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James M. Robertson, Noted Masonic Leader, Called to Rest in Omaha Hospital Monday

One of the Early Settlers of Nebraska and Long Time Leader in Cass County Political Circles Answers Death Call

PRESIDENT NEBR. MASONIC HOME ASSOCIATION

Past Grand Commander Knights Templar of Nebraska and Past Grand High Priest Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska—Came to State in 1872

This morning at 10:30 at the Methodist hospital at Omaha, occurred the death of one of the men whose life has been identified with the history of Nebraska since the first days of statehood—James McIntosh Robertson, president of the Nebraska Masonic Home Association and distinguished leader in Nebraska Masonry.

Masonic bodies of the state, receiving the highest honors that the order can bestow on their loyal and faithful workers.

Mr. Robertson had been in failing health for the past few years but had not been in serious condition until the last few weeks when it was found necessary to have an operation performed the past week. The patient had rallied nicely from the operation and had been doing well until Sunday when he suffered a relapse and gradually grew worse until death came to his relief.

On his coming to Plattsmouth, Mr. Robertson was made a member of Nebraska chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons in 1896 and in the year 1898 was made a member of Mt. Zion commandery of the Knights Templar of this city. He had occupied the various offices of the bodies and served as high priest and commander of the two bodies. In 1916 Mr. Robertson received the Scottish Rite degrees at Lincoln.

After a few years at Lincoln Mr.

While a resident of Louisville Mr.

BIRTH OF LITTLE SON

Mr. and Mrs. James Alexen of near Cedar Creek, report the birth of a son Sunday, September 2, to their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Thus Bomberg, of Plattsmouth.

This is their first grandchild. The happy parents are receiving the congratulations of their many friends.

Mrs. Bomberg was formerly Miss Mathilda Alexen of near Louisville. Mr. Bomberg is a nephew of John H. Hallstrom of this city and the many friends here will join in their best wishes to the little one.

Light and Green Football Squad to Start Season

With Only Two Letter Men Back, Coach Rother Faces Problem of Building Up Team.

With a light and inexperienced squad boasting but two letter veterans, it looks like a lean year for Coach Rother's Plattsmouth high school football team. The 1933 team was completely broken up by graduation, leaving only the two co-captains, Wm. Crouch and Howard Hinz with experience. However, there are some rays of hope due to the fact that the crop of newcomers is rather large and they may snap out of it before the season is open. Anyone watching the squad of 40 in their workouts will be impressed by the small size of the players, giants of the type of Porter and Armstrongs are missing and will be sorely needed. So Coach Rother is faced with the necessity of building a new team which takes time, experience and material.

'Days of Forty-Nine' Parade Held Saturday Night

BREX Employees Stage Historic Pageant That Is Unexcelled for Impressiveness.

The "Days of Forty-Nine" parade, the contribution of the employees of the BREX shops to the fall festival, proved one of the most impressive and interesting that has been given in any of the fall festivals that have been held in the past.

The season opens with the strong Glenwood team which is reported to have one of the heaviest teams in western Iowa this year, on September 23. This game will be played at Glenwood. An event which always adds interest to the football season is the annual football drive in which the four high school classes compete with each other in selling football tickets. Last year the Senior class barely nosed out the Sophomores, the present Juniors, so that the class of 1936 are already boasting that they will win this year. Further announcement about the price of tickets will be made in the near future.

After looking over the football squad, Coach Rother began to think of a possible lineup and this is the result: Centers, Carr and Valley; Guards, Bowman, Minor, Newton and Hiatt; Tackles, Crouch, Arnold, Egging and Stodola; Ends, E. Taylor, Wall, Richter, Taplett, G. Taylor and Hennings; Backs, Carey, Case, Cotner, Hinz, Mrasek, Seltz, and Woster. A team from this tentative lineup would not average over 135 pounds. But despite lack of weight and experience, the Plattsmouth team will go on the field at Glenwood, well drilled in the fundamentals and with the fighting spirit that sometimes topples bigger and better rivals.

