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Funeral of Mrs. Ralph Wiles is Held Today

Large Number of Friends and Relatives Pay Last Tribute to Loved Lady.

From Monday's Daily— This afternoon at the family home southwest of this city occurred the funeral services of Mrs. Ralph M. Wiles, whose death early Saturday morning came as such a distinct shock to the community where the departed lady has lived her lifetime.

SCOUT INVESTITURE SERVICE

From Tuesday's Daily— The Plattsmouth Boy Scouts held their monthly investiture service in the high school gymnasium Monday evening. There were several new members taken in at this service, those receiving Tenderfoot badges were Richard Black, Paul Baldwin, William Pittmyer, Jack Moyer, Howard Clark, Otto Stodola, Greth Garrett, Raymond Kennard.

Plattsmouth Teachers are Honored at Meet

Supt. R. E. Bailey of City Schools and County Superintendent Miss Peterson Delegates.

From Monday's Daily— The group school meetings that have been held at Omaha and various points over the state have given recognition to a great many of the local teachers in their various lines of school activity and the Plattsmouth teachers were recognized as among the leaders of their various groups at the sectional meeting.

Lucille Ethel Martin was born on January 25, 1891 at Plattsmouth and at the time of her death was aged thirty-six years and nine months. She was educated in the schools here and grew to womanhood in this community where she was universally loved and esteemed by all who had the happiness of knowing her.

In the mathematics section of the southeastern Nebraska group, Mrs. George B. Mann, teacher in the Plattsmouth high school was selected as president of this group, a very pleasing honor.

SOME POWERFUL DRINK

From Tuesday's Daily— Last evening Marshal Trunkentoltz of Greenwood arrived in the city with a man named Frank Morgan in his custody and who was charged with having operated a car while in a state of intoxication in the vicinity of Greenwood.

PINE FAMILY REUNION

From Tuesday's Daily— The home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Marasek on West Oak street was the scene of a very delightful family reunion yesterday and today when the relatives of Mrs. Marasek came in to spend a short time in the reunion.

There were a large number motoring here for the reunion and the event was one that all appreciated to the utmost in the delightful hospitality that was arranged for them by Mr. and Mrs. Marasek.

QUEEN ESTHERS MEET

From Wednesday's Daily— Last evening the members of the Queen Esther's class of the Methodist church met at the beautiful country home of Mrs. Paul Long near Mynard and some twenty of the young people were in attendance at the pleasant gathering.

It was decided to have all the young ladies attend the young people's department banquet to be held on November 16th at the Hanscom park Methodist church, 29th and Woolworth avenue, Omaha.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deepest appreciation for the beautiful flowers and services rendered by the neighbors and friends in the illness and death of our dear wife and mother.—Ralph Wiles and daughter, Frances.

Missouri River Ferry Attracts Much Attention

Sunday Edition of the World-Herald Has Story of Popular Summer Means of Crossing Here.

In the magazine section of the Omaha World-Herald appears an interesting sketch of the Plattsmouth Missouri river ferry, illustrated with pictures of the boat and its owners, John Richardson and his sons, Floyd and Claude, and which is of great interest. The article is as follows: "Down at Plattsmouth about 20 miles below Omaha there's a place where the old Missouri river is not more than two hundred feet across.

"The ferry runs by day or night just the same with the single exception that it costs a little more for nocturnal passage. Whenever the traveler approaches, whether from the east or west he booms a great bell and either the one or the other of the Richardson boys is ready to haul him over. Just at present one of the bells is broken, smashed at a neighboring charivari, but that does not stop the up traffic and down traffic.

"Just let anybody make a noise like six-bits and he'll get across," laughs John Richardson.

"The ferry boat is operated by current, and not by electric current either, though a lot of travelers refuse to believe it at first and want to know what some wire loops connecting the boat with a cable stretched across the river are for.

"The loops and the cable are for the guidance of the craft. The river current is the propelling power. The current, as everybody should know, runs north and south in as north and south a direction as the crooked old river allows.

