

Plea of Mrs. Inas Weaver Heard by State Pardon Board; Says Wrongfully Convicted

Matron at State Reformatory and York Lady Willing to Employ Her Appear in Her Behalf at Today's Hearing

CONVICTED OF MURDER HERE IN 1931

Petition Circulated by Brother of Deceased Husband and Signed by Several Hundred Cass County People Protesting Granting of Clemency Also Considered—No Decision Yet

LINCOLN, Dec. 8 (UP)—Exactly seven years after the death of her husband, Mrs. Inas Weaver, 40, of Plattsmouth swore before the state pardon board today that she is not guilty of his poison murder.

On December 8, 1930 the state charged George Weaver, husband of Mrs. Weaver, died of arsenic and strychnine poison which she fed him in medicine. Mrs. Weaver said she simply followed a physician's instructions for helping her husband recover from a siege of drunkenness, but a jury, in a four-day trial at Plattsmouth, found her guilty. She was sentenced to life imprisonment on February 14, 1931 by the late District Judge James T. Begley.

Mrs. Weaver, housekeeper for the superintendent of the women's state reformatory at York, made a tearful plea for freedom in an appearance before the board. She said she was innocent, and that she wanted to give her adopted son "a mother's love and care." The boy, 13 years old, was with her.

Mrs. Joe Alden of York offered to take Mrs. Weaver and her son into her home. She said she was convinced the woman is innocent of the crime for which she has served seven years.

"Mrs. Weaver was convicted entirely on circumstantial evidence," she asserted. "I am convinced from circumstantial evidence I gathered at Plattsmouth that she was not given a fair trial. She should have been given a change of venue."

Her release also was recommended by Mrs. Blanche Clouse, superintendent of the reformatory. She said Mrs. Weaver was "loyal, trustworthy and ambitious."

No one appeared before the board to oppose her release, but Ralph Weaver, brother of the dead man, previously had presented a petition signed by several hundred people protesting against her application.

PREACHES FUNERAL SERMON

Rev. J. C. Lawson, pastor of the First Methodist church, who came here the past week from Ceresco, Nebraska, was called there Sunday afternoon to preach the funeral service of a former parishioner and friend. Rev. Lawson and family have made their home for five years at Ceresco and have a very large circle of friends in that community who have greatly regretted their departure. Judge and Mrs. A. H. Duxbury and Elmer Sundstrom accompanied Rev. Lawson.

NEW BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

The city has a new business establishment, Brown & Brown, photographers, being located in the Trilley building on Main street. The new concern is now open and ready for business.

LAND, FARM and RANCH BARGAINS

FOR SALE—Popcorn. Phone 579-W, Plattsmouth. d9-2tw

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Plattsmouth Bakery

New Location

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Complete Line of Baked Goods

Bread Sold at All Grocers, 8c; Two for 15c

May Have Something

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (UP)—The Royalist party of America, claiming to be incorporated in Kansas, today proposed the duke of Windsor and his American-born duchess as king and queen of the United States and Charlie McCarthy as the sole member of congress.

Copies of a circular signed by Donald W. Stewart, national chairman, were distributed at the capitol, inviting the attention of Chairman James A. Arley of the democratic national committee, and Chairman John D. M. Hamilton of the republican national committee, to its program.

The party's slogan, according to the circular, is "Women Want Edward and We Want Wally."

It suggested also creation of a new alphabetical agency to be known as the TRA-LA-LA. The "TRA" stands for Taxpayers Relief Administration, which would mail tax refunds to payers on a monthly basis, while the "LA-LA" was thrown in for "the sake of confusion."

DOES A GOOD WORK

The group of forty-nine children who have been engaged in a contest at the Mauzy drug store for some time, the past week carried out a very commendable piece of work.

The children were given credit for the shoes that they might bring in as well as toys that could be repaired and used later for Christmas distribution.

The young people were most successful and some 700 pairs of shoes were brought in and five big loads of toys for repair and redecoration.

The articles are being turned over to the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary for renovation and will aid a great many families and children at the Christmas season.

Eastern Star Selects Officers for the Year

Mrs. Floyd Becker Named as Worthy Matron of Home Chapter—John Janasek, Worthy Patron.

From Wednesday's Daily—Home chapter No. 189 of the Eastern Star held their election of officers last evening with a large number of the members being present to take part in the selection of the chapter heads.

The following were selected: Worthy Matron—Mrs. Floyd Becker. Associate Matron—Mrs. W. F. Evers. Worthy Patron—John Janasek. Associate Patron—L. L. Wiles. Conductress—Mrs. W. L. Seyboldt. Associate Conductress—Marie Nolting. Secretary—Clara Weyrich. Treasurer—Mary Peterson.

