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James Zoubek Stabbed to Death Late Last Night

Attacked by Neighbors Near His Home Young Man Has Knife Driven Into Heart.

From Tuesday's Daily
James Zoubek, 30, lies dead at the Sattler funeral home and four of his neighbors are in the county jail to face investigation as to the fatal stabbing of the young man, Everett Daniels, Sr., and sons, John and Ival and William Falk, being held by Sheriff Thimman.

The fatal affray occurred Monday night at 10 o'clock on Lincoln avenue, just at the driveway that leads into the Zoubek home.

Mr. Zoubek, with a companion, Earl Newton, who had been assisting in some work at the Zoubek home during the day, decided to go to the main part of the city to secure some tobacco. As they started to leave the yard a car with members of the Daniels family and Falk, drove past and their car was parked so as to block the roadway to the west highway. Words were exchanged by the parties and both the occupants of the Daniels car and Mr. Zoubek alighted. A fight was started at once, the occupants of the Daniel car all attacking Zoubek. As Newton attempted to come to the aid of his companion, struggling with the three opponents.

Everett Daniels, the father, it is stated rushed into the fight with a club and knocked Zoubek down. While Zoubek was on the ground the fatal knife thrusts were given. Newton knocked down one of the assailants and was struck in the mouth during the struggle.

The elder Daniels denied that he had been in the fight and he had come to the scene after the wounded man was lying in the road, and ordered his sons and Falk to return home. The statements of Newton was to the effect that the elder Daniels had been in the fight and had struck Zoubek with the club and the knife. Mr. Zoubek, Sr., was of the opinion that the knife had been on the club.

As the struggle raged in the road, the father of the young man, James Zoubek, Sr., started to come to the aid of his son and companion and was but a short distance away when the stabbing occurred.

When Zoubek fell to the ground the members of the assaulting party entered their car and drove away to the Daniels home where the father alleged to have been in the fight. They were found seated on the car and brought in custody to the county jail for investigation.

The body of Zoubek was taken to the Sattler funeral home. The fatal wound on the left side of the body, the knife thrust penetrating between the ribs and into the heart. A slash was also on the chest but was not deep and a smaller cut on the left side just below the death wound.

When arrested the elder Daniels denied inflicting the knife wound and stated that the fight was all over when he reached the scene.

The stabbing in the climax of a recent feud of neighborhood trouble which has raged for several months, apparently one of the Daniels family being cited for creating a disturbance.

The officers later in the night discovered a large number of knives at the Daniels home, but which were not taken. The knives were taken from the Sattler funeral home.

charging all four of the assaulting party with first degree murder would be filed.

SPEND HOLIDAY HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sleeth and Robert Sherwood, of Omaha, were visitors in this community over Labor day, being guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Troop, south of this city, Mrs. Troop being a sister of Mrs. Sleeth and Mr. Sherwood. En route home they stopped for a short visit with Mrs. H. C. Sherwood.

Meisinger Family Hold Reunion Here

Number of the Family from Nearby Points Here to Enjoy Day of Visiting

The annual reunion of the Meisinger family was held Sunday afternoon at Garfield park in this city, and while the attendance was not as large as had been hoped for, those who attended had a fine time and one that permitted the renewal of the ties of relationship.

There was no program prepared for the day and the family groups spent the time in visiting with each other, a number of the families also bringing their lunches and taking dinner at the park.

This family is one of the largest in this section of Nebraska and has several hundred members, largely in Cass county, where at an early day the first members of the family came from Tazewell county, Illinois and settled on farms in and near this city and Cedar Creek.

The Meisingers who came here from Illinois, largely engaged in farming and by their careful methods and thrift became among the leading farmers of the sections in which they located. The older members of the family who came to Cass county have largely passed away and the second generation has carried on the work of their forefathers in developing and upbuilding this great section of our country.

ENTERTAIN TRACKERS

Miss Bernice Ault and Miss Helen Quinby, teachers in the city schools, entertained at a most delightful afternoon tea Sunday at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Frank L. Cummins. The event was in honor of the members of the teaching force, the lady members of the teaching staff, the wives of the members of the board of education and Mrs. Devoe and Mrs. Robert Foster Patterson.

During the afternoon Miss Harriett Goss was heard in a number of piano selections and Billy and Jean Knorr in several of their popular vocal offerings.

