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Death of Old Time Resident of This City

Mrs. Louise Turner, 91, Dies at Invalid Home in Omaha Saturday Afternoon.

Mrs. Louise Turner, 91, a resident of Plattsmouth from pioneer days, passed away Saturday afternoon at 1:30 at the Immanuel hospital at Omaha. Mrs. Turner has been poorly for some time, gradually failing under the burden of years until death came to her relief.

The deceased lady was a daughter of John and Harriett Forgraves, born July 25, 1840, at Millard, Pennsylvania. Her lifetime has covered some of the greatest steps in the history of the nation, as at the time of her birth Martin VanBuren was closing his term as president of the United States, the Mexican war was fought when she was four years of age and later the great civil war between the states. After reaching young womanhood she was married to William Turner, the family later moving to western Iowa and in early days of Nebraska moved to Plattsmouth. Mr. Turner was engaged in his trade of brick mason for many years and also operated a small store here for a number of years. In later years the aged couple made their home with their daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Marshall. Since the removal of the Marshall family to here for the greater part of the time in Omaha, Mr. Turner died some twenty years ago in this city. While residents here Mr. and Mrs. Turner joined the Christian church and in which faith they remained very devout until death.

Mrs. Turner is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Eva Thomson of Los Angeles, her other children, Mrs. C. A. Marshall and Robert Turner have preceded her in death. One brother, Lyman Forgraves of St. Louis is also surviving. The only member of the family residing here is one grandson, C. A. Marshall, Jr., the other grandchildren residing in the west.

YOUNG PEOPLE ARE WEDDED

Sunday morning a party of young people of Syracuse, Nebraska, were in the city, motoring up for the purpose of attending the wedding of Miss Thelma Heather and Graydon McCormick, who were members of the auto party. The bride party secured the services of Judge A. H. Duxbury at his home and who pronounced the words that were to make the happy young people man and wife. The bride and groom were accompanied to this city by Misses Venus Bray, Nora Hobash, Mrs. Glen Rutledge of Syracuse and Mr. Carlisle Thompson of Lincoln. Following the wedding the auto party motored on back to Syracuse to receive the congratulations of the relatives and friends.

Both of the parties are among the best known and popular young people of the Syracuse community where they have grown to manhood and womanhood. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Heather, while the groom is a son of Mrs. Nan McCormick. The bride and groom are planning on making their future home at Syracuse.

RALLIES FROM OPERATION

The host of friends over Nebraska of James M. Robertson, of this city, will be pleased to learn that Mr. Robertson is doing very nicely at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha, where he was operated on last week. Mr. Robertson several months ago was at the hospital for treatment and an operation and the patient was sent home to rest and recuperate before the second operation that was necessary to clear up his condition, was made. The patient has come through the ordeal nicely and seems well on the highway to recovery. Mr. Robertson is one of the prominent figures in Nebraska Masonry and with a large acquaintance over the entire state who will be pleased to learn of his improvement.

VISITS RELATIVES HERE

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Johnson of Greeley, Colorado, and Mrs. L. T. Johnson of Holdrege, Nebraska, were here Sunday as guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Tidball, the ladies being sisters of Mr. Tidball. The party had come to Lincoln to attend the Nebraska-Kansas football game and also to visit with the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, who is attending the University of Nebraska, taking advantage of the opportunity to enjoy the visit here with the Tidball family.

NAME NEW SECRETARY

The directors of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Co., of which J. P. Falter was secretary from 1893 to his death last week, met Saturday and named as the temporary secretary, W. H. Puls of this city, one of the long time stockholders in the company. Mr. Puls' appointment covers until the annual meeting of the company in January when the officers of the association are elected.

DR. LIVINGSTON IMPROVING

A number of the friends of Dr. J. S. Livingston, who is a patient at the Immanuel hospital at Omaha, were at the hospital Sunday to enjoy a visit with the genial doctor. Dr. Livingston is feeling much better but is still receiving treatment. With his improved condition Dr. Livingston has been able to convert to the cause of democracy his fellow room-mate and also the nurses who have his case in hand, all now being enthusiastic democrats. The many friends here are delighted to learn of his improvement and hope he may soon be back home.

