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## Death Of Old Time Resident Of Plattsmouth

Mrs. Catherine Hiber Had Made This City Her Home Since Coming as a Small Child to U. S.

The death of Mrs. Catherine Hiber, 72, Wednesday morning at the home of a sister, Mrs. Hermie Svoboda, took away one of the long time residents of the city, as Mrs. Hiber had spent practically all of her lifetime in Plattsmouth.

Catherine Janda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Janda, was born November 24, 1871, in Moravia, and when a child of seven years she was brought by the parents to the United States and the family settled in Plattsmouth.

On June 18, 1889, Miss Janda was united in marriage to Joseph Hiber, who preceded her in death several years ago.

There is surviving the passing of Mrs. Hiber, two sisters, Mrs. Hermie Svoboda of this city; Mrs. Anna Svoboda of Omaha; three brothers, James Janda, Springfield, Ohio; Anton Janda, of Plattsmouth; Thomas Janda of Pocatello, Idaho.

Funeral services will be at the Holy Rosary church on Saturday, December 26th at 10 A. M.

## Enjoy Waffle Supper

The home of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Evers on west Elm street, was the scene of a most enjoyable waffle supper last evening, the guests being the four highest officers of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, AF&AM, and their ladies. The Evers home has become noted for this annual waffle supper and it was appreciated very much by the group. The members of the party also did a fine piece of work in preparing cellophane sacks of candy, nuts and fruit to be distributed at the Christmas tree at the Masonic Home this evening.

Those attending the supper were: John Parkening, master of the lodge and Mrs. Parkening, J. Howard Davis, senior warden, and Mrs. Davis Howard Wiles, junior warden, and Mrs. Wiles, Warren Scharfenberg, senior deacon, and Mrs. Scharfenberg, and Mr. and Mrs. Evers and family.

## Here From Lincoln

Among the holiday visitors in the city Thursday evening and Friday were Mr. and Mrs. John E. Turner and their daughter, Mrs. Leston Sorrell, of Lincoln. They were here as guests at the home of County Superintendent Lora Lloyd Kieck and family. The former county treasurer is now very busy at his elevators in Alvo and has purchased a great deal of corn in the past few weeks.

## An Appreciation

I wish to thank all of my friends in the community that have been so kind to me in my illness, for the personal calls, cards, flowers, and all tokens of remembrance. I hope to be out soon and down town to be able to meet and thank them all personally.

John P. Sattler, Sr.

## Here From Chicago

Ward Patton, of Chicago, arrived home Wednesday, to be here over the holiday season, with his father, R. H. Patton, and family.

## Pleasant Hill School Dist. 26

Teacher, Mrs. Harry Porter We now have an enrollment of nine pupils. Another of our pupils, Bob Vaughn, has moved to Kansas. Those with perfect attendance this month are John and Edwin Sterling, Patricia Gansemer, and Merle Schaal Hudson, Patricia, Edwin and John have had perfect attendance so far this year.

The school nurse visited our school December 15. We invited our parents to attend while she was there.

We are getting ready for our Christmas program that will be held December 22.

Muriel Ketelbut, Reporter

## Gets Commission

Word has been received here by family friends of the commissioning of Wayne Spencer Propst, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Propst of Jacksonville, Florida, who received his wings at the graduating exercises held at Spence Field, Moultrie, Ga., on Sunday, December 12th.

Propst was commissioned a second lieutenant in the army air forces. He graduated from Bolles preparatory school in 1938, and later attended Davidson college.

He is a grandson of R. L. Propst, of Lake Worth, Florida, and a nephew of Mrs. Elmer Hallstrom of Avoca.

## Santa Claus And Gas

Kalispell, Mont., Dec. 24 (UP)—The Flathead County rationing board called a special meeting today to rule on an emergency application for gasoline.

The application was made on a regulation form, but it asked for an undetermined quantity of gasoline sufficient to tour the entire United States in one night.

It was signed by S. Claus, who gave his address as the "North Pole" and listed his occupation as "Purveyor of good will to children."

Mr. Claus explained he intended to travel along the new Alcan right-way from Alaska this year for the first time and said he would stop at Kalispell to comply with rationing regulations.

Kalispell is the first city in the United States to be reached by southbound travelers on the Alcan highway. The rationing board scoffed at the suggestion that the application might have been filed by a zealous promoter to publicize that fact.

