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Old Time Resident of the City Passes Away

Rudolf Spahn Passed Away Saturday Evening After an Illness of Some Duration.

From Monday's Daily
The death of Rudolf Spahn, 84, resident of Plattsmouth for the past forty-two years, occurred Saturday evening following an illness of some duration. The funeral services were held this afternoon at 2:30 at the Sattler funeral home at Fourth and Vine streets. Rev. O. G. Wichmann, pastor of the St. Paul's Evangelical church had charge of the services, giving words of comfort to the members of the bereaved family circle and the old time friends. The choir of the church gave several of the old time hymns during the service.

Rudolf Spahn was born at Gassel, Canton Berne, Switzerland, May 17, 1848 and spent his boyhood in the land of his birth, coming forty-nine years ago to the United States to make his future home. He located first at Wooster, Ohio, where he made his home for a number of years and where he was married to Miss Elizabeth Bolzger. Forty-two years ago the family moved to Plattsmouth and where Mr. Spahn was engaged with the Burlington in the railroad shops here, being an employe of the company for the period of some twenty years. In late years he has been a sufferer from failing health and which made necessary his retirement from the active work. He is survived by the widow and three children, Mrs. Fred Lugsch and Miss Hulda Spahn of this city and Ralph Spahn of Lead, South Dakota.

The body of Mr. Spahn was laid to the last long rest at the Oak Hill cemetery. The family will have the deepest sympathy of the many friends in the bereavement that has come to them in the taking away of the husband and father.

NEW BUSINESS HOUSE LOCATES

The Chevrolet motor car, which has long been without a local agency, is once more a factor in the automobile sales lines in this community. The Mills County Chevrolet Co., of Glenwood, has secured the corner room of the Anheuser-Busch building at Fourth and Main streets and are establishing their sales and display rooms for this territory in that building. Mr. Brown, manager of the company, is to move to this city and direct the activities of the new auto company in this territory. The company has a number of the new model Chevrolets already on the floor and which have attracted the attention of the public. The formal opening of the salesroom and garage here will be made later. The representative of this well known and popular automobile will receive a hearty welcome from the community and the best wishes for its success.

TAKEN TO PENITENTIARY

From Monday's Daily
This morning Everett Daniels was taken to Lincoln by Deputy Sheriff Ed W. Thimgan to start serving his twelve year term for second degree murder. Mr. Daniels was convicted here three weeks ago of the murder of James Zoubek, Jr., being found guilty of murder in the second degree. The two sons, Ival and John Daniels and William Falk, were released from the charges of second degree murder. The motion for a new trial was heard the past week and overruled and the sentence of twelve years given the defendant by the court.

SUFFERS FROM FLU

Mrs. C. A. Rosencrans, one of the active leaders in the Red Cross work of the county and secretary of the local chapter, is confined to her home by illness. Mrs. Rosencrans has been doing a great deal of work for the relief organizations and has battled to keep at her volunteer tasks, but was taken so ill Friday night that she was forced to retire. Her condition became such on Sunday that medical aid was necessary and the patient has since been confined to her bed.

TO RETURN HOME SOON

John E. Kirkham, former city treasurer, who has been at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha, for the past few months, is improving so much that it is expected that he can return home soon. If Mr. Kirkham's condition improves as much as it has in the past few days, it may be possible for him to return by Christmas. The many friends will be delighted to see Mr. Kirkham home again, as he was in very critical condition for some time prior to his operation.

Vesper Service Program Held at Methodist Church

Impressive Service Is Held at Approach of Twilight on Sunday Evening.

The First Methodist church was the scene of a very impressive vesper service on Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, a large number being present for the services. The church was arranged with the lighted candles in the window, at the platform and the choir loft, adding a beautiful touch to the scene and the program that was presented by the various departments of the church.

As the services opened the members of the audience joined in the singing of the Christmas carols with Edgar Wescott as the accompanist at the marimba, the musical greeting of the Christmas season being given in an impressive manner.

The manger scene with Luther's cradle hymns was presented by the primary department of the Sunday school, Mrs. Justus Lillie taking the part of the Madonna. This was a striking part of the service and carried out the thought of the Nativity.

