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Railroad Worker Killed By Train Near This City

J. Petronis, 55, living at Bunk Car Near Creapolis Found Dead North of Burlington Station

This morning shortly after 2 o'clock, Sheriff Joe Mrasek was called from the Burlington Tower at Creapolis reporting that a train crew had reported a dead man lying along the tracks some 500 feet north of the Burlington station in this city. Sheriff Mrasek found the man along the track he apparently having been sidetracked by a eastbound train and hurled over near the west bound tracks and had suffered bad injuries that had caused his instant death.

The discovery was made by the crew on a west bound freight train who reported the finding to the telegraph station. The west bound train had cut off part of the clothing of the man and almost ran over him before the train was stopped. The body was taken to the Sattler funeral home to await inquiry as to the relatives in this locality if he had anyone.

There was found on the body checks and money close to \$800, he having checks from the Burlington bank as far as April that had never been cashed.

The man was of Greek descent and has been a member of the extra gang for some time.

Asks Sale Set Aside

An action has been filed in the office of the clerk of the district court in which Beth Barnes Gregg is the plaintiff and Harold Richards, et al are defendants. The petition alleges that in a partition suit sale of land was made to the defendant, Richards, for the sum of \$25,000, the best bid offered and that the defendant paid 10 per cent of the bid price, \$3,500 at the time of the sale. It is further alleged that the defendant has failed to pay any additional amount on the purchase and that the sale was confirmed by the district court on August 18, 1944. The petition of the plaintiff asks that the confirmation of the sale by the court be vacated and that the property in question be re-advertised for sale.

Hayride Ride

Fourteen members of the Young People's Christian Endeavor of the First Christian church, accompanied by their sponsor, Rev. J. W. Tenzler and fourteen guests enjoyed a hayride party last evening. The climax of the ride was a wienie roast held at the Ruel Beck farm. The entertainment was Audrey Dow, Alberta Ruth and Phyllis Tenzler.

Spend Sunday Here

Miss Ruth Fagan, who is attending college at Grinnell, Iowa, was a visitor here Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Naeve, south of the city. This was a most pleasant occasion for the family as Lt. Fred Naeve is here from his station in Louisiana and it was also the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Naeve. Miss Fagan formerly attended Tarkio college, at Tarkio, Missouri, where Lt. Naeve was also a student.

Fined for Intoxication

This morning in the police court of Judge C. L. Graves, Donald Stroud of Malvern, Iowa, was arraigned on the charge of intoxication and to which he made a plea of guilty. A fine of \$10 and costs was assessed against the defendant, paid and he was released.

Visit at Weeping Water

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gray and family were here Saturday and on their return they were accompanied by Mrs. W. H. Puls, mother of Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Eugene Sochor and children, of Hollywood, California, who have been here for some weeks. Mrs. Sochor is planning on leaving soon for the west coast.

Visits In Old Home

Mrs. Elizabeth Waugh Arndt, of Denver, was a visitor in the city over the week end, a guest of Miss Barbara Gering and Mrs. Henry Herold, old neighbors and friends of the Waugh family. Mrs. Arndt has been on an extended visit in the east and stopped for a visit with her brother, Samuel Waugh, Lincoln banker, taking advantage of the occasion to visit her childhood home here.

Mrs. Arndt enjoyed a motor trip over the city and viewing the many places of scenic beauty and the homes that have been erected in the recent years over the city.

Seek Shelter For Service Men In Transit

War Fund to Aid in Securing Suitable Quarters for Men at Union Where Badly Needed

For sometime past there has been a great need of a suitable place at Union for service men that are brought there for change of trains to the Lincoln air base training center. The Cass county committee to raise the War Fund drive quota has taken recognition of this fact, and are asking for an additional \$150 over the amount already assigned for the quota.

The Missouri Pacific station at Union is far too small to handle the number of men that are compelled to remain in Union for several hours while awaiting train connections and with the chilly weather and approach of the winter season more adequate rooms are badly needed. As many as 300 at a time have had to wait in Union.

