

Union

Mrs. L. G. TODD, Correspondent

Mrs. J. D. Cross, who has been so very ill for several months, was taken to St. Mary's hospital at Nebraska City last Friday. She grew steadily weaker, and passed away on Monday, April 16th. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church on Wednesday, April 18th. The following relatives from out of town were in attendance at the funeral: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Carrell of Millard, Tel Carrell of Omaha, Mrs. Chas. Carrell of Murray, From Weeping Water, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Blaikie and mother, Mrs. Mary Blaikie, and Mrs. Koster. Miss Iva Mougey of Omaha. Friends from Nehawka, Platts-mouth and Murray were also present.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Burbee were called to Portland, Oregon last Thursday, April 12th by the serious illness of Mrs. Clarence Duhes, who is a sister of Mrs. Burbee. Latest reports from her bedside to relatives here, state that she is still very low and relatives fear for her recovery.

Cadet Nurse Lavern Martin was quite ill a few days last week but is recovering nicely at this time.

Mrs. Nora Chilcott is still quite ill at St. Mary's hospital.

Mrs. Minnie Anderson whose condition has been quite grave recently, is feeling some better at this time and enjoys visiting with her friends when they call on her.

Rev. T. Porter Bennett and wife of Platts-mouth were calling on the sick and shut-ins one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Meyers (Floy Whitworth) of Omaha are announcing the birth of a little seven pound son, name—Charles Roy Meyers.

Saturday, April 21st is Arbor Day. Don't forget to plant a tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cross of Arriba, Colorado, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cross and Ruth James and son, Charles, were calling on Mrs. L. G. Todd last Sunday afternoon.

C. A. Surface and Bernice Waage of Omaha, were married at the Bemis Park Baptist church last Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. Surface is a cousin of Donald McQuin, who served as best man at this wedding. Three hundred guests were present. A reception was held after the ceremony in the basement of the church.

The Senior Class of the Union High School presented their play, "Easy Money" last Thursday evening, April 12th, at the Banquet Hall. In spite of a down-pour of rain, there was a full house. The cast of characters was as follows:

- Sidney Hallbrook, a university student—Robert Wolfe
Clairs Holbrook, a co-ed—Anne Nichols
Stephen Holbrook, Sidney's father—Cecil Klein
John Holbrook, Uncle John—Jack Scott
Mrs. Christine Sheridan, Clair's mother—Mary Roddy
Marilyn Sheridan, Claire's sister—Lola Midkiff
"Happy" Wilson, a Pal—Robert Morton
Georgia Sanders, a friend from the South—Margaret Younker
Edith Blair, an actress—Glady's Comer
Barrat, an English butler—Eugene Lutz
Susanne, a French maid—Ruth Stine
Senior sponsor: Supt. John Franz
Director: Mrs. Oberlander
Congratulations, Seniors, you did a fine job.
Mrs. L. G. Todd will spend the week end in Omaha visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. M. Rathe and family.

Harry Walters Is Much Improved

The many friends of Harry Walters of this city, will be pleased to learn that he is doing much better at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha.

Mr. Walters has progressed so much that he is now able to receive visitors which was not allowed for some time.

Parents of Son

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Colerick, of Wahoo, will be pleased to learn that they are the happy parents of a fine son, born to them at their home last Tuesday.

Mrs. Colerick is the former Marie Parriott of this city, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Parriott of north of Platts-mouth.

Death of Oscar Gapen Pioneer of Cass County

Mr. Gapen Was Born on Farm Near Plattsmouth October 30, 1861—Spent Life Here

Saturday morning at 8 o'clock Oscar Gapen, 83, died at the family home on Washington avenue after an illness that has covered the past few weeks, he gradually failing until death called him to rest.

Mr. Gapen was one of the few living pioneer residents of the community and a native of Cass county. He was born October 30, 1861 on the family homestead on the farm southwest of Plattsmouth. He was a son of Joshua and Maria (Eikenbary) Gapen, being the third child of the early day family.

Mr. Gapen made his home on the farm where he was born for a period of sixty-four and a half years.

On February 23, 1893 he was married to Miss Grace Dean who is surviving his passing. They made their home on the farm until March 1926 when they moved into Plattsmouth and settled in the home that they now occupy.