One-Man Boat Now

"The ferry boat, instead of being headed directly for the Iowa side, when traveling in that direction, is pointed northeast by northeast. Thus the current sweeping down strikes the slanting side of the boat, held in place by the wires attached to the cable and guided by a wheel turned by a man, and the craft crosses east by easterly. If the boat were pointed directly for its destination, it would make no progress because of the current's force. The voyage is made on the same principle, the stem of the craft being hooked north-west by northwest.

"In case it is desired to stop the boat in the stream, it is swung clear about with its ends to north and south.

"The current on the Nebraska side is now slow, running about four miles an hour, and operating the craft is easy for one man. However, when the current is fast two men are required to man the ferry. It sometimes runs 12 miles an hour.

"The river is about 35 feet deep at the crossing, which is about a stone's throw south of the Burlington railroad bridge, and it's as yellow and dirty as you'll find it anywhere.

"John Richardson and his sons, Floyd and Claude, have operated the ferry for 15 years. In all that time they have never had an accident. However, they are prepared for anything and always a lifeboat is fastened to the side of the craft. They need no life preservers, as the bottom of the ferry boat is not spiked down and could float by itself if anything went wrong with the rest of the craft.

Make Money at the Job

"Some women passengers get frightened and cover their eyes until they are on land once more, but most travelers spend the time asking questions and cracking jokes. Here is a sample of their humor: "This boat run on schedule?" "Uh huh," answers the riverman. "No it don't; it runs on the water."

"And yet none of the Richardsons has ever thrown such a comedian in the river.

"Each of the three men owns a third interest in the Dottie Jane. John Richardson has retired from the business and lives in Plattsmouth, helping only when there is need. The sons are married and live near the river on the Nebraska side. Besides operating the ferry, they have to keep the mile of road from the landing to Plattsmouth in shape for travel.

"Is the ferry a money-maker? Let figures talk. The Richardsons charge 75 cents for an automobile on a one-way trip or a dollar for a round trip, with 25 cents extra for night service. It's 75 cents for a Ford, Lincoln or Pierce-Arrow. The man in a Glycer is just as important as a nabob in a limousine on the ferry boat. And whether there is nobody in it or one man or a family as big as Brigham Young's, it goes over for six-bits, no more and no less. The only kind of

vehicle that must pay more than six-bits to cross is a two-ton truck.

Plenty of Wood, but Burn Coal

"The pedestrian must pay a dime. The fare of a single saddle horse is 35 cents, with four-bits and a dollar for one driving horse or a span of them.

"Five cars make a full load. The Dottie Jane can be loaded and the river crossed in six minutes. Thirty-five cars are transported a day on an average, with the number much higher during the touring season. In the 24 hours following the morning of July 4 last year more than six hundred automobiles went over the river on the Dottie Jane.

"So the books of the Richardsons show a comfortable income from the ferry. All is not profit, however. There are their labor, time and the upkeep. The government license for the cable costs nothing, but the ferry license from Mill county, in Iowa, is \$10 for ten years. Cass county, Nebraska, is not so generous. There the license is \$15 for one year. The life of the boat is not long. The Dottie Jane was built last year.

"What would you do if somebody would build a free bridge here?" the elder Richardson was asked.

"I'd give the ferry boat away." "The heaviest load ever transported on the Dottie Jane was a 35-ton sawmill.

"A lot of things besides the current drift down the river, the ferry men will tell you. One thing is drift wood, but the Richardson boys don't bother with it.

"I'm too lazy to saw it," confessed Floyd, "and I pay out good money for coal to burn in my house."

Can't Get Away from River

"Bodies, too, float down, many of them never identified. Floyd remembers the corpse of a woman in man's clothes. The body was unclaimed, and though dug out of the grave a number of times for examination was never identified. Just one of the mysteries of the river.

John Richardson has lived nearly all of his 56 years on the Missouri and his sons have spent their days there too.

"You can't get away from it, they say. The lure of the river is like the lure of the sea and few reared along its edge stay away for long.

"You stay away from the old Missouri a couple of months after you've lived on it all your life and a quart of that muddy water looks as good to you as a quart of old-fashioned beer," insists John Richardson.

"The Richardsons are fishermen, too, and in winter after the ice has closed the ferry traffic, they go after the denizens of the waters. John Richardson in his younger days sold tons of his catch in Omaha.

