

## Charles Herren Dies at Age of Eighty Four Years

Resident of Plattsmouth and Cass County Since 1890—Ill for Past Several Months

The death of Charles Herren, 84, occurred early Wednesday evening at the family home in this city where for the past few months he has been ill, suffering from a lingering illness.

Mr. Herren was born at Berne, Switzerland, June 11, 1860, spending his boyhood days in the land of his birth. When twenty-four years old he came to the United States and located at Marysville, Kansas, where he made his home for some time.

In 1890 Mr. Herren moved to Plattsmouth where he was employed by the Burlington in the local shops for a great many years. Later Mr. and Mrs. Herren moved to a farm near Murray where they resided until 1924 when they moved back to Plattsmouth to make their home for the remainder of their years.

On his return to Plattsmouth Mr. Herren was engaged for some time in the operation of a soft drink parlor, remaining in this business for some four years.

The survivor of Mr. Herren are two grand children, Mrs. Caesar Baumgart and Norman Renner, both of this city. There is also surviving several great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. The wife and one daughter, Mrs. Will Renner, preceded him in death.

The body is at the Sattler funeral home where services will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The interment will be at the Oak Hill cemetery.

## "Hymn Sing" at Methodist Church

The adult fellowship class of the First Methodist Church starts on a new program next Sunday night when they shall hold a "Hymn Sing". The program will be made of old and new hymns and will be held in the auditorium of the church. All are cordially invited to come and suggest any hymn that they would enjoy singing. The service is opened to the public and all should avail themselves of this special kind of service during these times.

Mrs. S. E. Hatcher is the program chairman. The officers of this class are: President, Albertus P. Campbell, Vice-president, Everett Newton, Secretary, Mrs. Milo Price, Treasurer, Mrs. S. E. Hatcher, Teacher, Rev. T. Porter Bennett.

## Pfc. Elmore Brink Home From Texas

Pfc. Elmore Brink, who is stationed with the air corps at Kelley Field, Texas arrived home Wednesday to spend a fifteen day furlough here with Mrs. Brink as well as the other members of the family.

Pfc. Brink is looking fine and likes his station in the south very much although like all of the boys he finds home most attractive.

## PARTLY CLOUDY

Partly cloudy weather was forecast for Nebraska today, tonight and Friday, with slightly higher temperatures today. Low temperatures tonight were expected to range in the lower 40's. Warmer weather was predicted for the southeast Friday.

Temperature ranges: Valentine 56-41; Omaha 54-40; North Platte 58-38; Scottsbluff 54-31.

## —Weather Forecast—

High—58  
Low—42  
Nebraska forecast: Partly cloudy today, tonight and Friday. Slightly warmer today. Little change in temperature tonight; low to night lower 40's; slightly warmer southeast Friday.

The Wicaka campfire group held their meeting at Mrs. Edwards house. All were present but one. It was voted to pay for some pins for the board of review. Games were then played until the homegoing time.

Jerene Josiassen, scribe

## Services for A. H. Koubek on Friday

The body of the late A. H. Koubek arrived in the city Thursday on the early Missouri Pacific train from Cherryvale, Kansas, where he passed away a few days ago.

The body was taken to the Sattler funeral home where services are to be held on Friday morning at ten o'clock. From the funeral home the body will be removed to the Forest Lawn chapel.

Friends wishing to take a farewell may call at the funeral home on Thursday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock.

## Ernie Pyle Will Rest in Cemetery On Okinawa

Will Rest With Fallen Comrades of the Army Among Whom He Lived and Died

By MAC R. JOHNSON  
United Press War Correspondent  
OKINAWA, (AP)—Ernie Pyle will be buried among the soldiers he immortalized.

The beloved little war correspondent killed by a Japanese machine-gunner yesterday probably will be laid to rest in an army cemetery here in the Ryukyus where he covered his last campaign.

The soldiers he loved brought him back from the battlefield, back to where the noise of the guns is distant and dull. They lifted his pint-size frame from the ditch where he fell, victim of a sneak Japanese machine-gun ambush.

One of his hands still clutched his green fatigue cap. They put him on a litter, and crossed his arms, and then carried him back to the rear.

It wasn't easy. That Japanese machine-gunner seemed jealous of his prized victim. It was five hours after Ernie was killed before anybody could get to his body.

Corp. Alexander Roberts, army photographer from New York City tried to get in to take pictures. He said everytime anybody would try to enter the clearing where Ernie had been killed, the gunner would open up.

First, three tanks were sent in to remove the body. But the fire was too hot for them. Then planes tried to locate the machine-gun nest.

Finally Roberts crawled into the clearing on his belly, pushing his camera ahead of him.

Ernie's face was not twisted in pain or agony," he said. He looked pleasant and peaceful. If there hadn't been a thin line of blood at the corner of his mouth, you might have thought he was sleeping."

