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Death of Mrs. L. E. Vroman at Omaha Hospital

Well Beloved Lady of This City Called to Last Long Rest—Funeral Services Tuesday at Home.

From Monday's Daily—
Death has entered again in the life of the community here and called from the daily tasks of life Mrs. L. E. Vroman, well known and greatly beloved resident of Plattsmouth for the past forty years. The death of Mrs. Vroman occurred on Saturday night at 11:30 at the Immanuel hospital in Omaha where she was operated on several days ago. The serious nature of the malady from which she was suffering gave but little hopes of recovery altho the members of the family circle had hoped that perhaps their loved one might be spared to them a little while longer.

The death of Mrs. Vroman brings to this community a great regret as few of the residents here have enjoyed the large circle of warm friends as has this splendid lady whose life has been devoted to her family and friends. There was no task to severe that this kindly lady would not undertake for those whom she loved and her presence in the home will be one that will be greatly missed by her family, to whom she was more than devoted. In the circles of her friendship only the healing touch of time can soften the grief that her taking away has occasioned.

Altho the skies are dark with sorrow and grief to the members of the family of Mrs. Vroman, they have to sustain them in the hour of parting, the precious memory of their wife and mother to sustain them, the treasured recollection of her love and care that will remain with them until they too have heard the last clear call and gone forward to join her that they are grieving for today. Her quiet, unassuming Christian life has been an inspiration to those who knew her and the service here has earned for Mrs. Vroman a reward beyond the power of gold in the joys of the life beyond the human vision.

Alice M. Wigton was born in DeKalb county, Illinois, October 30, 1860, and in that community she was reared to womanhood and on June 2, 1884 at Sterling, White side county, Illinois, she was united in marriage to L. E. Vroman. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Vroman made their home in Illinois for a few months and in November, 1884 they came to Plattsmouth where they have since made their home and are numbered among the splendid citizens of this city. There remains of the family circle the husband and seven children: A. R. Vroman of Minnedoka, Idaho, Alford F. Vroman of Oreville, South Dakota, Miss Winnie Vroman of this city, Leslie Vroman of Gurnsey, Wyoming, Verdon Vroman of Chicago, Eugene Vroman and Mrs. Donice Atterberry of this city. One sister, Mrs. May Roberts of Lake View, Iowa, also survives this splendid lady.

FUNERAL OF MRS. VROMAN

From Tuesday's Daily—
The funeral services of the late Mrs. L. E. Vroman were held this afternoon at 2:30 at the family home in the south portion of the city and was very largely attended by the old time friends and neighbors who gathered to pay their last tributes of love and respect to this kindly lady that had gone to the last long rest.

The services were conducted by Rev. Frank Emory Pfoutz, pastor of the First Methodist church, who gave words of comfort and strength to the bereaved members of the family circle and also paid a very fitting tribute to the splendid lady whose taking away had brought such a sense of sorrow to the community.

During the services Mrs. E. H. Wescott gave two of the hymns requested by the members of the family as they were favorites of the departed wife and mother, "No Disappointment in Heaven" and "The Last Mile of the Way."

At the conclusion of the services the cortege wended its way to Oak Hill cemetery where the body was consigned to the last long rest. The pall bearers were the five sons and son-in-law of the deceased, A. R. Vroman, Arvd Vroman, Leslie Vroman, Verdon Vroman, Eugene Vroman and Jesse Atterberry.

YOUNG PEOPLE WEDDED AT THE COURT HOUSE

From Monday's Daily—
This morning County Judge A. H. Duxbury was called upon to join in the bonds of wedlock Miss Dora Woehler of Wayne, Nebraska and Mr. Fred Smith of Pilsner, Nebraska. The young people accompanied by two friends, Garrett Harris and Anna Woehler, served as the witnesses for the happy event. The members of the bridal party after the ceremony was performed motored back to their home rejoicing in their new found happiness.

GIVEN PLEASANT FAREWELL

From Monday's Daily—
Mrs. B. E. Woodward who is soon to leave for an extended visit with relatives in Iowa, was given a very pleasant surprise Friday evening by the young ladies of the high school who have been members of the physical training class under the supervision of Mr. Woodward, and who took the occasion to give the wife of their instructor a very enjoyable farewell. The time was spent in games and music at which a great deal of enjoyment was derived and at a suitable hour a fine luncheon prepared by the young ladies from the well laden baskets, was served and which furnished a most delightful feature of the evening's entertainment.

