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Tribute Paid to W. C. Ramsey by A. F. & A. M.

Address of Judge A. H. Duxbury Gives High Praise to Former Plattsmouth Resident.

From Friday's Daily—
The Masonic grand lodge in their session this week in Omaha paused in their deliberation to pay honor to the memory of William C. Ramsey, past grand master of Nebraska Masons and a native son of Plattsmouth.

The eulogy for Mr. Ramsey was delivered by County Judge A. H. Duxbury of this city, chairman of the committee on the fraternal death of the grand lodge and with the following beautiful tribute:

"In the Midst of Life We Are in Death"
This divine admission was again suddenly brought to our attention when on May 19th, 1938 the news burst upon this Grand Jurisdiction that our beloved Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM C. RAMSEY had been suddenly called from this life to his eternal rest, as if to emphasize in his going the calm dignity of his life among us.

We feel the uttermost emptiness of words to record the life and service of this illustrious son of Nebraska Masonry. A native son of Nebraska, born at Plattsmouth, June 10th, 1884, son of Judge and Mrs. Basil S. Ramsey, pioneer residents of this state, he spent his boyhood days at Plattsmouth, graduating from the Plattsmouth high school in the year 1901. He later entered the University of Nebraska, and in 1907 graduated from the Law College of the University, he was elected in the fall of the same year as county attorney of Cass county, in which capacity he made an exceptionally brilliant record. In 1910 he located in Omaha and took up the practice of his profession, where from that time to the date of his passing, he has devoted his life to an intensive practice of law, in and out of court his conduct as a lawyer conformed to the highest standards of professional honor and business integrity. His respect for courts and his courtesy to opposing counsel were marked features of his professional career. Few lawyers had his breadth of mental grasp, his logical knowledge and his power of analysis. His charming individuality and gracious manner won the respect of judge, jury, and auditors. He was one of the most magnanimous of men.

He manifested a deep interest in civic and political affairs and strove to maintain probity in governmental administration. He has served as a member of the Omaha board of education, as a regent of the Omaha Municipal University, as assistant attorney general of the State of Nebraska, and at the time of his death was assistant general counsel of the Federal Farm Security Administration.

His final resting place is in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Omaha, Nebraska, the community wherein he had lived the major portion of his busy life and where the triumphs of his legal career were attained.

He was taken from those he loved so dearly, while he was yet in the midst of life. These are things we cannot understand. We try to explain the reason why. We are caught up in these circumstances, human mind can never explain.

"And not till the loom is silent and the shuttles cease to fly, Shall God unroll the canvas and explain the reason why."

"The dark threads are as needful in the weaver's skillful hand As the threads of gold and silver in the pattern he has planned."

Yet there is a sense in which good men never die. They live in the hearts they leave behind, in lives they have touched, in influence they have set in motion, in thoughts they have expressed, in deeds they have done. Character is immortal; its seed reproduces itself in the lives of others. As a stone cast into the lake sends its ripples to the farthest shore, so a good life sheds its influence abroad, that even death cannot stay.

There is a fine tribute to Sir Christopher Wren, written in Latin over the choir of St. Paul's Cathedral, which says of Wren, "If you would behold his monument, look around you."

If we desire to see the monument of the life of Most Worshipful Brother Ramsey, we need only to look around us, and we shall see the lives he has blessed, the good he has done, and the people who have been uplifted and inspired by his Christian example.

The Lord gave, it was a rich gift. The Lord had taken away, but not the gift. That remains written in the hearts of all those who loved him.

To his beloved family, whom he loved so fondly that no language

spoken could fathom its depth of meaning, if your loved one could but speak to you audibly here and now, in the language of another, I am sure that this is what he would say:

"Let there be no funeral gloom, my dears. Now that I am gone. No black raiment or graveyard grimness. Think of me as having withdrawn into the dimness. Yours still, and you mine. Think and remember only the sweetness of our love together, and forgetting the rest. Where I wait, come thou gently on."

All of his busy life was spent among his friends and business associates of this Grand Jurisdiction. Those years have been occupied and filled with usefulness, rewarded by success, and crowned by love and gratitude.

William C. Ramsey was a man highly respected by all elements of the community in which he lived, as well as elsewhere for his sterling character, admired for his broad vision, keen interest and lofty ideals in civic and business affairs, and revered for his gentility, amiability and loyalty to friends and brethren. He was unsurpassed in the breadth of his human sympathies. His heart was as tender as it was fearless and true, and his gracious manner and winning smile gained for him the confidence and esteem of all who knew him.

