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C. L. Pittman, World War Veteran, Killed Monday Afternoon at Norfolk Packing Plant

Caught in Conveyor While Doing Repair Work, Well Known Carpenter Beaten to Death.

C. L. Pittman, 50, World war veteran, was killed Monday afternoon at 1:45 at the plant of the Norfolk Packing company, where he has been engaged in working on the repair of machinery and equipment preparatory to the corn packing season.

He was repairing the corn waste conveyor at the time of the accident and was in the conveyor when the current operating the machinery was turned on. He had asked, it was said, that the current be switched on, but failed to get out of the danger.

He was apparently caught head first and the body carried around the shaft, crushing his head and mangleing it.

His scream was heard as he realized the danger and the machinery was stopped, but not until the man was beaten to death.

Mr. Pittman, who was born and grew up in the vicinity of Avoca has in recently years made his home in Plattsmouth and he was at the time of his death junior vice-commander of the Hugh J. Kearns post of the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter, Donald and Earl and Miss Irma Pittman of this city as well as the aged mother, who resides at Avoca as well as several brothers and sisters.

The remains were taken to the Sattler funeral home to await the arrangements for the funeral.

WELCOME TO PLATTSMOUTH

The Syracuse Journal-Democrat, which last week spoke in very complimentary terms of the appearance of our Junior drum corps at their 4th of July celebration, says that Syracuse is planning permanent floats to be used in the Ak-Sar-Ben parade at Omaha, the county fair parade in Syracuse, the Apple Harvest Festival at Nebraska City and the King Korn Carnival at Plattsmouth.

Perhaps this idea represents that "something new under the sun." It appears sensible! Why not build a permanent float and use it to advertise your town throughout the season, rather than spend a lot of money building one-day floats? There are plenty of old automobile chassis that could be used for floats and that would look as well drawn behind a neat new model car, as do trucks impelled by their own power. The original cost, while greater would be far less in comparison with number viewing it.

This raises another idea of community co-operation. While in Nebraska City Friday night, a Plattsmouth man was approached on the proposition of Nebraska City sending a junior band here for our King Korn Carnival, with Plattsmouth in return sending our Junior drum corps down for their show which comes in October—a few weeks after the Korn Carnival. It is a friendly gesture, well worthy of consideration.

CHECKS DOCK WORK

The wet weather and the recent high water of the Missouri river, has had a tendency to check the start of the active work on the new river dock east of the city.

The road to the dock site was softened during the recent rise in the river which overflowed the road near the old first channel and this was followed by the recent rains that has made it very soft and difficult to get to and from the river.

The hauling of material will be resumed as soon as the roads will permit and the actual construction work gotten under way.

This is the first dock to be started in this section of the river and it is hoped to have it ready as soon as possible in order that it can serve as a type for use at other points along the river.

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Large Number Attend Last Rites at Sattler Funeral Home—Legion Services at the Grave.

Tuesday afternoon as the day was drawing to its close, the funeral services of Corda L. Pittman, were held at the Sattler funeral home, where a very large group of the old friends had gathered to pay their last tribute to his memory, sharing the sorrow that his tragic death had brought to the family circle.

The Rev. W. A. Taylor, of Union, who has ministered to the sorrow of many hundreds in his pastorate, was in charge of the service and brought the beauty and the comfort from the scriptures to the bereaved family, paying a fine tribute to the life of the departed and his services as a sailor in the World war, as a citizen and as the husband and father.

During the services Mrs. Hal Garnett and Mr. Frank A. Clويد gave two numbers, "Whispering Hope" and "Sometime We'll Understand," Mrs. O. C. Hudson being the accompanist.

The escort and pall bearers were members of the Hugh J. Kearns post No. 56, of the American Legion, of which Mr. Pittman was the junior vice commander. The pall bearers were Judge A. H. Duxbury, E. O. Vroman, Clerk of the District Court, C. E. Ledgway, Fred Herbstler, Fred Lugsch, L. W. Niel.

The color bearers were M. D. Brown and Don Seiver, while the color guard was Leo Boynton and Harry Nielsen.

The services at the grave comprised a prayer by Rev. Taylor and the ritualistic service by Commander E. G. Ofe and Chaplain Raymond Larson.