The History of the Ferry

"The earliest crossings of the Missouri at Plattsmouth, one of the earliest points along the stream in these parts, was made by the Indians and frontiersmen horseback or in canoes or skiffs.

"In the late forties when the Mormons were going west in hordes, Libeas T. Coon, one of the faithful, established the first ferry boat, a flat-boat propelled by sweeps and hauled his brethren over, making a good thing out of the story runs.

"Wheatley Mickelwait and James O'Neil succeeded Coon, and in 1855 the legislature granted these two men and associates a charter. A flatboat was run until 1857. Later ferry boats were the Emma, the Survivor, the Paul Wilcox, the Mary McGee. Then a wire cable ferry appeared. The Luella and the Belle Morgan were named. The Bell Morgan was owned by the daughter of Ransom Morgan, who owned the boat.

"About 1860 Thomas K. Hannah, Thomas E. Tootle, E. G. Dovey, Henry Amison, W. H. Anderson and Chas. Stande became owners of the ferry privilege. In 1868 the franchise was sold to the city of Plattsmouth and the ferry was managed by Miles Morgan, brother of Ransom Morgan and the other of Fred and D. C. Morgan of Plattsmouth.

"After changing hands several times, the ferry business passed into the hands of John Richardson in 1912."

HAVE BIG SUCCESS

From Tuesday's Daily— Miss Elizabeth Nolting, who is teaching at the Callum school northwest of this city, held a most delightful box social at the school house and which drew a crowd that filled the school house to its capacity and fully as many of the crowd was compelled to wait an opportunity of getting into the building to enjoy the social and had the structure been twice as large it would hardly have held the crowd. The boxes were in great demand and as the result of this enterprise the school will realize something like \$80 for their activities.

RETURNS HOME

From Wednesday's Daily— Mrs. Guy C. White and little daughter, Julia Lee, who have been in the Methodist hospital for the past ten days, since the arrival of the little daughter, returned home last evening and little Miss Julia Lee, is becoming acquainted with home folks and receiving the admiration of the relatives and friends.

Well Known Man Heads Work of the Children's Society

G. M. Porter Head of Finance Department of Nebraska Children's Home Society.

From Tuesday's Daily— G. M. Porter, a former resident of Plattsmouth, and connected with the Omaha Boys' Club for twenty-one years, he resigned his position with the club at the close of the war, and was called to the business secretaryship of the Lincoln Y. M. C. A., where he served several years. The past four years he has been connected with the department of endowments of the national board of education of the Christian church. He has raised more than four million dollars for the endowment of these church colleges.

He has just recently been chosen to head up the department of finance of the Nebraska Children's Home Society of Omaha. He will live in Omaha and have charge of the field force. At present he is giving special attention to Cass, Douglas and Shipley counties. The Nebraska Children's Home Society occupies a unique place among the charitable institutions in the state. It is non-sectarian and makes its appeal to the children of Nebraska. In every town there is a board consisting of president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, and one or two other persons, making a board of five or six. It is the duty of this board to report any orphan or neglected children in this community.

The present local board is as follows: President—Dr. R. P. Westover. Vice-President—Rex Young. Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. William Baird.

Mrs. J. E. Wiles and Miss Alpha Peterson are two other members of the board.

Mr. W. Hugh Fletcher, state superintendent and Mr. Porter will be in the city Thursday and speak at Plattsmouth at the monthly meeting of the Ladies Aid society at 3:15 in the afternoon at the Methodist church.

You are cordially invited to attend this meeting, and get first hand information as to the work this society is doing.

DOINGS IN DISTRICT COURT

From Tuesday's Daily— The cases filed in the office of the clerk of the district court today were largely cases that were filed on appeal from the county court and embraced two civil actions and also one criminal case.

The appeal of the case of the Lincoln Cleaning & Dye Works vs. Don Philpot, et al., and Harry Eusele vs. Don Philpot, et al., were the two civil cases that were taken up on appeal. The first of these was the case of the Lincoln Cleaning & Dye Works vs. Don Philpot, et al., and Harry Eusele vs. Don Philpot, et al., which was filed as the result of an auto accident. In the lower court it was held that both parties were equally liable and the case dismissed.

