

Funeral Services of Francis Zitka Sunday

Very Large Number Are Present at Holy Rosary Church to Pay Their Last Tributes.

From Monday's Daily.— The funeral services of Francis Zitka were held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Holy Rosary Catholic church on west Pearl street and the church was filled to its capacity with many unable to gain admittance, rendering their tribute to the memory of the departed and to share with the bereaved mother and brothers and sisters the deep sorrow that everyone has felt in the sudden taking away of this promising boy.

The death of this lad occurred Thursday morning when he was overcome while working with his delivery truck, by the deadly moxoid gas, that in the passage of a few moments had taken his life. In his going the community felt a distinct loss in the removal of a young man that was growing into the citizenship of the city, a boy loved and respected by those who knew him best.

The services of the church Sunday were conducted by the Rev. Father Jerry Hancik, pastor of the church with the impressive funeral service of the church and to which the pastor added a brief sermon on the life of the departed lad that had been a member of his church and had in his boyhood years served at the altar of the church and was a devout and faithful member of this religious faith whose last blessing was given him as he was laid to the sleep that knows no awakening on this earth.

To the mother and the members of the household the loss of their loved one brings a sorrow that only the years in their passing can soften to them, but in their bereavement they have the precious memory of his life to serve them.

Perhaps in the divine ordination of all things, it is the best that lives called home when in the full joy of living, realize the promise of the eternal reward, are their years have brought the roughing contact with the world, while yet the glories dreams of youth are unfulfilled with the disappointments and sorrows that mark the mature years.

The lad that has so suddenly been called to the last reward, was still in the dawning of his future manhood, filled with the joy of life and the possibilities that were still in the future, and his life unspooled has passed on the journey of the years to bear the voice of the Master calling him to his rest and taking back the life to its Maker to receive the crown of eternal life.

At the conclusion of the services at the church the body of the departed was born to the Catholic cemetery where it was consigned to rest, in the fading light of the winter afternoon with friends and relatives bearing their last token of remembrance and beneath the beautiful flowers he entered the long sleep of peace. The pall bearers were selected from among the school mates and associates, being Thomas Svoboda, Frank Slatisny, Henry Krcel, John Svoboda, Joe Knoflick, and Matthew Wooster.

The departed is survived by his mother, Mrs. Anna Zitka, the father having preceded him in death several years ago, three brothers, Joseph, James and Ernest, four sisters, Anna, Mary, Dorothy and Barbara Zitka.

The deceased boy was born in this city December 17, 1910, and at the time of his death lacked but a few days of his seventeenth birthday. He was educated in the schools of this city and has for the past year been engaged in the employ of the firm of Lorenz Brothers by whom he was esteemed and held in the greatest affection.

CARD OF THANKS We wish to express our deepest heartfelt appreciation to the friends and neighbors for their words of sympathy and many kindly acts during our bereavement at the loss of our beloved son and brother. Also we wish to thank all those who sent the beautiful floral remembrances and assisted at the funeral services.—Mrs. Anna Zitka and Family.

AUGUST BACH POORLY

From Monday's Daily.— August Bach, the well known lower Main street merchant has for several days been confined to his home suffering from an attack of heart trouble from which he has suffered for several years. Mr. Bach has been unable to look after his work at the store since the first of last week and has been confined to his bed for the greater part of the time. The many friends of the time. The many friends of this genial gentleman trust that he may soon be able to overcome the illness and be able to be out and meet the host of friends.

Preparing Way for the Coming of Santa Claus

Jolly Visitor to This City on Next Saturday Will Leave Remembrance with Each Child.

From Monday's Daily.— When Santa Claus arrives in this city on next Saturday morning at 10:15 over the Burlington from the north, he will find awaiting him here a very large number of the children of Cass county, if the present interest in the visit is maintained and the schools of the county pour in their hundreds of little folks to join in the big demonstration as now seems probable.

