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## Honor Departed Jurist in Ceremony Saturday

Portrait of Judge James T. Begley Placed with Predecessors at Otoe County Court House.

A fitting tribute was rendered to the memory of Judge James T. Begley, 21 years judge of the second judicial district, Saturday at the district court room in the court house at Plattsmouth City.

The occasion was the placing of the portrait of the late judge with those of other former judges of the district in the time since the district was first created.

The program of the day was presided over by Judge D. W. Livingston, who is filling out the unexpired term of Judge Begley on the bench. Judge Livingston gave a short sketch of the history of the movement to secure the portraits of the judges and in which Judge Begley had an active part.

Judge Livingston introduced E. S. Nickerson, Papillion, who gave a biographical sketch of the late Judge. He related that Judge Begley was born October 13, 1881, on a farm which now is part of South Omaha, where his forebears were early settlers. When he was two years old his family moved to a farm near Springfield, which he did not leave until he entered the University of Nebraska to study law. Judge Begley completed his legal education in 1906, became Sarpy county judge by appointment in 1907, a position which he held through two terms. In 1912 he became county attorney, was still in that office when he was appointed district judge October 22, 1913, by Governor John H. Morehead. Judge Begley heard his first case October 29, 1913, in Plattsmouth; he heard his last in the same court room on March 3, 1934, the day before his untimely death.

William A. Robertson, of this city, on behalf of the Cass County Bar association, donors of the portrait, presented it to the Otoe County bar and on behalf of which V. E. Tyler of Nebraska City, president, responded. William H. Pitzer, leader of the Otoe county bar, gave a fine tribute to the memory and services of the late jurist as follows:

"In his administration of justice from the bench he had always foremost in his mind the right to be enforced; the wrong to be prevented. Rights of liberty, of security in person, property and religion, and of freedom of movement and contract were considered by him to have been embraced in the fundamental conception of liberty as represented in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. These were considered rights guaranteed by the Constitution to the individual and society to such an extent that the humblest citizen was entitled to be protected in his enjoyment of these rights against the stress and storms of changing times."

Justice L. B. Day of the state supreme court, stated that Judge Begley had been called fourteen times to sit with the supreme court at Lincoln, had heard some 300 cases and written the opinions in fifty of these himself, some of the most important rulings of the high court being in these decisions.

"Those opinions stand in the records of the supreme court as a personal memorial to his superb judicial work," stated Judge Day. "They also represent and leave us a perfect knowledge of his philosophy of law, his philosophy of government and his philosophy of life. Every opinion he wrote represents the life of the man as a lawyer and a citizen. He had a keen sense of natural justice; his ambition was to determine on his own side right lay," Justice Day said.

"I have heard him say when a judge of a court realized an injustice had been done, but that it seemed to follow the rule of law, it was a mark of inability on the part of a judge not to determine the law as it applied in that particular case," said the high court jurist.

"His idea was that courts existed to administer justice between individuals—not as factories for the production of academic legal treatises." Brief remarks were given by Chief

Justice Charles Goss of Lincoln, William Ritchie, Jr., of Omaha, W. G. Kieck, Plattsmouth, T. E. Dunbar, Nebraska City, Edgar Ferneau of Auburn, J. A. Capwell of this city and James F. Begley, son of the departed judge.

The portrait was placed by A. P. Moran and T. E. Dunbar on the south wall of the court room beside those of the other distinguished members that have served on the bench.

Those outside of Nebraska City to attend the ceremony were:

Mrs. James T. Begley and her son, James F. Begley, Lincoln; Harry Begley, Omaha; Chief Justice Goss and Associate Justice L. B. Day, Lincoln; John McKnight, Edgar Ferneau, Ernest Armstrong, Robert Armstrong and Lee Kelliger, Auburn; E. S. Nickerson, Papillion; Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Dwyer, William A. Robertson, C. E. Ledgway, W. G. Kieck, J. A. Capwell, Mrs. James Maury, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Herald, Plattsmouth; William Ritchie, Jr., Omaha.

Judge John B. Raper, Pawnee City, who presides in the First district, could not attend but he sent a message which was made a part of the record.

Judge D. W. Livingston ordered the proceedings Saturday to be made a part of the district court records.

## Plattsmouth Athletes Again Win High Honor

Nebraska "N" Club Awards Plaque to Local School for High Scholastic Standing of Athletes.