The smiling countenance, the pleasing charm of delightful personality and the goodness of heart and mind were those qualities that made his life beautiful and shed the sunshine of kindness and gentleness all about him. We who knew him best realized that he possessed a standard of truth which no ambition could ever cause him to violate. He believed in life in its fairest and highest aspect; he was deeply religious by nature and his hope was ever in that Higher Lodge above. He lived the best of lives, because he forgot self in the sacrifice of others. Turning to where man meets man in absorbing activities of life, to whom can we point as a truer example of American manhood? He was cut down in the morning of life's afternoon, just when his sun had reached its meridian height, the happiness of a lifetime melted away in one sad moment.

Our thoughts turn to resignation and reverence as we honor this good man with the tribute of our praise. In recollection of when he was here, moving among us, beautiful unpointed pictures appear in the mind of how much sweeter life is that he lived. How distinctly we recall this lovable character, whose voice still rings in our ears, whose handclasp is still warm in our palm, and from whose eyes there shown the immortal spirit of the man within. Today that

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SEARCH FOR "KIDNAPER"
Wednesday afternoon and evening Sheriff Homer Sylvester and Deputy Sheriff Cass Sylvester as well as Chief of Police Barclay and state patrolmen were busy on the outlook for an alleged "kidnaper."

The officers were notified from Nebraska City that a resident of that city had taken his infant child from his mother and was thought to be coming north on highway No. 75. The officers were out on the highway to check the passing cars, but the "kidnaper" failed to make an appearance and if making a getaway had taken some other route.

GO TO CAMP SHELDON
From Saturday's Daily—
This morning five girls went as delegates from the Methodist Epworth League to Columbus, Nebraska where they will attend Summer Institute at Camp Sheldon this week, returning next Saturday. Those attending are Miss Charlotte Palmer, Misses Kathryn and Helen Barkus, Miss Ruth Ann Hart and Miss Mary McCarroll.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Palmer took the girls to the camp.

NEW ARRIVALS
From Saturday's Daily—
Mr. and Mrs. Glen Kaffenberger are the parents of a fine little daughter which was born yesterday. All are doing nicely.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lenhart was made very happy by the birth of a fine son and heir on Thursday.

BIRTH OF LITTLE DAUGHTER
Wednesday a fine little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Koubek, residing in the northwest part of the city. The little one has been christened Rosalind and with the mother is doing very nicely.

Phone news items to No. 6.

Mrs. Silas Long Passes Away at Home in Florida

Former Resident of Cass County and Member of One of the Early Day Families.

Ida Alice Cole, daughter of Shadrach and Nancy Cole, was born near Ft. Madison, Ia., on Oct. 18, 1855. In 1857 the family moved to Nebraska, settling near Plattsmouth. She grew to young womanhood in this vicinity. On May 15, 1878, she was united in marriage to Silas Long at the United Brethren church which stood for many years a few miles south of Plattsmouth. The church was filled with friends for this happy occasion and later a reception for the relatives was held at the bride's home. Two daughters were born to this union, Stella who lives at home and Fern who is now Mrs. Thurman Wilson of Ft. Pierce, Fla.

After the death of her father in 1888, Mr. and Mrs. Long moved to the farm four miles southwest of town which she inherited from his estate. In 1891 the Missouri Pacific railroad was built squarely through the place, destroying a fine, young orchard just west of the home. On the west side of the tracks a townsite was laid out and was named "Myriad." Mrs. Long sold a number of the lots and a village sprang up which thrived and grew until automobiles and better roads destroyed its business. Now it is merely a pleasant place in which to live.

In the meantime the Long family moved to Plattsmouth in 1896 in order to provide a more advanced education for the eldest daughter. Fifteen years later they moved to Lincoln so their daughters might enjoy further educational advantages. After the youngest daughter had graduated from the university, seeking a warmer climate, they went to Florida where they have since resided at Vero Beach.

There this woman who was so well esteemed by those who knew her as a Christian and a friend, finished her earthly pilgrimage as the day neared its close on June 1.

Besides her husband and daughters and two grandsons, Donald and Merrill Wilson, one sister and one brother survive her, Mrs. Alva R. Venner, Plattsmouth, and Stephen B. Cole, Smithfield, Neb., who are now the only survivors of a family of eight brothers and sisters. Burial services were held in the afternoon of June 3.

Peace to thee, friend, at the close Of a long and useful life. The daughters will miss their mother. The husband will miss his wife. But we know that her steps lead upward.

Toward a brighter, clearer day, 'Tis God's loving hand that guides her, As she walks the heavenly way.