The visit of Santa will be marked by the presentation of cards to the little folks that will be redeemed at the different business houses of the city by the local merchants who are preparing to serve as the representatives of the jolly visitor in the distribution of the holiday remembrances. The committee in charge of the distribution of the remembrances for Santa Claus' visit will have a more thorough method of handling the matter this year and which will eliminate the confusion that followed the distribution last year when each bear the name of the place that the tickets may be redeemed instead of merely the numbers as was the case last year and will enable the children to go direct to the business house that has the gift for them, instead of having to search over the city to locate the place that their number calls for.

SANTA TO VISIT SHUTINS

From Tuesday's Daily.— When Santa Claus visits this city on Saturday morning he is not only going to greet the well and happy children at the Legion community building, but as well he is going to remember the little folks who are sick and confined to their homes by illness. Santa is a big hearted fellow and the fact that a number of his little friends are ill is not going to prevent his getting out to see them. Joe Capwell, the city attorney, will be the official host to Santa while in the city, and Joe will act as his guide over the city to locate the sick boys and girls who cannot come to the auditorium. This visit will be strictly confined to the sick children as Santa expects all of the boys and girls who are well and able to greet him at the Burlington station and also at the auditorium where he Christmas cards will be given out.

The shut in children who are ill and will be unable to get out Saturday are urged to write Santa in care of J. A. Capwell and who will see that the little ones are remembered.

WATCH FOR SANTA

From Wednesday's Daily.— Only three more days remain until Santa Claus is here for the big reception that will be tendered him at the Legion community building when he arrives in this city on Saturday over the Burlington at 10:15 Saturday morning. Santa will be here for a few moments at the Parmelee theatre on Thursday night but his big hand-shaking visit will be on Saturday morning when he will meet all of the children of this part of the county who may be here.

The committee on arrangements are getting busy now and will have all of the plans ready for the big treat that will mark the day and where the little folks will have the opportunity of securing some gift or remembrance that they can enjoy as a tribute from Santa Claus. The sick children are urged to get in their letter at once to Santa Claus in care of J. A. Capwell, so that Santa will be able to look them up when he arrives in the city.

ELECT NEW SECRETARY

From Tuesday's Daily.— As the secretary of the local aerie of the Eagles, the members of the order have selected John E. Schutz, former secretary. The election was made necessary by the resignation of Arthur Blunt, who was unable to devote the proper amount of attention to the office owing to the illness of his wife and which made necessary his resignation.

Celebrates the Passing of His 60th Milestone

J. H. McMaken of This City Bears Little Marks of His Journey Down Life's Highway.

From Monday's Daily.— Sunday marked the sixtieth anniversary of Joseph H. McMaken of this city and the event was very quietly observed at the home in the northern part of the city with the good wife and helpmate of the crust of honor and his youngest son, Fred, being present to take part in the event as the other members of the family were prevented by business affairs from being present at the event. The sons, Henry, Ray and Joseph, Jr., are engaged in contracting and trucking that prevented them being in attendance at the dinner and birthday party.

There is little in the appearance of the genial Mr. McMaken to indicate that he has passed these years of life and he is still in the full enjoyment of good health and keeps the keenest interest in his business affairs which have grown so that the organization of the McMaken interests have a large force of men, some thirty in their employ and have for years been very active in the road contracting business as well as trucking.

