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Three Year Old Boy Dies In Fire That Destroyed Home

William Jenkins Home on Wintersteen Hill Destroyed as Result of Exploding Stove

Fire breaking out in the frame residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Jenkins, on Wintersteen Hill, late Saturday afternoon, destroyed the structure and in the roaring flames, the three-year-old son of the family, David, lost his life as the rapid spread of the flames made it impossible to enter the house after the first few minutes.

Mr. Jenkins, who is employed at the BREX shops, had come home at 5 o'clock and the oil stove had been started for the preparation of the evening meal, the father had then gone out into the yard to secure some water for the house. One of the children came rushing from the house crying that the house was afire and as the father ran to the now rapidly flaming structure, William Gochenour and his sons, Bill and Elmo joined in the fight to save the children of the Jenkins family. There were six children, ranging from an infant of a few months to a child of ten, these were removed to safety by the father and the Gochenours. Efforts to locate the three-year-old son, David Allen, failed and by this time the flames were raging with the greatest intensity and despite the efforts of the neighbors to enter the house in search of the child, it was impossible to gain entrance.

It is thought that the fire originated when the stove exploded. The fire department battled with all their facilities against the fire but it had gained such a rapid sweep from the oil-fed blaze that it was only a matter of an hour that the structure was entirely burned down.

The body of David Jenkins, the victim of the fire was found beneath the charred remains of a bed in a room south of the kitchen where the fire had started, badly burned and charred by the inferno of the heat. The family lost all of the household effects except one bed that was saved from the house in the first few moments of the blaze.

The fire has left the family in very straitened circumstances as they have lost all of their household furniture as well as personal effects along with the home.

Friends and neighbors were busy Sunday and able to raise a little of supplies of clothing as well as some funds for the use of the distressed family.

Lloyd Hamon Dies

Mrs. Hal Garnett has received word of the death of her brother, Lloyd Harmon at Los Angeles, California. Mr. Harmon was born at Avoca, and was the son of Truman and Mary Harmon. He is survived by his wife and three children: Mrs. Gerald Stock of Shelton, Nebraska; Mrs. Raymond Keech and Elton Harmon of Los Angeles.

Getting Ready for Season

Sunday afternoon a force of men comprising employes of the Lincoln Telephone Co., the Board of Public Works, the Iowa-Nebraska Co., gathered at the Athletic park and spent several hours in erecting poles that will be used to string the lights for the football season. This will permit the high school football team to play night football after the lapse of a few years. It is hoped to have the lights ready for the first home game of the season.

Here from California

Dr. and Mrs. Willis Purviance drove from Los Angeles, California, to get Mrs. A. Dove Asch, an aunt of Mrs. Purviance, who was formerly a resident of California.

Aged Man Ill

Henry Beck, residing on west Granite street, is quite ill at his home at this time.

Have Target Practice

Sheriff Joe Mrasek was called out Sunday morning at 2 o'clock by a message from Union that several parties there were engaged in shooting over the town and generally disturbing the peace.

When the sheriff arrived he found that a trio of men had been indulging in what they had termed target practice to get their guns in shape. One of the targets proved a signal light of the Missouri Pacific railroad and accordingly a complaint was filed by the railroad officer against the men.

This morning the men were arraigned before County Judge Paul E. Pauquet and made a guilty plea to the charges.

Clinton Edward Cox and John Hunget each received a fine of \$10 and costs each, while Earl Fletcher received a fine of \$5 and costs. The amounts were settled and the men sent on their way rejoicing.

Visits in Old Home

Mrs. Rena Allen Tennant, an old time resident of eastern Cass county, is in the city to enjoy a visit with old time friends in her girlhood home. Mrs. Tennant, who owns a cottage at Lake Okoboji, Iowa, has closed her residence at the resort city for the fall and is visiting in this section of the state until she leaves for Florida, where she plans to spend the winter at Miami. While here she is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Taylor, friends of many years standing.