The firing squad from the 17th Infantry gave the soldiers last farewell, they being under the command of J. A. Capwell, W. R. Holly sounded taps.

Obituary

Corda L. Pittman was born August 19, 1882 at Corydon, Indiana and died July 19, 1937 at Plattsmouth, Nebraska at the age of 54 years and 11 months. He was the son of Thomas and Sarah Pittman. At the age of 9 weeks his parents moved to Nebraska, settling near Nehawka. Later they moved to Waco and when Corda was 13 years old they settled at Avoca where he grew to manhood. August 11, 1909 he was married to Anna Kanke of Plattsmouth, and to this union were born three children, Donald, Irma, and Earl, all of whom are at home.

Corda served in the capacity of carpenter mate in naval aviation, discharged as first class petty officer. After the Armistice he did reconstruction work in France and Belgium until June 1919. He was just elected vice commander for his Legion post for the year of 1937.

Besides his wife and children he leaves to mourn his loss, his aged mother, two brothers, Ward of Omaha, Marion of Avoca, and two sisters, Hattie Chapman and Laura Flesham of Nehawka and a host of friends.

VISITS IN THE CITY

John M. Fitch, of near Nehawka, was in the city Saturday for a few hours and while here was a pleasant caller at the Journal, renewing his subscription to the semi-weekly edition of the paper.

Mr. Fitch is a member of one of the pioneer families of territorial days, that of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Fitch and he was born on the homestead south of this city. He has been a reader of the Journal for many years, it being a part of his household necessities.

DEPARTS FOR SOUTH DAKOTA

From Monday's Daily—Miss Grace Louise Wiles departed this morning by plane from Omaha for Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where she will spend the week. She will be a guest of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Lockhart and family while at Sioux Falls.

Many Witness Annual Soap Box Derby

Event Is Held on North Fourth Street Sunday Afternoon—Enjoyed by Large Number.

The boys of the community that have been devoting the past weeks in the construction of their cars for the annual soap box derby, had the opportunity Sunday afternoon of showing the result of their skill.

There were seven entries in the event and all degrees of workmanship was shown in the cars as they appeared on the scene Sunday for the race. Some of the racers were very classy in appearance and others showed the rough but earnest work of the youngsters who had built them.

The crowds commenced to gather early and by the time for the start of the race at 2:30, a large number were assembled along the route of the race and especially at the finish line just west of the court house.

The starters of the race were Clement Woster, Carl Kell and Henry Woster, who had the task of lining up the cars at the top of the hill for the take off.

The judges of the race were Carl Schneider, Mayor George Lushinsky and Bernard Wurl.

Several of the preliminary heats were close but in the tryouts it was easy to see that the cars of Kenneth Wohlfarth and Walter Bryant were clearly in a class by themselves in the race.

These two young racers were pitted in the finals and much interest was shown in the outcome with Wohlfarth, winner last year, a favorite in the race. Bryant, however, when the final race started took a good lead that he extended as the finish line approached and was over an easy winner.

In the consolation races Leonard Sherd was the winner of the first place honors.

As a trophy of the race Walter Bryant will receive a fine silver cup to remember the event with.

W. H. HOHMAN DIRECTING A CAPPELLA CHOIR

Prof. and Mrs. W. H. Hohman of Newton, Kansas spent Friday night with the mother of Mrs. Hohman, Mrs. August Roessler and left Saturday morning for the a cappella choir goodwill tour through the east. Their three children are remaining with Mrs. Roessler while the tour is being made.

Mr. Hohman is professor of music in the Bethel college in Newton. He is directing the choir of 32 voices on the tour this summer. Mrs. Newton goes with the group as chaperon of the girls.

The first appearance was made at Beatrice, Nebr., on Friday, Sunday the group sang at Washington, Ill. Remaining stops on the tour are Peoria, Ill., July 19; Chicago, where they will be heard over the Farm and Home hour, July 20 and 21; Goshen, Ind., July 22; Berne, Ind., July 23; Bluffton, Ohio, July 25; Pandora, Ohio, July 26; Sugar Creek, Ohio, July 27; Washington, D. C., July 29-August 1; Summerfield, Ill., Aug. 4; Fortuna, Mo., August 5; and they return to Bethel on August 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Hohman will probably visit here after their return from the trip. Mrs. Hohman was formerly a teacher in the Plattsmouth schools.

