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## Peter Claus Dies Sunday After A Long Illness

Resident Here Since 18 Years of Age—Long Familiar Figure in the City Life

Sunday afternoon at 1:30 at the family home on Washington avenue, Peter Claus, 80, passed away after an illness that has covered a period of several months and during the last weeks his condition had given little hope of recovery.

He deceased, son of William and Marguerite Claus, was born in 1862 in the then French Province of Lorraine, the family leaving there when Peter Claus was but an infant. The family came to the United States and shortly after that time learned their homeland had been annexed by the victorious Germans in 1871.

Mr. Claus, when 18 years of age, came to Plattsmouth where he was engaged in railroad shop work, later going into engineering service with the Union Pacific and the Santa Fe railroads. Later he returned to this city and made his home for the remainder of his lifetime.

In 1912 Mr. Claus was married to Miss Anna O'Brien of this city and they have made their home for many years in the residence on Washington avenue.

There is surviving the widow, one son, Ambrose; three brothers, John of Council Bluffs, Jake of Cheyenne, and Frank of this city.

Mr. Claus was the eldest of a family of nine children of whom there are but three surviving.

The funeral service will be held on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock at the St. John's Catholic church, conducted by the Rt. Rev. Monsignor George Agius.

The rosary will be recited at the Sattler funeral home, 4th and Vine streets, Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

## IVAN SMITH HELD AS PRISONER OF WAR BY JAPS IN PHILIPPINES

Notification Given Grandfather, John L. Smith, Of The Fact

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Smith of this city received notice this morning from the war department of the fact that their grandson, Pvt. Ivan M. Smith, USA was a prisoner of war in the Philippines.

The young man enlisted in the army in August 1940 and was sent to the Philippines in September of the same year. He has since served in the armed forces in the island and was in the Baatan campaign and the collapse of the American defense.

It was first reported that he was missing in action but later the grandparents received a letter that had been written by him and this brought a relief to the family here.

The message today was definite assurance that Pvt. Smith was held with many others of the Philippine forces as a prisoner.

### Entertaining Visitors

Mrs. Joe Classi and children are here from Los Angeles visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Eckles. Mrs. Classi is a niece to Mr. Eckles. Also visiting at the Eckles home is Mrs. Clara Brown, Mr. Eckles' sister, and her daughter Leslie Lee, of Brewster, Kansas, and Mr. Eckles' brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Eckles, Nelson, Nebraska. The visitors will return to their homes today.

### Give Farewell

A farewell party given by a group of his friends was held Sunday evening at the Jaeger residence honoring Jim Brown, who is waiting to be called in the Navy.

A group of eighteen attended and presented with him a remembrance. Various games were played during the evening and at an appropriate hour refreshments were served.

### Funeral of Rev. Taylor

Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the Baptist church in Union for Rev. William A. Taylor, widely known minister of the gospel.

The funeral was one of the largest held in Union and brought out a great group of the old friends. The Nehawka Masonic lodge of which Rev. Taylor was a member was present in a body, for the service.

Rev. B. N. Kunkle of Nehawka gave the sermon while the prayer and scripture lesson was given by Rev. J. T. Sawyer, pastor of the Methodist church of Union.

The Masonic ritualistic services were given with Raymond C. Cook of Plattsmouth, deputy grand custodian, giving the oration, and assisted by William F. Evers.

The burial was at the West Union cemetery with the following as pallbearers: Arthur Crunk, W. A. Ost, James Niday, J. R. Dysart, D. Ray Frans, and Frank Bauer.

### Celebrate Washington's Birthday

The members of the Junior Woman's Club met Monday evening at the Recreation Center to enjoy an evening of folk and ballroom dancing. Robert Ashton furnished the music and Mr. Evans served as "Caller."

At a short business session, Club President Margaret Iverson gave a report on the Infantile Paralysis Drive and reported that the Book Committee composed of Lorene Cummins and Agnes Muenster had selected three books, namely, "See Here Private Hargrove," by Marion Hargrove, "Rider on Bronze Horse," by Harry Kvall, and "The Case of the Careless Kitten," by Erle S. Gardner, and has presented them to the USO with the compliments of our organization.

The committee in charge of the party were, Attorney Florence Fouchek, Ruth Horn, Lorin Long, Glenva Stockton, Cynthia Betts and Alice Grosshans.

### To Entertain Girls

The ladies who are heads of a number of local organizations, have been meeting at the Hotel Plattsmouth for the past two Saturday afternoons and have perfected their organization. The group are now known as the "Recreational Committee Volunteers of the OCD." They are seeking the means of providing more social and recreational opportunities for the girls and women here in the local woman's motor training school.

Already a number of the organizations have extended courtesies to the ladies here at the school and a further extension of the plans will be made.

