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Wurl-Hinman Wedding is Held at High Noon

Popular Plattsmouth Young Lady Wedded to Prominent Business Man of North Platte.

From Thursday's Daily—
The marriage of Miss Helen Wurl to Mr. York A. Hinman, Jr., was solemnized at noon Thursday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wurl. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. G. McClusky in the presence of the immediate members of the two families.

The fireplace, banked with baskets of pink roses and gladiolas formed a beautiful background for the simple ceremony. The bride wore her going-away costume and carried an arm bouquet of President Hoover roses. There were no attendants.

The ceremony was followed by a luncheon served to twenty guests.

The bride's cake occupied the center of the table, and pink tapers and cosmos were used for decoration in the dining room. Out-of-town guests were Mrs. Y. A. Hinman and Mrs. Crusen of North Platte, mother and grandmother of the groom, Miss Martha Wolf of Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Banner and Mr. Otto A. Wurl of Council Bluffs. The groom's mother has many friends in Plattsmouth, having visited here as state regent of the D. A. R.

The bride was born and reared in Plattsmouth and has taught in the North Platte high school for the past two years. She is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. The groom is a prominent young business man of North Platte, is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

The bride's traveling costume was of midnight blue fashioned with cream-colored bodice and fitted hip-length jacket. She wore a blue Eugene hat and accessories, and carried a beige lapin coat. After a motor trip through the south, Mr. and Mrs. Hinman will make their home at North Platte, where the groom has a charming new home awaiting them.

RETURNS FROM CONVENTION

Thursday afternoon Edgar Wescott of this city with Russell Wescott of Hastings and William Irons of Lincoln, arrived here from an auto trip in the east and where also they have attended the national convention of the Theta Pi fraternity. The young men are all members of the Nebraska chapter of the fraternity at the state university at Lincoln, Mr. Wescott being the president of the chapter, in which capacity he attended the national meeting. The convention was held at Muskoka Lakes, Canada, a short distance from Toronto, and which was attended by some 250 representatives of the various chapters over the country. En route to the meeting the three young men had a very fine sightseeing trip, visiting at Washington, D. C., New York City and Boston, and on the return trip they had the opportunity of visiting many of the large cities between here and Buffalo.

The party drove on to Lincoln today and will start in on the work of the school year and prepare for the "rushing" season which marks the opening of the university and the entertainments for the freshmen and prospective frat members.

SMOCK-PRICE WEDDING

Clara M. Smock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smock of Mynard, Nebr., and Kleener J. Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Price of Plattsmouth, were married last Wednesday, September 2nd at Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Harter of Louisville, Nebr., were the attendants. The bride and groom left immediately for eastern Iowa, coming home through southeastern Nebraska Sunday. They expect to make their home in Plattsmouth in the near future.

The many friends are wishing them much joy and happiness.

BRIDGE CLUB MEETS

The Two Square bridge club held a very delightful meeting on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. William H. Woolcott and the ladies spent the time in the fascinations of the game and in which much pleasure was derived by all of the members of the party. In the playing Mrs. Cyril Kalline was the prize winner, Mrs. Fred Ren, second, and Mrs. John L. Hadraba, the third prize winner. During the afternoon dainty and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess that added very much to the enjoyment of the occasion.

IOWA PEOPLE WEDDED

Thursday afternoon Rev. C. O. Troy of the First Methodist church was called upon to unite in the bonds of wedlock Miss Roxy Ellis and Gerald Randleman, both of Carroll, Iowa. Following the wedding, the newlyweds returned to their home in Iowa.

WILL ATTEND PERU

Miss Theresa Bierl, one of the honor students of the high school in the class of 1931, has left for Peru where she will attend the State Teacher's College at that place. Miss Bierl was awarded a scholarship for her excellent showing in her school work here and has chosen to accept that offered by the state normal school. With the fine scholastic record that Miss Bierl made in the high school here, she no doubt will be an outstanding student at the state college.

Henry Woster Has Close Call in Auto Wreck

Car Almost Demolished As It Crashed Into Truck Parked Along the Road Without Lights

From Thursday's Daily—
Henry Woster, clerk in the office of the county treasurer, had a very close call from serious if not fatal injuries when the Ford roadster that he was driving crashed into the rear end of a truck parked along highway No. 75 near the A. J. Tritley residence.

