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Youth Drowned in Waters of the Missouri River

Willard Senf, 19, Slips From Rock Barge Southeast of Union and Sinks to His Death.

Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, Willard Senf, 19, was drowned in the Missouri river three miles south of the Cass county line near Union, when he slipped from a rock barge used in the river improvement work and in a few moments was swept to his death in the current.

Mr. Senf was employed in the Tobin rock quarries near Nehawka, and served as a measurer for the rock when loaded on the barges in the river. He had gone to Union late in the afternoon and drove on to the river where the barge was at anchor to measure up the rock for his company. As he was working in making the measurements of the load his foot slipped and he was in a few seconds hurled into the waters of the river and swept down stream. He was unable to swim and none of the employes on the barge were able to swim to his assistance and were compelled to see him swept some distance down stream before he sank and was seen no more. While he was unable to swim he paddled along for some distance before he was exhausted and unable to reach the shore. Mats are along the river at this point and it was impossible to use the sweeps in an effort to recover the body.

At the point where the body sank there is twenty feet of water and all effort made later by rescue parties were unable to recover the body.

The deceased is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Senf, well known residents of the Murray-Nehawka community where they have long made their home and the news of the death of the young man comes as a great shock to the many friends and relatives.

HONOR VISITING GIRLS

The beautiful lawn at the C. C. Wescott home was the scene of a most charming gathering of friends Thursday evening to honor a trio of Plattsmouth girls home for their vacations, Miss Alice Louise Wescott of Evanston, Illinois, Miss Ursula Herold of New York City and Miss Jane Fricke of the Nebraska University School of Nursing.

As the shadows of the late afternoon laid their cooling touch on the lawn the members of the party were invited to partake of the dainty picnic supper that had been arranged and which added to the pleasures of the evening. The remainder of the evening was spent in visiting.

Those enjoying the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Herold and daughter, Miss Ursula, Misses Mia and Barbara Gering, Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Cummins, Mrs. Maude Fricke and son, Frederick and daughters, Jane and Marion, Misses Ruth and Jean Tidball and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wescott and daughter.

LINCOLN WINS GAME

Wednesday morning one of the Lincoln American Legion boys' teams came here to mix it up with the local junior team and with the result that the visitors scored a 6 to 1 win from the youthful Plattsters. "Dusty" Rhodes was the hurler for the locals and struck out nine of the visitors.

On Sunday afternoon the Omaha Cardinals are expected to be here to meet the Legion team at 2:30 in what is expected to be a great battle. Manager Jackson of the local team is expecting to give their opponents the works.

ENTERTAINS AT DINNER

Wednesday evening Stephen Davis entertained at dinner at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl S. Davis, several friends from Camp Quivera, where he has spent the past two weeks.

The party enjoyed the delicious repast and spent the evening in visiting and in the stories of camp life. There were present Frank Chase, Scout executive at the camp, and two of the boys assisting in the camp work, Messrs Hollister and Shellberg.

HAS A BUSY TIME

A few mornings ago Dr. R. P. Westover experienced three hours of the most strenuous labor that he has had since embarking in practice and in which he raced the stork. The doctor assisted in the arrival of a daughter at the Raymond Graut home, then to the Henry W. Pfeiffer home where a daughter was arriving and finally assisted in the arrival of a son at the Harvey R. Elledge home. The doctor started the marathon at 4 a. m. and was able at 8 o'clock to be out shooting a round of golf after the safe advent of these three little patients. The doctor, however, is not anxious to have this a daily occurrence if he is to remain long in active practice.

Red Cross to Present Life Saving Program

Tests for Swimmers and Life Savers to Be Held Over County—At Merritt Pits Near City.

The following schedule will be followed for the life saving program conducted by the Cass County Chapter Red Cross under Mrs. R. E. Norris, chairman, with J. Warren Stander, instructor.

Classes at the four pools as follows:
July 18-21, Cedar Creek.
July 21-28, Plattsmouth.
July 28-Aug. 4, South Bend.
Aug. 5-10, Red Cross examiner to give tests at each pool.

Schedule for classes, daily except Sunday forenoon:
9 to 10 a. m. Girls under 14 years of age.

10 to 11 a. m. Boys under 14 years of age.

11 to 12 a. m. Junior Life Saving for boys.