There is surviving the passing of Mr. Gapen the widow, four children, Mrs. Elsie Wiles, Plattsmouth, Mrs. Mattie Lockhard, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Mrs. Helene Nicholson, Omaha, Mrs. Edith Marek, Dearborn, Michigan. One son, Oscar D. Gapen, preceded the father in death, July 7, 1939. There are also eight grand children, Marion Wiles, 1st Lieutenant Stephen Wiles, New Delhi, India, Mrs. Grace Louise Simmard, Omaha, Robert Lockhard, U. S. navy, William Marek, Richard and Lois Gapen, Marek merchant marine, James There are three brothers and a sister, J. S. Gapen, Hyattville, Wyoming, W. E. Gapen, Rapid City, South Dakota, Lloyd Gapen, parks, P Nebraska and Mrs. Mildred Snyder, Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Christensen and family of Lincoln spent Sunday at the Wm. Blum home, Keith Livers was also a caller. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Roberts have moved to Ashland. Staff Sgt. Raymond Saek is spending his furlough with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Claude Saek after spending 38 months in the Pacific area. Mary Alice Fidler had the misfortune of cutting her wrist quite badly Sunday. She was taken to the doctor who used clamps to close the wound. Mrs. Mary Van Hook has been visiting at the home of her daughter Mrs. J. H. Fidler Sr. On Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Fidler took her to the home of her granddaughter Mrs. Hugh McNelegh of Omaha. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hofmeister received a telegram stating that a son had been born on March 22 to Lt. and Mrs. Ed Kern of Hartford, Connecticut. Mrs. Kern was the former Elizabeth Hofmeister. Lt. Kern is with the Air Force over seas and Mrs. Kern is staying with his parents. This is Mr. and Mrs. Hofmeisters first grandchild. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fosberg attended the funeral of her brother Life Nelson at Gretna Sunday. They accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Torwald Hansen of Weeping Water and were supper guests at their home. Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Livers and Verla visited Mr. Livers mother at the St. Elizabeth Hospital Sunday afternoon. They were supper guests at the W. B. Towle home. Where they also visited with Cpl. Lloyd Towle who is home on a 45 day furlough from India where he has spent 26 months working on the "Stillwell Road". He will return to India at the end of his furlough. Mrs. Clyde Haswell was a Lincoln visitor Tuesday. Mrs. Mary Tate of Lebanon, Missouri is visiting at the home of her sister Mrs. Stanley McFarland and niece, Mrs. Tyler Nunn. She is on her way home after spending several months with her daughter in Montana. Miss Laureta Flaming of Manley spent Sunday at the Geo. Vogel home. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ohm were Lincoln visitors Thursday. The Friendly Circle met Thursday at the home of Mrs. Esther Kuhn. Plans were made for another benefit Pinocchio Party to be held at the Town Hall on Friday evening, April 20.

4 Platter Trackmen Make Good Records

The members of the Plattsmouth high school trackteam, accompanied by Coach B. E. Evans, participated in the Nehawka invitational meet this week, they scoring enough points to place second to Nebraska City by 57 points.

The boys participating will be eligible to participate in the state track meet to be held at the University of Nebraska field on May 11, 1945.

Individual records were: Robert Tritsch, eight points, first in the 220. (0:25.4), second in the 100 yard dash and third in the relay.

Sterling Cole, four points, second in the shot put, 35'-6" third in the relay.

Ray Beverage, five points, first in the 400 (0:58) third in the relay.

John Conis, three points, second in the discus (96' 1).

Richard Rummel, five points, first in the shot put (36' 8")

800 relay five points, Ray Beverage, Sterling Cole, Joe Gradoville, Robert Tritsch.

The next big event for the team will be the Nebraska City invitational on April 27, 1945.

Midshipman Edwin Hiber at Cornell

The many friends in Plattsmouth will be interested in learning that Edwin Hiber, has successfully passed his physical examination for entry into the midshipman school and expects now to go on with the work. He is studying at Cornell University, at Ithica, New York, and likes the work very much. He hopes to secure a short leave to visit New York City, where his cousin, Lt. (jg) Faustine Nowacek, is stationed at this time, and to enjoy a visit with him.

Lynn Cook, Old Timer Stops Here

Lynn Cook, of Kansas City, Missouri, was here Thursday and Friday to visit the old home town where he spent his younger years. He has a very fond recollection of Plattsmouth and the old friends of his youth that are still residents of the city. He was able to visit many of the friends in the two days that he was here and departed Friday afternoon for Lincoln where he will visit his sister, Mrs. W. D. Glock and family.

