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Susie, I just came across this news item about a John Wedlake, and thought it might be a relative:

—Mrs. Haratic Wright and Mrs. Anna Phillips, of Mineral Point, were the guests of the Misses Andrews yesterday. Mr. Spartler, of the same place, was also the guest of Mr. C. E. Lee and wife. The visiting parties business here was to organize the *Eastern Star*, an auxiliary to the Masons lodge. The same parties went from here to Milwaukee to attend a meeting of the Grand Chapter.

February 19, 1892, Enterprise, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

John Wedlake, a night operator at the depot, has been spending the past few days at his home in Dodgeville. The Badger, p. 1, col. 3, May 23, 1903, Evansville, Wisconsin

Ruth Ann

Miss Marian Sprattler is this week visiting in Dodgeville.

August 28, 1924, Evansville Review Evansville Review, Evansville, WI

SPRATLER-FELLOWS

Evansville June, 8.—Miss Marion Ellen Spratler daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Spratler and Earl Harry Fellows son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Fellows were married 4:30 P. M. Saturday June 5, in the home of the bride's parents 236 West Church St., in the presence of 45 relatives and a few friends. Rev. William Dawson, Arch deacon of the Episcopal Church, Milwaukee, officiated. The bride-
maid was Miss Florence Reese, Dodgeville, cousin of the bride, the groom was attended by his cousin Honore Hubbard, Chicago.

The home was decorated with bridal wreath, Iris and Lillies of the valley with a back ground of flowers in the corner of the living room where the ceremony was performed. To the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march. The bride, with her bridesmaid, was met at the foot of the stairs by her father and they marched to their positions where they were met by the groom and his best man.

The bride wore a gown of white crepe de chene and Georgette and a veil of tulle, and carried a shower bouquet of lillies of the valley, white violets and cream roses.

The bridesmaid's gown was pale blue georgette over pink with a shower bouquet of sweet peas and lillies of the valley.

A two course tray lunch was served by the girl friends of the bride. The Misses Rebecca Porter, Audrey Courtier, Alice Davis and Amelia Spratler.

Mr. and Mrs. Fellows left on a two weeks motor trip through Wisconsin and northern Michigan.

The out of town guests were: Mrs. J. A. Spratler and daughter Laura, Mineral Point; Mrs. John M. Reese and daughter Florence, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Wedlake, Dodgeville; Mr.

and Mrs. Harold Brown, Daughters Mary Elizabeth and Jane, Moline, Ill.; Mrs. Wm. Lanyon, Pittsburg, Kan.; Mrs. Frederick Spratler, Sauk City; Mrs. Rudolph Spratler, Milwaukee; Miss Audrey Courtier, Edgerton; Miss Margaret Green, University of Wisconsin; Marlin Baker, Janesville.

After their return from their wedding tour the young couple will make their home with the groom's parents, on the Fellows farm, five miles East of Evansville.

We all look forward to the time when the swords will be beaten into plowshares, as the Bible tells us, only we want someone else to operate on those plows.

June 10, 1926,

OBITUARY

Mary E. Brown

Mrs. Mary E. Brown 73, Evansville, passed away at 4 a. m. Friday, Feb. 1 at the home of her daughter Mrs. Walter Spratler of this city, after a 10 week's illness from complications.

Mary Ellen Ellery was born April 17, 1856 in Mineral Point, Wisconsin, daughter of the late Joseph and Ann Ellery, pioneers of Mineral Point, where she grew to young womanhood and married William Brown of Mineral Point, October 22, 1878. Three children were born to them. Mrs. Brown attended the Methodist Church of Mineral Point for the past 22 years. She has lived with her

daughter in Evansville, spending part of her time with her other two children.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Bertha Spratler, Evansville; Mrs. Mabel Wedlake, Dodgeville; one son, Harold Brown, Moline Ill.; eight grand children, and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p. m. Sunday in the home of her daughter Mrs. Spratler. Rev. G. C. Saunderson of the Methodist Church officiated. Mrs. Saunderson and Mrs. John Thurman sang "Lead Kindly Light." Paul bearers were Russell Wedlake, Jack Wedlake, Earl Fellows, Walter Spratler, Jr., Grant Johnson and Charles Deolittle. Burial was made in Maple Hill cemetery.

Relatives out of town were: Harold Brown, Moline, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. John Wedlake and sons Russell and Jack, Mrs. W. P. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Art Benn, Dodgeville; and Ed. Acheson, Janesville.

