

BANK SHORTAGE LAID TO WOMAN

Former Bookkeeper and Her Husband Held on Embezzlement Charges

STOCKVILLE, NEB.—(UP)—Following a preliminary hearing here, Mrs. Elizabeth Brown Hogoboom, 27 years old, former bookkeeper of the defunct Frontier county bank, and her school teacher husband, Louis Verne Hogoboom, facing charges involving embezzlement of \$34,800 in bank funds, were bound over to district court late Wednesday on \$2,500 bond each.

The hearing, before Judge C. E. Eldred, will probably be held at the next term of court here, December 9.

Smartly attired, and apparently at ease, Mrs. Hogoboom kept her dark eyes fastened on the witnesses produced by the state and listened attentively to the evidence with which the state seeks to incriminate her and her husband.

Hogoboom was apparently ill at ease and faced the hearing with less assurance than did his wife. Their infant daughter was in the court room, held in the arms of Mrs. Lulu Brown, Stockville postmistress and mother of the accused woman. Ivan W. Hedge, of Lincoln, accountant and auditor for the state guarantee fund commission, was called to the stand to tell of the shortages found in the accounts of the bank. He placed the total shortage at \$34,800 and stated that the greater part of that amount had been taken after omissions were made in deposit lists, compiled by Mrs. Hogoboom.

Eight drafts, made payable to Hogoboom, were also produced by Hedge, who informed the court that only one of them had been charged against Hogoboom's account.

The greater part of the money was taken, Hedge testified, between April, 1925 and April, 1928. It was shown that Mrs. Hogoboom, who announced her marriage shortly following the failure of the bank, had been married to the Moorfield school teacher in June, 1925, and had kept the marriage a secret.

First of the witnesses to be examined by the state was George J. Dold, cashier, and former president of the defunct institution. He testified concerning the nature of discrepancies found in the books of the bank, the circumstances of their discovery and the course followed by himself and W. C. Reed, president of the failed bank.

According to Dold's statement, the first intimation of the shortage came on April 19, 1928, about a month before the closing of the bank, when Reed informed him that many persons were withdrawing money to pay taxes.

Dold informed the court that he made a check of the deposits list, following his conversation with Reed, and discovered that there should have been \$49,617.91 on deposit.

Mrs. Hogoboom had been employed by the bank for nearly 10 years, Dold said, having started to work in the institution when she was 17 years old. Her father died at about the time she was employed, he said, leaving the care of four children to herself and her mother. Her salary, during the time of her employment, it was shown, had been \$50 a month.

W. O. W. FEE CASE TO NEBRASKA HIGH COURT
LINCOLN.—(UP)—On the ground that the judgment of Judge Shepherd of the district court in awarding the attorneys for the plaintiffs in a suit against the Woodmen of the World and the Globe Life company \$60,000 as fees for their services is excessive, an appeal was filed in the supreme court Wednesday.

The litigation was started by members of the order, who secured a final decree that the transaction by which the Woodmen invested \$2,000,000 in capital stock of the Globe Life company was void. In district court attorneys for the fraternal order said that \$20,000 was a sufficient fee for the seven lawyers employed, and the latter put in affidavits of lawyers who suggested as high as \$175,000.

MODERN WOODMEN ENJOINED FROM ENFORCING NEW RATES
BEATRICE.—(UP)—The Beatrice camp has won the first step in its fight against the head camp of the Modern Woodmen of America to prevent a new insurance rate becoming effective. District Judge Messmore has granted a temporary injunction preventing the head camp from enforcing the new insurance rate, adopted by the head camp at Chicago, in June.

That the raise is discriminatory because of segregation of young members from the old and that the raise tends to change the society from a fraternal association into an old line company, were the two chief reasons the Beatrice camp sought the injunction.

The injunction will affect nearly 1,000,000 members of the organization, according to Edward McCallister, counsel of the Beatrice camp.

LEXINGTON.—(UP)—The Dawson County State bank of Lexington was closed Wednesday, because of frozen assets and slow collections. It is said J. Y. Castle, bank examiner, of Lincoln, was sent here to take charge of the institution. The bank had a capital of \$60,000.

YOUNG WOMEN HELD ON "SHORT CHANGE" CHARGES

MCOOK.—(UP)—Two pretty young women, who declined to give officers any information concerning their place of residence, were held here Thursday for Dawson county officers. Too great an amount of sentiment centering on new currency aroused suspicions which led to their arrests.