DEATH OF EDWARD SWOBODA
From Friday's Daily—
Edward Swoboda, 86, a resident of this city for many years, died this morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. McCarthy, near Wyoming, where for the past few months he and his wife have made their home.

The deceased was born February 16, 1853, in Bohemia and came to the United States in 1882 and has since made his home in this city. He was for a great many years engaged in work at the Burlington shops but in later years has retired and looked after his acreage in the west part of the city.

He is survived by the aged wife, Antonia and an adopted daughter, Mrs. McCarthy.

TO BE ORDAINED HERE
Paul Iverson, recently graduated from the Union Theological Seminary in New York, was passed by the Nebraska synod of the Presbyterian church Wednesday at their meeting at Hastings. Rev. Iverson came through the examinations in high standing and will be received into the ministry of the church. His ordination will take place in the First Presbyterian church in this city, in which church Rev. Iverson has kept his membership since his childhood days.

VISITS IN OLD HOME
Mrs. Frank Boyd of Berkeley, California, who is visiting in Omaha, was in the city Thursday afternoon to look over the scenes here where she was born and spent some childhood years. Mrs. Boyd was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Clark, who resided here in the eighties and the father had charge of the local band while a resident here. Her mother was formerly a Miss Ida Wideman and will be recalled by the older residents of the city. Mrs. Boyd was accompanied by Mrs. Edna Jamison of Omaha to this city.

WILL MOTOR TO WISCONSIN

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ofe and son, Carl, Jr., Mrs. Henry Ofe and son, Annie Hummel departed Sunday on a motor trip to Wisconsin for an outing in the lake country. They expect to make their first stop at LaCross, Wisconsin, and from there will go to Gresham, where they will visit with relatives and also at Breen Bay, the bay of the same name, one of the best known resort cities of eastern Wisconsin.

Mr. Ofe is expecting to enjoy a great deal of fishing in the many lakes that feature that part of the state.

Pioneer of Northwestern Nebraska Here

George Horn of Hay Springs Visits Relatives of This Community—Pioneer of Sod House Days.

George Horn, 74, of Hay Springs, Nebraska, a resident here some fifty years ago, has been here visiting with relatives and many old time friends in this community. Mr. Horn is a brother of Mrs. William Hassler of this city and a brother-in-law of Mrs. Mary Knofficek, he having married a sister of the late A. F. Knofficek here in 1886. Mr. Horn is also related by marriage to many of the old families of this section of Cass county and where he farmed in his younger years.

Mr. Horn and his wife were pioneers in the northwest part of the state as at the time they moved there from here in 1888, there were few residents, and neighbors many miles away from each other. Their filings was on a "tree" homestead, which required that the settlers make tree plantings in order to secure filing rights. They made a sod house that sheltered them in the early days when the living was truly that of the frontier and filled with hard and unceasing toil.

Mr. and Mrs. Horn were parents of ten children, four girls and six boys and when the World war came the sons largely enlisted in service and Mr. and Mrs. Horn moved from their large farm into Hay Springs, where they have since resided.

Mr. Horn served for eleven years as chief of police of Hay Springs and is one of the best known and popular residents of that section of Nebraska.

OLD RESIDENT VISITS HERE

From Thursday's Daily—
This morning Hoyt K. Pottenger, of Los Angeles, was in the city for a few hours, where he enjoyed looking over the scenes of his boyhood days and meeting the very few persons that he could recall from the past of some forty years.

Mr. Pottenger was the son of Judge and Mrs. Willett Pottenger, the father being police judge and an attorney here for a great many years, being one of the pioneers of this territory.

The family made their home on North Sixth street and while here, Mr. Pottenger made a pilgrimage to that locality to try and find the one time home.

He was a caller at the Journal office and related that he had served as "devil" on the paper back in the late eighties, when C. W. Sherman was the publisher, recalling many amusing incidents of the printing business of the days of all hand set type and comparative primitive methods of printing.

He left here over forty years ago, and it has been twenty-five years since he was here, coming to bring the mother here for the last rest.

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Banning-Peters Wedding Held at Home of Bride

Candlelight Ceremony Held Saturday at the Banning Home—To Reside in Nebraska City.

Nola A. Banning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Banning, Union, became the wife of Carl J. Peters, son of Mrs. Mary Peters, Talmage, at double ring candlelight ceremony at the bride's home Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. The Rev. S. Haferman of Talmage, officiated.

Donald and Gerald Peters, nephews of the bridegroom carried blush satin ribbon which marked the path for the bride, Carol Ann Brehm, a niece, was flower girl.