SET PICNIC DATE

A meeting was held on Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stamp, south of this city, to arrange for the annual reunion of Rock Bluffs pioneers.

Dr. G. H. Gilmore, of Murray presided and J. L. Stamp served as the secretary of the meeting.

The date that was decided on for the picnic was Sunday, August 15th and the place selected, that of the Hutchison grove, where the reunions have been held in the past.

Committees were appointed to arrange the details of the reunion. After the meeting a very much enjoyed luncheon was served by Mrs. Stamp, assisted by the other ladies present.

HAS CAR DAMAGED

Wallace Terryberry, of this city, had the rear of his automobile very badly damaged Sunday evening near Lincoln. He was stopping at an oil station near Playmore park, just out of Lincoln, when a car came along and plowed into the rear of the Terryberry car.

The driver of the car that hit Terryberry, pulled loose and was away before his name or the license number of the car could be learned. The car of Mr. Terryberry will require a great deal of work before it can be placed back in service.

Prefers Hospital to Serving Term in State Prison

Frank Harmer, Sentenced to Ten Years, Asks Supreme Court to Reverse and Remand Case.

Frank Harmer, convicted in this county of breaking and entering a garage, also charged with being an habitual criminal, sentenced to serve ten years in the penitentiary by the trial court, is asking the supreme court to reverse and dismiss and order that he be remanded to the sheriff to carry out order of commitment to the state hospital. Brief in behalf was filed Tuesday.

The information charged that on April 25, 1936, he broke into a garage on the Lee Stuart farm near Elmwood and was shot in the hip by Stuart. He was sentenced March 12, 1937, on a complaint filed May 2, 1936, charging breaking and entering and of being an habitual criminal. His motion for new trial was denied.

Prior to his conviction an insanity complaint was filed and on Sept. 8, 1936, the insanity commission entered an order committing him to the state hospital. The order found him to be feeble minded with the mental capacity of a boy of 12 years. On Oct. 10 he filed motion for dismissal of the criminal charge in view of action by the insanity board but this was overruled.

Numerous alleged errors are recited by attorneys for defendant, one being failure to sustain motion for a directed verdict. It is claimed that altho charged with breaking and entering, the facts constitute the crime of burglary. He also complains that his insanity defense at trial was ignored.

DEATH OF MRS. J. G. WHEELDON

Mrs. J. G. Wheeldon, mother of M. P. Wheeldon and grandmother of Mrs. Raymond G. Larson, both of this city, died late Monday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lottie Hauber, in Nebraska City. She was past 87 years of age, but had been in good health until just recently.

Born January 28, 1850, in Indiana, she grew to womanhood in her native state, where she was married to J. G. Wheeldon, who preceded her in death in 1915. Some time after their marriage they came to Nebraska and she had lived in Nebraska City the past 50 years or more.

Three children, M. P., of Plattsmouth; Mrs. Hauber, of Nebraska City, and Mrs. Edith Israel, of Percival, Iowa, survive; also ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Mrs. Larson is one of the surviving grandchildren. One brother and two sisters also remain, residing at distant points.

TO PLAY AT AUBURN

The Plattsmouth Merchants will play their baseball game Sunday at Auburn instead of this city as was originally scheduled. The Auburn park is much better and the game there promised a better gate for the two teams.

Auburn is now the leader in the Southeastern league as the Merchants nudged the Nebraska City Wreckers out of the king row last Sunday. Clyde Jackson, local Connie Mack, is hopeful that the Merchants will be able to cleanup on Auburn Sunday, altho Auburn has twice defeated the locals.

Phone news items to No. 2.

Discuss Hopper Plague at Meet'g Here Saturday

Seventy-five Local Farmers Meet and Plan Warfare on Hoppers—Cass County Has Led in Fight.

Seventy-five men gathered at the district court room in Plattsmouth Saturday evening to discuss the grasshopper situation in this precinct. Jean Spangler, of the agriculture committee of the Plattsmouth chamber of commerce took charge of the meeting.

D. D. Wainseott, county agricultural agent, was introduced. He told something of the fight that has been made in this county during the past two years to save the crops.

During the spring of 1936, the entomology department of the university warned county agents that the hopper problem would be serious. Investigation was made and in May cards were sent to every farm stating that eggs would hatch soon. Poisoning was done to some extent in hatching bed. In June the problem became serious with drought. 150 tons of poison bait were scattered.

