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## Lifeless Body Of Mrs. John Todd Found Saturday

The mystery that had surrounded the sudden disappearance of Mrs. John Todd, 67, from her home in the Summer apartments at 14th and Pearl streets, on Thursday, was cleared late Saturday afternoon when her dead body was revealed in an area of brush and trees some two blocks southwest of the home.

The officers had been investigating the case and following a rumor that the woman may have taken passage on a train or bus for their former home in Canada. This was being followed until Saturday afternoon, when Mr. Todd in looking over the apartment where they were living, discovered a note lying on a table near one of the windows. The note, apparently, had been on a window ledge, as the table had been inspected before, the wind blowing it from the window to the table. The note indicated that the unfortunate woman was contemplating taking her life and gave direction as to disposition of some personal effects.

Mr. Todd, as soon as he found the note, called Deputy Sheriff Emery Doody, who, with Chief of Police Parker, hastened to the residence and from there the search was taken up. The body was found in the wooded area just off the intersection of 11th and Granite streets, being down over a bank and a spot hard to be seen from the road. Mrs. Todd was resting on her back and lying at her side was a razor blade and a jackknife that had apparently been used in slashing her throat, a partially filled bottle of Lysol was also near the body. Dr. R. P. Westover was called and estimated the body had been lifeless from thirty-six to forty-eight hours.

The body was viewed by County Atty. Walter H. Smith, acting coroner, and the decision was reached that there was no need of inquest. The body was removed to the Satter funeral home, at 4th and Vine streets where the funeral services will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, conducting the services. Burial will be at West Lawn cemetery, Omaha.

The deepest sympathy of the old friends over Cass county will be extended to Mr. Todd and the members of the family in their sudden and tragic bereavement.

There is surviving the death of Mrs. Todd: the husband, of this city; three brothers and two sisters, Lynn W. Barrett, Aldersyde, Alberta, Canada; Loren A. Barrett, Waverly, Kansas; Ralph A. Barrett, Burlington, Kansas; Mrs. Tina Irene Cluck, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

## Plattsmouth Girl Graduates

The Army Air Forces Technical training command at Lowry Field, Colo., announces the graduation of Pvt. Eileen Marie Case, daughter of A. R. Case, of this city. Pvt. Case has been graduated from the army photographic technical school, 244 WE. Pvt. Case was educated at the St. John Parochial school at Plattsmouth, completing her work in 1931 and was graduated from the Plattsmouth high school in the class of 1938.

Pvt. Case enlisted in the Woman's Army Auxiliary corps May 12, 1943 at Seattle, Wash., and called to active duty June 16, 1943, received her basic training at Camp Devens, Mass., and is now a student at the army photographic school at Lowry Field.

Previous to entering service Pvt. Case was engaged as stenographer-receptionist at the offices of Dr. L. S. Pucelik and Dr. W. V. Ryan.

## Visits New Granddaughter

Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor were at Omaha Sunday where they spent the day visiting with Mr. and Mrs. James Churchill, and their baby daughter, born Saturday. Mrs. Churchill is the former Edith Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor.

Buy War Bonds

## Returns From Hospital

Q. K. Parmele, of this city, who several weeks ago suffered a heart stroke while working on a farm, has returned home to this city. Mr. Parmele was given treatment for several weeks and is now feeling very much better altho he will have to be careful not to become overheated. Mr. Parmele is expecting to go to Sedalia to be with his daughter, Mrs. C. W. Hula.

## Have Pleasant Gathering

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McMaken was the scene of a very pleasant dinner party on Sunday in honor of Mrs. Robert Hill, of Chicago, and children, who have been here for several weeks as guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Noble, also Joe Noble, in naval training at Ames, Iowa, and Joe McMaken, Jr., in naval training at Peru State teachers college, home for the occasion.

The guests of the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Noble, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph M. Wiles, Mrs. R. L. Hill and children, Sharon, Jack, Sandra and Bill of Chicago, Joe Noble, Ames, Ia., Betty Jo Libershal, Joseph N. McMaken, Peru, Patty Libershal and Mr. and Mrs. Joe McMaken.