"It appears to be a bona fide application," the board announced, but it added that it didn't "quite understand why Santa should exchange his reindeer and sleigh for a gas-burning buggy at this stage of the game."

The board is expected to issue the applicant a "C" card, expiring at dawn, December 25.

## Christmas Wedding

A very pretty wedding took place at the Methodist Parsonage on Christmas Morning when Rev. T. Porter Bennett united in marriage, Miss Doris May Williams and Louis Ward Setz, both of Omaha. The beautiful Ring Ceremony was used, a sister and brother of the bride, Miss Dorothy M. Williams and Donald S. Williams, acted as witnesses, Mr. Setz is an attorney of Omaha.

## Entertains Friends

On Friday evening, December 18, Miss Ruth Gaines entertained at her home, a group of 49 girls at a Christmas party. Various types of games and contests served as entertainment during the evening.

As Miss Morris Long read the poem, "The Night Before Christmas," Santa Claus, in the person of Mr. Eversole, appeared. He distributed gifts among the guests.

Refreshments were then served to the group by Mrs. Harold Gaines.

## Home From Service

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hild west of Mynard was the scene of a very happy gathering on Christmas day as their son, Arthur Hild, now in the armed service, was home for the holiday. He is at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and the visit home on furlough was a most happy Christmas present to the family.

## Will Visit in Missouri

This morning Q. K. Parmele departed for Sedalia, Missouri, where he is to visit at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. W. Hula, and family. Mr. Parmele expects to spend several weeks in the Missouri city with the relatives and enjoy the places of interest in that section of Missouri.

## Guests from Lincoln

Prof. and Mrs. Oscar Bennett of Lincoln were Christmas Eve guests of Rev. and Mrs. T. Porter Bennett.

## Warns Of Danger Of Talk On Men And Their Service

Naming Men and the Troop Organization That They May Be Serving in or on Ships Dangerous

By Byron Price, Director of the Office of Censorship—

Washington, Dec. 26 U.P.—On battle fronts every day risk their lives to discover the location and strength of the military units of the enemy. Yet at home too many of us are providing the enemy with information of the same military value the Office of Censorship says.

This is the information which newspapers and individuals are asked not to tell the enemy.

1. Do not tell the names of ships upon which sailors serve.

2. Do not tell the troop units in which soldiers serve.

There is no objection to revealing that Pvt. John Jones is in Australia; or that Seaman Tom Brown saw action in the Atlantic; but there is military information which endangers the lives of American fighting men in stating that Pvt. John Jones, "Company C, 600 Infantry" is in Australia, or Seaman Tom Brown "aboard the U.S.S. Wisconsin" is in the Atlantic.

The Office of Censorship says: "We ask editors not to publish these troop identifications and we ask parents and relatives not to reveal them. Don't give the enemy anything that may lengthen the war!"

## General Giraud Pledges Aid For The Allied Cause

Military Leader Who May Succeed Darlan, Tells of Plans for Aid in Warfare

Editor's Note:

About the time Adm. Jean Francois Darlan was assassinated Christmas Eve, Gen. Henri Honoré Giraud, Commander in Chief of the French fighting forces in North Africa, gave a United Press correspondent an exclusive interview pledging co-operation or actual consolidation with the fighting French.

Giraud's interview assumes additional importance because with Darlan's death he became French leader in Africa.

By Walter Logan, United Press Staff correspondent. Copyright, 1942 by United Press.

Allied Headquarters, North Africa, Dec. 24, (Delayed) (UP)—Gen. Henri Honoré Giraud, heroic leader of the French fighting forces in North Africa, pledged himself today to work for co-operation or consolidation with the fighting French.

He promised the Allies a French African army of 300,000 men and a fleet which would include the squadrons of Alexandria, Egypt, and elsewhere.

Giraud said that he expected by January to be receiving from the United States the planes and tanks which the French need above all to take their full part in a fight in which he proposes to take his army along with those of the Allies into Europe for final victory.

Asked if there was any comment he would like to make regarding the political situation in France or Africa, he replied: "I am a soldier."

Then in a special message to America he appealed for the arms which France "so desperately" needs and said that America would be shown that the French army, using those arms, would be able to advance the day of Allied victory.

"France has the fullest confidence in America," he said. "I pray that America will have the same confidence in France."

## Leaves for Kansas City

Walter C. Davis left this morning for Kansas City after spending a week with his wife and family here. He is employed with a construction company in the Missouri city.

