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Death of Mrs. R. H. Patton, an Old Resident

Passed Away This Morning at Home in South Part of City After Illness of Several Weeks

From Thursday's Daily—

This morning at an early hour, Mrs. Robert H. Patton, one of the long-time residents of the community, passed away at the family home in the south part of the city at the age of 69 years.

In the past few weeks Mrs. Patton has been critically ill and gradually grew weaker until the end that brought peace and rest to the patient who had bravely borne her long suffering.

Hulda Mahala Walker, daughter of Warren Walter Walker and Ruth Ann Thompson Walker, was born at Worth, Missouri, September 13, 1870. In the place of her birth she spent her childhood days and received her education, later attending the normal school at Shenandoah, Iowa. After the close of her normal school work, she engaged in teaching in the schools of northern Missouri for a number of years. On July 4, 1889, she was married to Robert Harvey Patton, who had recently come west from Bloomington, Indiana, and was engaged in working in the Burlington shops at Plattsmouth. Here in this city Mr. and Mrs. Patton located after a short wedding trip and established the home where so many years of life has been spent and where they have reared their family to manhood and womanhood.

It was a happy event for the aged couple that they had the privilege of celebrating their twentieth wedding anniversary together last July 4th at the family home and where their children and grandchildren gathered to pay honor to the mother and father.

There is surviving the passing of this kindly lady and loving wife and mother, the husband, Robert H. Patton; five sons, Ray of this city and Ward and Dean of Chicago, Merritt, of Denver, Louis of this city; three daughters, Ida Patton of Omaha, Mrs. George Goebel, Detroit, Miss Ruth Ann Patton, of this city. There are also three brothers and two sisters surviving: Earl Walker, Scotia, Alberta, Canada; Grant Walker, Worth, Missouri; Dr. W. C. Walker, Chicago; Mrs. Barbara Merklin, Los Angeles; Mrs. Nancy Berger, Berkeley, California.

FUNERAL OF MRS. BETHARDS

Last rites of the First Christian church were held for Mrs. Sarah Jane Bethards Wednesday afternoon at the church at 1 o'clock. The body had lain in state at the Horton funeral home, located on the corner of Seventh and Oak streets, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Rev. J. W. Taenzler, pastor of the church, gave the funeral eulogy which included a sketch of the life of the deceased and the comforting words of the scripture. Rev. Taenzler enumerated a number of the high qualities of Mrs. Bethards' life, showing the strong Christian fortitude and courage that she had possessed during her entire life and especially during her recent illness.

Two of the old and loved hymns, which were favorites of Mrs. Bethards, were sung by Frank Clويد with Mrs. O. C. Hudson, Sr. as the accompanist. "Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown," and "The Last Mile of the Way" were the hymns rendered at the funeral service.

Following the services at the church the funeral cortege motored to Omaha where she was laid to rest in the West Lawn cemetery. Upon the request of the deceased the pall bearers were selected from among the church members—George Winscot, Roy Stine, E. G. Ofe, D. T. Haley, Jr., James Bridgewater, and J. H. Graves.

PLATE SUPPER, PROGRAM

A plate supper will be served and a program will be held on Monday evening, October 30 at the Cullom school. Public invited.

HELENE ULRICH, Teacher.

MRS. SVOBODA PARALYZED

Still in a serious and semi-conscious condition at the Douglas county hospital in Omaha is Mrs. Anna Svochoda, wife of Plattsmouth's former constable—Thomas Svochoda. Paralyzed on one side for some time her condition is such that little hope of her recovery is entertained. Her husband, Thomas, who suffered a foot injury some time ago is showing slow improvement, however, he is not able to work as yet. Mrs. Svochoda is a sister of Mrs. Hermie Svochoda and Mrs. Kate Hiber of this city, and a sister-in-law of Mrs. Rose Bookmeyer and Mrs. Josephine Janda also of this city.

Presbyterian Women's Synodical Meeting Closes

Many from Here Attend—Mrs. Virgil Perry Named Treasurer; Mrs. McCusky on Courtesy Committee

The sixty-third annual Nebraska Presbyterian Women's synodical meeting closed Wednesday afternoon at Omaha with an address by Mrs. Sara Higginbotham, and the installation of new officers of the society. The conference was held at the First Presbyterian church in Omaha.

Mrs. Higginbotham, wife of the moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church of the U. S. A., told of the difficulty of bringing Indians out of a life of squalor through education. Difficulty arises because of ignorance and the fear of learning, she said, but progress is being made. Dr. Higginbotham is president of the Allahabad Christian college, Allahabad, India.

