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Death Of Valentine Burkel, Long Time Resident Of City

Here Since 1882 and a Loved and Honored Figure in the Community—Funeral Tuesday

Saturday evening at 8:30 at the family home on Vine street, Valentine Burkel, 85, passed away, quietly sleeping away the last hours of earthly life to awaken on the farther shore.

Mr. Burkel had been gradually failing, but had not been bedfast, was up and around until just a few hours prior to his passing.

The deceased was born at Portsmouth, Ohio, April 10, 1859, spending his boyhood days in his native state. In 1882 came west to Nebraska, J. P. Young, an uncle of Mr. Burkel, had located at Plattsmouth to operate a book, stationery and music shop, and to this city Mr. Burkel came to make his home. Locating here he entered the services of the Burlington railroad, served in the paint shop over a long period of years, retiring in 1922. He has since that time carried on his trade until in recent years when his health would no longer permit his activities.

On March 27, 1889, the marriage of Mr. Burkel and Miss Nannie Sampson took place in this city where they have lived out a very happy wedded life of fifty-five years, now broken by the passing of the husband.

There is surviving the death of Mr. Burkel, the widow of this city, one son, Robert Burkel of Chicago, as well as a brother and sister, Phillip and Edna Burkel, of Portsmouth, Ohio. An infant daughter preceded the father in death.

Mr. Burkel was one of the genial and well liked residents of the community in his long years, and his going brings a great regret among the old time friends. He was a charter member of Cass Camp 332, Modern Women of America, and a long time member of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M.

Has Narrow Escape

Richard Hugelson, 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hugelson, 714 Ave. D., narrowly escaped serious injury Monday afternoon when he was struck by a truck. He was returning from school, and was standing at the base garage, preparatory to crossing the street.

Richard suffered cuts about the head and severe shock. After being attended by a physician, he was taken home.

The truck was driven by Tom Adamson of Brock, Nebr.

An Appreciation

To the voters of the Second Judicial District of Nebraska who were so kind as to write in my name for District Judge at the primary election I take this means of expressing my sincere thanks and appreciation. To you and all other citizens I pledge my best endeavors to fairly and impartially perform the duties of District Judge, to which position I have been appointed, so as to merit the confidence and support of all. I also take this means of announcing that I will be a candidate by petition at the general election this fall and solicit your support. Thank you.

Wm. A. Robertson
District Judge

Draws Down Fine

Saturday in the county court before Judge Paul E. Fauquet, Eldon Covert and Clarence Redden were arraigned on a complaint filed charging them with disturbing the peace and abusing an officer. The charge grew out of their resistance of officer Michael Bajek who was arresting them for disturbing the peace. After hearing the evidence in the case Judge Fauquet imposed a fine of \$25 and costs on each of the defendants, amounting to \$28.50 each.

Death of Mrs. Petet

From Monday's Daily—

The death of Mrs. Lillie G. Petet, 80, occurred Sunday at Omaha, where for the past several months she has made her residence at a home for the aged due to her increasingly feeble health.

Mrs. Petet was born at Knoxville, Iowa, April 10, 1864, making her home for some years in Oklahoma and for forty-five years has been a resident of Nebraska.

In the more recent years Mrs. Petet made her home in Plattsmouth and up to the time of her going to Omaha occupied an apartment in the Wurl building.

There are surviving her passing: Four sons, Ralph B. Petet of this city; Frank Petet of Omaha, James Petet of Carmen, Oklahoma, and Lee Petet of Mead, Nebraska. Two brothers also survive, Espel Lockhart and Charles Lockhart, Carmen, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Petet made many friends here in the years of her residence, who will regret to learn of her passing and extend to the family their condolences in their loss.

The body of Mrs. Petet was taken this morning from Omaha to Carmen, Oklahoma, where the funeral services will be held and the interment made in the cemetery at that place.

Attend Rotary Meeting

Sunday Clement Woster, E. H. Bernhardt and Dwight Edwards, of the local Rotary club were in Lincoln where they attended the Sunday convention meetings and enjoyed some excellent addresses given before the district meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Searl S. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Cloist and Dr. H. G. McClusky, were at Lincoln today where the gentlemen attended the meeting of the district convention of the Rotary clubs and the ladies were entertained by the Anns. The men are all past presidents of the local club.

Attend PEO Convention

The state convention of the P.E.O. society was held Tuesday at Omaha and attended by a large number of representatives of the chapters, especially in this part of the state.