Organize New Baseball League at Bellevue Sunday

Officers Named to Get New Organization Started for the Season of 1926 and to Start Play.

From Monday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon there was a meeting held at the town hall at Bellevue for the purpose of completing the organization of a Sarpy-Cass county baseball league to participate in the 1926 playing season.

The league as proposed would include the teams of Plattsmouth, Manly, Louisville, Bellevue, Springfield, Gilmore, Papillion and Richfield. At the meeting yesterday there were a number of the representatives from the various towns present and it was decided to have the organization get in touch with the other towns in an endeavor to get them in the league as soon as possible and get the playing season started.

The officers as selected at Bellevue consisted of the following:
President—R. C. Blatt, Bellevue.
Vice-President—Tom Daniels, Gilmore.

Secretary-Treasurer—G. P. Miller, Papillion.
The appeal board of the league as decided upon was the president, vice-president and Tom Nicholson of Springfield.

The league will also have a board of directors consisting of one representative from each of the towns in the league.
It will also be necessary in the formation of the league to have committees prepare by-laws and also a playing schedule for the year and which will be taken up when the next number of towns in the league are determined upon.

CHILDREN ARE ARTISTS

From Monday's Daily—
The children of the grade schools have in the past week placed in the show windows of the various stores, posters that reflect the greatest credit on the young people and their work and which has attracted the greatest attention from the passersby. The Farmers' State bank has in one of their large show windows a very clever piece of work that was planned and made by the pupils of the 6th grade from the room of Mrs. Blanch Gammer.

The farm is perfected in every detail as to buildings and equipment and even has the farm wagon driving along the gravelled road to the farm house, with a small stream and a bridge to add a completing touch to the scene. This part of the school exhibit has drawn the attention of hundreds of the residents of the city and for their skill the young people are deserving of a great deal of credit.

AGED LADY POORLY

From Monday's Daily—
Mrs. George Haynie of Tabor, Iowa, who has been in very poor health for some time past as the result of long illness, is in serious condition at this time and will be Saturday to consult Dr. E. G. Dovey in regard to her health. It was decided that an operation would be necessary to give the patient permanent relief from her suffering and it is expected that Mrs. Haynie will be taken to the hospital at Omaha today or Tuesday to undergo the operation. Mrs. Haynie is the mother of Mrs. Ed Cotner of this city and her many friends here will regret very much to learn of her health and the need of her going to the hospital.

HOLD SERVICES HERE

From Monday's Daily—
Yesterday at the First Christian church Rev. T. B. Young of Beaver City, occupied the pulpit at both the morning and evening worship hours and gave a very pleasing impression on the members of his congregation. The church here is seeking to fill the vacancy here that will be occasioned by the forthcoming departure of their present pastor, Rev. Walter R. Robb, and Rev. Young was called here to give a trial sermon and his splendid work in the pulpit made a very deep impression on the members of the congregation.

Eastern Stars Hold Very Pleasant Meet Saturday

District Supervisor of the Order Pays Official Visit to Home Chapter—Ladies Feasted.

From Monday's Daily—
The members of Home Chapter No. 189 of the Order of the Eastern Star, held one of their most delightful meetings of the year Saturday afternoon and evening at the lodge rooms in the Masonic temple and which was largely attended by the local members as well as a number of the out of city visitors.

The occasion was the official visit of the district supervisor, Mrs. Martin of Omaha, and who was accompanied by Mrs. John W. Gamble of Omaha, past grand worthy matron of the grand chapter of Nebraska. The local officers of the Star gave a very fine exhibition of the ritualistic work of the order, the degree ritual being exemplified by the staff of officers and which won the warmest approval of the visitors at the chapter. In the review of the work Mrs. Martin gave expression of the praise for the excellent condition of the chapter and their fine work, congratulating Mrs. Philip Hirz, worthy matron and the other officers of the chapter for their splendid services.

After the close of the business session the ladies were given a real treat by the members of Mt. Zion commandery, No. 5, Knights Templar, as an expression of the appreciation that the Templars feel for the splendid assistance that the ladies gave in the entertaining of the grand commandery.

The ladies were invited to the dining room which they found very tastefully arranged for the occasion with flowers in the colors of the Star and which made a very fitting feature of the occasion. The Sir Knights enjoyed a very pleasant bit of fun at the expense of the ladies when they found that the menu was threatening to consist of toothpicks and water, but after the Stars had twinkled at the tables for some little time the Knights appeared on the scene to serve a most sumptuous five course luncheon that was very much enjoyed by all of the members of the party until a very late hour.

