

TAKE TEST FOR EDISON HONORS

Eight Northeast Nebraska Students to Try for Coveted Scholarship

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—Eight high school students from north-eastern Nebraska are listed among the 26 who were chosen by superintendents to take the examination here June 5 before a state committee in competition for the right to go to West Orange, N. J., to take the final tests for an Edison scholarship. The state committee to select the representative for Nebraska is composed of State Superintendent Taylor D. Charles Fordyce and Prof. Herbert Brownell, of the University of Nebraska, and C. A. Pulmer, director of vocational education. The list to take the examination here includes: Isadore Marjolis, Leon Lichtenberg and William Harrison of Norfolk; Curtis Maynard and Edwin Lindstrom of Blair; James Urban of Tekamah; William Evan Seggren of Wayne, and James Gramlich of Walthill.

LINCOLN HORSE SHOW SET FOR MAY 16-17

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Horsemen from all parts of the midwest will gather here May 16 and 17 for the second annual Lincoln horse show, which will bring the finest pleasure and draft horses in the nation to the state fair grounds Coliseum.

OMAHA LAYS PLANS FOR MUNY UNIVERSITY

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—The city will formally take over Omaha university and conduct it as a municipal institution before opening of the fall term in September, board of education decided following the action of voters in Tuesday's election in approving a 1-mill levy for the university.

At the regular board meeting, May 16, a board of nine regents is to be chosen, to have charge of the university. Following the appointments the board of education will step out of the picture.

The regents will then be made trustees for the university property which will be donated to the city. Physical valuation of the school is placed in the neighborhood of \$200,000.

STILL COLLECT TORNADO FUNDS

Red Cross Workers Redouble Efforts in Behalf of Nebraska Sufferers

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Red Cross workers redoubled their efforts to collect funds for victims of Nebraska windstorms, following Thursday night's disastrous storm at Hastings and other parts of central Nebraska.

Collections began the day following the tornado at Tekamah last week. Nebraska's quota for Tekamah sufferers was set at \$40,000, of which Omaha was asked to give \$20,000. Almost as large an amount could be used very handily in the central part of the state, Red Cross officials say.

Collections here were expected to pass the \$15,000 mark Saturday. Another appeal for funds will be made at all local churches Sunday. With Tekamah almost restored to normalcy, local workers expressed the belief that most of any additional sums collected should be spent at Hastings.

WANT GERMAN TAUGHT IN SCHOOLS AT WAYNE

Wayne, Neb.—(Special)—A petition has been filed with the board of education asking that the teaching of German be restored to the curriculum of the Wayne high school. The study was discontinued during the war and has never been resumed.

POLICE POST AT OMAHA BONE OF CONTENTION

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Roy N. Towl, newly elected city commissioner, is willing to accept the post of police commissioner, provided his fellow commissioners permit him to reappoint "Raiding Bob" Samardick head of the morals squad, he announces.

Towl was the only member of a "reform" slate to be elected last Tuesday. He displaced Police Commissioner Henry W. Dunn.

Samardick's appointment by Dunn shortly before the primary was generally blamed for the poor showing made by Dunn in the nominating election. Upon the insistence of other members of the city hall machine, who feared activities of the raider might result in a general cleaning out of the city hall, Dunn discharged Samardick and Inspector of Detectives Danbaum shortly before election.

It was not thought likely that other commissioners will agree to Towl's program and it is believed Commissioners Dean Noyes, John Hopkins or Arthur Westergaard will be drafted from machine ranks to head the police department.

SAYS RAILROADS GAMBLE IN BUILDING NEW DEPOTS

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Railroads are gambling when they spend large sums of money for new passenger stations, F. E. Williamson, president of the Burlington railroad said here while inspecting the new Union and Burlington stations now in course of erection.

"Steadily declining passenger revenues make such expenditures very discouraging," Williamson said. "Several roads have reported decreases as high as 30 per cent in passenger revenue for the first quarter of 1936."

