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## CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WEDNESDAY

Hon. Francis E. White and Wife Observe Event at Their Home in Omaha Yesterday.

From Thursday's Daily—  
The passing of the golden wedding anniversary of Hon. Francis E. White and Mrs. White, former prominent residents of Cass county, was observed yesterday afternoon and last evening at their home, 1010 Park avenue, Omaha.

The occasion was marked by the gathering of the members of the family at a fine dinner in the afternoon and which was followed in the evening by a reception enjoyed by a very large number of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. White in Omaha and nearby cities who called to pay their respects to this most happy occasion which marked the passing of a half century of wedded life.

Miss Charlotte E. Valley and Mr. Francis E. White were married at Plattsmouth on May 27, 1875, and spent the greater part of their wedded life here, their family having been born in this city and where the family resided until 1903 when they removed to Omaha on the election of Mr. White as secretary of the grand lodge of Nebraska Masons.

Both Mr. and Mrs. White are members of the old pioneer families of this country, their parents coming here at an early day and having had a great part in the making of the history of the state. Mrs. White is a daughter of the late Jacob Valley, Jr., and wife and Mr. White a son of Francis S. White and wife, both deceased, who came here in 1857.

For many years Mr. White was a leading figure in the business life of this city and was several times elected to the state legislature from Cass county, being one of the few democrats who in an early day was elected to this position.

After moving to Omaha, Mr. White turned his home here over to the Nebraska Masonic Home association and the home formed the seat of the present magnificent institution that has been erected in this city by the Masonic order. Mr. White is at the present time grand secretary of the A. F. & A. M., as well as secretary of the Veteran Masons, grand secretary of the Royal Arch Masons and grand recorder of the Knights Templar of Nebraska.

All of the children, Mrs. Louise Haller of Ironwood, Michigan; Robert White of New York City; Valley White and wife of Los Angeles, and Miss Bertha White of Omaha, were present at the family reunion and celebration of the golden wedding.

Other relatives who attended the event were: Mrs. V. V. Leonard and daughter, Miss Verna, Dr. and Mrs. T. P. Livingston and son, Robert; W. J. Straight, Mr. and Mrs. Evi Spier of this city; George W. Valley and John Valley of Denver; Charles Valley and wife of St. Joseph, Missouri; Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Dutcher of Warrensburg, Missouri; Mr. and Mrs. Don Leonard of Auburn; Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Minor of Plattsmouth.

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## ENTERTAIN AT BRIDGE

From Thursday's Daily—  
Last evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Bestor on North Fourth street was the scene of a very pleasant gathering of young people, the occasion being a bridge party given by Miss Eleanor Hiber. The rooms were very prettily arranged with decorations of the sweet peas that furnished a pleasing note of the general decorative plan. In the games Miss Mildred Schieler was awarded the first prize, Miss Frances Weber, second prize, and Miss Frances Bentley, the consolation prize.

## COUNTIES MAKE REPORT ON HAIL INSURANCE

Lancaster Has Largest Number Insured by State—Fourteen From Cass County Insured.

From Friday's Daily—  
Lancaster county leads Nebraska in the number of state hail insurance policies so far taken out by farmers for the 1925 season and in the total amount of cereal crop insurance covered by such policies. Fifty contracts have been signed up to this time by Lancaster grain growers for a total of \$49,651. The amount of premiums accruing therefrom is \$1,475, part of which has been paid and the balance will be due June 1.

Reports from 57 counties have been sent in to the state hail insurance office, showing 43 policies issued, \$18,619 of premiums due or paid, and \$475,335 of insurance. These figures, which include everything heard from up to May 25, will be increased considerably by later returns from other counties that have not yet reported.

Premium rates for state hail insurance vary from 2 per cent in eastern Nebraska to 7 cents in the extreme west, being graded in upward steps of 1 cent through a series of six zones. Farmers are given the choice of insuring from \$10 or \$15 an acre, paying a proportionate rate. For rye and barley, 2 per cent more is charged than for corn, wheat and oats.

The season begins April 1 and lasts until September 15. Policies may be taken out up to August 21.

Some of the counties where a considerable amount of state hail insurance has been written this season are:

## SENIORS STAGE FAREWELL

From Friday's Daily—  
Last evening the members of the class of 1925 of the Plattsmouth High school enjoyed their last gathering of the class as a unit and which only a week had passed since the graduation exercises.

As is usual the pleasantness of the occasion was marred by the fact that it meant the severance of the years' association in school life, as henceforth the members of the class will go on their separate ways and miss very much the sense of democracy and the common ground on which all met as students of Plattsmouth High school.

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## PETITION TO HAVE PROPERTY PLACED OUTSIDE OF CITY

Group of Residents in the Northwest Portion of the City Ask to Be Set Out of the City.

From Friday's Daily—  
This morning in the office of the clerk of the district court a petition was filed by August Knoficek, Mary Knoficek, Mary Straka, Inna Straka, Anton Koubek, Vaclav Belohlavy and Mary Belohlavy, asking that real estate belonging to them be set out of the corporate limits of the city.

The property in question is located in the extreme northwest section of the city and is now a part of the second ward of the city.