The members of the Star state that the Templars proved royal hosts and the banquet was one that they will all long very delightfully remember as one of the most enjoyable occasions in the history of Home chapter.

LITTLE FOLKS CELEBRATE

From Monday's Daily—
Friday, April 16th marked the passing of the eighth birthday anniversary of Rita Ann Libershal, so she invited her friends to spend the afternoon from 3:30 to 6 o'clock with her at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Libershal. The children came right after school and there was one continued round of merriment in playing games such as a bunch of happy little girls know how. At 5:30 they were seated and delicious refreshments were served them which everyone enjoyed to the limit. As favors each little Miss received an old fashioned bouquet made of candy gum drops that were very attractive. Rita Ann received many beautiful presents to remind her of this happy event.

After lunch more games were played but with less exertion after which the hour came to depart for their homes each little Miss expressing her thanks for the good time she had enjoyed.
Mrs. Libershal was assisted in seeing by Mrs. Fred Poehns and Miss Margaret and Eleanor Vetsnik.
Those present were the Misses Jackie Grassman, Mary Kathryn Wiles, Jane Rebal, Jane Kopp, Lucille Vetsnik, Jean Holmes, Grace Simmons, Pauline and Margaret Pitz, Marjorie Wolfarth, Maxine Edwards, Mildred Elledge, Frances Gambelin, Iris Allen, Dorothy, Alyce Patricia Prochaska, Beit Jane and Rita Ann Libershal.

MRS. E. M. GODWIN ILL

From Monday's Daily—
The many friends over the city of Mrs. E. M. Godwin will regret very much to learn that this estimable lady is quite poorly at her home in the south portion of the city, where she has been confined to the home for some time. The condition of Mrs. Godwin has proven very serious and causes some apprehension to the members of her family circle.

RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS

From Tuesday's Daily—
Mrs. Charles P. Richards of Omaha, former resident of this city, who was stricken down some two weeks ago with a slight paralytic stroke, is now reported as being somewhat improved and able to be up and around to some extent altho she is still effected to some extent by the effects of the stroke, but which it is hoped will gradually pass away and leave this genial lady in her former good health. While a resident here Mrs. Richards was quite active in lodge circles in the city and her many friends are well pleased to learn that she is doing so well and trust that her improvement may continue.

Death of Mrs. Wm. Matschullat Last Week

News Comes as Severe Blow to the Friends Here—Had Left the City But Two Weeks.

From Tuesday's Daily—
The news has been received here of the death at Orchard, Nebraska, on last Thursday night of Mrs. William Matschullat, Sr., which occurred at the home of her son, near that place where Mr. and Mrs. Matschullat had been making their home since moving from Plattsmouth some two weeks ago.

The death was unexpected and followed a very severe attack of heart trouble. Mrs. Matschullat having been suffering from this malady for some time and before leaving here had been in poor health altho it was not thought that her illness was to end fatally in so short a time.

Mrs. Matschullat has made her home in Plattsmouth for a great many years, the family having resided here some thirty years ago and later removed to Orchard and vicinity where they farmed for some time and later came back to this city where they have since resided. The deceased lady was some sixty years of age and was held in very high esteem by those who had the privilege of knowing her. She is survived by the husband and a very large family of children, two of whom, Edward and William Matschullat, being students at the University of Nebraska.

In their bereavement the members of the family will have the deep sympathy of the many friends in this community.

YOUNG MAN ACQUITTED

From Tuesday's Daily—
The case of the State of Nebraska vs. Ben Birdsley, which was on trial in the county court yesterday afternoon before Judge A. H. Duxbury, was terminated yesterday afternoon when the court after the submission of the evidence and the arguments of the attorneys, dismissed the complaint that had been filed against the young man and he was released from the charges that had been made against him. The charge as made in the complaint was assault and battery upon Miss Orpha Goings, the time of the alleged assault in the battery being the evening of April 15th. The defendant made a sweeping denial of any of the charges made and the testimony of the complaining witness in the case who had charged the young man with the alleged assault. There were quite a number of witnesses heard in the case and the attorneys took some time in summing up the evidence for the consideration of the court.
Judge Duxbury in his decision at the close of the trial stated that there was in his mind a doubt as to the guilt of the defendant in view of the testimony offered and in view of which he felt that he would not be justified in holding the young man.

