

MURDOCK ITEMS

The Laurance Rase family were Sunday guests at the Alfred Rase home in Elmwood.

Henry Carson departed Saturday afternoon for Havelock where he spent the week end with his mother.

Dave and Eldon Elchoff were both home over the week end from the duties at College View, where they are attending college.

The Freshmen class chartered one of the school buses Saturday and spent the day in Lincoln, taking in the interesting points and a show.

Henry Brandt, with his workmen have been making some repairs on the porch at the parsonage in Murdock and also constructing a cess pool nearby.

The Baccalaureate services were held Sunday evening at the Evangelical church. Rev. Knosp delivered the address. Scripture reading by Rev. Norenberg.

Frank Martin, of Omaha, president of the Bank of Murdock, was a business visitor here Thursday and Friday.

Henry Tool took him back home Friday evening.

Maesters Junior, Jean and Marcus Tool went to Weeping Water Friday evening spending until Saturday afternoon with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gorder.

Thomas Noell, of Weeping Water, was a visitor in Murdock for a short time on last Thursday, looking after some business and also visited with his brother, Orville, living northwest of town.

Mrs. Henry Koelling, of Ord, was visiting with her two sisters, Mesdames Wm. Rikli and Henry Heineken in Murdock and as well looking after some business matters here and at Plattsmouth.

Miss Eleanor Hartung, of Kansas City, is to arrive in Murdock soon for a visit and also to attend the Alumni banquet of the Murdock school and will spend some two weeks here, after which she will enter nurse training at a hospital in Kansas City.

Mrs. Chester Morgan, of McCook, with the kiddies, will expect to spend some time in the near future with friends and relatives in Murdock and also will attend the alumni banquet at the high school, Mrs. Morgan was formerly Miss Margaret Amgwer.

Mrs. Harry Eastman and her little son expect to arrive in Murdock soon from their home at Sterling, Colo., and will visit with her mother, Mrs. Hannah McDonald and other relatives and friends and be here to attend the Murdock school alumni banquet.

A community and school picnic was held at the school building on Friday of last week, where the scholars and citizens as well got together and enjoyed a good time and no one would have thought that Old Man Depression was anywhere around, for there was plenty to eat and they ate it all.

The Order of Eastern Star held a very pleasant gathering on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Kuehn west of Murdock. Besides the members from Murdock and vicinity there were many present from Elmwood, as the order numbers citizens of both towns among its large membership.

Mrs. August Panska, who has been in the hospital for some weeks, was able to return to her home last week and is feeling much improved. Her son, W. P. Meyer, was here and assisted in her return. Her many friends are pleased that she is able to be home again and trust that she may soon be in her former health.

The members of the Murdock high school held a very enjoyable picnic at the Richards park at Wabash on last Thursday when they took their cars and enjoyed the day there. This has been a place for picnics and other outdoor gatherings for the last more than fifty years. In this park the political parties would meet and mix medicine a half century ago, and there has been many a political battle fought out there.

Wm. Delekman, who when he is not able to find employment with some one else, has provided himself employment in the overhauling and putting in order one cylinder gas engine for water pumping and other work on the farm, has found a number of these engines which have run a long time and are in need of a general overhauling, and Bill can do it—and is doing it—thus providing a bit of employment for himself and also caring for a need for the farmers. He is working in the rear of the Bauer warehouse at the store. If you have one of these old time engines that needs overhauling, better see him.

Ladies Aid Society Meets The Ladies Aid met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Paul Schewe, there

being a goodly number present. A new quilt was started and fancy work continued. Committees were named to help with the meals to be served at the conference held at the Callahan church May 25-29. Marjorie Bornemeier, of Elmwood, Mrs. Elsemann and Mrs. Thomas were visitors. A most delicious lunch of chicken filled buns and strawberry short cake was served by the hostess with Mrs. Emil Kuehn assisting hostess. The next Aid meeting will be held June 9th, with Mrs. Hattie Kupke.

Training meeting for project leaders in this vicinity will be held May 27 at the home of Mrs. H. A. Tool. Regular meeting of the club will be Monday, May 30, at 7:30 p. m. at the Murdock school building.

Achievement day is set for June 2, meeting to be held at Murdock school building.