1:30 to 3 p. m. Junior Life Saving for boys and girls.

3 to 4 p. m., children under 14 years of age.

4 to 5:30 p. m. ladies and girls over 14 years of age.

6 to 6:30 p. m., men.

6:30 to 8 p. m. Senior Life Saving class.

The tests to be given for residents of this section of Cass county will be at the Merritt sand pits just north of this city and where every precaution will be taken to insure all safety and the proper instruction to the swimmers to fit them for the life saving tests.

The Red Cross, however, will assume no responsibility for those who take the swimming courses.

Where possible, transportation will be arranged for those children who have no means of reaching the pits for the swimming lessons.

HOLD FINE MEETING

Tuesday the Juvenile Degree of Honor Protective association of Plattsmouth held its first meeting. The officers directing the meeting were Lena Herre, national director, Florence Owen, state president, Stella Mae, King City and District Junior Organizer, Lillian Briggs, district representative.

Officers were elected as follows: Rosalyn Mark, president; Opal Byers, first vice-president; Willa Sylvester, second vice-president; Matilda Taylor, past president; Bob Woest, color bearer; Margaret Sylvester, secretary. Mrs. Wells was selected director of the club. Several members were initiated. After the meeting refreshments were served.

UNDERGOING TREATMENT

From Thursday's Daily
Ronald Rebal, 14, son of Councilman and Mrs. Frank Rebal, was confined to the home today as the result of an attack which it is feared may develop into appendicitis. He was not feeling well on Tuesday and yesterday on the advice of his physician was placed in bed and under care. He was resting easily today.

RETURNS FROM TRIP

Mrs. J. A. Donelan, who with Mr. and Mrs. Karl Brown of Papillion, has been enjoying a motor trip to the west has returned home to this city. The party visited at Yellowstone park, later motoring to Salt Lake City and then to the Grand Canyon for a short stay. They had a most delightful outing and visited many places of interest.

John Warga, an Old Resident of Community Dies

Resident Here Since 1880 Dies at Age of 85 Years After Illness of Many Years Duration.

Thursday evening at Council Bluffs occurred the death of John Warga, Sr., 85, a long time resident of this community, death coming as the result of his old age and an illness that has been of some duration. In the last three weeks Mr. Warga has been gradually failing and peacefully sank to the last rest.

John Warga was born in Europe and spent his younger years in his native land, Austria-Hungary, coming to the United States and locating at Plattsmouth in 1880 where he had since made his home. Mr. Warga with his brothers, Michael and Joseph, were engaged in railroad work in the local shops for a great many years. John Warga later purchasing a farm southeast of this city which has been developed into one of the most attractive in this section of the county.

Mr. Warga was married here to Miss Josephine Swatek, who preceded him in death a great many years ago and there is surviving him eight children, James Warga, Mrs. James Nowack, Charles Warga, Albert Warga, Mrs. Ernest Hintner, all of this community, Mrs. Patrick Eagan, Omaha, John Warga, Jr., of Chicago and Mrs. Rose Rauber of Omaha. There are also surviving 12 grandchildren. One brother, Michael Warga of Havelock is left to mourn his passing.

The body was brought to this city to the Sattler funeral home to await arrangements for the funeral services.

The funeral of Mr. Warga will be held on Monday morning at 8 o'clock at the Holy Rosary Catholic church on west Pearl street.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

The passing of the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Martha C. Wiles was marked by a most delightful birthday party at the home of Mrs. Oscar Gappen, who was assisted by her daughter, Miss Helena in the entertaining.

A very handsome birthday cake had been prepared for the occasion and which with its glowing candles rested on a cake stand a family heirloom of Mrs. Wiles as it had been used by her mother many years ago.

Those attending were Mrs. George W. Snyder and daughters, Anna, Mildred and Mrs. Raymond C. Cook, Mrs. Guy Wiles and daughter, Grace Louise, Mrs. Wiles the guest of honor and the hostesses.

KITCHEN KLATTER CLUB

On July 17, we met at the home of Wilma Swatek. We had a demonstration on rolls by Wilma Swatek. We brought bread, cookies, biscuits and cinnamon rolls and they were judged good. We had two visitors, Miss Baldwin and Phyllis Jelinek. We talked about our achievement day and at the close of the meeting dainty refreshments were served by Wilma Swatek and Phyllis Jelinek, hostesses.