Frank Horsack Wins Golf Trophy for Second Year

1930 Champion Wins Title Again Sunday—W. T. Distell Wins Lame Duck Flight.

Playing a brilliant and consistent game of golf, Frank Horsack, defending city champion, Sunday afternoon defeated E. C. Harris for the 1931 championship, scoring his second consecutive victory. In the morning eighteen holes Horsack finished four up. In the afternoon the champion was in great form and swept through the remaining eighteen holes, showing some brilliant playing that it was impossible to overcome.

The golf championship cup was donated to the club in 1924 by M. D. Brown and has been held by a number of the outstanding golfers of the club. In the first days of the club Mr. Horsack, then a mere lad, served as a caddy at the course and has since defeated many of the old masters that have taught him the game. The cup was held by Dr. R. P. West over two different years as well as A. O. Moore, but not in consecutive years. Jess F. Wagon, Donald Pittman and the present champion.

The lame duck flight of the 1931 tournament was won Sunday by W. T. Distell, exalted ruler of the Elks, who defeated Carl Ote two up in the eighteen hole contest.

The consolation flight championship was not completed, as R. W. Knorr and Rev. H. G. McClusky have yet to complete their battle in the semi-finals to decide which of the two are to meet Paul Wohlfarth in the finals. It is expected that this will be played off this week and the honors awarded to the victor.

The matches Sunday were watched by a very large crowd and much interest showed in the finals that were to decide the question of championships especially in the championship flight.

GIVES ENTERTAINMENT

From Tuesday's Daily—Last evening the residents at the Nebraska Masonic Home were given a most delightful evening of song and music under the auspices of the Eastern Star, a large number of local people participating in the very happy event.

Miss Gertrude Valley, two of the clever and talented young people of the city gave a group of the popular songs that were much enjoyed, Mrs. R. W. Knorr playing the accompaniment for the youngsters.

Miss Gertrude Valley was heard in a group of readings that added to the interest of the program.

Mrs. E. H. Wescott in her portion of the program gave a group of vocal selections that added much to the high standard of the evening program.

The Masonic quartet composed of Frank A. Cloldt, Raymond C. Cook, H. G. McClusky and R. W. Knorr gave a number of selections that embraced the old and loved songs and the songs of today. E. H. Wescott was the accompanist.

Mrs. Bea McEwen, worthy matron of Home chapter, No. 189, of the Eastern Star, gave a very pleasing talk at the close of the program and touching on the pleasures of meeting the residents of the Home.

At the close of the evening, William F. Evers, superintendent of the Home, on behalf of the residents and the staff at the Home expressed the appreciation that they felt for the delightful evening.

INSPECTOR VISITS W. R. C.

The members of the Woman's Relief Corps held a very interesting meeting at their rooms in the court house on Saturday. The occasion was the visit of Mrs. Dora Michael, of Tekamah, state department inspector. The ladies enjoyed a fine covered dish luncheon at noon and this was followed by the inspection of the post and its records. The work of the local officers received warm praise from Mrs. Michael.

VISITING THE SCHOOLS

Miss Alpha C. Peterson, superintendent of the county schools, is busy the last few days in visiting the schools over the various sections of the county. Miss Peterson is out today on her visitations and expects Thursday to go to Omaha where the second district of the state teachers association meets. She is to be in charge of the rural school section of the meetings.

Wedding of Plattsmouth Girl in California

Miss Elva Hartford Married to Harold Hartley, Former Cornhusker Football Captain.

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 26.—Of interest to local city and Nebraska circles is the wedding of Miss Elva Hartford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hartford of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, and Harold Sutfill, Hartley, son of Mrs. Mary Hartley and the late Mr. Hartley of Harvard, Nebraska.

The wedding was solemnized at 5 o'clock on October 17th at the Wee Kite of the Heather, with Dr. Philip Easley officiating, and the bride was given in marriage by Mr. J. Earlton Moore.

Simplicity marked the wedding appointments. The bride was beautifully gowned in ivory velvet with tulle veil, and she carried a shower bouquet of gardenias and lilies of the valley.