Will Hold Alumni Banquet

The Murdock high school will hold their meeting on June 4th at the school building when they will meet for a good time and for the annual banquet which has become a feature of the life of the former students of the school. Prior to 1903 there were ten graduates who were eligible for the Alumni, although the school at that time only taught as high as the eighth grade. The ones who were eligible to become members and who did join were Frank Buell, Carlisle (DeMuth) Schewe, Buena (DeMuth) Kuehn, Floyd M. Cole, Anna (Gochry) Best, Miss Martha Gochry, Mildred C. Leffler, Alvin J. Neltzel, Meta (Neltzel) MacDiarmid, Olga (Neltzel) Hitchcock and Lydia (Sovich) Lawton. While the membership at the 1931 meeting was much greater numbering 172, interest in the association is no greater than that of those first ten members. The present officers are: Charles I. Long, president; Lacey McDonald, vice president; and Miss Mary I. Tool, secretary-treasurer.

Grasshopper Menace Likely if Not Checked

County Agent Waincott Completes Trip Over County This Week and Finds Many Eggs.

"Class county may have enough grasshoppers to cause enormous losses this year," says D. B. Waincott, County Extension Agent, after he and O. S. Bare, extension entomologist from the College of Agriculture made an inspection of the county this week.

Eggs were found in many places in quantities large enough to take several acres of grain in adjoining fields. The eggs are just hatching and the prospects are for many more grasshoppers in the county than there was last year.

Contrary to many peoples' belief, "hoppers can be controlled by the use of poison bran bait. The secret of the control is the time of application. NOW is the time to poison the 'hoppers, when they are young and just begin to move to the grain. They usually hatch out in fence rows and weed patches, and when they are first noticed is the easy time to poison them. The following poison bran formula is easy to mix:

100 lbs. coarse flaked wheat bran. 6 lbs. white arsenic. 3 oz. amyl acetate.

Water enough to make a moist crumbly mash. Mix bran and arsenic and then add slowly the amyl acetate in the water and mix well. Scatter by hand before 7 o'clock in the morning where grasshoppers are hatching.

One hundred pounds of poison bran will cover 15 to 20 acres at a cost of about 15 to 20c an acre.

Probably thirty minutes to an hour two or three mornings a week for the next month will give almost complete control for most of the farms in the county, Mr. Waincott says. He also reports that he poisoned a field of cutworms for Louis Kunz of Elmwood and secured about a 90% kill with one application. The worms had taken one twenty-acre field of oats and were moving into another just across the fence. He says that they can be controlled where they are taking the young corn equally as well if done in time. Every farmer should be watching for these pests and call or write Mr. Waincott. He will be glad to give demonstrations and help in every way to save the crops this year.

Nebr. Conference Evangelical Church

Throughout this week there will be held at the Callihan Evangelical church southwest of Murdock a conference of Evangelical ministers from all over Nebraska, some 120 in number. The local ministers, Rev. H. R. Knosp and Rev. Hugo A. Norenberg, pastors of the Murdock and Callihan churches, will be hosts to their fellow pastors. Bishop J. S. Stamm, of Kansas City, will preside during the conference and the district superintendents will be Rev. C. Jensen, of Lincoln; Rev. G. Hulsebus, of Hastings; and Rev. E. F. Hallet, of Kearney. The first day, Tuesday, there will be two sessions, one during the afternoon and another in the evening, while on the other days there will be three sessions each day, led by able workers. The conference will close with the meeting of Sunday evening. Preparations have been perfected for the care and entertainment of all who attend the conference.

MAY BE RANSOM MONEY

Watervliet, N. Y.—Watervliet police were investigating what they believed might have been an attempt to dispose of some of the Lindbergh ransom money. Frank Rebel, thirty-five, a tailor, reported to police that two well-dressed strangers approached him on the street, produced a large roll of bills and asked him to exchange them at a nearby bank for Spanish currency. The men spoke in halting English, Rebel said. When Rebel refused, the men pulled stuffer-rolls of bills, containing \$50, \$20 and \$10 bills from their pockets and offered to give him a diamond ring to take them to the bank, Rebel said. The tailor said he also refused a request by one of the men to be allowed to "rest up" at his home.

chen room will nicely care for the delegates in attendance.

The Ladies Aid of the Wabash church will look after the feeding of the multitude on Wednesday, the Murdock Ladies Aid on Thursday, the Callihan Woman's Missionary society on Friday and the Murdock Woman's Missionary society on Saturday, which will complete the week.

