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## Herman Frederick Dies at Omaha Hospital Today

Injured in Auto-Bus Crash on Monday Night, Former Murray Young Man Goes to Rest Today.

From Saturday's Daily—  
Herman Frederick, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Frederick, of Nebraska City, died this morning at 2:15 at the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha where he has been in critical condition since Monday night as the result of injuries.

Mr. Frederick was driver of the automobile involved here in the crash with a Missouri Pacific bus on the night of Monday, July 3rd, suffering a terrible laceration of the neck, a broken leg and a double fracture of the left arm. He had suffered a severe head injury also and from the time he was taken to the hospital his condition has been grave.

The young man failed to regain consciousness at any time and while for a few days he seemed some better, in the last two days he has gradually lost ground as his strength failed.

The members of his family were called to his bedside last night shortly after 10 o'clock and remained with him until the end.

Other members of the wrecked car and bus group are doing very well and are expected to recover.

### LEAVES FOR EUROPE

From Thursday's Daily—  
This afternoon Father Marcelles Agius departed over the Missouri Pacific for St. Louis, this being the first lap of a journey that will take him to Europe on an extended visit. The genial priest goes direct to New York from the Missouri and there will sail on the Comte Desroviere for Naples. This is one of the crack ships of the Italian line and which is very popular with the European visitors. On reaching Naples Father Marcelles will depart for Malta, his old home and where he will spend the time of his visit. In the pleasant climate and familiar surroundings of Malta, Father Marcelles hopes to regain his health and enjoy the quiet and rest at the home of his sister and family.

The many friends of the kindly priest are extending their best wishes for a successful voyage and a full realization of his improvement in health before he again returns to the United States.

### LEAVING FOR CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Palmer, Charlotte and John, of this city, with Mr. and Mrs. Earle Koebel, of Omaha, are leaving the middle of the coming week for California. They are planning on locating in the Sacramento valley in that state and where they plan to make their future home. They have many friends who will regret to see them leave this community where they have made their home for a great many years. Mrs. Earle Koebel was formerly Miss Viva Palmer, a member of the Journal staff prior to her marriage.

### AN APPRECIATION

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to the dear friends and neighbors who were so considerate of us at the time of the death and burial of our dear father, Edward H. Krug. We wish especially to thank the children's choir, those who donated cars, the ladies for their kindly acts at the home, and those who sent the beautiful flowers.—The children of Edward H. Krug, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mullen and family, Marion and John Krug.

### CARD OF THANKS

With the feelings of deepest appreciation we wish to take this means of extending to our many friends and good neighbors, the gratitude that we feel for the many acts of kindness and words of sympathy. The kindness of the friends to us all and our dear father will long be remembered. We wish to thank also those who took part in the funeral services, the beautiful flowers that were sent and assure them all that these will long be remembered.—The Children of John Ledgway.

### RESIGNS TEACHING POST

The board of education has received the resignation of Miss Evelyn Ripa, teacher in the commercial department of the Plattsmouth high school. Miss Ripa was elected for the coming term but has been given the opportunity of a teaching position at her home town, Wilber. The members of the board and the patrons of the school will regret to see Miss Ripa leave but are pleased she will have the position in her old home.

## 'Learn to Swim' Weeks Prove a Great Success

Under Red Cross Supervision Instructors Prepare Youngsters to Care for Themselves in Waters.

Whoopie! First in! Youngsters plunge into the lakes of Cass county, disregarding sunburn in their eagerness to learn to swim during the free "Learn to Swim" week which is being sponsored by the Cass county chapter of the American Red Cross for the sixth consecutive year.

Classes of instruction are held at Graham mill pool July 5-11 north of Nebraska City; Merritt Beach, Plattsmouth, July 12-18; and Lake Park, South Bend, July 19-25.

School buses, trucks and automobiles go from each of the 17 towns in Cass county haul the classes to the nearest lake. Each town has a local chairman of swim week as follows: Plattsmouth, Elmer Sundstrom; Avoca, Elmer Hallstrom; Nehawka, Mrs. George Sheldon; Union, Miss Augusta Robb; Murdock, Mrs. Henry Tool; Elmwood, Mrs. Emily Gonzales; Alvo, Mrs. Chas. Edwards; Eagle, Mrs. Bert Lytle; Weeping Water, Mrs. Clair Wolfe; Manley, Wm. Rau; Wabash, Sherman Hardaway; Greenwood, Dr. Talcott; Louisville, Mrs. H. B. Koop; Mynard, Mrs. Guy Kiser.

