

Cook Family Has Reunion at Oakwood Sunday

Rain Interferes with Program, but Fine Attendance Comes to the Morning Part of Reunion

From Monday's Daily—
Yesterday the annual reunion of the members of the Cook family was held at "Oakwood," the beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wheeler, south of this city and while the rain of Saturday night and the threatening weather Sunday interfered with the program of the day, there were some seventy-five in attendance at the pleasant event.

The chief feature of the day was the noonday dinner served on large tables spread on the lawn at the Wheeler home and where there was a vast array of good things to eat prepared by the ladies of the family and served to the representatives of the family that gathered around the festal board and where the pleasant associations of the past years were renewed among the relatives.

The threatening rain caused many from distant points to have to leave before the business session and program was held and this interfered to some extent with the fullest enjoyment of the most pleasant occasion for all of the members of the party.

Of the family circle of the original members, the fifth of the family, W. A. Cook, of Elmwood, was called away on November 7th, 1927, and whose passing was mourned at the reunion.

There were six of the brothers and sisters present at the reunion Sunday, John Cook of Beaver City; Chas. E. Cook, Joseph Cook, Mrs. S. O. Cole, Mrs. T. W. Valley and Mrs. W. D. Wheeler, while three, Mrs. Bina Kitzel, the eldest of the family, Philip Cook of Haigler and J. B. Cook of Ord, were unable to be in attendance, Mrs. Kitzel having been in poor health for several years past.

The Cook family are the descendants of Joseph and Mary Cook, both of whom were born in Germany and came to America at a very early day and first settled in Ohio, where these two young people were joined in marriage on March 27, 1848, eighty years ago. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Cook lived in Indiana for a number of years and in 1856 came to the territory of Nebraska by wagon train and settled on a farm near Myard, where their lifetime was spent. Several years ago the members of the family decided to observe each year a reunion of their family and which is now an event looked forward to with interest and when the family in the various degrees of today.

The new barbershop of Doug McCrary, located in the building formerly occupied by the McElwain jewelry store, opened its doors today to the public and Mr. McCrary is now ready to welcome the residents of Plattsmouth and vicinity to this fine and attractive barber shop.

The room has been newly papered and painted, the walls in a very attractive design of blue and grey, while the woodwork of the room is in spotless white, matching the chairs and fixtures that have been installed by Mr. McCrary. The shop is very attractive in appearance and with the skillful work of Mr. McCrary and his assistant, Henry Celik, will make a splendid addition to the up-to-date shops of the city.

Mr. McCrary is so well known here that he needs no introduction and in his work of the past year in Lincoln he has been very successful. The assistant in the shop is Mr. Celik, who comes very highly recommended and has been engaged in the barber work at Lincoln with Mr. McCrary and he will find a very cordial welcome here.

VERY HAPPY EVENT

From Monday's Daily—
The home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Painter was made very happy this morning when a fine young pound boy arrived to share their home in the future. The mother and little one are doing nicely and the occasion has brought the greatest happiness to the other members of the family. Mrs. Painter was formerly Miss Edna Gorder and the new arrival is the first grandson in the family of Mrs. Nellie Gorder and has brought a great deal of admiration from the relatives.

WILL UNDERGO OPERATION

From Tuesday's Daily—
The many friends of Mrs. Martin Peterson of this city will be interested in learning that this estimable lady will be operated on today at the Methodist hospital in Omaha, she having spent the past two weeks at the hospital taking treatment. This is the eleventh time that Mrs. Peterson has been at the hospital and it is hoped that she may derive some permanent relief from the operation that will permit her restoration to her former good health.

ENJOYING VISIT HERE

From Tuesday's Daily—
Mrs. Josephine Hronek and four sons, Paul, Robert, Matthew and James, of Pocatello, Idaho, arrived here yesterday afternoon for a visit here at the home of Mrs. Hronek's mother, Mrs. Josephine Kalasek as well as the other relatives and old time friends. This is the first visit of Mrs. Hronek to her old home in twenty-four years and the first visit that they have had with the grandmother and other relatives in this city. The visitors were met at Omaha by Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Sedlak and other members of the family and welcomed to Nebraska and the old home. The visitors have a large number of relatives in and about this city and they will thoroughly appreciate and which is very much appreciated by the members of the family in this city.

