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Commissioner E. B. Chapman Passes Away

Suffering Heart Attack on Tuesday Night County Officer Fails to Rally, Dies Late Wednesday

Last evening at 6:30 at the family home in Union, County Commissioner E. B. Chapman, 63, passed away as the result of a heart attack that he suffered Tuesday night and from which he was unable to rally, gradually sinking until his death.

Elmer B. Chapman was born September 12, 1874, near Palmyra and when eight years of age the family moved to Stromsburg, Nebraska, where he spent his younger years. In 1895 Mr. Chapman came to the village of Union and where he has since made his home and been numbered as one of the leading residents of Liberty precinct.

On February 25, 1900, Mr. Chapman was married to Miss Frances Josie Eikenberry, member of one of the prominent families of that community, they moving to a farm near Union and where they made their home until the election of Mr. Chapman as commissioner when they moved to Union to make their home. One daughter, Mrs. Clarence Willis, of Union, with the wife survives the passing of Mr. Chapman. There is also surviving one brother, Claude Chapman of Ashland, two sisters, Mrs. Edna Deshay of Palmyra and Mrs. Minnie Pye of Lahola, California.

Mr. Chapman was first elected to the board of county commissioners in 1932 and soon demonstrated his great ability and deep interest in the welfare of the county and the taxpayers. Mr. Chapman has in the years he has served on the county board been a most efficient and able officer and his passing is a real loss to the people of Cass county, who will find his place hard to fill.

Personally of a genial disposition Mr. Chapman has made many friends over the county and who will most sincerely mourn the death of this good man and fine citizen. To the bereaved family the most sincere sympathy of the entire community will go out in this dark hour of trial. The funeral of Mr. Chapman will be held on Saturday afternoon at 1:30 from the Baptist church at Union.

FUNERAL OF MRS. CLARK

From Monday's Daily—
The funeral services of Mrs. Mary A. Clark were held this morning at 9:30 at the St. John's Catholic church, a large congregation of the friends from this city and Omaha being present to pay their last tributes to the memory of this good woman.

Father Robert Salmon, pastor of the church celebrated the requiem high mass assisted by the St. John's school choir, bringing the last blessing of the church to the departed. Father Salmon in his sermon brought a comforting message to the members of the bereaved family.

Following the services here the funeral cortege departed for Omaha where the body will be laid to rest later.

A large number of old friends from Omaha were in attendance at the services today and Sunday evening members of the Knights of Columbus were at the E. J. Richey home to recite the rosary in memory of the departed.

The Streight and the Sattler funeral homes had charge of the funeral.

VISIT AT LINCOLN

Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Gobelman have returned from Lincoln where they were visiting with a brother of Mrs. Gobelman at the U. S. Veterans' hospital. They found Mr. Hlatt doing as well as possible and receiving a splendid treatment at the great hospital that has been established for the veterans of Nebraska and western Iowa.

SUFFERS FROM ILLNESS

Miss Marie Hughes suffered an attack of appendicitis Tuesday that has confined her to her home, but it is hoped that she may respond to treatment and not make necessary hospital treatment.

PLATTSMOUTH STUDENTS HONORED AT UNI. OF N.

Aulton Roland, arts and sciences college junior from Plattsmouth, was recently elected vice-president for the coming year of the University of Nebraska Y.M.C.A.

Lois Giles, University of Nebraska agricultural college junior from Plattsmouth, has been chosen an editorial staff assistant of the 1938 Cornhusker Countryman, agricultural college monthly magazine, as announced by R. T. Prescott, chairman of the agricultural college publication board.

Wedding of Popular Young People Sunday

Wedding of Miss Winifred Rainey and Jack Hatt Celebrated at M. E. Parsonage at Papillion.

On Saturday evening at 8:30 at the residence of Rev. F. F. Meyer, pastor of the Methodist church at Papillion, occurred the marriage of Miss Winifred Rainey of this city and Mr. Jack Hatt of Omaha, well known and popular young people of this community.

The bridal couple was attended by Miss Blanch Mellies of Morganville, Kansas and Mr. Newman S. Hostetter of Omaha.

The bride wore a gown of brown chiffon over rust taffeta with matching accessories, while the bridesmaid wore an ensemble of black and white. Both wore corsages of mixed flowers. The groom and best man wore dark colored business suits.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mrs. W. H. Rainey of this city, and like the groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Hatt, has grown up in this community and received their education in the local schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Hatt will make their future home in Omaha where Mr. Hatt is employed and in their new home will take the well wishes of the many friends here.

