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HEART ATTACK FATAL TO PROMINENT HOLT COUNTY CITIZEN WEDNESDAY

Former Representative and State Senator Had Long Been Active in Affairs of the County and State

John A. Robertson, one of the pioneer residents of this county and long prominent in the civic and political affairs of the county and this section of the state passed away at his farm home northeast of this city Wednesday afternoon about 6 o'clock from a sudden heart attack. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. H. D. Johnson officiating, and interment in the cemetery on his home place northeast of this city.

He leaves twelve children to mourn his passing besides several grandchildren. The children are Mrs. Lottie Wiedman, Plainview; Mrs. Elsie R. Anderson, Omaha; George C. Robertson, O'Neill; Helen E. Sundell, Wakefield; Harriett J. McElhane, Omaha; John A. Robertson, Jr., Chicago; Samuel R. Robertson, O'Neill; Ray R. Robertson, Dakota City; Rachel A. Robertson, O'Neill; Rebecca M. Ernst, Spencer; James A. Robertson, Sioux City, Iowa; Dick W. Robertson, O'Neill.

On March 24, 1838, Mr. Robertson wrote the following sketch of his life and mailed a copy to each of his children and a few close personal friends. There is much of interest in the article and we here reproduce it in full.

John A. Robertson was born in a log house on a farm in the White River Valley between Seymour and Brownstown, Jackson county, Indiana, on January 22, 1867.

My father died when I was about three years old and before my youngest sister was born. The family left my mother, my two sisters and myself. I was the oldest of the three children. My oldest sister was Mrs. O. E. Ott and she died and was buried at Dickson, Tenn., on August 22, 1933.

My youngest sister was Mrs. H. J. Worth and she died January 9, 1936, and was buried in the Pleasant Valley cemetery near Meek, Neb.

We were not wealthy; my father left us a small farm of 28 acres, 10 acres of it timber, and neither were we "poor white trash" but my mother had to save every penny and we lived very frugally and as soon as we children got old enough we got jobs helping the neighbors for whatever they would pay us and I worked one summer for \$7.00 a month when I was 12 years old. It was figured that I could do one half of a man's work and was worth one half of a man's wages, which at that time was from \$10.00 to \$14.00 per month and a month there was 26 dry days and some times it took six weeks to get a month in. I felt pretty big because I could help my mother. My sisters got from 50 cents to \$1 per week but we all helped all we could and got along the best way we could. We were taught that to take anything we did not earn would be a disgrace and we never heard of any such thing as relief.

We attended the public rural school of that date and our Indiana schools rated very good but we knew nothing of grades in school but had our first to sixth reader and reading, writing and arithmetic, the three R's and a scholar might go just as far as he could and not be hampered by grades or hours of study. The rent from our little farm of 28 acres we could earn did not make a very big income and our living was not very fancy at any time but we were happy in trying to do our best.

At that time there was the great west Kansas, Nebraska, the Dakotas and on toward the setting sun and my mother always said we should go west if we could and get some free land but that seemed impossible to us children but it was something to hope for anyway.

On January 11, 1883, my mother married Samuel Beavers a friend of her younger days but then living at Malvern, Iowa, and we came to Malvern to live but my mother still clung to the idea that we ought to go west and get some free land. Mr. Beavers was a carpenter and he got him to go to Nebraska and he took a homestead new part of the place where Bill Fronek now lives, about fifteen miles northeast of O'Neill. The land office was at Niobrara and he had six months to get on the land or forfeit his filing. He traded his town property in Malvern for an old team of horses and a wagon and sold all of his household goods that we could not take along with us and in a covered wagon we struck out for the west.

Word was received here last Sunday of the death of Michael J. McNally, of Chicago, Ill. Mr. McNally was married in 1909 to Miss Nora O'Malley of this city, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter O'Malley. Mr. McNally was well known in O'Neill, having visited here a number of times. He leaves to mourn his death, his wife, Nora, three daughters, Margaret and Grace of Chicago, Mrs. Frank Hopkinson of Louisville, Ky., and one son, Joe, who is in the army stationed near St. Louis, Mo. Two sons preceded him in death.

BRIEFLY STATED

Dr. Frank Gallagher, of La-Crosse, Wis., arrived home on Sunday to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. J. P. Gallagher and friends.

Donald Gallagher, of Lincoln, Nebraska, arrived here on Sunday to spend a few days visiting his mother, Mrs. E. F. Gallagher and other relatives and friends.

Ed O'Donnell, of Okmulgee, Okla., arrived here on Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays here with his daughter, Miss Patricia and other relatives and friends.

J. B. Ryan left on Monday for Chicago, Ill., where he will spend the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. Emmet Doyle and his sons, Bob and Joe.

