

Death Calls One of the City's Old Time Residents

Karl August Roessler Passed Away at Family Home After Illness of Some Duration

From Monday's Daily—
Karl August Roessler, a resident of this city for the past fifty years, died at the family home on Vine street in this city Saturday evening following an illness of some duration, he having been a sufferer from stomach trouble for the past several years.

Karl August Roessler was born December 14, 1865, at Soland in Der Spree, Germany, where he spent his youth and when sixteen years of age in 1881 he decided to seek his fortune in the new world, and accordingly he migrated to the United States. On reaching this country Mr. Roessler came direct to Plattsmouth and in this community he has made his home since that time. A man of outstanding honesty and strong character, he had made many friends in the community who most sincerely will mourn his going and share with the family the sorrow that the taking away of this old friend and neighbor has brought.

On September 20th, 1894, Mr. Roessler was married in this city to Miss Albin Bodemer, who is surviving his passing as well as the four children, three daughters and one son, Mrs. W. H. Hohmann, Newton, Kansas; Mrs. Arthur Wichmann, Ranegua, Chile; Mrs. Ruben Fahrenbach, McCook; and Karl Roessler of Chicago. One sister, Mrs. Herman Pankonin of Grant, Nebraska, also survives.

The deceased was a member of the St. Paul's Evangelical church of this city for a great many years and was also a member of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., the Sons of Herman and the Modern Woodmen of this city.

Mr. Roessler was in the employ of the Burlington for a great many years, entering the service in the shops here when first arriving in this city and continuing as an upholster in the shops until in 1922.

CLOSE WITH A VICTORY

The Plattsmouth Merchants, local baseball organization of youngsters which was formed late in the season, Sunday closed their playing schedule with a victory over the Rushton Pic Co., team of Omaha, by the score of 10 to 5.

The locals were leading from the opening inning and were never seriously threatened by the bakers.

Ganz, who was covering the second sack for the locals, was the chief hitting star of the game with four hits out of five trips to the bat and one of these was a home run into the left field territory that also scored Hall ahead of Ganz. Richard Herold also secured a three base hit off the delivery of the pie makers hurler, Lomax, first sacker of the visitors, was the chief stick artist of his team.

The Merchants showed a nice fielding game and one that held down the hits of the pie makers throughout the game.

This was the last game of the season for the local team and in their short time as an organization they have made a fine showing and have a bright outlook for the 1932 season if they are able to hold their team intact.

The team has been composed of "Happy" Connors, catcher; Walt Connors, pitcher; Kenneth Poissall, shortstop; Poissall Herold, third base; Lennson and McCleary, first; Peter Herold, second base and catcher; Richard Herold, George Spidell and Carl Hall as the outfield of the team. The team expects to add two young pitchers to their string of players and probably will make a bid for membership in the Southern League at Omaha the next season.

DIES AT HOSPITAL

The death of Lillian, fifteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wooster of this city, occurred on Sunday night at the hospital at Beatrice where she has been a patient for some years. The deceased girl was in poor health for her lifetime and has gradually failed until death came to her relief. The deceased was born in this city but has spent the greater part of her lifetime in medical care. She is survived by the parents, one sister, Miss Alice of Omaha, and one brother, Raymond Wooster.

IOWA MAN ARRESTED

From Monday's Daily—
John Schachtler, claiming his residence as eastern Iowa, the scene of the "cow war," was taken in custody Saturday evening by Officers Libershal and Pickrel and charged with having been in a state of intoxication. This morning he was a caller in court before Judge Charles L. Graves and entered a plea of guilty to the alleged offense. He was given a fine of \$10 and costs and being unable to pay was remanded to jail until the amount is forthcoming or the fine laid out.

TRUCKERS ARE BUSY

The trucking firm of Mrasek & Son are kept busy in handling the various calls for their service in the way of hauling stock, hogs and farm products for the residents of this part of the state. William Mrasek and John Galloway, returned early Sunday morning from Fordyce, Nebraska, where they had been to secure a load of some 172 hogs that were purchased for feeding purposes on the local farms. The hogs were purchased by Earl Iske and Chris Metzger for their farms near this city. Mr. Iske securing eighty-eight head and Mr. Metzger eighty-four head of the hogs.

