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FURTHER PROBE INTO MYSTERY OF FATAL FIRE

AUTOPSY ON BODY OF CARL ALBRIGHT REQUESTED BY COUNTY ATTORNEY.

TO FIND CAUSE OF DEATH

Many Persons Give Stories of What Occurred Last Monday Night North of This City.

From Friday's Daily—
In an endeavor to further clear the mysterious aspect that envelops the death of Carl Albright, Nebraska City young man found fatally burned along the highway north of this city Tuesday morning, County Attorney W. G. Kieck has requested the Otoe county authorities to have an autopsy performed in an endeavor to locate if possible the definite and direct cause of death—whether Albright was slugged or choked and then the body burned or whether he was caught in some form of accident and burned up, it being hoped that if this was an accident that traces of the fire will be found in the lungs.

The county attorney's office has been busy in drawing all possible clues that might shed some light on tragedy and has had a number of very conflicting stories as to the facts in the case and each of which has been carefully probed by Mr. Kieck.

On Wednesday afternoon the county attorney was called upon to investigate a report of the fire that was received from Mrs. John Rutherford, who resides just a short distance southeast of the scene of the fatal fire and where the Rutherford home overlooks the roadway. From the story related by Mrs. Rutherford she had been engaged in lowering one of the shades on the window at her home and happened to glance out to the north and saw the burning car and also claims to have seen a creek looking like fire dash across the road and which it is now thought might have been the young man who was burned to such an extent that he died.

One of the latest reports of the fatal fire comes from Union where Louis Burbee, a young man of that place, was returning home from Omaha and saw the burning of the car on the highway and unknowingly was a witness of the last dying embers of fire that took the life of Carl Albright. From the statements as made, it seems that as Mr. Burbee was driving over the Burlington crossing some distance north of the scene of the fire he saw what appeared to be a small light along the roadway and as his car continued on toward the light it became larger and when the Burbee car was near it was seen that it was a Ford coupe burning and Mr. Burbee stopped his car as he was afraid to pass the burning car that was then standing in the roadway burning very rapidly and at that time the car was still on its chassis and while the Union car was standing there the doors of the Albright car burned off and fell into the blazing mass.

While the car of Mr. Burbee was stopped to await the dying down of the fire or the elimination of danger from the explosion of the gas tank of the Albright car, the owner sank to the south along the roadway a few small flames that at the time he supposed to have been from a fire started along the roadway by someone and while he was still there the blaze that destroyed the car and the body of Mr. Albright. He did not see anyone run from the car at any time although he had seen the first appearance evidently of the blaze that destroyed the car and when reaching the scene a few moments later had noticed the fire that had evidently been on the person of Albright dying out.

The various reports and stories as to the fire have all to be sifted and by the county attorney and followed to learn if possible just what was the cause of the death of young Albright and if by foul means to secure the party that committed the crime.

One of the phases of the case that has not been explained is the reason for the young man stopping in this city for such a long period on Monday afternoon as he was not, as far as his family knows, acquainted with anyone in this city and apparently had no business to look after here that would have detained him on his journey to Omaha.

ENTERTAIN AT DINNER

From Saturday's Daily—

Yesterday for the Christmas dinner, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Westcott had as their guests, Dr. and Mrs. Frank L. Cummins and son, Norris, Charles and Miss Genevieve Goodman, Miss Margaret Mapes and Miss Alice Eaton. Mason and Alice Louise Westcott, who are attending Northwestern university at Evanston were also home for the holidays and enjoyed the Christmas season.

DEATH OF AGED MAN

From Friday's Daily—
The death of William Habermann, one of the aged residents at the county farm, occurred there last night at 8 o'clock following an illness of some duration in which the aged man was suffering from the infirmities of his long years. The deceased was seventy-five years of age and was for many years a familiar figure in the city as he was employed at the home of Byron Clark, Burlington attorney, up to the time of the removal of the Clark family to Omaha, and "William," as he was generally known, was possessed of a very large circle of friends among the older residents. He was a brother-in-law of Herman Streitweiser, who resides in Los Angeles and an uncle of Mrs. George Gobelman, also of that place.

