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W. A. Robertson Named Masonic Home President

First Vice President of the Board
Advanced to Post as Head of
the Association.

William A. Robertson, prominent Plattsmouth attorney and one of the best known members of the Masonic order in the state, was today elected as president of the Nebraska Masonic Home association at the annual meeting of the stockholders in Omaha.

Mr. Robertson succeeds Millard M. Robertson, of Omaha, who had served as president from 1935 to his death a few weeks ago.

This position as head of the Masonic Home association is one that the late James M. Robertson, father of W. A. Robertson, held from 1920



W. A. Robertson
New President of Masonic
Home Association

to his death in 1934 and a membership on the board of control from 1915.

The selection of W. A. Robertson as president of the association is the recognition of one of the hard working members of the board to secure the very best possible for the aged members of the order who are cared for at the Home in this city, he giving much personal attention to the Home and to the residents who all know him as a friend.

Mr. Robertson was named to the board of control in 1928 and has been active in the affairs of the board since that time. In 1925 when Millard M. Robertson was named as president he was advanced to the position of first vice president of the board.

Mr. Robertson's residence is near the Home and his close association with the Home and the superintendent, W. F. Evers, has given him a fine grasp of the Home and its management and thorough and intimate knowledge of the business affairs of the organization.

The new president is one of the active Masonic leaders of the state, serving in 1928 on the grand master of the Masons of Nebraska and is at the present time grand captain general of the Knights Templar of Nebraska.

Mr. Robertson is the sixth president of the Masonic Home association, the first being George W. Lininger, of Omaha, who was the original sponsor of the plan for a state home and who contributed a great deal to the success of the plan of making the Home possible. Orin J. King of Lincoln was the second president and he in turn succeeded by Frank H. Young of Broken Bow. The fourth president of the Home association was James M. Robertson of this city and in whose term the present infirmary building was completed and placed in service. Millard M. Robertson, Omaha business executive, was head of the Home from 1935 to the date of his death a few weeks ago.

The Home has been very successfully operated in the past years and with Mr. Robertson as head of the association a careful and able administration of the Home may be expected to continue.

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

HERE TO VISIT NEW ARRIVAL

From Monday's Daily—

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Davis of Geneva, with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Davis of Omaha, were here Sunday to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Davis. This was the first opportunity that Mr. and Mrs. John P. Davis have had of visiting with their new granddaughter, Carol Ruth Davis, who is now home from Lincoln. The visit was one much enjoyed by the family group and in admiring the little lady.

Jane Boedeker to Continue Her Musical Work

Will Take Course at Cincinnati Conservatory of Music Under Noted Piano Artist.

Miss Jane Boedeker, who since her return from Europe last fall has been at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Boedeker at Murray, left Sunday to continue her musical work in the east.

Miss Boedeker, who studied at Paris in piano and French, will take up a special course of piano instruction at the Cincinnati, Ohio, Conservatory of Music. She will have as her instructor Prof. Severin Eisenberger, one of the best known piano instructors of the United States.

En route to her studies Miss Boedeker is stopping at Fulton, Missouri, where she will visit at William Wood college, her alma mater and where she carried on her musical work after leaving the Plattsmouth schools until going to Europe for study. She will also continue in her studies in French at Cincinnati.

Since returning from abroad Miss Boedeker has been heard in a number of recitals here, Omaha and Nebraska City where her musicals have been enjoyed by large groups of the music lovers.

ROTARY GOVERNOR HERE

From Wednesday's Daily—

Harry F. Russell, of Hastings, district governor of Rotary, was a guest of the Plattsmouth Rotarians this afternoon and this evening will be the speaker at the weekly luncheon. Mr. Russell was at Nebraska City this morning and was the speaker and guest at the mid-day luncheon of the club there.

Mr. Russell held a conference with the officers of the Plattsmouth club this afternoon and discussed the business of the organization.

This evening the luncheon will be in the nature of a Rotary Ann meeting as the ladies of the members will be guests.

SUFFERS INJURED ANKLE

Mrs. Glen Vallery suffered a severe injury Tuesday evening when she slipped and fell and injured her right ankle. The ankle is very painful and whether broken or badly sprained has not been fully determined and the patient will be given X-ray treatment to endeavor to discover the full extent of the injury.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Roy Becker and little daughter, who have been at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha since the birth of the little one, returned home to Union Sunday. They are both doing very nicely now although it will be some time before Mrs. Becker is able to resume her usual activities.

CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

E. H. Wescott was at Omaha Tuesday where he visited with Mrs. E. H. Wescott at the Methodist hospital and found her improving from her recent operation and feeling very well under the circumstances. It is hoped that in a few days she may be well on the highway to recovery.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

J. A. Reeder of Baldwin, Kansas arrived in the city this week to enjoy a several days' visit here at the home of his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Reeder and twin daughters. Today Mr. Reeder is celebrating his eightieth birthday.

Sheriff and Deputy Uncover Stolen Goods

On Tip From Missouri Recover a
Large Amount of Stolen Prop-
erty Near South Bend.

Sheriff Joe Mrasek and Deputy Sheriff Emery Doody were at South Bend Sunday where, acting on a tip from southern Missouri, they raided a residence that revealed a large amount of loot taken from a number of tourist camps in the Lake of the Ozark country.

The officers on arriving at South Bend started in on their search and in a short time articles listed as missing from the camps were revealed. A search for the man responsible for the articles disclosed that he has made a get away but the officers later apprehended him and he was brought on into this city. The man gave the name of Merle Jackson and his home at Kansas City, and he has been visiting in this locality with relatives, who, however, had no knowledge of the goods claimed to have been stolen.

This morning in the county court before Judge A. H. Duxbury the articles recovered were listed before the court as the property of John M. Mills of Camden county, Missouri, and were ordered turned over to H. B. Hart, special deputy of that county. The defendant, Merle Jackson, agreed to return with the deputy to Missouri and was accordingly turned over by Sheriff Mrasek to Deputy Hart and they left at once for the south.

H. B. Hart, a special agent from Camden county, Missouri, was here to assist in locating the man and goods and was very much pleased with the excellent results of the case and the following from Mr. Hart tells of his appreciation of the officers:

To Citizens of Cass County

"I came into your community late Saturday night with indefinite information on a criminal suspect but with the aid of your able sheriff and deputy, we early the following morning after a quick drive to the northwest part of your county picked up approximately \$400 worth of stolen property from the Ozarks of south-east Missouri. The guilty party after two hours chase was rounded up. "I want to assure the people of Cass county that your officials deserve your worthy support. The best protection to your individual property is to be square to yourself by a few words the honest citizens will drive the criminals from your midst or lead to their capture. Without your information the enforcement office can do little.—H. B. HART, Deputy for Camden county, Mo."

COLDS SEEM EPIDEMIC

The vicious bad cold bug that lurks over the land at this season of the year in the varying warm and cold weather, has made a wholesale onslaught on the county officials.

County Clerk George R. Sayles is just getting over a cold that covered the latter part of last week. County Register of Deeds Ray Becker is also getting the best of the cold, while County Treasurer John E. Turner and County Attorney Walter H. Smith are just getting well into their attacks. As it stands the court house is a pretty close approach to a hospital.

LEARNS OF RELATIVE'S DEATH

Mrs. J. Howard Davis of this city received the message Sunday of the death of a cousin, Beulah Hargis, 30, which occurred in an accident near Baton Rouge, Louisiana. While no particulars were given it was stated that the young woman had drowned when a car which she was driving had fallen into the Mississippi river and she with a girl companion perished before they could be rescued.

RETURNS HOME

Mrs. Everett Pickens and little daughter, Patricia Ann returned from the Methodist hospital last week. The mother and little daughter are getting along nicely and are glad to be home among their many friends.

HAS DELICATE OPERATION

Delbert Hobbs, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hobbs is showing slight improvement at the Fort Crook hospital after a very serious and delicate operation performed last Thursday. Mr. Hobbs who was stationed at the CCC camp at Weeping Water was engaged, with several other youths, in lifting a 1500-pound stove. The heavy strain on the young man resulted in serious internal injuries and he was hurried to the hospital where an operation was performed immediately.

Brock Man Has Notable Record in Masonry

Raymond C. Cook of This City Installs
A. C. Dewep as Secretary of
Lodge for 48th Year.