Enna Jettick Aerocar Pays a Visit to City

Much Attention is Attracted by the Aerocar, One of Newest Types of Auto Construction.

From Monday's Daily—
This morning the famous Enna Jettick aerocar, a new type of automobile construction, paid a visit to this city, the car being brought here by S. Johnson, the driver, who has been on the west coast for some time with the car and also making a number of the state fairs. The Enna Shoe Co., of this city is one of the largest distributors of the Enna Jettick shoe and the car was brought here for the inspection of the local people as a compliment to the local dealers.

The car is one of the last words in auto construction and is a real treat to behold. It is finished most elaborately in push and wicker furniture and the main cabin of the car is so large that several persons can enjoy themselves with all of the comforts of home. Chairs are arranged in the car with a hinged table along the side that can be used for any purpose desired or folded down when wished. A built in radio is one of the features of the car as well as an upholstered seat at the front of the car that allows the occupants to rest when they wish, a telephone, barometer, clock, a part of the equipment. In the rear of the car a small compartment has been built that is used to carry supplies and which if desired could be used as a kitchenette.

The car has as its motive power a complete engine which is fastened by an ingenious bird's beak coupling.

The aerocar is built by Glenn Curtiss and the lines follow the airplane type and it is mounted to ride with the utmost smoothness.

The car is capable of making automobile speed and is a type that would make an ideal vehicle for the summer outing.

RAID SCHOOL PROPERTY

From Tuesday's Daily—
This morning shortly after Deputy Sheriff Young had departed for Nehawka to investigate the reported destruction of school property near that place, a message was received at the office of the sheriff, stating that a similar destruction of property had occurred near Murray. The school south of Murray near the Harry Todd residence, was the one visited and the visitors had done a great deal of damage, breaking the windows and also overturning the smaller buildings around the school. There is no apparent reason for the destruction aside from pure maliciousness or the desire to inflict a cost to the school district, No. 14, and interfering with the school work. Sheriff Reed was at the scene of the trouble today and ascertaining any possible trace of the person engaged in this work. The two similar jobs look as though a cruising party of mischief makers were out over the county last night.

SCHOOL HOUSE DAMAGED

Deputy Sheriff Rex Young was called to the vicinity of Nehawka this morning where some extensive damage was reported to the Pollard school house south of that city. The report received here was that the windows of the school house had been broken during the night and also that sheds and other outbuildings of the school had been damaged. The work was apparently the act of some one filled with maliciousness, seeking to interfere with the operation of the school. The case is being investigated today and it is hoped that the person or persons committing the acts may be brought to justice.

SCORES ANOTHER HIGH MARK

The stock feeding firm of W. G. Boedeker and William Wehrlein, of near Murray, who have been shipping much white faced stock to the Chicago market where they have tipped the market, have again scored a top for the stock that they had on the Chicago market last week. The cattle which were in the best of shape, large and heavy, brought the price of \$10 for the market high and found ready sale. Victor Wehrlein accompanied the shipment to Chicago.

Burr Bank Robber Captured in This City

Jess Pender, 20, Captured Here Three Hours After Stickup of Bank at Burr, Nebraska

From Tuesday's Daily—
Three hours after Jess Pender, 20, entered the American State bank at Burr, Nebraska, and robbed that institution of \$350 in cash, he was captured in this city by Officer David Pickrel and is being held here for Sheriff Carl Ryder of Nebraska City. Pender, who had come to Nebraska City last night from Omaha, had abandoned the car that he came to Nebraska City with and stole the roadster of Bert Ryder, which had been left parked on the streets last evening. This morning at 11 o'clock while H. J. Cahill, cashier of the bank was engaged in conversation with William Kline, a customer, Pender, entered the bank and pulling a thirty-two calibre pistol held it on the two men and with the demand that the cashier hand over what money was lying on the counter of the bank, some \$350 which was grabbed by the robber and who beat a retreat to his car a short distance from the bank and was able to make his getaway.

