth lodge No. 739 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he was exalted ruler; and Hugh J. Kearns post of the American Legion, which he served as commander. For many years he has served as president of the Plattsmouth Chapter of the American Red Cross and chairman of the Associated Charities. He was also a member of the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce.

For many years William G. Kieck has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he filled many offices, being a member and chairman of the governing board at the time of his death. His Christian principles were evidenced as a dutiful son, a faithful husband, a loving father and a sincere friend.

Judge Kieck departed this life March 30, 1937, leaving surviving, his widow and children; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Kieck of Springfield; two brothers, Albert of Springfield, and Dr. Ernest of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and a host of personal friends.

"His life was so gentle, and the elements So mix'd in him that nature might stand up And say to all the world, 'This was a man!'"

This brief review well describes a life of unusual and varied activity. It may well be considered that a life is not measured alone by length in years but by depth and breadth evidenced by achievement and service. With this foundation in accomplishments, achievements and experience, his associates in the Bar of the District and the citizenship of the District generally had every reason to look forward to a long, useful and successful period of service in the judiciary.

Words seem inadequate to express the profound sorrow and regret felt by the members of the Bar and his friends and the public generally that death should have claimed one so well beloved and cut short a life so full of promise. We know, however, that in a manner not always known and understood and perhaps in comparison with the larger affairs of mankind not always discernible, the influence of such a life does not end as a stone dropped into the sea but continues and moves on and outward more as waves that arise and travel outward to the end of space and time.

We therefore submit the foregoing and the following resolution for adoption by the Bar of the Second Judicial District of Nebraska:

"Resolved, that we adopt the foregoing report of the Committee on Resolutions and the estimates of the character of Judge William G. Kieck and of our profound sorrow at his death and the termination of our intimate association with him as a member of this Bar and of his service as Judge of this District.

"Resolved further, that a copy of this report and of the remarks and proceedings be made and prepared in triplicate in order that they be recorded in the Judicial Records of each County in the District.

"Resolved further, that a copy of the foregoing resolution be transmitted to the widow, Mrs. Lora Kieck."

Respectfully submitted,  
Signed W. R. PATRICK,  
WM. H. PITZER,  
W. A. ROBERTSON,  
EDWIN MORAN,  
A. H. DUXBURY,  
Members of Resolutions Committee Second Judicial Dist.

Mr. Dwyer stated that the committee on arrangements, of which Thomas E. Dunbar, of Nebraska City, was chairman, had arranged that one representative of the bar from each of the three counties would speak for their association, these being Ralph J. Nickerson, Sarpy county; Varro E. Tyler, Otoe county and William A. Robertson, Cass county.

Mr. Nickerson in his remarks pointed out the importance of the position of district judge as the protector of the lives and property rights of the people of the district and the great fitness that Judge Kieck had brought to the bench. Mr. Nickerson, a friend since youthful days of Judge Kieck, paid high tribute to his personal qualities as well as judicial temperament. The speaker told of the warmth of his friendships and the deep attachment that had been his from large groups of friends, and

his keen interest in his home and family where he found deep affection, as well as to his interest in the religious and civic life of the community.

Mr. Tyler gave a most interesting story of his association with the departed judge, how as a school teacher he had heard from a former teacher of Judge Kieck of his fine character, this giving him a mental picture of the man. Later he had known Judge Kieck at the university and there had found the analysis of the teacher had been correct and he had found Judge Kieck a man of outstanding personality and character, his clearness of vision had enabled him to make of his life a success. The life of Judge Kieck, Mr. Tyler pointed out, showed the inbred characteristics that carried him forward, that attached to him hundreds of friends whose attachment had been the strongest.