### Routs Out Youngsters

Sunday while Dr. O. Sandin, chief of the fire department was enroute to his home, near Garfield Park, he passed by the old Alfa-Maize mill on Pearl Street and attracted by a noise there investigated. He found that a number of young boys were playing in the old structure that has a great deal of hay and straw scattered around. The chief warned the boys of the danger of a fire and ordered them out of the building for safety sake.

### Finds Husband About Same

Mrs. William Shea was at Kearney over Sunday to visit with her husband, who is there taking treatment at the hospital. She found him resting very easily and doing as well as possible. She also called on Leroy McBride, who is in quite serious condition from an attack of bronchial pneumonia.

### Enrolls for Journal

L. J. Roebor, of near Ashland, was here Saturday for a few hours and while here called at the Journal office to enroll as a reader of the paper.

## Sargeant Campbell Dies In Service Of His Country



The message of the death of Staff Sergeant Oval V. Campbell, USA, has been received by the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Campbell, of near this city. The message from the War Department was:

The Secretary of War desires me to express his deep regret that your son, Staff Sergeant Oval V. Campbell, was killed February 12th, in the Alaska area, in an air craft accident. Letter follows, Adjutant General Office.

Sergeant Campbell was graduated in October from the Harlingen, Texas, gunnery school and at once placed in active duty.

### Murray Study Club

The Murray Study Club met at the home of Mrs. C. D. Spangler on February 18, for a covered dish luncheon. Nine members and five visitors were present. The president and vice-president being absent, the secretary, Mrs. Spangler, had charge of the business meeting, the roll call with something about Nebraska brought out many interesting things about the first settlers in Cass County. Mrs. Gilmore leader for the lesson on Nebraska, told many important facts on our great State. "Our Nebraska" led by the song leader, Mrs. T. T. Long, was sung by all. Mrs. Nelson Berger gave a book review on "The Lieutenant's Lady" by Bess Street-Aldrich, and the club was unanimous in the praise for Mrs. Berger's book reviews. The game period was conducted by Clara Frans, who gave a quiz on Radio programs, the prize going to Mrs. A. G. Long.

### Lieutenant Home on Furlough

Lieut. Jack C. Miller, recently commissioned 2nd lieutenant from the infantry school at Ft. Benning, Ga., is here spending a furlough with his wife, the former Norma Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Johnson.

Before going to his new post where he will serve with the armored division of the infantry, Lieutenant Miller will visit his mother, Mrs. J. C. Miller and family of McPherson, Kan. Shortly after he arrives at his new post his wife will join him and they will make their home at a point close to the camp.

### Returns From Coast

Wayne Lewis, who has been located on the west coast where he has been engaged in painting contracts, has returned home. He, with Rev. Himes, formerly of this city, have had a great deal of work along the coast. He will resume his operation of a barber shop at Myrard.

### Purchases Hog

Philip Lepert and son, Stanley, were at Missouri Valley, Iowa, the last of the week purchasing a pure-bred Chester White sow for use on the farm south of this city.

### Observes 85th Birthday

Fred T. Range observed his 85th birthday anniversary with a dinner Sunday at his home. Those present to enjoy the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Meisinger of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Rame and Bob, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Rame and Laura Meisinger. The guest of honor is quite active for his advanced years and comes to town often to pass the time of day with his old friends.

### Home from Army

Pvt. William A. Fitzgerald, who has been in service since last summer, returned home Friday, receiving his discharge as being over 38 years of age and also in the agricultural class. He will now be able to look after the operation of their large farm near Murray.

### Settle Family Battle

It took tear gas and a bit of a tussle for Sheriff Joe Mrasek to get his man yesterday. As a result Roy Patterson is awaiting a charge of resisting an officer. The sheriff responded to the phone call of Patterson's former wife who complained that her former mate had entered her apartment between 3rd and 4th on Main street and had locked the door. She explained that she had been away at the time. Her two children were in the apartment when Patterson entered. Patterson drove them out before locking the door, and they immediately sought their mother and apprised her of the situation. Patterson ignored the demands of the sheriff to come out and it was necessary to forcibly eject him. Patterson and his former wife have been divorced several months.

### Visit in Old Home

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chrisman and Mrs. Arthur Chrisman, of Omaha, were here Sunday for a few hours' visit with the old time friends. They are former residents of this city and always enjoy a visit where so many acquaintances are still living. Mr. Chrisman is still with the Union Pacific and reports that his brother, Art, is still with the Burlington train service, taking the run formerly held by A. R. Noble, retired. Bert is also one of the youngest veterans of the Spanish American war, enlisting here in Co. B, 3rd Nebraska infantry when 16 years of age and celebrated his seventeenth birthday in Cuba in 1898.

### Writes from California

Friends here will be interested in learning that Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mullen are very pleasantly situated in San Diego, California, only a short distance from their daughter and family, Mrs. Nelle Henry. Mr. Mullen is manager of a large A & P store while Mrs. Mullen is employed in one of the large down town stores of the company. Lon Henry is feeling fine and much improved. He is working for one of the plane companies as is Mrs. Henry. Mr. Henry is on the night shift and Mrs. Henry on the swing shift, so they are able to be with the children all of the time after school. The children are both doing well.