South Bend

MRS. WILLIAM BLUM, Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Blum of Omaha spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Martin Zaar.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Vogler Jr. entertained Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gakemeir and daughter Geraldine; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Roebber and son Larry; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Vogler and family; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kotervinia and family and Mr. John Kupke and daughter Mrs. Orville Cordis. In honor of their son Lloyd's eighth birthday on Wednesday April 11.

Mr. W. J. O'Brein went to Lincoln Monday to be with his brother in law Mr. Thorn of Gretna who is seriously ill at the St. Elizabeth hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Fidler are the parents of a 9 pound 6 ounce baby girl born April 17 at the St. Elizabeth hospital in Lincoln.

Mrs. Wm. Kline entertained at a Pinocle party Friday evening. There were four tables of players. Ladies' first prize won by Mrs. Tyler Num and low by Mrs. Lula Mae Jackson. Men's first Taylor Num, low, Charles Fosberg, traveling prizes by Mrs. Geo. Vogel and Tyler Num.

Mrs. Jesse Fidler and daughters accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Laughlin of Ashland to Clarkson last week. Where they visited at the Ben Jennie home and with Cpl. Elgin Jennie who is a tail gunner on a B 24. He is home on furlough prior to going overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Fidler spent Sunday evening at the Bernard Dill home. Mrs. Chas. Fosberg was called to Omaha where her brother Mr. Life Nelson passed away Friday evening after an illness of many months.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gill of Cherryvale Kansas spent Wednesday night with Mrs. Gills brother V. D. Livers and family. They were called to Lincoln by the serious illness of Mrs. Gills mother Mrs. Jennie Livers.

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Pfc. Edgar Kief Sends Gift Home

One of the Plattsmouth war veterans in the foreign field of action that is getting around is Pfc. Edgar Kief, who is serving with the American Ninth army in Europe.

Edgar was wounded twice in his service, one in the Normandy invasion and later in the Belgium campaign. After his hospitalization he was returned to active duty and has been in the midst of the fighting in Germany.

Pfc. Kief has sent his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Kief, a box of the trophies that he has picked up in the last few months that the army had been marching successfully through Germany. Among the trophies that he has sent home are a number of German flags, wooden shoes and a number of articles from the places that the troops had taken from the enemy. He is feeling fine now and ready to keep up the pace until the war rolls around.

Death of John McCarthy Friday

The death of John McCarthy of this city occurred suddenly Friday night at the St. Joseph hospital at Omaha where he had been taken earlier in the day. Mr. McCarthy was taken ill last week but his condition was not thought dangerous but he grew worse Friday and after being taken to the hospital died at 11:45 Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy have made their home in this city for the past six years, coming here from Elsie, Nebraska. Mr. McCarthy has been employed in the Glenn E. Martin bomber plant at Fort Crook since the starting of the plant.

The death came as a very great shock to the bereaved family and the friends.

The body was taken to the mortuary of Henfey & Henfey in Omaha to be arranged for shipment to Elsie, the old home where the funeral will be held the coming week.

There is surviving his passing the widow and one daughter, Mary Lou, of this city.

Mr. McCarthy was a brother-in-law of Mrs. H. A. Jacobs of this city.

Sheriff Mrasek Picks Up Youth

Friday afternoon Sheriff Joe Mrasek and Chief of Police Noah Parker rounded up a local youth after several hours search, who was wanted in connection with the disappearance of a pair of binoculars from one of the Plattsmouth homes.

The binoculars had been taken from the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ruth and were particularly valued as they had been sent Mr. Ruth by a brother in the army in Europe, the brother later having been killed in action.

The sheriff drove over the city in search of the suspect and finally discovered the youth going home and with the glasses swung around his neck.

The boy is fourteen years of age and comes under the juvenile court and notice to show cause will be given the parents as the boy has made a guilty plea.

Undergoes Tonsilectomy

Mrs. Edna Mae Bollmeier, who is here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Petersen while her husband Captain Warren Bollmeier, is attending staff school at Fort Leavenworth, was taken to Omaha Friday.

Mrs. Bollmeier underwent a tonsilectomy and at the last reports was responding nicely from the effects.

The following report of the Red Cross drive has been forwarded to the Cass County Red Cross treasurer by Mrs. Lottie Knecht chairman for the South Bend precinct:

Dist. 34, Norman Rau, chairman, \$63.

Dist. 43, Mrs. Harold Richards, chairman \$78.50.

Dist. 58, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Laughlin, and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Owens, \$80.50.

