BELIEVE DIVER FATALLY HURT

Schuyler, Neb., Young Man Thought to Have Broken His Neck

Columbus, Neb. — (UP) — Ca., Higgins, 27 years old, of Schuyler state pure food inspector, is in a critical condition at St. Mary's hospital here, having suffered a broken neck, Sunday when he struck his head on a sandbar as he dived into the Platte river.

Higgins and a companion, Fred Keeshan, of Seward, were swimming in the Platte near here and Higgins attemped a dive. He apparently misjudged his distance and plunged into shallow water striking the bottom.

FEDERAL JUDGE HITS PRACTICE

Double Prosecution of Offenders Not to His Liking

Omaha, Neb .- (UP)-Practice of state and federal officials in prosecuting twice for the same offense was scored by Federal Judge Woodrough, Monday, when Warden William Fenton brought three youths, doing time at Nebraska prison for automobile theft, before him.

Harold Kirkpatrick and George Foster were sentenced to three years by state courts for taking a car. Because a federal Dyer act charge hovered over them they could not secure benefits for good behavior, Fenton said. Judge Woodrough fined each \$1, the minmum, disposing of the federal charge.

James Darling, with a companion, Robert Ebert, who is doing his itme in county jail stole a car with a radio in it. State courts prosecuted them for stealing the radio and federal officers filed Dyer act charges for theft of the automobile. Darling was fined \$1 and Ebert sentenced to time already served in

county jail. Fenton, who is widely known as a humanitarian, brought the matter to Judge Woodrough's attention and the latter secured a promise from Federal District Attorney Sandall's deputies that it would not happen again.

VOUTHS RETURN FROM DOWN-RIVER FLOAT

Nebraska City, Neb.—(UP)—Jack Cave and Merle Davis, who navigated inflated innertubes down the Missouri river to Kansas City, are back home, having traveled a total of 450 miles without expense. Davis made the return journey "hitchhiking" while Cave took to the older mode of free transportation and "rode the rods"

The river trip was without mishap, with the exception of the loss of the wash tub "cabin" of their craft, in which was carried food and clothing. The tub was beached on a sandbar while the two rested. On awakening, they found part of the bar washed away and the tub

Cold was the cause of their greatest discomfort, the youths said. While heat records were being broken Saturday, the breeze on the river was chilly and the water cold, they said.

MUNICIPAL UNIVERSITY

PLANS ARE ATTACKED Omaha, Neb .- (UP)-Validity of the law establishing a municipal university here is attacked in a petion filed in district court by John P. Breen, Omaha attorney. Breen argues that the measure is faulty because it gives the board of regents taxing power which under the state constitution is limited to the state, the county, city and school districts.

Voters recently approved a 1-mill city tax levy for the school. Breen holds that the question was improperly submitted to the voters and holds that while it purports to be an amendment to the home rule charter and at the same time purports to be a state law, it is neith-

Opponents of the university say it will be attacked from two other angles if the present suit should fail. Identity of most of the persons behind the nullification movement has been kept secret.

NORFOLK MEN ARE

ASSESSED HEAVY FINES Fremont, Neb .- (Special) -Fines totaling \$260, plus costs, were assessed against Preston Pitzer and Ira Libee, of Norfolk, after their automobile crashed into one driven by Joe Widhelm. The men admitted their guilt. Mrs. Mary Carey, aged 89, motherinlaw of Widhelm, suffered a dislocated shoulder and was temporarily in a serious condition. Charges of reckless driving, driving without a license and conveying intoxicating liquors in an automobile were placed against the Norfolk

OIL DRILLERS PLEASED WITH SHOWING MADE

Central City, Neb .- (UP)-Drilling in the Jayhawk oil test well near here was being pressed forward rapidly. Benton limestone formation was encountered Monday at a depth of 600 feet. The formation is considered a favorable sign and drillers expect a showing of oil in the next sand encountered. Mississippi lime is expected to be reached soon with the possibility of pay sands being encountered within the nex.1

200 feet, drillers state.

LOSES FINGER IN

A POWER GRINDER Verdigre, Neb. - (Special) - To have his right index finger severed while using a power grinder while sherpening tools was the experience of Steve Brunner, a prominent farmer residing 10 miles west of Verdigre. The grinder was going at a high rate of speed and as it flew apart one piece just missed striking him in the temple.

