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Death of Mrs. Adam Kaffenberger Wednesday

After Long Illness and Suffering, Well Known Lady Goes to Last Reward

The death of Mrs. Adam Kaffenberger, Sr., occurred Wednesday afternoon at 2:35 at the family home on west Elm street following an illness of some six months duration and in the last few weeks of which hope of her recovery had been abandoned. In the long days of suffering she had the tender ministrations of her family to make her last days as peaceful as was possible.

Wilhelmina Nolting was born at Watertown, Wisconsin, February 15th, 1858, and spent a part of her childhood in that section, moving with her parents to Nebraska in 1865, they locating in the spring of that year on the farm west of Plattsmouth which was destined to be the family home for many years. She resided at the family home until February 12, 1878, she was united in marriage to Adam Kaffenberger, who preceded her in death on December 9, 1919.

Mr. and Mrs. Kaffenberger resided on the farm near Cedar Creek until March 1, 1916, when they moved to Plattsmouth and have since made their home in this city until called to the last reward. To Mrs. Kaffenberger ten children were born, five boys and five girls, one dying in infancy. The living children are John, Adam, August, Fred and Mike, all residing in and near this city. Mrs. Clarence Melinger, Mrs. George Stoehr, Mrs. Julius Hillicker and Mrs. John Kaufman. She is also survived by one brother, Fred Nolting of Plattsmouth and two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Holmes of Plattsmouth and Mrs. Anna Jasper of Piler, Idaho, one brother and four sisters have preceded her in death. There are also seventeen grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

The funeral services of Mrs. Kaffenberger will be held on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the St. Paul's Evangelical church and the interment will be at the Oak Hill cemetery.

RETURNS FROM DENVER

From Thursday's Daily—Mrs. William Baird returned this morning from Denver where she has been for the last few days enjoying a visit with her daughter and son-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. Harley Cecil and Mrs. Baird left Monday and reached Denver on Tuesday and with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil, motored to Troutdale in the Pines, one of the most noted and popular resorts in Colorado mountain districts. The stay at Troutdale was most enjoyable and afforded a very fine time in the coolness and charm of this resort. Mrs. Baird also had the pleasure of a visit there with an old school day friend, the wife of the founder of Troutdale and the reunion of the old friends was most pleasant. Denver was very comfortable this week Mrs. Baird states and the temperature on one occasion registered 116 in the downtown districts of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil are planning on driving to this city in the next few weeks to enjoy a part of the vacation here with the relatives and old time friends.

ENJOY BAND CONCERT

From Thursday's Daily—concert last night drew out one of the largest crowds of the season who were seated in the benches around the court house lawn and in the cars parked along the street to hear the fine offerings of the band.

Plattsmouth's own youthful vocal star, Margaret Shellenbarger, was heard in the refrain of "Tip-Toe Through the Tulips With Me," giving a very charming rendition of this number while in "Happy Days Are Here Again," a girl's quartet composed of Margaret Shellenbarger, Lucille Albert, Helen Schulz and Winifred Rainey, furnished the refrain and made a decided hit with their offering.

The heat of the night made the concert a fine means of spending a part of the evening and getting the benefit of the cool breezes that could be found.

FILING MANY CONTRACTS

With the extension of the natural gas pipe lines in this county has come a rush of business at the office of the register of deeds, there having been already fifty-four of the contracts filed in the office of Miss Robertson, with a great many others to come in the near future to be registered.

There has also been twenty deeds filed in the register's office covering title to lands secured as right away from S. A. Wiles and Mrs. Ida Cole for lands used in changing the route of highway No. 75.

WILL REMAIN IN WEST

Mrs. W. J. Hartwick, who was called to Seattle, Washington, a few days ago by the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Glen Neal, will remain there for a few weeks more, as Mrs. Neal is still quite poorly and is suffering from a kidney attack that has been most severe and not typhoid fever as was reported here.