One swallow does not make a spring, neither does one season make a football team but the 1934 P. H. S. team will be in there fighting every game and the end of the year will find only a half dozen of the whole squad lost by graduation.

The complete roster of the squad is as follows: Crouch, Hinz, Arnold, Bowman, Minor, Carr, R. Valley, E. Taylor, Hatt, Carey, Case, Cotner, Mrasek, Woster, Seltz, Nelson, Newton, Stodola, Taplett, G. Taylor, N. Hennings, R. Hennings, Rishel, Long, Kell, A. Johnson, McCarty, Stewart, Wiles, Richter, John Gayer, Lancaster, Winters, Minnick, Rice, Miller, Lepert, Wall, Egging.

ENJOY A FAMILY REUNION

The country home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Roddy, near Union, was the scene of a very delightful family gathering on Sunday, when for the first time in ten years all of the members of the family were together.

OLD SETTLER'S DAY

The committee in charge of the Old Settler's day, celebrating the 46th annual reunion, have prepared letters of invitation that can be secured by anyone that may wish to invite the former residents of Cass county to be here for the meeting.

The Old Settlers will be held here on Friday, September, 21st, a fine program being arranged for the day and which will offer many fine features for the old timers.

The children and members of their families came from many widely separated points to renew the bonds of kinship in the delightful event.

The dinner was served at the noon hour and was one that brought forth a great array of the dainty articles that enters into a fine Cass county meal.

Following the dinner the members of the party had pictures taken and a general good time in visiting with each other until the time for departure for home arrived.

Those present were Robert Roddy, Omaha; Mrs. C. L. Dixon, Blair; Hubert Roddy, Denver; Herbert, Frank and William Roddy, Union; Mrs. Carl Wessel, Nehawka.

ARREST LINCOLN PARTIES

Saturday afternoon near Greenwood, Clyde McGuire and C. M. Hageman, both of Lincoln, were arrested and charged with intoxication. They were held for Sheriff Homer Sylvester and brought to this city where they were held pending the filing of charges against them.

This morning McGuire was charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and on his plea of guilty was given a sentence of thirty days in the county jail and his drivers license revoked for a year.

Hageman was charged with being intoxicated and on his plea of guilty was fined \$10 and costs.

Prize Contests Announced for Local Golfers

Blind Bogey, Putting and Flag Contest with Eleven Prizes—No Entry Fee Required

An event of especial interest to members of the Plattsmouth Golf club is scheduled for this coming Friday, Saturday and Sunday, in the nature of a combined flag, putting and blind bogey contest, with eleven prizes for the various winners. The contest is open to all members with no registration fee required.

The first two rounds played during the three days will be counted as the official contest rounds, but contestants may play one round one day and the second another day, if they so desire.

The blind bogey contest, with which local golfers are quite familiar, through its having been promoted here last year, will include a sealed number between 65 and 71. Contestants select their own handicap before they start the first round. Deduct handicap from the total number of strokes and record score. If the result is within this range of numbers, they are eligible to win the prize.

At the close of the contest, the sealed number will be revealed and one having that number wins the blind bogey prize. In case of tie, a putting contest will determine the ultimate winner.

Another prize contest is that for lowest total number of putts in eighteen holes of play. Contestants will keep track of their putts and turn in the number.

A new feature this year is the flag contest with separate prizes for each of the nine holes. The winners will be those registering closest to the cup in a given number of strokes. On the second and sixth holes the lay of the ball after the first or driving stroke will govern. On the first, fifth, eighth and ninth holes, two shots are allowed before measuring distance from the cup, and on the third, fourth and seventh holes, three shots.

The flag contest is worked in this manner: The first contestant plants a flag where the ball lies after the permitted number of shots at each hole, with a tag attached bearing his name. Succeeding golfers who come closer to the cup with like number of shots, move the flag to the place their ball comes to rest, replacing thereon a tag bearing their name. At the close of the contest the names on the nine flags will be declared prize winners for the respective holes.

As stated above, the first two rounds played by any golfer, beginning Friday morning, Sept. 14th, will be the official contest rounds. One round may be played Friday and the other Saturday or Sunday, but there must be no unofficial play between the two official rounds.

