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Death of Mrs. Richard Otterstein Last Night

After Illness Covering Several Years Well Known Resident Here Called to Reward.

From Friday's Daily—
Last evening at 6:30 at the family home in this city occurred the death of Mrs. Richard Otterstein, following an illness that has covered years. For some time past the condition of Mrs. Otterstein has been such that her death was recognized as being the matter of but a short time and it was with sorrowing hearts that the members of the family watched the passing of their loved one, ministering with tender hands to the wife and mother.

The deceased lady was born August 15, 1889, her maiden name being Miss Mary Bullin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blaise Bullin. She grew to womanhood in this city where her parents were early residents and on March 6, 1918 at Omaha she was united in marriage to Richard Otterstein, the family continuing to make their home here since that time.

In their sorrow the members of the family will receive the deepest sympathy of the many friends in this city and vicinity.

HAVE HARD FOUGHT GAME

The interclass tournaments at the high school opened Thursday and with the result that the seniors, having practically all the regular team and a good second string quintet of the sophomores, won by an eyelash from the sophomores by the score of 12 to 10. As the gun sounded Bob Hinz dropped one through the hoop that would have tied the score but was ruled the game was officially over.

Sam Arn, Bob Hinz and Bob Rummel were the chief factors in the sophomore lineup while the seniors had Galloway, Begley, Hartford, McCrary, Wiles and Yelick to oppose the fast attack of the younger class-mates.

The juniors had an easier time with the freshmen, winning by the score of 44 to 12, with Donat, Forbes, Knofficek, and Frady and the freshmen featured Ronne and Maynard Meyers.

The championship match between the seniors and the juniors at 4 o'clock this evening, while the sophomores play the freshmen in the consolation.

LEGION TO HOLD MEETING

The Plattsmouth post of the American Legion are planning on having an inter-county meeting here on next Tuesday evening, March 17th (St. Patrick's Day) in which they will be hosts to the various Legion members from other parts of the county. The local Legion members have been guests at Greenwood on a number of occasions and also at Weeping Water and Nehawka and the members of these posts are now invited here for the big get together on Tuesday. Large delegations are expected from Greenwood and Weeping Water and a number of the well known Legion men of Lincoln are also expected to be here for the evening of fun and the renewal of war time experiences and friendships. It is expected to have the ladies of the Auxiliary prepare the feed for the occasion but the service will be by the local members and the occasion be strictly a stag event. It is expected the meeting will be one of the largest held in a great many months.

Q. Z. SOCIETY

The Q. Z. society held a very pleasant meeting at the home of Mrs. W. A. Robertson on Wednesday, Mrs. H. L. Gayer assisting in the entertaining of the afternoon.

There was a very interesting business session and at which time the election of officers was taken up, the following being named:
President—Mrs. W. A. Robertson.
Vice-President—Mrs. J. H. Palack.
Secretary—Mrs. R. J. Larson.
Treasurer—Mrs. R. W. Knorr.

A most pleasing feature of the afternoon was the piano and mandolin numbers given by Mrs. Charles Tunnell and Miss Marjorie Shopp and which were very much enjoyed.

At a suitable hour dainty and delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses.

HAVING APARTMENTS PAPERED

From Thursday's Daily—
The Herald apartments, the extensive system of apartment houses which are owned by Henry Herold in the north part of the city, are being given a repapering this week, which will add very much to their appearance. Mr. Herold has Ralph and Russell Wever looking after the work and the new improvement is adding very much to the appearance of these popular apartments.

SAYS SNOW BENEFICIAL

Anton Meisinger, residing near Cedar Creek, was in the city Thursday afternoon and while here was a caller at the Journal office to renew his subscription for another year. Mr. Meisinger, who is one of the leading farmers in his section of the county, reports that the snow of last week was very beneficial to the country as a whole, furnishing some much needed moisture for the soil that will be found valuable later in the spring and summer. In a great many cases however, the snow blew off of the more barren land and piled up in large drifts along the roads and in spots over the land where it did but little good.

Preparing to Launch Campaign for Beautification

Committee Arranging All Details for the Campaign to Make City a Place of Beauty

If this city does not bloom like a rose or other varieties of floral beauty this year, it will not be the fault of the committee that has charge of the Better Yards and Garden campaign.

The committee is arranging the details of the contest that will open in the next few days and which if the hard work of the committee counts, will be a great success and make this city a place of real beauty for the spring and summer seasons and a real garden spot in the state of Nebraska.