The installation of the elective and appointive officers will take place in January.

WILL ATTEND MEETING

It is expected that a large group of members of the Plattsmouth Garden club will attend the meeting of the State Federation of Garden clubs held at Lincoln Tuesday.

The meetings are at room 306 of the agricultural hall and all persons interested in garden club work are invited to attend the sessions of the federation which opens at 9 a. m.

There is a very fine program prepared for the sessions and the regional and national presidents of the organizations will be in attendance.

JOB'S DAUGHTERS

The local Bethel of Job's Daughters have selected their officers for the coming term, the following being named:

Honored Queen—Frances Cloidt. Senior Princess—Shirley Seiver. Junior Princess—Wilma Friedrich. Guard—Joan Hall. Marshal—Janet Westover.

The newly elected officers will be installed later in the month together with the appointive officers who will be named later.

ATTENDS BANKERS MEETING

H. A. Schneider, vice-president for the state of Nebraska of the American Bankers association, is at Chicago this week to attend a meeting of the mid-western vice-presidents' conference.

This conference will have representatives from all of the mid-western states to discuss many of the pressing questions of the day and the pending legislation.

Death of Long Time Resident of Cass County

Mrs. Etta Moore, 78, Passes Away at Family Home Southeast of Murray Last Night.

From Wednesday's Daily—Mrs. Etta Moore, 78, a resident of Cass county for her lifetime, died last evening at the family homestead southeast of Murray, her death coming as the result of an attack of pneumonia. In the last few years her health has not been the best.

Mrs. Moore was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Patterson, pioneers in Cass county and in the community surrounding where she has passed away and has spent many years. She was married to W. F. Moore and the family made their home on the farm since, Mr. Moore preceding the wife in death five years ago.

There is surviving her passing five daughters, Mrs. Mary Henslow Council Bluffs; Mrs. Willa Hansen, Murray; Mrs. Vera Hill, Council Bluffs; Mrs. Frances Humble, Lincoln and Miss Margaret Moore at home.

The Sattler funeral home of this city will have charge of the funeral, announcement of which will be made later.

ASK BUS DISCONTINUANCE

LINCOLN, Dec. 7 (UP)—The Missouri Pacific Transportation company has renewed its request for discontinuance of a Lincoln-Union daily bus service and the application has been set for hearing December 20, the state railway commission announced today.

The company originally proposed to discontinue the bus line last summer but later yielded to protests from Lincoln business men. Bus line officials said the line had proved a losing venture.

TALK ON STEPHENS COLLEGE

Mr. and Mrs. Brown, representing Stephens college, a school for girls at Columbia, Mo., were guests at the F. A. Cloidt home Sunday. Mr. Brown showed slides of the buildings and campus.

The following girls were present: Mary Gayer, Janet Westover, Eleanor Minor, Jean Knorr, Frances Cloidt. Also Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Minor, Mrs. Roy Knorr, Mrs. Carl Panzer, Ashland, and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Cloidt. Refreshments were served.

SUFFERS HEAD INJURY

From Monday's Daily—William Kennedy suffered a very severe cut on the forehead last night at his home southeast of the city. He was looking after some of his work when he fell and struck his forehead. He had a severe cut that required several stitches to close. He is now recuperating at the farm home.

NOVEL INDOOR TRACK MEET

From Tuesday's Daily—Scoutmaster Raymond Larson arranged a novel and interesting indoor track meet for the more than a score Scouts present at last night's meeting. Some came with track suits, expecting the genuine article.

Among the events was the 100-yard dash, a race across the gym floor and back, with the heel touching the toe of the other foot each step. This was run in heats, and the winners of each heat matched in the final. The winner was Corbin Davis. Carter Minor was second.

The 2-yard dash was won by Jimmie Maury, with Junior Devoe as second. This consisted of "eating" two yards of thread to get to a marshmallow suspended at the end, getting the marshmallow into the mouth without assistance from the hands.

The "shot put" consisted of dropping beans from a standing position into a milk bottle sitting on the floor at arms length from the contestant. Gerald Hennings was winner of this event and Carter Minor second.

In the mile run, a rapid-fire problem in addition the answer to which was 5,280, Keith Broman was first, and a half dozen others came in tied for second.

Time prevented completing some of the events planned and these will be held at a later meeting.

The Union troop committee that was to have been here for troop inspection called early in the evening to say they wouldn't be able to come.

The local troop is accepting enrollments for the coming year. The troop is due to re-register by December 15.

