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Death of Claus Boetel at Age of Ninety-One

Passed Away Last Evening After a Long Illness from Old Age—Born in Germany.

Wednesday night at 10:30 occurred the death of Claus Boetel, Sr., 91 years of age and who has been a resident of this community since 21 years of age when he came here as a youth from his native Germany. In recent years his health has been undermined by the advancing years and he has made his home at the county farm west of this city where he has been cared for and given every attention.

Mr. Boetel was born in the province of Holstein, Germany on February 27, 1845, and where his childhood days were spent, leaving his native land at the age of 21 years for the United States where so many of his countrymen had preceded him to make their home in the new world of greater opportunity. On his arrival in the United States he came west to Nebraska and located at Plattsmouth, making his home in this community since that time.

The first employment that Mr. Boetel received was that at the brewery of Conrad Ripple, located in the vicinity of where the power plant of the Plattsmouth Water Corporation is now located. Later he was married to Miss Margaret Ripple, daughter of his employer.

Mr. Boetel and Miss Ripple were married in Plattsmouth on February 27, 1872, the family making their home and rearing their family in this city until in March 1919, when the wife and mother passed to the last reward.

Mr. Boetel was a man of industry and led a very busy life as long as his health and age would permit, being engaged for a great many years with the Plattsmouth Brick & Terra Cotta Co., at their plant on Washington avenue, as well as working for the late Walter J. White, and at the close of his business Mr. Boetel engaged in the draying business for himself until illness and the advancing years made necessary his ceasing his usual activities, he leading a retired life since that time.

Mr. Boetel was very active in the German-American circles of the community for many years, as well as the local lodge of the Sons of Herman, in which he belonged over a period of years. While president of the Turn-Verein in 1914 he was head of the German day pageant and celebration staged in this city.

Mr. Boetel is survived by five children, John Boetel, Claus Boetel, Jr., of this city; Mrs. Margaret Tulene, Oakland, California; Frank Boetel and Mrs. Frank Cheval of this city. Seven children preceded the parents in death. Also surviving are eighteen grandchildren and twenty-three great grandchildren.

TOO MUCH INDULGENCE

Wednesday evening Officer Pickrel discovered a resident of the transient camp wandering along the eastern portion of Main street and decidedly under the influence of some intoxicating beverage. The man was taken to the city jail to rest up and recover from the effects of the overindulgence and to be turned over to the camp officers for their action.

MAKES GUILTY PLEA

On the charge of driving while intoxicated, P. E. Garrison of Louisville, Wednesday afternoon in the county court entered a plea of guilty, changing the plea made earlier in the week. The court, however, deferred any sentence in the case to permit the parties to try and arrange some settlement as to the payment of the damage done to the car of Mr. Pollard.

VISITING FRIENDS HERE

Mrs. Frieda McAfee and children, Darwin Lee and Marilyn, of Talmage, Nebraska, are in the city visiting with friends and will remain here for a few days at least.

SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

Mrs. W. G. Boedecker, of Murray, who underwent a very serious operation last week at the Methodist hospital at Omaha, is now showing a decided improvement. The serious nature of the operation made the condition of the patient quite grave for several days, but she is now rallying in fine shape and has given the greatest encouragement to the family. The many friends over this section of Cass county are trusting that she may continue this improvement and to return home in a short time.

Well Known Plattsmouth People Wed

Mrs. Viola McCrary and Mr. Jess Elliott Are Married at Papillion Wednesday afternoon.

On Wednesday afternoon at Papillion occurred the marriage of Mrs. Viola McCrary and Mr. Jess Elliott, both well known residents of this city, the marriage lines being read by County Judge Collins of Sarpy county.

The wedding was very quiet and the bridal couple was attended by Miss Lila Jane Elliott, daughter of the groom.

Following the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Elliott returned here where they will make their home in the future on the farm just north of this city and where they will be at home to their friends in the future.

Both of the bridal couple are well known in the community where they have been residents for many years and both have a very large circle of friends who will be pleased to learn of their new found happiness and will extend their best wishes for many years of success.