Mr. Woster, who lives a short distance south of the scene of the accident had started for the city shortly after dusk last evening and was driving along at a very fair rate of speed when a car was seen coming from the north and as it passed Mr. Woster's car he saw looming up a short distance ahead of him in the dusk, a truck, parked along the roadway and without lights. The distance was too short to stop the car and it was either to hit the truck or the other auto and to avoid the danger to the occupants of the car Mr. Woster took the chance on the truck.

The force of the impact caved in the radiator of the Woster car, smashed both front fenders as well as bending the frame of the car very badly. The windshield was of shock proof glass that merely shattered and did not break, otherwise the driver of the car would probably have been badly injured. Mr. Woster had a severe bruise on the chin where he struck the steering wheel as well as having bruises on the arms and legs, but which has not interfered with his work. The truck was owned by Joe Raitsten, of Omaha, and had been stopped to fix a punctured tire when the accident small one is one of the things that prevented the severe injury of Mr. Woster, as a larger truck would have torn the top off the car with the force of the impact.

QUEEN ESTHERS MEET

From Thursday's Daily—
The members of the Queen Esthers class of the Methodist church held a very enjoyable meeting last evening at the home of Mrs. Edgar S. Newton, with a very large number of the class in attendance.

The business session was largely taken up with the naming of the officers of the class it being necessary to name a successor to the late Mrs. Freda Sprecher, the president, and changes that were made in the other offices of the class. Miss Mary Persinger was named as the new president, Miss Germaine Mason as vice president and Miss Vivian Lightbody as the secretary of the class.

The members enjoyed games of various kinds and visiting with each other and at the close were treated to very dainty and delicious refreshments.

ENTERTAINED FOR MRS. SPEIR

Mrs. W. C. Soennichsen and sister, Mrs. E. B. Hickman of Moline, Illinois, were joint hostesses at a very charming afternoon bridge Wednesday at the Soennichsen home. The event was in honor of Mrs. Evi Speir who is to leave the coming week for Lincoln where the family are to make their home in the future. The time was spent most pleasantly in the fascinations of the game and in which Mrs. A. O. Moore was the winner of the high score and Mrs. C. A. Rosencrans the consolation while Mrs. Speir received the guest prize. At an appropriate hour very dainty and delicious refreshments were served that added to the pleasures of the occasion. The friends regret very much to see Mrs. Speir leave the city and her absence will be most keenly felt among the circle of friends in this community.

GEORGE SAYS HE IS RIGHT

George W. Olson, of this city, candidate last year for the democratic nomination for state senator, has evolved a method of dividing an angle into any equal parts, which is something new and has attracted a great deal of interest from those who have had the method of Mr. Olson explained to them. This is a new theory and George states that he is right and the rest of the world all wrong. He applied today for a copyright on his theory and which he is expecting to make quite a stir in the scientific world when it is made public.

Fred Patterson Found Murdered in Country Store

One of the Pioneers of Rock Bluffs Found Shot to Death Sunday Morning

The community of Rock Bluffs was profoundly stirred Sunday morning when Jean Hull, 10, going to the Farmers Cash store of which Fred Patterson, county surveyor, was the proprietor, finding the store locked, looking in the window at the store, discovered the body of Mr. Patterson lying on the floor against the north wall of the store room, the floor being covered with blood.

The child ran to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shera, the latter a daughter of Mr. Patterson and reported the gruesome find, the daughter then sending for Frank Smith and Fred Hull, two young men re-



FRED PATTERSON

siding nearby, to whom was given a key to the store and entrance made and the sheriff notified of the crime. As the horror stricken residents gathered near the store to await the arrival of the officers, the scene was a reminder of another almost similar tragedy, twenty-one years ago, when in her store the body of Mrs. Annette Shera, was found, also shot to death, the store building being on the site of the one that was built by Mr. Patterson in 1925. That the connection of the two cases was felt in the mind of the people of the community was apparent in the murmurs of the crowd as they awaited the coming of the law.

On entering the store the body of Mr. Patterson was found lying face down on the floor at the north end of the store room, just at the end of the counter that runs north and south through the store, a large gaping wound in the back of the neck at the base of the brain, telling the story of the slaying. Death had apparently been instantaneous, there being no indication of a struggle after Mr. Patterson had been shot. It was apparent that Mr. Patterson had been either going around the end of the counter to secure some article for the slayer or had been shot as he came out from behind the counter, and from the few clues that were to be learned he had apparently been waiting on someone at the time.

