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R. Foster Patterson To Deliver H.S. Commencement

Head of the Department of History of University of South Dakota Will Speak Here

The announcement was made today of the fact of the selection of the speaker for the Plattsmouth high school graduation exercises to be held on Thursday, May 27th.

It was also a source of pleasure to find that the speaker will be Dr. R. Foster Patterson, head of the department of history of the University of South Dakota, formerly a member of the faculty of the local high school for a period of years.



Dr. R. Foster Patterson

Dr. Patterson is known over the central west as one of the entertaining and capable public speakers, having addressed many of the school and educational meetings as well as Masonic gatherings in this section. Since leaving here Dr. Patterson served on the faculty of Tarkio college, and after receiving his degree from the University of Colorado, was called to the post of head of the history department at Vermillion.

Principal of the high school during his years here, Mr. Patterson will find a warm welcome from former pupils and old time friends.

Called into Service

John S. Slatinsky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slatinsky of this city, today received his notice to report for service in the coast guard on next Tuesday, at Omaha. John enlisted some time ago in the coast guard and has been awaiting his call and will leave after his report for a training station.

Charles Kozak, who was one of the Cass county young men called into service in the current quota, has been accepted in the navy, a message received this afternoon states and will leave as soon as possible for training.

Honored on Furlough

Mrs. J. R. Scott gave a dinner at her home Tuesday evening in honor of her nephew, Pfc. Coleman O'Bryan, who is here on furlough from Ft. Riley, Kan. The guest of honor and his wife of a few months were presented with a wedding gift. Mrs. O'Bryan is the former Ellen Winters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Winters. Those present were the guest of honor, Pfc. O'Bryan and Mrs. O'Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. O'Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Winters and son, and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Karkick and daughter.

Give Friends Surprise

Mrs. Carroll Sutton was the honor guest at a very pleasant surprise arranged by the ladies of the Christian church and was in the nature of a handkerchief shower.

This was held after the ladies had their regular Wednesday luncheon, the members of the group all coming with gifts for Mrs. Sutton, soon to leave the city for Jacksonville, Fla., to reside where Mr. Sutton is engaged with the Fruit Growers Express company.

Mrs. Sutton has been quite active in the church and many friends will miss her greatly.

Presbyterian Meeting

The Annual Presbyterian meeting was held at the church Wednesday evening. Following a covered dish dinner at 6:30, Dr. McClusky gave a talk praising activities and officers efforts. In the business meeting reports were made on the various departments of the church and Sunday School.

The election which came late on the program resulted as follows: Elders, E. C. Giles, Edward Wehrbein and Richard Spangler, Trustees, Warren Scharfenberg, Fred G. Nolting and Charles Howard, Church Treasurer, E. W. Burdick, Sunday school officers: Superintendent, Paul Iverson; Assistant Superintendent, Miss Pearl Staats; Secretary, Mrs. Frank Cloidt; Assistant Secretary, Donald Skalak; Pianist, Eleanor Giles; Assistant Pianist, Miss Estelle Baird; Chorister, Frank Cloidt; Treasurer of Youth Budget, Donald Bowman; Superintendent of Cradle Roll, Mrs. Virgil Perry. Church ushers—George Farley, Carl Schneider, Edward Wehrbein, Donald Bowman, Keith Fitch, Kenneth Fitch, Richard Spangler, Donald Skalak.

Virgil Perry was commissioned to represent the church at Presbytery at Humbolt, April 12.

Funeral of Hiram Batten

The funeral services of Hiram T. Batten were held Wednesday at the chapel of the Sattler Funeral Home and attended by a large number of the old time friends and neighbors of the family.

Rev. T. Porter Bennett, pastor of the First Methodist church, gave the sermon and tribute to the long life of the departed that covered a span of over eighty-seven years.

Mrs. E. H. Wescott, during the service, sang two of the old hymns, "Abide With Me," and "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go," with Mr. Wescott at the piano.

The interment was at Oak Hill cemetery and the pallbearers were relatives of the departed: Ralph Franklin, Edward Wehrbein, Kenneth White, Theodore Svoboda, Elmer Stoehr.