MRS. DODGE POORLY

From Tuesday's Daily—
Mrs. George A. Dodge, one of the highly esteemed ladies of this community, has been confined to her home since Sunday as the result of a partial paralytic stroke that she suffered late Saturday night. The condition of Mrs. Dodge was thought to be some better yesterday afternoon but this morning she seemed to show little improvement and her condition remained practically the same as for the last two days. The stroke has effected her left side and the patient has suffered more or less from the effects of the stroke. It is hoped that in the next few days the patient will make some changes for the better as it is thought that the worst effects of the stroke will have passed by that time. The case however, is one that has caused the family the greatest apprehension. Miss Violet Dodge of Omaha is here at the bedside of the mother and Dr. Roy A. Dodge, well known Omaha specialist, has also been here for the greater part of the time at the side of his mother.

Hard Surfaced Roads a Necessity in This Day

Traffic and Modern Day Means of Travel Make Every Community in Need of Good Roads.

The day of the old-fashioned highway—impassable in the winter or rainy seasons that place a barrier on the resident of the farming districts from getting to and from their places—is past.

The residents over the nation are awakening to the fact that while the graveling or surfacing of the highways may cost a considerable amount of money, that they are paying far more dearly in allowing the old time dirt roads to remain in their community, the upkeep of the road being costly and the inconvenience and loss of time and money occasioned to the residents of the districts affected are far greater than the outlay were made for a good surfaced road and the comfort in travelling and saving of the amount of gas used as well as the wear and tear on the autos and trucks will in a short time more than repay the cost of the roads.

This portion of Cass county has in the winter season felt bitterly the need of well made and hard surfaced roads in permitting the residents of the various localities to come and go during the bad weather days and weeks of work on driving their cars of trucks through roads filled with mud that either caused damage to the vehicles or were so bad that it was impossible to travel at all over these kind of highways.

There is no blame on those who maintain the highways for this condition of affairs as they might expect greater days and weeks of work on the dirt roads to have in a few hours their best efforts swept out in the rains and snows that makes the roads a mass of mud that cars and trucks simply cannot travel through.

Those who live in the country districts need the good roads and they should have them as the cost is no greater than that which they pay indirectly as a tribute in bad and muddy weather and with no corresponding gain of convenience and pleasure.
There are four highways in Plattsmouth precinct that need surfacing and which are main highways for a very large population, these are the Louisville and Cedar Creek roads, which also run through Eight Mile Grove precinct and where the good roads program should be extended, as well as the highway west through Mynard from the King of Trails highway and the Rock Bluff road running south from this city.
The residents of Plattsmouth and Eight Mile Grove precincts should take in serious consideration in the next few weeks the proposition of having these highways surfaced and placed in such shape that they can be traveled at all seasons of the year and not allowing the roads to make the residents of these splendid farming communities practical exiles in the bad weather or to drive on the roads in the menace of damaging their cars or trucks or having them mired in the mud that exists in the bad weather on all four of the highways named above.

The cost of the graveling of these roads will be largely up to the residents of these precincts as these roads are not state and federal projects but they should serve a large and rich territory that deserves as good a road as any part of Cass county and the residents of Plattsmouth and Eight Mile Grove precincts should see that they take the steps necessary to assure them these roads. The cost would be more than repaid in a few years in the convenience that it would bring to the residents there as well as the saving in gasoline and the wear and tear on their cars and trucks. Not alone this but the good roads permits the quick hauling of farm produce, stock and hogs to market at a short notice and to save the farmers the prices that they can find in a quick delivery when the markets are favorable rather than having to wait until the mud and bad roads will permit them to travel.

The radio has brought the whole world to the farm—on the air—the old dirt roads in bad weather is keeping the farmers from enjoying the use of the highways that he should have and the right to go to and from his home without danger of being mired in mud.

The experience with these roads has taught everyone a lesson and the few surfaced roads in this section of the county has proved that they are the only real road system and one that the progressive farmers of Cass county deserve and should have.

Those who are interested in learning the new decorative art work in lamp shades and screens, can receive free instructions by calling at the annex of the Bates Book & Gift shop.

