

MURDOCK DEPARTMENT.

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Miss Elsa Bornemeier was a passenger to Omaha Thursday.

Mr. John Gustin has been on the sick list for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heineman attended the state fair Monday.

Miss Martha and Rebecca Low enjoyed a pleasant afternoon at the river Saturday.

T. M. Patterson was a visitor in was looking after some business matters for a short time.

Mr. Walter Burke of Suptis, Neb., was a visitor at the Henry Bornemeier home the past week.

Fred Towle, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Mary Towle, visited friends in Lincoln Thursday.

Mr. Alvin Bornemeier and Walter Berke were among those who attended the state fair on Monday.

Earl Freshner of Lincoln, was a visitor with friends in and about Murdock for a short time last week.

Dr. S. B. MacDiarmid and family came down from Omaha and had dinner with L. Neitzel last Sunday.

L. B. Gorthy and family, Mr. Vandenberg and the Edwards, were all attending the state fair on last Wednesday.

Mrs. Charles Marshall is at this time in the Shumaker hospital at Lincoln where she is receiving treatment.

Marion Schewe was attending the state fair in Lincoln last Thursday and also was visiting with friends there.

Jess Landholm was a visitor in North Platte last week where he was having to look after some business matters.

Kenneth Tool is a handy man as is demonstrated by the building of the body to the Studebaker racer he has just made.

The board of education of the Murdock schools, has just completed the placing of their large ball on the tower in the yard.

F. H. Miller and family were over to their old home in Elmwood last Thursday for a short time and were visiting with friends.

The flag pole which was formerly on the old school building has been removed to the grounds of the new building where it will carry old glory.

Herman Kupke is filling his silo with corn ensilage at this time and, while it is earlier than other years, the crops are considerable ahead of the average.

E. W. Thimgan and family were attending the state fair last Thursday and while he was away Richard Tool was looking after the business at the garage.

Herbert Firestone was visitor in Lincoln last Thursday and was looking after some business matters for a short time as well as attending the state fair.

Misses Cora and Helen Williams, of Elmwood, were visiting in Murdock last Thursday and were guests at the home of Emil Kuhn, E. W. Thimgan and Frank Rosenow.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kuestermeyer, of Hitchcock, So. Dak., have been visiting at the home of William Wilken, Mrs. Kuestermeyer being a sister of Mr. Wilken.

Henry V. McDonald and daughter, Miss Irene, Mrs. G. A. Tool and daughter, Miss Mary, were visiting in Ashland last Thursday, driving over in their auto.

Mrs. Castello and children of Lincoln were visiting in Murdock for a short time during the past week, being the guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Guthmann.

Albert Glanblots, who now lives over at Old Rock Bluffs, with the family in their new car, is making a trip to Chappell, where they will visit with friends and relatives.

We could not have our regular band concert last Wednesday night because over one half of the boys belong to the church and attended the services at the Callahan church.

Miss Amanda and Eleanor Stroy and Mary Bornemeier and Mr. Alvin and Carl Bornemeier and Walter Stroy drove to Lincoln Thursday evening to enjoy the sights at the fair.

Matt Thimgan was a visitor at the state fair this week where he was having his hog-waters on display and which he was demonstrating to the farmers and stock raisers and feeders.

Kenneth Tool is kept pretty busy now as he is carrier of the mail on the rural route while Lacy McDonald is away and during the other time is working at the bank, which keeps him humming.

Martin Blim has purchased a new car this time his choice falling on a Ford touring, which he secured through the agency of E. W. Thimgan, who handles the Universal line as well as the Buick.

A bunch of young folks including Henry Bornemeier, Charles Stray's and Miss Hildegard Baumgartner, motored to the state fisheries on Sunday afternoon. A very pleasant time was had at the state fisheries.

L. Neitzel and family were attending the state fair last Monday and as it rained they concluded they would visit at Havelock, where they were the guests at the home of O. J. Hitchcock for the evening and returned home on Tuesday morning.