The case of the State of Nebraska vs. C. Lawrence Stull was also filed on appeal by the defendant from the county court, the defendant having been found guilty of selling and disposing of liquor and the matter will be submitted to the jury at the November term of the district court.

RECEIVES RECOGNITION

From Wednesday's Daily— The Omaha meeting of the second division of the Nebraska teachers gave recognition of a number of the Plattsmouth school teachers and among these was Miss Estelle Baird, language teacher in the local high school, who was elected as president of the language department of the district meeting. Miss Baird has been one of the efficient teachers in the local schools for a number of years and her recognition at the Omaha meeting has been most pleasing to her host of friends.

FILE SAGE ESTATE

From Wednesday's Daily— This morning in the county court the estate of the late J. W. Sage was offered for probate in the court, the will being read and which gave a number of bequests to distant relatives and a few friends and the remainder of the estate to the brother and sister of the deceased. The document was prepared of the date of November 1, 1926. T. H. Pollock, president of the Farmers State bank of this city was named in the will as executor of the estate.

J. W. SAGE AT REST

From Wednesday's Daily— This morning the burial services of the late James W. Sage were held at the Sattler funeral home at 4th and Vine street, this service following the funeral services for the old friends held on Sunday afternoon. The body was held pending the arrival of the brother and sister from the west and the services today were private to the members of the family. The interment was at Oak Hill cemetery in the family lot. The pall bearers were from the old friends, T. H. and J. K. Pollock, J. P. Falter, W. A. Robertson, C. C. Parmelee and W. E. Rosenkrans. Mrs. Sage and son, George H. Sage of Omaha, Mrs. Alta Bowen, of Seattle, a sister, and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sage of Sheridan, Wyoming, and Mr. and Mrs. Fair of Omaha were here for the services.

Missouri Pacific to Restore Trains to Old Schedule

Starting Sunday Northbound Train No. 103 and Southbound Train No. 104 to Be in Service.

From Tuesday's Daily— The Missouri Pacific railroad is to restore to service starting on next Sunday the two trains that were removed several months ago when the company made a sharp adjustment of their train schedules in this part of their system.

Yesterday afternoon C. J. Brown, division superintendent of the Falls City division of the railroad was in the city and made the announcement of the changes in the trains that will be found very pleasing to the residents along the line of the Missouri Pacific as the former train schedule was one of the best that has ever been placed in service by this railroad company.

The trains that will be placed back in service are No. 104, southbound which formerly ran on a schedule of 9:30 and which will be about the same when the train is restored to service while train No. 103, northbound, due here at 2:35 p. m. is the second train that will be placed back in service for the winter season.

It is probable with the restoration of the northbound afternoon train that the running time of train No. 107, the night northbound train will be placed back on its old running time of 7:23 in order to make it a better theatre train for the residents along the line south to reach Omaha.

The train service of the Missouri Pacific through this territory has been very fine in the past but the readjusted schedule has not been as popular as the old schedule or supplying the needs of the residents as well as that of the former schedule.

That the train service is to be placed back on its old schedule will be very pleasing to every one in this territory of the railroad company.

FORMER RESIDENT HERE DIES

The death of Mrs. Louise Ripple King, aged 65, occurred on Monday evening at Omaha, where she has been making her home at 4731 1/2 South 20th street.

The deceased lady was a former resident of this city, her maiden name being Louise Stull and she was a sister of Jacob Stull, a former resident here and of Mrs. John Mauer, Sr., now of Omaha.

While a resident of this city the deceased lady was married to Joseph Ripple, brother of E. C. Ripple of this city, who preceded her in death many years ago and since which time she was married to Selge King, who with four daughters survive her death.

The funeral services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Brewer chapel in South Omaha and the body brought to this city where the interment was had in the family lot in Oak Hill cemetery.

ENJOY FINE MEETING

From Wednesday's Daily— Last evening the W. H. E. L. club and a few guests were very pleasantly entertained at the home of Miss Betty Sitzman on West Pearl street and which occasion was enjoyed by a very jolly group of the young ladies.

