

The Plattsmouth Journal.

Robert Troop, Aged Resident, Passes Away

One of the Few Remaining Civil War Veterans Died at Home in This City

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Last night at the midnight hour, Robert Troop, long time resident of this city and one of the few surviving civil war veterans of the community, passed to his last reward. Mr. Troop was born on February 23, 1842, in Ireland, and when but one year of age was brought by his parents to the United States and where he has since made his home, being located at Davenport, Iowa, in his younger years and while living there the civil war broke over the nation and Mr. Troop, then a youth of seventeen, entered the Union army in Co. E 20th, Iowa, and served bravely for the defense of his adopted country. He was captured during an action in the south and was taken to the confederate prison at Tyler'sville, Texas, where he remained for nine months and suffered the privations that were the part of the prisoners of war. After the close of the war, Mr. Troop came north and on November 13, 1870, at Davenport, Iowa, was married to Miss Lois Moore, they moving to Nebraska in 1876 and have since resided in this community. Mr. Troop was engaged in farming for a number of years and over a long period of time was actively engaged in the business life of the community. In recent years he retired from active business life and has enjoyed a well earned rest for his fruitful years of labor. Mr. Troop is survived by the widow, one brother, Thomas Troop of this city, one sister, Miss Mary Troop of Farnam, Nebraska. There are also several nieces and nephews surviving. Charles Troop of this city, William O. Troop of Nehawka, Mrs. George Rhoden and Mrs. D. C. Rhoden of Murray, Mrs. W. A. Lewis of Union and Mrs. Brooks of this city. In his passing Plattsmouth has lost a long familiar figure, a loved citizen who will be greatly missed by the large circle of friends and in their bereavement the family will have the deepest sympathy of the old time friends.

SUCUMB TO INJURIES

From Monday's Daily—
A message was received here this morning by George Barr announcing the death of his brother, Earl Barr, 50, at the University hospital at Omaha where he has been for the past twenty-five days under treatment for very severe injuries that he received in a runaway near Norfolk, Nebraska. Mr. Barr suffered a fracture of his leg, fracture of the left hip and had his left arm broken in two places as well as a jaw broken in the runaway, and in this condition it was found necessary to bring him to the hospital for care and treatment. After he had been in the hospital a short time he developed diphtheria and which with his injuries proved too severe to withstand. He had been doing as well as possible up to Sunday when he took a sudden change for the worse and death followed in a short time. The deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Barr, both of whom have preceded him in death, and he was born in Pennsylvania, coming to this city when a young boy and spending the greater part of his lifetime here in Plattsmouth. He is survived by the brother, George Barr, of this city and one sister, Mrs. John Long of Ashland.

SANTA CLAUS COMING

Santa is on the way—he's getting nearer every day. This time we had a nice long letter from him telling us all about the reindeer and the sleigh and the harness and the Eskimo friends that are with him. He says the reindeers, Dancer, Prancer and Vixen are standing the long trip very well. He was afraid in coming through some of the timber lands of the north that Dancer and Prancer being such lively nervous deer, might knock their antlers off, but they still have them and they are beautiful too. These reindeer will be quite a curiosity to the boys and girls in this part of the country as the only kind of reindeer most of them have ever seen are the ones in pictures. The local committee are preparing a lodge on the court house lawn for Santa and a corral for the deer. Don't fail to be on hand Tuesday morning, Dec. 23rd to welcome Old Santa and his party.

PROJECT CLUB MEETS

The Pleasant Ridge Project club met Tuesday, Dec. 4, at the home of Mrs. Herman Hennings. The members were all present. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Louis Meisinger. The assistant hostesses will be Mrs. Will Meisinger and Mrs. Henry Meisinger. At the close of the meeting delicious refreshments were served and enjoyed by all.

STILL CONFINED TO HOME

Mrs. Charles M. Parker of Omaha, formerly a resident here, is still confined to her home as the result of injuries that she sustained when she was knocked down by an auto at Sixteenth and Burr street and suffered severe injuries to her body as well as having two ribs fractured. The many friends will regret to learn that Mrs. Parker is still feeling so poorly and trust that she may soon be able to rally and be on the highway to recovery.