Summer G. Gall of Murdock and the family have been visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Louis Bornemeier for some time past, and they and Mr. Bornemeier and family and Paul Fleming and wife were enjoying a visit at the state fair last Thursday.

William Minford and wife and Otto Mutz, who have been in California for some time past, have returned, the former, who made their home at Elmwood and the latter formerly of Murdock. They are returning after having resided in California and Nebraska and Missouri.

Ferdinand Brunkow and family, and Walter O'Brien and his family were attending the state fair last Tuesday, where they attended to the chickens and cabbage while there either, but it was not because they didn't like it, but because the great this variety of farm produce than two hearty families can well dispose of in one day.

Jerry McHugh and wife returned Tuesday from a ten days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hill of Denver. They report having had a very enjoyable outing, taking in the scenic trips in and through the cities of Denver, Troutdale, Colo., Springs, Boulder and thru Estes Park. They met several former Nebraskans who now reside in these various places and whose royal entertainment helped to make the trip more pleasant.

Young People Visit Church. Some twelve car loads of the people of the Callahan church were there has been a revival in progress for some time and which closed last week, visited the Callahan meeting last week. They came laden with baskets of food and feasted on the lawn of the parsonage here, and were entertained by the Rev. Stauss and family.

Will Hold Meetings Here. The big tent which served as the place of meeting at the revival which

has been in progress at Ithica, and which was concluded last week, will be used for a meeting which is to be held here commencing next Friday, September 18th and continuing from then for some time.

Getting Along Nicely Now. Mrs. Art Towle, who was in quarantine for some time because of all the children being sick with the flu, feels that she and the family are very thankful to the many friends who came and ministered during the time they were shut up. Then following the recovery of the family, Art went out one morning to start his Ford, which kicked and broke his arm and layed him up for some time. The brother Odd Fellows of Louisville, like the neighbors in the case of sickness of the family, came and ministered and for which he desired to express his thanks for their kindness. Art is getting along nicely at this time.

Evangelical Church Services. Services at Louisville church at 8:20 a. m. Bible school at both Louisville and Murdock churches at 10 a. m.

Services in English, 11 to 11:30, and services in German, 11:30 to 12, at Murdock church. Young Peoples' meeting at 7 p. m. and evening preaching services at 7:30. tf

Car in the Potato Patch. We know when horses are left meeting or party that they are very anxious to go home when the time comes, but we were not aware that a Ford car would do the same thing, but now we look at it differently, for we are informed the car of a very staid and law abiding citizen tried to make him appear under a different light, when last week, it tried to run away, but finally came to a stop, ending its mad course in a neighbors potato patch, but not doing any harm.

Gave Party to Friends. Last Saturday evening, Joseph Guthmann and brother, F. R. Guthmann, gave a party at their home to their young friends. The young ladies had a most enjoyable time with games and other features which produced merriment and laughter. The evening was made perfect by the delightful luncheon which Mrs. Guthmann served to the healthy hearty lads and was greatly enjoyed by them after their evening of pleasure.

Herold Towle the Tallest. In the contest for the tallest man at the Ford days, Herold Towle was the winner as he registered as six feet and six inches. There were other long boys but Herold had them all bested with his six and a half feet.

Are Hunting in the Northwest. Last Thursday morning as the clock was striking four, Jerry McHugh, Lacey V. McDonald, Arthur and Henry Tool departed for the northwest on a hunting and fishing trip and expect to spend some ten days or two weeks in and around Cherry county. They are making the trip overland and are expecting to have a great time, which we are certain they will.

New Business for Murdock. Last Thursday afternoon Harry Leigh, formerly of Carter South Dakota, established himself in the creamery business and will also carry a stock of paints and wallpaper, he being a painter and decorator by occupation.

G. A. Uhlig Loses But Two Games Out of 18 and Takes State Title From McLeland, Omaha.

G. A. Uhlig, of Cozad, a one-armed man, captured the state horseshoe pitching championship in the finals at the state fair Thursday, losing but two games, the first going to Howard Robinson of Ong and the other to McLeland of Omaha, the former state champion. He also received a \$75 cash prize.