Mr. McMaken is a native of Cass county, his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. McMaken, having been among the early settlers and "Joe" as he is best known, was born on the farm out in Eight Mile Grove, but has lived in this city since a boy and been an active leader in the community life. Mr. McMaken has been actively engaged in business for the past forty years and his sons following his example have also launched into business enterprises that have proven most successful and they are numbered among the best known residents of the community.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS ELECT

From Tuesday's Daily.— Last evening the Royal Neighbors of America held a very interesting meeting at their lodge rooms in the Modern Woodman building and with a very pleasing number of ladies in attendance. The larger part of the evening was taken up with the business session and which included the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The following officers were named: Oracle—Mrs. Helen Meisinger. Vice-Oracle—Mrs. Emma Nolting. Chancellor—Mrs. Rose Sulser. Recorder—Mrs. Garnet Onshlager. Receiver—Mrs. Elizabeth Buttery. Marshal—Mrs. Louise Klinger. Inner Sentinel—Mrs. Verna Tschirren. Outer Sentinel—Mrs. May Favors. Manager—Mrs. Lettie Hiner. Musician—Miss Pearl Hill. Past Oracle—Mrs. Emma Kaffenberger. Flag Bearer—Mrs. Nellie Bethel.

MISS WILES IN PLAYLET AT FONTENELLE HOTEL

From Monday's Daily.— The 37th annual meeting of the Western Surgical association was held in Omaha on Dec. 8 and 9. At their annual banquet Thursday evening, at the Fontenelle hotel, a playlet, "An Aseptic Wedding" was presented by thirteen nurses from the University hospital, among which was a Plattsmouth young lady, Miss Delores Wiles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Wiles.

At the banquet Dr. Jabez M. Jackson of Kansas City was the toastmaster. Dr. Lewis McKinzie of Colorado Springs, delivered the presidential address. Dr. Edward Archibald of Montreal, Canada, an honorary member, was also present.

SELLS MANY CARS

From Tuesday's Daily.— The Chrysler Sales Co., of this city, of which Glen Morse is the manager, has just received a carload of autos that have been sold in this locality and are being delivered. The Chrysler has proven a very popular car and their increasing sale has been most pleasing to the representatives of the company. Fred Ahrens of Myrand, Fred Nolting, J. H. McMaken and Frank R. Gobelman are among those who will travel the future.

CARD OF THANKS

The ladies aid society of the Christian church desire to thank the general public for their very generous patronage at the chicken pie supper on Saturday evening.—Committee.

HOLD FINE MEETING

From Wednesday's Daily.— Last evening Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M. held a very interesting session at their lodge rooms in the Masonic Temple and which was attended by a large number of the membership.

There were several candidates in the entered apprentice degree and which was administered by the officers of the lodge in a very impressive manner. Lute M. Savage of Omaha, grand custodian of the Nebraska grand lodge was present and inspected the lodge.

Mr. Savage presented the lodge with the certificate of perfection for their work in the past year and the splendid manner in which the affairs of the lodge was handled.

Royal Arch Masons Hold Installation

Judge A. H. Duxbury Installed as High Priest of Nebraska Chapter No. 3.

From Tuesday's Daily.— Last evening Nebraska Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons held their installation of officers for the ensuing year, following the session of the grand chapter of Nebraska at Omaha the past week. The newly elected and appointed officers are as follows: High Priest—Judge A. H. Duxbury. King—Henry F. Nolting. Scribe—L. W. Nicol. Secretary—W. F. Evers. Treasurer—H. A. Schneider. Captain of the Host—R. C. Cook. Principal Sojourner—W. G. Kieck. Royal Arch Captain—Dr. P. T. Heinemann. Master Third Vail—H. L. Gayer. Master Second Vail—Harvey Johnson. Master First Vail—W. H. Shopp. Sentinel—Warren Tulene.

The installation services were conducted by James M. Robertson, past grand high priest of Nebraska, in the most impressive manner with W. A. Robertson, past high priest of Nebraska Chapter assisting in the ceremonies.

The newly installed officers represent some of the active features in the local Masonic circles and have had a part in the work of the chapter that has made it one of the leading representatives of this branch of Masonry in the state.

Spirit of Christmas Seen in the Stores of City

Bright and Attractive Decorations and Holiday Goods Are Making Stores Bright.

From Wednesday's Daily.— The fact that Christmas is only eleven days away is strikingly shown in the various business houses of the city in the fine array of gift goods of all lines that fill the shelves of the stores and make the places of business a real wonderland of Christmas remembrances from the inliest to the aged.

