

Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's Association

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A department devoted to the interests of the Volunteer Firemen of the state of Nebraska.

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The Spirit of the Nebraska Firemen

Once you have attended an annual convention of the Nebraska Volunteer Firemen's Association you would not miss the next one for any consideration, for it is the bright spot in the year, the time that good fellows meet each other and extend the feeling of brotherly love that good firemen have for their fellows. The success of the 34th annual convention at Crawford clearly demonstrated the fact to all who attended that Nebraska firemen work together and play together. At Crawford you did not see the spirit of contest and antagonism, but rather the spirit of helpfulness and the feeling that the association can accomplish more by co-operation and a feeling of unity. We feel from the bottom of our heart that we can say (and mean it) to every fireman who attended the convention:

I'd like to be the sort of friend that you have been to me,
 I'd like to be the help that you've been always glad to be,
 I'd like to mean as much to you each minute of the day
 As you have meant, old friend of mine, to me along the way.

I'd like to do the big things and the splendid things for you.
 To brush the gray from out your skies and leave them only blue;
 I'd like to say the kindly things that I so oft have heard
 And feel that I could rouse your soul the way that mine you've stirred.

I'd like to give you back the joy that you have given me,
 Yet that were wishing you a need I hope will never be;
 I'd like to make you feel as rich as I, who travel on
 Undaunted in the darkest hours with you to lean upon.

I'm wishing at this New Year time that I could but repay
 A portion of the gladness that you've strewn along my way.
 And could I have one wish this year, this only would it be;
 I'd like to be the sort of friend that you have been to me."

PROCLAMATION

Again, as Governor of the State, I feel impelled to call the attention of the people of Nebraska to the necessity of guarding against the destruction of property by fire. Destructive fires have been prevalent throughout the different states during the past few months, and at this writing, a conflagration, destroying millions of dollars worth of property, is raging in Paris, Texas; homes and business houses are being wiped out and over \$7,000,000 damage sustained, by a population of 20,000. Five thousand people are without food or shelter, and will be dependent upon others for immediate help. During the winter months, rubbish and all kinds of inflammable substance has been accumulating, and the dry winds of March will prepare this for the lighted match or stub of cigar and other means of ignition. The time to clean away everything that makes it easy for a fire to start is at hand.

I therefore urge that the week beginning April 10 be observed as "Clean Up Week," during which time let there be united action in regard to this business, each individual joining his neighbor in the good work. Don't wait, begin now. "SAFETY FIRST."

JOHN H. MOREHEAD,

Governor of Nebraska.

Office of STATE FIRE COMMISSIONER Lincoln, Nebraska

Governor Morehead has issued a proclamation naming the week of April 10 as "Clean Up Week" throughout the state. This "Clean Up Week" should interest every citizen in the state. The mayors of every city and village should issue local proclamations asking their citizens to co-operate in cleaning up and removing all fire dangers. The city or village should furnish men and teams free of charge to haul away waste and rubbish; this would cost only a few dollars, and would probably save the city thousands of dollars from fire waste.

During "Clean Up Week," all fire chiefs should make a special inspection of their territory and compel the change of any conditions which would tend to eliminate the possibility of a fire.

Every commercial club in the state should have a fire prevention committee. The committee should send out a call, asking all citizens to co-operate in making "Clean Up Week" a success.

Woman's clubs should take an interest in the day and ask every member to look into their home conditions with a view of abolishing every possible fire danger.

Never allow old rubbish, waste paper, excelsior, paints, oils, or greasy rags to accumulate in kitchens, attics, closets, cellars, barns, sheds, yards, or alleyways. All old rubbish should be gathered together now during "Clean Up Week" and hauled away and disposed of.

Gasoline, naphtha, and other volatile oils should not be kept in buildings.

Open flue holes should be covered and protected with metal caps.

Electricity, when improperly installed, is a dangerous fire hazard.

Lamp cords should not be hung on nails or wrapped around any piping; confer with your city electrician when changes are contemplated. Do not allow employes or inexperienced persons to tamper with electrical installations.

Never make a bonfire or a fire to burn rubbish within twenty feet of any building or near a wooden fence or shed. Never make a fire to burn rubbish on a windy day. Great conflagrations have been caused by "sparks" from bonfires and from "burning rubbish."

On March 22, the city of Paris, Texas, was almost wiped out of existence by a conflagration which destroyed property worth over \$7,000,000. We have no assurance that Nebraska will never be visited by a like calamity.

The Fire Commission Department of Nebraska is interested in making Nebraska have the lowest fire loss possible, and every citizen of the state should be interested in assisting us in this worthy purpose. Seventy-five per cent of our fire loss is due to carelessness and neglect and can be materially reduced.

The fire losses in Nebraska for the last six years show the following amounts:

1910	\$2,181,058.00
1911	1,788,123.00
1912	2,251,774.33
1913	1,715,676.16
1914	1,873,071.25
1915	1,789,269.00

Almost \$10,000,000 consumed by fire and relegated to ashes in a short period of six years. This is surely an appalling situation and should make every citizen feel the necessity of curtailing this terrific drain upon the wealth and progress of our state.

We hope "Clean Up Week" will receive the interest of the citizens of the state that it deserves.

W. S. RIDGELL,
 Chief Deputy Fire Commissioner.

H. S. BOYS TAKE GAME FROM ALUMNI TEAM

Last Basketball Game of Season Is Closely Contested, Resulting in Score of 20-19

With only one score to the good, the Alliance high school boys' basketball team were victorious in their last game of the season, played Friday night at the high school gymnasium with a team composed largely of members of the high school alumni.