Dist. 57, Mrs. Mina Nunn and Mrs. Amy Theissen, 141.25.

Nebr. Power Co. \$50.00. The quota was \$300 and \$368.25 was remitted.

A group of neighbors surprised Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Blum at a house warming party one evening last week. They came with well filled baskets and very enjoyable evening was spent visiting.

Music Week in Plattsmouth May 6 to 13th

Sponsored by the Plattsmouth Woman's Clum Many Other Organizations Are Arranging Programs

The annual music week observance is at our doors and will start May 6th and continue over May 31st. The week is being sponsored by the Plattsmouth Woman's club as has been the custom in the past few years.

A great deal of interest is being taken and many fine programs are expected to be enjoyed, not only on that week but from the coming week on until after the 13th.

There are several organizations that are being interested in the presenting of the programs.

With the wealth of musical talent here a real week of entertainment can be expected as the musicians here are so numerous that there can be programs heard each evening from some organization.

One of the features will be a community sing that is being arranged for the downtown section and it is hoped that the high school band will give a public concert in the business section of the city.

Lodges, club and church groups are expected to get into the programs with offerings of their own.

Rev. and Mrs. G. Bergstraesser celebrated their 54th Wedding Anniversary Saturday, April 14, by having a family dinner Sunday. Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. August Stubbendick of Cook Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bugstraesser, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bergstraesser of Lincoln and Lt. Clarence Bergstraesser, of the Lincoln Army Air Base.

Miss Norma Sudman daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sudman was married to Dean John Berner son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Berner, of Avoca, Tuesday afternoon April 17, at the North Branch Lutheran Church by Rev. G. Bergstraesser. Reception was held in Syracuse.

All business houses in Avoca were closed Saturday afternoon, April 14 from three until four p. m. honoring the memory of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, whose death came as a shock to the people of our community.

The Goldenrod Garden Club met Monday afternoon in the Congregational Church basement. An Arbor Day program was given from the west coast by Mrs. Leroy who also enjoyed meeting her husband's friends and becoming acquainted with the city.

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LeRoy Woodruff Visits Old Home

Friday Leroy Woodruff, former Plattsmouth young man now in the navy, was in Plattsmouth to visit with the old school friends and associates of the past years.

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Frank J. Davis of Broken Bow Here

Frank J. Davis, of Broken Bow, was a visitor in the community on Friday as he had been called to Omaha on business and took the opportunity of dropping down to visit the relatives and old friends.

He was a guest of his brother, Troy L. Davis at Weeping Water and Friday evening was an overnight guest at the home of his brother, Searl S. Davis in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. True Harman, Neal Arlene and Ramona Johnson visited at the Garnett home in Plattsmouth Saturday afternoon.

Dinner guests Sunday at the Robert McCann home were Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Greenrod and family and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Abker and Larry of Syracuse.

The Board of Directors of the Plattsmouth Deaneery met last Wednesday afternoon at the Hotel Grand in Nebraska City with the president Mrs. J. J. Cullen presiding. Plans were made for the spring convention to be held at Douglas. Others attending from Avoca were Mrs. Carl Zaiser, Miss Phyllis Straub and Miss Petronella Cullen.

Sgt. and Mrs. Ernest Gollner left Monday for Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, after spending a furlough with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gollner.

The Avoca Woman's club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. True Harmon, with Mrs. Louis Rubge and Mrs. Harmon hostesses.

Several from Avoca attended the Memorial services that were held at the Congregational Church in Weeping Water for Ward Tefft, who was killed in action in Germany March, 28. He is the

Jack Forbes Now On Saipan Island

The old friends here of Jack Forbes, who in recent years has made his home on the west coast, will be interested in learning that he is now on active duty in the Pacific area in the navy. Jack enlisted in the navy some months ago and after his basic training was sent out to sea. Letters received here by his relatives state that he was at the time in port on Saipan island, one of the islands wrested from the Japs in bitter fighting.

Jack is the youngest son of Clarence Forbes, Sr. of this city and is a graduate of the class of 1937 of the Plattsmouth schools. He has made his home at Los Angeles since shortly after graduation.

Avoca

LEONE EVERETT, Correspondent

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Brendel made a business trip to Omaha Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hennings, Merl and Marlene were shopping in Lincoln last Thursday afternoon.

The Congregational Ladies Aid met last Thursday afternoon in the church parlors with Mrs. Caroline Marquardt and Mrs. Fred Marquardt hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kunz and sons were shopping in Lincoln last Wednesday.