The funeral services of Mr. Habermann will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Satter chapel and the interment be made in the Oak Hill cemetery.

HOMER SHRADER HOME IS SWEEP BY FIRE TODAY

Flames This Morning Burns Roof of the Home and Caused Heavy Loss to the Owner.

From Friday's Daily—
This morning at 1:30 the fire department was called to the home of Homer H. Shrader at Fourth and Oak street, where the roof was found to be in flames and before the water could be played on the blaze there was a great deal of the roof on the main portion of the house burned and it was only the prompt and energetic efforts of the firemen that the flames were checked. The loss will be quite heavy to the owner of the property as the roof was badly damaged and the water damage will be considerable.

The fire it is thought was caused by a defective fire and had a good start in the second story of the house before it was discovered and burned very fast as it spread over the upper floor.

The neighbors hurrying to the house assisted the family in getting the aged father of Mr. Shrader, G. W. Shrader, out of the house and carried him to the home of Chris Wohlfarth, across the street, and by the effective work of the neighbors the greater part of the furniture on the first floor of the house was carried out of the burning building and removed from danger.

LOCAL MARINE BOUND FOR TROPICAL ISLAND

Mare Island, Calif., December 20.

A tiny tropical island far south in the Pacific is to be the temporary home of Fred Stephen Rebal, of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, who is with a group of U. S. marines who left here recently for Guam. He will probably remain at this military outpost for a year or longer, visiting the Philippines, Japan and the Hawaiian Islands before he returns to America.

Ever since the Spanish-American war, when Guam was ceded to the United States by Spain, small groups of U. S. Marines have been stationed there, guarding the naval base and living among surroundings typical of the South Sea Isles. Supplies are furnished them regularly, while moving pictures, athletic sports and entertainments vary the regular military routine.

Fred is 19 years old, was born in Plattsmouth, and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Rebal, 1602 Walnut street, Plattsmouth. He joined the Marine Corps at Los Angeles, Calif., last September and was assigned to duty on the west coast. The voyage to Guam takes about three weeks.

OBSERVE MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY

From Friday's Daily—

Christmas eve at Council Bluffs occurred the marriage of Miss Lottie Maurer of this city and L. K. Stevens of Omaha. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Maurer of this city, and is a lady who was respected and loved by all who knew her. The groom is also highly respected by his many friends, where he is employed. The young people are making their home in Omaha where the groom had a home already furnished. After the ceremony the young people motored to their home where a delicious five o'clock dinner was served.

MAY LOSE INDEX FINGER

Lawrence Group met with an accident one day last week which may cause him the loss of the index finger of his right hand.

He was at the home of Louis Mayfield and was starting an engine preparatory to sawing wood when his finger became caught in a gear, almost severing it. He came to town immediately and Dr. Worthman dressed the wound and hopes to be able to save the finger. It was surely a very unfortunate accident and has caused him considerable pain.—Louisville Courier.

CLASS OF 1923 ENJOYS A FINE REUNION FRIDAY

Entertained Last Evening at Home of Miss Ethelyn Wiles; Large Number Present.

From Saturday's Daily—
Last evening the members of the graduating class of 1923 of Plattsmouth High school rolled back the past two years and met again as a class at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Wiles on High school hill where they were the guests of Miss Ethelyn Wiles in a most delightful evening of the renewal of school friendships.

The time was spent in visiting with each other and discussing the old school days that they had spent together with accounts of the activities of the members of the class since leaving school and to take part in the occasion there were some 23 of the classmates present.

The class of young people have already noted the change of the two years that have elapsed since they were in school as three of the class are now married, Mrs. Clara Johnson Gillespie, Mrs. Mable Foster Buttery and Mrs. Gladys Elliott Berger, none of whom were able to enjoy the pleasures of the reunion.

During the evening music furnished a pleasing feature of the entertainment and also dancing was a diversion of the young people that aided in making the occasion a very pleasant one.