Raymond C. Cook was at Brock Tuesday night where he officiated at the installing of the officers of Right Angle lodge No. 162 of the A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

The installation followed an all day school of instruction and examination of the officers of the lodge and a certificate of proficiency was given by Mr. Cook at the session of the lodge in the evening as a part of the impressive ceremonies.

Right Angle Lodge has the honor of having as one of its officers, A. C. Dewep, who from all available data is the oldest secretary of any Masonic jurisdiction in the United States, being now in his forty-eighth year of service and a very able and efficient official. This is an unusual record of service and the Masons of Brock as well as the state may be well pleased with the distinction that is given Mr. Dewep, one of the veteran Masons of the state.

ON PLEASANT VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Otto, of Auburn, former resident of this city, are now enjoying a very delightful motor trip and vacation that will take them through a large part of the southern portion of the United States as well as a trip into Mexico. Leaving Auburn they drove to Kansas City, Missouri, where they visited with Mrs. Frank Otto and daughter, Pearl, mother and sister of Mr. Otto for a few days and then departed for the southwest part of the country. They stopped at McAllister, Oklahoma, and then on to San Antonio, Texas, where they were the guests of friends. From Texas they drove to Monterey, Mexico, to view the many places of interest in this typical Spanish and Mexican city of the northern part of the southern republic. They are going along the Gulf of Mexico coast and will have a stay at New Orleans, gay city of the south, before turning northward. They are returning on the east side of the Mississippi river and will visit at Vicksburg and Memphis.

They will probably stop at Chicago on the return trip to visit a brother of Mr. Otto for a few days before returning home to Nebraska. Mrs. Otto was formerly Miss Ruth Ferrie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ferrie of near this city.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Sunday afternoon P. T. Becker, who has been at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha for the past ten days following an operation, was able to return home Sunday. Mr. Becker was brought home by the Sattler ambulance and will be cared for at the family home on North 11th street.

RETURN TO COLORADO

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Meisinger and son, Larry returned to their home at Fort Collins, Colorado late Sunday. The Meisingers were guests and visitors here for a few days at the home of Mr. Meisinger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Meisinger.

ATTENDS CANNERS CONVENTION

E. H. Bernhardt left for Chicago Saturday where he is attending the National Canners convention. Mr. Bernhardt expects to be in Chicago a week.

Local Declama- tory Contest in Near Future

Large Group of the Local Students
Will Compete Here for Right
to Represent School.

The faculty chairman of the declamatory contest is Lumir Gerner. Under Mr. Gerner's direction, Plattsmouth high school has made an enviable record as a contestant in the district declamatory contest during the past several years. In this contest Plattsmouth high school has been one of the ranking schools in the district contest.

This year Mr. Gerner has an additional feature of the declamatory contest, this feature being a one-act play entitled "Little Oscar," which will be presented to the public at the local declamatory contest on Tuesday evening, February 28 at the auditorium of the Plattsmouth high school.

The contest is one that always attracts a large number of citizens to the school to witness the various talent of the pupils that is displayed at such occasions.

The following is the various divisions and the titles with their contestants that will appear at the local declamatory contest to be held February 28:

1-Act Play "Little Oscar"

Comedy - By Albert Van Antwerp

CHARACTERS

Henry - James Sandin

Joe - Corrine Drucker

Fred - Warren Reed

Gussie - Dorothea Fulton

Directors - Miss Ripa, Mr. Gerner.

Humorous

"Little Shaver" - Delores Gradoville

"Brotherly Love" - Catherine Brink

"Robert Makes Love"

"Shirley Walling"

"One Big Happy Family" - Mary McCarroll

"Scribble Escapes from an Embarrassing Situation" - Bessie Kennedy

Dramatic

"Branded" - Emma Reine Topfiff

"A Message From Khufu" - Allan White

"The Noblest Roman of Them All" - Jacqueline Wetenkamp

"Cataracts" - Clare Kauble

"Fear, God and Take Your Own Part" - Bernice Halmes

"Submerged" - Edith Lushinsky

"Eyes" - Ruthe Webber

Oratorical

The oratorical division is one that is original in scope and the topics are selected by the students themselves. The contestants in this group are: Stephen Devoe, John Tidball, Jimmy Jones, Stuart Sedlak, and Gertrude Clodt.