These officers were installed: Mrs. Dan H. Dunham, president; Mrs. W. M. Nelson, Hastings, first vice-president; Mrs. Fred Elliott, Jr., second vice-president; Mrs. Will C. Nollman, editor of Messenger; Mrs. W. V. Perry, Plattsmouth, treasurer, and Mrs. T. N. Crosby, recording and corresponding secretary.

Mrs. Virgil Perry, Miss Caroline Baird as delegates from the Woman's Federation of the First Presbyterian church of this city and Mrs. H. G. McCusky, named member of the courtesy committee, attended the entire three day session. Attending part time at the synodical meeting from this city were Mrs. Glen Valley, Mrs. H. P. Gansemer, Mrs. Ernest Giles, Mrs. Dow Armstrong, Mrs. L. L. Wiles, Mrs. H. F. Goos, Mrs. P. T. Heineman, Mrs. S. A. Wiles, Mrs. Glen Perry, Mrs. James Bulin, Mrs. H. A. Schneider and Mrs. R. W. Knorr.

BAND OF FIFTY YEARS AGO

Judge C. L. Graves, who is one of the best versed in old time history and happenings in this part of Cass county, has handed the Journal a clipping taken from the Daily Journal of April 6, 1890, that will be of much interest to the older residents, although of the band named but two are still here, John W. Crabbill and E. M. Godwin:

South Park Brass Band
The public will be pleased no less than surprised to learn that some of the boys and young men of South Park have organized a brass band, and that they are fully equipped with a set of very handsome instruments. The list of members is as follows:
Tom Sherwood—Drum major.
Will Stull—E-flat cornet.
Phil Cook—B-flat cornet.
Will O. Wood—B-flat cornet.
John Crabbill—B-flat cornet.
J. E. Shafer—B-flat clarinet.
D. F. Stultzman—E-flat clarinet.
Joe Wooten—Tenor.
Chas. J. Popper—Alto.
Geo. Bowen—Baritone.
E. M. Godwin—Bass.
Guy Gibson—Snare drum.
Lola Alex—Bass drum.
The instruments for the band were secured through J. P. Young, dealer in all kinds of musical instruments.

THEODORE PTAK HOME

Theodore Ptak, who was taken quite seriously ill Wednesday evening, was much improved Friday that he was able to return home and will recuperate at the family home here. While his condition was critical for several hours, he has responded nicely to the treatment and it is hoped is now out of danger.

State Legion Head Guest at Banquet Here

Members of Legion and Friends From All Parts of County Pay Honor to Popular Nehawka Man.

Thursday evening at the American Legion auditorium Eugene A. Nutzman, state commander of the Nebraska American Legion, was honored guest at a banquet tendered by his friends in the Legion and the community at large. In the large group present were representatives from almost every community in the county to extend their greetings to the guest of honor, whose selection as state commander was perhaps one of the most popular to the rank and file of Legion members that has been made in the history of the organization.

The gathering brought many of the active Legion members from over the county here and all were most pleasantly entertained by the excellent program that had been arranged.

The testimonial dinner had been arranged by the ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary and was a very much enjoyed repast, ample and well prepared and very attractively served by the young ladies, the greater part of whom were daughters of the Legionnaires.

Table decorations were reminders of the fall season in the decorations of the colored leaves and large pumpkins.

Superintendent L. S. Devoe of the city schools, was the toastmaster of the evening and introduced a number of the speakers of the program. The distinguished guests that were presented were: H. L. Gayer, newly elected county commander; Mayor George Lushinsky; George Conis, local commander; C. C. Hoffman, commander at Louisville; T. W. Olson, commander at Palmyra; J. J. Cullen, commander at Syracuse; O. Lundburg, commander at Nehawka.

Sterling Amick, postmaster at Weeping Water and retiring county commander, told of the work of the American Legion in many ways, of its planning work for the future and also expressed the appreciation felt in the co-operation of the public in many of the forward movements of the Legion.

Superintendent Stimbort of the Nehawka schools, told of the layman's view of the American Legion, telling from his observations of the many worthwhile movements of the Legion in sport activities for the young, drum and bugle corps, all manner of civic activities and in many cases the carrying out of large and definite improvement programs.

