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## Death Overtakes Hunter in Hills South of City

**John Herrington, 33, Drops Dead While Engaged in Hunting Rabbits With Friend.**

John Herrington, 33, died suddenly late Wednesday afternoon while engaged in hunting near the Rice farm in the hills south of this city. He had spent the afternoon with a companion hunting and they were working their way homeward when Mr. Herrington was noticed to slump to the ground and when his companion reached him he was apparently dead.

It required some time to secure assistance as the place where he dropped dead was quite a distance from the roadway where a car could be driven. Sheriff Homer Sylvester and Deputy Sheriff Tom Walling were soon on the scene and it was necessary to carry the body a considerable distance to the ambulance and he was brought to this city and taken to the Straight funeral home.

Death was due to a heart attack, as Mr. Herrington had not been in the best of health for some time, but that his case was so critical was not suspected by the members of the family.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Maggie Herrington, with whom he made his home, two brothers residing here and a brother and sister in Council Bluffs.

Funeral services Friday at 3 p. m. Sattler funeral home, 4th and Vine.

### AD CLUB MEETS

The Plattsmouth Business Men's Ad club held their regular meeting Wednesday at the Stewart cafe, taking up several matters of importance to the business interests of the community.

The club members discussed the Christmas advertising campaign to place the fine stocks of the business houses before the public in advertising that was clear and understandable, affording the residents of this trade territory the opportunity of learning of the excellent price values that can be found in the Plattsmouth stores.

The Ad club also will sponsor campaigns during January and February to carry on the advertising plans of the club members.

It was voted by the club that all of the stores of the city affiliated with the club would remain closed all day Christmas as well as on New Year's day.

### MUSIC PROGRAM

From Saturday's Daily

The first public program presenting the students in the music department was given at the high school auditorium last night. Every phase of the music work of the students was presented, including the band, Boys and Girls Glee clubs, girls' sextette and orchestra. The members of the Girls Glee club made a fine appearance in their new blue and white uniforms which added much to the effectiveness of their part of the program. The numbers themselves presented a variety of types of music which showed the fine development of the high school program under the direction of Mr. Hoyt Griffin who is serving his first year in this department. Both the many students who participated and their director, Mr. Griffin are deserving of the highest praise for the splendid work which they have done.

### DISTRIBUTING NEW MANUAL

The American Red Cross has just completed revision of its manual, "When Disaster Strikes," and through the Cass County chapter one of these manuals will be placed in the hands of responsible persons in each town or chapter.

This manual outlines a complete plan of procedure when disaster comes and every town should be prepared and fully instructed by studying this outline when duty calls in times of this sort. Much confusion that is usually in evidence at disasters could be avoided by becoming acquainted with the plan as outlined.

Is your town prepared in any way to cope with such a situation?

### RETURNING FROM HOSPITAL

From Thursday's Daily  
Mrs. Emma Chriswiser of Nehawka was brought home this afternoon from the Methodist hospital at Omaha, her son, Carl Chriswiser, driving up for her. Mrs. Chriswiser, victim of an auto accident several months ago, was compelled to undergo an operation to graft a bone of the arm that had been shattered in the wreck. The operation seems very successful and the patient is doing just as well as possible and it is hoped will have the arm restored to its normal condition.

## Nehawka Masons Hold Election of Officers Last Nite

From Thursday's Daily  
George Garrison Is Named Worshipful Master of Lodge—Many from Plattsmouth Attend.

Nehawka lodge No. 246 A. F. & A. M. held their annual election of officers last evening at their lodge rooms in the auditorium, a large number of the members being in attendance. The officers selected were as follows:

Worshipful Master—George Garrison.  
Senior Warden—E. H. Stimbart.  
Junior Warden—Charles Adams.  
Secretary—R. H. Chapman.  
Treasurer—D. C. West.

Plattsmouth lodge No. 6 was represented by a large delegation that enjoyed the opportunity of meeting with their co-workers of the Nehawka lodge. Among those who attended were W. A. Robertson, grand junior warden; Carl J. Schneider, worshipful master-elect of Plattsmouth lodge; J. Howard Davis, Judge A. H. Durbury, Anderson Lloyd, Raymond C. Cook, deputy grand custodian, Sterling Ingwerson, A. W. Farmer, L. L. Wiles, Henry F. Noiting, M. B. Bates, Harry Nielsen, W. F. Evers, superintendent of the Nebraska Masonic Home.