Extemporaneous

The topic selected for this group is "Agricultural Problems of the United States." Clayton Sack and Robert Cook will represent this group.

Four of the contestants who are numbered in the humorous division have not as yet selected their topic for the contest. The contestants are Dorothea Duxbury, Naomi Wood, Elizabeth Wiles and Rose Brink. Their topics will be announced at a later date.

PREPARE FOR TICKET SALE

Aiding in the campaign for the success of the president's ball on Monday evening, will be two teams, composed of students of the Plattsmouth high school. These teams will be composed of six boys and six girls and will be conducted on a competitive basis. The young people are not, however, acting under school auspices or selection.

RECALLS EARLIER DAYS

Attorney John M. Leyda, while engaged in checking over an abstract Monday at the office of the register of deeds came across one of the instruments that he had recorded some fifty years ago. It was a deed involving a town lot in Elmwood and Mr. Leyda had been deputy under W. H. Pool, at that time, February, 1888.

TO ATTEND CONVENTION

From Monday's Daily—
County Superintendent Mrs. Lora Lloyd Kieck will leave Tuesday for Lincoln to attend the convention of the County Superintendents association of the state.

WILL UNDERGO OPERATION

From Wednesday's Daily—
H. F. Goos, well known local business man, was taken to Omaha this morning where he will enter the Clarkson hospital for treatment and observations. Mr. Goos will be under treatment for a week or ten days probably before the operation. It is hoped that the operation may give him relief from his condition from which he has suffered for the past few years.

Woodman Circle Installs Officers for Coming Year

Mrs. W. J. Hartwick Named Guardian
Miss Marie Kaufmann Named
Secretary for 27th Year.

The Woodman Circle met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. M. Buttery on North 10th street and with a large number of the members present to participate in the installation of the officers for the ensuing year.

The officers installed were as follows:

Past Guardian—Mrs. Max Fitzmayer

Guardian—Mrs. W. J. Hartwick.

Advisor—Mrs. Rozina Ripple.

Secretary—Miss Marie Kaufmann.

Chaplain—Mrs. E. M. Buttery.

Attendant—Miss Bertha Ellington.

Assistant Attendant—Mrs. Joseph Kelley.

Inside Sentinel—Mrs. Carl Knieke.

Outside Sentinel—Mrs. Elmer Taylor.

Musician—Mrs. H. L. Kruger.

Reporter—Mrs. Fred H. Mumm.

Captain—Miss Alice Hiatt.

Auditors—Miss Margaret Taylor, Mrs. Will Rice, Mrs. Ernestine Jahrig.

The occasion marked the twenty-seventh election of Miss Marie Kaufmann as the secretary of the organization, a long and brilliant record of service in the local women's fraternal group. In addition to the long service in the local organization Miss Kaufmann has also been honored by the state group of the order.

The meeting was closed with very much appreciated refreshments by the hostess.

FUNERAL OF NEHAWKA LADY

From Tuesday's Daily—

This afternoon at the Methodist church at Nehawka was held the funeral services of Mrs. Edna Norris Tucker, 67, who died Sunday at her home as the result of a heart attack, after an illness of a month. The interment was at the Mt. Pleasant cemetery.

She was born June 4, 1871, in the Mt. Pleasant community north of Nehawka, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Norris. She married Benjamin O. Tucker March 1, 1892. The couple moved into Nehawka where Mr. Tucker managed the Nehawka grain elevator many years. He died Oct. 18, 1923.

Mrs. Tucker was an active member of the DAR, American Legion Auxiliary and Rebekah lodge. She also was a member of the Methodist church in Nehawka.

Surviving are one son, Marion N. Tucker, Nehawka business man; three sisters, Mrs. Lynn Patrick, Los Angeles, Cal., Mrs. C. D. McInay, Omaha, and Mrs. Joe Reed, Altamont, Kas., and one brother, Burt Norris, Los Angeles.

VISIT AT HALLSTROM HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wilcox of Miami, Florida are at Avoca where they are visitors at the home of Mrs. Wilcox's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hallstrom and family. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox were called here by the death of Mr. Wilcox's mother, Mrs. Mary Wilcox, and since that time have been visiting their many friends in this vicinity.

