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Death Of Margaret Hodgert, Long Time Resident

Dies at Hospital After Illness That Has Covered Some Time—Here Since Babyhood

This morning at 2:30 o'clock at the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha, Margaret C. Hodgert, 70, passed away after a long period of failing health, taking from the community one of the long time residents. Miss Hodgert was operated on last week but little hopes were held of her recovery.

Margaret C. Hodgert, daughter of James and Margaret Hodgert, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, November 23, 1873, and when a baby was brought by the parents to the United States, they coming west and settling at Plattsmouth, where for many years the father was engaged as a carpenter and contractor. The family erected the home at Main and Tenth street where they resided until the passing of the parents. Mr. Hodgert was one of the contractors on the Columbian school building and remained active at his trade as long as his physical condition permitted, many of the homes and business houses of the city represent his work. With the death of the parents, Miss Hodgert sold the home in 1918, since has made her home with Miss Margaret Hayes, an old and devoted friend who assisted in her care down through the years and was a friend indeed to the departed.

Margaret Hodgert was a devout member of the Presbyterian faith all of her lifetime and while health permitted enjoyed the participation in the affairs of the church. She was treasurer over thirty years of the Christian endeavor of the church and active in the Sunday school and church.

Miss Hodgert was an artist in needlework and for the last years has devoted her attention to this work and specimens of her work are to be found in many Plattsmouth homes.

There are no relatives living in the United States as far as known to the friends here.

The body was brought here to the Sattler funeral home at 4th and Vine streets where the funeral services will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 with Dr. H. G. McClusky officiating.

Friends that may wish to take a last farewell may call at the funeral home Tuesday from 3 to 5 and from 7 to 9 p. m.

The interment will be at the Oak Hill cemetery beside the parents.

County Court Happenings

Friday in the county court Judge Paul E. Fauquet heard a number of probate matters that were pending. The hearing was had on the admission of the will of Erastus M. Evans to probate, this being admitted by the county and the appointment of Lewis Rogers as executor made.

The petition was heard for the admission of the last will and testament of William Steinhoff deceased and the court ordered the appointment of Minnie Steinhoff, of Lincoln, as the executrix.

Hearing was also had in the estate of Hans H. Stoll, deceased.

Enjoy Short Outing

County Assessor W. H. Puls and Mrs. Puls departed Saturday for a short outing and vacation. Mrs. Puls is going to Hartington, Nebraska, where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Gusta Jurgan and family for a few days while Mr. Puls is visiting at the homes of his children in Omaha and expecting to return with them Tuesday to attend Memorial day.

Married At Court House

County Judge Paul E. Fauquet Saturday afternoon laid aside the usual routine of court matters to perform the marriage service for Fay Verdon Harriger, of this city and Gladys Irene Libhart of Omaha. The groom is a farmer and the bride is an employee of the Martin bomber plant. The newlyweds are to make their home in this city.

Plattsmouth Wins Game

The Plattsmouth town team Sunday was winner over the Tabor, Ia., team by the score of 9 to 2, the locals holding the lead from the start and with the hustling of Fox and Yroman, had the Iowans at their mercy. This will be one of the last games for 'Rip' as he expects soon to be called to the naval service in a very short time. Lang did the catching for Plattsmouth. The batteries for Tabor were Linburger, Chambers and Bartholomew. The feature of the game was the home run by Bob Woster for Plattsmouth.

This is the second Iowa team to be defeated in the last two weeks as Glenwood was defeated a week ago Sunday by the score of 12 to 11.

New Tax Measure Places 30 Million In Withholding Class

Will Simplify Returns and To Some It Means Higher and to Others Lower Taxes

Washington, May 31. (UP)—The annual complexities which face the 50,000,000 federal income taxpayers have been eased at a per capita cost of \$1.20, or \$60,000,000 in all, a year.

The government took the loss of \$60,000,000 a year, according to treasury department estimates, when President Roosevelt signed the individual income tax simplification bill.

The new system technically became effective immediately in most respects, but actually few taxpayers will know it until next year. It will mean higher taxes for some and lower taxes for others, but the changes are small. New withholding rates, which will take a larger bite out of weekly pay envelopes in some cases and a smaller bite in others, will become effective Jan. 1.

