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## Mrs. Rainey Dies Monday After Stroke

Long Time Resident Here and a Member of Prominent East Nebraska Family.

Mrs. Alma Rainey, 63, widow of W. H. Rainey, one of the well known residents of Cass county, died Monday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Earl Becker, northwest of this city.

Mrs. Rainey had not been well for some time and on Saturday suffered a severe stroke from which she failed to rally, gradually failing until Monday afternoon when she passed away.

Alma Parriott, daughter of William and Margaret Parriott, who had homesteaded at an early day in Nemaha county, was born at the family home near Peru, October 29, 1868, spending her girlhood in that locality. On completing her school work she took up the teaching profession, teaching a school near Murray for ten years. While teaching at Murray she met William H. Rainey, a young farmer of that part of Cass county, their romance culminating in their marriage on March 20, 1898, at the home of the bride's parents at Peru.

Mr. and Mrs. Rainey resided on the farm near Murray where they located after their marriage, until in 1908 when they moved to Plattsmouth and where their children grew to manhood and womanhood.

There is surviving six children, Merle Rainey, New York City; Mrs. Floyd Becker, Mrs. Earl Becker, Isabel Rainey of this city; Donald Rainey and Mrs. Jack Hatt, Jr., of Omaha.

Mrs. Rainey was one of a family of nine children and one sister and three brothers survive her passing. Mrs. C. T. Edwards, Elmwood; Lee Parriott, Denver; John Parriott, Dawson, Nebraska; Grover Parriott, Plattsmouth.

The interment will be at the Oak Hill cemetery beside Mr. Rainey who preceded his wife several years ago.

### REPORTS DEATH IN WEST

The message has been received here of the death at Sacramento, California, of Ida McNatt, formerly Miss Ida Warstadt, of this city. She has been in the west for the past two years and no word had been received as to her health, until a message came to one of the friends here from a Sacramento mortician stating that she had died and inquiring as to relatives. Members of the family wired back to the west coast and so far have received no definite reply as to the death or circumstances of the case. A brother, Henry Warstadt, was last reported as being at Stockton, California, and efforts were made to get in touch with him.

### FUNERAL OF FRANK LEPERT

The funeral services for the late Frank Lepert were held Saturday at the Holy Rosary church in the west part of the city. There was a very large number of the old friends and neighbors to fill the church and join in the last tributes.

The requiem mass was celebrated by Father J. R. Sinkula, assisted by the choir.

The burial was in the Catholic cemetery and the pall bearers were grandsons and other members of the family, George and Frank Lepert, Joe Baburek, Bob Kafka, Joe Straka of Alliance, Frank J. Koubek. Mr. Lepert is survived by the widow and two sons, Phillip and James Lepert, three daughters, Mrs. Mary Hafka, and Mrs. Rose Krefel of Omaha, Mrs. Frances Simon of Oakland, California.

### ATTENDS LAND SALE

Attorney A. L. Tidd was at Auburn Monday where he attended a sale of the lands belonging to the J. D. Graves estate, of which he has been the attorney. The lands are located near Peru where for many years Mr. Graves was a prominent resident and member of the Nemaha county bar.

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### YOUNG PEOPLE WEDDED

The marriage of Mr. Mott C. Frady, of this city and Miss Ethel J. Sweet, took place Sunday at the home of the bride, 3414 A street, Omaha. It was a very quiet ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Frady are to make their home in this city where they have an apartment awaiting them and are starting housekeeping at once.

Mr. Frady is one of the well known and popular young men of the community, the youngest son of Mrs. Virginia Frady, and has grown up in this community. He is a graduate of the class of 1932 of the Plattsmouth high school and is now an employee of the BEXX shops.

The many friends will join in their best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Frady for their future welfare and happiness.

## Former Cass County Woman Dies in Canada

Mrs. Minnie Stokes of Chestermere Dies at Home in Alberta Friday After a Long Illness.

The Calgary Daily Herald of Calgary, Alberta, tells of the death of Mrs. Minnie Stokes, a former resident of Cass county and known to a large number in this section of the county.

Mrs. Stokes has been a well known church worker in Calgary, and a resident of the Chestermere Lake district, who passed away Friday after a long illness and at the age of 70 years.