Shortly after 1:30 Sheriff Reed and Henry Ofe, Jr., who were out on the lookout for the possible appearance of the robber in this locality, espied a car that answered the description of the car of Bert Ryder and that which the robber had supposed to have used. Pursuit was taken up by the officers and near Third and Main streets the bank robber leaped from his car and dashed south on Third street and ran back of the old Alta-Maize building. The officers raised the alarm and soon a posse of close to 100 men and boys had formed and hurried to the scene, surrounding the section where the robber had last disappeared.

Chief of Police Elliott, who had joined the party thought that he saw someone disappear in the cellarway of one of the old frame houses on South Third street. Officer David Pickrel, who had been called to the scene, forced his way into the cellar and forced the man to come forth. The youth, bedraggled with dirt and clothing torn in the flight through brush and weeds, was hurried to the county court house and to the office of the sheriff.

The man gave his name as Jess Pender, his age as 20, and his last residence as Omaha and Kansas City. He was armed with a thirty-two calibre revolver which was taken from him by Mr. Pickrel and Henry Ofe.

On the demand of Officer Pickrel the prisoner dragged from his place of concealment in his trouser leg, the \$350 that he had taken just a short time before from the bank at Burr.

He stated that he was alone on the job and when first questioned by Officer Pickrel had denied being in Burr, but finding that his denials were of no avail in the face of the threatened search came through with the money and the confession of the robbery.

GRASSHOPPERS OF THE NORTH

Well, the writer and wife, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Briggs, departed on last Thursday for Winner, S. D., and were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hartwick, parents of both Mr. and Mrs. Leland S. Briggs of Winner, and also sister with Chester E. Briggs, and enjoying good health and busy as well as happy. We had heard much about the grasshoppers of the north and were shown even as if we had been from Missouri. There were sections and sections of land which had contained crops that was as bad as the citizens which did not have a spear of grass or anything green thereon. About one-third of the country of Tripp was destroyed and portions of the others greatly damaged.

The farmer who has lost his crop is in a way provided for that in the construction of highways, the work being done by the people living there, they being provided with work for themselves and their teams, not in so high a rate, but so that they are enabled to get by. The work which has been given to foreign corporations, is being done by the farmer with his teams and thus he is enabled to get by until another season. It looked like the building of a railroad in the seventies.

Also a cold storage plant is being built in Winner and the farmers are employed in the construction, thus affording them employment, not to get rich, but to get by until another year.

JUNIOR PLAY NOV. 25TH

The date of the annual class play presented by the Junior class of the local high school has been set for the evening of November 25th in the school auditorium. Other community organizations are asked to note this date in arranging their affairs so as to prevent conflicts if possible. The play and cast will be selected the latter part of October. Miss Miller will direct the production.

WILL HANDLE BARBACUE

William Shea, the restaurant man, is preparing to serve the residents of this section and the traveling public with barbecued meats, he having installed a pit on the lots on Washington avenue where his tourist camp is located. While this plant is not entirely ready to serve the meats at the tourist park, he will soon be ready for the handling of this line of meats at that place, but is now handling them at the restaurant on North Sixth street. The residents here who are fond of this line of meats will be pleased to find that they can secure them right at home now instead of having to go into Omaha for the barbecue.

Harding Family Have Experience in Gulf Storm

Captain and Mrs. Floyd Harding and Family Caught in Storm That Swept San Juan

Word has just been received here by the relatives from Captain and Mrs. Floyd Harding, stationed at San Juan, Porto Rico, that they were safe and had suffered no injury in the great storm that swept over the Gulf of Mexico, they experiencing the last of the storm that took a great toll of life in British Honduras.

The Harding family writes that while no lives were lost at San Juan, there was great property damage, the buildings being unroofed in the fierce blow of the hurricane. The American officers have suffered much loss of their household effects, a number who had homes in the new modern concrete houses escaped a great deal of the damage but those in the other houses had much of their goods damaged by the rain and wind. The Harding family was quartered in one of the older houses and it was necessary to nail the wooden shuttered windows to prevent the shutters being blown off, the tin part of the roof was blown from the home and the family forced to use any means of keeping dry as the wind driven rain swept through their house.

The experience was very terrifying for all of the family but they are feeling fortunate that there was no loss of life in the Porto Rican capital.

