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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Troop Old Residents

Splendid Couple Have Just Completed Fifty-Nine Years of Wedded Life—Came Here 1876

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Troop of this city are numbered among the oldest and most highly respected residents of the community and for fifty-four years have been residents of this county and city. They are now entering on their sixtieth year of wedded life, having celebrated on December 13th last, their fifty-ninth anniversary.

Their lives have been active and full of many memorable events as they have had a great part in the making of the western agricultural empire where they have spent the greater part of their lifetime. Mr. Troop was born in the northern portion of Ireland on February 23, 1842, and when but one year of age was brought by his parents to the United States and the family moved westward and settled in Iowa where on the outbreak of the Civil War, Robert Troop, then a youth, enlisted in the 26th Iowa infantry and served for the duration of the war and at its close returned to Iowa, where at Davenport on December 13, 1876, he was married to Miss Lois R. Moore, who was born in Franklin county, Missouri in July 1848, the wedding being performed by Rev. Stewart of the Presbyterian church at Davenport.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Troop lived for a short time at Davenport, later going to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where they resided for a time. It was in 1876, the centennial year of American independence that Mr. and Mrs. Troop came to Cass county, Nebraska where they purchased a farm of Omar King in old Eight Mile Grove where they spent ten years and later came to Plattsmouth to reside and later again returned to the farm. Mr. Troop, while residing in this city, was engaged in the grocery business with J. V. Egenberger and later associated with Mr. Egenberger in the coal business for a great many years. On the opening of the Rosebud Indian lands to settlement in 1904, Mr. Troop was one of the successful applicants and drew a farm, the family moving and residing for a number of years to prove up the claim. In recent years they have made their home at Plattsmouth where they have an attractive home at 9th and Granite streets, where Mrs. Mary Voody, sister of Mrs. Troop, who will on March 4th, celebrate her 81st birthday, makes her home with them.

Mr. Troop is an uncle of Charles Troop and Mrs. Don Rhoden of this city. Mrs. Lois Rhoden of Murray, Mrs. Will Lewis of near Union and William O. Troop of Nebraska, they being children of his brother, William Troop, who died here in 1878, he having come to Nebraska some years in advance of his brother, Robert. Mrs. Troop has besides the sister living here, four nieces, residing at Lincoln, they being Mrs. Nannie Sherman, Mrs. Maudie Field, Mrs. Jennie Nelson, Mrs. Mary DeMiller.

Thomas Troop of this city and Mrs. Mary Troop of Beatrice are brother and sister of Mr. Troop and Mrs. Jane Brooks a niece.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS INSTALL

From Tuesday's Daily—
The Royal Neighbors of America held their installation of officers last evening at their lodge rooms and with a very large number of the members of the order present to witness this important occasion.

The installing officer was Mrs. Phillip Hirt, past grand with Mrs. Katie Hill and Mrs. Louis Klinger as marshals and Mrs. Bertha Tulene as flag bearer.

The officers installed were as follows:
Oracle—Mrs. Emma Nolting.
Past Oracle—Mrs. Helen Meisinger.

Vice Oracle—Mrs. Emma Kaffenberger.
Chancellor—Mrs. Rose Sulser.
Organist—Mrs. Dolly Hudson.

Managers—Mrs. Bertha Tulene, Mrs. Carrie Christ.
Inner Sentinel—Mrs. Blanche Warner.
Outer Sentinel—Mrs. Sophie Parkening.

The five appointive officers of the order will be appointed later by the new oracle, Mrs. Nolting, and take charge of their offices.

DOING VERY NICELY

The many friends of Harry Schulz, well known Missouri Pacific operator, will be very glad to know that Mr. Schulz has so far improved that it is now possible to discuss his return home from the Missouri Pacific hospital at St. Louis. Mr. Schulz was operated on for appendicitis at the hospital and has shown a very pleasing progress and is now able to be up and around some which has caused the promise that perhaps he might be able to leave the hospital this week and return home.

GIVES FAREWELL PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. George Toman, who have been numbered among the best known and popular residents of the territory south of this city and east of Murray, were given a very delightful surprise on Thursday evening, a large group of the friends coming in to spend the evening and to tender a farewell to their friends. Mr. and Mrs. Toman are leaving soon for Omaha to make their home and the many friends decided to give them a fitting surprise on this occasion. The time was spent in dancing and a general good time although all felt a very great regret that they are to lose this estimable couple from their community life.