The display of the window cards with many helpful suggestions is shown in the east window of the Bates store and other places carry the window cards that announces the contest that is to be launched in this community.

The registration for the contest will be from March 15th to April 15th and the persons who wish to register their names may do so by filling the cards that will be supplied by the chairman of the canvass in the various wards. Frank Bestor is the first, Mrs. J. W. Grabbill in the second, Mrs. Ralph Anderson in the third, Robert Hayes in the fourth and Julius Pitz in the fifth ward.

JUNIOR C. D. OF A.

From Saturday's Daily—
The Junior Catholic Daughters of America held their regular business meeting last evening with their guardians Mrs. Lon Henry and Miss Eleanor Hiber at the St. John's school building. There was a very large number of the young people in attendance and the greatest interest shown in the progress of the order in the city. A hike was planned for the girls on Thursday, March 19th which will take the young folks from the city to the golf course.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Henry on Tuesday evening, March 24th, it being in the nature of a quilting party.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

From Saturday's Daily—
James B. Rishel, who has been at the Methodist hospital at Omaha for the past few weeks, returned home yesterday afternoon. Mr. Rishel was under the care of Dr. C. L. Bridges, one of the well known specialists of Omaha, taking treatment for stomach trouble and he has received a great deal of benefit from the course of treatment given him and now feels a great deal better than he has for a great many months. During the course of treatment a great many X-ray pictures were taken to watch the progress of the course of treatment.

HAS MUCH ILLNESS

The Virgel Arnold family of this city has had a great deal of sickness in the past week. Mr. Arnold, who is engaged in the road maintaining work for the county, being laid up with the grippe and flu and while some better is still far from well. Mrs. Earl Harris, a daughter has also been very poorly for the past few days and was at Omaha Friday for treatment, she suffering from a heart ailment that has proven most severe. She is at home now but will be compelled to continue a course of treatment in the hope of giving her some relief.

RECEIVES PLEASANT NEWS

Mrs. Dollie Young of this city has received word from Columbus, Nebraska, that she was the proud and happy grandmother of a fine eleven pound baby boy who was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Royer, the latter a daughter of Mrs. Young.

Local Men at Intercity Meet on Ordinances

Gather at Nebraska City to Join Other Towns in Study of Problems of Occupation Tax

From Thursday's Daily—
This morning Mayor John P. Satter, City Attorney J. A. Capwell, E. A. Wurl, chairman of the retail section of the Chamber of Commerce and C. C. Wescott, motored to Nebraska City where they joined the representatives of a great many of the east Nebraska smaller cities in discussing occupation tax ordinances.

The cities, who all have a common problem in these days of trucking and distribution of goods through this means over their cities, are planning uniform ordinances that will prove able to cope with the situation and be fair and just to the peoples of the various towns, the merchants and those who may truck their goods into the cities.

The greater part of the cities have ordinances that were made some years ago and which do not up to date or made to cope with the present day situation and to make all of these uniform the various towns met here two weeks ago and arranged the present meeting at Nebraska City.

There were representatives present from Plattsmouth, Auburn, Falls City, Weeping Water, Louisville, Blair, Fremont and Tecumseh to discuss the matter of the uniform ordinance. The meeting was presided over by City Attorney Johnson of Fremont.

WORKING ON TELEPHONE LINE

A large force of linemen are engaged here by the Burlington in the last few days in the construction of a telephone line that will be used exclusively by the Continental company for their gas line business from Chicago to the fields in Oklahoma. This line is built along the station of the railroad serves the territory through which the natural gas pipeline passes. The line will be maintained and cared for by the railroad and connections will be made at a great many points with the stations of the gas company where the pumping stations or shut off points are located. The work is one that will cost a very large sum and the maintenance cost of the line will be very large, but assures the gas line company constant communication between any point on their 1,500 mile line from the gas fields to Chicago.

RECEIVES PLEASANT SURPRISE

Mrs. V. T. Arn was given a very pleasant surprise last evening on the occasion of her birthday anniversary, her brother, Frank Anderson of Union, with Mrs. Anderson and their sons, Benjamin and Justin, motored up from Union to give the sister a most delightful surprise. The visitors brought with them a very beautiful birthday cake with its candles and which served as the centerpiece of the birthday dinner served in the evening. Miss Marjorie Arn, who is attending the Peru State Teachers college was also home for the event.

