

## Martin Beaver Reported Killed In Philippines

Parents of Young Men Are Former Residents of This Community for Many Years

The Journal has received a copy of the Roman Pioneer, published at Roman, Montana, telling of the death in action of Pfc. Martin Beaver, a son of former Cass county residents, Sam and Ethel Beaver, the former being born in Cass county and was a son of Robert A. Beaver and Catherine C. Craig (later Mrs. George E. Perry of Plattsmouth).

Early day members of the Beaver family were Peter F. and Mary S. Beaver who homesteaded in this county and built the rock house on the farm owned by Philip Bern near Cullom. The maternal grandparents of the dead Marine were Samuel and Mathilder Craig who lived on the place now owned by William Wehrbein west of Plattsmouth.

### Mason Beaver

Private First Class Mason Beaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Beaver of St. Ignace, was killed in action March 14, 1945, while in line of duty on Iwo Jima. He entered the Marine Corps November 3, 1943, and went through boot training at San Diego. He was transferred to Camp Pendleton, near Los Angeles, for further training and was assigned to the fifth division of the Marines. In September last year he was sent overseas and was in the first line of the battle of the invasion of Iwo Jima. He wrote his parents on March 3, after the first invasion, stating that he had emerged safely from the first wave and that he had spent his 22nd birthday, February 27, in a fox-hole.

Pfc. Beaver native Montanan, born at Round Butte, attended grade school at Roman. He was engaged in farming with his father at Round Butte and St. Ignace until he entered the service. He is survived by his parents; three brothers, Harold of Sanger, California, Albert of Ootsa Lake, British Columbia, and Robert with the armed forces in Italy; two sisters, Miss Adeline Beaver and Mrs. Flora King, both of St. Ignace.

The following release devoted to Pfc. Beaver from Marine headquarters was received last week:

Iwo Jima (delayed)—Marine Private First Class Mason P. Beaver, of St. Ignace, Mont., saw plenty of action on this bitterly defended little island, where he served as an automatic rifleman.

During one engagement he was traveling so fast down a canyon, tossing grenades into caves and blazing away with his rifle, that he couldn't stop to pick up three samurai swords, prized souvenir of the Marines. He called over his shoulder, "somebody better save one of those for me."

Beaver was sliding down the wall of the canyon with caves on each side of him when he saw a Jap sitting in the mouth of a cave. "I could swear he was grinning at me," he said. "I raised my rifle but it wouldn't fire, so I made a strategic withdrawal and came back later with some grenades."

## Know Your State Traffic Laws

Don't overcrowd your car. A five passenger auto will carry five people comfortably. To carry seven or eight means not only discomfort but danger as well. Especially is this true when more than three persons ride in the front seat. The state law asks that you have not more than three persons ride in the front seat of your car.

Do not permit anybody to ride on the running boards of your car. A sudden jolt, a quick turn, or a sudden stop may throw him off into the path of other cars. The state law prohibits the driver of any car from permitting anybody to ride on the running boards.

Watch for next week's traffic law tip. It's smart to be safe.

## Jones Family Visit At Auburn

Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Glen Jones and son, Jerry, who is in training preparatory to entering Annapolis, departed this morning for Auburn, Nebraska. They will visit over the week end with relatives and old friends and enjoying the outing from their work.

## Jack Hadraba Back in States

A message was received here Friday by Mr. and Mrs. John L. Hadraba informing them that their son, Pfc. Jack Hadraba, was back in the United States. He has arrived with a transport of wounded men and landed at Charleston, South Carolina. Jack has been wounded twice in the European campaign, first in the drive of General Patton's army at the invasion of France and the swift drive to the German frontier. He was hospitalized and later returned back to duty and was wounded again several weeks ago.

It is expected that when he clears the base hospital at Charleston he will be sent to a hospital nearer his home.

## County Court Has Busy Time

Judge Paul E. Fauquet at the session of the county court on Friday took up hearings in a number of the probate cases that were ending.

Hearing was had on claims in the estate of Ada H. Taylor.

Determination of heirship in Cecil Phelps Burgett was held and decree entered by the court fixing the time of death and the degree of kinship.

Determination was also had in the estate of Erastus M. Stone, and the report received and the discharge of Lewis Rogers as executor ordered.

