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Nebraska City Man Critically Hurt in Wreck

Herman Frederick in St. Catherine's Hospital as Result of Car-Bus Crash Monday Night.

Herman Frederick, 23, of Nebraska City, is in very critical condition at the St. Catherine's hospital in Omaha, where he was rushed late Monday night after a Missouri Pacific bus and the car that he was driving sideswiped on highway No. 75 in the south part of the city at the foot of McConkey hill. In the car with the young man was Miss Dorothy Yost, 22, of near Murray, who was very severely cut and injured.

The bus which is due here at 10 o'clock in the evening was coming north at the time that the new Chevrolet car, driven by Mr. Frederick was going south. The accident occurred at the time of the very heavy rain that had made driving very bad and also made the work of the rescue party more difficult. Mr. Frederick and Miss Yost had been in Plattsmouth at the Neighborhood home and started for their home at the first sprinkle of rain, reaching the scene of the accident while the storm was at its height.

The bus had apparently started to swing on the wet and slippery road just after leaving the hill, and this is thought probably the cause of the crash. The driver had had difficulty in controlling the bus and had felt only a slight jar as the car was struck, but the swaying bus struck a spillway culvert and was toppled on its side. The car with the left side almost demolished, was hurled across the roadway and into the small ditch on the west of the road but remained in an upright position.

A passing motorist coming through the area was unable to lend aid and drove on to this city and gave the alarm at the Ofc service station, where E. G. Ofe at once responded with his first aid equipment and others at the station sent out calls for medical aid and for the sheriff. On reaching the scene Mr. Ofe found Miss Yost out in the roadway and Mr. Frederick imprisoned in the car, his right foot and leg being caught and held by parts of the wrecked mechanism of the car. He was bleeding profusely from a gash in the neck that had apparently severed the jugular vein, the patient in very critical condition. Mr. Ofe showed judgment and quick action in getting into the right hand side of the car and while partially in the water of the ditch was able to get in to the wound and secure the artery, holding this until Dr. W. S. Eaton arrived on the scene and was able to temporarily close the artery until the injured man might be rushed to the St. Catherine's hospital. It was with great difficulty that the injured man was released from the car. It was necessary to tear off the door on the right hand side of the car by force to release Frederick. That he is still alive is due no doubt to the prompt work of Mr. Ofe.

Miss Yost with members of the bus party, numbering some thirteen, were brought on into the city, she being the most severely injured while those in the bus had only severe bruises and a general shaking up. The party were aided by the physicians who had responded to the call for aid.

Among the bus passengers were Miss Catherine Conis, of this city, who had two very severely injured ribs and Chris Pappas, of Council Bluffs, a cousin, who had his leg badly bruised.

The bus was driven by O. T. Cheney, of Kansas City and the bus was en route from Kansas City to Omaha.

One of the first on the scene of the accident was Clyde McWilliams, 608 North 17th street, Omaha, who had found Miss Yost out of the car and bleeding from the many cuts, but able to walk and call for aid.

It was found that Miss Yost had a very severe cut over the left eye and three deep lacerations on the leg that required a great many stitches, as well as the loss of several teeth.

The bus was righted by a wrecker early Sunday morning and taken to Omaha while the damaged car was taken to Nebraska City.

Reports from the hospital today were to the effect that an exami-

ation of Mr. Frederick disclosed that he had suffered a fracture of the right leg and a double fracture of the left arm as well as the severe gash cut on the shoulder and neck and which has made his condition very critical. He has been in an unconscious condition for the greater part of the time. His condition this morning was much more encouraging and he will be allowed to rest before an X-ray is taken to determine the possibilities of a skull fracture, although there is no depression of the bone. With no new complications his recovery is much more hopeful.

Young People Wed Sunday at Presbyterian Manse

Miss Louise Joan Fitzmayer and Mr. Edmund James Randolph Wedded in Single Ring Ceremony.

Sunday evening at 7 o'clock at the Presbyterian manse occurred the marriage of Miss Louise Joan Fitzmayer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Fitzmayer of this city and Mr. Edmund James Randolph, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Randolph of Topeka, Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bourne were the attendants of the young people at the plighting of the vows.

The bride wore an ensemble of blue and pink with white accessories. The ladies wore corsages of carnations and snap dragons.

The groom and best man wore dark suits and with carnations. Following the wedding the bridal party were entertained at dinner at the Jacobs cafe.

