HASTINGS BOY WINS CONTEST

State High School Event at Lincoln Had Some New Schedules

Lincoln, Neb .- (UP)-In the firs public speaking contest ever held in connection with the annual state high school agriculture contests Lloyd Criswell, of Hastings, won first; Raymond Walker, of Waverly, second, and Earl Calvert, of Genea, third.

Adrin Lynn, of Minden, is the best young carpenter of Nebraska He won the woodwork contest in the annual vocational agriculture contest with a score of 94.6. William Berkheimer, of Ashland, was sec-ond, and Jack Glantz, of Hastings

Lewiston boys won the annua poultry judging contest and wil represent the Nebraska vocation agriculture schools in the next national contest at St. Louis. They scored 1,305 points out of a possible 1,500. Frank Svoboda Floyd Myers and Chester Martin are the boys or

Imperial boys, champions of the North Platte last week, placed second, and the Barneston team was

Hastings high school won the grain judging contest with St. Edward high school second, Waverly third and Ashland fourth.

EADIO SCHOOL TO HAVE 800 GRADUATES

Norfolk, Neb .- A federal radio inspector will be in Norfolk May 3 to inspect the Norfolk Daily News radio station WJAG and to give examinations to applicants for federal radio licenses.

About 800 students of the sixth school of station WJAG will be graduated by radio at the end of this month. Many of these will take the examination.

The radio school taught by WJAG operators is declared the largest free radio school in the world. Last year nearly 1,000 students were graduated. Gene Huse, publisher of the Daily News, is chief operator of the school and Karl Stefan, chief announcer, is in charge of instruc-

HIGH COURT RESERVES AND DISMISSES CASE

Lincoln, Neb. - (UP) - The supreme court Friday reversed the conviction in Gosper county of Mrs Nellie West and William E. Lacey on a charge of stealing an automobile and issued a peremptory order that the case against them be dismissed and that the county pay all

Elach had been given a year in prison. Mrs. West did not deny taking the automobile, but said it was a betrothal gift from John G. Sanders, a bachelor farmer, by whom she was employed as house-

Sanders had asked Lacey to recommend a housekeeper, and he named Mrs. West, a divorcee with two children. She took care of his house, located on a farm near Holbrook, Furnas county, from June 1, 1928 to March 2, 1929, on which date Sanders ended his life. A special administrator took charge of his effects, and he warned Mrs. West not to take the automobile.

As she did not have money to put up a bond in an action in replevin, Bernard McNeny, Red Cloud attorney, advised her to take the car, then notify the representative of the estate and let him take the first step to regain it. The administrator sent the sheriff after the car and filed the larceny complaints.

BRUNSWICK, NEB., YOUTH BURNED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Brunswick, Neb .- Jurgen Eckoff, 17 years old, of Brunswick, was burned to death a mile south of Brunswick when the car he was driving turned over and burned. His body was burned to a cinder. Eckhoff was accompanied by Mor-

gan Tatten, and the two had been driving around town in Eckhoff's old car. The wishbone of the car fell shortly before the accident, and the boys stopped to wire it fast, then drove on toward Brunswick. Tatten warned Eckoff not to drive too fast but before he could slow down, the wishbone fell again and the car bumped toward the ditch.

The car turned over, pinning Eckhoff under the back of the front seat. Tatten also was caught under the overturned car, but was able to free himself by digging away the sand in the ditch and kicking the door open. He was unable to free

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

HERO GIVEN HONOR Omaha, Neb.-(UP)-A hero of the Spanish-American war was honored Friday when the Distinguished Service medal was pinned to the breast of John H. Worthington, of Omaha, by Col. C. A. Trott at Fort

July 2, 1898, Worthington, a sergeant in the Seventh infantry and his detail was ordered to occupy a supposedly deserted block house on El Caney Hill, Cuba. Upon finding it occupied Worthington ordered a charge and he his seven men captured the house and made prisoner its 39 Spanish occupants.

GUARDIAN FINDS FORTUNE

HIDDEN IN TIN CAN Hall's guardian found \$90,000 in a tin can, to add to Hall's \$250,000 fortune, so the octogenarian will continue to have a guardian-and not be independent. County Judge Robin R. Reid said "there is no doubt that a guardian is needed," after John Ledwith, attorney, testified he found the negotiable securities in a can beneath a farm house when he assumed control of the

Hall thus lest his fight to shake off unwanted supervision

OMAHA GIRLS' CHAMP

SPELLER OF NEBRASKA Omaha, Neb .- (UP) -- Agnes Bowers, 13 years old, seventh grade pupil at Sacred Heart parochial school, Greeley, will be Nebraska's representative at the national spelling match to be held in Washington, D. C., on May 26. She won this honor and also was proclaimed Nebraska state champion at the state contests here Saturday night. She spelled the word "medallion" correctly after Florence Steuteville, 13 years old, of South Sloux City, had omitted one "l" in the word. Miss Steuteville, who won second honors a week ago, copped the tri-state championship in Council Bluffs.

