

The Plattsmouth Journal

Death Comes to Mrs. W. T. Richardson at Mynard

One of Best Known and Highly Esteemed Residents of Community Called to Reward.

From Thursday's Daily— Mrs. W. T. Richardson, 62, one of the best known residents of this section of Cass county and a lady universally esteemed by a large circle of friends, passed away very suddenly yesterday at the family home at Mynard, death coming at shortly after 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Richardson had been a sufferer from heart trouble for some time, but was not thought to be in dangerous condition, and yesterday was apparently in her normal health, coming to the store operated by Mr. Richardson several times in the forenoon, to all intents apparently in her usual health. In the afternoon, she was suddenly stricken and passed away in a very short time.

Kate M. Robbins was born in the state of Ohio June 5, 1867, at the time of her death being within a few days of her sixty-third birthday.

When six years of age, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Robbins, she came to Nebraska and settled at Plattsmouth, where she grew to womanhood and was educated in the schools of this city, graduating from the high school here. On December 24, 1890, she was united in marriage to William T. Richardson, one of the prominent residents of the county and for some twenty-four years the family resided on a farm, moving in 1906 to Mynard, where Mr. Richardson has been engaged in the general mercantile business.

To bless the life of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson there were five children born, three of whom have preceded the mother in death, while two, Mrs. Pheme Cather and Mrs. Emma Todd, of Waterloo, Iowa, with the husband and father are left to share the sorrow that the death of Mrs. Richardson has brought.

Mrs. Richardson was a member of the United Brethren church and has been in the past years very active in the church at Mynard and the various societies of the community.

SHOWER FOR BRIDE

The shower given May 20th by Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Malfield in honor of Miss Elizabeth Tritsch was very nearly a deluge, especially as to numbers present, but the evening was fine and when the spacious rooms were filled, chairs were placed on the lawn where early blooming roses and other flowers made it very beautiful. A very fine program had been arranged and was carried out as follows: Vocal duet, "Sweet Genevieve" by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ingram; reading "Pa Buys an Apartment" Raymond Mayfield; piano solo, Mildred Murray; vocal duet, Wauneta and Evelyn Doty; reading, Vera Rohrdanz; music, Mr. Ulrich, violin, Miss Geneva, banjo; playlet, "The Etiquette of the Ovation"; "Sweet Genevieve" by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ingram; Mrs. John Terryberry, accompanied by Miss Esther Tritsch, piano; vocal solo, Chas. Livingston; music, Henry Hill, violin, Mrs. J. W. Tritsch, piano.

Then came the mock wedding, Harold Grier, as the bride, of course, carrying a huge bouquet of onions and eating a dill pickle. Harrison Livingston as groom did his part nobly, considering everything. Edward Ingram of Louisville carried the harness ring on a large pillow while Arnold Hill of Cedar Creek held the bride's bouquet of onions and other delicacies. The costuming of this bridal party was a work of art, presided over by Mrs. J. R. Mayfield, while the chief executor, Cyrus Livingston, with highly rouged nose, moustache and chin whiskers was far from dignified. Cyrus is postmaster at this from of entertainment and his unusual and original questions, created a great deal of merriment. At the close of the formal program the guests enjoyed themselves in a good old-fashioned visit while refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by a large number of helpers. The young men who assisted deserved a great deal of credit for their quickness and ability.

HOLD FINE PICNIC

The Sunday school class of the girls of high school age of the Methodist church, of which Mrs. E. H. Westcott is the teacher, held a very pleasant birthday party at "Sunnyside," marking the culmination of "Heart Sister Week."

The young ladies had planned to hold the picnic on the lawn, but owing to the rather cool weather prevailing, it was decided to adjourn the meeting to the home and where for several hours there was great pleasure and merriment prevailing.

The members of the party enjoyed the fine social time and the luncheon that had been arranged and while it was not served in the true picnic style in the open, it proved a most pleasant event for all.

HOLDING PICNIC TODAY

From Thursday's Daily— The St. John's parochial school is holding the year-end picnic today at the country club, with a large attendance of the pupils and some of the parents. The newly organized Parent-Teacher association of the St. John's school, has looked after the preparation of the picnic dinner and a big feed was in store for the picnic party during the noon hour.