The bride is a graduate of the class of 1936 of the local high school and has been engaged at the Nebraska Masonic Home for some time.

Mr. Randolph has made his home here for the past six years and has been engaged in the river work program for that period.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph are leaving this evening for Denver where they will enjoy a three weeks' visit with relatives.

PLEASANT SURPRISE

Mr. and Mrs. J. Elmer Hallstrom and children, Corinne, Robert, Thomas and Jack of Avoca, Neb., arrived Tuesday in Lake Worth, Florida, surprising their relatives who reside there. They are guests at the home of Mrs. Hallstrom's father and sister, R. L. Propst and Mrs. Mayola Baughn.

A fine time is anticipated for the week end and over the Fourth in the manner of a family reunion as a number of Mr. Propst's family now make their homes in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Sidelar, formerly of Omaha, now of Tampa will go to Lake Worth, also Mr. and Mrs. A. Wayne Propst, Kathleen, Spencer and Richard, formerly of Nebraska City, now in Jacksonville, and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McPhant, Jr., also of Jacksonville.

They will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Propst, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wilcox and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Greene, Jr., all of Lake Worth.

The Hallstroms will visit the Florida Keys, Everglades the gulf coast and other points of interest before returning to their Nebraska home.

SUFFERS SEVERE INJURY

Mary, 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Smith of Murray, was injured very severely Monday near that place and which required the services of Dr. R. W. Tyson to dress the injuries.

She was riding on the side of a car while a young boy was riding on the opposite side, the driver of the car to avoid hitting a tractor on the side which the boy was riding, swung the car and which threw Miss Smith into a steel post. A severe laceration of the loin and leg was caused by the steel post and which required a great many stitches to close. She is reported as doing as well as possible under the circumstances.

RETURN FROM HOLIDAY

From Wednesday's Daily—Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Schneider, who have been holiday visitors at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Burdick and family, returned home last evening from St. Edward, Nebraska.

Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Patton

Family Here to Spend the Happy Anniversary at Home in South Part of City.

From Wednesday's Daily—Yesterday at the family home in the south part of the city Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Patton observed the passing of their golden wedding day, a very happy occasion as it brought together under the parental roof, all of the members of their family.

On July 4, 1889, at Grant City, Missouri, Miss Mahala Walker and Robert H. Patton were married, and after a short wedding trip came to Plattsmouth where Mr. Patton was engaged in the employ of the Burlington. In the long years that have elapsed since the wedding day Mr. and Mrs. Patton have been loved and honored residents of this city. Here they have reared their family and both Mr. and Mrs. Patton have been active in the movements for the betterment of the community and the upbuilding of their well loved home town.

Mr. Patton has been active in public life and served as a member of the city council and has been a leader in civic affairs of the city. A few years ago Mr. Patton was retired by the Burlington railroad after years of faithful service and since that time he and Mrs. Patton have enjoyed life in the rest and quiet of their attractive home.

Yesterday the family joined in the anniversary dinner, some fifteen being gathered around the table to join in the fullest enjoyment of the event. A large gold and white wedding cake served as one of the features of the dinner.

The guests of honor received many messages and greetings from friends here and at more distant points, offering congratulations on the passing of the fifty years.

The members of the family here for the event were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Patton and son, Robert II, of this city, Ward and Dean Patton, of Chicago, Miss Ida Patton, Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Patton, Denver, Mrs. George Goebel, Detroit, Louis and Miss Ruth Ann Patton of this city, and Dr. and Mrs. William T. Walker of Chicago, the former a brother of Mrs. Patton.

HAS TRIP TO MEXICO

Mrs. Oliver Meisinger has word of the very successful trip to Old Mexico taken by Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Howe and two daughters, Betty and Shirley of Williamsburg, Iowa. Mrs. Howe was formerly Mattie Hudgins of this city and is a niece of J. C. Comstock. Her father, Tom Hudgins also accompanied them.

While in Mexico they had a guide who drove their car. The farmers there used oxen, hand-made wooden plows, and two-wheeled ox-carts for wagons. Among their pleasures was a boat trip on the Pacific ocean to an island. They found the climate wonderful, especially from Monterrey down the coast.

Some distance southeast of Mexico City Mrs. Howe purchased her wedding gift for Mrs. Meisinger. This was a large colorful table cloth with napkins, hand-woven by the Aztec Indian woman from whom she purchased it. Mrs. Meisinger, formerly Esther Tritsch, and Mrs. Howe were close friends in Plattsmouth high school.