She is the daughter of the late W. T. Allen, a long time resident of near this city and while down in the business section Saturday had the opportunity of meeting many of the old acquaintances, among these Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Davis, members of the Geo. W. Shrader family, and M. G. Churchill, all of the Murray community.

Entertains Rotarians

An unusual offering in the line of entertainment as afforded the members of the Rotary club this noon at the weekly luncheon at the Hotel Plattsmouth.

Clement Woster was the chairman for the program and had secured the assistance of Mrs. Milo Hoppe and her class in Spanish.

This group had arranged and presented a play in both English and Spanish, a most delightful and clever offering. The class showed the greatest skill in their Spanish offering that was enjoyed to the utmost.

The cast comprised George McConkey, Jean Holmquist, Clementine Woster, Mrs. Charles Howard, with Mrs. Hoppe as the director.

Here on Business

A. H. Egenberger of Omaha, executor of the estate of his father, the late L. B. Egenberger, was in the city today to look after some matters in connection with the estate. Mrs. Egenberger accompanied her husband to enjoy a visit here with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Egenberger.

Mr. Egenberger reports that their oldest son, Bernard, is still stationed in the Aleutian Islands where he has been for the greater part of his army service of the past two years. The youngest son, Henry, Jr., is in the naval service and altho they have not heard from him for sometime he was in the Southwest Pacific when last they heard.

Undergoes Operation

Plattsmouth friends will be interested in learning that Mrs. Clarence Frost, former Plattsmouth resident, is doing nicely at the St. Joseph hospital at Omaha, where she was operated on Friday. Mrs. Frost will be remembered as the former Mrs. May House.

Visit at Murdock

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Lester Thimgan and children, Jane, Sara and Jerry, with Mrs. Martha Thimgan and son, Larry, were at Murdock. They were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan McDonald, the latter a daughter of the Thimgan family.

Bishop H.R. Brinker Confirms Class At St. Luke's Church

Bishop of Nebraska of the Episcopal Church Brings Impressive Message

Sunday was the annual official visit of the Episcopal Bishop of Nebraska, Rt. Rev. Howard R. Brinker, of Omaha, to the St. Luke's church of this city.

A very large congregation of the members of the parish were in attendance at the service and to witness Bishop Brinker confer the apostolic rite of the laying on of hands.

The class was presented for confirmation, by Canon Geo. St. George Tyner, rector of St. Luke's church, who had the instruction of the members of the class.

The class comprised Mrs. Carl Ofe, Sr., Mrs. Andrew Kroehler and Robert Kroehler, Jr., who were received into the church by the Bishop.

The sermon of Bishop Brinker was on "God is Love," a very inspiring message to the congregation and the class on the necessity of having love of the Christ and of the church as a part of their daily life as well as bearing its regard for their fellow men.

During the service of the evening, Carl Ofe, Jr., gave the always lovely number, "That Sweet Story of Old," Mrs. J. M. Roberts, organist of the church being the accompanist.

The class is another that has been received into the church under the guidance of Canon Tyner, who has added many to the church membership in the course of his pastorate, by his masterly messages each week to the members of the church and the friends who come to enjoy these sermons as well as his keen and sincere interest in the members of his church and the many friends in the community.

Sings at Local Service

Miss Jane Boedeker, of Murray, was here Sunday to give a special vocal solo at the morning services at the First Presbyterian church. Miss Boedeker presented the inspiring number, "How Beautiful Are Thy Dwellings O Lord," with Mrs. H. F. Goos as the accompanist. Miss Boedeker is one of the outstanding musicians that has come from this section of Nebraska and has studied at several of the large conservatories in the United States and Europe.

Card of Thanks

In the time of distress the kindly acts of friends and their expressions of sympathy, come most grateful to those in need. We wish to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who has been so kind to us in the loss of our home and our beloved son and brother. May you all have the same kindly treatment in your hour of trial.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Jenkins and Children

Draws Down Fine

This morning in the police court before Judge Charles L. Graves, Charles Henry was arraigned on a complaint charging disturbing the peace and intoxication.

The alleged offense took place last night on Main street and the young man was taken into custody by Officer Plybon and lodged in the city jail over night.

