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## Death Of Henry Trout At Omaha Wednesday Night

### Old Resident Here and One Time Chief of Police Dies After Weeks Illness

Henry Trout, 80, a long time resident of Plattsmouth and vicinity, died Wednesday evening at the Doctors' hospital at Omaha, where he was taken a week ago. Mr. Trout has been in failing health for the past few years, but it was only in the last few weeks that his condition has become what was considered serious. He was taken ill here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. McKinney, on South 6th street, where he has made his home for the last eighteen years. His condition gradually had grown worse until he was taken to Omaha.

Mr. Trout was born at Wallace, Canada and has been a resident of Nebraska since 1888, first in Custer county and later in Cass county. He was engaged in farm work a number of years and later was employed by the late James W. Sage for many years at his livery barn here until the close of the establishment.

Mr. Trout served some time as a member of the police force of the city of Plattsmouth. In recent years he has retired from active work.

There is surviving his death: two brothers, Daniel, of Eldon, Iowa, and Israel, of North Platte. He was never married.

The body is at the Caldwell funeral home to await funeral arrangements.

## Help Entertain

"I want you to know how much I appreciate your kindness to my son," writes a soldier's mother in New Jersey to a Lincoln lady. "It kind makes it easier to have him so far away when there are people like yourself to take an interest in him just when he needs it. So thank you so much and God bless you."

There are many soldiers every day, especially so on Sunday, who would appreciate some home hospitality. It need not include big meals or preparations. Friendliness and a home atmosphere are what they want.

Invitations may be phoned or written to the Hospitality Clearing House at the USO from 2:00 to 9:30 p. m. daily.

## Dies in California

Mr. and Mrs. Ora A. Davis and family, of Murray, have received word from Mrs. R. R. Davis, who resides on the west coast, of the death of William Hesser, brother of Mrs. Davis. Mr. Hesser was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hesser, early day residents of Plattsmouth and vicinity, the father operating a greenhouse here in early days. The death of Mr. William Hesser occurred on August 1st, Mrs. R. R. Davis is the former Inez Hesser and is well known here to many friends.

## Finds Daughter Quite Ill

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Kalina, who departed a short time ago for the west coast to be near their daughter, Mrs. Newell Pollard, ill at the Wood River, Oregon, hospital, have secured an apartment near the hospital. They found the daughter in quite serious condition altho some better, and plan to remain until she makes some definite gain. On the trip west they found the travel very wearisome and the many traveling made the accommodations hard to secure.

## Shows Some Improvement

Mrs. George Stones, who has not been well for some time, is now showing some improvement and has been taken to the home of a daughter, Mrs. McConihie, where she will be cared for. Mrs. Stones is very appreciative of the thoughtfulness of the many friends during her illness and for the flowers from the shipping department of the Martin plant.

## Fill Four Vacancies

At the regular meeting of the Board of Education last Monday evening, four of the teaching vacancies were filled for the school year of 1943-44. Miss Ivyll Poppy was contracted to fill the kindergarten position recently vacated by Miss Sylvia Korbel. Miss Poppy is a graduate of the Ashland high school and has had three years of training in the primary department of the University of Nebraska, of Nebraska.

She has taught for four years in the rural schools of Saunders county. Miss Frances Buell was contracted for a position in the middle grades of the Central building. Miss Buell's home is at Murdock. She received her advanced training at Wesleyan university. Miss Lydia Vosecky will also occupy a position in the middle grades next year. Her home is at Wilbur and her college work was taken at Peru. Miss Anna Jane LaSaur will teach the second and third grades at Columbian. She was graduated from high school at Moorhead, Iowa, and has had three years of social training at Wayne State Teachers college.

The remaining vacancies in the Plattsmouth schools will be filled next week.

## Emergency Harvest Workers

The Selective Service office at Plattsmouth has been informed that the Dakotas, particularly North Dakota, have an exceedingly large crop of small grain and are in need of harvest labor and equipment. In view of the situation there and the desirability to harvest all such grain in order to aid the war effort, local boards in Nebraska are authorized to permit registrants in Class II-C and III-C to go to those areas to assist in the harvest there where they meet the following requirements without reclassification out of the two above classes:

- (a) Where application to assist in the harvest is requested by the registrant;
- (b) Where the harvest and other seasonal farm work on the home farm unit has been completed and the registrant could temporarily leave the farm without hardship or great inconvenience or loss to the owner or operator thereof;
- (c) Where the registrant will not be out of the state to exceed 60 days;
- (d) Where proper clearance is obtained through the employment service.