SOLICIT SUPPORT

From Wednesday's Daily—George Porter, a former resident of Plattsmouth and now representing the Nebraska Children's home of Omaha, was in Plattsmouth yesterday soliciting assistance for the home. Mrs. Ona Baird of this city is also a member of the board for the Nebraska Children's Home.

AUDITING COUNTY BOOKS

H. A. O'Hara and John H. Becker, of Lincoln, are engaged in the work of the audit of the books of the various county offices. The firm of Frost, Congdon & O'Hara has the contract for the audit and they started in on the work today at the office of the county clerk.

FREE CLINIC

Tuesday, Dec. 14 :- Plattsmouth, Nebr.

For the benefit of the people of Plattsmouth and surrounding communities we will give one member of each family an examination without charge. These FREE health examinations include a thorough analysis and explanation of your entire system, given on a most scientific diagnosing instrument. By use of this instrument, we are enabled to find the location and cause of your trouble without it being necessary for us to ask a single question regarding your condition, or for you to remove any clothing. Married women should be accompanied by their husbands, so that both will have a thorough understanding of the condition.

Do not fail to take advantage of this Free Health Examination if you are suffering from any ailment. (Rheumatism, Neuritis, Headaches, Backaches, Neuralgia, Gastric Pains, Kidney trouble).

The date—TUESDAY, December 14. Clinic hours 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. Plattsmouth Hotel, Plattsmouth, Nebr.

Dr. John P. Johnston D. C.
Omaha, Nebraska

Chrisitan Endeavor Holds Fine Service

Candlelight Consecration Service Is Held and Reports of State Convention Given.

Sunday evening the Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church heard reports of the state convention held at Auburn November 26-28. Miss Eleanor Minor, vice president of the Southeastern District of Nebraska, was elected to the state board of the Nebraska Christian Endeavor Union and was installed into office Sunday, November 28 at the afternoon session.

Reports of the group conferences of the convention were given by Jean Knorr, who stressed the high points of "Personal Christian Living," and the value of training C. E. young people to be leaders; by Eleanor Minor, who summarized "Reasons for Accepting Christ" and "International Christian Endeavor Work"; by Richard Hitt, who enumerated the reasons that kept America from becoming a Christian nation and the success of organization.

A candlelighting consecration service followed, in which each of the twelve officers lit a candle and consecrated himself to perform his duties with renewed effort and interest. Substitutes acted in the place of the absent officers. Five new recruits took the pledge of membership, Margaret Sylvester, Rosalyn Mark, Janet Westover, Betty Gayer, and Ruth Westover. Phyllis Westerlund's card was withdrawn from the roll call, to be transferred to her new home.

The service closed with the members joining hands in a friendship circle. Ruth Westover acted as pianist through the meeting. The C. E. party is to be held Thursday, December 9, the theme as we were informed is very clever, and under the direction of Miss Gloria Johnson, entertainment chairman. All members are urged to attend and bring a guest. The refreshments will be served cafeteria style. Fill your pocketbooks according to your appetites.

FORFEIT GAMES

Bowman's barber shop forfeited three games to the Engineers. Bowmans really had a good chance in the league to go somewhere but they failed to show up in the last night of the first round for some unknown reason, but to show everyone the good sportsmanship the Engineers ignored the forfeit and went ahead and bowled their three games. Bowmans are near the bottom of the league.

The individual scores: Engineers—Johnston, 375; Kieger, 377; Ganserger, 385; Kennedy, 499. Total, 1646.

TELLS HOW TO MAKE CANDY

Miss Mary B. Bookmeyer of North high school, Omaha, a Plattsmouth lady, contributes an article to the current "Better Homes and Gardens" which, for the sake of a Merry Christmas, I hope is read and acted upon.

She calls it "Where There's a Knack There's a Rule," and it deals with making candy for Christmas. She explains that candy making is sugar cookery; that to be successful one must be enough of a chemist to know what takes place under the conditions of different temperatures, different combinations of ingredients, and different methods of handling the mixtures. Her directions on all these and other points are specific, and she recommends the best temperatures to insure success in all the popular Christmas candies, and shows how to make the tests.

Very useful, timely and helpful to all of us looking forward to Christmas as a time when we can relax the rigidities of diet!

SECURE MARRIAGE LICENSE

From Wednesday's Daily—Marriage license was issued today to Inez Marie Lane and Myron F. Boyd, both of Elmwood, at the office of the county judge.

DEPARTS FOR THE NORTH

From Monday's Daily—Robert G. Reed, who was here over the week end with his family, departed this morning for Minneapolis and St. Paul, where he will spend some time looking after the interests of his company. Mr. Reed is the traveling representative of one of the large casket manufacturing companies of the country.

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