The hidden machine-gunner ambushed a jeep in which Ernie was going to the front with Lt. Col. Joseph B. Coolidge of Helena, Ark. Both men leaped into a roadside ditch.

The dirt along the ditch told how desperately the gunner had tried to kill both of them.

The bullets had chewed out the earth a foot deep trying to get the men in hiding," Roberts said.

Both men peered over the top of the ditch during a lull in the firing. The machine-gun chattered again. Three slugs ripped through Ernie's green and yellow camouflaged helmet.

When Coolidge, who had ducked, turned toward him, Ernie was dead. He had been killed instantly.

## Preparing For Ration Book 5

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The Office of Price Administration is preparing Ration Book No. 5 for the printers. An OPA spokesman said today that present ration books can last through September and possibly October.

In general design, Book 5 probably will be similar to No. 4, it was said. It is believed that the entire food program will be shifted to the new book when No. 4 runs out. OPA has rejected the idea of going back to Book 3 when Book 4 expires because it was decided this move might lead to confusion.

## Story Told of Death of T-Sgt. Richard Hoschar

Parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hoschar, of Murray, Receive Letter Telling of Death

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hoschar, of Murray, have received word from the chaplain of the 378th infantry of which their son, T-Sgt. Richard Hoschar was a member, telling of his death on March 10th. The letter is as follows:

My Dear Mrs. Hoschar: It is with regret that we write you concerning the death of your son. Richard was drowned in Germany on the 10th of March 1945. His body was recovered and he was buried in an American cemetery in Margraten, Holland. An Army Chaplain conducted an appropriate service and committed his body to the ground. His grave has been marked with a modest white cross bearing his name and serial number.

On the night on which Richard was drowned, his platoon was assigned to outpost duty along the Rhine River in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. In performing his duty as platoon sergeant Richard left the Company Command post to make contact with his platoon. Having been in a brightly lighted room for some time, Richard was temporarily blinded when he went out into the darkness of the night. The tactical situation was such that it was impossible for him to use any sort of artificial light. In order to reach his platoon it was necessary that he step across a small fence located on the grounds. A large tank of water was situated on the grounds, and as Richard stepped across the fence he slipped into the tank of water. His body was recovered by his comrades, and every effort was made to revive him, but Richard had already passed into the care of our Eternal Keeper.

Your son was a capable soldier. Both the officers and men in his organization testify to the excellence of his character. The position which he held in his company was one of leadership and responsibility, and he carried out his duties with efficiency.

I believe that I am able to understand to some extent the sorrow that Richard's untimely death has brought you. And even though words are of little value at such a time as this, I believe that you will be consoled by the thought that he died heroically in the service of his country, and that he is now in the hands of a merciful Heavenly Father who loves us all more than we are able to realize.

Please accept our deepest sympathy at this time, and know that we sorrow with you.

Respectfully yours,  
William C. Stackhouse,  
Chaplain, 378 Infantry.

Richard had received the Purple Heart for wounds received in action on December 1st. He also had ten other expert and infantry medals, one being the highest medal that can be obtained in the infantry.

He was in front line duty from being wounded on December 1st, October 1, 1944 until the time of the division that he was in was one which took the city of Metz. He sent home an article clipped from a newspaper about their division taking the city. Also just a few days before his death he had sent a letter to his parents form his commanding officer of praise and speaking of the wonderful job he and two other boys had carried out at the time he was wounded.

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## Local Men to Commandery

The grand commandery of the Knights Templar of Nebraska is holding its session in Omaha today, opening at 8:30 at the Masonic Temple.

This year the commandery is streamlined to fit the war time conditions, each commandery of the state being limited to one representative and the grand commandery officers.

William F. Evers, grand sword bearer of the grand commandery and Louis F. Friedrich, commander of Mt. Zion commandery no. 5 of this city, departed this morning for Omaha to attend the meetings.

The traditional banquet that has featured the commandery in the past years will be omitted this year as a part of the sessions.

## Methodist Hold Reception for New Members

Covered Dish Supper Followed by Fine Program and Dedication of Memorial Room

The members of the congregation of the First Methodist church held one of their "Family Nights" on Tuesday evening at the church parlors that had been most attractively arranged for the occasion.

The covered dish dinner was the opening feature of the evening and enjoyed by a very large group.

The event was honoring the new members that have been received into the church at the Easter season, there being some sixty new members that had joined the church at that time. The members and their families were given a special welcome into the family of the Methodist church by Rev. T. Porter Bennett.

The program of the evening was in charge of Mrs. Edgar L. Glaze, the president of the W.S.C. and a fine and interesting program was offered.

Piano solos were given by Eloise Cole, one of the talented young musicians of the city.