FUNERAL OF MRS. O'DONNELL

The funeral services for Mrs. Flora DeHe O'Donnell were held on Monday morning at 9:30 at the St. Patrick's church at Omaha, the Rev. Father Condon celebrating the requiem mass. A very large number were in attendance at both the home and the church to pay their last tributes to the departed.

The body was laid to rest at the Holy Sepulcher cemetery and the pall bearers were two grandsons, William and Jack O'Donnell of this city, John and Bud Williams, Harry and Wilbur Pitner.

Mrs. O'Donnell was born in Delaware county, Ohio, fifty-eight years ago and when twelve years of age was brought to Omaha where she has since resided and where she was married to John J. O'Donnell, who preceded her in death three years ago.

There is surviving two sons, Charles of Omaha, William P., of Plattsmouth, two daughters, Mrs. Peter Gradoville of Plattsmouth and Mrs. John Ptak of Cincinnati, Ohio, also one brother, Charles Robertson, residing in California.

HAS SMALL CAR ACCIDENT

William Highfield, Jr., residing on Chicago avenue, had his car damaged to some extent early Sunday morning when returning home. The rear of the car was struck by a car driven by Jerry Kunz as Mr. Highfield was turning into the road leading to his home. Neither car was seriously damaged and none of the occupants of the car injured.

TAKING EXAMINATIONS

Examinations for drivers licenses were held Tuesday at the court house by members of the highway patrol force, who now have this under their jurisdiction. There were sixteen persons here to take the examinations and receive their licenses from County Treasurer John E. Turner.

VISIT RELATIVES HERE

Miss Gladys Patton of Detroit, Michigan, is in the city for a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Patton and family.

Birthday of a Pioneer Cass County Woman

Mrs. Ann Mathilda Turner of Elmwood Passes 94th Birthday at Her Home Today.

From Monday's Daily—
Mrs. Ann Mathilda Turner, pioneer of Stove Creek precinct, is passing her ninety-fourth birthday anniversary today at the home near Elmwood where most of her long life has been spent and where her son, J. L. Turner resides with her.

Mrs. Turner is the widow of John Turner, Sr., grandfather of John E. Turner, present county treasurer, they coming to Stove Creek precinct at a very early date and have lived there many years, Mr. Turner passing away in 1920.

She is very active despite her advanced years and is able to look after her housework as active as in the past years.

There are three children living, O. S. Turner and J. L. Turner of Elmwood and Melvin Turner of California.

Sunday a number of the grandchildren and their families gathered at Elmwood to join in a covered dish dinner in honor of the grandmother, the members of the party comprising Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Bothwell, Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Clements of Elmwood, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Cook, Alvo and O. S. Turner, the son, of Elmwood, County Treasurer John E. Turner and family were unable to attend owing to illness and Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Turner of Marquette were unable to come on account of the distance.

The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. L. S. Devoe who had charge of the program. John Cloidt sang two numbers, "The Rose of Tra-le" and "Just a Cottage Small." He was accompanied by Mrs. Cloidt. Miss Helene Perry gave a reading "What Child is This." Fern Jahrig sang two solos, "Homing" and "Alice Blue Gown." Mrs. L. S. Devoe played two piano solos, "A Scotch Poem" by McDowell and the first movement of Opus 31, No. 2 of the Sonata by Beethoven.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses. Assistant hostesses were Mrs. George Mann, Mrs. J. A. Capwell, Miss Pearl Staats, Miss Amelia Martens, Mrs. J. B. Rishel, and Mrs. L. D. McKinney.

DEBATERS PARTICIPATE IN PRACTICE TOURNEY

Plattsmouth high school's two debate teams, Homer (Jack) Barton and Harriett Case and Robert Woest and John Bestor attended the practice tournament at Auburn Saturday. Fourteen other teams were entered from Nebraska City, Beatrice, Sabetha, Kansas, and Auburn.

Each of Plattsmouth's teams won two and lost two decisions. Of the four victories two were won from Beatrice and two from Sabetha. Of the four decisions lost two were to Auburn's strong team and two to Beatrice. Each P. H. S. team won one debate on each side of the question.