OPAL BYERS, News Reporter.

TO VISIT IN CITY

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Cook will be the scene of a very pleasant family party this coming week when Arthur E. Doerr, 15, a grandson of Mr. Cook will arrive with his half sister, Norma, 8, and Mrs. A. J. Doerr to spend some time visiting here. The visitors will arrive in Omaha Sunday on the North-western and will be met there by Mr. Cook and Raymond Cook and brought on to this city to enjoy the visit.

ENJOYING OUTING

Misses Eva Wickmann, and Margaret Albert of this city, and Miss Mildred Shobert of Papillion, have gone to Chicago to spend a few days with Miss Emma Albert. From there they will motor up to Lake Delavan, Wis., where they will vacation for several weeks.

HERE FROM THE WEST

Mr. and Mrs. Allen J. Beeson, residents of this city for many years, arrived in the old home town Tuesday evening to enjoy a visit with the host of friends in this part of the state. Mr. Beeson was county judge here for some eighteen years and Mrs. Beeson active in the social life of the community and president of the local Woman's club up to the time of her leaving for the west.

They will visit here and at Omaha where Mrs. H. H. Cotton, sister of Mr. Beeson and family reside.

The many friends are pleased to welcome them back home and to have the opportunity of visiting with the old associates.

Court Decides Tax Sale Case Wednesday

Judge D. W. Livingston Finds for Byron Golding in Contest Over Right of Tax Redemption.

A case arising out of the recent sale of the lots owned by Byron Golding on Chicago avenue, came on for hearing Wednesday before Judge D. W. Livingston and who held in principal for the plaintiff in the action, Mr. Golding.

The lots which had assed against them \$1,096.95 in delinquent taxes, were offered for sale some two weeks ago and purchased by the city for the bid of \$440 to protect the city interest in the taxes delinquent.

This property which is occupied by the Wimpy Inn has been owned by Mr. Golding for some years, the building on the lots, however being the property of Carl Christwiser the tenant of the land.

Mr. Golding contested the right of the city and under the decision made by Judge Livingston may secure the restoration of his property by the payment of the \$440 bid of the city and interest.

The court held on the section of the law, "If redemption is made after sale and before confirmation, such person must pay the sum for which the land was sold, with interests and costs to the date of confirmation." Following the decision of the court it was announced that the City of Plattsmouth would appeal the case to the supreme court to have a final decision on the law points which the city was unable to get to the attention of the court.

PICK UP SUSPECTS

From Thursday's Daily
The police department several times have received complaints of men who have stopped women or directed remarks at them as they were walking along streets in the residential section. Last night a complaint was sent in from Washington avenue and Officers Pickrell and Stewart responded and on west Elm street picked up two strangers. The parties denied that they were those sought for having accosted the women as was alleged, but they were taken in for investigation.

The two men claimed to be from Bellevue.

ENJOY THEATRE PARTY

The Misses Ruth and Jean Tidball entertained a few of their friends and school associates Tuesday at a very delightful theatre party. The group of ladies motored to Omaha where they enjoyed a performance at the Orpheum theatre.

Those to enjoy the event were Miss Alice Louise Wescott, Chicago; Miss Ursula Herold, of New York City; Miss Helene Perry, Miss Maxine Cloude and the hostesses, Misses Ruth and Jean Tidball.

CALLED ON SAD MISSION

Joseph Weber of this city was called to Stuart, Nebraska, this week where he will attend the funeral services of his mother, Mrs. George Weber, held today at Stuart.

The death of Mrs. Weber occurred Monday evening, at the age of 65 years and following a short illness.

The deceased was the mother of thirteen children, twelve of whom with the husband survive her passing.

Garden Club Holds Interesting Meeting

Members Show Great Interest in Development of Knowledge of Plant Life, Trees.

Thursday evening the members of the Plattsmouth Garden club held a very interesting meeting at the home of their president, Mrs. E. H. Wescott, where the members gathered to enjoy the cool of the evening and the excellent program that had been arranged.