## Lincoln Wins Invitation Meet

In the invitational track meet at Nebraska City Friday, Lincoln Central made away with the honors of the tournament, placing in every event with ease with 64 1-3 points.

Boys Town of Omaha was the second contender but were not close to the leaders in the final results.

Plattsmouth tracksters registered three points for the tourney as Beverage placed in the 220.

In the class B events Cass county schools were more fortunate. Wade Weeping Water stepping off first in the mile in 4:59.9 while Pearley, Union was first in the pole vault at nine feet two inches. In class B Talmage was the winner, Weeping Water had 11 points, Union 4 1-3 and Nehawka had 2 points.

## John V. Hatt Has Visit on Coast

John V. Hatt, who is engaged with the department of agriculture of the state of Nebraska, was in the city Saturday to visit with the old friends and looking after official business.

Mr. Hatt has just recently returned from the west coast where he was visiting at Seattle, Washington, with the members of the family who are living on the coast.

Mrs. Hatt has been at Seattle for some time and the husband joined her in the visit to the children, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hatt, Sgt. and Mrs. Richard Hatt, Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Gouthier, also Mrs. Verna Smith, a sister of Mr. Hatt. Sgt. Hatt is expecting to leave soon for active duty.

While at Seattle Mr. Hatt had the pleasure of meeting the Misses Etta and Laura Kinkead, former Plattsmouth residents, who have made their home in the west for a great many years. They inquired as to the older residents of the city whom they knew years ago.

## Sgt. Nearhood Home on Leave

Sgt. Donald Nearhood, who has been stationed in the air service at Roswell, New Mexico, is home for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Anna Nearhood and the many old time friends. He is enjoying a leave that will enable him to go to the west coast where he will be the guests of friends and enjoying fishing for golden trout. The California mountain lakes are the only ones where these fish are to be found.

Sgt. Nearhood states that Cpl. Kenneth Armstrong is also at the Roswell air base and is hoping to secure a leave soon to come home for a visit.

## JOLLY STITCHERS

The Jolly Stitchers met at the home of Mildred Ann Meisinger on April 14th. Mrs. Kiser gave us our books and we read in them. Our next meeting is May 12th at the home of Deloris Smith. Delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Meisinger.

Marilyn Lutz, reporter

## Plattsmouth Man Effective Against Japanese

T5 Milton E. Peterson of This City Member of Group Destroying Two Tanks 275 Japanese

WITH THE 40th INFANTRY DIVISION IN THE PHILIPPINES—Two tanks, half a day's work, and 275 Japs killed or wounded is the record of sixteen men of the 185th Regiment of the 40th Infantry Division.

Much of the credit for this accomplishment is given Tech 5 Milo E. Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Peterson, Plattsmouth, Nebraska; and Pfc. Roswell P. Glennon, husband of Mrs. E. P. Glennon, 92 Quincy St., Passaic, N. J.

These two, now with front line troops, leading the attack on Japs pocketed in northern Negros, are veterans of the Luzon and Panay campaigns.

In a half day's operation on Luzon this platoon, with two tanks and their self propelled 150's, killed 125 Japs and wounded 105.

Through clouds of dust, and up rocky slopes Peterson drove his tank to the crest of a steep slope. The tank crew dismounted so dangerous was the terrain and so heavy enemy fire. At the peak, where the tank was halted, one track literally hung over the edge.

Here Glennon, number 2 cannoner, loaded the weapon for the gunner.

The platoon repulsed two enemy banzi attacks designed to knock out the tanks. They withstood enemy fire of all types, combated flies, dust, heat from a boiling sun, shortage of water, and fought on cold rations.

On another occasion, these two men, with their tank crews rescued an entire rifle company from a Jap surrounded hill.

Their main responsibility is to knock out positions too tough for ground troops. In addition they lay down a barrage ahead of assault forces during attacks.

Both have been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge.

## Guests at Home of Mrs. Guthmann

Mrs. G. D. Gardner and Miss Jeanette Guthmann, who have been living with their parents in Boise, Idaho, are now visiting their grandmother, Mrs. F. R. Guthmann and their aunt, Miss Minnie Guthmann here.

