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Plattsmouth Attorney Advanced to Grand Master of Nebraska at State Meeting in Omaha Tuesday

First Member of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 to Receive This High Honor Since 1864, When D. H. Wheeler Named

HAS HAD NOTABLE CAREER IN MASONIC CIRCLES

New Head of Grand Lodge a Native Son of Cass County and Leader in Nebraska State Bar—Lewis E. Smith Re-Elected Grand Lodge Secretary.

The 80th annual communication of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons at their session in Omaha today, named as the Worshipful Master of the Grand Lodge, William Ainsworth Robertson of Plattsmouth. This is the second time in its history that Plattsmouth lodge No. 6 has been honored by the selection of one of its members for the order's most exalted position. The first was Daniel H. Wheeler, elected in 1864.

The sessions of the grand lodge were presided over by Chancellor Phillips, of Cambridge, grand master for the past year, also a former Plattsmouth man.

In addition to the naming of Mr. Robertson, Walter E. Raecke, of Central City, was advanced to the position of deputy grand master and William J. Breckenridge of Hastings, was made grand senior warden.

Lewis E. Smith, secretary for the past twelve years, was re-elected to the office he has so ably filled.

There were many of the Plattsmouth lodge members in attendance to witness the selection of their friends and associate to the high position in the order.

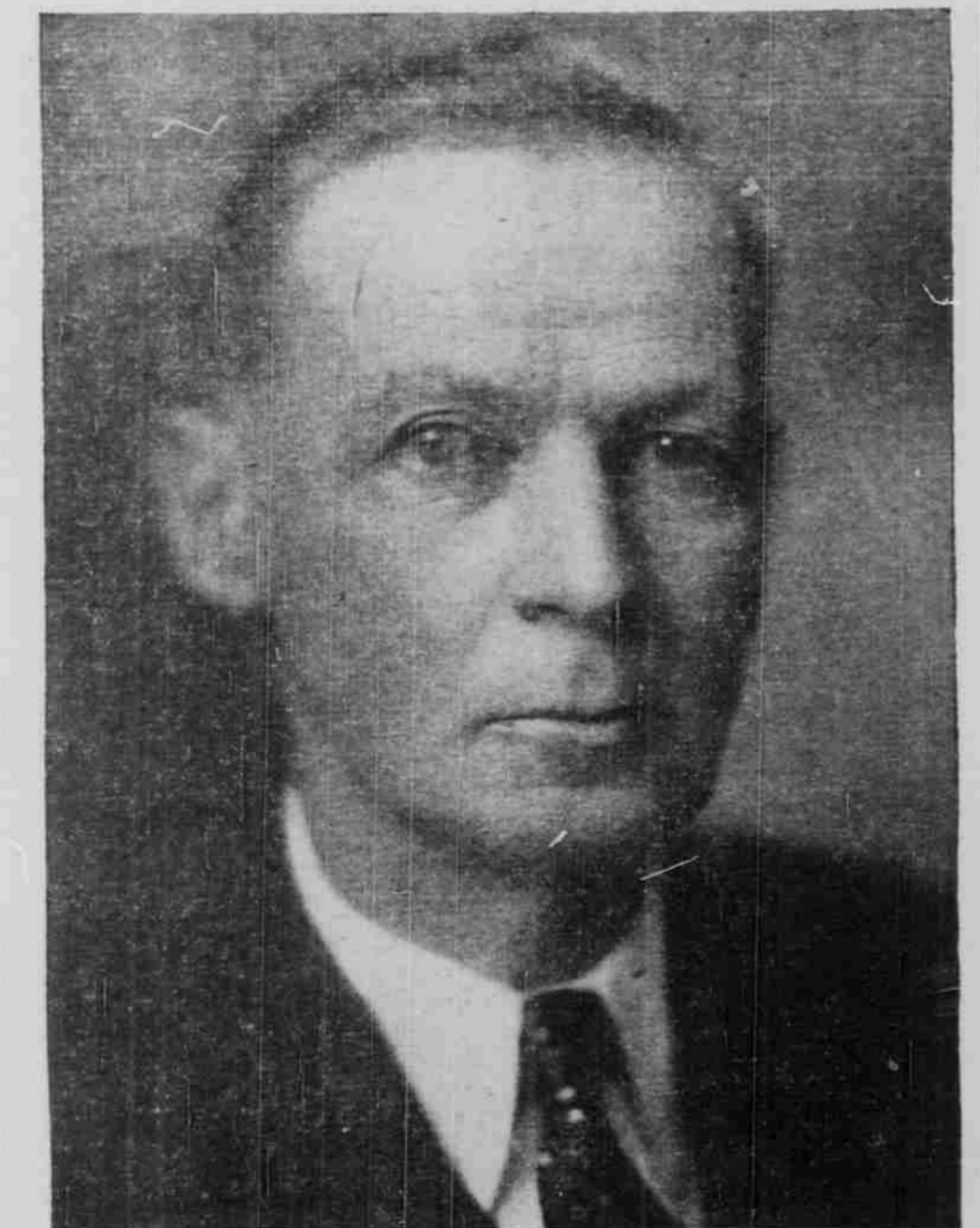
The naming of Mr. Robertson is a community honor that all will appreciate and a fine recognition of the tireless work that Mr. Robertson has given the order in the years that he has been a member.