Giving their names as Opal and Cecil Brinkley, 24 and 27 years old, the two told an incoherent story to Red Willow county officers which led to the discovery that they are wanted for short change operations in Lexington.

They were arrested at Indianola Wednesday night after McCook merchants had told officers of their paying bills with a new \$10 bill, suddenly changing their minds about allowing it to pass from their possession and starting an argument about the amount of change they had received. When arrested they were driving an expensive roadster and were in possession of five traveling bags, filled with expensive clothing.

One of the grips contained men's clothing, the presence of which was not satisfactorily explained by the women and led to inquiries which disclosed they were wanted in Dawson county.

SOLDIERS ARE LIABLE TO TAX

Attorney General of Nebraska Gives Opinion in Case Fort Crook Officer

LINCOLN, NEB.—(UP)—Soldiers stationed at Fort Crook, Neb., and Fort Robinson are subject to taxation on personal property, Attorney General C. A. Sorenson ruled Thursday.

The opinion was made after Sorenson had been informed that officers at Fort Crook, expecting Colonel Trot, had refused to pay taxes on tangible and intangible property. Colonel Trot, in command at Fort Crook, stationed there by the war department, claimed exemption on the grounds of a non-resident.

The state tax commissioner notified the county assessor that Colonel Trot owned 20 shares of common stock in the Chicago and North Western railway company.

Sorenson in his opinion said "we do not know of any provisions in the statutes which exempt the property of army officers residing in the state. The fact that the officer has his house or place or residence on a military reservation does not in the opinion of this office alter the situation."

MANY APPLES FALL FROM NEBRASKA TREES
FALLS CITY.—(UP)—The greatest fall of apples from the trees this section ever experienced has reduced the Richardson county apple crop to between a 30 and 35 per cent yield, it is estimated by J. F. Shubert, banker and orchardist of Shubert. This approximately parallels the 1928 crop.

The drop from the trees came early in June and was attributed by the orchardist to improper fertilization.

"Approximately 100 cars of the fruit were marketed from this district a year ago and this figure probably will be duplicated this season," he said. The normal yield is 300 cars.

MEMBERS OF CHURCH SEEK NEW CONNECTION
OMAHA, NEB.—(UP)—Four hundred fifty members of the Immanuel Lutheran church of Benson, Neb., recently ejected from the Evangelical Missouri Synod for retaining lodge members as communicants, are taking steps to join another synod, it was announced Thursday by Rev. W. S. Seisko, pastor of the church.

The congregation does not desire to remain independent of synod affiliations, but is definitely opposed to changing the lodge membership policy, it was explained.

Councilors of the Lutheran church at Elkhorn, Neb., also served by the Immanuel pastor, have informed him, he said, that the Elkhorn congregation of 130 will follow the Benson church into a new synod. The Elkhorn congregation was not mentioned in the resolution expelling Immanuel church from the Missouri synod.

CRIMINAL APPREHENSION TO BE MADE EASIER
LINCOLN.—(UP)—A move to make apprehension of criminals in Nebraska swifter and more certain was seen today in letters sent to all law enforcement officers by State Sheriff C. W. Condit.

Seeking a broader and more comprehensive co-operation among the peace officers, Condit urged that more attention be paid to fingerprinting and photographing law breakers. Condit called specific attention to a statute passed by the state legislature in 1921 requiring fingerprints be taken of those arrested in connection with serious crimes and photographs made of the persons.

PROBE CONDITIONS AT KEARNEY NORMAL

KEARNEY.—(UP)—Inspection of the Kearney State Teachers college by members of the state normal board investigating conditions charged at a recent board meeting was expected to close Tuesday night.

The charges were made at a recent meeting in Lincoln by Representative J. D. Saunders of Buffalo county.

George E. Martin, president of the college, expressed Tuesday satisfaction over the investigation. He answered charges made by Saunders and pointed out many of the alleged conditions did not exist.

Martin told the board that the trouble hinged upon the dismissal of Saunders as operator of the college dining hall, which Saunders conducted for 13 years. He was relieved six years ago when the board determined to bring this department under the direct jurisdiction of the college.

At the same time, according to Martin, students had petitioned for the removal of Saunders because of the poor quality of food he served.

SLAYER ASKING SHORTER TERM
Nebraska Pardon Board Hears Third Plea from an Omaha Man

LINCOLN, NEB.—(UP)—For the third time Floyd Fuller of Douglas county appeared before the state pardon board Tuesday for a commutation of his penitentiary sentence.

