

# John C. York, Old Resident, is Laid to Rest

### Services Held Here and Internment at Watson, Missouri, Old Home of Family.

John C. York was born November 22, 1854, at Sonora, Atchison county, Mo., and died at Omaha, Neb., May 1, 1934, aged 79 years, 6 months and 9 days. On September 17, 1876 at Watson, Mo., he was united in marriage with Sarah A. Barnhart, at the Presbyterian church, Rev. Jesse Moore officiating. She preceded him in death January 31, 1925.

To this union was born ten children, of whom three sons and two daughters have passed on. In his early manhood he was converted and joined the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Watson and was a life long member of this organization, and his last days were spent in singing the songs and quoting the passages of scripture that had been the source of his spiritual strength thru the dark moments of his life. His last hours, like his almost eighty years, were spent in efforts to help or cheer all those who crossed his pathway or entered his home, ever solicitous of their welfare and always anxious to be of some help to others. If ever he had an enemy, that person has had enough respect for him and his children to not let their grievance be known. Certainly a friend of man. His last years were spent mostly with his daughter, Mrs. Bessie Gravett in Omaha, where he received every care and consideration that loving hands and heart could administer, and this daughter can spend her remaining years in living over the many beautiful years spent with him with a fully satisfied conscience that she has always striven to make his life and surroundings pleasant.

He is survived by two sons and three daughters, Mrs. Bessie Gravett, 2829 Myrtle street, South Omaha; Don C., of Plattsmouth; Mrs. Ferris Jelinek, 1713 M street, Lincoln; Jesse, 3312 South 33rd street, Omaha and Mrs. Kathryn Keltz, 1001 West 23rd street, Los Angeles, Calif. Also 14 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

A short funeral service was held at Plattsmouth Friday, May 4, at 10 o'clock a. m., from the Straight funeral home, Dr. Harry McCluskey officiating.

Mr. York and family came to Plattsmouth in August, 1903, working at the barber trade for a great number of years, and later entering the employ of the Burlington in the supply department where he remained

until his advancing age compelled his retirement. Following the services at Plattsmouth he was borne to the High Creek cemetery near Watson, Mo., where he is resting among the scenes he had loved so well and where he had spent his life before coming to Plattsmouth, and beside the loved ones who have preceded him. He and his helpmate possessed wonderful voices and during his residence in the High Creek neighborhood was choir director of the little Baptist church there, and also was the Sunday school superintendent of this church for a number of years, so the memory of his and the mother, a rich soprano voice as they blended so beautifully in singing of the many old and familiar songs will be a lifelong inspiration to those who have so often heard them sing together.

The subject of this sketch was the last surviving member of a family of nine children, six boys and three girls. He was a direct descendant of General York of Revolutionary fame, his forbears having settled at what is now New York City but which in those days was called New Amsterdam. Sargeant Alvin York of Tennessee who was decorated as the outstanding hero of the world war is also a direct descendant of this same branch of the York lineage.

## NOTICE

From April 1st to Sept. 1st, my office will be open on Wednesday and Saturday evenings, and closed Thursday afternoons.

PAUL T. HEINEMAN, Dentist. m26-2mw

## GILCREASE WINS DIVORCE

Pawhuska, Okl.—Thomas Gilcrease, wealthy oil man of Tulsa, won a divorce from Mrs. Norma Smallwood Gilcrease, the 1926 "Miss America" on grounds of extreme cruelty and neglect. Gilcrease obtained custody of their 6 year old child, Des Cygnes L'Amour Gilcrease.

To Mrs. Gilcrease, District Judge Jesse Worten granted \$72,000 alimony, payable in \$200 monthly installments. He ordered the oil millionaire to pay Mrs. Gilcrease's attorneys a \$12,500 fee.

## OPPOSE LIMIT ON BISHOPS

Jackson, Miss.—Advised that it was subordinate to the college of Episcopal bishops, the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, voted heavily against all proposals to limit the life terms of bishops. Bishop James Cannon, jr., whose proposed retirement on infirmity claims was blocked Thursday by a substantial majority, presided over Friday's session.

## MURDOCK ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tool were in Omaha last Sunday, where they were visiting for the day with relatives and friends.

John Eppings and family were in Plattsmouth, where they were visiting for a day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lancaster.

There is to be a play known as "Owl's Den" at the Murdock school building for the benefit of the church on the nights of May 7th and 8th. Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Hitchcock, of Havelock, Mrs. Meta McDiarmid and daughter, Dottie, of Omaha, were guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Neitzel.

The Royal Neighbors had a very sociable and businesslike meeting at the hall on Tuesday of last week, when a goodly number of the members were present and a fine time was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hite, of Lincoln, were visiting for the day last Sunday at the home of Mr. Hite's mother, Mrs. C. S. Hite and with a sister and husband, J. W. Kruger and wife. All enjoyed a very fine time. They all fished at Louisville during the day.

