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## Mrs. Louis Ottnat Dies at Nebraska City Wednesday

### Former Resident of Murray and Plattsmouth Passes Away After Illness of Past Year.

Mrs. Lillian Ottnat, 67, died Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 at her home in Nebraska City after an illness that has covered the past year, but only in the last three weeks has her condition been critical.

Mrs. Ottnat was born October 22, 1870, at Rock Bluffs, Nebraska, where her parents, Joseph V. and Caroline Saus, had been early settlers, she growing to womanhood in that community and at Murray.

She was married on June 25, 1902 at the farm home of her parents to Louis Ottnat and for a number of years they resided here where Mr. Ottnat was engaged as a painter and decorator, they later moving to Nebraska City where they have made their home for the past twenty-five years.

There is surviving her passing one son, Julius Ottnat, chief of police of Nebraska City; four daughters, Mrs. John Kieke, Weeping Water; Mrs. Benni James, Mrs. Richard Kotas, Nebraska City, Mrs. Grant Fallers, Syracuse. One daughter, Henrietta, died in 1913. There is also three brothers, Joseph of Berthand, Colorado; Charles and John of Murray; one sister, Mrs. Duke Frans, Auburn; and three half sisters, Mrs. Charles Garrison, Union; Mrs. Betty Barrows and Mrs. W. G. Boedecker of Murray and a half brother, Walter Saus of Omaha.

The funeral services will be held at the Passbender funeral home at Nebraska City on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock and with Rev. W. A. Taylor of Union and Rev. H. Bryant of Falls City conducting the services.

The burial will be at Wyuka cemetery at Nebraska City.

The death of Mrs. Ottnat takes from the family a loving wife and mother and to the members of the family circle will be extended the consolation of the many friends here in this section of Cass county.

## TRUCKS RESUME ACTIVITY

The settlement of the truckers strike at Omaha and Lincoln Wednesday afternoon resulted in the resumption of activities of the trucks of the large companies which have been tied up by the strike.

Local truck concerns which have been inactive owing to the tieup at the leading docks and the efforts of the strikers to prevent the handling of merchandise by truck, today started in on hauling between this city and Omaha.

During the strike a great deal of the merchandise hauling was made by freight and express and this city escaped a great deal of the inconvenience that was felt in the smaller places where it was necessary to depend wholly on the trucks as the means of hauling.

The absence of the usual flow of truck business through this city was most noticeable in the all night eating places which have had a very good patronage from the truckers en route to or from Omaha. With the close of the strike the usual activities will be resumed.

Many delayed shipments to local merchants that have been held up in the Omaha warehouses were being rushed out today.

## PRESENTS BEAUTIFUL PICTURE

Those who attended the presentation Thursday evening of "King of Kings" at the First Presbyterian church, found a beautifully presented story of the Christ.

This sound picture arranged by Cecil B. DeMille, takes up the life of Christ from the starting of his ministry down through the death, resurrection and the ascension.

It is very reverently presented and at its close left the audience silent in their deep appreciation of the magnificent story that had been given them, a story that vividly portrayed the incidents of the life of the Christ and the message of the Christian faith.

## LEAVE FOR COLORADO

R. Foster Patterson of the faculty of Tarkio college, was in the city for a short time Wednesday to visit with old friends and later going on to Omaha where the Tarkio male quartet was heard in concert.

Mr. Patterson and family are leaving today by car for Colorado where they will spend the summer at Boulder and Mr. Patterson attend the University of Colorado where the pleasant location makes it one of the most popular of the summer schools of the west.

## Harris-Shearer Wedding Held Last Evening

### Granddaughter of F. G. Fricke of This City Married at Trinity Cathedral in Omaha.

From Thursday's Daily—

Miss Louise Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Harris of Omaha and granddaughter of F. G. Fricke of this city, became the wife of William Shearer, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Shearer, at a beautiful wedding at the Trinity Cathedral at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening. Dean Stephen McGinley performed the ceremony. Dr. Stanley played the pipe organ.

The bride wore a princess dress of white organza. She carried a shower bouquet of white flowers and wore a floor length veil of lace net. Her attendants were dressed in pink organza and carried nosegays of pink carnations. Mrs. Wilson was the matron of honor and Miss Margaret Harris, sister of the bride, maid of honor. Misses Elizabeth Shearer and Katherine Shearer, sisters of the bridegroom were bride's maids.

