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Changes Made in Management Bestor - Swatek

Frank M. Bestor Retires from Hardware Business—To be Continued by W. A. Swatek

A change in one of the leading business houses of the city occurred today, when Frank M. Bestor, of the firm of Bestor & Swatek, retired from the firm, with which he has been associated since its establishment.

William A. Swatek, who has been associated with Mr. Bestor, is taking over the stock and operation of the store and will continue it as one of the large and well-known hardware establishments of the county. Mr. Swatek is a very capable salesman and manager and will now have full charge of the store and its operation.

Mr. Bestor is a very familiar figure on Main street, as he has been engaged in business in various capacities since 1903, when he came from the farm to this city to work at the August Gorder implement house, later returning to the farm until February, 1906, when he returned to town and began work for the firm of John Bauer & Son, which occupied the buildings now used by the Ladies Toggery and the Knorr Variety Store. Bauer & Son disposed of their hardware stock to G. P. Eastwood, but retained the plumbing and sheet metal shop that was moved to the location on Pearl street, where in 1912 was added the garage business. Mr. Bestor, quitting the garage business with the Bauer firm, engaged as a clerk at the Eastwood store until August, 1915.

In 1915 the partnership of Bestor & Swatek was formed and new stock placed in the building now occupied by the firm and which they later purchased and have been there since March, 1916.

Mr. Bestor states that he has wanted to retire from the general hardware business for some time, but expects to continue business soon with specials and service with which he is familiar.

FUNERAL OF S. S. GOODING

The funeral services of S. S. Gooding, held on Saturday afternoon at the Sattler funeral home at Fourth and Vine streets, was very largely attended by the old friends and associates in the services of the Burlington. The Burlington Veterans were present in a body.

Rev. J. W. Taenzler, pastor of the First Christian church, had charge of the services and in his message brought words of comfort to the members of the family and the friends.

Mrs. Hal Garnett and Mr. Frank A. Cloldt gave two of the old and loved hymns during the services. "Sometime We'll Understand," "Jesus Lover of My Soul," and "It is Well With My Soul." Mrs. O. C. Hudson being the accompanist.

The interment was at the Oak Hill cemetery and the pall bearers comprised George Hall, Roy Stine, Walter Minnifear, Ted Harris, E. G. Ofc, E. A. Wurl.

FILES DAMAGE SUIT

In the district court Monday afternoon an action entitled Vinnithina Saddoris vs. Julius Reinke, was filed, being an action for personal damage. The petition sets forth that the plaintiff was a guest rider in a car driven by her husband on June 19, 1938, traveling on a road north of Murdock and that their car was struck by one owned by the defendant and as the result the plaintiff suffered injuries that have caused damage to the amount of \$1,000. The plaintiff asks judgment against the defendant because of alleged illegal driving.

STILL UNDERGOING TREATMENT

Mrs. Ray Becker, who was operated on last week for a sinus trouble, returned home Sunday and will be under care for several days but prefers the pleasant surrounding of the home. She was at Omaha this afternoon for a check up by her specialists.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire in this manner to express to the many good friends and neighbors our deep appreciation of the many acts of kindness shown our dear father and grandfather in his illness and the sympathy and assistance given us in the hour of sorrow. We wish especially to thank those who sent the beautiful flowers and assisted at the funeral services.—Everett Gooding and Family.

Fourth Year of Service for Rev. Taenzler

Pastor of Christian Church Completes Three Years of Successful Work in the Local Church.

Sunday marked the opening of the fourth year of service of Rev. J. W. Taenzler as pastor of the First Christian church and after three years of very successful work in the leadership of the church and which he has been able to build into one of the most active church groups in the city.

During the time that Rev. Taenzler has been here there have been seventy-eight taken into the church, sixty-six by baptism and who have served to be active in the work of the church organization.

The pastor has been active in all of the affairs of the church and under his leadership the church property has been greatly improved and is now one of the most attractive and well kept houses of worship in the city.

The pastor is delighted with the fine feeling of good fellowship that has grown up in the church and which has brought a united and vigorous support of the pastor in his work. In the past year the attendance has more than doubled and a great interest taken in the spiritual advancement of the church.

