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## Mrs. G. K. Staats is Called to Last Rest Monday

Resident Here for Past Fifty Years and a Lady Loved and Honored by All who Knew Her.

Mrs. Geo. K. Staats, for many years a resident of Plattsmouth, passed away at her home Monday evening, February 11th at 8:15.

Aana Gertrude Porter was born at Spring Lake Township near Pekin, Illinois, December 12th, 1855. She was educated in the local schools until her mother passed away, when she kept house for her father and cared for her younger sister for several years.

On August 26, 1885 she was united in marriage to George King Staats, and came to this city, where she and her husband have made their home ever since. The children of this union are Clarence V. of Seattle, Washington and Pearl of this city. They with the husband mourn the loss of a loving mother and wife. She is also survived by one brother, A. W. Porter of Washington, Ill., one sister, Mrs. Etta Heck, of Pekin, Ill., many nieces, nephews, and cousins, most of whom live in Illinois. There are also two granddaughters, Jane and Ruth Virginia Staats of Seattle.

Mrs. Staats, early in life, united with the Reformed Church of her community, and transferred her membership to the First Presbyterian church here shortly after she became a resident of Plattsmouth, so that until her passing she was one of the oldest members in length of membership.

Her interests centered in her church and her home, but broadened to include the progress of her country and the world at large. Her aim was to serve and she served well whenever and wherever she had an opportunity. A radio pastor said recently that the crime and troubles of our world are due largely to the fact that parents are failing to hold aloft the torch of Christian truth and faith. But Mrs. Staats kept her torch of truth and faith ever flaming and passed it on to her children as a heritage which she desired them to keep burning.

Thus in the evening of her life at the close of a beautiful day she went to rest after a life of sweet service to those who knew her best.

The funeral of Mrs. Staats will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Sattler funeral home at Fourth and Vine streets.

## RAISES JURISDICTION QUESTION

The matter of jurisdiction over the transient camp north of this city was brought up today at the court house as the result of a complaint made yesterday against two young men there who were charged with taking the property of other members of the camp.

The complaint was made to the office of Sheriff Homer Sylvester as to the theft of the articles and he requested to take up the matter. The men were sought to be arraigned here before the local courts. The question had arisen by the court as to whether camp was under the jurisdiction of the county or under that of the federal government and whether or not the defendants be turned over to the federal authorities in the federal court at Omaha.

The question of jurisdiction was also raised in the matter of the quarantining of the camp when the jurisdiction of the city or county was questioned and in which case would point to the fact that the handling of the case was a matter for the federal authorities to take up.

## HOLD FAMILY DINNER

A very enjoyable dinner was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Gochenour Sr., Sunday, February 10, in honor of Mrs. W. M. Sheldon of Oshkosh, Nebr. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Warner and daughter of Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gochenour and family; Mr. and Mrs. John Gochenour, Jr., and family, Ruby Sheldon, Henry Royer, and Elmer and Agnes Gochenour.

Later in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. John Royer and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rice and daughter dropped in to visit. A very delightful time was had by all.

## WILL BE OPERATED ON

The members of the Gradoville family here have received word that Catherine, eldest child of Dr. and Mrs. Charles M. Gradoville of Knoxville, Iowa, had been taken to the hospital at Des Moines, where she will be operated on at once. The young lady is suffering from appendicitis and which requires an immediate operation. Three of the younger children of the family are now suffering from an attack of measles at their home.

## Negative Result in Tests for Meningitis Carriers

Tests Made of Parties Fail to Reveal Any Germs or Traces of Their Being Carriers.

Saturday afternoon a test was made of one of the residents of this city who has had contact with all but one of the cases that have developed in this city of meningitis. This man had been making his home at the residence where two of the cases developed, he had been spending some time at the garage where another of the parties had been and another of those taken with the malady had been riding with him on a truck a great deal of the time just before taking the malady.

