

# The Plattsmouth Journal

## Beautiful Services at St. Luke's Church

Midnight Mass at Church Christmas Eve Attended by Knights Templar of City

A congregation taxing the capacity of the building assembled at St. Luke's Episcopal church on Thursday night at 11:30 for the customary Holy Communion service which ushers in the Christmas Feast. The members of the local Commandery of the Order of Knights Templar augmented the usual large congregation and joined heartily in the singing of familiar hymns and the various responsive parts of the service. The church was decorated with evergreens and brilliant red foliage. A stream of light from a tiny floodlight illuminated a model of the manger scene, and the altar was aglow with a deep mellow light, as the acolyte slowly touched each of the many candles with his taper. The ceremonial of the Episcopal church called for the use of the beautiful white vestments embroidered with costly silk, used only at such seasons as Christmas and Easter. The choir and Rector were assisted by several of the young men who were formerly residents of the city. Mr. Edward Patterson of San Francisco sang the "Cantique de Noel." Mr. Robert Livingston of the University of Nebraska acted as crucifer, and supervised the diming of the lights. Mr. James Begley acted as Master of Ceremonies within the altar rail. Regular acolytes were on duty for the Epistle and Gospel side. Mr. William McMaken and Mr. Edward Egenberger. The Rector gave a short address on the "Meaning of Christmas" stressing the three sides of Renewal of broken friendships and of our sacred vows; Rejoicing which takes our minds away from the general strain of present hour living, and Reality as found by the shepherds. The presence of Christ was urged as a reality in everyday living. Two other services marked the remainder of the day. Promptly at 10 a. m. a second celebration of the Holy Communion was held with Richard Fering and William McMaken as the servers, and the Rector speaking briefly on "The Mask of God." At 11 a. m. the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Jaques of Alexandria, Nebraska, was received into the church by the sacrament of Baptism. Judge and Mrs. James Begley and other members of the family and intimate friends were the witnesses and sponsors at this ceremony.

## MARRIED IN DAKOTA

This afternoon at 5 o'clock at Winner, South Dakota, occurred the marriage of Leo Amos, of Lyons, Nebraska, and Mr. Chester Burdett Briggs, of Winner, a former resident of Plattsmouth.

The wedding was very quiet and immediately following the ceremony the young people departed by auto for Omaha, where they are to be guests over Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frazen, the latter a sister of Mr. Briggs. In honor of the wedding the members of the family will enjoy Christmas at the Frazen home. Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Briggs, of this city, parents of the groom, joining the family party Friday morning.

The groom is well known in this city where he was born and reared to manhood, receiving his education in the local schools and was for a period of several years engaged as an operator on the Plattsmouth Journal. He has for the past two years been engaged as an operator on the Tripp County Journal, at Winner.

## SEEKS TO SIGN PLEDGE

Wednesday afternoon Van Dyer, who was in the car wrecked north of this city Tuesday night, was arraigned in the county court before Judge A. H. Duxbury. The man was charged with being intoxicated and stated to the court that he had been under the care of a specialist and had been forbidden to drink, yielding to the desire he had taken one drink and this had completely placed him out of commission. He did not recall having caused the wreck of the car. The court after hearing the evidence in the case placed a fine of \$10 and costs as the price to be paid. The man sought to have the fine suspended and agreed to sign "the Pledge" but this was denied by the court. Judge Duxbury demanding the coin instead of the promise to avoid liquor.

Business will improve only as we contribute to its improvement by exercising our purchasing power.

## CHILD INJURES EYE

David, two and a half year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kuhns, was the victim of a very serious accident Wednesday. The little babe had secured an open pen knife which one of the older children had been playing with, the little one starting to play, stuck the blade into the right eye. The knife inflicted a very painful and dangerous cut on the eyeball. The accident greatly alarmed the family that the little one had destroyed the sight of the eye, but medical aid being called it was found that the sight of the eye was not injured.

## Louisville Young Man Killed in Wreck

William N. Fosberg Hured From Truck and Under Wheels of Freight Train.