HOLD FINE SERVICES

From Monday's Daily—The rally day exercises of the Methodist Sunday school were held yesterday morning at the church and were attended by a very large number of the young people and their teachers.

The younger groups of the school had a large part on the program that was varied in its nature and proved most interesting as an enjoyable treat to the older members. The tots had places on the platform and in their very winsome way presented the program.

Five babies were presented at the cradle roll call.

During the course of the program, Allan White was heard in a very lovely trumpet solo that was much appreciated.

Rev. J. C. Lawson at the close of the program gave a sermonette that was most fitting to an occasion of this kind, and stressed the importance of the presence and interest of the children and older people as well in the services of the Sunday school.

SPENT SUNDAY IN LINCOLN

The Elmer Webb family and Mrs. Frank Rebal were in Lincoln Sunday for a visit with their respective sons who are students at the University of Nebraska. Ronald is located with other Plattsmouth boys, Floyd McCarty, Edwin Kalina and Bill Carey in a nicely furnished apartment at 635 South 11th, where Mrs. Rebal enjoyed spending the day and cooking a meal to relieve the boys of their bachelor household duties. The Webb family were guests for dinner at the Ralph Hilliard home.

En route home they stopped at the Veterans hospital a few moments, Mrs. Rebal visiting with her brother Adolph Cechal, and Adjutant Webb calling on Leo Boynton, whom he found up and walking.

VERY HAPPY EVENT

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beverage are the happy parents of a fine son, born to them on Sunday morning at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha. The mother and son are doing nicely and the many friends are joining in their well wishes for the little man.

Grant Wetenkamp Dies at Home Monday

Native of Cass County, Has Been Invalid Since His Early Childhood Days.

Grant Wetenkamp, 69, lifelong resident of Cass county, died Monday afternoon at the family home in this city where he has made his home with Mrs. Martha Wetenkamp, his step-mother, who has in the years tenderly cared for him and in his long affliction been a comfort in all his affliction.

The deceased was a son of William and Mary Wetenkamp and was born on the farm where his parents had settled in the pioneer days, on December 8, 1869. When four years of age he was stricken with spinal meningitis, which malady left him permanently crippled, and made necessary his care through the long years, forced to spend his days in a wheel chair, deprived of the opportunity for the usual enjoyments and activities of his fellow man.

In all of the more than sixty years Mr. Wetenkamp has cheerfully borne his burden, acquiring his education and finding in his reading a comfort and companionship and from which he had derived a deep knowledge as well as pleasure. In his affliction he had turned toward the consolation of the Christian faith and was a member of the Methodist church of this city, while physically unable to attend services he had followed the work of the church and frequently had the pleasure of visits from the members of the Y. M. B. C. from which he had derived an inspiration.

Mr. Wetenkamp is survived by the devoted mother, Mrs. Martha Wetenkamp, a brother, Albert A. Wetenkamp, a half brother, William S. Wetenkamp, and a step-brother and sister, Roy E. Howard, of Murray and Mrs. Mark Wiles of Weeping Water. There are also surviving four nephews and three nieces.

The funeral services for Mrs. Herman Wittliff, fatally injured in an auto accident near Fort Crook, were held Monday afternoon from the Sattler funeral home at Fourth and Vine streets and the interment at the Oak Hill cemetery in the west part of the city.

Father Joseph R. Sinkula, pastor of the Holy Rosary church conducted the prayer service at the home and brought consolation to the grief-stricken members of the family.

During the services John J. Cloldt gave two vocal selections, "Face to Face" and "Love Divine," Mrs. Cloldt being the accompanist.

The pall bearers were C. E. Ledgway, Carl Ofc, Dr. F. R. Molak, Albert Olson, John Sattler, Jr., W. R. Holly.

Surviving Mrs. Wittliff are her husband, Herman, of Wichita, Kans.; father, Franklin K. Wood of Plattsmouth; sisters, Mrs. Muncie and Mrs. Walter Williams of Waco, Tex.; brothers, Alvin and Orville Wood of Cameron, Mo., Burr Wood of St. Joseph, Mo., and Forrest and Roy Wood of Plattsmouth.

