

DADDY WANTED BACK AT HOME

Hartington Girl Writes to Sheriff—His Wife Is Seriously Ill

Nebraska City, Neb.—(UP)—Charles Burke is asked to return to his family in Hartington, Neb., where his wife and 11-year-old daughter need him.

"Will you try and locate my daddy?" Evelyn Burke, 11 years old, wrote to Sheriff Carl Ryder. "My mother is so very sick with heart trouble and we need daddy. He is a piano tuner and was in Wisner a week ago."

"My mother is not expected to live," the letter to Sheriff Ryder continued. "She is very old, so if you can help me in my hour of need, I will pray for you as I am praying for my mother. If you find him call 356 here at Hartington at our expense and let us know and send him to us at once."

Burke drives a Dodge touring car with an Arizona license plate. He is described as being 6 feet 2 inches tall, has broad shoulders and dark hair and wore a brown suit when he was seen last.

UNPAID TAXES TO COST HIM PRETTY SUM

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Replacement of an abstract, yellowed with age, by a brand new one, may cost E. E. Vix, of near Panama, \$150 in interest, on \$29.34 on taxes that has been running unpaid for the last 28 years on 160 acres of land.

The unpaid taxes of one year 48 years ago were discovered when Vix decided he ought to have the yellowed abstract replaced by a new one so that it would be more easily read. After discovering that county officers had failed to collect the taxes 48 years ago, he asked to have them waive the interest but was willing to pay the \$29.34 in taxes. County Attorney Max Towle has been asked for an opinion as to whether the interest can be waived.

TWO YOUNG MEN ADMIT THEFT OF CHICKENS

Hartington, Neb.—(Special)—Stealing chickens proved to be a rather unprofitable business for two young men of Cedar county, who are being held for trial in the district court after pleading guilty in county court, while another is awaiting a hearing.

Richard Larken and George Stuckenschmidt were charged with stealing \$9 worth of chicken from W. W. Elsberry, a farmer near here, and when arraigned before County Judge Wallace pleaded guilty and will soon be sentenced by Judge Mark J. Ryan. Clyde Williams was also brought into court on a charge of chicken stealing. He pleaded not guilty.

WAYNE COUNTY FARMERS COMPLAIN ABOUT PHEASANTS

Wayne, Neb.—(Special)—Some local farmers are complaining of the damage done by pheasants to crops. The birds are said to work in fields and dig seeds out of the hills. They are claimed by some to be more destructive than squirrels or cutworms.

BLOOMFIELD, NEB. YOUTH SENT TO REFORMATORY

Stanton, Neb.—(Special)—Raymond Waich, 19 years old, of Bloomfield, has been sentenced to a year in the state reformatory at Lincoln by Judge Chase. The youth was found guilty of breaking into the light plant at Bloomfield and stealing a sum of money.

WOMAN HIKES FROM FRISCO TO SOUTH DAKOTA

Wahoo, Neb.—(Special)—Sheriff Mengel was called to Wann to take into custody a woman who appeared at the Lewis Linebaugh home. She was in hiking costume, and her head was swathed in bandages. She refused to talk further than to ask for food.

The woman told the officers that her husband had deserted her in San Francisco, leaving her penniless. She was hiking to South Dakota where her parents live. She had walked all the way from California, except for a few rides, she said.

ANCIENT CLOCK HAS ATTENTION

Fremont, Neb., Timepiece in Same Family More Than 62 Years

Fremont, Neb.—(UP)—Charles Hawley, of Fremont, is the owner of an antique clock which has been attracting attention in the window of a local jewelry store where it is on display.

The clock has been keeping time for the Hawley family for more than 62 years. It first became the possession of that family when in 1838, it was presented to Richard Hawley, great grandfather of the present owner, by a group of fellow workmen on the London and Northwestern railway at Crew, England.

Presentation was made by the railwaymen in honor of Hawley upon his retirement after more than 20 years in the service of the railway. A hand written plaque and a bag of gold, presented together with the clock, also are on display.