Mr. Hartwick is expecting to leave on Sunday for Winner, South Dakota, to visit his daughter, Mrs. Leland Briggs, and will be accompanied by his granddaughter, Miss Eunice McCloud of Chicago, who will arrive here on Saturday for the trip to Dakota.

Secretary Pollard Makes Plea for Children

Urges That Those Suffering Physical Defects Be Given Aid by the State.

The number of Nebraska school children whom their teachers reported suffering from one physical defect or another, and the uncertainty as to how consistently these defects are being remedied, presents to Secretary Pollard of the state welfare department a serious situation.

"As I view it," Mr. Pollard said Wednesday, "the state is in duty bound to see that this great army of prospective citizens is relieved of every physical handicap possible, in order that these boys and girls may have an opportunity to develop into strong, vigorous men and women.

Not less than half the public school children in Nebraska have some physical defects, Mr. Pollard deduces from tabulations just completed by the bureau of health. Reports from 6,418 of the 6,835 school districts in the state show that 211,949 children were examined during the past year for physical defects and 8,238 were not. Secretary Pollard quotes the Sturm law of 1919, which says these examinations shall be made by physicians, and says this was done in but 603 districts, teachers officiating in all the rest. The condition disclosed by the reports is alarming, Mr. Pollard says. He goes on:

"According to these examinations there are 37,592 children that had defective eye sight, 12,583 with ear defects, 44,331 with some form of nose or throat trouble, and 102,296 with bad teeth. The Sturm law made these physical examinations mandatory but did not require the defects to be corrected. The law directs the teacher in every district to report to the parents in writing and reads as follows: 'If such test determines that any child has such defect, it shall be the duty of the teacher to notify, in writing, the parent of the child, of such defect and explain to such parent the necessity of medical attendance for such child.'

"The law did not require the teacher to report back to the department the number of corrections made. We have no figures to show the extent to which the parents made use of the information furnished by the teacher by correcting the defects reported. However, this report does disclose that there was a total of 196,892 defects among the 219,181 school children in the state. Just how many children were affected with two or more defects, thus reducing the total number of children who were defective, we have no way of ascertaining from the reports received by this office. It is quite sure, however, that it is safe to say that not less than half the school children attending the public schools of the state have physical defects in some form or other."

HOLD FINE PICNIC

From Thursday's Daily—Yesterday afternoon the Junior department of the Methodist Sunday school held a very delightful picnic at the Riverview park at Omaha, the members of the party leaving the church at 5:30 and by auto going to the very attractive park in the city for the outing.

With the torrid atmosphere prevailing the cooling waters of the swimming pool called the members of the party and here the heat was forgotten in the delights of the water sports. Others of the party enjoyed games of all kinds as well as viewing the many animals that Joe Hummel has been able to secure for the park zoo.

As the evening shadows came on the members of the party unloaded the baskets of the good things to eat and in the cool of the park enjoyed a picnic lunch that will long be very pleasantly remembered.

The Junior department which is composed of the young people from nine to twelve years of age, has had a very successful year under the able leadership of Mrs. H. E. Sortor, department superintendent and her staff of efficient teachers, comprising Miss Catherine Terryberry, secretary and organist, Mrs. Lawrence Stryker, Mrs. W. H. Henschel, Miss Alice Funk, Mrs. Harry Schulz, Harry White and Howard Dodds.

Public Library One of Best in Entire State

Service Given the People of City Makes Institution One of Best in State.

The Plattsmouth public library is one of the public institutions which many of the citizens of Plattsmouth and Cass county use, but one which few of them really appreciate. There are some very interesting things about our city library which every person in Plattsmouth should know.

Not only has our library gained fame and favor among the residents of this city and the surrounding community, but its fame has been recognized all over the state as being one of Nebraska's finest libraries.

The Plattsmouth city library is the fourth largest library in the state, being headed only by the libraries of Omaha, Lincoln and Beatrice, Nebraska. Its circulation per capita is not excelled by any other library in the state. Its circulation for the year beginning June 1, 1929 and ending May 31, 1930, totaling 37,297.