Drainage District Election is Being Held Here

Matter of Expression of Residents in Sanitary Dist. No. 1 Near Greenwood Being Held

From Tuesday's Daily—
Today was election day at the Cass county court house when the residents of Cass county who have land that is included in the proposed extension of Sanitary district No. 1 of Lancaster county, were called upon to express their approval or disapproval of the plan for the creation of the district.

The extension of the drainage system through the Salt Creek bottoms takes in land in Cass, Saunders and Lancaster counties and the matter is submitted to voters for their approval or rejection. The engineering firm of Scott & Scott of Lincoln have arranged the plans and necessary steps in the construction of the new district and which await the approval of the voters to permit the start of the actual work of the district.

In the election the land owners are allowed one vote for each acre of land that is included in the district and the result of the election brings on considerable work for the election boards in checking over to see if the proper vote is given by each of the voters on the land that they own.

The vote of Cass county is being checked by a board composed of J. J. Hall, W. G. Scott and George Sayles and who will at the close of the receipt of the ballot make the tabulation of the Cass county vote on the proposition. The voters at this election can vote by mail and do not have to be personally at the voting place but must sign the ballot that their land holdings may be checked.

The drainage of the Salt Creek bottoms has long been agitated and now seems in a fair way to being realized, although there is some opposition shown by some of the residents that are not in favor of the creation of the district, but many have enthusiastically urged the creation of the district and its inclusion of the land in the three counties.

RAIN STOPS GAME

From Monday's Daily—
The rain storm of Saturday night caused the postponement of the games in the Interstate baseball league, all of the cities in the circuit being in the path of the severe storm and resulting in water-soaked diamonds in all of the ball parks. Here the park was swept by water overflowing from the sewers of the city as well as from the subway and which laid a coating of mud all over the diamond and also the water washed out a section of the fence on the east side of the park and considerable work will be required to place the park back in shape again.

The Fort Crook team which was to play at Malvern yesterday made the trip to that city but were unable to play and on the return several of the cars had a tough time in the mud along the highways in the Iowa hills and several were ditched and had to be pulled out of the mud along the roadway.

JOE HIBER POORLY

From Tuesday's Daily—
Joseph Hiber, Sr., one of the long time residents of the city, is at his home on West Vine street suffering from a general breakdown and a touch of heart trouble that makes the case of the patient rather serious. Mr. Hiber has not been in the best of health for some time and his condition has grown such as to demand a complete rest and quiet and this has caused the attending physicians to order Mr. Hiber to bed for the present while he is undergoing treatment.

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Heaviest Rain of Season Visits Cass County

Storm Covers All of East Part of State and Reaches Cloudburst Proportions in Places.

Saturday night saw the entire eastern part of Nebraska visited by the heaviest rain of the season and which in Omaha reached the proportions almost of a cloudburst and did much damage to property.

In this city the rainfall was close to two inches and came down in a very intense storm that raged from 9:30 a. m. in which time the rain came down in a terrific down-pour that brought with it visions of overflows but which fortunately was not realized and the water passed away without causing any damage. The only section that reported unusually high water was along Chicago avenue where the water flowing down from the hills rapidly caused a good sized stream to flow down over the pavement on that thoroughfare but which was cared for in fine shape by the storm sewers which easily handled the surface water.

The storm made havoc with the latter shows that were closing their weeks' engagement at the Tourist park and hardly had the carnival opened up for the evening's engagement when the rain started and soon drove the crowds that had gathered at the park to shelter in the business section of the city. The show employees had the disagreeable task of loading up their equipment, water soaked, during the late hours of the night to prepare to entrain for Clarinda, Iowa, where they show this week. Despite the uncomfortable situation, however, the company loaded out on time and were able to get away on scheduled time Sunday noon.

The residents of the country districts report the rain as being very badly needed and doing a wonderful amount of good for the corn and other crops and very few places report any serious washing of corn despite the very heavy nature of the rainstorm.