MRS. KNECHT IMPROVING

Mrs. Joseph Knecht of South Bend, Nebr., is showing rapid improvement after an operation performed last week at the Lutheran hospital on 24th avenue and Harney street, Omaha. The many friends of Mrs. Knecht will be glad to know that she is recovering from her recent illness.

First Week's School Prize is Won by Dist. 37

More Than a Score of Rural Schools
Turn in Votes—Double that
Number are Entered.

District No. 37, of which Miss Martha Kaffenberger is teacher, won the first week's \$25 playground equipment prize in the rural school contest sponsored by Plattsmouth business men. In addition, Miss Kaffenberger receives an award of \$5 in beauty work, offered as an extra prize for the first week of the contest.

This school becomes eligible to receive its choice of a \$25 standard teter-totter or a complete official outdoor basketball set. The school prize will be awarded Saturday afternoon at 3:30 over the Business Men's Ad club public address system. Both the teter-totters and basketball sets are expected to arrive by then and, as stated, the school will be allowed to take its choice of these two items of playground equipment.

District 37's vote totaled 478,688, more than double that of District 3, the nearest competitor in the race for votes. The complete list of schools that have entered the contest to date and their votes up to Saturday night follows:

37—Martha Kaffenberger	478,688
7—Esther Tritsch	195,259
29—Evelyn Shelhorn	178,722
25—Nellie Carlson	160,511
6—Dora Trively	100,285
27—Velma Fulton	71,960
45—Mildred Wilson	56,403
2—Grace Louise Wiles	42,129
26—Lucille A. Melinger	24,714
60—Ester Rhoden	22,496
41—Doris E. Wall	21,488
14—June Armstrong	20,522
15—Dorothea Hobbie	20,445
26—Marie Lutz	18,058
87—Ruth Alexen	14,892
9—Rosemary Clodt	12,723
42—June Keil	12,180
16—Beulah K. Schin	9,452
24—Dorothea Stier	8,804
8—Selma Hill Johnson	7,680
3—Jean Ingersoll (Sarp)	7,504
7—Dorothy Yost	7,000
9—Gert Behrens (Sarp)	7,000
35—Beatrice Beverage	7,000
57—Lauretta Burdick	7,000
8—Alice Mae Campbell	7,000
76—Margarette Dall	7,000
23—Dorothy Gakemeier	7,000
11—Olive Horning	7,000
86—Amanda Klemme	7,000
77—Dorothy Lepert	7,000
40—Dorothy Lightburn	7,000
19—Elna Opp	7,000
75—Rosemary Power	7,000
63—E. M. Kawaii	7,000
78—Dorothy Riestler	7,000
12—Louise Rishel	7,000
21—Jeanette Snell	7,000
79—Mrs. Frances Shelhorn	7,000
34—Ruth Starr	7,000
22—Marie Thompson	7,000
31—Fern Williamson	7,000
94—Thelma Ward	7,000
49—Edna Engstrom	7,000
56—Eileen Joy	7,000
58—Irene Dvorak	7,000
3—Clara Eye (Sarp)	7,000
2—Edna Aldrich (Sarp)	7,000
72—Anna Harris	7,000

Nine More Weekly Prizes

Another like prize will be given the school turning in the greatest number of votes up to Saturday night of this week, and so on each week for a total of ten weeks. No school can win more than one of these weekly prizes, but all may go on piling up votes to count on the grand awards of \$250 worth of playground equipment to be given at the close of the contest on April 8.

Teachers turning in votes for their schools are asked to keep all double or extra votes separate from their other votes, so they will be properly credited with same.

Sales slips and vote coupons not claimed by customers of the different participating stores will be placed between pages one to fifty of a book, and teachers may call on each of the business houses once on Saturday and choose one number from the book to secure such treasure chest votes. Only the teacher may call for these unclaimed sales slips and vote coupons. Stores participating in the contest are listed in the display ad in this issue of the Semi-Weekly Journal and may also be identified by the signs "We Give Rural School Votes" in their windows.

Double the usual number of votes are given on all transactions completed on Wednesday, which is known as double vote day, throughout the duration of the contest.

By bringing dealer's ads and having them signed at time of making purchase, and then attaching same to the sales slip, double the usual number of votes will also be allowed. Watch for the ads of participating stores and bring them in to be signed for the double votes.

Annual Dance, Sat. 28. Adm. 35c.