

## Jess Warga Dies Tuesday; Victim Heart Attack

Jess F. Warga, 62, lifetime resident of Plattsmouth and long a prominent figure in business circles of the city, died suddenly Tuesday evening about 7:15 at his home on High School Hill, victim of a heart attack.

At his place of business, Warga Hardware and Appliance, throughout the day Tuesday, he was in apparently good health, although on July 8 he had a similar attack, but had made a rapid recovery. On October 2, this year, he was taken to a Omaha hospital where he underwent an emergency appendectomy. Although the latter operation seemed to leave no after effects, it is thought it was a contributing factor in his untimely death.

Jess F. Warga, son of Joseph and Lena Warga, was born in Plattsmouth, Nebr., on January 24, 1888, and had resided in the city within a radius of three blocks of his place of birth all his life. He was a graduate of the Plattsmouth High School with the class of 1905.

Following his graduation from the local schools, Jess Warga entered the employ of the John Sattler, Sr., Furniture store where he remained for several years. Later he was associated with the late John Bauer, Sr., in his hardware and appliance store, resigning to become affiliated with the Plattsmouth Gas Company where he remained for a short time.

On June 15, 1910, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Sattler, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Sattler, Sr., who survives. A devoted couple, Mrs. Warga was a lifelong helpmate, not only in the home, but a constant companion in the management of the business.

In 1915 he entered into a partnership with the late Hugh Cecil in an electrical and appliance store in the same location as the present store, but after a few months he became sole owner.

Fire destroyed the building on Main Street housing this business in 1921, when the building now at 517 Main Street was erected. In 1923, Mr. Warga added a line of hardware to his appliance store, which he has continued to operate since that time as a most successful and widely known hardware and appliance center.

Mr. Warga served as clerk of the City of Plattsmouth for two terms, 1916 to 1917. He was a Past Exalted Ruler of the former Plattsmouth Elks Lodge before its charter withdrawal and a member of the First Methodist Church of Plattsmouth.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph, Sr., who died September 29, 1926; his mother, Anna, who passed away March 29, 1934, and a sister, Anna, who departed this life in California on July 23, 1946.

Surviving are his devoted wife, Ella M., two brothers, Wm. F., of Denver, Colo., and Joseph C., of Plattsmouth, and besides a number of nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, December 16, at 2:00 p. m. from the Sattler Funeral Home with Rev. Harold C. Mitchell, of the Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will be made in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Warga has requested that friends refrain from sending flowers and instead make a contribution to their favorite Plattsmouth club or organization to be used for local charitable purposes.

## Two Teenage Girls Taken In Raid

State liquor agents raided a nearby highway tavern Wednesday night and picked up two teenage Plattsmouth girls on the premises consuming beer. The two were brought to the city later in the evening for identification and released to their parents, according to information uncovered by this newspaper. At press time no charges have been filed against the tavern keeper or inmates.

## Only Cash Taken In Wimpy's Inn Breakin Tuesday

About \$12 in cash was taken during the early morning hours of Tuesday at Wimpy's Inn on Chicago Avenue in a breakin that was discovered by owner Herb Scheutz when opening for business about 5:00 a. m.

In attempting to enter the building, the thief or thieves, tore several screens in an effort to find an open window. Success in the attempt at a south kitchen window, the screen was torn and window glass broken, leaving an open panel about 12 by 20 inches through which entry was made.

Crawling through the small opening, the thief secured a hammer from a drawer at a counter and started work on a pinball and music machine. Front part of the pinball machine was wrecked to reach the coin box. Less damage was done to the music machine, although a locked coin box door was torn off.

In making an investigation of the breakin, Sheriff Tom Solomon and deputy, Ken Dunlap, reached the conclusion that local talent was responsible for the job. In the manner of entry to the building, lack of tools to properly do a clean robbery and other evidence left at the scene, point to an amateur piece of work.

Several clues to the identity of the thief were picked up and suspicion has been pointed to some home talent, but Sheriff Solomon reports that as yet he has found no evidence that the recent breakin is tied to that of the robbery of the Tavern early Sunday morning.