## Delta Decks Meet

Thursday evening Miss Laura Meisinger was hostess to the members of the Delta Deck card club at the home of Miss Margaret Scotten. The ladies enjoyed the pleasures of bridge during the evening and in the playing Miss Meisinger was the winner of high score; Mrs. Thomas Walling, second, and Miss Scotten, the third prize. Mrs. Robert Cappell was a guest of the club. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening by the hostess.

## Break Into Lunch Room

Deputy Sheriff Emery Doody was at Union on Thursday where he was called to investigate a break-in at the Day and Night cafe. Some parties had gained entrance to the building and made away with \$9 in cash, \$3 of the money being in pennies.

## Spending Vacation Here

Mrs. Ben McCarty is spending a two weeks vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Johnson, and family of this city. Mrs. McCarty has made her home on the west coast for the past year and a half and plans to return in a week. She is the former Gloria Johnson of this city.

## Visiting Home Folks

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sikora and family, who have been making their home at Hutchinson, Kansas are here for a visit at the home of Mr. Sikora's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sikora. They will also visit with the many friends here and Nebraska City.

## Union Young Woman Suicide At Farm Home

### Mrs. Mary Lynn, Found Dead From Strychnine Poisoning Early This Morning

Sheriff Joe Mrasek and County Attorney Walter H. Smith were called to Union at 1:30 this morning by the message announcing the discovery of the lifeless body of Mrs. Mary Lynn, 23, at the farm home of her father, John Block, near the village.

The young woman had been at Union apparently as she was seen going in the direction of the farm late in the evening, her clothing indicated that she had been walking thru mud. The note found near the body in led stated that she had taken her life and stated that she was sorry to have to do this, had required bracing her courage for the deed, she asked that her husband be notified if possible of the suicide. The two had apparently been estranged.

The unfortunate young woman is survived by the husband, parents, and by two children of a former marriage.

No inquest was held and the body was taken to Nebraska City to await the funeral arrangements.

## Home for Visit

Pfc. Charles Tasler, Jr., arrived home last evening from Camp McCain, Miss., where he has been training for the past several months. He will enjoy a visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tasler, Sr., and the many old friends. There are quite a number from this community training at this camp but so far Pfc. Tasler has not contacted any of the men from the old home.

## Wed at Methodist Parsonage

Lewis Galbreath-Moore and Miss Mary Colleen Agler, both of Marysville, Mo., were united in marriage by Rev. T. Porter Bennett, at the Methodist parsonage, on Friday afternoon. The minister used the beautiful Ring ceremony. Mrs. Veris Hubbell of Marysville and Mrs. T. Porter Bennett acted as witnesses. The groom is a teacher in the school at Marysville.

## To Enjoy Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Cloidt of this city are leaving the first of the week on a vacation trip to the southland with their son, Lieut. John J. Cloidt, Jr., who is now stationed at Camp McClelland, Ala. They will spend several days with the son and look over the various places of interest in the deep south before their return.

## Apprehend Youths

Deputy Sheriff Emery Doody was called Thursday to the vicinity of Elmwood where a car was reported as missing from the farm of Guy McGill. It was later found that the car had been taken by a Weeping Water youth without asking the permission of the owner. The car was damaged but the young man had the damage repaired, the accident damaging the car occurring near the Louisville lakes.

## Visit at Shenandoah

Attorney W. A. Robertson and C. E. Ledgway, clerk of the district court, were visiting in Shenandoah, Iowa, Wednesday, for a few hours attending to some matters of business and looking over the radio city. They visited the radio studios of KFNE, the Henry Field station, while there.

## Feels Much Improved

Mrs. F. P. Busch, who returned home from the Clarkson hospital on Tuesday evening, is feeling very much improved and while not on duty is able to be around the home and in a few days is expected to resume her usual activity.