Sketch of New Master

William Ainsworth Robertson, the newly elected worshipful master of the Nebraska grand lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, was born at Louisville, Nebraska, on October 17, 1883, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James McIntosh Robertson. He spent his younger boyhood days in the place of his birth and when eleven years of age moved to Plattsmouth. Mr. James M. Robertson was elected

clerk of the district court under his father from 1904 to 1906.

Mr. Robertson again resumed his studies at the University of Nebraska and was one of the active leaders in the school from which he graduated in the class of 1909, being the editor of the 1909 Cornhusker, student annual, president of the Acadia, Masonic fraternity, a member of the pro-council and of the Phi Delta Phi honorary legal fraternity.



WILLIAM AINSWORTH ROBERTSON New Grand Master A. F. & A. M.

county clerk in the fall of 1895 and in December of that year the family moved to this city and where they have since resided.

Mr. Robertson attended the Plattsmouth schools and was graduated in the class of 1902, and in the fall of that year entered the University of Nebraska where he was a student from 1902 to 1904. He later returned to Plattsmouth and was deputy

graduating from the college of law at the state university, Mr. Robertson at once launched into his life's profession and returned to Plattsmouth to enter the office of the late Byron Clark, where his early ventures in the law marked him as one of the coming members of the bar of Nebraska. When Mr. Clark departed for Omaha in 1912 to become solicitor for

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Rotarians Have Fine Program at Luncheon

Emil Weyrich Shows Movies—Autobiographies by G. K. Hetrick and Monsignor Mosler.

Members of the Plattsmouth Rotary had an interesting program following the luncheon Tuesday noon at the Plattsmouth Hotel. E. H. Schullhof drew the attention of the club to the fine praise given to Duane Harmon by Goldman following the audition in Omaha Sunday. Goldman said to be the outstanding living bandmaster in the world, cited Duane as having a "brilliant future" and a probability of becoming the greatest cornetist in the world.

Plattsmouth's Rotary club feels that they have helped boost Duane to some extent. They sent him as the representative to the contest in Omaha in 1934.

G. K. Hetrick gave his autobiography. He was born at Raymond, Nebr., where he was graduated from high school. After an attempt at the University he entered the Navy. Immediately after joining he was sent to Manila at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war. He spent a year and a half in China then came back to attend Annapolis. His next trip was to South America as a representative of the Chase National bank.

Later he returned to United States to go into business with his father who was a contractor. He took a two year course at the University completing the course in creamery work. His jobs carried him to Othenburg, later he worked for Swift and Company in Canada. He was there at the outbreak of the war in 1914 and was sent to England with the Canadian troops. He served on the western front four years. After the war he returned to work in a Kansas creamery. Another job carried him to Peoria. He was general plant superintendent for Cudahy before coming to Plattsmouth where he is manager of the Plattsmouth Creamery.

Monsignor Adolph M. Mosler also gave a sketch of his life. He was born in Germany. His father was a shoemaker and the family was quite poor. He told of his struggle to get his education for the priesthood, for education in Germany is very costly. He was forced to discontinue his studies at Rome at the age of 21 because of T.B. At that time he weighed only 91 pounds. After a trip into Bavaria he overcame the disease and returned to Rome. He had always wanted to become a Jesuit missionary so when he was ordained in 1901 for Lincoln, he was overjoyed, believing that he would now "become a missionary to the Indians in United States."