On their return trip they visited Mrs. Russell Perry, formerly Mabel Lee Copenhaver of this city.

Their tour took them through the Ozarks where they saw again much of the scenery they had seen last summer when they took Mrs. Meisinger with them. These two ladies plan to be together again this summer.

HOME FOR VACATION

Miss Alice Marie Funk, who is now located at Denver as church deaconess at one of the largest Methodist churches in the west, arrived home Saturday night on the Burlington Zephyr. Miss Funk will enjoy a month's vacation here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Funk and with her uncle and aunts, H. B. Perry and family, Miss Grace Perry and Mrs. Daisy Sherwood.

TO LOCATE IN HOLLYWOOD

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howard have as their guests since Saturday, July 1, Mrs. Howard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Luke and family, formerly of Lincoln. The Luke family have disposed of their property in Lincoln and are at the present time en route to North Hollywood, California, where they will make their home in the future. They expect to leave Plattsmouth next week for South Dakota where they intend to visit relatives and friends before going to California.

Independence Sunday Observed at M. E. Church

Fine Program Arranged to Mark Start of Campaign to Make Church Independent of Debt.

The Methodist church on Sunday held the opening of the independence program of the church, one which has as its objective the freeing of the church of the outstanding indebtedness which is carried at this time.

The services were very impressive and arranged to carry the theme of independence in its church and the nation to the members of the congregation.

The pastor, Rev. J. C. Lowson gave the sermon, "The Choice Before Us," a very uplifting and inspirational patriotic theme.

Allan White, cornetist, gave "The Star Spangled Banner" as a selection during the patriotic service and as the audience stood, Raymond Evers, Boy Scout, gave the pledge of allegiance to the flag and in which the members of the audience joined.

One of the deeply impressive features of the service was the rendition of a message of Abraham Lincoln, a message arranged as if the great civil war president might be applying to the present day situation, the speaker being unseen by the audience and carrying the message in dramatic form to the auditors.

In the church independence theme there was a large firecracker on the platform, the fuse tied with fifteen ribbons, each representing one hundred dollars and which will be removed as the sums are paid in. It is the plan to have the cracker exploded on next Fourth of July to mark the independence of the church from debt. Also there were 100 miniature church banks arranged on the platform and which will be placed in the hands of the members for home donations to the most worthy cause.

ASKS FOR INJUNCTION

Late Saturday afternoon an application for a restraining order against Joe C. Wheeler was filed by County Attorney Walter H. Smith, acting for Cass county.

The petition for the restraining injunction order and sets forth that the County of Cass has a contract with the defendant allowing them the right to go onto land of the defendant and crush rock to be used in WPA and other projects for the employment of labor and as a part of the relief program. It is alleged that on June 30, 1939, the defendant served notice on the plaintiff county that he had leased the lands and rock rights to other parties, that the county and its agents cease taking the rock. The county asks that the defendant, Wheeler, be restrained from interfering with the county or its agents in crushing and removing rock.

LEARNS OF DEATH OF SISTER

Mrs. Catherine Perry, who resides with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Spangler in Murray and who is ninety-two years of age, received the sad news of the death of her only sister, Mrs. Lou Lindley. Mrs. Lindley passed away on Thursday, June 22, just ten days before her ninety-eighth birthday at Snow Camp, North Carolina. On the second of July falls the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Lindley.

With the passing of the sister, this leaves Mrs. Perry the only survivor of her immediate family. Funeral services were held and interment made in North Carolina.

Phone news to No. 6.

Local Couple Observe Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Littleton Bethards Celebrate Passing of Their 37th Anniversary Sunday.

From Monday's Daily—

Today Mr. and Mrs. Littleton Bethards, who reside at their home on West Elm street in the west part of the city, marked the passing of their thirty-seventh wedding anniversary. Due to Mrs. Bethards' ill health, the event was observed very quietly Sunday, a family dinner being served at high noon by a number of the children who were present.

Miss Sarah Hatfield, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Hatfield of Leon, Iowa, and Mr. Littleton Bethards, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bethards of Pickwick county, Ohio, were united in marriage on July 3, 1902, at the Leon, Iowa courthouse, Justice of Peace Ed Beck performing the ceremony which was attended only by the bridal party and their attendants.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bethards located in Centerville, Iowa where the former was engaged as a cobbler for five years. Then the couple undertook the task of farming in Decatur county, Iowa and farmed for about five or six years, and following this period of farming Mr. Bethards' health became impaired and he was forced to return to his former vocation—that of shoe repairing. The Bethards family came to Plattsmouth on January 4, 1929, and have made this city their place of residence where they have been numbered among the esteemed families of this community.