The cultures were taken of the man's throat and nasal passages and the tests at the University hospital at Omaha failed to reveal any trace of the meningitis germs that might mark the man as a carrier. The task of isolating the carriers is a difficult one as the parties who may be carriers are wholly unaware of this fact and only tests can reveal the possible fact that they are carriers.

Several others who have been near the parties taking the malady were also subject to examinations but no carrier was revealed in the tests made.

## W. R. C. INSTALLS OFFICERS

The Woman's Relief Corps Saturday afternoon held their installation of officers for the ensuing year at their rooms in the court house, the installation being conducted by Mrs. Val Burkle, past president, in a very impressive manner.

The officers installed were as follows:

President—Mrs. J. H. McMaken.  
Senior Vice-President—Mrs. C. C. Cotner.  
Junior Vice-President—Mrs. Kate Morgan.  
Chaplain—Mrs. C. F. Glaze.  
Secretary—Mrs. L. B. Egenberger.  
Treasurer—Mrs. Val Burkle.  
Conductress—Mrs. Martha Peterson.  
Patriotic Instructor—Mrs. Frank Mullen.  
Guard—Mrs. Mary Spenser.  
Color Bearers—Miss Ella Kennedy, Mrs. George Forno, Mrs. Justus Lillie, Sr., Mrs. Lois Troop.  
Delegates to state convention—Mrs. J. H. McMaken and Mrs. Lois Troop.

