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## Death Of Mrs. Betty May Holmes Near Nehawka

Born In Cass County in 1856 She Has Spent Years In This Section of County

From Monday's Daily—

James W. Holmes of this city has received the message of the death of an aunt, Mrs. Betty May Holmes, 86 at her home five miles south of Nehawka, on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. The aged lady has been ill for the past two years.

She was born in February 1856 in the vicinity of Nehawka, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Swain and was said to have been the oldest white person born in the territory. In the year 1882 she married William Holmes at Rock Bluffs, who died in 1935.

While Mrs. Holmes was born in Nebraska she has spent a greater part of her lifetime in Missouri and returned to Nehawka community only twenty years ago.

She leaves to survive her passing a daughter, Mrs. A. W. Knox, Nebraska City, and a son, George Holmes, of Nehawka. Five grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Lena Brooks, Kansas City, Missouri, also survives. One daughter, Mrs. Mary Virgin, died in 1923.

Funeral services were this afternoon in Nehawka.

## Accepts New Position

Miss Eleanor Giles, of this city, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Giles, is now employed at the Glenn Martin bomber plant in the accounting department.

She has just completed her work on the calculator and adding machine at the Burroughs' school, after resigning her position at the First National bank of Omaha, where she has been employed for the past year.

## Married At Parsonage

From Saturday's Daily—

Friday at the parsonage of the St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church occurred the marriage of Miss Wilma Marie Miller, of Tecumseh, and Mr. Max Elliott Jackson, of Pacific Junction, Iowa.

The double ring ceremony was used by Rev. Willard Sherman, pastor of the church in uniting the lives of the young people.

The attendants were Duane Jackson, brother of the groom, and Miss Shirley Leckliter, of Pacific Junction.

Following the wedding the members of the bridal party motored to Pacific Junction to visit friends and later will go to Pryor, Oklahoma, where the groom is employed and where they will be at home to their friends after December 1st.

## Rejoice At Birth Of Son

Thanksgiving day was more than a holiday to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bressman. For Thursday at 9 p.m., they rejoiced in their first child, a boy. The little fellow, born at the home of Mrs. Bressman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Ramel, and weighing 8 pounds, was named William Stanley.

## Dedicate New Auditorium

The first play for parents in the new Central school auditorium was well attended last night when the Wintersteen Hill school students enacted a fantasy, "Mother Goose Helps Defense".

The play was under the direction of Miss Ruth Horn, principal at Wintersteen, and Mrs. Clayton Rosencrans, writer for child publications and teacher in the city schools.

To the well known mother goose characters were added the figures of Uncle Sam, a soldier, and a Marine. The theme was that even these busy little characters realized the importance of concerted war effort, and stopped the chores for which they have become famous, preferring to give their efforts to the winning of the war.

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## County Court Notes

In the probate section of the county court on Friday there were a number of matters pertaining to estates to come up before the court.

Hearing was had on claims in the Albert Fredrick Timm estate.

Final hearings were held in the Charles F. Wood estate and the discharge of Alice Wood, executor of the estate entered. In the LeRoy Upton estate the final hearing was had and the discharge of Mrs. Nina Upton, administratrix ordered. Final hearing was had in the Julia Ann Ogden estate and the discharge of Mrs. Delia Wiseman, executor ordered.

Hearing was had on the determination of heirship in the estate of William J. Despain, deceased.

## Tell It To The Marines

Dan Jackson and Terrence Bennett, of this city, were at Omaha Friday and while there enlisted in the United States marines and expect soon to be called to report for duty. The boys have just returned from a motor trip to the west coast and being in the new class of young men being called to the colors, decided to enlist with the Marines.

## Trade Schools Offer Opportunity To The Sailor

Eighteen and Nineteen Year Old Youth Can Find Educational Opportunities While Serving

Omaha, Nebraska, Nov. 27.—Fifty opportunities to qualify for trade schools of the Navy lie open to the 18 and 19 year-old youths who are faced with the problem of selecting the branch of the service they desire, states Lieutenant R. J. Mahoney, Officer-in-Charge of the U. S. Navy Recruiting Station in Omaha.