SHORTAGE MAY TOTAL \$100,000

Bank Commissioner Says Depositors Should Not Expect Large Return

Wahoo, Neb. -(UP)- Although Emil Benson, convicted cashier of the Citizens State bank of Wahoo, has admitted taking between \$35,-000 and \$40,000 from the institution, George W. Woods, state bank commissioner, told 1,300 depositors that records indicated he has taken at least \$100,000

Woods warned the depositors they could not expect too great a return from the seven banks that failed re-

cently in Saunders county.

F. J. Kirchman, president of the closed Saunders County National bank and head of a chain of six banke that failed, faces federal charges that he made false entries totaling \$48,000.

NEWMAN GROVE HONOR WINNER

Judging Team from That Town Awarded Plaque at Lincoln

Lincoln, Neb .- (UP)-Two days of competition for high school agricultural teams were ended Friday night with a banquet at which additional winners of contests, held at the state agricultural college, were named. Newman Grove was awarded the plaque offered to the outstanding chapter of future farmers. Kear-

ney fas second, Hasting third and

The Albion high school judging team won the annual livestock judging contest with a score of 1.947 points. Members of the team are Merlin Atwater, Thomas Kings and John Bengsten. They will represent Nebraska in the national contest in Kansas City next fall. Newman Grove was second; Waverly third; and others ranged in the following order: Hebron, Kearney, Eagle, Red Cloud, Lewiston and

Hastings. In judging Guernseys, Ponca Lynch, Beatrice and York tied for first. Nineteen boys tied for first for individual honors with a perfect score of 100 points. In individual judging of Jerseys, Ward Bauder of Hastings was first and the Seward team won first.

PEARLS FOUND IN STREAMS OF NEBRASKA

O'Neill, Neb. - Pearl hunting among mussel shells in Nebraska streams is a little known industry carried on by but a few men, women and boys, who make of it an avocation that is pleasant and profitable.

Nebraska pearls sell on eastern markets for as much as \$50 a grain, depending on shape, color and luster. Some Nebraska shells yield pearls at the rate of \$50 a ton of shells. Of the 600 varieties of mussel and clam shells found in coastal and stream waters on this continent, about 12 are found in Nebraska.

A California woman who handles sea shells recently bought some dozens of Nebraska yellow sand shells at 50 cents each. The Californian pronounced them the most beautiful shells she ever had seen.

WOMAN'S NECK BROKEN

IN AUTO ACCIDENT David City, Neb.-(UP)-When her car skidded into a ditch and overturned while she was driving on a slippery road, Mrs. Julia Nuneman, young Omaha widow, was killed near here late Sunday.

Thomas G. Robinson, also of Omaha, who was riding with her, was cut severey about the head and is in a David City hospital. The two were on their way to visit the parents of Mrs. Nuneman here. Mrs. Nuneman's neck was broken. Her husband was killed in a fire

two years ago. She is survived by a 5-year-old son and her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Egge.

TWO SIDNEY, NEB., MEN.

DROWN NEAR OSHKOSH -E. D. Tooley. Sidney, Neb .-35 years old, manager of a local chain store, and his assistant, Orville Brooks, 20, were drowned in Harris lake, near Oshkosh, 25 miles north of Sidney, Sunday. The party was fishing from a small boat, which while bucking strong head winds, cansized.

DAKOTA-DIXON FEDERATION

MEETING AT EMERSON

Homer, Neb .- (Special) -The Datota-Dixon County Federation of Women's clubs met in the English Lutheran church at Emerson, with representatives of 10 clubs present. Officers elected for next year are President, Mrs. E. F. Wilsey South Sioux City; vice president, Mrs. Elizabeth Neiswanger of Dakota City; secretary, Mrs. George Heikes of Dakota City, and treasurer, Mrs. John Moseman of Emer-

CENSUS TAKING NOT COMPLETED

Supervisor of Northwest Nebraska District to Require More Time

Norfolk, Neb.—(UP)—With the task of the census enumerator supposed to be finished Wednesday Mrs. Marie Weekes, district supervisor, believes she will be able to have the third district completely enumerated in time.