Lyle Hartford arrived home on Sunday evening from the Great Lakes training station to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hartford.

Miss Luella Hartford, of Sioux City, Iowa, is expected to arrive on Tuesday evening to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hartford.

Mrs. Augusta McPharlin left Sunday for Omaha where she will spend the holidays visiting at the home of her daughters and with her son, Owen.

Miss Dorothy Jordan, of the University of Nebraska, at Lincoln, arrived home on Saturday to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Anna Jordan.

Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Sutcliffe, of Custer, S. D., arrived here on Sunday afternoon to visit for a few days with Mrs. Sutcliffe's mother, Mrs. John Carr and other relatives.

Miss Mona Melvin, of St. Louis, Mo., arrived here on Saturday to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Melvin.

Mrs. H. J. Hammond left Thursday afternoon for Denver, Colo., where she will spend Christmas with her daughter, Miss Mary Lois.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ruzicka left Tuesday for Redfield, S. D., where they will spend Christmas with Mrs. Ruzicka's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sell.

Junior Toy, a student at the University of Nebraska, arrived home on Friday evening to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Toy.

Mrs. Jeannie Scott left Tuesday for Omaha, where she will spend Christmas with her daughter and husband, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Oppen.

The teachers of the O'Neill High school held their annual Christmas party at the Golden Hotel on Thursday evening at seven o'clock with a dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Donohue and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Arbutnot and daughter, Cecelia, will spend Christmas day in Petersburg, with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Duffy.

Due to the generosity of one of our readers, Mrs. William Storts, the editorial family will enjoy a chicken feed next Sunday. Many thanks, Mrs. Storts.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Turner and children, of Winner, S. D., arrived here on Christmas day to visit at the home of Mrs. Turner's mother, Mrs. Teresa Connelly.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McManamy and Miss Maryann Kubitschek left Wednesday afternoon for Omaha, where they will visit friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Nelson and daughters and Miss Marie Reardon, of Norfolk, arrived here on Tuesday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Reardon.

Bill Biglin, a student at Creighton University, arrived home on Saturday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Biglin.

A Pioneer Celebrates Her Eighty-third Birthday

Eighty-three years ago on December 23, Mrs. J. M. Hunter was born and in honor of that anniversary Mrs. Frank Hunter entertained eight ladies at a 1 o'clock three-course luncheon on Monday.

The house was decorated in Christmas decorations and the centerpiece was a large color-glow candle set in holly and silver decorations and the place cards were reindeers and Christmas trees.

The afternoon was spent in working puzzles and playing games.

Margaret McCormick Hunter was born in Cedar county, Iowa, and her early life was spent there until after her marriage in February 1881, to Joseph Hunter, since then she has lived in Nebraska. They lived on a farm until 1914 when they moved to O'Neill. Her husband died in 1926. She is the mother of five children, two of whom are living. Wm. M. Hunter of North Bend, and Clea Brady, of Calgary, Canada.

BRIEFLY STATED

George Ellsworth left Monday for Lincoln, where he will spend the holidays visiting friends.

Andy Hansen will leave on Saturday for Cheyenne, Wyo., where he has accepted employment as a carpenter on a new government army camp which is being built there.

Neil Brennan, of Houston, Tex., a student at Rice Institute, arrived on Tuesday morning to spend the holidays here with his parents, Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. F. M. Brennan.

Mrs. F. M. Brennan and Miss Bernadette Brennan drove to Norfolk on Friday, where they met Lieut. Colonel F. M. Brennan of Fort Knox, Ky., who will spend the holidays here with his family.

M. J. Golden will leave on Thursday for Omaha, where he will meet his brother, Clear, of Cheshire, Conn., who will spend the balance of the holiday season here visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. J. F. O'Donnell, of Omaha, arrived here on Saturday to spend a few days visiting relatives. Mrs. O'Donnell returned to Omaha on Tuesday, where she will make her home for the present.

Miss Rose Mary Biglin and Ruth Ann Biglin, students at the University of Nebraska, arrived home on Saturday to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Biglin.

Mrs. Guy Cole and Mrs. Esther Harris drove to Sioux City on Friday, returning home in the evening, and bringing Mrs. Harris' daughter, Ruth, home to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Mathews and daughter, Madge, of Lincoln, arrived on Saturday evening to spend the holidays with Mrs. Mathews' father, R. H. Murray, and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Axel Borg and Mrs. Sam Robertson entertained the Alpha Club at the Borg home on Wednesday, December 18. A lovely two-course luncheon was served at one o'clock. In the afternoon Christmas gifts were exchanged.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Moss and daughters, H. J. Hammond and daughter, Margaret and son, George, left Monday for Denver, Colo., where they will spend the Christmas holidays visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sauers and Miss Betty Cambre, of Sargent, Nebraska, spent Christmas here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sauers. They returned to their home at Sargent on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Angster and son, Billie Dean, of Atkinson, moved to O'Neill on Thursday and will make this city their home. Mr. Angster has accepted a position as mechanic at the Lohaus Motor Company.