Mrs. Mary C. Nixon, of Omaha, state president, presided over the sessions. As a feature of the convention a fine address was given by Chancellor Schwartz of Wesleyan university.

Ladies from this city to attend the convention were Mrs. R. O. Cole, president of Chapter F, Mrs. E. H. Westcott, Mrs. R. B. Hayes, Mrs. L. S. Devco, today Mrs. William Baird, past state president, was a visitor at the convention.

The Plattsmouth ladies had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. George O. Dovey, of Norfolk, Nebr., a former Plattsmouth lady, who is attending the convention, and renewing old times.

Insurance Man Here

C. W. Campbell of the Equitable Life Assurance society was here today to call on Searl S. Davis, local representative of the society, who also had a visit from E. G. Green, special agent of the Hartford insurance company.

Thanks to Friends

Mrs. Barbara Snyder, who is now at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. J. Kavalec, 2616 Woolworth Ave., Omaha, desires to take this opportunity of thanking the many friends for the flowers, cards, letters, and personal calls during her illness. These thoughtful acts will long be appreciated.

Sings High Mass

Members of the St. John's parish of the Catholic church had the pleasure Sunday morning of having Rev. John William Kelly, recently ordained to the priesthood, officiate at the celebration of the second mass at 10:20.

Rev. Kelly sang the mass most impressively, while the sermon was delivered by Rt. Rev. Monsignor George Agius, the pastor of the church.

Final Reports Show Red Cross War Fund Over Top

Plattsmouth Quota of \$8,000 Passed With \$4,418.33 Raised for the Good Cause

The final check up reveals that the 1944 Red Cross War Fund drive received fine support from the pocketbooks of Plattsmouth people. The quota for Plattsmouth and vicinity was set at \$8,000. Carl Schneider, Red Cross treasurer for Plattsmouth reports that the bank has received for deposit to the credit of the Red Cross War Fund a total of \$4,418.33.

G. G. Griffin of the Cass Theatre collected \$254.87 by appealing to the theatre patrons during the latter part of March. The Plattsmouth Junior Woman's club aided Mr. Griffin by doing the "hat passing."

"The house-to-house" canvass this year was under the direction of Milo Frice, who had as ward chairmen, Clem Wester, C. R. Olson, J. W. Holmes, Leslie Niel, Herman Ellingson, and Lunetta Falk. For the surrounding rural school districts, Guy Wiles, Newton Sellivan, E. A. Koukal, Louis G. Meisinger, Wallace Warner, Henry Nolting, and Fred C. Nolting did a fine job of collecting the contributions.

All these and the more than 100 house-to-house solicitors who worked in Plattsmouth did more than was expected. The result was that Plattsmouth exceeded its quota by more than \$1,400. This does not include the contributions of Plattsmouth people made through the Bomber Plant solicitations. It does include the extra \$354.87 collected by Mr. Griffin at the theatre.

The Douglas County Red Cross, which does the official collecting at the Bomber Plant has reported that they will give Cass county credit for funds they have received from Cass county people.

In the Plattsmouth Journal of March 16, 1944 appeared the statement that the list of Red Cross donors would be published. The executive committee of the Plattsmouth Red Cross signed this statement. The chairman of the 1944 drive and the publisher and staff of the Plattsmouth Journal intended to cooperate with the Red Cross committee. The Journal has given much time and space to all Red Cross publicity and will continue to do so, but the manpower shortage is such that the Journal has had only one linotypist for some weeks. None of the Red Cross committee want the names published bad enough to learn to run the linotype. If any of the contributors wish to help in this effort, Mrs. Bates will be more than delighted to see you, or them. The problem of setting up for print a list of one thousand five hundred seventy-three names along with the amounts contributed—it is a real task and would add much to the work of a full staff at the Journal office. If the list can later be published, it will, if not, feel free to stop at the post office and ask the postmaster whether or not your contribution was properly turned in.

