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## Death Calls Mrs. Jess Atterberry at Hospital

After Two Weeks Illness and Brave Battle for Life Young Lady Receives the Last Summons

From Thursday's Daily— Mrs. Jess Atterberry, who has for the past two weeks been in very serious condition at the Methodist hospital at Omaha, early this morning was called to the last rest, death coming to still her sufferings and after a brave battle for life that the patient has made and in which every aid that medical skill and loving hands could administer was offered.

Mrs. Atterberry was taken ill quite suddenly two weeks ago and hurried to the hospital where she was operated on at once and was found to be in very serious shape from an appendicitis infection and her physical strength was not great enough to combat the advanced stage of the infection.

The news of the death came as a severe blow to the relatives and friends, who had, in the last few days received some encouragement as to her gaining strength, hoping that the next few days might make real progress in her case. In their loss the deepest sympathy goes out to the members of the bereaved family circle.

Donice Vroman was born in Mills county, Iowa, October 5, 1905, and has lived her lifetime in this city where her foster-parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Vroman have long made their home. It was here that she received her training in the city schools and where on August 1, 1925, she was united in marriage to Jess D. Atterberry, who with the two small children, Dwight and Elma, are left to mourn her death. There also remains the father, L. E. Vroman and five brothers and one sister, A. F. Vroman of Alliance, Leslie, Idaho, Verdon, of Chicago, and Eugene and Winnie of this city. Two sisters also reside in the western part of the state.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. PITZ

From Thursday's Daily— The funeral services of the late Mrs. Helen Pitz, widow of G. G. Pitz, old time resident of this city, were held Wednesday afternoon at the St. Paul's Evangelical church of which the deceased had long been a member.

There were a large number of the old friends in attendance at the service and to share with the members of the family the sorrow that her passing had occasioned.

Rev. O. G. Wichmann, pastor of the church, held the services and gave words of comfort to the bereaved members of the family circle on the sorrow that has come to them and the hope of the joining of the broken ties in the future in the life everlasting.

During the services the choir of the church gave one of the old German hymns and also the hymn, "Jesus Savior Pilot Me" during the services.

The conclusion of the service at the church the body was borne to Oak Hill cemetery where it was laid to the last rest beside that of the husband. The bearers were six of the nephews of Mrs. Pitz, Carl, William and George Schmidtmann, Clarence and Jack Ledgeway and Julius A. Pitz.

## CAR GOES ON RAMPAGE

From Friday's Daily— Last night while a refrigerator car containing perishable goods was being switched onto the freighthouse track of the Burlington south of the subway, to be spotted for unloading this morning, the car took a wild ride that wrecked the fence that surmounts the roadway leading to the subway and only the fact that the concrete wall of the subway stands several inches above the surface of the ground prevented the car from being hurled into the subway. The car had been switched onto the track that leads to the unloading platform at the freighthouse but failed to stop at the place desired and continued its course after leaving the rails over the road and into the subway fence. The train crew that looks after the switching since the switch engine has been discontinued, was finally able to get the car pulled back onto the storehouse track and where it was being unloaded this morning.

## DEPARTS FOR COLORADO

From Thursday's Daily— This afternoon Carl Weigel, premier organist at the Parmele theatre, departed for Colorado Springs, where he will visit with his brother and other relatives there and also enjoy the delights of the mountain country for a week or ten days during the extreme heated spell in this part of the west. During the absence of Mr. Weigel Charles Newack will serve as the organist at the theatre and assist in the program at the theatre.

## "DOLLS UP" BUILDING

The Union block, owned by the firm of F. Fricke, situated at the corner of Sixth and Main street is being given a thorough re-decorating and being added to the many other buildings of the downtown section that have been given the magic of the painters brush. The wood work of the building is dark red and cream colors that makes the structure and the several store fronts real attractive to the eye and a fine addition to that section of the city.

The past summer has been characterized by a more extensive painting and redecorating program than has been noted for several years in this city and adds much to the general appearance of the business part of the town.