Royal Arch Masons Install New Officers

Raymond C. Cook Is Named as the High Priest—Chapter to Contest for Banner.

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Nebraska Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, which has in the past had a large part in the Masonic history of the state and offered several of its members as officers of the state grand chapter, is preparing in the coming year to make even greater strides along the lines of progress. The new officers of the chapter were installed the past week and with James M. Robertson, past grand high priest of the state of Nebraska, as the installing officer and past high priest Oliver C. Hudson as the marshal. The officers installed were: High Priest—Raymond C. Cook. King—William G. Kieck. Scribe—P. T. Heinemann. Treasurer—Frank A. Cloldt. Secretary—W. F. Evers. Captain of the Host—H. L. Gayer. Principal Sojourner—Lester Meisinger. Royal Arch Captain—Ward Whelan. Master Third Vail—Leonard Born. Master Second Vail—Anderson Lloyd. Master First Vail—Robert Painter. Sentry—C. L. Carlson. The high priest of the state has offered a special banner to the chapter that shows its greatest advancement and increase in membership in the coming year and Nebraska Chapter is announcing that it proposes to secure the banner or strive mightily for the coveted honor.

LIGHT COMPANY FORCE FROLICS

From Tuesday's Daily—
Last evening the office of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co., was the scene of a very pleasant gathering when the Plattsmouth division of the Live Wire club gathered to join in a Christmas party and at which the employees in the district force and the wives of the employees of the company in this city were the members of the party. The Christmas dinner was served in a very charming manner under the direction of Mrs. H. L. Bender and proved a very happy opening of the pleasant evening. The dinner was in five courses and a most delicious repast. The officers of the Live Wire club were: Lorlene Urish, president, and Miss Pauline Nowacek, secretary-treasurer and who will conduct the affairs of this boosting and well named live wire organization. At a suitable hour in the evening Santa Claus appeared and each member of the company was presented with a remembrance of this happiest of events. During the course of the evening Bunco and pinocle were the diversion and in the pinocle contests Mrs. William Richter was the winner of the high score while Mrs. Newcomb and Mrs. William Highfield tied for the honors in Bunco. Those who enjoyed the occasion were: Mesdames F. I. Red, Elmer Elliott, William Highfield, William Richter, J. J. Nowacek, F. G. Egenberger, Charles Ault, W. A. Bennett, Lorlene Urish, H. L. Bender, Misses Pauline Nowacek, Margaret Scotten, Dorothy Elliott, Helen Egenberger and the club guest, Mrs. Newcomb.

BURGLAR HAS MUSICAL TASTE

The office of Sheriff Reed has received notice of the burglarizing of the high school at Greenwood, the crime being committed sometime between the close of school Friday and Sunday morning when it was discovered. The burglar seems to have had a musical appreciation or talent as the only object reported taken of any value was a violin, property of the musical director of the high school. This instrument was valued at \$300 and was a treasured possession of the teacher. The violin had been left at the school on Friday and on Sunday morning the teacher came to the school to secure the instrument and it was not to be found and this was the first intimation of the fact that the school building had been visited by the robbers. So far there has been no trace of the violin revealed altho on account of the high value of the instrument it is hoped that it may be located if offered for sale, by the person taking it.

Mrs. Wever Firm in Her Denial of Poisoning Mate

Talks Freely of Case to Newspaper Men at the Douglas County Jail at Omaha

Mrs. Inas Wever, charged with the murder of her husband, George Wever, discussed her case freely with representatives of the World-Herald at the Douglas county jail. She was awaiting arrival of relatives from Lincoln, who were to come with a lawyer. "I don't care what they say—I had nothing to do with my husband's sickness," she said. "My big trouble is my fear that his relatives may try to take my baby from me." Mrs. Wever today readily admitted buying the poisons, but said that both purchases were at the suggestion of her husband, and for the purpose of killing rats about their home. Her recollection was that the first poison was bought on the Thursday before he died, and the last on Monday. "My husband took charge of the first bottle, and I supposed that he used it on the rats," she said. "The second and different poison I bought Monday, after he had told me that rats were overrunning the house and barn. I used a little of it, pouring it in the rat holes, because I was afraid of the stuff and didn't want to put it on bread or bait." Suspected Poison Liqueur. It was the kind of poison purchased the last time that was found in the viscera, according to Cass county officials. Mrs. Wever related that when her husband came home from his work, ill Monday, after complaining of stomach illness the previous day, she suspected that he had drunk poison liqueur on Saturday night, when they had attended a dance together, and afterwards had gone to the home of friends on a "party."