During their thirty-seven years of happy married life, Mr. and Mrs. Bethards have reared five children, four sons and a daughter. The children are: E. G. Bethards, Allerton, Iowa; R. D. Bethards, Des Moines, Iowa; William Lloyd Bethards, Omaha; Mrs. Cecil Ramsey, Van Worth, Iowa; and Kenneth of Plattsmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Bethards are sixty-one and fifty-seven years old, respectively.

Those present with Mr. and Mrs. Bethards Sunday were their son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bethards and son and daughter of Omaha.

FUNERAL OF JOHN LEDGWAY

The funeral services of John Ledgway were held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Sattler funeral home at 4th and Vine streets and was attended by a very large number of the old time friends and associates of many years standing.

The very impressive and simple burial service of the Episcopal church was celebrated by Dean Stephen McGinley, of the Holy Trinity cathedral of Omaha, Mr. Ledgway having been a member of this faith for his lifetime.

During the services Mrs. John E. Schütz and Mrs. Rae F. Patterson gave two of the old and loved hymns, "Rock of Ages" and "Abide With Me," Mrs. J. M. Roberts being the pianist.

Among those from out of the city for the service was District Judge W. W. Wilson of Nebraska City, Dr. Carl F. and Dr. George Schmidtman, of Omaha, nephews of the deceased, County Commissioners H. C. Backemeyer of Greenwood and Ray Norris of Weeping Water.

The interment was at Oak Hill cemetery and the pall bearers were old friends of the deceased, they being Andrew Kroehler, F. R. Gobelman, H. M. Soenichsen, E. A. Wurl, Edward G. Ofe and George W. Snyder.

PURCHASE OMAHA HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bulin of Omaha were in Plattsmouth a few hours Monday visiting a number of their friends and relatives. The Bulin family recently purchased a residence in Omaha, Adolph Hallas, son of Mrs. Mary Hallas completing the business transaction.

HERE FROM LINCOLN

Mrs. B. F. Wiles and Mrs. Ethelyn Mullis of Lincoln, were here over the holiday season, returning to their home in the capital city Tuesday afternoon.

RIVERVIEW CLUB

A very pleasant afternoon was spent by the "Riverview Club" at the home of Mrs. Robert Rea June 13th. Most members were present.

Our president, Mrs. Greeley Bell, called the meeting to order by singing "The Star Spangled Banner."

Roll-call was answered by telling something about our fathers. Several visitors were present. The afternoon was enjoyed by quilting and visiting.

Mrs. Rea served a delicious lunch. Our next meeting will be July 11th at the home of Mrs. Homer Shrader. CLUB REPORTER.

Birthday Party Held at Bell Home at Kenosha

Large Group Gather at River Spot to Celebrate Anniversary of Greeley Bell on Sunday.

Calumet Bend was the scene of a delightful picnic Sunday, July 2, when some 120 friends, relatives and former schoolmates of Greeley L. Bell gathered to celebrate his 37th birthday.

The dinner was held near the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Christ Bell, on the site of old Kenosha, where three large tables were spread with sumptuous eats. Two songs were sung by the group, led by Louis Sack, "America" and "Happy Birthday" for all those having birthdays in June and July.

Two birthday cakes were presented the guest of honor by Mrs. Georgia Creamer and his wife, also several gifts were received.

Horseshoe and ball games were enjoyed by many, and visiting and reminiscing by all, many of whom had not been together for several years.

The oldest guest present was the guest of honor's grandmother, Mrs. Christ Bell, who is 89 years old.

Some pictures were taken including one five generation picture of Mrs. Christ Bell, her daughter, Mrs. Peter Campbell, granddaughter, Mrs. August Grauf, great granddaughter, Mrs. Coy Atkinson and three great-great grandchildren, Barbara Ronnie and Gertrude Atkinson. Also two four generation pictures, one including Mrs. Christ Bell, Mrs. Peter Campbell, Glen Campbell and Robert Campbell. Another with Mrs. Christ Bell, Fred W. Bell, Greeley L. Bell, and Forest Greeley Bell.