## Lightning Does Damage to Residence Last Night

Bolt Strikes Tree at Mike Bajcek Home and Follows Clothes Line Into House

From Friday's Daily— Last evening when the rain and wind storm swept this city at 7:30 it brought with it some severe lightning and which is reported to have done considerable damage at the residence of Michael Bajcek at 13th and Main streets.

The lightning struck a large tree standing in the east portion of the Bajcek lawn and badly shattered the tree and then followed along a wire clothes line that was attached to the tree, to the house where more or less damage was inflicted.

The lightning split the window casing at one of the basement windows and also splintered the door of the basement and knocked off a large part of the plastering. On the main floor of the house a part of the plastering in one of the closets was also torn off by the lightning.

At the time of the bolt striking the tree, W. A. Swatek, a neighbor, was standing on the porch of his home, only a short distance away and was struck by several particles of the splintered tree.

The lightning caused considerable excitement and shock to the members of the Bajcek family as well as the damage that it did to the house.

## COUNTY AGENT HERE

From Thursday's Daily— County Agent L. R. Snipes of Weeping Water was here today for a few hours and was a guest at lunch at the Chamber of Commerce and to discuss the work of his office which is important to every section of this great agricultural county. Mr. Snipes is planning on arranging matters so that he can make his swing through the eastern portion of the county and visit this city on Wednesday of each week to meet the farmers of this locality and talk over any matters that may be demanding their attention. Mr. Snipes will also endeavor to arrange his work so that he can be here on several Wednesday evenings to meet those who are unable to get into the city in the day time.

Mr. Snipes is a rustler and constantly on the move to see that the extension work is carried into every part of the county and in the past six months the boy and girl club work in this section of the county has grown very rapidly and promises to make one of the best showings of any part of the county.

## UNDERGOES OPERATION

From Friday's Daily— Yesterday morning Mrs. E. G. Ruffner, residing southwest of Myrard, was taken to Omaha where she was operated on at the Lord Lister hospital at that place at 1:30 yesterday afternoon, her case being a very acute one and which was thought to be caused by appendicitis. On the operation it was found that Mrs. Ruffner was suffering from a tumor of considerable size and which had caused her a great deal of suffering in the last few weeks. The patient was doing just as well as possible under the circumstances but it will be some time before the outcome of her case can be fully determined. Miss Gerhold of Columbus, a sister of Mrs. Ruffner arrived here last evening to assist in looking after the children at the farm home during the mother's illness.

## VERY HAPPY EVENT

From Thursday's Daily— The home of Mr. and Mrs. Claus Jorgenson was made very happy here yesterday by the arrival of a fine little seven and a half pound girl who has come to make her home in the future with the proud parents and bringing a great deal of joy to the household. All are doing nicely and the parents receiving the well wishes of the friends for the future happiness and success of the little one. Mrs. Jorgenson was formerly Miss Dora Soennichsen of this city.

Read the Journal Want Ads.

## Traveling State Museum Is to Be Exhibited Here

Two Cars Valuable Historical Relics to Be Here—Sponsored by State and C. B. & Q.

From Friday's Daily— The first known traveling historical museum, carried by two full sized Burlington passenger cars, which was shown for the first time at the Alliance celebration on June 21st, is to be shown in this city the latter part of August or soon after school starts. The Chamber of Commerce is arranging with the Burlington and the state historical society to have this most interesting exhibit to be brought here that the residents of this section of the state might have the opportunity of viewing the many interesting articles that the car contains. Val Kuska of the Burlington is assisting the move to have the traveling museum brought here to one of the towns where a great deal of early history of the state was laid.

Mr. Val Kuska of the Colonization Department of the Burlington with the cooperation of Dr. A. E. Sheldon, superintendent of the Nebraska State Historical society planned the general display and exhibit. The first car, under the direction of Mr. Val Kuska, to be equipped with early historical material used by the Burlington railroad in its pioneering days. The second car, under the direction of E. E. Blackman, curator of the Nebraska Historical Society. Museum, to be furnished with relics and exhibits from that museum. The following description will give a good general idea of the car, and Mr. Blackman, who will be present and in charge of the car will give more definite and detailed information and gladly answer the questions of those interested in specific subjects.