The cloven prize awards, coupled with a no-registration fee, should result in the enrollment of every member of the club in this year's contest.

The prizes will be awarded Sunday evening at the close of contest play.

SECURES NEW BARBER

The E. G. Shellenbarger barber shop, which has been operated as a one-chair shop for some time, has secured Don Cramer, an experienced tonsorialist, who will hold down the second chair, beginning today.

Corn Production Lowest in Many Years in State

Yield Estimated at 29,936,000 as Against 234,692,000 for 1933—Other Crops Suffer.

The report of the state and federal department on the crop yield of the state points to one of the lowest years in the history of the state with the corn crop as the greatest sufferer. Oats and barley are near failures with yields of 5 and 6 bushels respectively. Alfalfa, forage crops and pastures have shown some improvement. Rain has helped the preparation of land for winter wheat and rye.

The forecast for corn production is 29,936,000 bushels as compared with 234,692,000 bushels last year and the 5-year average of 230,002,000 bushels. Corn for grain will be limited to low spots in fields and fields protected from winds in northeastern Nebraska, irrigated corn in the Platte Valley, a very limited acreage in the sandhills and a few counties in western Nebraska which have poor soil yields. The estimate of corn yield is 3.5 bushels per acre. This yield involves the grain equivalent of all corn such as grain in fodder, silage, hogged off, etc. The injury from drought and high winds is so severe that fully a fourth of the corn will not yield more than one to two tenths tons of forage per acre and it is doubtful if the average forage yield on half of the acreage will exceed one third of a ton per acre.

Oats are not meeting previous expectations. The September estimate is 5 bushels per acre and the production 7,235,000 bushels as compared with 23,373,000 last year and 74,190,000 in 1932. An unusually large percentage of the oats was pastured and some was cut for hay while much was left entirely unharvested. Barley with a yield of 6 bushels per acre will produce only 2,400,000 bushels as compared with 3,390,000 bushels in 1933 and 18,360,000 bushels in 1932. A vast amount of the acreage was not harvested for grain. The yield of spring wheat is estimated at 4 bushels per acre and the production 1,076,000 bushels as compared with 3,312,000 bushels in 1933. The acreage although smaller than in 1933 is larger than the acreage during recent years. The average yield of rye is estimated at 3.5 bushels and the production 598,000 bushels as compared with 1,712,000 bushels in 1933 and 2,320,000 bushels in 1932.

The average yield of potatoes is estimated at 40 bushels per acre and the production 5,760,000 bushels as compared with 8,625,000 bushels in 1933. The acreage of potatoes is considerably larger this year than last but the farm crop is generally a failure. The irrigated potatoes in the Kearney district will yield about 200 bushels per acre. A considerable proportion of the late commercial acreage in western Nebraska may yet make a partial crop. The yield of sugar beets is estimated at 10.7 tons per acre. A considerable portion of the acreage had been abandoned. The production is forecast at 653,000 tons as compared with 1,068,000 tons last year.

The production of all hay is extremely light. Alfalfa production is forecast at 1,325,000 tons as compared with 2,169,000 tons in 1933. The production of all tame hay is estimated at 1,781,000 tons as compared with 2,858,000 tons last year. A large acreage of small grain was cut for hay but the yield was extremely poor. The shortage of hay and forage is extremely serious. Russian thistle and other weeds have been cut for hay. Late rains have brought some improvement to the hay and feed situation. The last cutting of alfalfa is expected to produce a considerable tonnage and sorghums and other late feed crops were improved. The production of wild hay is estimated at 924,000 tons as compared with 1,760,000 in 1933 and 2,291,000 in 1932. The condition of pasture is 22%. With the exception of the sandhill area most of the pasture in the state was either extremely poor or completely worthless until recent rains were received.

MARRIAGE BUSINESS BRISK

Saturday evening Judge A. H. Duxbury was a busy man at his home on Pearl street making others happy via the marriage route.

A double wedding of two Omaha parties occurred, they being Frank S. Felthelm and Miss Cecelia C. Netzel and Mr. Roy P. Netzel and Miss Manie A. Felthelm, they serving as witnesses for each other. This is the third wedding in the Felthelm family to be performed by Judge Duxbury.

