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## W. P. Hutchison Pioneer Of County, Dies

Passes way at Lincoln Hospital Where He Had Been for a Short Time—Came Here in 1865

W. P. Hutchison, 87, one of the last of the real pioneer residents of this section of Nebraska, died last evening at a Lincoln hospital where he had been undergoing treatment. Mr. Hutchison had gone to Ashland at the Christmas season to visit a daughter, Mrs. John Potter and family, and while there had taken ill and was taken on to Lincoln for treatment.

W. P. Hutchison was born in Missouri in February 1855, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hutchison, his mother passed away when he was a babe and he was reared by the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Hutchison, the family coming west when he was ten years old and settling at the then thriving town of Rock Bluffs, where he has since resided, his farm being a part of the townsite of the new ghost city.

He was married at Rock Bluffs to Miss Betsy Frans, who preceded him in death some twenty years ago.

There is surviving the death of Mr. Hutchison, nine children, William T. Hutchison, Jamesport, Missouri; Mrs. W. R. Carey, Plattsmouth; Mrs. William Oliver, Louisville; Ernest B. Hutchison, Pacific Junction; Mrs. John Potter, Ashland; Claude R. Hutchison, Plattsmouth; Vern B. Hutchison, Lincoln, and Mrs. Marie Jackson, Jamesport, Missouri.

The body is at the Sattler funeral home here awaiting the completion of the funeral arrangements.

## Birth of Son

Corporal and Mrs. Hubert C. Stroy, formerly of Murdock, Nebr., announce the birth of a boy born January 27th at the Methodist hospital in Omaha.

Baby's mother, formerly Margaret Rolland, is making her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lars M. Rolland of Blair. Corporal Stroy is in the engineer's division of the U. S. Army located near Dutch Harbor, Alaska.

## August Thimgan Dies

E. W. Thimgan of this city has received word that his older brother, August Thimgan, of near South Bend, had passed away. The deceased was one of the well known residents of the northwest part of Cass county where he had farmed for a great many years.

## Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the many kind friends and neighbors for their sympathy and expressions of friendship shown us in our recent bereavement. We wish to thank all those sending flowers and taking part in the funeral services.

The John Curtis Family

## Writes from New Location

Second Lieutenant Stuart J. Sedlak is now settled in his new location at the Air Corps base at Camp McDill, Florida, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sedlak report. He states that he will undergo another training period after which he will be instructor of chemical warfare tactics at the base.

## Soldiers Together

Technical Corporal Raymond Heigl, who is here for a furlough from his station in California, reports that he and Donald Mrasek and Wayne Clark, who left here together for induction into the army are still together in Co. A of the 134th Infantry. Their unit was a part of the old Nebraska national guard before it was drafted into the federal service and the boys have been able to be together since going to Camp Robinson for their first training. Wayne Clark who was at the hospital for some time is now back on duty.

## Brother Calls from Texas

Mrs. John Wondra reports having talked by long distance with her brother, Leroy Wilson, third class yeoman serving with the U. S. Navy in Corpus Christi, Texas. In the conversation, Wilson, who is striking for his second class rating, said that he would get a furlough February 15, which he plans to spend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Wilson in Santa Monica, Cal.

## Physical Standard To Be Higher For New Draft Calls

Change Caused by Fact That Men for Navy, Marines and Coast Guard Also to Be Taken

Washington, Jan. 29—(UP)—Men aged 17 through 37 who will be drafted under the new combined calls for all armed services which takes effect Monday, will face tougher physical examinations than those now given at the army induction centers.

The new physical standards have been agreed upon by the army, navy, marine corps and coast guard. When the combined call program was announced by the selective service board of war manpower commission, the announcement described them as "higher" than those of the army.

It was evident that War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt had failed to persuade the navy department to relax its physical standards so that they would be comparable to those of the army. McNutt, who had said he was seeking such relaxation, won his plea for standardization, however.

