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### E. E. Kester, Former M. W. A. Official Dies

Retired Last January From Active  
Duty Because of Illness—  
Funeral Saturday.

Elmer E. Kester, 73, state manager emeritus of the Modern Woodmen of America, died at a hospital at Lincoln Thursday morning after an illness of several months. His home was at 2341 So. 19th street, Lincoln.

Mr. Kester was born in Ohio and came to Lincoln in 1894 as a carpenter after spending his boyhood on a farm in Kansas. Shortly thereafter he was appointed assistant state manager of Modern Woodmen for Nebraska and in 1908 he became district deputy. In 1903 he received the appointment as state manager and held that position until Jan. 1, 1936, when he retired because of illness and was given emeritus status. He was characterized by other officers of the M. W. A. as one of their most successful field men. He had served as secretary-treasurer of the state managers for the past ten years.

He has been a frequent visitor in Plattsmouth.

Besides his work with the M. W. A. he was also a member of East Lincoln lodge No. 210, A. F. & A. M., member of Scottish Rite and Shrine, Hiram club and the Westminster Presbyterian church.

He is survived by his wife and one sister, Mrs. L. A. Linton, Joplin, Mo. The body is at Hodgman's where funeral services will be held at 1 p. m. Saturday, Rev. Paul C. Johnson being assisted by Rev. L. W. McMillin. Burial in Lincoln Memorial Park.

#### BRINGS IN THE ROOSTERS

From Friday's Daily  
The distinction of being the first to take advantage of the Rooster Booster bargain days, was Mrs. Ella Troop, of west of Mynard, who had a load of the roosters here at 7 o'clock this morning and which was sold to Phil Hoffman at the special scrip price of 12 1/2¢, redeemable at the participating stores.

We will appreciate our readers  
Phone details to No. 6.

#### GOOD PROGRESS IN DRIVE

Good progress is being made in the collection of 1935 dues among members of the "150 Club," an organization formed two years ago to take care of the expense of maintaining the Boy Scout program in Plattsmouth. John Cloit was the first of the Rotarian contact men in with his list 100 per cent paid up, and was followed closely by L. O. Minor, another active Rotarian, who turned in his list 100 per cent paid up. Various others have turned in partial lists so far.

It is desired to get the dues in at once so the Plattsmouth quota to the Cornhusker council may be met. At present nearly every other town in the Arbor Lodge district has paid its share of the cost and as a result the Arbor Lodge district is now leading all of the thirteen districts in the Cornhusker area in percentage of money paid in.

Also, some additional money is needed for incidental overhead costs of maintaining the Scout cabin and recreational grounds at Camp Wheeler, where different patrols are enjoying overnight and more extensive camping trips.

Plattsmouth has usually been one of the first towns in Arbor Lodge district to raise its quota, but this year the drive for renewal memberships in the "150 Club" got off to a late start.

#### REJOICE IN NEW DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gentry of this city are rejoicing in a fine eight and a quarter pound daughter, born to them on Wednesday. The mother and little one are doing nicely and the occasion has brought much happiness to all of the members of the family.

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## MURDOCK ITEMS

Henry A. Tool was looking after some business matters in Lincoln on Tuesday of last week.

The band was over to the Murdock-Wabash cemetery, where they provided music for the program that was held there on Memorial Sunday.

Rev. Harvey A. Schwab and wife and Rev. F. C. Weber have been attending the state convention of the Evangelical church during the past week.

Mrs. Hazel Grubbs of Chanute, Kansas, arrived in Murdock and has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. Henry Zaeber. She expects to remain here for some time.

Eddie Craig, the barber, and wife, drove to Liberty, Nebraska, last Sunday for a visit with Mr. Craig's aged father, B. A. Craig, as well as with other relatives living there.

Edward Galloway whose roof was damaged by the recent hail storm, has had the same thoroughly gone over and put in condition so that it will not leak no matter how hard it rains.

Mrs. A. J. Tool and son, Douglas, went to Omaha last Thursday for a short visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Work, enjoying the time spent there with the daughter and grandchildren of the former.