The roundup of stragglers was being accomplished the last few Reports of country precincts indicate that about half of the precincts will show an increase in population over the 1920 figures.

Preliminary returns from several towns in the district indicated a growth in population. Wayne reported a population of 2,360 as compared with 2.115 in 1920. West Point gained 15 persons, reporting a total count of 2,215. The village of Dodge jumped in population from 359 to 692 while Nickerson gained from 1,087 to 1,107 in 1930. Scribner gained in the last decade from 1,021

In Stanton county, Haymow pre-cinct, 528 population, 107 farms, in 1920, 550 population; Stanton pre-cinct, outside village of Stanton, 421 population, 296 1arms, in 1920, 482 population; Dewey precinct, 509 population, 108 farms, in 1920, 498; Maple Creek precinct, 566 popula-tion, 117 farms, 1920, 616 popula

In Madison county, Battle Creek precinct, outside of village of Battle Creek, 454 population, 95 farms Green Garden precinct, 536 population, 108 farms, in 1920, 309 popu-

In Dixon county, Galena pre-cinct, outside of village of Ponca 519 population, 116 farms, in 1920 689; Newcastle precinct, outside village of Newcastle, 516 population 91 farms, in 1920, 556.

Dakota county, Covington precinct, outside South Sioux City, 459 population, 95 farms, in 1920, 404.

POLITICAL SITUATION IN NEBRASKA COMPLICATED

Lincoln, Neb .- (UP)-The entrance of Dr. Jennie Callfas, of Omaha, into the senatorial race on the democratic ticket is viewed by some as having an effect on the re-publican contest for the senatorial nomination.

As the result of bolting the dem-ceratic ticket in 1928 because she couldn't support the prohibition views of Alfred E. Smith, the presidential nominee, it was indicated the Smith friends in the party may support a democratic candidate in opposition to Dr. Callfas.

With a heated contest in their own ranks to select a senatorial numinee, the democrats will be induced to vote in their own primary instead of in the republican primary where many of them would help Senator George W. Norris, one democrat said.

Dr. Callfas was a democratic national committeewoman from Nebraska at the time she bolted the democratic party in 1923 and her place was declared vacant on the committee. During the same campaign, Senator Norris bolted the republican party to support the democratic nominee.

COUNTY PRISONERS TO WORK AT BRICK MAKING

Center, Neb.-A new industry was opened in Center, county seat of Knox county, when prisoners at the county jail, with Oliver Prosser as foreman, started manufacturing

This is the first instance in this part of the state where prison labor has been used as an actual industrial activity, aside from road building.

Knox county is badly in need of a new courthouse, the present structure being not only out of date, but records of importance must be kept in various places.

Back of the entire project lies the hope that with a large amount of brick manufactured at almost trivial cost, Knox county soon may have a new courthouse

MEN WHO ENTICED

GIRLS ARE SENTENCED Friend, Neb. -(UP)- Pleading guilty to two charges of kidnaping and child stealing, Charles Cash, 24 years old, and John Fisher, 25, both of White Cloud, Kan., were sentenced Monday by District Judge Proudfit to seven years in the state penitentiary on each count.

The sentences will run concur-The men were arrested in Denver nine days after they are alleged to have induced Cecil Honer, 14 years old, and Mae Shutts, 16, to run off with them. Both are daughters of prosperous farmers living south of Friend.

CONVICT PAROLED TO VISIT MOTHER AT WALTHILL Lincoln, Neb.—That his aged mother, who is blind, may "see" him once again before she dies, Rex McCaulley was given a 10-day respite from the Nebraska prison to

go to her home in Walthill, Neb. Though serving time for a parole violation, Governor Weaver was moved to release McCaulley by a plea from his mother's bedside. FARMER NEAR LYONS, NEB. BEING TREATED FOR ANTHRAX

Christenson, farmer, residing near Lyons, is in a hospital at Omaha receiving treatment for anthrax. ORGANIZE OPPOSITION TO

Lyons, Neb. -(Special)- Henry

MUNICIPAL UNIVERSITY Omaha, Neb. - (UP)-Opposition to the city taking over Omaha university as a municipal college crys tallized at a meeting here Monday night presided over by Edward R Burke, president of the board of education. A 1-mill levy is to be 7ot-

ed on, May 6. Others who will take an active part in opposing the plan are forner Mayor Ed P. Smith, C. G. Carlberg of the Omaha Real Estate board and Henry Keiser. Until the meeting no organized opposition had forr