Elks Enjoy Fine Time in Junior Golf Tournament

Losers Entertain the Winners and Their Wives at Fine Steak Supper at Country Club

From Thursday's Daily— Last evening the "little tournament" of the Elks country and golf club was held at the beautiful and attractive course at the country club and followed by one of the jolliest and most pleasing social affairs that the members of the club and their wives have enjoyed in many months.

There had been selected two teams of seven members each, one side headed by Dr. R. P. Westover and the other by Jess Wurga, the captain setting the pace for holding the contest for last evening and the result the golfers and their ladies arrived at the country club at 5:30 last evening and the big match was on. The totals of the two teams were added and the lowest score was decided the winners of the event.

When the tabulations were completed it was found that the team of Dr. Westover had a narrow margin over that of Jess Wurga, the Westover team scoring 310 while that of Mr. Wurga had 325 to their credit. The lowest individual score of the contest was that of Clate Rosenkrans, veteran golfer, with a perfect 36 to his credit, which aided his team very much in the winning of the battle of the mashies and drivers.

MARRIED AT MILFORD

From Thursday's Daily— Last evening at Milford occurred the marriage of two of the well known residents of near Murdock, Miss Mildred Foster, teacher in the Murdock schools and Rev. Hugh A. Norenberg, pastor of the Calahan Evangelical church of Murdock. The marriage was celebrated at the home of the parents of the bride.

A number of the close friends of the contracting parties motored over from Murdock for the event and enjoyed the very happy occasion and joining in the reception tendered to Rev. and Mrs. Norenberg following the wedding ceremony.

The bride has been one of the efficient teachers of Cass county and has for the past five years taught in the Murdock schools where her work has been outstanding, and as well she has formed many warm friendships among the pupils as well as the community at large.

WILL UNDERGO TREATMENT

From Thursday's Daily— Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Falter, who have been for a short time at Kansas City to visit their son, George H. Falter and family, returned home yesterday, being accompanied by the son, George. Mrs. Falter has not been in robust health for some time and while at Kansas City was under observation by specialists and now will go to Omaha where she will enter the Methodist hospital for observation and treatment by Dr. C. R. Kennedy.

LITTLE SON ARRIVES

From Thursday's Daily— A message was received today by Arthur Sullivan of near this city, announcing the fact that a son was born this morning to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foester at Chicago. Mrs. Foester is a daughter of Mrs. Maymo Sullivan Philipson, and a niece of Mr. Sullivan. All are reported as doing very nicely.

Iowa Man is Named District Rotary Head

Wallace Caswell of Cherokee, Iowa, Named at Omaha Meeting— Large Number Present.

Rotary clubs of Nebraska, South Dakota and western Iowa were urged to do their part in the movement for international peace, in a stirring address by Allen D. Albert of Chicago, international president in 1915-16, at the close of the Nineteenth district convention Thursday afternoon at the Elks club at Omaha.

He asked each club to establish intimate and continued correspondence with a club in some other nation. He suggested that members of all clubs make known their love of peace to their congressmen and senators. He made a plea for the intelligent study of conditions which are favorable to peace, and for "a study of the condition of American youth which must bear the burden of war if it comes."

"Is not American youth too precious to be shot down?" he asked. The speaker continued: "I don't think so simply of the world peace as the editors of certain newspapers. Peace is not so simple that it can be had merely by being ready for war. We do not march toward peace to the tune of martial songs, with rifles over our shoulders."

"Think of the Tree." "International peace is the fruit of a tree with many branches, which include trade, travel and the exchange of visits, common inheritance of learning and adequate protection against assault from without. The trunk of the tree must be the sincere wish for the things that make peace by the peoples of the world."

"This entire discussion by Rotary is futile if we can't suggest something definite for each of us to do. Our first responsibility is to the dependents in our own families; the second is to our city, county and state, and the third to our nation. No man can really serve his land without knowing something of other lands."

Have Much to Gain

"We are not the most cultured people in the world, though we would aspire to be. This, if it comes, will be through education in our public schools. Neither have we yet produced the greatest art in the world, nor the greatest philosophers. We are a young people, glaring in the faults of our youth, but with rich promise of tomorrow."