VISITS M. D. A. HERE

From Saturday's Daily—
Last evening the local organization of the M. D. A. of the Burlington shops had the pleasure of having with them at their meeting several representatives of the organization from Lincoln. L. M. Ferrer, general secretary, treasurer, of Lincoln, Ernest Greenhalgh, general chairman of the M. D. A. of Lincoln and W. J. Smith, mechanical inspector of the Burlington, of Chicago. The visitors discussed the condition of the railroads of the nation and the problems that were confronting the companies and the employees as well. The greatest of interest was shown in the meeting and the discussion of the general conditions joined in by many of the members of the local organization as well as the visiting representatives of the craft.

MILDRED WALKER MARRIED

The announcement has been received here by friends of the marriage on February 14th at Detroit, Michigan, of Miss Mildred Walker, formerly of this city, to Mr. Morton Russell Shuttles. The bride, with her sister, Miss Marion Walker, was a resident here for some time, being a member of the teaching force of the city schools and during their stay here they made many warm friends who will learn with pleasure of the happiness that has come to Miss Mildred. After leaving here the sisters taught at Creston for two terms and have since been at Detroit, teaching in the schools at that place.

EAGLES AUXILIARY MEETS

The ladies auxiliary of the Eagles, held a very pleasant meeting at the hall on Thursday evening, with a very pleasing number of the members in attendance. The time was spent in the regular routine business of the order and as the session drew to the close the members enjoyed very much the refreshments that had been prepared for them.

SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

The many friends of Frank Koubek, well known resident of the south part of the city, will be pleased to learn that he is doing very nicely now following an attack of the flu and grippe that for several days made his condition very serious. Mr. Koubek is now able to be up and around but still feels the effect of the illness.

MAKES SPLENDID SHOWING

Eugene Bushnell, of this city, who is attending the Coyne school at Chicago where he is taking a course in radio television, has been successful in his work and has in recent tests proved one of the outstanding members of the class of seventy-five. The class of which Eugene is a member, numbers some seventy and recently in the tests made by the members in constructing a radio, he was selected as one of eighteen, being the third member of the class and in the contest among the eighteen best of the class he was awarded third place. As a prize he received a miniature electric radio set as his award. The young man is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bushnell of this city.

Government Building to be Redecorated

Postmaster Holmes Authorized to Start Work on Having Interior Redecorated

The interior of the United States government building in this city is to be given a thorough renovation and cleaning in the next few weeks. Postmaster James W. Holmes having received orders from the post-office department to have this work looked after at once.

The work that will be called for includes the scrubbing of the walls and ceilings of the building, the repainting of the walls and ceiling and the revarnishing of the woodwork of the building. Replacements of plaster or other necessary repairs for the redecorating program is also authorized.

The building has not been given a thorough overhauling and cleaning for the past seven years and the structure is in very good shape, but the proper care of the structure demands that it be given an overhauling at stated periods to keep it in the proper shape.

The work will be started as soon as the postmaster has the bids called for an examined and the contract awarded and then the building will once more sparkle in the bright new paint and varnish.

QUEEN ESTHERS MEET

Local Declamatory Contest was Well Attended

Winners of Local Event to Take Part in the County and District Contests.

From Saturday's Daily—
An audience which almost filled the high school auditorium last night, heard eighteen Plattsmouth high school students participate in the local declamatory contests for the right to represent Plattsmouth in the county, sub-district and district contests. The work of each contestant showed hard work and several beginners in dramatic work showed great promise for future contests.

First place in the oratorical contest was awarded to Madge Garnet with an oration entitled "Lest We Forget." Second place went to Edward Wehrlein whose address was "Automatons or Men?" Paul Iverson's oration "Where Are the Nine?" was ranked third.

Six contestants spoke for honors in the humorous section with first place going to Anna May Sandin who read "Jimmy Under the Table." Ott Stodola's characterization of an Italian in "Just Laka Dat," was placed second and third place went to Helen Warga with a dialect number, "Mrs. Schickelgritz and der Four O'Clock Train." Other speakers were: James Graves, reading "Teddy, the Matchmaker," George Leperth who read, "Inkelheim on der Telephone," and Gertrude Valley who read "China Blue Eyes."

Margaret Shellenbarger's interpretation of "The Swan Song," was judged the best of the dramatic group with Helen Price ranking second with her presentation of "Little Boy Blue," and Janet Valley third with "Bobby Shaftoe." Other readers were: George Adam, "White Hands of Tellman," Agnes Brink, "Patient in Room 12," Marie Holcomb, "Ladie," and Ruth Rotter, "The Angels."

There were only two entries in the extemporaneous division, which judged the speakers to draw for subjects an hour before the contest and discuss the subject for eight minutes. Robert Bestor drew the topic "Insurgent Republicans," and won first place with Madge Garnet ranking second with her discussion of "Arkansas Fight for Life."