BAND THIS SUMMER Homer, Neb .- (Special) -Through the financial aid of Homer business men, the high school band will conlinue to give weekly concerts throughout the summer under the direction of Prof. Carl Hjortsvang. Mr. Hjortsvang has been music supervisor in Homer schools for two years but has been elected in a like capacity at Hartington for next year

BLOOD PAYING SCHOOL COSTS

University of Nebraska Student Adopts Unusual Method to Obtain Money

Lincoln, Neb. -(UP)- Frank E Stibal of Gretna, virtually is "bleeding" his way through his last year in the journalism school at the Uni-

versity of Nebraska. When finances presented a problem to him last fall, he accepted the suggestion of a nurse to have his blood "typed" and to be placed on the hospital list as being willing to give blood at \$25 a transfusion.

Since last August he has given a transfusion about every month. After giving the first pint of blood at his initial transfusion, he fainted, but since then the transfusions haven't even made him dizzy.

But his "profession" has its draw backs, as "one has a hard time explaining after missing a class that he has been giving a blood trans-fusion," he said. "The professor just won't believe. And another drawback is that I've had to give up smoking."

APPLE AND PEACH

CROPS TO BE SHORT Lincoln, Neb. -(UP)- Prospects for a record fruit crop in Nebraska this year were somewhat dimmed by the reports coming in from growers to the state and federal division of agricultural statistics this week. Early season reports show that the Mebraska peach crop this year is approximately 28 per cent of nor-nal and apples were reported to be 75 per cent of normal.

Balmy early April weather followed by the light frosts later in the month are taken into account in speculating on the loss in peach production this year. Growers indicate that this has factored large in the expected decrease. Though early in the season, growers predict a

short crop. The late April return of Jack Frost to nip the apple buds after warm weather in the fore part of the month is a factor in the cut in sight for the apple crop. Bude are poor and fewer in number this

Cherries and strawberries in the state are in very good condition, according to the reports. Cherries are given a 93 per cent condition and trawberries a 96 per cent condition. Early conditions on other crops are listed as follows: Plums 90 per cent; pears, 92 per cent; grapes, 87 per cent: raspberries, 90 per cent; blackberries, 82 per cent, and gooseberries 92 per cent.

DIVORCE REFUSED AND

COUPLE LOSE CHILDREN Omaha, Neb .- (UP)-Plans of Mr. and Mrs. John Wirzbicki to obtain divorce from each other went awry when District Judge Herbert Rhoades not only refused to grant either an annulment but ordered their four children taken from them and placed in St. James' orphanage. The court acted after testimony disclosed that both parents had engaged in the manufacture of liquor

in their home. "Under the circumstances neither is a fit parent," he said in ordering commitment papers for the children. The children, ranging in age from 2 to 10 years will be held at the orphanage until the Wirzbickis turn over a new leaf and the father obtains decent employment, the

court ruled. Neither of the principals could talk English and interpreters were used to obtain their testimony.

HARSHER TREATMENT FOR NEBRASKA BOOTLEGGERS

Omaha, Neb. - (UP) - Heavier penalties for bootleggers will be sought under the regime of United States District Attorney Charles E. Sandall of York, he indicated as he assumed his official duties here Wednesday. Sandall complimented James C. Kinsler, whom he succeeds, for his efficiency in conduct of the

ist. He indicated ire will give special attention to infractions of the 18th amendment and demand prison sentences for second offenders. "Fines will never stop bootleg-

Sandall is an ardent prohibition-

ging," he said. "When a man appears in court more than once there is indication that he is an habitual violator. Harsher methods are necessary to secure enforcement."

Judge Ambrose C. Epperson of Kinsler's staff will be retained as one of Sandall's assistants, he said, and it is quite likely that George Keyser and Edson Smith, who make up the balance of Kinsler's staff also will be retained.

PIONEER SUFFRAGIST OF NEBRASKA DIES Hastings, Neb .- (UP)-Miss Ellen Harn, pioneer suffragist, died in her home here early Wednesday. She

was 101 on January 18. She died

suddenly after two days of illness. ONE DEMO WOULD PREFER NORRIS TO CALLFAS Omaha, Neb .- (UP)-Opposition to Dr. Jennie Callfas, candidate for the democratic senatorial nomination is voiced by William Ritchie

leader of the younger element in the

)arty. "I would consider that I was more consistent voting for George W Norris than for her if she were cominated for the Senate, and I would be inclined to do it," Ritchie said. "I had hoped to find new faces on our ticket. My preference would be State Senator Emerson Purcell of Broken Bow."