Following the anthem by the choir of the church, the Christmas story was given from the books of Matthew and Luke.

Miss Jean Hayes, who is home for her vacation from Morningside college, was heard in a very beautiful vocal number that carried the Christmas message.

A reading of the Christmas tide was given by Miss Janet Westover, one of the talented younger people of the city, presented in her delightful manner. The service closed with the singing of an anthem by the choir of the church.

HONOR BRIDE-TO-BE

Miss Helen Wescott, whose marriage to Perry Murdick will take place Christmas day, had dinner Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ely Speir at Lincoln. On Thursday evening Miss Wescott and Mr. Murdick shared honors at a dinner given by teachers in the intermediate department of Trinity Methodist church at the home of Professor and Mrs. M. H. Merrill at the capital city. Mrs. John Sigler was in charge of the arrangements for the affair. Fourteen were present. Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Pauley presided as hosts at dinner Saturday at their home, honoring Miss Wescott and Mr. Murdick.

TAKEN SUDDENLY ILL

Mrs. J. C. Brittain was taken suddenly ill on Sunday at the Hotel Riley where she is engaged and her condition was such that she was placed under medical care and was unable to return to her home. The patient seems to be suffering from a very severe attack of the prevailing malady of the flu which has caused the illness of so many of the residents of the city.

SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

The many friends of Mrs. John P. Sattler will be pleased to learn that she is doing nicely at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha where she has been for several weeks. Mrs. Sattler has rallied nicely from her operation and is doing so well that she should be able to return home in a few weeks and spend the remainder of her recuperation with the family circle here.

Journal Want-Ads got results!

'The Rock' is Enjoyed by a Large Audience

Religious Drama Presented at Presbyterian Church Under Direction of Miss Helene Perry.

From Monday's Daily
The religious drama play given at the Presbyterian church last evening was one of the best acted and most impressive ever given at this church. It required nearly two hours for its presentation, and held the attention of every one even to the small children in keenest interest and religious emotion. The artistry of acting in characterization of the biblical people was as well performed as can be seen on the professional stage. The work of Otto Stodola, Edward Wehrbein, Mrs. Mary Beverage, Miss Gertrude Vallery, and Miss Helen Warga was all very high class. The other participants, George Adam, Ralph Wehrbein, Frederick Wehrbein and the servants, Miss Anna Margaret McCarty and Franklin Wehrbein all did exceptionally well.

The depiction of the times of Jesus and His apostles was so realistic that the message of the drama found its way to the hearts of the audience in impressive effect.

The staging equipment, consisting of an oriental house, and gardens with rock walls and palm trees, a blue sky as well as roof garden helped in no small way to give the right color to the play. Much credit is due to Paul Wohlfarth, Cecil and James Comstock and Floyd Shanholz in the construction of the stage work. The costumes were made by the ladies of the Missionary society.

The chief credit for the success of the play should go to Miss Helene Perry, who gave unstintingly and incessantly of her time and talent. Those who worked under her instruction speak of her ability in highest terms. These young people rendered a fine service to those who were able to attend the play.

Mr. Frank Cloldt's solo given between acts contributed to the effectiveness of the play. An offering for the Missionary society was taken.

TEAM TO HAVE VACATION

From Tuesday's Daily
The high school basketball team will enjoy a vacation from their playing schedule from today to the game at Nebraska City on January 6th, the Christmas vacation intervening. The regular workouts each day will be omitted owing to the absence of Coach Fred Rothert at home for the vacation. In the absence of the coach, Henry Donat, last year center of the team, will serve as assistant coach and have the team out for several workouts to keep them in trim for the purple and gold battle.

Whether the high school and alumni game will be held in the holiday period is not certain, but would be an interesting event, as the alumni have a large number of the players of the 1930 and '31 teams to use in the battle as well as stars of earlier years.