For the fourth year straight and for the fifth time out of the last six years, Plattsmouth high school has again been awarded an "N" Club Athletic scholarship plaque. A letter received by the high school principal last Friday stated that some member of the Nebraska "N" Club would come to Plattsmouth to make the presentation sometime in the near future.

This award is made by the University athletic department to stimulate high scholarship among athletes on the theory that the good student makes the best athlete. All high schools in the state may submit the names of all letter winners whose average scholastic standing for the preceding three semesters is higher than the general average of the school.

The Plattsmouth report for the year 1933-34 showed that there were nine boys whose averages were above the school average. These were: Wayne Hiner, Lawrence Rhoades, Bernard Knoflicek, Joe Hendrix, Edwin Kalina, Earl Lamberson, Edgar Seitz and Oliver Taylor. The average grade of all these letter men was 88.477 and this was high enough in comparison with other schools over the state to make Plattsmouth one of the four or five to win the honor.

### ROYAL NEIGHBORS ELECT

The Royal Neighbors of America, one of the long established ladies' fraternities in the city, held their annual election on Monday at their lodge rooms in the Eagle building.

There was a pleasing number of the members in attendance and the following officers were selected for the ensuing year:

Oracle—Mrs. Emma Kaffenberger. Vice-Oracle—Mrs. Minnie Renner. Past Oracle—Mrs. Emma McMaken. Chancellor—Mrs. Rosa Sulser. Recorder—Mrs. Sadie Jones. Receiver—Mrs. Freda Stibal. Marshal—Mrs. Louise Klinger. Inner Sentinel—Mrs. Pearl Meisinger.

Outer Sentinel—Mrs. Florine Schlessel. Manager—Mrs. Helen Meisinger. Musician—Mrs. Lillian Nielson. Physician—Dr. R. P. Westover.

The Royal Neighbors will install their officers at the last meeting in January and at which time all members and their families will be invited to attend the event.

### VISITS AT DES MOINES

Miss Fern Jahrig spent a very enjoyable week-end at Des Moines, Iowa, visiting with Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Christ and daughter Frances and little grandson. The Christ family are all very well and which the many friends will be happy to learn.

## Gives Shower for Myrtle Hall, Recent Bride

Mrs. Ida Cole and Mrs. E. H. Spangler Hostesses at Pleasant Event at the Spangler Home.

On last Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Ida Cole and Mrs. E. H. Spangler were hostesses at the pleasant home of the latter, to a number of the friends and relatives of Mrs. Myrtle E. Hall, of Brownville, Nebr.

This occasion was in the nature of a miscellaneous shower of this recent bride, who was formerly Miss Genevieve Cole, a granddaughter of Mrs. Ida Cole, of Mynard, and who had spent her early childhood in the vicinity when residing on a farm with her parents. She became the bride of Mr. Myrtle H. Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hall, of Brownville, on Nov. 10 at Rockport, Mo.

On her frequent visits at the home of her grandmother and also her aunt, Mrs. C. C. Barnard, she had endeavored herself to many friends and it was quite befitting that these friends and relatives were afforded the opportunity of an event of this nature, honoring this young lady.

The guests were entertained with music, games and a contest, Mrs. Elbert Wiles and Mrs. Roy O. Cole rendering two of their popular duets, and Mrs. Chester Wiles favoring them with two vocal numbers, "Little Pink Rose" and "My Alice Blue Gown." In the contest, "A Kitchen Romance," the prize, a vase of artificial flowers, went to Miss Grace Livingston, while Miss Elizabeth Spangler received the booby prize, a miniature vase.

Following this the guest of honor was seated in the center of the room, where the large basket of gifts was showered upon her. She was assisted in unwrapping the parcels by Miss Grace Livingston and Mrs. Chester Wiles, displaying many useful and lovely gifts.

Mrs. Hall, in expressing her appreciation for these tokens of love and friendship invited the guests to visit her in her new home, on a farm near Brownville, Nebr.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses.

### HONOR MISS TRIVELY

The Sunnyside Girls Room club held a party Saturday afternoon, December 8, at the home of Lois Giles, in honor of Virginia Trively. Virginia was the high scoring individual and member of the judging team which placed first in the girls room judging contest at the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. Her team mate, Frances Meier of Weeping Water, placed third in the individual contest.

In a very delightful manner, Virginia related her many interesting experiences and showed her souvenirs of the trip. Perhaps the greatest of these is a beautiful silver loving cup, which was presented to her by Senator Arthur Capper.

After this Lois Giles played a selection on the clarinet and Lucille Wiles sang two selections, all of which were greatly enjoyed.