DEATH NOT COMPENSABLE

State Compensation Commissioner Matthews has dismissed the action wherein Marie Rummerfeld, administratrix of the estate of Edna Rummerfeld, former Plattsmouth resident, sought compensation from Alta Lillian Nelson of Seward, for the death of Miss Rummerfeld, which occurred at Kanorado, Kas., July 5, 1931 as the result of an auto accident. It was shown that at the time of the death of Miss Rummerfeld the relationship of master and servant did not exist between Miss Nelson and Miss Rummerfeld, the "Boots and Her Buddies" musical organization being a co-partnership at the time of the fatal accident. Miss Rummerfeld was a resident of Council Bluffs, Ia., and was a member of the orchestra which had been previously under the supervision of Miss Nelson and was playing northern Kansas. They had but just previous to the accident, entered into a co-partnership.

NOTICE, TAXPAYERS & VOTERS

The meeting that was to have been held at the Pleasant View school house in district 80, commonly known as the Philpot school, was postponed until Tuesday evening, May 24th, at 8 o'clock. The candidates on the democratic ticket will be there to give us an outline of their program for tax reduction and tax revision. The same invitation will be extended to the candidates on the other ticket at some future date. Come out and get better acquainted with the candidates for public office.

Small Investor Called a Victim of Stock Deals

Senate Committee Told That Millions Were Made Overnight by Finance Giants.

Washington.—The searchlight of the senate stock market investigation turned Friday from huge winners by the financial giants of Wall street to tremendous losses incurred by the general investing public. It found that 23 million dollars largely contributed by the investing public had been paid for a company with a total investment of \$1,750,000 and discovered additional evidence that publicity was used to entice the small investor into manipulated stocks.

William A. Gray, committee counsel, was chief witness and prosecutor, but his disclosures failed to hold the interest of the committee as they did Thursday when he told of millions being made almost overnight. Gray drew the story of the 23 millions purchase from Walter E. Sachs, president of the Goldman-Sachs trading corporation, and partner in the firm of Goldman, Sachs & Co. The trading corporation was formed in 1928. Sachs said, and 90 percent of the 100 millions in stock was sold to the public at 104. The stock is now selling for about 131, Sachs said.

In 1928, Gray testified, with occasional confirmation from Sachs the Goldman-Sachs trading corporation bought 150,000 shares in the Postum company for \$10,750,000.

The Postum company with this money and the Trading corporation with \$12,750,000 additional, purchased the General Foods company, later called the Frosted Foods company, in which only \$1,750,000 had been invested, but which controlled patents for freezing perishable foods. Postum for its minor contribution sold 51 percent of the stock in the purchased company, and the Trading corporation received only 49 percent.

Gray said \$22,000,000 of the money went into the hands of United Foods, Inc., a company organized in Canada, then to J. P. Morgan & Co., and then into United Foods company of Delaware. "We are trying to trace this fund," he said. "That went into the Canadian corporation's funds and then to J. P. Morgan, for the purpose of finding what the distribution was. I believe we may be able to show the tax question had something to do with it."

Chairman Norbeck announced after the session that a Morgan representative had been present and felt an "improper picture" had been given of the transaction.

Norbeck indicated the Morgan company would be given a chance to explain. He said he believed there was a "feud" between Morgan and Sachs.—State Journal.

QUIZ WALKER NEXT WEEK

New York—Moyor Walker, whose frequent sojourns to Europe and the Pacific coast drew the fire of the legislative investigation, will face his inquirers next Wednesday. He was informed his presence before the committee seeking evidence of graft in New York City's government would be required, at the close of a session devoted to a scrutiny of how and by whom his expenses were paid on a trip to continental spots in 1927 and to San Francisco last fall to plan for Tom Mooney.

A few hours before, Richard T. Hunter, former vice president of the Equitable Trust company, had told the committee that the mayor had paid \$13,000 of his expenses on the European voyage from a letter of credit defrayed by a representative of Ohio interests planning a monopoly on the city's surface transportation.

State Senator Hastings, a friend of Walker, admitted that a \$2,000 bill incurred for a private car to take Mayor Walker to California in behalf of Mooney had not yet been paid despite the repeated requests of the Pullman company.

Prisoner is Returned After Long Absence

Max Fowler, Alias R. L. Pierce, Back in State Reformatory After Absence of Nearly 7 Years.

Raymond L. Pierce who was a fugitive from Arkansas prison when he escaped from the Nebraska reformatory for men Aug. 3, 1925, has been brought back to the reformatory after an absence of nearly seven years and after having served out unexpired time in Arkansas and having been arrested in Long View, Tex., on charges of stealing a car and of transporting a stolen car from one state to another. Superintendent Gus Miller will now ask that he be transferred to the penitentiary for escaping.

His right name is said to be Max Fowler, under which name he was a prisoner in an Arkansas prison camp when he escaped in 1924 under the guise of guards who are allowed to go armed and have orders to shoot to kill.

