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Judge William G. Kieck Dies at Omaha Hospital After Very Brief Illness

Taken Monday Morning to Hospital; Streptococcus Meningitis Develops Bringing Death.

William G. Kieck, 45, judge of the second judicial district, died Tuesday night at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha after a severe illness that had

Methodist church of this city, being at the time of his passing chairman of the official board of the church. He was also a past president of the Y. M. B. C.

Surviving are his widow, Lora, two children, Marilyn Jean, 6, and Robert, 3; his parents, Mr. and Mrs.



Judge William G. Kieck

covered the past three days. He had developed streptococcus meningitis Sunday night following a sudden attack while en route home Sunday from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he had been for the week end taking treatment.

Judge Kieck had suffered from sinus trouble for a number of years and several months ago had been operated on for the relief of this trouble and had the past week had the second treatment.

William G. Kieck was a native son of Nebraska, born at Omaha in 1892 and in 1894 was taken by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Kieck, to Springfield, where the family has since made their home, and W. G. grew to manhood, attending the schools there and assisting his father in the mercantile business.

He was graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1914 with an AB degree and later taught in the Springfield and Imperial high schools. With the outbreak of the world war he enlisted in the services of his country and was commissioned a lieutenant of infantry at the Fort Snelling officers training camp in 1917, later he was assigned to the aviation service and was in this branch of the service in France in 1918-19.

Returning from his war service Mr. Kieck took up the study of law at the Creighton university college of law, receiving his LL.B. degree there in 1921. He was elected as a delegate to the Nebraska constitutional convention in 1920 from Sarpy county.

Shortly after his graduation Mr. Kieck came to Plattsmouth and in 1924 was elected as county attorney of Cass county and repeatedly re-elected to that office, laying it aside last January when he was sworn in as district judge to which office he was elected in the fall of 1936.

Mr. Kieck was a member of the Springfield Masonic lodge of which he had served as master, as well as Nebraska chapter No. 3, R. A. M. and Mt. Zion commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, Hugh J. Kearns post of the American Legion of this city and the Acacia and Delta Theta Phi fraternities. He had also served for several years as president of the Plattsmouth chapter of the American Red Cross and the Associated Charities.

Mr. Kieck was a member of the

W. M. Kieck, Springfield; two brothers, Albert of Springfield and Dr. Ernest Kieck of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The message of the passing of Judge Kieck came as a great blow to the residents of this city and the entire district where he was so well known and in which he had just a few brief months ago commenced what seemed a brilliant career on the bench, his splendid ability and grasp of the problems of the court having enabled him to make a wonderful showing in his work in the brief space of time that he was permitted.

Personally of a genial and friendly nature he has made a host of friends over the district as was attested by his election last November to the bench, one of the highest judicial offices in the state. In his going he leaves a place that will long be unfilled in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing him best, and to those of his family circle there will go the deepest sympathy in a sorrow that only the healing touch of time might soften.

To have known "Bill," as he was affectionately known, was a real privilege, to have caught from his association some of the many fine touches of character, which leave in the hour of painful separation truly a loved memory and an inspiration.

The body was brought home to this city this afternoon from the Clare mortuary at Benson and will lay in state at the family home at Twelfth and Marble streets until the hour of the funeral which will be at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, from the First Methodist church. Rev. V. C. Wright will conduct the services at the church and the Plattsmouth American Legion post at the grave.

HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Max Valley entertained Sunday at their country home. Sixteen guests were present. The Easter motif was used in the arrangements.

P. B. Dunn of Omaha and T. E. Beesly of Lincoln were honored guests, their birthdays falling on Easter Sunday.

See the goods you buy. Catalog descriptions are alluring enough, but how about the goods when you get them?

Lenten Season Ends in Lovely Easter Services

Churches of Plattsmouth Present Special Programs for Worship Yesterday.

Easter services opened in the churches of Plattsmouth with a sunrise Young People's prayer service at the Presbyterian church at seven o'clock. Young men and women of the St. Paul, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches joined in the worship.

Rev. G. A. Pahl played the organ softly throughout the service. Miss Mary Kay Wiles gave the main talk of the morning. Stephen Davis led the response to the scripture. A poem on Easter was read by Donald McPherson. Misses Eleanor Giles, Eleanor Minor, and Jean Knorr gave a trio number. Remarks were made by Rev. V. C. Wright and Dr. H. G. McClusky.

High mass was held at the St. John's church at 8 a. m. with second service at 10:30. Rev. George Agius was assisted by a priest from the Mission. George Jaeger played a violin solo. Vocal solos given during the morning service were by John Cloldt, George Jaeger, Mrs. J. C. Peterson, and Miss Lois Bestor. The church was filled for the early service. Over 200 communicants were present.