Miss Maurine Parker, in chartreuse panne velvet carrying Talisman roses, and Miss Mae Regan, in peach colored panne velvet, carrying yellow roses, were the bridesmaids.

Assisting Mr. Hartley as best man was Paul Sandmeyer, and Mr. Kenneth Schwab was the usher.

Foregoing a reception, Mr. and Mrs. Hartley left immediately after the ceremony for a northern honeymoon, and on their return will reside in Los Angeles.

Both the bride and groom were graduated from the University of Nebraska, Mrs. Hartley being a Phi Beta Phi sorority member, and Mr. Hartley a Phi Delta Theta fraternity man. He is former captain of the Nebraska university football team.

The bride has had a great many parties given in her honor prior to their marriage. The groom shared many of these honors, but on October 10th at the Roosevelt Hotel in Hollywood, he was the honor guest at a stag dinner, given in a private dining room, with the following guests: Clifford Hey, J. Loren Hastings, J. D. Middleton, Henry Abbe, Kenneth Schwab, Robert G. Gieseler, Buck Blakely, H. S. Hartley.

NEED OF CARE OF UNFORTUNATES COMING WINTER

As the winter approaches there is a growing need of some central place and organized effort to care for the unfortunates that are traveling over the country and pass through this community.

Each night, growing numbers are quartered by the police overnight at the city jail, where the men are sheltered from the cold of the night, while there is only the concrete floors to rest upon after the few bunks are taken. It is at least warm and dry.

In the morning the men are turned out and then for several hours they are roving over the business and residential section of the city seeking food. The pangs of hunger are something that legislation or strong arm methods cannot deal with, a man who is without food is one that will take almost any steps to sustain life, for which he cannot be blamed.

Officers Joe Libershal and Officer Dave Pickrel, who have charge of the quartering of the men, state that a larger part of the men are those who are seeking some employment, apparently persons who have been industrious and worthy citizens until the last month have driven them out of employment.

Many have suggested that a room be secured where there can be served a bowl of soup, coffee and bread, the funds for the maintenance of the eating place to be secured by contributions of citizens, the city if possible making any other source to care for the feeding of the needy. Contributions from the business houses would probably save them money, as in the early morning hours, groceries, meat markets, bakeries, restaurants, and creamery are besieged for donations of something to eat while other places are invaded by those who seek a money contribution.

A central place where simple, sustaining food might be given the men and they then sent on their way, could easily be established. There is no doubt that anyone would be glad to do all possible to aid in this work, both as a humanitarian proposition as well as a practical means of avoiding the constant pleas and requests for aid.

PRESENTS ILLUS-TRATED LECTURE

On Saturday evening at the Nebraska Masonic Home, William H. Parker, of Nebraska lodge No. 1, of Omaha, presented a very interesting illustrated lecture on Glacier National Park. The lecture took the audience in the pictures through the beauties of this great northern wonderland, a vision of the charm and lure of the great mountain sections of the nation. Accompanying the lecturer were Harold E. Thom, worshipful master, and Frank Wilcox, secretary of Nebraska lodge No. 1, as well as James Noble, superintendent of Boys' Home at Omaha, and Robert J. Jones.

VISITS OLD FRIENDS

Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bruhl, of Lincoln motored to this city bringing with them Mrs. Margaret Measpecker, grandmother of Mr. Bruhl and Mrs. Dollie Smith and daughter, Miss Ruth. The party spent some time here in the renewal of the acquaintance of the old friends, the Measpecker and Smith families having resided here for a great many years, while the parents of Mr. Bruhl, Mr. and Mrs. George Bruhl, were also former Plattsmouth residents. The Joe Bruhl family have just recently returned to Lincoln to live after a residence in Cleveland, Ohio.

SHERIFF NEED MUCH BETTER

From Wednesday's Daily—The condition of Sheriff Bert Reed was reported today as being very much improved, the patient appearing brighter in every way and his physical strength seeming to be gaining. The patient was the best today that he has been since his illness and his heart seems to be responding well to the treatment. It is most pleasant news to the thousands of friends over the county that Sheriff Reed is rallying so nicely and it is hoped that he may be able to continue this rate of improvement until he is able to be safely on the highway to recovery.