LOCATED IN PLATTSMOUTH

Bernard Klingner, who for several months has been located at Omaha and residing in one of the most notable of that place, has returned to this city. Mr. Klingner will be engaged with the meat department of the Black & White store in the future and enters on his work Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Klingner moved their effects here Sunday and will reside at the Klingner residence on West street. The many friends of the young people are pleased to have them return, here and resume their community life.

NEWS OF INTEREST

Miss Dorothy Baumgart of Crookston, Nebraska, has been enjoying a visit here for the past few days with her relatives and friends in this city and vicinity, departing Monday for Omaha where she will spend a few days with her aunt, Mrs. L. L. Turpin.

RETURNS TO ST. LOUIS

A. W. Bradway and family of St. Louis, Mo., returned to their home Monday after a pleasant visit with his mother, Mrs. John Geiser, of this city and his sister, Mrs. W. T. Edwards of Neola, Iowa, and other friends.

OMAHA PEOPLE MARRIED

Miss Monie M. G. Lamb and Ralph O. Hanna, of Omaha, were married on Monday by County Judge A. H. Duxbury, the bridal couple taking advantage of the holiday to motor here to have their happiness consummated by the wedding ceremony.

Aged Couple Enjoy Golden Wedding Day

Judge and Mrs. John W. Barr Observed the Even in the Nebraska Masonic Home.

Sunday was the golden wedding anniversary of Judge and Mrs. John W. Barr, who are making their home at the Nebraska Masonic Home and where the friends showered them with congratulations on the happy event of the half century of wedded life.

In honor of the day Judge and Mrs. Barr received the congratulations of the friends at the Home and over the city.

John W. Barr was married on September 4, 1882, to Miss Ellen M. Day, daughter of French and Maria Day, the wedding ceremony being performed by John H. Tower, justice of the peace of Tower's Mill, Crawford county, Wisconsin.

The family later moved to Lincoln county, Wisconsin, and where they settled on a homestead in that locality, remaining there until in 1900 when they moved to Brown county, Nebraska, and located at Ainsworth. Mr. Barr was elected county judge of Brown county shortly after locating in that county and held this office for some eleven years.

In 1929 Judge and Mrs. Barr came to Plattsmouth and have since made their home in this city and where they have formed a circle of warm friends.

Judge Barr was born in Morgan county, Ohio, on July 21, 1854. He was the eldest son of William Barr and Sarah A. Barr. He is a member of Silver Cord lodge, No. 224 of Ainsworth.

Judge and Mrs. Barr have four young children, W. L. Barr of Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Nellie Parris, Columbia, South Dakota; Mrs. Jennie A. Smith, Bayard, Nebraska; R. Leslie Barr of Ainsworth. Two daughters, Jessie, Ellen and Dorothy Helen, died some years ago.

To my fellow pilgrims, Mr. and Mrs. Barr:

I am bringing you greetings in my feeble way, Filled with comfort and cheer on your glad wedding day, And a hope that the gods with rich blessings may strew Your pathway with flowers all through your life as you go. May years full of pleasure and gladness sublime Be yours to enjoy to the fullness of time. A FRIEND.

OLDEST CALIFORNIA VOTER

Ruben W. Hyers, 90, father of Gus Hyers of 1927 West Manchester avenue, Los Angeles, was probably one of the oldest voters to cast his vote in the Southwest last Tuesday. When asked as to his political affiliation, he replied, "I vote her straight Republican."

Mr. Hyers, a Civil War veteran, voted for Abraham Lincoln, was a state senator in Nebraska, warden of the Nebraska state penitentiary, several years sheriff of Cass county, Nebraska, and a resident of the southwest for the past six years.—Southwest Topics (Cal.)

HAS BIRTHDAY PARTY

Miss Mary Stappert on her 11th birthday Monday had a party at her home. The time was spent in playing games, prizes being awarded. The party was supervised by the hostess and was a most enjoyable one.

Miss Mable White, who has suffered for several weeks from the effects of an attack of neuritis, has improved to some extent and is now able to be around the home with the use of crutches. It is hoped that she may soon be able to resume her usual activities.

LEAVING FOR FLORIDA

A. B. Baldwin, who has been spending the summer here at the home of his aunt, Mrs. A. D. Asch, is leaving Saturday for Florida. He will be accompanied by his wife and children. He has been spending the summer here at the home of his aunt, Mrs. A. D. Asch, and has been enjoying the vacation very much.

RETURNS TO COLLEGE

From Monday's Daily
This morning Theodore Hadraba departed for Evanston, Illinois, where he will enter Northwestern university, taking special post graduate work on his degree as master. Mr. Hadraba, who graduated with high honors at Northwestern, later took up the special work for his degree and was taken ill some two years ago, suffering a nervous breakdown and which made necessary his quitting his school work. He has been recuperating in California and at the home here since that time and is now feeling so much better that he will resume his school work.