Those of the class from out of the city, some of whom are attending college, who were present at the reunion were: Harold Mullis, Casper, Wyoming; Joe Weber, Omaha; Frank Gradovick, University of Nebraska, Lincoln; Marguerite Wiles, Lindenwood college, St. Charles, Mo.; Helen Wiles and Murna Wolf, Wesleyan college, Lincoln; Edith and Helen Farley, Dodge college, Crete; Ursula Herold, Cathedral school, Washington, D. C.; John Wurga, Creighton college, Omaha; Bernese Ault, Cedar Creek; Louis Svoboda, Malvern, Iowa.

Those attending from this city were: Clara Wickman, Mary Margaret Walling, Leonard Born, Glen Henry, Elmer Johnson, Charles Egnobner, Lawrence Baldwin, Frances Krefel, Ethelyn Wiles, Roy Olson, Judith Johnson.

The pleasant evening was closed by the serving of dainty and delicious refreshments that completed a time of the greatest enjoyment to all of the members of the party.

RECEIVES TEXAS FRUIT

From Friday's Daily—

Glenn Perry, one of the well known residents of this section of the county, was very agreeably surprised on Wednesday when he received from his sons, Russell and Virgel Perry, who reside near Harrington, Texas, a fine box of grape fruit and oranges that are products of that section of the fertile Rio Grande valley. The Perry boys are located there on a new fruit ranch that they purchased the past year and are getting it in shape so that in a few seasons they will be able to harvest their own citrus fruit crop. The fruit sent was taken from orchards in the vicinity of the Perry land and certainly is a good advertisement of the products of the southland.

VERY QUIET WEDDING

From Friday's Daily—

Among the holiday weddings that occurred at Council Bluffs on Wednesday was that of Miss Lucy Stava and Mr. Lester O. Gaylord, both of this city.

The ceremony was very quiet and the young people were able to give their many friends here a surprise by the news of their marriage.

The bride is a daughter of M. G. Stava, one of the well known farmers residing south of the city and well known here, where she has made her home for a number of years. The groom is a very industrious young man employed at the Burlington shops and has a large circle of friends here who will learn with pleasure of his new found happiness. Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord will make their home in this city in the future.

Mrs. John Fitzpatrick and daughters, Lois and Hazel, of Weeping Water, who were here visiting at the home of Mrs. Fitzpatrick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Rice, returned yesterday afternoon to their home.

BARN IS BURNED

From Friday's Daily—
Yesterday morning the members of the fire department were called from their Christmas festivities by the fire alarm which called them to the south portion of the city where a barn on the place owned by C. M. Parker, was found to be on fire, but being out of their limits and some distance from the roadway it was impossible to reach there in time to do any good at getting the fire checked. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a fire started in the barn by some tramps as neighbors report seeing a light there on Wednesday night and the parties who were there had evidently made a fire and then gone off and left it burning with the results that the building was destroyed.

PLATTSMOUTH YOUNG LADY IS MARRIED

Miss Theodosia Kroehler Married to Dr. W. C. Kenner, Jr. at Stillwater, Minn., Monday

From Friday's Daily—
The announcement of the marriage of Miss Theodosia Kroehler of this city to Dr. W. C. Kenner, Jr., of St. Paul, Minnesota, is being made by the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kroehler of this city.

The wedding of the two estimable young people occurred on Monday at the rectory of the Church of the Ascension at Stillwater, Minnesota, the ceremony being performed by Father Dewhurst, Episcopal rector at Stillwater.

The bride is among the most popular members of the younger set in this city and was born and reared to womanhood here, being educated in the local schools and a graduate of the class of 1921 of the Plattsmouth High school. Since leaving school, Miss Kroehler has been engaged in nurse work at the Omaha hospitals and later taking up school work, the past fall being engaged in teaching the school at La Platte.

The groom is a son of Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Kenner, of Omaha, and was graduated from the medical school of the University of Nebraska, and has since his graduation been engaged in intern work at the hospitals in Omaha and St. Paul, at the present time being an intern in the Anchor hospital in the Minnesota city.

Dr. and Mrs. Kenner will make their home for the present at least in St. Paul, and in their marriage they will receive the hearty well wishes of the friends here for their future happiness.