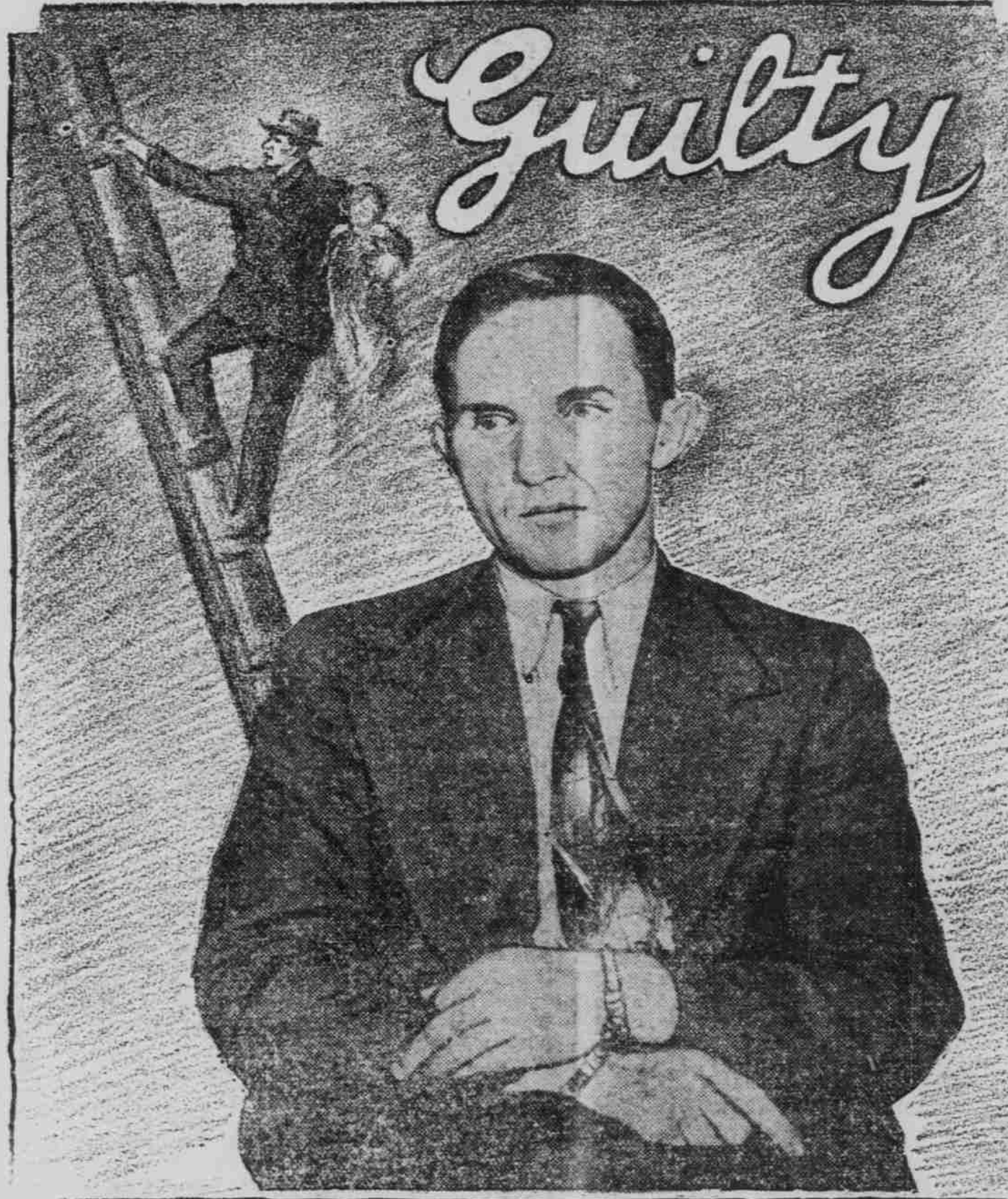
## MRS. GEORGE BALLANCE

Mrs. George Ballance, 81, died Monday evening, Jan. 28, at her home, 532 No. 24th street, Lincoln, of heart disease. She had lived in Lincoln twenty-five years. Born in Ohio, she came to Plattsmouth at the age of 5, and was married there Sept. 9, 1875. Plattsmouth was her home until 1910, when the family removed to Lincoln.

Surviving Mrs. Ballance are her husband; a son, Ed F. Ballance of Kansas City; two daughters, Mrs. Ray O. Wagner of Lincoln, and Mrs. H. L. Zetterman of Topeka, U.; and a sister, Mrs. Robert Ballance of Baxter Springs, U. Funeral services were held Thursday morning at Troyers, Rev. Ira W. Kingsley officiating, and burial was at Plattsmouth.

## DOES A FINE JOB

John C. Brittain and sons, Earl and Clyde, have just completed a fine job of renovating at the stores of the Fetzler Shoe Co., and the Black & White grocery. They have cleaned the steel ceiling and walls of the rooms and left them in very fine shape and making them most attractive to the eye and bright and attractive in every way.



Richard Bruno Hauptmann, Bronx carpenter who was found guilty of kidnaping and murdering the Lindbergh baby by a jury of eight men and four women, last night, after a sensational trial lasting more than a month. The jury did not recommend clemency and Judge Trenchard sentenced Hauptmann to death by electrocution during the week of March 18. Bruno received the verdict in silence.

## Local School to Participate in Omaha Tourney

High School Basketball Team to Take Part in Omaha Tourney This Year Instead of Falls City

The Plattsmouth high school basketball quintet this season will participate in the tournament held at Omaha instead of making the long trip to Falls City where the southeastern tourney will be held.

The decision of the Omaha schools to participate in the state meet this year will mean the holding of one of the regional tournaments there and in which the Platters have decided to enter. The distance to Falls City is such that it requires a great deal of time and wear on a team to make the journey and then enter into the play or else remain over to play their games. The location of the tourney at Nebraska City made it possible for the teams from this part of the district to attend with ease, but the change makes it much more convenient for the locals to go into the Omaha struggle.

The locals have had an in and out season and the matter of their showing at the regional tournament will depend largely on the teams that they may be pitted against. Several outside teams will participate in the Omaha meet as well as the North, South, Central, Benson, Nebraska Deaf schools. Creighton Prep will be one of the teams selected from the state at large.

## POSTPONE PLAY

The play to have been presented by the Mynard Community club on Wednesday an Thursday of this week has been indefinitely postponed. This is made owing to the sickness in this community which has caused the committee to feel that it might be best to take this action.