E. A. Webb, local adjutant, was called to the speakers' table by the toastmaster, a package having been received from Weeping Water, a gift from the Findley grocery. It was a lovely can of Norwegian sardines, a favorite dish of the adjutant as was observed at Weeping Water some time ago. Mr. Webb made a fitting response.

District Commander R. J. Lamberg of Palmyra, was presented and made a short talk, stressing the need for greater enrollment in the Legion to successfully carry out the program. He also read a very fine poem on the present day activities of the American Legion in regard to the European war, the poem opposing the too free discussion of the war by our people.

Victor Wallick, of Weeping Water, chairman of the district convention committee, extended to the Legion members the invitation to be at the convention on November 15th. A fine program has been arranged and ample entertainment will be provided. One of the features will be standing of "retreat" by the convention members and visiting Legion men.

Department Commander "Gene" Nutzman received an ovation as he was presented to the "home folks" and the fine reception was very impressive. "Gene" has spent his lifetime in the Nehawka community and farming, the first dirt farmer to be elected as the state commander, he served overseas and was twenty-two months in the army and is a truly clean-cut, honest and courageous

leader of whom the Legion can well feel proud.

Mr. Nutzman told of many of the interesting incidents of the Chicago national convention, the long meetings, the deep and serious thought given to many of the resolutions and problems and particularly on that of neutrality, the accepted plan of the Legion platform being reached after long deliberation between the various lines of thought, the organization being well divided on their attitude. He also discussed the youth activities of the Legion in state and nation, activities that tended to make better citizens by building a strong and clean body and active mentality among the young. Boys state was another of the activities that was stressed by the commander. He also pointed out the Americanization program of the Legion which had been in existence since its organization and was one of the greatest goals of the organization aside from the care and aid of the widow and orphan of the veteran and the disabled veteran.

The members of the banquet party extended their greetings to Mrs. E. O. Vroman, efficient president of the local Auxiliary, and her fine force of aides for the excellent dinner provided.

Harry Byrnes, of Omaha, well known good roads booster and civic leader gave a few very entertaining remarks as he presented the speaker of the evening, Attorney Thomas Sheehan, of Omaha.

Mr. Sheehan paid a very fine tribute to Commander Nutzman, as a leader and a man and hoped that the future might call from the farms of the nation, a national commander with the background like that of Gene Nutzman. The speaker discussed the present absorbing subject of discussion, that of the repeal or amendment of the present neutrality act, which at this time is taking up the time of the U. S. senate. He quoted the views of a senator that the bill had been passed in peace time to keep the nation out of war and now that war was raging in other lands, its repeal was sought. The speaker urged that the people have faith in their elected representatives in the senate and house of representatives. In our country all people were not of the same mind, each had their own opinion of the war and their sympathies, but it behooved the nation to proceed slowly that we were not plunged unthinkingly into the conflict although in time we might be forced into the war.

ATTEND STATE CONVENTION

At the state convention of the Nebraska Federation of Women's clubs, which was held this week at the St. Paul's Methodist church, Lincoln, the Cass County chorus was represented and sang a number of selections. Out of a total of thirty-nine members, thirty-one were present. Members present were:

Mrs. G. R. Eveland, Mrs. Arno Pratt, Mrs. Will Strabel, Mrs. W. Lerov Cook, Mrs. E. J. Cook, Mrs. Jerry Monning, Mrs. Hollenbeck, and Mrs. Herbert Oehlerking of Elmwood, Mrs. Carl Balfour and Mrs. Herbert Kuntz of Nehawka, Mrs. Henry Rubga, Mrs. Alice Hanson, and Mrs. William Vogt of Wabash, Mrs. Lola Oldham, Mrs. Walter Bickford, Mrs. Ray Norris and Mrs. Chester Ralson of Weeping Water, Mrs. Everett Spangler, Mrs. Margaret Todd, Mrs. Lloyd Scott, and Mrs. W. S. Seybolt of Murray, Mrs. Henry Tool and Mrs. R. A. Kuehn of Murdock, Mrs. Harold Richards, Mrs. Walter Farmer, and Mrs. Raymond Nelson of Ashland, Mrs. R. C. Sheltenberger, Mrs. Edgar Newton, Mrs. Sanford Short, Mrs. J. C. Woest, and Mrs. Tony Klimm of Plattsmouth.

Mrs. J. Russell Reeder is director and Mrs. Roy Cole served as the accompanist.

During the convention period Miss Midge Garnett, a member of the Fouchek & Garnett law firm of Plattsmouth, gave a talk.