CHILD GOES TO HOSPITAL

From Tuesday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon Ruth, one of the little twin daughters of F. L. Jones, of Ruskin, Nebraska, who has been here at the home of her aunt, Mrs. George L. Farley, was taken to the Nicholas Senn hospital for treatment and a slight operation. The little babe has been suffering for several days from an affection of the head that has proven very annoying and which made necessary taking the child to the hospital. The latest reports was that the little one was doing as well as possible with the nature of its sickness. Little Ruth and her sister have been cared for here at the home of the aunt since the death of their mother a few days after their birth.

Sues for Fifteen Thousand Damages for Death

Administrator of Estate of Woman Killed Near Union March 15th Files Suit in Court.

From Tuesday's Daily—
As an aftermath of the tragic death of Miss Georgia Harsch, cashier of the Rainbo Garden, Omaha, on the early morning of March 15th near Union, there has been a suit filed in the district court of Douglas county, Nebraska against James Fitzpatrick, driver of the ill fated auto in which the woman met her death, and Miss Jean Martin, owner and occupant of the car at the time of the tragedy.
The suit is for the sum of \$15,000 and is filed by Willis C. Crosby, administrator of the estate of the deceased Georgia Harsch.
The petition alleges that Miss Martin failed to notify Fitzpatrick, the driver, of the dangerous curve in the road and that she put her foot on the brake and then on the gas, causing the car to skid and overturn and in which Miss Harsch had her neck broken and other fatal injuries inflicted.

The accident is still fresh in the minds of the residents of this part of the county and attracted more or less attention at the time. The accident occurred at the corner one mile east of Union where the King of Trails highway turns west into the town of Union. The two women and Fitzpatrick were driving from Omaha to Kansas City at the time and their car instead of making the turn crashed through the fence on the south side of the road, overturning as it struck the fence and hurling the occupants out and with the result that Miss Harsch was instantly killed and Miss Martin injured. Fitzpatrick, the driver, escaped without serious injury altho he was thrown some eight feet clear of the car. In the inquest held here Fitzpatrick was acquitted of any criminal negligence in the driving of the car.

During 1925, the General Electric company gave honorariums and certificates of merit to 30 employees who made helpful shop or business suggestions that the company could use for safety first, manufacturing or other improvements over the old or methods. More than half of the awards were made in the factory group.

W. C. T. U. Has Missionary Meeting Yesterday

Fine Program Given by the Various Missionary Societies of the City's Churches.

From Tuesday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon the members of the W. C. T. U. held a very fine meeting at the home of Mrs. H. C. Leopold on Pearl street and who was assisted in the entertaining by Mrs. S. S. Chase.

The occasion was in the nature of a missionary meeting and at which there were present representatives of the various missionary organizations of the several churches of the city, each one giving some pleasing and important facts relative to the carrying on of the church work in the home and foreign fields.

The Mynard U. B. church was represented by Mrs. Guy Kiser, who related a part of the splendid work that their church organizations are now doing. Mrs. F. H. Gorder, county president of the W. C. T. U. was also present with Mrs. Morley, wife of the pastor of the Methodist church at Weeping Water, and these ladies showed some of the missionary activities there. Mrs. Gorder also urging the members to attend the meeting the Union to be held at Weeping Water on May 7th. Mrs. J. S. Livingston, of the Woman's Auxiliary of the St. Luke's church gave a very entertaining discussion on the work in the foreign fields of the Episcopal missions and illustrated the activities of the missionary work with a map giving the spheres of activity of the various organizations. Mrs. Robert Troop of the Presbyterian missionary society also gave a most pleasing report of their church work. The foreign missionary society of the First Methodist church presented a report from Mrs. Ed Roman that was complete and given in the usual pleasing manner of this talented lady. The home missionary department of this church also gave a pageant participated in by a number of the ladies that was more than pleasing. The program was also made very pleasing by the reading given by Miss Dorothy Gradyville that added a great deal to the interest of the occasion.

At the conclusion of the afternoon dainty and delicious refreshments were served that completed an evening of the rarest enjoyment.

SECURES A REAL BANJO

From Monday's Daily—
Ray Denham of Cedar Creek, one of the well known "Barnyard Twins" of radio fame, whose melodies are often heard from station KOLL at Council Bluffs, has just secured himself a new instrument on which to allure the music loving public both over the radio and at the dances where the Gradyville orchestra furnishes the music. The new instrument is one of the best banjos that can be found on the market and for which Ray was called upon to part with \$200 snappers. The instrument was heard at the dance here on Saturday evening and was a real treat to the fine musical program that features the dances given by the Gradyville Classics.

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