PLAN MEETING OF CATHOLICS

Dignataries of Church to Attend Eucharistic Congress at Omaha

Omaha, Neb. —(UP)— The per-tonal representative of Pope Pius in the United States, Most Rev. Pietro Fumasoni-Biondi, apostolic delegate to this country, will officially open the Sixth National Eucharistic congress here September 23, it is announced by Bishop Joseph F. Rummell. The opening ceremony of the three day congress which is expected to attract thousands of Catholics to Omaha, will be a solemn pontifical votive mass of the Blessed Sacrament, which the apos-

tolic delegate will celebrate. The sermon at this mass will be preached by Archbishop Francis Beckman, of Dubuque, formerly bishop of the Lincoln diocese. The mass will be celebrated at St. Cecelia's cathedral, which also will be the scene of many other congress activities. Open air ceremonies will be at Creighton stadium.

Four archbishops, 25 bishops and more than 1,000 priests already have signified their intention of coming here from all parts of the country for the congress. It is believed more than 25,000 lay men and women will attend, this being the first congress to which the laity was invited.

Bishop Rummel has extended special invitation to delegates to the convention of National Council of Catholic Women to attend the congress. Their convention is to be held at Denver the week following the Omaha congress and many of them will stop here enroute to Den-

SAND CHERRY CROP IN NEBRASKA HEAVY ONE O'Neill, Neb .- The heaviest crop of sand cherries in a decade is in prospect in pastures of southern

Holt county. To many, the sand cherry is a curiosity and a revelation. The berries grow on a little bush about a foot high and are about the size of a marble. In color they are dark blue, almost black, and each berry contains a single seed or pit. Not even the famous paw-paw of the Ozarks nor the banana of the tropics has a flavor more captivating

than that of the sand cherry Housewives have no trouble in getting all the members of the family out for duty when sand cherries are ripe. When berries are plentiful, thousands of gallons are canned.

AWARD CONTRACTS FOR

GRAVEL MAINTENANCE Lincoln, Neb .- (Special)-Letting of contracts for maintenance gravel patrols has been completed by the state highway department. Some contracts call for one-half inch of gravel and other calls for threefourths to two inches. Included in the list are: Fremont-Blair, Elkhorn north and south, 22.5 miles, contract to F. L. Bushee for \$9,688 .-71; Osceola-Clarks, 11.5 miles, Western Bridge company, \$4,944.63; Columbus-Fullerton, 6 miles, Carstensen Sand company, \$2,148.96; Norfolk-Meadow Grove, Norfolk-Pierce, 13.2 miles, Carstensen Sand company, \$9.470.35; Albion-St. Edward, Albion-Newman Grove, 11.9 miles, Norfolk Bridge company, \$8,693.64; Albion-Neligh-Clearwater, 15.5 miles. Carstensen Sand company, \$8.938.09; Norfolk-Madison, Norfolk-Stanton, 15.8 miles, Norfolk Bridge company, \$8,693.64; Fullerton-Genoa, 11.4 miles, Carstensen Sand company, \$3,307.88; Central City-Clay Center, Aurora-York, Harvard-Fairmont, 42.3 miles, Yank Construction company, \$16,240.22.

PARENTS AT DAUGHTER'S 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Omaha, Neb .- (UP) -The privilege of attending their daughter's 50th wedding anniversary was accorded Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel King of Council Bluffs, here Monday. The daughter, Mrs. J. C. Rhoades, of Paeific Junction, Ia., was married at Norton, Kan., in 1880. Rhoades is 73 and his wife 65. The King's are 90 and 82 respectively and recently celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary.

LINCOLN'S MUNICIPAL

AIRPORT DEDICATED Lincoln, Neb.-(UP)-With 4,000 in attendance, the municipal airport was dedicated Sunday, after two days of aerial maneuvers and

flying events.

TRACE SCARLET FEVER EPIDEMIC TO DAIRY Grand Island, Nab .- (UP)-The Harrie dairy, operating an extensive milk route in the city, was named by City Physician J. G. Woodin as the source of the scarlet fever epidemic here and the dairy has been closed. There are now 18 homes under quarantine and a total of 22 cases.

PONCA LIONS APPRECIATE

IMPROVED RAIL SERVICE Lincoln, Neb. - (Special) - The Lions club of Ponca has sent a copy of a resolution of appreciation to State Railway Commissioner Randall for a recent order of the commission which improved the service on the Wynot-Sioux City branch of the Minneapolic and Omaha Railroad company. The resolution expresses an intention to patronize the company in appreciation of the benefits to be derived by both the company and its patrons.