Arranged in chronological order the displays portray every period in the development of the state. Beginning along the side wall and on the table with an assortment of stone weapons and implements used by the Indian before the coming of the white man, accompanied with a series of old maps, most of them original, placed on the false ceiling of the car. This first series of maps was published in Paris in 1802 and shows the central portion of the United States as the explorers of that day thought it was. The second series is the product of an army officer in 1855 which shows the most of the western part of the state as unexplored. And thus the exhibit of relics and maps continues right on through the car finally ending with a group of World war posters from the collection of several hundred French, Italian and German posters brought back from France by Mr. Sheldon.

Among the relics are to be found: Belonging to the early day Indians a stone axe which weighs sixteen pounds and is next to the largest that has ever been found. On one side it bears Indian signs which were laboriously carved but which time has almost obliterated. A canoe about eight feet long which was carved from a tree is also to be seen. Several large flints, one of these, a ceremonial, is likewise the second largest that has been found anywhere in the world, one being three-quarters of an inch longer. Further along is a group of photographs representing the "sodhouse era" in Nebraska's history, selected from a group of 4,000 negatives in the possession of the society. The first Bell telephone exchange to be used in the state, which is a replica of Bell's original model finds its place along with such relics as spinning wheels, a wooden mold board plow, made in 1834, once the property of Fred B. Humphrey's father, the remains of the flagstaff which was set up at Fort Kearney in 1848.

It would require more space than can here be afforded to give even the slightest mention of all the interesting and important relics arranged in the car. Below is given a few brief extracts from a full column account in an Alliance paper describing the car as it appeared there and mentioning important objects witnessed and appreciated by the visitors:

"The Alliance News, Thursday June 21, 1928.— "The bright men, Supt. Addison E. Sheldon and Museum Curator E. E. Blackman, of the Nebraska State Historical society are in charge of the Burlington car No. 5847, south of the Burlington passenger station, explaining and lecturing on the displays of the chronological exhibit which portrays not only the state's development but particularly that of western Nebraska. . . . A vivid exposition of weapons and Indian implements and antique relics.—The Wisconsin rifle, used at every opportunity to revenge the death of children, who were massacred by the Indians; the flintlock belonging to Samuel Allis, missionary in 1834; display of Union army uniforms; Indian garments with beaded ornaments; The "Ghost Shirt" is a feature used to ward off the white man's bullets. Relics of the Spanish expedition of 1720 form an interesting display. . . . A wealth of photographs

and documents rare and of considerable value line the walls of the car. Includes Dr. George W. Miller, Robert W. urnas, General J. M. Thayer, and other Nebraska celebrities; William Jennings Bryan as a young man is a striking portrait. A deed granted to Daniel Freeman, the first document recorded for a homestead, May 29, 1826, at the Erieville land office. Another interesting feature is the collection of war posters and maps lining the false ceiling of the car. The maps show Nebraska as an unexplored country in 1802 down to 1887 when Box Butte county was yet a part of St. Louis county. The professors Sheldon and Blackman were assisted by Mr. Val Kuska, colonization agent of the Burlington, in explaining this momentous museum exhibit to the crowds of visitors that thronged the car daily."

## Will Take Up Proposed Bridge Plans at Meeting

Hearing Will Be Had on the Proposals for Bridge Over the Missouri River at This Place

From Saturday's Daily— The work of construction of the proposed wagon and auto bridge over the Missouri river at this place seems to be getting nearer with the announcement that the war department will hold a hearing in the latter part of the month at Kansas City relative to the plans and the request for the location of the new bridge which has been made by the Plattsmouth bridge company.

As soon as the approval of the location which it is desired by the bridge company to be 200 or 300 feet below the present railroad bridge is made, it will be possible for the company to go ahead and have soundings made in specific subjects for definite information as to the depth that will be required in the placing of the piers and for the information of the contractors that may wish to bid on the construction of the bridge structure.