A. H. Ward and wife were in Omaha last Saturday, where they were looking after some business matters and also remained over Sunday to visit with friends for the day. While there they were guests of their old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Mix.

Mrs. Mix was formerly Mrs. Ted Rager and resided northwest of Murdock years ago.

## Gave Interesting Address

Dr. Helm, who for seven years a missionary in the forests of the Cumberland mountains of Kentucky, where he observed many strange and unusual happenings, but who for some time has been practicing medicine at Humboldt, Nebraska, gave a very interesting lecture at the Evangelical church in Murdock last Sunday evening, in which he recounted many of his observations while working among the mountaineers. The church was well filled and all enjoyed his splendid talk. As a result of this activity the church was able to realize the sum of \$77 with which to help carry on its missionary program.

## Enjoyed Fine Evening

The members of the two Bible school classes which are taught by Mesdames Otto Miller and Frank Rosenow, went to the picturesque picnic grounds by the lakeside where the cabin graced the site, and there enjoyed a hamburger roast and a general good time last Monday evening.

## Alvo-Murdock Game

In a game of baseball between the high school teams of Alvo and Murdock, played here, Murdock was the winner by a score of 14 to 9. The game was closely contested and enjoyed by all who saw it.

## Will Hold Conference Soon

There will be a conference of the Evangelical churches of this district on Wednesday, May 3rd. Further announcement will be made before the date of the meeting. Watch for it.

## Junior-Senior Banquet

The Junior-Senior banquet, which is always a very pleasant event in the school life, was held last Thursday evening at the Callahan church. The splendid meal was prepared and served by the ladies of the Callahan church and greatly enjoyed by all. A toast program followed, with Arlyne Zabel as toastmistress, and the following responding: "Friendship," opening remarks, by Arlyne Zabel; "Loyalty," Helen Zoz; "Opportunity," Wilma Panska; "Work," Bernice Oehlerkerk; "Enthusiasm," Wayne Bornemeier; "Romance," Ruth Neitzel; "Springtime in the Garden," by Juniors; Music, by Junior Boys' quartette; Music, by Misses Park, Capwell, Miller and Templeton.

## Visited Here

Herman Neitzel, formerly of Murdock, where he was engaged in the banking business for many years and where he has many friends yet, accompanied by his sister-in-law, Miss Minnie Guthmann, of Plattsmouth, were visiting here for a short time on Wednesday of last week, meeting with the many friends who still reside here. They were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Neitzel.

## Meet with Leader

The Baby Beef young men and boys' judging team of the vicinity of Murdock met last week with their leader, James Mills, where they studied the relative value and characteristics of the various kinds of cattle and their adaptability for producing the best baby beef. Of course the young

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## Murdock Farmers Elevator

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Lads enjoyed the meeting as all young people do.

## Enjoyed Club Tea

A number of the ladies of the vicinity of Murdock were over to Weeping Water on last Tuesday, where they attended the Achievement day exercises of the various 4-H clubs of the county. Those from here to attend the program and the tea which was a feature of the meeting were Mesdames L. D. Lee, Henry A. Tool, Lawrence Race, A. J. Tool, P. T. Johnson, Mrs. Stevens, Henry Amgwert and Misses Irene Weddell and Blanche Eichoff, as well as Mrs. Chester Eismann.

## New Equipment for School

With the many other things which make for labor saving and for convenience in the home and also for the school, the board of education have added for the assistance of the teacher of Home Economics a new electric stove for the Murdock public schools, which will assist materially in the teaching of the culinary art.

## Village Board Organizes

The village board of Murdock met last Monday and organized for the coming fiscal year. Among other business transacted was the election of officers, which resulted in naming of the following: S. P. Lies, chairman; C. I. Long, clerk; Frank Melvin, treasurer; Chester Eismann, as street commissioner and Dr. L. D. Lee, city physician. An excellent set of officers to administer the affairs of the town during the coming year.

## Attended Party for Friend

Carl Buck was a visitor in Plattsmouth last Sunday, being one of the guests who made merry at the home of former Deputy Sheriff Jarvis E. Lancaster, who was to depart for Lincoln on the following day to assume the duties of a deputy state sheriff, this appointment coming to him in recognition of his bravery in halting a bank robbery at Plattsmouth some two months ago.

## Fished at Fremont

On last Sunday, Messrs. Lacey and Bryan McDonald, of Murdock, accompanied by E. W. Thingan, of Plattsmouth, and A. J. Tool, of Murdock, made up a merry party that went to Fremont to enjoy the day fishing. Mrs. Bryan McDonald spent the day at the home of her mother, Mrs. E. W. Thingan.