VISIT AT BROWNVILLE

From Saturday's Daily—
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bridgewater of Norton, Kansas, arrived here last evening for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. James Bridgewater, Sr. The group this afternoon departed for Brownville, Nebraska, their old home, to visit among the friends and relatives for a few days.

Local Men at Industrial Meet Held in Omaha

J. Howard Davis, E. H. Wescott, T. H. Pollock, A. L. Tidd of Local C. of C. Attend.

A delegation composed of President J. Howard Davis, Secretary E. H. Wescott, A. L. Tidd and T. H. Pollock of the local Chamber of Commerce, were at Omaha Thursday where they attended the sessions of the Associated Industries of Nebraska.

T. M. Brennan, secretary of the National Industrial Council, was one of the chief speakers at the afternoon session of the group. He warned that business and industry must be on its guard and do all in its power to prevent unjustified price increases.

Instances of unwarranted increases, he asserted, are just what "the new dealers" are looking for as an excuse to grab price and production control powers.

More and more is being heard in Washington of the Consumers' Industrial Council, he said, describing that organization as another "brainchild" of the new deal.

Adding that while congress is in no mood at present to enact such control legislation and the war has not developed a demand for it, he predicted that the first step will be an attempt to create an internal fight among business and industrial interests.

Charges Turmoil Sought

"It is the hope of the new dealers," he asserted, "that when there are complaints against price increases the retailers will blame the wholesalers and the wholesalers will blame the manufacturers. In this way the business elements will be brought at odds and it will be much easier for the new dealers to press their demands that the government step in and take charge."

Brennan was one of a half dozen speakers on the afternoon convention program.

Others were State Senator Hugh Ashmore of Palisade, Neb.; Dr. Roger V. Shumate, research director for the Nebraska legislative council; William Richie, Jr., Omaha lawyer, and C. B. Evinger, personnel director for the Fairmont Creamery company.

Adopt Three-Point Program

The convention adopted this three-point program, which the new president, Charles D. Ammon, of Lincoln, said would be carried out:

1. To follow up The World-Herald's progress contest leads to get wheels of industry moving.
2. To carry out an educational program to demonstrate the value of industry to the state.
3. To prevent any Nebraska legislation which will restrict the growth and development of industry.

FILES DAMAGE SUIT

From Saturday's Daily—
In the district court today an action was filed entitled Charles B. Laune vs. John Finkle, et al. The plaintiff is doing business as the Laune Chevrolet Co., of Ashland. It is claimed in the petition that the plaintiff had allowed the use of a car to A. O. Moore to drive from Ashland to Plattsmouth and operator had a wreck with the car and that the defendant John Finkle, the petition alleging the negligence of both defendants. As the result of the accident the plaintiff had to haul the car to Ashland and repairs to the car cost \$300, that the value of the car before was \$485, but is now only \$110. Damages in the amount of \$410 is asked of the defendants.

WILL WINTER HERE

Al Etheridge, well known resident of Greenwood, was brought here Friday and will spend the winter here at the Austen hospital, his health having not been the best for some time.

Phone Printing orders to No. 6

PRESENTS FINE PROGRAM

From Thursday's Daily—
This morning the students of the Plattsmouth high school had a very pleasant musical treat afforded them in a recital given by Otto F. Schacht representative of the Mid-west Concert company, of Fort Wayne, Indiana. He gave a fine program of vocal selections that embraced both operatic and popular standard numbers. The singer is an exceptionally clever artist and has been well known on the concert stage and radio.

Miss Ruth Westover, one of the talented musicians of the high school, played the accompaniment for the soloist.

Harry L. Gayer Heads Legion in Cass County

At County Meet Here Spirited Contest Staged Between Local Man and Oliver Schiber of Union.

The county convention of the American Legion was held Thursday afternoon at the Legion building and with a very pleasing representation from the posts in this section of the county. This meeting was originally scheduled to have taken place at Weeping Water, but owing to the extensive work for the district convention the county meeting was transferred here by Commander Sterling Amick.

Mr. Amick presided over the county meeting and the members had a very interesting discussion of the matter of changes in the young citizens contest rules, making citizenship a larger part of the contest instead of intelligence tests. This matter will be pushed at the district convention in November.

The contest for the position of county commander showed a very interesting race between Harry L. Gayer of this city and Oliver A. Schiber of Union, a past commander of the Nehawka post. The contest resulted in a tie and was finally settled by the toss of a coin and in which Gayer was the winner.