Omaha Hunting Party Falls into Hands of Law

Police Officers Arrest Party of Five Hunters, Some of Whom Under Influence of Liquor.

From Monday's Daily—Late Saturday night the night police were called to the vicinity of the sub station of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co., where an auto party was reported to be stopped and the members apparently under the influence of liquor.

Officers Libershal and Pickrel motored out to the scene and discovered that the reports as to the condition of some of the party was true as far as the apparent effects of liquor was concerned. The party was all brought in and placed in the city jail. Deputy Sheriff Rex Young, assisting in the conveying of the prisoners.

The members of the party comprised Frank Pearlhall, Jim Harvat, Mac Randall and two deaf mutes, the mutes being apparently not drunk or violating the law were later held over to face the police court docket this morning.

When Judge Gaves opened the regular session of court this morning the men were arraigned, Pearlhall and Randall entering a plea of guilty to the charge of being under the influence of liquor and were given a fine of \$10 and costs for the offense and failing to pay will be guests at the city jail until the fine is paid. Harvat entered a plea of not guilty to the charge and will be given a hearing this evening when the police officers are on duty that made the arrests of the men.

ENJOY DANCING PROGRAM

From Tuesday's Daily—At the weekly luncheon of the Rotary club at the Majestic cafe today, the members had the pleasure of enjoying a program of modernistic dancing staged by Miss Anna May Sandin, teacher of dancing, presenting two of her pupils, Miss Mary Jane Marks and Miss Joan Moore. The trio gave several of the tap dances as well as solo numbers by the pupils and Miss Sandin. The young ladies acquitted themselves splendidly and reflected splendid training and artistic presentation of the dances.

Rev. H. A. McKealy of the Myrard U. B. church, was the speaker of the day and gave a most inspirational address on "The Man and the Boy," an address that held the closest interest of the auditors and carried a message that all will long remember.

The program was under the leadership of Frank R. Gobelman, who had prepared one of the finest offerings in recent months.

SHERIFF ABOUT SAME

From Tuesday's Daily—Sheriff Bert Reed today was reported as holding his own well after several days of critical illness. The sheriff was restless for the earlier part of the night but seemed to improve some toward morning and was resting fairly well today. His condition is still very critical and gives a great deal of apprehension to the family as to the outcome of the case.

BACK ON THE JOB

From Tuesday's Daily—A. G. Bach, one of the well known business men of the city, who has been on the sick list for several days, is now so far recovered that he is able to be back on the job at the store. Mr. Bach is still feeling somewhat the effects of his illness but is able to be out and assisting in the work at the store.

Hallowe'en Party Enjoyed by K. T.'s and Their Ladies

Members of Mt. Zion Commandery and Ladies Enjoy Party and Venison Banquet.

From Wednesday's Daily—Last evening the members of Mt. Zion commandery of the Knights Templar with their ladies and a number of the leading members of the grand commandery of Nebraska, enjoyed a most delightful Hallowe'en party at the Masonic hall.

The spacious lodge room of the building was bright and colorful with the decorations of the season, corn shocks, ghosts, jack o'lanterns and the orange and black caps of the guests making a bright setting for the pleasant occasion.

The main event of the evening was the banquet prepared by the ladies of the Eastern Star and served by the members of Cass Chapter of the DeMolay in a very efficient manner. This feast was due to the thoughtfulness of Warren A. Tulene, one of the members of Mt. Zion commandery, and George T. Iske of Kaysee, Wyoming, who had provided the venison as the basis for the dinner.

The menu was as follows:

- Throat Ticklers
- Roast Venison
- Flattened Spuds with Covering
- Scowl Lip Sauce
- Pickled Green Plums
- Celery
- Gruessed Rocks
- Boiled Juice
- White Capped Jack
- O'Lantern Pie
- Big Swig Dimme Tasse

FUNERAL OF MRS. TURNER

The funeral services of Mrs. Louise Turner was held Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 at the Sattler funeral home, where a number of the old friends and neighbors gathered to share with the bereaved family the sorrow that her taking away had occasioned. Mrs. Turner, who was 91 years of age, died on Saturday evening at the Immanuel Home for the Aged at Omaha.