Mr. Shearer was dressed in evening attire. He was attended by Clark Murdock as best man.

Following the wedding the bride and groom received the guests at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harris. Wedding cake and coffee were served.

Those attending from Plattsmouth were F. G. Fricke and Miss Dora Fricke, Misses Mia and Barbara Gering, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Cummins, Mr. and Mrs. Rae Patterson, and Mrs. J. A. Donelan.

## HERE FROM WYOMING

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Droege and children, Elda and Peggy, of Green River, Wyoming, have been visiting in Omaha and Thursday afternoon Mr. Droege motored in with his mother, Mrs. Lena Droege, to spend a few hours with old friends. This was the first visit here in eighteen years for Mr. Droege and he noted many changes in the community where his boyhood days had been spent. A greater part of the old time friends have gone from the city or passed away and he found but few of the close friends of the past.

Mr. Droege has been with the Union Pacific for many years and up until the last year has been playing ball, his favorite sport and in which he started many years ago in the old Red Sox of this city.

Friday the Droege family accompanied by Mrs. Lena Droege are to leave Omaha for the west and Mrs. Droege will make her home for the summer at least in Green River.

## HERE FROM FLORIDA

Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Neil and daughter, of Delray Beach, Florida, are in the city to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Lancaster, the latter a sister of Mrs. Lancaster.

From here Mr. and Mrs. Neil plan to go on to Montana to spend the remainder of their vacation.

Mrs. Neil will be remembered here as Miss Julia Madsen, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Madsen.

## HOME MADE ICE CREAM

Home made ice cream at the Myrand community hall Friday evening, June 25, 7:30. Intermittent program through the evening. Public cordially invited. Business meeting of the community club at 9 o'clock.

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## First District Women's Clubs Summer Meet

### Second Annual Institute Will Be Held at Peru July 1-2—Many to Attend.

Mrs. W. R. Pate, wife of President Pate of Peru State Teachers college, is director of the second annual summer institute of First District Nebraska Federation of Women's clubs to be held at Peru Thursday and Friday, July 1 and 2. Mrs. E. H. Hayward, wife of Professor Hayward, is the corresponding secretary.

President Pate will give the welcome address and the responses will be by Mrs. John Beetem of Douglas, the district president; and by Mrs. M. F. McDuffee of Norfolk, the state president.

Mrs. Inice Dunning, dean of women at the college, will lead the group singing. This course of instruction at the institute is offered in connection with, but not as a part of the summer session of the Peru Teachers college; the personnel of the institute faculty having been elected from the regular institute faculty.

Theme of the institute is "Enrichment of Adult Life," and among the topics on the program are:

Know Your Furniture (with exhibits).

Let's Talk About Flowers.

Symposium (radio, antique furniture, writing, old glass).

The registration for all five sessions is one dollar (\$1.00). The fee for three sessions on Thursday including reserved seats for the evening Budget Event will be seventy-five cents (75c). Twenty-five cents is the admission for the two sessions on Friday.

Luncheon tickets will be forty cents (40c); picnic supper thirty cents (30c); and breakfast on Friday thirty cents (30c). Rooms and bedding will be furnished without cost in the homes of the Peru club hostesses.

Mrs. Pate as director says: "Will you who are planning to attend please enroll and enclose the fee at once? This will enable us to secure a room for you and will also avoid the delay in registration which was experienced last year. Late registration caused many to miss interesting numbers on the program."

## DEATH OF FATHER HOFFMAN

The Rev. J. J. Hoffman, pastor of the Catholic church at Auburn, one of the best known priests of the Lincoln diocese, died Thursday night at the St. Joseph hospital at Omaha where he has been for the past two weeks.

Father Hoffman was for a period of twenty-seven years the pastor of the church at Falls City, until, with his health failing he was sent to the St. Patrick's church at Manley where he served several months, being transferred in November, later he was transferred to Auburn.

The body was taken to Auburn this morning to lie in state there and will be taken to Falls City Saturday where services will be held at 10 a. m. Monday, with interment there.

Rev. Monsignor Adolph M. Mosler of this city, vicar general, was at Omaha today to look after arrangements for the funeral.

The death of Father Hoffman will be learned with much regret in this county where he was well known. He served as the toastmaster of the investiture banquet for Monsignor Mosler.