TO OPPOSE SEARS FOR G. O. P. NOMINATION Lincoln, Neb .- (UP) -Malcolm

Baldridge, of Omaha, has filed his papers with the secretary of state as a republican candidate for Congress from the second district. The district now is represented in Congress by Representative Willis G Sears, of Omaha.

CANDIDATE IS UNDER ARREST

Man Aspiring to Office of Sheriff Held on Charge of Assault

Greenwood, Neb. — Arrest of George Trunkenbolz, town mar-shal of Greenwod, on charges of assault and battery, promises to give color to the race for sheriff in Cass county. Trunkenbolz is now the only democratic candidate.

Trunkenbolz was arrested by Sheriff Bert Reed, republican and candidate for re-election, on a charge of assaulting William Rouse, 65 years old, who lives near Greenwood. Trunkenbolz said that he had gone to serve a warrant, charging disturbing the peace, on Rouse, and that Rouse resisted.

Trunkenbolz asked a change of venue and is scheduled to be tried July 2 at Louisville or Murdock. In the meantime Trunkenbolz was placed under peace bond at Rouse's request. Rouse said that he

feared further violence. The arrest followed a long series of community disputes, in which Trunkenbolz was the central figure. A month or so ago he arrested three youths charged with stealing ice cream from a church social. They fought the case and when it developed that Trunkenbolz was the only prosecution witness the boys were freed by jury in county court.

Trunkenbolz says that his troubles are due to his attempts to enforce the prohibition laws.

PLEASURE RESORT NEAR ROYAL, NEB., OPENED Royal, Neb.—(Special)—Diekman's

park, a pleasure resort north of Royal, was opened to the public last Sunday and there was a large attendance, automobiles bringing persons from all over this section of Nebraska.

NEW BANK OPENS FOR

BUSINESS AT BRUNSWICK Royal, Neb. - (Special) - At a meeting of the newly organized Brunswick State bank held this week, arrangements were completed for the opening which occurred Thursday under most flattering conditions.

HAD ALL OF THE SNAKE EXPERIENCE HE CARES FOR

Schuyler, Neb .- (UP) -Saint Patrick can have all the honors of being a snake killer as far as James O'Callaghan, Schuyler motorist, is concerned.

As he was driving along the pavement near the Platte river, he saw a large snake crawling across the concrete. Thinking he could kill the snake without harm to himself, he guided the front wheels of the car across the squirming creature.

Some minutes later, O'Callaghan glanced up from the steering wheel to see a leering face dangling in front of his nose. The face was attached to the wriggling body of the snake protruding through the open window and the body hung from the roof of the automobile. O'Callaghan jammed on the emergency brake and gave immediate possession of the automobile to the snake. The brake stopped the car and avoided a wreck. It is supposed the snake caught on the hub of the front wheel as the machine passed over It and was tossed to the roof of the

FORMER CASHIER HELD FOR TRIAL IN OCTOBER

Nelson, Neb .- (UP) -- George S. Aldrich, former cashier of the State Bank of Superior, is under \$5,000 bond pending his trail at the October term of district court on charges of accepting deposits after the bank was insolvent; making false entries and reports to the state examiners.

WAR MOTHERS TO MEET AT OMAHA IN 1931

North Platte, Neb .- (UP) -- Mrs. James McCollough of Brady became the new president of the American War Mothers of Nebraska at the elections which terminated the organization's two-day convention, Thursday, Omaha was selected for the 1931 convention.

FUNERAL DIRECTORS OF

OMAHA INCORPORATE Lincoln, Neb .- (UP) - To uphold the honor and dignity of the profession of funeral directors-formerly called undertakers-the Nebraska Funeral Directors' association, of Omaha, has been organized and has filed its incorporation papers with the secretary of state.

The object of the association, according to the incorporation papers. is to promote the science of embalming and funeral direction, to uphold the honor and dignity of the profession and to encourage social intercourse among its members. The president is Charles H. Roper

and the secretary is Walter Korisko. OMAHA LOOKING FORWARD

TO RIVER WHARVES

Omaha, Neb .- (UP)-The voters will be asked to change the Omaha city charter so that bonds may be floated for construction of wharves and docks after the Missouri river is made navigable, it was decided at a meeting of the river committee of city council.

The time is too short to submit the proposal at the August primary but it will be on the ballot in the November elaction.

CONTRACT FOR CAPITOL WING

Last Section of Nebraska State House to Cost Total of \$728,216

Lincoln, Neb .- (UP)-W, J. Assenmacher, of Lincoln, was awarded by the capitol commission, the general contract for the construction of the fourth and final section of the \$10,000,000 Nebraska capitol.

