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Death Comes to Mrs T. E. Todd, Old Resident

Passed Away Late Saturday Night at Omaha Hospital Where She Has Been Under Treatment.

Mrs. T. E. Todd, 64, who has been at an Omaha hospital for the past several days undergoing treatment for a water tumor, died late Saturday night, a sudden turn for the worse bringing death, although she had before apparently been doing as well as possible.

Mrs. Todd was formerly Miss Lizzie Hoffman and was born in Germany September 13, 1874, and was brought here when an infant by her parents and has spent the greater part of her lifetime in this community where she was known and loved by a large circle of friends.

On July 18, 1899 she was married at the First Christian church in this city to T. E. Todd, whose grandfather had been one of the organizers of the church here.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd have made their home on the farm northwest of the city, altho in the past thirty years they have enjoyed many trips to the Pacific coast where they have interests and where Mrs. Todd has made a large circle of warm friends who will learn with sorrow of her passing. She made her first trip west in 1907 and in later years spent a great deal of time there, they returning just a short time ago and have been with their son, Albert, who is conducting the home farm. Mrs. Todd was taken ill while on the west coast and was given treatment there and on her return was again forced to go to Omaha to receive care in the hospital.

There is surviving the husband and one son, Albert, as well as a granddaughter. Two brothers and four sisters also are surviving.

The funeral services will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Sattler funeral home with Rev. J. W. Taenzler officiating. Friends wishing to take a farewell may call at the Sattler funeral home Tuesday morning from 9 to 11 a. m.

J. H. LOHMANN MISSING

J. H. Lohmann, of Hastings, well known to many Plattsmouth people, is thought to have been swept to his death in the raging waters of Logan creek, near Winside, Nebraska, late Thursday.

Mr. Lohmann, who is the chairman of the board of trustees of the grand lodge of the Sons of Herman, was driving with Arthur C. Mayes of Grand Island, when their car was caught in the sudden overflow of the creek as the result of a cloudburst. The men were struggling to reach higher ground and in water to their waist when Mr. Lohmann was swept from his feet and on down the creek, out of reach of his companion.

Mr. Lohmann has been a frequent visitor in this city and just recently was here and added a number of members to the Sons of Herman.

Rewards totaling \$125 were offered for the finding of Lohmann's body, \$100 by Winside's Sons of Herman lodge and \$25 by Sheriff Pile of Wayne county.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of expressing our deepest appreciation of all of the acts of kindness shown us in our hour of sorrow at parting with our loved one. We especially wish to thank the friends and neighbors, Dr. H. G. McClusky, Mr. F. A. Clodt, Miss Amelia Friedrich and all those taking part in the funeral services and for the remembrances. These acts will long be a loved memory to us all.—Mrs. Jess Terryberry and family; The Brothers and Sisters of Jess Terryberry and Their Families.

PAY VISIT HERE

From Friday's Daily—
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Knolle of Sioux City stopped here last night for a short visit with friends before continuing to Greenwood where Mrs. Knolle will spend the Easter season with her parents. Mr. Knolle will go to York to visit with his parents.

Phone news items to No. 6.

JURY FINDS FOR DEFENDANT

The jury trying the case of Madge Newton vs. Charles Ayres and Maxine Ayres, received the case late Wednesday afternoon and at 9 o'clock arrived at a verdict which was opened in court this morning.

The verdict found for the defendants and no money consideration was given the parties.

The plaintiff had sued for \$5,000 damages for an auto accident and in a cross petition the defendants asked for \$500 for damages.

The accident occurred on July 4, 1937, in the west part of the county near Alvo.

Chas. Parmele, Long Time Banker, Passes Away

Death Occurred at 3 O'clock This Afternoon After an Illness of Some Duration.

From Thursday's Daily—

Charles C. Parmele, 74, member of one of the pioneer families of Cass county and a leading Nebraska banker for many years, died this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Wollfarth home in this city where he has been staying for the past three weeks.

Mr. Parmele was a native of Cass county and with the exception of the last few years he has made his home in this community, in later years largely being located in Lincoln and Omaha where he has been connected with the Burlington railroad.