The evening was spent in the fascinations of bridge and in which Miss Helen Ezenberger received the first prize while the consolation prize was awarded to Miss Helen Libershan.

At a suitable hour dainty and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess who was assisted by Miss Eleanor Hiber and Miss Dorothy Sattler and which aided in the completion of a delightful evening.

FAIRBURY FAMILY GOES TO REPUBLIC OF SAN DOMINGO

Fairbury, Nov. 5.—Mrs. Nelson Collier and small son, John, sailed from New York Friday for the republic of San Domingo, West Indies, where they will join Mr. Collier, who left Fairbury last winter. Mr. Collier is at the head of an extensive water and sewer project which is being built on the island.

Cass County High in Law Enforcement

Elmer E. Thomas, Federal Enforcement Officer Speaks Highly of County Enforcement.

From Wednesday's Daily— The residents of Plattsmouth and Cass county can feel well pleased with the standing that this county and city has in the matter of the enforcement of the prohibition law and other offenses that come under the scope of the federal officers, as shown by the letter just received here by County Attorney W. G. Kieck from Elmer E. Thomas, federal enforcement officer at Omaha for the district of which Nebraska is a part.

Mr. Thomas who has the state of Nebraska as his field of activity has had ample opportunity on his own investigation and that of the men from his office in all parts of the state and from their investigations and record there is very few communities in the state that stand higher in the matter of law enforcement than Cass county and also the city of Plattsmouth.

Mr. Thomas also speaks highly of the splendid spirit of co-operation that he has received from the sheriff, county attorney and judge in the matter of handling the enforcement of the prohibition law which falls under the duties of his office.

Were every county and city in the state as well kept within the bonds of law enforcement there would be little need of the office of federal enforcement chief as there is a smaller per cent of the violation of the prohibition law as well as other laws in this county as any county or city in the state and this is due to the effective work of the county and city officers in handling the situation.

There has been a splendid enforcement of the law made in this county and the most careful investigation has disclosed that this is a splendid community and one that its people can be proud of as far as law enforcement is concerned.

The showing made and which is reflected in the commendation of Mr. Thomas is one that shows that the residents of every part of the county are splendid examples to the rest of the state.

W. C. T. U. MEETS

From Tuesday's Daily— Yesterday afternoon the ladies of the W. C. T. U. were most delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. Martha Christwiser and with a very large number of the ladies in attendance at the meeting and to listen to the program that was presented.

Mrs. E. H. Westover gave a report of the state convention of the Nebraska Federation of Women's clubs, that was recently held at Kearney and in which she discussed several phases of the prohibition law and its workings.

Miss Olive Gass also spoke on "Was It Put Over?" and which was given in her usual pleasing manner and much enjoyed by the ladies in attendance.

Miss Elizabeth Spangler gave the official report of the state convention of the W. C. T. U., which was held at Omaha recently and with the very complete report of Miss Spangler and which was supplemented by the talks of the other ladies who had been in attendance at the state meeting, the members of the party secured a fine idea of the proceedings of the state gathering.

At a suitable hour dainty and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, that aided in the completion of a most delightful event.

ARMISTICE DAY WINDOW

From Wednesday's Daily— The window of the men's furnishing and shoe department of the H. M. Swenrichsen Co., store on upper Main street has arranged a very unique and striking Armistice day window that is the object of interest to the general public and to the former service men is a sharp reminder of the stirring days of 1917 and 1918.

The window has a large number of souvenirs of the world war that was gathered by W. H. Holly, clerk in the store and who was in service with the 355th infantry in the war in France and who gathered the relics in his service. Many articles of uniform apparel of the American, French and German armies and some of the shells, hand grenades and other articles of warfare that were used in the great struggle are shown. With these are scenes of the army of occupation as well as views of the effects of "a guerre" in war torn France and Belgium. The window is one of historic interest and gives those not in service a real idea of the war in France.

DR. WESTOVER POORLY

From Tuesday's Daily— Dr. R. P. Westover has been troubled for the past two days with a severe attack of the flu and grippe that seems to have settled in his arm and made his condition very painful and interfered with his professional work to a greater or less extent.