Active Livestock Market Monday With Prices Generally Improved

The pre-Christmas auction at the local livestock market showed plenty of action and buyers paid attractive prices. The general tendency was toward better prices with a definite upturn in the hog division.

The extreme top on choice steer calves was \$11.40 and the bulk in this class cashed from \$9.90 to \$10.80. Heifer calves were in light supply and paid mostly from \$8.75 to \$9.75.

Yearling steers of good quality sold from \$9.00 to \$9.50 with a few scattered choice ones going at slightly higher figures.

The quality of the cow offering was only fair to good and prices were about steady. Extreme top on weighty cows was \$7.00 with most of them selling at \$5.50 to \$6.20.

In the hog division the market undertone was firm with prices on all kinds showing a definite upswing. Handy weight butchers sold consistently at \$6.00 and \$6.05 and sows were mostly within the \$5.45 to \$5.55 price range. Light lights reached upwards to \$7.25 and pigs weighing around 40 pounds brought a fancy price of \$8.20, which is a new high in several months.

Sheep were very scarce, not a sufficient number to make a quotable market.

About twenty horses and mules were included in the day's offering.

The next regular auction will be held Monday, December 30.

BRIEFLY STATED

Miss Ruby Weiseman left for Silver Creek on Tuesday, where she spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Weiseman.

Mr. and Mrs. George Agnes, daughters, Virginia and Lorraine, of Norfolk, and Mrs. Ben Grady, of Omaha, spent Christmas day in O'Neill visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gatz and with other relatives and friends.

Dr. J. P. Brown and Frank Biglin drove to Omaha on Thursday afternoon. They expect to return Friday afternoon, and will bring Mrs. Annie Hughes home with them. Mrs. Hughes has been in the hospital recovering from a recent operation.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bergstrom, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Rummel and Owen Davidson left Sunday morning for California, where they will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Bergstrom's sons, Leonard and Bob, and will attend the New Year's day game in the Rose Bowl.

Mrs. Letta Sexsmith left on Tuesday morning for Omaha, where she will visit her daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mason. She will also visit her daughter, Mrs. John Selders at Griswold, Iowa, and her mother, Mrs. Lucy Miles at Bethany Mo., before returning to O'Neill.

Miss Etta Morgan, of Exeter, Nebraska, arrived here on Saturday and is spending the holidays at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Froelich and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Campbell. She will also visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Froelich before returning to Exeter.

Miss Ethel Bennet, a student at the Chillicothe Business College, Chillicothe, Mo., arrived here on Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Bennett. She plans on returning to Chillicothe to resume her studies at the school on January 6th.

Miss Mary Jane Kubitschek, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Kubitschek of this city, who arrived here on Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents, has been chosen as one of the nine princesses and candidates for queen for the 1941 Duchesne College Mardi Gras Ball, which will be held in Omaha in February. Miss Kubitschek is a senior in the College of Arts and will be graduated this spring with the class of 1941.

ST. MARY'S CARDS WON TWO GAMES LAST WEEK

Defeat Elgin and Inman With Decisive Scores In Last Week's Frays

St. Mary's of O'Neill defeated Elgin, Nebr., 58 to 14 last Thursday night and Inman, Nebr., 37 to 20 Friday night, to make the record read 4 wins and 2 defeats.

Against Elgin, the team was hot, scoring 18 points in the first quarter and keeping up that pace the entire game. Shoemaker of O'Neill led the scoring with 20 points. Kersenbrock and Hickey of the Cardinals had 11 and 10 points respectively, while Vogel, Ball and Henman led Elgin with 3 points each.

At Inman, on Friday night, the team got off to a slow start, thru difficulty in adapting themselves to the small floor. The Cardinals, however, led at halftime 9 to 6. During the third quarter Inman took the scoring lead for the first time during the game but lost it by the quarter when St. Mary's again led 18 to 16. During the final quarter the Cardinals turned on the heat and were drawing away at the end of the game with a 37 to 20 score. Kersenbrock of St. Mary's led both games with 12 points, while Watson, of Inman, had 8 points.

Cardinal Reserves won both times—over Elgin reserves 17 to 14 and over Inman reserves 21 to 8.