Phyllis Bourke gave a vocal number that was much enjoyed, the accompaniment being played by Eloise Cole.

B. E. Evans, one of the members of the school faculty was heard in a vocal number with E. H. Wescott as the accompanist.

Mrs. Jean Hayes Sayles, who was always a favorite of the music lovers of the city, favored the members of the group with two numbers, "God's Garden" and "Foolish Question." Mrs. J. A. Capwell serving as the accompanist.

Miss Mary Hicks gave a delightful saxophone solo, "The Old Refrain," with Ruth Nelson as the accompanist.

Miss Ruth Nelson gave two trumpet solos, "Roses Are Blooming in Picardy," and "Prayer Perfect." Miss Thelma Kruger served as the accompanist.

J. Howard Davis was presented and told of the plans of the church and the work of the membership in the creation of the memorial room that is being constructed under the church auditorium of the church. This room is being dedicated to the memory of the men that have paid the supreme sacrifice and to the youth of the church that have been serving the country in the armed service.

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# Leipzig Captured by Yanks After Street Fighting, German Defence Reels; Reds Drive Deeply Toward Berlin Destination

LONDON, (AP)—Nazi broadcasts said today that Russian forces had scored a deep advance east of Berlin and thrust an armored spearhead across a road at an unspecified point northeast of Strausberg, a town nine miles from the capital's city limits.

A German military spokesman said Marshal Ivan S. Konev's 1st Ukrainian army had pushed westward, up to 25 miles beyond the Neisse river and had reached the Spree river on a 42-mile front between Cottbus and Bautzen, 68 miles from the American 3rd army at Chemnitz.

Moscow continued to give only vague hints of the great soviet offensive on the broad front before Berlin—drives in which gloomy Nazi commentators acknowledged steady Russian gains into the shrinking waistline of the unoccupied reich.

By German account the bloodiest fighting raged in the maze of defenses strung over the approaches to Berlin. And Transocean's Walter Plato said, the "hard struggle is becoming more acute" as the "scene of grim fighting shifted nearer to Berlin."

Red army assault forces toppled the Berlin outposts of Seelow and Wriezen 26 miles east and 23 northwest of the capital, the Germans admitted.

After the fall of Wriezen, the broadcast said, the Germans moved "several kilometers" down the road to Strausberg.

Plato reported "repeated crises" in the Oder valley in the last 24 hours but said the Germans managed, by moving up reserves to maintain the "coherent character of the front" and prevent a decisive breakthrough.

The Germans viewed the Neisse-Spree offensive 50 to 90 miles southeast of Berlin as a preliminary to a red army effort to encircle the capital from the south and link up with the Americans in the area of Dresden, only 30 miles southwest of the Russian vanguard at Bautzen.

"The super battle for Berlin is heading for its climax," a Nazi Transocean broadcast said. "Rather deep penetrations have been made in the last 24 hours."

Nazi broadcasts admitted red army tanks crashed seven miles through Berlin's frontal defenses to the Wulkow-Sieversdorf area 14 miles east of the capital's city limits before being halted temporarily in bitter, close-range fighting.

To the south, other Russian forces plunged beyond the shattered Neisse river line almost to the Spree, 15 miles to the west, in a drive to outflank the capital and link up with American Third Army spearheads 60-odd miles farther west.

One soviet column broke into Forst, Neisse river anchor fortress 60 miles southeast of Berlin, the Nazi said. Other were attempting to reach Finsterwalde, 40 miles almost due south of Berlin.

One vague German broadcast hinted that two tank armies from Marshal Ivan S. Konev's First Ukrainian army group already had driven to Finsterwalde, but added almost in the same breath that the town had not been reached.

Capture of Finsterwalde would leave the Germans only two railway escape routes from Berlin to the south and bring the Russians within 47 miles of the American First Army at Wurzen.

The soviet high command still was silent on the Berlin offensive as it entered its fourth day, but Moscow speculated Premier Marshal Stalin may announce a decisive breakthrough on Adolf Hitler's 56th birthday tomorrow.

A soviet communique announced that Russian forces have driven well into the Moravian gap above the Czechoslovak industrial city of Brno in a new offensive along a 25-mile front in the Silesian basin.

Advancing up to 12 miles, the Russians cut the main railway and highway connections between the Moravian gap fortress of Opava and Moravska-Ostrava on a six-mile front. They captured Kavare, four miles east of Opava, and Dolni Benovos, eight miles northwest of Moravska-Ostrava.

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## Gov. Griswold Signs New Laws Recently Passed

Bank Check Bill Among Measures Signed as Well as One for Investigation by Courts

LINCOLN, Neb., (AP)—Legislation requiring state banks and trust companies to clear all checks at par, minus the exchange charge presently levied by some, was signed today by Gov. Dwight Griswold.