The play will be presented later and the public will receive due notice through the Journal of the dates on which "The Mirage" will be given.

## Notice, Ticket Holders Mynard Community Show

The Mynard Community club show, scheduled for presentation February 13-14 and 18-19, is being postponed, due to request of large number of the ticket holders, until the prevailing meningitis situation is fully under control. The club is taking this action as a health safeguard, and trusts all purchasers of tickets will accept its action as taken for the best interests of the community at large.

Due notice will be given of the later dates when the show will be presented.

## COMMITTEE.

## PREPARE FOR WOLF HUNT

The wolf hunt that will be held on Sunday is being planned by the committee in charge who will endeavor to rid the territory south of the scene of last week's hunt, of any of the coyotes or wolves.

The north side of the square will be at Mynard, the east at the Hi-Way garage just south of this city, the west at the farm of Jake Hild west of Mynard and the south side at the farm of John Hobscheidt south of Murray. This will take in practically the same amount of territory as the hunt of last week and it is expected that from 700 to 1,000 of the residents of this part of the county will take part.

## ENJOY FAMILY PARTY

The home of Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Arn was the scene of a very pleasant family gathering on Sunday when a number of the relatives were entertained at dinner honoring Mr. and Mrs. Amos Anderson of Brule, Nebraska, who stopped here on their way to New York for a short visit. They visited here with the Arn family and Mrs. Minnie Anderson, mother of Mr. Anderson and who makes her home with the daughter, Mrs. Arn. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson and Benjamin Anderson of Union were here to enjoy the family party as was Miss Marjorie Arn, who is engaged in teaching in the Alvo schools.

Journal ads bring you news of timely bargains. Read them!

## SHOWING NICE RECOVERY

The many friends of Otto E. Lutz will be pleased to learn that he is doing very nicely at the U. S. Veterans' hospital at Lincoln where he was operated on the past week. Mr. Lutz was operated on for appendicitis from which he has been a sufferer for a period of years and which finally became so severe as to make an operation necessary. A number of the relatives and friends were at Lincoln Sunday to enjoy a visit with Mr. Lutz.

## High School is Preparing for Declamatory Work

Winners of Local Contest, Feb. 28, Will Go to Sub-District Contest at Auburn in March.

The declamatory season is now opening among the schools of the state and in particular in the 2nd District Declamatory Association of which Plattsmouth is a member. For the past several years, Plattsmouth students have won a large share of honors in the various contests sponsored by the association. Three plaques representing championships in the Southeastern Sub-district hang on the auditorium walls.

This year, 19 students are working in the four fields: Oratory, Extemporaneous, Dramatic and Humorous reading, under the direction of Mr. Wayne Alvord, of the history department who has charge of the dramatic and declamatory work. The local contest has been set for the evening of February 28. Winners of the local contest will represent the school in the sub-district contest to be held at Auburn the latter part of March. Due to the large number of students participating in declamatory, Mr. Starrett, Miss Beighley and Mr. Patterson have been assisting Mr. Alvord.

Only one veteran of last year's sub-district contest is entered this year, Fred Fricke who will compete in the oratorical section. Others in this section are Lois Meade and Amber Bomer. In the extemporaneous section are four girls: Eleanor Minor, Bessie Carey, Jane Boedecker and Naomi Day.

In the Humorous reading the following are competing: Joan Hall, Sybil Geist, LaRue Bomer, Edna Mae Peterson, Betty Kalina, Carolyn Heigl. In the Dramatic section: June Geist, John Nottelman, Velma Edwards, Ruth Stutsman, Avis Sylvester and Inez Drucker.

Beside the splendid showing made in declamatory in the past in competition with other schools, a large number of individual students are annually given the benefit of this fine training which after all is the main justification for work of this kind. It is hoped that a large audience will be present on the evening of the local contest.