Sterling Emmens, who is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Will Zaeber, and who has been visiting for some time with his father in the south, returned home last week and will make his home here in the future.

John Gakemeier is working for a real estate firm in Lincoln, his duties taking him out of the city considerable of the time. He reports some real estate moving at this time and that prospects are looking good for further increases of business.

Carl Schlaphoff, who was so severely burned several weeks ago, is now getting along fairly well, but his progress is necessarily slow due to the extent of the burns which he received. He is very cheerful and hopes to soon be able to get out again.

Fred Stock, Sr., who has been confined to his home and bed for some time, remains in about the same condition, although he is cheerful and hopeful that he will be able to get out again soon now that spring is here. Some days he shows considerable improvement and others his condition seems about the same.

John Mockenhaupt, who lives between Murdock and Manley, was in town last Wednesday and while here effected an exchange of automobiles with Lawrence Race, John getting a Chevrolet and giving in exchange his sturdy Buick car. He reports getting along nicely with the planting of his corn, having the job nearly finished at this time.

Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Lee were at Weeping Water last Wednesday to attend a meeting of the Cass County Medical association, and while there Dr. Lee enjoyed meeting many of his old friends, as there were people there from all over the county to attend the opening meeting or rally of Cass county republicans, which was addressed by a former California congressman.

Gust Ruge and wife were over near Nehawka last Monday, where they attended the funeral of the late W. T. Schlichtemeier, who died suddenly while returning home from Nebraska City in his car. He had evidently felt the attack coming on, as he pulled the car over to the side of the road and turned off the ignition, being found shortly afterwards by passing motorists.

Ferd Brunkow and son Verle were at Syracuse last Wednesday, where they attended the weekly community sale, as they were looking to buy a quantity of posts for use on the farm. Ferd was injured in a wreck near West Point, when they were enroute to a funeral in South Dakota nearly a year ago and still feels the effects of his injuries, and especially in his right arm, which under some circumstances will not function in a proper manner.

#### Found Things Mostly OK

The state fire inspector was in Murdock last Wednesday and made the rounds of the town, looking over the fire hazards and finding as a general thing that Murdock is in as good a condition and has as efficient fire department as any town of our size that has no city water. Soon, however, that handicap will be removed. The inspector did make a few suggestions as to the taking of extra precaution to prevent and extinguish fires.

#### Band Concerts Started

The first of the series of weekly band concerts was started in Murdock Saturday night, May 16, with a large number of people in town.

The band has been holding regular rehearsals and are able to play the most difficult music in a very credible manner. The public is invited to attend these weekly band concerts and mingle with old friends here each Saturday night.

#### Eugene Tool Honored

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Amgwert gave a party and supper in honor of their young friend, Eugene Tool, who is graduating from the Murdock high school this year and who is shortly to join the family at their home in Denver. Mr. and Mrs. Amgwert provided a theatre party at Lincoln in honor of Eugene and followed this with a supper for the eight couples of young people who comprised the party.

#### Murdock Schools Close

The schools have closed and everybody connected with the conduct of same is now beginning to enjoy the summer vacation season. The baccalaureate sermon was delivered by the Rev. Harvey A. Schwab and the commencement address by Rev. F. C. Weber. The eighth grade graduation exercises were held last Monday, winding up the school year and all things pertaining thereto.

#### Improvements at Farm

With the return of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Baumgartner from the coast this spring, he found that the winter had been very severe here and that his water system had frozen up, causing some leaks in the plumbing which it has been necessary to have repaired. He has also installed a new lighting plant as the other one was well worn from years of use. He has everything in first class working condition now, but following his return home had to go back to the primitive custom of getting water in a pail and using kerosene for lights.

Speaking of their stay in the west, Mr. Baumgartner said they sure enjoyed every minute of the winter and met many of the former Murdock and Cass county people there. Among those whom he mentions as living there and who are enjoying life in the west were William Gehrts and wife, Don Sherman, Henry Rohrdanz and Otto Renwanz, all of whom are former residents of this vicinity.