First Ward, under the chairmanship of Clem Woster, contributed almost \$1,000 to the good cause. Twenty-four of these contributions, 270 in all, were for \$10 or more. Second Ward contributed \$622.58. J. W. Holmes and C. R. Olson were co-chairmen. Two hundred eighty-one contributions of \$1.00 or more were received. Seven were for \$10 or more. Third Ward, with Leslie Niel as chairman, gave \$716.82. Of the contributions of \$10 or more, there were six. Memberships were issued to 344 Third Ward people, for that many gave a dollar or more. Fourth Ward was the source of \$772.77 with 336 memberships and 13 contributions of ten dollars or above. The "Canning Factory" list probably took several memberships from some other wards, as did the BKEX, Herman Ellingson was chairman for the ward. Fifth Ward chairman, Lunetta Falk, and her solicitors collected from the less populous part of the city but from 97 members received almost \$200.00. Another \$200 came unsolicited to the Bank and Post Office.

The surrounding rural school dis-

Petition for Gravel

Petition has been filed in the office of the county clerk by residents of South Bend precinct, asking that a levy be made of not more than 1 1/2-10 mills for a period of one year for the purpose of graveling. It is proposed to have three and a half miles of the highways in the precinct graveled and made all weather road.

Districts certainly aided the cause. District No. 2, with Guy Wiles and Newton Sullivan collecting, gave \$101.50. District No. 28, E. A. Koukal, chairman, \$95.50. From Dist. No. 29 came Louis G. Meisinger with \$69.00. In District No. 37 was found 128 iron men for the Red Cross, Wallace Warner and Henry Nolting rounded them up, Fred Nolting of District No. 42 got a haul of \$160. Of these rural contributions, 26 were for \$10 or above.

Following is the list of those contributions of above \$10.00:

John & Clara Bergmann ...\$27.00
Dr. & Mrs. P. T. Heineman ... 20.00
Henry J. Donat ... 15.00
Mathilde Soennichsen ... 25.00
H. M. Soennichsen ... 50.00
Caldwell Funeral Home ... 15.00
J. Howard Davis ... 15.00
George Conis ... 15.00
H. M. Soennichsen Co. ... 50.00
Eagles, Aerie 365 ... 32.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Soennichsen ... 25.00
Robert Walling ... 25.00
Mary Propst ... 15.00
Iowa-Nebr. Power ... 15.00
Henry Jacobs ... 25.00
Searl Davis ... 25.00
H. A. Schneider ... 100.00
Barbara Goring ... 25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bestor ... 15.00
Mrs. R. A. Bates ... 25.00
Norfolk Pack Co. ... 35.00
Blue Star Produce of Council Bluffs (Thanks Blue Star) 50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Starkjohn ... 15.00
Mr. & Mrs. John Halmes ... 15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Kaffenberger ... 15.00
Wm. Halmes ... 12.00

Helps On Red Cross

The farmers of the community have been doing a good job in helping out on the Red Cross funds in this locality by their contributions made at the auctions at the sales barn in this city.

S. Y. Smith, well known resident of this section, offered a calf for sale at the Red Cross, the calf being purchased by M. Withauer, who turned the calf back for resale and others buying the calf and turning it back were Henry Holscheidt, John Valley, Ed Julian, William Halmes, Fred Campbell, S. D. Sorensen and was finally purchased by the original bidder. The calf brought \$33 for the Plattsmouth chapter.

Charles Sporer, of Murray, gave a pig to the sales barn for auction and this animal under the spirited bidding brought the sum of \$83 that was earmarked for the Murray Red Cross contributions.

These all help to swell the funds of this great American organization of comfort and help to the service men of the nation.

Hear of Water Plant

Tuesday at the weekly luncheon of the Rotary club, the members had the pleasure of hearing of the Plattsmouth water plant, purchased some time ago by the city of Plattsmouth, placed under the operation of the Board of Public Works. F. I. Rea, the chairman of the board, was the speaker, telling of the methods of conducting, the financial handling and other lines of the plant operation. Mr. Rea, as well as the other members of the board, E. H. Bernhardt and C. A. Johnson and Robert Cappell, superintendent, are doing a great job in handling the affairs of the plant, as was realized by the Rotarians, as they learned of the fine set up and organization that is doing its part that some day the people of the community can fully realize their dream of a municipal plant. The financing of the purchase of the plant was by revenue bonds and is being paid by the receipts of the plant.

The leader of the meeting was Mr. Cappell.

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Nazi War Prisoners Rushed To Aid In Protecting Dikes

Rains Add to the Difficulty of Holding Dikes Along the Missouri River in Iowa

Omaha, Nebr., April 18. (UP)—The mighty Missouri river, swollen to a flood stage by melting snows and heavy rains, continued today to claw and bite at dikes protecting lush Iowa farmland.