Oliver Schiber was unanimously chosen as vice-commander and adjutant for the ensuing year.

HOLD FINE MEETING

From Friday's Daily—
Last evening a very large number of Masons from Eastern Nebraska were here to attend the session of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M. and witness the conferring of the third degree on three candidates, Everett Pickens, Towner Livingston of this city and Morris Ferguson, whose degree was conferred for his lodge in Missouri.

The degree was conferred by J. R. Reeder, master of the local lodge and the associate officers.

Officers and members were present from Auburn, Dunbar, Palmyra, Syracuse, Otoe, Nebraska City, and Weeping Water.

SENT TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

From Thursday's Daily—
Yesterday at Geneva, Nebraska, a group of Cass county youth were arraigned on the charge of the theft of a car at Fairmont, Nebraska, they being arrested Tuesday at Alliance by police of that city.

The boys, Gerald Noell, 17, Harvey Noell, 15, Harold Noell, 13, of Weeping Water and Kenneth Lovell, 14, of this city, were ordered sent to the State Industrial school at Kearney. The hearing of the charges against Wayne Kauble, 16, of Broken Bow, was continued over until Saturday.

HARRY MEISINGER IN HOSPITAL

Placed in the St. Joseph hospital at Omaha for medical treatment, Harry Meisinger, farmer residing near Cedar Creek, is said to be improving. Although he has not undergone an operation, his condition, by attending physicians is said to be "good."

Our stock of legal blanks is most complete.

Merchants Bid for Patronage on Four Star Values

Page of Outstanding Bargains to be Featured Each Wednesday, Beginning This Week

Appearing in this issue of your Journal is a message of importance from some twenty Plattsmouth business houses who have united to bring to you each week a page of "Four Star Values." Every one of the stores united in sponsoring this ad is pledged to offer each week at least one (and up to four) outstanding bargains. If the first appearance of this page is indicative of similar values to follow, buyers may be assured of prices on staple commodities well below the average run.

Persons accustomed to comparing price quotations in the ads here and elsewhere have observed that prices in Plattsmouth are generally below those elsewhere, proving the oft-made statement of our local dealers that prices have not advanced here on merchandise in stock or bought before war started. This is more than can be said in many towns, where dealers have been quick to adopt the higher price levels and mark up goods in stock—for which there is no real justification.

As early as the first week of the European war, local merchants met to discuss its effect on future buying, and all agreed not to mark up the goods on their shelves or those bought for fall at pre-war levels.

The prices quoted in this page of "Four Star Values" show beyond a doubt that all are standing fast in this determination, for there are numerous quotations in this ad where wholesale costs now exceed the retail price quoted.

In conjunction with the bargains, Gift Night is also being continued in Plattsmouth, providing a double incentive for people throughout the Plattsmouth trading area to do their buying here.

A most varied line of merchandise is included in the specials contained on this page, and we urge every Journal reader to go over it carefully, not only this week, but in the succeeding weeks as well, with full assurance that you will find values that cannot be duplicated elsewhere. It is Plattsmouth's bid for your patronage based on sound values at the pre-war price levels.

Another factor that should impel farmers to come to Plattsmouth to trade is the produce market offered here. Local dealers are paying top prices for cream, eggs and poultry.

DEATH OF MRS. PATTERSON

From Saturday's Daily—
The message was received here this morning of the death of Mrs. Samuel Patterson, which occurred at 6:30 a. m. at the family home at Norfolk after an illness of the past ten days. Mrs. Patterson is known here to a large number of friends and who will regret greatly to learn of her passing.

Mr. Patterson, the husband, is a member of one of the pioneer families of this community and a brother of Rea F. Patterson and Mrs. T. H. Pollock of this city.

She is survived by the husband and one son, Thomas Patterson, who resides on the west coast, and is now on his way to Norfolk to be with the bereaved father.

Mrs. Patterson was reared in Arapahoe, the old home of the Patterson family, but in late years has lived in Lincoln and Norfolk. Christian Science services will be held at Norfolk on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the body brought to the Forest Lawn crematory at Omaha.

PLATE SUPPER THURSDAY

Plate Supper, Oct. 26, Dist. 29, 8 o'clock. Evelyn Shelhorn. Everybody invited. d&w

FALL SPECIALS

At the Mary May Beauty Shoppe. From now to November 15th, 613 Second Avenue. Phone No. 11.

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