FISH RANCHING IS NEW INDUSTRY IN NEBRASKA

O'Neill, Neb.—Fish ranching sounds like a phrase from the lips of a spinner of exaggerated yarns, but it soon may be in common usage if reports of an inquiry from the east regarding the suitability of Eagle creek for raising trout for the trade are true.

In other places, notably eastern Nebraska, and in Kansas, commercial fish culture has been made to pay dividends for years. However, few concerns have specialized in trout. Water reaching a temperature above 60 degrees is said to be unsuited to the needs of trout.

Eagle creek, in northern Holt county, remains cold through the summer. It is nursed by springs that flow from hills. Brook trout have been plentiful in the creek for 30 years.

HIS BOOTS ARE HIS ONLY BANK

Ida Bill Pierson, Noted as Capturer of Wild Animals Displays Big Roll

Norfolk, Neb.—(Special)—Idaho Bill Pierson doesn't believe in banks. This Nebraska man, who ropes wild animals, carries his money in his boots—and he carries a lot of it—in big denominations. Two \$10,000 bills and a few \$1,000 bills cover Idaho Bill's roll—but gunmen, beware, Idaho Bill has never lost a penny to robbers.

During Idaho Bill's visit to Norfolk during the state Lions club convention he showed his friends his roll. He pulled it from his boot, but he also pulled with it a six-shooter which he knows how to use.

Idaho Bill drives his own car, but in that car he usually has a lion or two—wild ones. The kind he ropes with his own hands. The lion he brought to Norfolk to exhibit to the Lions club delegates was a ferocious beast. Bill roped it in southern Mexico. It attracted a lot of attention. But Bill, with his goatee and sombrero and cowboy boots, attracted almost as much notice.

While here Idaho Bill visited with Dr. Richard Tanner, "Diamond Dick." The two friends had dinner together when Idaho Bill pulled off his boots and displayed his roll. "My gosh, why don't you put it in a bank?" he was asked.

"Never do that. I never lost a cent yet."

On a previous visit to Norfolk Idaho Bill displayed his roll to a party of friends among whom was Congressman Edgar Howard of the Third Nebraska district.

"I never saw so much money in one roll in the hands of one individual in all my life; just let me feel it for the historical value," Howard said to Idaho Bill.

And for a few minutes bills of \$5,000 and \$10,000 were passed around for inspection.

Idaho Bill is a good roper in the circus arena, but Diamond Dick and his other friends declare that he is the best wild animal roper in the world.

MANY WILD PLANTS IN NEBRASKA FOUND USEFUL

Peru, Neb.—(UP)—Mother Nature has seen to it that many of the wild flowers and plants of Nebraska are good for something other than to decorate the landscape, according to Mary F. Meserve, a member of the faculty of the Peru State Teachers college.

Housewives will welcome the suggestions made by the Peru botanist in a paper dealing with the ecology of Nebraska's wild flowers and their economic importance. Miss Meserve has experimented with over 200 species of Nebraska flowers in their natural habitat.

The core of the Jack-in-the-pulpit may be cooked and eaten, says the botanist. The roots of the lowly cat tail contains a starchy core that may be made into a palatable meal, while the young shoots are as choice a delicacy as asparagus. And the "down" makes good stuffing for pillows.

Cliff dwellers Indians and Mexicans long ago knew the value of the Yucca plant. It has long been used by the Indian and the Mexican for making soap and the pods may be roasted and made into pies or preserves. The early cliff dwellers found that the leaves yielded a tough fiber. This plant, known as the soap weed, is found throughout the western and central part of the state.

Many of the wild plants can be used very effectively in ornamental verdure about the home. The botanist points out that the wild plants may be taken from their native home and made to grow in the front yard.

ATWATER KENT CONTEST HELD AT WAYNE

Wayne, Neb.—(Special)—Miss Ardath Conn of this city, was appointed director of the Atwater Kent music contest by Mr. Kleney, director of WOW at Omaha, for this district, which is comprised of Wayne, Cedar, Knox and Dixon counties.