Sixty German prisoners of war and volunteers worked all night and today strengthening the Shannon levee near Nebraska City. The Army Engineer Corps reported that water was lapping over the levees on either side of Nebraska City, but that the barricades had not been breached. The prisoners of war and volunteers, however, were working on a secondary line of defense should the levees be softened by the excess water, crumble.

The river was at the 19.5 foot stage at Nebraska City early today, a rise of .1 of a foot since yesterday. The water began a downward trend up river the Engineers Corps said. At Omaha the stage was at 18.3 feet, a foot lower than yesterday. Blair reported a drop of 2.1 feet, while Sioux City reported a fall of 1.1 feet.

Eagles in Basketball Game

Last evening Plattsmouth Aerie No. 365 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles were hosts to the team of the Nebraska City Eagles, losing a 57 to 28 contest to the visitors.

At the half time the score was 22 to 19 in favor of Nebraska City team, with Haines, Sterner and Dillman leading the visitors, while Schuback, Wheeler and Siebert led the Plattsmouth quintet.

The effective shooting of Chapman and Hardick, one time purple and gold high school stars, sewed the game for the visitors in the second half, Schuback being the only local to connect effectively with the ball in this part of the game.

The box score:

Plattsmouth	FG	FT	PF	PT
Schuback, f	5	0	2	10
Powman, f	0	0	1	0
Wheeler, f	4	2	1	10
Hierre, c	1	0	0	2
Sikora, c	0	0	0	0
Siebert, g	2	1	0	5
Albee, g	0	1	0	1
Total	12	4	4	28

Nebraska City	FG	FT	PF	PT
Haines, f	4	0	0	8
Chapman, f	2	0	0	4
Wiles, f	1	0	2	2
Hardick, f	6	0	1	12
Bauer, c	0	0	0	0
Bossing, c	0	0	0	0
Dillman, g	2	0	2	4
Duncan, g	0	0	2	0
Sterner, g	2	1	0	5
Total	18	1	7	37

Have Family Party

The home of Mr and Mrs. Charles Troop on Chicago avenue was the scene of a very pleasant family gathering Sunday, featured by a fine dinner and a real visit among the members of the family. Mr. and Mrs. Jack von Gilfern and children, Roger and Jack, Jr., came down from Lincoln and were joined here by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Troop of south of the city. The condition of the roads made travel difficult so the Lincoln group decided not to attempt the trip to the farm.

Taken to Hospital

Sgt. Donald Nearhood, who has been here on a furlough to visit his mother, Mrs. Anna Nearhood, was taken ill on Thursday with an acute attack of tonsillitis and this had grown worse until Sunday when the young soldier was taken to the military hospital at Fort Crook for treatment. Sgt. Nearhood has been meeting the many friends here and the sudden attack has made it necessary to curtail many of his visits with the friends. He will probably be at the hospital for several days.

Death of Former Commissioner

Henry J. Miller, 86, former county commissioner from the third district of Cass county, died Monday at a Lincoln hospital where he had been for some time under treatment.

Mr. Miller was for many years one of the leading farmers of the west part of Cass county and some twenty years ago was elected as county commissioner but later resigned owing to the condition of the health of Mrs. Miller, he remaining home to care for her in the last days.

Mr. Miller was born in Illinois and came to Cass county some 65 years ago and has since made his home here. He was a member of the Church of the Brethren.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. John Wood, Elmwood; Mrs. Sara Hardrock, Alvo; Mrs. Harriett Kear, Lincoln, and Mrs. Earl Bowman, Harrisburg, Va.; and two sons, Archie and Lyal, both of Alvo.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Thursday at the Methodist church in Alvo, with burial in the Church of the Brethren cemetery.

Last Rites for Val Burkel

Tuesday afternoon at the chapel of the Sattler funeral home there was a large attendance of the old friends and neighbors of Valentine Burkel to pay their last measure of respect to the memory of the old friend now gone to the last rest.

Rev. T. Porter Bennett, pastor of the First Methodist church, had charge of the services and in his thoughtful way brought a sense of comfort to the member of the bereaved family.

Mrs. E. H. Westcott sang two of the beloved songs requested by the family, "Lead Kindly Light," and Westcott as the accompanist.

The Masonic services for the dead were conducted by W. F. Evers, past master of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., of which Mr. Burkel was an early day member.

The interment was in the family plot at the Oak Hill cemetery and the casket bearers comprised old associates and members of the Masonic order, W. H. Ofo, John E. Schutz, Robert Hayes, George Lushinsky, Leslie W. Niel, Howard Wiles.