NO P. H. S. PROGRAM

From Tuesday's Daily
Due to the decision yesterday to begin the Christmas vacation with the close of school tonight, it was found impossible to present the annual Christmas program at the high school which had been originally planned for Thursday. This is a keen source of disappointment to many of the alumni and patrons of the school who have come to enjoy the annual feature at the high school. An excellent program was in the making and had been arranged for by a committee of which Lois Bestor was the chairman and featured a Christmas play.

TO SPEND VACATION HERE

Ted Hadraba and Mason E. Wescott, two Plattsmouth young men, who are engaged in teaching at Northwestern university at Chicago, are to be here for the Christmas vacation with the home folks. The young men are expecting to leave as soon as the holiday vacation starts and will come here to spend the time at their homes and among the old time friends and associates.

STILL ON THE SICK LIST

Rev. C. O. Troy, pastor of the First Methodist church, is still confined to his home as the result of a very severe attack of the flu and grippe. This has kept the pastor from his usual activities for several days and made it impossible for him to conduct the services of the day at the church. The pastor is gradually recovering from the attack and it is hoped that in the next few days the minister may resume his activities.

W. C. T. U. Holds Christmas Party at Hayes Home

Amid the Colorful Settings of the Yuletide Ladies Enjoy a Fine Program.

The members of the W. C. T. U. met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Robert B. Hayes, where the ladies found the home bright with the red and green of the Christmas season.

The program was opened with the appropriate reading of the Christmas story by Mrs. Charles Troop, she giving the lesson from Matthew and Luke.

Mrs. George L. Farley gave a most interesting story of the "First Crusade," which was started in 1095 at Hillisbro, Ohio, the first militant effort of the women of the nation to banish the saloon.

Miss Sue Haluska favored the members of the party with a charming piano solo number, "Love's Dream" by Brahms.

Miss Jessie M. Robertson had prepared and gave "The History of Christmas," a thorough and interesting story of the great jubilee from the earliest days.

A musical offering, "O Night of Heavenly Peace," was sung by Mrs. Hayes and daughter, Miss Jean, the accompaniment being played by Mrs. Farley, the number adding greatly to the interest of the program.

Mrs. Ralph H. Anderson gave as her contribution to the program "The First Christmas Present."

Miss Janet Westover was heard in two delightful readings, "The Angel and the Shepherd" and "Never Again," both very much appreciated by the members of the Union.

Mrs. Lois Troop gave a beautiful dramatic reading, "While Mary Slept," in her usual impressive manner.

Bobby Hayes closed the program of the afternoon with a number of the Christmas carols, played on the violin. Mrs. Hayes accompanying at the piano.

The afternoon closed with the serving of refreshments by Mrs. Hayes, who was assisted by her daughter, Miss Jean.

ON THE SICK LIST

The prevailing malady of the flu has laid its hands on a number of additional victims in the city. Coach Fred A. Rothert of the high school faculty was taken ill Monday night and unable to take up his school work Tuesday and today is still confined to his home.

James K. Pollock, assistant cashier of the Farmers State bank, was another of the flu victims, being taken ill Tuesday and forced to remain home to try and recuperate from the unpleasant malady.

Dr. R. P. Westover was also on the retired list as the result of the prevailing illness and was confined to his home Tuesday to try and check the malady so that he could carry on his work which has been very heavy in the prevailing sickness.

CARS HAVE SMASHUP

Sunday an auto accident occurred at the intersection of Seventh and Vine streets when the autos of County Treasurer John E. Turner and Edward Rummel had a smashup. Both cars were damaged to a greater or less extent and will require repairing before they will be able to be placed back in service.

Now is the time to arrange for securing your Christmas cards. Have your name printed on them and make a fine and pleasing remembrance to the friends. Call at the Journal.

Knights Templar Elect Officers for Ensuing Year

Raymond C. Cook, Commander—Grand Commandery Officers Here to Inspect Local Lodge.

The members of Mt. Zion commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, had the pleasure Monday evening of having with them a large group of the distinguished members of the order to inspect the local commandery.

In addition to the inspection the commandery held the annual election of officers, the following being named:

Commander—Raymond C. Cook. Generalissimo—Charles L. Carlson. Captain of the Guard—H. L. Gayer. Treasurer—Phillip Thierolf. Recorder—John E. Schutz.