SEEK TO EVADE **NEBRASKA LAW**

Missouri River Fishermen Petition Governor Not to **Enforce Statute**

Lincoln, Neb .- (UP)-Gov. Arthur Weaver is in receipt of a set of petitions asking him not to enforce the law preventing seining in the Missouri river, which was affirmed recently by the federal supreme As chairman of the game, fore-

stration and parks commission, the governor was asked by a small group of fishermen who have made their living by seining to see that the Nebraska half of the stream is kept open to their activities. The present seining law was

passed by the legislature and prevents the fishermen from stretching their nets across the mouths of the rivers, which in the past has been the cause of poor fishing in the smaller streams because the fish were unable to advance upstream at spawning time.

Chief Game Warden Frank O'Connell of the commission said there is nothing to do but to enforce the law. The only way for the fishermen to secure relief is by going before the legislature, he said. Only a few counties are affected by the statute.

What further action the fishermen can take is doubtful. They already have spent nearly \$4,000 in carrying their case from the district court here through the state supreme court to the federal high

MOTOR VEHICLES STILL CLAIM MANY IN NEBRASKA Lincoln, Neb .- (UP)-Twenty six

persons died in accidents in Ne-braska during the two weeks period ending April 22, the Nebraska safety council announces. Of the number, 13 died in automobile accidents, four in other public accidents, two in agricultural employment two in industrial employ-

ment and five in home accidents. The number injured in various types of accidents during the period was 208, of whom seven were disabled permanently. For the 50 week period during which figures have been compiled

750 died in accidents, of which 360 deaths were caused by motor vehicle

BELIEVE SKELETONS THOSE OF JAMES BOYS' VICTIMS Sumner, Neb .- (UP) - Discovery of three human skeletons by J. A. Hodden, who resides near here while plowing in a field, has set old-

timers scratching their heads and A story of the old Jesse James gang has been revived. The yarn has it that members of the James gang spent one winter on the John Hoselton farm. It was during this time that a woman called one night at the Jewell postoffice, which was kept by the late John F. Millhouse. and asked for the James location Shortly after this episode, two men who were wintering in the community and the woman who had asked for the information as to

James' whereabouts, turned up One of the skeletons unearthed is that of a woman, and people are guessing that this was the burial ground for the trio-the trio that possibly knew too much of Jesse

NEW COUNTESS IS FORMER OMAHA, NEB., WOMAN Omaha, Neb .- (UP) - The new Countess Enzo Romagnoli D'Urbinia of Bologna. Italy, spent most of her childhood here and was the divorced wife of Edward Murphy, former Omaha cattleman. Her wedding to Count D'Urbinia was announced at

Bologna this week. The countess' maiden name was Ursula Forhan. Her father, a struggling dentist here, became independently wealthy when he mar-

keted a tooth powder. Ursula as a girl attended Duchesne college here. She married Murphy shortly after her graduation. Efforts to obtain a divorce in this country failed and she went to Paris where she was granted a de-

cree two years ago. Many of her relatives still live in Omaha and were surprised to hear of her re-marriage. She was a sisterinlaw of Thomas F. Murphy, vice president of U. S. National bank here. Ed Murphy is now a paving contractor in New York.

OMAHA TO ASK FOR BIDS ON NATURAL GAS Omaha, Neb .- (UP) - Metropolitan Utilities district has decided to

ask for bids for furnishing Omaha with natural gas. These offers will be received until noon May 23. A special election will be held not later than September 15. District directors have decided to allow pipe line companies the priv-

fications in making their proposition when such companies feel they cannot conform to specifications set down by the district. The pipe line companies were given notice, however, that bidders most nearly occepting the district

ilege of submitting their own speci-

specifications would be given the A \$250,000 bond is required with each bid. A \$1,000,000 bond must be filed within 30 days by the successful bidder. This bond will remain in force for five years to guarantee

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fulfillment of contract.

MISSOURI RIVER Homer, Neb. - (Special) - Work has been started on the erection of a naw dike to prevent the cutting of the Missouri river and the overflow of water onto farm land adjoining South Sicux City on the northwest. The old dike was judged unsatisfactory by an engineer from the state

university The Dakota county farm bur€au is sponsoring the movement which is under the direct supervision of Ira Waddell, Leo Monahan, Alfred Austin and John Stull.