It has been the wish of the company that is sponsoring the bridge to have the first work started this fall so that a completed structure in 1929 may be looked for and while several weeks delay has been occasioned by the necessity of the approval of the plans by the war department it is hoped that the next few weeks or two months will see some active work started on the details that are necessary before bridge construction can be started.

## RAIN DAMAGES AUTO TRAVEL

From Friday's Daily— Last evening during the rain a large number of autos were stalled and damaged on the highway just south of this city near the turn at the Wiles farm and kept wreckers and aid going from this city out to the vicinity of the wrecks. The county is building a new road through the corner of the Wiles farm to eliminate the former dangerous work started on this short piece of road that makes a wide curve is still ungraveled and here there were a large number of cars stalled, driving onto the newly graded road and getting stuck in the mud and others in attempting to rescue them also were stalled.

Several cars, driven by tourists not familiar with the road were in the ditches along the highway in the vicinity of the turn and kept rescue parties constantly on the go. In attempting to push one of the cars out of the ditch along the road, a man from Omaha sustained a severe cut on his wrist, his hand slipped and the wrist catching a sharp part of the fender and with the result that an artery was severed and made necessary his being brought to this city by another passing auto party and the injured member was dressed by Dr. E. J. Gillespie.

## MARRIED IN WASHINGTON

The announcement has been received here of the marriage at Seattle, Washington on Thursday July 5th, of Mrs. Ina Hatt South to Paul Brown of Seattle. The bride is a daughter of the late Jonathan Hatt of this city and made her home here up until the death of her first husband a few years ago and has since that time been residing on the west coast. While a resident here Mrs. Brown was a member of the teaching force of the Cass county schools and has a very large circle of friends; over the country and who were very much pleased to learn of her new found happiness.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation of the many words of sympathy and acts of kindness to us given by the many friends at the time of the death of our loved mother, Mrs. Helen Pitz and also for the beautiful floral remembrances and to those who took part in the funeral service.—Mr. and Mrs. Otto Pitz and Family.

## Beautify the City Movement Is Worthy One

A Little Care and Effort Can Give Homes a Real Surrounding, Pleasing and Attractive.

From Thursday's Daily— The efforts that are being made by the Chamber of Commerce, Woman's club and other civic organizations as well as a great many public spirited individuals, to make this city, naturally set in the most artistic and refinement of man, which needs but a little care to multiply and make for the most artistic beauty. There are many homes that are as charming to the eye as any that can be found in the whole country and which reflects the pride that the owners feel.

Just what a little effort in the line of beautifying can do, is shown in the main part of the city along Fourth street. For many years the small area of ground to the east and south of the building now occupied by the Corvill furniture store was allowed to grow up in weeds and the city had to cut at its expense. Today this spot is occupied by grass and shrubs and flowers and the blossoms along the narrow parking make a very bright spot in the downtown section. Also at the rear of the Donat building, the Hamilton Mark family that resides there, have made the former barren and unsightly place a real little garden by the effort of getting soil and placing it there and tending it until today it is a green and attractive sight. What can be accomplished by the owners of these small and poorly located plots, if carried out in the larger and more advantageously located section of the city would produce even more wonderful contributions to the city beautiful.

The civic improvement committee of the Chamber of Commerce is offering three prizes for the best kept lawns and surroundings of the residences of the city and the smallest as well as the largest lawn, no matter whether a great mansion or a small cottage stands a part of the settings, will be given the full consideration by the members of the committee.

Those who visit this city from other points are at once caught with the unusually attractive settings of the city, the hills, tree clad, the drives that lead along the river and with wonderful views, but this is only for those who take the trouble to drive out over the city as along the main arteries, through the city are some of the most unattractive spots that can be found in a drive over the entire community and which should be made the center of a beautifying campaign by the owners or residents to place them in harmony with other of the attractive places over the city.

## DEATH OF MRS. COATES

From Friday's Daily— Mrs. W. W. Coates, former resident of Plattsmouth, passed away this morning at 6 o'clock at her home at Kansas City, Missouri, messages received here by friends state. Mrs. Coates was operated on Tuesday morning at one of the Kansas City hospitals following an illness of some duration. The deceased lady has been in poor health for some years past and her condition has given the family much apprehension as to her recovery.