## ENJOYED PICNIC

On last Sunday, June 13, a group of Manley girls and boys went to South Bend where they enjoyed a nice picnic supper. Then they went boat riding and swimming. On their return home they went to the show in Louisville. Those present were Rev. Father Hennessey, John and Ellen Kelly, Margaret Jane Robinson, Miss Leona Darbeaux, William George, Maurice and Marion Erhart, Herbert, Harold and Rosemary Stander, Loretta Sheehan, Ernest Utterback, Katherine Sheehan, Mr. and Mrs. Linus Massath, Herman Bergman and Paul and Leo O'Brien.

## SUSTAINS COMPENSATION

Judge W. W. Wilson in the case of Edward Barker vs. August Ossenkop, has sustained the holding of the compensation court in the settlement of the case.

It is ordered that the defendants pay to the plaintiff the sum of \$11.20 per week for a period from August 16, 1934 to July 4, 1935 as temporary disability and which sum has already been paid to the plaintiff.

The court also ordered that the defendants pay to the plaintiff the sum of \$11.20 per week for a period of 215 weeks as disability.

## Chamber of Commerce has Final Meeting

### Adjournment for Summer—Members Discuss Necessity for Action in Providing Better Drainage.

J. Howard Davis was named as the new treasurer of the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce at the luncheon Thursday noon. He will serve in the place of Frank Bestor who was forced to give up the work because of illness.

Summary reports were given by the chairman of the various committees for the closing of the year. The Chamber will discontinue meetings until the first Thursday in September.

Members of the chamber were thoroughly aroused when the matter of the drainage of Sixth street was mentioned. Different members contributed suggestions for a remedy of the situation with a strong criticism of the city council for failure to take definite action.

The group went on record as favoring an immediate change in the drains. The group voted to send a recommendation to the mayor asking a special session of the council as soon as possible. The group also urged that the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce be present for the special session and that Emil Weyrich present plans for an efficient drainage system.

Correspondence was also read from radio station WOW offering a local broadcast, preferably during July, to the city of Plattsmouth. The matter was referred to the Ad club with the recommendation of the chamber for such a broadcast.

Reports of much activity were made for both the Norfolk Packing company and for the B.R.E.X. shops.

## HONOR LOCAL MAN

T. M. Patterson, representative of the Bankers Life Insurance company of Nebraska, will leave within the next few days for Lincoln to attend an agency convention of the company's leading producers in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Bankers Life.

One of the oldest of the "western companies," the Bankers Life of Nebraska has long had a prosperous agency in this city. Mr. Patterson who is one of the company's leaders, holds the distinction of having produced new business for 614 weeks. Besides being a production leader, Mr. Patterson is one of the few representatives of the Bankers Life who has represented the company for more than 25 years. He will be given special recognition, both for his production accomplishments and his length of service at the company's agency convention.

## VISIT LINCOLN LODGE

Friday evening W. A. Robertson, worshipful master of the grand lodge of the A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, paid a visit to Lancaster lodge No. 54 of Lincoln, to attend the conferring of the Master Mason degree on several members of the Acacia fraternity of the University of Nebraska. Mr. Robertson was the president of this fraternity during his university days. William Baird, a member of Lancaster lodge and W. F. Evers, superintendent of the Nebraska Masonic Home accompanied Mr. Robertson. Mr. Baird enjoyed meeting the members of his home lodge very much.

Mr. Robertson extended greetings to the Lincoln lodge and to the fraternity brothers.

## Return From Trip to the West Coast

### Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Larson and Children Visit Relatives and Friends in California.

Thursday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Larson and children, Lars and Ray, returned home from an outing trip of several weeks on the Pacific coast and several of the national parks.

In going west they took the southern route and had the opportunity of visiting the interesting desert country of the southwest before reaching southern California and Los Angeles.

They had the opportunity of meeting many old friends and acquaintances while in southern California and among these the Robert Will and Thomas Will families, who are both doing nicely in their new homes.

At Alhambra, California, they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Larson, the former a brother of Ray, finding them very successful in their western home and where Mr. Larson is engaged with a bridge construction company.

They also enjoyed a visit at the Yosemite national park in the east central portion of California and where the great falls and the magnificent trees and natural wonders made the trip one that they will long remember.