The story of the life of Mr. Parmele, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin H. Parmele, is a part of the history of Cass county, as in the years that he was active as a banker in this city, he was instrumental in making possible the settlement of many of our leading farm residents of the past on the fertile soil of eastern Cass county, his aid was at hand for those who were engaged in the building of many of the business establishments of the city.

Mr. Parmele was held in high regard by large groups of friends that he had known down through the years and to whom he felt the greatest of affection and regard. Taken ill in Lincoln, he was at a hospital there for several weeks, and it was one of his dearest wishes to be returned to the community he had known so well, and where, amid the familiar scenes, near the home that he resided for many years, he sank into the last sleep.

Mr. Parmele is survived by two children, Mrs. George O. Dovey of Peoria, Illinois, and Pollock Parmele, of Lincoln. Two sisters, Mrs. Nellie Agnew of Omaha and Mrs. S. H. Atwood of Washington, D. C., also survive his passing.

VISIT WITH PARENTS

The home of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Patterson is the scene of a very pleasant family party over the Easter day, as their children and grandchildren are here to spend a few days with the father and mother and as well meeting the old friends. Those who are here are Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Patterson and daughter, Susan, of Minneapolis, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Deegan and daughter, Joan of Chicago, Jack Patterson and children, Thomas and Jane of Butler, Pennsylvania.

Mr. T. M. Patterson has been ill for some time and the visit of the children and grandchildren has proven a most pleasant treat.

BRING IN SEALED VERDICT

The case of Erna Meierdierks vs. William E. Norris, an action for damages was completed early Friday afternoon in the district court and the jury returned a verdict shortly after 4 o'clock. As Judge W. W. Wilson had returned home the verdict was sealed and will be opened at the session of court on Monday morning.

TO VISIT FALLS CITY

From Saturday's Daily—
Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Patterson are leaving today for Falls City where they are expecting to enjoy a visit over Easter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Falter and family and with a number of old friends in that city.

Wanted Man to be Returned from Texas

Sheriff Homer Sylvester and Deputy Cass Sylvester Go to Childress, Texas.

Friday Sheriff Homer Sylvester and Deputy Sheriff Cass Sylvester departed for Childress, Texas, where they will secure Earl Freeman, wanted here on a forgery charge. They made the trip by auto and expect to return at once with their prisoner.

Freeman, who has a long criminal record, worked a forged check racket through the central west that found many victims until he was tripped up by the Texas officers on a minor charge and then it was learned that he was wanted in many places in the north.

With capture of the man County Attorney J. A. Capwell and Sheriff Sylvester at once secured a warrant for arrest of the man and wired the Texas officers to hold him.

Freeman has waived extradition from Texas and will be turned over to the Cass county officers on their arrival.

The prisoner was wanted here on the matter of a \$250 check that he passed at the Plattsmouth State bank and which the Home Dairy had endorsed in the belief that the man was representative of a bear distributing company. He came here and toured over the city to inspect billboards, representing himself as an advertising man for the brewery and securing data for the placing of advertising. Reaching the Home Dairy just a few moments before closing time at the bank he remarked that he needed some funds and asked the cashier of an expense check and which had on it a picture of the man himself as an identification. Taking for granted that the man was all that he represented, the check was endorsed and later was cashed at the bank. In a few days it was returned and the story of the exploits of the man received from several places.

Freeman, working the same stunt at Lincoln, secured the cashing of another \$250 check and leaving Nebraska visited several places in Iowa with the same racket, only in that state, he was advertising man for a well known automobile firm.

A FARM GAME SANCTUARY

The Cass County Sportsman's club, which was organized a few weeks ago, is now sponsoring the establishment of a Farm Game Sanctuary, which includes nearly all of East Rock Bluffs precinct. The sanctuary will embody between 14,000 and 15,000 acres. The area will have the farm protection in the propagation of game birds for a period of not less than three years. It will be stocked and supervised by the state game commission. It will be posted with "no hunting" signs by the state department, as well as policed by state game wardens.

The farmers in the area are very enthusiastic about the project. Those who have been engaged in wildlife conservation and restoration inform us that the planting and propagation of game birds will prove of great value to the farmers in controlling the grasshoppers and other insect pests. The sanctuary has much natural shelter for the game birds, and the boys and girls on the farms can participate in the project by providing one or two feeding stations for the feeding of the birds in winter during severe snow storms.