The elimination contest was held in the auditorium of the State Teachers college. Six girls and eight boys took part. Miss Martha Markyan, of the State Normal, won first place among the girls and Frederick S. Berry took first among the boys. The winners will go to Omaha some time in September for the state contest.

SEEK ADDITIONAL \$60,000

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—The Red Cross today set about to collect an additional \$60,000 for relief of tornado sufferers in Nebraska. The original quota of \$40,000, set after a twister had badly damaged Tekamah, was raised to \$100,000 following a series of bad storms in central Nebraska.

GOVERNOR HAS HAND IN CASE

Orders Release of Agent Sentenced to Jail in Booze Case

Nebraska City, Neb.—(UP)—Frank Biggs, evidence agent for the state law enforcement department, arrested here last week on a charge of giving liquor away and sentenced to 30 days in jail Monday was granted a respite by Gov. Arthur Weaver.

Biggs was released from the county jail here pending the action on his case by the state pardon board which will meet in Lincoln Tuesday.

The state agent was arrested after he had purchased alleged liquor from Roy Bryant here and had secured Bryant's arrest. Bryant charged that Biggs had given him a drink after purchasing the liquor and charges were placed against the agent.

Following his conviction on the charge, Biggs appealed to State Sheriff W. C. Condit. Monday county authorities received a letter from the governor asking that Biggs be released until the pardon board can pass on his case.

THIS ATTORNEY FEE GRABBER

Told Man Pardoned by Coolidge He Must Get Action from Hoover Too

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Pardons issued by President Coolidge hold good under the Hoover administration, United States District Attorney C. E. Sandall reassured an anxious state man, who had received executive clemency from Mr. Coolidge in 1924.

According to the story told by the man he had been approached by an apparently unethical attorney who convinced him that he was likely to be sent back to Leavenworth prison unless Mr. Hoover also extended clemency. Name of the attorney was not divulged.

The man had been sentenced to four years and fined \$20,000 on charges of operating a still in 1922. This penalty was held too severe by Mr. Coolidge and he was released after serving less than two years.

WOULD KEEP BANKS OUT OF POLITICAL CAMPAIGN

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Expressing the fear that discussion of the tangled Nebraska banking situation by politicians in the forthcoming political campaign will serve only to disturb the confidence of the public in state banking institutions, William Ritchie, Jr., who has taken an active part in settlement of the bank guaranty question, issued a statement suggesting that discussion and debate be limited to four vital points. These points are:

Should the proposed \$8,000,000 constitutional amendment be adopted, and will it bring any relief?

Should the legislature pass an act assuming responsibility for the fraud and mismanagement of state officials in operating or liquidating insolvent banks and appropriate moneys to pay such claims as may be allowed by the courts on account of such acts of such officials?

Should liquidation of failed banks be left in the hands of the secretary of the department of trade and commerce and handled through his agents or should local courts take control under rules to insure efficiency?

Should the legislature pass a law prohibiting preferences given in contemplation of insolvency?

Ritchie, who is being urged by friends to file for the democratic nomination for governor said it would be unfair to going state banks which have weathered the financial storm to make a political football out of the issues.

RUN OVER BY TRACTOR, FARM HAND DIES

Plainview, Neb.—Lamont Benson, 18 years old, is dead as a result of injuries sustained when a tractor he was operating ran over and mangled his leg. He got off the tractor to make some repair, had to back it to do this, and made the shift without climbing into the seat.

Benson was knocked down and the wheel with heavy logs, passed over his leg. Benson crawled for some distance to summon aid. His employer, Clinton Christianson, brought him to a hospital here, where he died.

WINDMILL WORKMAN INSTANTLY KILLED

Endicott, Neb.—(UP)—Knocked to the ground from the top of a windmill tower when the windmill head, which he was repairing, fell against him, John C. Wilson, of Steele City was instantly killed.

Wilson, for 40 years in the windmill business at Steele City, was attempting to adjust the head when the accident occurred. His widow and six children survive.

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CHARTER MEMBER OF LODGE THAT IS 57 YEARS OLD

West Point, Neb.—When the I. O. O. F. lodge No. 2 celebrated the 57th year of its organization in West Point recently, there was one charter member present, Ferdinand Koch, 84 years old, of West Point. He was presented with a silver engraved cane.