There have been twenty-eight gardeners visited in the last few Sundays and which has attracted the greatest interest among the members and has demonstrated the keen interest shown by the gardeners of the community. The members had been asked to bring bouquets for judging as to the best arrangement and value and which was awarded to Mrs. P. T. Heinemann for the most artistically arranged.

There was also prepared specimens of some fifty varieties of the leaves of trees to be found in the community and which were inspected and lists given by the members of the names of the trees and which showed a fine knowledge of the trees in the community.

Mr. A. L. Tidd, who had served so efficiently as the chairman of the Flower Show committee reported that there was a balance left in their fund of \$12 after all expenses had been paid.

Miss Julia Svoboda presided over the question box and gave answers to many questions of the members and also giving the correct names of many of the plants found in this community.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

OLD AGE PENSION BOARD

The old age pension board, comprising Commissioners F. H. Gorder, E. B. Chapman, J. A. Pitz and County Treasurer John E. Turner, met Thursday at the court house.

There has so far been 250 applications received by the board and which were taken up and discussed as to the status of the parties making applications as to complying with the requirements of the state law.

The board canvassed the list but the time for commencement of the payment of the pensions still is in the air. The national social security bill that provides for the payment of \$15 by the federal government to be matched in equal sum by the state, is still in congress and until it is passed and signed this holds up the possibilities of the payment of the pensions to the applicants.

The old age pension law has created a great deal of interest over the county and the commissioners have been deluged with inquiries as to the time of the operating of the law but which is as uncertain with them as with the applicants.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

From Thursday's Daily
The annual picnic of the Methodist Sunday school was held this afternoon at Riverview park in Omaha and with a large group attending. The members of the congregation who had cars assisted in getting the members of the school to the scene of the pleasant outing. Plenty of good eats, games and refreshments served to make the occasion one that will be very much enjoyed by all of the party.

HURT IN ACCIDENT

Mrs. H. J. Kaufmann of this city has received the report of the serious injury of a nephew, Delmon Smith, of McDonald, Kansas. The young man was injured when his car was forced into a ditch along the highway and resulted in his severe injury. The young man is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, well known in this city and who are now residing at McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Place of Omaha were here Wednesday to spend a short time with old friends. Mrs. Place was formerly Miss Helen Pfouts of this city.

SUNNYSIDE CLUB MEETS

The Sunnyside girls 4-H club met this week at the home of Mary K. Wiles.

Demonstrations were given by Betty Kalina and Mary K. Wiles. Betty demonstrated the pressing of wool and Mary K. demonstrated the testing of wool and silk.

Following the business meeting, Louise Rishel rendered three delightful piano selections.

Dainty and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, Mary K. Wiles.

The meeting was concluded by the singing of 4-H club songs.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Betty Kalina on July 30th.

Cass County Men Injured in Auto Accident

Party En Route to Ipswich, S. D., to Attend Funeral, Wrecked Near West Point.

When the word was received of the death of August Brunkow who died last Wednesday at Ipswich, South Dakota, the four sons here and Frank Stander started for South Dakota to attend the funeral. Frank Stander, who was a long time friend of the family, very kindly to furnish his car to take the sons to the funeral. Ferdinand Brunkow of Murdock, E. F. Brunkow and Hermon Brunkow of Greenwood and Wm. Brunkow of Lincoln, started about noon for Ipswich and had proceeded as a point some seven miles this side of West Point and were traversing a detour on account of the regular road being worked. As they were traveling at a fairly good rate of speed one of the tires of the car suddenly blew out, with the result that the car became uncontrollable and after futile attempt to stop or steady it, it rolled over a number of times, almost entirely wrecking the car.

All were more or less injured. Herman Brunkow was injured to such an extent with an injury to his back that he had to be taken to the Bryan Memorial hospital at Lincoln for treatment. Ferdinand was very severely injured in the chest and one arm had a blood vessel badly ruptured and with a number of cuts and bruises over the body and was taken to his home near Murdock. E. F. Brunkow was more or less injured and bruised as was also Wm. Brunkow and Frank Stander had some cuts and bruises over the head and body, but the last three not so severe but that they could continue on to their destination at Ipswich, Howard Brunkow taking his car to them at West Point, and returned with the ambulance that took Herman Brunkow to the hospital at Lincoln.