William A. Robertson, who responded for the local bar, had been a long associate with Judge Kieck from the days that he had left school and entered on the practice of his profession. The worth of a man was pointed out by the speaker as his worth to the community and nation by the service that he had given, which in Judge Kieck had been a lifetime of faithful service as a student, soldier, member of the bar and public officer and a kind and loving husband, father, son and brother. His loyalty to ideals he had held high, his loyalty to the home he loved and his loved ones and to his friends had been an outstanding feature of his life. In his genial personality he had cemented old friends to him and made many new ones. He had been deeply religious but not bigoted, he had truly believed in the fatherhood of God and the love of his fellowman. The speaker pointed out the sincerity of the departed jurist and the fact that he never pretended to the other than as he was and had lived his lifetime.

In closing of the memorial, Judge W. W. Wilson added his part to the fine expressions of the life of Judge Kieck and the common feeling of loss that had come to the bench when he was called away in the beginning of what seemed a brilliant career as a member of the judiciary.

Members of the family here were Mrs. W. G. Kieck, of this city, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kieck, of Springfield and Mrs. Ernest Kieck of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The members of the bar were largely in attendance and practically all of the Otoe county bar were in attendance. W. H. Pitzer, Marshall Pitzer, N. C. Abbott, V. E. Tyler, Raymond Ferris, Judge Paul Jensen, John M. Dierks, Vantine James, Judge T. Simpson Morton, Bernard M. Spencer, Harvey Neumeister, A. P. Moran, and John C. Miller, clerk of the district court being here. From Sarpy county the bar members were William Nolan, R. J. Nickerson, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Nickerson, Guy Tate. The Cass county bar members present were D. O. Dwyer, W. A. Robertson, C. E. Martin, C. E. Teft, Walter H. Smith, W. L. Dwyer, County Attorney J. A. Capwell, County Judge A. H. Duxbury, J. Howard Davis.

P. Y. McPetridge, who for nearly two years has been located here as Burlington signal maintenance man, is being transferred to Fort Morgan, Colorado, on a temporary assignment that will take several months to conclude. Mr. McPetridge leaves tomorrow for the west, where he becomes foreman of construction on the new centralized control system to be installed on the "Q's" main line from Fort Morgan into Denver. When that section of the work is completed the crew he is supervising will gradually move east to Hastings. Mrs. McPetridge is to leave next week for a fortnight's visit with relatives in Iowa, and will then join her husband in either Denver or Fort Morgan, where they will live for a month or six weeks and then locate in Hastings for the rest of the winter. They are not moving their household goods and expect to come back here to the old position when the construction work is concluded. Mrs. McPetridge has been active in Extension and Woman's club and Legion Auxiliary circles and friends regret their removal, even though but temporary, from this city.

## LEAVING FOR WINTER

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## FIRE NEAR NEHAWKA

From Thursday's Daily—  
The residence on the farm occupied by the B. R. Toppliff family, southwest of Murray, was destroyed by fire this morning. The fire was discovered while the members of the family were in the fields and it was impossible to save the building. The Nehawka fire department responded to the call for aid but was unable to save the home.

## ATTENDS COMMITTEE MEETING

From Thursday's Daily—  
Attorney W. L. Dwyer was in Lincoln yesterday attending a meeting of the committee on law lists of the State Bar association. The committee heard arguments on behalf of the various law lists who have subscribers among the Nebraska lawyers.

It is the aim of the committee to prohibit the use of such lists as are found to be contributing to illegal and unethical practice of law. This is only one of the many steps that are being taken by the Nebraska bar to purge itself of unethical and illegal practice of law.

## Chriswiser-Haynie Reunion Well Attended

Members of Prominent Families of Cass County and Mills County Have Reunion.

One of the pioneer families of Mills county, Iowa, has been that of the Haynie family and who joined with the Chriswiser family of Cass county in a reunion here last Sunday.

The reunion was held here as a tribute to Mrs. Martha Chriswiser of this city, a daughter of the Haynie family and who is now nearing her ninetieth year.

Of the older members of the family in addition to Mrs. Chriswiser there is a sister, Mrs. Mary Dewey, of Missouri Valley, Iowa, who is now almost ninety-three years of age. Others of the family are Mrs. Edna Stricklett, Blair, Jess Haney, Omaha and George Haney, Tabor, Iowa.