The development of this farm game sanctuary will be watched by hundreds of interested persons in this state.

WALLACE ON THE AIR

Secretary Wallace's address at the national crop insurance for wheat meeting in Omaha will be broadcast on the National Farm and Home Hour from 11:50 a. m. to 12:15 p. m. April 19.

Farmers and farm leaders from all states west of the Alleghany mountains will attend the Omaha meeting. April 19 will be devoted to a public explanation of the crop insurance program. Farmers and others interested in crop insurance who live in the vicinity of Omaha have been invited to attend.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

From Thursday's Daily—
Today was the eightieth birthday anniversary of Mrs. Anna Lillie, one of the long time and highly respected residents of the community and in honor of the occasion the guest of honor was remembered by a large number of messages and greetings from the friends and relatives.

Mrs. Lillie, despite her advanced years, is enjoying very good health and is able to retain a keen interest in the affairs of the nation and her own community.

The many friends join in the wish for many more years of happiness and good health.

Death of Well Known Resident of Near Avoca

Mrs. Mary K. Harmon Passes Away Friday at Lincoln General Hospital After Long Illness.

Mrs. Mary S. K. Harmon, 77, a pioneer of the Avoca community, died on Friday at the Lincoln General hospital where she has been for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Harmon was a daughter of the late Samuel M. Kirkpatrick, one of the pioneer residents of Nehawka, and a member of the Nebraska territorial legislature. She spent her girlhood in Nehawka and came to the Avoca community as a young woman to teach school in a district just east of the town of Avoca. She later taught in the first school in Avoca for several terms.

She was married to C. C. Harmon and the family resided on a farm west of Avoca until the death of Mr. Harmon, since that time making her home in town and where she was very active in the congregational church, being a deaconess in the church. She was also active in the organization of the public library and also in the W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Harmon is survived by one sister, Mrs. M. G. Kime of Nehawka.

PASSES EIGHTIETH MILESTONE

Mrs. James M. Robertson, one of the early day residents of Cass county, passed her eightieth birthday anniversary on Wednesday and was a guest at dinner at the home of her son, William A. Robertson and family last evening.

Mrs. Robertson was born in Indiana where her parents, John H. and Mary Hasemeier, settled, in Henry county in 1853 and resided there until in 1867 when they moved to Nebraska and located on a farm near the present city of Louisville.

Mrs. Robertson grew up on the farm and was married at Louisville to James M. Robertson, the superintendent of a sand and gravel company at that place and the family made their home there until in 1895 when Mr. Robertson was elected county clerk and the family moved to Plattsmouth where they have since resided and where their family has grown up.

Mrs. Robertson has four children, Attorney W. A. Robertson, Mrs. Harvey L. Gomer, Mrs. R. P. Westover of this city and Miss Jessie Robertson of Lincoln.

HAS AUTO ACCIDENT

Mrs. A. E. Stewart of this city, who has been touring in the south with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Beckley, the latter a sister of the late Mr. Stewart, was in an auto accident a few days ago near Melbourne, Florida. They were en route north after several weeks in Florida when caught in the collision. The car was very badly damaged and Mrs. Beckley suffered a fractured wrist. Mrs. Stewart suffered a slight concussion but recovered shortly after reaching the hospital.

HOME FROM CALIFORNIA

J. D. Rising, who has been making his home in California for the past year and a half, was in the city Wednesday afternoon to visit with the many friends. With Mrs. Rising he arrived from the west on Saturday and now are at their farm in the Cedar Creek community.

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Death Calls Fred Gorder on Easter Day

Long Time Resident of Cass County and One of the Outstanding Citizens of Community.

Sunday morning at 6 o'clock as the world was preparing to observe the Easter day of the resurrection, Frederick H. Gorder, 73, passed away at the family home in Weeping Water, where for the past three months he has been in very feeble health.

The taking away of Mr. Gorder removes a loved and honored figure in the life of Cass county, a man in whom his fellow citizens had held implicit confidence, and who in turn had given many of his best years in the service of the citizens.

