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John Richardson Dies Saturday at Age of Seventy

Resident Here for Practically a Lifetime and a Veteran Missouri River Worker.

John Richardson, 70, died Saturday evening at the Jennie Edmiston hospital at Council Bluffs, following several weeks of illness from a very severe heart ailment. Mr. Richardson has been here at the family home until Saturday evening when he was taken to the hospital but passed away a short time after reaching there.

There are also a brother, Malen Richardson of Pacific Junction and a sister, Mrs. Roda Archer of Council Bluffs surviving.

The passing of Mr. Richardson removes one of the best known residents of the community, a man who had a very large circle of friends and whose genial and cheerful manner endeared him to many.

Born in Alleghany county, North Carolina, in the Blue Ridge mountain country, he was brought with the members of his family to Iowa a great many years ago. They settled in Mills county, near the pioneer town of Bethlehem, just east of Plattsmouth and in this community his lifetime has passed by. For many years Mr. Richardson and his sons operated the ferry across the Missouri river, furnishing the means of transportation between Cass and Mills counties, building up a very large business in this line and which was continued until the erection of the traffic bridge. Since that time Mr. Richardson spent a great deal of his time in boat building for various companies doing Missouri river improvement work.

Mr. Richardson leaves to mourn his death his wife, Edna; one brother, Malen Richardson, Pacific Junction, Iowa; one sister, Roda Archer, Council Bluffs, Iowa; two daughters, Hazel Vandervice, Glendale, California, Flossie Powles, Pacific Junction, Iowa; four sons, Floyd, Sacramento, California, Claude, Plattsmouth, Hershel, Cheyenne, Wyo., Orville, Horton, Kansas; five stepchildren, Bill Denson, Grand Island, Frank Denson, Plattsmouth, Mrs. Georgia Wenke, Omaha, Mrs. Raymond Kiskey, Mrs. Violet Van Winkle, Plattsmouth; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a large number of nieces and nephews.

PROVIDES MUSICAL TESTS

Fred M. Hess, who during the summer months was director of the city band, is now engaged in looking after musical work in the city schools as a part of his program of musical director of the Recreation Center. Mr. Hess has large groups in the fifth and sixth grades of the city schools practicing on the tonnet, an instrument that gives the beginner a fine appreciation of musical values, and by which the instructor can determine just the extent of the capacity of the child for playing.

By this method of instruction, the parents of children are saved the expense of purchase of costly hand instruments if the child has no desire or capacity for this type of music.

Mr. Hess has had much success in his work and feels well pleased over the number that give promise of becoming valuable members of the band and musical groups of the city.

SAILOR BOYS HERE

Frank Petet, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Petet, and Harold Lanphear, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lanphear, are home on 16-day leaves. The two boys who enlisted together some time ago arrived early Saturday morning, and plan to return to the training station at Chicago Sunday evening.

Frank, who is learning the trade of a machinist's mate, was just graduated from the Plattsmouth high school in May, while Harold, if he had started school in September, would have been a freshman.

When a boy enlists at 17, his term of service automatically ends the day he becomes 21. In this way he can have the shortest possible enlistment.

LIKE ARIZONA FINE

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle L. Horton were in the city Monday afternoon for a short time to visit with their many old friends and looking after some matters of business. They have been spending some time in Tucson, Arizona. Mr. Horton, who was not in the best of health is feeling much better and likes the Arizona climate very much. They expect to return to Arizona this winter to escape the cold of the northern climate.

Superintendent Iowa-Nebraska Gas Service Here

Dwight Edwards Now Settled Here to Take Up His Work as Head of Gas Distribution.

L. R. King, president of the Iowa-Nebraska Light and Power company has announced the appointment of Dwight Edwards as superintendent of the Iowa-Nebraska Light and Power company at Plattsmouth. Mr. Edwards has been with the company since 1923, a period of 18 years. Mr. Edwards has worked in many departments of the company and at many locations during this time and has wide experience in company operation. He was at Geneva and Exeter for a number of years as superintendent of both the gas and electric properties and was in 1938, transferred to West Point, Nebraska, as superintendent, which is a gas property of the company.