While at San Francisco they had the opportunity of crossing the new Golden Gate bridge, one of the great engineering wonders of the world. They also stopped for a short time at San Francisco for a visit with James Warren, former Plattsmouth boy and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Warren.

The family had a real thrill while boat riding near Los Angeles when the engine that operated the boat stalled and the vessel drifted for some time before a rescue tug arrived to tow them into port.

On their return trip they came by the northern route and stopped at the Yellowstone national park to spend a short time there looking over the world famous geysers and the other features of this wonderland. The younger members of the party found much interest in the bears that are pets in the park.

## MISS ELEANOR O'BRIEN RECEIVES PROMOTION

Miss Eleanor O'Brien has received a fine promotion. She is to start work Monday as a supervisor in the Nebraska City telephone office. Miss O'Brien has been assistant to the chief operator in Plattsmouth. She has been located in the Plattsmouth office since June 11, 1928.

Last evening the operators gave a party in honor of Miss O'Brien. Following a lunch the women went to the office where a farewell gift was presented to the departing member of the staff.

Those attending the party were Mrs. Ruth Koukal, Miss Rose Janda, Miss Helen Ledgway, Miss Marjorie Wohlforth, Mrs. Hazel Jameson, Mrs. Fred Wynn, Miss Margaret Long, and Miss Hilda Wallengren.

## DIES ON WEST COAST

Wes Stoneking, a resident of Plattsmouth, some forty years ago, died on May 25th at Almaden, California, relatives here have learned. He has been making his home with a sister, Mrs. Frank Stoop for some time and his death proved very sudden, his sister finding him dead in his room as she came to awaken him.

Mr. Stoneking will be remembered by older residents of this city and in Rock Bluffs where he made his home for some time. He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Stoop, Mrs. Sherd Graves of this city and Mrs. Tillman who resides in Illinois.

Mrs. Stoop is now at Savannah, Missouri, where she is taking treatment at the Nichols hospital and is expecting to stop here on her way home to the west and will visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Graves and family at Rock Bluffs. Mrs. Tillman is also planning on coming to Nebraska for a reunion of the sisters.

## MAY HAVE HIGH WATER

The Missouri river at Bismarck, North Dakota, is reported at a twelve foot stage by the U. S. weather bureau and which is exceptionally high for this time of the year.

With the rise of the river toward the western sources it is expected that the Missouri may be at flood-tide in this section of the river and at this time some water has already overflowed some of the dikes.

With the extreme high water it may be possible that the lowlands east of the city will be overflowed.

## Circles Elect Officers for Coming Year

### Ladies of the Methodist Federation Organize for Beginning of Year in September.

Mrs. Don Seiver named the members of the Naomi, Gleaners, and Dorcas circles at the meeting in the church parlors Thursday afternoon. The federation then divided into circles and elected officers for the ensuing year.

Mrs. J. B. Rishel is the new chairman of the Naomi circle. Mrs. Fred Bourck was named vice chairman; Miss Wilma Pickard, treasurer; and Mrs. Clement Woster, secretary.

Officers named in the Gleaners' circle were Mrs. R. W. Walton, chairman; Mrs. Paul Long, vice chairman; Mrs. Edgar Glaze, secretary; and Mrs. William Henrich, treasurer.

Mrs. Howard Wiles was chosen as chairman of the Dorcas circle; Mrs. Wm. Evers was selected as vice chairman; Mrs. George Mann, secretary; and Mrs. J. E. Wiles, treasurer.

The new year for the federation opens in September. Year books will be made during the summer and committees appointed. During the business meeting the ladies reported a clearance of over \$40 on the White Elephant sale held recently.

Committees from each circle assisted with the serving. The tables were centered by bud vases with roses. Other spring flowers were used as decorations.

## GARDEN CLUB MEETS

Henry Herminghaus, landscape architect of Omaha, was the speaker at the meeting of the Plattsmouth Garden club at the Hotel Plattsmouth Wednesday evening. He gave many helpful suggestions to the members upon the care of their lawns. He said that Kentucky blue grass is the best type for this section and suggested that year-old seed germinates much more quickly than that of the current year. He also stated that by fertilizing, feeding, and watering lawns, the dandelions would be crowded out. He said that many people mow their lawns too close and too often.