The greatest damage reported was from Omaha, where the heavy rain caused floods of hundreds of business houses and residences and which was the worst in the vicinity of 24th and Cumming streets, where practically all of the business houses in that locality were flooded by the water streaming down the hills and which the sewers were unable to carry away. In many places the water stood several feet deep on the main floors of the stores while all of the cellars and basements were filled by the water. Residents in many of the low places of the city were compelled to abandon their homes in the face of the water.

The storm in this part of Nebraska seems the trailer of the tornado that struck in Oklahoma early Saturday and which wiped out several small towns, the wind portion of the storm being checked before reaching this far north.

AFTER CARD NUMBERS

From Tuesday's Daily—
The county and city authorities are engaged in checking up those who drive cars or trucks under paper numbers that make a practice of operating the motor vehicles for days and weeks after the time limited for the securing of licenses has expired.

The paper numbers are intended primarily to allow the cars to be sold by the dealers to the customers and make delivery with the paper cards as to the date of sale and which allows a reasonable length of time for the car owner to call at the office of the county treasurer and secure the necessary license and plates to drive the car under, according to law.

The flood of second and third hand cars that are being driven around the streets are the chief cause of the annoyance to the authorities as the old cards on these cars and trucks are usually used until they drop off by the constant wear. The authorities propose to make a strict check up of the use of these cards and to do this they are enlisting the co-operation of the auto dealers to keep a close check on the cards as they are issued and to whom.

LEAVES FOR EUROPE

From Monday's Daily—
This morning Mrs. Marguerite Johnstone, of Sheridan, Wyoming, who has been here since Friday evening visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Walters, departed for Washington, D. C., where she will spend a few days and will then go to New York where she will sail for a trip to Europe that will cover several of the best known countries of the old world and will take up some musical work while there. Mrs. Johnstone will have a special made auto loaded on the steamer at New York that she will use on her European tour and in which she will be joined by her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Walters, who will meet her in London and go with her on the trip to Berlin and other points on the continent.

LARGE NUMBER GO TO DISTRICT LEGION MEET

From Wednesday's Daily—
A good sized delegation of American Legion members from this city drove to Nebraska City this afternoon for the annual district convention. Today's Nebraska City News-Press declares the drive for funds instituted Monday had reached \$270 last evening, so the boys concluded they would go down and help spend some of it. Heretofore, the conventions have been held the third Thursday in May, but Nebraska City got away to a late start arranging their and numerous changes in the date resulted in some loss of interest and probably a decreased attendance, although it is expected as many will be entertained there as were here two years ago, when rainy weather and few gravelled roads combined to cut down the large numbers that would have been here otherwise.

Fetzer Shoe Co. is to Install Self Serve Shoe Dept.

Bargain Offerings Are to Be Featured in New Novel Addition to the Store.

Henry F. Goos, the proprietor of the Fetzer Shoe Co., is installing in the large shoe store of the company, a new and novel feature in the line of the shoe trade, this being a bargain department that will be self-serve for the patrons of the store.

The proprietor is having a part of the north portion of the sales room arranged for the new department and here there will be special display shelving arranged as well as a number of tables and here the stock of shoes will be shown, each labeled with the price at which they will be offered and which will be a special bargain price. By this method the prospective purchaser can see the cost of the shoes and if they please the customers they may try the shoes on and make their selection as they see fit, taking advantage of the extraordinary prices at which they are offered.

This should be a great advantage to the customer and save a great deal of time and money as the shoes will be placed out of their boxes on shelves and plainly marked so that there can be no question as to the price or the quality of the shoe that can be fully inspected by the customer. In the new department Mr. Goos plans to make some rock bed prices that will be made on all classes of shoes and for every member of the family. This is a very novel departure from the methods of handling the shoe trade and one that should be very popular with the purchasing public.

FUNERAL OF MRS. HEAD

From Wednesday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon at the First Methodist church was held the funeral services of the late Mrs. Sybil Head, lifetime resident of this community and whose passing very suddenly has brought such a deep sorrow to her family and friends in this community.