The stores are all in the full glory of the holiday decorations and the bright hues of red and green, the Christmas colors are found in abundance throughout the stores and this color scheme is carried out in the colored lights in many of the places of business, making the stores a bowery of charm and attractiveness.

The local stores carry large and varied lines of merchandise that can satisfy anyone both in the quality of the goods sold and in the wide range of prices that make it possible for any taste and purse to be satisfied.

MARRIED THIS AFTERNOON

From Wednesday's Daily.— The parsonage of the Methodist church was the scene of a very pleasant wedding this afternoon when Rev. Harold E. Sortor, joined in marriage Mrs. Nellie Gibbons and John F. Jarman, both of Springfield, Nebraska. The wedding was very quiet and was witnessed by the members of the Sortor family. After the wedding the bride couple motored to their home to receive the congratulations and best wishes of their friends.

SMALL FIRE SUNDAY

The fire department was called out on Sunday morning at 8 o'clock to the south portion of the city where a chimney at the residence of Mrs. Sarah J. Brooks, was burning out and caused a great deal of apprehension to the residents of that section of the city. The department soon had the fire checked and without loss to the property.

Supreme Court Sets Land Out of the City Limits

Case of August Knoflick Decided in Favor of the Plaintiffs in High Court.

From Tuesday's Daily.— The case of August F. Knoflick et al., vs. the City of Plattsmouth, has been decided in the state supreme court in favor of the plaintiffs and the judgment of the lower court finding for the city reversed and the judgment ordered entered in favor of the plaintiffs.

This was an action in which August Knoflick, Mary Knoflick, Mary Straka, Ignace Straka, Anton Koubek, Vaclav Belohlav and Mary Belohlav, were the plaintiffs and asked that their real estate holdings amounting to 55.65 acres of land be set outside the corporate limits of the city, that they had no sidewalks, water works, electric light and only one connecting highway leading to the main part of the city, that of Maiden Lane. It was also a point of the plaintiffs contention that the land in question had never been platted into lots and blocks, although a part of the city for the past forty years.

The court in its findings by Commissioner W. W. Wilson, held that as the land was devoted wholly to agricultural and horticultural purposes, that it was without any of the benefits that other sections of the city derived from their being in the city limits and as the land was a great distance from the sections of the city where there are sidewalks, maintained highways, water and light, that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted and accordingly the judgment was ordered for the plaintiffs and the land ordered set outside the city limits.

The plaintiffs were represented in their action by Attorney A. L. Tidd on the successful appeal to the supreme court.

HAVE A CLOSE CALL

From Wednesday's Daily.— Yesterday afternoon Constable Thomas Svoboda, wife and son, Thomas, had a very narrow escape from serious injury when the car that they were riding in was overturned on North 15th street and the members of the auto party had a close call from being hurled into the deep creek.

Mr. Svoboda and family were going to their home on Vine street and decided to make the trip out Washington avenue and thence over to Vine street and saving the steep grade of high school hill. As the car started up, the small grade of 15th street the rear axle of the car gave way and rendered the car unmanageable and the car started to slide back down the hill and Mr. Svoboda unable to control the car altho he was able to force it to the side of the road where it overturned twice and it was only by a very close margin that the car escaped going into the creek where the fall would have been almost certainly fatal to the occupants of the car. The occupants of the car had a large leather robe in the car that saved them from serious damage from glass and bruises as the car overturned twice, but all of the trio were more or less bruised by the wreck.

VERY HAPPY OCCASION

The announcement has reached this city of the birth at Louisville on Saturday, December 10th of a fine little son to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hackenberg. The mother and little one are doing nicely and the occasion has brought a great deal of pleasure to the other relatives in this city and vicinity. Mrs. Hackenberg was formerly Miss Creda Fleischman of near Louisville. The many friends here will join in their congratulations to the happy young people on the new happiness that has come to them.