Men meeting the new physical standards will be apportioned among the various forces, but all those rejected for failure to meet the new standards after examination by a joint army-navy medical board, will not be automatically deferred. Instead the army can take the registrants whose minor physical defects make them acceptable for limited service or any service that they were considered able to perform under the army's former standards.

## Hear from England

Pilot Officer C. P. Carr, serving with the Canadian Air Force in England, writes his wife that soon he may be back in the United States.

He said, in a letter to his wife yesterday, that his application for transfer to the U. S. Naval Air Corps has been approved and that he hopes with his present rating to get a first lieutenant's or captain's rating at Pensacola, Florida. However, he states that he is due to be moved in his present capacity and that he is likely to see "real action" before the transfer is effective.

## Celebrates Birthday

Peter Russell Sorensen was duly honored Monday afternoon when his mother Mrs. Pete A. Sorensen entertained the members of his class, the event being Peter's seventh birthday. Everyone participated in the games and four lucky children won the much coveted prizes. The guest of honor received many gifts that he will long enjoy. A delicious luncheon of ice-cream sundaes and cookies was served. Mrs. William Burch helped with the refreshments. The teachers present were the Misses Sylvia Korbel, Mildred Heil, Margaret Iverson and Lorraine Dall.

## Word from Son

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Allen report that they have word from their son, Connie, who enlisted in the navy last fall. According to the sailor's letter he is "hearty and enjoying navy life."

His location was not disclosed but it is believed he is serving now on the high seas.

## Awaiting Assignment

Gertrude Gorton recently received word that her husband Wayne Gorton is still at Fort Leavenworth awaiting assignment to army service.

## Clem Wooster Is Re-Named As Ad Club President

R. W. Knorr and W. H. Puls Also Re-Elected as the Vice-President Secretary Treasurer

The largest attendance of the year was present at the Ad Club luncheon held at the Hotel Plattsmouth yesterday noon.

The main business was the election of officers. Clem Wooster, President, was re-elected to his post, as was Roy Knorr and William H. Puls, who have served well in the past as Vice-President and secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Discussion concerning Ad Club membership brought about the appointment of a committee to contact business men in an effort to increase the membership.

Plattsmouth's congested housing situation which has existed for some time also came in for a share of the discussion, and although members recognized the problem as belonging to the Chamber of Commerce, a club committee was appointed to work with the chamber officials in the best interests of the city.

## Announce Boy Scout Day

The Finance Committee of the Arbor Lodge District of the Cornhusker Council, Boy Scouts of America, at a recent meeting set February 10th as the date for the annual "Dawn to Dusk" Campaign.

Dr. V. Y. Coulter of Syracuse, Meno Wilhelm of Auburn, and Walter Smith of Plattsmouth have been named as County Campaign directors. These men are to select local directors in their respective counties. Dr. Coulter says that Scouting is needed now more than ever in the present emergency to serve in Civilian Defense and to aid the church, home, and school in stabilizing their influence on our boys.

The campaign this year will be a District-wide one-day affair with all solicitors endeavoring to complete their solicitations between Dawn and Dusk on February 10th.

## District Court Notes

District Judge W. W. Wilson, at the session of the court here Thursday, entered a number of orders and heard arguments in several cases.

In the case of John W. Philpot vs. William J. Philpot, order to show cause was entered as to why the clerk of district court should not pay \$1,062.70 now in his hands to the heirs of Lottie Brown.

In the case of Joseph M. Sedlak vs. Ferdinand Duda, the plaintiff was given permission to interline parts of the third amended petition. The demurrer of the defendant Duda was overruled by the court and the defendant given seven days to answer.

Order was made in the case of John W. Taylor vs. the German Presbyterian society, quieting the title of real estate in the plaintiff.

In the case of Clifton Gooding vs. Norma Gooding, a decree of divorce was granted the plaintiff and the default of the defendant entered. The costs were taxed to the plaintiff.

In the case of Esther Tritsch Meisinger, et al. vs. Sylvester B. Bort, et al. an order for service by publication was entered.