The meeting opened at 6:30 when a pancake and country sausage supper was prepared and served to the members of the commandery and their guests, the event being enjoyed to the utmost by the large number in attendance at the meeting.

The work of the commandery was inspected by Oliver Fick, Omaha, inspecting officer, who had warm praise for the work of the commandery officers in all departments.

Grand Commander W. H. Wanner of Falls City; Grand Generalissimo John T. Dysart, Omaha, and Grand Captain of the Guard William A. Robertson of this city were the grand commandery officers present.

Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, past grand prelate also was present and spoke briefly to the members of the commandery. Louis Shanholz, Omaha, was also in the party of visitors as well as several from Nebraska City.

The visiting officers gave much commendation for the manner in which the ritualistic work was carried out and the fine manner in which the local commandery was administered.

Henry F. Nolting, commander for 1932 presided over the session of the commandery.

The newly elected officers will be installed on the third Monday in January.

TO ENJOY REUNION

Edward Patterson, of San Francisco, California, is expected here Wednesday to enjoy the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rea F. Patterson and his brother, Herbert, as well as the other relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson and their sons, are to spend Christmas day at Falls City, with the John W. Falter family. Mrs. Falter being a sister of Mrs. Patterson. The father of the ladies, George E. Dovey, pioneer Nebraskan, is making his home at Falls City and will enjoy the occasion with the daughters and their families. Mr. and Mrs. George H. Falter of Atchison, Kansas, the latter also a daughter of Mr. Dovey, will join the family party for Christmas.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard are known to a number of the Plattsmouth people. Mr. Hubbard having been prominent in the musical work of the Wesleyan university and is now director of music at the Wichita college. Mrs. Hubbard was formerly Miss Dorothy Hunt and has often visited in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Patton will have the pleasures of a family reunion on Christmas and which will bring all of the family together with the exception of one son, Ward, of Chicago, who was unable to come home. Miss Ida Patton will arrive from Minneapolis for a holiday visit and Dean Patton of Chicago has been here for several days to enjoy the visit with the home folks.

SUFFER FROM ILLNESS

The Floyd Gerbeling home in the south part of the city has been suffering a great deal from illness in the past week. Richard, the little son of the family having suffered from severe cold and bronchial trouble. Mrs. Gerbeling has now taken ill with the flu and is kept confined to her bed. The patients have been under constant medical care and have had the assistance of a trained nurse to assist in the care of the patients.

Christmas is Observed by Woman's Club

Splendid Program and Donation of Toys for the Unfortunate Children of the City.

The Plattsmouth Woman's club met on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. A. W. Cloldt, the social committee of the club, Mrs. W. L. Heinrich, Mrs. R. B. Hayes, Mrs. Edgar Newton, Mrs. Frank Bestor and Mrs. J. W. Alwin, being the hostesses of the evening.

Each member had brought a gift that will be used in the Christmas baskets of the Associated Charities for the needy children of the city on Christmas.

The program was one of the greatest enjoyment and was opened by a very artistic piano number by Mrs. Robert Reed, one of the talented musicians of the city.

Miss Jean Hayes, who is home from Morningside college at Sioux City for the holiday vacation, gave one of her charming vocal numbers which was much appreciated.

Donald Cotner favored the company with a fine saxophone solo that reflected the greatest credit on the young musician.

The Christmas story was given by Mrs. H. G. McClusky, telling the beautiful message of the glorious Nativity, bringing a message of peace and hope to the world.

Miss Nadine Cloldt, one of the popular young vocalists of the high school, was presented in a delightful vocal offering that was much appreciated by the ladies.

The high school girls who have attended the club meetings in the past were present in a group to take part in the meeting, the last of the present year.

After the singing of the Christmas carols, the hostesses served dainty and delicious refreshments.