Mr. Edwards wide experience in gas operation will assure the people of Plattsmouth the same courteous and efficient service to which they have been accustomed in the past. He has moved to Plattsmouth and will take part in the community. He is interested in civic affairs and will be glad to cooperate in all things for the good of Plattsmouth. The Iowa-Nebraska Light and Power company has always followed the policy of promotion from the organization and Mr. Edwards' rise in the organization of the company has been due to his ability.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards are making their home in the Larson apartments on North 4th street.

MANY HERE FOR FUNERAL

There were a large group of relatives and friends who came to Plattsmouth to attend the funeral services conducted Tuesday morning for Mr. J. H. Fulton. Services were conducted at the Sattler funeral home at 10:30 a. m., and the interment took place at Thurman, Iowa.

Here for the last rites were Albert Fulton, Long Beach, California; Mr. and Mrs. Hammond Sharp and daughter, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Epperson, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Epperson and daughter, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. James Barrett and son, Kenneth, Glenwood, Iowa; Mrs. Mary Hood and daughters, McPaul, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Perry Fulton and daughters, J. Leeka, Porter Stephenson, Thurman, Iowa; Rev. and Mrs. Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sampson, Haigler, Nebraska; Mr. and Mrs. Grant Roberts, Omaha.

PARENTS OF SON

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Hirz of this city are the happy parents of a fine seven and a half pound son, born Sunday afternoon at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha. The young man has been christened Jon Howard. The mother was formerly Miss Doris Creamer of Nehawka. All are doing nicely.

TO OPERATE SOON

Mrs. Joseph Cook, who is at the University hospital at Omaha, is reported as doing very well and the treatment has been very beneficial to the patient. She has gained a great deal and it is hoped that the operation for goitre may be performed soon and Mrs. Cook able to return home.

BIRTH

HERMANC—Mr. and Mrs. Earl A. (Ruby A. Garcia); Alvo, September 29, a boy.

Literary Award Goes to Nehawka Young Woman

Ruth Ann Sheldon's Story of Her Home Community is Declared Best of All Submitted

Miss Ruth Ann Sheldon of Nehawka, a 1941 graduate of the University of Nebraska, who is now a home economics teacher in the Harvard, Nebr., high school, was presented Saturday afternoon at the Cornhusker hotel in Lincoln as the winner of the annual literary contest sponsored by the Native Sons and Daughters of Nebraska.

Subject of the society's contest this year was a history of a Nebraska community and Miss Sheldon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Sheldon, wrote of her home community. Her manuscript will be published by the Nebraska State Historical society in its quarterly magazine, and the Journal hopes to obtain permission to reprint it at that time. The award carries a \$25 cash prize.

Second place and \$15 went to Mrs. Hazel Haywood Jimerson, of Peru, and third to Richard Thornton, a sophomore at Kearney State Teachers' college for his paper on the boom days of Kearney, with a \$10 cash award.

All contest manuscripts are being added to the Historical society's records.

Subject of next year's contest has been announced as "A Story of a Pioneer Doctor of Nebraska." It is a built-to-order subject for Plattsmouth contestants with the story of Dr. Livingston, pioneer physician so richly entwined with early Nebraska history and we hope to see local young men and women participate in the 1942 contest.

Need for All-Season Road to the Rifle Range

Representatives of Army, F.B.I. and Defense Groups to Appear Before Commissioners.

The matter of securing an all-season road to the United States rifle range north of this city will be taken up with the board of county commissioners at their meeting here on October 7th and 8th.

The United States army and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are to urge the construction of such a road to facilitate the getting to and from the range by troops and officers who may be ordered out for practice.

With the growing of the defense program the need of the range is increasingly important and this will be urged on the board of commissioners.

DIES AT MASONIC HOME

Sunday at the Nebraska Masonic Home occurred the death of Mrs. Lova Trindle, 82, who has been a resident at the Home since August 26, 1937, one of the oldest in point of residence there.

Mrs. Trindle was born at Scales Mound, Illinois, March 17, 1859, but spent many years at Ord, Nebraska, from where she was admitted to the Home through Mizpah chapter No. 56, Order of the Eastern Star. The nearest relative is a niece, Mrs. Elma Scott of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The body was taken direct to Ord where funeral services will be held later.