### ATTEND CONVENTION

From Thursday's Daily  
Dr. O. Sandin and wife returned today from Omaha where he attended the thirty-seventh annual meeting of the Nebraska State Veterinary Medical Association. The doctor reports that the meeting was of rare educational value this year, because a wealth of new discoveries and research applicable to Nebraska animal disease problems, were clearly presented to the veterinarians, by specialists from many parts of the United States.

Prominent speakers on the program included Dr. R. R. Dykstra, dean, Division Veterinary Medicine, Kansas State college, and past president of the American Veterinary Medical Association; Dr. H. C. H. Kernkamp of the University of Minnesota, and Dr. C. H. Stange, dean, Division Veterinary Medicine, Iowa State college. All are recognized as international authorities on subjects pertaining to veterinary science.

### RETURNS FROM THE WEST

S. S. Gooding, who has been making a trip through the west, has returned home after a pleasant outing. Mr. Gooding stopped with friends at Broken Bow and then on to his ranch near Gillette, Wyoming, stopping there to look after his property and thence on to Billings to visit with friends there. Mr. Gooding also took a trip to Thermopolis, enjoying the famous mineral baths while there and which did him a great deal of good and left him feeling in the best of condition. While at Casper, the metropolis of the oil regions, he had the pleasure of a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jess Brady, old residents here. Mr. Gooding and Mr. Brady being associated here in work for the store department of the Burlington.

### ARRIVAL OF LITTLE DAUGHTER

A fine seven and a half pound daughter was born to Mrs. B. C. Rakow on Monday at the family home in the south portion of the city. The mother and little one are doing nicely. The many friends will join in their well wishes for the future of the little one.

## Former Resident Tells of Visit of Large Meteor

**J. H. Leacock of Lincoln, One of Those to Have Opportunity to Sight Strange Visitor.**

The meteor that was seen in the west part of Cass county and the city of Lincoln was glimpsed by J. H. Leacock, former Plattsmouth resident and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. James Yelick who related his story to the press and to the university.

"I was just at the corner of 67th and Colby," relates Mr. Leacock, walking under a street light, when it suddenly occurred to me that the light was unusually bright. Then I saw shadows of the trees, sharper and blacker than usual, moving on the street. My first thought was that the light fixture was falling. Then I realized what was happening, and looked up over my left shoulder.

"I saw a brilliant glare, appearing to drip white streams. It was in the southeast, apparently moving from northwest to southeast. The shadows had moved across the ground in the opposite direction.

**Differed from Thunder.**  
"I walked on for three blocks, and just as I reached 66th and Franklin I heard the explosion. It was loud as thunder but differed from thunder in producing no rolling or echo. It was just one great roar. Calculating that sound moves 1,100 feet a second, and assuming that the explosion occurred when the light was brightest, I figured that the meteor was forty to fifty miles to the southeast. This occurred at almost precisely 3:20 Wednesday morning.

"Having been interested in this sort of phenomena for years, I began to take notice of details as soon as I perceived the unusually bright lights. I have observed a number of meteors, but never anything approaching this."

Mr. Leacock reported his observations to Prof. Oliver Collins, of the University of Nebraska, who said the account was the most graphic he had heard.

### FIND GEO. WILSON GUILTY

From Tuesday's Daily  
The jury in the case of the State of Nebraska vs. George F. Wilson, returned a verdict this afternoon at 2:30 finding the defendant guilty of selling beer without a legal license.

Mr. Wilson operates a restaurant at Elmwood and several months ago an alleged buy of beer was made by a representative of the state sheriff's office and turned over to the state sheriff but by him to the county attorney.

Mr. Wilson had claimed the right to sell the beer under a government license as the village of Elmwood had no ordinance covering the beer traffic.

In the county court Mr. Wilson was bound over to the district court and this afternoon the higher court through the jury affirmed the lower court decision.