In their petition the plaintiffs state that their land is used for the exclusive purpose of agriculture and that it does not receive any benefit from being inside the corporate limits of the city, that it is without water or light service or fire protection, that there is no paving or sidewalks in that section of the city adjoining their property and that in justice to the owners they should be relieved of the taxation of the city.

The plaintiffs are represented in the cause of action by Attorney A. L. Tidd.

This is the second case of this kind filed in the last few months, some time ago a petition having been filed in the court by residents in the south part of the city asking to have their property set out of the city and which embraced a tract of some forty acres, similar to the present section of property that is sought to have taken from the city.

The action will be resisted by the city in the courts and the matter of permitting the withdrawal of the property contested to the limit as the land in question would materially affect the taxation of the wards in which they are located.

## FUNERAL OF W. H. MANN

From Friday's Daily—  
The funeral services of the late W. H. Mann were held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home on West Marble street and were largely attended by the old friends and neighbors who paid their last tribute of respect to the memory of this old resident who has lived in this community so many years.

The services were in charge of the Rev. W. F. Graham of Murray, pastor of the Presbyterian church of that place, who officiated in the absence of the Rev. H. G. McCluskey from this city. The pastor made a word of comfort to the bereaved family and old friends in the sorrow that separation has brought to them. During the service, Mrs. Hilt Martin and Miss Estelle Baird sang two of the well loved hymns that had been requested by the members of the family, "Sun of My Soul" and "Abide With Me." At the close of the service the body was borne to Oak Hill cemetery where it was laid to the last long rest.

## MAKES GREAT SHOWING

From Friday's Daily—  
At the recent state trap shooting meet at Lincoln, John Gauer, of near Cedar Creek, made a wonderful record in his marksmanship in competition with a very large list of contestants. Mr. Gauer made a clean shot of 191 out of 200 birds, securing fourth place in the shoot. The three higher ranking shots made but one more bird than John and were all tied for first place, so that his showing was practically as good as any of the participants of the gathering. Mr. Gauer has participated in a great many of these state and interstate shoots and his record has been an outstanding one in the way of real marksmanship. The residents of near Cedar Creek are well pleased with the showing made by Mr. Gauer and feel that he has well represented this county at the great all state meeting.

## PLATTSMOUTH BOY HONORED

Pittsburgh, Pa., May 28.—Raymond A. Bookmeyer, of 918 Marjorie street, Plattsmouth, Nebraska, a student at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, has been elected vice president of the Association of Western Students at the institute, according to an announcement made today. This organization, which is an active one on the Carnegie Tech campus, includes in its membership all students from the western states of this country, who are enrolled in the college.

Mr. Bookmeyer is a junior in the Department of Commercial Engineering of the College of Engineering.

The young man mentioned in the above dispatch is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bookmeyer of this city, and was a member of the graduating class of 1922 of the Plattsmouth high school, being one of the honor students of the class. His many friends here are delighted to learn of the honor that has come to him and which is well deserved as he is one of the brightest students that has been graduated from the local high school.

## MISSOURI PACIFIC CHANGES TIME

From Saturday's Daily—  
Two changes will be effective on the Missouri Pacific railroad Sunday, May 31. Train No. 104, southbound, which now reaches here at 8:48, will be twenty minutes earlier, arriving here at 8:28, making a much quicker trip to points south.

The midnight passenger train, which now reaches here at 12:13, will be later, arriving at 12:25, making it much more convenient for persons who desire to enjoy the evening in Omaha.

## DR. LAKE IMPROVING

From Thursday's Daily—  
Miss Louise Valley, who has been in Omaha visiting at the home of her sister Mrs. L. B. Lake, returned home yesterday and was accompanied here by the father of Dr. L. B. Lake, who is visiting at Omaha from Richmond, Kentucky, and little Miss Ruth Jane Lake, who visited here at the home of Mrs. J. R. Valley and family. They report that Dr. Lake, who has been suffering for some little time from an infected leg, is now showing some improvement and the family have the brightest of hopes for his speedy recovery.

## SONS OF HERMAN COMPLETE THEIR STATE MEETING

Grand Island Wins High Praise as the Convention City and Convention Is Very Interesting

From Friday's Daily—  
Mayor John P. Settler and Adolph Geise, who have been at Grand Island since Tuesday attending the sessions of the state convention of the Order of Herman's Sons of Nebraska, returned home yesterday afternoon.

The Plattsmouth representatives report the convention as being filled with the greatest of interest and showing some very pleasing advancements of the order in the state.

The meeting was presided over by President G. F. Beschorner of Lincoln, and Secretary Rhode of Columbus assisted in the management of the state gathering.

Features of the address of the president were felicitation of a growth of membership during the last year, the recommendation of an increase in insurance benefit and the patriotic serving each year by each local order on flag day.

The report of Secretary Rhode showed a decided low average age of the members, indicating that the younger blood additions. There was also shown to be a balance of \$188,000 in the reserve fund of the order.

## SMITH HELD IN NEBRASKA CITY FOR CASS CO. SHERIFF

Ivan Smith was arrested late Friday by Deputy Sheriff Howard McCarty upon word from Sheriff E. P. Stewart of Cass county that he was wanted at Plattsmouth for wife desertion. The Cass county sheriff was notified of his arrest and promised to come here for him Saturday morning.