### Received Air Medal

Harry Wilson Baughman, aviation pilot second class, USN, son of Mrs. Mable Baughman, 530 Third street, Lincoln, Illinois, has been awarded an air medal for "meritorious achievement in aerial flight in contact with the enemy in the Aleutian Islands." The citation came from Admiral C. W. Nimitz. Baughman is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Baughman, 4227 Grant street, Omaha, and a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kline and Mrs. Joseph Mrasek of this city.

### Soon to Enter Service

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry White are here from their stay in the west, Mr. White being employed at Casper, Wyoming, for some time. On their way to this city they stopped to enjoy a visit with Ralph Mason, brother of Mrs. White, located at Meade, Colorado.

### Here to Visit Parents

Miss Alice Louise Westcott was here Sunday to spend the day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Westcott. The visitor, now located in Lincoln, was formerly of Evans-ton, Ill. She is in Lincoln attending the technical army school at the airport. Accompanying her from the capitol city was her aunt, Mrs. Carl Fricke.

### Home from Navy

Seaman James Larson, who has been at the Great Lakes Naval training station for the past several months, came in this morning for a visit here with his wife and little daughters.

## Find Body of Former Weeping Water Man

Staff Sergeant Glen Wallace of Nebraska City Missing Since November Found Near Plane

From the Saturday World-Herald, we learned that the body of Staff Sgt. Glen Wallace, of Nebraska City, formerly of Weeping Water, who had been missing since November 23, when his plane disappeared in the desert near Blythe, Cal., had been found and that the body would be returned to Nebraska City for burial.

### Settle Family Battle

Glen was a graduate of the Weeping Water schools, and leaves a host of friends whose sympathy goes out to the bereaved parents and brother.

### Car Wreck at Louisville

Deputy Sheriff Emery Doody was called to Louisville Sunday morning shortly after 3 o'clock to investigate a wreck reported. The collision was on the "cemetery road" in the northeast part of Louisville.

### Give Birthday Dinner

Mrs. C. J. Schneider was honored on her birthday anniversary at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wetenskap Sunday. Guests were Mrs. Ruth Wiles of Lincoln, mother of Mrs. Wetenskap, and her daughters, Mrs. Ethelyn Mullis and Florence Wiles of Lincoln, and Mrs. Herbert Kalushie and husband and daughter, Omaha; Pvt. Art Bild, Ft. Knox, Kentucky; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schneider and son Ronnie, and the host and hostess and daughter, Mary Ann.

### Sings at Cathedral

The Men's Chorus from the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, recently paid a visit to Washington, D. C., and had the privilege of singing at the great national cathedral, one of the noted churches of the nation. Allan White, of this city, is a member of the group and enjoyed the opportunity of participating in the event.

### Off for Air Corps

In the evening following the presentation of the musical program, Allan had the pleasure of a visit with James Sandin, who is in training at the United States Naval school of music.

### Attending Conference

The annual mid-winter conference of the American Legion will be held at Grand Island today and Tuesday and attended by many of the Legion representatives as well as members of the Auxiliary.

### An Appreciation

Judge and Mrs. A. H. Duxbury departed this morning for Grand Island and will attend the meeting. Judge Duxbury is the chairman of the state aid fund committee and active in the home service work of the state and local posts.

### Arrive from Virginia

We wish to thank our friends who have remembered us with cards and expressions of condolence in our sorrow at the death of our loved son and brother. These expressions will be cherished with his precious memory.

### Elmwood Visitor Here

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lepert and family.

### Home from Wyoming

Willard Clapp, of Elmwood, was a visitor in the city today where he was called to look after some matters of business. While here he also enjoyed a visit with friends.

### Christian Church Aid

Mrs. Howard Coe and two children, Stephen and Susan, of Laramie, Wyoming, are in the city for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anton J. Triletty, parents of Mrs. Coe. They plan to be here for a two weeks stay with the relatives and old friends.

### Visits at Broken Bow

E. W. Burdick, vice-president of the Plattsmouth State bank, was a visitor over the week end and today at Broken Bow, Nebraska, spending his time at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Burdick.

### Home from Wyoming

Serving and program at the Christian church Wednesday afternoon. Committee, Mrs. Akeson, Mrs. John Alwin, Mrs. J. R. Stine, Mrs. D. C. Reed, Mrs. Frank Cheval, Mrs. Belle Rouse, Miss Delores Cheval. Friends are invited to attend.

### Arrival of New Son

This morning at the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha a fine little son was born to Dr. and Mrs. L. S. Puoclik of this city. All are doing well. This is the fourth son in the family circle of Tommie, Jerry and Jimmy.