Mr. Elliott was for a number of years street commissioner and chief of police of this city, but in recent years has made his home on the farm near this city.

FARM HOME PROWLLED

The farm home of George E. Direskson, near Wabash, was prowled Wednesday afternoon while the owner was absent and a number of articles taken from the house, it was discovered when Mr. Direskson returned to his home in the evening. The articles taken included two accordions as well as a gold neck chain and a number of other smaller articles. The only trace of the persons who might have had a hand in the robbery was given by the owner of the farm who stated to Deputy Sheriff Sylvester that two strangers, a man and a woman, had stopped at his place a few days ago and made inquiries about the place and incidentally learned that Mr. Direskson was living alone at the place and was in the habit of being away from home quite frequently.

HAS TONSILS REMOVED

From Thursday's Daily Ernest Hild of near Mynard, one of the well known farmers of that locality was in the city today to look after some business matters. He reports that his second son, Herbert, was recovering from the effects of a tonsil operation performed by Dr. Tyson of Murray. The lad is now feeling very much improved.

VISIT OLD FRIENDS

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Crawford and son of Coleridge, Nebraska, are enjoying a visit in Cass county with the old time friends and relatives in and near Murray and Union and this city. Mrs. Crawford is a daughter of Mrs. A. H. Graves, of Murray and also is a sister of J. H. Graves of this city.

VISIT FATHER HERE

Mrs. Adrain Edgar of Wymore and Mrs. Mina Courtwright, of Louisville, Kentucky, are in the city to spend a short time with their father, George A. Kaffenberger and the many old time friends. Mrs. Courtwright was formerly Miss Mina Kaffenberger.

Resettlement Administration to Offer Aid

Farmers Urged to Communicate with Jean Spangler, District Representative, at Once.

Funds are available now for emergency drouth aid in Cass county, Jean Spangler, the local Resettlement representative announced today. He urged farmers who are in need of grants for human subsistence or loans for livestock feed to communicate with him immediately at his office in Nebraska City.

"We've had orders to put this emergency drouth aid program into operation at once in all counties that have been officially designated by the Department of Agriculture as emergency drouth counties," Mr. Spangler said.

"Red tape will be cut and the program is going to move fast. Our grant and loan application will be handled in the state office and I want the people of Cass county to know that we are making every effort to prevent suffering."

Mr. Spangler explained that feed orders would be handled through a central procurement agency being set up by the Resettlement Administration, with local feed dealers over the state acting as distributors. He emphasized, however, that farmers would have to make all their applications for grants or loans directly to him at his office.

The emergency loan and grant load in this state is not expected to exceed previous caseloads, the local RA man declared. He pointed out that the burden carried before could be assumed again in the face of the drouth emergency. Before the drouth, there were 24 farmers in Cass county who had borrowed funds of the Resettlement Administration and 32 farm families had received temporary grants.

"Loans for livestock feed are being made in an effort to provide some income for drouth farmers," Mr. Spangler explained, "and to preserve at least foundation herds of stock for next year. The Resettlement Administration will help only those who are really in need, but where there is actual need, we are in a position to give immediately help."

The county RA supervisor said his office would serve as a clearing house for information on further developments in the drouth aid program, and he advised Cass county farmers to keep in touch with him for further details.

NEHAWKA PARTIES WEDDED

Miss Leora Edna Flesman, daughter of Mrs. Laura Flesman, and George R. Switzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Switzer, both of Nehawka, were married July 29 at 4 p. m., at the court house in Lincoln by Judge Robert R. Reid.

The attendants were Miss DaLeene Carper, Nehawka, and Walter Griffin, Lincoln.

Both Mr. Switzer and his bride are graduates of the Nehawka high school. They are living at that place.

WILL SUPERVISE SPORTS

From Thursday's Daily Lorence Rhoades, former high school football and basketball player, was today added to the list of supervisors of the recreational program being staged under the sponsorship of the WPA. Mr. Rhoades will have charge of the supervision of the older boys as the classes have grown too large to be handled by one person and needs games suitable to the different ages.