William N. Fosberg, 24, of Louisville, was killed and Dale Halbert, 25, of Omaha, severely injured Wednesday night when the truck in which they were riding crashed into a southbound Burlington freight train at a crossing south of Lincoln. Trainmen said it appeared that Fosberg was thrown out of the truck and under the wheels of the train. Both his legs were almost severed, and his head was injured badly. The body was found about four feet off the pavement.

Halbert, driver of the truck, was taken near the tracks. He was taken to a hospital at Lincoln with a broken nose, cuts about the head and hands, and a possible skull fracture. Fosberg was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Fosberg of Louisville. Both young men were employed by the state bureau of fisheries, and were returning to Lincoln from a trip to Sprague.

## CHARGED WITH TRANSPORTING

From Thursday's Daily  
Walter Johnson, who was picked up by Deputy Sheriff Rex Young and Constable Tom Svaboda near the Rock Creek filling station late Tuesday night, was arraigned in the county court today.

Johnson is charged with driving a car while intoxicated as well as in count charging possession and transportation of liquor. The Chevrolet coupe, 1931 model, is also impounded in the complaint and if the defendant is found guilty the car will be offered for sale under the state prohibition law.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. MANACEK

The funeral services of Mrs. Joseph Manacek was held this afternoon at the late home, 1533 South 25th avenue, Omaha. The services at the home were conducted by Rev. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, who spoke a comforting message to the sorrowing relatives and friends of the life everlasting and the reward of the faithful in the blessings of the hereafter. During the service Frank A. Cloldt of this city gave the eulogy. The City Post Square and "In the Garden."

## VISITS RELATIVES HERE

This morning J. V. Rotter of Newcastle, Wyoming, arrived here for a visit over the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rotter, as well as with his daughter, Miss Ruth Rotter, who has made her home here with the grandparents. This is the first visit that Mr. Rotter has enjoyed here since 1916 and the first time the daughter has had the pleasure of being with the father for a number of years.

## TO VISIT AT PENDER

This afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Mart Buttery departed for Omaha where they visited at the home of their son, Ernest Buttery and family and later continued on to Pender. Mr. and Mrs. Buttery, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Buttery and son, Ernest, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Buttery, are to be guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Buttery and family at Pender Christmas day.

## Christmas is Observed Very Impressively

Churches of City With Religious Observances and Home Gatherings Mark the Day

Christmas day 1931, in Plattsmouth was one of the warmest in the history of the city, the atmosphere being mild as spring and permitting the residents of the community to get out and enjoy the holiday. The religious services that marked the day opened Thursday evening with the midnight celebration of the masses at the St. Luke's Episcopal church, the St. John's and Holy Rosary Catholic churches. The churches were filled to their capacity by the worshippers to pay tribute and homage to the birth of the Prince of Peace.

The Sunday schools of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Evangelical churches held their programs Thursday evening and where there were many fine programs offered as well as the customary visit of Santa Claus and the distribution of treats to the children.

One of the impressive features of the observance was the distribution of baskets of food, as well as toys among the needy residents of the city, there being over fifty baskets handled by the office of the Associated Charities and Director W. M. Barclay. The day as usual was filled with many home gatherings, the day bringing many visitors here to meet with their relatives, while there were many residents here who took advantage of the occasion to visit at other points with friends or relatives.

## WRECK VICTIM DIES

Ray K. Hutchinson, traveling representative of the International Harvester Co., died Thursday at Nebraska City. The death of Mr. Hutchinson was from the effects of injuries that he received in an auto accident just south of this city on Monday morning. Mr. Hutchinson had been coming north on highway No. 75 and in the mist and heavy fog, the traveling was very difficult and Mr. Hutchinson drove his car into the rear of a truck also northbound. The car was coming at a good speed and the impact with the truck almost demolished the car, and the driver, Mr. Hutchinson, was injured and crushed by the wheel of the car being driven against his head, with a great deal of force. He was brought here and given temporary aid, later being taken to Nebraska City and placed in the hospital. His injuries were not thought dangerous at the time but he had apparently sustained internal injuries that made his case more serious than was first anticipated.