Despite its many years of use the clock is still in good condition. It is hand made and the works are visible. To keep dust from gathering on the mechanism, a glass covering is kept over it.

It was first brought to the United States by Hawley's father in 1837 when he went to England to attend the funeral of the present owner's grandfather.

All men of the Hawley family have been railway employees from the great grandfather to the present generation. Charles Hawley was a railway employee for many years, until he entered business as owner of the Brunswick restaurant here.

CIVIL WAR VET WEDS W. R. C. WOMAN

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Thomas J. Smith, 82 years old, formerly of McCook, and past commander of the Nebraska G. A. R., and Mrs. Perla M. Beck, 49, of Lincoln, were married at the bride's home Thursday afternoon.

Rev. C. A. Spalding officiated at the ceremony. The couple will live at the bride's home at 832 Garfield, Lincoln.

LEAGUE OF POSTMASTERS TO MEET AT FREMONT

Fremont, Neb.—The twenty-second annual convention of the Nebraska League of Postmasters is to be held here June 16 and 17. The program has been announced by G. M. Fenstermacher of Cedar Bluffs state president.

SQUELCH FRAUD EVIDENCE, SAYS

Special Bank Investigator in Nebraska Throws Up His Job

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Expressing dissatisfaction with the way the state was conducting bank investigation, R. T. Jones, of Scottsbluff, manager of the Nebraska depositors league, Monday submitted his resignation to Attorney General C. A. Sorenson, as a special bank investigator under Sorenson.

"I have uncovered fraud and deception practiced by bankers in several instances but the evidence was squelched, both by A. C. Shallenberger, who is in charge of the bank investigation, and by Governor Arthur Weaver," Jones said in talking with reporters after conferring with Sorenson.

The attorney general took no action on Jones' resignation, who recently was employed by Sorenson to work under him in the investigation of irregularities in several closed banks. He intimated that as a result of his work prosecutions would be started soon against several bankers.

"Attorney General Sorenson has been active as possible in pushing prosecutions in some of these cases, but his hands are tied," Jones said. Jones will devote most of his time to campaigning for the constitutional amendment which would permit the legislature to appropriate \$8,000,000 to aid in paying depositors of failed state banks. The people will vote on this amendment at the November election.

Jones has filed his papers at Gering as a republican candidate for state representative from the Scottsbluff district.

PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE ENDED

Nebraska Gold Star Mothers Return from Visit to Graves of Hero Sons

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Expressing gratitude to the government for arranging the trip, Nebraska Gold Star mothers are returning to their homes from visits to graves of their hero sons in France.

The mothers also had kind words for French mothers who also had lost their sons in the great conflict and for the French government which is taking such good care of graves of the American soldier boys. All were impressed with the beauty of the American cemeteries in France and the care lavished on them. They are among the most beautiful spots in all of France, they said.

BLUE GRASS SEED CROP GOOD ONE

O'Neill, Neb.—The harvest of blue grass seed in Holt county promises to be the best since it was begun a dozen years ago. This industry is carried on at only a few points in the county.

Large seed companies discovered that Holt county blue grass seed is superior to that grown anywhere else in the west. One company brings a score of specially constructed combines to O'Neill early each June and gives employment to many men. Owners of land are paid a good price for mission to deseed. The hay crop is not damaged by harvesting the seed.

MAKES REPORT CAPITOL FUNDS

Collections About \$50,000 Short of the Authorized Expenditures

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—According to a statement issued by State Accountant Sommer estimating the resources of the capitol fund, the fund authorized by the last legislature, including the last levy of 22 mills in 1930, is approximately \$9,454,000. This is about \$46,000 short of the authorized expenditure the last legislature fixed as the limit, which was \$9,500,000.