"We have much to gain by contact with those beyond the ocean and by having them come and visit us. There is a distinct gain to us in trade with other countries. The peace of the world depends, in a sense, upon the trade of the world, but in no war has trade alone provoked the killing of brothers. War is a very complex thing. It has been deliberately invoked by reigning houses for fear of division of support."

"We shall not achieve peace when party is more precious." Mr. Albert, author, social worker and lecturer, now is assistant to Rufus Dawes, president of the Chicago Century of Progress convention, the fair to be held in 1933. He has made a special study of the growth of cities, and has visited more than four hundred cities in North America.

Chicago Is Ready

He told the delegates that Chicago is prepared to accommodate more than 20 thousand delegates to the convention of Rotary International this summer. A water parade will be one of the features.

It was decided that a dinner for Nineteenth district Rotarians will be held during the Chicago convention. David Allen Anderson of Aberdeen, S. D., president of Northern South Dakota Teachers' college and a brother of Rotarian Ben Anderson of Omaha, addressed the conference on the development of the individual Rotarian in his desire and capacity to serve his community.

"Too often we are suffering from occupational stiffness of the intellectual joints," he said. "Rotary means service before self. Refinement of manhood is the greatest service that Rotary can perform. Rotary is a symbol of humanity's idealism, and its transforms ideals into realities and forms avenues of service. It is an instrument to tune in on the world call for better living, and it helps us to shake loose our selfishness. Rotary expects its members to respond to that inward, upward striving within them. It gives a member a new vision of human well being and brotherhood. It isn't having everything that contents us. It is the desire to serve. This idea of brotherhood is not a dream or a myth."

Keeps Principles Alive

John C. Bryant of Red Oak, Ia., where Rotary meets in the evening instead of at noon, told of the individual's desire for service to a Rotary club. "If a member needs stimulating, give him something to do," said the speaker.

"Rotary is not offered as a religion or a substitute for it. It offers no new principles, but it keeps alive old principles."

The 1931 convention city of the Nineteenth district will be decided later by the new district governor and club presidents, Lincoln, Neb., and Rapid City, S. D., have extended invitations.

Resolutions on conduct of Rotary affairs, as submitted for presentation on the floor of the international convention were approved, with a few minor exceptions, but it was explained that no delegate to the Chicago meeting shall be permitted, by this vote, as to how he shall vote there.

Caswell New Governor

The resolutions provide for holding of joint service memberships in Rotary, appointment of a special magazine committee, elected of one member of the board of directors of Rotary International by members of clubs in Spanish America and Brazil and establishment of rules of procedure for area administration.

Wallace Caswell, president of the Cherokee, Ia., farm implement manufacturing company which bears his name and past president of the Cherokee Rotary club, was elected by acclamation, unanimously, as the new governor of the Nineteenth district of Rotary International, embracing all of Nebraska and South Dakota and western Iowa. He succeeds George W. Johnston of Omaha.

Total attendance at the convention was 770, announced John M. Douglas, secretary of the Omaha club. This includes 495 Rotarians and 275 Rotary Anns. Fifty-eight of the 63 clubs in the district sent accredited delegates.

State Rounds Up Violators of Traffic Rules

Driver of Interstate Bus is Arrested Near Union and Brought Here to Face Speeding Charge

A number of the representatives of the state department of public works, in which is vested the enforcement of the laws governing traffic on the highways of the state, paid a visit to this section yesterday to check up on the manner in which the rules and laws governing the operation of cars, trucks and busses is being observed by the traveling public.

While near Union the officers took into custody Carl Mason, driver of a bus of the Interstate company, who was charged with speeding, the officers claiming the bus was exceeding the forty-five mile speed limit on the highways. The young man was brought here and charged with his appearance here later for trial in the county court.

The officers also checked up on one of the most common violations of the law, that of operating motor vehicles under paper numbers instead of the regular license plates prescribed by law. There were also checks made of trucks operating on the highways, there being complaints that many trucks were traveling overloaded.

The growth of the amount of travel on the highways has become such that more and more regulatory measures are necessary for the protection of the public and the time will not be far distant when constant patrolling will be necessary for the benefit and protection of the public.