This spring, it was known that the situation was coming. Many found egg beds. The farm bureau mixed bait at \$1.15 per sack and put out 75 to 100 tons at that price. Federal bait then came in and could be sent out at 40c per sack. 175 tons more were purchased.

Mr. Wainseott stated that this county has put out more bait than any county in the state, according to its size. Even though the situation is not as serious here as in many counties, the campaign is still not intensive enough.

He stated that hoppers were going from the small grain fields, off the roadsides, and into the corn fields. The shoots are starting in the corn and are very tender. These are the first part of the stalk attacked and the ear is ruined. He urged that the hoppers be poisoned while on the ground.

A large number of orders were taken for the bait to be mixed the first few days of this week.

VISIT AT HERMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Born and Mrs. Adam Stoehr drove to Herman, Nebraska Tuesday morning where they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Christoffersen. They found the Herman friends quite well.

Mr. and Mrs. Born report that crops are about the same around Herman as here. The community has not received rains during this month until Sunday when a heavy rain fell. This came just in time to save the corn. Harvesting and fighting of grasshoppers is occupying the farmers' time there.

The visitors also saw signs of hail around Tokamah and south of Blair. Mr. and Mrs. Born returned Tuesday evening. Mrs. Stoehr will remain until Thursday.

HERE FOR FUNERAL

Miss Maxine Jones of Belden and Miss Esther Hartmann and her mother, Mrs. Arthur Hartmann of Louisville, were guests at the Everett Pickens home Tuesday. They were here to attend the funeral services for C. L. Pittman. Miss Jones and Miss Hartmann are roommates of Miss Irma Pittman at the University of Nebraska this summer.

VISIT SYLVESTER HOME

From Tuesday's Daily—Mr. and Mrs. Franklyn Davidson of Minneapolis and Jack Bloodgood of Scottsbluff, and Bobbie Bloodgood of Louisville are here for a visit at the home of Sheriff and Mrs. Homer Sylvester and family. The Davidsons are visiting at Weeping Water today with Mrs. Lois Davidson, mother of Mr. Davidson.

HOW COME DOC?

The Peru Pointer of July 16 says: "Dr. Geo. Gilmore, Baptist minister at Murray, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Clark Monday. He is interested in the archeological research work being done here at present."

LEAVES FOR ROCHESTER

Henry Timm departed Sunday evening for Rochester, Minnesota, where he will spend the week at the Mayo clinic. Mr. Timm received treatment and an operation a few years ago at Rochester and will have a thorough checking up by the specialists. The past spring he suffered a severe attack of stomach ulcers and which has left him in a weakened condition.

During his absence at Rochester, the Timm's tavern will be looked after by Ralph O. Timm, assisted by Bronson Timm.

Sues Justice and Lawyer for Damages

Erna Meierdierks Seeks Recovery From Justice W. E. Norris and Attorney W. R. Linch.

From Wednesday's Daily—

Another chapter of litigation involving the justice court of William E. Norris, of Eagle, was filed today in the office of the clerk of the district court.

In this action Erna Meierdierks is the plaintiff and William E. Norris, justice of the peace for Tipton precinct and W. R. Linch, Lancaster county attorney are named the defendants. The plaintiff asks judgment for \$500.

The suit was filed by Dwyer and Dwyer of this city, representing the plaintiff in the action.

In the petition filed, it is alleged that the two defendants conspired and colluded to oppress and defraud citizens of the state. It is further alleged that an agreement was that if 200 or more cases were filed by the defendant Linch in the court that the filing fee would not be charged but collect the costs out of the defendants. It is further alleged that Charles Carr was named as one of the defendants in all of the suits, he being a nominal defendant and in no way liable to the plaintiff in the actions. In each case he was to enter a voluntary appearance.

The bill of particulars against the plaintiff Erna Meierdierks was a suit in which the Lincoln Hall Insurance Co. was plaintiff, claiming the sum of \$62 to be due. The plaintiff in her petition claims that a motion was made to have the case continued and mailed to the court, claiming a counter claim of \$100 due and payable on the policies of the insurance company. The petition alleges that the plaintiff was notified that the motion had arrived too late and that judgment had been rendered for the \$62.