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From Monday's Daily—Mrs. R. E. Foster of Union underwent a major operation this morning at the St. Joseph hospital in Omaha. Her daughter, Miss Edith Foster, and her husband, R. E. Foster, were with her at the time of the operation. Mrs. Foster is a sister of Raymond Larson of this city.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Mrs. Anna Everett, of southeast of Union, who several weeks ago fell down stairs at her home, and who has been confined to her bed a great deal of the time, is now able to be up part of the time. She is doing as well as possible and it is hoped will be restored to her former good health.

REJOICE IN LITTLE DAUGHTER

The many friends will be interested in learning of the birth to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Eugene Sues at Onawa, Iowa, of a fine five and a half pound daughter last Thursday. Mrs. Sues was formerly Miss Avis Sylvester, daughter of former Sheriff and Mrs. Homer Sylvester.

COMPLETES LONG SERVICE

From Tuesday's Daily—Today marks nineteen years of continuous service as operator of a bus line for Clarence C. Cotner. Mr. Cotner has operated this bus line from this city to Omaha during all this time and has a splendid record of service that few operators can point to. He has been on the job personally for the handling of the bus and today was out on the run as usual.

Gov. Cochran Here Sunday for Anniversary

Will be Present and Give a Short Talk at the Dinner Honoring Anniversary of Catholicity

The committee in charge of the observance of the eightieth anniversary of Catholicity in Plattsmouth, received the announcement today from the office of Governor R. L. Cochran, that the chief executive of the state would be here Sunday as a guest at the 80th anniversary of Catholicity in this community. Governor Cochran will give a short talk at the anniversary dinner to be held at the American Legion building at 1:00 o'clock next Sunday.

Most Rev. Louis B. Kucera, bishop of Lincoln, will be the main speaker at the dinner and will also conduct the field mass at Garfield park at 11 o'clock next Sunday.

Rev. E. C. McFadden of Syracuse will be the toastmaster of the dinner at the Legion building.

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80TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Given at American Legion building, Sunday, October 8th, at 1 p. m. Price 35c. Menu:

Ham
Mashed Potatoes - Gravy
Cranberries
Buttered Green Beans
Cold Slaw - Pickled Beets
Hot Rolls - Butter - Jam
Orange Sherbet - Light Cake
Coffee

VISITING IN ILLINOIS

Mrs. G. G. Griffin and daughter, Mrs. Howard Hirz, are spending a short time at Rockford, Illinois, where they are guests at the home of a brother of Mrs. Griffin.

ANNOUNCE RUMMAGE SALE

The C. D. of A. will sponsor a rummage sale starting Wednesday, October 11th and continuing through October 14. East room Journal building. 04-1td-1tw

Carlas A. Rawls Called to Last Rest Tuesday

Prominent Figure in Community for Almost 50 Years—Member of Bar and Veteran of Spanish War

A gallant gentleman and a brave soldier yesterday afternoon as the day was dying, laid down his burden of life and sank to rest, when Carlas A. Rawls, 83, passed away at the Nebraska Masonic Home.

The passing on of Mr. Rawls removes a figure so familiar in our community and one universally loved and respected by all who had had the enriching experience of knowing him well.

Coming here from his Iowa home in 1891, Mr. Rawls has lived the rest of his lifetime in Plattsmouth and where he has had a large part in the community life.

One of the outstanding factors of Mr. Rawls' life was his fearless championship of those ideals that he considered right and just, uncompromising in his attacks on that which he considered evil or wrong.

In the conduct of his private business, in his service as a public official and as a leader of religious thought he was sincere and gave his best to carry his services to a high standard.

In the past two years Mr. Rawls has been in failing health and for months has been largely bedfast until the end came yesterday afternoon.

