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## Burwell Spurlock Dies at His Home in York

Had Just Passed His 96th Birthday and Resided in Nebraska for Seventy-Five Years

From Thursday's Daily—  
This morning at 1 o'clock at York, Nebraska, occurred the death of Burwell Spurlock, ninety-six, a resident of Nebraska for the past seventy-five years and who had played no small part in the early history of the territory and state. Mr. Spurlock had celebrated his ninety-sixth birthday on last Sunday at the home of his son, George M. Spurlock and family.

Mr. Spurlock was a native of what is now West Virginia, having been born in that state on June 28, 1835, when three years of age he was taken by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Spurlock, from the West Virginia home to the new state of Iowa, they making the trip down the Ohio by boat to Cairo, Illinois, and then up the Mississippi river to a location near Galesburg, Illinois. Later the family followed the covered wagon trail through Iowa and then returned to Illinois where Mr. Spurlock was given schooling in the Cherry Grove seminary in Illinois, then back to Coonville, Iowa.

Mr. Spurlock arrived at Plattsmouth on April 1, 1856, and made his home here for a great many years, participating in the events of the frontier community and being an active leader in the life of the county. He was elected as county clerk in 1861 as an independent and later served two terms as a republican and in the last of these took part in an event that had a great deal of importance to the territory of Nebraska. In 1866 the question of the adoption of the state constitution and the request for statehood as well as the election of the state officers was held and on the action of Mr. Spurlock hinged the adoption of the constitution and the election of the republican state ticket. Rock Bluffs precinct was then one of the large voting centers of the territory outside of Omaha and Nebraska City and here a bitter fight was waged over the adoption of the constitution and the democratic ticket being headed by J. Sterling Morton for governor and the republican by David Butler, and the democratic stand was largely against the constitution as framed. In the election Rock Bluffs gave a large majority for Butler and also against the constitution. It was charged that the election board at Rock Bluffs had adjourned for dinner and one of the members of the board had taken the ballot box home with him and later had brought it back. As a member of the canvassing board of Cass county, Mr. Spurlock had the vote of that precinct thrown out and the margin gave a majority in the territory for statehood and the election of David Butler, the republican governor and who was later impeached from the office.

After the close of his service as county clerk, Mr. Spurlock was engaged here as a clerk in various business houses for many years. When the Mother's Jewel Home for Children at York was placed in operation Mr. and Mrs. Spurlock were named as the heads of the institution in 1891, remaining there until the death of Mrs. Isabella Spurlock, the wife, and since which time Mr. Spurlock has made his home with the son, George M. Spurlock and family. Mr. Spurlock was named as superintendent emeritus of the Mother's Jewel Home, on his retirement, and always retained a very keen interest in the institution which is now presided over by Rev. and Mrs. John Calvert, formerly of this city.

Surviving Mr. Spurlock is the one son, George M. of York, two grandsons, Woodson Spurlock, Las Angeles, Rhodes scholar and attorney, and Burwell Spurlock, II, Harvard student; a sister at Nebraska City and a brother at Salem, Nebraska.

### VERY HAPPY EVENT

From Friday's Daily—  
Mr. and Mrs. W. Jennings Seybert of this city, are the happy parents of a fine baby girl that arrived at their home early this morning and tipped the scales at six and one-half pounds. The mother and little one are doing nicely and the little lady is the first child of the family, she is receiving a great deal of attention from the delighted parents. The little one is the first granddaughter of Mrs. Ida H. Seybert of this city and Mrs. Clara Gerdes of Dayton, Ohio. Mrs. Jennings Seybert having formerly been Miss Marge Gardes of Dayton.

### AT OMAHA HOSPITAL

The old time friends here of the E. L. Rouse family will regret to learn that Miss Margaret Rouse, their daughter, is at the Immanuel hospital at Omaha where she is undergoing treatment and may have to have an operation. The Rouse family are now residents of Chadron where Mr. Rouse is head of the state normal school. Mr. Rouse was superintendent of the Plattsmouth schools here some twenty years ago.