GIVE CHRISTMAS CHEER TO NEEDY FOLKS THURSDAY

Members of Fire Department and Elks Distribute Many Christmas Baskets and Clothing.

From Friday's Daily—
The members of the fire department who have been arranging for the care and comfort of the needy children of this city, were busy yesterday in getting to the needy clothing and shoes that were furnished by members of the department from their funds and which brought new and warm clothing and shoes to the little folks in need of them and a very large number were looked after in this way.

The Elks also yesterday had their distribution of the Christmas baskets of good things to eat that was carried out under the supervision of the committee headed by John Hatt and which conducted the disposition of a large number of baskets to the homes where there was need of Christmas cheer.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

From Friday's Daily—

This afternoon County Judge Allen J. Beeson departed for Omaha where he will spend a few hours with his mother, Mrs. Allen Beeson, who is passing her eighty-ninth milestone of life today. Mrs. Beeson is one of the splendid pioneer women of the west and has lived in this city a great many years and assisted in the building of the community. Mrs. Beeson was born at Leesburg, Ohio, December 26, 1835, and spent her younger years there, coming in 1866 to Reed Oak, Iowa, where she resided for a number of years and the family then moved to Plattsmouth in 1878, where Mr. Beeson was for many years a prominent figure in the Cass county bar and one of the leading attorneys of this portion of the state. The husband and father passed away in 1900 in this city and since that time Mrs. Beeson has made her home for the greater part of the time with her daughter, Mrs. Cotton, and family. The many old friends here are joining in wishing Mrs. Beeson many more years of happiness and all of the good things that her long and useful life so well deserves.

SIXTY YEARS OF WEDDED HAPPINESS OBSERVED

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Despain Enjoy Their Sixtieth Anniversary on Christmas Day.

From Saturday's Daily—
Christmas has a special significance to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Despain of this city as it not only represents one of the great days of the Christian world but as well represents their wedding anniversary, and on Thursday they passed the sixtieth year of their wedded life which is unusual in this day and age.

Mr. Despain had come to Nebraska at an early day when there was very little of a settlement here at Plattsmouth and Indians were common in this locality, as the westward migration of the tribes had not yet started. At that time there was quite a little settlement at the place called St. Mary's just above Pacific Junction, and here Mr. Despain had become acquainted with Miss Elvira Hepper, a daughter of one of the pioneer families there. This friendship ripened into a real romance and the young people planned their wedding day for the bright Christmas day of December 25, 1865, which was a most pleasant one for the people of the United States as it came at the close of the civil war and brought peace to the nation.

It had been planned to have the wedding performed by the Rev. Hamilton, of Bellevue, one of the pioneer ministers of the west, but the minister on the day fixed upon could not reach St. Mary's and rather than have the auspicious occasion spoiled by a delay, the services of Justice English of St. Mary's was secured and the ceremony performed at the Hepper home with the full attendance of the residents of that pioneer village to witness the marriage service. After their marriage the young people removed to Plattsmouth and have made their home here for the greater part of the time since and are known and loved by a large circle of friends over this section of Cass county.

ENTERTAIN AT DINNER

From Saturday's Daily—

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray McMaken was the scene of a very pleasant family party on Christmas day that will be long very pleasantly remembered by the members of the family who were in attendance.

The chief feature of the dinner was a fine turkey that was sent from the Reese ranch in Colorado that was very toothsome and made the day a complete success in every way. The members of the family that were present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McMaken and son, Fred; Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Dixon of Sidney, Iowa, parents of Mrs. McMaken, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray McMaken.

DE MOLAY HOLDS ELECTION

From Friday's Daily—

Cass Chapter, Order of DeMolay, at its meeting held on Tuesday evening held the regular election of officers for the ensuing term and as the new heads of the organization selected the following:

Master Councilor—Fred Tritley.
Senior Councilor—James Warn.
Junior Councilor—John Iverson.
Secretary—Roy Olson.
Treasurer—Norris Cummins.