## High School Chorus Will Present Musical

The Plattsmouth High School Senior Chorus, under direction of Ward F. Pecherer, will present a Christmas program in the high school auditorium on Tuesday, December 19 and Thursday, December 21 at 8 p. m. The fifth and six grade children will be included in the program, to sing a few Christmas carols.

The auditorium will be festively decorated with a Christmas tree and decorations. No admission is charged either evening and everyone is cordially invited to attend the presentation.

"Twas the Night Before Christmas," arranged by Fred W. Wright, will be sung by the group of 95 students, as lighting effects interpret the various moods of this beloved poem.

The traditional Madonna and Child scene will climax the program, as the choir sings "Lullaby," "Christmas Eve," by Christiansen.

Selections from the ancient times of composer Palestrina to the modern arranging of Robert Shaw will complete the presentation. The program and names of soloists will appear in the Monday issue of The Journal.

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## Court House Briefs . .

A claim was filed in county court December 13 by Richard H. Hobson, Weeping Water, against the estate of R. L. Compton in the amount of \$600 covering services rendered.

In the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Robert Lester Grant, Plattsmouth, involving Motor Vehicle Homicide heard in district court Wednesday, the defendant changed his plea to guilty and was assessed a fine of \$100, costs of \$27.25, and his driver's license was suspended for a period of one year from date of payment of the fine. The case involved a traffic accident on the viaduct north of the city over a year ago. Francis M. Casey, atty., represented Grant.

In the case of E. B. Boecker, administrator, vs. Jenkins in district court a request was filed December 13 for ruling of demurrer to be held in abeyance until counsel submits further briefs.

Case was dismissed with prejudice at defendant's cost in the action of Lew B. Pixley, dba as L. B. Pixley Truck Co., vs. Boyd Lytle in district court Wednesday. Casey and Chovanec represented the defendant in the action.

In the matter of the estate of Jennie E. Jenkins in district court a motion was filed for a new trial Wednesday. The mo-



STUCK! . . . John Batt, Long Beach, Calif., stuck his finger into a manhole cover and didn't pull out a plum. Policeman Sid Dunmore and fire company members had to apply soap to the finger.

## Blue Devils To Meet Glenwood On Local Floor

Local basketball fans will have the opportunity of seeing the local high school quintette in action on the home floor for the first time this year Friday night when the Blue Devils meet the Glenwood Rams in what should be one of the top games of the 1950-51 season.

Plattsmouth came up with one loss in their first game when they went down to defeat at the hands of Omaha South, coming out on the short end of a 59-31 lullaby. But Coaches Stewart and Clayburn want sports fans to know this is no indication of strength of the local squad this year, as they met one of the fastest outfits in the Omaha area. The localites played a top game, but were over-matched in their opener.

Glenwood has a fast five this year, having won four out of the first five games on their schedule. Over in Glenwood they are being called the "Bambinoes" and may give the Blue Devils a run for their money in Friday night's show.

Starting lineup for the locals in tomorrow night's go as reported by Coach Stewart: Kennell and Kalasek, guards; Dasher and Cole, forwards, and Koubec, center.

Coach Bill Miller and assistant A. C. Neckels sent in their starters this Thursday morning reading: Thomas and McDoie, guards; Edwards and Collier, forwards, and Davis at the center.

## Ed Lutz is Showing Much Improvement

Edward J. Lutz, who has been confined to his home for several days suffering from a high heart attack, is showing marked improvement and is expected to recover to his former good health within a few weeks. Doctor's orders are that he is to remain quiet and secure plenty of rest for the time being, but does not consider his condition cause for alarm.

## A. H. Egenberger Dies Tuesday In Omaha Hospital

A. H. Egenberger, 58, of Omaha passed away at St. Catherine's hospital Tuesday evening, Dec. 12, 1950, at 10:45 following 22 days of hospitalization. Death was attributed to Hodgkin's disease.

Mr. Egenberger was born in Plattsmouth Nov. 11, 1892, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Egenberger. He was employed by the Bell Telephone Company in Omaha over a period of 32 years.