Loren Hnizda of Lincoln is the instructor and examiner. He is assisted by a corps of life guards at each pool. Mrs. Ray Norris is county chairman.

### JOE PHILLIPS BEST HITTER; O'DONNELL HOME RUNNER

The Plattsmouth Merchants ball team are now batting at a .319 clip, there being eight players over the .300 mark.

Joe Phillips has .407 for the lead, with Thimgan second with .366 and Ault third at .361.

"Chuck" Ault has the most hits having 17. O'Donnell second with 15, and Chovanec third with 12. Jack O'Donnell leads in the scoring with 15, and Ed Smith next with 14, and Ault third with 11. O'Donnell has three home runs, Ault, Phillips, Sedlak and Thierolf one each.

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
Phillips	8	27	7	11	.407
Thimgan	8	30	9	11	.366
Ault	10	47	11	17	.361
O'Donnell	10	43	15	15	.348
Thierolf	6	26	7	9	.346
Chovanec	9	37	8	12	.324
B. Smith	10	35	8	11	.314
E. Smith	10	36	14	11	.305
Sedlak	7	27	9	8	.296
B. Brittain	7	21	9	6	.285
Parriott	9	27	9	7	.259
Hayes	7	30	7	5	.167

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### FRANCES WILLARD MEMORIAL

Don't forget the Frances Willard Centenary Memorial on Tuesday afternoon, July 11 at Fellowship room of Presbyterian church. Marie Berry-Bredbeck of Omaha will read "Pioneer Girl" and Marie Lee Seibert will speak of the world-known Frances Willard and there will be musical numbers. A social half hour with refreshments will follow. d&w

### TO VISIT IN ILLINOIS

From Saturday's Daily—  
Mrs. John L. Tidball and son, John Tidball, III, departed Friday for Evanston, Illinois, where they will visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carter Strand, the latter formerly Miss Ruth Tidball. They will enjoy visiting the many points of interest in that section of the country and also in parts of Wisconsin before returning home.

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## Plattsmouth Lady Returns from West Coast

Mrs. E. F. Patterson Has Three Months Stay in California, Meets Many Old Time Friends.

Mrs. Rae F. Patterson has returned to her home in Plattsmouth following a visit of almost three months largely spent on the west coast. She left Plattsmouth the fore part of April for Denver, Colorado where she was met by Miss Carolyn Barkalow, who accompanied her on the most interesting, educational, and long-remembered trip.

The two ladies left Denver on April 17 and took the southern route, thus taking in the painted desert and viewing the petrified forest. They went to National City, a suburb of San Diego, and visited two days with Rae Patterson's sister, Mrs. Charles King. While in California they spent several days sightseeing in Monterey, Del Monte, Carmel and Santa Barbara. The ladies also spent three days in Los Angeles visiting with Mrs. Patterson's sister, Mrs. John E. Hazzard (Alice Dovey).

From there they went to Oakland, where Miss Barkalow spent the largest portion of her vacation, and Mrs. Patterson spent the major portion of her time in Alameda, California where she was a guest of her son, Edward Patterson, who is engaged with the telephone and telegraph company. During her visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Patterson was fortunate in being present when her grandson, Michael Jeffery was born on May 25, 1939. She spent the time (April 28 to June 19) with her son and his family. The birth of the son to the Edward Pattersons makes it the second in the family.

Many former Plattsmouth friends were seen by the ladies, among these being Mrs. R. Stewart, Mrs. Ray Misner, Mr. Augie Weidman, James Dew. The San Francisco World's fair was also visited by the two ladies, and while on their coast drive they also had the pleasure of spending some time in Mexico. On their trip they visited Boulder Dam in Nevada.

After a most enjoyable trip on the west coast the two ladies returned to Denver and Mrs. Patterson spent some time with her friend, Miss Barkalow before returning to Plattsmouth. Tuesday, June 26 was the date that Mrs. Patterson set foot on Plattsmouth soil.

### DISTRICT ASKS INJUNCTION

From Saturday's Daily—  
This morning in the office of the clerk of the district court, the Loup River Public Power district filed an application for a restraining order against Carrie Schafer, Otto Schafer and Otto V. Heil, asking that they be restrained from interfering with the company or its agents in the construction of a transmission line.