The bride wore a floor length gown of blush chiffon patterned by Vionnet. It had a plaited flounce around the bottom which formed a slight train at the back. Her bouquet was of tea roses, sweet peas, swansonia and baby breath. She was met at the foot of the fern decorated open stairway by her father who gave her in marriage.

Miss Louise Foster attended the bride, and Lucian Banning, brother of the bride, was best man. She wore powder blue chignon gown of floor length with a plaited jacket and carried yellow roses. Miss Coretta Pfann, wearing peach lace, played Lohengrin's and Mendelssohn's wedding marches for the procession and other numbers throughout the ceremony and reception. Miss Evelyn Peters, sister of the bridegroom, was dressed in a yellow sheer formal and sang "I Love You Truly" and "O Promise Me."

The ceremony took place before a rock fireplace. The mantle was banked with ferns and bouquets of tea roses. A large fern stood in front of the fireplace and baskets of flowers at either side. Tall seven branch candelabra with white tapers lighted the room. The candles were lighted by Mary Becker and Rachel Taylor. A basket of flowers on the stairway post and spring flowers in vases completed the decoration of the room.

A reception followed the wedding in the dining room. The three-tier wedding cake, frosted in pale pink, formed the centerpiece and two-branch crystal candelabra at either side held pink and white candles. Misses Dorothea Meyer and Helen Williams cut the cake and Dorothy Pell, Omaha, Delores Brehm, Talmage, Mrs. Rodney Whittemore, Johnson, and Leona Tegtmeyer, Nebraska City, assisted in the serving of the 85 guests.

Jane Robb and Dorothea Kropp took care of the punch bowl, Rachael Taylor of Lincoln, cousin of the bride, had charge of the guest book; and Mrs. Merle Heckl Union, took care of the gift room.

The bride attended Stephens College one year and went to Peru a year and a half. She taught in the Union schools three years and in Nebraska City two years. Mr. Peters attended Peru Normal one year and taught in the Talmage schools nine years. He is now district agent for the Banker's Life Insurance Co. for Otoe county. The couple left immediately after the wedding for a trip to California and other points on the west coast where they will visit friends and relatives. They will be at home at 1218 Second avenue, Nebraska City, after August 1.

Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Pell and family, Omaha; Mrs. Mary Taylor and Rachael, Miss Jane Robb, Miss Naomi Dickson, Hollis Banning and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Selms, Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Al Shelby, Dorothea Meyer, Leona Tegtmeyer, Coretta Pfann Eleanor Williams, John Steuterville, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Collins, Bernice Magette and Leonard Hanks, Nebraska City; Mrs. Mary Peters and daughters, Evelyn and Leta, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Peters and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Erikman and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Birkman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peters and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brehm and family, Mr. and Mrs. John George and son, Mr. and Mrs. Harm Bohlen and family, Dr. L. H. Hebard, Jack Carlson and Avon Lowe, Talmage; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Harmes and son, Manley; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lundin and family, Kearney; Mr. and Mrs. Don Hueston, Rock Port; Miss Gertrude

Chiddenden, Clatonia; Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Whittemore, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Banning, Alvo; Mrs. E. W. Keedy, Ashland; Mr. and Mrs. Merle Heck, Falls City; Mr. and Mrs. Merle Young and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Meyer, Johnson.

RETURN FROM OUTING

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jacobs and children, John, George and Shirley, returned home Friday evening from a trip out in the state. They have visited at Clay Center, Elsie and Scottsbluff with relatives and old friends.

Daughters of Revolution Elect New Officers

Entertained at the Home of Mrs. F. R. Gobelman and Plan Meeting for Ensuing Year.

Fontenelle chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held their annual election of officers at their meeting held at the home of Mrs. F. R. Gobelman this week.

The Gobelman home was very attractively arranged with decorations of the garden flowers that made the scene one of great beauty and charm for the interesting meeting.

Miss Pearl Staats, regent of the chapter presided, and the reports of the officers and committees for the past year were given and showed the fine progress that had been made in the work of the patriotic organization.

The election of officers was held and the following selected:
Regent—Mrs. Otto A. Keck.
Vice Regent—Miss Caroline Baird.
Secretary—Mrs. F. R. Gobelman.
Treasurer—Miss Pearl Staats.
Historian—Mrs. E. H. Wescott.
Registrar—Mrs. Pearl Mann.
Chaplain—Mrs. L. O. Minor.
Auditor—Mrs. R. W. Clement.

The chapter voted as one of the activities of the 1938-39 program to intensify the marking of historical spots in this section of the state and to see that they were properly designated for the benefit of the coming generations. This committee will comprise Mrs. E. H. Wescott, Miss Pearl Staats and Mrs. R. W. Clement.