Miss Guthmann will remain here for an indefinite length of time, but Mrs. Gardner will continue her trip to New York, where she will meet her husband, Lt. Gardner. The lieutenant recently wired his wife that he had completed his missions over Europe and that he would be home soon on leave. He and Mrs. Gardner plan to stay with his parents on Long Island.

## Eagles Nominate Candidates for Coming Election

Members Select Men to Be Voted on at the Next Meeting of the Order in May

Thursday evening the members of Plattsmouth aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles held their meeting for the nomination of candidates for the election that will be held in May.

There was a large attendance of the members and a great deal of interest shown in the selection of the choice for the various positions.

For the office of worthy president Clyde Rosborough was named.

In the position of worthy vice-president Edward Kohrell and Charles Janecsek were nominated. Secretary B. G. Wurl and Treasurer William H. Woodcote were selected as nominees for the offices they have so acceptably filled in the past.

William C. O'Donnell was selected as the nominee for the position of worthy conductor of the aerie.

Marion Barnard and Garold Garrett were named for inner and outer guards.

In the nominations for trustees George Monroe was named for the one year term while for the two year term John Sattler, Henry Donat and Walter Eledge will battle. Tony LaHoda was nominated for the three year term and was unopposed.

## Union

Mrs. L. G. TODD, Correspondent

The National Poster Poppy contest which has been carried in the grade schools of Union and rural schools, placed as follows: First Prize—Patsy Scott, Grade 7, Swan School (95%) Prize \$1.50 cash.

Second Prizes—Betty Wolfe, Grade 7, Swan School, (90%) Prize \$1.00 cash; Harold Fahrlander, Grade 8, Taylor School, (90%) Prize \$1.00 cash.

Third Prizes: Patricia Creamer, Union, Grade 6, Prize 50 cents; Catherine Straker, Union, Grade 8, Prize 50 cents; Barbara Anne Moore, Sciota School, Prize 50 cents.

Honorable Mention: Hiram Alden, Grade 7, Dist. 13; Wayne Rieke, Grade 6, Dist. 13; Richard Leiner, Sciota School; Mary McClain, Grade 6, Dist. 14; Bonnie Baker, Grade 6, Dist. 12; Virginia Keene, Grade 7, Dist. 14.

James Frans who is attending State University spent the week end with his parents.

The Legion Auxiliary Ladies met at the home of Mrs. A. O. Pearley with Mrs. Minnie Schibler assistant hostess, last Tuesday afternoon, April 17. Final plans were made for their one o'clock luncheon program and bazaar which is to be held May 2nd. Don't forget that date.

Mrs. Ralph Opp and Mrs. Wm. Porter attended the show, "For Whom the Bell Tolls," at Nebraska City last Monday evening.

Mrs. Minnie Anderson was moved to Plattsmouth by ambulance last Wednesday afternoon. She will be cared for in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Flora Ann.

Lou Anderson of Fairbanks, Alaska, has been visiting his mother and brother and family a few days the past week, after which he will go to Oregon to join his wife there.

Mrs. Wright of near Nebraska City passed away last Monday night at her home. Mrs. Wright has been bedfast the past eight years and would soon have been 95 years old.

Mrs. Mary Taylor and daughter, Miss Rachel of Lincoln and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Keedy of Ashland were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schanot and family have moved from Bennett to the Hobscheidt farm recently.

Little Barbara Anderson was celebrating her birthday April 25.

Mr. Clarence Dukes and daughter who accompanied the remains of the wife and mother (Marie Frans) from Portland, Oregon, arrived in Omaha last Sunday night. Funeral services were held last Tuesday afternoon at the Baptist church in Union where Mrs. Dukes had been a faithful member from childhood.

Marie, as she was known here, had many relatives and friends who sympathize with the heart broken husband and daughters. Also the two sisters, Mrs. Alma Burbee of Union and Mrs. Zola Pollard of Nehawka, and the brother, Harold Frans, of Los Angeles Calif.

Mrs. Tom McQuin was taken to an Omaha hospital last Saturday afternoon. Her condition is improving at this date.

Relatives of Pvt. John McQuin have been informed he is now in Camp Sannin, Texas.