Under the name of Pierce he was sentenced March 1, 1925, in Kimball county, Nebraska on a charge of burglary, to serve three to ten years. He was then not known as an escaped prisoner from Arkansas.

Pierce and Neill Holmes escaped from the reformatory by going over the wall. Holmes used a copper wire ladder, it broke and he was injured by the fall and was found the next day half a mile away, crawling about injured, thirsty with his tongue hanging out.

Arkansas found Pierce, unbeknown to the Nebraska authorities and he served out his sentence there, being released last Christmas, May 19 Pierce was picked up at Long View, Tex., on a car stealing charge. The car had been taken from Little Rock, Ark. The federal government dismissed a charge against him for transporting a car and notified the Nebraska officers where to find Pierce. He had \$90 and gave \$50 to an attorney who promised to get him free. Pierce refused to waive extradition from Texas, but after an attorney had asked for the remainder of his purse he changed his mind and consented to come back to Nebraska with Charles Young, captain of reformatory guards. Pierce said he was tired fighting the law and promised to be good.

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Picture of Maternal Bliss



The visit of the stork apparently filled Gloria Swanson's cup of happiness to the brim. The famous film star is shown in this vivid study of a happy mother while chatting with Noel Coward, British playwright, in Paris. This was Miss Swanson's first public appearance since the birth of her baby at the London home of her sportsman husband, Michael Farmer.

Robbers Torture a Madison County Farmer

Four Men Hold Herman Reiche, Tie and Beat Him, Take His Car and \$300.

Madison.—Beaten and weakened by a morning of torture, Herman Reiche, fifty-year-old bachelor farmer, told officers of his loss of \$300 to four men who held him up at his farm home Wednesday.

Reiche told officers he was attacked by the four masked men early Wednesday as he went to his barn to do his chores. As he opened the barn door he was accosted by three of the men, armed with shotguns and revolvers. Reiche was forced to return to his house, and under threat of death was made to open a safe from which the robbers took \$300 in cash.

The bandits demanded more money. They tied Reiche to his bed with wire, his hands were bound so tightly that they were still numb in the afternoon, several hours after he had been released.

Reiche told the bandits he had no more money. They called him a liar. He was beaten and kicked. Repeated demands were made that he divulge the hiding place of his supposed fortune. His protests that he had no more at the farm were met with more beating.

Finally, wearied of their attempt to learn the hiding place of his funds, they left, driving his car. Reiche said the conversation of the men and their remarks to him indicated they knew he was alone at the farm, and were aware of many of his habits and affairs. The Reiche farm is about twelve miles west and four miles south of Madison.—State Journal.

HOPEWELL PLANNING MONUMENT TO BABY

Hopewell, N. J., May 23.—Leading residents of Hopewell, neighbors of Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh, have started a movement for the creation of a small monument to Colonel Lindbergh's kidnapped and murdered son on the spot near this town where the child's body was found a week ago.

Their plan is for a simple monument to the baby, to be erected by the township or by local subscription. The township committee will discuss the project next Tuesday. It is probable that the matter will be referred to Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh to learn their wishes before any definite action is taken, however.

Business will improve only as we contribute to its improvement by exercising our purchasing power.

Cheating Davy Jones Fried's Hobby

Skipper of President Roosevelt, Who Saved Reichers, Has Brilliant Record of Sea Rescues. Honored by Many Nations.



The recent rescue of Lou Reichers, forced down at sea off the Irish Coast while attempting a flight from Newark, N. J., to Paris, by Captain George Fried, of the President Roosevelt, adds one more laurel to the crown earned by the heroic skipper for a record of life-saving that is probably unmatched in the history of the sea. Fried makes a habit of being on the spot just at the moment when he is most needed. Back in 1926, Fried won international fame by his rescue of the entire crew of the British freighter Antioine, during a raging gale in the North Atlantic. For that feat of mercy, Fried was decorated by King George of England, thanked by President Coolidge and received the acclaim of the entire world. Again in 1929, Fried crashed into the limelight when he raced through a terrific storm for 350 miles to the assistance of the Italian freighter, Florida, foundering 700 miles off the Virginia Capes. First Officer Harry Manning was highly praised by Fried for that episode, which resulted in the rescue of 32 officers and crew of the doomed ship. Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy was amongst the thousands from all over the world that called their appreciation of Fried and Manning. The number of times that Captain Fried has performed minor works of mercy at sea are legion, but without those, his epics of the Antioine and Florida constitute a record of which the gallant knight of Neptune might be justly proud.