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HOLD FINE SERVICE

The First Christian church Sunday was the scene of a very inspiring service by the gospel team from Omaha, and with Mr. Greening of the team giving a most inspiring talk on the need of personal grace in the development of the character and in the attainment of the true Christian qualities. The congregation also had a real treat when a large party of the members of the church from Irvington arrived and joined in the services, the pastor, Rev. Ralph Tietson giving a very fine talk and all joining in the service. A quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Chastine and two sons and Miss Marjorie Chastine at the piano, gave a very fine selection of the favorite songs.

Knights Templar Elect Officers for Coming Year

Judge A. H. Duxbury Selected as Eminent Commander of Mt. Zion Commandery

From Tuesday's Daily—
Last evening Mt. Zion commandery No. 5, Knights Templar of this city held their annual election of officers and the following were named: Eminent Commander—A. H. Duxbury. Generalissimo—Henry F. Nolting. Captain General—Wm. F. Evers. Treasurer—Phillip Thierolf. Recorder—John E. Schutz. The remaining officers of the commandery will be named later by Commander-elect Duxbury and will be installed at the meeting in January. The new commander elect has had a very distinguished career in the Masonic circles of the city, having filled the various offices in Plattsmouth lodge No. 5, A. F. & A. M. and Nebraska chapter No. 3, R. A. M., and is now advanced in the leadership of this eminent degree in Masonry.

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W. B. Banning Named Head of Farm Bureau

Annual Meeting Attended by Large Number and Fine Session Held by Members.

The annual meeting of the Cass County Farm Bureau was held at Weeping Water last Friday. A meeting of the Farm Bureau board members of whom six were present, was called to order by the president, W. B. Banning, at the farm bureau office in the morning. At this time, minutes of the preceding quarterly meetings, financial reports, and points relative to the work were discussed, and a budget of expense for 1931 was adopted. The members were pleased to have with them H. G. Gould, district supervisor, of Lincoln, who gave valuable suggestions for carrying forward the work of the extension service in the county. At noon the board members, their wives and husbands, and the county extension agents enjoyed a delicious luncheon served at Rest Haven hotel. At 1:30 the general farm bureau meeting, which was open to the public, was held in the basement of the Congregational church, at which time a report was heard given by S. Ray Smith of Weeping Water who told of his trip to the International Livestock show in Chicago recently. This trip was awarded him by the Cass County Farm Bureau for outstanding work as a 4H club leader in 1929, and from his report it was very evident that the trip was a most enjoyable as well as educational one. Reports, distinctively illustrated by charts and graphs, were given by the county agent, D. D. Wainwright and the assistant agent, Jessie H. Baldwin, covering the work done in all departments the past year. The charts, which are indicative of the trend of the work, as shown by actual figures, over a period of five and in some cases ten years, were requested by the board to be preserved for future reference, and it was also suggested that these figures be extended another year. Mrs. Henry Nolting of Plattsmouth played two very pleasing accordion selections which added much to the enjoyment of the program. Ed Spangler and wife of Plattsmouth were presented in recognition of the honor accorded Mr. Spangler in being chosen Cass County's Master Farmer. This title was bestowed upon him at Organized Agriculture at Lincoln in January of this year. President Banning's words of appreciation toward Mr. and Mrs. Spangler, covering the sentiment of all who are familiar with them. R. G. Gould gave an inspiring address, commenting favorably upon the work accomplished thus far in the county, and stressing the importance of the work yet to be done, especially among the boys and girls. The election of three board members took up some time. The members whose terms expired this year were: W. B. Banning and Mrs. Ivan Balfour of Union and Wm. Westfall of Alvo. Mr. Banning was re-elected and the other members chosen were Ed Spangler of Plattsmouth and Mrs. Henry Tool of Murdock. The retiring board members, Mrs. Balfour and Mr. Westfall are entitled to a vote of thanks for the sincere efforts they have expended in furthering the work of the farm bureau and all know that they will continue to do all in their power to boost the extension work in Cass county. A motion was made by Mrs. Henry Tool to amend the by-laws to read that the county chairman of women's work shall automatically become a member of the Farm Bureau board. The motion was carried. This year Mrs. H. L. Gayer of Plattsmouth is first vice chairman and will be assumed membership under this amendment. Following adjournment of the general meeting, a short meeting of the board members was held for purpose of reorganization. W. B. Banning was re-elected president, H. L. Gayer, vice president and Carl Day, secretary.