IN SINCERE GRATITUDE

We are indeed deeply grateful to each one of you dear friends for the many kind deeds rendered to us in our hour of bereavement. The memories of them will remain with us forever. We are especially thankful to Rev. Harry G. McClusky, Frank Clodt and Mrs. Roy Cole for their splendid services, to the pallbearers and to all for the lovely flowers, cards and thoughtfulness extended. God bless you all.—Mrs. J. H. Fulton and Children.

CAUGHT IN MELON PATCH

Sunday Clarence Fulton, who was at the family farm south of this city, discovered a party of five boys in the watermelon patch of the farm. He brought several of the boys into the city and turned them over to Deputy Sheriff Doody who also visited the scene and found several bicycles left at the Fulton farm. This morning a complaint was filed against the youths and they will have their hearing on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Arthur Kief is Wedded to Denver Girl

Former Plattsmouth Man United in Marriage on Evening of Sept. 20—Living in Denver.

Miss Mildred E. Peters, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Peters, who reside at 3740 Grove street, Denver, Colorado, and Arthur Kief, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kief of Plattsmouth, were united in marriage Saturday, September 20 at 7 p. m. at the home of the bride's parents. Rev. W. Scott McMunn, pastor of the First United Presbyterian church at Denver, officiated. Mrs. R. H. Craig and H. S. Ford of Denver, served as the attendants for the wedding. The bride was attired in blue with lavender accessories, and Mrs. Craig's outfit was along similar lines.

A reception followed with a large group of guests present. They were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cowan, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Whisler, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Leisenring, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Delentine, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Roy, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lippott, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McLean, Mrs. Pauline Morse, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Branigan, Mr. and Mrs. Richard McDannal, Miss Marguerite Graven, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ames, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Craig, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Onstott, Miss Helen Hosking, Eardette Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Perkins, Miss Emma Delle Roy.

Mr. and Mrs. Kief are now residing at 2654 Ames street, Denver. He is employed as an electrician for the Burlington railroad. The bride formerly worked for a telephone company in Denver. Mr. Kief is a former past grand worthy president of the Nebraska F.O.E.

NOVENA TO ST. THERESA

For the second time since it was inaugurated in Plattsmouth in October, 1938, the Novena to St. Theresa, the Little Flower of Jesus is to begin at the Holy Rosary church, 1610 Pearl street, Friday morning, October 2 with mass celebrated at 6:15, and is to continue for nine consecutive days, climaxing with the blessing of roses on Thursday evening, October 9. During those nine days masses will be celebrated each morning at 6:15, and evening devotions will be conducted at 7:30. Friday is also the first Friday of the month. The Novena is open to everyone, Catholic, Protestant or Jew.

St. Theresa was canonized by Pope Pius XI in May, 1925, less than twenty-eight years after her death. Throughout the world miracles and favors have been granted through her intercession, for though St. Theresa, the Little Flower of Jesus, has left this earth, she is mindful of her promise, made just before her death—"I have never given to the good God anything but love; He will return that love. After my death I will let fall a shower of roses."

Novenas to the Little Flower are made with the intention of asking or seeking a special favor, gift or assistance from the Lord through her intercession. In larger cities and even small communities Novenas to various saints, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, etc., are constantly being held. In Omaha the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help is conducted each Tuesday evening at the St. Wenceslaus and St. Saviour churches.

Many favors and petitions have been granted or fulfilled as a result of these devotions.

Rotarians Entertain Anns at Dinner Party

Dr. L. F. Fitch Is Received into the Club Membership—A Clever Program Is Offered.

From Wednesday's Daily—Last evening the members of the Plattsmouth Rotary club held a very pleasant get-together with the ladies of the members, this being the fifth Tuesday of the month and devoted to the ladies.

Preceding the program the large group enjoyed a delicious dinner at the main dining room of the Hotel Plattsmouth, a real feast and nicely served.

George Dobson was the program chairman and gave the address of welcome, one that all appreciated very much.

Dr. L. F. Fitch, optometrist, has been elected as a member of the club and last evening was formally given his charge of membership by Searl S. Davis, past president. Mrs. Fred I. Rea, in her clever manner gave the "charge" to Mrs. Fitch and Mrs. Marjorie Tidball Spangler, who are new "Anns" and were given their full instructions and charges.