Ex-State Champion McLeland lost four games and Joe Klinkacek of St. Michaels and William Smith of Omaha lost the same number. They will pitch off the tie for second, third and fourth places at 8:30 a. m. Friday.

Howard Robinson of Ong won fifth place, losing six of his eighteen games.

Bernard Good was the only survivor from Lincoln. He wrestled games from old players like Fritz Kummerfeld, L. C. Wise, Lee Englehaup and Howard Robinson and took a game from Frank Meyers of Talmage in seventeen innings, Meyers getting but six points. In this game Good threw twenty-four ringers, with thirty-eight shoes, making the tournament record of 64 per cent ringers.

WILLING TO PART WITH SURPLUS BUFFALO BULLS. Washington, Sept. 11.—Any person who can catch a buffalo bull from the government's herd in Yellowstone park may have him—if he pays the cost. This includes, besides expenses to his new home, an expense of about \$80 for crating and transportation from the buffalo range to Gardiner, Mont., the shipping point. The government sold eighty-six of its surplus stock last year and this year has about 100 more to spare.

Get your school supplies at the Bates Book and Stationery Store.

Every appropriation made must be followed by taxes. Some people don't seem to realize the simple fact that the money you are going to spend must be raised somehow.—Martin B. Madden, Illinois representative in congress.

Lincoln—Bids on highway construction amounting to half-million dollars will be received by department of public works here, Sept. 16.

Columbus—Pawnee Park to be extensively improved.

Freemont—Freemont Canning factory opened for season's run.

Rockville—Bids asked on construction of new school here.

Chappell—Spindler Grocery building being converted into ice and storage plant.

Hildreth—Main street being graded.

Gothenburg—Plans drawn for new school.

1925 hog production on Nebraska and other leading pork producing state farms, promise to be one of the most profitable in ten years.

Omaha—Construction of Medical Arts building under way.

Gothenburg—Country lines of Bell Telephone Co. here, being rebuilt.

Omaha—New Creighton College stadium under construction.

Beatrice—Cornhusker highway being graded.

Polk—New test well to be drilled, one mile south of here.

Scottsbluff—Plans being made for erection of new convent home for Dominican sisters.

Lebanon—Five carloads sheep received here for feeding.

Plattsmouth—City's paving program under way.

Omaha—Bids received for constructing six room unit of Munroe school.

Corn crop throughout state promising.

Elm Creek—Miller hotel is being remodeled.

Minarete—Construction progressing on new Guernsey dam project.

Valentine—Six additional fish ponds being built at state hatchery here.

Grand Island—New First National bank building to cost \$110,000.

Torrington—Holly Sugar Co. is to construct sugar factory here, according to report.

Kearney—Bids opened for graveling in District No. 2.

Neligh—Plans proposed for enlarging local creamery.

Kearney—Tollerson-Elliott Lumber Co. to occupy new building corner First Avenue and Railroad st.

Fairbury—Fairbury-Hebron highway to be gravelled.

Nebraska City—Plant of Otoo Food Products Co. running two 12-hour shifts, employing 380 men and women.

Leigh—Main street to be gravelled.

Walshill—Highway running eastward from this place to be improved.

Oxford—New Oxford filling station opened.

Pender—Main street being paved.

Bertrand—Two new engines being installed in local power plant.

Stamfords—Five carloads of stock shipped from here recently.

Wolbach—Hansen Drug store being rebuilt.

Wolbach—Plans discussed for construction of new highway, from this place to Nance county line.

MUCH RUBBER BEING USED. Washington, Sept. 10.—In spite of high prices crude rubber consumption in the United States during the first seven months of 1925 ran at probably a record rate, the commerce department has found in its first attempt to survey the situation. The indicated consumption was 233,875 tons during that period, while for the full year, 1924, a consumption of about 325,000 tons had been indicated.