Contrary to conditions found in other cities it has been found in Plattsmouth that the circulation of books from the library among the adults of the city is very great, and that the adults who frequent the library find reading not only a means for enlightenment and the development of their minds, but a great source of them find a good deal of pleasure in the kind of books that the city library affords.

There are, in the library, books which will meet the needs and demands of all types of people, there are books for those who are scientifically minded, books for those who are interested in history, biographies, art and literature. The library tries to cater in a large measure to the needs of the students of the public schools of the city, due to the fact that the schools do not have libraries of their own, it is necessary for the city library to furnish the students with all the supplementary reading material which they are expected to have access to, and which the students would be expected to purchase if they could not get them at the public library. Nearly all the reference work which students of the high school are required to have they find at the public library. Besides all this material the library also affords a splendid collection of periodicals and circulates.

Of all the good work that the public library is doing in this community there is nothing which is more commendable than its splendid work with the children of our city. Through the co-operation of the teachers in the public schools and the city librarians' reading clubs for the children have been organized in which the children manifest a decided interest. During the school year they have organized the children into club called the "Banner Reading Club," and during the summer months the children's interest in reading is kept up by their being enrolled in the "Summer Reading Club." It is not compulsory for the school children to enroll in either of these reading clubs, but the enrollment in each is very large. Aside from these reading clubs the library has a "story hour" for the children of the city schools, this "story hour" is held in the downstairs of the library every Wednesday afternoon right after school. It is presided over by the teachers of the schools, who often have the pupils of their own give a short program after the story telling.

Another of the outside activities of the library is the furnishing of books to the State Masonic Home. As many as 120 books have been lent at the Home at one time for the people who are there.

Since the Plattsmouth library became public it has enjoyed a steady growth both in circulation of its books and the number of books which it has been able to purchase. The circulation for the past year has shown a monthly circulation of about 290 books per day.

New shelving and new filing cases have lately been installed for the purpose of taking care of the great number of clippings and pamphlets which the library keeps for reference. There are other improvements which really should be made in the library, there should be some way provided for better ventilation in the main auditorium, there should be more room provided for reading room, there should be more shelving in order that the books might be kept in an uncrowded condition. All these improvements should and will be made in time.

Citizens should look with a great deal of pride upon their city library. It has grown from a small institution to one which is recognized as being one of the foremost institutions of its kind in the state. It is an institution which is busy in building up the minds and characters of its patrons. It is doing a wonderful work among the children of the community, and deserves all the support

that the people of Plattsmouth and Cass county may be able to give it.

RECEIVES SMALL FINE

From Thursday's Daily—This morning the county court was the scene of the discussion of a neighborhood squabble from Wintersteen hill and wherein William Grebe was charged with having tried to provoke an assault, the complaint being filed by Mrs. Hazel Lahoda. The plaintiff and the defendant had very conflicting stories of the incidents on which the complaint was based and which apparently grew out of trouble over an alleged board bill of Charles Larson. After hearing the testimony Judge Duxbury gave Mr. Grebe a fine of \$1 and costs. The action asking that Mr. Grebe be placed under a peace bond was dismissed by the court.

John Porter Has Startling Experience

Men Attempt to Stop His Car and One Is Knocked From Roadside—Identity Unknown

From Friday's Daily—John Porter, one of the residents of the vicinity of Murray, had a very startling experience last night about 10 o'clock as he was driving home, as when he was near the Fight farm going south two men came out into the roadway waving their hands and apparently attempting to stop Mr. Porter and his car. With the recollection of recent highway stick up jobs in mind, Mr. Porter did not stop his car but continued onward and one of the men was hurled to the side of the road as the Porter car sped on.

Some distance south of the place of meeting the two men Mr. Porter noticed a car parked with two women seated in it, and when reaching home Mr. Porter decided to drive back with a son to see if the men and women were still along the highway, thinking perhaps that after all they might be a stranded auto party instead of holdups as he had feared they were.