TATE-NEAL

Miss Ruth Tate, 21, former Plattsmouth girl, daughter of Mrs. Bertha Tate, Sixth street and Second corner, Nebraska City, and LeRoy Neal, 22, son of Mrs. Hugh Applegate, 614 Second avenue of that city, were married July 26 at Glenwood, Iowa.

The bride has been employed at the Community Service room in Nebraska City and the young man did river construction work. They will make their home in the Otoe county city.

VISITS IN CITY

Thursday evening Leo Tighe, of Omaha, representative of the Lush-Youngblood Co., of Omaha, was in the city to visit with old friends and acquaintances and looking after some business for his company. He is a member of one of the old families of Cass county, making their home for many years in the Manley community. He is a son of the late John Tighe, sheriff of Cass county in the early nineties and has made his home in Omaha since his childhood. He had the pleasure of meeting many of the old acquaintances of the family while here.

Nehawka Banker and Son Injured in Auto Smashup

Collision North of Nehawka Thursday Night Results in Injuries of Five Members of Auto Parties.

Three members of an auto party from Auburn are at Omaha in a hospital and Walter J. Wunderlich, Nehawka banker and son, Jack, are at their home suffering from injuries sustained Thursday night in an auto wreck.

Mr. Wunderlich with his oldest son, Jack, was returning home from the north last evening and the party of three from Auburn were headed north on the road north of Nehawka, near what is known as "Schomaker Hill," when the car from the south appeared. The car of Mr. Wunderlich was driven far to the side of the road to avoid a collision, it is stated, being almost in a ditch when crashed into by the approaching car.

The cars were very badly damaged and in the smashup the three in the Auburn car were badly hurt and were taken on to Omaha and a hospital before a check of the wreck could be made by Deputy Sheriff Cass Sylvester, called to the scene of the accident. The deputy sheriff found several teeth in the seat of the Auburn car which indicated the seriousness of the injuries to the party.

Mr. Wunderlich was badly bruised and had a large lump on the jaw and the head raised where he had been hurled into the side and roof of the car, while Jack, the son, suffered a broken nose and bruises, but the two are not considered in serious condition.

INTERESTED IN OLYMPICS

While all the United States has more or less interest in the eleventh Olympiad now being staged at Berlin, Germany, Miss Jane Boedecker of Murray, is more than ordinarily keen to watch the results. Among the women competing in this worldwide athletic event, is Miss Helen Stephens, of Fulton, Missouri, who is a classmate and friend of Miss Boedecker at William Wood college at Fulton. Miss Stephens won in the 100-meter dash and was second in the discus event held on Tuesday at the field at Berlin. The two young ladies are great friends and Miss Boedecker is certainly an enthusiastic booster for the American entry in the world sport event.

WILL LOCATE IN CITY

Mrs. Robert McPherson and son, Donald, of Ashland, arrived in the city Thursday to visit with Mr. McPherson, clerk of the Fricke drug store. The McPherson family are arranging to move to this city to reside and join the husband and father who has been located here for the past several months. They have secured a residence in the south part of the city where they will locate for the present at least.

GOES TO CAMP WORK

John Gilmore, of Murray, was at Omaha on Thursday to arrange for taking up his work at Fort Crook for the next two weeks with the C. M. T. C. Mr. Gilmore, a student at Nebraska university, is a member of the reserve officers corps and has been ordered to report for duty at Fort Crook to assist in the training of the young student soldiers who are having their month of life under the discipline of the army.

Legion Host to Three of the Former Enemy

Joe Dierschel, August Siemoneit and Carl Patschies Recall Times Faced American Fire

From Friday's Daily Hugh J. Kearns Post, American Legion, entertained a good number of guests at its regular monthly meeting last night at Holly's cabin on the Platte. Among them were three former German soldiers who are now American citizens, several members of the Ralston post, and nearly a score of invited guests from Plattsmouth, representative of various civic groups and the city government.

The meeting was presided over by Harrison L. Gayer, who was elected commander for the ensuing year a month ago, this being his first meeting, which called for the naming of numerous standing committees. With the exception of two committees yet to be named and the Boy Scout committee, to be named just prior to December 31, when the local troop is due to re-register, the committees named by Commander Gayer include:

Americanism Committee—Joe Capwell, chairman; John Palacek and Raymond Larson.