Mr. Patterson had been in the habit of usually retiring around nine o'clock each night, but Saturday evening his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patterson as well as Mark Furlong, an old neighbor, had been at the store to visit the aged man, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson leaving shortly before ten o'clock and Mr. Furlong a few moments later. As Mr. Furlong left for home, Mr. Patterson walked with him from the store to a gasoline pump at the roadside and locked the pump as he bade Mr. Furlong what was to be the last good night of the old friends. As Mr. Furlong drove away he saw a car approaching and when he was turning south at the corner a short distance east of the store he noticed a car stop at the store. The Sherd Graves family who reside south of the creek a short distance from the store, were up rather late Saturday and noticed that the light at the store was extinguished at near 10:30 and which is approximately the time that the aged man was shot to death.

Sheriff Reed and Deputy Sheriff Rex Young, found the store apparently undisturbed when they arrived the amount of \$44.80 in the till of the store indicating that the crime had not been for robbery at the hands of some wandering bandit. In the bed room of Mr. Patterson, a small room adjoining the store on the west end of the store and with which it was connected by door some distance from where the body was found, there was no sign of disturbance, the bed still made up and not slept in, beneath the pillow the revolver of Mr. Patterson, while at the head of the bed, placed between the bed and the wall was a large corn knife, such as used by farmers and which had apparently been kept by the aged man as a defensive weapon. After the survey of the premises the body was removed to the Straight undertaking rooms in this city where

the post-mortem was held by Dr. Roland Tyson, of Murray, he securing the bullet, which was lodged against the bone of the skull just above the right eye. The bullet had taken an upward course and was found to have been fired from a 38-calibre revolver.

The theory that the death had been caused by the motive of revenge was discounted by the relatives Sunday, he never having had as far as known, any enemies, altho he was a man that was outspoken in his opinions.

Mr. Patterson had frequently stated to friends and acquaintances that there was some menace to him from parties that he feared and in this connection the former murder, that of Mrs. Shera, was a part. Mr. Patterson had indicated that he had some knowledge of the case, telling this many times and which the relatives ascribe as a possible motive for the slaying of the aged man.

The scene of the crime was visited Sunday by Deputy State Sheriffs Batten and Benton, who spent some time looking over the situation and picking up what possible clues they might work in conjunction with the local officers.

Mr. Patterson has lived his lifetime in the community where he was killed, being brought here by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Patterson, when but a child of three years. He has served as county surveyor of Cass county partially, continuously for the past twenty years, being returned without opposition to office at each succeeding election. He was long active in the life of the Rock Bluff community. Mr. Patterson was twice married, both of his wives preceding him in death. He is survived by two sons and three daughters, Chase and Robert Patterson, Mrs. Joseph Shera, and Mrs. W. A. Baker, all of the vicinity of Rock Bluffs, and Mrs. Edna Baker of Nebraska City.

Death of Wm. Hunter, a Long Time Resident

After Illness of the Past Few Years One of Highly Esteemed Citizens Goes to Rest.

From Friday's Daily—
This morning shortly after 10 o'clock William Hunter, one of the long time residents of Cass county, passed to the last reward, his death health, he passing away at the family home on North Eighth street.

William Hunter was born February 10, 1861, at Fowles, Perth, Scotland, where he grew to manhood and resided until 1888, he arrived in the United States with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Collin Hunter, they going first to Cheyenne, Wyoming, where for a number of years Mr. Hunter resided and engaged in the ranching business. It was while on a visit to Wyoming on October 11, 1891, that Mr. Hunter was married to Miss Anna Bock, who is surviving him. The family came to Cass county some thirty-one years ago and located on the farm west of this city and where they have resided for the greater part of their life, moving into this city several years ago and later returning to the farm, but with the poor health of Mr. Hunter they have made their home in this city in late years. The deceased was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian faith and a member for many years of the First Presbyterian church of this city. He was a man honored and esteemed among those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance and his death will bring much regret from the old time friends.

There is surviving the passing of this good man, four children—Mrs. Clara Hunter Brewer, Callaway, Nebraska, Miss Helen Hunter of this city, Wallace Hunter of Norfolk, Nebraska, Mrs. Marie Hunter Ingwerson of this city. One child preceded the father in death, Mrs. Collin Hunter of Cheyenne, and one brother, Robert Hunter, residing in the old home in Scotland.