February 7, 1929, p. 5, col. 3 & 4, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

CARROLL BLY HEADS YOUNG MEN'S CLUB

New Officers Chosen at Regular Meeting Held Here Monday Night in City Hall

Carroll Bly was elected president to succeed Veryl Courtier at the regular meeting of the Evansville Young Men's club held Monday night in the city hall.

LaVerne Ringhand was chosen vice president to succeed Horace Reynolds; Raymond Miller, secretary to succeed Walter Sprattler Jr.; Herbert Miller, treasurer, to succeed Carroll Bly; and Roy Sarrow, door keeper, to succeed Donald Elert.

The club will initiate five new members at its next meeting Monday night. Its monthly banquet will be held in the Commercial hotel June 30,

June 12, 1930, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 6, Evansville, Wisconsin

Walter Sprattler Jr., Mason City, Ia., will spend the week-end at his home here. He will be accompanied back to Mason City Sunday by his father, W. S. Sprattler, who will remain there for a few days' visit with him.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sprattler, Miss Amelia Sprattler, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fellows and daughters Mary Ellen and Anne motored to Mineral Point Friday where they attended a one o'clock luncheon for relatives given in honor of the 90th birthday of Mr. Sprattler's mother, Mrs. Amelia Sprattler. The honored guest is in the very best of health. Her birthday party has been an annual occasion for the past 31 years.

March 12, 1931, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

**FORMER LOCAL MAN
MARRIED JUNE 11TH**

John E. Wedlake, former local resident and brother-in-law of Mrs. Walter Sprattler, 236 West Church street, was married to Miss Adelaide Mae Moore, Darlington, at a ceremony performed in the Methodist parsonage, Galena, Ill., June 11, according to information just received here.

The bride, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Moore, Darlington, is a graduate of the Platteville teachers' college. She has been a teacher in Duluth, Minn., and in Waldwick. The groom, who was employed in the men's clothing department of the Grange store during his residence here about 25 years ago, is a former mayor of Dodgeville. He is now highway commissioner of Iowa county.

June 25, 1931, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin p. 1, col. 2

John E. Wedlake, Dodgeville, Iowa county highway commissioner, who was recently elected president of the Wisconsin Highway Commissioners' association at the organization's annual meeting in Madison Thursday, is a former Evansville resident. The family moved to Dodgeville from here 27 years ago.

February 1, 1934, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Walter Spratler, Jr., Moline, Ill. spent the weekend here, and with his father and was a guest of the latter's mother, Mrs. Amelia Spratler, Mineral Point, Saturday. Mrs. Amelia Spratler was 95 Mar. 5. She is very well and the daughter and son who live with her, read to her and she keeps up with the times and enjoys visiting.

September 10, 1936, Evansville Review

Walter Spratler Jr., Moline, Ill., was a week end guest here of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Spratler, West Church street.

December 3, 1936, Evansville

Review

DONALD B. ELLIS ACCEPTS NEW POST

Donald B. Ellis, chief accountant at the Baker Manufacturing company here, has resigned that post to accept a similar position with the Scanlon-Morris company, Madison, and will as-

sume his new duties there next Monday.

Mr. Ellis, who has been associated with the Baker firm here for the past 18 years, has a wide circle of Evansville friends who wish him continued success. Mr. Ellis will be succeeded by Walter Spratler Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Spratler, who for the past two years has been employed by the International Harvester company, Moline, Ill.

December 17, 1936, Evansville Review

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fellows entertained at dinner last Friday for the latter's uncle and cousins, William Lanyon and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Ellsworth and daughter Martha of Richmond, Ill. The visitors also called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Spratler.

September 13, 1938 Evansville REview

MRS. AMELIA SPRATLER DIES SUNDAY NIGHT

Mother of Walter Spratler, This City, Succumbs After Short Illness; Aged 95

Mrs. Amelia Spratler, 95, Mineral Point, mother of Walter Spratler, this city, died at her home there at 6:30 p.m. Sunday after a short illness. Old age complicated by a cold was given as the cause of death.

Amelia Emma Fick was born in Siegen, Westphalia, Germany, March 5, 1841, daughter of Herman and Katherina Fick. When she was three years old the family came to America and settled at Dodgeville, Wis., where he operated the first hotel, now the Hotel Higbee. Seventy-nine years ago, when she was a little past 16, she was married to John Albert Spratler, Mineral Point, and they always made their home there.

Mrs. Spratler was a communicant of Trinity Episcopal church and a charter member of the Eastern Star at Mineral Point. She was vitally interested in her home, the community and current events up to a week ago. Her daughter, Laura, and son, Louis, lived with her and cared for her all through the years.