Mr. Gorder was the last of a family of early day residents of Cass county, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Gorder, coming to Plattsmouth from Wisconsin when the son Frederick was three years of age and since that time they have been among the most prominent and active leaders in the county.

The father established an implement and hardware business here and which for many years was conducted by the members of the family after the passing of the founder.

Fred H. Gorder spent his early years in Plattsmouth and later moved to Weeping Water where he engaged in business in 1884 and which continued through a long period of years as one of the leaders in the business life of that part of Cass county.

The fine integrity and keen interest in the welfare of the community was early recognized by the people of Weeping Water and he was repeatedly named as mayor of that city where his wise advice and thoughtfulness assisted in the building up of his home city.

In 1919 the voters of Cass county elected Mr. Gorder to the position of county commissioner for the third district and which post he held until the first of January of this year, failing health compelling his laying aside the duties of the office that he had discharged so faithfully and so well.

It was truly a loss to Cass county when Mr. Gorder was compelled to lay aside the work that he had so faithfully performed but in his passing from active life he took with him the respect and admiration of practically every man and woman in the community who was at all familiar with his service.

In his death there is a profound sorrow in every part of our county in the loss of this fine citizen, truly a nobleman in character.

Mr. Gorder is survived by the widow, two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Nyrop, of Curtis, Nebraska, and Miss Helen Gorder, who is at home.

The funeral services will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the First Congregational church at Weeping Water, Rev. G. S. Hunt, in charge. The interment will be at the Oakwood cemetery at Weeping Water.

DEATH OF UNION MAN

Loy Frederick Hathaway, 43, a resident of the Union community for a great many years, died Saturday afternoon at his home in Union after an illness of two days. He was suffering from hardening of the arteries.

He was born December 5, 1894, at Union, a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hathaway and was married February 3, 1916 at Plattsmouth to Miss Myrtle Lanum.

Surviving are the widow, one son, George, 12; three brothers, Charles, Ruben and Ibert, of Union, and three sisters, Mrs. Hattie Eaton, Mrs. Rosie Clark and Miss Cora Hathaway, all of Union.

Mr. Hathaway was a member of the Union Baptist church.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Herman Thomas, of Nebraska City, former M. P. agent here, departed Friday for St. Louis, where he will be with Mrs. Thomas who is to undergo a major operation at the Missouri Pacific hospital. Mrs. Thomas has been at the hospital for the past week under treatment in preparation for the operation.

PRACTICE DEBATE

From Thursday's Daily—
Plattsmouth and Lincoln high debate teams are engaged in practice debate at Lincoln this afternoon to "warm up" for the state tournament next week. Each team will debate both sides of the Unicameral question, without decision, the judges merely acting in the capacity of critics and pointing out weak spots in both the offensive and defensive lines of reasoning.

The state tournament will be held Friday and Saturday, April 22-23, at Lincoln.

Golf Club Names Officers for the Coming Year

Frank Horsak Named as President; Members Will Continue Campaign to Raise Funds.

From Friday's Daily—
A meeting was held of the Plattsmouth golf club last evening at the office of Dr. R. P. Westover and officers were named for 1938 to carry on the drive that is being made to retain the golf course and picnic grounds.

The members have received much encouragement in their efforts to keep the club functioning and it is hoped that sufficient support will be secured in the next few weeks to assure the club being able to function.

The officers named were as follows:

President—Frank Horsak.
Secretary-Treasurer—Ray Misner
Publicity—Dr. R. P. Westover.
Tournament and Grounds Committee—Don Pittman, Dr. F. R. Molak, A. W. Clodt and J. W. Holmes.

The need of the course and picnic grounds is being fully realized by the residents of the community and a group of some forty-five is expected to be lined up to aid in keeping the club operating and many from neighboring cities are expected to lend their support in keeping up this popular Cass county course.

NEED FOR PRESERVATION OF CEMETERY RECORDS

On April 13, 1938, a marker was placed in the Young cemetery six miles south of Plattsmouth, marking a grave placed there in 1904. The stone was purchased by relatives in Pennsylvania and erected by the Monument Works of Glenwood, Ia.