There was no trace of anyone or the car as Mr. Porter came on north and he proceeded on into this city to report the matter to Sheriff Bert Reed and to inquire if any trace was seen of the parties.

STEAMBOAT GOES UP RIVER

From Thursday's Daily—Yesterday afternoon shortly after 2 o'clock the residents along the vicinity of the Missouri river had the thrill of old time days when a stern wheel steamer came up the river and wending its way northward to Omaha.

The steamer was the "Santa Fe" whose home port is St. Louis and headed for Omaha and Sioux City to be operated as an excursion boat and to afford a means of summer entertainment by the trips up and down the river.

With the river development program of the government being carried out in the next few years the boats will be common on the Missouri river.

PRETTY HOT SETTING

From Thursday's Daily—This morning one of the drivers of a wagon used in the city street department, came up Main street seated in his wagon and as he neared the intersection of Fourth and Main street a small cloud of smoke commenced to roll out from the sack on which the man was setting. The driver apparently was unaware of the smoke until person standing at the front of Peerless Ed's place called his attention and he discovered that his seat was about to break into flames. The sack was extinguished and the driver stated that he had no pipe or cigarettes lying on the sack and that it must have caught fire from the effects of the sun's rays. Those who were out in the sun could well agree with the driver of the wagon.

TWO SQUARE CLUB MEETS

The Two Square bridge club met at the home of Mrs. Cyril Kallina Thursday afternoon and despite the extreme heat of the day there was a very pleasing number of the ladies in attendance to enjoy the time in the fascinations of the card games. In the playing Mrs. John Habraba was awarded the first honors while the consolation was secured by Mrs. John H. Palacios. During the afternoon dainty refreshments were served by the hostess which added much to the pleasures of the occasion.

DAVE DOLLS UP SMOKE HOUSE

Dave Wallengren, mayor of east Plattsmouth, who is owner of the Smokehouse, popular cigar store on Main street between third and fourth street, has had his place of business fixed up in very nice shape. Mr. Wallengren has had a new floor placed in the building and also repainted the interior and redecorated in a most pleasing manner. He has installed a line of soft drinks for the convenience of the card players and customers and states that he is all ready for 500 men to come and help empty bottles of the newly renovated place of business.

Good Weather Helps Out on Street Work

Lack of Usual Summer Rain Storms Allows the City to Keep Dirt Streets Up

The unusually long period of dry weather that has prevailed in June and so far in July has proven a boon to at least one line of activity in this section and that is the city street department of Plattsmouth.

The city street department has been able to carry out a great deal of work on the dirt streets of the city and which has been able to be completed and practically all streets placed in good shape in the weeks of sunshine.

The department has made a much needed fill on Rock Bluffs avenue that has eliminated a low place in that highway and one that in rainy weather was a mud hole, but the new fill has been made so high that it should be able to keep the road dry all of the time. Another extensive improvement and one badly needed was at Fifteenth and Pearl street where a low place in the road caused a bog in rainy weather, the water from four sides flowing to this intersection which now has been raised and drainage placed to carry off the water that may come in the late summer and fall rains.

All over the city the roads have been dragged and smoothed up and due to the fine weather this work has lasted and not been washed out by rains which generally keeps the department doing over and over the same work on streets to keep them in passable shape.

SCHMIDTMANN HOME VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. William Schmidtmann have as their guests several of the relatives and old friends. Yesterday Mr. and Mrs. George Schneider and their daughter, Mrs. Leola Gellinsky and son, Walter, arrived from Portland, Oregon, for a visit here with the Schmidtmann family. Mr. Schneider is an old boyhood friend of Mr. Schmidtmann and it is needless to say the visit is a most pleasant one for the two families.

TREAT FOR THE KIDDIES

From Friday's Daily—This evening at 7:30 Chief Sandin of the fire department has arranged to have a real treat for the kids by having made plans for giving them a real shower bath on Main street by use of the city hose.