PAVERS HAVE MIX UP

From Friday's Daily— Yesterday afternoon Judge A. H. Duxbury was called upon to listen to the tale of the battle between two of the employees of the paving force that is working on highway No. 75 south of this city.

One of the men, Jack Capek, a boss in the paving gang had been involved in an argument with J. T. Swinney, one of his workmen and the argument grew from words to action and it was claimed by Swinney that Capek had hit him in the mouth with his fist.

The court after hearing the evidence offered and the statements of the parties decided that a fine of \$1 and costs would satisfy the feelings of outraged justice and according Mr. Capek was compelled to pay over \$7.50 to the court.

CONDUCT BUS TOUR

From Thursday's Daily— The College Expedition busses passing through Plattsmouth this morning, picking up at this point, Gretal Haakenberg and Eva Blintner. The busses carry 250 teachers and college students and will tour the southern and eastern states, stopping at all points of historical interest, the battlefields of the Civil war, several days at Washington, an ocean trip at Atlantic City and north up the Atlantic coast, a week in New York City, on into Canada, a few days at Niagara Falls, and Chicago before returning home.

Omaha's Youthful Firebug Captured Near Here

Mentally Deranged Lad Who Escaped a Week Ago Captured at Platte River Last Night

From Saturday's Daily— Sebastian Miletli, 18, youthful Omaha firebug, who escaped a week ago from the home of his parents in that city and has since been searched for in this part of the state, was captured last night near the Platte river bridge, where he had remained for over an hour almost waist deep in the water of the river and shouting defiance to the officers who sought his capture. The mentally deranged young man was taken only after the greatest difficulty on the part of the Cass county officers.

A fishing party from Omaha had been camped along the Platte, their camp being on the Cass county side of the stream and just northeast of the highway, and yesterday afternoon the young man had appeared at the camp and had inquired as to where he could find a grocery store to purchase some supplies and he spent some little time in conversing with the members of the fishing party. Later while the youth was still hanging around the vicinity of the camp, Frank Petello, of Omaha, a close neighbor of the Miletli family, happened to pass in a car and had called to the boy and tried to induce him to get in the car and return to his home at Omaha. The sight of the familiar face of the neighbor recalled the fact to the youth that the family and authorities would start their efforts for his capture and shouting his refusal to return home, Miletli plunged through the weeds and underbrush into the shallow waters of the Platte river.

The young man waded out almost half way across the river and standing with the water almost to his waist he refused the efforts of the friend and others to come to short. With a great deal of traffic on the highway nearby it was only a short time until the roadway was lined with cars and the great number that was lining along the road and the river bank added to the fright of the youth.

Sheriff Bert Reed, Deputy Sheriff Young, Officer Dave Pickrel and Constable Svoboda were finally called and when they arrived at the scene darkness had settled and making more difficult the efforts to get the young man into the car. To the calls of the officers Miletli responded, "you are cops, I can see your uniforms," "I'll drown myself before I'll come in" as well as stating that "I am freezing out here," which fact was borne out by the shaking of the flashlight that he held as he was chilling so badly that he could hardly hold the flashlight.

The capture of the youth was made when a boat was secured and paddled by Edward Yelk and with Deputy Sheriff Young with him, the boat was headed from the bridge to the center of the river where Miletli was located. As the boat approached Miletli made an attempt to get to the Sarpy side of the river but a few shots fired in the air by Mr. Young and the command to come and get in the boat had the desired result and Miletli was brought on into shore. The young man was very badly chilled as the cold night air struck him and it was necessary to wrap him in a blanket in a blanket from the car of Mr. Young. The officers hurried the young man on into the city where he could be placed in the Cass county jail and given dry garments and to remain until his parents and the Omaha police would come for him.

Since his wandering away from home Miletli has been keeping in hiding the greater part of the time and finally reached the vicinity of the Platte river where he has spent several days. Miletli said that since he had been away from home he had been hiding constantly from police, because he had left home in fear that they were planning to send him back to the asylum from which he was released some time ago.