The Coates family resided here some twenty years ago and the news of the death of this estimable lady comes as a great shock to the many old friends and who will extend to the bereaved family their deepest sympathy. Mrs. Coates is survived by the husband and two sons, William W. Jr. and Meredith, both living at Kansas City.

During her residence here Mrs. Coates was very prominent socially and also found much time to devote to her church and relief work and was one that brought a great deal of joy and comfort to others by her feeling of charity and desire to aid those less fortunate than herself. It may be truly said that the world has been better for her having lived and her service to those of her fellowman that came her way.

## GENEROUS RAINFALL

From Friday's Daily— The rainfall from 7 o'clock last evening to 8 this morning in this city registered two inches, but was well distributed that it caused no damage in this locality and was not of the violent nature of the rain-falls of the first part of July. The rain brought in its wake much more pleasant weather as far as the heat was concerned and was a welcome to those of this section who have suffered several days of the most intense heat and humidity.

## REDECORATES RESTAURANT

From Thursday's Daily— The interior of the Royal cafe has just been redecorated and placed in a most neat and attractive appearance. The ceiling of the restaurant has been painted in dull ivory with shades of red on the side and which fits in with the side walls that have been papered in the new art paper in design of red and an ivory background. The new settings with the handsome fixtures makes the restaurant a most delightful place and will add to its popularity as one of the finest restaurants in this part of the state. Mr. Leosis, the proprietor of the restaurant sees that every possible comfort is afforded his patrons.

## Committee to Boost Hospital Location Here

Will Present Advantages of the City to the Veterans Bureau, on New Vets Hospital

From Saturday's Daily— The Chamber of Commerce has announced the committee that will have charge of the preparation of the brief that will be presented to the U. S. Veterans bureau in support of the claims of this city as a site for the location of the new Veterans hospital that it is proposed to erect in the state of Nebraska to care for the needs of the veterans for medical aid and care.

The hospital was secured by the efforts of the Nebraska American Legion and the united support of the Nebraska delegation in congress and in which Congressman John H. Morehead was a leading factor. The location in the state was urged but no one city designated as the point of location and this has placed the matter of the decision as to location in the hands of the bureau.

This city has many advantages in the way of the site for the proposed hospital that will be presented by this committee that consists of Attorney J. A. Caspell, Elmer A. Webb and Judge James T. Begley.

The hospital will be located, it has been estimated in some of the towns that are in the center of the veteran population and which makes the cities in the vicinity of Omaha and Lincoln very logical points and of which this city is one.

The natural advantages of this community are many and will be presented by the committee to the bureau for their consideration when the place of the hospital site is to be taken up by the Veterans bureau.

## ROAD IN BAD SHAPE

From Friday's Daily— The heavy rain of last night has caused a great deal of trouble to the King of Trails highway at La Platte, the small hill and turn just north of the double tracks, which in the heavy rain of July 4th was practically stripped of gravel, being the worst place on the highway and which caused a large number of cars to slide into the ditches along the road and be stuck in the mud. Tractors were used to pull the cars out and the result is that the road is quite badly cut up and still hard to travel and makes the use of chains necessary if one expects to get through with any degree of safety. This short patch of the road will be eliminated when the overhead crossing is installed at La Platte and makes a very bad place for safety as well as traveling in rainy weather.

## RECOVERING FROM ACCIDENT

W. A. Lewis, residing in the vicinity of Omaha was here Thursday afternoon for a short time, coming up to receive an electrical treatment for an injury that he suffered a few days ago while engaged in his farm work. Mr. Lewis, it is stated, was hauling a load of oats and fell from the wagon, alighting on his shoulders and head and being unconscious for over a half hour as the result of the fall, but fortunately not sustaining concussion of the brain. After his fall from the wagon the team started running but was stopped by the other men nearby and who also came to the aid of Mr. Lewis and secured medical aid.