She was born in Rexville, Indiana, and upon her marriage in 1888 moved to Plattsmouth, residing here and in this part of Cass county until 1910, when the family moved to Chestermere and where they have since resided.

Mrs. Stokes was a member of the First Baptist church of Chestermere and very active in her work in the various church organizations.

Mrs. Stokes leaves her husband, William H.; a daughter, Mrs. E. B. Higley; a son, Roy and three grandchildren, all of Chestermere; two sisters, Mrs. Addie Frans, Plattsmouth and Mrs. Annie Miller, Weeping Water; a brother, Alva Long of Murray. The funeral services were held on Monday afternoon at the Jacques chapel at Calgary and the interment made at the Bursland cemetery.

### ATTEND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A. E. Edgerton, Cass county recreational director and Thomas Walling, who is assisting in the "Nature Trail" project, were at Murdock Saturday. They attended the meeting of the Cass County Historical Society and report a very fine meeting.

The program was along the lines of local history prepared by teachers in the various school districts and which brought out many very interesting facts relative to the early days of the Cass county schools.

Mr. Edgerton and Mr. Walling were at the meeting the interest of securing support for the creation of a state park at King Hill, one of the beauty spots of Cass county.

### MANY ENJOY SING

The community sing, sponsored by the music committee of the Plattsmouth Woman's club, was held last evening at the Recreation Center, and was attended by a large number. The program was under the direction of Mrs. Robert Reed. Irene LaHoda gave a dance in the floor show given last night. Carey Marshall gave a piano solo. There were several songs and dance numbers by Billy Rose Canterbury, and Elva Olson gave a piano number. Then there was group singing of old songs and some of the new popular songs, which everyone enjoyed immensely.

### GIRL SCOUTS MEET

The Girl Scouts met Tuesday afternoon and had an enjoyable time. They practiced for a program which is to be given to the Woman's club, Monday, February 7. Girl Scouts be sure to come to next meeting.

## Platters Coast to Victory Over Neb. City H. S.

Locals Hold Wide Margin at Half and at No Time in Danger of Defeat.

The Nebraska City high school basketball team again lost to the strong Plattsmouth cage stars, and this time by a score of 40 to 39 on their home floor.

The blue and white started early in the game to score, and at the end of the first period they had an impressive lead of 12 to 3, and it was not until late in the contest that Nebraska City seemed to come to life, but even then did not really press the opponents' game long lead, and the Platters coasted to their eighth consecutive victory. The local lads commanded a lead of 23 to 8 at the half, and 29 to 16 at the end of the third quarter.

Plattsmouth appeared more adept at ball handling, and they profited by the Otoeans many wild shots.

Ray Wooster had his sharp basket eye back in shape, as he sunk five field goals and two gift shorts for 12 points. Hayes waited until the last period to start his scoring, but once started there was no stopping him and he accounted for four goals or eight points. Reed and Miller, the two stellar guards, played their usual swell game, and seemed to delight in breaking up opponents' passes, and Nebraska City soon found it was almost an impossibility to wrestle the ball from the fiery red head. Reed also showed offensively by sinking four field goals and two free shots for 10 total points. Jacobs exhibited some flashy forwarding, and also contributing five points. Rebal and McCarty also did much to help the Plattsmouth cause.

Carpenter was the kingpin of the home attack as he accounted for five field goals, which placed him second for the evening high score honors. Metz and Eklaser were next with nine and five points respectively.

Plattsmouth was well represented with their cheering section much in force the entire evening, and a number of local people being present at the second meeting of these two quints.

The next Platter game will be on Thursday evening at the local gymnasium, when they meet the powerful Bethany team.

Plattsmouth (40)		Nebraska City (30)	
FG	FT	FG	FT
Wooster, f	5	2	1
Rebal, f	2	1	1
Jacobs, f	2	1	1
Hayes, c	4	0	1
McCarty, c	1	1	0
Reed, g	4	2	1
Miller, g	1	0	2
Wall, g	0	0	0
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Referee—Craig, Lincoln. The Platter reserves lost 20 to 2.

### CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our deep appreciation of all the acts of kindness shown our loved husband, father and grandfather in his last illness and for the sympathy and comfort given us at his passing. We wish to especially thank Commissioner Farley for having the road fixed for the use of the funeral party, to those taking part in the last services and for the beautiful flowers.—Mrs. Frank Lepert, Sr. and Family.

### NEW BOOKS AT LIBRARY

Recent additions at the library for the intermediate grades are "The Great Tradition" by Marjorie Hill Allee; "Prairie Girl," by Lucille F. Fargo; "A Place for Herself," by Adele De Leeuw; "Shanty Brook Lodge," by Fjeril Hess; "Homespun" by Erick Berry. And for the little children "The Story of Ferdinand," by Munro Leaf, has been added.

### WIN 4-H CLUB TRIPS

Whipple Leonard, Plattsmouth, and Idella Buell, Murdock, are two of fourteen rural Nebraska girls, members of 4-H clubs and champions in clothing and girls' room projects in their home communities, who have been awarded prize trips to the 1938 Club Week to be held in June at the University of Nebraska, college of agriculture.

Eight of the girls are the highest ranking county clothing champions in Nebraska and Idella is one of the eight. The other six which included Whipple Leonard, awarded Club Week trips, are the high ranking county champions in girls' room work. The Omaha Chamber of Commerce is awarding these trips in recognition of the successful work carried on by the girls.

## Plattsmouth Scores High in Auburn Meet

Three Superiors in Declamatory Contest Won by the Local School Students.

The Plattsmouth high school declamatory team scored high in the sub-district meeting held at Auburn Saturday, taking three superior ratings out of five and which will give them the opportunity of representing the local school in the district meet here on February 12th.

The local winners were L. Stephen Devoe in the oratorical section, "The Sod House Period"; Jean Knorr in the extemporaneous on the subject, "Is the Wagner Bill a Benefit to Labor?" while Flora Belle Meade won her rating from a large field in the dramatic class, her selection being "The Murder of King Duncan."

This is one of the best showings that the local school has scored in a great many years and reflects the great interest that has been shown by the young people and their excellent training by Lumir Gerner and Milo Price, coaches.

The district meeting here will bring representatives from twenty-five schools of the eastern part of the state and will be an all day session. So extensive is the list as not only the five classes will be heard but there will be many one act plays to be staged.

It will be necessary to have two places for holding the meeting as there will be large entries.

### PASSES 89TH BIRTHDAY

From Wednesday's Daily—Mrs. John Neitzel, Sr., of this city, today was observing her eighty-ninth birthday at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence C. Cotner, with whom she makes her home.

Monday, a son, J. H. Neitzel, of Fairbury arrived for the birthday observance and yesterday another son, George Neitzel of Lyons, arrived to join the family party. In addition to Mrs. Cotner the other children of Mrs. Neitzel are Jack and Louis of Omaha, Mrs. Walter Schuelzel and Mrs. C. F. Glaze.

Mr. and Mrs. Neitzel came to this city some fifteen years ago and Mr. Neitzel passed away in 1926 at the age of eighty-four years.

J. H. Neitzel, who is visiting here from Fairbury, was a resident of Plattsmouth from 1905 to 1907 and was engaged in work in the local shops of the Burlington.

### CALLED ON SAD MISSION

From Monday's Daily—Miss Alpha Peterson, county superintendent, and Miss Gerda Peterson received a message this morning from their niece, Olga Enberg, at Sheridan, Wyoming, that her mother, gravely ill for several months, was fast sinking. The sisters are leaving today to be with the sister and family.

### HAVE A FINE DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Carr are the happy parents of a fine little daughter, born to them Sunday. The mother and little one are doing very nicely and the occasion brought much happiness to the other members of the family circle.

## Historical Society Has a Fine Meeting

Local History Prepared by School Teachers Feature of Cass County Meeting.

The Cass County Historical society met at Murdock Saturday, January 29 with one of the largest attendances since its organization.

The discussion of the meeting dealt with local history and Supt. E. C. Stimbart of Nehawka led the meeting with a very interesting lecture on the requirements in the course of history study of the sixth grade where local history is taught in each school for twelve weeks.