## Meeting of Village Board

Meeting called to order by chairman with S. P. Lies, Chas. I. Long, Chester Eismann, and F. A. Melvin present. The minutes were read for information. It was moved, seconded, and adopted that that regular meetings of board be held on the first Friday of the month at the schoolhouse.

## On approval of the board F. A. Melvin designated as village marshal.

The following budget estimate was prepared and adopted:  
General fund ----- \$150.00  
Street fund ----- 150.00  
Fire department fund ----- 100.00  
Street lighting fund ----- 600.00  
The minutes were then read and accepted and on an approved the board adjourned.

CHAS. I. LONG, Village Clerk.

## FEMALE HELP WANTED

Woman, over 20 years of age, to help with general house work and care of 15-mo. old baby. State wages, and particulars. Mrs. Charles Kuncel, Jr., 804 Park Ave., Omaha, Nebr. m3-2tw

## TRACTOR DEMONSTRATION

May 8th, 2 to 5 p. m., will be a demonstration of F 12 Tractor at W. E. Palmeter farm, two miles southwest of South Bend.

## Fire Losses in State Lowest in Ten Years

State Fire Marshal Butcher in Annual Report Tells of Epidemic of Incendiary Fires.

Property damage by fires in Nebraska in 1933 was \$1,833,880, as compared with \$3,060,344 in 1932, says State Fire Marshal Butcher in his annual report to the governor. The property damage has not been so low in the past ten years. The number of fires in 1933 was 1,969 as compared with 2,325 in 1932, the latter being the highest number in ten years. Deaths the past year from fires was 55, the same as the year before. Property damage reached its highest point in 1931 when the total was \$3,106,000.

The value of buildings and contents on which fire losses occurred was \$14,712,177 as compared with \$23,617,836 the year before. The total insurance on buildings and contents on which fire losses occurred was \$19,841,275 as compared with \$18,263,316 the previous year. Of the 1,969 fires in the state 560 were in Omaha and 155 in Lincoln and 1,254 outstate.

The value of buildings in Lincoln on which losses occurred was \$1,658,705; insurance on buildings, \$1,317,100; damage to buildings, \$31,074; value of contents, \$973,490; insurance on contents, \$14,711.

Value of buildings in Omaha, \$4,055,217; insurance on buildings, \$3,208,987; damage to buildings, \$204,353; value of contents, \$1,304,955; insurance on contents, \$877,703; damage to contents, \$230,74.

Outstate buildings, value \$4,537,370; insurance on buildings, \$3,043,018; damage to buildings, \$914,602; value of contents, \$2,181,810; insurance on contents, \$1,407,477; damage to contents, \$438,356.

The fire loss of thirty-two towns of over 2,500 population outside of Omaha and Lincoln, represents a fire loss of \$447,720, or one-third of the fire loss outstate. Schuyler, with a loss of \$198,650, mostly from fire in a large grain elevator, leads the list of such towns. Fremont was second with a loss of \$62,730. Hastings heads the list in number of fires outside of Omaha and Lincoln, with a total of 46, Grand Island second with 41 fires.

Farm fire losses as reported by fire chiefs resulted in a loss of \$220,709 on buildings and \$77,750 on contents. Fire Marshal Butcher calls attention to an added menace during the year in the removal of farm telephones caused by financial depression.

## Eight Firemen Killed.

Of the 55 deaths from fires during the year the report shows that of the eight firemen who lost their lives, seven were killed in the fire that destroyed the Millard hotel, Feb. 9, 1933, at Omaha and 25 firemen were injured. He says criticism by the national board of experts prompted the city commission of Omaha to hold an open hearing on the efficiency of the city fire department. "Nothing came of it," the report says. Trial of Henry Weiner, charged with causing this fire, the report says, resulted in a divided jury and the case is pending for another trial with no date fixed. He says Weiner has sued insurance companies for \$250,000 insurance.

Twenty men, 16 women and 11 children and 8 firemen, lost their lives by fire during the year. A total of 194 injuries resulted from fire. Forty-seven firemen were injured, 90 men, 34 women and 23 children.

The causes of death were:  
Kerosene explosions ----- 5  
Starting fire with kerosene ----- 12  
Gasoline explosions ----- 8  
Clothing caught fire from stoves ----- 2  
Cleaning clothes with gasoline ----- 3  
Playing with matches ----- 1  
Electricity ----- 2  
Automobiles ----- 3  
Miscellaneous ----- 11  
Firemen fighting fires ----- 8

Total ----- 66  
Unknown causes were attributed to 282 fires in the state, sparks from chimneys caused 153, cigarettes, pipes and cigars caused 100, overheated stoves and furnace pipes caused 97 and a total of 96 were caused by spontaneous combustion of oil mops, paint rags and green hay. Fireworks caused ten fires, and motion picture films only 2.