Mrs. Elmer Ruffner spent last Thursday and Friday with Mrs. Laura Stovall.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Greenrod visited last Friday at the W. L. Greenrod home in Syracuse.

Mrs. Leo McCann of Hastings, visited several days last week with relatives and friends in Avoca.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Freeman of Weeping Water were last Thursday evening visitors at the Wm. Kunz home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Rubge were shopping in Nebraska City last Thursday afternoon.

M. H. Lum spent Sunday with friends in Lincoln.

Please leave clothing for the United Nations Clothing Drive at the Post Office, or at the Congregational Church. Clothing received on this drive will go to destitute European families. All types of clean serviceable clothing will be accepted.

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Supreme Court Ruling in Case of Local Girl

Finds That No Authority to Send Child of More Than 16 to Industrial School

LINCOLN, NEB., (AP)—Courts may not commit to the state Industrial school a child more than 16 years of age who has not pleaded guilty to or been convicted of a crime, the state supreme court held today, reversing a decision of the Fillmore County district court.

In accordance with its opinion, the high tribunal directed that Evelyn Ellingson be released from the girl's Industrial home at Geneva.

The girl was committed to the institution Nov. 10, 1944, in answer to petition of the Cass County attorney that she be found delinquent. Her father appealed the following Nov. 21, seeking her release on ground that his daughter was more than 16 years old and had not pleaded guilty to or been convicted of a crime. The Fillmore County court refused the writ of release he requested.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wall and son of Lincoln visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wall on Wednesday evening of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Caddy were in Lincoln last weekend as the guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schrader and son.

Mrs. Lester Robertson and family had as their guests last Sunday, Mrs. Alfred Thomon and son and Mrs. William Caddy of Palmyra.

Miss Dorothy Mae Thomas and Miss Dolores Scattergood spent last week end in Lincoln with Dorothy's grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Halladay.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Wenzel spent last Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wenzel near Bethany.

Mrs. Harvey Gerhard entertained the Trinity Lutheran Aid Society last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Emma Judkins suffered a severe heart attack the first of last week. She was taken to the Bryan Memorial hospital on Wednesday where her condition is improving.

Marvin Carr has been receiving treatment at the Bryan Memorial hospital for the past ten days. He had the influenza several weeks ago and suffered a relapse. He is much better now and hopes to be able to come home soon.

Miss Kathleen Cannon and Miss Marie Cannon of Council Bluffs Iowa spent the week end at the J. J. Cullen home.

Miss Charlene Maseman of Lincoln and Walter Halm of Syracuse were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Maseman, Richard and Marilyn.

Dinner guests Sunday at the Wm. Kunz home were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Freeman of Weeping Water and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Seybolt at Murray, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nutzman and Eleanor, Mr. and Mrs. Hillverd Nutzman, Verle and John, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Emshoff and family, Mrs. Dena Ruge and Frances, attended the Wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Nutzman near Unadilla, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Straub and Rita of Lincoln spent last Thursday at the Henry Straub home.

Mrs. Emma Rawalt entertained at a turkey dinner Sunday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hallstrom, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hennings, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Akeson, Supt. and Mrs. Clair Wilber, Mrs. Fred Burkhardt, Mrs. John Penny, Miss Kathryn Kirehoff and Mrs. Caroline Marquardt.

Mrs. August Stubbendick of Cook spent several days last week with her parents Rev. and Mrs. G. Bergstraesser and Edna.

Captain Clifford Dean spent last Thursday with his uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Henry Straub. He is in the states for reassignment. Clifford Dean, after the death of his mother, was reared in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Straub. He was a graduate of the Avoca High School in 1937. In the fall of 1937 he went to California where he worked for Douglas Aircraft until he entered Santa Monica Junior College and graduated in 1941. He was commissioned second lieutenant in June 1942 and first lieutenant Sept. 30, 1943. He became instructor at Luke field where he taught Chinese students. In March 1944 Lt. Dean went to Florida for additional training and in May went to England where he did operational work. He flew his first mission June 12. Later he went to Normandy France until February, 1945. He received the DFC November, 13 for destroying two enemy aircraft the preceding July. He was commissioned Captain November, 25, 1944 and received the Air Medal with 11 Oak Leaf clusters which are equal to 120 sortie points. He received the Purple Heart for wounds suffered January 16, 1945 from which he has recovered.