For 30,000,000 taxpayers, the bill eliminates the necessity of filing returns in 1945. Instead, these persons—those who earn less than \$5,000 a year and whose income from sources not subject to withholding does not exceed \$100—will file their withholding receipts as their tax reports. The internal revenue collectors will do the figuring and determine whether the taxpayer owes an additional amount or is entitled to a refund.

Two other types of simple forms will be provided for the remainder of the 50,000,000 taxpayers. An estimated 10,000,000—those whose income is under \$5,000 but who receive more than \$100 from sources not subject to withholding or who want to claim more than the automatic 19 per cent for deductions allowed under the new law—will use one form.

In passing the simplified system of reporting, congress wiped out the present six per cent normal tax, graduated surtaxes and victory tax of three per cent. It replaced them with a new three per cent normal tax on all income over \$500; new graduated surtaxes ranging from 20 per cent on the first \$2,000 to 91 per cent on all over \$200,000; and a uniform exemption to \$500 for the taxpayer, plus \$500 for a wife and \$500 each for every other dependent.

Returns From the West

R. C. Jahrig, who has been at Newcastle, Wyoming, called by the illness of his brother-in-law, Julius Beck, returned home Sunday afternoon. He found the brother-in-law undergoing hospitalization and in quite serious condition from a heart ailment and also found his sister, Mrs. Beck, in poor health.

Mr. Jahrig reports the country as looking green and in excellent shape as there has been a great deal of rain in that part of the country.

Goes To Iowa

Mayor and Mrs. R. B. Hayes departed Sunday for a business trip to northern Iowa, visiting their farm in the vicinity of Sac City, and also at Fort Dodge, Iowa, where their daughter, Mrs. George E. Sayles has a residence property. They plan to be absent for a number of days.

Pretty Church Wedding Held At Nebraska City

Miss Arlene Sue Grundman Married to Lieutenant John L. Tidball at Bethel Evangelical Church.

In a very charmingly arranged wedding at the Bethel Evangelical church at Nebraska City, Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, Miss Arlene Sue Grundman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Grundman of Nebraska City, to Lieutenant John L. Tidball III, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John L. Tidball H. of this city.

The church was lovely with baskets of white lilies and bridal wreath to form the background for the ceremony.

Rev. George Daensing read the marriage lines for the service before 175 guests.

Nuptial music was played by Mrs. E. M. Whitten, church organist, and Charles I. Sager, professor of music at Deane College, Crete, sang "Ich Liebe Dich" and "Because" before the ceremony.

The bride looked lovely in a white lace and net wedding gown. The bodice of white lace had a sweetheart neckline edged in net. The full-gathered skirt of white net extended into a long train. Her fingertip veil of white illusion fell from a crown of net and lilies of the valley. Her bouquet was gardenias and lilies of the valley.

Miss Phyllis Johnson of Omaha as bridesmaid wore pale pink marquisette made with a sweetheart neckline and carried pink and white roses. Betty Page, Fairbury, lit the tapers on the altar.

Lieut. Hugh Renard, David City, was best man, and ushers were Pfc. John D. Pollack, and Charles E. McInnis, Omaha.

The wedding reception was held at Hotel Grand. Assisting at the reception were Barbara Boier and Marion Cusack, Omaha, sorority sisters to the bride, and Doris Westfall and Lois Grundman, Nebraska City.

The bride attended Doane College for two years, finishing her sophomore year in February. She is a member of Phi Sigma Tau sorority. Lieut. Tidball attended Doane where he was affiliated with Alpha Omega fraternity. He was a senior when he entered the Army Air Force in February, 1943. He received advanced training at LaJunta, Colo., where he graduated May 23 as a second lieutenant.

Guests from out of the city were Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wessott, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spangler, Plattsmouth; Mr. and Mrs. Karl Koch, Presque Isle, Maine; Mr. and Mrs. Carter Strand and Stephen, Dayton, O.; Miss Phyllis Dennison, Minneapolis, and Lt. and Mrs. Ray Sandvig, Sioux Falls, S. D., and Mrs. E. H. Wessott, Plattsmouth.