Boy Scout Court of Honor at Falls City Next Sunday

Governor Chas. W. Bryan to Present Eagle Badge—Drum and Bugle Corps to Perform

Sunday, October 4 will be an important day for the Boy Scouts of Southeastern Nebraska and for their parents and friends. At 2:30 p. m. the Fourth Annual Area-Wide Court of Honor of the Nebraska Area Council, B. S. A. will convene at the city park in Falls City to award honors that have been won by Scouts throughout the six counties comprising this Council. It is expected that at least 100 boys will appear before this Court for awards.

The program of the Court has been so arranged that it will make a very entertaining, educational afternoon for all who attend. Interpersed between presentations of awards by men of prominence in State and in Scouting circles will be demonstrations by Scouts and drills by both the Drum and Bugle Corps, American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps. Among those of prominence that will be present to act as members of this Court will be Parson Bob, one of the few remaining Indian Scouts of Sterling, Nebraska; Senator Wherry of Pawnee City, Nebraska; O. J. Williams, Field Representative of the National Council, B. S. A. of Saint Louis, Missouri; and the Honorable Charles W. Bryan, Governor of Nebraska.

Governor Bryan will present the Eagle Badge, emblem of the highest rank in Scouting to Scout Frederic Keichee of Troop No. 1 of Johnson, Nebraska.

ON "NEBRASKAN" STAFF

Miss Virginia Pollard of Nehawka, one of the students in the college of Journalism of the University of Nebraska, has been designated as the society editor of the Daily Nebraskan, the publication of the student body of the university. Miss Pollard has proven one of the outstanding students in this department of the university and her selection will assure that this department of the Nebraskan will be well cared for. Miss Pollard, during the summer vacation, was assisting in the county work of the Plattsmouth Journal and proved a very capable worker in covering her field and especially in the handling of the various social events in her portion of the county.

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Rotarians Enjoy Fine Meeting with the Anns

Event is Held at the Knights of Columbus Hall and Fine Dinner is Enjoyed

From Wednesday's Daily—
The members of the Rotary club held a very delightful time last evening when they entertained the Rotary Anns at a dinner party at the Knights of Columbus hall. In the months that have five Tuesdays, the occasion is made a recognition of the ladies of the members with a joint social session and this proved another very delightful event in the series in the past.

The meeting was in charge of the committee composed of E. H. Schullhof, Judge A. H. Duxbury and Dr. G. L. Taylor, who proved themselves masters in the arranging of an evening of much enjoyment.

The tables were arranged in representation of the spokes of the Rotary wheel and the color scheme of purple and gold carried out in the decorations of the room and tables.

The menu which was arranged and served by the Catholic Daughters of America was one that tempted the most fabled appetite and the array of many good things that had been prepared was enjoyed to the utmost.

Following the dinner party the evening was spent in a short program, the Rotary quartet of Messrs. Frank Clويد, H. G. McClusky, R. W. Knorr and L. D. Hatt, giving several fine numbers and with Mrs. R. W. Knorr at the piano.

Frank A. Clويد, well known tenor and song leader of the Rotary was heard in two of his always delightful selections as a part of the musical part of the program.

The ladies of the Rotary were greeted in a delightful manner by President R. E. Bailey, this being the first Rotary Ann meeting of his regime and to the welcome Mrs. A. S. Ghrist gave a very delightful response for the ladies and expressing the appreciation that they all felt at being present.

This being the last meeting for the two high school boys in September, they were addressed by E. H. Westcott, in charge of the boys work, while the two boys William Henrichsen and Donald Bushnell responded very pleasantly with their impressions of Rotary and also gave a cornet and piano duet, one that reflected the greatest credit on the two young men.

A guessing game was enjoyed and which brought much merriment, the guesses being made on the initials of the members of the Rotary club and the manner in which they were designated was a source of much fun.

PURCHASES HOME HERE

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Bloom, who were formerly here in charge of the Coronado apartments, will be pleased to learn that the family is once more to become residents of this city. They have purchased the George E. Dovey residence on North Fourth street and expect to make that their residence in the future. This is one of the nicely situated homes of the community and is located in one of the scenic spots of the city.

SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

The many friends of Joseph Hines, one of the old residents here, will be pleased to learn that he is progressing very nicely at the Immanuel hospital at Omaha, where he was operated on some three weeks ago. Mr. Hines had undergone a very painful and serious operation and his condition now is such that it is hoped that he will be able to enjoy permanent recovery from his illness.

ENJOY VISIT WITH CHILDREN

C. L. Graves has been much pleased by having relatives visiting him the past few days. Harry Graves and wife, of Lincoln, were here on a way home from an auto trip to Boston, J. D. Graves of Peru came Saturday returning from a visit in Oklahoma and Iowa, and on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Harry Royal and Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Derieg, of Lincoln, spent the afternoon with "Daddy" Graves.

RETURN FROM OUTING

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Born, who in company with Mr. and Mrs. George L. Meisinger, were visiting in the north part of the state, returned home Saturday. They had a most pleasant trip by auto and spent the greater part of the time at the home of Mrs. Adam Frederick, a sister of Mrs. Born and Mr. Meisinger. They found the traveling excellent and feel refreshed over the trip.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to the kind friends and neighbors for their tender sympathy in our hour of sorrow and for the beautiful flowers given at the funeral of our loved husband and father. The kindness of the friends will long be a pleasant memory.—Mrs. August Roessler and Children.

DRIVES SUCCESSFUL

The annual football and Platter fund drives just concluded by the students of the high school was very gratifying in its results and compares favorably with results of years past. A good sum of money was secured for the athletic fund by the sale of season tickets and for the Platter by the sale of subscriptions. The Senior class won the pennant in the athletic drive with the Juniors and Sophomores tying for second place and the Freshmen not far back in third place. The pennant in the Platter drive goes to the Juniors with the Seniors a close second and the Sophomores and Freshmen finishing third and fourth.

Machinery for New Basket Factory Arriving

Nebraska Basket Company Unloading Equipment for New Industry in the City Today.

The Nebraska Basket Co., which has been organized in the last few weeks and composed of Thomas J. Slayman of Omaha, inventor of the special basket making machinery, and L. D. Hiatt of this city, was today installing the first of the equipment that will be used in the basket factory in this city.

The factory is to be located in the Donat building just west of the Plattsmouth Steam Laundry plant, and the first units of the machinery arrived this morning at the plant to be placed and getting the plant ready for business at the earliest possible date.

The factory is engaged in the manufacture of an article that is in the greatest demand and with the special machinery that has been perfected by Mr. Slayman, it is possible to turn out the baskets at a very low price and in large quantities so that the largest orders can be handled very easily from the factory.

It is expected that the initial output of the plant will be 100 to 150 dozen baskets a day and this will be increased as the demand grows.

The active operation of the plant will be handled by Mr. Slayman while the business affairs of the company will be handled by Mr. Hiatt and from the great demand in the middle west for baskets of the type that is to be manufactured in this city.

It is a very fine opportunity for this city to have a live and growing industry located here and which deserves the support and boosting of the community.

ALL STARS TAKE GAME

The All Stars baseball team, composed of the residents of the community west of this city along the Louisville road, took the Lyman-Richey Sand & Gravel team Sunday afternoon at the Graham diamond by the score of 10 to 2. The game was one that furnished plenty of entertainment for the fans in attendance, both in the hitting of the All Stars and the demonstration of Clyde Jackson that he can play ball even with a mashed toe. John Kalasek of the Gravelers made a very sensational catch of a hard driven ball, racing through a mud hole to nail the ball for a much needed out. Floyd Becker did the hurling for the All Stars and Ben Speck back of the bat, with Dick March and Albert doing the tossing for the Sandpitters and Chet Smith as the receiver of the team.

RECEIVES GOOD NEWS

From Monday's Daily—
This morning Mr. and Mrs. George W. Olson of this city received a letter from their son, Wilbur Olson, who for the past few years has made his home at Plano, Illinois, announcing that a fine little daughter arrived at their home on August 31. This was the first announcement of the new daughter that the grandparents had received and it is needless to say that it has brought a great deal of pleasure.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Clarence Troy, son of Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Troy, was taken to the Methodist hospital at Omaha Saturday where he is now under treatment at the hands of specialists. Mr. Troy is suffering from what seems to be an infection of the foot and which has grown so painful that it was thought best to have him at the hospital for care and treatment. The exact nature of the trouble has not been fully determined.