## To Conduct Services

H. M. Metzler, formerly a merchant at Tekamah, Nebr., died at Lincoln on Sunday. Burial will be at Tekamah on Thursday afternoon. Rev. T. Porter Bennett will officiate at the services. Mr. Metzler was a member of Rev. Bennett's church at Tekamah and of the official board there. Mrs. Bennett will accompany Rev. Bennett to Tekamah on Thursday.

## Returns from Vacation

Mrs. Florence Coleman returned Saturday from a vacation trip to the mountain country, visiting at Colorado Springs, with Major and Mrs. Raymond J. Larson and sons, Lars and Raymond, Jr. Mrs. Coleman reports a wonderful trip and a splendid opportunity of seeing a great many of the places of interest in the Colorado mountain country. Her vacation gave her the opportunity of visiting many of the places of scenic beauty in that part of the state. She reports the Larson family as liking their new home very much and Maj. Larson very busy with his military duties at Camp Carson, near Colorado Springs. Mrs. Coleman will spend the remainder of her vacation here until going back to work.

## Ray Evers to Service

This afternoon Raymond Evers, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Evers, departed from Omaha as a member of a party of some 35 young men for Shepherd Field, Texas. They are entering training as cadets in the U.S. air corps and will be given their basic work at Shepherd Field to prepare for a more advanced course.

In recognition of his departure for service, Raymond has been the honored guest at two pleasant events a picnic party tendered by a number of friends of the class of 1943 of the local high school, who will greatly miss the associations of the happy years in school.

Sunday the Evers home was the scene of a pleasant and delightful dinner party for Raymond, his parental grandmother, Mrs. Mary Evers of Council Bluffs being here as well as the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Schwenneker and also Mr. and Mrs. Chester Welshimer.

## Police Court Caller

Sunday morning Judge C. L. Graves took a few moments off to hold a session of the police court at the city hall. Herbert Wilson, a caller at the court some ten days ago, was arraigned on the charge of intoxication and on hearing the evidence the court assessed a fine of \$10 and costs, or a total of 13.50.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Royal of Lincoln, were here Sunday to spend a few hours with Judge C. L. Graves, father of Mrs. Royal.

## National Service Law May Be Passed As Congress Meets

The Austin-Wadsworth Bill for Registration of All Men and Women May Be Supported

Washington, August 28. (UP)—Congressional sources believed it possible today that when congress reconvenes September 14th, the administration will present a request—designed primarily to forestall legislative banning induction of pre-World War I men—for enactment of a national service law.

These sources expressed the opinion that recent announcement by the War Manpower Comm., about growing manpower difficulties here for the purpose of laying the ground work for the request for authority to put civilians in jobs where they can do the most for the war effort. They also pointed out that Rep. Jas. W. Wadsworth, R., N. Y., co-author of the Austin-Wadsworth labor draft bill, is expected to return from a summer vacation a week before congress reconvenes.

Shortly before congress recessed in July, Wadsworth visited the White House and reported a "greatly accelerated interest in national service legislation. He indicated that the administration ultimately would throw its support to such a measure.

The Austin-Wadsworth bill would compel registration of all women between 18 and 50 and all men from 18 to 60.

## Honored on Picnic

Sunday the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hild was the scene of a very pleasant gathering of relatives and friends, the event being in honor of the 13th birthday of their son, Herbert, who today (August 30) is passing his anniversary.

A fine chicken dinner was enjoyed and followed later in visiting for the afternoon and at the end of the day ice cream and cake was served the members of the party. Dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hild and family, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Hild and family, Mr. and Mrs. Vernor Hild and family, Mrs. P. A. Hild and Mrs. Martha Franke, grandmothers of the guest of honor, Mr. and Mrs. Holman McKinney and family, William Terryberry and the Ernest Hild family. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hild were present.

In honor of the anniversary Herbert received many gifts.

## Cars Have Collision

Saturday afternoon a car wreck occurred in which a number of passengers in the car of Everett Abbott of Nebraska City were injured. The car of J. M. Meisinger struck the left fender of the Abbott car and with the result that the car was overturned. Cass D. Waller, the driver, Eugene Abbott, Eda Bascon and Carisha Rohrack, all of Nebraska City, and Russell and Irene Halstead of Kansas City, were in the Abbott car and all slightly bruised and shaken up. With Mr. Meisinger were two grandchildren, John Haith, 5, and Frederick Haith, 3, who were uninjured.