Joins the WAAC

Mrs. Max Valley received word from her cousin, Miss Threasa Schiessl, that she has joined the WAAC. She is now in Des Moines and likes it very much and is kept busy. Miss Schiessl made her home here with the Schiessl family and later made her home in Los Angeles, Calif. The past year and a half she had been nursing in North Hollywood. Miss Schiessl has also been very active in Red Cross work while in California.

Attend Committee Meeting

Judge A. H. Duxbury was at Omaha last evening to attend a meeting of the state relief fund committee, of which he is the chairman. Others to attend were Matt Pond, of Lyons, also a committee member, John E. Curtiss, state commander of the American Legion, R. C. Patterson, state adjutant of the American Legion, Ivan Marsh, state service officer and E. A. Webb, assistant service officer.

Visits Home Folks

Pvt. Joseph A. Kvapil, Jr., arrived this morning for a visit over the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kvapil, Sr. He is now located at Sedalia Field at Warrensburg, Mo., in the air service. Pvt. Kvapil, former reporter on the Journal, states he likes the army very much and since entering the service has gained some twenty-two pounds in weight.

Fined This Morning

From Thursday's Daily—Claud Richardson was fined \$10 and costs by Judge C. L. Graves in city court this morning on an intoxication charge. The defendant was arrested just before midnight last night by Officer Clyde Jackson who had admonished him earlier in the evening to withdraw from Main street. According to Jackson, Richardson remained and began making a nuisance of himself.

Death of Mrs. Katherine Nolting Comes Suddenly

Well Known Resident of the Community Suddenly Stricken at Home—Active to Last

The death of Mrs. Katherine Nolting, 70, occurred last evening at her home on South 11th street, the result of a heart attack that came suddenly. Mrs. Nolting had led a very active life and only yesterday had been in attendance at the funeral of H. T. Batten. She had been apparently as well as usual until the attack.

Anna Katherine Reber, was born August 4, 1872, in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, and when the age of eighteen years she came to the United States. She was married to August Nolting, February 27, 1892, they locating on the farm west of the city where they made their home for many years. Mr. Nolting passed away on September 27, 1920, and since that time Mrs. Nolting had made her home with the children, moving to Plattsmouth in 1925, and has since resided with her daughter in the family home.

There are six children surviving the passing of the mother: Mrs. Emil Rikli, Henry F. Nolting, Fred G. Nolting, Mrs. Hugo Meisinger, Mrs. Leonard Born, Mrs. Clarence Engelke, of this community. One child, August Nolting, preceded the mother in death. There is also surviving eight grandchildren.

Mrs. Nolting was an active member of the St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church at the time of her death, also a member of Home Chapter No. 189, of the Order of the Eastern Star of this city.

Mrs. Nolting was a lady of genial personality and her warm smile and cheery greeting for the old friends made her a loved figure in the community and one that will be greatly missed by all.

Mistake in Some Ration Books

Have you taken a good look at your point ration book? If not, do so. Numerous persons have been calling at the ration office this week to report a printing error. The mistake in all cases has been a duplication of red pages. If the second red page of each red section is lettered the same as the first page, it is a faulty book and should be returned to the office. Board officials have received no communication from the state office concerning the error yet, but have been picking up the books and making out valid ones. Although no immediate difficulty exists for holders of these books, it was pointed out that stamps from both pages are acceptable at the same time, leaving holders without stamps later.

SHED FIRE CAUSES EXCITEMENT

This afternoon shortly after 2 o'clock the fire department was called to the C. C. Wescott property at Seventh and Main streets, where a large frame shed was afire. The cause of the fire is unknown and when it was discovered was burning strongly. The firemen held the blaze to the shed and prevented its spread to adjoining buildings and the residence. The loss of property involves furniture stored in the building as well as coal and cobs that were kept there.

Red Cross Reports

In an American Red Cross News Service publication released to Attorney Florence Fouchek, Red Cross chairman, first national reports on the drive to raise \$125,000,000 are made. According to the release Maryland was the first state to exceed its quota, followed by Virginia, South Carolina and Mississippi. Plattsmouth has every right to be jubilant over its showing in this greatest of all Red Cross drives, believes Miss Fouchek.