WHEAT STARTS MOVING

Edward Kelly, the manager of the Cedar Creek elevator, has been receiving a great deal of the new 1937 wheat crop in the last week as the farmers complete their harvest and dispose of it.

There has been nine cars of the wheat sent from the Cedar Creek elevator already to the larger grain markets.

Mr. Kelly estimates the average yield of wheat this year at twenty-five bushels to the acre in this section of the county.

BARN BURNS DOWN

From Tuesday's Daily—

The frame barn located on the former Jonas Johnson property on Wintersteen hill, was destroyed by fire this afternoon shortly after 1 p. m. The fire was of unknown origin, and spread rapidly, getting a strong headway before the fire department reached the scene.

The loss will be in the neighborhood of \$300 and was partially covered by insurance.

The barn is the property of Elmer Johnson.

SUFFERS APPENDICITIS

Tom Troop, of near Nehawka, has been suffering for the past several days from an attack of appendicitis and which has kept him bedfast. It was thought at first that he might have to undergo hospitalization, but Sunday his condition was better and it is now thought that he may be able to escape an operation at least for the present.

Pretty Home Wedding at Union Sunday

Miss Sara Jane Upton Wedded to Mr. Rodney K. Whitmore, of York, Nebraska.

In a charmingly arranged home wedding Sunday at the home of the bride at Union, Miss Sara Jane Upton was married to Mr. Rodney K. Whitmore, of York, Nebraska.

The marriage took place at 4 o'clock in the living room of the home which was attractively arranged for the ceremony.

Preceding the ceremony Bette Upton sang, "I Love You Truly," and soft music was used through the service.

The Rev. Smith, pastor of the Methodist church read the marriage lines.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Martha Upton, as bridesmaid and the groom had as his best man, L. R. Upton, Jr., brother of the bride.

The bride wore as her wedding gown a costume of pink silk embroidered net over satin and carried pink roses.

The bride was gowned in yellow satin with a corsage of yellow.

There were thirty-five present for the ceremony.

Following the wedding there was a reception tendered by Mr. and Mrs. Upton in honor of the young people.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore will be at home at Johnson, Nebraska, after September 1st.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Upton, and is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and has been teaching for the past several years.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitmore of Polk, Nebraska, a graduate of York college and at present is coach and principal in the high school at Johnson, Nebraska.

Out-of-town guests at the wedding were: Mrs. Chari Schmidtman, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Reynolds, Minneapolis; Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Lynde, Kansas City, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McIntire and Mrs. Lynde, Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitmore, Polk; Bette and Catherine Owens, Beaver Crossing; Dr. and Mrs. M. U. Thomas, Weeping Water; Carl Peters, Talmage.

ENJOYABLE REUNIONS

From Frank A. J. Miller, who is a resident at the veterans' home at Wadsworth, Kansas, and was here on a furlough, returning only last week, comes word of two very enjoyable family reunions held during his visit here.

The first was a picnic at Garfield park. Those present included Mrs. Myrtle Miller Vroman and family of Minidoka, Idaho; Mr. and Mrs. Clara Miller Boom of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Ethel Miller Sitzman and family of Lincoln; Mrs. Joe Sitzman and family, of Council Bluffs; Mr. and Mrs. Amy Sitzman Miller, of Plattsmouth; Jacob Miller, father, of Plattsmouth; and Frank A. J. Miller, from Soldiers' Home at Wadsworth, Kansas.

Fried tame rabbit, hot biscuits, cold drinks, salad, pickles, ice cream and cake were on the menu and a splendid reunion was enjoyed.

Two days later, on July 7th, a second reunion was held at the home of Frank's oldest sister, Mrs. Ethel Sitzman in Lincoln (that proved equally enjoyable, although not attended by quite as large a number. The meal there was woven around fried chicken with all the trimmings and wound up with a fine cold watermelon, which Frank says is "my weakness."

With his letter he sent some photo postcards, showing pictures of the veterans' hospital, soldiers' home and U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth.

Frank says he enjoyed his visit here very much, as it was a break from the routine life there. He is a charter member of Plattsmouth Legion post and always pays his dues here. The Kansas Legion convention is to be held at Atchison, August 5, 6 and 7, and he is planning on attending. Before becoming disabled, Frank attended nearly every national Legion convention, but of late years has not been able to do so.