### MISS KAUFMANN TO DELIVER TRAVELOGUE

Miss Marie Kaufmann who has traveled much abroad and who has become familiar with the highways and byways of Europe and the world, will deliver one of her intensely interesting travelogues at the Methodist church Sunday evening at the regular Friendship Hour. Miss Kaufmann's reputation as a speaker on these subjects is well known. Her lecture will be illustrated by pictures taken by her in these lands of her travels. The subject of her lecture Sunday evening will be, "A Trip Through Switzerland." Do not fail to hear Miss Kaufmann and see the beautiful pictures that will be shown. All are welcome.

### UNDERGOES OPERATION

From Friday's Daily  
Mrs. Edward Donat, Sr., was operated on today at Omaha for gall stones from which she has been a sufferer for the past several years but which in the past few weeks has grown so severe as to make the operation necessary. Mrs. Donat has been at the hospital for several days and is in excellent condition for the operation.

### TO AID GOOD FELLOWS

The local lodge of the Fraternal Order of Eagles have joined in the movement for a Goodfellow club for the Christmas season that was sponsored by the Ad club and have so notified President Knorr of the club.

The Eagles are giving a dance at their hall on Saturday evening at which the Midnight Serenaders will play. The proceeds of the dance aside from the actual cash expenditures necessary to stage the dance will be turned over to the Good Fellows for use in the promotion of the real Christmas spirit.

## John Gamble Speaker for Presbyterian Club

**Men of Church Entertained by Description of European Trip and Life in Spain.**

From Friday's Daily—  
The members of the Men's club of the First Presbyterian church had an unusual and pleasant entertainment afforded them last evening at their meeting in a visit from John W. Gamble, former superintendent of schools here and one of the business leaders of Omaha.

Mr. Gamble has just returned from a trip through Spain and in which he had the opportunity of observing at first hand this land so little known to the people of this nation and which unlike England, France or Germany is not so often visited by the tourists.

Mr. Gamble told of the many beauty spots that he had visited, the colorful scenes of daily Spanish life and the customs of the people as he had viewed them in his trip over various parts of the country.

While at Barcelona he had the startling experience to become caught in one of the frequent revolutions or uprisings that have shaken the republic for the past two years. Leaving his hotel one morning early he had walked along the streets which were patrolled by the soldiers and seeing a group gathered at a corner, in true American fashion, he stopped to see what it was all about, the next few moments a flock of soldiers swept down and several of the leaders started to run, five being shot and killed as they ran. The remainder of the party including Mr. Gamble were ordered to throw up their hands and start marching for some unknown destination. Mr. Gamble, unable to speak Spanish, managed to attract the attention of the officers and called the name of his hotel. He was then taken by six soldiers to the hotel where the matter was adjusted by the management and Senator Gamble ceased to be classed as a revolutionary.

Following the most interesting talk G. L. Farley and the refreshment committee served a fine oyster supper to add to the pleasures of the occasion.

The program was arranged by Herman L. Thomas and Henry Goss and proved one of the most interesting that has been given.

### CRASH VICTIMS BETTER

Herbert Townsend and Wayne Hunter, Rockport, Missouri, young men, injured here Tuesday night, are reported as doing nicely at the St. Joseph hospital at Omaha.

Hunter's right leg was broken and he lost several teeth, while both he and Townsend may have fractured skulls. Townsend in addition sustained a broken jaw and possible internal injuries.

The two men rested comparatively easy Wednesday and it was thought that they would recover unless some complication should arise that would bring a change for the worse.

### WESTMINSTER GUILD

The Westminster Guild held a very interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. Louis Lohnes, last evening. A very beautiful Christmas story was given by Marie Vallery. Christmas carols were sung and were accompanied by Jean Knorr and Alice Hiatt. A short business meeting was held after which dainty and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

## George W. Olson Named Chairman of Unemployed

**Large Number Attend Meeting at Court House to Hear Problem of Relief Discussed.**

Friday evening a large number of the unemployed of the community gathered at the court house to perfect their organization and to discuss more fully the matter of relief and work for the unemployed.

The meeting was called to order by Thomas McMasters, secretary, and Len Austin was selected to act as temporary chairman of the meeting.

Mr. McMasters gave a report of the trip of the committee to Lincoln to interview the FERA officials as to relief for Cass county unemployed and needy. The committee had been informed that Cass county might secure the aid needed by complying as near as possible with the requirements of the FERA, the commissioners supplying their own relief funds to aid those of the government.