### FUNERAL OF JOE SCHMADER

The funeral of the late Joseph Schmader was held Wednesday morning at the St. John's Catholic church and attended by a large number of the old friends and neighbors of many years standing. The funeral mass was celebrated by Father George Agius, pastor of the church and at the close the body was borne to the Catholic cemetery west of this city where it was laid to the last rest beside the wife who passed on some two years ago. A number from Louisville and Omaha were here for the last services.

## High Winds Do Damage as the Heat Halted

Many Telephone Poles, Trees and Small Buildings Are Blown Down by the Storm

The ten day heated period that has laid over this part of the west was broken Wednesday by a mid-summer wind and rain storm that while hailed with fervent blessings by the heat tortured residents, carried with it a great deal of damage from the wind, which in a number of places reached the fury of a small tornado. With the mercury registering 101 at noon the storm lowered the temperature to 72 by 3 o'clock and afforded a most welcome relief to the residents of the community.

The storm swept from the south and the worst force of the wind was to the west and north of this city, although the wind did some damage to trees in the city.

The largest sufferer from the effects of the storm was the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Co., as they had some twenty poles down on their lines north of this city and which required the dispatching of a crew of linemen from Nebraska City to hurry the repair work and get the lines back in service with the usual speed and dispatch that marks the telephone service.

At the county farm west of this city there were a number of trees that suffered from the wind and were blown down and sections near this city small damage is reported.

East of this city in Mills county, Iowa, the rainfall was much heavier than in this locality and here the larger part of the rain storm seemed to spend its fury. In Omaha the rain was light but brought with it a welcome relief to the residents from the heat.

At the John Kravaneck farm northeast of the city, a frame garage building was demolished and a corn crib blown down by the force of the wind that was sweeping toward the northeast. The hay stack at the farm of Walter Tritsch west of this city, also was demolished by the force of the wind.

### FUNERAL OF MRS. HAGER

From Thursday's Daily—  
The funeral services of Mrs. Emma Hager, long time resident here, were held this afternoon at 3:30 at the Roberts chapel at Lincoln, the Rev. H. H. Marsden of the Holy Trinity Episcopal church officiating. Members of the P. E. O. and Eastern Star of which she was a member, were present in a body at the last service. The body is being brought to this city for the interment at 5:45 this afternoon at Oak Hill cemetery. Emma T. Herold Hager was born at Glenwood, Ia., Oct. 10, 1861, and died in Lincoln June 28, 1931. Her parents moved to Plattsmouth when she was two years of age and she lived in this city until her marriage to Frank W. Hager, Oct. 12, 1883.

She joined the Episcopal church here when but a girl and upon moving to Lincoln twenty-five years ago transferred her membership to Holy Trinity Episcopal church. She was a member of Plattsmouth-Lincoln club; Chapter K. P. E. O., and Electa chapter No. S. O. E. S.

Surviving are her husband, two sons, William Herold Hager, Long Beach, Calif.; Robert Hager, Tacoma, Wash.; a daughter, Mrs. Fern Farrinham, Long Beach; a sister, Mrs. A. L. Tidd, of Plattsmouth; two brothers, Henry Herold of Plattsmouth and James H. Herold of Minneapolis, and seven grandchildren.

### POSTPONE CONCERT

From Thursday's Daily—  
The band concert which was to have been held last evening at the court house lawn by the Eagles band, was postponed on account of the wet condition of the grounds and also by the fact that the lighting arrangements for the lawn had not been completed. There were a number in the city from other places who were disappointed by the fact that the concert was postponed and will be given at a later date.

It is expected that in the next few weeks that the American Legion band of Omaha, one of the nationally known organizations of the service men, will visit this city for a concert that will be given as a compliment to the Plattsmouth people, which will be a real musical treat to the residents of Cass county.

## Identify Banning as Murdock Robber

Miss Mary Tool and Miss Doretta Schlophoff Visit Council Bluffs and Pick Bandit

From Saturday's Daily—  
Herman Banning, wounded bandit, who was captured at Shenandoah, Iowa, on Thursday and brought to Council Bluffs, was identified Friday afternoon as one of the two men that held up the Bank of Murdock in this county last Saturday.