The program for high mass at the Holy Rosary church at 8 o'clock included Vidi Aquam; Pail Chan; Mass by Mattfeld; Veni Creator from Nommers Choir Book; Exultate from Nommers Choir book; Regina Coeli from St. Basil book. Second mass was held at 10 a. m.

Plattsmouth Knights Templar were guests at the Christian church at the service at 11 o'clock yesterday. A special number was given by the choir with solos by Mrs. George Olson of Lincoln and Greth Garnet. Three new members were taken into the church.

Rev. Ernest Vincent Shayler, bishop of Nebraska, officiated at the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at the St. Luke's church at the 11 o'clock service yesterday morning. A special vocal number was given by Miss Betty McCarty. Two babies, Alice Carolyn Hasse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hasse, and Julia Elizabeth Ledgway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ledgway of Lincoln, were baptized.

Baptismal services were held for nine young people at the Presbyterian church yesterday morning. Phyllis Westerlund, Beda Capps, Margaret Sylvester, Barbara Rhoden, Alvin Rakow, William Hitt, Corbin Davis, Juanita Sigler, and Albert Richards. 24 young people were taken in as members to the church and four came in by letter. Special music of the morning was given by a ladies' quartet, Mrs. J. R. Reeder, Miss Estelle Baird, Mrs. Karl Keil, and Mrs. Hitt Martin.

At the First Methodist church the Sunday school was marked by one hundred eighty attending and taking part in the Easter program. Morning worship service was the culmination of three months of spiritual effort to quicken the church and marked a total gathering of seventeen new members with more in prospect.

Epworth league devotional meeting was on the resurrection. The evening service marked the climaxing event of the day in depicting the scenes in the life of Christ. A large audience was uplifted and instructed.

HOLD FAMILY GATHERING

Members of the Turner family enjoyed a delightful family reunion and dinner party on Easter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Cook, near Alvo, all of the members of the family being present.

The party comprised the father, O. S. Turner, of Elmwood; County Treasurer and Mrs. John E. Turner and daughter, Dorothy Jean, Plattsmouth; Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Bothwell and Jean Adair, Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Clements, Elmwood; Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Turner and family of Marquette; and Mr. and Mrs. Cook.

All kinds of commercial printing done promptly at the Journal office.

YOUNG PEOPLE WEDDED

Miss Willie Norris arrived here Saturday afternoon from her home at Knoxville, Tennessee, to become the bride of Mr. Amos Hughson.

The young people motored to Union where the marriage lines were read by the Rev. William A. Taylor, a long time friend of the family of the groom. Both the bride and groom wore gray with blue accessories.

Following the wedding ceremony the bridal party were honored with a wedding dinner at the home of Mrs. John Niday, an aunt of Mr. Hughson, featuring a very handsome wedding cake. Mrs. John Klamm and Miss Dorothy Niday, cousins of the groom were in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughson are to make their home in this city where Mr. Hughson is a substitute letter carrier at the local postoffice.

Raymond Wooster Named Captain of Basketball

Outstanding Player of the 1936-37 Season Is Honored by Associates with Captaincy.

The lettermen of the Plattsmouth high school basketball team have selected as the captain of the 1937-38 team, Raymond Wooster, one of the outstanding players of the squad and the chief scorer of the Platters in the present season.

The selection of Wooster is a deserved recognition of his excellent service to the athletic department of the schools in the years that he has been active in football and basketball.

He has served well in both football and basketball and his hard driving in the past season in the backfield of the football team helped to carry the locals to victory many times, while his sharpshooting basketball work has won victory for the Platters on many occasions.

Ray is a member of the class of 1938 of the local school and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wooster of this city.

WILL HAVE PLEASANT TOUR

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Lockhart and son, Robert, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, arrived Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. Lockhart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gopen, where they were guests for a family dinner, departing Sunday for a trip of some three weeks.

Their tour will take them through the south and West Indies before returning home. They expected to spend Sunday night at Hannibal, or the Mayfair hotel at St. Louis, Monday night or Tuesday morning at Nashville, Tennessee with Robert E. Park, department of social science of Fisk university. Tuesday night they were planning on being at Montgomery, Alabama, and Wednesday night or Thursday morning at the DeSota hotel in New Orleans, where they will remain until Saturday morning when they will sail on the S. S. Sixola, for a delightful voyage through the West Indies and parts of South America. They will visit Havana, Cuba; Christobal, Panama; Alulraite, Panama, then to Honduras, Havana and then to New Orleans and home.

THE WEATHER

Courtesy Weyrich & Hadraha

March 1937 has been a joy to the people of this section of Nebraska. It has furnished 2.53 inches of moisture which will start spring crops nicely. Last year .84 inches of rain fell in March and March of 1935 shows only .4 inches.

The old axiom "in like a lamb, out like a lion" failed this year. March opened with balmy weather and the last day of the month is equally warm and sunny.