Two previous times, Fuller's application has been denied. Fuller was sentenced for the murder of Dorothy Rader Carberry at Omaha, December 10, 1916. He had followed her on a street car and shot her four times as she was getting off.

Previous to the murder he had been living with her, believing they were legally married. Finding out that a divorce had not been granted him in Colorado, Fuller left her. He claimed that he was intoxicated when he shot her.

Another application heard was that of Ralph Mortice, serving one to 10 years for breaking custody. Sentenced in 1925 for burglary in Lexington county, Mortice escaped from officers enroute to the penitentiary. He was caught a short time later.

Two Otoe county youths, Horace Epperson and Thomas Rockey, appeared before the board. They are serving terms of one to 10 years for larceny of an automobile. They were arrested on the outskirts of Lincoln after they had made a dash for freedom from officers. Previous applications before the board were rejected.

BLOOMFIELD RESIDENT HAS SUDDEN DEATH
BLOOMFIELD.—(Special)—George A. Bolton, 49 years old, a resident here for 29 years, died suddenly, Monday morning. He is survived by his wife, three children, three brothers and one sister.

TWO MEN ARE HELD ON KIDNAPING CHARGE
GRAND ISLAND.—Held as suspects in alleged kidnaping of two Denver children, two men are under arrest here, awaiting arrival of Colorado authorities.

They were picked up on a street here by Policeman Harry Moore. They gave names as William Jolley, 26 years old, and Orville Odekirk, 22.

The children are Verna Grafmyer, 13 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Grafmyer, 4529 Colorado boulevard and John Roberts, 12 years old. The Roberts boy had been living with an uncle.

Odekirk, a plasterer, had worked for the girl's father, he said. Jolley had roomed at the home of the boy's uncle. They claimed they had offered the trip to Omaha, where both expected to find work, just to give the youngsters an interesting journey, and asserted that the boy's uncle had given permission.

NEW LAW GIVES GREAT PROMISE

Returns on Intangible Property Double What They Were Last Year

LINCOLN, NEB.—(Special)—With 35 of the 93 counties having reported as to intangible tax returns, the state tax commissioner feels confident in predicting that more than double the revenue obtained last year, which was \$623,000, will be collected this year under the new law. The 35 counties are mostly small ones, but the increase for the two classes is indicated by the fact that they total \$56,000,000 this year as compared with \$29,000,000 in the same counties last year. The total taxes collected will be \$258,000 as compared with \$108,000.

Class A includes money on hand and in bank, and is taxed this year 2 1-2 mills on the dollar, while Class B, securities, is taxed at 8 mills, where both were taxed last year at five mills.

State officers have been particularly interested this year because it is recognized that unless the intangible tax law produces better results in getting money and securities out of hiding it will be abandoned. Much opposition has been manifested in the past to the principle of taxing different classes of property at different rates. The law has been held invalid by a district court at Omaha, on the ground that it is discriminatory as between classes and also between items in classes.

WHEAT YIELD DECREASED BY THE HOT WINDS
HASTINGS.—(UP)—With about half of the wheat in this section cut, farmers say that indications are that both the quantity and quality will be reduced materially by lack of late rains and hot winds. No threshing has yet been done. The grain is still in shocks or waiting to be cut.

STATE NORMAL BOARD PAYS VISIT TO WAYNE
WAYNE.—(UP)—Members of the state normal board met here Monday to discuss problems affecting the various state schools. Charles W. Taylor, chairman, state superintendent of schools, was present.

DROWNED BOY'S BODY IS FOUND AFTER FOUR MONTHS
LINCOLN.—(UP)—The body of Chris Peterson, Jr., 10 years old, was found here late Saturday, four months and a day after he had drowned in Antelope creek. The body was identified by the father. A search was made for the boy's body for three months, but all hopes had been given up, when it was found.

BANKS AT WAR OVER A \$60,000 DEPOSIT
OMAHA.—(UP)—Trial of the suit to impound \$60,000 was opened in federal court here Monday. The action originally was started in July 1924.

The suit is brought by the Omaha National bank against the Omaha branch of the Federal Reserve bank of Kansas City, the First National bank of Cheyenne, and the Wyoming National bank of Casper, Wyo.

The Omaha National bank charges the Cheyenne bank with requesting the Omaha National to transfer \$60,000 from its accounts here to the Federal Reserve bank, and later asking the Federal Reserve bank to carry this account to the Casper bank. After this transfer had been made, they charge, the funds were deposited in the United States National bank of Omaha to the credit of the Wyoming National bank. Soon afterwards the Cheyenne bank failed.