The guests of the afternoon were Mrs. R. P. Patterson, Mrs. J. R. Reeder, Mrs. Starkjohn and the mothers of the club members.

At the close of a very enjoyable and entertaining afternoon, delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Giles, assisted by Mrs. Starkjohn and Lois and Eleanor Giles.

### IN SERIOUS CONDITION

The condition of Mrs. Glen Rhoades is reported as very serious at the hospital in Omaha where she was taken following her accident on Sunday morning. The burns on the face of Mrs. Rhoades, caused by the spraying of the hot honey over her, have been very deep and caused the most intense suffering.

Mrs. Rhoades was injured when a can of honey she was heating exploded and threw the burning honey over the kitchen and to save her baby sitting in a high chair, the mother sprang in front of the torrent of honey to save the child and was frightfully burned.

Phone the news to No. 6.

### ATTEND STATE MEETING

From Tuesday's Daily: County Clerk George R. Sayles and County Commissioner J. A. Pitz, were at Omaha today where they were in attendance at the meeting of the association of commissioners, supervisors, county clerks and register of deeds. The meeting is one that annually brings a large number from all parts of the state for the sessions and at which matters of the greatest interest to the counties are brought up for discussion.

## Woman's Relief Corps Holds Its Annual Election

Mrs. J. H. McMaken President as Post Re-elects All Officers of the Past Year.

The Woman's Relief Corps held their annual election of officers on Saturday afternoon at their rooms in the court house, a large number of the members being in attendance and taking part in the election.

The officers who have served so efficiently in the past year were all re-named to their respective positions, being as follows:

President—Mrs. J. H. McMaken. Senior Vice—Mrs. Fred G. Morgan. Junior Vice—Mrs. C. C. Cotner. Chaplain—Mrs. C. F. Glaze. Secretary—Mrs. L. B. Egenberger. Treasurer—Mrs. Val Burke. Conductor—Mrs. Martha Peterson. Assistant Conductor—Mrs. Kate Morgan. Guard—Mrs. Susie Bates. Assistant Guard—Mrs. Mary Spencer.

First Color Bearer—Mrs. Justus Lille, Sr. Second Color Bearer—Miss Ella Kennedy. Third Color Bearer—Mrs. George Fornoff. Fourth Color Bearer—Mrs. Lois Troop.

Mrs. J. H. McMaken was named as the official delegate to the state convention and Mrs. Frank Mullen selected as the installing officer for the post and who will induct the new officers into their stations.

### SEEK FEDERAL AID

The committee of the unemployed of this city were at Lincoln Monday to confer with the federal officials there in regard to the participation of Cass county in the FERA funds.

The condition that has developed in the past week has been such that action is necessary and Roy Taylor, chairman and Thomas McMasters, secretary of the committee took the opportunity to visit Lincoln to confer with the federal officials.

It was stated that the government stood ready to co-operate with the counties under the original plans of the FERA for relief work, that they were desirous of seeing that no suffering was occasioned in the close of many of the public works enterprises. The FERA as the committee was given to understand would aid if the counties would fulfill the requests of the FERA as far as lay in their power.

There however will be no work projects at this time, there being no new working plans issued by the government but the FERA would aid in the relief work of communities where needed and where local governments were co-operating.

### HAVE FINE MEETING

The Rotary club at their meeting Tuesday had the pleasure of several delightful musical numbers given by Miss Ruth Colby, she presenting "Requiem" by Stevenson and "Gypsy Trail" by Kipling. These were very much appreciated by all of the members of the club.

Dr. R. P. Westover gave a fine review of the Council Bluffs conference at which there had been present many of the leaders of Rotary in the west and also two of the Canadian district governors.

The "Rotarian," official magazine of the organization, was reviewed by Dr. H. G. McClusky and R. W. Knorr in a most interesting manner and bringing out the highlights of the current issue.

The usual Rotarian songs were enjoyed by the members of the club as a part of the program of the day.

## Masonic History Made by Local R. A. M.

Only Chapter in State Operating Under Charter of General Grand Chapter of United States.

Monday evening Nebraska chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons held their installation of officers for the ensuing year and elevated to the office of high priest Lester W. Meisinger, the forty-first since the establishment of this branch of Masonry in Plattsmouth.

Nebraska chapter has played a large part in the history of the Royal Arch Masonry of the state and today is the only chapter of the state that operates under a charter issued by the general grand chapter of the R. A. M. of the United States.