#### Attended Funeral at Oakland

Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Thimgan and son Victor were at Oakland on last Sunday, where they were called to attend the funeral of the late Simon Obernaulte, who died last week and whose burial was had on last Sunday. The deceased man was a relative of Mrs. Thimgan.

#### Eighty Acres Bring \$8,250

The Walter Kupke eighty acres was sold a few days ago to an Omaha party for the sum of \$8,250, making slightly over \$100 per acre. During the past year and especially the past six months there has been an appreciable advance in the price of farm lands and a number of farms have been sold at higher prices than prevailed the past few years. The Pickwell eighty which was purchased by Elmwood parties, has received offers of a much higher price than that at which it was bought.

#### Home from Convention

Mrs. Henry A. Tool, who with Miss Augusta Robb, of Union, were delegates from the Cass County Chapter of the American Red Cross to the national convention of that organization held in Chicago, returned home last week and report a splendid time while away, also that there was a great deal of interest and a large attendance at the convention, with upwards of 2,200 delegates enrolled. A fine report of the convention will be found elsewhere in this issue of the Semi-Weekly Journal.

#### Kittenball Season Opens

On Tuesday of last week at the Murdock kittenball park was played the first game of the 1936 season. The first game was between South Bend and the Murdock Bible School team, and was warmly contested, being won by South Bend by a score of 10 to 8. The second game was between the Callahan team from southwest of town and the Lutherans from north of town and resulted in another close score, with the Callahans winning 8 to 7.

#### Attended Shriners' Conclave

I. G. Hornbeck, who holds membership in the advanced degrees of Masonry and is a member of the Lincoln Shrine, was in the capital city several days last week attending the annual conclave and convention of the order. Mr. Hornbeck is greatly interested in the work of the organization and derives much pleasure out of attending the conventions, which he rarely, if ever, misses. He has not been in the best of health for some time past, but is much bet-

ter now, which will be pleasing news to his many friends.

#### Spent Pleasant Day in Lincoln

Albert Theil took the members of the Senior class of the Murdock high school to Lincoln last Wednesday in his school bus, for their annual vacation or "sneak day," as it is commonly called. They viewed many different places of interest in the capital city, spending a most enjoyable and profitable day there. Such trips as this give the students a perspective of the outside world into which they are about to enter and from an educational standpoint are fully as valuable as a day spent in the classroom.

#### Conducted Service in Lincoln

L. Neitzel and G. Bauer spent the afternoon yesterday (Sunday) with the People's City Mission, in Lincoln, where Mr. Neitzel taught a men's Bible class of some thirty members, and at 3 o'clock conducted a preaching service. This is fulfilling a promise made last fall, as weather and other conditions prevented his going until now.

#### Going Away Party

A farewell party was given for Jean Tool Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Gillespie. Jean graduated from the Murdock high school last Thursday and will soon leave for Denver, Colo., to where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.

## G-Men Trap Notorious Robber



Held in connection with the robbery of more than 60 banks in the past 10 years, Avery Simons, left, notorious bank bandit, shown as he was arraigned in Los Angeles as E. K. Merritt, right, federal agent, stood guard, was sought by G-men for several years in connection with daring robberies which netted Simons and his accomplices hundreds of thousands of dollars.

W. Tool and family moved a few months ago.

Those who attended the party were the class of 1936, the high school teachers and his brother, Warren, from Lincoln, Nebr.

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## What Effect Has Depression Had on Modern Young Woman?

"New Freedom" Myth, Writer Discovers in Survey—Economic Factor a Consideration.

By MAURICE MERRYFIELD,  
International Illustrated News  
Feature Writer

New York, May 22—Few things today are more tragic than being an unattached young woman between the ages of 25 and 33.

This statement may arouse a storm of protest from the fair sex, but it is not as fantastic as it might seem.

Few young women would admit to being tragedies. Yet, when questioned regarding the young woman of today in general, or their friends and acquaintances, their expressions of sympathy lend support to the conclusion.

Interviews with representative young women from towns and cities in different sections of the country further supported the belief that their lot is a tragic one.