The program was brought to a close with several musical selections by the high school musicians. The Boys Glee Club under the direction of Miss Cora Williams, sang "River, River," Margaret Nelson was the accompanist. David Robinson sang "Daisy Boy," and was called back for an encore. The girls sextette was heard in two numbers, "Going Home," and "In Italy." To close the musical program, Vestetta Robertson was heard in a piano selection, "Kamano-Austro," by Rubenstein.

The responsibility of preparing the speakers for the contest was splendidly taken care of by Miss Mary Jane Tidball who was assisted in her work by Miss Florence Beighley, Mr. L. L. Starrett and Mr. G. K. Krasnicka. The sale of tickets was handled by the members of the high school Dramatic club. The winners of these contests will appear next in the county contest to be held at Nehawka March 20th; the sub-district at Auburn, March 27th and the district at Plattsmouth on April 10th.

WILL RETURN TO CITY

William K. Krecklow, who has been located at Havelock for the past several weeks as cashier of the Burlington at that place, will return to this city in a short time to take over the position of manager of the Consolidated Oil company station in this city. Mr. Krecklow is retiring from the railroad work. The many friends here will be pleased to learn that Mr. Krecklow will again return to this city and the family continue to be residents of this community.

UNDERGOES SEVERE OPERATION

Ray Lancaster of Murray, who has been in such poor health for some time past, was returned to the hospital at Omaha this week and Friday was operated on, a very severe ordeal as it was necessary to remove a kidney. Despite the severity of the operation Mr. Lancaster stood the ordeal in excellent shape and was reported as doing just as well as possible under the circumstances.

MARRIED AT CHICAGO

Louis McFarland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman McFarland, local photographer, was married on Sunday, March 8th at Chicago, to Miss Kay Marcek, of that city, the announcements received here state. Mr. and Mrs. McFarland are making their home at Chicago and in the middle of April expect to come here for a two weeks' visit with the parents and friends.

Order Machine Guns for War on Criminals

The Queen Esthers of the Methodist church were most pleasantly entertained on Thursday evening at the home of the Misses Fern and Mildred Jahrig, a very large number of the members being in attendance. The devotions of the meeting were led by Miss Germaine Mason while the lesson of the evening was given by Mrs. Charles Janacek. After the business session the young ladies spent the time in games of all kinds until an appropriate hour when a very dainty and delicious luncheon was served by the hostess and which added very much to the pleasure of all of the members of the party.

Bargain Day to be Featured Here Wednesday

Merchants of This City to Join in Some Very Special Offers to Public

The merchants of Plattsmouth are joining in a special bargain day offering on Wednesday of this week, the advertising for which appears elsewhere in this issue of the Journal.

These bargain days will probably be featured during the coming season and in their line up the members of the retail section of the Chamber of Commerce are making special offers of certain articles that will be found to be real honest goodness bargains in every way. Also the stores are making special offers in all of their lines for the big bargain day and which should have a real appeal to the thrifty shopper as they are great money saving opportunities in all lines.

Remember bargain day is Wednesday and those who fail to take advantage of it will miss the opportunity of making some real money on their purchases as an investigation of the prices at the various stores of the city will demonstrate.

THREE BILLION FOR ROADS

One hundred and ten nations will spend \$3,000,000,000 on roads during 1931, according to the Department of Commerce. Two-thirds of that great sum—\$2,000,000,000—will be spent in the United States.

Thus the good roads movement is world-wide. It is realized, nowadays, that paved highways are essential to business and social progress. The quick, economical and efficient transportation of commodities and persons is one of the factors that makes for a higher developed civilization.

In the United States special attention is being paid to the problem of farm-to-market, secondary highways. The modern slogan is "Make every farmer's gate a shipping point." A large majority of American farms are still situated on roads that are about the same as they were twenty or fifty years ago.

Long-wearing but economical road materials, suitable for all but main, heavy-traveled highways have been developed. Millions of farmers can be given the fullwidth, weatherproof, good roads they need without increasing tax burdens, if available funds are used wisely. States can invest in nothing of greater value than permanently surfaced farm roads—and few investments will pay greater dividends.

GRAVEL FOR EAGLE ROAD

Abel Construction company, Lincoln, was awarded the contract for distributing 27.5 cubic yards of grade A road gravel, along highway No. 11 in Lancaster county between Lincoln and Eagle. They agreed to furnish the gravel for \$1.63 per cubic yard.