Fresh apple, cherry, boysenberry and mince pies. Fresh daily. Carr's Bakery. Delicatessen and Luncheonette.

Purchases New Home

Wallace F. Rouse, Mallard, Iowa, who has been engaged in work at the Glenn L. Martin plant at Fort Crook has decided to become a resident of this city permanently and has made the purchase of a new home. Mr. Rouse bought the residence property of County Superintendent Lora Lloyd Kleek at 12th and Rock street. Mr. Rouse and family expect to locate in the new home as soon as the superintendent secures a new residence.

Set Assessing Valuations for Coming Season

Assessors Meeting Set Schedule That Will Be Followed in the Base of Taxation

The precinct assessors at their meeting this week arranged a schedule of prices on which to base the assessment for the ensuing year.

In the cattle class yearlings are set at from \$40 and \$45 up for assessing, two year olds \$50 and \$55 up, milk cows, \$75 up and stock cattle at \$60 to \$65 and up; fat cattle or cattle on feed 10c and 14c, bulls, registered at \$100 and grade bulls at \$90.

Horses are yearling colts at \$15 and up, two-year olds at \$25, three year olds and over at \$40 and up, ponies and plugs at \$20 and stallions at \$100.

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Dogs will be assessed at \$10 each, poultry and turkeys on hand will be assessed at \$5 and \$10 per dozen; hogs of all ages, average weight, 12c and 14c a pound; sheep and goats at \$5 a head; bees at \$2.50 a stand.

In the crops held seed corn is set at \$3 per bushel, white corn at 95c and yellow corn at 75c; wheat per bushel at \$1.15; rye per bushel, 60c; oats at \$1; hay, alfalfa and silage, per ton, \$10; potatoes at \$1 per bushel.

Electric and gas stoves, refrigerators, washing machines, mangles, sewing machines are assessed at \$70, \$50, \$30. Radios and equipment are also set at \$70, \$50, \$30.

Hear from Soldier

Mr. and Mrs. William O'Donnell, of this city, had the pleasure of a call from their son, Pfc. John J. O'Donnell, who is in army training in the south. He is feeling fine and states that his wife, who has been making her home in the south for several months, is planning on returning to Nebraska soon.

Surprised on Anniversary

Saturday evening at their home in Elmwood, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Williams, long time residents of that community, observed their forty-fifth wedding anniversary. Some thirty relatives and friends gathered at the Williams home to enjoy the evening and extend to the honorees their very best wishes. The evening was spent at cards and in visiting while at an appropriate hour refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Reeder and daughters, Janet and Janis, of this city were among those attending. Mrs. Reeder is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

Asks for Divorce

This morning in the office of the clerk of the district court, an action was filed in which Charles C. Clark is the plaintiff and Pauline Clark, defendant. The action is for divorce. The petition states that the parties were married at Glenwood, Ia., on May 4, 1940, and have been separated since January 1943.

Move Here from Illinois

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hagen have just moved here from Sullivan, Ill., and are residing at 341 Main street. Mr. Hagen is employed at the Burlington shops. Mrs. Hagen began duties as a waitress at the Carr Bakery this morning.