So far this year Plattsmouth has participated in eighteen decision debates with Omaha Tech, Lincoln, Nebraska City, Beatrice, Auburn and Sabetha, Kansas. Nine times the judges have voted for Coach Milo Price's proteges.

Tonight the local teams will debate the Unicameral question before the Knights of Columbus. They will draw for sides just before the debate starts.

Thursday, January 27, the Plattsmouth debaters will leave for Fremont to enter the Midland tournament. Approximately forty other teams from South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska will be there.

WEDDINGS AND DIVORCES

The year just closed shows that Dan Cupid in Cass county held a large lead over the divorce records, although the number of marriages is far below that of 1936:

Year	Marriages	Divorces
1934	253	17
1935	197	21
1936	230	25
1937	179	14

HEAR FINE SERMON

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wescott of this city and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wescott of Lincoln were at Omaha Sunday where they attended the services at the First Methodist church where Rev. A. A. Brooks, newly installed pastor, conducted the services. Rev. Brooks, a brother of former Superintendent W. G. Brooks, is an old friend of the Wescott family.

The members of the party were dinner guests at the home of Madame Antonia Stranglen and family and Miss Clara Mae Morgan.

HEAR FINE ADDRESS

The meeting of the Rotary club, held Tuesday at the dining room of the Stewart cafe, afforded the members the opportunity of hearing a fine address on the subject of world conditions, given by Dr. H. G. McClusky, past proxy of the club.

Dr. McClusky drew a fine picture of the present world conditions and the spirit of national hatreds that prevailed in many countries at this time. He pointed out that the world should follow the peaceful path set by the United States in its dealings with the world and the advancement of the cause of peace.

Frank M. Bestor was the leader of the meeting.

Woman's Club Meets at Home of Mrs. Hayes

Interesting Program Is Presented Under Auspices of Music Department of Club.

From Tuesday's Daily—
The Woman's club met last night with Mrs. R. B. Hayes. Mrs. William Heinrich presented Mrs. F. I. Rea who gave the devotionals on the life of Jesus' mother, which was very interesting and well given. The reports of the officers and committees were given. The club voted to back the planning committee in their plans for a community building.

A senior, Dorothy Kief, and a junior, Lela Mae Hike were the two high school visitors introduced to the club.

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FACES DRIVING CHARGE

Ralph Bowers, of Nebraska City, was held here Monday afternoon on a driving charge, as the result of an auto accident on Chicago avenue near the Granite street intersection.

Mrs. Harold Hyde with a lady companion and two children, were driving north on the avenue, when the defendant started to back out his converted truck from the curbing and into the Hyde car, doing a great deal of damage to the car.

He had then got in his truck and started north to Omaha but was halted at Webster boulevard by Chief of Police Joe Libershal and brought on back to the city.

This morning the defendant was arraigned in the county court on the charge of drunken driving and after hearing the evidence and the plea of the defendant, Judge A. H. Duxbury gave him a fine of \$10 and costs and revoked his drivers license for a year.

VISIT BROCK LODGE

From Wednesday's Daily—
Raymond C. Cook, deputy grand custodian of the A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, with Attorney J. Howard Davis, Judge A. H. Duxbury and Rev. J. C. Lowson, were at Brock last evening.

Mr. Cook served as the installing officer for Trestle Board lodge No. 168, A. F. & A. M. while the other members of the party enjoyed visiting with their fraternal brothers.

NAMED AS PHYSICIAN

Dr. W. C. Kenner, of Nebraska City, has been named by N. C. Abbott, superintendent of the School for the Blind, as the physician at the state school. Dr. Kenner will succeed Dr. Stonecypher, resigned. Dr. Kenner is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kroehler of this city and well known to many friends here.

Debators are Guests at K. of C. Meeting

Plattsmouth High School Teams and Musical Offerings Are Features of the Open House.

Monday night the local council of the Knights of Columbus held open house to the members and their friends at the lodge rooms in the Eagles building, a very fine turnout being present to take part in the evening of instruction and entertainment.

The Plattsmouth high school debate teams had been secured as the highlight of the evening by Walter H. Smith, who presided over the program and presented the various speakers.

Preceding the debate Miss Lucille Meisinger was heard in two very much appreciated piano numbers that were artistically given, while Miss Wilma Swatek gave her humorous sketch which was awarded first place at the declamatory contest the past week. The clever number won the deep appreciation of the audience for its fine presentation.