"The Finger on Me"

"I don't want to go back to Lincoln," he said. "The folks there are all crazy. I had a fine time in California when they let me go out there after they let me out of the asylum, but when I came back to Omaha everybody was putting the finger on me as the 'firebug,' and I saw they were fixing to send me back to the asylum."

"I'm all through setting fires. I know it's hard to build houses, and I don't want to burn any more. The only fires I'll ever build now is to get warm. I saw they were after me, so last Monday afternoon I just slipped away. I had a couple of dollars, and thought I'd go out and get me a job and start life all over where folks didn't know me."

"I stayed in Omaha the first night and the next day. But everywhere I went I saw somebody who seemed to recognize me, and it kept me busy running around. I slept the first night in a vacant house near Sevenson and Leavenworth streets. Next day I went into a drug store to buy

a candy bar and they called the police. But those cops couldn't run worth a nickel.

Had Little to Eat

"The next day I went over into Iowa looking for work, but couldn't find any. Thursday night I slept in a vacant shack near Plattsmouth. I was pretty hungry, for I had only two candy bars to eat since I left home. So Friday morning I went on into Plattsmouth and bought another candy bar, as I was afraid to go into a restaurant."

"Then I decided to walk back to Omaha, but when I saw Petella at the bridge I changed my mind again, because he tried to catch me. I just wanted to go home peacefully, but it seems they wouldn't let me even do that."

"Friday morning while I was walking into Plattsmouth I found a pocket book with the name of Mrs. John Smith and \$60 in it. I threw it away in the river when those cops were after me in the boat, because I was determined they shouldn't get it. I hope they'll let me go home and leave me alone now. I'm not building any more fires, and don't want to."

Soldier Fatally Shot Scoring in Range Pit

Accidentally Wounded as Automatic Rifle Bullet Ricochets; Inquiry Is Ordered.

Henry L. Smith, 23, a private in Company C of the Seventeenth Infantry at Fort Crook, died at 4:20 a. m. Friday at the post hospital of a gunshot wound received last Tuesday morning while he was scoring targets on the rifle range north of this city.

Smith was shot through the abdomen by an automatic rifle bullet that apparently ricocheted into the pits below the target after striking some metal on the target frame. Eighteen men were on the firing line at the time and army authorities do not know who fired the bullet. About 30 men were in the pits.

Smith was operated upon at the post hospital soon after the accident, but failed rapidly.

Because the circumstances of Smith's death are not definitely established, a board of inquiry will be appointed to investigate. There is no intimation that the shooting was other than accidental. The deep pits beneath the target are ordinarily considered perfectly safe. The six-foot targets are run down into the pits for scoring, so that the scorers need not expose themselves at any time.

Smith's home is at Harrisburg, Ark. He came to Fort Crook last November when the Second battalion at Fort Des Moines was made inactive. His brother, John W. Smith, was transferred at the same time from the Second battalion to Company K at Fort Omaha. He was on the range at the time his brother was shot and was with him until he died.

CARS HAVE SMASHUP

From Saturday's Daily— The intersection of the Louisville road and the detour of highway No. 75, west of this city, was the scene of two more auto accidents Friday afternoon and which while fortunately resulting in no dangerous injuries to the parties caused the cars to be very badly damaged.

The first accident was shortly after noon when Dr. O. Sandin, the veterinarian, was returning home from a call in the country and as he crossed the intersection a car coming from the north proceeded to crash into his car, forcing the machine of Dr. Sandin into a ditch and more or less damaging the car. While Dr. Sandin was working on his car and awaiting the arrival of a wrecker he was a witness to the second accident.

The Chevrolet coach the Rebal family was almost demolished at the intersection just a short time after the Sandin accident, that the members of the Rebal family were not killed was almost a miracle. Mr. and Mrs. Rebal and their children, Jane and Ronald, were driving west and were almost across the roadway when a Ford sedan coming from the south struck their coach, the impact itself being so severe but sufficient to overturn the Rebal car and which rolled over twice, the entire top of the car being torn and mashed off, the fenders and wheels badly damaged. The occupants of the car were able to extricate themselves with some difficulty and were brought into Plattsmouth by passing Omaha motorists and their injuries were examined. The members of the Rebal family were all bruised and suffered small cuts but none of which were thought to be serious.