Auditing Committee—Leslie Niel, chairman; Albert Olson and Leo Boynton.

Cemetery Committee—Tom Walling, chairman; Don Selver, Robert Will, Ralph Petet and Tom Beck.

Child Welfare Committee—W. G. Kieck, chairman; Frank Barkus and C. A. Marshall.

Community Service Committee—E. L. McKissick, chairman; Robert Capell, G. R. Swinson and Leslie Niel.

Drum and Bugle Corps Committee—C. A. Marshall, chairman; Don Tinner, Fred Herbster and Pete Gradoville.

Employment Relations Committee—Leo Boynton, chairman; James Persinger and A. H. Duxbury.

Entertainment and Promotions Committee—Roy Holly, chairman; L. S. Devoe and Robert Reed.

Membership Committee—Ed Ofe, chairman; Dave Pickrel, J. L. Capps, Clyde Jackson and Milo Fulton.

Sick Committee—Frank Rebal, chairman; James Hiskett and Fred Lugsch.

Delegates were to have been elected to the state convention, and although many will attend this year's convention in Omaha no one desired to shoulder the responsibility of attending the various convention sessions as an official delegate and it was left to the commander to name the delegates later.

Carnival committee and Community Building Club committee reported on these activities which have netted sufficient profit to enable reducing indebtedness on the community building by a very sizeable amount at the next interest payment date.

C. A. Marshall of the Drum Corps committee reported the boys will go to Milligan Saturday for an engagement. A motion was carried appropriating not to exceed \$100 for the purchase of drums and bugles that are needed if the corps is to be enlarged and continued. This expenditure will probably depend on ability to finance purchase of uniforms for the organization from other sources.

A fifteen year continuous membership card was awarded to Roy Holly, bringing the number in this post having such awards up to nine. A communication was read from Past Commander Distell, now residing in Indiana, in which he expressed a desire to come to Nebraska for the state convention, and a special invitation from the post will be extended him to do so.

Former Enemy are Guests

As the regular business session drew to a close, Commander Gayer introduced August Siemoneit, who had entered the German army at the age of 18, spending nearly a year in the front line trenches before the Armistice brought the World war to a close. Siemoneit told of walking 250 miles to get back to his home in the interior of Germany following his discharge from the army. Carl Patschies, another of the trio of former enemy soldiers, entered the army at the age of 20 and saw about four months of service at the front.

Third of the group was Joe Dierschel, who entered the army at the very beginning of the war in 1914,

spent 32 months in the trenches and 34 months as a prisoner in France, finally being released early in 1920, as prisoners were held for manual labor cleaning up the debris and destruction their shells had wrought earlier in the conflict. Mr. Dierschel had many interesting and never-to-be-forgotten experiences, but like the great majority of soldiers who have really gone through fire and seen the wanton destruction of human life, is reticent to talk about his experiences.

The visit of these three former German soldiers was greatly enjoyed and at the conclusion of the meeting, when a buffet luncheon was being served there was great fraternizing with the enemy, as various incidents of the final two years of the war were recalled.

Bob Winters, Doc Woods and Ray Welch, visitors from the Ralston post, spoke briefly, as did several of the Plattsmouth guests, and then the long table was spread with all sorts of luncheon meats, cheese, crackers, rye bread, pickles, etc., together with an ample supply of Goetz on draught, to which all did justice.

National Park Service Takes Over Local Camp

Former Transient Camp to Be Operated as Park Project—George Parish Is Superintendent.

The National Park service of the United States government has taken over the management and supervision of the camp north of this city which has been used since its organization first as a boy's camp and later as a transient camp where in the past months older men have been located.

The change in the control of the camp will make it a great deal better and place the responsibility in the park service which is now doing a great deal of work in that place. Heretofore while the residents have worked on the park projects the camp has been under other supervision and management.

The camp will now be in charge of George Parish, well known sport official of Omaha, who has been designated as camp and project superintendent, and in full charge of the active work of running the camp and its affairs. He is assisted at this time by A. J. Knott, E. C. Gillespie and Hamilton Mark of this city, the latter in charge of the trucks and other motor equipment of the camp.