FUNERAL OF EARL BARR

The funeral services of Earl Barr were held Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 at the Sattler funeral home at Fourth and Vine street and attended by a number of the relatives from Omaha, Council Bluffs, Louisville and Ashland as well as the old friends here in this city. The services were conducted by Rev. H. G. McCusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, who spoke words of comfort to the members of the family circle and as well read the comforting words of "Abide With Me." The interment was at the Oak Hill cemetery.

RECEIVES FINE

From Wednesday's Daily—
This morning C. J. Quinn, of Lincoln was arraigned in the county court here on a charge of having passed a fraudulent check on Forest Rhodes at his tire shop on Chicago avenue. The young man plead guilty to the charge, paid up the check and was given a fine of \$5 and the costs of the prosecution.

STILL UNDER TREATMENT

Raymond J. Larson, who has for the past two weeks been at the Methodist hospital in Omaha, is still undergoing observation and treatment and it is thought that the patient is doing very nicely following his attack of a few weeks ago and which was thought to be from ulcers of the stomach. The patient is expected to be able to return home the coming week to spend the Christmas season but will still be under treatment.

One Time Resident Here Dies in Omaha Accident

A. J. Augustine Victim of a Hit and Run Driver in South Omaha, Dies This Morning

From Wednesday's Daily—
A. J. Augustine, 57, one time resident of this community, died this morning at the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha, a victim of a hit and run driver. The unfortunate man was found badly injured late Saturday night at Forty-third and Q streets, South Side, and was hurried to the hospital where he has since been gradually growing worse as the result of the severe injuries until death came to his relief at an early hour today. The driver of the car or truck that struck Mr. Augustine as he was crossing the street intersection, made his escape without anyone witnessing the accident and the unfortunate man so severely injured that he was unable to give any details of the accident or the license number of the vehicle that caused his death. Mr. Augustine was married here to Miss Fannie Beckmann, daughter of the late Ben Beckmann, for many years a prominent resident of near Murray, and for a number of years the family made their home in this locality. The deceased is survived by the wife and two sons, two daughters and six grandchildren. Mr. Augustine was a brother-in-law of Mrs. Louis Reinacke of this city.

JUNIOR CIRCLE MEETS

At the cozy home of Mr. and Mrs. John Zatopek, north of the city, the Junior Circle, auxiliary to the Woodmen Circle, held their business and social meeting last Saturday afternoon. The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: Guardian—Elva Olson. Past Guardian—Louise Pfitzmeyer. Advisor—Alice Hiatt. Captain—Betty Bruce. Chaplain—Warren Lillie. Secretary—William Pfitzmeyer. Treasurer—Mildred Zatopek. Outside Sentinel—Marian Olson. Outside Sentinel—Edward Stewart. Attendant—Francis Marie Lillie. Managers—Catherine Shellenbarger, Marvin Lillie, Clifford Dasher. Following the suggestion of the National President, the members at the close of the business meeting, took up a discussion of the spobbies of men and women, and later each of the twenty-five present responded in an interesting manner to his, or her, personal hobby. One little girl of five years gave as her hobby—sewing doll clothes. At the close, dainty refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Harry Kruger and Mrs. Adam Kaffenberger.