Mr. Austin stated that they had interviewed the board of county commissioners who had expressed a willingness to go as far as possible in the relief work for the residents of the county.

County Commissioner E. B. Chapman stated that the board was willing to do all possible to relieve the residents of the county, at the time the FERA had been placed in effect the county board has been asked to levy a special tax of 1.93 mills for the relief work as well as placing one-quarter of the county share of the gasoline tax in this relief fund which would be administered by the federal department. The FERA had offered to match the county appropriation on the ratio of two to one.

The county had felt that the large sum asked would cripple their handling the affairs of the county as it would leave but 2.07 mills to operate all functions of the county government including also the care of the aged and indigent, who did not come under the FERA. The commissioners were hoping that when the legislature convened that there might be legislation enacted that would give them greater power to move in relief work.

County Commissioner J. A. Pitz stated that the board wished to cooperate as far as possible and as a member of the legislative committee of the Commissioner's association that he would strive to get needed legislation through the state legislature that would help on the relief work.

George W. Olson stated that at the Lincoln meeting with the FERA officials that they had been told that the FERA would match the county appropriations three to one. That the county had levied some \$15,000 for relief work and this could be matched by the FERA.

Mr. Chapman stated that the amount had been raised under a law that permitted the counties to levy a mill and a half for relief and after January this law was inoperative.

Attorney A. L. Tidd was present and gave a short talk on the contributions to the relief fund. He urged the adoption of the plan of Mayor Lushinsky that the city place their gasoline tax funds in service to provide work and Mr. Tidd also urged that the county road fund be devoted to emergency work to aid the unemployed there being \$64,000 in the road and \$15,000 to \$20,000 in the relief fund that might be used.

Mr. Chapman for the board of commissioners stated that the road fund had considerable money in it at this time but that a large part of this was to be paid out as each incorporated village and town in the county was entitled to its own share from this fund on taxes raised in their communities.

Short talks were given by members of the group and which was followed by the creation of a permanent chairman for the organization and to conduct the movement for adequate relief.

For the position of chairman, George W. Olson, Ed W. Thimgan and Len Austin were named and in the balloting Olson proved a winner by a good margin and will in the future guide the campaign for relief work.

### FIND FOR COUNTY

The jury that tried the case of Saylor P. Hibbard, vs. the County of Cass, returned their verdict Wednesday evening and in which they found for the defendant, the County of Cass.

This action was one for damages in an auto accident in which the plaintiff alleged neglect of the county in not having the road properly marked and in condition. The county contended that the accident was due to faulty driving on the part of members of the plaintiff's auto party.

## Veteran Railroad Worker is Killed at Omaha

**John J. O'Donnell, Father of W. P. O'Donnell and Mrs. Peter Gradoville of This City, Victim.**

Friday afternoon shortly after resuming work John J. O'Donnell, 64, one of the veteran railroad men of the Union Pacific was killed at Omaha, being crushed by a traveling crane on which he was riding.

The crane was being used on the construction of the Tenth street viaduct and Mr. O'Donnell was riding on it when the crane arm swung and caught the unfortunate man between the arm and the cab of the crane. He had apparently got caught in the glass, according to William G. Harvey, crane operator.

Mr. O'Donnell has been in the employ of the Union Pacific as a switchman since 1888 and has spent the greater part of his lifetime.

He is survived by the widow, two sons and two daughters, John C. O'Donnell, of Omaha, William P. O'Donnell, Plattsmouth, Mrs. Peter Gradoville, Plattsmouth and Mrs. Alice Plak of Minneapolis.

The O'Donnell family reside at 2456 South 20th street, Omaha.

### A HUNTER'S PARADISE

Rev. H. A. McKelvey, pastor of the Mynard U. B. church, a former resident of Pennsylvania, has received a paper from that state and which tells of the hunting that is afforded in that section. This state, one of the oldest in the nation and thickly populated, has a record of game that makes the western states look tame and shows the benefits of the game conservation policy that Nebraska has not had until in recent years.

"The opening of the deer season Saturday furnishes another reminder that Pennsylvania is not only one of the greatest hunting states in the country, but that its game supply, from deer and bear to quail, rabbits and squirrels, is more abundant, on account of protection than at any time since primeval days. And that goes for Centre county, too.