## SHERIFF REED IMPROVES

Deputy Sheriff Rex Young was at Lincoln Wednesday and while there stopped for a short visit with Sheriff Bert Reed at the Green Gables hospital. Mr. Young found the sheriff apparently much improved and while he is still quite weak from the effects of the long illness that he has been suffering from, he is better now than he has been for some time. The many friends of the sheriff will be pleased to learn that he is so much improved and the general condition is much more encouraging. Mr. Reed was not so well last week but has been gaining a great deal in the last few days.

## NOT SO WELL

Dr. J. S. Livingston, who returned home last week from several weeks stay at the Immanuel hospital at Omaha, has been confined to his bed for the past two days. Dr. Livingston had been feeling excellent after his return home and a large number of the friends had been callers at the home. On Saturday his condition was not so good and he has since been so ill that he could not receive company. It is hoped that the trouble will be cleared up in a few days.

## DEPARTS FOR RANDOLPH

Dr. E. J. Gillespie departed this afternoon for Randolph, Nebraska, where he will spend the Christmas holiday with his mother and sisters and brothers at that place. Dr. Gillespie expects to return Monday and will bring his mother as far as Ashland, where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. T. F. Dalley, later in company with Mrs. Duffey and another daughter, leaving for California for the winter.

## TO VISIT IN IOWA

This morning County Commissioner and Mrs. George L. Farley and daughter, Miss Helen, motored to Pender, Iowa, where they will visit over the Christmas holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tunnell, the latter a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Farley.

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The subject of the lesson-sermon for all Churches of Christ, Scientist, for Sunday, Dec. 27, is "Christian Science."

The Golden Text is: "The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." Among the citations which comprise the lesson-sermon is the following from the Bible: "And I will give you another Comforter that He may abide with you forever." (John 14: 16.) The lesson-sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "Science is an emanation of divine Mind, and is alone able to interpret God aright. It has a spiritual, and not a material origin. It is a divine utterance—the Comforter which leadeth into all Truth." (p. 127.)

## Local Man is Named Admiral in Nebr. Navy

C. E. Ledgway, Clerk of the District Court, Honored by Lt. Governor Metcalfe.

C. E. Ledgway, clerk of the district court, known to his close associates as "Chick," has been honored with one of the commissions issued by Lieutenant Governor Ted Metcalfe, making the general court clerk an admiral in the navy of Nebraska, in Nebraska, so there you are. Mr. Metcalfe, who in the absence of Governor Bryan, has several times presided over the state destinies in this second year of hunger, in the reign of Hoover, decided to go one step farther in recognition of the prominent residents of the state, than had heretofore been attempted.

Governors of Nebraska have in the past honored their personal and political friends with making them members of the official staff, but Mr. Metcalfe decided that nothing short of an admiral would do for the friends in Nebraska, so there you are. The local admiral was in wartime days, a member of the naval force so the honor is even more befitting, giving Mr. Ledgway equal rank with General Smedley D. Butler, of the marines, who was also commissioned by the lieutenant governor.

## LAD TO LAST REST

The funeral of Mrs. Joseph Manacek, formerly Miss Florence Grassman of this city, was held on Thursday afternoon at the family home, 1533 South 25th avenue, Omaha. The services at the home were very largely attended by the many Omaha friends, a large number also accompanying the cortege to this city. There was a very profuse floral remembrance shown at the services.

Rev. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, conducted the services, giving words of comfort to the bereaved members of the family circle and the sorrowing friends. During the services Frank A. Cloldt gave two vocal solos, "The City Four Square" and "In the Garden," favorite numbers of the departed. Mrs. J. M. Roberts of this city, served as accompanist for the songs. The burial was at the Oak Hill cemetery in this city, a large number of the friends being at the cemetery for the final services.