Miss Mary I. Tool, bookkeeper in the bank, who was in charge of the institution on last Saturday and the only person in the bank at the time the two robbers entered, made the identification of Banning certain and he also was recognized by Miss Doretta Schlophoff, Murdock girl, who had come to the bank on the day of the robbery and had been locked in the back room of the bank until Miss Tool had made her escape.

The bank bandits had evidently made their way into Omaha and have been there until Wednesday when they robbed the M. M. Barish home in Omaha and later staged a gun battle with Council Bluffs authorities and in which Banning was wounded and later captured at Shenandoah, Iowa, where he was being cared for at the home of a lady friend.

The question of who will have the custody of the bandit is a matter of doubt as yet as the man will be charged with shooting with intent to kill, Iowa officials state, while in Cass county he faces a charge of bank robbery.

Miss Tool, who was in the city Friday en route to Council Bluffs

with Miss Schlophoff and Deputy Sheriff Young to look over the wounded bandit, stated that the men when they had held her up at the bank had seemed very nervous and apparently not used to the slick job. The robbers missed the gold coin carried by the bank in the stick up as Miss Tool had failed to turn this over and the men hurriedly grabbing the currency that she had brought from the vault, made their getaway through the rear door of the bank and to safety only to be captured later as the result of the robbery of the Barish residence in Omaha.

### ENJOY FINE RECITAL

From Friday's Daily—  
Music lovers of the city had a most pleasant treat offered them last evening in the presentation of the voice pupils of Mrs. E. H. Wescott in recital at the auditorium of the public library, where a very fine audience gathered to enjoy the occasion.

The program was arranged with the bright hued summer flowers and which made a very attractive setting for the evening of song.

Each member of the class did splendidly in their work and reflected the care and careful training that had been given them in the development of the voice and its expression in song, the program embracing a well selected group of numbers from the choicest of the popular classics.

The members of the class that participated in the recital were Miss Dorothy Elliott, Miss Margaret Sheltenbarger, Miss Helen Rude Wescott, Miss Jean Hayes, Miss Jane Sheldon of Nebraska, Miss Mary Ann Rosenkrans, Mrs. D. O. Dwyer.

The accompanists, whose delightful playing added a great deal to the charm of the recital were Mrs. J. A. Capwell, E. H. Wescott, Miss Helen Wescott and Miss Emily Lorenz.

## Complimentary Band Concert

Wednesday Evening—8 O'Clock  
COURT HOUSE LAWN  
Given by Plattsmouth Elks Band under Direction of Bandmaster Wm. Roy Holly

### PROGRAM

- March, "Chicago Tribune"-----Chambers
- Overture, "Mazepa"-----Mahl
- Characteristic, "Trombone Blues"-----Jewell
- Xylophone Solo, Selected-----Anton Bajcek
- March, "Barnum & Bailey's Favorite"-----King
- Medley, "War Songs of the Boys in Blue"-----
- Popular Song, "Would You Like to Take a Walk?"-----Margaret Shellenbarger
- Selection from the Red Mill-----Herbert
- Popular Song, "Moonlight Saving Time"-----James Begley
- March, "Stars and Stripes Forever"-----Souza
- Finale, "Star Spangled Banner"-----

### SETS DEED ASIDE

From Friday's Daily—  
This morning in the district court the final arguments were made in the case of Mrs. Mary Mast vs. Ada and Edward Murray, an action in which the plaintiff sought to have set aside a deed conveying the life interest of the plaintiff to a farm set aside, she having signed a deed to convey her interest to Mrs. Murray, a daughter, and Mr. Murray, and also asking for the collection of rents on the farm since the time of the existence of the life estate.

The court in its findings set aside the deed made by Mrs. Mast and also found judgment for \$4,945.47 for the plaintiff for rents due on the farm since 1929, this amount being less the amounts paid by the Murray family for the case of Mrs. Mast.

The case will be appealed to the supreme court was indicated in the application for a bond in the matter by the defendant.