Quite Seriously Ill

Fred Kehne, one of the old and highly respected residents of this portion of Cass county, is in serious condition at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Fred Tschirren. Mr. Kehne has been in failing health for the past two years and at his advanced age of 82 has made his condition more serious.

Enjoy Vacation Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wooster of this city are enjoying a short vacation this week as Mr. Wooster is off from his work at the U. P. shops at Omaha. They are spending a few days with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wooster, and the grandsons, at Lincoln, and from there go to Denver, a former home for a visit with old friends. Before they return home they expect to visit the relatives of Mrs. Wooster at Dewese, Nebraska, and vicinity.

An Appreciation

To the relatives and old friends in and near Murray and Plattsmouth who remembered me with birthday cards, I want to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

James Gilmore

Drowns in Platte River

Saturday evening Paul Kotovel, 16, of 919 Atlas street, Omaha, was drowned in the Platte river not far from the Platte river bridge north of this city, one half mile east of Playmore park.

He was reported to be a good swimmer and had been attempting to cross the river from south to the north bank when he was taken with cramps and was unable to make the distance to safety.

The body was recovered by Fireman Lloyd Piska of the Omaha fire rescue squad, one mile east of the bridge near the north bank of the river. For more than an hour the rescue squad and medical aid from this city worked with the youth but to no avail.

Deputy Sheriff Emory Doody was called to the scene of the accident and assisted in the efforts to revive the youth. The companions of the drowned boy were Leo Dobrovolsky, 112 Atlas street, Leo Dobrovolsky, Jr., 912 Atlas street, Richard Yrak, 1942 Homer street, John Bluva, 824 Worthington street, all of Omaha.

Germans Claimed To Have Lynched U. S. Airman

Residents of Bomed Cities Take Revenge on Airmen That Parachute to Earth

London, May 31. (UP)—A Berlin dispatch to the Stockholm newspaper Express Nyheter said today that official German circles had confirmed the mob lynching of an American airman shot down in central Germany.

The dispatch also quoted German authorities in the first official comment on the reported shooting of 47 British and allied airmen at a German prison camp as denying that any airman was lynched after once becoming officially a prisoner of the German government.

The dispatch said that an "infuriated crowd" killed the one surviving crew member of an American plane which crashed at an unspecified German village. It added that official German circles claimed the lynched American had been aboard a plane which machine-gunned a crowd of church-goers, killing several women, old men and children.

The alleged confirmation of the lynching of the American followed the German propaganda hysteria pace set recently by propaganda minister, Joseph Goebbels, himself, when he wrote in the Nazi party organ that the government could no longer protect "terror" raiders from the "mad fury" of the German population.

Since Goebbels' keynote announcement, which was broadcast by the Nazi radio, German news broadcasts have been full of alleged reports that German civilians were succumbing to the dictates of their "mad fury."

The Stockholm Aftonbladet said in a Berlin dispatch that five American fliers had been lynched by "an infuriated crowd" before police could intervene. The fliers had parachuted to earth, the dispatch quoted a traveler from Leipzig as saying, after machine-gunning hundreds of peaceful people.

Feeling Much Improved

Mrs. Philip Lepert, who returned the past week from Rochester, Minnesota, where she was operated on at the St. Mary's hospital, is feeling much improved and Saturday was in the city to look after the family shopping. Mrs. Lepert was able to be home for the graduation of her daughter, Miss Louise and her son, Arthur. Louise is to look after the household work at the home during the recuperation of the mother and Arthur is expecting soon to enter the United States navy.

Card Of Thanks

I wish to thank all those who sent cards and flowers to me while I was confined to the hospital. They were very much appreciated.

David B. Robinson

Prominent Eagle Lady Found Dead At Home Monday

Sheriff Joe Mrasek and County Attorney Walter H. Smith Fled Case One of Suicide

Sheriff Joe Mrasek and County Attorney Walter H. Smith were called to Eagle late Monday, when the lifeless body of Agnes Kettelhut, 65, was found in her home in the town, lying apparently by her own hand.