The service was very largely attended by the old friends and former neighbors of the family to pay their last tributes of respect to the memory of this estimable lady and the words of comfort and promise of the future that was held out in the teachings of the christian faith and the living of the life that the Christ had given as an example to the world.

During the service Mrs. E. H. Westcott gave three solo numbers, "Lead Kindly Light," "Still, Still With Me" and "The Touch of His Hand." At the conclusion of the service at the church the body was borne to Oak Hill cemetery where it was consigned to the last long rest in that beautiful city of the silent.

Those from out of the city to attend the funeral included a group of twelve members of Golden Rod auxiliary of the B. of R. T. of Omaha, of which Mrs. Head was a member as well as Mrs. Coral P. McNeal, Mrs. Grace Russell, Mrs. Marie Young and friend and Charles Benson.

NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED

From Tuesday's Daily—
At the last session of the Masonic lodge of this city, the newly elected and appointive officers of the lodge were installed, they being:
W. M.—Henry F. Nolting.
S. W.—A. H. Duxbury.
J. W.—Dr. R. P. Westover.
Secretary—L. W. Niel.
Treasurer—Frank A. Cloldt.
S. D.—Harrison L. Gayer.
J. D.—Robert Painter.
S. S.—Dr. P. T. Heineman.
J. S.—Leonard Born.
Tyler—L. F. Terryberry.

Former Residents Here Have Very Close Call

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Geis Have Thrilling Experience in McCook Tornado Last Week.

From Tuesday's Daily—
Last evening Fred Geis and daughter, Miss Estelle, returned by auto from McCook where they had motored following the McCook tornado last week, to see the effects of the storm and to visit their son and brother, Earl Geis and wife, who were among the tornado victims.

They found the western Nebraska city slowly emerging from the effects of the wind storm that had taken toll of several lives and also caused property damage that will reach several hundred thousand dollars. The storm swept through one part of the town tearing a path three blocks wide and six blocks long in which there were no buildings left standing and the task of removing the debris is a great task that is being pushed as rapidly as possible.

The frame cottage occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Geis was in the center of the worst of the storm district and they had gone to the cellar of the home when the black tornado cloud swept down on the town, seeking to find security from the storm in the basement, and where also several of the neighbors also gathered as the storm broke in all of its fury. The force of the wind demolished the home and great amounts of timbers, bricks and boards, household furniture and other articles were hurled into the cellar in the storm, these causing injuries to the persons who had sought safety from the storm.

Mr. Geis received injuries on the head and face, the cuts on the head requiring six stitches to close, while those on the face were such that several stitches had to be taken, but fortunately none of the injuries were of a severe nature, while Mrs. Geis was the victim of scratches and bruises as the result of the flying boards and timbers. One of the neighbors who had sought shelter in the Geis cellar received injuries from which she later died.

The storm was one of the worst that has visited Nebraska and will require many months for McCook to recover and have the damage cleared up when the ask of rebuilding will start. Those of the residents whose homes escaped the force of the storm are busy in trying to care for the victims of the great tornado.

REBECCA E. MONROE

From Tuesday's Daily—
Mrs. Rebecca E. Monroe, residing in the south part of the city, passed away at 10 o'clock this morning, her death resulting from a paralytic stroke of several months ago. Since the death of her husband last February she has been helpless and required the constant attention of her daughters.

Mrs. Monroe, whose maiden name was Rebecca E. McCarty, was born October 31, 1843, in Decatur county, Indiana, and was married to John A. Monroe in Gentry county, Missouri, on October 20, 1860. They located in this city in 1881, where their family grew from childhood. The husband was a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in the 12th regiment of Missouri Voluntary Cavalry, and it was during his service that Mrs. Monroe rendered valuable aid in the cause of the Union.

This estimable lady, who had reached the age of almost 85 years, was quite well known in this city where she had made her home for forty-seven years, and there are many who regret that she has been called away. It was here that she reared her family of eight children, four of whom are deceased, the four surviving daughters being Mrs. Miranda Mayfield of Memphis, Neb., Mrs. Lillian Sparks of Broadwater, Neb., Mrs. Susan Nichols and Mrs. Lizzie Kelley, of Omaha. The funeral arrangements had not been announced at the time of going to press, but will probably be Thursday afternoon.