Five other bids were received by State Purchasing Agent Farris. Cochran Construction company, Lincoln, bid \$1.652 per cubic yard; Western Bridge and Construction company, Omaha, \$1.77; Allen Davison Construction company, Beatrice, \$2.14; H. A. Risk Pipe and Construction company, Nebraska City, \$1.7745; and Schellberg Sand and Gravel company, Louisville, \$1.7784.

According to the terms of the contract the work must be completed by March 31. The total amount to be paid the Abel Construction company is \$3,657.12, according to Farris.

IOWA PEOPLE WEDDED

From Saturday's Daily—
This noon at the residence of Rev. C. O. Troy occurred the marriage of Miss Martha Peterson and Carl A. Johnson, both of Red Oak, Iowa. The young people motored to this city accompanied by Mr. Evans and Miss Allshouse, close friends of the contracting parties and who witnessed the ceremony. Following the wedding the bridal party motored to Omaha where they enjoyed a wedding luncheon before returning to their home in the Iowa city.

O. A. Davis of Murray was in the city for a short time today attending to some matters of business and visiting with friends.

State Sheriff Claims That They Are Needed to Cope With the Crime Situation.

Two machine guns have been ordered by State Sheriff Endres, who stated Wednesday that their use was necessary in order to cope with the present crime condition in the state. The sheriff referred to recent bank robberies and holdups, and added that such occurrences were becoming all too common. The following letter was mailed Wednesday to all county sheriffs in the state as a part of the movement for better co-operation between the county sheriffs and the state office, which is being inaugurated:

"Recently two bank robberies occurred in this state and so far we have not been very successful in apprehending the criminals. This no doubt was thru no fault of the officers, who, I believe, are trying to do their duty by working day and night, but to cope with cases of this kind it is essential that we have the co-operation of all the marshals and citizens of the respective communities.

"We must have the co-operation of every one in order to stamp out this wave of crime. In order to get the best results every community should be organized and I am taking the liberty to make the following suggestion:

"You should organize a vigilance committee composed of marshals, American Legion men, business men and citizens in every city and village, who could be called upon when occasion demanded their services. These men should be notified immediately either by the telephone operator or someone else. You should also communicate with every marshal and sheriff in a radius of at least four counties.

"The state sheriff's office should be notified at once, and we will get in touch with other outside points in order to head the criminals off in every direction.

"I trust that every community will perfect an organization, so we will be in a position to meet any emergency.

"Please send me any suggestions you may have to offer, and if practical will be glad to adopt them.

"I am pleased to report that we have the co-operation of two radio stations in Lincoln, where crimes will be broadcast as soon as they are notified."

LARGE NUMBER COMING FOR LEGION MEETING

Indications point to a large attendance at next Tuesday night's Legion meeting here, when the local post will entertain members of the various Cass county posts and a few invited guests from Nebraska City and Lincoln. The largest attendance promises to be from Greenwood, with a score of the post members there, headed by Col. Phil Hall, and including Mme. Mc Lar, George Bucknell, and other well known members of Greenwood post, arranging to drive over.

The next largest sized delegation is expected from Weeping Water. Both the Greenwood and Weeping Water posts have recently entertained members of Plattsmouth post, and it is primarily to return the compliment that Tuesday night's get-together is being arranged.

Invitation has also been extended to the members of Nehawka post and Louisville post, both of which have in the past played the part of host at similar gatherings. The visit to Louisville was on the occasion of the organization of the post in 1928, while on the coldest night of that same winter the trip to Nehawka was made, when an oyster feed was served.

It is planned to make the meeting here Tuesday night one that will go down in the annals of local Legion history of equal magnitude to the district convention here in 1926 and the time Holly threatened to secede from the state department. Announcement of the meeting is being sent to all local Legionnaires and everyone who has paid up his 1931 dues is invited to attend. The meeting will be held at the Legion community building.

MISS McNURLIN POORLY

The many friends over the county of Miss Dora McNurlin, member of one of the prominent families of the county, will regret very much to learn that she is in very serious condition at Lincoln where she has been taking treatment at the Bryan Memorial hospital. Miss McNurlin was visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. R. A. Barrett and becoming more seriously ill was compelled to have the care of specialists. Her trouble is that of tuberculosis and her condition is such that gives but little hope of her recovery.

IS GRANTED DIVORCE

From Saturday's Daily—
A decree of divorce was granted this morning to Mrs. Esther O'Brien from Clyde O'Brien, non-resident defendant. The case was not contested and the plaintiff given the decree as prayed for by the district court.