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NEW JOURNAL PUBLISHER AND OWNER VETERAN NEWSMAN

Lester A. Walker, publisher of the Fremont Guide and Tribune, who has purchased the Plattsmouth Journal, is a veteran in the newspaper work, also a native son of Nebraska.

He graduated from the McCook high school and later attended the University of Nebraska until he actually entered newspaper work that he was to follow as a life choice by engaging with the McCook Daily Gazette as a reporter when the paper was established as a daily in 1924.

Later Mr. Walker was with the United Press at their Lincoln office for a time but returned to McCook as the advertising manager for the McCook Daily Gazette.



LESTER A. WALKER

Mr. Walker was for some time engaged in the job printing business for himself but later again entered the newspaper game and worked on the Sheridan, Wyoming, Press and later served as advertising director of the Wyoming State Tribune and the Wyoming Stockman-Farmer at Cheyenne, Wyoming.

From the Wyoming newspaper field Mr. Walker came to North Platte in 1937 to become the Vice-President and business manager of the North Platte Daily Bulletin.

In 1939 Mr. Walker came to Fremont where he purchased an interest in and became the publisher of the Fremont Morning Guide and was very successful in this field and in 1941 the Morning Guide purchased the Fremont Daily Tribune and Mr. Walker became the publisher of both of these papers. They were merged into the Fremont Guide and Tribune in 1942 and are so operating.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker will continue to make their home in Fremont where he will serve as the publisher of the Guide and Tribune and co-owner of the publication that is owned jointly by Mr. Walker and Alfred G. Hill, publisher of the Chester, Pennsylvania, Times, a well known newspaper man of that section of the country.

The family of Mr. Walker comprises the wife and a two-year-old daughter who will remain at Fremont.

Mr. Walker expects to be in Plattsmouth Sunday for a short time and on Wednesday will be here to take over the ownership of the business and direct the paper in the future.

An Appreciation

I wish to thank all of the kind friends who remembered me while I was at the hospital, sending flowers, cards and personal calls. Also those who assisted in the care of the family.

Mrs. Carl Ulrich.

Banker Visits City

Otto Kotouc, Sr., banker of Humboldt, was in the city today to visit with H. A. Schneider of the Plattsmouth State bank, an old friend and associate in the Nebraska Bankers' association. Mr. Kotouc, Jr., brought his father to this city where he had business. The younger Mr. Kotouc is a former legislator and was one of the youngest members in the unicameral.

Reception Is Given Rev. and Mrs. T. Porter Bennett

Covered Dish Supper Served At Parlors of Church Followed By Excellent Program

Last evening at the parlors of the First Methodist church Rev. and Mrs. T. Porter Bennett were guests at a reception honoring their return to the Plattsmouth church. The affair was in the nature of a six-thirty covered dish supper which was enjoyed by all partaking of the delicious and varied foods served under the auspices of the W.S.C.S.

The tables were beautifully decorated with fall bouquets and the Halloween motif was carried out. Following the dinner, Mrs. Clem Woster, President of the W.S.C.S., welcomed the guests and introduced Mrs. Fred Bourck, Program Chairman, who presented the following program:

Group singing, led by Mrs. E. H. Wescott with E. H. Wescott at the piano. Vocal Trio, "Whispering Hope" and "The Best Things in Life are Free" by Wanda Lou Cacy, Betty McClain and Carolyn Meisinger, Mrs. J. H. Davis, accompanist.

Short talks were given by W. F. Evers, representing the laymen of the local church, Rev. H. G. McClusky, president of the Plattsmouth Ministerial Association, for the churches, to which Rev. T. Porter Bennett responded expressing his pleasure at being returned to the charge for another year. Mrs. Bennett was also very gracious in her expressions of appreciation.

Mrs. Milo Hoppe presented a group in two skits "Latin America Bound" and "In the Music Room". These were first given in American and then in the Spanish language, and were skillfully rendered by the cast consisting of Mrs. Charles Howard, Mrs. Milo Hoppe, Clementine Woster, Jean Holmquist and George McConeky.

The delightful evening closed with more group singing and the Benediction pronounced by Rev. T. Porter Bennett.

No Street Decorations

The Plattsmouth Business Men's Ad club at their meeting this week voted to omit the decoration of the Main street with the colored lighting effects. This has been the policy since the war and will be continued this year and it is hoped that the coming year may bring the conflict to a close and permit the usual Christmas feature.

Instead of the street lighting the business men are stressing the interior decoration of the stores and the lighting and decorating of the show windows of the various business houses.

Boys Bicycle Here

Thursday evening Richard Duxbury, son of Judge and Mrs. A. H. Duxbury and Jerry Marsh, came from Lincoln on their bicycles, making the trip as a part of their Boy Scout tests for advancement. They will spend the rest of the week here with friends. They are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wescott.