Classification of property partly or entirely burned shows 1,062 dwellings, 134 stores, 123 private and commercial garages and tire shops, 101 granaries and sheds, and 146 barns, stables, 21 storage and filling stations, 11 churches, 14 schools, 59 chicken hatcheries and brooders, 13 hotels, 11 lumber and coal yards.

Incendiary Fires. Nebraska suffered its worst epi-



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demic of incendiary fire losses" says Fire Marshal Butcher's report. "The number of suspicious fires warranting investigation was greater than in any previous year. The experience of Nebraska is not wholly unlike that of other and neighboring states where fire records have run closely parallel for a decade or more."

He attributes this to the economic depression which reduced the public morals and "to insurance companies which have not used due diligence in considering moral hazards and have permitted their agents to bind them for indemnities far in excess of the marketable value of the property covered." He said his investigators often wonder whether the local agents or sometimes the state agents, are the agents of the company or of the assured.

In such times as these Nebraska's valued policy law," says Butcher, "tends as an incentive to criminality. It invites the racketeers, the crooked lawyers and those of our population who are un-American minded, to match their wits against the insurance gamblers, who gave the ultimate advantage of gathering with one hand what the other hand carelessly throws away. However worthy its purpose in restraining insurance agents from overwriting property values for the sake of premiums and commissions, no statute is justifiable if it results in inviting incendiarism and crime."

Out of 189 cases investigated Fire Marshal Butcher says 109 of them seem to have been prompted by the insurance carried. Officers agree that at least 69 fires were set or procured by the property owners. If the \$537,650 worth of property involved

had been totally destroyed and full insurance received he finds that the owners would have collected \$766,250 and have profited \$229,000, nearly 50 percent above the actual values.

Marshal Butcher further says: "Just as aptly as time and funds will permit the state fire marshal's office is compiling an alphabetical, chronological list of persons whose connections with criminal burnings have been proved in courts, or have satisfied investigators and officials that they merit classification as suspicious characters. By keeping this list up-to-date and available to insurance writers it is hoped that much will have been accomplished in doing away with the moral hazard."

## PURCHASE NEW TRUCK

The firm of Lorenz Brothers have just purchased a new Chevrolet truck of the Cass County Chevrolet Co., and which they are placing in their delivery system. The truck is of the latest type and will add very much to the facilities of the store in looking after their trade.

## ATTEND CONVENTION

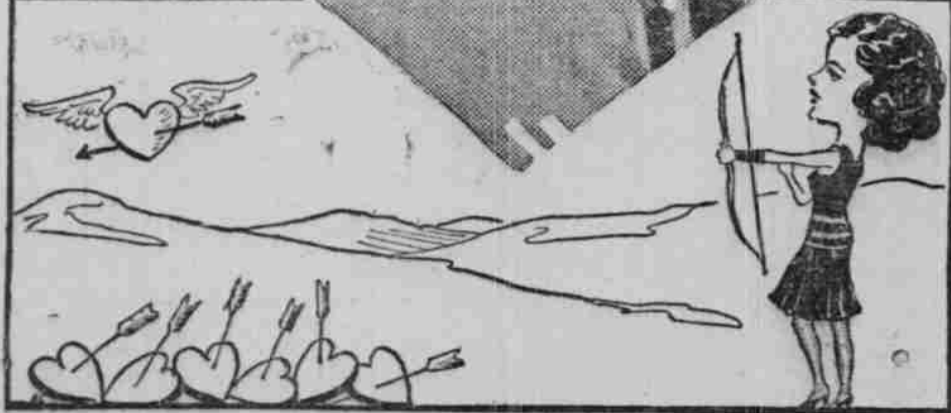
Friday morning a group of Plattsmouth ladies, Mrs. T. E. Olson, Miss Marie Kaufmann, Miss Jessie Robertson, Mrs. Freeman McFarland and Mrs. George B. Mann, were at Omaha where they attended the district convention of the Rebekahs, which is being held at the Hotel Rome.

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## Married Seven to Find Ideal



Mrs. WENDELL SMALL.



Marry often and never repeat, is the motto of Mrs. Wendell Small, of Boston, who has married seven times during her long search for the ideal man. Mrs. Small wed each of her husbands, the first when she was sixteen, for some outstanding quality he possessed. But every hubby had a failing that outweighed his prominent virtue, hence the parade of "ex's." The requisite qualities of the ideal husband, Mrs. Small believes, are: distinction, consideration, goodness, honesty and unselfishness. The physical specifications of the paragon—"He must be tall and dark, but not handsome, and at least ten years older than the bride." Mrs. Small's present husband, a Boston hotel manager, has the distinction of being both her second and seventh.

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