NOTED VOCALIST HERE

Mr. Joe Bjorn Dahl, one of the leading baritone singers of southern California, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Tidd at their home Thursday afternoon. Mr. Bjorn Dahl's home is in Long Beach, and he has established a wide reputation on the Pacific coast as a radio singer and as a soloist in many of the largest churches in that section of the country. He was on his way to Oberlin, Ohio, where he will take special voice training in the Conservatory of Music at Oberlin College. With Mr. E. H. Wescott, as his accompanist, Mr. Bjorn Dahl sang a number of selections, which charmed his hearers, and demonstrated the high quality of his rich baritone voice. He has a wonderfully pleasing personality. Mr. and Mrs. Tidd hope on his return next June to give the music lovers of this city an opportunity to hear him.

CHICKENS STOLEN

From Friday's Daily—
Sheriff Bert Reed was called to the vicinity of Union last night where a number of chickens were reported stolen from the Niday farm southeast of that place. The owner could not estimate just how many of the chickens had been taken. The sheriff spent some time in checking up the locality and it is thought that the party that took the chickens may be located.

NEW TAXI LINE

From Thursday's Daily—
This city which has been without the services of a taxi line since in July, is again to have this accommodation to those who travel and do not wish to walk, John Sanders today starting the management of a line that will care for the needs of the public. The taxi service will have its headquarters at the Hotel Riley as in the past.

Awards Made in Yard and Garden Contest

Yard of C. C. Wescott Receives First Award and That of Mrs. Frank Blotzer, Sr., Second

The Better Yards and Garden contest which has been staged the past several months in this city, was closed yesterday when the awards were announced by the judges of the contest, the judges having in the past week made a tour of the city and inspected the yards and gardens that had been entered in the contests. The judges of the contest were Charles W. Andrews, of the Marshall Nurseries of Arlington and Omaha, head of the landscape department of the nursery, and Carl Taylor, of Omaha, landscape architect.

The judges in their visit over the city were much impressed by the fine showing and neat and attractive home surroundings, which were excellent despite the fact that the intensely hot summer has made it difficult to maintain the beauty of the lawn and flower gardens.

The awards made in the contest and the reasons are as follows: First—Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wescott, general design embodying the principal of good yard design, making yard livable by use of seats and benches, successfully locating pool on hillside, lighting effects.

Second—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blotzer, Sr., individual ideas in planting, greatest variety of annuals, general garden design.

Third—George A. Kaffenberger, the greatest improvements in surroundings, vegetable garden free of weeds.

Fourth—C. W. Daniels, greatest amount of labor on surroundings, effort put forth in improving surroundings on a yard.

Fifth—Max Bowman, growing iris and shrubbery on west slope, also two lily pools, no city water making working under a handicap.

Sixth—Mrs. Jennie Whalen, greatest variety of flowers, annuals and perennials. To the following, prizes will be awarded as far as possible by the committee in charge of the contest and honorable mention is given to all of these:

C. E. Hartford, F. M. Bestor, E. G. Shellenbarger, Louis Lorenz, H. F. Goos, A. L. Tidd, L. D. Hiatt, T. P. Livingston, A. W. Cloldt, S. S. Davis, R. P. Westover, Mrs. E. H. Wescott, John J. Cloldt, A. H. Duxbury, C. A. Rawls, Henry Horn, Elizabeth Spangler, W. G. Kleck, Henry Starkjohn, Ralph Hill, J. G. Melinger, Rex Young, John Wynn, J. A. Pitz, Anton Hula, M. Hild, Thos. Walling, Mrs. E. Schubeck, Mrs. O. Gopen, J. H. Davis, H. E. Becker, F. A. Cloldt, Chas. Vitousek, Mrs. Frank Slavicek, John Tidball, W. H. Verner, Joe McKame, Otto Keck, Herman Thomas, John Melinger, J. J. Nowack, Cyril Janda, E. Weyrich, Mrs. Adah Moore, Augusta Martin, Jonas Johnson.

ADDS REFRIGERATING SYSTEM

The A. G. Bach store has just had installed as a part of their equipment a new Frigidaire which has been placed in the large ice box and will be used in caring for the meat supply of the store, making a very much more convenient means of handling this department of the store. Mr. Bach is also to have a refrigerator display case arranged at once to be used in the store to care for the lines of the stock that are perishable.

MARRIAGE BUSINESS GOOD

There is no depression effects shown in the marriage license department of the county judge's office altho the rest of the world may be singing the blues.

In the first ten days of September there were fifteen couples licensed to wed and one couple was refused the license because of the fact that the bride-to-be was not yet sixteen, the legal age at which a marriage license can be issued in Nebraska.