Because of lack of funds, contracts for the grading, cleaning up and landscaping of the capitol grounds were not let but will be awarded next year, Roy Cochran secretary of the commission said. An appropriation of nearly \$500,000 will be required to complete the building, including full landscaping of the grounds. Another levy will be made for that purpose.

The Assenmacher company submitted a bid of \$922,614 for construction and ground improvement, with provision for deduction of \$194,398 if the ground work items are omitted. This made the cost of constructing the fourth section

Newberg and Bookstrom, Lincoln, gave a low bid of \$49,500 on Plumbing; the Schricker Electrical company, of Lincoln, won the electrical work contract with a bid of \$47,150. and the Omaha Steel company, of Omaha, was awarded the contract to supply the steel for \$39,671. These items, together with the main construction work, give a total cost of \$864,537 for the section.

OMAHA POSTMASTER'S

PAY BOOSTED TO \$8,000 Omaha, Neb .- (UP)-Salary of J. Dean Ringer, postmaster of Omaha has been boosted from \$6,000 to \$8,-000 per year, Ringer was notified. The raise came automatically after postal receipts here passed the \$3 .-000,000 mark last year. The new salary goes into effect July 1.

AWARD CONTRACTS FOR

NEBRASKA ROAD WORK Lincoln, Neb .- (UP)-With contract prices generally lower than at the previous letting, about \$1,-800,000 of highway work was contracted for Friday by the department of public works.

Paving of 4.6 miles between Florence and Blair was held up while the department secures more information. Bushee and Gavenman entered the low bid of \$133,111.26 and will receive the contract as soon as the department is ready to act.

Representatives of two companies tossed a coin to determine who would obtain the contract for culverts near Holstein. The Capital Bridge company and the Midstate Construction company had submitted tie bids, \$488, and on the toss, the Midstate won.

Among the paving projects awarded were: Havelock-Ashland, 6.7 miles, Western Asphalt company, \$145,755.34; St. Paul-Grand Island. 3.4 miles. Roberts Construction company \$117,064.21; Kearney- Simmonds, 4 miles, Western Asphalt company, \$103,878.96.

The gravel surfacing contracts awarded included Laurel-Belden, 6.2 miles, Einung Brothers, \$14.890.12; Belden-Randolph, 8.3 miles, Einung Brothers, \$19,945.87, guard rail, George Cronkite, \$918.38; Waterbury-Allen, 6.9 miles, Koehler Construction company, \$18,086.64; Jackson-Waterbury, 10.4 miles Koehler Construction company, 334.732

FORMER NEBRASKA WOMAN

SEES CHINESE FIGHTING West Point, Neb .- (Special) -Miss Marie Oelschlaeger, former Cumming county girl, now a missionary nurse, writes from Shihnanfu, China, to relatives here that a battle was fought between Chinese bandits and the city garrison in her yard. Bullets flew thick and fast all around her but she was uninjured.

Shihnanfu is a walled city of 50,-000 reople. 1.200 miles up the Yangtze river and 125 miles south of the river. Three other missionaries live in Yang Wan, a nale or so up the hill from the city, with Miss Oel-

schlaeger. Spears, knives, guns, flags and soldiers were in the front yard of the missionaries' home. Heavy fighting kept up for seven and one-half hours.

INJURY TO HER HAND

CAUSES WOMAN'S DEATH Gordon, Neb. - (Special) - Mrs Carrie Johnson, 87 years old, died Thursday as a result of injury to her hand received Decoration day. when in closing a car door her hand was badly bruised. Infection combined with her advanced age resulted in death.

FORM LEAGUE TO

DEMAND TAX CUTS Hartington, Neb .- (Special) -- Permanent organization of a Taxpayers league to protest against high assessments was effected here and an organized effort started to demand a lowering of the assessed valuations. The officers of the organization are John Reimers, president; August Erickson, vice president, and Will Ferguson, secretary

FILE PETITION FOR VOTE ON FREE BRIDGE BONDS

Omaha, Nab. - (UP)-Petitions signed by the legal number of free holders asking for submission of a \$1,230,000 bond issue for building of a free bridge at the foot of Farnum street to the voters in the Novemper elections were filed here late Priday. A similar petition is to be filed in Council Bluffs. Omaha's

hare of the bridge would be £800 .