On July 13, 1865 a dispensation was granted by the general grand chapter to the Masons of the then small village to found a chapter of this branch of the order in the territory of Nebraska, Omaha chapter No. 1 and Keystone chapter of Nebraska City being given charters No. 1 and 2. The charter to Nebraska chapter was issued on September 9, 1865 and with the two sister chapters there gathered at Plattsmouth on March 9, 1867, the members of the Royal Arch Masons to hold the first grand chapter of Nebraska.

The first officers of Nebraska chapter were Harry P. Duell, high priest; W. D. Gage, king; R. G. Doom, scribe; Thomas K. Hanna, treasurer; J. C. Cummins, secretary. In the passing of the years the original charters given to the Omaha and Nebraska City chapters were destroyed and today Nebraska chapter is the only one that does not operate under a charter from the grand chapter of the state of Nebraska.

Nebraska chapter has had the honor of having six of their distinguished members called to be grand high priest of the grand chapter of the state of Nebraska, they being Harry P. Duell, D. H. Wheeler, Robert Ramsey Livingston, Francis E. White, who is now the senior past grand high priest of all of the chapters of the United States, H. E. Palmer. In the recent years Nebraska Chapter was again honored when James M. Robertson, a distinguished figure in Nebraska Masonry, was called to the high priesthood of the order.

Last evening the chapter installed their officers for the year and who were inducted into office by William A. Robertson, past high priest as installing officer and O. C. Hudson, past high priest, as marshal. The officers installed were as follows:

H. P.—Lester Meisinger. King—Ward M. Wheelan. Scribe—Anderson Lloyd. Treasurer—Frank A. Clodt. Secretary—W. F. Evers. C. of H.—Robert M. Painter. P. S.—Charles L. Carlson. Master third veil—John E. Turner.

Master second veil—John Rummel. Master first veil—George W. Brinklow. Sentinel—John E. Schutz.

### DISMISS CASE

The trial of the damage suit of Edith Ballar by Florence L. Ballar, next friend, vs. L. W. Baldwin, trustee, et al, was terminated Monday afternoon shortly after the noon recess. The defendant, Missouri Pacific railroad company, through their attorneys had, at the conclusion of the evidence of the forenoon, made the motion to have a directed verdict in their favor.

Judge D. W. Livingston at the opening of the afternoon session sustained the motion of the defendants and a directed verdict in favor of the railroad company ordered by the court and the case dismissed.

The district court took an adjournment until Wednesday morning when another auto damage suit will be taken up, that of Ottis Hibbard, Sylvanus Hibbard and George H. Otley vs. Cass County, being consolidated for the trial. This is a suit for damages due to a wreck in the west part of the county and which the plaintiff contends was caused by the defendant not having the road in proper condition.

### VISIT AT AUBURN

From Wednesday's Daily: Last evening William A. Roberts, grand junior warden of the Nebraska A. F. & A. M. with Raymond C. Cook, deputy grand custodian and William F. Evers, were at Auburn where they visited the Masonic lodge of that city. The occasion was the fiftieth anniversary of the Auburn lodge and also past master's night. There were representatives present from eight lodges of the eastern portion of Nebraska in attendance.

## Basketball Season to Open Coming Week

Twenty-one on Squad Reporting for Service—First Game With Ashland Here Dec. 19th.

The basketball fans who have anxiously awaited the opening of the season to see the blue and white Platters in action have only a few more days until the season start—Ashland will play here on Wednesday, December 19th, to open a very lively season, fourteen games being on the local calendar.

North high returns to the Plattsmouth scheduled this year after a two year absence, home and home games being arranged with Coach Jackson's boys and Nebraska City also has a home and home arrangement with the Platters.

The team has showed excellent in their workouts and the younger members of the squad have especially shown a great deal of cleverness in their preliminary tryouts. There were but two lettermen left from last year, Donald Cotner and Joe Hendrix; Carl Hula, Charles Walden, Chester Wall, Joe Case, Jack Forbes, Raymond Woorster, Richard Hatt, William Carey, William Falk, Earl Taylor, Ernest Seltz, Billy Rosenkrans, John Nottelman, R. Hennings, George Gamblin, William Evers, Richard Yelick, Frank Nelson, A. Hennings, from the 1934-35 squad.