Miss Alice Winifred Byrbe and Mr. Raymond C. Riggs, also of Omaha, were married at the Duxbury home, their witnesses being Yale C. East and Margaret E. East of Omaha.

High School Classes Hold Their Election

All Four of School Groups Select Officers and Sponsors for the Year's Work.

The annual election of class officers and sponsors was held by the classes at the high school Monday and Tuesday. All of these offices involve considerable responsibility in the conduct of the student activities for it has been the policy of the school for a long time to allow the student as much participation as possible in the direction of activities in which he plays a prominent part. This does not mean student government in the sense that the students determine policies but that in their programs and social functions, they shall have a large part in planning and carrying these activities out. This develops a splendid sense of responsibility among the students and gives them some fine experience which will be valuable to them in later life.

One organization, the Student Council, which has direct supervision of the convocation programs, remains to be organized. In the meantime, the first convocation will be held on the morning of Tuesday, September 25 when the formal opening of the annual football drive will be held. A committee of the Senior class will be in charge of this program.

The officers and sponsors chosen are as follows:

- Senior**
 - President ----- Lois Gilles
 - Vice-President ----- Herbert Minor, Fred Fricke
 - Treasurer ----- Carl Hula
 - Sponsor ----- Miss Belghley
- Junior**
 - President ----- Joe Hendrix
 - Vice-President ----- Rose Mary Clodt
 - Treasurer ----- Betty Bullin
 - Sponsor ----- Mr. Alvord, Mr. Reeder
- Sophomore**
 - President ----- Earl Taylor
 - Vice-President ----- Alice Hinz
 - Treasurer ----- Robt. Valley
 - Sponsor ----- Mr. Griffin
- Freshman**
 - President ----- Dick Hall
 - Vice-President ----- Raymond Woster
 - Treasurer ----- Shirley Sievers
 - Sponsor ----- Miss Hornung

ENROLLMENT 343

With the largest enrollment in the history of Plattsmouth high school, the figures today show that there are 342 students attending classes. Three years ago the number was 248. A high school of 400 is not unlikely in two or three years. The figures for each class are as follows:

Seniors	55
Juniors	69
Sophomores	108
Freshmen	111
	343

More records fell in the first two classes, each being the largest in the history of the school and in addition if the enrollment in the class of 1936 continues, it will probably be the largest class ever to receive diplomas from P. H. S. Large classes that in some cases are crowded and the presence of such a large group did not delay the efficient beginning of classes and all were in their class rooms at 9:25 on opening day and now the school is running in mid-semester form.

A Texan, regaining his sight after sixteen years, says the things women wear are "something awful." Having missed the Empress Eugenie hat, he can't appreciate his luck.

Phone the news to No. 6.



JAMES MCINTOSH ROBERTSON (1851-1934)

Robertson moved to Louisville where he entered in the sand and gravel business that covered a great many years.

Robertson was married to Miss Mary Hasemeier, December 22, 1881, the marriage being performed by Dr. J. T. Baird, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Plattsmouth. The widow and four children survive the passing of this splendid citizen and kind and loving friend, the children being William A. Robertson, Mrs. Blanche Gamer, Miss Jessie M. Robertson and Mrs. Marie Westover of this city. There also remains six grandchildren, Mrs. Vestetta Gray, James M. Robertson, II, Rachel and William Robertson, Jr., Janet and Ruth Westover.

Mr. Robertson was always interested in the affairs of the county and state and a leader in the republican party of Cass county and in the fall of 1895 he was selected as county clerk of Cass county, serving two terms in that office and then served as deputy for one term. He was then called to serve as clerk of the district court, holding that office until in 1923, a long and distinguished career in the office that you him a host of friends by his fine business like administration of the office.

Clifford Jorgensen of Lincoln, is here to enjoy a short visit at the home of his sister, Mrs. R. Foster Patterson and family.

See the goods you buy. Catalog descriptions are flowery enough, but how about the goods when you get them?