## In Serious Condition

Mrs. Addie Frans, old resident of this section of Cass county, who is at the Immanuel hospital at Omaha, is still quite ill and her condition serious. She was operated on Saturday; her reaction was as good as possible under the circumstances. She has received a great many cards from the friends who may send them to the Immanuel hospital, that have greatly pleased her.

## Tax Representative Here

H. A. Lyon, of Lincoln, deputy state tax commissioner, was in the city today to spend a few hours and looking after some matters at the court house and business houses of the city. While here Mr. Lyon visited with County Assessor W. H. Puls.

## Homecoming at Wiles' Home

Mrs. Fred Trilety with Nancy Jane and Bruce, have returned to their home at Duluth, Minn., after a short visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Wiles, parents of Mrs. Trilety. They were guests also at the A. J. Trilety home, in Plattsmouth, and other relatives and friends.

Sunday, Aug. 15, a tried chicken dinner was enjoyed at the Wiles home, when all the family were together to enjoy a happy homecoming. It being the first meeting of the sisters since the return of Thomas Grosshans' family from Long Beach, Calif., last fall.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wiles, Janice and Alan; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Grosshans, Jimmie and Marjorie, and the honored guests, Mrs. Fred Trilety, Nancy and Bruce, and the parents.

## Car-Truck Mixup

The vicinity of the electric substation south of the city, was the scene of a three way car-truck mixup Sunday night at 10 o'clock. A. M. Noyes of Stella, Nebr., was driving north on highway 75 with a truck and as the truck was nearing the intersection of Lincoln Ave. and the highway, a car driven by Louis Wondra, backed out into the highway and with the result that the truck hit the car. While the car and truck were still in the mixup, a car driven by a man named Leroy Eddy, ran into the rear of the Noyes truck. No one was injured in the three way mixup.

## Have Fine Outing

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hyde have returned home from Illinois where they have spent a few weeks with their sons, Henry and Ralph Hyde, and their families, at Chicago and Downer's Grove. They had a fine visit to the many points of interest in that section of the state.

## Married at Court House

Saturday afternoon at the court house occurred the marriage of Jack Smith of Nebraska City and Gertrude Mitzner of Omaha. The marriage lines were read by Judge A. H. Duxbury and the witnesses were Miss Helen Warner, deputy clerk of the district court and Mrs. Gertrude Gorton, deputy county treasurer.

## Returns from Outing

Mr. and Mrs. Jess F. Wurga and Miss Anna Wurga, of Omaha, returned home Sunday evening from a few days outing at Excelsior Springs, Mo. They had a very pleasant time in the well known Missouri resort and the fine restful atmosphere that they found, that greatly benefited them.

## Teacher Here

Miss Wilma Livingston drove over from her home at Weeping Water to spend Saturday and Sunday with Miss Arlene Engelkemeier. Miss Livingston is going to begin teaching school the 7th of September at Mt. Pleasant. She will teach the seventh and eighth grades, and ninth and tenth.

The girls were room-mates their first year at college.

## Dakota Visitors Here

Mrs. Ida Jelinek and daughter, Evelyn of Canton, S.D. and Ray Brown of Sioux Falls, S.D. are here for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Swatek. Mrs. Jelinek is the widow of the late Antone Jelinek, a brother of Mrs. Swatek and Mrs. Cyril Kallina.

## Goes to Hospital

This morning at an early hour, George Conis, councilman from the fourth ward, departed for Lincoln where he is entering the U.S. Veterans hospital. Mr. Conis is going to have his eyes treated as they have been giving him trouble of late.

Special plate lunches and fountain specials. Carr's Bakery and Lunch-conette.

## Purchases Well Known East Main Street Building

George K. Hetrick of the Plattsmouth Creamery Secures Building of the Occidental Company

One of the long time buildings in the east section of Main street has been purchased by George K. Hetrick, of the Plattsmouth Creamery, who will use it in connection with his plant located on the south side of Main street.

This building is one of the oldest in the city and was used for many years by the Bach family as the place of operation of their down town grocery. In more recent years it was used as a part of the commodity stock during the relief days.

With its location this will make a very fine building for the use of Mr. Hetrick and his line of business.