Survivors are his wife, Catherine; two sons, A. H. Egenberger, Jr., of Omaha, and L. Bernard Egenberger of Chicago, and two granddaughters, Mary Katherine and Anna Marie Egenberger of Chicago. Two brothers and one sister also survive. Dr. J. Stuart Egenberger and Mrs. Helen Carter of Omaha and Louis W. Egenberger of Plattsmouth, also two nieces and one nephew.

Rosary will be recited this (Thursday) evening at eight o'clock at the Heafey and Heafey Funeral Home in Omaha. Funeral services will be held on Friday morning at nine o'clock at Holy Name Church with burial in Omaha.

Mrs. Laura McLain, who moved here last May from Kansas City, has been quite ill at her home at 724 Avenue A. Mrs. McLain is improving but unable to be up except for brief periods. She is the mother of Mrs. Guy Hughson.

## Engineer Submits Plans For Main Street Widening

Henningson Engineering Co., of Omaha submitted completed plans for Main Street improvement to the Plattsmouth City Council at their regular meeting held at the City Hall Monday night. Lack of time to check the engineer's blueprint during the regular meeting forced a carry over until the next regular meeting set for Tuesday, December 26.

Engineers from the Omaha concern's office, spent several days in the city recently surveying and measuring the contemplated changes in the Main Street profile as outlined by the City Council.

The submitted plans by Henningson is detailed information for widening the main thoroughfare, construction of new curbs and gutter, with provisions for a new street lighting system to be installed by Consumers Public Power.

No definite width for the street cut back has been fixed at this time, as this part of the project will be discussed with property owners and businessmen with frontage on the street before a final decision is made. It was reported by Fred Rea, manager of Consumers, that poles for the new lighting system that were to have arrived in November have now been promised sometime in February. Barring controls or further cut backs, the new system will be ready to be installed next spring.

## Mrs. Elmer Taylor Dies At Home Here

Mrs. Elmer Taylor, 71, passed away suddenly at her home here early this Thursday morning from an apparent heart attack and complications of a lingering illness of several years.

Mrs. Taylor, though ill for several years, appeared to be in good health Wednesday and did not complain. During the day she visited the business section of the city, attending to Christmas shopping and visiting out in the downtown area. During the evening she with members of the family, had not retired until late Wednesday and she seemed to be in good spirits.

About 4:30 a. m. Thursday morning her daughter, Margaret, heard her mother in an adjoining room and arose to investigate. Entering the room she found her mother had fallen and attempted to assist her to her bed. Death came a few minutes later.

Edna Mae Taylor was born at Plattsmouth, Nebr., on June 23, 1879, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warren, and passed from this life on the morning of December 14, 1950, at the age of 71 years.

Attending local schools she grew to womanhood in this community and on June 26, 1906, she was united in marriage to Mr. Elmer Taylor at Plattsmouth, Nebr. To this union were born three children, daughter, Margaret, of the home; two sons, Warren and Earl, both of Plattsmouth, whom, with the husband, survive.

Other survivors include a sister, Mrs. Margaret McClanahan, Plattsmouth, and one brother, Earl Blount, of Los Angeles, Calif.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, December 18, 1950, from the Sattler Funeral Home, Fourth and Avenue A. Visiting hours will be Sunday, December 17, from 3 to 5 p. m. and 7 to 9 p. m.

Interment will be made in Oak Hill Cemetery in Plattsmouth.

## Yeggs Steal Safe From Brubacher Store At Murray

Yeggmens gained entry to the Brubacher Store at Murray about 2:45 this (Thursday) morning after breaking several windows and wrecking doors, finally entering the building through a coal chute at the rear of the store.

Only loot taken, according to Sheriff Tom Solomon, who investigated the burglary, was a 1500 pound safe containing between \$150 and \$200. The safe was loaded onto the rear of a Chevrolet or Ford of either 1949 or 1950 vintage, according to an eye-witness of the robbery.

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A searching party headed by Sheriff Solomon and Deputy Kenneth Dunlap is scouring the Murray vicinity in an attempt to locate the safe if it was abandoned. Loss of the money, according to Mr. Brubacher is covered by insurance, but the strong box contained numerous valuable papers.