On the charge of intoxication, Henry was fined \$10 and costs and on that of disturbing the peace \$5 and costs, which were paid and the defendant released.

Attend DAR Conference

The district conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution was held on Saturday at the Cornhusker hotel in Lincoln and attended by a very fine group of the ladies. A fine program was enjoyed by the group. Representatives from Fontenelle chapter of this city were Miss Pearl Staats, Miss Caroline Baird and Mrs. E. H. Wescott.

Gives Friend Farewell

A farewell party was given Mrs. A. Dove Asch at the Lewiston Community Center, southeast of Murray, on Thursday, September 14th. The reception was held in the afternoon and participated in by some sixty-three of the old time friends in the community, many of these neighbors of long years standing.

The friends enjoyed a visit with their old friend and to bid her goodbye and wish her a happy home with her niece, Edith Eaman Purviance, at Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. Asch in departing, for the west, has presented the Lewiston Community Center twelve original paintings done by her late husband, Julius Asch, which will add greatly to the attractiveness of the center.

Tom Tilson Badly Injured In Auto Crash Tuesday

Well Known Resident of Near Murray at St. Mary's Hospital at Nebraska City—Case Serious

Tom J. Tilson, resident of near Murray, is at the St. Mary's hospital at Nebraska City, in very grave condition as the result of injuries received late Tuesday afternoon in an auto wreck at the intersection of highways No. 34 and 75, a mile east of Union. A. B. Slagle, 79, of Magnet, Nebraska, who was with Mr. Tilson in the car as also injured less seriously and was cared for by Dr. R. W. Tyson at Murray.

The accident occurred shortly after 4 o'clock at the intersection of the two highways when the Tilson car was coming east on 34 and the car driven by Russell Blover of Nebraska City, was coming south.

The Tilson car was struck at the left front door, with Mr. Tilson receiving the full force of the impact.

Sheriff Joe Mrasek was notified of the accident and reached the scene in a few moments after the crash and assisted in getting the injured men removed and cared for.

Reports this morning state that Mr. Tilson is still unconscious and has apparently suffered internal injuries and also has a broken nose and head injuries.

Death of Old Resident

The death of Cecil Leroy Amick, 66, occurred Tuesday at the St. Mary's hospital at Nebraska City, where he has been under treatment.

Mr. Amick has spent his lifetime in Cass county, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Amick, having been early day residents, and he was born on July 14, 1878 at Murray. He has lived in that community where he received his education, later engaged in farming during his lifetime.

Mr. Amick was unmarried and has made his home with his brother, Earl Amick and family on the farm since the death of the parents. He was well known over this part of the county and was a man that maintained a great interest in public affairs.

Mr. Amick had many friends over the county that will learn with regret of his passing, and will miss his pleasant association of the past years.

There are surviving two brothers and three sisters: Louis Amick, St. Louis; Earl Amick, Murray; Mrs. Minerva Coolman, Plattsmouth; Mrs. John Truman, Napier, Neb.; Mrs. Frank Hunt, Weeping Water, as well as a number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be on Friday afternoon at 2:30 at the Congregational church at Weeping Water. The Hobson funeral home will have charge of the funeral.

Attends Omaha College

Miss Gertrude Cloldt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Cloldt, is enrolled this year at the Duchesne college at Omaha, one of the best known girls' colleges in the United States. Miss Cloldt took her work at the Omaha school the past week and was home far the week end with the parents. She is much pleased with the college and the wonderful group of classmates that she has met in school.

Murray State Bank In Million Dollar Class September 13

Great Showing for a Bank Located in a Town of 300 People to Reach This Mark

The residents of Cass county will be greatly interested to learn that on Wednesday, September 13, the Murray State bank, reached the one million class, their daily balance showing for that date \$1,002,007.03.

The Murray State bank, located in a small community of 300 people has established a fine record in recent years with a strong steady growth that has caused them to advance in their volume of business and serve their patrons in a fine manner.