The schedule of the season shows some very fast and aggressive teams to be faced by the Platters. The schedule:

- December
- 19 Ashland, here.
- January
- 4 Malvern, there.
- 8 Omaha North, here.
- 11 Nebraska City, there.
- 18 Glenwood, there.
- 25 Nebraska Deaf, here.
- 20 Nebraska City, here.
- February
- 2 College View, there.
- 8 Tarkio (Mo.) here.
- 9 Omaha North, there.
- 12 Auburn, there.
- 14 Schuyler, here.
- 22 Blair, here.
- March
- 1 Wahoo, there.
- 7-9 Regional Tournament.
- 13-15 State Tournament.

### HOLD CHRISTMAS MEETING

The members of Pontenelle chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution were pleasantly entertained on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Otto Keck in the north portion of the city at their annual Christmas meeting.

The Keck home was bright with the colorful Christmas decorations and featured a handsome tree with its glowing decorations to make a fitting setting for the occasion.

Mrs. E. H. Wescott was the leader of the meeting and had as her topic, "Communism," discussing this doctrine that has gained such a world wide growth in the past few years and occasioned many outbreaks in our own country.

The D. A. R. magazine was reviewed by Mrs. George B. Mann, taking up the many matters of interest in this publication of the society.

At the close of the afternoon dainty refreshments were served, the Christmas colors being carried out in the refreshments. In serving Mrs. Keck was assisted by her daughter, Miss Shirley.

### CONDUCT GOSPEL SERVICE

Paul Iverson, senior in Hastings College, was one of the speakers of the Gospel Team which conducted the services in the First Presbyterian church of Nelson, last Sunday evening.

## Truck Occupants Seriously Injured Here Last Night

Accident at 7th and Pearl Streets Last Night Demolishes Truck and Two Cattle Killed.

From Wednesday's Daily: One of the worst truck accidents that has happened here occurred last night at 7:30 at the corner of 7th and Pearl streets, when the trailer truck, driven by Herbert Townsend, Rockport, Missouri, crashed into a tree near the Tidball lumber office.

The trailer truck was coming north on Chicago avenue at a speed estimated at from 50 to 55 miles per hour and was unable to make the turn into Seventh street, hitting headon the large maple tree that has long been a landmark in that locality.

The force of the impact drove the front part of the truck and cab in and at the same time the trailer loaded with ten head of stock crashed into the rear of the cab, crushing the driver's compartment, pinning the two men who were in the cab to the roof of the compartment and from which they were extricated with difficulty by persons who were attracted at once to the scene.

As the trailer crashed the cab two of the animals were thrown clear of the cab, one landing some fifteen feet in front of the truck while another thrown from the truck fell on the sidewalk. Both animals had their backs broken and it was necessary to shoot them and they were later taken on to Omaha. But one of the animals remained in the trailer, the others escaping from the wrecked trailer and scattered over the business section of the city.

With Townsend at the time of the accident was Wayne Hunter, also of Rockport, and who was asleep at the time of the accident. Hunter was apparently suffering from a crushed leg and other injuries to the hip and spine while Townsend had a large hole in the neck caused by a piece of broken windshield and other bruises and injuries the extent of which could not be determined.

The men were given first aid by Dr. L. S. Pucelik and later taken to the St. Joseph hospital at Omaha where they are being cared for.

The remains of the truck was taken to the garage of the Huse Motor Co., to await claiming by the owners.

This morning J. H. Shaver of Rockport, Missouri, owner of the cattle, which comprised choice short-horn cattle, was here to assist in gathering up the remaining stock that had escaped and were scattered in several sections of the city but were eventually rounded up and reloaded for Omaha. One of the choicest animals of the load, the owner stated, was one of those that it was necessary to kill.

### SANTA APPROVES DECORATION

Santa Claus, who is speeding southward from the icy north to Plattsmouth for an appearance here on Saturday afternoon, has extended his approval of the decorations for the holiday season and is appreciative of the Plattsmouth people making his visit a gala occasion.

Santa is expecting to make his headquarters at the court house and where he will receive the children and have a remembrance for each of the children. The final arrangements for the reception are being made and Santa is assured of a royal welcome when he visits this city to greet the youngsters of Cass and Sarpy county.

### CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

A birthday party was given for Mac Capper at her home Tuesday evening, Dec. 11. The evening was spent in playing games. She received many beautiful presents. At an appropriate hour, delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Capper.

Those present to enjoy the evening were: Mildred Dooley, Beatrice Arn, Lorraine Reichstadt, Thelma Jones, Edna Black, Betty and Florence Rhoades, Emma Mendenhall, Mildred Zatopek, Margaret Yelick, Frances Minniear, Betty Arnold, Margie Lancaster, Mildred Elde, Katherine Hiner and Thelma Capper.