This was a benefit game for the High School Athletic Association, and the receipts amounted to about \$45.

The playing was fast and furious and the game is said to have been one of the roughest played in the local gym during the season. At the end of the first half the alumni boys were in the lead by a score of 12-10, but they had set a pace that they were unable to carry and the high school boys, who had been playing all season and were perhaps in little better form for a hard game, forged ahead in the second half, closing the game with one point in the lead.

Tony Black refereed the game. The respective line-ups were as follows:

High School: right forwards, Donald Spencer and Floyd Lotspeich; left forward, Everett O'Keefe; center, Lester Harvey; right guard, George Fenning; left guard, Ira Wright.

Alumni: right forward, Orville Davenport; left forward, Richard Young and Martin Nolan; center, Bud Darnell; right guard, Jay Vance and Ralph Johnson; left guard, Rex Coryell.

Serious Prairie Fire at Sidney

From the Sidney Telegraph of March 24:

A most disastrous prairie fire southwest of Sidney Tuesday burned a strip a half mile in width and eleven miles in length, being stopped by the Burlington grade. The high wind prevented the efforts of men from having any results and only the railroad saved a much larger territory from loss. On the previous day a straw stack had been burned on the field of Mr. Jorgenson on 14-12-52, and this seemingly appeared to be a mass of cold ashes. The wind of Wednesday picked up a mass in the heart of these ashes, whirled it in the air and dropped it aflame into the heavy dry grass a short distance away. Its work was swift and destructive.

Mr. Schraeder, a new-comer, lost a horse and six sets of harness; Billy Williams, barn, granary and 1400 bushels of grain; Mr. McCormick and Mr. Smith, all buildings except the houses. These three live on the same section, 17-12-51. The fire swept through Mr. Oberger's door yard but hurt nothing.

So terrific was the wind and such volumes of dust in the air, that neighbors only a mile away did not know of their friends' misfortunes until the next day in town, so there were few to fight the fire even if fighting could have saved the property. Never has a prairie fire caused such a heavy loss in this county as that of Tuesday, and it has been years since fires of any particular size in territory has visited this country. This has made people careless, and especially those who have come here of recent years and have never experienced a fire. This is the second fire from a straw stack within a week in this county and we hope this will be a warning not to burn straw stacks. The only time to burn them is in winter when snow is on the ground, and if you miss that season you should let the stacks stand. The inconvenience of having a straw stack rotting in the way is nothing to what any one of these victims lost in that brief hour of conflagration. Don't burn your straw stacks.

Fire Destroys Hebron Barn

From the Hebron Register Champion of March 24:

Fire of unknown origin Sunday afternoon at 2:30 destroyed the barn, buggy shed and coal house at the rear of the W. L. Whitney residence in this city.

Mr. Whitney stated Monday that his loss would probably reach \$300. Insurance on the property was about \$260.

At first it was thought that some one had been smoking and had lit a pipe or cigar. Later neighbors said that children had been seen playing around the building, and it was thought possible that they had matched.

Smoke from the burning building drifted toward the Whitney house and first called the attention of the family. The buggy was the only property in the barn that was saved. Among the burned property were a saddle and bridle, two sets of single harness, garden tools and a number of books that had been stored there. No animals were burned.

Because of the inadequacy of the fire alarm at that hour the department was not summoned until the building was wrapped in flames.

The department worked valiantly to save adjoining property. Several times the Whitney residence and the barn owned by Mrs. Orendorff were ignited. The flames were prevented from spreading, however.

Announcement Creates Interest

The announcement by Hart, Schaffner & Marx, the clothing manufacturers, through The Herald last week, stating that they would furnish fast colors and dyes in their clothing, in spite of the fact that the National Clothiers Association announced to the public that the average manufacturer could not do it, has created much interest. The Hart, Schaffner & Marx line of clothing is handled by The Famous in Alliance, and Marcus Frankle, the proprietor, is much gratified with the fact that he has a line of clothing which can be guaranteed to the customer with fast colors.

Opens Tinning Business

W. E. Hagan, an expert tinner and metal worker, who has been employed by the Newberry Hardware Company for four years, has gone into business in this line in Alliance, opening up this week with the Rhein-Rousey Company. Mr. Hagan is an expert workman and has many friends in Alliance who will wish him success in his business venture. His business phone number is 98, and his residence phone, 695.

C. J. Wildy of Hemingford was in Alliance on business Monday.

Mrs. P. B. Donahue, of Ellsworth, was an Alliance visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. Carrie Canfield of Van Tassel, Wyoming, is visiting in Alliance with Mrs. D. W. Kenner.

R. M. Hampton returned Friday night from a trip to Rushville, where he was on business before the district court.

W. V. Real is back home from Red Cloud, Nebraska, where he spent the last three months. He will be in Alliance for a few days only.

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Mrs. O. E. Williams returned Wednesday morning from her visit at Pacific Junction, Iowa.

F. W. Melick came down Tuesday from Hemingford with his wife, who went on to Bennett, Nebr., for a visit with relatives.

Recent visitors in Alliance from eastern Nebraska were John Burkh and J. F. Dineen of Columbus and J. C. Dineen of Madison.

W. J. Zimmerer and family have located in Alliance. Mr. Zimmerer is a traveling salesman for Hubbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Company of Chicago.

Percy Cogswell is attending the buying convention of the United National Clothiers in Chicago this week in the interest of The Famous clothing store.

Use NONSPL. Throw away your dress shields. Mrs. Christina Fox. 14-5t-6709

John G. Lewis, district manager for the Security Mutual Life Insurance Company of Lincoln, is in the city on business. Mr. Lewis is making his headquarters in Alliance now.

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