The members of the large group had a very fine time in visiting and enjoying the dinner that was made a feature of the reunion.

The member of the family coming the longest distance was Lester Chriswiser and family, motoring here from Bennett, Colorado.

It was voted to hold the reunion in 1938 at Tabor, Iowa, where a large number of the family reside.

Those attending the reunion were: Mrs. Mary DeWey, Missouri Valley, Ia.; Mrs. Martha Chriswiser, Plattsmouth; Mr. and Mrs. George Haynie, Tabor, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Jess Haynie, Omaha; Mrs. Edna Gillett, Blair, Nebr.; Mrs. Nettie O'Connor, Francis O'Connor, Miss Jessie O'Connor, Miss Mary O'Connor, Missouri Valley, Ia.; A. P. Chriswiser, Plattsmouth; R. H. Chriswiser, Nehawka; Mr. and Mrs. Will Glen, Malvern, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Art Thomas, Glenwood, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Will Powles, and family, Malvern, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haynie and family, Glenwood, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Beaman, Moundamin, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Orval Beaman and family, Missouri Valley, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Johansen and family, Louisville, Iowa; Ella Haynie, Omaha; Irena Simons, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Larson and family, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Michelson and family, Thurman, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Staten, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Haynie and family, Thurman, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. John Alley, Henderson, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Marion Stricklett, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Stricklett, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gillett, Blair; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Chriswiser, Bennett, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Robbins, Malvern, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Piper and daughter, Plattsmouth; Mrs. Rosa Tower and daughters, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Ira Reaffling, Glenwood, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nixon, Pacific Junction, Iowa; Dr. Wm. O'Connor, Miss M. O'Connor, Omaha; Mrs. Bert Reed, Plattsmouth; E. M. McConaha, Hartington, Nebr.; Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Steinhaus and family, Ashland, Nebr.; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Haynie, Northboro, Iowa.

## SPEAKS ON FARM PROBLEMS

From Friday's Daily—  
S. S. Davis was in Omaha last night as a representative of the Chamber of Commerce and had dinner at the Fontenelle hotel with the KOIL general manager, John M. Henry, together with other representatives from Wahoo, Blair, Hooper, and Columbus. Later the five representatives were taken as guests of KOIL to the electric exposition at the auditorium, and at 9:30 they were included in a coast to coast broadcast over the Mutual system. The publicity given to good farming conditions in this vicinity and the publicity relative to the building of the Missouri river dock should be of considerable value to Plattsmouth and Cass county.

The Social Hour

Following adjournment of the business session, the program committee took charge, presenting Mrs. E. G. Ofe, Auxiliary member, who took the group on an impressive word tour of Hawaii, which she visited some months ago. All enjoyed her talk, at the conclusion of which Helen and Theresa Slatinsky presented appropriate Hawaiian music, singing and playing.

Refreshments were served at the close of the social hour. October meeting, dedicated to unit activities and honoring past presidents, on the 15th, will be held at the home of Mrs. L. E. Devoe, with Mrs. Roy Knorr, Mrs. Dave Pickrel and Mrs. Homer Sylvester associate hostesses.

## Observance of Constitution Day Sesquicentennial

Judge Duxbury Speaker at Auxiliary Meeting—Mrs. E. G. Ofe Brings Word Picture of Hawaii.

Constitution sesquicentennial observance and a very interesting report of her recent Hawaiian trip by Mrs. E. G. Ofe, (made more realistic by Hawaiian music) comprised the highlights of the regular monthly meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary held Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. P. Y. McPetridge. Associate hostesses were Mrs. Frank Rebal, Mrs. Robert Cappell and Mrs. Eugene Vroman. Twenty were present, including four guests, Mrs. G. A. Pahl, Mrs. S. M. Kerr, Mrs. J. C. Woest and Miss Nell Boucher.

The new Nell Krause gavel bell awarded the Plattsmouth unit was used for the first time at the meeting. A gavel of inlaid woods in contrasting color arrangement, made many years ago and handed down thru several generations of the Ofe family was presented to the Auxiliary by Commander E. G. Ofe of the Legion and instituted at this meeting.