Visits in Omaha

Miss Ruth Nelson departed this morning for Omaha where she will spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nelson and family and friends.

Entertains Relatives

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Tilson and John, have had as their guests this week, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wiles, and daughter, Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hilfiker and daughter, Elaine, Pvt. Herbert Lau who is stationed at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, John E. Wiles, Harry L. Wiles and daughter, of Union.

Plattsmouth Slaughters Wahoo 32 To 6

All Members of the Plattsmouth Squad Get to See Action in the One Sided Contest

By J. C. Coffee (Ulrich)

For a moment I thought I might need an adding machine to total the Plattsmouth result but as Coach Stewart eased the pressure upon Wahoo by clearing the Plattsmouth benches of substitutes, I found I did not need a calculator, but Plattsmouth did completely swamp Wahoo 32 to 6 on the local field last evening. Wahoo seemed to be more schooled in hand to hand combat than body to body.

In the Blue Devils second scrimmage play of the night, "Lindy" Wolever shook loose down the sidelines 31 yards for the initial counter. Wolever had sufficient blocking to cut him wide then Cole and Beverage applied terrific blocks down the side lines to cut "Lindy" loose.

Touchdown No. 2 came when Joe Gradoville faded from the fifty yard stripe and shot a bullet like pass to Livingston on the Wahoo 35 and the big end snared the ball and then raced the remaining distance unmolested for six points.

The third touchdown came in the second quarter of the game after Terry Cullen recovered a fumble on the Wahoo twenty-six. The Blue Devils drove down the field sending Gradoville over from the five for the score.

Plattsmouth again scored after the intermission for the fourth counter, when on the first play from scrimmage, Captain Gradoville ran forty-six yards for a counter. He had beautiful blocking on the jaunt.

Touchdown No. 5, Plattsmouth drove down field being momentarily halted, Gradoville shot a good pass to Bud Eaton for the final marker. Eaton took the ball over his shoulder in the end zone.

Gradoville attempted placements after touchdown were good after the first and second touchdowns but he lost his magic and the next three were wide.

There were some twenty minutes remaining after the fifth Plattsmouth score but Coach Merle Stewart swept his bench and even his assortment of second and third stringers did okeh. They offered two goal line stands, they played on even terms with the Saunders county aggregation. They themselves offered a scoring threat by driving for three first downs to the five yard stripe before "Spike" Neil's left handed pass was intercepted. The Wahoo play was clicking and they were over for a touchdown. They were sparked by J. B. O'Brien, tackle, Hubert Babbitt, Glen White, and Neil were outstanding in the junior Platter lineup. Neil showed skill in his handling of the "T".

Eaton, Livingston, Cole, Gradoville and Wolever were five men that Wahoo looked up to. These boys plainly outclassed Wahoo as Sanik and Whaley were their best. Sterling Cole, quarterback, who played a whale of a game, suffered a side injury in the second quarter and left the game and not to return but it was learned that the extent of the injuries was not serious.

Plattsmouth meets the Nebraska City Pioneer in the next game to be played on the Plattsmouth lot. The starting lineups:

Table with 2 columns: Plattsmouth and Wahoo, listing players and positions like PO, LE, LT, LG, C, RE, RT, Ockander, QB, LH, RH, FB, Roberts, Trutna, Hancock, Yerman, Roberts, Sanik, Ockander, Whaley, Wagner, Cunningham, Arney.

An Appreciation

I wish to thank all of the kind friends for their calls, visits, flowers and cards during my recent illness. They will always be a most pleasant memory.

Mrs. Herman Graham

Installs Siren

The electric siren that was used here in the active operation of the civilian Defence council for blackouts, is now installed on the roof of the city hall, being moved there a few days ago from the former location at the high school building.

The siren is to be used to sound a curfew in the near future for the youth of the community, the ordinance providing for the curfew, being a city law for a great many years.

The siren was installed by James Wondra, the electrician at the Cass County Motor Co. shop, and is a good job and one that required a great deal of wiring in the city hall building.

Death Of Mrs. Rose McPhetridge Aged Ninety-Eight

Member of the Masonic Home and In Lifetime Has Traveled Extensively

This morning at 7 o'clock at the Nebraska Masonic Home in this city occurred the death of Mrs. Rose McPhetridge, aged ninety-eight years and five months, she being the oldest resident of the Home in span of years.