High for the month was 65 on the 7th. Last year's high temperature was 75 on the 23 and 24 and 1935 had a high of 57 on the 3rd. Low for the past month was 15 on the 25 and 26. Low for 1935 was 16 on the first and for 1935, -4 on the 26th.

Phone news items to No. 6.

Gail Rusk is Injured in Car-Truck Crash

Gail Rusk is in a critical condition at the hospital in Omaha. Reports early this morning announce that the boy is still unconscious. No opiates have been given since the injury. He had convulsions last night. His serious condition has prevented X-ray. His mother and father are with him today. His brother, Irvin, left Idaho this morning to come home.

Truck From Dawson Crashes into Rear of Car and Rusk is Caught Beneath.

From Tuesday's Daily—Gail Rusk, living south of this city, was seriously injured in a three way smashup between a truck from Richardson county, his car and a truck driven by Joy Miller, local high school student.

The Miller truck, loaded with scrap iron, was coming north and one of the tires punctured and the driver sought aid, securing Rusk to help in getting the car jacked up. Rusk parked his car at the rear of the Miller truck and securing a jack was down trying to get the heavily loaded truck up so that the tire might be changed. They had placed out flares at the rear of the truck they claim.

While Rusk was working on the jack, a truck came from the south and struck the back of the car, crushing into both the truck and car and Rusk was hurled some distance away by the force of the impact. Miller had seen the approach of the truck as he was not entirely under the pickup truck and called to his companion who was unable to get out until the crash.

Rusk was taken to the Clarkson hospital at Omaha by Albert Young, who was one of the early arrivals at the scene of the accident. He was suffering from several broken ribs and it was thought a possible skull fracture.

The truck from Richardson county that struck the parked cars was driven by Clarence Shaw and was owned by John Carlson of Dawson. The truck drivers claimed not to have seen the flares.

Gail Rusk was reported this morning as suffering from the rib injuries as well as a broken jaw and possible skull fracture. Ten stitches were taken to close a gash on his head.

The young man is a junior in the high school and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rusk.

Shaw was arraigned this morning in the court of Judge C. L. Graves and charged with reckless driving in an information by County Attorney J. A. Capwell. The defendant was given a fine of \$10 and costs which was paid and he was released from custody.

PLAN BASEBALL LEAGUE

The plans for the organization of a baseball league for Cass, Otoe and Nemaha counties to function as a part of the recreational program of the WPA was discussed Tuesday night at a meeting held at Nebraska City.

Dale Bartlett of Nebraska City, head of the recreational program in the district presided and a tentative plan for league membership was adopted by the representatives of the various towns present.

Teams will be placed in Auburn, Burr, Otoe, Union, Plattsmouth, Syracuse and Nebraska City is expecting to have two teams to participate in the league.

The age limit of the league was set at twenty-three years and each team is allowed three players over this age.

The entry fee was fixed at \$10 for each team.

Those attending from this city last evening were H. Luttman, local recreational director, William C. O'Donnell, Clyde Jackson, Tom Grosshans, Max Seltz, Jack O'Donnell, V. Chevonec, Eugene Ault, and Lorence Rhodes.

Plattsmouth offers a splendid market for farm produce. Local dealers always pay top prices.

Club and Social news are being featured in the Journal.

HELD IN 1920 KILLING

Frank Gay, who was for ten years a well known character of Louisville, is now being held at Houston, Texas, where he retold his strange story of a killing in Kentucky back in 1920.

After the long years in Louisville, Gay one day appeared at the Omaha police station to report the story of the killing of the past years, making his way to Omaha at the time in a driving blizzard.

Gay was later treated at the Douglas county hospital and then sent to a transient shelter, from which place he disappeared and had not been heard of in Omaha until the report from the Houston police that they were holding him. He had been picked up as a vagrant at Houston.

Plattsmouth Rotary Club Honors Farmers

Dinner Held at Mynard Community Club Prepared by Ladies of the Auxiliary.

From Wednesday's Daily—Plattsmouth's Rotary club had as guests farmers of the Mynard neighborhood at the dinner at the Mynard Community church last evening. Roy Knorr and Ed Spangler had charge of the program.

Frank Cloldt opened the program with "America." It was followed by prayer by Rev. H. A. McKelvey. Ladies of the Community club sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" and "Moonlight and Roses." Their numbers were followed by community singing led by Dr. R. P. Westover.

L. S. Devoe acted as toastmaster for the program which followed the three course dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Mynard Community church. Judge A. H. Duxbury gave a talk on "What is Rotary." James Sandin interpreted the humorous selection "Idiocyncroses." Frank Cloldt sang a solo.