"Hundreds of Nebraska young men are selecting the Navy," the Lieutenant declares, "because of the wide selection of schools available to those who qualify. The United States Navy is an organization of experts. Almost every man is trained to become a specialist in his specific job. If a recruit has had previous training or experience in a trade when he enlists, he will be given a chance to continue in the same type of work. If he has not had previous experience, he may qualify under skilled Navy instructors for the kind of a job for which he is best fitted."

There are seven branches of Naval Service for enlisted men comprising 49 different class jobs—or ratings. The men who hold these ratings are known as Petty Officers. There are four grades of Petty Officers, Third Class, Second Class, First Class and Chief—through which a man may advance according to his skill, and experience.

Most men enlist as Apprentice Seamen. As such, they are automatically promoted with an increase in pay after two months of preliminary training. Thereafter, they may advance through trade school training or practical experience at sea as rapidly as their ability permits, up through the various classes of Petty Officer. Men who qualify for reason of special training or experience in a trade may become Petty Officers in their particular specialty provided there is a vacancy, immediately upon enlistment.

"The odds are in your favor," Lieutenant Mahoney avers, "if you have the right kind of stuff. Over fifty per cent of the enlisted men in the Navy are Petty Officers. Out of each 1000 men there are 250 Apprentice Seamen and Seamen, Second Class 220 Seamen, First Class; 153 Second Class, and 140 First Class; 10 acting and 70 permanent Chief Petty Officers."

"You'll go ahead fast in the Navy, Lieutenant Mahoney continues, "because the Navy wants you to become skilled in your trade. You don't have to ask for promotions. If you're willing and able, they'll come to you automatically, and each one is accompanied by a raise in pay."

## Cecil Karr Has Commission As 2nd Lieutenant

Local Young Man Graduated At Fort Benning Infantry School—Visiting Home Folks

Cecil M. Karr, of this city, who has been in the armed service since March 24, 1942 has just recently completed his course at the Fort Benning, Georgia, infantry school. Prior to coming to Fort Benning he was with the 358th infantry, 90th division, Camp Barkley, Texas.

Lieutenant Karr is a son of Mrs. Charles W. Karr and the late Mr. Karr, and has made his home at Pacific Junction where he was graduated and later attended the University of Iowa.

Lieutenant Karr has been enjoying a furlough here and will remain here until Tuesday evening when he will report for duty at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

In honor of the visiting officer, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Spidell, the latter a sister of Lieutenant Karr, entertained at a family reunion at their home in this city and bringing together some twenty-two of the relatives. Those attending the event were: Mrs. C. W. Carr, Mrs. Hazel Fitch, Shirley and Lloyd; Mr. and Mrs. Bullis Karr, Leola and Donald, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Karr, Charlene and Charles, Pacific Junction; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Shilling, Imogene, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hague, Council Bluffs; Mrs. E. H. Boston, Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Spidell, Norma and Wilma and Lieutenant Karr.

## Basketball Game Monday

The first basketball game will get under way here Monday night at 8 o'clock at which time Plattsmouth will meet the highly touted lads of Omaha's Tech High.

Coach Merle Stewart said that his boys rounded up into shape after a number of practice drills by working out and competing in a friendly manner with the Tech team last Wednesday.

In commenting on the home boys Stewart opines that squad members all fall below the six foot mark. But he is hopeful that what is lacking in height will be made up in speed and deception.

The starting line-up will probably find Rice, the captain at center, Vroman and McMaken at forwards, Pike and Eaton, guards. Other members of the squad who will be available for service are Johnson, White, Richards, Cole, and J. Gradoville.

Rice, White and Johnson are the tallest members of the squad, the former being the tallest of the three and measuring below the 6 foot mark. In spite of the height problem though Coach Stewart believes the boys have the proper spirit to show the fans an interesting game.

The game following the initial contest will be with Northeast High of Lincoln, an aggregation considered even better than Tech.

## Sgt. Robert Clark Reported As Dead From Wounds

Parents in This City Receive the Word of His Passing as Result of Injuries Received in Action

Thursday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Clark of this city received the message that their son, Sergeant Robert Clark, USA, has passed away as the result of wounds that he had received in action. They had been notified of the wounding of their son prior to the message of the death.