THIEVES ABANDON CHICKENS

Sometime Monday thieves invaded the chicken houses at the farm of Herman Hennings west of this city, but fortunately were frightened away before they could make their getaway with the chickens. The thieves had two sacks of the chickens which had been placed near a fence on the farm, but reaching here something had alarmed the invaders and the sacks were left. Tracks showed where a man had run across a nearby field to make a getaway from the scene of the attempted chicken stealing. The matter was reported to the office of the sheriff Tuesday and Deputy Sheriff Thimgan made an investigation of the case and attempted to trace down the thief but without success.

FIRST DAY OF WINTER

From Wednesday's Daily
Today marks the official opening of winter, December 21st being the date that the change of the season takes place. The residents of this section of the west have been satisfied for the past two weeks that winter had already arrived with sub-zero weather prevailing. The opening of winter has proven a great deal more pleasant than the last days of the fall season.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Maude Fricke, who was operated on some two weeks ago at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha, returned home Tuesday evening. Mrs. Fricke has undergone a very serious operation and has rallied in excellent shape. It is hoped that the operation will result in the permanent restoration of her health.

Rotary Club Has Pleasant Christmas Meet

William A. Robertson Gives Interesting Talk on "Santa Claus" and the Spirit of Christmas.

The members of the Rotary club had a very pleasant meeting Tuesday afternoon at the dining room of the Brown cafe, which had been decorated for the occasion with the Christmas settings. A tree aglow with the vari colored lights was the centerpiece of the decorations.

Robert M. Walling was the chairman of the meeting and introduced the features of the program.

The club received into its membership G. J. Jaeger, superintendent of the local BREX shops, who was given the charge of the club by Rev. H. G. McClusky. Mr. Jaeger was requested to add to the interest of the program with a violin selection and which he graciously complied with, giving "Humoresque," as well as two encores, one being a favorite of Searl Davis.

The club had the pleasure of a most interesting address by Attorney W. A. Robertson, who took as his subject, "Santa Claus." Mr. Robertson touched on the age old tradition of Santa from the early European nations to the new world. The speaker told of the great inspiration to unselfishness that the Christmas spirit brought to all men and women in all the lands of the earth and the giving that made the occasion of Christmas a most joyous one for all.

With the Christmas spirit in the air, A. L. Brown, proprietor of the cafe, presented a Christmas treat to the members in the form of after dinner cigars, a treat that was much appreciated by all.

The members had brought toys and other gifts with them and which were presented and in turn each member gave their gifts to the Christmas boxes of the Associated Charities for distribution on Thursday.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

From Wednesday's Daily
The passing of the fourteenth birthday anniversary of Aimee Jane Thomas was made the occasion of a pleasant party of young people last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Thomas.

The home was arranged with the Christmas decorations, a large tree featuring the living room settings and amid the holiday atmosphere the evening was delightfully spent by the young ladies.

The evening was spent in music, dancing and games which brought much enjoyment to all of the party. In honor of the event the guest of honor received a large number of very handsome and attractive remembrances of the happy occasion.

The luncheon that was served was featured by the large and handsome birthday cake and its glowing candles. In serving Mrs. Thomas was assisted by Mr. Thomas and Betty Ann.

Those who took part in the pleasant event were Wilda Johnson, Jeanne Scott, Norma Curtis, Margie and Mary Lindeman, Anna Marie Rea, Freda Koukal, Rose Mary Cloldt, Wave Smith, Lois Giles, Louise Rishel, Margie Fitch, Helen Albert, Grace Welsh, Mary Margaret Kline, Jeannette Hinz, Louise Pfizmeyer, Margie Wohlfarth, Betty Bullin, Alice Hinz.

RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS

The many friends of Mrs. Walter Brittain will be pleased to learn that she is somewhat improved at her home in the south part of the city. Mrs. Brittain was quite ill last week but has gained some in strength this week. Her brother, Irem Star of Hastings, Iowa, and Mrs. Star are here and will spend a short time with the Brittain family.

VISITING IN THE CITY

From Tuesday's Daily
Judge Jesse L. Root, and daughter, Miss Alice, with Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Sams of Atlanta, Georgia, were here today for a visit with Miss Olive Gass and other of the old time friends. Mrs. Sams was formerly Miss Flora Root.