The Union Legion post has secured a spot a block and a half east of the station that can be used, but this will require funds to properly arrange and for this purpose the additional sum is asked.

Mrs. Ray Norris, Cass county chairman, is urging that all local drives be stressed with this added need for funds.

An Appreciation

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the friends for their remembrances of cards, flowers and personal calls while I was at the hospital. These will be long pleasantly remembered.

Bonnie Hamblen

Taken to Sioux City

Deputy Sheriff Emery Doody was at Sioux City, Iowa, on Monday afternoon to look up a clue as to relatives of J. Petronis, killed here by a train early Monday morning. The deputy sheriff discovered that a brother was residing in the Iowa city and accordingly the body was taken there this morning from the Sattler funeral home.

Scout Troop 367

A good attendance of Scouts, with Scoutmaster Thibgan, assistant Rev. Tenzler and Committeeman Myer, was found last night at the Christian church. A new class for Tenderfoot will start next Monday. All boys wanting to join this troop are urged to attend next Monday at 7:30.

Back from Coast

Sterling Hopkins, who has been located at Los Angeles for the past several months, returned home Sunday evening from the west coast. He will visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hopkins, Sr., and the many old friends.

Attend Funeral Service

Louis F. Friedrich and daughter, Miss Malinda, who were called to Pekin, Illinois, by the death of a cousin, John Volk, are expected home Tuesday. They remained to attend the funeral services. Mr. Volk is a relative of many of the Cass county residents in this vicinity.

Hunting Season Opening Enjoyed By Local People

Most of the Hunters Seek the Elusive Pheasant Out in State While Few Hunt Ducks

Sunday a large part of the male population of the city was out to fittingly participate in the opening of the hunting season for pheasant and wild duck on the farms and streams of this section of the state.

The hunting season opened on Saturday and a number were out to get the first shots at the pheasants, but the larger part started out for their hunt on Saturday night to get set for early Sunday morning shooting.

Local hunters largely selected the north and northeast part of the state for their pheasant hunting and a number report good bags while others very few. The veteran hunters seemed to have the best luck and all report that the going was tough this season. The wet seasons produced a great deal of cover for the birds and in addition to the tall corn there was an abundant crop of tall weeds, cockleburrs and sunflowers to battle in the fields.

The shortage of gasoline prevented many from making long trips for their hunting ground and also the shell shortage was felt by the hunters.

CLUB MEETING

The 4-Mile club held their first meeting this fall at the home of Mrs. John Wehrlein with Mrs. Leonard Horn and Mrs. Albert Todd, assistant hosts.

Our president, Mrs. Ralph Wehrlein opened the meeting with singing "America" and "Home Sweet Home." We will take up Red Cross sewing again this year. Work was distributed by our chairman, Mrs. Russell Stander. We decided to send our boys a Christmas present from the members of the club.

We are going to have Secret Pals to remember on birthdays and anniversaries.

There were twenty members present and one visitor.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Elmer Tritsch on Nov. 14.

Games were played, the winners being: Mrs. Fred Nolting, Mrs. Frank Bierl and Mrs. Arthur Weiss. Delicious luncheon was served at the close of the afternoon.

An Appreciation

I wish to take this means of expressing my appreciation to the many friends for the calls, letters, cards and beautiful flowers during my stay at the hospital.

Mrs. Dewey Reed

Visits at North Platte

Mr. and Mrs. York Hinman of North Platte were here Sunday and on their return home they were accompanied by E. A. Wurl, father of Mrs. Hinman. Mr. Wurl is planning on spending a week with the daughter and enjoying a short outing.

Court Here Thursday

District Judge Thomas E. Dunbar will be here on Thursday to hold a session of the district court, it was announced this morning by C. E. Ledgway, clerk of the district court.

Go to Iowa City

Mr. and Mrs. James Rebal, Sr., departed today for Iowa City, Iowa, where they will enjoy a visit at the home of their son, George E. Rebal and family. George Rebal is engaged in business in Iowa City.