Mrs. John E. Schutz and daughter, Miss Florence, departed last night for Colorado where they will enjoy a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Spier at Brandon for a short time and take in the many points of interest in that locality.

Read the Journal Want-Ads.

City Pays Honor to the Heroes of Grateful Nation

Impressive Services Mark Both the Morning and Afternoon Observances of Memorial Day

From Saturday's Daily— The community yesterday laid aside the usual activities of business and commerce to pay tribute to the memory of those who came no more, the men and women who have served the nation on land and sea in the years of the nation's life, the veterans of the war of independence, the war of 1812, the Mexican conflict that Texas, the great civil war that tested the nation's life and the Spanish-American war as well as the World war.

Not in many years had the Oak Hill cemetery been as beautiful as it was on the glorious sunny day, the deep green of the vegetation and the great array of the bright hued flowers making a wonderful scene for those who visited this peaceful city of the silent.

In the morning the American Legion, the Women's Relief Corps and the American Legion Auxiliary of the city, embracing in their services the special honor to the departed soldier and sailor dead as well as fraternities and hundreds of the citizens visited the cemetery to render their tribute of love and respect to those who sleep in the last long rest.

The ritualistic services of the Grand Army of the Republic was given at their mound in the older section of the cemetery and while the veterans of 61 were unable to be present the W. R. C. conducted the services and decorated the graves while at the American Legion section in the newer addition there was a short service conducted and in which the officers of the post and Chaplain H. E. Sortor officiated. The firing squad from Fort Crook under the command of Lieut. J. A. Capwell gave the last salute to the departed and the honor that the many gives to their departed members.

Following the exercises at the cemetery the firing squad and the Legion officers motored to the new Missouri river bridge where the flowers of remembrance were strewn on the waters of the mighty river, the prayer offered by the patriotic societies of the city was offered.

The formal community observance of the day was held at the American Legion community building at 2 o'clock in the afternoon where the program arranged by the patriotic societies of the city was offered.

The meeting was presided over by William G. Kieck, county attorney and member of the American Legion. Miss Margaret Shellenbarger, one of the talented young ladies of this city, was heard in a number of the war songs of "If," including "The Flag Goes By," "Keep the Home Fires Burning" and "Over There."

The roll call of the civil war veterans surviving at this time was given by Mrs. Robert Troop, the veterans remaining who are credited to the local G. A. R. being Col. M. A. Bates, John Fight, W. H. Verner, Abram Shellenbarger, O. V. Barrows, T. W. Glenn, R. W. Hyers, C. R. Kennedy, Robert Troop, with the reading of these names Mrs. Troop also gave the recitation of Walt Mason's poem, "The Little Green Tent."

The Spanish War veterans were given by Louis Rheinacke, one of the veterans of '98 and showing the list of the veterans passed away as being H. G. Livingston, Charles Spenser, George Mostin, Hiram Robine, Oliver Dinwiddie, Frank Wales, Chris Miller and James Hamilton.

The world war veterans passed away were given by Commander Otto E. Lutz of the local post of the American Legion and included Clarence L. Beal, D. Harris Cook, Floyd Mason, Lee Bennett, Glenn Pittman, Percy Warthen, Hugh J. Kearns, Matthew A. Jirousek, Henry Hirz, August Heise, Edward Ripple, Otis Christie, George Kopschke, John Lenz, Albert W. Vallery, Edward Fullerton.

The address, "If Ye Break Faith," which won for Charles Nowacek the honors in the district high school debating contest was given by this very able young man and was a stirring plea against the things of a military nature, the training of the youth to arms, the compulsory training at the land grant colleges, the use of the papers, movies and news reels to promote the spirit of militarism.

The mixed quartet composed of Mrs. E. H. Westcott, Mrs. Harry Schulz, Rev. H. G. McClusky and John E. Frady, gave a group of the civil war songs that had been so popular in the days of 61-65.

The Gettysburg address of Abraham Lincoln was given by Robert Ramsey Livingston, grandson of General Robert Ramsey Livingston who had served in the command of the first Nebraska in the civil war, and also a nephew of H. Guy Livingston killed in the Spanish-American war.

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