ASKS FOR DIVORCE

From Wednesday's Daily—
This morning in the office of the clerk of the district court an action was filed entitled Mrs. Rosetta Axmaker Wheeler vs. Charles F. Wheeler. The parties were married in this city on May 6, 1931, the petition of the plaintiff for the annulment of the action is that of cruelty. The parties are well known residents of Louisville and where Mr. Wheeler was former city marshal.

Early History of Plattsmouth is Recounted

By ROBERT FOSTER PATTERSON, Principal Plattsmouth H. S.

While Plattsmouth was not directly concerned in the exciting election of 1866 which foreshadowed the entrance of Nebraska into the Union in 1867, yet since the controversy entered in the now vanished town of Rock Bluff, Plattsmouth's ancient rival for the control of the county and since some of the leading figures in the controversy were Plattsmouth men, it merits recognition in this work. The national situation was largely responsible for the agitation to make Nebraska the 24th state of the Union. The Republicans in control of Congress were anxious to maintain their supremacy and the possibility of another state with two Republican senators and a Representative of the same party, was most acceptable to them. Then when the violent quarrel between Johnson and Congress became irreconcilable, the entrance of more Republican states became more desirable than ever to maintain congressional ascendancy over the executive. These were the circumstances which accelerated Nebraska's entrance into the Union.

As early as January 11, 1860, the state legislature authorized the calling of an election on the first Monday in March, 1860 for the selection of a state convention to frame a constitution and a vote was to be taken at the same time for or against statehood. The delegates selected in this election were to meet in the territorial capitol the first Monday in April but the project did not materialize and a vote on the question of statehood was not taken at this time.

In 1864, the Congress passed an enabling act but no action was taken by Nebraska until the legislative session of 1865-66. At this time, a convention was called, a constitution was drawn up and an election to approve or reject it was set for June 21, 1866. Nebraska Republicans were keenly anxious to re-enforce their party by sending three Republicans to the national legislature. On the other hand, the Democrats were opposed to statehood at this time and were just as anxious to do all possible to break the Republican regime so the contest in Nebraska became exceedingly lively and bitterly contested.

Election day came and as the returns were checked it became apparent that the question of statehood would be decided by the turn of the vote in Cass county. If the county gave a majority for the new constitution, statehood was assured. If not, it would be defeated. In Cass county, the contest centered around Rock Bluff. The vote here was 158 to 78 against the constitution but as these votes were subsequently thrown out, a majority of 100 was made possible in the county. It was claimed that there were fraudulent votes polled at Rock Bluff so County Clerk, B. Spurlock, appointed a canvassing board to investigate. That board consisted of Isaac Wiles and Willert Pottinger. These two men made an official investigation and came to the conclusion that there were evidences of irregularities in the conduct of the poll at Rock Bluff. Some evidence was produced to show that non-residents had been permitted the balloting and judges had permitted the ballot box to be taken from the polling place at noon. Pottinger of the canvassing board was quoted as saying, "Whether there was fraud or not, there was such a damn good chance for it, we threw the Rock Bluff votes out. The action banning the Rock Bluff votes was later sustained by the courts but nevertheless the deed aroused the defeated Democrats to vehement condemnation. They charged that the act of the canvassing board nullified a popularity will and made popular elections futile. The testimony of County Clerk Spurlock was cited in an effort to show that the hint of fraud was only a product of imagination. It was shown that the poll books had not been touched and that the fact that the ballots corresponded with the numbers on the poll books, completely discredited the charge of fraud. Further it was claimed that the poll book and tally list were bound together and one certificate duly made out for both and placed at the end of the list. The clerks and judges did not certify each separately as they believed one certificate would be sufficient. No court ever so held and no honest man will so decide." A Cass county writer on the same subject later cited a list of sixteen voters at Rock Bluff who were not bona fide settlers and claimed that at least sixty-three others had no legal right to vote as they were citizens of other states and intended so to remain. Whether the fraud charges in the conduct of the election can be laid upon the shoulders

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