Plattsmouth Boy Shines

The World-Herald sport section Sunday carried an excellent picture of some of the action in the Nebraska U-Indiana battle at Bloomington. One of the pictures showed Edward Gradoville for the Huskers, in action and carrying the ball for a nine yard gain after receiving a pass.

Social Workers Club

The Social Workers Flower club held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Mike Kaffenberger who was assisted by Mrs. Albert Wheeler as associate hostess.

The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. James Lepert and the election of officers held, the following being selected:

President—Mrs. Velma Rae
Vice-President—Mrs. Vera Gil-mour

Secretary—Mrs. George Mumm
Treasurer—Mrs. Fred Spangler
Corresponding secretary—Mrs. Mike-Kaffenberger

Plans were discussed for a Halloween party to be held at the home of Mrs. Ralph Doud on October 29th. The ladies also decided to take up the Red Cross sewing as a part of their activities. The members were all presented their year books that outline the club activities for the year. Each one of the members will have a mystery sister in the future and this is a matter of much interest for all. A card of thanks was received from those who have been ill in the club and community in the past few weeks.

There was a fine attendance of the members and two guests, Mrs. Peter Petersen and Mrs. Leonard Petersen, present. The next meeting of the club will be at the home of Mrs. John M. Meisinger and with Mrs. Minnie Nolting as the associate hostess.

War Fund Drive Needs Greater Response Here

Only About a Fourth of the Sum Needed is Raised and Greater Contributions Needed

John Cloidt, city chairman of the War Fund Drive, says only about a fourth of our quota has been reached in the drive.

Too many \$1 and \$2 contributions have been made that will not supply the quota as the population on this basis cannot reach the desired goal.

If you will notice on the back of the contribution card it is suggested: "contributors consider a gift equal to one day's income on behalf of the war related causes represented in the national war fund."

If everyone will do this we will have no difficulty in reaching our quota nicely.

Entertain Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lancaster entertained at their farm home south of Murray on Sunday. Needless to say a very fine dinner was served at noon such as only Mrs. Lancaster can prepare. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lancaster, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lancaster of Plattsmouth, Mrs. Mary Eppings, of Murock and the guest of honor, First Lieutenant Richard Eppings, who has just recently returned from Italy where he has completed fifty missions over German held territory as a pilot of a P-29.

Needless to say Lieutenant Eppings has had plenty of excitement in his service as his medals and decorations indicate. He has received the silver star, the Distinguished Flying cross, the air medal, three oak leaf clusters, European theatre ribbon, three battle stars, American defense ribbon and Pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon.

Shows Some Improvement

J. W. Holmes, former postmaster, who has been quite ill for the past week is reported as some better. Mr. Holmes was taken with the flu and has suffered from complications that has made his case serious and required his remaining in bed.

Goes to Kansas City

E. H. Wescott departed this morning for Kansas City, Missouri, where he will visit the markets for a short time. He is also to visit with his son, CPO Edgar S. Wescott and wife while there.

Legion Officials Attend State District Meetings

Elmer Webb, Assistant State Service Officers Tells of Interesting Meetings Held

Elmer Webb, adjutant for twenty-five years of the Plattsmouth post of the American Legion, now the assistant state service officer, has written to Mrs. R. A. Bates of the Journal, telling very interestingly of the various district meetings of the Legion.

I am sitting around the Yancy lobby after having had supper at the Coffee Shop waiting for my driver (the Assistant State Adjutant) to pick me up and go on to Hastings where we have convention and school tomorrow—so am reminded again of our trip out here for the Navy meeting some three years ago. This is the last week of our around the State swing and includes besides Hastings tomorrow, Crete on Tuesday, Nebr. City on Wednesday and Auburn Thursday.