### HERE ON RIVER WORK

From Friday's Daily—  
Capt. L. R. Annett, who made his home here several months last fall and winter as an engineer of the U. S. government on the Missouri river work, is here to spend the week end with the old time friends. Captain Annett is en route to Sioux City, Iowa, and on his way north from Kansas City, his headquarters, he is checking up the gauges along the river which were placed at the opening of the river improvement program and which will be used to compare data on the raise and fall of the river. The many friends are very much pleased to see the genial Captain again and will enjoy to the utmost the opportunity of visiting with him.

### FEELING POORLY

From Thursday's Daily—  
Fred P. Busch, manager of the Ladies Toggery, is forgetting the needs of the ladies ready to wear that the past few days, he being confined to his home the last few days. It is thought that he will soon be over what seems to be an attack of stomach trouble, and be back on the job and meeting with the old friends.

### SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

The host of friends of Sheriff Bert Reed, over Cass county, will be pleased to learn that the genial sheriff is now showing marked improvement in health and his rest treatment of the past two weeks is bringing him back in shape and it is hoped that after a few weeks of rest and relaxation he will be able to be back in his old time health.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of expressing to the kind friends and neighbors in Plattsmouth, Louisville and Omaha, our deepest appreciation of the acts of kindness shown us in the death of our loved father and also for the beautiful floral offerings.—The Children of Joseph Schmader.

## Miss Edith Martin Officer of Overseas Service Club

Former Plattsmouth Lady and War Time Worker Receives Vice-Presidency

From Friday's Daily—  
The national convention of the Women's Overseas Service League, organization of the army and Red Cross nurses, canteen workers and other women who served overseas in the world war, is meeting this week at Philadelphia, and in their meeting have brought representatives from all sections of the nation to again renew the incidents of the war time days when they were all serving their country and giving aid and comfort to the fighting force of their nation.

The election of officers was held on Thursday and Miss Edith Martin, of Omaha, former Plattsmouth lady, was named as a vice president of the national organization. Miss Shirley Farr of Chicago, being named as the president of the organization.

The selection of Miss Martin will be most pleasing news to the many friends here in the old home community and is an honor well deserved as Miss Martin has been a hard worker in the cause of the organization, devoting to the work the same enthusiasm and interest that she gave to the service to the soldiers and sailors in the days of the world war in France.

Miss Martin is a daughter of the late Dr. J. B. Martin and was for a number of years located on the west coast and at the outbreak of the war entered the service to serve until the last of the troops had left France, she being located at Brest, the port through which the greater number of the American soldiers passed. She is now connected with the Omaha Municipal university and formerly was teacher at the Cass school at Omaha.

### OBITUARY

Mr. Schmader was born in Germany September 9, 1859, and at the time of his passing on Monday morning, July 5, 1931, he was 71 years, 8 months and 19 days old. He was married before he came to this country and located at Cedar Creek, where some friends of his boyhood had settled. He came in the year 1886. Soon after that he sent for his wife and son, Joseph. About a year later his wife died, leaving her husband and the one son.

A few years later, Mr. Schmader was married to Catherine Penskofer. Ten children were born to them, of whom eight are living, seven sons and one daughter. The deceased children are Gottlieb and Fritz Schmader.

The children who survive are Frank, Andrew, Gottlieb and Mrs. Jack Wollen, of Omaha; Thomas and Edward, of Louisville; Mike, of Detroit, and George of Plattsmouth. There are eight grandchildren.

Mr. Schmader's wife died at Plattsmouth October 31, 1929, about two years after they left their farm home near Louisville, where they lived for many years, leaving it on account of the ill health of both Mr. and Mrs. Schmader.

Mr. Schmader was a good neighbor and friend and was helpful and kind to everyone and he always appreciated any kindness shown him. He loved his children and enjoyed seeing them. He mourned for his wife and had remarked that he should have been the first to answer the call of death.

His many friends regret that he suffered such poor health and while his family will miss him greatly they will be comforted to know that his sufferings are over.

### MANY VISIT LINCOLN

From Saturday's Daily—  
A large number of the Plattsmouth people interested in the athletic sports motored to Lincoln today, taking advantage of the holiday to enjoy the national A. A. U. meet that is being held in the capitol city and which is one of the outstanding athletic events of the year in the nation. The meet brings to Lincoln many of the greatest stars of the track and field sports and the events have been of the greatest interest. The cool day is expected to cause a number of the records to be lowered and especially in the track events.