ANOTHER DEMO TO SEEK SENATOR NORRIS SEAT

Omaha, Neb.-Another probable candidate for the democratic nomination for United States senator has come forward in the person of W. F. Poff, Omaha ice manufactur-

Following close on the heels of the filing by Dr. Jennie M. Callfas for the same office, Mr. Poff's friends suggested him. He admits he is seriously considering the matter. "It is high time," he said, "that

somebody in Nebraska was sent to Washington with the interest of the common people at heart.

"There seems to be a feeling that only an attorney can hold this office. I don't know what's the matter with the country. I feel there is an opportunity for a business man in this position. There are many vital questions that should be decided in the interest of the people. Prohibition is a delicate question. I believe if the liquor question can be handled in some other way, it should be done. I have drunk beer and whisky, but I am temper-

PLANNING FOR G. A. R. CONFAB

Fifty Fourth Annual Meet of Nebraska Department to Be at McCook

McCook, Neb.—Nebraska's "boys in blue," the few that have survived the ravages of time, will come here May 20 to 22 for the fifty-fourth an-

nual encampment. Less than 200 veterans, Department Commander T. J. Smith of Lincoln has estimated, will be on hand to answer roll call when the gathering is called to order. In the entire state, he points out,

only 470 were enrolled in the Grand Army ranks on February 12, with very few still living in Nebraska not affiliated with the organization. In 1892, Commander Smith pointed out, Nebraska had its maximun enrollment of 9,235 members. The

average age of the surviving veterans, he said, is now about 83. The McCook encampment, however, will be participated in by fully 300 women of the five allied organizations including the Women's Relief Corps; ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Union Veterans; Sons of Union Veterans, and auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans.

Commander Smith is arranging a bus caravan to depart from Lincoln Monday, May 19. He will provide adequate bus facilities for veterans who make their reservations at his office in Lincoln prior to that time, he announced.

zation who will be replaced or reelected at McCook are. Matt Leach, Kimball, senior vicecommander; H. C. Kiester. Albion, junior vice-commander; Hoagland, Lincoln, adjutant; Dr. W. F. Garver, Humboldt, medical

Officers of the Nebraska organi-

examiner. F. A. Damewood, Lincoln, is assistant adjutant general; Brown, Lincoln, chief of staff; J. O. Moore, Milford, patriotic instructor: T. C. Moore, Omaha, department inspector: W. W. Brewer, Omaha, mustering officer; J. S. Davisson, Omaha, judge advocate. These are all appointive offices.

CLOSED BANK REOPENS, DEPOSITORS "SETTLED" Lincoln, Neb .- (UP)-With depositors accepting a write down of 85 per cent in their deposits in order to clean up the assets, the exchange bank, og Gibbon, closed by its officers December 31, 1929, re-

opened for business Thursday. Simultaneously, according to an announcement by Secretary Clarence Bliss of the department of trade and commerce, state bank, at Lowell, 10 miles from Gibbon, will be liquidated through the exchange bank. Glen T. Gibson, who has been president of the Lowell bank, will become cashier of the one at Gibbon. The Lowell's bank action is entirely voluntary, Bliss said.

CLOSED BANK DIVIDENDS

FOR APRIL \$478,350 Lincoln, Neb .- (UP)-The largest dividends to be paid depositors of failed banks since the legislature exterminated the guaranty fund commission was paid during April when \$478,350.69 was paid in dividends to depositors of 20 failed banks, Clarence Bliss, secretary of the department of trade and commerce, announced Thursday.

Bliss also revealed that since January 1, 1929, a total of \$4,473,725.17 has been paid to depositors in dividends, and from May 1, 1929, when the guaranty fund commission was ended, until April 30. the banking department has paid a total of \$3,-166,580.32 in dividends.

ALL PUBLIC GATHERINGS FORBIDDEN AT ALLEN, NEB. Allen, Neb .- (Special) - The Al-

len schools, churches, moving picture show and all public gatherings were ordered discontinued until further notice, by the local health board. The action was taken after prolonged consideration of the matter as a preventative measure due to the prevalence of scarlet fever, mumps, measles and other conta-

gious diseases. BARADA, NEB., CHILD TO

RECOVER FROM SNAKE BITE Barada, Neb .- (UP)-Bitten by a

poisonous snake while picking mushrooms, Arlene Schuetz, 11 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schuetz, is declared by the attending physician to be out of danger of infection.

The poison fangs pierced the girl's left ankle and it began to swell with such rapidity that her father, who was accompanying her, feared for her life. After medical attention, however, her condition was reported as satisfactory