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MANY VISITORS HERE FOR HOLIDAY SEASON WITH RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Christmas was very quietly observed in Plattsmouth this year, there being quiet home gatherings in most cases, and almost every home has felt the personal touch of the war in some manner or form.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Young found as guests, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henton, Fort Calhoun, the former a brother of Mrs. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Birdsall of Pacific Junction, and Mrs. Ona Lawton of Omaha, a sister of Mr. Young.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. O'Donnell was marked by a family party altho a number of the family are now in active service. Those who enjoyed the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. William C. O'Donnell and William III, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Conn and James, Mrs. Peter Gradoville, Jerry and Alice, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Frazier, Mrs. Jack O'Donnell and Janis, Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell, Betty, Shirley, Mary Alice.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Leyda were Christmas visitors in Omaha where they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brady, the latter a daughter.

Mrs. Louise Klinger has a very pleasant family party at her home for the Christmas day, comprising, Mr. and Mrs. William Ketelsen and son, Ralph, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Klinger and Garry, Omaha; Mrs. J. J. Stibal, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Herring and Bruder Ketelsen.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Donat, Sr., entertained at dinner on Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Hendricks, Henry Donat and Esther Rhoden. In the evening Henry Donat and Esther Rhoden were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Jorgensen at Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Rihn had as their guests for the Christmas day, Mrs. Maude Bunch and Miss Hazel Burley, and Mrs. June Woodward of Omaha, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Alwin of this city.

Mrs. Hattie Kirker and daughter, Miss Ha, of this city, with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kirker and family of near Ashland, were over holiday visitors at Pacific Junction at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Long and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Searl S. Davis and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, were Christmas day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Johnson and Mrs. Stephen M. Davis, the latter the wife of Captain Davis, now overseas with the U. S. forces in England.

Mr. and Mrs. Conley Bailey and family, of Leavenworth, Kansas, were here over the holiday season at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Meisinger, Jr., and with the mother of Mr. Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harold had as their guests for the Christmas season, their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl S. Bowman of St. Joseph, Missouri, as well as their sons, Raymond, Jr., and Kenneth of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tretter and children spent Christmas and the holiday season at Nebraska City where they were the guests of the relatives and old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bridgewater entertained on Sunday at their home Mr. and Mrs. James Bridgewater, Jr., and daughter, Carol Gay of Omaha, and Mrs. Maggie Mason of this city.

Mrs. Ronald Rebal, who is stationed at Omaha as a student at the University of Nebraska, college of medicine, was her over the holiday season at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Rebal.

Mrs. R. A. Bates, publisher of the Journal enjoyed Christmas day at Omaha, a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Manasek, and the little grand niece.

The family and Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Fitch had a very fine time Christmas when all of the children were home for the day; Lt. and Mrs. Marion Fitch, who has been located

at Boise, Idaho; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fitch of Chicago, and Kenneth and Keith of this city.

The Elmer A. Webb family were in Plattsmouth a short time Sunday afternoon enroute back to Lincoln after spending Christmas at the L. R. Feller home in Omaha. Accompanying them was Lieut. James L. Webb, commissioned Nov. 13th, in the Army Air Corps at Miami Beach. Jim has spent five weeks in Camera Gunnery school at Lowery Field, Denver, and leaves around January 1st for his first station assignment at Wendover Field, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Kenney had the pleasure of having their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. Schoennoehl, and four children, of Waterbury, Nebr., with them for the holiday week end.

The country home of Mr. and Mrs. Major I. Hall, south of this city, was the scene of a very pleasant family dinner party on Christmas day, bringing together all of the family, comprising County Clerk and Mrs. George R. Sayles, parents of Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Grace Hall and daughter, Elizabeth, of Grant, Nebraska, mother and sister of Mr. Hall, Lieut. Dick S. Hall, USA, Miss Joan Hall and Miss Jean Kirschner of Beatrice, and Mr. and Mrs. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith and three children were two o'clock dinner guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Smith, and Miss Ethel, of Omaha, on Christmas day. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Smith called on Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Barclay, and also the George Kenneys and their guests.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Sitzman had a family party on Saturday. Miss Harriet Sitzman coming down from Omaha with Floyd, Jr., Billy and Dorothy Jean Sealock, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stoll of near Eagle, Frank G. Koubek and Mrs. Anton Koubek of Kansas. Later Mr. and Mrs. Sitzman visited at the Floyd Gerbeling home where the children are ill.

Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. Emery Doody had as their house guests on Christmas Eve and Christmas day, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lindley, of Omaha.

The L. D. Hiatt home was the scene of a family dinner party on Christmas day. The group comprised Mrs. E. P. Lutz, Paul E. Lutz of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Heinrich, Mrs. W. F. Steinkamp and Diane Kay, Alice Hiatt and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Hiatt.

Mrs. Mae S. Morgan, Burlington, Iowa, Ensign and Mrs. Edgar S. Wescott and Miss Clara Mae Morgan of Omaha, were guest at the E. H. Wescott home for the Christmas holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Davis and Carol Ruth, were Christmas guests over the week end at Geneva, Nebr., at the home of the parents of Mr. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Panzer were here from Ashland Sunday to be with Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Knorr and Miss Mary Jean Knorr, here from New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wescott entertained a small group at their home on Christmas, Miss Alice Louise being here from Lincoln, while Mrs. F. L. Cummins of this city joined the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Starkjohn, at their home on west Rock street, entertained at a dinner party at which their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Starkjohn and children, Karen Kay and William Henry, were guests.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McMaken was the scene of a very pleasant party for Christmas when they had as their guests, the son, Joseph McMaken, Jr., of Peru State Teachers college, where he is in training for the navy, Joe Noble, taking v-12 naval training at Iowa State college, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Noble, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wiles, Mr. and Mrs. Even Noble.



* Another year, another page... time to renew old friendships and that resolution which we make each year—to serve our customers still better than the year before

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS TO EVERYBODY
HAVE A GOOD TIME AND DROP IN TO SEE US
REMEMBER, YOU ARE ALWAYS VERY WELCOME HERE



Plattsmouth Journal

Bates Book Store

Death Of Andrew Kroehler, Long Time Resident

Message of Death Comes as Great Sorrow to Community Where the Departed Had Been so Popular

It was with a very great sorrow that the old friends this morning learned of the passing away of Andrew Kroehler, 69, an active figure in the business life of the community. Stricken last week, Mr. Kroehler has been in critical condition, and it was found necessary to have him taken to the St. Mary's hospital at Nebraska City, where he died at 8 o'clock this morning.

The taking away of Mr. Kroehler removes a colorful figure from the community, his many years here having been associated with friendly dealings with his fellowmen. Always of a pleasant and optimistic nature he has made life a great deal more pleasant to those with whom he had come in contact. He was for forty-five years in active business life in the community.

Mr. Kroehler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Kroehler, Sr., resided for many years in the brick residence property just south of the Nebraska Masonic home. Mr. Kroehler, since his marriage some forty years ago, has resided in the home on Washington avenue, where the family was brought up and grew to manhood and womanhood. Mrs. Kroehler was formerly Miss Stella Hiff of Dawson, Nebraska.

—There is surviving the passing, the wife; one son, Capt. Robert Kroehler, now in the medical service with the army in Italy; two daughters, Mrs. W. C. Kenner, Nebraska City, and Mrs. Walter Tritsch of this city, as well as several grandchildren. The son-in-law, Capt. W. C. Kenner, is also in the armed service in the southwest Pacific. One brother, George Kroehler, of Omaha, also survives.

The funeral services will be Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Caldwell funeral chapel at 7th and Oak streets.

Buy War Bonds

GET IN THE SCRAFF!

Calls New Pastor

The Christian Church of this city has called Rev. J. W. Taenzler, former pastor of this church from 1935 to 1941. Rev. Taenzler has the distinction of having had the greatest success as a builder and pastor of any previous pastor in the history of this congregation. The church membership is indeed fortunate to be able to recall Rev. Taenzler to this field of service. They are looking forward to a successful year under his ministry. Rev. Taenzler will take charge about the 15th of January, relieving Rev. Beckman, who will continue his education with the Butler Bible College.