Local Rotarians to Pay Visit to Lincoln Club

As Part of Inter-Cities Relations Department Club Local People to Stage Program

A large representation from the Plattsmouth Rotary club are to pay a visit to the Lincoln club on Tuesday where the local people are to be guests of the capitol city club at their noonday meeting at the Lincoln hotel.

The inter-cities relations committee of the Lincoln Rotarians have invited a number of the nearby cities to send representatives of their club to the capitol city to enjoy a joint meeting and also to present their story of their own communities for the benefit of the Lincoln organization of some 150 members.

Among the cities that will have representation at the various inter-cities meetings will be Plattsmouth, Nebraska City, York, Crete and other of the nearby communities.

The Plattsmouth delegation will comprise Dr. J. S. Livingston, president of the club, Searl S. Davis, Frank A. Cloldt, R. W. Knorr, H. G. McClusky, L. D. Hiatt, E. H. Westcott, L. O. Minor, William Baird.

The address for the local club will be given by Searl Davis, who will present the advantages and opportunities of life in this community, while the Rotarians of the city will be heard in several numbers and with E. H. Westcott as the accompanist for the vocalists.

The Plattsmouth delegation will leave here on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock and reaching the capitol city in time for the fine meeting with their Lincoln associates.

CAR THIEVES VISIT CITY

Ross Baker, well known barber and owner of the restaurant on North Sixth street, was a victim of car thieves on Saturday night when they made away with his new Ford sedan which had been left parked on Sixth street near the Hotel Riley and in plain sight of the restaurant windows. It seems that Mr. Baker had left the keys in the car and this made it easy for the person or persons taking the car to get in, start the car and drive away. When the loss of the car was discovered late Saturday, the police and sheriff searched the nearby vicinity without success.

It is thought that the car was taken by someone desiring a joy ride or to drive into Omaha and that the car will be found abandoned at some point by the general supposition of the officers who have been working on the case.

The car carried partial insurance for theft so that the owner will not lose the entire price of the car if it is not recovered.

DISTRICT COURT FILINGS

From Monday's Daily—
Several new cases were filed late Saturday and today in the office of the clerk of the district court, one being an action by Charles W. Daniel vs. Orpha Daniel, in which the plaintiff asks for a decree of divorce. The petition states that the parties were married at Newport, Kentucky, December 23, 1925, that the defendant has abandoned the plaintiff and returned to her parents home in Wolf county, Kentucky.

A suit to quiet title to certain property in the town of Alvo, entitled Arthur I. Bird, et al vs. Abel Prouty, et al, was also filed and in which the plaintiff claiming ownership of the property asks that the title be cleared by a partition. Frank A. Olsen vs. Christina Olsen, et al was also filed in the office.

SOME SNOWFALL

From Monday's Daily—
The snowfall that has been recorded here in the past few days is but a slight one in comparison with that reported from various sections of the country. Mr. and Mrs. John Sattler, Jr., who have been visiting at Chicago for the past ten days, writes that the snowfall in that city registered eighteen inches on the level, and causing a great deal of trouble in traveling. The report from Kansas City by bus companies are that the snow there ranges from eighteen to twenty inches on the level.

Miss Mary Bookmeyer Publishes Candy Work

Plattsmouth Lady, Teaching in North High School at Omaha, Stands High in Her Work

Miss Mary B. Bookmeyer of this city, who has for several years been engaged in teaching home economics at North high school in Omaha, has gained a great deal of attention by her special series of radio talks on home economics and particularly that of cooking, candy and confectionary making, which is added to by her recently published book, "Candy and Candy Making."

This work on candy making is the first work that deals with the subject from a scientific viewpoint and is one that has attracted a great deal of attention with its thoroughness and the 200 recipes that are a part of the book on the preparation and handling of candy making.

Miss Bookmeyer has charge of the sewing work of the home economics department but finds time to follow her more fascinating studies along the lines of candy and cake making and has also prepared a work on "Cakes, Cookies and Frosting," which is a most valuable work of its kind.

The talented Omaha teacher was born and reared in this city, graduating from the local high school and later graduating from the University of Nebraska, Simmons college at Chicago and Columbia university at New York.

Her work in the Omaha schools has won her a high place in the ranks of the teachers and her special studies and contributions in home economics has won her a national reputation. The Omaha Bee, Sunday, carried a fine picture of Miss Bookmeyer as she was engaged in her work at North high in her department.

Miss Bookmeyer is a sister of Mrs. Lillian Freeman, of this city, and Miss Clara Bookmeyer, who is also engaged in teaching in Omaha.

WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS INSTALL

The members of the local post of the Women's Relief Corps held their installation of officers on Saturday afternoon at their room in the court house and a very large number of the members as well as a group of visitors present to enjoy a very fine ritualistic presentation of the installation. The ladies were very much pleased over the fact that Mrs. Charles Tungate of Omaha, formerly Mrs. Emily Dickson of this city, was present to serve as the installing officer of the occasion.

The officers installed were as follows:
President—Mrs. Lois Troop.
Senior Vice-President—Mrs. Frances Purdy.
Junior Vice-President—Mrs. Fred Morgan.

Chaplain—Miss Ella Kennedy.
Secretary—Mrs. L. B. Egenberger.
Treasurer—Mrs. F. G. Egenberger.
Conductress—Mrs. Martha Peterson.

Assistant Conductress—Mrs. Frank J. Morgan.
Guard—Mrs. Sarah Bates.
Color Bearers—Mrs. Elmer Taylor, Mrs. Jessie Hall, Miss Anna Heisel, Mrs. Frank Miller and Mrs. E. G. Egenberger.

Following the installation of the officers the members of the Corps enjoyed a very delightful covered dish luncheon that they all appreciated and it was late in the afternoon when the meeting drew to a close after one of the most pleasant and interesting sessions of the year.

The stockholders of the Farmers Elevator Co., of Cullom, held their annual meeting on Saturday afternoon at the Becker school house west of this city and despite the bad weather conditions prevailing there was a pleasing number in attendance.

The old officers of the company were all re-elected for another term as a fitting recognition of the fine services that they have given in the past twelve months, they being:
President—J. G. Meisinger.
Vice-President—J. C. Meisinger.
Secretary—August Keil.
Treasurer—Otto Peterleit.
Director—John Halmes.

The company has had a very good year and the conduct of the elevator has been in the efficient hands of Don Seiverson as manager and who has proven a very capable man in this position.

The members of the Epworth League church has charge of the services at the church last evening, this occupying the usual preaching hour. The program, which depicted the history of the Epworth League, starting from the inception of the society, its value to the church and to the pastor, was very ably presented by a cast of some fifteen young people. The main parts of the presentation was given by Sam Ann and Rolland Aulton, in a very fine manner.

DEATH OF CHARLES DUKE

Henry F. Goos, clerk of Cass Comp No. 332, Modern Woodmen of America, has received notification of the death on January 6th at Elko, Nevada, of Charles Duke, for many years a resident of this city.

The deceased was a member of one of the earliest families in this city, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Duke, having been prominent residents here for a great many years and the father passed away a few years ago at the Nebraska Masonic Home in this city.

Charles Duke was for a number of years engaged in working here in his father's store and later was engaged in work in the shops of the Burlington, until the family left this city. In late years he has made his home with his son, Halsey Duke and family at Elko and where his death occurred. Mr. Duke is survived by his son and a daughter who resides in Omaha.

Elmwood Building is Razed by Fire Monday

Structure Occupied by L. H. Crane Store and Masonic Temple Burned to Ground

Fire Monday night swept the building at Elmwood occupied by the L. H. Crane general store and the Masonic temple, the building being burned to the ground as the flames whipped by the strong wind were soon out of control of the firemen and resulted in the wooden building being reduced to a smoldering ruin. The fire is thought to have originated from defective wiring and when first discovered was raging in the building and little aid could be given by the firemen, who however, made desperate efforts to save the building as well as to prevent the flames from spreading to other buildings in the business section of the town.

The building is one of the oldest in Plattsmouth and was built some forty years ago by the late Noah Hobbs, who erected the store building on the first floor and the upper portion was made into a large assembly hall which was known for many years as the Hobbs opera house.

The ground floor of the building was occupied for years by L. F. Langhorst with his general store and later was taken over by L. H. Crane, who has since continued the mercantile business.

Last year the building was secured by the Elmwood Masonic lodge who remodeled the upper floor of the building into one of the finest lodge rooms in this part of the state, creating the lodge room, banquet hall, ladies room as well as a smoking room for the members of the order, the whole being well furnished and arranged and the lodge rooms were dedicated with a very largely attended ceremony last spring.

Very little was saved from the building and Mr. Crane, who attempted to save some of the order, records from the members of the order, the whole being well furnished and arranged and the lodge rooms were dedicated with a very largely attended ceremony last spring.

The loss is a heavy one to the community of Plattsmouth and the towns of the county will share the regret that this fire has brought on our neighboring community.