His disappointment was keen when he found no Indians in Lincoln. His hopes were still high when they asked if he could speak Bohemian. He would gladly learn, do anything "to convert the Indians." His first sight of Indians in Nebraska was of a group who met him at the station in Fremont, but he found they were of his own faith and no converting was necessary.

Father Mosler served in Wilbur Odell, and Mulligan, then went to Crete where he served eighteen years before coming to the Holy Rosary church in Plattsmouth.

An excellent set of moving pictures was shown by Emil Weyrich who of late has been receiving wide recognition for his photography. He showed pictures taken of the building of the bridge across the Missouri as well as those taken of the dedication ceremony. The second reel displayed some fine color work of flowers in Jasper's greenhouse as well as those in various gardens of the city. He also had a large number of birds in color. Many were taken at the home of Dr. P. T. Heineman.

Arthur Troop had charge of the program.

TONSILECTOMY

Patsy Hadraba, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hadraba, had a tonsilectomy at the office of Dr. L. S. Pucelik Sunday morning. She is reported to be getting along very nicely.

PRAISES CASS COUNTY BOY

Dr. Edwin Franko Goldman, noted band leader, who granted an audition to Duane Harmon, Weeping Water musician, is loud in his praise of this talented young man.

Harmon, an 18-year-old cornetist, declared Dr. Goldman, is one of the finest instrumentalists of his age in the country.

"A very fine musician. If he continues to improve there is no reason he cannot become one of the outstanding cornetists in the world," Goldman said of the young University of Nebraska student.

Dr. Goldman encouraged Harmon to go on with his general university education. He commended Harmon's tone and technique, and hoped he would get the proper instruction to fulfill his potentialities.

Kenneth Haley Killed by Auto on Omaha Street

Former Plattsmouth Young Man Has Neck Broken in Accident at 16th and Pratt Streets Tuesday.

Kenneth Haley, 21, a resident here for several months, was killed on Tuesday at 16th and Pratt streets, Omaha, with a companion, Hugh Laffin, 26, when they were struck by an auto while crossing 16th street.

The two men were crossing 16th street from east to west and were a short distance from the curb when they were struck by the car which it is claimed was driven by Mrs. Esther Herrington, 23, 815 So. 59th st. With her in the car were Bennett N. Rife and Miss Phyllis Lowe, a sister of Mrs. Herrington.

Haley suffered a broken neck, and was pronounced dead on his arrival at the Nicholas Senn hospital. He was dragged 69 feet under the car after he was struck, Omaha police claim.

Laffin's body was dragged 132 feet by the car and he died a few hours later at the hospital, suffering a fractured skull, compound fracture of left leg, a concussion of the brain and internal injuries.

Mrs. Herrington is being held by Omaha police and charges of manslaughter and causing death while operating a car under the influence of liquor.

Haley resided here in the fall and winter of 1936, a resident at the transient camp north of this city and was well known to a large number of the residents of the city as he had made many friends among the younger groups. He left here at closing of the camp in January and has since been at Omaha, making his home with an older brother, Dale Haley, at the California hotel, 1607 California street. Both Haley and Laffin were one time school associates at Crab Orchard, Nebraska, the former home of the Haley family who now reside at Odell, Nebraska.

Surviving Haley are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilman R. Haley of Odell; three brothers, James and Boyd of Odell; and Dale of Omaha; four sisters, Mrs. Crystal McDowell, of Virginia; Marjorie, Pauline and Maxine of Odell. He also has an uncle, D. T. Haley of Plattsmouth.

KILLED AT LAPLATTE

From Tuesday's Daily—This morning an unidentified man was struck on the Burlington right of way near LaPlatte and instantly killed. The man had been on the track and failed to get out of the way as the fast east bound passenger, No. 6, came through.

The man was not seen by the train crew until the accident.

The accident delayed the train some time in reaching this city where it is due at 8:40.

The body was taken to Papillion by the Sarpy county officers for an inquest.

VISIT AT COURT HOUSE

From Wednesday's Daily—This morning Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hunt and son, Marvin, of near Weeping Water and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jochim, of near Louisville, were in the city and were callers at the office of County Superintendent Miss Alpha C. Peterson.

'150' Club to Continue Active in Scout Support

Renewal of Memberships on Three Year Basis to Raise Area Dues and Part Overhead Costs

The "150 Club" organized in Plattsmouth three years ago as a medium of spreading the expense of maintaining the Boy Scout program among a larger and more representative group of citizens of the community than had borne the burden in prior years through large individual donations, is to be continued for another three year period on the same basis as during 1934-35-36.