The last heard of the young man was that he was in service in the Pacific. He has a brother in the same company but the family have received no word as to his whereabouts.

Mr. Clark is an instructor at the U. S. Army motor school at Fort Crook, and has been engaged there for some time.

## Pollock To District Bench

Lincoln, Nov. 27. —(UP)—Fay H. Pollock, forty-two, Stanton county attorney for sixteen years, today was appointed district judge by Governor Dwight Griswold to succeed Adolph Wenke of Stanton, recently elected an associate justice of Nebraska supreme court from the third supreme court district.

## Return From Hospital

Mrs. C. D. Austin has returned home from Omaha where she has been under hospitalization and undergone an operation. Mrs. Austin is feeling very much improved and is recuperating at the family home in this city.

## Married At Noon

From Saturday's Daily—

The marriage vows "I Do" were pledged at 12 noon today, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Akeson, who reside in the Bauer Apts. Rev. J. W. Taenzler read the marriage ceremony for Donald D. Beesley and Mrs. Ruth Marcella Werger. They will make their home in Lincoln.

## Family Reunion

A family reunion was held on Nov. 26 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Dieter. The occasion was the celebration of their 24th wedding anniversary and also the birthday of their daughter, Dorothy. It was also in honor of their daughters, Mrs. Ed. L. Brandt and Miss Mary Ann Dieter who are visiting here from Washington, D. C.

A Thanksgiving dinner was prepared by Mrs. Fred J. Smith and Betty and Mildred Dieter.

Those present were: Mrs. Barbara Dieter, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Batenhorst and family, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Homan and family all of Cedar Rapids, Nebr. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dieter and daughter Mary of Nebraska City, Nebr. Dr. and Mrs. L. Daniel Dieter of Otoe, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Dieter and family of Omaha. Close friends who attended were Dr. W. T. Kemp of Otoe, and also Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Smith and family of Omaha, Nebr.

In all there were 36 present.

## Confer Degree Work

Last evening a number of officers and members of Nebraska Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons, left for Weeping Water where under a special dispensation they held a meeting of the chapter and to confer the past Master degree, there were eight of the Weeping Water Masons to receive the degree.

Following the session of the chapter the members enjoyed a luncheon of sandwiches, cake and coffee at the Mac's cafe.

The following were present from Plattsmouth: L. S. Devoe, C. E. Ledgway, W. F. Evers, W. A. Robertson, R. C. Cook, Robert M. Mann, John Janacek, A. R. Johnson, Frank Seydlitz, Harry Tincher, J. A. Pitz, E. C. Harris.

## Women in War

The sale of war bonds and stamps on the streets and in the stores of the city sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution has shown a very fine contribution to the war effort. The sales have been made by volunteer workers selected from the young women of the community and as the result of their effort there has been \$5,697.64 worth of stamps and bonds sold.

The sales during the months that the street sales have been conducted show the following August \$242.99; September 622.10; October, \$2,952.57; November \$1,829.07.

These amounts have been gathered from sources that probably might not have been reached in the ordinary course of events as the usual bond or stamp buyers have made their purchases at the postoffice or bank.

## Visiting In Minnesota

From Saturday's Daily—

Donald Olsen left this morning for Hanley Falls, Minn., where he will visit for a short time with his parents. He will return Monday.

## Lepert-Omstad Wedding Held On Thanksgiving

Popular Young People Are Wedded at The St. John's Church—To Reside in Omaha

The marriage of Cecilia Lepert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Lepert, and Glen Omstad, son of Mrs. John Omstad, Barnville, Minn., took place shortly before noon at St. John's church Thanksgiving day. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. George Agius read the marriage lines.

The bride and groom were attended by the bride's sister and brother-in-law, Mrs. Marvin Rumph and Mr. Rumph. A light blue two piece wool dress was worn by Miss Lepert, and chrysanthemums were chosen for her corsage. Her attendant appeared in a rose colored two-piece wool dress.

The ceremony was quiet and simple. Those present were members of the immediate family, relatives, and close friends.