## Gerdes-Sahs Wedding

Belva Gerdes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Pieke of Langdon, Mo., and Charles Sahs, son of Mrs. Elta Sahs of Weeping Water, Nebr., were united in marriage, Dec. 19, at St. Luke's Lutheran church in Omaha, Nebr., Rev. A. H. Pinkall, performed the double ring ceremony.

The following relatives and friends were present: Mr. and Mrs. Lon Pierce and grandson of Langdon, Mo.; Mrs. Elta Sahs of Weeping Water, Nebr.; Mrs. Iva Hesfeld, Miss Doris Barnhart, Herbert Vernon and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Miller, all of Omaha.

The bride is employed at the Martin Bomber plant and the groom has been employed at the Kiewit Construction company at Ft. Crook, Nebr.

They will be at home in Omaha.

## Death Of Aged Man

The death of Martin E. McDaniel, 85, a resident of this section for his lifetime, occurred Friday at his home in the north part of the city.

Mr. McDaniel, was born in Mills County, Iowa, just across the Missouri River, where he spent his youth and later moved to the vicinity of Plattsmouth where other members of the family are located. He was married in this city to Miss Anna Carrigan, and to them one son was born, the wife and son dying several years ago. He is survived by a brother, Thomas McDaniel, and a large group of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mr. McDaniel will be held at the Sattler Funeral Home at four o'clock Sunday afternoon.

## Lieutenant Buchanan Here

Thursday Lieutenant R. Y. Buchanan, who has been stationed in Maryland, arrived in this city for a visit with his wife and other relatives. Ms. Eula Adams, of Marquette, Kansas, mother of Lieutenant Buchanan, arrived here Wednesday, and is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Seiver, parents of Mrs. Buchanan. On leaving here Lieutenant Buchanan will report to Camp Edwards, Mass.

## Hold Family Gathering

The Christmas season brought a great deal of pleasure to the members of the Gopen and Wiles families in a series of family dinners and reunions.

On Christmas eve the members of the party gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gopen, Sr., where a family dinner was enjoyed and followed by the distribution of the many attractive gifts from the beautiful tree. The tree was arranged in decorations of blue and silver and with the blue lights to add their beauty. The members of the group were Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wiles, Sr., Louise Wiles, Omaha, and Stephen Wiles of the University of Nebraska, Mrs. Oscar Gopen, Jr., Richard and Lois, Helene Gopen, Omaha and Mr. and Mrs. Gopen.

On Christmas day the beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wiles was the scene of the family gathering. Chief feature of the day was the duck dinner with all the trimmings. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gopen, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Marion Wiles and Diana, Grace Louise and Stephen Wiles, Helene Gopen, Glen Simard, Omaha. Here there was held a gift exchange.

On Christmas evening Mrs. Oscar Gopen, Jr., entertained at her home the relatives at a very delightfully arranged dinner party. The guests were Mrs. Eva Stoehr and daughter Ethel, Mrs. Gopen and children, Richard and Lois.

## Writes From Africa

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buechler of this city have just received a letter from their son, Corporal Arnold Buechler, the first in three months. The letter was written from Africa. He states he is feeling fine and likes the climate very much and also the good eats. He is at present engaged in office work for his company and likes the job very much as it gives him a more comfortable location. He reports his officers as being fine.

## Christmas Day One Filled With Much Pleasure

Church Services and Many Home Gatherings Feature the Holiday Over the City

Christmas day of 1942 was observed extensively over the city Friday, with many home gatherings and religious services, bringing together family groups, altho over it all was the war atmosphere that was represented in the absence of sons, brothers from the home firesides.

Services were held at the St. Luke's church Thursday evening, with communion, and at the St. John's and Holy Rosary church with high mass at midnight and also masses on Christmas day.

A great many home gatherings and dinner parties were enjoyed in a large number of the Plattsmouth homes and among these were:

Attorney and Mrs. W. A. Robertson had as their guests at the family dinner Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Murphy, Vesta Lee and James Garfield, William G. Robertson, of Lincoln. In the evening Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Westover and daughters, Janet and Ruth, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gomer joined the family group.

The home of Mrs. Louise Klinger was the scene of a very pleasant family gathering. Mr. and Mrs. William Ketelsen and son, Ralph, and Mr. and Mrs. Earnard Klinger and son, Gary, being here from Omaha to join the members of the family here.