A. L. Tidd reported upon the flower show, 270 specimens were exhibited there. Reports were also given by those who attended the flower shows at Shenandoah and at Lincoln. Twelve of the members attended the National Peony show in Lincoln. They were Mrs. Luke Wiles, Mrs. George Mann, Miss Sophia Kraeger, Mrs. Lillian Freeman, Mrs. John Crabbill, Mrs. L. W. Engenberger, J. A. Pitz, Mrs. John Woest, Mrs. Freeman McFarland, Mrs. J. M. Roberts, and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Tidd.

## FORMER RESIDENT HERE

From Thursday's Daily— Mrs. Warlow Weatherbee, of Omaha, was in the city last evening to spend a few hours at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wescott, old time friends. Mrs. Weatherbee will be remembered here as Miss Gretchen McPrang, a former teacher in the Plattsmouth city schools in 1918-21, during the superintendency of Mr. G. E. DeWolf. She has made her home in Omaha since leaving the local schools and has a very charming home and family.

## NOTICE, TAXPAYERS

The second half of 1936 personal taxes will be delinquent July 1, 1937.

JOHN E. TURNER,  
County Treasurer.

## View Latest Developments on County Tour

### Farmers Give Enthusiastic Response to New Type of Cultivation in This Section.

Over 100 farmers went on the all day soil conservation tour of Cass county Friday. D. L. Gross, extension conservationist for the state of Nebraska, and D. D. Wainscott, agricultural agent of Cass county, directed the trip which covered over 40 miles. Explanations of the methods of soil conservation were made by officials from the C.C.C. camp of Weeping Water. Those assisting were Howard B. Ellis, camp superintendent; H. A. Millen, camp conservationist; Jim Carrigan, camp engineer; J. A. Chimber, soil technologist; and N. W. Owens, assistant to the technician.

Torrential rains which total nearly five inches in the first 19 days of this month have made the farmers in this county realize the danger of erosion. A few errors in engineering were shown up with small breaks in contour or in terrace farming yesterday but on most of the farms laid out in the new system perfect soil control was seen and even where some erosion was seen, it was found to be far less than on the farms which cling to the old straight row method.

### Start from Farm Bureau Office

Two C.C.C. trucks and the caravan of cars left the Farm Bureau office at 9:30 a. m. Friday. The first farm visited was probably as beautiful as is to be found in the state this year. It is the Frank Domingo farm east of Weeping Water. A quarter section of land has been laid out in contour farming and buffer strips.

Rows follow the perfect contour of the land at the top of the hill. The corn rows are followed by a buffer strip of wheat. The buffer strip will later be planted to permanent grass. It is of variable width grass so that short rows are eliminated. The buffer strip provides permanent guides for the contour rows as well as spreading and retarding runoff. Another series of rows of corn follow and barley is planted in the gully. The land now in barley will also be turned into permanent pasture. A quarter of section of land has been turned over to experimental work and yesterday's view of the land showed no erosion whatever but a wonderful prospect for a bumper crop. Buffer strips are placed at intervals to take care of a twelve to fifteen foot vertical drop. All short rows point into the buffer strips.

Excellent Brome Grass  
Parr Young's farm was the second stop on the tour. Here the group saw pasture terraces. The terraces were built with county maintenance equipment. The "scooped out" section is about three feet across and the embankment thrown up is slightly over a foot. The terraces are level with closed ends and are placed from 20 to 80 feet apart on the slope. The cost of terracing the 19 acres was \$12.50. After the terracing the land has been planted to permanent pasture. The terracing will hold a 2 1/2 inch run-off which is equivalent to a 5 inch run.

Probably the most enthusiasm registered on the trip was that shown when the men saw Parr Young's field of brome grass. It stands four feet tall and is mixed with timothy, alfalfa and orchard grass. The field was planted a year ago last fall. It is as valuable as bluegrass for pasture and hay.

Valuable Feed  
Brome grass is growing rapidly in popularity among farmers. A mixture of brome grass and alfalfa forms a tough non-erosive sod. Brome is not destroyed by silting. It will become sod-bound and unproductive when seeded alone but when seeded with alfalfa, which supplies nitrogen to the soil, it will maintain a vigorous growth for many years. It has been known to have hardy growth after 28 years and alfalfa is still in it at the end of that time.

It stood the drought of '34 and '36 as well as the heavy freezing when many pasture grasses were killed. It is ideal for buffer strips. A vigorous (Continued on page 3.)