School Days are Here for the Youngsters

Vacation Time Passes and the Young People Head Their Way Schoolward Today.

From Tuesday's Daily
This morning the young people of the community of school age, responded to the call of education and wended their way toward the various centers where they will receive schooling for the next nine months.

The attendance this year will be practically that of last year with a possible gain in some of the grades and with a large freshman class to enter the high school.

The schools started off in full swing and with the excellent teaching force there was no delay in getting the classes operating and the work of the term under way.

Several of the students of the high school who are engaged in working will not be in school for the present week but will later take up their studies.

The opening of school will start the usual swing of social activities, athletic and musical work in the schools and add very much to the interest of the community activities. A large number from outside districts were enrolled today for the term from districts that do not have the advantage of high school work.

WENT WITH RELATIVES

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Rottor was the scene of a very pleasant family gathering on Sunday and Labor day, there being a large number of the relatives present to enjoy the time in visiting and a general good time. Those who enjoyed the event were: Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Worsham, Des Moines, Mrs. F. B. Egenberger and family, Des Moines, Mr. and Mrs. John Kubacka and children, city, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Letak and children, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Gilson and family, Glenwood; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Detweiler, Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bell, Des Moines. All but two of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Rottor were present, they being J. V. Rottor, Newcastle, Wyoming and V. F. Rottor, Cody, Wyoming.

TAKEN TO SPENCER

From Wednesday's Daily
This morning the body of James Zoubek, Jr., who was stabbed to death here on Monday night, was taken to Spencer, Nebraska, for interment. The Zoubek family resided near that place and where they have another son buried. The parents and sister, who have been grief stricken by the sudden and tragic death of the young man, accompanied the body to the funeral home where services will be held Friday.

The body lay in state at the Sattler funeral home here Tuesday and many of the old time friends called for a last farewell.

SUFFERS STOLEN CHICKENS

The hen roost at the home of William Dasher in the south part of the city was robbed on Monday night of some sixteen of the choicest fowls of the flock. The robbery was reported to the sheriff and the matter is being investigated and with hope that the offender may be apprehended and brought to justice.

Reduction in Real Estate Tax Here 33c on Thousand

Figures Compiled in Co. Clerk's Office Show Increase in Mill Levies for All Subdivisions.

The reduction in taxes in Plattsmouth for 1932 on real estate will amount to exactly 33 cents on each \$1,000 assessed valuation as of last year. Increases in mill levies to meet the lowered valuations of this year just about offset the 15% valuation cut and the owner of real estate assessed at \$1,000 who paid \$42.40 thereon for 1931 will be required to pay \$42.07 for the current year.

The mill levies for the two years compare as follows:

	1932	1931
State	2.37	2.04
County	2.23	1.96
County Road	.90	1.00
City	25.00	19.00
Schools	17.00	16.60
School Bonds	2.00	1.80
	49.50	42.40

Figuring the two levies on the corresponding valuations for the two years, \$1,000 for 1931 and \$850 for 1932, the tax in dollars and cents paid to each subdivision of government compare as follows:

	1932	1931
State	\$ 2.01	\$ 2.04
County	1.90	1.96
County Road	.76	1.00
City	21.25	19.00
Schools	14.45	16.60
School Bonds	1.70	1.80
	\$42.07	\$42.40

In other words, if you live in Plattsmouth and your property is assessed at \$3,000, your tax saving for 1932 over the prior year will be just one cent less than a dollar—not much, but enough to say that "taxes have been lowered."

Comparative figures similar to the above will be given for other towns over the county during the next few weeks.

RECEIVES MANY PRIZES

The honey exhibit of Charles Warga, shown at the Nebraska state fair, received a large number of awards from the judges who made the inspection of the various exhibits on Saturday.

First was awarded Mrs. Warga on products of baking in which honey was used, and also a first on honey in marketable form.

Seconds were awarded in comb and bulk honey, Hoffman extracting frame filled and extracting frame empty, twenty-four pounds of comb honey.

Thirds were given on bees and general display.

The total of two firsts, four seconds and two thirds shows well for the Cass county honey products and the splendid work that that Mr. Warga has given in the developing of his bee industry.