Rev. Taenzler brought the message Sunday, both morning and evening to a large congregation, who were happy to welcome this good family back to the church.

Funeral of John Rutherford

The funeral services were held this afternoon at the Caldwell funeral home at 7th and Oak streets, for John Rutherford, long time resident of the community. There were a very large number of the old time residents present at the services to pay their last tributes.

The service was conducted by Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, who brought a message of comfort to the bereaved family that has in the past few days suffered the loss of two members of the family group.

During the services Frank A. Cloidt gave two of the old hymns, "In the Sweet Bye and Bye," and "Wonderful Peace." Mrs. H. F. Goos was the accompanist.

The interment was at Oak Hill cemetery and the pallbearers comprised of family friends, Glen Valley, S. J. Millon, W. C. Soennichsen, William A. Robertson, George and Henry Born.

Suffers From Flu

John J. Cloidt, local service station operator, has been confined to his home for the past several days, suffering from the prevailing malady of the flu. He is expecting to be back on the job today or Tuesday.

W. J. Philpots Are Feted On Fiftieth Anniversary

Golden Wedding Observed at the Family Home Near Weeping Water Where They Have Long Lived

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Philpot on Sunday celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at the family home near Weeping Water, where they had moved on the occasion of their marriage and have made their home there until recently when Mr. and Mrs. Philpot had gone to Arnold, Nebraska, to look after ranching interests in that section of the state.

The tea and reception to which 150 persons had been invited, was at the home of a son, Howard Philpot, on the farm of the elder Philpot, whose home was closed for the duration while he is absent out in the state.

The Philpot anniversary reception was arranged by the five children in honor of the parents. The children are Mrs. W. W. Rapp, Waterloo; Albert, Overton; Miss Irene Philpot, 122 So. 29th St., Omaha; Mrs. A. D. Raun, Walthill, and Howard Philpot, Weeping Water.

The guests of honor received a most pleasing remembrance from the children and immediate family, the father receiving a gold watch and chain while to the mother was presented a lovely Cameo pin and an engraved gold ring.

Pioneer Cass county residents, both Mr. and Mrs. Philpot have lived in the vicinity for more than sixty years, Charles Philpot, the father of W. J., settled on the farm a half mile from the scene of the golden wedding, and the parents of Mrs. Philpot, Mr. and Mrs. John Buck, were also residents of that part of Cass county.

Visit Relatives Here

Pvt. Harry Gochenour, who is stationed at Camp Crowder, Mo., is in the city to spend a few days of his furlough with the relatives and friends. He likes his location in Missouri very much indeed.

Donald Wall Writes From Prison Camp In Far Off Germany

Member of Air Force Forced Down While in Raid Over Germany; Finds Old Pals

Monday Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wall, residing in the south portion of the city, received a letter from their son, Staff Sgt. Donald Wall, member of the U. S. air forces, now a prisoner of war in Germany. The letter was written in August and has been traveling through Red Cross channels to reach the relatives.

The letter follows:
Dear Mom and Pop: I have been moved to a new camp and getting along fine. The rest of my crew is here that is the enlisted men. It was really swell to see them again. We are still having lots of good soft ball games and other sports. The news sounds quite encouraging. There is much speculation as to when we will be home, but only time will tell.

I haven't received any mail yet but it shouldn't be long. The rest of the crew has all received several letters. Tell Kay it is impossible for me to write as my letters are limited. Tell everyone "hello" and I'll be back soon.

Your Loving son,
Don

To Visit Markets

C. C. Wescott, buyer for C. E. Wescott store, left this morning on the M. P. Eagle for Kansas City. Mr. Wescott will go from Kansas City to St. Louis, thence to Chicago, and return home by way of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Cliff says this is to be a real hunting trip—hunting for hard-to-get merchandise. These are the five primary markets for the men's wear lines and he hopes to "bag some big game."