A total of \$9,443,774.63 had been paid into the state treasury up to May 31, 1930, and warrants paid up to that date amounted to \$8,151,023.19. Total receipts for the building fund, taking into consideration some receipts other than tax levies, were \$8,479,692.16, and after deducting outstanding warrants there are \$332,704.83 left in the treasury. Estimated resources as seen May 31 were \$1,272,704.83.

Bids are soon to be opened on the last section of the capitol, the estimated cost of which is about \$1,000,000. The fund is short about \$300,000 because the levies lack \$46,000 and because the legislature ordered the commission to pay two-fifths of the cost of the heating plant for the capitol and the university out of the capitol commission tax fund, Secretary Cochran of the capitol said.

WILD BIRD REFUGE TAKES IN 49,000 ACRES

Lincoln, Neb.—The first federal wild bird retreat to be established in Nebraska is now being mapped and made ready for permanent visitors. Through an act of congress, the government is taking over a 40,000-acre tract in Garden county upon which are a number of lakes, many of which are spring fed.

The land in the retreat will be closed to hunters and will serve as a refuge for birds which will find a haven, nesting places and plenty of food within its confines.

Sentiment favorable to the preservation of wild life is being developed in this state and is finding expression in the acquisition of a wild game preserve purchased by the state near Gering and a number of lakes over the state that are being made state property and placed under rigid supervision.

SECRETARY OF STATE HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Secretary of State Frank Marshall is in Lincoln General hospital, having sustained a fracture of the jaw, facial lacerations and several contusions on his head and body, in an automobile collision Sunday night.

NEW PLAN FOR LIQUOR CASES

Federal Agents in Nebraska Invoke Powers of Old Revenue Act

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—The 18th amendment and Volstead act are back numbers with federal prohibition raiders here, because a large number of their cases have been thrown out of court. Hereafter whenever possible, warrant charging violation of the internal revenue act will be used, it was learned.

The first case of this kind was made by Agents Claude Williams and J. H. Davis Wednesday night. They raided the home of Fred Jentilla and seized a 125-gallon still 115 gallons of whisky and 2,000 gallons of mash.

Williams' smell was responsible for discovery of the place. He had followed a cartload of barrels to the place. Knowing that "smell" warrants stand no show in federal court here under the Volstead law, Director Rowan decided to prosecute under the century old revenue act.

PRIEST PLEADS GUILTY TO LIQUOR CHARGE

Schuyler, Neb.—(UP)—Rev. Anton Folda, head of a rural Catholic parish near here for many years Wednesday afternoon entered a plea of guilty in county court to charges of manufacturing liquor.

Because of the inability of District Judge Lightner to come here from Columbus before Monday, Father Folda was placed under bond and permitted to return home, under orders to appear Monday for trial.

According to State Deputy Sheriff Weygint and Batton, who made the arrest, Father Folda has agreed to enter a plea of guilty in district court. The charge carries a mandatory sentence of 30 days in jail and a minimum fine of \$500, according to the officers.

The parish priest, the officers said admitted he had sold liquor to persons who called at his home, but denied ever having delivered any. Two stills were found in and near the parsonage, along with 230 gallons of mash, 31 gallons of whisky and an electric aging machine.

AWARD CONTRACT FOR NEW POWER PLANT

Madison, Neb.—(Special)—The city council has awarded a contract covering the installation of two 450 horsepower twin Diesel engines, generators and all other equipment in the new power plant to be erected here this summer.

SECOND DEATH RESULT OF TRANSFORMER EXPLOSION

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—J. L. Vandiver, one of eight men burned in an electrical transformer explosion at the plant of the Middle States creamery here, June 3, succumbed at Lord Lister hospital Wednesday night. He was the second victim of the blast, James Usher dying June 4.

HATCHERY MEN WOULD LIMIT PRODUCTION

BANK INVESTIGATOR TO HOLD ON UNTIL JULY 1

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Although E. T. Jones of Scottsbluff manager of the Nebraska Depositors league resigned as investigator of failed state banks for Attorney General C. A. Sorenson his resignation was not accepted and he will continue his work until July 1.