Mrs. McPhetridge was a native of England, born June 21, 1846 and in her lifetime has traveled extensively, as her husband was a member of the United States army and established the first quartermaster corps post in the Hawaiian islands later serving in the Philippines. The family for a time were located in Paris where the husband was attached to the United States embassy. Later on returning to the United States the family resided in California where the husband died in 1917. Mrs. McPhetridge was admitted to the Home in May 1938 from Covert lodge No. 11, A. F. & A. M., of Omaha.

Since residing here Mrs. McPhetridge was an attendant at the First Methodist church.

M A O Club Meets

The M.A.O. club met on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Louis Tiekotter with a very pleasing attendance.

After the business meeting the time was spent discussing and demonstrating the making of inexpensive and practical Christmas gifts, Christmas and home decorations and toys for children. The lessons were given by the leaders, Mrs. Vernon Waterman and Mrs. R. C. Humeston. A dainty luncheon was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Tiekotter and Mrs. George Ebersole.

Returns From Omaha

Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Range of this city have been spending the week past in Omaha where they were guests at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Meisinger and enjoying the many places of interest in the metropolis. Mr. and Mrs. Meisinger are to spend Sunday here at the Range home.

Edwin Hiber Operated On

Edwin Hiber, who has been in naval training at the Iowa State college, is now at the U. S. Naval hospital at Great Lakes, Illinois. He was taken sick at Ames, Iowa, with what seemed a spinal ailment and later was transferred to the hospital at the naval station. He was to be operated on Wednesday, but so far there has been no word received here by the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hiber as to the result.

Teachers to Convention

This morning the various district conventions of the Nebraska State Teachers association opened for a three day session. The schools over the state were closed Wednesday afternoon for the rest of the week and the teachers will attend the meetings. The Plattsmouth teachers are attending the convention at Omaha.

Omaha Hunter Is Victim Of Hunting Accident Friday

Companion Shoots At Crow as Unfortunate Man Raises and Receives Shot In Head

William Hoyer, 50, residing at 44th and Poppleton avenue, Omaha, was fatally injured this morning while hunting with party of friends of the island east of Rock Bluffs.

The unfortunate man with three companions were in a blind and Hoyer, who had a crow caller was amusing himself by calling, a crow responding to the call and was coming over. As the bird drew near, E. E. Eegantz, Jr., 19, Omaha, one of the hunters, fired at the crow and as he did so, Hoyer raised up in the blind and the full force of the charge from the gun hit him in the back of the head.

Members of the party rushed to a nearby farm and placed a call for a physician but when Dr. R. P. Westover reached the scene the man was dead. The Caldwell ambulance was called and the body was brought into this city.

Other occupants of the blind were E. E. Eegantz, Sr., and E. L. Sibert, both of Omaha.

C. D. A. Meets

On Wednesday evening Lady of Loretta Court Catholic Daughters of America held a combined business meeting and sewing bee at the home of Mrs. William Nelson with a good number in attendance.

A report was made on the Christmas packages sent to eleven members sons and sons-in-law who are serving overseas in the United States forces. Gifts will be sent to those sons stationed in this country at a later date.

Thanks were received from the Indian Mission in South Dakota for the generous gift of clothing sent by the Court.

The highlight of the meeting was the completion of plans for the Bazaar and Bake sale to be held on December 1st and 2nd. The ladies busied themselves with needles and thread and many items were completed.

Give Shower for Friend

Thursday evening Misses Phyllis and Shirley Speck were hostesses at a miscellaneous shower honoring Mrs. Albert Richards, formerly Miss Daisy Dean Dill. The shower was held at the home of Mrs. Cynthia Dawson on North Third street.

There were a group of the school friends and associates to participate in the pleasant evening, games serving to assist in the pleasant and enjoyable features. In the games prizes were awarded to Gertrude Harris and Mrs. Richards.

The guest of honor received many beautiful remembrances from the friends that will be cherished by her in the future and one of the thrills of the evening was the revealing of the gifts.

At the close of the evening a delicious luncheon was served by the hostesses who were assisted by Loretta Smith and Mr. Dawson.

Goes to Florida

Lieutenant Tom O. Brizendine, who has been visiting here for some time since his return from Europe where he had completed his missions over the enemy held territory, has departed for the south. He was accompanied by Mrs. Brizendine to the AAF redistribution station at Miami, Florida. Lt. Brizendine will remain there until reassigned.

Campfire Leaders Meet

The local guardians and presidents of the various Campfire groups in the city had the pleasure this week of a visit from Miss Gelsler, head of a visit from Miss Gelsler, head of the camp fire organization in Omaha and her field assistant, Miss Turner.

They met at the home of Mrs. Russell Reeder with some fourteen of the ladies of the city interested in this work present.

Will Lay Aside Work As Newspaper Publisher

Mrs. R. A. Bates with the coming week is closing a newspaper career that has covered the greater part of the time since 1902, with the past ten years as owner and publisher of the Journal.