## Resignation of Teachers

The Plattsmouth Board of Education has received resignations from Mrs. Marie Nolting Engelkemeier, Doris Weiler, Sylvia Korbel, Agnes Muenster, Mildred Hell and Glada Chesnut.

Mrs. Engelkemeier, Miss Hell and Miss Chesnut plan to discontinue teaching. Doris Weiler is now attending the Electronic Radio School in Omaha and will plan to enter radio work after graduation in September. Sylvia Korbel, who has taught kindergarten in the Plattsmouth schools for the past six years, will occupy a similar position in the Lincoln schools next year. Glada Chesnut St. Clair, recently married, is with her husband in Oklahoma.

## Two Ward Schools To Be Closed

Because of a shortage in the supply of teachers, the Mercerville and First Ward schools are to be closed during the next school year. During the past year the enrollment in these two buildings has been low. Due to the difficulty in finding teaching service combined with the decreasing enrollment it was felt that it would be to the best interest of the Plattsmouth schools to consolidate Mercerville and First Ward with the Central Ward school.

This action will be a financial saving to the school district as two teaching positions will be eliminated. Fortunately the new Central building has adequate room to accommodate the pupils transferred from Mercerville and First Ward.

The Board of Education has been confronted with a problem of rising costs due to the increase in teaching salaries and other costs of operation. The condition is made more acute because the tax levy in the Plattsmouth district will remain the same for the school year of 1943-44. This levy is now at the legal limit of 20 mills.

The valuation of School District No. 1 will no doubt be lower for 1943-44 than for 1942-43. This is being brought about because the water plant will be removed from the assessed valuation. The shortage of teachers has caused salaries to be raised in face of a decreasing budget. The savings in closing Mercerville and First Ward will help to make a balanced budget possible.

Parents of the children who last year attended Mercerville and First Ward are asked to cooperate and send their children to the Central building.

## Returns from Ohio

Mr. and Mrs. Laurice Coffelt of Dayton, Ohio, have returned home after spending a short visit with Mr. Coffelt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coffelt, and also Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Freeland of Omaha. Mr. Coffelt is employed as an instrument mechanic at a Dayton defense plant.

## Here from West Coast

Mrs. F. E. Hawkenbery, of Tacoma, Washington, a resident of Plattsmouth for a great many years, is in the city to visit with the old friends. She is a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Ofe, and while here has met many of the old time friends. She expects to visit her brother, Clarence Balser, at Omaha, who at this time is at the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota, for a check-up.

## Home on Furlough

Tech. Cpl. Lester Reeves, is home for a visit with his mother, Mrs. W. O. Reeves, and his other relatives and old friends. He is now stationed at Camp Coxcomb, Calif., in the Mohave desert, where the desert training is quite strenuous. He is now with the tank forces and was formerly with the cavalry at Fort Meade before the units mechanized.

## To Take Position Here

Miss Mary Alice Arnold, who has been employed at Elgin, Ill., in one of the large style shops there, is returning to this city. Miss Arnold will be engaged here at the Ladies' Toggery, where she was employed for a short time.

## Staff Sergeant Jones Awarded The Air Medal

### Plattsmouth Young Man One of Crew of Plane Cited for Work in Bombing

Staff Sergeant James H. Jones, United States air corps, Plattsmouth young man, now in the armed service, has been honored with the members of the bombing plane with which he has served, with the air medal and citation for their service. The crew of which Sergeant Jones is associated has been in the expeditionary forces for several months and have been participating in many of the air battles over Europe.

The citation given the crew is as follows: "For exceptionally meritorious achievement, while participating in five separate bomber combat missions over enemy occupied continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by these officers and enlisted men upon these occasions reflects great credit upon themselves and the armed forces of the United States."

## Former Resident Killed

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 6. (UP)—The thirteenth naval district headquarters here listed today one Nebraskan among nine sailors killed when a 19-car passenger train sideswiped a local freight engine and telescoped two cars near Warden, Wash., early Wednesday.

Two more bodies were found in the wreckage of the mainline Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific railroad cars, raising the toll to nine dead and 11 injured, instead of the seven killed and two injured previously announced.