Members were signed for a three year period when the club was first organized in May, 1934, with privilege of paying dues for the entire three year period, in the sum of \$3, or making payment of \$1 annually, with space for notation of such annual payments as made on the reverse of the members' cards.

New cards for 1937-38-39 membership are now being printed and will be ready for distribution within a few days.

The same general plan will be followed for the next three years. E. H. Wescott, long identified with the Scouting movement and chairman of Boys' Activities committee of Plattsmouth Rotary club, will be assisted by Rotary club members in contacting former 150 club members and prospective new ones for the forthcoming three year period. They will also be assisted by Henry Soennichen, treasurer of the local troop committee.

Where the Money Goes

The bulk expenditure for maintaining Scouting is the \$90 per year area dues, which pays for service rendered by the National organization and the Cornhusker Council, of which Arbor Lodge district and Plattsmouth is a part. Besides this item, there is insurance and upkeep (including ground rental) on the cabin, cost of badges provided to the boys as they advance in rank, maintenance of the merit badge reference library, etc. To help meet this overhead, the Legion, sponsors of the troop numbering some forty members, has contributed almost \$50 during the past year and will aid in the future as far as the condition of its finances will permit.

Under the old Nemaha area plan, with a Scout executive for the three counties—Cass, Otoe and Nemaha—Plattsmouth contributed around \$200 a year dues for service no greater in scope than is now being received through the Cornhusker Council for \$50. The rate a town is assessed is based on a three cent per capita charge for the full thousand or hundred population, as the case may be. Nebraska City with its excess of 7,000 population pays \$210; Louisville with its excess of 900 pays \$27, and similar proportion for other towns where Scouting is maintained. Scoutmasters and troop committee members serve wholly without pay, and in addition contribute their \$1 per year as members of the 150 club, as well as provide varying sums from their own pockets for expense of trips to district meetings, courts of honor, etc. The registration fee of the Scoutmasters and troop committee members amounting to another \$1 per year, is paid for them by the Legion, as sponsoring organization.

Need for Another Troop

With the splendid cabin at Camp Wheeler and other facilities, Plattsmouth could well have at least one additional troop. The problem of adult leadership is all that's holding back such expansion, and any organization desiring to sponsor a second—or a third troop—can be accommodated by making their wishes known to Mr. Wescott. The cost for area dues is no greater with half a dozen troops than for one, being based wholly, as stated above, on a per capita assessment.

Boys above 12 years of age are eligible for membership.

TO DANCE IN OMAHA

Miss Irene LaHoda will appear in Omaha Thursday evening where she will dance at an entertainment to be held at the Knights of Columbus hall.

VISIT AT MASONIC HOME

Sunday a delegation of the distinguished Masons of the state with their wives were here for a short visit at the Nebraska Masonic Home, where they found a most delightful spot and one which is truly a place of great beauty at this time of the year.

At the noon hour the party enjoyed a fine fried chicken dinner served at the dining room of the main Home building.

Those here were: Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Robertson, the former president of the Nebraska Home association, of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Pittman, Chadron; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Johnstone, Brock; Mr. and Mrs. George Kurk, Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Eyre, Omaha.

Popular Young People Married Late Saturday

Miss Aldo O. Campbell and Mr. Cecil W. Carr are Weded at the Presbyterian Manse.

Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at the Presbyterian manse occurred the marriage of Miss Aldo O. Campbell and Mr. Cecil W. Carr of this city, two of the popular young people of the community.

The young people were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Warthen, in the simple and impressive marriage service.

The marriage lines were read by Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Carr are starting housekeeping at once in the home that they have arranged on Wintersteen hill.

Both the bride and groom have a large circle of friends in the community who will extend to them the very best wishes for many years of happiness and success in the wedded life.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Campbell and was born and grew to womanhood in this community, the family being of pioneer stock in this section of Nebraska.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Carr and he has also grown up in this city and was graduated from the Plattsmouth high school in the class of 1935 and at the present time is in the employ of the Nortfolk Packing Co., in their local plant.

WOMAN'S CLUB PICNIC

Miss Imo Heebner and Mrs. John Hansen were hostesses at the Heebner home to the Nehawka Woman's club for their annual picnic on Friday, June 4th. The members of the Woman's club entertained their families on this occasion.