Mrs. Kettelhut has been in ill health for the past fifteen years and this had evidently caused her to commit suicide by hanging. Mrs. Kettelhut had tied one end of the rope to a door knob and then through into a closet and there she was found her head a short way from the floor and dead evidently for some time.

The deceased lady was a member of one of the well known families of western Cass and eastern Lancaster county and has made her home in that locality for her lifetime.

There are surviving four sisters, Mrs. Kate Oberle, Eagle; Mrs. Martha Frank, Walton; Mrs. Frances Stange, Lincoln; Mrs. Myrtle Aschben, Wray, Colorado; five brothers, Regnard of Eagle; Henry and Otto, Lincoln; William, Walton; Albert Milwaukee.

The funeral will be at 2 p. m. Thursday at Roper & Sons, Lincoln. Rev. Leland Lesher will officiate and Vera Upton will sing. Burial will be at Elmwood.

Makes Real Estate Sales

T. H. Pollock, the real estate dealer, has closed the sale of two very attractive pieces of resident property in the last few days that shows the ready demand for real estate of this type.

The Ray Shater residence, just east of the city hall, was sold to Ray Bryant, local garage operator who owns abutting property on the south west of the residence. This is an excellent two story and basement brick building.

The brick residence at 7th and Vine streets, owned by Mrs. Mattie Pfenberger of Los Angeles, was purchased by Louis Naevé, who plans on having the house remodeled into apartments. The program calls for a great deal of additional work on the house.

Visit Old Home

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Carlson, of Valley, Nebraska, were in the city today for a few hours, coming down to look after the decoration of the family graves in Oak Hill cemetery. While here they were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Kenney, old friends.

Seek Sale License

Two applications for the sale of real estate for the purpose of care of minor heirs have been filed in the office of Clerk of the District Court, C. E. Ledgway.

In the matter of the guardianship of Shirley Ann Meisinger and Kenneth Meisinger, minors, license to sell real estate is asked.

Note Of Thanks

Having returned to my home I wish to take this opportunity to express to the many friends and neighbors my deep appreciation of their thoughtfulness during the days that I was at the St. Catherine's hospital and the St. Mary's hospital at Rochester, Minnesota. Their flowers, gifts, cards and letters will long be very pleasantly remembered.

Mrs. Philip Lepert

Visiting At Lincoln

Mrs. W. A. Swatek is in Lincoln where she will spend a short time looking after the care of her small grandsons, children of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Swatek, while the mother is at the hospital.

To Hold Check-Up

A Summer Health-Check-Up for all children who expect to enter school next fall for the first time will be held in the Central building on Friday morning, June 2, 1944 beginning at 9 o'clock. This health check-up is being held in cooperation with the State Department of Health, under the direction and administration of local doctors and with the assistance of the local Woman's club and the school nurse.

Immunization for Diphtheria and Small Pox will be administered to the children whose parents desire this done. This, of course, will be open to any older child, should parents wish immunization for other of their children also. The fee will be \$1.00 for services.

Provisions may also be made at this time for dental as well as tuberculin tests, if mothers inquire while registering for the health check-up.

American Bombers Make Attacks On German Rail Heads

Four Rail Centers Suffer From the Hard Blows of the 500 Fortresses and 1,200 Fighters

London, May 31. (UP)—American heavy bombers hit Germany for the fifth straight day today when a force of nearly 1,750 planes smashed at four rail centers in the Ruhr and an airbase in northeastern France.

About 500 Flying Fortresses and Liberators of the U. S. 8th air force, supported by more than 1,200 fighters, attacked German rail yards at Hamm, Osnabruck, Schwerte and Soest, along with the Luxold air-drome west of Hulhouse in France. Bad weather impeded aerial operations over parts of western Europe and appeared to have contributed to the decrease in the strength of today's attack from the 2,200 plane fleet out in the previous three days.

A headquarters communique announcing the five-way attack by heavy bombers in medium force said they were escorted by more than 1,200 Lightnings, Mustangs and Thunderbolts of the 8th and 9th air forces.