ROBERT TROOP AT REST

The funeral of the late Robert Troop, Civil war veteran and long time resident of Cass county, was held Tuesday afternoon at the family home on Granite street with a large group of the relatives and old time friends present to join in the tribute to the memory of the "buddy" citizen that had gone to the last rest. Rev. H. G. McCusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church had charge of the services and spoke of the long and useful life of the departed and of the reward that his long and useful life had brought to the community of which he was a part. During the services the Presbyterian quartet composed of Frank A. Cloldt, L. D. Hiatt, H. G. McCusky and R. W. Knorr, gave two numbers, "Abide With Me" and "Rock of Ages," the accompaniment being played by Miss Cora Williams.

LITTLE DAUGHTER ARRIVES

The many friends in this city of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tompkins will be much pleased to learn that a fine nine pound daughter was born to them at the University hospital at Omaha. The mother and little one are doing nicely and the occasion has brought a great deal of joy to Donald and to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Tompkins.

DONATES TO CHARITIES

The Choral Union of this city have donated to the Associated Charities the sum of \$25 which was secured as the result of the presentation of "The Messiah" in this city last week. This fund will help a great deal in the handling of relief work and go toward helping out the needy of the city.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation and thanks to Rev. H. G. McCusky for his services and the pall bearers who assisted in the last rites for our beloved brother, also to those who sent the floral remembrances. —Mr. and Mrs. George Barr and Family, Mr. and Mrs. John Long and Family.

PROGRAM, PLATE, BOX SUPPER

To be held at Cedar Creek school, Friday evening, December 19th. There will be a fine program and all are invited.—Jean Ingersoll, Dora Soenrichsen, teachers. d15-2tw-1td

Jury Finds for Creamery Co. in Hoffman Case

Verdict Also Given Defendant in Case of J. H. Tams vs. Adolph Giese, et al

From Wednesday's Daily—
The trial of the case of Phillip Hoffman vs. the Farmers Co-Operative Creamery company which was on trial Monday and Tuesday, was terminated last night when the jury that had been given the case shortly before noon, returned a sealed verdict, opened this morning by Judge Begley and which found for the defendant creamery company. This action was one in which Mr. Hoffman sued for wages claimed to be due him on salary as manager of the creamery plant from which position he was removed by the officers of the company. A cross petition in the case was filed by the defendant company claiming an amount due them from Mr. Hoffman. In the trial of the case in the county court a jury there found for the company in the sum of \$11.17. Under the verdict given by the jury in the district court the verdict is for the creamery company without any amount. The jury in the case of J. H. Tams vs. Adolph Giese and Ray Harold, also returned a sealed verdict and which found for the defendant. This action was for the sum of \$100 claimed to be due on a note made by the defendants. The defendants contended that the amount was part of a note of \$400, that the defendant Ray Harold was a tenant of the plaintiff and the amount claimed to be due was for rentals. It was represented that the defendant and the plaintiff had agreed on the cancellation of \$100 of the note and the remainder had been paid. Mrs. W. L. Dwyer, the lady member of the Cass county bar, appeared in the action for the defendants.

HEARS OF BUDDY'S DEATH

A Nebraska City man more than ordinarily interested in the outcome of the Wever murder mystery in Plattsmouth—if, indeed, it is a murder—is John Reed, Avenue barber shop owner. John Reed and the dead man, George Wever, were "buddies" together in the World War. Wever an Elk Creek man, was a member of the 190th Supply Train with Reed. When they enlisted they had expected to be made members of a Sixth Nebraska regiment, eventually to be incorporated in the 34th Division with Nebraska City's Company B. But War Department rules were "all shot" within a short time and the Nebraskans became widely separated soon after the Sixth had been organized. "Wever was a first rate soldier," Mr. Reed says. "I never knew a better chap, either. We went through the War together and after it was over I came to Nebraska City and he went to Plattsmouth. "I know Wever's wife, too, and all I can say is that I wouldn't suspect her of doing what she is charged with." Late last week a knock was heard on the front door of the Reed home at 2 o'clock in the morning. Mr. Reed answered the call and found there Ray Wever, the dead man's brother, who had driven to eastern Nebraska from his home in the western part of the state. He had come here to inform his brother's "buddy" that George Wever was dead.—Nebraska City News-Press.

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