The historical society and the teachers of local history are well aware that it is only through the pioneers that historical data of this nature can be collected. And it is urged that all historical material with maps, sketches and photographs in each school district be collected, authenticated and placed in book form so that it may be handed down to teachers who are new in the district and also to prevent distortion of facts if transmitted by tradition from one generation to another.

Prof. Stimbart and Dr. G. H. Gilmore, president of the Cass County Historical society stressed that the teacher in each district should begin now to prepare her subject of local history for next year's course, for it is the even years that this subject is taught to the beginners in history.

Miss Loa Davis, a teacher of history in the school at Murray gave a talk on how she had collected local history in her district and exhibited maps, drawings and photographs of many interesting incidents. She was followed by Miss Dorothy Yost, a teacher from the Sciota school three miles east of Union.

To illustrate what might be learned from an interview with pioneers the president called on some of the old timers for short talks.

S. W. Gramlich of Sarpy county possibly one of the oldest pioneers of the state was called on and gave a brief but interesting talk on hardships, prairie fires and grasshoppers during the territorial days of Nebraska.

F. M. Massie gave a vivid description of the first log school house built where the town of Weeping Water is located. Stakes were driven in the dirt floor, on them were placed hewn slabs for seats and desks.

Turner Zink, who at one time was county commissioner of Cass county, was the postmaster for the Luella postoffice two miles southeast of Murdock during its existence. His son, Oscar Zink gave a talk on this postoffice and presented the books of record of Luella. The income from this postoffice was from \$1.57 to \$8.00 per quarter year.

Edward Bornemeier from Elmwood gave an outline of the history of Elmwood and vicinity he has compiled. He was followed by Henry Heebner who was born in a log house on the home farm where he now lives. Charley Beach and A. Bobbet both of Lincoln and pioneers of Cass county gave short talks.

The closing remarks on the question of local history was summarized by N. C. Abbott, superintendent of the School for the Blind at Nebraska City. Being a member of the staff of the State Historical society he strongly urged the collecting and recording of the history within each district for the use in the public schools. If not recorded now how will we collect historical facts when the last pioneer is laid to rest? He suggested that possibly a definite program along this line should pass through the county superintendent's office.

At the business meeting A. McReynolds, secretary-treasurer, gave a report on the petition for historical markers in Cass county now before the county board, a plan now followed by several counties in the state.

### FEELING IMPROVED

Patty Ann, youngest daughter of Sheriff and Mrs. Homer Sylvester, who has been confined to her home for several days is reported as feeling better. She has been forced to forego her school work since the last of this week.

### DISTRICT DECLAMATORY CONTEST FEBRUARY 12TH

The district declamatory contest which is to be held at Plattsmouth on February 12th is going to be one of the largest events of its kind ever held in this city. Entries are reporting rapidly from the better schools of the eastern part of Nebraska. A special feature will be the one-act play contest. These plays last about one-half hour each and consist of from five to eight characters. There will be a large number in this group in both the Class A and B schools. This should prove to be one of the most interesting parts of the entire contest.

Entries have reported from Auburn, Shubert, Papillion, Gretna, Scribner, Tekamah, Oakland, Elm Creek, Louisville and Humboldt. The other entries will all have been reported by the end of this week.

## President's Ball Enjoyed by a Large Crowd

Response Is Excellent to Appeal for Aid to Foundation for Combating Infantile Paralysis.

The American Legion building was filled with a large group Saturday night to honor the birthday anniversary of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and aid the foundation for the warfare on the dangers of infantile paralysis.

The local committee was headed by Attorney W. A. Robertson who while busy in his legal business and Masonic work, had given time to the most worthy cause and is well pleased with the fine spirit of cooperation shown by the residents of the community.

It has not been fully determined just how much will be realized to send in to the foundation as many of the ticket sellers in the other towns of the county have not reported.

The music for the ball was given by the Original Avalon orchestra of which Peter Gradoville is the director, playing a fine program of dance numbers that were a real delight to all of the large group.

### ROTARY HEARS DEBATERS

The Plattsmouth Rotarians had the opportunity Tuesday at their luncheon at the Stewart cafe, to hear the points for and against the unicameral legislative plan. The high school debate squad with their coach, Milo Price, were present and gave a very fine presentation of the points for and against the plan in which the state of Nebraska has been a pioneer.