NEW CITIZENS RECEIVED

From Monday's Daily—
This morning at the opening of the June term of the district court the time was taken up in the hearing of applications for citizenship, there being three applications for citizenship to receive the attention of the court.

Preceding the examination of the applications by Examiner Bedie and Judge James T. Begley, a short program was given, County Judge A. H. Duxbury giving a very fine talk on the American flag, and what it stands for, the sacrifices that have been made in the development of the country and the value of the citizenship on this great country.

Mrs. C. A. Rosencrans gave the flag and flag manuals of the American Legion auxiliary to the new applicants for citizenship.

All the members of the party joined in the salute to the flag and the patriotic exercises were over.

SNAG BOAT HERE

From Monday's Daily—
The U. S. Government snagboat, "The Mandan," arrived here yesterday on a trip up the Missouri river, that began at Kansas City and will continue on at least as far as Sioux City. The purpose of the trip is the removal of snags and other obstacles in the stream. The boat remained here over night and at an early hour this morning weighed anchor for the trip up the river, and will look after some work at the mouth of the Platte just north of the city, before proceeding on toward Omaha.

The snag boat is being used in the preliminary work that is being undertaken to make the Missouri river navigable for barges and other craft, in accordance with the plans for the great waterway improvement system that will be undertaken as a result of the bill passed and approved by congress and the president.

Thomas Wiles is Laid to the Last Long Rest

Veteran of the Civil War is Laid to the Last Rest at Oak Hill Cemetery Yesterday.

From Wednesday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon there was laid to rest the last long rest, one of the few of the remaining old civil war veterans, Thomas Wiles, who was called to his reward on Saturday morning.

The funeral services were held at the First Christian church and was one of the largest funerals held in that church, the auditorium being filled to its capacity by the old friends and neighbors who gathered to pay their tributes of respect and esteem to this splendid old gentleman that would come no more in the community life but had joined the vast caravan of his comrades in the dreamless sleep of death.

Mr. Wiles has been one of the pioneer residents and very active in the life of the community for many years and it was a very fine tribute to his memory that the last services called persons from all stations and walks of life to pay honor to him.

The services were also held from a place that was hallowed to Mr. Wiles as he had spent a lifetime of service in the Christian church as elder and in a part of his long service had carried on the ministry of the church and assisted in preserving the church in this community.

Rev. Charles Finch of Kansas City, a son-in-law of Mr. Wiles served as the minister and gave the last rites of the church to his loved one and paid a very fine tribute to his life and service, to his country, his community, his church and his family, as well as bringing a sense of comfort to the members of the family circle who were called upon to mourn the passing of the father and grandfather.

During the services the mixed quartet composed of Mrs. Hal Garnett, soprano, Mrs. Minnie Pickard, alto, Frank A. Cloldt, tenor and R. W. Knorr, bass, gave two of the loved hymns, "Jesus Lover of My Soul" and "Going Down the Valley."

At the close of the service the casket wended its way to the Oak Hill cemetery where the body was consigned to the last long rest. There was present at the church in the cemetery a large number of the members of the W. R. C. while advanced years and poor health prevented the few remaining old comrades attending the service.

CAR CATCHES AFIRE

From Monday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon the Ford sedan of Captain and Mrs. Harrison L. Gayer, had a very close call from destruction by fire and it was only by the aid of Albert Wheeler and Robert Patterson, who were attending the Cook family reunion, that the fire was extinguished and the car saved from being an entire loss. The fire was occasioned by a short in the wiring of the car and the fire was first noticed when the Gayer family were driving past the W. D. Wheeler farm home and the members of the family added their part to saving the wagon. With the close call from destruction Capt. Gayer is going to see that the car is insured against this and other misfortunes that might befall it.