Milo Price, instructor of history in the Plattsmouth high school gave an address on Unicameral Legislation. Raymond Cook also gave a short talk before the members. Impressions of Rotary were given by the high school guests of the month, Dale Bowman and Harley Minniear. The meeting closed with a short talk by President Frank Cloldt.

Each member of the Plattsmouth Rotary had as a guest a farmer friend from the Mynard community. Sixty-two attended the banquet in the community hall.

SUES FOR \$26,000 DAMAGES

In the district court an action has been filed, J. Howard Davis, administrator of the estate of Ivan J. Fuller, deceased vs. Joe Youngquist and Chester A. Eager, asking damages in the sum of \$26,000 for the death of Mr. Fuller.

The petition states that on April 29, 1935, Ivan Fuller was driving north on highway No. 50 in a Chevrolet coach, that the defendant, Youngquist was operating a truck loaded with gravel and owned by the defendant, Eager.

It is alleged that the truck was overloaded with the gravel and as such was not under control of the driver, that the driver was operating the truck at a high rate of speed as it approached the bridge where the accident occurred and he was unable to control the truck as it struck the car of Fuller. As the result of the wreck Fuller was killed.

The driver of the truck is a resident of Richardson county and the truck owned by the Eager Transfer Co., of Louisville of which C. A. Eager is the head.

DIES AT LINCOLN

The death of Miss Pernina Ann Tucker, a former resident of Plattsmouth, died at her home, 6344 Have-lock at 10:30 Saturday. Surviving are a brother, William, and a sister, Mrs. Charles A. Rankin, both of Lincoln; another sister, Mrs. Agatha Gienger, Chicago and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral services were held at Castle, Roper & Matthews Havelock chapel, Wednesday morning, the Rev. H. H. Marsden, of the University Episcopal church, officiating.

Fatal Accident Occurs Near Union Tuesday

Ernest Crowner of Nebraska City Dies on Way to St. Mary's Hospital—Crash into Truck.

Tuesday night at 10:30 an auto-truck crash near the Garrison farm north of Union, claimed the life of Ernest Crowner, of Nebraska City and caused serious injury to all of the members of the auto party from Nebraska City.

The car, a model A Ford, was coming north on highway No. 75, when it crashed head on into a truck of Richard Hason, parked along the road and where the driver, H. L. Hanson, was doing some repair work on the truck.

The car was owned and driven by Carl Huss and who had with him Conrad Castor, R. H. Detlef and Ernest Crowner.

Hanson had placed out his flares as required by law when the trucks are stopped and the occupants failed to see or heed the flares and drove on into the truck.

The car was badly damaged and all of the occupants badly injured in the accident. Crowner suffered a skull fracture, a broken leg and many minor injuries, dying before he reached the St. Mary's hospital at Nebraska City.

Sheriff Homer Sylvester was called to the scene of the accident and with Deputy Sheriff Cass Sylvester hurried to Union, the ambulances from the Sattler and Horton funeral homes being called to take the wounded one to the hospital at Nebraska City.

Shortly after the accident Dr. Gilligan of Nebraska City, returning home from Omaha passed the scene of the accident and gave what aid was possible to the injured men before they were taken on to the hospital.

TO FIGHT 'HOPPERS

W. B. Banning, state director of agriculture, said Nebraska should receive between \$125,000 and \$150,000 of the \$2,000,000 congressional appropriation for grasshopper control if President Roosevelt approves the measure now before him. "This should make it possible for us to do a better job than last year when \$50,000 was available," Banning said. "The plan as I understand it is for the federal government to purchase the bran and poison, ship it out here and then we will mix it. The distribution will be left to county agents and farmers should be able to obtain it for about 25 cents a hundred pounds to cover the costs." If the poison bran is made available by April 15, he said, "we could catch the young grasshoppers right after they hatch around April 20 and half our troubles would be over."

DIES AT MASONIC HOME

The death of Judson Hughes, 87, occurred at the Nebraska Masonic Home on Sunday where he has been a resident since October 31, 1936. Mr. Hughes came to the Home here from Los Angeles where he had been a short time, but for many years lived at Fremont and from where he was admitted to the Home through Fremont lodge No. 15, A. F. & A. M.

Mr. Hughes was born September 22, 1849, in Sangerfield township, Oneida county, New York, but has lived the greater part of his time in the west. He was engaged in the harness making trade at Fremont for many years. Mrs. Hughes passed away in 1932 at Central City, Nebraska. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Henry Jurging, residing in California.

VISITS IN THE CITY

Sunday a number of out of town relatives and friends were entertained at the home of Mrs. Herman Gartleman in the south part of the city. The party made a surprise visit to Mrs. Gartleman and which proved very pleasant. The party comprised Mrs. Orpha Kinnamon, Mr. and Mrs. Will Kinnamon and Mrs. Ruth Summers and children, Carl and Barbara.