The Nebraskan was Seaman Second Class Frank Joseph Slayman, son of Mrs. Marie Ann Levinson, Omaha, Neb.

The young man is a former resident here when a child, his parents being Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Slayman. The mother and children later moved to Omaha, where they have since resided.

## Announce Marriage

Miss LaVerne Cottingham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cottingham of Murray, was married Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock, at Lincoln, at the home of Rev. Lamont Geisinger.

The bride wore a soldier blue suit with brown accessories. She had a corsage of gardenias. Her maid of honor was Miss Jane Sutton of Lincoln. Miss Sutton wore a beige suit and a corsage of red roses.

The groom, Clifford E. Hankins, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hankins, of Elmer, N. J. Mr. Hankins is a petty officer third class. His best man was James McCarthy, also of Elmer, N. J.

The men were in their navy uniforms.

Mrs. Hankins is a graduate of the class of 1942 from P. H. S.

The out-of-town guests were Mrs. Frank Cottingham of Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cottingham of Plattsmouth, Miss Georgia Atkinson of Plattsmouth, Miss Mary Alice Ohlschlager of Plattsmouth and Mr. Marvin Wallace of Indianapolis, Ind.

## To Visit Husband

Mrs. Clarence Favors, Jr., and babe, Mary Lou, are departing for Fort Knox, Ky., where they will visit with Pvt. Clarence Favors, who is at the hospital at the army post. Pvt. Favors suffered an injury to one of his hands and as the result it may be necessary to have one of the fingers amputated.

## Married at Court House

This morning at the office of County Judge A. H. Duxbury occurred the wedding of Pvt. Paul Wirick Atkinson, of Osceola, Iowa, and Betty Jane Scott, of Weldon, Iowa. Judge Duxbury read the marriage lines and the services were witnessed by Helen and Charles Scott, also of Weldon, Iowa. Following the wedding the parties returned to their home in Iowa.

## Death of Chester Kline

The message was received here this morning shortly after 10 o'clock announcing that the lifeless body of Chester E. Kline, 24, former Plattsmouth young man, had been found at his home in Omaha. The message did not give any of the particulars of the death. Mrs. Kline and their small child, are visiting at her former home in Iowa and were not at home when the death was revealed.

The deceased is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl R. Kline of this city, and was born and reared in this community, graduating from the local high school in 1935. Since leaving school he has been engaged in clerical work in business houses here, as well as Ashland and Omaha.

Besides the wife and child he is survived by the parents, two brothers, Floyd Kline, U. S. navy, Virgil Kline, Los Angeles and one sister, Mrs. Mary Margaret Lutes, also residing in California.

The body will be brought here to await the funeral arrangements. The Caldwell funeral home will have charge.

The young man had many friends among the school associates and old friends to whom the news of his death came as a tragic shock and the bereaved family will have the deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

## Returns from New York

Miss Jean Knorr departed Wednesday evening for New York City where she will resume her musical work after a short vacation here with her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Knorr, as well as the many friends. Miss Knorr is a graduate of the University of Nebraska music department and has been taking special work in the east.

## Wins Flying Cross

Washington, Aug. 4. (UP)—One Nebraskan was among more than 60 officers and enlisted men of the U. S. Army Tenth air forces in India who have been awarded the distinguished flying cross for participation in more than 50 combat missions in that theatre of war, the war department announced today.

The Nebraskan was Staff Sgt. Glen Henion, aerial gunner, of Omaha.

## Hears From Soldier Brother

Word has been received by Mrs. Roy Tschirren that her brother, Pfc. Ted Stoehr, has arrived safely overseas. He related the climate was hot and an abundance of pineapple is grown there. He was ill for two days but after that the trip was fine. There wasn't much he could write about but would have lots to tell when he gets back home.

Mrs. Tschirren has entered a subscription to the Journal to be sent to him. His address is: Pfc. Theodore Stoehr, 37038659, Co. H., 63rd Infantry, APO No. 6, c-o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

## Home from Air Course

Staff Sgt. Tom O. Brizendine, of this city, who was graduated from the army air school at Frederick Field, Okla., is home for a visit with his wife and family for a 10-day furlough. He was awarded his silver wings as a fighting pilot on July 29th and with the completion of the course was granted the opportunity of returning home for a few days. The many friends are delighted to enjoy the visit with the new qualified fighting pilot. After the visit here he is expected to go to Washington for additional training.