## Returns from Camp

Mrs. Boyd Mayfield, who has been making her home in Alabama, where her husband, Sgt. Mayfield, has been stationed, is now back home. Sgt. Mayfield was transferred to southern California for maneuvers and the wife decided to return to Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mayfield, of near Louisville, parents of Sgt. Mayfield, have also visited in Alabama and they with Mrs. Mayfield made the trip home by car, driving the car belonging to Sgt. Mayfield. Mrs. Boyd Mayfield was formerly Miss Betty Ost.

## Asks for Divorce

In the office of C. E. Ledgway, clerk of the district court an action in divorce was filed this morning. Irene Hull is the plaintiff and Gilbert Hull, the defendant. The petition states that the parties were married in Plattsmouth on October 15, 1932, that they are the parents of two minor children, whose custody is sought by the plaintiff. The plaintiff asks an absolute decree and suitable alimony.

## Former Resident in Service

The friends of the Herman Taplett family in this locality will be interested in learning that the sons of the family are now in the service of the country. Lloyd Taplett, one of the sons, is now located at Memphis, Tenn., at the aviation training center of the marines and has a position in the offices of the center. The son, Herman, Jr., is now at Farragut, Idaho, where he has been given the rating of first class petty officer. The youngest son, Vernon, is in the army and at this time is stationed in Arizona where he is undergoing desert training.

The Taplett family is now located at Sioux City, S. D., and have been very successful since their return to that state.

## Swedish Protest

Stockholm, Aug. 28. (UP)—Reliable sources predicted today that Sweden's protest to Germany on the sinking of two Swedish fishing trawlers off the Danish west coast would charge "gross violation of international agreements."

The protest was said to have been drafted and would be published as soon as it is delivered to German foreign minister Joachim von Ribbentrop.

It reportedly pointed out that the trawlers sunk Wednesday by German destroyers with a loss of 12 lives were flying the Swedish flag and were clearly marked as neutral vessels.

## Omaha Visitor Here

Mrs. Russell Harris, of Omaha, was here Sunday to visit at the home of her sister, Miss Dora Fricke and also with her brother, F. A. Fricke for a short time.

## To Attend School

Donna Lee Hutchison, who is to attend school at Burchard, Nebr., has departed for her post where she will start in her school this year.

## Files Divorce Action

In the office of the clerk of the district court today an action was filed in which Pearl Jane Wiles is the plaintiff and Earl C. Wiles, the defendant. The petition states that the parties were married December 22, 1910. The petition asks for a divorce, custody of minor children and a restraining order to prevent the defendant from interfering with plaintiff or children.

## Find South Interesting

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Cloidt, who were visiting their son, Lt. John J. Cloidt, Jr., at McClelland Field, near Anniston, Alabama, are home after a very pleasant tour through the deep south, filled with its traditions still evidence of the antebellum days. They found it decidedly warm and this interfered to some extent with the full enjoyment of the scenes.

They found one of the objects of interest in the old southern homes that are being restored in Mississippi and Alabama and made to revive their splendor of the days before the civil war. These represent some of the families of the south that made the history of the earlier days of the republic.

The crops in some of the states did not look so good, were extremely dry, but in Alabama and Georgia the corn and cotton crops looked good and were most encouraging to the farmers and plantation owners.

They had one of their most pleasurable experiences in their visit at Atlanta, capital of Georgia and one of the large modern cities of the south viewing the historic spots and beauty of the city and its surroundings. Their return was by way of train and they found that travel was very heavy and the conditions not the best and especially for long trips.

## Card of Thanks

We wish to gratefully express our deep appreciation of the many acts of kindness and words of sympathy during the illness and at the time of death of our loved one. We shall always remember these kind friends and their services.

Mrs. M. E. Battery and Family

## Visits Relatives

Mrs. Wallace Warner is spending some time on an outing in Missouri, she stopping at St. Louis to visit her brother, Alois Smetana and family and on her return is stopping at Sedalia, Mo., where she will visit with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smetana and family, and former Plattsmouth residents now living in that section.