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She is survived by eight children, all of whom were with her during the week end and remained for the funeral: Albert Spratler, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. William Lanyon, Pittsburg, Kan.; Rudolph Spratler, Milwaukee; Mrs. John M. Reese, Dodgeville; Frederick Spratler, Sauk City; Walter S. Spratler, Evansville; Miss Laura and Louis C. Spratler, at home. She also leaves 15 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Trinity Episcopal church, Mineral Point. The Rev. Milo E. Goodall, Lancaster, archdeacon, and at one time rector of St. John's church, Evansville officiated. The five sons and one son-in-law were pallbearers. Eastern Star burial services were conducted at the grave in Gracecland cemetery, Mineral Point.

October 29, 1936, Evansville Review
Mrs. Walter Spratler was the Evansville correspondent for the Janesville Gazette in September 1937.

NEW
Mrs. Earl Fellows is entertaining
twelve little girls this afternoon at
her home east of the city in honor of
the tenth birthday of her daughter,
Anne Elizabeth. The birthday cake
was made by the latter's grandmother,
Mrs. W. S. Spratler.

June 8, 1939, Evansville Review

Miriam Fellows and Walter Spratler Wed

Nuptial Vows Are Exchanged At 3:30 p. m. Saturday In Congregational Church

Miss Miriam Jane Fellows, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Fellows, 230 West Church street became the bride of Walter Scott Spratler Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Spratler, 236 West Church street in a single ring ceremony performed at 3:30 p.m. Saturday in the Congregational church here by the Rev. Grant V. Clark, pastor. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Miss Eloise Susan Eager was the maid of honor; Mrs. Marlin Baker, Janesville, and Miss Arlene Johnson, were the bridesmaids; Paula Roberts, Brooklyn, a cousin of the bride, was the flower girl; Marlin Baker, Janesville, a lifelong friend of the bridegroom, was the best man; and Jerry Fellows, a brother of the bride, and Edward Summers, Janesville, were the ushers.

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white roses, and mist. Miss Eager wore white chiffon, a tiara of pale yellow flowers and carried a colonial bouquet of white sweet peas with a border of pale yellow snapdragons; Mrs. Baker and Miss Johnson both wore white veivrae glosheer, period style; Mrs. Baker a tiara of pale blue flowers, carried a colonial bouquet of white sweet peas, mist, and a border of pale blue ribbon, in small loops. Miss Johnson's bouquet was white sweet peas, mist, and a border of pale green ribbon and her tiara was of pale green flowers.

The flower girl's gown of white organza was similar to those of the bridesmaids. She carried a colonial bouquet of white sweetpeas with a border in the colors of the bridesmaids. Miss Bewick wore a white organdy, floor length gown and a corsage similar to the others. The bridegroom, best man, and ushers, all wore white. Mrs. Fellows wore an aqua ensemble with tan accessories, Mrs. Spratler blue with white accessories and both mothers wore corsages of gardenias and sweet peas.

Following the ceremony there was a reception for 150 guests in the residence of the bride's parents, 230 West Church street. The Fellows residence was decorated with baskets of garden flowers, the bridal table all in white. The bride's cousins, Miss Ruth Morrison, this city, and Mrs. John Rahmlow, Milwaukee, poured.

Mrs. Spratler is a graduate of the Evansville high school, attended Ripon college and completed the course at Grove - Bernhard secretarial school, Madison. Prior to her marriage, she was employed in the office of the Evansville Mercantile association. Mr. Spratler is a graduate of Evansville high school and Madison college. He is the secretary, a comptroller, and a director at Baker Manufacturing company, this city. Following a few days wedding trip in Northern Wisconsin they will be at home at 262 W. Main street. For traveling Mrs. Spratler wore a beige suit with brown accessories.

Among the out of town wedding guests were Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Slater and son, Cambridge; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Colden and son, Reedsburg; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Roberts and daughter, Paula, Brooklyn, Mrs. John Rohmlow, Miss Gladys Roberts and niece, Barbara Roberts, Lodi; Miss Winifred Shepard, Madison; Miss Alta Flachtelmer, Mrs. Cora Knowlton, Miss McCoy, Freeport, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Morrison, Milwaukee; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brown, Harold George Brown, Mrs. George Acheson, Mrs. Clifford Scheuerman, Mrs. John Stiefel, Moline, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wedlake, and daughter, Dyanne, Miss Alice Davis, Madison; Mrs. Clarence Baker, Mrs. Emma Meinke, Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Baker, Janesville; Miss Laura Spratler, L. C. Spratler, Mineral Point, Miss Nancy Vernelia Davis, Chicago; and Mrs. Everette Davies, Dodgeville.