R. K. Whittemore and family of Elmwood enjoyed eating supper Saturday evening with the mother of Mrs. Whittemore, Mrs. Nina Upton.

Mr. Howard Snodgrass attended the funeral of E. K. Snodgrass, an uncle, who died at Geneva and was buried at Johnson last Friday.

Mrs. L. G. Todd went to Omaha Saturday morning to spend several days with her daughter, Alice Rathe, who is teaching in the Bellevue schools. On Monday Mrs. Todd attended classes in the departments in which her daughter teaches.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Snodgrass and Mrs. Nina Upton were dinner guests Thursday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Lindsey.

Mrs. E. M. Rathe of Omaha attended the funeral of Mrs. Clarence Dukes. Mrs. Rathe and Mrs. Dukes were school mates through high school.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Morris received a telegram Tuesday night from their son Bernard who has been hospitalized in England for some time, stating that he is now in the good old U. S. A.

## BROUGHT TO CITY

Mrs. Minnie Anderson, who has been quite ill since last February was brought by the Sattler ambulance to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Flora Ann, here Wednesday. Mrs. Anderson has been staying with her son in Union.

## Sgt. Snell Back From the Pacific

S. Sgt. Melvin A. Sell, is here for a visit with his mother, Mrs. John Fitch and other relatives and old time friends.

Sgt. Sell has just arrived back in the United States from thirty-seven months that were spent in the Pacific and filled with a great deal of action.

On his return from abroad he was first sent to Fort Leavenworth where he was prepared for the journey home. He has a forty-five day furlough.

## Christian Church Hosts to the District Meet

Second District of the Nebraska Christian Churches Enjoy Meeting Friday

The second district of Nebraska Christian churches was held at Plattsmouth Friday afternoon and evening. At 6:30 the banquet was served by the ladies Aid of the local church. Eighty-five out of town guests came from fourteen churches. Five of these are in Cass county. In the absence of the District President, the vice-president Rev. Ziehek of Elmwood had acted as chairman in arranging the program.

Rev. J. W. Taenzler led the devotional service in the evening service. A vocal duet was given by Mrs. Jess Hodge and Mrs. C. J. White, accompanied by Lester Thibault on the piano. One of the old hymns was sung by the Weeping Water male quartette consisting of Cyrus Livingston, Charles Livingston, Harrison Livingston, and Buf Harmon, accompanied by Mrs. Harmon.

The address was given by Charles Livingston, pastor of Alliance Christian church, now serving as president of the Nebraska Christian churches. He was very much at home, having been raised at Weeping Water, preaching his first sermons at Murray, Plattsmouth and Weeping Water. He brought a challenging message on the subject "The Appealing Christ."

Rev. Ziehek of Elmwood was elected president for the next years district convention to be held at Havelock.

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## Murray

MRS. JAMES COMSTOCK, Correspondent

A new 4-H Club has been organized in Murray. Mrs. Carl Vest is the leader of a group of little girls who are going to learn to sew. Margaret Richter is president of The Nimble Fingers 4-H Club, the name for the new club.

Other officers are: Vice-president, Donna Frans; Secretary and treasurer, Elaine Nickles; news reporter, Mary Ann Frans and Helen Vest. The first meeting was held a week ago Saturday. The club is to meet weekly.

The Murray Study Club met at the home of Mrs. Margaret Brendel on Thursday afternoon. Election of officers was held. Mrs. G. H. Gilmore was chosen as president and Mrs. W. G. Boedecker will be the new secretary and treasurer. Several visitors were present: Mrs. James E. Gruber, Mrs. Eugene Gruber and little daughter, Clarissa, Mrs. W. L. Seybolt all of Murray, and Mrs. Mary Stewart of Brookings, S. D., and Mrs. Nearhood, of Plattsmouth. Mrs. Anna Rhoden, who broke her wrist several weeks ago, was able to be present.

Several people from Murray attended the Cass County Feeders Association banquet held in Weeping Water Thursday evening. Those from here were Mr. and Mrs. Glen Boedecker, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boedecker, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Brubacher, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Wiles, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cottingham, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Swatzer.

Miss Loa Davis and her father, John Davis, of Lincoln, were visiting over the week-end at the Marion Wiles home. Mr. Davis has been working at Gold's Department store for some time and is now a salesman in the furniture department.