Mr. Koch walked from Omaha to West Point in 1868 to obtain work in a saw mill operated by Bruner and Neligh, the founders of West Point, and a year later he homesteaded on Fium creek.

FALL FROM HAY RACK CAUSES HIS DEATH

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—J. F. Chandler, 73 years old, died Thursday afternoon as the result of a fall from a hayrack. The accident occurred at the home of a neighbor, E. Bled, with whom he had been working.

SHOW RESULTS AFRICAN HUNT

Breede Collection to Be Placed in Nebraska University Museum

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Preparations are being completed at the Morrill hall museum of the University of Nebraska for the placing of the Adam Breede collection of African animals, now in a taxidermist's studio in New York where the exhibits are being tanned and mounted.

The collection was gathered in South Africa by the former publisher of the Hastings Tribune, now deceased. It consists of two elephants, a large rhinoceros and one of the largest male giraffes ever shot in Africa. Other animals included are a group of water buffalo, Grevy's and Grant's zebra, an oryx, laughing and common hyena, two steinbok hinds, four gaxella hides and three impala skins.

Dr. E. H. Barbour, head of the geology department of the university described the collection as one of the finest of its kind ever assembled.

EASTERN STAR APPOINTIVE OFFICERS ARE NAMED

Hastings, Neb.—(UP)—Appointive officers of the Nebraska grand chapter, order of Eastern Star, were named and installed Thursday afternoon, just prior to the adjournment of the 1936 convention. Elective officers had been selected and installed earlier in the day.

Those taking grand offices by appointment are: Mrs. J. Rowe, of Mullen, chaplain; Mrs. Laura Nicholson, of Wisner, grand lecturer; E. D. Lundak, of Pierce, grand marshal; Mrs. Vera Tomek, of Butte, grand organist; Mrs. Allie Wegner, of Fremont, grand adah; Mrs. Marguerite Patton, of Omaha, grand Esther; Mrs. Minnie Horn, of Hay Springs, grand Martha; Miss Grace Beaman, of Cresco, grand Electa; Clara B. Bathen, of Lincoln, grand warden; William B. Wanner, of Falls City, grand sentinel.

Grand trustees elected are: Dr. G. S. Dunlap, of Lincoln; John S. Jones, of Wymore; Mrs. Emma McClelland, of Beaver City.

CHARGE ASSAULT MADE ON MAYOR OF HOMER

Homer, Neb.—(Special)—Tilden Goodsell, is defendant in a criminal action brought by the state of Nebraska upon an assault and battery charge, the assault being upon the mayor of Homer, G. C. Davis.

The trouble arose when Davis, in his capacity of health officer, was inspecting property of L. J. Goodsell. It is alleged that Mr. Davis was seriously injured by Goodsell.

Davis was taken to a Sioux City hospital for X-ray examination and it is feared that he is suffering from a fracture of the skull. The extent of his injuries has not yet been fully determined.

Goodsell is known in northeast Nebraska as a star baseball player. Goodsell was taken to Dakota City where he was released on bond pending trial at Dakota City, May 20.

ATTORNEY FEE CASE TO SUPREME COURT

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—An appeal has been filed in the supreme court by Samuel G. Dean and Ellen Dean from a decision of the Madison county district court in regard to attorneys' fees in the case where they contested the will of Susan F. Kierstead, an aunt.

Mrs. Kierstead died an estate of \$60,000 when she died in Madison county in June, 1927, and when the case was settled \$6,127 was paid into the court for the benefit of the Deans. After court expenses were paid, \$1,233 was granted Webb Rice, Norfolk attorney, by the court as his fee although he lost faith in the case and gave it up after the first trial. It was found that two Lincoln attorneys did not have a contract but the court allowed them \$1,878 for having brought about a settlement. Attorney Deutsch was not allowed a fee. It was claimed by the heirs that they had never hired any other attorney than Webb Rice to try their case.