Obituary

Carlas Rawls was born near Winterset, Iowa, Oct. 16th, 1856, being in his eighty-third year. In 1888 he was graduated from Simpson College, Iowa. He chose law as his profession in life and came to Plattsmouth in 1891 and entered into a law partnership with Byron Clark. After Mr. Clark moved to Omaha, the law firm became a partnership with Will A. Robertson and was known as Rawls and Robertson. Since Mr. Robertson withdrew from this partnership to establish an office alone, Mr. Rawls has kept his office by himself and has been a successful lawyer for forty-five years.

In 1898 when the United States declared war against Spain, Mr. Rawls enlisted in Co. B, 3d Nebraska Regiment in which he became a first lieutenant. In this war he served with distinction both in the U. S. A. and in Cuba, for one year. He was promoted to captain of Co. B succeeding Geo. L. Sheldon, later governor of Nebraska.

During the World war he gave earnest service at home training the citizenry of this community in military tactics so that whatever demands the government asked of this community were carried out with precision and promptness.

Mr. Rawls has ever been active in public offices in many capacities. He has taken aggressive parts in promoting political and ethical campaigns in the interest of honest government and noble causes. His untiring efforts were largely the cause of the winning prohibition movement in this county that helped the U. S. A. to become a dry nation.

Mr. Rawls was also a member of the Masonic fraternity with his membership in Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M.

In the religious work of this community he has been outstanding. He became a member of the Presbyterian church not merely in name, but gave himself unreservedly to the promotion of the purposes of the church.

He served in this church as elder for many years. He was also the superintendent of the Sabbath school here for a long term of splendid service. He also had a class of boys in this school and by interesting them in archery and other boys' activities completed a splendid service that won many boys to a Christian and noble living. He became the president of the Cass County Sabbath School Union. He knew all the Sabbath school workers of all denominations in the county. He made many trips over the county in this interest. The religious educational courses of this association were built up to an all-time high enthusiasm under his earnest leadership. Mr. Rawls was thoroughly evangelistic. He loved people and their souls. He traveled miles to talk to people about

their religious interests. He ignored people's flouted faults and always went to the bottom of their dispositions to find the good he knew was there. To find faults with people was not in his nature. He loved religious books and Bible studies. This was his chief interest to his latest pursuit of more light in truth and God. His ability as an orator is known by all who knew him. His famous address on Abraham Lincoln has inspired thousands of people. His study of the American Constitution made him an authority on it. He was thoroughly a true American in all the true sense of the term of that word as applied to this United States.

It is not that we wish to brag over the merits of Mr. Rawls, but it is well deserving of any man who has done good things to speak our appreciation of that good. To him this all seems so infinitely small and crude as compared to what he knows should be accomplished, but we can truly say of him that verse that is so familiar to Bible students, he "fought a good fight, he kept the faith, he finished the course," so that he truly can look ahead for that "crown of righteousness" reserved for him at that day, but not to him only, but to all or any who also love Christ's appearing.

He leaves to mourn his going, besides the widow, Mrs. Mary Rawls, whom he dearly loved, two sons, Noel of Lindsay, Cal., and Glenn, Butte, Mont. Another son preceded him in 1931, namely Joe Rawls. He is the last of his own family which consisted of three sisters and three brothers.

Truly he is one of those who "trust in the Lord and shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth forever."—Psalm 125:1.

COL. HALL SERIOUSLY ILL

Friends over Cass county will regret to learn that Col. Phil L. Hall, prominent figure in veteran and business circles of the state, is at the Bryan Memorial hospital at Lincoln and his condition is quite serious. Col. Hall was stricken a few days ago with an attack of stomach ulcers and which later developed a puncture and has spread the infection through his system. Member of a pioneer Nebraska family, Col. Hall was for a number of years engaged in the banking business at Greenwood and where he maintains his home.

DEATH OF MRS. PETERSEN

Mrs. Anna E. Petersen, 82, died early Sunday at her home, 3325 North 26th street, Omaha. She had lived in Omaha fifty-four years and was a member of Danish Sisterhood No. 6.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. George Van Horn of this city, and Mrs. Leroy Wilson, Omaha; two sons, Lewis, Chicago, and Otto, Los Angeles; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The body was taken to the Crosby-Carlson-Meyer mortuary in Omaha.