CASE IS CONTINUED

From Monday's Daily.— At the opening of the district court today the case of Anna M. Guthmann vs. William Lempe, et al., was called for trial but the morning was taken up in the argument of a demurrer to the case and the question of jurisdiction of the case as to the defendant, William Lempe, which took up the time of the court and allowed the jury to be excused until 1:30 this afternoon. The demurrer in the case was overruled and by agreement the case was continued until Thursday for trial.

HAVE YOUR CARDS ENGRAVED

Those who are planning to have their names engraved on the Christmas cards this year should secure their cards as well as bringing their plate to the Bates Book & Gift shop where the work will be looked after without delay.

WATCH OUT RABBITS

From Tuesday's Daily.— Constable Tom Svoboda is not only a good official but is a real dead shot when it comes to hunting as was demonstrated yesterday. Tom was called out in the country to serve some papers and while he was going out decided that he might as well take his trusty gun along to crack off a few rabbits if the occasion of a rabbit hunt should occur. Tom returned home last evening he had thirteen rabbits with him and had shot but twelve times. We have seen both the gun and the rabbits and can testify that this is a true story, so our advice to the rabbits (four legged ones) are that they better get in the clear when Constable Tom takes the war path.

Findings in Water Rate Case are Approved

Federal Judge J. W. Woodrugh Announces Decision Approving the Findings.

From Tuesday's Daily.— The long standing litigation between the Plattsmouth Water Co. and the City of Plattsmouth, relative to the legality of the rates to be charged in this city for water has progressed another step in the decision of U. S. District Judge J. W. Woodrugh at Omaha, in which the court approved the findings of the special master that held the rate case and who held generally for the plaintiff, the water company.

The master that heard the case reduced the valuation of the plant and the figures of the valuation engineers from \$255,000 to \$220,000, a middle ground between the figures of the two contending parties as the city had placed a value of \$207,000 on the plant and its equipment. The master found that Water company was entitled to a return of seven per cent on their investment and that this would have to be supplied by the rates for water consumed by the patrons of the water company. With the confirmation of the findings the new rates will be effective unless held up by further legal action.

The exact rates that will be charged for the city water has not been determined upon and the local water management has not figured just what the rate will be under the new schedule that will be permitted by the findings of the court to fix a rate that will give the company an adequate return on their investment. A great many of the services of the water company are in rental properties that are sometimes vacant and this will also have to be figured in making the estimate of the rates to insure a stable income.

INDIAN SCORES VICTORY

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 13.—The grandson of Sitting Bull looked hard with the federal government here today, and, like his illustrious forbearer, emerged victorious. The federal district court replaced the wild plains of Sitting Bull's heyday, and instead of United States soldiers, Chief Hiawatha W. Shea-Ri-Wa-Ken-Wa-Wa, was besieged by questions for prosecutors. At the end of the hearing, however, he was given a directed verdict of acquittal of charges of impersonating a federal officer.

The hereditary ruler of the Sioux was impassive as the acquittal verdict was read. Previously he had related in matter-of-fact tones the story of his life and his career in the army. On cross-examination he denied that he had ever enlisted under the name of John J. Pershing, altho admitting "they may have put the name down" for him. "In the army they always called me chief," he said.

TWO STATE HEARINGS

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 11.—The following hearings have been assigned by the Nebraska state railway commission for the week beginning Monday, December 12: Thursday, hearing on formal complaint of citizens of Scribner concerning depot facilities at Scribner, 19 a. m. Friday, hearing on application of Northwestern Bell Telephone company, for authority to discontinue central office at Rogers, 10 a. m. at Rogers.