The Ledgway home on Wintersteen hill was the scene of a very pleasant gathering of the family for the Christmas dinner and visit. Those in the party were Mr. and Mrs. William Kraeger, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Snyder and family, Norman Baker, C. E. and Helen Ledgway, Miss Marion Baker.

The annual family Christmas dinner party at "Sunnyside," the E. H. Westcott home, found as the members of the jolly group, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar S. Westcott, Omaha; Richard Spangler and wife, John L. Tidball, III, Mrs. Mae S. Morgan, Clara Mae Morgan and Mary Magdeline Morgan.

Mrs. Hattie Kirker and daughter, Miss Ila, with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Long and daughter, Nancy, were at Ashland Friday for a call at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kirker. They enjoyed their Christmas dinner here as guests of Mrs. Nelle Shea.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kroehler, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tritsch and son, Robert, were in Omaha, Christmas day for dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Blackburn, the latter a niece of Mr. Kroehler. There were some sixteen at the dinner party.

Home for a short stay, from the U. S. Naval academy at Annapolis, John B. Livingston and his fiancée, Miss Ruth Baker, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, had Christmas dinner at the home of his mother, Mrs. Lillian Livingston. Present also were the hostesses' parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bajack, and Dick Livingston.

Enjoying dinner fifth Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ault and family, were Mrs. Ault's sister, Mrs. Emil Koukal and Mr. Koukal, Miss Julia Svoboda, and Mr. Jiles Bishop.

From Ashland came Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wallinger, to spend the day of good cheer with Mrs. Wallinger's sister and husband, Mrs. H. E. Becker, and Mr. Becker. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Becker's daughters, Mr. and Mrs. John Sattler, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. William Schmidtman Jr., and family; and Mr. and Mrs. Becker's niece, Mrs. Wills, and Mr. Wills and family.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Alexsen were Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Meisinger, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lagerstrom, Mrs. Chester Lagerstrom and son, Robert, Mr. and Mrs. John Alexsen and daughter. Present also were children of the host and hostess, Irene, Betty and Andrew. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. T. Bomberg, son-in-law and daughter, arrived. Completing the guest list was Mrs. H. Porter. Cospicuous for his absence was Private Chester Lagerstrom, who was inducted into the army two weeks ago, and is stationed at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana.

A number of little tots were present to make the day all the happier at the home of W. N. Erink. Several small Christmas trees added to the spirit of the occasion. Present at the host's dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Bronson Timm and baby, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Brink, Jr., and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Brink and baby, Leo Brink, and Agnes Brink of Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cappell were host and hostess to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Herger, and Miss Laura Meisinger.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cloidt were fortunate in having their son, Sergeant John, Jr., home for Christmas dinner. He leaves early this week for his post in Oklahoma City. Others at the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Cloidt's daughter, Mrs. A. J. Ulrich, Mr. Ulrich and their children, and Mr. C. J. Vrodran.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Hiatt entertained a family group at Christmas dinner. The guests were Mrs. E. P. Lutz, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Heinrich, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Steinkamp, Alice Hiatt and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Hiatt.

County Judge and Mrs. A. H. Duxbury, Dorothea Mae and Richard, were in Omaha, Friday, where they enjoyed Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chis Metzger. Other guests at the Metzger home were Lt. and Mrs. Neil Hall and children, Catherine and Jimmie. Lt. Hall is now stationed at Fort Leavenworth.

The L. F. Terryberry home was the scene of a very delightful family dinner party on Christmas day that was enjoyed by a number of the relatives. Those who were in attendance were Mrs. Barbara Warner, Miss Helen Warner, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Terryberry, Vivian and Mary Lou, Mrs. Wallace Terryberry and Mickey, Mr. and Mrs. Alvadore Tilson, Fred and Karen and Thomas Tilson.

The home of Robert H. Patton, one of the long time residents of the city, was very happy Friday with a large group of the family here for the Christmas season. The guests were: Ward Patton, Chicago; Louis Patton, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Patton, County Treasurer Ruth Patton, Miss Ida Patton, Dean Patton.

Mrs. Floyd Hardison was hostess at a very pleasant family dinner on Christmas with the following in attendance: Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Stratton, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hardison an Haley Joe, of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Hardison and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Meisinger.