Miss Marjorie Shanafelt, of Lincoln, was present with a showing of her marionettes, a very clever exhibition of the animated dolls that everyone enjoyed to the utmost and showed a great deal of skill on the part of the entertainer.

During the evening Bill Hula, senior and Chris Zimmerman, senior, were called upon and gave their impressions of Rotary and its members, gained through the month of membership in the organization.

Death of Veteran Railroad Man on West Coast

Elisha (Katy) Chandler Dies in Los Angeles Hospital Sunday—Burial Here on Thursday.

Elisha Chandler, better known as "Katy," veteran railroad man and one time resident of Plattsmouth, died Sunday at a hospital at Los Angeles after an extended period of illness and at the age of sixty-four years.

Mr. Chandler, son of William and Alice Chandler, was born in Plattsmouth July 4, 1877, and spent his younger years in this city, entering the services of the Burlington as an apprentice in the blacksmith shop of the company.

Later Mr. Chandler was employed at Cheyenne, Wyoming and for many years at Waterloo, Iowa, from where he moved to Omaha some eight years ago. He has been in failing health and it was in hopes of benefiting his health that he departed for California where he has been some time, but failed to receive the desired benefit.

He is survived by the widow, formerly Miss Emma Poyal, of this city and one son, Robert, residing at Los Angeles. The family home was at 2414 Burt street, Omaha.

The body is being brought to Omaha where services will be held at 2 p. m. on Friday at the Hoffmann mortuary. The body will be brought later to Plattsmouth for interment at Oak Hill cemetery.

LEAVES FOR CALIFORNIA

From Wednesday's Daily—John Curtis of this city, departed this morning for California where he will spend the winter with his daughter and family at Santa Monica. Mr. Curtis, a veteran of the Spanish-American war, has not been in the best of health and suffering from eye trouble that has made his getting around a matter of difficulty.

ROTARY MEET DATES SET

The board of directors of International Rotary, meeting in Chicago, has set the date for the organization's 1942 international convention for Philadelphia June 13-18. The 1942 convention will be held in Toronto, Canada, June 21-25.

MAKE PROMPT SETTLEMENT

The Bankers Life of Nebraska, insurance company, of which Joe Knoflock is the local representative, has made settlement of the claim in the matter of the death of Robert Gilmour. The young man had a policy for \$1,000 with the company and with the double indemnity clause. The company paid over the \$2,000 as the young man was shot accidentally at the farm home on September 17th.

Former Plattsmouth Lady Dies in Wisconsin

Mrs. Amanda Herrmann, Widow of the Late Fred Herrmann Dies at Age of 82 Years.

The death of a former Plattsmouth lady took place on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd at Watertown, Wisconsin, where she has made her home in the last years. Mrs. Herrmann was the widow of Fred Herrmann, prominent figure in the business life of Plattsmouth some fifty years ago, operating a retail store here until in the late nineties.

The following from the Watertown Times tells of the life of Mrs. Herrmann.

Mrs. Amanda Herrmann, widow of Fredrick Herrmann, died Tuesday evening at her home, 812 South Seventh street, death being due to infirmities of age. She was the former Amanda Jacobi, a daughter of Charles and Clara Jacobi, who settled here as a pioneer family. Mr. Jacobi was one of the "Forty Eighters" who left Germany about the time Carl Schurz came to the United States.

Mrs. Herrmann had lived in Watertown most of her life, having been born on July 2, 1859. She was a resident of Plattsmouth, Neb., for a time after her marriage to Mr. Herrmann which took place in 1880 in Watertown. Upon his death she returned to Watertown with her daughter, Miss Claire Herrmann, former member of the library staff here. The daughter is the only survivor. A brother, C. Hugo Jacobi, died in 1925 and a sister, Lena, died in 1927. Mrs. Herrmann was the last member of the Jacobi family.

Mrs. Herrmann was a gentlewoman in the true sense of the word and all who came to know her could not help but respect and esteem her. She was a woman who lived a rather retired life and who took great interest in her home.