FUNERAL OF MARTIN STEPPAT

The funeral of the late Martin Steppat was held on Sunday afternoon at the St. Paul's Evangelical church and with a very large number of the old friends and neighbors being in attendance at the services to pay their last tributes to this highly esteemed gentleman who has gone to the last long rest.

The pastor of the church, Rev. O. G. Wichmann, gave a very fine sermon that paid tribute to the departed gentleman and brought to the members of the family circle a sense of comfort in the bereavement that has come to them. The choir of the church gave several of the old and loved hymns.

At the conclusion of the services the body was borne to Oak Hill cemetery where it was consigned to the last long rest.

DRAWS JAIL TERM

In the county court Tuesday Walter Holcomb, who came here a short time ago from Neligh, Nebraska, was arraigned on a charge of having neglected to support his family as well as having beaten up on them. On the hearing of the case the court rendered judgment that the defendant be confined in the county jail for a period of sixty days.

The advent of the new prisoner brings the capacity of the county jail to a full house and an additional prisoner held here for outside authorities gives Sheriff Bert Reed an overflowing number of guests and if more are snared in the law, the sheriff will have to farm them out to the city jail or make other arrangements to care for them.

Henry M. Gault Dies at Home in Pennsylvania

For Many Years a Prominent Resident of Plattsmouth—Leader in Church Work Here.

Old time friends of the H. M. Gault family, residing here have received announcement of the death of Mr. Gault which occurred on Sunday, January 5th, at the age of eighty-two years. The death came after a very short illness at the family home at Cross Creek, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Gault has made his home since leaving Plattsmouth in 1903.

Henry M. Gault was born March 16, 1848, in Pennsylvania, a son of David and Mathilda Cook Gault. He received his education in the public schools and normal at Edinboro, Pennsylvania, leaving school at the age of eighteen years to go with his father on the farm. He was married in 1874 and shortly afterwards left the farm and located at Norfolk, Virginia, where the family remained until 1882 when they came to Nebraska and settled in Cass county. Mr. Gault was a farmer here for a number of years on the farm now owned by Arthur Troop and later he was engaged in the jewelry business in this city with the late Robert Vass.

While a resident of Plattsmouth Mr. Gault was very active in the work of the First Presbyterian church and a leader in the early battle for prohibition in this state, being several times a candidate for office on this party ticket. In his church work he filled the position of elder for many years until he left this city to return home to the east. While here Mr. Gault and family resided in the house on high school hill that is now occupied by County Clerk George R. Sayles and family.

In the year 1903 the death of the father called Mr. Gault back to Pennsylvania where he and the family moved into the old home that had been erected by the Gault family in 1856 and where he has since resided.

Mrs. Gault preceded the husband in death several years ago and he is survived by two daughters, Miss Laura Bell Gault, who resided at home with the father and Mrs. Nellie A. Lyle of Atlanta, Georgia. He is also survived by one brother, Eric, of Erie, Pennsylvania.

The funeral was held at the Cross Creek Presbyterian church and the burial at the Cross Creek cemetery.

TO EXTEND K-T PAVING

At Lincoln Monday, State Engineer Roy Cochran gave assurance that the road work plans for 1930 will include among other projects the extending of twelve miles of paving on the King of Trails or highway No. 75. The extension will start from the end of the present paving east of Union, twelve miles south to Nebraska City.

The location of highway No. 75 in the new plans will run straight south from the present paving and avoid the dangerous crossings that exist on the present routing of the highway. The re-location will mean that there will be considerable grading and preliminary work before the paving can be started in the summer. The straightening of the highway will mean the saving of several miles in the roadway from Union south.

This work will give paving from Omaha to Nebraska City on this important highway as the remaining sections yet incomplete from Fort Crook and this city.

INSTALL NEW EQUIPMENT

The Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co., are now completing installing of a great deal of additional equipment at the great electric sub-station south of this city and which will add to the capacity of the plant in handling the new demands that will be made upon it.

The light and power company have completed their new high tension power line to Nebraska City and the points between here and there and which makes it necessary that additional equipment be prepared to care for this load. The plant in this city supplies the power over the high tension transmission lines to all this section of southwestern Nebraska, as well as southwestern Iowa and parts of Northern Missouri.

The sub-station here was erected at the cost of some \$85,000 and the additional improvements that have been made makes the cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000 and completes one of the most modern power sub-stations in the entire west.

DOING VERY NICELY

W. H. Seybert, who has just recently returned home from undergoing a very serious operation at the Mercy hospital at Council Bluffs, is doing very nicely and rallying from his illness and the operation. Mr. and Mrs. Seybert are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McNurlin while Mr. Seybert is recuperating. It is hoped that in a short time he may be able to go to the highway to permanent relief from his long period of poor health.