The age limit of the splashers will be up to twelve years and they must come in bathing suits or overalls to enjoy the cooling effect of the water which they will have the opportunity to play in for some time. This should help make the hot weather more bearable and will no doubt prove a real boon to the youngsters of the city who are hot and worn out by the week of excessive heat and dry weather. The splashing will be done by the residents of the city who cannot have this opportunity.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Tuesday was the fifteenth birthday anniversary of Richard Hirz and in honor of the event a number of the young friends gathered at the Hirz home to aid him in seeing that the event was most fittingly observed. The time was spent in games of all kinds at which a great deal of pleasure was derived and the young man showered with well wishes of the relatives and friends in honor of the occasion "Dick" received a number of very handsome presents. Those attending were: Misses Arleen Rager, Dorothy Hirz, Grace Welch, Alice Jane Hirz, Doris Peterson, Leola Hirz, Messers Delmar Rager, Walter Doyle of Omaha, Henry Krejci, Robert Sedlak, Howard Hirz, Robert Hirz and Richard Hirz.

CALLED TO LOUISVILLE

From Friday's Daily—Yesterday Mrs. Lou Vallandingham, chef at the Stewart cafe, was called home to Louisville by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Higgins who was taken more seriously ill Thursday morning and made necessary the presence of the daughter to assist in her care. Mrs. Higgins has been quite poorly for several months and recently was operated for 500 men in the hope of securing some relief but has not rallied as hoped for.

MANY WORKING NIGHTS

From Friday's Daily—Many of the farmers have been taking advantage of the bright moonlight of the past week to look after their work in the harvest field and in plowing corn, the old moon making the landscape as bright as day and its rays a great deal more pleasant to work under than the blistering glow of the sun. The intense heat of the past seven days has caused much suffering to the men working in the fields as well as the horses and mules and the opportunity to do a part of the work in the more cooling hours of the evening has been much appreciated.

Auto Owner Asks Damages Against Truck Owners

As Result of Accident Near Elmwood Patsy Hayes Sues Dunn Brothers Company

From Friday's Daily—In the county court has been filed an action in which Patsy Hayes of Colfax, California, is the plaintiff and the Dunn Brothers Co., a firm engaged in handling the hauling of pipes for the new natural gas lines, is the defendant.

The plaintiff in his suit claims that on June 30th, 1930, the plaintiff was driving east on the "O" street road south of Elmwood, when a truck owned by the defendant company and operated by one of their drivers came along the highway and passed the plaintiff in his car and that owing to the narrow road, proper precautions were not used by the truck driver and a trailer carrying the large gas line mains, swung and caught the car of the plaintiff, causing much damage to the car of Mr. Hayes and making it almost a total wreck.

The plaintiff asks that the court give him a judgment of \$600 for the payment of damages to the car as well as for the other losses sustained by the plaintiff.

HAS CAR DAMAGED

Earl Hoenschell, who was for several years engaged here at the local Burdick station and is now truck operator at Nebraska City, had a close call from serious injury on Wednesday when his car was sideswiped by a truck. Mr. Hoenschell was driving along highway No. 24, headed for Nebraska City, when a truck swiped the side of Earl's car, tearing off the fenders and breaking one wheel. The driver of the truck was apparently asleep as the truck was taking the entire roadway and while Mr. Hoenschell crowded his car over as far as possible to the side of the road, he was unable to escape the path of the truck. After hitting the Hoenschell car the driver of the truck apparently awakened and stepped on the gas to escape before his number could be discovered.

WILL GO TO HOSPITAL

James Stockham of this city, one of the ex-servicemen of our community who has for some time been in bad health as the result of his service in the world war, has received notice to report to the Veterans hospital at Kansas City. Mr. Stockham has been poorly since his return from the service but of late has gradually been growing more serious until the matter was taken up by the local Legion post with the Veterans Bureau to secure some relief or care for the young man. The Stockham family are having more than their share of sickness as Mrs. Stockham at the hospital recovering from the effects of an operation for appendicitis.