Dividing honors with the stars of the sport world was Joe E. Brown, noted movie comedian, who on Friday staged several scenes for his new comedy and in which he raced with several of the stars, while the spectators at the meet were also shot as a part of the scenery of the meet.

### GUARD AGAINST RIOTS

Blakenburg, Germany.—Police were guarding against further disturbances here after twenty persons were injured during riots Sunday. Despite a government ban national socialist youth staged a meeting and for a while held the upper hand.

### HON. J. H. MOREHEAD COMING

Congressman John H. Morehead of Falls City, who has so faithfully and well represented the first congressional district of Nebraska since 1922, will visit this city on next Thursday and will be a guest of honor of the retail section of the Chamber of Commerce of this city. Congressman Morehead is one of the most popular leaders of Nebraska and in Cass county he has always received large majorities that have helped retain him in congress and the Plattsmouth and Cass county people are always delighted to meet their old friend and former governor.

## Wedding of Popular Banker of Weeping Water

Miss Mildred V. Noble of Fullerton Is Married to Frank Domingo of Weeping Water

Saturday evening, June 27th, at 9 o'clock, Mildred V. Noble, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Noble of Fullerton, Nebr., and Frank J. Domingo of Weeping Water, were united in marriage at the home the groom has just completed for his bride.

The marriage lines were read by Rev. Ralph Pinkham in the presence of immediate families, before a beautiful arrangement of fern, larkspur and daisies. Tall white tapers in rustic ivory candelabra was the only lighting used.

The bride's dress was of robin blue net. She carried a lovely bouquet of bride's roses. She was attended by her sister, Leah E. Noble of Lincoln, who wore a gown of shell pink and carried blue delphiniums.

Oscar E. Domingo of Weeping Water, only brother of the groom, acted as best man.

Refreshments were served with Mrs. S. Ray Smith, Mrs. W. A. Roberts and Mrs. H. V. Snyder, sisters of the bridal couple, acting as hostesses.

Mr. Domingo and his bride left immediately after the ceremony for a short trip.

Those present at the ceremony were: Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Noble and Lewis of Fullerton, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Roberts of Alinsworth, Miss Lois Lean of Elmwood, Mrs. Mary Domingo, Mr. and Mrs. S. Ray Smith and Mildred, O. E. Domingo and family, Dwain and Dale Reed, Rena Christensen and Henry Morgensen.

Frank J. Domingo was born and reared in Weeping Water, and is one of the substantial young business men of the city. For a number of years he has been cashier of the Nebraska State Bank.

### LOOK FOR IOWA BUSINESS

The new Iowa marriage license law which requires a five day notice before the issuance of the license, goes into effect today and a general boom in the marriage business in the Nebraska counties that adjoin Iowa is being anticipated. The experience of Nebraska with the famous ten day law showed that the number of licenses were cut almost half by the law and the same will no doubt be shown in our neighboring state. Those who would become wedded can find a fitting place for the ceremony here in this city where Judge Duxbury issues the coveted parchment that gives the permission to say "I will" and where there are ministers of almost all denominations to perform the ceremony as well as the Judge who is one of the most talented county judges in the state in the handling of the matrimonial desires of his visitors. All that the prospective groom has to procure is the ring if not with him, and the necessary \$2 for the license. For the accommodation of the Iowa lovers the new traffic bridge is an easy way to happiness.

### IN SERIOUS CONDITION

Miss Malinda Jochim, of Louisville, was taken very ill with a sudden attack of appendicitis and rushed to the hospital at Omaha where she was operated on Wednesday. The appendix was found to be ruptured and the case was very serious as peritonitis had developed and making the condition of the patient very grave. She is under special care and all possible is being done to relieve her condition and the family and host of friends are hopeful that the next few days may bring a change for the better and hasten her improvement.

### INQUIRY PLANS ANNOUNCED

Washington.—The Interstate Commerce commission announced that Commissioners Meyer, Lewis and Lee would conduct the investigation into the railroads' petition for a 15 percent freight rate increase. The commission also said four meetings of state railroad and utility commissioners would be held in various parts of the country on July 7 to select representatives of the states to sit with the commissioners. The meetings will be held in Washington, Atlanta, Kansas City and Salt Lake City.