Rev. G. W. Gregory of the Christian church had charge of the services and gave words of comfort to the members of the bereaved family circle and the old friends.

During the services Mrs. Hal Garnett and Frank A. Cloldt gave as a duet two of the old hymns, "Jesus Savior of My Soul" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," with Mrs. O. C. Hudson playing the accompaniment.

The interment was at the Oak Hill cemetery, the pall bearers being selected from among the members of the American Legion, they being Fred Lugueh, W. R. Holly, C. E. Ledgway, Albert Olson, Don Siever, Henry Soenlchsen.

RETURNS FROM ILLINOIS

S. S. Gooding of Omaha has just returned home from a trip through Illinois and during which time he visited at Galesburg, Savannah and Chicago, spending some time at each place with old time railroad friends. At Galesburg he met Mac Standburg, who was a foreman in the store department under W. F. Huneke several years ago.

SEEKS TO QUIET TITLE

From Wednesday's Daily—A suit to quiet title has been filed in the office of the clerk of the district court by F. W. Klusmire, in which he seeks to have the title to some 500 acres of land located on an island southeast of this city, quieted. The island was formerly known as Speck's island but in recent years has been owned by Mr. Klusmire, who has had the same surveyed and platted by the county surveyor and made a part of the county records. The action is filed against those who may have had some claim to the land embraced in the island in past years.

City Council Holds a Short, Busy Session

Matters of Routine Passed—Finance Committee Reports on Alleged Irregularities

From Tuesday's Daily—The session of the city council last evening was one that was short and to the point, the members disposing of the body in an hour and then tending their way homeward. With the city expenses whittled to the lowest possible figure there was little of new civic expansion discussed.

The request of Police Judge C. L. Graves for a new docket wherein to write the findings and shortcomings of the customers of his court, was granted on motion of Luschinsky.

Councilman Patton reported that the traffic wart that had stood for years at the intersection of Main and Sixth street needed replacing. This was referred to the streets, alleys and bridges committee to see that another was moved to that location.

It was voted on the suggestion of Luschinsky that First street be fixed up in proper shape for the winter season, this street having been washed a great deal during the early fall rains.

Councilman Webb took up the matter of the small rubber stop sign that stands in the center of Sixth street at the Main street intersection, this being worn and causing strangers to think it a stop sign, with the result that many of the visiting motorists stopped there and the local people with cars bumping into them. It was decided to have this sign removed.

Councilman Davis of the finance committee took up the matter of the investigations of the claims made as to irregularities in the city book keeping or handling of funds. In regard to the claim that there was a discrepancy of \$1,000 in paying districts No. 29 to 33 bond issue, Mr. Davis pointed out that the total amount of bonds issued was for \$21,000 that \$11,000 had been used in exchanging direct registered warrants while the \$10,000 had been paid the city by bonding companies buying the same of which there was a record on the treasurer's book but not of the \$11,000 which had had through persons checking the council proceedings to believe there was a discrepancy of \$1,000 which in fact did not exist. Mr. Davis stated also that at the request of the banks of the city, City Treasurer Kirkman was now paying by checks on the funds which were not overdrawn instead of paying the warrants direct.

At the city had contracts with the water and light companies for service over a stated period it was decided to have warrants cared for by the municipal fund for the present.

Mayor Sattler urged that the streets, alleys and bridges committee take some action as to stopping the water washing at the west end of the Granite street viaduct leading to Livingston Road.

A communication was received from V. T. Arn asking that he be given permission to make a driveway into his yard on Eighth street, so that he might have access to and from his garage. This was referred to the streets, alleys and bridges committee for action.

On motion of Councilman Puls it was ordered that some necessary work be done near the Perry property of South Fourteenth street so that the property owner might place gravel on the street leading to his home.

The following claims were ordered paid:

George Taylor, street work	\$ 27.15
Walt Byers, same	30.32
John Kubicka, same	15.20
Charles Gradoville, same	13.60
George Taylor, burying three dogs	.95
Sinclair Refining Co., gas	16.16
Cloldt Lumber & Coal Co., supplies	36.04
William Hiner, street work	2.00
A. L. Brown, meat tickets	6.00
Ben Turner, charging battery	1.25
Ole Oil Co., supplies fire department	1.15
F. G. Fricke, supplies fire department	1.15
Anderson Co., supplies fire department	27.00

If you want the best in school supplies for the least money, buy at the Bates Book and Stationery Store in Plattsmouth.