STILL SCORCHING WEATHER

From Thursday's Daily—The weather today continued to show advancing heat conditions, the mercury registering 92 degrees at 8 o'clock and at 2 this afternoon was steadily climbing upward with 103 registered and it is expected that the high point of the day will reach 105. There is little prospect of any relief for at least a few days altho the weather wise are predicting a change following the change in the season, but on the surface it seems to be for more "fair and warmer."

VERY HAPPY OCCASION

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Meisinger near Murray is one of the happiest in the entire county and due to the fact that a fine eight and a quarter pound son arrived there last evening to shake his home in the future and share with the parents the joys and sorrows of life. The little one is doing very nicely and has brought a great joy to the parents as well as Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meisinger, it being the first grandchild in the family and doubly pleasurable that it is a grandson to carry on the family name. The maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Griffin of Lincoln are also joining in the general happiness that the event has occasioned.

Omaha Brokerage Firm Raided on Blue Sky Law

Complaint Against Frederick Sloan & Co., Made by Plattsmouth Man

From Saturday's Daily—Acting on a complaint signed by "Everett" J. Richey of this city, Deputy County Attorney Jack Marer of Omaha, yesterday had the offices of Frederick Sloan & Co., a brokerage firm in that city, raided and the employes as well as the records of the firm were taken to the police headquarters.

The charge made against the firm is that of the violation of the blue sky law of Nebraska which requires that the brokerage firms have a license to do business in the state. The complaint filed charges that the firm offered securities for sale without the proper permit issued by the state of Nebraska.

The violation of the blue sky law is made a felony by an act of the legislature and the penalty is a punitive sentence up to a term of five years.

Acting on the complaint, a squad of a half dozen police detectives, headed by Deputy County Attorney Jack Marer, swooped down on the place. They failed to find Sloan with J. O. Brooks, John Gold and 10 others, is alleged to operate the business. But the three principals walked in later and were arrested.

Following a preliminary investigation of the records, county officials said that the brokerage had been doing business by telephone with about 50 customers in Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The books showed receipt of \$6,000 from these customers in the past five days, Marer said, but did not disclose that any stocks had been purchased to comply with orders of the customers.

The company's telephone calls averaged from \$250 to \$350 a day, according to the books. The telephone company was being paid daily, Marer said.

FUNERAL OF MRS. MINNIE KAFFENBERGER

The funeral services of the late Mrs. Minnie Kaffenberger were held on Friday afternoon at the St. Paul's Evangelical church of which she has so long been a member.

The church was filled to its capacity as the friends came from all sections of the county to join the family in the last tributes to this loved lady who had at the close of a long and useful life gone to the last reward.

Rev. O. G. Wichmann, pastor of the church paid a fine tribute to the life of Mrs. Kaffenberger in the community and in her devotion to her family and the church of which she was a member for so many years, and giving words of comfort and hope to the bereaved children, grandchildren and the other relatives.

During the services the choir of the church gave several of the old German hymns which had been favorites of the departed lady as well as English hymns.

The interment was at Oak Hill cemetery where it was laid to the last long rest beside the husband who had preceded her in death in 1919.

The pall bearers were composed of members of the family of the departed being Albert Hillflicker, Victor Stoehr, Elmer Stoehr, Verner Kaffenberger, John Kaffenberger and Fritz Engelkemeier.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation of the many acts of kindness shown our loved mother in her last illness, for the beautiful services given by the minister and members of the St. Paul's choir. Also we wish to thank the ladies aid society of the church and those who sent the beautiful flowers.—The children of Mrs. Minnie Kaffenberger.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Foster Patterson came in this morning from Lincoln to be guests over the week end of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schneider. Mr. Patterson has four more weeks of his summer school work at Lincoln to complete before he can enjoy the vacation days.