Shortly after the ceremony the couple were honored at a dinner given by the bride's parents. Besides the bride and groom and the host and hostesses the following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kafka and daughter, Alice, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kafka, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Krejci and children, Charles Kafka, Miss Georgia Pilney, Miss Margie Provodra all of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. James Lepert and daughters, Mary Ann, Betty and Helen; and Miss Lois Wolever, of Plattsmouth.

The couple will be at home at 2426 North 33rd, in Omaha, Mr. Omstad is a foreman at the Martin Bomber plant.

## Funeral of R. E. Frans

Funeral services for Robert E. Frans were held on Friday afternoon at the Baptist church at Union, it being one of the most largely attended services held there for many years. The death of Mr. Frans following his accident on last Saturday, has brought a great sorrow to the community where he had long made his home.

Rev. J. T. Sawyer, pastor of the Methodist church of Union, conducted the services and brought words of comfort to the bereaved family and friends. During the services Frank A. Cloidt of this city gave two of the favorite hymns of the departed, "The Old Rugged Cross," and "Wonderful Peace," and at the conclusion of the Masonic ritual, "The City Four Square."

Nehawka lodge, of the A. F. & A. M., of which Mr. Frans was a member, conducted the ritualistic services with W. F. Evers of Plattsmouth giving the oration.

Burial was at West Union cemetery and the pall bearers were: William Ost, Delbert and Joseph Lindsey, Jr., Glen Rutherford, Adolph Ross and George Stites.

## Attend Welfare Meeting

Director Helen Porter and her staff at the county assistance office were in Lincoln Thursday to attend a meeting of the Southeastern Nebraska Welfare Association.

On the program were such speakers as Elizabeth Denel who spoke of "Child Welfare in War Time," Polomyelitis, a health menace before the public eye now more than ever, was illustrated by films under the direction of Dr. Hancock. Chester Dudley led the panel discussion which dealt with topics of interest to County Assistance Directors.

Those attending from the local assistance office were: Miss Helen Porter, director; Glenva Stockton, child welfare worker; Cynthia Betts, child welfare worker; Helen Fitzgerald, visitor; Frances Ramey, visitor; Mrs. Bernice Hill, visitor.

## Soldier Here On Leave

Private Darrel H. Cary, who is here on a 10 day furlough from his army post at Hobb, N. M., was a guest of his friend, Miss Shirley Leesley, at a dinner given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Leesley last night.

—FOR VICTORY: BUY BONDS—

## Suffers Severe Injury

R. E. Frans or Eka as he is known to the many friends over the county, is in very critical condition at the St. Mary's hospital at Nebraska City. On Saturday Mr. Frans was at his farm home west of Union and had gone to the barn to care for the horses while the hired man was milking.

The hired man heard an unusual noise from the barn where the horses were kept and started an investigation finding Frans lying on the floor of one of the stalls and the horse that had been there gone. The horse apparently had broken loose and in escaping had knocked Mr. Frans down, fracturing his skull and several ribs were broken also, the injuries having been apparently inflicted by the kicking horse.

The injured man was taken to the St. Mary's hospital at Nebraska City and at the latest reports was still unconscious and very little hope held of his recovery.

## Goes To Washington

Old friends of the August Mumm family of this city will be interested in learning that Miss Margie Mumm, a daughter of the family has been named as secretary to Senator Murray of Montana, and is expecting to go to Washington in January to take up her new work. The Mumm family have made their home at Missoula, Montana, since leaving this city, where Miss Mumm attended the grade schools for a short time.

The new secretary is a granddaughter of Mrs. P. F. Goos, of this city and a niece of F. H. Mumm, and also Mrs. Ed Barker, Mrs. Gilbert Storm, Mrs. John Libershall, Mrs. George Weidman and Henry Timm.

## Circles of St. John's Church

Circles No. 2 met at the church club rooms. Hostesses were Mrs. Geo. Downs, Mrs. Ed Dieter and Mrs. Henry Lutz. Part of the afternoon was spent playing Pinochle at which Mrs. Charlie Peterson won first playing award and Miss Beatrice Seybert won second. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Circle No. 3 members gathered at the home of Mrs. I. L. Kocian with Mrs. Richard Otterstein and Mrs. A. W. Kopp serving as associate hostesses. Fourteen members and two guests were present, Cards and checkers were the games enjoyed. Mrs. Henry Stakejohn won bridge honors and Miss Cecilia Palacek won honors at checkers, while Miss Marie Fitzgerald won pinochle honors. Refreshments were served at the end of the meeting.