Leave for Leavenworth

Monday evening a group of the Cass county young men, recently accepted for service in the United States army, were sent to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for their induction into the armed service. This group included: Stanley Doty, Richard Rhodes, Weeping Water; Wayne Surface, Union; Frank E. Stander, Louisville; Louis Herrington, Anton Hindman, Robert Longmore, Merle Jones, Henry Kaffenberger, James Humphrey, Warren Grossbaker, all of Plattsmouth.

Patriotism Big Factor In WAC Recruit Drive

Says Lt. Christoffersen

"When the war is won, the American people will look back with pride on the patriotic girls and women who served in the Women's Army Corps," Lt. Dorothy Christoffersen, of the army air forces and head of the WAC recruiting team working through southeastern Nebraska, declared today. In the plea for recruits she went on to say, "It will be the finest and the biggest thing you've ever done in your life. No one will be able to take it away from you, nor will they be able to dispel your satisfaction at having done your part when you were needed—when your country called you. It is calling you right now. Remember the words of the soldier who directed this message to you from a fox hole in the south Pacific. He said: 'I'll stay out here ten years, if necessary. That's my obligation to you. But don't make me stay ten minutes longer than I have to. That's your obligation to me. There is the challenge. What are you as American women going to do about it?'"

Participating in the Air—Wac recruiting drive here are three other members. They are on duty in the lobby of the Hotel Plattsmouth, and you are invited to stop by anytime this week, day or evening. They have been busy at work interviewing women and talking to men since they arrived last Monday. They make numerous home calls too. Why not make a point to meet the four Air-Wacs today?

Have Christmas Treat

Christmas day Mrs. J. A. Capwell and father, Joseph Samek, had a very pleasant Christmas remembrance when their grandson and nephew, Lieutenant Joe Hendrix, called from New Jersey, where he is enjoying the holidays with his wife, Lieutenant Hendrix has been out on maneuvers and expects to return to his post at Camp Pickett, Virginia, as soon as the furlough is over. He is a member of the signal corps of the army.

Here From Annapolis

Midshipman Allan White arrived here the latter part of the week to spend the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry White, as well as with the many school friends and associates.

Visiting in City

First Lieutenant and Mrs. William E. Evers, who have been located at Gorton Field, where the lieutenant is stationed in the air corps, arrived here Sunday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Evers, the parents, for a few days.

Sunday the Evers family were delighted when a telephone call came from A/C Raymond Evers, who is located at Shepherd Field, sending the greetings to the parents.

Attending Convention

County Judge Paul E. Fauquet was at Omaha today where he was called to look after some business matters and also to attend the meeting of the state association of county judges meeting there this week.

To Visit in Illinois

City Treasurer and Mrs. M. D. Brown departed Saturday morning for west Frankfort, Illinois, where they plan to spend several days with relatives of Mrs. Brown. This is the first visit of the city treasurer to the state of Illinois.

Home From Son

Mrs. Marie Richards and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stokes had a very pleasant treat afforded them on Christmas morning at an early hour, when a telephone message came through from Everett, Washington. The call was from Albert Richards, seaman first class, for the family here, it is needless to say, that the call was a fine Christmas present.

XMas Eve Get-Together

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Graves was the scene of a family gathering. As has been the custom for years past the children of Mr. and Mrs. Graves have been gathered at the home for Xmas Eve, the family are getting scattered now to many parts of the globe. Clyde, Carl and their families, residing in California, and Joe being overseas. Those present for the occasion were Lester E. Thingan, Mrs. Thingan, Susan Jane, Sarah Lynn, and son Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kell, and daughter Karen Kay and Mr. and Mrs. Graves.

A beautiful lighted and decorated tree had been prepared, and all the presents from the several families were placed about the tree for the grand opening which took place at the midnight hour, after the distribution of the presents, the family retired to the dining room where a lunch suitable for the occasion had been prepared by the ladies.



DISCHARGE BUTTON
To be given to men honorably discharged from the armed services in the present world war.