The newly elected officers will be installed in their stations on January 6th and have charge of the guiding of the destinies of the large and rapidly growing chapter for the ensuing three months.

DE MOLAY DAY OF COMFORT

From Friday's Daily—

The Grand Council Order of DeMolay, with headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri, has set aside Saturday, January 3, as DeMolay Day of Comfort throughout the world. On this day members of the organization will supply flowers, candy and various delicacies and furnish entertainment for the inmates of hospitals, orphanages, homes for crippled children, old folks' homes, old soldiers' homes, county farms, reform schools, detention homes and sanitariums.

This is an annual affair with DeMolay and is in line with the organization's objective to spread good cheer wherever possible.

DEPOT SMOKED UP

Last evening the Burlington passenger station greatly resembled a smoke house and for a few moments the employees there had a real struggle to rid the place of the dense clouds of coal smoke that rolled up from the furnace in the basement as the result of a broken fuel pipe.

The pipe had been in service for a long time and gradually had rusted away and last night about 8:30 the pipe fell to the floor and allowed the smoke to roll into the depot in clouds. The night operator and the four switchmen finally were able to get the damage repaired, but not until the place had been thoroughly filled with smoke.

BE CONVINCED FOR YOURSELF THAT Journal want ads pay.

MARRIED IN COUNCIL BLUFFS

From Saturday's Daily—
A very quiet wedding of two of the well known young people of this city occurred on Wednesday afternoon at Council Bluffs, when Mrs. Jessie Woodard and Mr. Walter Steinkamp were united in the bonds of wedlock. The young people had quietly slipped away to the Iowa city where the ceremony was performed and came as a Christmas surprise to the relatives and friends in this community. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Clark of this city and a lady held in the highest esteem by a large circle of friends, while the groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Steinkamp of near Manley, and who has been for the past few months employed in the Burlington shops in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Steinkamp returned home last evening and are now settled in their home here. The many friends are joining in wishing them all of the success and happiness that they so well deserve.

CHRISTMAS A DAY OF FESTIVITY IN PLATTSMOUTH

Churches in Observance of Event Have Services and Many Family Gatherings Held.

From Saturday's Daily—
The residents of this city enjoyed a very delightful and ideal Christmas yesterday that was crisp and clear and a real old fashioned winter day that made the occasion one of the greatest pleasure for the many who gathered at the homes of the city to spend the glad holiday season.

The churches of the city observed Christmas eve with the usual Sunday school gatherings that were largely attended and the usual visit of Santa Claus at these events brought joy to the little folks. At the Methodist, Presbyterian and Christian churches there were decidedly of the view that the distribution of gifts to the little folks made.

At the St. Luke's Episcopal church there was a choral celebration of the Holy Eucharist held at 11:30 Wednesday night that was very largely attended and which was celebrated by Canon Marsh of Omaha, assistant to Bishop Shaylor. The congregation was very large considering the weather conditions that prevailed.

The early morning service at the St. John's Catholic church was very largely attended and was observed with the Christmas mass and the celebration of the Holy communion to the members of the parish. Father M. A. Shine, rector of the church, conducted the services.

At the St. Paul's Evangelical church there was a service in English and German at 10:30 and a splendid Christmas service held by the pastor, Rev. H. Kottich.

NEWS FROM CUBA

From Saturday's Daily—

Miss Mayola D. Probst, employed in the National City Bank of New York in Havana, Cuba, spent a short time in Lake Worth, Florida. Miss Roberta Probst returned with her to Havana for a season's visit. Mr. Robert L. Probst, now in Florida, will spend Christmas and the holidays with his daughters in the Cuban capital.

Roy Eberley, wife and baby were over Christmas visitors at Lincoln with relatives and friends.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our earnest appreciation to the friends, neighbors and organizations, who assisted and sent tokens to us during our late bereavement.—Mr. and Mrs. Moore Street, Harold G. Straight and Guy H. Straight.

DEPENDABILITY

How Can We Help You in 1925?

Right now, before the New Year actually arrives, we invite you to come in for a friendly chat with our officers about your plans for 1925.

Make your plans early, and let us help you carry them out.



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