## Safe Found at Bellevue

Just as we go to press, Sheriff Solomon informs this newspaper that the safe was discovered in timber about 10 a. m. Dynamite had been used to crack the safe. Money was gone, but most papers were found intact and recovered.

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## Supt. Tom Friest In Lincoln on Business

Supt. T. H. Friest spent the day Wednesday in Lincoln on business of the local schools. Mr. Friest conferred during the day with officials in the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction on matters relating to federal assistance to schools located in areas thrown out of balance due to military bases and war plants.

During the last session of Congress, a bill was passed making certain provisions for financial aid to schools located in critical areas. The trip to Lincoln Wednesday was for the purpose of clarifying points in the bill as it would apply to the Plattsmouth City Schools.

## Frank H. Smith Shows Improvement

Condition of Frank H. Smith, Journal editor, confined in Methodist Hospital, Omaha, following a heart attack suffered last Thursday morning, December 7, is showing little improvement according to doctor's report today. Although his condition is not classified as critical it is necessary that he have continuous oxygen and will be forced to remain under constant medical attention for some time.

He can receive visitors during regular hours in his room, No. 20, at Methodist Hospital, and extends his appreciation for the flowers and cards received.

## LEAVING FOR CALIFORNIA

Charles Dill is leaving Sunday evening for Bakersfield, Calif., to spend the winter with his daughter, Mrs. Ray C. Appleby, and Mr. Appleby. He is en route for The Journal to keep abreast of the home town news while absent.

## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE Blood Bank Drive

Why Should I Give My Blood To The Red Cross? You aren't really giving your blood to the Red Cross—you are giving it to someone who is seriously ill or badly injured. The Red Cross is the agency selected to finance the program, collect the blood, process it, and turn it over to the hospitals. The actual use of the blood is determined by the doctors.

Where Did Doctors Get Blood Before The Red Cross Started This Program? The family of the patient would try to find volunteer donors of the right type or would call in professional donors who sold their blood. Before a volunteer donor of the right type could be found, it was often necessary to type from 10 to 100 persons, depending on how rare the type of blood was. This meant a hospital charge for typing each person, as well as a charge for actually taking the blood at the hospital; so there was a considerable expense even when the blood was given by volunteer donors.

The SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM DEPENDS UPON DONORS. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE ENOUGH PATIENTS!

## Frank E. Biles Named Head Of Local Ad Club

Frank E. Biles was named president of the Plattsmouth Business Men's Ad Club to head the organization and its activities during the year 1951 at its regular meeting held at Hotel Plattsmouth Wednesday noon.

Other officers named at the meeting included Fred Busch, vice-president and Wm. Puls, again named secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Biles has been an active worker in Ad Club activities for the past three years during his residence in Plattsmouth. He is the owner of the Biles Paint Store located at 530 Main Street, is married and has one son, Dean.

Chas. Patch, retiring president, outlined to members a year of continuous activities related to the retail interests of the city, including special trade days carried out by the organization, sponsorship of numerous special entertainments, summer band concerts, continuation of the Saturday free bridge program that has brought a great deal of Iowa trade into the city, and a number of other projects that have grown of the community.

Business Men's Ad Club is an organization devoted to the promotion of retail interests and has a long record of successful events to its credit.

## Funeral Services For Arnold Heil

Funeral services for Arnold Heil, who died December 9, 1950, were held on Tuesday, December 12, 1950 from the Immanuel Lutheran Church at Louisville with Rev. Melvin Meyer officiating.

The choir of the church sang "Thy Way Not Mine Oh Lord" and "Asleep in Jesus, Blessed Sleep," with Fred L. Stohlmann accompanist.

Casket bearers were Wilber Heil, John Group, Harry Johnson, Gerald Ault, John Ashbacher and Harold Vogler.

Interment was at Glendale Cemetery with Caldwell Funeral Home in charge.

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Mrs. Clovis Day received word that her son, Robert Wood, has been promoted to boatswain mate 3rd class in the coast guard. At present he is located on the coast guard cutter, Dexter, operating out of Boston.

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