Christmas day, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Schneider entertained at their home, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Knorr and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Burdic, Alan and Mary. The members enjoyed a very charming dinner party.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schneider, on high school hill, was a scene of a very enjoyable family dinner party, the guests including Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Klauschie of Omaha, Mrs. Ruth Wiles, Mrs. Ethelyn Mullis of Lincoln, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wetenkamp and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Doran Bowman, and son DeWayne, Mrs. Dale Bowman, and Mr. and Mrs. Max Bowman and son, Donald, were Christmas dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Doran Bowman's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wall.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ohschlager and daughter, Mary Alice, were in Omaha, for a Christmas dinner and visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Schultz.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Hild had the pleasure of their family coming in to assist in the Christmas observance at the family home on Pearl street. The children and grandchildren with other relatives were here for the fine dinner and family get-together. The members of the party were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hild and family, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Hild and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hild and family, Mr. and Mrs. Verner Hild and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lutz and Marie, Mrs. Anna Gansemer and Barbara Jean, and Mr. and Mrs. Hild.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rebal was the scene of a very fine Christmas dinner with the members of the family and Frank Smith as guests. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. James Rebal, Sr., with Mr. and Mrs. James Rebal, Jr., and daughter, Dorothy, of Omaha, were callers, they having their dinner at the James Rebal home.

## Death Of George Horn Former Resident In Omaha

Aged Man Member of One of the Well Known Families of Cass County to be Buried Here

The death of George Horn, 82, occurred on Thursday at his home, 6503 Wirt Street, Omaha, following a long period of failing health and in the last few weeks his condition had grown much more serious.

Mr. Horn, was a member of one of the pioneer families of the Cedar Creek and Cullom communities, and he spent his early days in that section of Cass county. He was engaged in farming and later in the grain business at Cedar Creek, Cullom and Plattsmouth, and had a very wide acquaintance among the farm residents of the county.

Mr. Horn is survived by the widow, Maggie; two sons, Ernest, Lincoln; Guy, Los Angeles; daughter, Mrs. Lee Carrier, Junction City, Kansas; three brothers, Jacob Horn, Creighton; P. A. and Henry Horn of this city and one sister, Mrs. W. A. Becker of this city.

The funeral will be Sunday at 2 o'clock at the Kreamer funeral home, John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, AF & AM will conduct the service. The burial will be at the Glendale cemetery near Cedar Creek, old home of the Horn family.

## Hold Christmas Observance

Sunday Mt. Zion commandery No. 5, of the Knights Templar, of this city, held their annual Christmas observance at their asylum in the Masonic building.

There was a very pleasing attendance and the toasts were most inspiring to the membership of the Templars.

The program was as follows: Eminent Sir William P. Kraeger, Presiding.

Music, Masonic Quartette Invocation, E. Sir T. Porter Bennett

Reading of the Christmas greeting from M. E. Harry G. Pollard, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America, and response thereto by R. E. Fred B. Dale, Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Nebraska, R. E. Sir William A. Robertson, P. G. C.

Toast to M. E. Sir Harry G. Pollard, Grand Master—

Response, E. Sir William F. Evers, G. C. G.

Toast to All Americans in the Armed Forces—

Response, E. Sir Raymond C. Cook, P. C.

Toast: Holy Sepulcher and Christmas in Wartime—

Response, E. Sir T. Porter Bennett, P. C.

Toast to Victory and Peace—

Response, E. Sir Aubrey H. Duxbury, P. C.

Toast to All Who Sleep in the Silent City—

Response, E. Sir Luke L. Wiles, P. C.

Music, Masonic Quartette Benediction, Sir Harry G. McCluskey.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Manasek of Omaha had as guests at their Christmas dinner on Friday, Mrs. A. R. Bates, publisher of the Journal, aunt of Mrs. Manasek, Mrs. Mary Manasek, mother of the host, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Grassman and Billy, Mrs. D. L. Wier, a sister of Mr. Manasek. In the afternoon James Manasek and wife joined the party.

Miss Barbara Gering entertained at her home a group of the old neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver C. Dovey and Miss Hazel Dovey, Mr. and Mrs. John Moore, of LaPlatte and Mrs. Henry Herold who enjoyed the fine dinner party.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Rea was the scene of a very pleasant home gathering with members of the family circle and the married children with their families present to enjoy the fine dinner and get together. In addition to the children at home the family comprised Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ossenkop and daughters of Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rea and son, Larry and John Bissing of this city.