At the business session it was decided to accept the invitation to provide an Auxiliary sponsored competitive table setting at the Flower Show and Arts building during the Korn Karnival next week; to provide the Hallow'een night treat for the Boy Scout troop at Camp Wheeler in return for assistance given by the Scouts in selling Memorial day poppies, and to contribute one-half of the cost of a large bronze stand containing facsimile reproduction of our Constitution behind swinging glass-encased leaves, which it is hoped to have presteget to the public schools on Armistice day by the Legion and Legion Auxiliary. The committee named to arrange the table setting is composed of Mrs. R. W. Knorr, Mrs. Don Selver and Mrs. Otto Keck.

The Community Service committee reported completion of the survey of blind persons in the community requested by State Assistance Director Neil C. Vandemoar.

The convention reports occupied some time as the delegates gave their impression of the Scottsbluff meeting last month.

The meeting occurring on the 150th anniversary of the signing of our national Constitution, and at almost the exact hour that historical document came into being, a patriotic half hour was devoted to commemoration of the event. Mrs. Adelaide Boynton, unit chaplain, read President Roosevelt's proclamation setting the dates for sesquicentennial observance, September 17, 1937 to April 30, 1939, the 150th anniversary of the date on which George Washington was inaugurated as the first president of the United States.

County Judge A. H. Duxbury, a well versed student on "Our Constitution and Its Historical Background" delivered a splendid twenty minute address upon that subject, tracing the early activities of the Convention, the opposition encountered, etc., and laying stress on the importance of the document which, ratified under conditions vastly different from those of the present time, continues to be the basic law of our land, proving its ability to adapt itself to our changing times. Although treated lightly by the delegates, it was formulated by studiously minded patriots of that early day in the nation's history, he said.

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## HOME FROM THE NAVY

Wednesday evening I. E. Harris, who has spent the past year and a half in the navy, came home for a short visit with the relatives and old friends. He has been stationed on the U. S. S. Tennessee, attached to the Pacific fleet and with headquarters at San Pedro, California. He has contacted several of the boys from this city now in service, Harvey Eggeing, who is on the "Arizona," Arnold Sharp on the "Maryland" and Oliver Taylor who is serving on the "California."

## DISCUSS CAMPAIGN PLANS

From Friday's Daily—  
Last evening a meeting was held at the First Presbyterian church of the officers to discuss the plans for the forthcoming 100th anniversary of the establishment of the board of foreign missions of the church in this country.

The anniversary will cover the month of October and will combine several special Sunday services and meetings including a church dinner and special contributions to the missionary cause.

The meeting appointed a special committee which will organize the special plans for the anniversary observance here.

## Plattsmouth, Weeping Water in a Six All Tie

Cass County Schools Stage First Football Game of Season Before County Fair Crowd.

The Plattsmouth high school football team had their first game Friday afternoon at Weeping Water with a six all tie with the boys from the sobbing water.

The game, a feature of the county fair program drew a large crowd and many of the fans from here were on the scene to watch the workout of the locals.

The opening quarter of the game was scoreless, altho the Weeping Water team showed a part of their driving power of the heavier team and hard fighting backs as ball jugglers. The Plattsmouth line, largely new showed well and showed promise of strong development as the season progresses.

In the earlier part of the second quarter the Platters registered their score which came when Wooster, veteran back, flipped a fine pass to Joe York and the boy from the Rio Grande was away down the side lines and over for the coveted tally. York was tackled as he reached the goal but was over and the Platters out in front.

In the dying moments of the first half the Weeping Water team started going places and drove down the field with Embery and Reed, hard fighting backs, doing the ball carrying and were able to smash over the line.

Neither team was able to make good their try for placement. The second half of the contest was hard fought by both teams and their defensive work able to check any further scoring.

The Platters suffered a great deal from fumbling that checked their offensive.

The locals will have their second game here at home on Friday afternoon when they entertain the Glenwood team.

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