A very interesting program was given, in which many of the important questions of the D. A. R. were discussed. Miss Pearl Staats read the letter of the President General, Mrs. E. H. Wescott discussed National Defense, Miss Caroline Baird reviewed the D. A. R. Magazine, Mrs. Pearl Mann gave the flag lesson and Mrs. L. O. Minor discussed very interestingly the historical homes.

Mrs. P. H. Murdick, Jr., of Cleveland, Ohio, a member of the local chapter, was a pleasant visitor at the meeting.

The hostess served a very delicious luncheon at an appropriate hour.

COUNTY COURT DOINGS

Walter Sopinski, of Omaha, truck driver for the Continental Baking Co., was in court Wednesday afternoon on complaint of the state highway patrol, it being charged that he was operating a truck bearing an Iowa license instead of the Nebraska license. The defendant claimed that the truck was used only as an emergency vehicle. After hearing the case the court assessed a fine of \$10 and costs on the defendant.

Petition was presented asking removal of the guardianship of Wilmer Harshman, of Avoca. The guardians, Ralph Harshman and J. E. Hallstrom of Avoca, were relieved of their duties.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Jay D. Rising, who resides on the Dovey section, east of Cedar Creek has returned to his home after having undergone an emergency operation at the Immanuel hospital in Omaha last Saturday morning. The attending surgeon was Dr. Herbert Davis of Omaha. Mr. Rising has not been in the best of health during the past few years, having suffered a breakdown in 1932.

Omaha Woman Tells of Trip to Orient Recently

Mrs. John Lionberger Guest of Woman's Auxiliary of St. Luke's Church—Many Attend.

From Saturday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon at the Gering residence, a "Trip to the Orient" with Mrs. John Lionberger was sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Episcopal church.

Mrs. J. A. Capwell, talented pianist, opened the program with a beautiful piano solo, of which the audience showed their appreciation by their intensive applause.

Miss Barbara Gering introduced the speaker, Mrs. Lionberger, of Omaha, who has recently returned from the Orient. Mrs. Lionberger has been a friend of the Gering family for many years.

Mrs. Lionberger told of the many places of interest in Tokyo, commenting upon the very modern conveniences in the Japanese cities, which are all greatly electrified. She mentioned particularly one department store which was air conditioned, had electric elevators, fine service, many uniformed clerks, a bronze staircase leading to each floor, beautiful roof gardens and a very elaborate playground for children. She also told of the coffee shops found in large numbers in Japan. The Japanese, she said, have become coffee-minded and now prefer it to tea, especially the younger people. When she visited a shop and asked for a cup of coffee, she was handed a menu which presented 25 different varieties of coffee for her to choose from. She learned too, that the first class restaurant gives its coffee grounds to second class shops who in turn give them to third class shops.

She told of many more interesting and amusing things of Japan. One particularly interesting incident was the burial of broken dolls, which she attended. The Japanese, she said, believe that things the children play with, all household utensils and farm implements have souls and when they are broken they are buried in much the same way in which humans are buried. Especially amusing to Mrs. Lionberger was the fact that the girls marched to the altar to the tune of "Marching Through Georgia," adding that the Japanese love American music.

Mrs. Lionberger also visited with the Yokohama Rotary and Rotary Anns, at the foot of Mount Fujiyama and many other places of interest. From Japan Mrs. Lionberger went to Korea where she visited the ancient tombs, one of which is older than that of King David, and the ancient observatory built for a queen in the year 627. The Diamond Mountains and Monasteries were also very interesting to Mrs. Lionberger.

In the Philippine Islands, where she next visited, she visited Zamba Angra, where strings of orchids hang under the eaves of the shacks in which the people live. At Sibou she saw the pavilion under which stands the cross which Magellan carried when he landed there, and sailed across to the island where he is buried. Most interesting in the Philippine Islands were the rice terraces, which were well worth the dangerous trip up to the mountains to see them. Because of lack of fertile land, the head hunters, who live there, built these terraces on the side of the mountains. They are considered equal to the pyramids as an engineering feat.

Mrs. Lionberger spoke especially of the missionaries of this country who live there for many years, helping the natives and never seeing a white person. Her talk was very interesting and amusing but was also instructive and was very much enjoyed by the large number who heard her.

Delicious refreshments were served by Miss Mia Gering, assisted by a number of girls.

APPOINTED AS CONSTABLE

Jacob Sterner of Elmwood was appointed by the board of county commissioners Wednesday to be constable in the court of Justice of the Peace Walter Plybon at Elmwood. The bond of Mr. Sterner was also approved by the board.