DISGRUNTLED BECAUSE HIS 70-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER ELOPED
MILFORD.—(UP)—A 99-year-old relative of Daniel Boone, is disgruntled. His 70-year-old daughter Monday eloped with a Civil war veteran, 81 years old, and the father missed the wedding. His daughter was married in Lincoln Monday night.

The daughter, Mrs. Ida B. Carter, and William H. Campbell, inmates of the soldiers home here, went shopping in Lincoln. On the way into town Campbell proposed. His proposal was accepted. They planned to be married at the soldiers' home, with the father, Hiram Boone, a witness. Instead they were married in Lincoln, and the great grandnephew of Daniel Boone, who had witnessed two other weddings of his daughter, missed the last ceremony.

LUTHER LEAGUE AVOIDS CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECTS
OMAHA.—(UP)—Resolutions, prepared for presentation Tuesday to the convention of the Luther League of America contain no reference to controversial subjects not connected with the league's religious activities, according to Wallace Oest, Baltimore, chairman of the resolutions committee.

The committee at sessions Monday, the chairman said discussed proposals for endorsement of prohibition, the Kellogg peace pact, and President Hoover's appeal for citizen co-operation in law enforcement, but no resolutions were framed in regard to the subjects.

TELEPHONE EMPLOYEES TO MEET AT NORFOLK

LINCOLN.—(Special)—Officials of the Nebraska Telephone association have sent out invitations to every telephone company and exchange manager in northeastern Nebraska to be present at a district convention at Norfolk on Thursday, July 11. Every chief operator or more than one operator from each company is expected to be present, as the afternoon session will divide into a traffic school and into a transmission demonstration.

Officials of the Bell Telephone company have devised apparatus for detecting transmission troubles, and two of its experts are to be present with this machine and explain what causes such troubles. Experts also will be in attendance to tell of recent developments in handling calls, the big companies being particularly interested in having the small company operators learn the new way of handling toll messages, where the calling party need not hang up till he gets his party.

ASK REHEARING DAMAGE ACTION

Attorney for Railroad Bitten by Snake Wants Case Reopened

LINCOLN, NEB.—(Special)—Attorneys for Herbert R. Brannan, who once got a \$40,000 judgment against the North Western Railroad company because a snake dropped inside his glove while he was working in an engine pit at the Chadron roundhouse and bit him, are asking the supreme court to withdraw its recent opinion that he was not entitled to anything and grant a rehearing. They say that the court disregarded the time worn rule that when a jury has passed on the facts in a case, where there are in dispute, the reviewing court will accept that as decisive unless clearly wrong. In this case the defense was first that there was no snake; second, that if there were it didn't bite Brannan and, third, that if it did he wasn't hurt. They say that the jury held against the railroad on all three grounds, and that should end the controversy.

Special objection is made to the fact that the supreme court ordered the case dismissed, and the attorneys say the worst that should happen to them is that a new trial be ordered.

The jury gave Brannan, who was represented as being permanently disabled from the bite, \$40,000 and the supreme court cut this to \$28,000. On a rehearing it dismissed the case holding that as roundhouse doors must be open all the time, it is too harsh a doctrine that the company must see that no snakes get inside. Brannan's attorneys say that the master at all time must provide a safe place for his servants.

ROTARIANS OF THREE STATES WILL MEET AT NORFOLK
NORFOLK.—(UP)—Officers of Rotary clubs in three states will gather here next Monday and Tuesday to discuss the program for rotations as adopted at the Rotary international convention at Dallas recently. The clubs to be represented are those in Nebraska, South Dakota and western Iowa—the Nineteenth district. About 120 presidents and secretaries are expected.

George W. Johnson, of Omaha, district governor, will have charge of the convention. Members of the Norfolk club are completing preliminary arrangements.

One of the features of the program will be the banquet to be held in the evening of July 15. The assembly will be opened with a business session on Monday morning. Other business sessions are scheduled for the afternoon and for the morning and afternoon of the day following. The session will close late Tuesday.

FISHERMAN TO TAKE CASE TO U. S. SUPREME COURT
LINCOLN.—(UP)—The United States supreme court will be asked to decide the question of whether seining in the Missouri river is legal according to Seymour Smith, an Omaha attorney.

The question arose in the case in which Miller was arrested by the state game department for seining in the river. Smith, as attorney for Miller, obtained an injunction in the district court of Lancaster county restraining the state from enforcing a law against seining in the river but the state supreme court reversed the decision.