LEAVES FOR KANSAS

From Tuesday's Daily—
This morning, Rev. Clinton Swinburn, who is assistant pastor at one of the largest Methodist churches in southern Kansas, at Winfield, departed for his charge after a short visit here at the E. H. Westcott home. Mr. Swinburn made their trip by auto from his home in Kansas and will return via the auto route. He is accompanied back to Winfield by Miss Helen Westcott who is to spend a two weeks visit there with friends and enjoy the many points of interest in southern Kansas and Oklahoma. The auto party will make the trip in out day and expect to reach Winfield this evening at 8 o'clock.

Wedding Bells Ring for Well Known Couple

Miss Hedwig Roessler of This City and Mr. Reuben Fahrebrusch of McCook, Wed Today

From Wednesday's Daily—
This afternoon at 1:30 at the home of the bride's parents on Vine street, occurred the marriage of Miss Hedwig B. Roessler of this city and Mr. Reuben L. Fahrebrusch of McCook, Nebraska.

The wedding was a very quiet home affair with only the immediate relatives of the bride in attendance at the happy occasion. The ceremony was performed in the parlors of the home that had been tastefully arranged with the cheerful garden roses and other of the beautiful summer blooms.

The Rev. O. G. Wickmann, pastor of the St. Paul's Evangelical church celebrated the beautiful and impressive ring service of the church in the uniting of the lives and hearts of these estimable young people.

The bride and groom were unattended at the wedding.

Miss Roessler was gowned in a very charming traveling suit of light tan, wearing a picture hat to match and wore a corsage of rosebuds.

Following the marriage ceremony the young people received the congratulations of the family party and a very dainty and delicious wedding luncheon was served to the members of the happy bridal party.

Mr. and Mrs. Fahrebrusch are to make their future home in McCook, to which city they left following the wedding here and after a short honeymoon they will be at home to their friends in the western Nebraska city.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Roessler and was born in this city where her parents are old time residents. She was graduated from the Plattsmouth high school and later spent two years at the Peru state normal. She has for the past two years taught in the schools at McCook and was among the most efficient and popular teachers in the school there in her teaching period.

The groom is one of the active young business men of McCook and is engaged in the baking business at that place and is a young man very highly esteemed by a large circle of warm friends as a gentleman of splendid character and industry.

The many friends of the young people in this city will join in their well wishes to them on this happy event.

DEATH OF W. T. MELBERN

From Monday's Daily—
The death of W. T. Melbern, well known resident of this city occurred Sunday at the family home in this city, following a period of several months of ill health. Mr. Melbern, some months ago suffered a stroke that left him in poor health and which has been followed by heart trouble that made his condition very serious and death came to him quietly and without suffering.

The deceased was sixty-eight years of age and has made his home here for the past twenty-three years and was a long and faithful employee of the Burlington, being engaged here for the greater part of his residence and just recently retired from active work on the road when ill health made it necessary he cease his usual activities.

Mr. Melbern was a man held in the highest esteem by all who had the opportunity of knowing him and his death comes as a severe blow to the many friends as well as members of the family circle.

He is survived by the widow and three children, Mrs. Dan Weyenberg, Norfolk, Nebraska, Ernest Melbern, Murray and Ray Melbern of this city and two children by a previous marriage, Mrs. Bert Whipple and Truman Melbern of Wellsville, Kansas.

This afternoon a short funeral service was held at the home conducted by Rev. H. G. McClusky and the body will be taken Tuesday morning on No. 4 over the Burlington to Paola, Kansas, where it will be laid to the last rest. The body will lay in state at the home up until 10 o'clock Tuesday morning in order that the friends who wish may take a last farewell.

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

GIVES INTERESTING TALK

From Monday's Daily—
At the morning worship hour yesterday at the Methodist church Dr. J. B. Chittombar, noted Indian educator of Lucknow, India, occupied the pulpit and gave a most interesting talk on the christian life and growth in India, giving the audience a very clean-cut vision of this part of the Indian life, one far different from the usual understanding of India and its people. The address was one that was much enjoyed and followed with the greatest interest by the large congregation and it was with a real regret that the members of the congregation heard the close of the remarks of the speaker.