In the matter of the estate of J. F. Wortman, an appeal from the county court, argument and evidence was offered and the case continued for further argument and evidence.

## Civil War Vet Dies

Last evening the last civil veteran living in Cass county passed away at his home in Weeping Water and at the ripe age of 98 years.

The veteran was W. H. Friesel, well known in this city where he made his home for a time before returning to Weeping Water. He was born on August 9, 1844, and has resided in Cass county for many years.

Despite his advanced age, Mr. Friesel has enjoyed very good health.

## Aid in Drive

The schools in Cass county are participating in the Infantile Paralysis Drive one hundred per cent. On Wednesday evening each child took home from school an envelope in which he is asked to place a penny for each year of his life as a "thank offering" that he has never been afflicted with infantile paralysis. Parents are urged to cooperate with the schools in giving each child a chance to contribute.

Through these contributions Cass county will be prepared to take care of any emergency or epidemic of infantile paralysis which might arise in the future.

Adults who wish to donate to the Infantile Paralysis Drive may do so by attending the President's Birthday Ball to be held in Plattsmouth at the American Legion hall on Saturday night, January 30th. Those who find it impossible to attend the ball may place their offerings in the coin collectors which are located in various business houses in each town in the county, or contributions may be sent to Miss Margaret Iverson who is the chairman of the drive in Cass county.

## Funeral of John Curtis

The funeral services for John Curtis, Spanish-American war veteran were held on Thursday afternoon at the Sattler funeral home at 4th and Vine streets, a great many of the old friends being in attendance at the service.

Reverend T. Porter Bennett of the First Methodist church gave the sermon and a short tribute to the departed aged man and long time resident.

During the services Frank A. Clويد gave two of the old hymns, "Shall We Gather at the River," and "Face to Face," with E. H. Westcott at the piano.

The body was taken to Peru to be laid to rest with a number of the local friends serving as pallbearers being William P. O'Donnell, Sr., Henry Donat, Claude Richardson, Dan Hoschar, Ervin Mathers, John Clويد.

## Visits Old Friends

Rev. and Mrs. V. C. Wright, of Papillion, were here Thursday afternoon for a short time visiting with the old time friends and having with them their son, Ensign Harry Wright. Ensign Wright has been specializing in radio work and is now en route to Norfolk, Va., where he will be stationed.

## Parents of Son

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Meisinger are very happy over the arrival this morning at their home, 215 North 3rd street, of a fine son. The little one has been named Dennis Morgan, and is the first child in the family. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Meisinger, Jr.

## In Missouri Camp

Pvt. Frank Kalasek, Jr., inducted into the army on January 12th, is now located at Camp Crowder, Missouri, word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kalasek, states. He likes the service very much and is receiving his preliminary training at the Missouri camp.

## Hears from Friend

Miss Vera Hazelton of Omaha, had a very pleasant surprise Sunday morning by a call from Dick March, "Seabee," branch of U. S. Navy, now located at a camp near Ventura, California. The friends of Dick wish him to write to him may reach him as follows: Dick March, C.M.3C Navy 8235, c-o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California. He has had the pleasure of visiting with Howard Nord since going out there.

## Funeral of W. P. Hutchison

The funeral of the late W. P. Hutchison will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the Sattler funeral home.

## Visiting Mother

Searl S. Davis is in Lincoln today visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary M. Davis.

## District Governor Of Rotary Pays Visit To City

Frank Hamilton of McCook Is the Guest of Local Group—Service Men Also Guests

The weekly luncheon of the Plattsmouth Rotary club Thursday was featured by the annual visit of the district governor, Frank Hamilton, of McCook and he was greeted by a fine attendance of the membership of the club.



President Richard Spangler of the local club, presented the governor who gave a very interesting talk on the principles of the Rotary and its promotion of fellowship and understanding among men, communities and nations.