The plaintiff alleges that federal courts have held that acts of congress require states to act jointly in control of the Missouri river and as Iowa permits seining, the state of Nebraska cannot prohibit it.

SUPREME COURT ENDS SESSION

Important Cases to Be Heard When Work is Resumed in September

LINCOLN, NEB.—(Special)—The supreme court has adjourned sine die the term begun last September, and will not again consider cases or hand down decisions until two and a half months hence. All of the pending cases upon which opinions had been written have been passed on, and these opinions will be released within the next 10 days, following their being edited for the law reports.

The next sitting will be September 16th, with a number of important cases, the principal one being that involving the validity of special assessments against state banks. At that time the number of court commissioners will be reduced from six to three, but the court plans to exercise more freely its powers to call in district judges to sit with it while members write assigned opinions. The number of district judges fitted for this work has, however, been found to be rather limited.

LEFT NOTE SHOWING HE ANTICIPATED DEATH
FALLS CITY.—(UP)—Apparently anticipating his death, Milton Firquin left a postal card at the post office several days ago directing that his body be sent to Campbellville, Ky. Friday morning his body was found in the yard of his farm home near here. Death is believed to have been caused by heart failure.

EXPECT NORRIS TO FILE AS "INDEPENDENT" FOR SEN.
LINCOLN.—(Special)—In political circles it is stated with more or less positiveness that Senator Norris will be a candidate for reelection, but that he will abandon his "pretense" of being a republican and will file as an independent, hoping that the republicans and democrats will divide the opposition vote. Former Governor Bryan and Congressman Morehead are reported to be likely to file in the democratic primary, with State Treasurer Stebbins and Former State Chairman E. B. Perry as contestants in the republican ring.

NEW DEPUTY STATE SCHOOL HEAD NAMED
LINCOLN.—(UP)—Fuller L. Austin of Wahoo, Friday was appointed deputy state superintendent of public instruction, Charles W. Taylor, superintendent announced. Austin succeeds Robert H. Graham, who died suddenly several weeks ago.

DAMAGE JUDGMENT SET ASIDE BY COURT
LINCOLN.—(UP)—The judgment secured by Lee Pratt, a resident of Sheridan county, against the Western Bridge and Construction company, for the death of his three year old boy, was set aside by the supreme court.

Pratt alleged the company was negligent in not maintaining barriers to an excavation made near a bridge it was constructing so that when Pratt turned out to avoid a woman pedestrian in the road at night he ran his car into the ditch. The company said that it had put up proper barriers, but that these had been knocked over by a herd of cattle unknown to its workmen at the time.

SUMMER CAMP ENJOYED BY 125 NEBRASKA GIRLS
CHADRON.—(UP)—More than 125 Nebraska girls are assembled at the Chadron state park for a summer camp, the first of a permanent one to be held.

The camp is sponsored mainly by camp fire and girl scouts. During the stay at the camp the girls are under an organized program, beginning in the morning with a bugle call, and closing with varied entertainment in the evening.

One of the features entertainment for the girls will be an outing through the Black Hills Monday. The Chadron Chamber of Commerce will provide cars for the trip, which includes visits at Hot Springs, Sylvan Lake, Custer, the Game Lodge, Mount Coolidge and Wind Cave.

MORE STRINGENT RULES FOR HANDLING FIREWORKS
OMAHA.—(UP)—More stringent regulation of the storage of fireworks in the state will be undertaken by the department of labor, Richard Wood, attorney for the department, announces after investigating the Brinn and Jensen fireworks explosion that took two lives Wednesday.

The authority to formulate such a code has been given the department under legislation passed by the late legislature, Wood said. The new legislation gives the department power to regulate all forms of business where employees or anyone coming in contact with materials manufactured are subjected to any hazard.

BEING HELD ON CHARGE OF CRIMINAL ASSAULT

MOVE WHEAT CROP

PIERCE.—(Special)—Theodore Carver is held in jail here, having \$3,000 bond on a charge of criminal assault on an 8-year-old girl. Carver has been working for Roy Hackett as has the girl's father.

Carver's wife came here with him, seeking county aid while he is incarcerated. County commissioners offered to let her stay at the county farm but she refused and went to Plainview.

OMAHA.—(UP)—Ready to aid in transporting the wheat crop are 6,300 surplus grain cars in the Kansas-Nebraska wheat field, J. Cannon, vice president and general manager of the Missouri Pacific lines, says. Peak of the movement is expected to be reached July 15, and during the next 15 days following, the movement of grain is expected to be maintained at about 550 cars a day.