## Entertains at Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. James Sedlak entertained at a family dinner on Sunday afternoon honoring their daughters Miss Mary Ann and Teresa of Ft. Collins, Colo., who are spending two weeks vacation with their folks. Those present were Mrs. Anna Zitka and daughter Miss Dorothy and Miss Mary Teresa Gruidel, all of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Schoemaker and Mr. and Mrs. James Sedlak and daughters Lillian and Josephine, and the guests of honor Teresa and Mary Ann.

## Has New Position

Lance Ray of Nebraska City, former reporter for the Plattsmouth Journal has accepted a position as assistant principal at the Dunbar consolidated schools, at Dunbar, Nebr. He will also assist with the coaching. Mr. Ray is well qualified for this position and his many friends here congratulate him on his election to this post.

## Sells Cass County Farm

Mrs. Emma Lindsey, widow of the late George Lindsey, prominent resident of near Union, has recently disposed of the farm she owned between Union and Nehawka. The farm was purchased by Mrs. Harry Bishoff and others and brought a price of \$100 per acre or some \$16,000. The farm has a very fine crop this year.

## Funeral Of Mrs. Fannie Crosser Held At Murray

Member of Pioneer Family Laid to Rest in Lewiston Cemetery Near Where She Had Lived

The funeral services for Mrs. Fannie Crosser were held on Sunday afternoon at the Christian church at Murray, the body being brought direct to the church from Omaha, where she had passed away on Friday morning.

There was a very large number of the old time friends in attendance at the services for the old friend and neighbor, who many had known over a long period of years.

Rev. J. W. Taczler, pastor of the church, gave the message of comfort and peace to the bereaved members of the family and the many friends.

A trio of the members of Home Chapter No. 189, of the Eastern Star, of this city, gave three numbers at the church, "Lead Kindly Light," "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," and "Abide With Me." Mrs. Roy O. Cole being the accompanist.

At the grave in Lewiston, the officers and members of Home chapter of the O.E.S. conducted the impressive ritualistic services.

The pallbearers were old family friends comprising, Charles Reed, Henry Rice, Ray Creamer, O. A. Davis, John Hobscheidt Perry Nickles.

Here to attend the funeral from outside of the city were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Larson, Wayne, Nebr., Pvt. Billy Reynolds, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; Charles Nickles, Wall S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wurdeman, Mr. and Mrs. T. Wurdeman, Leigh; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lippold, Marjorie and Duane, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Reynolds, Cozad; Mr. and Mrs. Lon Crosser, Benson; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Shrador, Mr. and Mrs. William Lippold, Omaha.

Fannie B. Nickles, daughter of Wm. and Eliza Nickles, was born July 29, 1869, at Murray, Nebr. Here she grew to womanhood. On May 17, 1891 she was united in marriage with Willis J. Crosser of Murray. They made their home on a farm near Murray. To this happy union were born four children.

In 1906 the family moved to Knox county. They made their home on a farm near Bloomfield, until the death of Mr. Crosser on October 26, 1924. Mrs. Crosser returned to her old home community, living in Murray and Plattsmouth the remainder of her life, with the exception of the many visits she enjoyed in the homes of her children.

About four months ago she took sick and left Plattsmouth to be cared for in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Lippold. Another daughter, Mrs. Dale Reynolds, came and assisted in the care of her mother.

Doctors decided an operation was necessary and she was taken to the Methodist hospital. She seemingly was recovering from the operation for a few days when suddenly a change came and strength swiftly departed. Rest came to the weary body and closed her journey on this earth Aug. 27, 1943 at 6:05 A. M.

Leaving to meet this loss to the earth are one son, Lonnie Crosser of Omaha, Nebr.; three daughters, Mrs. Gordon Beckner of Wayne, Nebr.; Mrs. Dale Reynolds of Cozad, Nebr., and Mrs. Marjorie Lippold of Omaha. Also thirteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren; two sisters, Miss Etta Nickles of Plattsmouth, and Mrs. John Wurdeman of Leigh; three brothers, Lee of Plattsmouth; George of Murray and Charles of Wall, S. D. Also a host of friends who have known her thru the years.

Her parents, one brother and one sister preceded her in death.

Mrs. Crosser was a faithful member of the Murray Christian church, having become a member in her childhood.

She was an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Home Chapter No. 189, of Plattsmouth.

She was a loving wife, loving mother and Christian neighbor.