The affirmative was taken by John Kenneth Bestor and Robert Woest, while the negative was given by Harriett Case and Jack Barton. The decision was left to the club members and the affirmative proved the winners of the vote.

County Commissioner Elmer Hallstrom of Avoca was present as a guest of James Mauzy and enjoyed meeting the old time friends.

The two high school boys, members of the club for the month of February were presented, they being Roy Wilson, of Murray, senior and Melvin Hughes, junior.

Superintendent L. S. Devoe was the leader of the meeting.

### ATTENDING RATE HEARINGS

From Monday's Daily—J. H. Davis, president of the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce, departs this evening for Kansas City, Missouri, where he will attend a hearing before the interstate commerce commission. The meeting is on the matter of freight rate increases asked by the central west railroads and which will affect this part of the west.

### ENTERS DOANE COLLEGE

Miss Rachel Robertson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Robertson of this city, was enrolled Monday as a student at Doane college, at Crete, where also Harriett Goos and Joe Hendrix of this city are students.

Miss Robertson and Miss Goos are members of the 1937 class of the Plattsmouth high school and this is their freshman year.

## Death of Mrs. Jas. B. Higley at Council Bluffs

Had Been a Resident of This City and Mills County Since Her Childhood Days.

From Monday's Daily—The death of Mrs. J. B. Higley, 77, one of the long time residents of this community, occurred Saturday night at 11:59 at the home of her son, J. R. Eledge, at Council Bluffs, where she has been for some time in failing health.

Catherine Richardson was born in North Carolina, March 7, 1861, and when a child was brought by her parents to Mills county, Iowa, where the family settled and made their home for many years, she growing up in that community.

On July 3, 1875 she was married to W. I. Eledge, the family making their home near Pacific Junction and Plattsmouth. Mr. Eledge preceded the wife in death in 1902.

In her girlhood she affiliated with the United Brethren church and has been a devout member of that faith.

In later years she was married to James B. Higley of this city and they made their home here until the death of Mr. Higley and since which time she has largely made her home in Council Bluffs, she having purchased a home.

She is survived by five children, J. R. Eledge of Council Bluffs; Mrs. I. J. Homan, Omaha; Mrs. Lee Johnson, Auburn; Mrs. George Barr, Plattsmouth and W. H. Eledge, Omaha. There is also surviving her passing twenty-five grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren. There is also two brothers and two sisters, John Richardson of this city, Mahlan Richardson of Pacific Junction, Mrs. Roda White, Council Bluffs, Mrs. George Eledge of Long Pine, Nebraska. One son, Grover Eledge, preceded her in death last June.

The funeral services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Sattler funeral home.

Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church conducted the services and paid tribute to the long and useful life of the departed. During the services Frank A. Clويد gave two of the hymns that had been favorites of the departed, "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere."

The interment was at the Oak Hill cemetery and six of the grandsons served as pall bearers, Harold Eledge, Paul Brock, Bill Anderson all of Council Bluffs, Melvin Barr, Walter Eledge and D. D. Haley of this city.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express to the many friends and neighbors here and at Council Bluffs, our deep appreciation of their acts of kindness and words of sympathy in the death of our beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Especially do we wish to thank Dr. McClusky, Mr. Clويد and all those taking part in the services and for cars and the flowers.—The children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, brothers and sisters of Mrs. J. B. Higley.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all our relatives and friends for their sympathy and many acts of kindness during the sickness and at the death of our beloved wife, mother and grandmother Edith Hatcliff. We especially wish to thank Rev. W. A. Taylor, the singers, pallbearers and the Hobson funeral directors and for the beautiful floral offerings.—C. E. Hatcliff and Sons; Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Litten and family.

### VISITS COUSINS HERE

The Clويد family here had a very pleasant visit Saturday with a cousin, George H. Beine, of San Francisco, who is visiting in this section of the west and stopped here for a short time. Mr. Beine is the representative of the Metropolitan Insurance company in the San Francisco territory. While here he called on Frank, John and August Clويد, the cousins, whom he had not seen for several years.