TENDER TEACHER FAREWELL

In the closing hours of the session of the high school Friday afternoon, the members of the school joined in an expression of their appreciation of the services of Miss Mary Jan Tidy, head of the department of English and dramatics, who is closing her school work. The appreciation of the school was voiced by Miss Midge Garnett, one of the students of Miss Tidball, who touched on the many pleasant relations of the teacher and the students and the regret that is felt at her departure. The response by Miss Tidball was filled with many remembrances of the happy times in the school and the friendly association with the students in their work.

RECEPTION TENDERED TO CITY TEACHING FORCE

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FIND ABANDONED CAR

From Thursday's Daily—
Last evening the members of the night police force were notified of the fact that an apparently abandoned car was parked along the highway north of the Nebraska Masonic Home. The car which was an old type Ford coupe, was brought on into this city and to be held here until claimed. The car had paper numbers from Douglas county and the authorities are taking steps to try and locate the owner of the car and the reason for the car's abandonment.

Reception Tendered to City Teaching Force

American Legion Building Scene of Very Pleasant Event Sponsored by Board of Education and Woman's Club

From Saturday's Daily—
The spacious American Legion community building was the scene of a very charming social gathering last evening in the reception or rather homecoming to the members of the teaching force of the city school, all but one of whom are members of the staff of last year.

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Early History of Plattsmouth is Recounted

By ROBERT FOSTER PATTERSON, Principal Plattsmouth H. S.

Gov. Cuming claimed that he found that the north Platte counties had the largest population but his own figures repudiate him. These gave the south Platte counties a population of 1,813 as against 914 for the north Platte region. This shows rather conclusively that the apportionment in the two houses was not honestly based upon the enumerated population and permitted the balance of power to swing in favor of the Omaha area.

In further support of the contention that the apportionment of 1855 was false, the census of 1855 may be cited. It gives the south Platte counties a population of 2,944 against 2,065 in the north Platte counties.

The foregoing facts seem to point conclusively to the fact that Gov. Cuming's apportionment of the first legislature was not based upon the actual census figures but was purposely manipulated in order to insure to Omaha and the north Platte counties, the upper hand in the important matter of locating the capitol. But quite aside from the question as to the veracity of the apportionment, the fact remains that the legislature met in Omaha as apportioned by Gov. Cuming and the narrow margin given to the north Platte was sufficient to carry the capitol to Omaha. The personnel of this first political body ought to be interestingly important enough from a historical standpoint to record here.

Richardson county: Council—J. L. Sharp; House—J. A. Singleton, D. M. Johnson. Forney county: Council—Richard Brown; House—J. M. Ward, W. A. Finney. Pierce county: Council—Hiram Bennet, C. H. Cowles, Henry Bradford; House—J. H. Decker, W. B. Hall, J. H. Cowles, Gideon Bennett, Wm. Maddox.

Cass county: Council—Lafayette Nuckolls; House—J. A. Latham, Wm. Kempton, J. D. Thompson. Franklin county: Council—B. R. Folsom; House—J. B. Robertson, H. C. Purple. Douglas county: Council—O. D. Richardson, A. D. Jones, T. G. Goodwill, Sam Rogers; House—A. J. Farnsworth, J. A. D. Gonyea, J. Popperton, Fleming Davidson, Wm. Clancy, Wm. Byers, Thos. Davis, R. B. Whited.

Dodge county: Council—M. H. Clark; House—J. W. Richardson, Eli Doyle. Washington county: Council—J. C. Mitchell; House—Anselm Arnold, A. J. Smith.

With the claims of Omaha and Bellevue, the ire aroused by the apparent preference of Gov. Cuming for Omaha and the conclusion that the apportionment of the legislature was not honest, we have the legislative stage set for the battle which took place in the house and council. Add to these facts, the division of the territory into two hostile camps with the Platte as the dividing line and the setting appears for the outstanding feature of this first legislature, the capitol quarrel.

It is particularly interesting to note that the first motion on the capitol question in the House was made by Mr. Latham of Cass county. On January 24, 1855, House File No. 8 to locate the seat of government was read for the first time and Mr. Latham moved that it be advanced to second reading. The motion carried 16 to 9. The original bill designated no town, leaving this for the legislature to supply. Immediately following the vote on Mr. Latham's motion, Mr. Kempton, also of Cass county, moved to insert Plattsmouth in the bill. Mr. Latham took the floor in support of the motion and pictured to the House the advantages of the location of Plattsmouth. He alluded to the injustice done the South Platte counties in the apportionment and "spoke