We were at Cody, Scottsbluff, Grant, McCook, Kearney (Doctor Taylor) the first week. Last week Pender, Wausa, Wahoo and Papillion. Mrs. Webb was with me at Papillion and will be Crete Tuesday; also at our own 12th Dist. Convention in Nebraska City Wednesday. Vesta Thomas is Dist. President of the Auxiliary there. Adjutant Lang brought his wife along this p. m. (we left Lincoln at 4 p. m. and she will visit her brother here this week. He was to pick me up in an hour (7:30) so we could go on to Hastings where we have reservation at the Clarke. It is now 8:30. Guess they had fish for supper. I will be glad when this last week of gadding is over, although I have had a fine time all the way and felt fine. Nine of us making the trip—Dept. Commander Reed O'Hanlon, Dept. Auxiliary President Gladys Plantenburg, Dept. Adjutant Patterson, Dept. Service Officer Marsh; Manager Benke of Vets Hospital, National Committeeman Clint Brome of Omaha; W. H. Andreason, of United States Employment Service (Veterans' Employment officer); Asst. Adjutant Roy Lang.

Emil Wurl and his daughter were in the lobby a while, but left a half hour ago for her home at North Platte. They are driving. We had one convention out in the Sand Hills of Cherry county—in a small circus tent. Drove 31 miles over hay roads to reach the place, which was that far off the highway. Covering about 2500 miles during the three weeks. Well Lang ought to be along any minute now. Expect to see a lot of the Plattsmouth gang at our own district convention at Nebraska City Wednesday. Mrs. Thomas was with us over night Friday as she had attended the Lincoln unit meeting that afternoon.

Regards, Elmer

Returns to Wyoming

R. C. Jahrig returned home this afternoon from Newcastle, Wyoming, where he has been in attendance at the funeral of a sister, Mrs. Julius F. Beck.

The services were held on Sunday at Newcastle and was in charge of Rev. Trimble at the Methodist church. The interment was at the cemetery beside the departed husband.

Those attending the funeral from out of the city were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brewer, Callaway, Neb., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill of Murray; Mrs. Adam Philpot of Arnold, Nebraska; W. G. Jahrig of Billings, Montana and R. C. Jahrig.

Comes from West Coast

Mrs. Hamilton Mark, of Santa Monica, California, arrived Friday from the west for a visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Donat, Sr., and will also be at Omaha to visit Mr. Mark and the many friends in that city. Mrs. Mark reports the family on the west coast are all doing well and enjoying life. She reports meeting many old time Plattsmouth people in the Los Angeles area.

Joe Noble Stars

The Iowa State football team took their first game in the Big Six conference Saturday when they rocked Kansas U by the score of 25 to 0, and it was also their third straight victory.

Joe Noble of this city, who is attending the V-12 school at Iowa State, was the bright and outstanding figure in the game. He was at the quarterback slot and made two of the Cyclone counters and passed for the third score of the game.

Noble is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Noble of this city.

Death Of John Lutz Early Today At Hospital

Long Time Resident of the City and Veteran of the Burlington Dies of Heart Ailment

John Lutz, 78, resident of Plattsmouth for the past sixty-two years, died this morning at 4:30 at the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha where he has been gravely ill from a heart attack for the past several days.

Mr. Lutz was born at St. Jacobs, Illinois, January 18, 1866, spending his boyhood in that community and in 1882 came to Plattsmouth where he has since made his home.

Coming to Plattsmouth Mr. Lutz entered the services of the Burlington railroad in the local shops and was engaged for some forty-eight years in the company service a part of that time as the foreman of the brass foundry. He has been retired from active railroad work for the past twelve years.

In the year 1889 Mr. Lutz and Miss Minnie Prettig were married in this city and for many years resided in the family home in the south part of the city, later moving to the home at 6th and Marble streets. Mrs. Lutz preceded her husband in death several years ago.

Mr. Lutz was an active figure in the city for the greater part of his lifetime, being a member of the city council from the fifth and later the fourth ward for many years. In his service he was the president of the council and acting mayor for many times.

He was a member of the Burlington Veterans association, the Eagles, I.O.O.F., and the A.O.U.W., for many years.

There is surviving the passing of Mr. Lutz, four children Otto and Henry Lutz of this city, Mrs. Helen King, St. Louis and Mrs. Catherine Morrison, Wymore, as well as ten grandchildren. There remains three brothers and one sister, George Lutz, Louisville, Fred Lutz, Murray, Mike Lutz, Plattsmouth and Mrs. Paul Roemer of Lincoln.