## Accepted for Army

Among those going to Fort Crook Wednesday, for physical examination for the armed service, five were selected for the army service and after their twenty-one days at home will report for induction at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Those in the army are: Harold D. Austin, Robert E. Hatcliff, George L. Hathaway, Dwane H. Garrison, and Raymond F. Evers was selected as a member of the army air corps training reserve.

## American Legion Installation Last Evening

### Held at Farm of R. T. Cuthrell South of This City—E. O. Vroman Is New Post Commander

The members of Hugh J. Kearns post of the American Legion held their installation of officers on Thursday evening at the attractive farm home of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Cuthrell, they being invited there to stage the ceremony. It was an ideal spot and one that was most delightful in its coolness and very much enjoyed by all of the group.

A short business session was held by the post with Commander Frank Rice, presiding and at its conclusion the installation of the new officers was taken up. Judge A. H. Duxbury, past commander, served as the installing officer with Frank Smith, past commander as sergeant at arms. With the close of the ceremonies Commander E. O. Vroman opened his part of the meeting with the announcement of his committees and the start of a very excellent year, the post having had a large enrollment of members for 1944 at the start of the year.

The officers installed and the committees comprised the following: Commander—E. O. Vroman; First Vice Commander—Dr. P. T. Heineman;

Second Vice Commander—Dean L. Patton; Adjutant—Albert Olson; Finance Officer—Frank M. Rice; Chaplain—B. A. Clevenger; Sergeant at Arms—C. E. Ledgway; Service Officer—Judge A. H. Duxbury;

Executive Committee: W. R. Holby, Frank Smith, Herman Ellingson, Frank Rebal, Dr. Leonard Fitch, E. G. Ofe, Fred Herbstler, Lewis Patton, George Conis, Frank Rice. Publicity: Frank Smith.

Americianism: Dr. J. J. Stibal, George Conis, Dr. A. E. Johnson. Auditing: Dr. L. Fitch, Al Olson, E. G. Ofe.

Arbor Day: A. H. Duxbury, T. J. Walling, James Lipert. Child Welfare: L. S. DeVoe, Dr. P. T. Heineman, Dr. R. P. Westover; Community Building Club—Trustees: Jane Rebal, Secretary.

Trustees: Frank Rebal, Fred Lugsch, Robert Cappell. Cemetery: T. J. Walling, Don Seiver, L. W. Neil, H. Ellingson.

Community Service: L. S. DeVoe, Dr. J. J. Stibal, Wm. Schmidtman. Employment Relations: Leo Boynton, A. H. Duxbury.

Entertainment and Promotions: W. R. Holly, Fred Herbstler, Louis Baumgart, Dr. L. Fitch.

Luncheon: Don Seiver, R. T. Cuthrell, Geo. Conis, H. Ellingson.

Membership: Dr. P. T. Heineman, R. T. Cuthrell, George Conis. Memorial: Herman Ellingson, L. S. DeVoe, B. A. Clevenger, Don Seiver.

Registration of Graves: Edgar Glaze.

Sick Committee: Frank Rice, C. E. Ledgway, A. H. Duxbury, Al Olson.

Boy Scouts: Fred Lugsch, chairman; E. H. Wescott, advancements; Dr. J. J. Stibal, patrol; Don Seiver, W. R. Holly, finance; E. G. Ofe, transportation.

Drum Corps: Leslie Neil, chairman; C. A. Marshall, director; Fred Herbstler, treasurer; R. T. Cuthrell; Dr. L. Fitch, transportation.

Short remarks were given by the retiring commander, Frank Rice, and the new commander, E. O. Vroman, commending the support received and the desire for the full co-operation of the members. Judge A. H. Duxbury urged that the members get behind the maintenance of a strong Legion Auxiliary and that all members make possible their wives, mothers or sisters belonging to the organization that has been such an aid in the community service work of the Legion.

John E. Turner, of Alvo, member of the local post was present and gave a short talk on the coming third war bond drive, he being the

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