Walter S. Spratler Passes Away Sunday

**Prominent City Man and Long
Time Employee and Director
of Baker Mfg. Co.**

Walter Scott Spratler, 74, retired director of the Baker Manufacturing Co., passed away on Sunday afternoon in his home on Church st.

The son of John Albert and Amelia Fick Spratler, he was born May 27, 1878, in Mineral Point. He attended school there and then worked for the Illinois Central railroad in Dodgeville. He entered business in Juda in 1901. Sept. 19, 1903, he was married to Bertha Brown of Mineral Point and they lived in Juda until moving to Evansville in 1904.

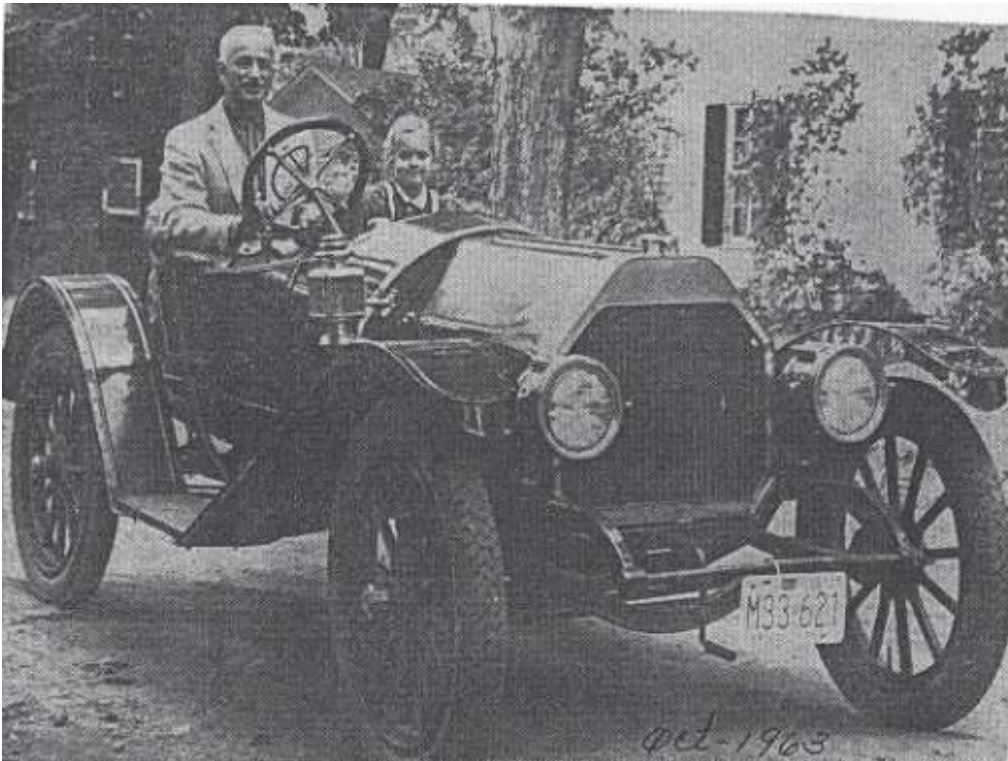
Mr. Spratler was with the Baker firm for 39 years, serving as foreman in the windmill department for 33 years and as director for 25 years. He retired nearly 10 years ago. He was a member of the Episcopal church in Mineral Point, Royal Arch Masons and Order of Eastern Star, Evansville.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Earl Fellows, Evansville, and Mrs. Glen Colden, Sauk City; a son, Walter, Jr., Evansville; six grandchildren; two brothers, Frederick of Sauk City and Louis of Mineral Point. An infant daughter, Geneva, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Roderick-Ward funeral home, the Rev. Grant Lawrence, Congregational church, officiating. Burial with Masonic rites was in Maple Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were David Fellows, a grandson; Russell Wedlake, Madison, a nephew; Robert Fellows, Phil D. Pearsall, Frank Lewis, and Kenneth Morrison.

April 16, 1953, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin



An amusing, yet interesting sight frequently on the streets of Evansville is this 1910 Overland Torpedo speedster owned and driven by Walter Spratler with his constant riding companion, Mary, his daughter. The little two-passenger auto, the sports model of its time, is quite rare. Spratler knows of only one other in the country, that being in a museum in Florida.

October 1963 Francis Hatlevig Scrapbooks, Eager Free Public Library, Evansville, Wisconsin