The injunction sought, covers the construction of a line through the west half of the southeast quarter of section 32, township 12, range 11, situated southwest of Louisville.

The hearing on the matter of the injunction will be held by Judge W. W. Wilson at the district court room on Wednesday, July 12th.

### RETURN FROM OKLAHOMA

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Richey and Mrs. J. L. Eley spent the Fourth of July visiting the John V. Beveridge family in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mrs. Beveridge is a sister of Mrs. Richey and Mrs. Eley.

Mr. Richey reports the condition of the corn in Oklahoma and southern Kansas is sizzling out and never looked as nice as it does now. There is a wonderful growth of grass on the ranges and there seems to be an unusually lot of nice cattle all along the way.

### UNDERGO TONSILECTOMIES

From Friday's Daily—  
This morning at 6:30 Gary Lee and Kenneth Hill underwent tonsilectomy operations in the offices of one of the local physicians. The lads came through the operation in excellent condition; their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hill were with them during the operation.

### PAY VISIT TO CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Short, of Davenport, Iowa, with their son, Robert, were here for a short time Wednesday evening and this morning, stopping for a call at the home of Mrs. R. A. Bates and also at the Sanford Short home. They have been at Omaha visiting with Mr. Short's father and other relatives. They departed this afternoon for LeMars, Iowa, to visit relatives of Mrs. Short.

## Oscar Gapen, Jr., Dies from Sting of Wasp

Plattsmouth Young Man Working on River Stung and Dies in Office of Doctor at Fort Calhoun.

From Friday's Daily—  
Oscar Gapen, Jr., 37, well known resident of Plattsmouth died this morning shortly before 11 o'clock in the office of a physician at Fort Calhoun, the result of a sting a few moments before from a wasp.

The deceased had been working on the river improvement program on the Missouri in the Fort Calhoun locality and was at his work when the wasp had stung him. As soon as he was stung his serious condition was recognized and he was taken to the office of a physician and while there collapsed and passed away very suddenly.

The death message was received here by the family shortly after 11 o'clock and came as a great shock as he had left this morning for work in his usual excellent health.

Mr. Gapen was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gapen, Sr., and was born and spent his boyhood and youth on the farm near this city, later moving here with his parents. He was married here and is survived by the wife and two small children, the parents and four sisters, Mrs. Guy Wiles, of this city, Mrs. Otto Marek, of Detroit, Mrs. Glen Lockhart of Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Miss Helene Gapen of this city.

Mrs. Oscar Gapen, Jr., was formerly Miss Errilla Stoehr before her marriage to Mr. Gapen.

### GAS CONVOYS PASS CITY

From Friday's Daily—  
Last evening shortly before 7 o'clock the third convoy of gasoline tank barges passed the local dock headed from Kansas City to Omaha. The four huge barges were pushed by the St. Louis Socony, the largest boat of the fleet of the Socony-Vacuum Oil company which is pioneering in navigation on the Missouri river. The St. Louis and its barges had made excellent time and had no trouble in mastering the current of the river.

The St. Louis is larger and more powerfully equipped than the Kansas City Socony which made the initial trip here several weeks ago and back of the large tanks moved them up the river with the greatest of ease.

### 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.

### APPROVE PALMER SETTLEMENT

A \$2,000 settlement, in lieu of workmen's compensation, for an injury received October 5, 1937, by Charles Palmer while slinging a sledge, was approved in the district court at Omaha on Friday.

Mr. Palmer of the Burlington Refrigerator Express Co., at their local shops, claimed that he was partially disabled. He has drawn \$1,290 temporary disability and has been given \$1,084 for medical and hospital bills. Home Dairy milk—Unanimously O. K'd by an army of users.

## George Conis Commander of Legion Post

21-Year Member and Long Time Active Worker Named Last Night at Post Meeting

From Friday's Daily—

George Conis, 21-year member and an active worker in American Legion circles, was elevated last night to the position of commander, succeeding E. G. Ofe, who has been commander the past two years. This recognition is a well deserved tribute to George's long years of service in the organization. Away back in 1921 through his generosity, Plattsmouth post was able to boast of one of the first stands of colors in the state. The fine silk flag and banner are still possessed by the organization, a bit the worse for wear.