DIRECTS TRAVEL RIGHT

From Wednesday's Daily—
There has been more or less confusion existing among the traveling public as to the route to reach from this city, due largely to the fact that the signs placed north and south of this city has routed travel over the detour and at the expense of many additional miles when travel on the K. T. route through this city has been possible for several weeks. To overcome this, the Chamber of Commerce has placed signs near the Oreapolis crossing and south of this city near the Mynard road advising the public that they can save many miles by traveling through this city.

County Board Holds Annual Meet Tuesday

Prepare Estimate of Expense, Set Salaries and Wages for Year and Other Business

From Wednesday's Daily—
The annual meeting of the board of county commissioners of Cass county, was held yesterday at the court house where the commissioners arranged the various items that are set by law to be transacted at this yearly gathering.

The board re-organized for the year 1930 by electing Fred H. Goring, of Weeping Water, as chairman, George L. Farley of this city as vice chairman and C. F. Harris of Union as the junior member of the board.

The estimate of expense for the conduct of the county business for the year was made by the board and the following amounts set for the several funds of the county:

County General	\$ 65,000
County Bridge	50,000
County Road	55,000
Soldiers Relief	1,200
Mother's Pension	5,500

Total ----- 176,700

The report of the Cass County Farm Bureau for the year was received and the budget for the year 1930 presented that called for the sum of \$3,500, the same as the past year and on motion the budget was adopted and the amount voted to the bureau for the work of the county.

The board also set the prices to be paid for labor on road work and the cost of dragging roads, this being the same as the past year, road overseer, per hour, 30c; man, single hand, per hour, 30c; team per hour, 20c; man and team per hour, 45c.

The board also set the price for round trip, per mile, 75c; eight foot drag, round trip, per mile, 65c; drag under eight foot, round trip per mile, 50c.

The board also set the salaries of a number of clerks at the court house for the year, clerk treasurer, \$1,250; clerk county judge, \$1,200; clerk superintendent, \$850; clerk county attorney, \$420; janitor court house, \$1,230; deputy sheriff, per month \$100.

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Gives Fine Address on Russia at the Library

Mrs. Fred Hanna Lectured Here Under Auspices of Lewis and Clark Delphians

From Wednesday's Daily—
Last evening the residents of the city had the opportunity of enjoying an unusually interesting lecture on "Russia," given by Mrs. Fred Hanna, of Omaha, which was sponsored by the Lewis and Clark Delphian chapter of this city.

The meeting was presided over by Miss Barbara Gering, and presiding address of the evening, Mrs. E. H. Westcott was heard in the very beautiful selection, "My Heart at Your Sweet Voice" from "Samson and Delilah."

Mrs. Hanna was introduced by Mrs. Gering and at once swept into a most fascinating presentation of Russia, historical as well as personal in the lives and customs of the peoples of that great nation that has in recent years attracted world wide attention by their adoption of the Soviet form of government.

The speaker told of the long background of rule by the czars and the nobility from the earliest days, of the submerged peoples who were kept in the most dense ignorance by the ruling classes until centuries later they broke the bonds of ancient rule and with a great bloody revolution swept the czars and the nobility from their high places. The people of the nation are naturally mystics and also of a deeply religious nature, their religion being largely of the orthodox Greek Catholic church and today in the nation a great struggle of the present government is to displace the religion of the people with non-belief or to fix the interest of the people largely on government rather than the ancient religious forms that every household, particularly in the great agrarian districts devoutly worship. The appeal to the mystic nature of the people had made possible in the first place to have corrupt influences away a weak czar and later to arouse to a frenzy the oppressed peoples into revolution.

In touching on the Americanization of many of the foreign races coming here, Mrs. Hanna presented the facts that the new comer into this land is buffeted through Ellis Isle and generally on reaching New York, he is taken into the grasp of their own people and there retained their old world ideals and customs, although the younger generations breaking away would seek to lead the parents instead of the parents acquiring a knowledge of the country to teach the children, in many cases this being presented. The speaker cited cases in parts of Omaha where large groups had settled together, had their own churches and languages and maintained their old world ideas instead of gathering the proper knowledge of the new world and of the American nation. Those from other lands that had come here and acquired a knowledge of the United States, its peoples and customs had become among the finest of citizens but there was need of a large educational program and personal contact with the older persons coming to this land from abroad.

At the close of the address Frank A. Cloldt was heard in a very beautiful solo number, "The Old refrain."

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