The club had also as guests five of the service men now home on furlough, these comprising Warrant Boatswain Oliver Taylor, Cpl. Raymond Heigl, USA, Cpl. Dale Nearhood, Pvt. Arthur Warga, Fort Crowder, Pvt. Tom Stava, Camp Swift, Texas.

The two high school boys, Robert Grassman, senior, and Lloyd Scott, junior, gave their impressions of the Rotary from their months association as members.

## Honor Visitor

From Friday's Daily—Miss Anne Knieke, visiting here from Washington, D. C., was honored last night at a party given by Helen Smetana and Rose Janca, at the Smetana home. Pinochle was played by those present and the prize winner was Miss Edith Farley. The evening was concluded with the serving of delicious refreshments. Those present were Wilhelmina Henriksen, Eula Potts, Marie Nolting Englekemeier, Helen Farley, Edith Farley, Madge Garnett, Mrs. Elmer Lohnes, guest of honor Anne Kniecke, and the hostesses, Helen Smetana and Rose Janca. Mrs. Elmer Lohnes aided in serving.

## Union Extension Club

The Union Extension club met January 26th, at the home of Mrs. Ivan Balfour, with Mrs. Robert Pierce and Mrs. George Lutz as hostesses.

Sixteen members and one visitor, Mrs. John Wirth of Nebraska City, were present. The lesson was on Economic Living, and Repairing of Necessary Equipment. Delicious refreshments were served. The February meeting will be at the same place with Mrs. Clifton Garrison and Mrs. Ardun Rhuman as hostesses.

Mrs. Geo. Lutz, Reporter

## Located in Florida

The many friends of Chester L. Colby, who was among those leaving here January 12th for the army will be interested in learning that he is now located in Florida in the Air Corps.

His address is Pvt. Chester L. Colby, 598 T.S.S., Flight EE-2, D.T.C. No. 4, Miami Beach, Florida.

## Calls Friend

Jim Holy put in a long distance call Tuesday to his friend Bob Sedlak. The caller is serving in the army mail room at Fort Leavenworth. He explained over the phone, "I just got lonesome, so I gave you a ring."

## Meets Former Resident

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Reichstadt recently received word from their son, Bruno, serving as storekeeper with the U. S. Coast Guard, in Mobile, Alabama. He stated in his letter that quite by accident he met Bruce Rosencrans, former Plattsmouth resident, in the downtown section of the southern section. Mr. Rosencrans is employed with a business firm in Mobile.

## Plattsmouth Boys Honored At Kemper

Corbin Davis and John Soennichsen Named to Honor Societies of Military Academy

Boonville, Missouri—Two boys from Plattsmouth, Nebraska, were honored at Kemper Military School, Boonville, Missouri, by being included in the new lists of the honor societies here. They are: Cadet Corbin J. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Davis, 604 N. 5th., member of Scholastic, Military, Athletic and General honor societies; and John M. Soennichsen, grandson of H. M. Soennichsen, member of General, Military and Athletic honor societies.

The Scholastic honor society is the oldest at Kemper having been founded 19 years ago. Appointment is made on grade averages for academic work backed by character recommendations of the faculty. Initiation is for one semester only and when a cadet drops from the top ten per cent of the grade group he is automatically dropped from the society.

Appointment to the Military honor society is based on the recommendations of the Professors of Military Science and Tactics. It was founded 16 years ago and gives recognition to the outstanding cadet officers.

The Athletic honor society, founded 1930, rewards athletic proficiency. New appointments at the winter initiations are for football work only and other sports are recognized in the spring appointments.

With the purpose of giving recognition to those cadets who are interested and excelled in other forms of extra-curricular work, the General honor society was founded six years ago. Appointments here are based on work in journalism, forensics, music, dramatics, etc.

## Returns to Wyoming

Mrs. S. C. Hyatt and daughter, Miss Eda, of Hyattville, Wyoming, departed this morning for their home after a pleasant ten day visit with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Capen, Sr., and other relatives. While Mrs. Hyatt was here, the daughter spent a few days at Ames, Iowa, with former friends at Iowa State college.