Receives Honors

Grace Louise Wiles of Plattsmouth was one of 235 University of Nebraska students honored for high scholarship at the honors day convention. She is a senior in the School of Nursing and in the upper 10 per cent of her class in scholarship.

Attend Clinic

The chiropractors of Nebraska and northeast Iowa held an extensive all day and evening clinic in Omaha at the Fontenelle hotel Sunday. Dr. Joe J. Stibal of this city was in attendance. The clinic was supervised by Dr. Thomas Lake of Philadelphia.

Attend Bank Meeting

H. A. Schneider, president, and E. W. Burdic, vice-president of the Plattsmouth State bank, were in Lincoln today where they attended the meeting of Group Two of the Nebraska State Bankers association. This is one of the large meetings of the year in banking circles and brings representatives from the banks in this part of the state.

Lincoln Visitor Here

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Turner and daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Eugenie Sorrell, of Lincoln were in the city Sunday for a few hours. Mr. and Mrs. Turner were guests at the home of Mrs. Lora Lloyd Kieck and family, while Mrs. Sorrell was a visitor with Mrs. William Steinkamp and daughter, Diane Kay.

Spend Sunday Here

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

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

Nebraska Visited By Heavy Snow

Snow Falling Largely Over West and South Parts of State Very Heavy and Wet

More snow, following heavy, unprecedented fall yesterday, was promised for the extreme east part of Nebraska today by Meteorologist M. V. Robbins of the Omaha weather bureau. The snow forecast for today, however, will be light, Robbins said. The snow which fell generally over the western and southern portions yesterday was heavy and wet. Much of it melted as it fell, but the snow was too heavy to disappear entirely.

A fall of 19 inches was recorded at McCook, 11 inches at Minden and 10 inches at Kearney and Lexington. A heavy blanket of wet snow fell at Omaha yesterday and last night—much of it melting as it hit the ground.

Slush and mud were reported in many places in the state. A few roads were reported impassable because of the heavy fall, but weather forecasters expected the snow to disappear quickly because of high temperatures.

Chadron, Sidney and Alliance were the only other spots in the state to report temperatures that usually accompany a heavy snow. Sidney had a low of 4 degrees, Chadron 17, and Alliance 20. Other spots were near freezing.

The heavy snow was expected to cause rivers to rise, possibly adding to the flood threat along the Missouri and Platte rivers. Farmers in the dry sections were jubilant, however, because of water that will be added to the summer reservoirs.

Ranges included: Valentine 42-29; Alliance 32-30; Omaha 44-32; Lincoln 45-32; North Platte 35-21; Sidney 31-4; Chadron 49-17 and Burwell 36-50.

Entertain Friends

Saturday evening the Hotel Plattsmouth was the scene of a very pleasant dinner party, given by Rev. and Mrs. T. Porter Bennett, the occasion marking the thirtieth anniversary of their wedding. The dinner also honored Judge and Mrs. A. H. Duxbury, long active members of the church. The guests attending were District Judge Wm. A. Robertson, Judge and Mrs. A. H. Duxbury, Dotthea and Richard, and Rev. and Mrs. Bennett.

Leaves Hospital

L. B. Egenberger, of this city, who was at an Omaha hospital for some time undergoing treatment, has gone to the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. H. Carter in Omaha where he is being cared for. Mr. Egenberger is reported as being some improved.

Returns from Convention

Dr. Leonard Fitch returned home this morning from Lincoln where he has been attending the annual meeting of the Nebraska Optometric association that has been in session the past two days. Dr. Fitch is the secretary of the association and his splendid services were recognized in his re-election to the office. He reports a very interesting meeting.

Showing Improvement

Mrs. William O'Donnell, who is at the St. Joseph hospital at Omaha, is reported as showing improvement from her operations of the past week. Mrs. O'Donnell had an appendectomy as well as a corrective operation and now seems well on the road to recovery.

Receives Promotion

Edgar L. Glaze, who has been engaged at the ordnance plant at Fort Crook since January 26, 1942, has just received a nice promotion in his line of work, being given the rank of Motor Vehicle Operation Dispatcher. This means a very nice advancement in salary and also places Mr. Glaze in charge of some 170 vehicles and eighty drivers. The advancement is a fine recognition of the excellent work of Mr. Glaze at the army plant.