St. John's circle No. 2 met at the church club rooms. Hostesses were Mrs. J. L. Lenger, Miss Alice Roberson, and Mrs. E. A. Lorenz. In the business discussion, arrangements for a Christmas party was brought to the attention of the members. Afterwards the ladies played games, and before disbanding enjoyed delicious refreshments.

## Defense Meetings Held

Friday evening was another busy time in the Civilian Defense groups of the city who are preparing for the graduating of their classes on December 13th, and the test black-out on the succeeding evening, December 14th. At the graduation of the class of from 300 to 350 Governor Dwight Griswold has promised to be on hand and make the presentation to the workers of their certificates for the completion of the course of study. The governor will also point out the importance of the work as the civilian population must care for their own safety and that of their communities in case of emergencies.

Last evening the auxiliary police section that is in charge of Deputy Sheriff Emery Doody and Cass Sylvestor, had with them, M. B. Rhodes, in charge of the Omaha office of FBI, who gave a very fine talk that all appreciated very much.

Dr. R. P. Westover held a meeting at the county court room where there were some forty present that were unable to attend the Tuesday meeting and these received their first two lessons in first aid.

Bill folds, Key Cases and Coin Purses. Bates' Book Store.

## Treasury Plans New Means Of Forced Savings

Plan Would Also Include Plan to Ration Spending Money of the People of Nation

Washington, Nov. 28.—(UP)—Planners of the treasury department and the office of economic stabilization today are studying drastic forced savings program and an alternative plan to ration spending money.

Those officials, under Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., and Economic Stabilization Director James F. Byrnes, estimate that there will be an annual surplus of twenty-five billion dollars in purchasing power even after the American people pay their present taxes.

The economists who are seeing measures to curb inflation believe that a large part of that surplus must be absorbed if price, wage and rationing controls are to function.

The proposals to ration the spending money of one hundred thirty million Americans past their most consumer goods will be rationed appeals to the administration economic planners but it would involve tremendous—if not insurmountable—administrative problems.

One of the plans being studied would ration spending money like this:

Each wage and salary earner or investment coupon clipper would receive a certain amount of "free" ration coupons with his periodic wage, salary or investment income. Those coupons, say in a total amount of fifteen hundred dollars a year, would permit him to buy the bare necessities of life tax free.

But after an individual exhausted his free coupons he could obtain more by paying a tax on them. The rate of that tax would be sharply graduated to the prohibitive level, so that after say five thousand dollars or ten thousand dollars of spending it would take \$2 to buy \$1 worth of consumer goods or services.

No one could buy food, clothing, or other consumer goods or services without rationing coupons covering that amount of purchase.

No ration coupons would be required for war bonds, insurance premiums or other types of savings.

## Have Pleasant Time

The ladies of the Christian church entertained Wednesday at the church parlors with a large group of the members and friends of the church in attendance.

The occasion was the annual bazaar and bake sale of the aid society and sale of the articles was very brisk during the afternoon.

E. J. Weyrich provided a fine feature of the afternoon by showing his fine collection of motion pictures of western scenes taken during his travels.

The entertaining committee comprised Mesdames C. J. Minnier, Charles Allen, Kelly Rhoden, Frances Koubel, Bessie Bourne, Carl Senf and Miss Frances Koubel.

## State Mileage Commission

Lincoln, Nov. 27. (UP)—Wardner Scott, state engineer, today was named State Mileage Administrator by Governor Dwight Griswold, in charge of reducing gasoline consumption by forty percent in the state.

## Visit In Omaha

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Bull and daughter, Joan, were in Omaha Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Svoboda where they visited and dined.

## Holiday Visitors Here

Mr. and Mrs. James Bridgewater, Sr., entertained on Thursday at dinner, Mrs. Maggie Mason, Mr. and Mrs. James Bridgewater, Jr., and daughter, Carol Kay. On Friday Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Farmer of Omaha were here as guests at the Bridgewater home.