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FIRES BACK AT FEDERAL BOARD

Nebraska "U" Regent Asserts Farm Marketing Act Wretched Subterfuge

Archer, Neb.—(UP)—The policy of the Federal Farm board in advocating reduction of wheat acreages was attacked Thursday by Fred A. Marsh, in his answer to S. R. McKelvie, federal farm board member, who had criticized Marsh for attacking the co-operative marketing movement.

In advertisements that were published in several Nebraska newspapers over the signatures of Marsh, the question of whether American farm machinery was not sold cheaper abroad than at home was asked, McKelvie declared that the same price was obtained abroad as at home for machinery and added that reduction of wheat acreage to substantially a domestic basis would aid the farmer.

"You defend, as I knew you would, our practice of selling machinery freely abroad by proposing reduced acreage and the erection of a tariff wall to keep out the wheat which this machinery will produce," Marsh answered McKelvie. "After all, will not much of this machinery, if it is settled for at all, have to be paid for in wheat? You should know that a plan of limiting acreage is utterly impracticable. I must turn aside here to say that it was your talk about this plan and my reprehension for it that led me to endorse that advertisement."

"Such a plan can never be enforced except by legislation of the most drastic sort. Certainly not by mere persuasion. To many it sounds almost like a childish scheme which you men have concocted to make the people think that you are really earning, or trying to earn, your salaries."

"I regard the recently enacted Marketing act as a wretched subterfuge designed to mollify the farmer without stirring up folks who live in the great food consuming centers of our country," Marsh declared.

"My acquaintance among farmers is large. During all of the time this bill was pending in congress and since its enactment, I have never heard one farmer say that he approved it or that he thought it could materially help our condition. I believe that the immediate repeal of this law would save millions to our taxpayers without corresponding loss to those whom it is supposed to benefit."

Marsh said he regretted very much that his title as regent of the University of Nebraska was used in the advertisement attacking the farm board but he claimed it was used without his authority or knowledge. He said also that while he did not actually write the advertisement, it was inspired by his editorial work.

SAYS HEALTH SHOULD NOT DEPEND ON POLITICIANS

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—"State medicine" was vigorously attacked last night by Dr. K. S. J. Hohlen of Lincoln, president of the Nebraska State Medical association, in an address before the annual session of the organization.

England, Germany, Austria and Russia have state medicine, or government control of medicine as a public utility, Hohlen said.

"In America we cannot afford to retard the progress of medical knowledge by government control," the doctor said, while expressing belief "we are faced with this danger."

"We dare not undermine the morale of the forces fighting against disease by placing the control of the sick in the hands of politicians. Public health must not be used as a pawn in the political game."

AGED CANDIDATE FOR U. S. SENATE REAL WET

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Where veterans in politics tread lightly on the issues of Senator Norris and prohibition, Aaron C. Read, bewhiskered candidate for the United States Senate, will rush in without fear.

To the United Press the 84-year-old lawyer-farmer told the issues on which he will make his campaign to wrest from Senator George W. Norris of McCook, the republican senatorial nomination.

Senator Norris he sums up in the words "the great objector." As for prohibition, Read believes it never will work and that to have it repealed would take only a tithe of the sum that the Anti-Saloon league spent to have the 18th amendment adopted.

"The trouble with Senator Norris," the aged candidate analyzed, "is that he is laying his claims to re-election mostly on things which he tried to do but never accomplished, and I believe that when a man uses a party label to get into office, he should be loyal to that party."

"So long as apples, peaches and other fruits, grapes and berries, sugar cane and beets grow, and the sun shines and dandelions bloom, the people of this country will continue to manufacture and consume alcoholic beverages, and no law or constitutional amendment ever will stop them," is his prediction.

YOUTH CAUGHT TRYING TO ENTER POSTOFFICE

Gibson, Neb.—(UP)—Suspicious that attempts had been made to enter the postoffice here for some time, Postmaster Al. Wright laid a trap in the building Tuesday night and Gerald Winslow, Gibson youth, was captured when he tried to enter through a window.