In those early days of the Legion few posts had enough money in their treasury to permit the purchase of colors, then selling at \$45 for the flag, \$90 for the banner and \$9 tax (to help pay the war debt) on the banner—\$144 in all. George contributed the \$99 for the banner and the post was able to put up the cost of the flag—and that is how Plattsmouth became one of the first towns in the state to own such magnificent colors. In the years that have come and gone, prices have been reduced and now many of the smaller town posts have colors.

At all times George has been a willing worker, interested in the good of the Legion. Born and reared in Greece, he came to America a few years before the World war, and although established in business here, he answered the call of the nation and turned the conduct of his business over to other hands, while he served in Co. K, 70th Infantry, 10th Division, N. A. at Camp Funston.

Following the war he came back to Plattsmouth to continue the business and has been very successful. The new commander is married and has three children.

### Other Officers

The meeting was held at Holly's Cabin on the Platte and was largely attended. Vice commanders named at the election are: R. T. Cuthrell, of the Army, Senior Vice Commander, and Joseph F. Kramolish of the Navy, Junior Vice Commander. These are alternated each year between the two branches of service.

Executive Committee members are Eugene Vroman, E. G. Ofe, Milo Fulton, Fred Herbst, Frank Rebal, Dave Pickrel, John Turner, Louie Baumgart and Harrison Gayer.

The other officers being appointive, subject to approval of the executive committee, that body was called into session after adjournment of the regular post meeting and the following appointments announced:

Elmer Webb, Post Adjutant  
A. H. Duxbury, Service Officer.  
Raymond Larson, Chaplain  
Albert Olson, Sergeant at Arms  
Tom Walling, Assistant Sergeant at Arms and Color Bearer.  
Leslie W. Niel, Graves Registration Officer.  
L. S. Devoe, Legionnaire Publicity Officer.

Frank Smith, Local Pub. Officer.  
Under the by-laws the finance officer is elected by the executive committee from among its own membership, and the unanimous choice was E. O. Vroman, who has served in that capacity the past six or seven years, as well for a year or two back in the early twenties.

Committee appointments will be announced later.

A vote of thanks was extended to retiring commander Ofe as the new officers took over conduct of the meeting. After the business session "chow" line formed and all enjoyed a fine buffet lunch, with card games, etc., keeping many of the members there till a late hour.

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL—CAFETERIA LUNCH AT ST. PAUL'S

At the St. Paul's church basement, Wednesday, July 12. Serving starts at 5 p. m. Menu. Potato salad, baked beans, country ham sandwich, chicken sandwich, cake, ice cream, pie coffee, lemonade. Each article 5c.

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### VISITING LEGIONNAIRES TO BE GUESTS AT MEETING

A number of Legionnaires who have recently located here or are temporary visitors in this vicinity, are to attend tonight's Legion meeting and election of officers at Holly's cabin on the Platte. Commander D. C. Huffman of Louisville post may also attend, accompanied by one or two others from there.

Cars will leave the Legion building by 7:15.

## Henry J. Knabe, Native Nehawka Citizen, is Dead

Prominent Farmer Succumbs to Acute Heart Attack After Several Years of Failing Health.

Henry J. Knabe, 78, one of the best known and prominent residents of the Nehawka community, died Thursday evening at 11:15 at the hospital at Otoe Nebraska, of an acute heart attack. He had been ill for several years from this malady.

He was born May 7, 1861, northwest of Nehawka, the son of John C. and Annie Knabe. He spent all of his life within a mile of his birthplace.

He was married January 20, 1887, to Louisa Margaret Heebner, at Nehawka. Three children were born, Florence Lorena and Edward John both of Nehawka, and a son who died in infancy. Mrs. Knabe died October 19, 1932.

Mr. Knabe was well known as a stock raiser and land owner. He was a member of the German Lutheran church, being confirmed when he was 14 years of age.

Surviving are the daughter and son, Florence Lorena and Edward John Knabe of Nehawka, a brother John C. Knabe, Lincoln, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral Sunday at 2:30 at the late home. The Porter Funeral home in charge.

Burial was at the St. John's cemetery northwest of Nehawka.

### DEATH OF JIMMIE MASON

From Saturday's Daily—  
James Earl Mason, seven-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Mason who reside on Lincoln avenue, died last evening at 8:45 at the University hospital where he was taken Friday morning. The little lad had suffered a severe attack of pneumonia when he was one month old and since that time he has not been in the best of health.