The funeral was held Friday from the residence at 2 p. m., the Rev. C. W. Pinkney of the First Congregational church officiating, with burial in Oak Hill cemetery.

The Nowack funeral home was in charge.

FLIES FROM PHILADELPHIA

There was a great deal of surprise at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Jacobs early this morning when their son, John H. Jacobs, arrived to give the family a very pleasant treat.

John had been expected to arrive today but to give a surprise he took the 4 o'clock plane for the west at Philadelphia yesterday and last night arrived at the Omaha airport at 12:50 where he was met by Stuart Sedlak and brought on home.

He reports the Plattsmouth colony at Philadelphia as being well and all very busy in the work at the Bendix plant at Germantown. He will be here for a week or ten days to visit with the parents and old friends.

IN SERIOUS CONDITION

From Wednesday's Daily—Clarence Favors of this city was taken to Omaha this morning to be placed in a hospital for treatment for a very severe case of what seems to be poisoning of the face and head.

Mr. Favors had been working at the bomber plant and seems to have been afflicted with a form of asphalt poisoning, breaking out first in small pimples on the face and now has spread over the entire face and head, becoming so severe that it was necessary to have the patient taken by ambulance to the Methodist hospital.

Methodists Bid Welcome to New Pastor

Large Group at Covered Dish Luncheon and Reception to Members of Bratt Family

From Tuesday's Daily—Last evening the members of the congregation of the First Methodist church, organizations and friends gathered at the church parlors to join in a welcome to Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence W. Bratt and their family.

The evening opened with a covered dish luncheon that all enjoyed to the utmost.

Following the luncheon a program was enjoyed with Mrs. L. S. Devoe, chairman of the social activities presiding with Mr. Devoe in charge of the group singing.

Mrs. Earl Carr and Mrs. Edgar Glaze gave a very fine vocal duet that all appreciated very much.

The address of welcome on behalf of the church was given by C. C. Wescott, extending to the new pastor and family the promise of the fullest co-operation in the success of his pastorate.

In behalf of the Women's Society for Christian Service, Mrs. Edgar Newton extended the greetings from the ladies of the church.

Mrs. Robert Painter gave two vocal numbers as her part of the program of the evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Willard Sherman of the St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church and Rev. J. W. Taenzler of the First Christian church, were guests of the evening and the pastors joined in extending welcome to their new associate here in the religious field.

Rev. Bratt responded to the many greetings in a very impressive manner, expressing the pleasure of himself and family to be assigned the local charge.

HERE FROM HAWAII

From Wednesday's Daily—Last evening Mrs. A. F. Fritchen and son, Dean, who have spent the past several months in Hawaii, arrived for a short visit here with Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Gobelman, the latter sister of Mrs. Fritchen.

They have spent the summer with Lieutenant Commander A. F. Fritchen, USN, who is in charge of the naval hospital at Honolulu and enjoyed very much the pleasant climate and the beauties of the islands, which at this time are the scene of much activity as the great Pacific fleet is there a great deal of the time.

One of the chief reasons for leaving Hawaii was the need for placing Dean in school, the schools at Honolulu being very crowded and the youth will return with his mother to Decorah, Iowa, their home, to resume his schooling.

Today they motored to Sidney, Iowa, where they will enjoy a visit with Mrs. David Hiatt, mother of Mrs. Fritchen, as well as other relatives. Mrs. Hiatt is recovering from the effects of a fall sustained a short time ago.

RETURN TO SCHOOL

Joe York, Fred Naeve and Ralph Stava, who had been here over the week-end with relatives and friends, returned Sunday to their studies at Tarkio college, Tarkio, Missouri. The boys are members of the football squad at Tarkio and York was used throughout the game Friday night with Wesleyan and proved one of the outstanding players for the Owls. Naeve also was used in the scoreless tie contest.

Donald Wall also returned to Tarkio Sunday night to look after returning his college work.

BUILDING SITE FOR SALE

Good building location on Main street, Plattsmouth, including party wall rights. For particulars see Mrs. R. A. Bates, owner.

SERVICES OF EXPERT FURRIER

Fur Coats remodeled, restyled, re-lined, repaired. Winter's coming—be ready.—Mrs. E. J. Ferrie, ph. 3311.