A. C. Shallenberger chief of the state banking investigation, also will leave the employ of the state July 1 in order to campaign as a democratic candidate for Congress from the Fifth district. Jones once worked under Shallenberger but was discharged.

It was disclosed that Jones is not being paid a salary while he is working under Sorenson because the latter can use his funds only for "litigation" and to be paid a salary Jones would have to be appointed by Gov. Arthur Weaver. Jones has received \$256.16 in expense money during the last two months. It is reported Governor Weaver may approve a salary claim for Jones up to July 1.

AGED CONVICT MAY BE FREED

Nebraska Pardon Board Hears Plea of Man Sentenced in 1909

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—The blame of his rash act in murdering a man was placed on a woman of "bad character" by LaFayette "Shorty" Dales in his plea to the pardon board, Monday afternoon, that he be released from the state penitentiary, where he has spent 21 years, so that he could go to Canada, where his children will provide a home for him.

Shorty appeared before the pardon board for the third time of his imprisonment since 1909 asking for a commutation of his life sentence given him for killing John Mann in Keith county.

That his third request may be granted was indicated in the question of Attorney General C. A. Sorenson, one of the pardon board members, as to how much longer he would have to serve if his sentence was commuted to 30 years. Warden William Fenton said that with good time allowed, Dales' time in prison would be reckoned as almost 31 years. Dales is the oldest prisoner in the Nebraska penitentiary in point of years of residence.

Shorty, a man little better than 5 feet tall, with white mustache, and 61 years old, told in a hurried speech of the murder of Mann in the sandhills of Keith county.

"A woman named Jennie Geiger, whom I met in Iowa, coaxed me to see her through to Denver and after much pleading, I finally took her along with me," Dales related. "On our way we met Mann who offered to give us a ride with his team and buggy. On the trip in Nebraska, he molested the woman, and when I protested that he should let her alone, he attacked me with a knife."

"I have two scars on my left shoulder to show you as evidence that I tried to shield myself. "When he stabbed me on the arm, I cried 'are you going to kill me?' I drew my gun and popped him. He fell dead. That's the God's truth and I will swear to that on a stack of Bibles. It was nothing but self defense. I threw the gun on the ground but the woman picked it up. She said 'put that stiff in the wagon or I'll bump you.' She ordered me to take Mann's money and his team. She got all the money. The evidence might have shown that she got only \$20 and for that reason turned against me but there were so many untrue stories told about the case. She turned against me because I ran away from her. She was a bad character. At Denver Mann's team and buggy were sold and she signed the bill of sale."

OMAHA CITY COUNCIL SQUELCHES NEW MAN

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—The six "regular" members of Omaha city council rule the fire department in addition to their duties as heads of various other city departments.

The six, who represented the Dahlman slate in the May elections, completely squelched their one successful rival, Fire Commissioner Roy N. Towl after a hectic all day meeting Tuesday.

Control of the department was virtually taken out of Towl's hands, the council ordering him to reinstate seven men he had discharged, restore to former positions two others who had been demoted, and forbid Towl to dismiss any other firemen and ordered him to keep the personnel at 304 men.

Fire Chief P. M. Cogan was ordered to report directly to the council in matters of importance.

The six ruling officials let Towl know in no uncertain terms that he will be a mere figurehead in the department henceforth.

PENDER BAND TO GIVE SUNDAY CONCERTS

Pender, Neb.—(Special)—The Pender band will play each Sunday evening in the park. A union church service is held each evening in connection with concerts at which time one of the local pastors or an outsider will speak. The commercial club is sponsoring this program.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TO CLOSE FRIDAY

Pender, Neb.—(Special)—The first daily vacation bible school of the Pender Presbyterian church will close Friday, there are 75 enrolled and the average attendance is 50. Bible history and catechism were the outstanding subjects of study. There were also classes in sewing and manual training. Next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock a demonstration program will be given to take the place of the usual children's day exercises.