ORDERED TO LEAVE COUNTY

From Wednesday's Daily
This morning George Baker, a resident of Weeping Water was brought here to answer to the charge of possession of liquor, some thirty six bottles of beer having been found at his home by Sheriff Thimman. The defendant when arraigned in the county court entered a plea of guilty to the charge of possession. The court imposed a sentence of thirty days in the county jail, suspending this conditionally. The defendant had agreed to leave Cass county to make his home elsewhere and as his confinement would mean the necessity of the county caring for his family for that period, the court decided that the saving to the taxpayers would be greater if the family removed themselves as they had promised. In failure to leave, the original sentence stands.

SHOWS SOME IMPROVEMENT

Miss Mable White, who has suffered for several weeks from the effects of an attack of neuritis, has improved to some extent and is now able to be around the home with the use of crutches. It is hoped that she may soon be able to resume her usual activities.

LABOR DAY QUIET

There was very little activity in the city to mark Labor day, those who could, journeying to Lincoln for the state fair or to attend the boat races at Nebraska City.

The business houses of the city were closed at the noon hour and the business men and their staffs spent the remainder of the day as a holiday.

The offices at the court house, the banks and refrigerator car shops were closed for the entire day.

School Enrollment Shows a Small Increase

Two Hundred and Seventy-four Enrolled in High School—Freshmen Have 76 in Class.

From Wednesday's Daily
Despite predictions that the enrollment of Plattsmouth high school would drop below the mark of 270 enrolled at this time last year, a final check of the student body yesterday showed that 274 had registered to beat last year's record by four students. This is most pleasing to the students of the high school and should be also to the patrons of the school. There are 53 Seniors; 69 Juniors; 66 Sophomores and 76 Freshmen. There are six former graduates enrolled for post graduate work. The number of students from Sarpy county now totals nine, the largest number from that section in the history of the school. Six of the Freshman class are from St. John's school. Fifteen students of the student body were in school in other schools in the state and elsewhere last year and are thus new to F. H. S. The names of these pupils, as well as the list of non-resident students will be published soon.

As a means of becoming well acquainted and welcoming the new students, an all-school party is planned for Friday night. It will be held on the play ground between the high school and Central building. Mr. Reeder and a group of student assistants will arrange lights; Miss Nordholm and Mr. Patterson and members of the home economics class will take care of the refreshments and Mr. Devoe and a student group, of the games.

The high school students were in class at twenty minutes after nine yesterday and today classes are running as in mid-year.

The dance pavilion at Naeve's Park is destroyed. Fire early this morning sweeps Popular Pleasure Resort; Building burned to ground.

From Wednesday's Daily
Boys camping near the Platte river in the south portion of Naeves park, this morning at 1 o'clock discovered the dance pavilion, a structure costing some \$15,000 to be afire. The boys at once rushed to the residence of Louis Naeve, owner of the park and aroused the family.

Mr. Naeve when he opened the door leading to the pavilion, discovered that the interior of the building was a roaring furnace of flame and the fire making a great headway through the large dance hall. Alarms were sent to Plattsmouth, Bellevue and Fort Crook and members of the local fire department with chemical apparatus were rushed to the scene as well as the departments from Bellevue and Fort Crook. It was impossible to check the fire in the dance hall, and only by desperate efforts was the residence near the dance hall, saved from destruction.

The park has become one of the most popular amusement places in the east portion of Nebraska and Mr. Naeve has expended between \$15,000 and \$20,000 in the buildings and equipment of the park. The last entertainment at the park was the "willight dance" given Sunday evening at the park.

The cause of the fire is unknown as there had been no fire or any material that might have caused the fire in the building.

The dance pavilion has been in operation for the past several years and many of the best known orchestras and dance bands in the country have played there.

RETURN FROM THE WEST

Mr. and Mrs. John Sattler, Jr., and Mrs. H. E. Becker, who have been enjoying an auto trip to the west, have returned home. Their journey took them over the northern route and the mountains to Los Angeles where they have made the greater part of their stay. On the return trip they came via the southern route and with a stop at Tucson, Arizona, and other points in the southwest. They have had a real time and now return home feeling ready for the daily route after the playtime in the west.

VISITS IN THE CITY

From Tuesday's Daily
Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Egenberger, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Warham and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bell, all of Des Moines, were here Sunday and Monday to enjoy a visit at the home of Mrs. Mary Egenberger and Mr. and Mrs. John Rottor. Mrs. Fred Egenberger and Mrs. Warham are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Rottor and Mr. Egenberger a son of Mrs. Mary Egenberger. The party after a pleasant stay here departed for their homes today.

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