Busy Hour Club

The Busy Hour Club met on Thursday, December 19, at the home of Mrs. Lowell Johnson, in O'Neill. All but two members were present. The house was decorated very pretty, and all present were in the Christmas spirit. All members received a present. New officers were elected for the coming year. Mrs. Bessie Wayman was elected president, Mrs. John Miller, vice-president; Mrs. Lowell Johnson, secretary and treasurer; and Mrs. Roberta Spindler, news reporter. One new member has been taken into the club. The afternoon was spent in singing and playing games. Prizes were won by Mrs. Margaret Keefer, Mrs. Roberta Spindler and Mrs. Bessie Wayman.

At the close of the meeting a delicious lunch was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Bessie Wayman on January 30.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to express our thanks to all who gave their help to us at the time of the death and burial of our brother. Thanks for the words of comfort, the lovely flowers, and thanks to the choir who selected and sang so sweetly the beautiful songs.—The Brothers and Sisters, Nieces and Nephews of a wonderful uncle and brother, Leslie Wertz.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brickman and Mrs. Sarah Wallace, of Gann Valley, S. D., will arrive here on Tuesday to spend Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hancock and son, Marlin, of Tekamah, Nebraska, arrived here on Sunday and will spend Christmas here visiting at the home of his son, Ed, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley McKenna and son, Meridith, left Tuesday for Lincoln, where they will spend Christmas with their son, Hugh, and with other relatives and friends.

Miss Leona and Ivan French, students at the University of Nebraska, arrived home on Saturday to spend the holidays with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. O. W. French.

Corporal Francis Soukup, of Fort Crook, Nebraska, arrived here on Saturday evening, having a ten-day leave to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Mattie Soukup.

CREIGHTON PREP OF OMAHA WINS FROM ST. MARY'S

The Game Was Much Better Than One-sided Score Indicates

Creighton Prep's state champion basketball team had little trouble subduing a gallant but outclassed St. Mary's team on the latter's home floor, last Sunday afternoon. The final score was 59 to 18.

St. Mary's took an early lead 6 to 2, but were unable to keep scoring and trailed 12 to 6 at the first quarter. This lead was increased still further by halftime, when the Junior Jays left the floor on the long end of a 28 to 13 score. Up until this time the battle had been hard and well fought and the Cardinals were still in the ball game.

During the third quarter however, the Creighton superiority became more evident and at the end of the period the Prep team was leading 45 to 14. In the last quarter, the Cardinals still could not halt the scoring and when the final whistle blew, they were behind 18 to 59.

Matejka, of Prep, was the high scorer with 18 points. St. Mary's scoring honors went to Jr. Shoemaker with five points.

Summary

| St. Mary's | fg | ft | pf |
|-------------|----|-----|----|
| Ryan | 0 | 2-3 | 0 |
| Miles | 0 | 1-1 | 4 |
| Sirek | 1 | 0-0 | 1 |
| Hammond | 1 | 0-0 | 0 |
| Kersenbrock | 0 | 2-2 | 2 |
| Kubitschek | 1 | 0-0 | 0 |
| Hickey | 1 | 0-1 | 1 |
| Shoemaker | 1 | 3-4 | 1 |

| Creighton Prep | fg | ft | pf |
|----------------|----|-----|----|
| Gleeson | 4 | 2-2 | 1 |
| Wingender | 2 | 0-0 | 0 |
| Matejka | 7 | 4-5 | 1 |
| Noctia | 3 | 1-2 | 3 |
| Barney | 3 | 0-0 | 3 |
| Eastman | 1 | 1-1 | 0 |
| Russo | 2 | 0-0 | 0 |
| Mauro | 1 | 1-1 | 2 |
| De la Vega | 1 | 1-1 | 2 |
| Garvey | 0 | 0-0 | 0 |

Frank Marsh, Republican, Declared Elected As Secretary of State

The state canvassing board met in Lincoln last Thursday and finally took official recognition of the vote of Verdigris precinct, recalled the certificate of election granted Secretary Swanson and declared Frank Marsh, republican, elected as secretary of State, with a majority of eight votes. This gives Nebraska republicans a clean sweep in the state at the last election. Severe public criticism of the action of the Canvassing board in declaring Swanson elected without the complete vote of the state, coming from people in all parts of the state and from all parties, evidently caused the canvassing board to reverse their action.

The Alpha Club

The Christmas spirit prevailed at the annual Christmas party of the Alpha Club, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Pfeil, on December 11.

A two-course dinner was served at 7:30 to twenty-four members and guests. The table was decorated with a Christmas log holding the tall red and green tapers.

Laverne Robertson acted as toast mistress, and the following program was carried out: "Peace on Earth Good Will to Men," Laverne Robertson; "Evils of the Countries Where Peace is Not," Evelyn Simonson; "Anniversary of the Birth of Peace," Minnie Boshart; "Christ, the Teacher of Peace," Grace Borg; "Each and Everyone's Part in Keeping Peace," Louise Robertson.

A gift exchange was held, after which bridge was played. The guests departed for their homes at a late hour.