The debating team this year have as their subject, that of the adoption by the several states of the unicameral form of legislative government and this question was thoroughly given at all of the possible angles in favor or against the one body legislative form.

The affirmative of the question was presented by Jack Barton and Harriett Case while the negative side was given by John Kenneth Bestor and Robert Woest. Both of the teams showed well and gave their views in well balanced logic and facts, showing a very deep study of the two forms of legislative bodies, the one chamber senate as is now effective in Nebraska as against the check and balance system of the upper and lower branches of legislature.

The decision of the debate was left to the audience and who voted in favor of the affirmative. Mr. Smith, the chairman, gave high praise to the members of both teams for their fine work.

Raymond Wooster gave two delightful saxophone selections as a part of the closing features of the program and was accompanied by Miss Jean Knorr.

John J. Cloidt was heard in two of the popular vocal selections "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" and "Just a Rose," with Mrs. Cloidt as the accompanist.

Father Robert Salmon, who is in charge of the St. John's parish of the Catholic church here, was presented by the chairman and gave a few words of greeting to the audience. A member of the Knights of Columbus, he urged the membership to carry on their mission of service to God and country.

MAKES POSITION CLEAR

Murray, Nebraska, January 17, 1938.

To Editor Plattsmouth Journal:

In your issue of January 10th of the semi-weekly Journal, under head of "Weeping Water Meeting Against Crop Control," the report is made that I was one who supported compulsory control as necessary for stabilization of farm prices and crops. It is true that I spoke at the Weeping Water meeting, but my remarks were limited to the application of the present soil conservation act in West Rock Bluff precinct where I am chairman of the precinct committee. As a matter of fact, I am not in favor of compulsory crop control.

I will appreciate you giving suitable publicity to this letter so the record can be kept straight.

Yours very truly,

ALFRED GANSEMER.

MARRIED AT NEBRASKA CITY

Miss Florence Marie Rudolph of Eagle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rudolph and Ralph Edden Webber of Syracuse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Webber, were married on Monday afternoon at Nebraska City.

The young people were married by Judge T. Simpson Morton, in county court room. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stege, of Elmwood, the latter a sister of the bride, witnessed the ceremony.

ATTEND DIOCEAN COUNCIL

From Wednesday's Daily—
The session of the diocesan council of the Episcopal church, opens today at Omaha and will bring representatives of the various parishes of the state to the meetings held at Trinity cathedral.

The St. Luke's parish of this city will be represented at the meeting today by R. F. Patterson, senior warden; Max Koster, junior warden; Miss Mia U. Gering, secretary, A. E. Stewart, retiring junior warden and Miss Mia U. Gering, president of the Woman's Auxillary of the diocese.

Knights Templar Install Officers Monday Night

W. H. Wehrbein, New Commander of Mt. Zion Commandery—W. A. Robertson Installs.

Mt. Zion commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, Monday evening held their installation of officers at the asylum in the Masonic building, a very large attendance of the members being present.

William A. Robertson, grand senior warden, of the grand chapter of Nebraska, served as the installing officer, assisted by Luke L. Wiles, past commander, as marshal and H. F. Nolting, past commander, as grand prelate.

The officers installed were as follows:

Commander—W. H. Wehrbein. Generalissimo—Clyde H. Graves. Captain General—William F. Evers.

Senior Warden—Don H. Selver. Junior Warden—Lyle L. Horton. Prelate—Raymond C. Cook. Treasurer—Frank A. Cloidt. Recorder—Frank L. Barkus. Standard Bearer—Roy O. Cole. Sword Bearer—Elmer E. Tritsch. Warder—William P. Kraeger. Sentinel—Leon L. McCarty.

EPISCOPAL WOMEN ELECT

The Nebraska diocese Woman's Auxillary of the Episcopal church, held their election of officers at the Tuesday morning session of the all day meeting held at the Trinity cathedral at Omaha.

All of the officers who have served so efficiently were re-elected to their positions, these being:

Miss Barbara Gering, Plattsmouth, president; Mrs. James Plumb, Omaha, vice-president; Mrs. C. W. Evers, Omaha, treasurer; Mrs. T. H. Kehl, Omaha, secretary; Mrs. Alec McDonough, Omaha, educational secretary; Mrs. Ernest Ball, Omaha, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Herbert Cooper, Lincoln, united thank offering secretary and Mrs. C. E. Abbott, box supply secretary.