Young Soldier Sends Greetings To Plattsmouth

Pvt. Terry P. McKenna, Residing Here in 1938-39 Writes of Youth and the Future

An open letter to the people of Plattsmouth

To all my old friends, schoolmates, classmates, and in particular to those who were instrumental both in my education and support, to those of you who in my stay in your fair city proved to be great benefactors to me, I extend the heartiest of Greetings. To you, all of you, I extend my most heartfelt thanks for this great good you have done to me and for me. I thank you for all the time you spent in helping me in the field of education, in the field of science, in the field of religion, and above all in the philosophy and psychology of a real personality based upon a real life centered in religious and economic activities. I have grown since that time, both mentally and physically, but, though I realize to a fuller extent what those years have done to me, it is this realization that shows me how correct in every detail were my teachers in all these fields. To those of you, who perhaps knew me, and yet don't quite see how my words may effect you, know that though perhaps you had no great contact with me, "Actions speak louder than words" and the example of many of you was, indeed, both inspiring and courageous. Today, with the world in the crucial and serious conditions, which all of you understand and know to be existent, I have donned the uniform of a Soldier of the United States Army. I have accepted my task in this all out drive for freedom, for the cause in which we fight. One and all of you have and are doing your part, and there are, I know, many others all of them citizens of Plattsmouth, (though I am not), who are now in uniform and I am sure you are proud of them. It may become necessary for me in the future, when only God alone knows, to go over into the battle-scarred, bullet-ridden, nations of the Eastern or European world. Perhaps not, it may be that the Military Authorities, may see fit

to send me elsewhere, to keep me here in the good old United States, that I or no one else will know until these same Authorities give orders; but, as all others, I take one precaution. I realize that though I might have taken advantage of many opportunities to offer all of you my gratitude, I have, up until now, never attempted to do so. It is now, that I beg of you, each and every one, to take my thanks to know that I am extremely grateful for all that everyone of you did for me directly or indirectly. It will be of immense aid if it should be necessary for me to go, to know, as I did, that I had thanked all of my benefactors there in Plattsmouth.

I am young, indeed, very extremely young, but my age fails to cover my experience and wonder at the thought of what is going on today. Though I cower in my youth, still it becomes apparent that it is fellows like me, fellows like John, Bill, Joe, Al, Mike, and the rest of them that I went through a year of school with there that will govern this country. It is that group that will dictate the terms that this country will soon be guided under; it is that group of young men, who will soon, perhaps, sooner than any of us realize, shoulder the burden of this war at its end, though, certainly many of them are carrying a heavy burden already. It is, indeed, with this thought that I wish to thank you once more. The knowledge that there is something else in the world, besides hatred and murder, that there is something in the mind of man besides plunder and lust, and that something has one day to rise out of him, as it will, with such power, with such enthusiasm, that nothing can stand in its way. It is this inner feeling of justice in the cause for which we fight, and coupled with a grim determination that we shall inevitably win and all "those dead shall not have died in vain," that makes our great American heroes. And it is you, my friends, through your help and example, that have helped me to gain this outlook on life, for this I thank you. For all that you did for me in those months that I remained in Plattsmouth I thank you.

Pvt. Terry P. McKenna.

Death of Andrew Brothers

Andrew Brothers, 53, well known in this community and a leading resident of southern Sarpy county, died Thursday after an illness of some duration. Mr. Brothers had been very active in the LaPlatte community where his family were early day settlers.

He is survived by his widow, Hattie; daughter, Vada; son, Pvt. Leonard Brothers, U. S. Army air service, Miami, Florida; three brothers, Hale, Bridgeport; William, Ashland, Charles, Winnebago; three sisters, Mrs. James Whittaker, South Sioux City; Mrs. Rose Wagner, Mrs. Frank Thompson, Mrs. El Gaudrealt, Mrs. David Wagner, Ashland; Mrs. Claude Wilson, Omaha; Mrs. Ila Rice, Hampton, Ohio.

Funeral services will be Sunday from the residence in LaPlatte at 1:30, and at the Free Methodist church at 2 o'clock. Interment at LaPlatte cemetery.

Coast Guardsman Home

Boatswain Grover Parriott, Jr., who has for the past eighteen months been in the service of the U. S. Army is home for a few days visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Parriott, of north of the city.

Grover has been serving in the Coast Guard and since his last visit here has been given a deserved promotion to the grade of coxswain.

He is still located on the east coast and is in the best of health and as husky as ever.

Here from Fort Riley

Pfc. Coleman O'Brien, who is in military training at Ft. Riley, Kan., is home to enjoy a visit with his wife and mother. He is feeling fine and has won advancement for his excellent work.

Funeral of Mrs. Jirousek

This morning at 9:30 funeral services for the late Mrs. John Jirousek was held at the Holy Rosary Catholic church in the west part of the city, a large number of the old friends and neighbors being in attendance. The requiem high mass was celebrated by Father J. R. Sinkula, the pastor of the parish, bringing the last blessings to the departed, long a member of the church.