By referring to the records made by the late David A. Young the location of the grave was found at once, the original limestone marker was twelve inches below the surface of the blue grass sod. This incident illustrates the importance of preserving cemetery records. Appreciation for the faithful service rendered by Mr. Young is hereby expressed. This pioneer cemetery was founded in 1855. The first plot was made while the cemetery was under supervision of school district No. 6. When the cemetery association was organized in August, 1888, Mr. Young became secretary, with the exception of seven years; continued as secretary until he passed away in August, 1934.

WILL RECEIVE SCHOOL HONOR

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Timmas of this city have received the announcement that their daughter, Miss Alberta Timmas, will be one of the honor students at the convocation of the University of Nebraska on Tuesday, April 19th.

Miss Timmas, a graduate of the class of 1936 of the Plattsmouth high school, is a sophomore at the college of agriculture of the university, taking home economics as her major subject. She has made a fine record as is attested by the fact that she has been named among the honor students.

FILES PARTITION SUIT

An action in partition has been filed in the office of the clerk of the district court entitled Ruth M. Scheel, et al. vs. Sophia Scheel, et al. The parties in the case are the heirs to the estate of the late John Scheel, Sr., who died on June 1, 1937 at Murdock, leaving real estate which it is asked be divided.

Anniversary of Capture of Desperate Bandits

Sheriff Homer Sylvester Files for Renomination on Notable Date in His Official Service.

From Saturday's Daily—
On the anniversary of an occasion that has brought him national fame, Sheriff Homer Sylvester made his filing today for renomination to the office of county sheriff at the democratic primaries in August.

A year ago today Sheriff Sylvester and his brother, Cass Sylvester, captured in this city two men sought by the federal bureau of investigation as bank robbers and the slayer of Federal Officer Baker at Topeka, Kansas, which crime occurred in the morning of April 16 and at night the men were in jail in this city.

On the early evening of April 16, 1937, Sheriff Sylvester and his family were sitting down to their evening meal when he learned that the two fleeing men that had that morning slain Agent Baker in the Topeka postoffice, were reported as coming north through Nebraska. The sheriff with his brother, Deputy Cass Sylvester, started out to patrol highway No. 75, stopping at the Murray junction and where in a short time they were awarded when a car with a Kansas license came from the south and while partially bent the numerals visible were part of those reported on a car that the men had stolen from a Kansas physician a few hours earlier. The officers started in pursuit of the bandit car and while the bandits strove to shake off the officers the grim race continued and in a few moments the bandits drove into Plattsmouth, to meet their fate in the maze of unfamiliar streets and which forced their surrender.

Driving on side streets, the bandits finally tried to escape from North Fourth street to the Missouri river and as they started to drive down into the Burlington subway, their car was forced over to the side of the approach and the sheriff and brother compelled the killer bandits to alight from the car, hands up and surrendered without a shot fired.

For hours the streets around the county jail and the building was crowded with citizens and officers and newspaper men from Omaha milled through the jail as they sought to question Robert Suhay and Alfred Powers, as the men were known at that time.

The arrests brought much attention to Cass county and its sheriff and from coast to coast in the press the story was given the widest publicity as one of the most daring arrests of two of the nation's most desperate bandits by the local officers without a shot fired. Sheriff Sylvester was a guest at New York of the bank insurance company that had suffered a loss from the robbers in a New York bank stickup, and was heard over a nation wide radio hookup as he told the story of the capture.

The men were tried in Topeka for the slaying of the federal officer and Sheriff Sylvester was one of the witnesses in the case, which resulted in the men being sentenced to death and a few days ago their case was affirmed and they now await the fateful day in May when they must pay the penalty for their crime and for their unlucky encounter with the Cass county sheriff.

ENJOY PLEASANT VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Bishop, of this city, were at Lincoln Friday, they spending a short time with Harry J. Becker, brother of Mrs. Bishop. Mr. Becker is Child Welfare director, one of the important places in the state assistance program. On their way home they stopped at Ashland to visit with Rev. and Mrs. V. C. Wright, who they found as well pleased with their new home and have a fine church and congregation to serve.

VISIT IN CITY

W. J. Wallace, Bert, Jack and Elmer Philpot, residents of Weeping Water and near Nehawka, were in the city Thursday to attend to some business matters at the court house and visiting their friends here.