The visitors were taken to Omaha this morning by Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wiles and departed for Denver where they will be joined by Mr. Hyatt and they will later go to Cheyenne, Wyo., and will attend the President's ball there Saturday. Clark Hyatt, member of their family, is in the Wyoming state legislature. Mrs. S. C. Hyatt is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gopen of Hyattville.

## Moves from South to East

Mrs. W. E. Rosencrans has received word that Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bennett and daughter, Mary Ann, have moved from Austin, Texas, to Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. Bennett will assume his duties as geologist for the state of Maryland upon his arrival. Mrs. Bennett is the former Mary Ann Rosencrans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Rosencrans, former residents of Plattsmouth now living in Mobile, Alabama.

## Inducted Into Service

Jesse F. Baker, of this city, has been inducted into the United States army, reports from Fort Logan, Colorado, states. He formerly resided at 221 Second avenue. He was formerly engaged as a carpenter prior to entering the army service.

## Naval Officer Has Opportunity To Aid Capt. Cherry

Lieutenant F. E. Woodward, Nephew of Mrs. H. F. Goos, Has Thrilling Experience

The following from the Davenport (Iowa) tells a thrilling story port (Ia.) Democrat tells a thrilling story of the exploits of Lieut. F. E. Woodward, naval aviator and a nephew of Mrs. H. F. Goos of this city, the mother of the young officer being the former Lillian Cole, sister of Mrs. Goos.

"Lieut. Frederick E. Woodward, U. S. N. R., 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Woodward, 1845 West Third street, played a prominent role in the now historic rescue of Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker and members of his party in the South Atlantic, it was learned here today.

"The former Davenport was piloting a navy plane on a routine flight on an early evening patrol when the life raft containing Capt. William T. Cherry, Jr., was sighted. The finding of Cherry led directly to the finding of the other two rafts when navy patrol planes concentrated their search in this area. Rickenbacker was found and rescued Nov. 14.

Directs Searchers After investigating more closely Lieut. Woodward returned to his base, obtained the services of a PT boat and directed it to the raft. When rescued, Cherry reported that the other two rafts were in the area, where search was then concentrated.

Members of Lieut. Woodward's family had not learned of his exploit, although they have received several letters from him since the rescue. One in November said he was on advanced base operations, and that "things were beginning to happen." Another received a few days ago described contacts with the natives and various routine experiences while off duty. No mention was made of the Rickenbacker or Cherry rescue, because that would have fixed his location.

"The young man is a graduate of a Minneapolis high school and of the University of Minnesota, where he lived with his family before coming to Davenport in 1940. The family had previously lived here when he was a small boy.

Commissioned in 1941 "He entered the naval reserve in January 1941, as a trainee in Minneapolis and in March went to the naval aviation center at Jacksonville, Fla., where he was commissioned an ensign Nov. 14, 1941. He has since been promoted to lieutenant, junior grade. His first assignment was in Hawaii, and he was transferred later to duty in the Pacific area near the Solomons. His father is a chemist in the research department at the Rock Island arsenal.

## Change at Gambles

The Gamble store in this city, one of the large and active hardware establishments in this section of the state, is to change hands this week and the new manager, Orville Neilson, will take charge of the business.

Mr. Neilson comes from Fremont where he has been interested in this similar line of activity and has for the past six years been engaged as supervisor of the territory on southeastern Nebraska and southwestern Iowa for the Gamble interests. His long business experience should make him a most valuable man for the store here.

Mr. Neilson expects to have his wife and family join him here after the close of the school year in Fremont and these new residents can be assured of a hearty welcome to this community.

## Return from Hospital

Mrs. Harry Ballinger, Jr., and infant daughter, Rosemary Helen, are home from the hospital in Omaha where the babe was born. They are at the home of the parents of Mrs. Ballinger, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sla-tinsky, as Mr. Ballinger is now in the service as a sailor.