Prices now ranging about 300 per cent above last year's levels, have occasioned agitation in the United States, and representation has been made to the British government whose efforts to have lifted restrictions on rubber production in the eastern ocean plantation zones have so far been unsuccessful.

For the year 1925 to date, crude rubber consumed in this country has cost approximately \$400,000,000.

INDUSTRIAL NOTES

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"COVERED WAGON BABIES" AT THE REUNION

Composed of Those Who Were Born En Route While Parents Were Crossing the Plains.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 9.—Years ago, while the covered wagons were lumbering and hurching over the prairies, westward bound, one would stop occasionally in the train while the others would labor ahead. After a spell of waiting, the oxen in the wagon which has stopped would be whipped up again and it would be sent on its way to join its fellows.

Around the campfire in the center of the circle of wagons that night, the word would be passed, "it's a girl," or "it's a boy."

Last night a number of "covered wagon babies" met around the festal board here as a feature of San Francisco's observance of the seventy-fifth birthday of the state.

The man who originated the idea of the dinner, was the toastmaster, Judge J. C. Neesham of Stanislaus county. The guests came from all parts of the state.

More spectacular features of the celebration were provided by the army; the same army that scouted along the old overland trail to keep it clear of all menace for the "covered wagon babies" and their kin.

Three airplanes scouted ahead in the glare of as many powerful searchlights while anti-aircraft guns peppered blank shots at them in an effort to tactically bring them down.

The army was staging an airplay invasion of the city and in the manner in which it is met by the land forces.

ELMWOOD EDITOR TRAVELS. The editor and family returned last Wednesday from a week's trip to Kansas City where he spent most of the time with relatives. The trip was made by auto and we covered several hundred miles. We found corn crops all along the line looking good until south of Topeka. Roads generally were good with the exception when we had to make detours. We went by way of Hiawatha and Leavenworth. The road from Leavenworth was paved all the way to Kansas City some 50 miles or more. On the return trip we came back by the way of Topeka.

The road all the way from Kansas City to Topeka was paved, a distance of over 100 miles. This was the best road that we have ever traveled over. Many of the smaller towns in Kansas that we passed through had paved all the way from Kansas City, some we are unable to tell you all about our trip. The country that we passed through is without saying, the best agricultural country in the world and corn looked good. While it may be true that the corn crop will not be as big as was figured a short time ago there is going to be a lot of corn in this part of the country that we passed through as the acreage is large. We enjoyed the trip and while we covered a lot of miles on the return trip in one day so as to get home we feel well repaid for the time that we took for this trip.

CLEARING UP WRECKAGE. Washington, Sept. 9.—If the Ohio farmers on whose land sections of the Shenandoah fell are worrying about disposition of the wreckage, they are unnecessarily concerned. Contracts made with junk dealers for removal of the twisted remains specify that all of it must be removed to the satisfaction of the naval officer in charge.

It is not believed here that recompense will be sought for any damage to property resulting from its fall, but it any such claim is made it would have to face a barrier. The comptroller recently refused to allow the claim of a man whose house top was demolished by an airplane and it is thought likely that he would regard the Shenandoah's mishap as "an act of God" and therefore not liable for damages.

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THE FINAL LINEUP IN HORSESHOE MEET

Order in Which Contestants in State Tourney Finished in Final Games at Fair.

The final standings in the horseshoe pitching tournament at the state fair were in the following order:

G. A. Uhlig, Cozad, champion.

Charles McLeland, Omaha, second.

Joe Klinkacek, St. Michaels, third.

William Smith, Omaha, fourth.

Howard Robinson, Ong, fifth.

Fritz Kummerfeld, Tilden, sixth.

G. F. Kischner, Red Cloud, seventh.

L. C. Wise, Weeping Water, eighth.

Lee Englehaup, Beaver Crossing, ninth.

Bernard Good, Lincoln, tenth.

Fred Kruse, Palmer eleventh.

Tom Killip, Beaver Crossing, twelfth.

Frank H. Meyer, Talmage, thirteenth.