SUFFERS INJURY

H. M. Soennichsen, veteran merchant and head of the H. M. Soennichsen Co. store, is suffering from the effects of an injury while at the store that has proven very painful. In his work in the grocery department he slipped and fell and caused the injury of several ribs and which has greatly interfered with his activity. Mr. Soennichsen is one of the hard working leaders in the business life of the community and his enforced inactivity is much regretted by the friends.

RETURN FROM OUTING

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd H. Gerbeling and children have returned home from an outing at Grand Island which has proven a very delightful occasion for the family. They were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Conger, the latter a sister of Mr. Gerbeling. They enjoyed the many points of interest in and near Grand Island and report the country looking excellent between the Missouri river and the mid-state section.

IMPROVING FRONT

The front of the popular Schlitz dispensary operated by Emmons Plak on South Sixth street, is being given a redecorating and touchup that will add very much to its appearance. It is being painted in the tones of dark green. The work is being looked after by Charles Fulton and Albert Sedlak.

VISITING IN THE CITY

From Friday's Daily
Miss Ursula Herold had as her house guests today, Miss Margaret Brown of Papillion and Miss Marcilla Foster of Omaha, Miss Foster being a former princess of the court of Ak-Sar-Ben.

Old Timer Writes of Early Days in This Community

M. C. Whelan Now of Kansas City, Tells of Many Persons and Incidents of Early Days Here.

I notice in the Journal of October 14, 1934, an account of the reunion of a couple of old timers who were with Mr. Fairfield on a surveying outfit in 1883 which was indeed interesting to me, as I was the youngest of a crew who left Plattsmouth in April, 1881 with Mr. Fairfield and crossed the river there with two wagons and traveled the muddy roads while it rained hard and landed at Council Bluffs at 3 a. m. We were trained at Omaha for Sidney, Neb., and did we have a time. Buffalo Bill got on train at North Platte and went with us to Sidney where at that time a U. S. fort was located and also the center of the cowboy country. I often wonder if any of our crew is living. We had Mr. Fairfield and son, Mack, Mr. Young who took care of the mules and horses, Sol Pitcher who taught school not far from Plattsmouth, Jim Brantner, Frank Hathaway, Jack White, brother of Alf and Frank White, Frank Drain, Ralph Livingston, the best shot with his rifle on the plains, Lon Lacy from Rock Bluffs and a few more which I cannot now recall.

We crossed the Platte at Camp Clark where there was a pile bridge and surveyed up the river to and around Scottsbluff, then on the Wyoming line which we re-ran north. While camped on the river one night we heard shots and did not know for nine days what it was about. We found by sending for provisions to Camp Clark that it was the burial of President Garfield and Fort Peterman were firing the cannon in honor of our president. We were surveying government land and were ignorant of the assassination or burial of our president. Many are the incidents of interest which happened on this trip, when the prairie and hills were alive with game—antelope, deer, badgers, coyotes and snakes by the thousand. Whitetail deer abounded in and about streams and black-tail or mule deer on the uplands. A number of wild horses and a couple of droves of buffalo still inhabited these parts then. Mr. Fairfield carried 10 gallons of whiskey, for snake bite and many a scratch was claimed as snake bite to get some of this medicine. When the job was done we were furnished a tin cup three times a day until the keg was empty. Some of the boys made a little money but others were in debt after playing poker for I. O. U's.

We returned in September and I found six of the crew standing on a corner in Sidney watching a young woman going along the street. I was one of the six. We had not seen a woman while away and of course our curiosity was aroused. I left Plattsmouth in 1883, but have been back a few times, having relatives there and in Omaha.

I went to school in Louisville, South Bend and Cedar Creek and to Plattsmouth high. I notice a number of my old school mates have passed away. I wish I could meet and speak to these old timers and if any living, heaven bless them and bring them happy memories of by gone days.

M. C. (MART) WHELAN, 3115 Washington St., K. C., Mo.

MARRIED AT CITY HALL

From Friday's Daily
Judge Charles L. Graves was called upon this morning to perform the marriage ceremony that was to unite the lives of Miss Sibyl E. Kezer and Mr. Lee J. Tubbs, both of Omaha. The marriage lines were read most impressively by the Judge and the nuptial witnessed by Chief of Police Joe Libershal and City Weighmaster Paul Vandervoort.

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