The body is at Sattler's to await the funeral arrangements.

Omaha Parties Married

Saturday afternoon at the parsonage of the St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church on Pearl street, occurred the marriage of Clyde Hope and Helen Hughes Kershaw, both of 1915 Capital avenue, Omaha. The marriage lines were read by Rev. E. J. Meritz and at the conclusion of the service the bride and groom returned to Omaha.

Here from Wyoming

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Allen and son, Dale, of Upton, Wyoming, are here for a visit at the home of Mr. Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Allen, also at the C. O. Schwenneker, C. E. Welshner and Bert Schwenneker homes. Mr. Allen has for several years been engaged in the operation of a bakery at Upton and has been very successful in his work. While here for a visit Mr. Allen expects to contact several of the wholesale houses in Omaha for needed supplies.

Comes from Florida

Mrs. Charles Kopp of Miami, Florida, is here to enjoy a visit with her mother, Mrs. Josephine Cechal, as well as her brothers, Adolph and John Cechal and the Frank Rebal family.

Death Of William C. Tippens Monday At Omaha Hospital

Veteran Railroader and Man Actively Identified With City Passes Away After Long Illness

The death of William C. Tippens, 77, a resident of Plattsmouth since 20 years of age, occurred on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha, where for several days his condition had been critical.

Mr. Tippens has been in failing health for a great many years since his retirement from his work with the Burlington railroad, he has suffered from a heart ailment.

William C. Tippens was born June 30, 1867, at Gallipolis, O. where he spent his boyhood, later coming to the west where he located at Plattsmouth in 1887 and entered the service of the Burlington railroad at the local shop being engaged in the planing mill for a great many years and served as the foreman of that department for some thirty-four years or until his retirement.

Mr. Tippens was married in this city to Miss Lena Schroeder April 5, 1897, their marriage being a most happy one, that terminated February 4, 1943, when the wife was called away, since that time Mr. Tippens has greatly mourned the passing of the wife. Since the passing of the wife he has been cared for most faithfully and tenderly by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Meisinger, who were very close to both Mr. and Mrs. Tippens.

Mr. Tippens took a great deal of interest in the community and was an active figure in the civic affairs, serving several terms as a member of the city council from the second ward. Mr. Tippens was also a member of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M. for many years.

There survives the death of Mr. Tippens, one sister, Mrs. Lilly Brannigan, residing in Montana.

Old friends who have known Mr. Tippens for many years will regret to learn of his departure from this earthly life but he leaves behind many pleasant memories among the old friends and associates.

Campfire Meeting

Yesterday afternoon we met at the home of Carol Bernhardt. We opened the meeting by having roll call. One person was absent.

Carol had charge of the meeting. She read us a poem and Bibs Rhylander also read a poem.

Carol is passing her torch bearers rank and one requirement was to have a literary afternoon.

Mrs. Akesson, our guest, gave a book report on "The Winding River."

We were invited to a Halloween party, by the Iyopita group. Mrs. Glenn Jones, guardian of the Iyopita's, is giving it for both groups.

Scribe,
Janis Schmidtman

Police Court Sunday

Judge C. L. Graves took time Sunday to hold a short session of police court to hear several complaints filed for offenses Saturday night.

Ed Viscasky was present in the court on the charge of intoxication as was Frank Bishneau both receiving a fine of \$10 and costs that was paid and the two released from custody.

Louis Redden received a fine of \$2 and costs for disturbing the peace.

Rail Worker Drops Dead

This morning Sheriff Joe Mrasek was called to South Bend, where a members of an extra gang on the railroad was reported as having dropped dead.

The sheriff on his arrival found that William Fletcher, 65, a member of an extra gang of rail workers, had dropped dead as he engaged in working on the right-of-way and as he fell, he rolled under a train that fortunately was not in motion and the man was extricated. The body will be held until members of his family are located.