For a great many years Mrs. Bates was a faithful and earnest helper of her husband, the late Robert A. Bates, not only in the printing plant but as well as in the book store that they operated in connection with the Journal for a time, later as a separate institution.



With the passing of Mr. Bates in 1934, Mrs. Bates took up the active management of the newspaper and printing office and has guided it through the succeeding years, a period that has been beset with many problems to those who were engaged in business of any kind and particularly that of the operation of a print shop.

In her conduct of the newspaper Mrs. Bates has been a strong supporter of any worthy cause in the community and has given liberally of her own time and space of her paper in these forward looking movements. Not only in the newspaper has Mrs. Bates aided in the various activities but has contributed liberally to all of the various movements.

She has always taken a deep personal interest in the welfare of her employees and their families in the years that she has headed the Journal.

The retirement from the active newspaper game will give Mrs. Bates the opportunity for a period of relaxation from the hard tasks and allow her to more fully enjoy her home and the society of her many friends.

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Meisinger Hobscheidt Wedding Saturday

Young People Married at the St. John's Catholic Church By Rt. Rev. Monsignor George Agius

The marriage of two of the popular young people of the community took place this morning at 8:30 at the St. John's Catholic church, attended by a large group of the relatives and friends.

The bride was Miss Katherine Rosine Meisinger, daughter of Ralph Meisinger, the groom, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hobscheidt of this city.

The wedding service was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Monsignor George Agius, pastor of the church.

For the wedding service the altar of the church was beautifully arranged with the decorations of gold and white chrysanthemums.

The bride wore a gown of white satin with knit overdress, the gown having a sweetheart neckline. The bride wore a string of pearls, gift of the groom. Her wedding bouquet was of white roses.

Miss Shirley Ann Meisinger, attended her sister as bridesmaid, she wearing a gown of Powder blue, with a bouquet of the red roses.

George Hobscheidt, of LaVern, Iowa, served as the best man for his brother. Both wore dark suits.

Following the wedding there was a reception in the club rooms of the church and the occasion featured a large three tier wedding cake. There were some seventy of the close friends and relatives attending.

A wedding dinner was served at noon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hobscheidt, parents of the groom, at 1219 Pearl street.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobscheidt will reside on the farm near Murray in the future.

Shows Improvement

Mrs. George Barr and granddaughter, Lois Schroeder were in Omaha Thursday where they spent a few hours at the hospital visiting with Kenneth Schroeder, who is there recovering from an operation. He is doing fine and should be home soon.

Called by Death

Mrs. Anna Keller, 76, mother of Robert Keller of this city, passed away last night at her home in Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Keller are leaving this evening for Kansas City to be with the members of the bereaved family.

The Plattsmouth Evening Journal and the Plattsmouth Journal, published semi-weekly, has been purchased by Mr. Lester A. Walker, publisher of the Fremont Guide and Tribune, who will assume the ownership of the Journal on Wednesday, November 1st.

Mr. Walker is one of the well known newspaper men of the state and his long association with the newspaper work assures that this city will have the advantage of his experience and ability in the future conduct of the local papers. Familiar with the operation of many papers in the years past Mr. Walker is prepared to give the people of the community a live and outstanding paper for their consideration.

My decision to place the Evening Journal and the semi-weekly in other hands was made after long consideration and with the added burdens of the past few years.

During the thirty-two years of happy association with my husband in the Journal and during the intervening ten years since his death, it has been a cherished privilege to serve the people of Plattsmouth and Cass county.

I wish I could put into words my deep appreciation of your co-operation and your courtesies.

At the same time, I feel that the time has come when the paper should go forward under new and younger management. That briefly is the reason for the announcement made today, made with regret but also with the knowledge that it is for the best.

This will not be a parting however, for which I am indeed happy. I will continue to devote my best efforts to the Bates Book store and to a lifelong habit of daily contact with my friends of the community I wish again to thank all of the patrons of the Journal and to the members of the Journal force that have been with me.

MRS. R. A. BATES.

Dies in Omaha

William H. Tvey, 89, a resident of Plattsmouth for a great many years, died Tuesday at the family home, 3030 Fowler avenue, Omaha. Mr. Tvey and family resided in the south part of the city, south of the Columbian school for a number of years, later in 1924 moving to Omaha where they have since resided. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. H. O. Ehlers, a brother, Ben, International Falls, Minnesota, a sister, Mrs. Rudolph Hansen, Litchfield, Minnesota.

Theta Rho Meeting

The Theta Rho girls held their regular meeting last night at 7:30 p. m. Our next regular meeting will be November 9th at 7:30. We will have formal initiation.