"The legal deer kill in the state last year was placed at 20,480, but that was small compared with the total of 1931, when shooting of does also was permitted; in that year the bucks taken numbered 24,796 and the "antlerless deer"—70,255. As the deer now are more plentiful than usual it is expected that the kill in the present season will surpass that of any year since 1921.

"And this is speaking only of deer. The annual bear kill runs into hundreds and that of wild turkeys into thousands, along with million of pieces of small game. In some years the total of rabbits bagged in the state has exceeded 3,000,000."

### DIES AT MASONIC HOME

Charles E. Saunders, 93 years of age, died Friday at the Nebraska Masonic Home where he was one of the longest time residents. Mr. Saunders was born April 27, 1842 at Unadilla, New York. He came west a great many years ago and located at Lynch and Creighton, Nebraska, where for years he was engaged in the hardware business in the two cities. With the advancing years he was compelled to retire from active business life and on December 9, 1926, he came to Plattsmouth to make his home at the Masonic Home.

The deceased was a member of Oak Leaf lodge No. 312 A. F. & A. M. of Lynch, to which place the body will be taken and the funeral services held under the auspices of his home lodge.

Mr. Saunders is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Eva Clough, Wisconsin Delis, Wisconsin and Mrs. H. E. MacGinetic, Fresno, California.

## R. F. Patterson Speaker at Rite Reunion in Omaha

**Local Man Principal Orator at the Banquet of the Scottish Rite Consistory Thursday.**

Ceremonial and traditional degrees, the thirty-first and thirty-second were conferred Thursday at the program of the four day reunion of the Scottish Rite Masons in the Valley of Omaha, at the Scottish Rite cathedral in that city.

Final event of the gathering was the traditional consistory banquet at 6 o'clock last night for thirty-second degree members and the eighty-eighth reunion class of nearly 50. R. Foster Patterson, Plattsmouth educator, was principal speaker at the banquet. Dr. John F. Poucher was toastmaster. Mr. Patterson had as his subject, "Anti-Masonry Up to Date."

Mr. Patterson told his audience that it was not organized opposition to masonry that presented a serious problem but "the vicious doctrines of communism and ultra-pacifism are both antimasonic and anti-American."

"I am a pacifist. I hate war. I cannot commit myself to a program that it is so anti-American that it calls for a refusal of the citizen to bear arms in defense of his country."

**Need New Code.**  
Contrasting the advances in science with those of human freedom, Mr. Patterson observed that "everything in the new home is now controlled by a switch except the children."

Searl S. Davis, member of the Lincoln consistory, was also present.

Greetings were extended by Frank C. Patton, sovereign grand inspector general in Nebraska to Mayor Roy N. Towl, thirty second degree; John T. Dysart, grand commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska, and Lewis E. Smith, thirty-second degree, grand secretary of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Nebraska and secretary of the York Rite bodies.

Nearly one thousand attended.

### FIND DEFENDANT GUILTY

The trial of the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Fred Haffke, charged with driving a motor vehicle while intoxicated, was taken up by the district court Thursday afternoon, the opening statements to the jury being made at the resumption of court at 1:30.

The evidence was submitted in a short time and the case given to the jury at 3 o'clock.

The jury after their deliberation returned a verdict at 4 o'clock finding the defendant guilty as charged.

In the hearing in the county court Mr. Haffke had been found guilty and the sentence of the court was that he be given thirty days in the county jail and suffer the surrender of his driving license for a period of one year.

Following the hearing of this case Judge D. W. Livingston excused the jury from further service but subject to call in January.

### PICK UP RUNAWAY BOYS

From Friday's Daily  
Last evening Officer David Pickrel found two boys wandering in the business section of the city and took them to the city jail for shelter and questioning. The boys stated they were from Council Bluffs and had left home Thursday with the intention of going on south. They gave the names of Ralph Johnson, 16, and Glen Kellar, 17. The boys were held here overnight and this morning departed back to their home in the Iowa city, apparently cured of the desire to travel.

### PRESENTS A PLAY

The Evangelical Young People's League of St. Paul's church presents a one act play, "The White Christmas." The play has a well selected cast and is under the able direction of Rev. C. A. Pahl.

The play compares the Chinese and American attitude as to the meaning of Christmas. This play will be presented Sunday, Dec. 23 at 3 o'clock.