## FIND MAN GUILTY

From Thursday's Daily— In the hearing of the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Fred Brown, charging the defendant with wife desertion and abandonment in the county court yesterday, an order was entered after the hearing of the case by Judge Duxbury, in which the defendant was found guilty as charged. The court sentenced the defendant to ninety days in the county jail, with the privilege of giving bond for \$100 for a period of one year and to guarantee the care and support of the wife and minor children. The defendant was remanded to the custody of Sheriff Reed until the bond is provided.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

## Training Camp at Fort Crook Started Monday

Six Hundred of the Students From Middle West Assemble There to Start 30 Days Training.

From Thursday's Daily— Yesterday the Citizens Military Training Camp at Fort Crook was opened with some 600 of the young men from this part of the west present to register for the camp, among these Chris Bullin, Donald Pitman and George Thacker of this city.

High school boys, mostly, these youths, the kid brothers or sons of the men who in 1917 and 1918 were going through the same mustering-in preliminaries, have four weeks of citizen training and body building ahead of them. No enemy horde lies in wait for them across the ocean; instead, school books or the fall plowing back on the farm will beckon when their month of soldiering ends.

## Come in Battered Cars.

They arrived yesterday, the first day in camp, by train, in battered automobiles with their luggage tied on, and by interurban car from South Omaha. Officers told of three boys who arrived three days ago, who started afoot, but caught rides with motorists. They were fed and given lodging until camp opened today.

These six hundred are from Nebraska and Iowa. Small town and farm boys predominate. The boys will live in regulation army tents, made to accommodate eight men, but only six will occupy a tent in this camp. The tents are arranged in orderly rows, forming four "company streets." Each company has 150 students, commanded by a regular army captain and three assistants. The first three are rifle companies, the last a machine gun company with mules for traction power.

The tents are lighted electrically. Each cot of the folding variety, has a mosquito-netting covering. A large frame mess-hall accommodates all six hundred at one time.

As the boys arrived they were "processed" and assigned to companies. First they passed through the personnel tent, where the identity of each was established and a tag affixed. Then to the finance tent each went to receive his mileage—the government pays the railroad fare to and from camp. At the next stop, the custodian's tent, each gave up what personal valuables he wished to leave in safekeeping. Then the boys were stripped of their civilian clothing.

## Get First Army Chow.

At noon the first mess-call for the citizen soldiers was sounded, and the boys had their introduction to army chow. The first general assembly will be this afternoon, when, aligned in company formation, the youths will be addressed by Colonel C. A. Trott and administered the army oath.

A month check-full of activities is ahead. Drill, calisthenics, lectures, organized athletics, reviews and entertainment are scheduled. A dance will be held each Thursday night. There will be movies three nights a week and boxing and wrestling bouts other nights. Miss Agnes Baty will be camp hostess.

## HANDCUFFED MAN IS STILL AT LARGE

From Saturday's Daily— The latest report of Eugene Frye, Lincoln man, who escaped from Carl Ryder, sheriff of Otoe county, Monday night, are that the man has been seen in the vicinity of Havelock, his supposed destination and former home.

Parties residing near Havelock have reported to the authorities that they had seen a man answering to the description of Frye in that locality late Thursday and he was apparently headed toward Lincoln or Havelock. The man had previously been reported to have been seen in the vicinity of Nebraska where he had stopped at a farm house and had asked for a pair of shoes and at that time had his hands covered by a large red handkerchief. The man has been barefooted in his flight over the country since he escaped Monday night by leaping from the auto of Sheriff Ryder and his wrists have borne the handcuffs that were placed there by the sheriff.

Relatives of the wanted man have visited Nebraska City and asked for clemency of the prisoner if he is captured, but this of course is without the power of the sheriff's office.

## WILL ENJOY FAMILY REUNION

From Friday's Daily— This morning Mrs. John Weyrich and daughter, Miss Clara, departed for El Paso, Illinois, where they will spend some time visiting and attending the reunion of the Joerger family of which Mrs. Weyrich is a member. This family is largely located in central Illinois where the original members settled when coming from France in 1838 and their descendants are still located in that section with other members at more distant points.