The act, introduced by Sen. R. A. Babecek, Sidney, will become effective 90 days after the legislature adjourns.

Effective immediately as a law, by Sens. Fred Seaton, Hastings; Lloyd Kain, Lexington, and Ed Hoyt, McCook, to permit any individual to request inspection of hay in carload or smaller lots or in the stack. Hay so inspected and graded can be sold at the maximum office of price administration ceiling.

A second emergency measure signed by the governor permits the owner of cattle infected with Bang's Disease either to have the animals slaughtered and receive indemnity, or to have them properly tagged and kept in his herd after they have been vaccinated.

Sen. Frank Sorrell, Syracuse, introduced the law.

Others of the eight bills approved, all to become effective 90 days after the legislature adjourns, will

Permit employes of public power irrigation and drainage districts to trap beaver and muskrat damaging the ditches if the game commission after proper notification, fails to prevent future damage. (J. H. Anderson)

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PARIS, (AP)—The twin German strongholds of Leipzig and Halle fell to the American 1st army today in a crushing double victory which threatened the complete collapse of the Nazi central front.

The two cities, keystones of the enemy's entire defense system in central Germany, were taken by 1st army doughboys only a few hours apart today in the bloodiest street fight since the Rhine crossing.

A few scattered snipers were reported still holding out in the Halle, 15 miles to the northwest. Far to the northwest, U. S. 9th army forces battled to stem a fierce German counter attack against the northern flanks between Magdeburg and Brunswick.

A strong German tank force of perhaps 1000 men and 70 tanks and armored units struck suddenly into the 9th army flank some 45 miles west of the Elbe early today and made considerable progress before the Americans could rally to meet the blow.

Attacking southeastward from the Wittenberg area, the Nazis slipped part of their forces 15 miles through the American lines into the Klotz forest. But their main body was checked with heavy losses after a three mile advance.

The thrust apparently was aimed at cutting clear across the 9th army front into the Harz mountains, some 60 miles south of the Klotz forest.

Leipzig, the 5th city of Hitler's reich and the pivot on which his entire western battleline depended, was conquered by two 1st army divisions early today in one of the bloodiest, closefights of the war.

All but a handful of Nazi snipers were killed or captured by tank units early today and the doomed survivors were being hunted down and destroyed at top speed.

With artillery shots still flying in a half dozen sections of the city, thousands of liberated allied prisoners and some civilians lined the streets to hail the Americans.

German hopes for a prolonged stand in the west were fading fast and the fall of Leipzig was expected to speed the final disintegration of the Wehrmacht.

The Nazi collapse in that great central stronghold came as General Omar N. Bradley announced that the three pace-making armies of his American 12th army group had reached their established objectives and were posed before the last phase of their assault on the dying reich.

More than two million Germans were revealed to have been captured by the western allies since their landing in Normandy last June, almost half of them taken since the Rhine crossing six weeks ago.

"Virtually every German soldier who placed his back on the Siegfried line on February 23rd is now either killed, wounded or a prisoner," Bradley said.

Field dispatches said doughboys of the U. S. first army's second and 69th division held almost complete control of Leipzig, Germany's fifth city and, next to Berlin, the most important communications center in Hitler's dying Reich.

A few thousand fanatical Nazi elite guards were still holding out in the wrecked and burning heart of the city, but the Americans were rooting them out with grenades, rifles and flame-throwers in one of the wildest street battles of the war.

Another key Nazi citadel, Halle, 15 miles to the northwest, also was on the verge of falling to the rampaging first army after almost a week of street fighting almost as bloody as the battle for Leipzig.

## Fifth Army in Italy Captures Strong Nazi Base

ROME, (AP)—The Eighth army has broken through the Argenta Gap, smashing the last main German defense line below Ferrara and the River Po, 18 miles to the north, it was announced today.

Fifth army forces were officially reported making "spectacular" advances after capturing Mount Adone, 10 miles south of Bologna. The 655-meter high peak was considered the main bastion of German defenses south of Bologna, and speedier progress was expected with its capture.

The Eighth army broke into the plain leading to the River Po after capturing Boccaleone, key point in the Germans' so-called "Genghis Khan" line of defenses. Boccaleone is 15 miles south of Ferrara, and 18 south of the Po.

According to today's communique from allied force headquarters, the Eighth army's surge northward continued after the capture of Boccaleone.

At the same time Eighth army units continued to threaten Bologna by swinging eastward across flooded fields and forcing a bridgehead across the Gaiana canal. The Eighth was 13 miles east of the key road and transport center.

Polish units only ten miles east of Bologna were pouring shells into the city.

## JAPANESE SHORTAGE

BY UNITED PRESS—Tokyo radio indicated today that Japan is feeling the shortage of materials for war planes.

A broadcast said that even wooden planes would be built if necessary to keep the Kamikaze suicide corps in action.