There were people from Lincoln, Cedar Creek, Ft. Calhoun, Plattsmouth, Union, Murray and Nehawks. As evening drew near the guests departed, wishing Greeley many more such happy birthdays.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Glen Campbell and Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Shrader, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rea, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Yardley, Helen, Lulu and Janice, Mrs. Glen Puls, Carol and Sharon, Mr. and Mrs. John Sutton, Pearl and Grace, Mr. and Mrs. Major I. Hall, Dick and Joan, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Campbell and Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sack, France and Duane, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Campbell, Jr., Alex Campbell, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Earl Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lewis, Bobbie, Thelma and Edith, J. D. Lewis, E. G. Lewis, Mrs. Georgia Creamer, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Hostetter, Kenneth, Arlene, Betty and Maxine, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hull, Ruth and George, Mr. and Mrs. Tomer Headlee, Mr. and Mrs. Merle McCormick, Shirley and Donna Pearl, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Campbell and Josephine, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Campbell, Alice and Arville, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Fitch and Floyd Oliver, Mrs. Mary Sillick, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Christwiser, John Christwiser, Eileen and Robert, Mrs. Lulu Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bauer, Mrs. Christ Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Christwiser and Bud, Mrs. Sarah McNatt and Emma, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Campbell and Warren, Andy Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Atkinson, Barbara, Ronnie and Gertrude, Mr. and Mrs. August Grauf, Dave and Lenis, Mr. and Mrs. Wildon Switzer and Mary Ellen Weber, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Attebery, Virginia, Geraldine and Marvin, Mr. and Mrs. Greeley L. Bell and Forest Greeley.

The members of the party are expecting to enjoy a visit at the national parks on the way to the west and also stop at San Francisco to enjoy the world's fair at Treasure Island and taking in the points of interest in that part of the west.

After the visit at San Francisco Mr. and Mrs. Evers and family are driving along the coast to Portland, Oregon, where they will attend the meeting of the Masonic Home Officers. At Portland they will be joined by the W. A. Robertson family, Mr. Robertson being president of the Nebraska Masonic Home association.

Three Inch Rain Sweeps City as Holiday Climax

Streets Filled With Water in Torrential Rainfalls at 11 Last Night and 3 This Morning.

From Wednesday's Daily—Culminating a very heated Fourth of July in this city, last night shortly before 11 o'clock a very heavy rain and electric storm swept in from the southwest, later the wind sweeping from the north to bring added rain and a very high wind. The rainfall in the city was very heavy for a half hour, the waters rushing down from the hills to the main part of the city where it was soon racing like small rivulets along the curbing.

After the worst of the heavy rain had subsided the storm sewer at 10th and Washington avenue overflowed and added to the volume of water that was roaring down the avenues to the business section of the city on its way to the river bottoms. The flood waters bore on its crest great piles of debris of wood, grass and weeds and which added to the problem of keeping the sewer inlets open. Cars that had been left parked along Sixth street and in Main street also added to the possible danger in catching debris and damming up the flow of the waters. Many had the foresight to get their cars to higher ground as the rain started and were saved the necessity of much wading.

Adding to the thrill of the rising and swirling water was the fact that the electroliners along Sixth and Main streets were put out of commission and the flood waters appeared even more majestic, only lights from a few stores and business places showing the progress of the flood.

On north 6th street the flood water overflowed onto the sidewalk on the east side of the street but did not get into any of the places of business although this seemed probable as the crest of the flood mounted.

Flood water from Chicago avenue and the south, however, was not so heavy and lessened the flood danger. Early this morning the second storm swept down on the city and was almost as furious as that earlier in the evening and again the creeks and sewers emptied their contents into the business section and this second flood aided in carrying off a great deal of mud and debris that had been deposited along the course of the flood.

The high waters, tearing with great force, again ripped out the paving in the Burlington subway at the foot of Main street, a large section being torn out to form a miniature lake and blocking traffic.

LEAVE FOR WEST COAST

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Evers and family departed Monday evening for a trip to the Pacific coast that will give them a vacation of several weeks, in which time Mr. Evers will attend the meeting of the Masonic Home Executives Association of the United States, of which he is the vice president.

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AWNING IS BURNED

Tuesday afternoon some of the celebrators on Main street in hurling their firecrackers had one light in an awning on the south side of the Plattsmouth State bank building. The awning was soon in flames and the fire department called to the scene and the blazing awning torn down, but not until part of the woodwork of the window was charred. The awning was on a window of the suite of offices occupied by the Searl S. Davis insurance agency.

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