During the service John J. Cloidt gave a vocal solo, "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling." Mrs. Cloidt being at the organ.

The body was laid to rest in the family plot in the Catholic cemetery, with pallbearers being old friends, Frank Joseph and John Libershal, Louis Svoboda, Adolph Koubeck, Mike Vetesnik.

The Sattler Funeral home, had charge of the arrangements.

Hold Up Slaughter Order

The order requiring livestock slaughterers to set aside certain percentages of their production for direct war purposes will be suspended for two weeks—March 29 thru April 10, the Department of Agriculture said today.

This action was taken, Department officials said, to enable meat wholesalers and retailers to build up their inventories following last week's unprecedented demand, in order that meat will be available in retail stores to fill consumer requests under the rationing program.

The set-aside order, Food Distribution Order No. 28.1, specifies that all livestock slaughterers operating under federal inspection set aside for sale to designated Government agencies the following percentages of their meat: Beef, other than Canner and Cutter grades, 40 percent; Canner and Cutter grades (steers, heifers and sows), 80 percent; veal, 30 percent; lamb and Mutton, 35 percent; pork, 45 percent.

Lewiston Social Circle

The Lewiston Social Circle club held its annual March meeting at the home of Mrs. Mildred Albin with Mrs. Mable Wolfe as the associate hostess. There was a very large attendance.

The afternoon was spent largely in the business session with the election of officers for the ensuing year highlighting the proceedings, the following being named: President, Mrs. Joseph Creamer. Vice president, Mrs. Mable Wolfe. Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Minnie Shiber. News reporter, Mrs. Dorothy Hobscheidt.

It was decided not to have the project lessons any more but to use the time in Red Cross work.

The lesson was then explained by Mrs. Joseph Creamer.

Mrs. Jennie Klimm presented each of the members with a flower as a gift.

The next meeting will be held a week early on April 6th at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Hobscheidt.

REPORTED RECOVERING

Gerald Hennings, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hennings, who underwent a hernia operation at the Clarkson hospital Tuesday morning, is recovering on schedule according to latest reports.

Sergeant Nearhood Home

Sergeant Clinton Nearhood, son of Mrs. Anna Nearhood, arrived this morning on a 10-day furlough. A maintenance man with the army air corps, Sergeant Nearhood is stationed at the world's largest bombardier school at Midland, Tex. He has served with the army over two years. Other sons of Mrs. Nearhood serving with the army are Donald and Dale.

Writes from Texas Camp

Staff Sergeant Bernard Jackson, stationed at Camp Pote, Texas, with the Air Corps, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jackson, that he expects a transfer soon. He also writes that baseball is in full swing in that area.

Mrs. L. S. DeVoe Named President District W. C.

Selection Recognition of Fine Services Given to the Federation of Women's Clubs

Mrs. L. S. DeVoe was honored at the War Service Conference meeting of the First District Woman's Club held at Tecumseh Wednesday and Thursday by being unanimously elected to the office of district president. Mrs. DeVoe has served the past two years as vice president and her efficient handling of this office has earned for her the election to the presidency. She succeeds Mrs. R. D. Mershon of Cook.

Other officers elected were Mrs. E. J. Ryerson, Lincoln, vice president; Mrs. E. S. Swan, Tecumseh, secretary, and Mrs. J. J. Pollard, Nehawka, treasurer.

Others in attendance from Plattsmouth were Mrs. W. L. Heinrich, Mrs. E. G. Shallenbarger and Mrs. W. H. Woolcott, the latter two being delegates from the local club. Mrs. Ivan Balfour represented the Union Woman's Club.

All report a very interesting meeting in spite of wartime restrictions and rationing and are loud in their praises of the hospitality shown them by the hostess club.

Still in Alaska

Mr. and Mrs. Walford Nord of this city have received word from their son, Staff Sergeant Delbert Nord, who is still located in Alaska. Sergeant Nord is still suffering from the effects of an accident several months ago while at work and has been in the hospital a greater part of the time.