Early History of Plattsmouth is Recounted

By ROBERT FOSTER PATTERSON, Principal Plattsmouth H. S.

Still, in the face of two adverse rulings of the highest court in the state, citizens of Weeping Water began the circulation of another petition. Numerous signers were secured but due to irregularities in many of the names, the County Commissioners, weary of the lengths to which the case had gone, refused to grant the plea of the petition. The removalists claimed that they could get 4000 signatures and the Commissioners were exasperated for their action. The Plattsmouth Saturday Mirror defended the action of the Commissioners and branded the abuse heaped upon them as unfair. "The Board acted as the law directs and as they were compelled by law to do," argued The Mirror. But harassed by the Weeping Water and Louisville papers, the Commissioners issued an open letter to the voters of Cass county in which they stated their reasons for refusing petitions for another election. They argued that they were compelled by law to act in a judicial manner. In support of this it was cited that forty days were spent in making a thorough and impartial investigation and "that as the inquiry proceeded, we ascertained by the clearest proof that names appearing on the petition had been duplicated, that minors and non-residents in large numbers had signed the petition, that others had been induced to sign it under the representation that they were signing a petition against prohibition and as we examined each name appearing on said petition, the fact was disclosed that 369 names did not comply with the law governing county seat elections." In concluding its statement, the Board called upon the disgruntled petitioners to take their case to the courts. The statement was signed by the three Commissioners: A. B. Todd, A. C. Loder and Jacob Trisch.

It was fortunate for Plattsmouth that all three Commissioners were in favor of Plattsmouth as the seat of government. Mr. Todd was a resident of Plattsmouth, Mr. Trisch lived in the Eight Mile Grove community near Plattsmouth and naturally opposed Weeping Water. Mr. Loder lived near Greenwood and rail connections were much better to Plattsmouth than to Weeping Water. Today, with graveled and paved roads, accessibility to the county seat is not a vital question for scarcely any part of the county is isolated. But in the county seat warfare of the period under discussion, rail connection was important and Plattsmouth was situated on both the Burlington and Missouri Pacific lines.

In addition to victory in the courts, Plattsmouth gained another point when the bonds were sold. The contract for the construction of the present court house was awarded to O. J. King & Co. of Omaha who were low bidders with a bid of \$67,910. The contract was signed on behalf of the city and as bondsmen by C. H. Parmele and F. M. Ritchie.

In the latter part of February, 1891, the County Commissioners advertised for sealed bids for the purchase of the old county buildings which had stood since 1863. In a tone of mild sarcasm, the Saturday Mirror suggested that "this will be a rare opportunity for either Weeping Water or Louisville to secure a court house at a very modest cost. The buildings are, slightly frayed around the edges, but with careful usage could be made to go service for several years."

Again the opponents of Plattsmouth went to the courts in an attempt to block the erection of the new building. On March 4, 1891, James Stander of Louisville filed a motion in district court seeking an injunction restraining the Commissioners from disposing of the old buildings which had been sold to Walter J. White for the sum of \$55.00. The plaintiff alleged that the sale was illegal since no proposition for the sale of the property had been submitted to the people; that the Commissioners were without authority of law; that the pretended sale conveyed no title and that the property involved was worth at least \$1000. For these reasons, the Plaintiff asked that the Commissioners be enjoined. The Court stipulated that the plaintiff, Stander, must deposit a bond of \$150,000 to insure the county against loss from delay and this he did not do. Shortly after the filing of the petition, Stander signed a statement withdrawing his injunction action and this withdrawal was entered in the records of the court.

Having defeated removalist attempts; succeeded in voting the bonds for building and balked the obstructionists in the courts, the construction of the court house could begin. Commenting on the apparent close of the county seat quarrel, The Plattsmouth Saturday Mirror on February 14, 1891 said: "Now that Plattsmouth is about to erect a building commensurate to her need, it is hoped that the bitter feeling toward

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