The bank is headed by W. G. Boedeker, as president, and Charles H. Boedeker as the cashier of the bank, who in addition to their banking interests carry on a large cattle feeding business at their farms in the Murray locality.

School Classes Elect

The four classes of the high school have held their election of officers for the year and are prepared to start on their active program of class activities. The following is the result of the election:

SENIORS: President, Richard Sack; Vice-President, Duane Sack; Secretary, Eleanor Eaton; Treasurer, Beverly Brubaker.

JUNIORS: President, Jean Collins; Vice President, Audrey Dow; Secretary, Norma Siemers; Treasurer, Geraldine Case.

SOPHOMORES: President, Robert Tritsch; Vice - President, William Howland; Secretary, Charles Thomason; Treasurer, Kenneth Tiekotter.

FRESHMEN: President, Wilma Gradoville; Vice-President, James Alkire; Secretary, Carl Haith; Treasurer, Nina Daniels.

Funeral of Child

Funeral services were held this afternoon at the chapel of the Caldwell funeral home for David Allen Jenkins, 3, who lost his life in the destruction of the family home Saturday afternoon.

The service was conducted by Rev. J. W. Taenzler, the pastor of the First Christian church, who brought words of comfort to the bereaved parents, brothers, sisters and friends.

During the services two musical numbers were given by members of the choir of the Christian church. The burial was at the Oak Hill cemetery in the west part of the city.

Move to New Home

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Sedlak moved to their former home on West Locust street and are comfortably settled in the old home where they spent so many years. The home has been redecorated and modernized in every way and makes a most attractive home.

To Leave the City

Mrs. Kate Oliver Morgan is expecting to leave this week for Omaha where she will make her home in the future, securing apartments at 2214 J street, South Side. The move has been made necessary by the fact that she has disposed of her residence property and finds it necessary to move as she cannot secure a suitable apartment. She will be at home to her friends after a two week period.

Card of Thanks

Mrs. A. Dove Asch wishes to express her thanks to all her good friends and neighbors for the wonderful party given her at the Lewiston Community Center.

Mrs. A. Dove Asch, 944 Maltman Ave., Los Angeles 26, California.

Taken to Hospital

Mrs. Jerry Konfrat was taken to Omaha this morning in the Caldwell ambulance where she will remain for a few days undergoing treatment.

Social Circle Club

The Lewiston Social Circle club held a very interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. S. Y. Smith on Tuesday afternoon.

A fine attendance of members were present, and a good number of visitors. They being Mesdames A. Dove Asch, George Ray, Fred Baker, Sterling Harris, Bette Ann Wustruck, Anna McDonald, Kellisen, Will Cook, Lloyd and H. H. Chatten.

The afternoon was spent guessing who their Capsule friends might be for the past year.

Another member was added to our club being Peggy Scott.

An indoor picnic lunch was served by the members of the club. The October meeting will be held in the afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lee Faris, assisted by Mrs. Homer Comer. All members urged to be present.

Police Court Activities

Judge C. L. Graves was busy at the week end hearing a number of complaints filed for violations of the law.

Sunday morning Judge Graves had two callers, holding a special session of court to permit the parties to secure their liberties. Edward Disocky, of Leavenworth, Kansas, was charged with intoxication and to this entered a plea of guilty. The court gave a fine of \$10 and costs that was settled and the defendant released.

Edward Redden, of Murray, was also before the court on the charge of intoxication and also entered a plea of guilty. He was assessed a fine of \$10 and arrangements were made to pay the same.

This morning Peter Lanze, of Pacific Junction, was in court on a charge of intoxication and on his plea of guilty was given a fine of \$10 and costs. This was paid and he was released from custody.

To Attend Memorial

Father Edward C. Tucek, pastor at Holy Rosary church will be out of town for over a week. He will conduct a series of sermons during the Forty Hour Devotion at the Sacred Heart church in Shelby, Nebraska. Reverend Tucek will leave for Protivin, Iowa, after his mission in Shelby is completed, to attend a Memorial service for his brother, First Sergeant Arthur Tucek, who was declared officially dead by the war department. Sergeant Tucek was in the A.A.F. with Cheanault's Flying Tigers. It was a year last August 24 that he failed to return from a bombing expedition over Jap held China.