About 200 Marauder medium bombers, maintaining the pressure of German communications behind the west wall hit three bridges across the Seine in an afternoon raid on northern France.

Fellowship Group

The Westminster Fellowship group, which is the young people's society of the Presbyterian church, met Sunday evening in the beautiful outdoor "living room" of Mr. and Mrs. John Sattler.

The worship service was in charge of Millie Kozack and Jerry Jones, and was in keeping with the Memorial season. Twenty-three were present.

Monday evening, May 29, this group is having an outdoor supper at the same place. This is to honor the boys who are leaving for the service in the very near future.

Called on Sad Mission

This afternoon Attorney A. L. Tidd departed for his old home at Beaver, Ohio, called there by the death of his sister, Mrs. Jennie House, 80, who passed away last night after an illness of some duration. Mrs. House has not been well and several months ago Mr. Tidd visited her in the Ohio home for a short time. He expects to be absent for the next ten days to attend the funeral and visiting with the old friends.

Visit In Missouri

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon T. Arn, Jr., and their little son, departed Sunday for Lafayette, Missouri, where Mrs. Arn and son plan to spend some time in visiting with the relatives of Mrs. Arn in that section. Mr. Arn will return this week to look after his business at the Black & White market.

Memorial Day Observed Tuesday In Plattsmouth

Business Houses of the City Join in Observance and Many Gather at Oak Hill Cemetery

Plattsmouth joined Tuesday in the annual memorial day observance, a day that was brought closer to every man and woman in the city, because of the fact that again our nation is at war and in the past year there have been a number of the boys dear to all, that have been called to make the supreme sacrifice.

The memorial services were held at the Oak Hill cemetery under the auspices of the Hugh J. Kearns post of the American Legion with Commander E. O. Vroman in charge.

The Boy Scouts of America assisted in the service with Jimmy Alkire serving as the bugler. In the assembly call and the taps at the conclusion of the services. The color bearers comprised Herman Ellingsen and George Clevenger, of the local Legion post.

At the G. R. A. R. mound the pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Ray Tineher of the Boy Scouts.

The latter part of the program was at the American Legion plot and was opened by the singing of "America" by the audience.

The Lincoln's Gettysburg address was given by Miss Catherine Conis, in a very inspiring manner.

The roll call of the World War dead No. 1 for the year showed the names of Joe Koubek and William Baldwin, while in the World War No. 2 the group comprised Pvt. George Lepert, Pfc. Preston Daniels, Jr., Tech. Sgt. James H. Jones, U. S. air force Staff Sgt. Charles Bennett, U. S. air forces, Lt. Edward Hadraba, U. S. air corps, S/S Oral Campbell, Sgt. Robert Clark, Lt. William E. Evers.

The address was by Rev. J. W. Taenzler, pastor of the First Christian church, who made a most eloquent plea that the sacrifices that the men of the nation had made, might not be in vain. He pointed to the fact of the sacrifice of the veterans of the last war, that today millions or more of the youth of the land was battling over the whole world in the present struggle. The speaker urged that the nation demand and see that a peace was made and protected so that within another quarter century the nation must not send their sons to war.

The veterans wreaths were of the American legion memorial poppies prepared by the women of the Auxiliary.

An Appreciation

I wish to take this means of sincerely thanking the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for the "Good Citizenship" medal I received this morning. I shall be proud to wear it and keep it.

My thanks and gratitude also go to my teachers and classmates who chose me for this honor.

Eugene C. Smith, Jr.

New Priest Installed

There was a large congregation present Sunday evening at the installation ceremonies for Rev. Edward C. Touchek, new pastor of the Holy Rosary church. Rt. Rev. Monsignor George Agius, the dean of the Plattsmouth deanery, served as the installing priest, giving the charge to Father Touchek of the new parish and was assisted in the ceremonies by Father John Kelly, who has served as the administrator of the parish.

Assessors Work Complete

Saturday a number of the precinct assessors were completing their work and turning in their schedules to County Assessor W. H. Puls, among those making their returns being V. O. Lundberg of Nehawka precinct, Ed S. Tutt of West Rock Bluffs, and Mike Vetsnek of Plattsmouth precinct.

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