The change will make it possible to greatly enlarge the program of the camp and make it one of the fine park projects of the middle west. The plans for the park include the building of a lake for use as a game preserve, also a dike that will protect the military reservation from the overflow of the waters of the Missouri river. There will be building and graveling of the roads through the reservation as well as the placing of a sewer in the camp that will add much to the comfort of those quartered there as well as the beautification of the camp.

The second regional park office with Paul V. Mosel, in charge, is located at Omaha and which has charge of fifteen states.

The men at the camp will probably continue to be taken from the WPA ranks, but will be under a more strict discipline than in the past.

DRAWS DOWN FINE

From Friday's Daily This morning in the county court the case of the State of Nebraska vs. P. E. Garrison on a charge of driving while intoxicated was called by the court to impose a sentence as the young man entered a plea of guilty to the charge. It was decided by the court that he be committed to the county jail for a period of sixty days and also have his driver's license taken away for a period of one year.

HERE FROM LINCOLN

Mrs. Edna Evans of Lincoln, is in the city for a visit at the M. S. Kerr home, she being a sister of Mrs. Evans. Mrs. Evans came down Friday to join in the observance of the thirty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Kerr.

Elmwood People are Injured in Auto Crash

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Capwell Injured and Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Schrock, Scottsbluff, Seriously Hurt.

On Wednesday evening shortly after six o'clock an auto accident occurred on the O street road a mile east of the Avoca corner and at this point the road is comparatively level with just a dip to the east starting where the accident occurred. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Capwell and Charley Phillips had been over in Iowa to look at a piece of land that belonged to Mr. Phillips and were returning home when the accident occurred. From all information that could be secured Mr. Capwell was driving his car coming from the east and Dr. J. B. Schrock accompanied by his wife, of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, was coming from the west. A large truck was going east at the same time and Dr. Schrock pulled out to pass the truck not seeing the Capwell car coming west until it was too late. Mr. Capwell seeing that a collision was possible pulled his car off to the north side of the road as fast as possible and was off with the front part of the car on the ridge of gravel. It seemed that the driver of the other car had lost control of his car and it swerved a good deal, striking the Capwell car just in front of the left front door and tearing all along the entire side of the car. Fortunately neither car upset, but both cars were badly damaged, with fenders and running boards smashed and wheels and tires badly damaged. The differential housing on the Capwell car was completely torn loose.

The occupants of the Capwell car were more or less injured. Mr. Capwell, who was driving, sustained a broken right arm just below the elbow when it was jammed against the steering wheel, also many bruises and cuts. Mrs. Capwell received a number of bruises and scratches. Mr. Phillips escaped without injury, although the collision jarred his false teeth out and it was with difficulty that they were finally located and one or two of the teeth had been broken out.

The occupants of the Scottsbluff car were more seriously injured and it was stated that they had been rendered unconscious by the force of the collision. They were taken to a hospital at Lincoln by the doctor at Nehawka.

L. A. Bornemeier and Fred Fleischman who came along at the time took the Capwells home and they were then brought to the offices of Dr. O. E. Liston where their injuries were cared for.

The cars were later brought to the Hillside garage where they were a source of a good deal of interest, owing to the wrecked condition of both of them. They were both late model V-8 Fords.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

From Friday's Daily Bruno Reichstadt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Reichstadt, who was taken ill Thursday, was reported as some better today. It was thought that he might be suffering from appendicitis but it was decided that it was a severe case of a summer intestinal ailment and which is yielding to treatment.

WILL UNDERGO OPERATION

John L. Tidball was taken to Omaha Thursday afternoon where he will undergo an operation for the removal of his tonsils. It is expected to have them removed Saturday morning. The many friends trust that Mr. Tidball may soon be able to return home and resume his usual activity.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank Rev. G. A. Pahl, the ladies of the St. Paul's choir that sang and those who donated cars at the funeral of our dear father. We wish also to thank Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nielsen for the care and kindness shown him in his illness. God bless them all.—The Children of Claus Boetel, Sr.