Life and love, cabbages and careers, dieting and parents, employers and blind dates—these were discussed with a score of young women, including a show girl from New York, a young matron of Chicago, a Pittsburgh graduate student, an Elyria, O., relief worker, a Milwaukee divorcee, a Cleveland stenographer and a lady chemist from Boston, not to mention others whose comments served to prove that the daughters of Eve are a most diversified lot.

At the risk of being snatched prematurely bald, this interviewer asked, among other questions: Would you take a lover? What is your ideal of a husband? How much should a man be earning to marry? Must love be the basis of a successful marriage? Would you demand that your husband be faithful?

#### Ideal Marriage Age 28

Most of those interviewed were between the ages of 25 and 33, single, the majority college graduates and most of them with some sort of a job. Those below 25 were passed over as being too romantic; those over 33, and single, as too resigned.

Incidentally, this article might well be headed by the unattached male looking for someone to have his slippers ready at the fireside when he comes home from work. If any young man would go into a huddle with a couple of feminine friends before he is overcome by the fragrance of orange blossoms, he might find it worth his while.

Before taking up the question of whether the unattached young woman of today is a tragic figure, consider some of the information gained on this delicate, though dangerous assignment.

The consensus of opinion was that 28 was the ideal age at which to become a bride. Some favored thirty, but their opinions may have been influenced by the fact that they were past 28.

Three children were considered adequate by most of those interviewed, although one "went maternal" to the extent of admitting she would like five, while two were of



"Miss America—1936" and statue symbolic of modern young woman as represented by Miss Leaver.

the opinion that the world was overpopulated anyway.

Business and budgets had apparently given a practical slant to their ideas of romance. Several were frank enough to admit they would marry for money and practically all of those interviewed were convinced that, even though attracted by a man, they would never marry him if convinced that he could never make over \$1,500 a year.

#### Speaking of Chorines

A Manhattan miss, possibly having in mind the cost of taxis in New York, was quite convinced she could not rustle ham and eggs every morning for a man who wasn't making \$250 a month. Which prompted me to bestow upon a friend the address of a New York blonde guaranteed to raise the temperature several degrees.

"All of us are pretty much 'on the make' and go out with a man for what we can get," admitted a show girl caught between acts. "After all, why not? If a man likes my company, finds me entertaining, what's the harm in accepting his favors. Don't mistake me—few of us are apartment hunting. And when a young man of moderate means comes along who makes a hit, a show girl probably gives him a lot better break than he would get from most girls."

Several, denying that they were mercenary, looked on marriage as a rather practical proposition, would

require as a rule of eligibility that the man have a fairly substantial bank account, and were not averse to marrying a man 10 or even 15 years older, if he were attractive and able to "share-the-wealth" on a small scale.

At the same time, one got the impression that not a few of these young women would even scramble for basement bargains if the right man came along, even though he wasn't working for the government.

#### Career Problem Difficult

In this connection the question was asked: "Do you believe in a woman working after marriage?"

Their answers were influenced in part by their satisfaction with their respective jobs. Most of them preferred learning how to cook after the honeymoon. A few, those with the better jobs and those who had been lucky enough to get into some line they really liked, said they would prefer to continue their work after marriage.

"I've seen it tried and it doesn't work," declared a young Chicago business woman. "Either the husband becomes dissatisfied because his working wife didn't have time for 'home-making' or else the wife earned more money and humiliated him."

This very fact, that the economic factor, emphasized by the depression, has become such a paramount consideration in marriage today, is one reason why the unattached young woman is a tragic figure.

## Townsend Under Fire at Probe



Dr. Francis E. Townsend and Representative Jasper Bell. "You and I have the world by the tail on a downhill pull" and there will be a "hatful of money" for those who stand by the movement were extracts from letters written by Dr. Francis E. Townsend, author of the old age pension plan, to his former colleague, Robert E. Clements, it was disclosed at the congressional hearing in Washington. Townsend, facing a barrage of questions fired by members of the committee, which is headed by Congressman Jasper C. Bell of Missouri, denied having amassed a fortune and disclosed that he hoped to raise a \$2,000,000 trust fund to finance the Townsend movement.