Wright or an assistant has spent the night in the building each day for several weeks. Winslow is held at Kearney by county officers pending filing of a complaint.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICES AT PENDER SUNDAY

Pender, Neb.—(Special)—The baccalaureate service of the Pender high school graduating class will be held in the Presbyterian church, next Sunday evening, Rev. Thomas D. Arends, pastor of the church, will preach the sermon.

M'KELVIE HAS HEATED REPLY

Federal Farm Board Critic Lambasted by Former Governor of Nebraska

Washington, D. C.—(UP)—S. R. McKelvie of Lincoln, Neb., grain member of the Federal Farm board, has answered the attack of the grain marketing program of the board that appeared April 3 in a full page advertisement in the Central City, Neb., republican under the heading "The Farm Board—the Chain Store—the American Farmer—the 3-way Sword."

The authorship of the advertisement is said to have been accepted by Fred A. Marsh of Palmer, Neb., regent of the University of Nebraska, and McKelvie's answer to the advertisement was contained in a letter to Marsh.

"I cannot conclude without remarking upon the strange anomaly when a regent of the State university of Nebraska, an institution that receives hundreds of thousands of dollars of federal funds to promote education and practice in improved methods of farming and marketing, places himself squarely in opposition to another agency of the government that is designed to do the same thing," McKelvie wrote. "I might better have expected that such outpourings would emanate from the United States Chamber of Commerce."

In answer to one clause in the advertisement credited to Marsh, saying, "While the farm board, in a manner that has left but a train of more and greater depressed prices after their every idiotic action, is unmanaging the staple methods of handling our grain," McKelvie replied:

"Well, maybe it is idiotic to assist the farmer to own and control his marketing system. I am willing to leave that to the farmer to answer. True, grain prices have declined, but that was in spite of the farm board activities instead of because of them. I cannot reveal all of the activities of the grain stabilization corporation, for speculators in the market have been all too prompt to take advantage of any information thus divulged. When all of the facts are known about that activity the American farmer and every fair-minded citizen will realize that the country was saved from a calamity in farm commodity prices, equal only to what happened to agriculture shortly after the war."

"Apropos of the assistance the federal farm board gave to producer co-operatives, you should recall that every important piece of legislation introduced in congress for the relief or benefit of agriculture had co-operative marketing as the central feature."

"Probably producer co-operation carried to effective ends will interfere with some private interests. However, much we may regret this, it is not new, nor is it within the authority of the federal farm board to limit. The course of economic progress in this country is strewn with the remnants of systems that were outworn. When such systems were abandoned, those engaged in them found new places of useful service. It will be so in this case."

WIFE FAILS IN LIFE ATTEMPT

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Mrs. John Burback, 18 years old, who was found early Tuesday overcome by gas from three open gas burners of a stove in her room, is recovering from the effects of the fumes while her husband, who is 22 years old, is held in the city jail as a result of a note left to him by his wife.

Burback was paroled for two years by District Judge Frost on April 11, to Thomas S. Ingles, after pleading guilty to a charge of breaking into a store at Cheney. Not knowing that his wife had attempted to end her life, nor that she was in a serious condition at a hospital, Burback visited Farley Young, deputy county attorney, Tuesday, to secure a divorce. He was going about town seeking "evidence" against his wife to be used in the divorce trial when he was arrested.

Three notes were found in the gas filled room by officers. One, apparently written by Burback, indicated that he was going to get a divorce. In this note, Burback is alleged to have advised his wife to "keep your mouth shut about those dresses for your own good."

In another note signed by Mrs. Burback and addressed to her husband, Mrs. Burback told her reasons for the act and accused her husband of asking her to "drink poison." She also wrote "I thought you were going to get a job, but instead got a divorce."

WOULD TEACH GERMAN IN WAYNE NORMAL

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—At a meeting of the state normal board held in the capitol President Conn of the Wayne college asked that a German department be restored at that school. A local minister is now teaching German there and he recommended that Miss Schmel teach Spanish and German and that a teacher with a doctor's degree be employed as head of the language department at a salary of \$240 a month.