## HAS GOOD COACHING YEAR

Frank Godwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Godwin of this city, a former graduate of the Plattsmouth high school, has just closed a very successful football season at his school at Lovelock, Nevada. Mr. Godwin has been the athletic coach at Lovelock for the past three years and this year had the pleasure of having his team acclaimed the champions of western Nevada. The team won five victories and tied one game, none of their opponents were able to score against the Lovelock team. Among the schools defeated by Lovelock was the high school team of Reno, metropolitan of Nevada. The many friends of Mr. Godwin will be pleased to learn of his successful work in coaching and the fine record that the team he has produced has made.

## WINS COVETED PRIZE

One of the happiest boys in the city Christmas eve was Valley Street, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Valley, who the winner of the essay contest at the H. M. Soennichsen Co. department store. The successful contestant received "Bimbo," the Shetland pony, as well as a saddle, bridle and blanket. There were a great many essays received in the contest, each one being given a number and the name of the contestant covered so that the judges were unaware of the names of any of the boys participating in the contest. The essays were judged by Robert Foster Patterson, principal of the high school and Bernard Gallows, of the Peru State teachers college, who is here on his vacation.

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## Young People Wedded Here on Christmas Day

Miss Mable A. Barnes of Nehawka and Thomas J. Mendenhall of This City Married

The marriage of Miss Mable A. Barnes of Nehawka and Mr. Thomas J. Mendenhall of this city, occurred Christmas evening at the home of Judge A. H. Duxbury. The bride and groom were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Snodgrass, friends of the happy young people, who witnessed the ceremony. The young people are well known in this city and community and numbered among the popular residents of eastern Cass county. The bride has grown to womanhood in the vicinity of Nehawka, while the groom is a native son of Plattsmouth, where he was born and has been brought up. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Mendenhall and was educated in the schools here, graduating in the class of 1929. Since completing his school work Mr. Mendenhall has been engaged with the Burlington Refrigerator Express Co., at their local shops.

## HOLD OBSERVANCE

Christmas day Mt. Zion commandery of the Knights Templar, held their regular observance at their assembly in the Masonic building, there being a large attendance of the members. The commandery had as guests members of Cass Chapter of the Order of DeMolay. The observance was presided over by Commander A. H. Duxbury and greeting was read from Perry W. Weidner, grand master of the grand encampment of the United States and the response of Charles H. Marley, grand commander of Nebraska.

The Masonic quartet composed of Frank A. Cloldt, H. G. McClusky, L. O. Minn and R. C. Cook gave two of the Christmas hymns, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "O Come All Ye Faithful."

The toasts and responses were given as shown below: To Perry W. Weidner, Grand Master, Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. Response: James M. Robertson, Past Grand Commander Knights Templar of Nebraska.

To Charles H. Marley, Grand Commander Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska. Response: Leon L. McCarty, Past Commander.

To James M. Robertson, Past Grand Commander Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska. Response: Leslie W. Niel, Past Commander.

To Jacques DeMolay and Cass Chapter DeMolay, Plattsmouth, Nebr. Response: Raymond C. Cook, Prelate and Past Master Councilor.

To Nebraska Masonic Home, Plattsmouth, Nebr. Response: Raymond P. Westover, Past Commander.

To Plattsmouth Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M. Response: Harrison L. Gayer, Sword Bearer and Worshipful Master.

To Nebraska Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons. Response: Henry F. Nolling, Generalissimo and Past High Priest.

To Mount Zion Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. Response: Aubrey H. Duxbury, Commander.

To the Sir Knights Sleeping in the Silent City. Response: William A. Robertson, Past Commander.

## PRESENT CHRISTMAS TREE

A beautiful Christmas tree, six feet high, was trimmed and placed last week in the D. A. R. sunroom at the State Veterans' hospital by the state D. A. R. committee on the Veterans' hospital. Two packages of cigarettes were given to each patient on that floor, and every man able to be out of his bed was in to admire the tree. Much pleasure was expressed by the patients, and the kindness and consideration shown among the patients for one another was very noticeable. The state D. A. R. committee for the Veterans' hospital is Mrs. H. B. Marshall, chairman, Mrs. W. Byer, Mrs. C. E. Abbott, and Miss Mabel Lindly.