The usual schedule for Saturday confessions, Sunday Masses, Boy Scout meeting will continue as usual. There will be no week day Masses until further notice. In case of illness in the parish or any circumstance which will require a service of a Catholic priest, Monsignor George Agius, of St. John's church will be available.

Celebrate Anniversary

Open house at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Lee Burns, 524 South 41st St., Omaha, Sunday, marked the sixtieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Cummins. The date also marked the eighty-sixth birthday of Mr. Cummins. Mr. and Mrs. Cummins are former residents of Plattsmouth where they were married. They have made their home in Omaha since 1913. Dean Cummins, a son also assisted in the welcoming the guests.

Card of Thanks

We wish to take this opportunity of acknowledging the many kind words and messages sent up in our recent bereavement. In the loss of our son, killed in action, we have had many calls of sympathy and these will long be remembered.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Rusk and Family

Lincoln People Here

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Royal, of Lincoln, were here Sunday afternoon and enjoyed dinner and a visit with Judge C. L. Graves, father of Mrs. Royal.

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To Attend Board Meeting

County Superintendent L. A. Behrends is to attend a meeting of the State Teacher's Examining board on Saturday. The superintendent will be out of the office all day.

Death Of Mrs. Frances Upton At Age Of 94 Years

Pioneer of Liberty Precinct Dies Today at Family Home — Long Time Resident

From Tuesday's Daily— This morning at the family home near Union, occurred the death of Mrs. Frances J. Upton, 94, one of the oldest residents of Cass county, who has been closely identified with the history of Cass county for more than seventy years.

The passing of Mrs. Upton takes from earthly activity one, if not the last, of the sturdy men and women that settled in southern Cass county at an early day, by their thrift and hard work helped build up a community where they enjoyed the closing years of life.

Frances J. Reynolds was born in Andrew county, Missouri, on September 25, 1852, coming to Cass county, Nebraska, when a girl and where she was married to G. S. Upton, then one of the young farmers of Liberty precinct where he had started farming for himself in 1865.

Mr. and Mrs. Upton were married at Union, December 11, 1873.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Upton were loved and honored figures in the community and where the husband passed to his rest a number of years ago.

In recent years Mrs. Upton has resided with her son, Earl Upton, at the farm home.

She was preceded in death by the husband and two sons. Surviving is the son, Earl, as well as a number of grandchildren.

Dies in California

The word was received today by Searl S. Davis from Mrs. Inez Heiser Davis, of Los Angeles, telling of the death on September 14th at Fullerton, California, of W. R. Davis, former Cass county resident.

Mr. Davis was past ninety years of age and has made his home on the west coast for many years. He was formerly a resident on a farm north of Nehawka.

The deceased was a brother of Stephen A. Davis, many years a grain dealer in Plattsmouth, and of Mrs. William Jameson of Weeping Water, who passed away the last spring.

The interment of Mr. Davis was made at Fullerton, California.

Want Band Instruments

Dr. O. Sandin, one of the veteran band men of the city is interested in getting track of musical instruments that may be owned by old time band men who might be interested in getting out and organizing a band for public entertainment and demonstrations.

There are undoubtedly many old time band men in the city that could form a real musical organization and fill a long needed want in the community. Anyone that has instruments or is interested should contact Dr. Sandin and start the ball rolling.

To Retire on Pension

Frank Slatinsky, who has been off his work in the BREX shops for the past few weeks, due to a heart affliction, is to retire from active work. Mr. Slatinsky was informed that his condition would not permit his carrying on any hard work in the future and he will accordingly be retired on pension by the railroad.

Goes to Pennsylvania

Mrs. Wilmer Covert departed last evening for the east where she will join her husband, Sgt. Wilmer Covert, stationed at Camp Reynolds, Pennsylvania. She will remain in Pennsylvania as long as her husband is stationed there.