There were ninety ladies at the session and who later attended the noon day luncheon at the Elk's club at which Bishop E. V. Shayler was the speaker. Cecelia Meister, superintendent of Clarkson hospital and Margaret Wickenden, principal of Brownell hall, spoke at the morning session.

Those attending the sessions from here were Misses Mia and Barbara Gering and Mrs. F. L. Cummins.

RECEIVE PLEASANT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ofe are happy over the arrival of a fine granddaughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ofe of Sioux City, Iowa. The little one was born Sunday at the Methodist hospital at Omaha and weighed between five and six pounds. All are doing nicely.

ATTENDS CLUB MEETING

County Attorney J. A. Capwell was at Omaha Tuesday evening where he attended a meeting of the Sojourners, composed of officers of the army, navy and reserve corps, members of the Masonic order.

The Omaha chapter has a very large membership and one of the most organizations in the west.

RETURNS FROM CALIFORNIA

Mrs. John S. Vallery returned from California where she has been visiting for the past three weeks. She has been visiting at the J. D. Rising home, Mrs. Rising being a sister.

Platters Trip N. S. D. in Most Exciting Battle

Locals Take the Contest With Omaha School Tuesday Evening by Score of 40 to 32.

From Wednesday's Daily—
The Plattsmouth high school basketball team won its fifth consecutive game last evening as they snapped the Nebraska School for the Deaf's victory chain by a score of 40 to 32.

The game was one of the most thrilling packed witnessed by local fans this season as the two fiery quintets battled to maintain their fine records.

The stubborn defensive work and the baffling passing was too much for the deaf boys and they were unable to overcome the Platter lead maintained throughout the game, although they made a desperate, but belated rally late in the final period.

Reed, veteran Platter guard copied individual scoring honors, by being particularly "hot" in the second half, as he bombarded the hoop with seven field goals, for a high of fourteen points. He also shone defensively. Wooster followed Reed with ten centers.

Daugherty, the deaf's stalwart forward was the spark in the visitors' attack with four field goals and four gift shots for twelve points.

The great defensive work of Rebal, Hayes, Jacobs and Miller, kept the shots of Mauler and Co., well in check as they kept the slate clean thus far in the season, and are ready to tangle with Nebraska City on this coming Friday evening.

Plattsmouth (40)				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Wooster, f	4	2	3	10
Rebal, f	1	0	0	2
McCarty, f	0	0	0	0
Hayes, c	3	1	3	7
Jacobs, c	2	1	0	5
Reed, g	7	0	2	14
Miller, g	1	0	2	2

Nebraska Deaf (32)				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Mauler, f	1	2	0	4
Daugherty, f	4	4	1	12
Pegenhart, c	0	1	1	1
Worford, c	3	1	2	7
Kilne, g	0	0	0	0
Rosenblat, g	4	0	3	8
Shriner, g	0	0	0	0

Reserves Lose
The Blue and White's reserve squad battled furiously against a large, hard fighting squad from Union as they dropped the curtain raiser in a tight contest 17 to 14.

Wall, Minor and Yelick appeared to be very much in the game both offensively and defensively, as they fought diligently for victory, but Union's lucky shots were dropping safely too often.

Between halves of the main encounter an interesting exhibition was staged by Jack Christy and Jack Wilson with Christy appearing to be almost helpless from Wilson's early shower of leather. The match was a two round affair with Wilson easily the winner.

Weiner, of Pittsburg, Kansas, officiated at both games, with B. Armstrong scorer and D. Armstrong, timer.

NORMAL TRAINERS MEET

Saturday a group of the normal training students of the Cass county schools were gathered at the office of County Superintendent Miss Alpha C. Peterson and at Louisville where the examinations were supervised by Superintendent G. M. Corum.

There were some twenty-two here to take the examinations as to their teaching qualifications, representing a number of the schools.

VISIT AT LIBERTY

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Yelick and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yelick and family of Omaha, were visitors Sunday at Liberty, Nebraska. They were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Yelick and family for the day.

UNDERGOES EXAMINATION

Mrs. Iley Mays was in Omaha Tuesday where she was given an X-ray examination, it being thought that she may be suffering from gall stones.