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where he is employed. The seventh and eighth graders from Districts 55 and 56 were taking exams at the Murray school Friday. George Minford was the only eighth grade student. Seventh graders were Dick Fischer, Lois Sporer, and Marie T. man from District 55 and Richard Richter, Donna Frans, and Alan Carter from the Murray schools.

The waste paper drive sponsored by the Missionary Society of the U. P. church will end May 5. Paper should be tied securely and brought to the church. Call 3921 if you have paper or cardboard and are unable to deliver it. The need for waste paper is very great at this time and every effort should be made to collect as much as possible.

Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Gilmore were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Switzer at a six o'clock dinner Sunday evening at Nehawka. Mrs. Switzer have recently returned home after spending the winter at Tucson Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wulf and Mrs. Henry Wulf, of Avoca, were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill Monday afternoon. Mrs. Henry Wulf, mother of Mrs. Hill remained for a week's visit with the Hills. Other visitors with the Hills over the week-end were grandsons, Roger and Gary Hill, who greatly enjoyed the time spent with the grandparents.

Mrs. Nellie Long and Mrs. Rachel Faris were guests at the C. D. Spangler home Wednesday. Mrs. Long plans to leave May 5 to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kennedy and Betty at Spokane, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Davis, Mrs. C. D. Spangler, and Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Gilmore were in Omaha on business and shopping Friday. They were accompanied by Mrs. Mary Stewart, of Brookings, S. D., who remained in Omaha for a visit at the home of her son and family, Dr. A. K. Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mrasek entertained at dinner Saturday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Camara and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Meisinger, of Greenwood, Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bickett drove to Shenandoah, Iowa, Tuesday to purchase little chicks from the hatchery there. On the return trip, they went via Red Oak and enjoyed seeing the different parts of the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. M. Mead entertained at dinner Monday evening honoring their son-in-law Pvt. Olin Morris.

Edwin Bickett was enjoying an evening in Omaha Saturday night. Edwin will report at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, May 2 for service with one of the armed services.

Joe will now go to Harvard University and Cambridge, Mass. for additional instruction before entering active duty.

The young officer will be unable to come home for a visit but will visit with his cousin, Ensign Joseph F. Noble and bride at New York City.

Betty Reed, S. I., in service with the WAVES, arrived home Thursday evening to enjoy a stay here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Reed and her sisters. She is now stationed at Norman, Oklahoma, where she has been stationed since completing her basic training.

Friday morning in company with the sisters, Florence and Mary she departed for Lincoln where they will enjoy the day visiting with friends and enjoying the outing.

Lt. Fred Gorder Made Captain

The friends in this city and vicinity of Fredrick Gorder, son of Mrs. Etta Gorder, will be pleased to learn that he has been promoted from the rank of first lieutenant to that of captain.

Captain Gorder is now located in the Philippines where he and his group were moved from the southwest Pacific islands. He has been in the Pacific since early in the war and has participated in many of the invasion moves.

Spangler Family Enjoys Reunion

Pvt. Elwin Spangler has been home to enjoy a visit with his wife and son as well as his father, sisters and brothers.

He is stationed in Kansas where he is undergoing his basic training and likes the training very much. While Elwin was here the members of the family had a number of pictures taken.

## Local People Attend Scottish Rite Meeting

Members From This City Attend the Traditional Consistory at the 109 Reunion

A number of the Plattsmouth Masons, members of the Scottish Rite, valley of Omaha, orient of Nebraska, were at Omaha Thursday where they attended the sessions and the traditional banquet that followed the conferring of the degrees.

Those from here who attended were William F. Evers Raymond, C. Cook, S. S. Davis, Frank A. Clodt, Rex Young, William Reynolds and Neils Christensen.

At the banquet greetings were extended by Frank C. Patton lieutenant grand commander of the grand council, grand inspector general in Nebraska; William G. Schaper, grand master of the Nebraska Masons; Theodore J. Kerr, grand commander of the Knights Templar.

The address of the evening was by Rev. Clarence E. Lemmon, of the First Christian church of Columbia, Missouri. Rev. Lemmon is a former grand orator of the grand lodge of Masons of Missouri, he having been appointed to that post by