GEORGE SWATEK HOME

From Wednesday's Daily.— George Swatek, well known young man of this city, who has been at the St. Joseph hospital at Omaha for the past few days, undergoing a course of treatment, came home yesterday and will remain here until after the holiday season. George expects to later return to the hospital where he will undergo an operation for appendicitis from which he has suffered for some little time and which has caused the formation of an abscess for which the young man has been treated.

Jury Finds for Plaintiff in the Land Lease Case

Action of Wm. Walters vs. Martha Gakemeier. Results in \$500 for the Plaintiff.

From Wednesday's Daily.— The district court yesterday was occupied with the hearing of the case of William Walters vs. Martha Gakemeier, a suit originating over a dispute as to a farm lease held by the plaintiff on the farm of the defendant. The case was long drawn out and was given to the jury at 4:30 yesterday afternoon but an agreement not reached until 10 o'clock this morning when the jury returned with a verdict finding for the plaintiff, Walters, in the sum of \$500.

This action was filed by the plaintiff asking damages in the sum of \$5,000, by reason of the fact that on August 21, 1926 he had entered into a contract with the defendant through her husband as agent, for the leasing of the farm of the defendant for the 1927 season. It was claimed by the plaintiff that on March 1, 1927, when the plaintiff moved a part of his personal property to the farm he found another tenant in possession and was unable to care for his stock and implements that he had moved to the farm and the use of the farm as provided in the lease. The defendant contended that on the terms of the lease the plaintiff had certain specified acts to perform, among these the plowing of a clover field in the fall of 1926 and which he had failed to do and on which the defendant had notified him of the termination of the lease. The plaintiff contended that wet weather had prevented the plowing the land in question.

The case attracted much attention from the vicinity of the center of the county where the parties reside and a very large number of witnesses were called in the case to offer their evidence for the plaintiff and defendant.

GOLDENROD STUDY CLUB

From Wednesday's Daily.— The Goldenrod Study club of Myrand held its annual bazaar at the community hall in the afternoon and evening of Nov. 29. Many pretty and useful articles of fancy work were contributed as well as potted plants, home-made candy and popcorn balls. The children were especially interested in the parcel post booth. The bazaar opened at 2:30 and most of the fancy work was sold before evening. A jifney lunch of doughnuts, pie and coffee was served both afternoon and evening and oyster stew after six o'clock. The proceeds amounted to eighty dollars and after expenses were paid the ladies had sixty-five dollars clear. The women were very pleased with their success and wish to thank all who contributed to it. A part of the proceeds were used to finish paying for the piano for the community hall and a goodly sum of the remainder will help to buy silverware for community gatherings.

The regular meeting of the club was held on Friday afternoon, Dec. 9, at the home of Mrs. E. W. Livingston, who was assisted by her daughters, Miss Grace and Mrs. Myron Wiles. Roll call was answered by the telling of some way of teaching children to be truthful and many interesting incidents were related. As Mrs. Albert Wiles, chairman of the music committee was absent, after the business session Mrs. C. C. Bernard and Mrs. Glenn Wiles took charge of the music and performed a work and after all had joined in singing "Silent Night," a story of its composition and a short sketch of the life of Edward MacDowell were given. The tonic studied was "Keeping the Confidence of Children." On account of the cold weather and snow-blocked roads the meeting had been postponed one day and this fact prevented the attendance of Mrs. E. H. Spangler who had charge of the study hour. So her assistant, Mrs. Ida Cole, led the program with a very good article about controlling the child during the teen-age. Part of a magazine article by Gene Stratton Porter on "One Way to Rear a Boy" was read by Mrs. C. C. Bernard and this was followed by a lively discussion of the subject. The study hour was followed by the Christmas grab-bag which produces much merriment as the various gifts were distributed and unwrapped. Last but not least, the hostesses served delicious refreshments for which the ladies departed for their homes, feeling that they had spent a very profitable and happy afternoon.

The club also wishes to announce that the drawing for the quilt for which numbers had been sold during the past year, was held at the October meeting and Mrs. Glenn Wiles held the lucky number.