He is survived by the parents; two brothers, Bobby Donald and Richard Leroy; grandmother, Mrs. Mae Blunt; as well as several uncles and aunts, and cousins in this city.

The funeral services were held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Sattler funeral home where a group of the members of the family and friends gathered to share the sorrow that his parting had brought.

The service was conducted by Elder Claude Carter of the Church of the Latter Day Saints. During the service Mrs. Lois Troop Bestor gave two songs, "Does Jesus Care" and "Jewels." Mary May Carter was the accompanist.

The interment was at Oak Hill cemetery.

### LIBRARY TO PURCHASE \$150 WORTH OF BOOKS

At the meeting of the Plattsmouth public library board, which was held on Wednesday, July 5, it was decided to instruct the librarian, Miss Olive Jones to spend \$150 toward the purchase of a number of new books to be added to the shelves of the library. The purchases are to be made between now and the first of October so that they may be ready for use for fall work.

### RECEIVE PLEASANT NEWS

Mrs. George K. Hetrick has received the pleasant news of the birth on Friday morning at Concordia, Kansas, of a fine little son to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Culley. Mrs. Culley was formerly Miss Elaine Walden, a sister of Charles and June Walden. She is well known here where she has been a frequent visitor.

## Wm. Highfield is Electrocuted While at Work

Veteran Employee of Iowa-Nebr. Light & Power Co. Killed While at Work on High Line.

Late Saturday afternoon William Highfield, 58, veteran employee of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co., was electrocuted while at work on the high line of the company from Murray to Nehawka.

Mr. Highfield, his son, William, Jr., and William Richter, had been repairing the farm line southwest of Murray which had been damaged in the storm of July 4th, they replacing an insulator on a pole that was carrying the hot line wires. Mr. Highfield was on the pole working and had his safety belt fastened around the pole when in his work his leg struck a guy wire on the pole and he was thrown back into the live wire carrying 6,600 volts of electricity. The current carried through his body and caused the death. He had given one cry and then hung limp in the safety belt. Mr. Richter climbed up the pole and started the battle to resuscitate the unfortunate man and with William Highfield, Jr., they labored first on the pole and later when the victim of the accident was lowered to the ground. While the two companions battled to revive Highfield word was sent for help and Dr. R. W. Tyson of Murray arrived to add to the battle for life and a short time later Dr. R. P. Westover of Plattsmouth and F. I. Rea, district manager, reached the scene to do their part. Mr. Richter had done all possible for aid to his stricken fellow workman but without avail.

The body was brought in later to the Horton funeral home to await the funeral services.

Mr. Highfield has been in the employ of the Iowa-Nebraska Co. for the past twenty-two years and was the assistant superintendent and line foreman in both the electric and gas services of the company.

Mr. Highfield is survived by the widow, Mrs. Ruth Highfield, two daughters, Mrs. Gilbert Hitz and Peggy of this city and three sons, William, Joseph and Jack, all at home.

The funeral service will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Horton funeral home at Seventh and Oak streets, with interment at the Oak Hill cemetery.

HERE FROM WEeping WATER

From Thursday's Daily—  
Mr. and Mrs. George W. Towle, of Los Angeles, who are spending several weeks at Weeping Water, their old home, were here today and accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Thede Davis. The members of the party were looking after business at the court house and while here were pleasant callers at the Journal.

### VISITING AT ST. LOUIS

Arthur Wurga is enjoying a visit at St. Louis and vicinity with his relatives and will take in the many points of interest in that part of the country. He is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. F. J. Langhorst, as well as his uncles and aunts. This is his first visit to St. Louis since he was a small boy.

### VISIT WITH SICK

From Friday's Daily—  
This afternoon Chief of Police Barkley, George Conis, new American Legion commander, City Treasurer M. D. Brown, E. A. Wurl and William Schmidtman, Jr. were in Omaha. They visited at the Clarkson hospital with Henry F. Goos and at the St. Joseph's hospital with E. H. Schulhof.

### REAPPOINT DEPUTY

The reappointment of Charles J. McDonald of Omaha as district deputy of the Knights of Columbus was announced Thursday by State Deputy Richard A. Daugherty, Kearney. He has been serving the past year and has in the first district council at Omaha, Plattsmouth, West Point and Fremont.

### Deeds, Mortgages and all sorts of legal blanks for sale at the Journal office.