## WILL VISIT IN SOUTH

William D. McCrary, popular local barber, departed Friday evening on a pleasant outing to the southland. He is to visit at Houston, Texas, for a short time with friends and then goes to New Orleans, Louisiana, where he will meet his brother, John McCrary, who is in the naval service of the United States. This is the first time that the brothers have met for several years as John has been on foreign service for the greater part of the time and the occasion will be one of the greatest pleasure to the brothers.

## ENJOY FAMILY GATHERING

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Patterson and son, Edward, of San Francisco, who is here for the holiday visit, were at Falls City Christmas. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Falter and Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Falter and the gathering was one that was very pleasant as it brought George E. Dovey, father of the ladies there to enjoy the meeting of the members of the family. Herbert Patterson, who is now located at Kansas City, was also a member of the dinner party. Mrs. Patterson and Edward will remain at Falls City until Sunday.

## Mynard Club Holds a Special Christmas Fete

Event Held in Conjunction With U. B. Sunday School on Thursday Evening

On Christmas Eve the Mynard Community Club and the United Brethren Sunday school gave a joint Christmas program that was enjoyed very much by the people of that community. Because the weather and roads had been so bad, most of the people who had planned to be abandoned and so the entertainment was largely recitations by the little folks interspersed by music. The recitations were very well given and the adults of the audience were very well entertained by the children's efforts. The music consisted of a piano solo by Dorothy Toman, vocal duets by Mrs. S. W. Cole and Mrs. C. L. Wiles, and Wilma Nolte and Lavina Troop, a violin solo by Willis Cole, songs by groups from the "Little Brick" and the "Eight Mile Grove" schools, vocal solos by Mary Margery Richardson and Beulah Kiser, and a trumpet solo by Richard Cole. An offering was taken for the Otterbein Home for orphans and aged persons, which is located in Ohio. The meeting opened by the audience singing "Joy to the World," led by Miss Grace Livingston and concluded with a tableau, "The Wise Men of the East," which was directed by Miss Helen Home for and was accompanied by Christmas hymns sung by a small group of singers before the scenes and the reading of appropriate Scriptural selections by Rev. McKelvey. The climax of the evening, for the small folks at least, was the entrance of Santa Claus, who started the distribution of the many sacks of candy from the beautiful Christmas tree and then departed for the many other places where he was expected on this night of nights. While the young folks concluded the presentation of the candy, the large audience visited and also enjoyed a few good laughs over the gifts presented. J. H. Wooders and Rev. McKelvey.

## GOLDENROD STUDY CLUB

The Goldenrod Study club met at the home of Mrs. Glenn Wiles, near Mynard, on Thursday, Dec. 17, and had a very interesting meeting, led by Mrs. Margaret Todd. The club voted to take out membership with the Red Cross, and also to give five dollars to the Associated Charities of Plattsmouth. At this meeting the ladies enjoyed their annual Christmas party and for this occasion the society of Christmas cheer in the decorations as well as the electric-lighted tree. Amid these pleasant surroundings several of the familiar Christmas songs were rendered by the ladies, after which the gifts were exchanged.

Refreshments also carried out the Christmas colors, and Mrs. Wiles was assisted in serving by Mrs. C. L. Wiles, associate hostess.

## ENJOY CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Christmas at the home of John Dyer, a fine gathering took place. Mr. and Mrs. J. Letak and family of South Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. John Kubicka and four sons, John Straka and Mr. and Mrs. John Rotter. A most enjoyable meal was climaxed by the fact that there were six Johns to participate in the event. All departed saying it was the most pleasant Christmas ever for them.

## ENTERTAIN FAMILY PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Richey had as their guests Christmas day, a party of the relatives from nearby points to enjoy the holiday vacation and to participate in the fine Christmas dinner. Joining the family here in the event was William Mordock and children and mother, of Council Bluffs, Mrs. Fannie Dickson and son, Donald and Miss May Richey of Lincoln.