Louie Klinkacek, St. Michael, fourteenth.

J. C. Thompson, Mead, fifteenth.

Earl Reynolds, Bloomington, sixteenth.

Jackson won \$25 for making the best showing against the national champion, Mossman, of Iowa, in some exhibition games. Jackson beat the champion 50 to 0 in one of the games, throwing twenty-six ringers.

In a second match, Jackson won, 52 to 44. Jackson threw twenty-one double ringers and Mossman, thirteen, the former pitching a 78 per cent ringer game. Mossman, 66 per cent.

Mossman threw forty-eight ringers in a game with Fred of Iowa.

Charles McLeland of Omaha, who won second place in the state match, made the best showing of any Nebraska man against Mossman with 36 points to 50 for Mossman. Mossman throwing thirty-four ringers.

Uhlig state champ, fell down in a match with the national champion and the game was 50 to 11. Joe Klinkacek made 28 points against Mossman. William Smith of Omaha made 22 points against him and Robinson of Ong, 26.

CROP YIELDS ARE ABOVE AVERAGE, IS MONTHLY FORECAST. Corn Deteriorated With Drouth Except in Iowa, Where There Was Small Change as in Ohio.

Washington, Sept. 10.—Crop yields this year will be, on the whole, well below the average of recent years, the Department of Agriculture's crop reporting board announced Wednesday in its September production forecasts. There has been little improvement in the general situation in the north.

Corn deteriorated on account of dry weather in large areas and indicated production now is 2,885,000,000 bushels, a loss of 65,000,000 bushels in the last month. The indicated crop is 448,000,000 bushels more than produced last year, but slightly under the average of the last five years.

Generally, throughout the south and in a large part of the corn belt, the crop is not so promising as it was a month ago, while in Ohio prospects are the best in years. There was little change in Iowa.

Spring wheat yields are running slightly higher than early expectations. The crop is now forecast at 284,000,000 bushels, or 21,000,000 bushels more than early August conditions indicated, and 1,000,000 bushels more than produced last year. Winter wheat, already harvested, is estimated at 416,000,000 bushels, making the country's total prospective wheat crop about 700,000,000 bushels, or 22,000,000 bushels more than produced last year, but 137,000,000 bushels less than the five-year average.

Prospect for oats prospects declined 9,000,000 bushels because of hot weather in August, with drouth in many sections. The crop is now forecast at 344,000,000 bushels, which is 111,000,000 bushels smaller than last year's harvest. In proportion to population the potato crop seems likely to be the smallest since 1916, but the final weeks of the growing season may change the outlook materially. Indications are for a yield of about 100 bushels an acre, as compared with 124 last year.

Threshing of oats brought results above earlier expectations and a production of 1,462,000,000 bushels is indicated. That is a gain of 75,000,000 over last month's forecast.

Rains during August improved the tobacco crop in the east. Indicated production is placed at 1,247,000,000 pounds, an increase of 13,000,000 over a month ago.

Peanuts suffered from the widespread drouth in the southern states, the crop now being forecast at 693,000,000 pounds, have changed but little in the last month and are still below the usual average.

DRY SEASON IN MISSOURI. Jefferson City, Mo., Sept. 9.—Missouri is experiencing the most severe drouth since 1913 and all crops have been damaged severely, according to an official report issued today by the state board of agriculture of the federal state crop reporting service.

"Except a few widely scattered showers, hot, dry weather has prevailed in Missouri three consecutive weeks. Heavy widespread rains are badly needed."

Missouri corn suffered during the last half of August and the first week of September. The corn crop is 80 per cent of normal, or 29.36 bushels per acre. The total corn acreage this year is 6,890,000 acres compared with 6,562,000 last year, the report said.

ECONOMIES IN THE VETERANS BUREAU

Washington, Sept. 9.—By cutting down expenses all along the line, the veterans bureau, which has required nearly half a billion dollars to operate in the last few years, returned to the treasury 69 million 701 thousand dollars of its appropriation of \$481,957,898 for the fiscal year ending June 30, last.