ENTERTAIN ODD FELLOWS

The Louisville lodge of the I. O. O. F. at Louisville Monday evening entertained the members of Plattsmouth lodge No. 7 of this city. The Plattsmouth lodge was reorganized this summer and is now active in all its capacities, the interest in the fraternity growing and gathering momentum as in the horse and buggy days, according to some of the officials.

DEPART FOR CREIGHTON

From Wednesday's Daily—This morning at an early hour Mr. and Mrs. Ben Speck, Mr. Henry Horn and daughter, Helen and Mrs. W. A. Becker departed for Creighton where they will visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Horn and with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Berglund, the latter formerly Miss Marie Speck.

BIRTH OF SON

From Wednesday's Daily—Last evening a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clell Gansemer at their home west of Murray. The little one is the object of the greatest interest to the members of the family and makes a quartet, two girls and two boys.

Woman's Club Elects Delegates to County Meet

Members of Local Club to Have Extensive Part in Program of Convention Thursday.

From Tuesday's Daily—Members of the Plattsmouth Woman's club met last evening for their first October meeting at the home of Mrs. Glenn Vallery at 902 Granite street. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Lowell S. Devoe, Mrs. Pete Carr, Mrs. Elmer Sundstrom, and Mrs. P. Y. McFetridge.

Presiding at the meeting, which was preceded by devotionals given by Mrs. William Heinrich, was Mrs. Frank Mullen, local president. Some of the highlights of the business session consisted of electing delegates and alternates to the state convention of the Nebraska Federation of Women's clubs, and discussion of the Cass county club convention at Murdock.

Mrs. Frank Mullen was selected as first delegate and Mrs. R. C. Sheltenberger was chosen as second delegate to the state convention. Mrs. McFetridge was chosen as first alternate and Mrs. J. F. Wolf was selected as second alternate. The convention will be held on October 17, 18, and 19 at the St. Paul's Methodist church at Lincoln.

The local unit will also be represented at the convention of the Cass County Federation of Women's clubs which will be held at Murdock Evangelical church Thursday, October 5. Several of the local ladies will be featured on the program. Mrs. E. H. Wescott, past state regent of the D. A. R. will give the flag salute. Mrs. Lowell S. Devoe will be on the musical program. The Cass county extension clubs' chorus will render a group of songs. Mrs. J. R. Reeder is the director of the chorus and Mrs. Roy Cole is the accompanist.

The program, which followed the business meeting, was presented by two representatives of the Nebraska state highway patrol. Patrolmen Nelson and Coswell spoke and showed several reels of films on careful driving and courtesy in driving. One of the patrolmen gave a description of camp life; both men attended camp this summer. During their camping season they were instructed on all new safety rules, etc.

Miss Fern Jahrig was presented in two vocal solos, "Good Bye Summer" and "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling." Mrs. L. S. Devoe served as her accompanist.

The committee served refreshments at the close of the meeting.

YOUNG PEOPLE ARE MARRIED

Announcement was made Saturday of the marriage of Miss Mary Ellen Dean, daughter of George Dean, of Superior, Neb., and Mr. Elmer Newton, son of Mrs. Adah Newton of this city. The wedding took place at Milford, Iowa, on Sunday, September 17th.

The wedding was very quiet, the bridal couple motoring from Ohiowa, where the groom has been located in the Iowa city and where the marriage ceremony was performed by Justice O. W. Donaldson, Harry Stojola, of this city, and Miss Doris E. Donaldson, daughter of Justice Donaldson, were the witnesses of the marriage.

The groom has been engaged in working for the Northern Natural gas line for the past several months and is now engaged in Iowa, and expects to locate at Council Bluffs.

The many friends of the young people here will join in their best wishes for many years of success and happiness.

PURCHASE PROPERTY

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nelson have purchased a home at 819 Fifth Avenue. This property is known as the Whitaker place and will make a very comfortable home for the Nelson family. The sale was handled by Searl S. Davis, local realtor.

VISITING IN MISSOURI

Mrs. Vernon Arn, Jr., is in Fayette, Missouri visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sell. Mrs. Arn anticipates staying in Missouri for two weeks.