## Hinds-Elgaard Wedding Held at Omaha

Members of Prominent Weeping Water Families Are Joined in the Bonds of Wedlock

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hinds and family, C. J. Elgaard and Miss Muriel Cole of Weeping Water, motored to Omaha Sunday afternoon, where the marriage of Miss June Margaret Hinds and Mrs. James A. Elgaard took place at 2 o'clock at the First Central Congregational church. The double ring ceremony was used. The bride wore a hand blocked peach colored chiffon frock, a matching lace straw hat and carried a bouquet of roses and snap-dragons. Her bridesmaid, Miss Muriel Cole, wore a ciel blue chiffon frock with matching hat and carried a bouquet of June roses. Harold Hinds, brother of the bride, acted as best man.

At seven o'clock the bridal dinner was served at the Paxton Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgaard left soon after for a honeymoon at Lake Okoboji. They will be at home at 110 North Raasch Avenue, Norfolk, Nebraska.

June Hinds is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hinds of Weeping Water, and is one of the most popular and accomplished young ladies of that city. Miss June was born in David City, and was a graduate of the high school of Weeping Water, took one year at the State University, and spent in year at the girls school at St. Charles, Mo. The last few years of her girlhood days were spent with her parents at the First National Bank, in which institution she was a very pleasant official to do business with.

James Anderson Elgaard is the eldest son of C. J. Elgaard, a hardware dealer at Weeping Water. He was born on a farm east of that city, and graduated from the high school, then attended the State University from which he graduated in the spring of 1921 as a civil engineer and with high honors. He at once took a position with the Iowa-Nebraska Power Company, and is now located at Norfolk, where the happy couple will reside.

### "TAKEN FOR A RIDE"

From Saturday's Daily—  
Mr. and Mrs. Harley Becker of Chicago arrived here this morning for a visit of a few days at the home of Mr. Becker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Becker and the other relatives and friends. As the visitors were from Chicago it was decided that for a home-like feeling they should be "taken for a ride." Having no Al Capone, Johnny the Terror, or One Eyed Ike, among the local people to do the honors of the "ride" M. D. Brown, the veteran jeweler and his faithful brush was called upon. The visit was supposed to be a surprise on the parents but instead was one on the visitors as the members of the family were gathered at the Burlington station, the brush was placed on the station platform and Mr. and Mrs. Becker were loaded into the Brush and away the big parade started to the Becker home.

### MARKED BY KIDNAPING GANG

New York.—Tips from the underworld that a highly organized gang of extortionists has marked a list of theatrical and professional people for kidnaping had police on the alert Friday. Detectives disclosed that among the wealthy persons who are under constant police guard to protect them from abduction are Frank Keeney, Brooklyn theatrical magnate and Florida race track owner. For more than a week Mr. Keeney was shadowed without his knowledge by detectives who received information that kidnapers had applied to their prey. Told of the precautions, he said he had received threats, but was not worried.

Altho Deputy Chief Inspector Sweeney, who assigned the guards, refused to divulge any other names, it is known that threats have come to wealthy persons, including hotel managers, recently. It was recalled that George Jessel, the comedian; Peggy Hopkins Joyce and Texas Guinan were assigned guards some time ago after they had been threatened while playing in Brooklyn.

### MEETING ENDS IN UPROAR

Basel, Switzerland.—Beri Locker, an American delegate, representing the Jewish socialist labor party, precipitated so serious a disturbance at a meeting of the Zionist congress that the session was temporarily adjourned. He charged that the Zionists assumed such proportions that the regime of Dr. Chaim Weizmann were following the teachings of Adolf Hitler, German anti-Semite, and revisionist delegates shouted him down.

It was then, says the Jewish Telegraphic agency, that the excitement assumed such proportions that the chairman declared a temporary adjournment. Vladimir Jabotinsky, leader of the Zionist revisionists, an opponent of the policies of Dr. Weizmann, was applauded earlier Thursday when he appealed to the Zionist congress for "one last experiment with Great Britain."