The saving, a detailed report of which has just been made to Director Lord, of the budget by Frank T. Hines, director of the bureau, was made despite an increase in compensation payments for disability and death benefits from \$115,494,921 for the fiscal year 1924-25 to \$129,697,457 last year. The increase of more than 14 million dollars was due largely to liberalizing provisions of the world war veterans act of last year.

Further economies are promised by Director Hines, whose return last June came close to being half of the total remitted by all government departments.

The \$495,713,559 appropriation for the current fiscal year is expected by bureau officials to be materially reduced in revising preliminary estimates for 1926-27 in anticipation of further cuts in administrative costs.

THIRTEEN POOR FARMS ARE WITHOUT INMATES. Thirty-two Almshouses in Nebraska Are Sheltering Only 140 Unfortunate People.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 9.—Investigators of the federal department of labor have been traveling "over the hills" in the poorest states of Nebraska, as reported as having fifty-four almshouse properties, forty-one of them functioning at the present time as county homes. Thirty-two of these have a total of but 140 inmates. To run these thirty-two individual almshouses the cities of the county in which they are located employ sixty-two people and spend \$85,529 in one year, an average cost an inmate of \$610.99.

These thirty-two properties contain 6,194 acres of land, valued, with livestock and equipment, at \$50 thousand dollars. Homes and furnishings aggregate \$328,714, making a total investment of \$1,088,723, an average of \$7,777 per inmate.

The total enrollment of all institutions is 580 of whom 417 are males. The value of land and equipment is \$2,148,953 and the annual maintenance cost is \$267,788. The average maintenance cost an inmate is \$461.70.

In institutions with less than ten inmates, of which there are thirty-two, there are 234 inmates for each employe. In addition to an average maintenance cost of \$601.99, there is a wage cost of \$279.61 an inmate.

Seven institutions with less than twenty-five and more than ten inmates have an average of 4.94 inmates for each employe, a maintenance cost of \$440.27 and an average wage cost of \$190.

One institution with more than twenty-five and less than fifty inmates has an average of 5.60 inmates for each employe, a maintenance cost of \$263.54 an inmate, in addition to a wage cost of \$114.55.

An institution with more than 2 hundred and less than 5 hundred inmates has an average of 11.36 inmates to each employe, a maintenance cost of \$402.81 and a wage cost of \$85.50.

WALLOP SAYS HE WANTS BOTH. Sheridan, Wyo., Sept. 9.—Despite his announced intention of investing himself with the hereditary British title of Earl of Portsmouth and at the same time remain an American citizen, Oliver Henry Wallop, here, who acquired the title by the death of his elder brother probably will have to forego either the earldom or his citizenship in this country.

Such was the opinion expressed by federal naturalization officials over the country today when news of Wallop's elevation reached them.

The new British earl became a naturalized citizen in 1904—two years before a new law went into effect requiring an alien with an hereditary title to renounce such title before gaining citizenship.

Agent this country, however, the naturalized Briton insisted that nothing could deprive him of the title, no matter what he did or said and that the title would succeed to the eldest son upon the father's death.

Apparently untroubled by news of his sudden elevation, the earl remained at his ranch sixteen miles from here and continued his work of directing the employes on his 3,000 acre ranch.

REAL SWORD SWALLOWING. Columbus, O., Sept. 9.—Convincing work in his amateur sword swallowing act at a local theater last night accomplished full results in the way of thrills for his audience but threatened to end disastrously for Jack Hill, twenty-four, of Edgefield, O.

Hill swallowed the sword all right, nine inch saw knife, but in his stomach the knife remained until surgeons removed it several hours later.

Apparently Hill's act went over smoothly, ending in a demonstration in which the knife disappeared down his throat. He bowed as he left the stage without having the blade to view.

Aware of his predicament Hill went to a hospital. An X-ray revealed the knife, blunt end down, and the point piercing his esophagus.

Thru an abdominal incision the blade was removed.