00, the remainder to be paid b

Council Bluffs

PHEASANT HUNTERS AT

MARLINSBURG, NEB., FINED Lincoln, Neb. -(Special) - Chief Game Warden O'Connell has reported the arrest of Jim Stanley and Bernard Zimm, Martinsburg, for hunting pheasant out of season. Stanley was fined \$25 for shooting at a pheasant, but \$15 of this was returned to him. Zimm was fined \$25 and costs plus \$10 damages for shooting a pheasant.

BANK ROBBERS NEAR BIG LOOT

Fail to Open Safe Containing \$10,000 After Knocking Off Dial

Valley. Neb. - (UP) - Falling in their efforts to open the safe after knocking off the combination, robbers Thursday night missed \$10,000 in loot and finally left the Valley State bank with only about \$100 in dimes and some personal papers from safety deposit boxes.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY FOSSIL COLLECTORS BUSY Agate, Neb. - (Special) - The research department of Harvard university has sent a collecting expedition to Agate, where members of the party will spend the next few weeks collecting fossils and making a study of the various rock forma-

This is the third Harvard expedition to make a trip to these fossil beds. Research has been carried on here for the last 26 years, on the Cook ranch, owned by the father of Harold Cook, who has become famous in the fossil field.

NEBRASKA FOURTH IN LOW

INFANT MORTALITY RATE Washington -(UP)- Nebraska ranked fourth among states of the union in low infant mortality in 1929, according to figures released Friday by the division of vital statistics, department of commerce. being nosed out of third place by Minnesota. Nebraska's rate was 51.5 deaths of children under 1 year of age per 1,000 births.

Oregon again was low with 47.9. Washington held second place with 49.5, and Minnesota went into third place with 51.2. Iowa was fifth with

New Mexico was high with 145.5. followed by Arizona with 133.3 and Colorado with 91.4.

COMMENCE WORK ON BRIDGE AT NIOBRARA

Niebrara, Neb. - (Special) - The preliminary construction work on the Missouri river bridge between Niobrara, Neb., and Running Water, S. D., has actually begun. An office and mess hall is being constructed at the bridge site beside other buildings which will be used as shops, etc. Five cars of 60 foot piling are on track awaiting the construction of a spur line of track which will be built to the bridge site as soon as possible.

All material for the spur switch is on the ground and actual construction is expected suon.

The bridge is to be on the K. N. D. road which extends across Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota and is practically all graded and graveled. It will be an all steel structure with a 20 foot roadway. It will comply with government regulations as to height and will have no draw span. The north end will rest on a chalk rock bluff and the south end upon a substantial heavy soil formation. The Jones Construction company of Omaha has the contract and expects to complete the structure within a year.

GYPSY SWINDLES OMAHA

INVALID OUT OF CASH Omaha, Neb. -- A gypsy, posing as a healer and fortune teller, who in recent weeks has robbed or duped several Omaha women, Wednesday afternoon obtained \$22 from Mrs. Mary Barker, 59 years old, an invalid and widow.

The woman appeared at the Barker home Wednesday afternoon, and following a short conversation concerning Mrs. Barker's ailment, she promised to affect a miraculous

First, however, she demanded all the money that Mrs. Barker had in the house, which amounted to \$22.30.

Then she took a small copper kettle, saying she was going for some "magic water" which possessed wonderful curative qualities, and departed. When she failed to return by evening, Mrs. Barker no-

tified police. The gypsy did not reveal to Mrs. Barker the location of the "fountain" at which she would get the health-giving water.

The gypsy is believed by police to be the same who two weeks ago obtained a hundred dollars from Mrs. Sara Malgria, on promise that she would through influence of spirits obtain the release of Mrs. Malgria's brother from prison. The brother, Jim Corbino, is doing a life term for murdering his swetheart. Mrs. Malgria collapsed when she discoverd she had been

TENANTS RAISE MOST COTTON Montgemery, Ala. per cent of Alabama cotton is grown by tenant farmers. Seth P. Storrs, commissioner of agriculture, says this may hinder reduction of

cotton acreage. C. W. BRYAN SEEKS DEMO NOMINATION FOR GOVERNOR

Lincoln, Neb .- (UP) -- Charles W. Bryan, former governor of Nebraska, has formally entered the race as a democratic candidate for governor, basing his campaign on a platform to reduce taxes and to protect the bank deposits of the pro-

Bryan, who served as governor of Nebraska from 1923 to 1925, and was the democratic vice presidential nominee in 1924, filed his papers with the secretary of state Friday as a gubernatorial candidate.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING Lincoln, Neb .- (UP)-With nunerous delegates registered all norning, the registration was exeasted to reach the 2,000 mark when the annual convention of the Nebraska Churches of Christ opened

iere Tuesday afternoon. A preliminary meeting was held a Bethany park Monday night then Rev. W. P. Hill of East Lin coln Christian church, uresided.