Smith is the young man who has been working for Frank Simms on a farm southwest of the city and a few days ago swallowed a tinpin which he had in his mouth when he sneezed. He was taken to the University hospital in Omaha later for treatment and had just returned here when arrested.—Nebraska City Press.

## ENTERTAINMENT PLEASURES

From Saturday's Daily—  
Last evening the members of the Bureau class of the Christian church Sunday school presented a very good musical comedy drama at the church building on North 8th street.

The clever musical offering was remarkably well given and the members of the cast are deserving of a great deal of praise for their work in the songs and the spoken parts of the comedy.

The title of the offering was "Reverend Dayton Up to Date," and which was a well arranged and laugh-provoking offering.

During the evening a silver offering was taken that was very generous and attested the feeling of appreciation of the audience.

The Up-to-Date Tuneweavers assisted in the success of the comedy by their clever musical offerings.

## DEANERY IN SESSION

The Nebraska City Deanery, embracing Otoe, Cass and part of Richardson counties, held a session of several hours Wednesday in Nebraska City at the rectory of St. Mary's Catholic church. Rev. Fr. Theo Saurer of St. Mary's Catholic church, dean of the district, presided. General church matters were discussed. The Deanery meets twice a year, spring and fall at the call of the Bishop.

Delegates present included Father Higgins, of Manley; Father Broermann, of St. Joseph's church, Paul; Father Hancik, of Plattsmouth; Father Kastrevik, of Shubert; Father Salvati, of Marshfield, of St. Mary's Catholic church, Nebraska City; and Father T. F. Kramer, of St. Benedict's Catholic church, Nebraska City.—Nebraska City News.

## BOY SCOUTS RETURN FROM FOUR-DAY HIKE

All Members of the Party Have Had a Fine Time and Enjoyed Very Much the Experience.

From Friday's Daily—  
Yesterday afternoon the members of the Boy Scouts, headed by Scoutmaster C. H. Peden, returned home from their four days' gypsy hike that had taken them to Nebraska City and return in an outing that they all will very pleasantly remember and which was filled with many novel and entertaining features.

Every member of the party stood the hike in fine shape and despite the fact that they hit some very chilly weather they were able to keep dry and warm and experienced little discomfort from the trip.

The first day took the boys through the eastern portion of Cass county, where they viewed the many fine farms and homes along the line of their march, quartering for the night at "Springdale Farm" the residence of John Larsh, east of Union and which is one of the most striking places in this section of the state.

The camp was pitched, each of the boys carrying their shelter halves and sharing with their companion the "pup tent that served to shelter them from the elements.

The wants of the boys in the way of food were looked after by Kenneth Sullivan, who proved a real cook and served some very fine repasts on the four days outing.

When the boys camped at Nebraska City on the second night of the hike, they were joined by the Scouts of that city and a campfire enjoyed by the two organizations together that brought out many pleasurable incidents and was very much enjoyed.

A few blisters was the worse experienced by the members of the hiking party and they state that it was one of the most pleasant occasions that they have participated in.

## CARNIVAL AT LOUISVILLE

From Saturday's Daily—  
Quite a large number of Plattsmouth people motored over to Louisville last night to enjoy the dance that was given there by the Goldenrod Ragadors of this city and also incidentally to witness the carnival that is being held there.

The McMahons shows are giving the people of Louisville and vicinity some very pleasing entertainment this week with their series of attractions that include a Hawaiian village, the musical comedy show, monkey motor-boat, athletic show and a number of the smaller attractions. The carnival is located in the north portion of the town in the vicinity of the Burlington tracks and occupies quite a large section of ground with the glittering midway. One of the chief attractions of the carnival last evening was the boxing match between George Schmaier, formerly of Plattsmouth, and one of the carnival pugs.

George proved all that the larger and heavier boxer cared to handle and gave a good account of himself.

George is to box again tonight and Frank Schmaier of Omaha is to give a wrestling exhibition with one of the carnival people. The carnival is under the management of T. W. McMahon, veteran showman, and is a clean and attractive company.

Advertisements you want in the Journal for weeks.

## FINED FOR BAD CHECK

From Thursday's Daily—  
This morning County Judge A. H. Duxbury was engaged in hearing a complaint filed by County Attorney W. G. Kieck against Frank March. In the complaint the defendant was charged with having made and passed a check which was worthless as the defendant did not have or had not had funds in the bank on which the check was drawn. After hearing the case, Judge Duxbury imposed the penalty in the case, ten days confinement in the county jail. The defendant had been charged with this offense several times, which, the court decided, warranted the jail sentence.

## WILL TAKE UP THE BOY SCOUT WORK IN FUTURE

C. H. Peden Will Take a Course in Scout Executive Work at Columbia University.

From Friday's Daily—  
This morning, C. H. Peden, who has been teaching in the city schools here for the past two years and who has also been at the head of the Boy Scout movement in this city, departed from the city, going from here to Dawson for a visit with relatives there.

Mr. Peden