## VISITS IN CITY

Monday afternoon Ben A. Olive, Sterling Amick and Seward Day, prominent residents of Weeping Water, were in the city to spend a short time looking after some business and visiting with their many friends.

The gentlemen are prominent figures in the American Legion organization of Weeping Water and Cass county and Mr. Olive a former county commander. The fine record that Mr. Olive made as the Cass county commander has caused his friends over the district to urge that he permit the use of his name as a candidate for the position of district commander and for which office he will no doubt receive the support of all of the world war veterans in Cass county.

## MRS. WALTERS ILL

Mrs. Emil Walters, residing in the northwest portion of the city, has been quite seriously ill for the past several days, suffering apparently from a general breakdown. Last evening her daughter, Mrs. Marguerite Johnstone with Mr. Johnstone, arrived by auto from Sheridan, Wyoming, to be here with the mother. Another daughter from California is expected here within the next two days to join the members of the family at the bedside of the mother.

## Rotarians and Ladies Enjoy a Pleasant Time

Musical Program Given by Knofficek Family; Address by R. Foster Patterson, Last Evening.

From Wednesday's Daily  
Last evening the members of the Plattsmouth Rotary club and their ladies enjoyed a most pleasant evening at the parlors of the First Methodist church, the event being the Rotary Ann meeting of the club.

The members found that the Social Workers of the church had arranged a charming setting for the dinner, the decorations being a combination of the Lincoln day and Valentine season, tiny log cabins and the red hearts entering into the decorations of the table. The ladies doing the serving were also gowned in costumes of the colonial period to add to the attractiveness of the occasion.

President L. O. Minor presided over the meeting and the members of the party were led in the songs by George Jaeger, song leader of Rotary.

The program leader was Judge A. H. Duxbury, who presented a fine and interesting program for the entertainment of the guests.

A delightful musical program had been arranged which comprised a piano number, "Rhapsodie" by Koelling, given by Billie Reddie, the presentation of this talented nine-year-old musician being especially appreciated.

Miss Mildred Knofficek, of the high school, was heard in a viola solo, "Pictures from Fairyland," by Schumann, a wonderfully given selection.

Miss Beatrice Knofficek was heard in a piano number, "Waltz," by Strauss-Greenfield, which was given in her always artistic manner.

Bernard Knofficek was heard in a cello solo, "Meditation," by Squires, in which this talented young musician was heard at his best and his rendition was one that was charming and delightful.

The string trio was heard in a number, that was one of the most pleasing of the evening and in which Mildred Knofficek was heard as first violin, Louis Knofficek, second violin, Bernard Knofficek, cello and Beatrice Knofficek as the piano accompanist.

The address of the evening was by R. Foster Patterson, who took as his subject, "The Life and Times of Andrew Johnson." Mr. Patterson showed a deep research into the life of this little known president who had presided over the nation in perhaps the most troublesome times of the nation's history when the reconstruction acts of congress had paralyzed the south and caused bitterness even greater than the war that had swept the states. The address was one that gave everyone of the party an insight into the history of the United States in the period from 1865 to 1869 when the constant battle of the president and congress was raging.

## ELECT OFFICERS

From Tuesday's Daily  
Last evening the members of the Cass County Young Democrats held a meeting at the district court room and selected their officers for the ensuing year. The club selected a fine group of young people who will guide this important group of young voters for the coming year. The officers selected were as follows:

President—Joe Knofficek.  
Vice-President—Robert Wurl.  
Secretary—Paul Vandervoort.  
Treasurer—Avis Sylvester.

The club also named as their club advisor J. A. Capwell, well known democratic attorney and selected as the delegates to the state convention of the clubs at Norfolk on February 15th and 16th, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vandervoort.

There was the greatest of enthusiasm at the meeting and the club will launch into the program of educational work as well as social activities for the coming months in preparation for the more important tasks of the campaign of 1936 when they will again lend their fine efforts to the work of the party.

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