THEIR AFFAIRS BADLY TANGLED

Enstranged Pair Fail to Ba Divorced Before Taking Other Mates

Omaha, Neb .- (UP)-The tangled natrimonial careers of Mary Lottus and Dan Hitchen were exposed to public gaze here Tuesday. In May, 1926, Mary and Dan were married here. Both were very popular among the younger set on the south side and the affair was well attended. After a short time they separated. Mary going to Chicago and Dan to Missouri and Kansas.

In Chicago Mary met Al Friedberg, a cigar salesman, and fell for him hard, she said. She wrote Dan in Kansas and told him she was going to get a divorce.

"You needn't mind," Dan wrote back, "I've already attended to that little matter.'

Believing Dan had done as he said he had, Mary married Friedberg. Dan, thinking Mary had divorced him, married Naomi Bowles, at Cabool, Mo.

Dan and Naomi came here a few months ago and started living with his mother. Mary, coming home for a visit a week or so ago learned of the turn things had taken and she also went to Dan's mother's home and the two wives and Dan were living together. Monday night there was difficulty

and someone ordered Naomi from the house. She notified police and Dan and Marry were thrown into jail where they will be held until County Attorney Henry Beal de-cides what he wants to do about filing bigamy charges.
Scenting that something was wrong Friedberg hurried here and

was among those present at the jail scene of the drama. Friedberg protested his love for Mary and announced he will stay

here until he can secure her release and return her to Chicago with Hitchen, who married Naomi Bowles of Cabool at Houston, Mo.. October 28, 1929, apparently will be the "fall guy" in the episode, al-though Mary said she still loves

him. Naomi, however, insisted that Hitchen be prosecuted. Mary and Hitchen sat holding hands Tuesday morning until Friedberg made his appearance. When the information was given Mary that Friedberg held her liberty in his hands, she went to husband No. 2, and posed for photographers with Friedberg's arms around her shoul-

LEGGERS MAY CONTINUE

USING SEIZED CARS Cmaha, Neb. - (UP)-Bootleggers whose automobiles are seized by federal raiders will be allowed to use the cars until their cases are disposed of in court, Federal Judge J. W. Woodrough ruled here. The case is considered an imporant one-for bootleggers-as the government is paying storage on

more than a dozen machines here. Judge Woodrough said trials often are delayed two and three years because of the large number of liquor arrests made here. When the defendant is finally acquitted he finds his automobile is out-of-date. In order to take advantage of the ruling bootleggers must post a bond similar to the price of the machine.

LISTENS TO RADIO 84

HOURS, DECLARED CHAMP West Point, Neb. -(UP)- Miss Emma Lee, 18 years old, Tekamah girl, is believed to be Nebraska's first radio listening marathon winner. For 34 hours, Emma sat sleeplessly through the soft crooning of ballads, dissertations on brooder houses, hog wire fencing and home helps, to win the title.

Eleven girls were entered in the contest, staged at the Frank Fiese hall here. Each girl was provided with a comfortable chair on the stage and other desired arrangements were made for the convenience of contestants. One by one, Emma watched the

other contestants "pass out" until she and Esther Hein of West Point alone remained awake. After 831/4 house. Miss Hein succumbed to the calls of Morpheus and half an hour later, Miss Lee was declared win-

Miss Hein was awarded second prize in the contest and Edith Marshall of Pender was awarded third place. She sat through 75 hours and 45 minutes of radio entertainment.

CHILD DROWNS WHILE AT FAMILY PICNIC Framont, Neb. - (UP) - Three

hours of effort to revive Harold Euckridge 6 years old, with a pulmotor after he had been pulled out of the rnion Pacific sandpit lake. 2 miles west of Fremont, Tuesday were futile. The boy, his mother and a

friend had gone on a picnic and

when time to eat lunch arrived, he

could not be found. Later he was found in five feet of water. FRANCHISE ASSESSMENTS

IN NEBRASKA HIGHER Lincoln, Neb .- (UP) - Franchises of telephone, power and similar companies in Nebraska were assessed Tuesday at a total valuation of \$4,-937,920 for taxation purposes by the

state board of equalization. This valuation is \$63,000 more than last year, when franchise assessments were challenged by several companies. The challenge of the Western Union Telegraph company concerning its franchise assessment still is pending in court, while the Northern Nebraska Power company paid its tax levy under protest.