The supper was enjoyed on the spacious lawn where the guests before preparing to partake of food made a tour of inspection of the beauties of Miss Heebner's garden and lily pool. The supper was served cafeteria and the guests were seated at small tables on the lawn, some gathered on the porch and the children enjoyed eating around the pool.

After supper the ladies were called indoors where the mystery pals of the club ladies were revealed. Maps of the states were given out and the pals were given the names of the capitals and state, and capitals were matched in order to find their pals. This furnished a good evening's entertainment, and as soon as each lady found her pal, she presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

The picnic closed the club year of 1936-37 and with this meeting "vacation" was declared until October.

ASK WILL'S PROBATE

Petition for probate of the will of Ella E. Adams, who died May 25, was filed in county court at Lincoln. Her will left \$2,500 to Maxwell W. Adams, Lincoln, son and \$300 to Thelma Pitman, Murray, granddaughter; and divided the residue of her estate among her children, Maxwell, Mabel Brown of Kearney; Lillian Nielsen and Jacob E. Adams, Plattsmouth. It is asked that Maxwell Adams be made executor.—State Journal.

Mrs. B. S. Ramsey Dies at Omaha Hospital Sunday

Has Been in Poor Health for Number of Years—At Hospital for the Past Month.

The death of Mrs. Elizabeth Crites Ramsey, 82, occurred Sunday at the Methodist hospital at Omaha where she has been undergoing treatment for the past month. She has been in failing health for the past few years and has led a retired life at the family home in this city, until she was taken to the hospital for care.

The deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Crites and was born on a farm in Racine county, Wisconsin, February 10, 1855, with her parents moved to near Columbus and where she grew to womanhood.

On December 25, 1882, she was married to Basil Swearingen Ramsey, a member of the bar at Plattsmouth and who has been one of the active leaders in the community and was a law partner of her brother, Albert W. Crites.

The family resided in the home on high school hill for many years and Mrs. Ramsey continued to make her home in that neighborhood to the last. In 1895 Mr. Ramsey was elected as the judge of the second judicial district and served in that capacity until 1900. Judge Ramsey preceded the wife in death in 1921, since which time she has resided alone and with the associations of the old friends and neighbors.

There is surviving the only child, William C. Ramsey, prominent Omaha attorney and Masonic leader, three grandchildren, William C., Jr., Daniel C., and Elizabeth C., all residing in Omaha.

The death of Mrs. Ramsey removes a loved and respected figure in the community and who leaves many friends to mourn her passing, who will miss very much the daily contacts that they had enjoyed in the years past.

There are also surviving two nephews, Edwin D. and Fred A. Crites, of Chadron; three nieces, Mrs. Gertrude F. Richards, Lincoln; Mrs. Jessie F. Phillips and Mrs. Maude Slattery of Chadron. One daughter preceded her in death.

FUNERAL OF MRS. RAMSEY

From Tuesday's Daily—The funeral services of Mrs. B. S. Ramsey was held this morning at 11 o'clock at the Sattler funeral home where a large group of the old friends and neighbors had gathered to pay their last tributes to her memory.

Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of which faith Mrs. Ramsey had long been a member, conducted the services and paid tribute to the memory of the departed lady, so long a part of the community life.

The Masonic quartet composed of Frank A. Clout, Raymond C. Cook, H. G. McClusky and R. W. Knorr, gave two numbers during the service, "Lead Kindly Light" and "Abide With Me."

The interment was at the family plot in the Oak Hill cemetery beside the husband and daughter, who have preceded her in death.

The pall bearers were friends of the family, W. A. Robertson, W. F. Evers, H. A. Schneider, Don C. York, L. O. Minor of this city, and John K. Morrison, of Omaha.

LEAVE FOR OUTING

From Tuesday's Daily—Last evening Sheriff Homer Sylvester with Mrs. Sylvester and their daughters, Avis, Billy Jean, Margaret and Patty Ann, departed for a short vacation trip to the Black Hills and eastern Wyoming. They are to visit at Rapid City, South Dakota, with the mother of Sheriff Sylvester and then on to Sundance and Lusk, Wyoming where the sheriff has brothers and sisters residing. The mother is leaving soon for Idaho for the summer and this will afford the opportunity for a delightful family visit.

Deputy Sheriff Cass Sylvester and wife will reside at the sheriff's residence during the absence of the family and with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Richardson look after the care of the prisoners.