## HAS CAR CRASH

George Spidell of this city was a victim of a small auto smashup in Omaha late Thursday night. The car of Mr. Spidell was struck by the auto driven by Robert Irwin of Omaha, near the intersection of Twenty-fourth and F streets. Irwin was held by the South Side police on a charge of reckless driving while under the influence of liquor.

## HAS CAR CRASH

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## Endres Takes Hand in Lapidus Slaying Case

State Sheriff Engages in Lengthy Conference With Omaha Officers But Subject Secret

Omaha—State Sheriff Endres Friday took a hand in investigation of the murder of Harry Lapidus, Omaha business and political leader. The state sheriff conferred with Detective Inspector Sutton and Police Commissioner Tostet at police headquarters. The conference lasted three hours. At its conclusion each of the three men declined to reveal details of their talk. Inspector Sutton did, however, admit "that the case is as much up in the air as ever." Later Sutton said he still hopes for a scrap of information as a result of the \$5,000 reward offered by the city for information that would lead to the apprehension of the killer or killers. Since the reward was announced police have been bombarded with tips but in each case the information has proven valueless. Friends of the slain man have combined forces to aid police in every possible manner. A meeting to map out a new line of investigation is planned for Saturday.

The latest theory advanced by police is that Lapidus was killed by gangsters who are seeking to organize a crime syndicate here. These gangsters, they believe, are former members of the gang controlled by Gene Livingston, alcohol baron who was mysteriously shot to death two years ago in a speakeasy here.

Detective Lieutenant Harry Buford left Friday night for Chicago where the three bullets taken from the body of Lapidus will be tested in an effort to identify the gun from which they were fired. Steve Maloney, former chief of detectives who was credited with solving the ax murders here three years ago, entered the case when he announced he was ready "to solve it" if the city commission would post a surety bond to back up its announced \$5,000 reward. A report was current that Ben Danbaum, another former detective chief, was investigating the murder.—State Journal.

## HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday evening Dec. 20th, the Pleasant Ridge school house was the scene of a very delightful gathering, the ladies of the Pleasant Ridge Study Club entertaining at a Christmas party for their husbands and children.

The chief attraction of the evening, for the children, was the visit of Santa Claus who gave candy and oranges to every one present. After Santa's departure, the time was spent in playing games. In the bean race, Mrs. Louis Frederick was the winner of the first prize and Catherine Meisner second while in the ciphering contest Mrs. Herman Hennings was victorious. At the conclusion of the games a most delicious luncheon was served by the ladies on the refreshment committee.

The occasion was one of the greatest pleasure to all. At a late hour all departed wishing each and every one a Merry Christmas.

## HAVE PLEASANT SURPRISE

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Westcott were given a most pleasant surprise on Thursday evening when their son and daughter, Mason and Miss Alice Louise Westcott, arrived from Chicago for Christmas. It had not been expected that the children could get away from their duties at Chicago for the holiday, but finding it possible to do so they left Thursday morning via auto and arrived in this city shortly after 8 o'clock Thursday evening and in good time for the Christmas festivities. The occasion was one of the greatest pleasure to all of the members of the family circle.

## RETURNS TO HOSPITAL

Dr. J. S. Livingston of this city, was taken to the Immanuel hospital at Omaha Thursday afternoon, he having suffered a relapse in the last few days and which made necessary his return to the hospital. The condition of the patient had been so much better that he was allowed to return home but since last Saturday he has been rather poorly. He will be given a course of treatment and examination and it is thought that it may be necessary to have an operation in order to give the patient permanent relief from his ailment.

## CARD OF THANKS

We desire to take this means of expressing our most heartfelt appreciation of all of the loving kindnesses shown to us in the illness of our husband and father and for the expressions of sympathy at the time of death. We wish also to thank the friends for the flowers and those who assisted in the funeral service.—Mrs. Robert Willis and Family.