

# HEAR OF MAN LONG MISSING

## Trial of Hartington Banker at Omaha Causes Sensation

Omaha, Neb.—The first clue in 70 years to the whereabouts of Fred Joosten of Hartington, Neb., whose disappearance in 1920 is an important factor in the trial of Edwin E. Collins, former Hartington banker, on charges of misapplication of funds, was revealed in federal court here, with the reading of a confidential letter, signed by Collins.

The letter was in the form of a report made by Collins to William C. Dickson, investigator for the department of justice.

In the communication Collins told how Joosten came to him late in the summer of 1920, and said:

"I'm in a hell of a scrape with a woman and I've got to leave the country."

Joosten went to Winnipeg, Canada, and as late as 1925 Collins heard from him, the letter continued, and told how Joosten left \$14,000 as a trust fund, "to keep the folks from getting it," with Collins giving a receipt for the money.

The charges against Collins grew out of his use of this trust fund.

The reading of the note came as a sensation to the courtroom, in which many relatives and former neighbors of Joosten were sitting. In the letter Collins said he was confident that "when the time comes, Mr. Joosten will return to Nebraska as quietly as he left."

Collins took the stand in his own defense, after Dickson's testimony regarding Collins' disposition of the \$14,000 had terminated the prosecution's case.

**INSURANCE COMPANY APPEALS TO HIGH COURT**

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—An appeal has been filed with the supreme court by the Mutual Life Insurance company of New York from a decision of a jury in the district court of Boyd county holding it liable for \$2,000 on a double indemnity policy issued on the life of Joseph Pfeifer.

Pfeifer was injured when struck by an automobile in May, 1929, within a year from the time the policy was issued. The company claimed that Pfeifer had attempted suicide and refused to pay. The driver of the car said Pfeifer was walking along the highway and dived in front of the wheels. He said he was lying on his back when the car passed over him at a rate of 35 miles an hour. An eye witness said the man threw up his hands and then jumped.

Pfeifer's wife claims he died as a result of being accidentally hit.

**REPORT TWO PONCA INDIAN CHILDREN STARVED**

Norfolk, Neb.—(Special)—Two children of the Ponca Indian tribe starved to death or were frozen to death, according to word received by Congressman Edgar Howard, of Columbus, who was in Norfolk when he received the report. Mr. Howard declared that he has not started his investigation, but is going into the matter immediately to determine if the Indians were neglected and why.

"From what has been told me these two little children were left to starve or freeze to death because the older Indians had no food or shelter to give them," the congressman says. "Think what a disgrace that would be. I am going into the matter to determine the truth of the report."

**CORN CROP NEAR NORFOLK VERY SPOTTED**

Norfolk, Neb.—(Special)—It is estimated that about two-thirds of the corn crop near Norfolk has been harvested. The crop is of good quality, notwithstanding the drought of the past summer.

Some fields near Meadow Grove are averaging 60 bushels per acre. The yield is also reported to be very good near Battle Creek and Newman Grove. In the immediate vicinity of Norfolk the yield is somewhat spotted due to hail. It is believed that the crop in Madison county will be somewhat above the average.

**SOON TO TEST CATTLE IN PIERCE COUNTY**

Plainview, Neb.—(Special)—Pierce county herds will soon be subjected to tests for the eradication of bovine tuberculosis as carried on by the animal husbandry bureau of the department of agriculture of Nebraska. Information has been received recently to this effect from Dr. C. Hays of Lincoln, chief of this department.

**MOTHER OF SIX FINED ON LIQUOR CHARGE**

Crofton, Neb.—(Special)—Mrs. Wade Broome, of Crofton, mother of six small children, was fined \$100 and costs in justice court here following charges filed by Mrs. C. E. Ritts that she had sold liquor to the latter's sons. Unable to pay the fine and her husband being out of town, Mrs. Broome was paroled to justice of the Peace B. A. Shippy.

**GOOD LUCK FINALLY CAME TO HIS AID**

Royal, Neb.—(Special)—Emmet Bartsch, farmer near here, had a string of ill luck climaxed this week when a holdup artist fired on him when he refused to stop his car at this time luck was with him, or the bullet, though it passed through both doors of the car missed its mark. Mr. Bartsch early in the fall he lost 30 head of pigs with cholera. More recently his home was destroyed by fire.

**BURLINGTON FILES ANSWER TO WALTHILL COMPLAINT**

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—The Burlington railroad has filed an answer with the state railway commission to a complaint of the Farmers' Co-operative association of Walthill that the railroad company refused permission to use a slower in loading grain cars. The railroad company says the refusal was based on the fact that when such permission was given last year the association let nonmembers use the slower. It says this constitutes an additional hazard to property and the rules of the company forbid the use of these appliances. The jurisdiction of the rail commission is challenged on the ground that the movement is partly interstate.

# STATE DEMANDS WHOLE ESTATE

## Wayne County Case to Be Probed in Hearing on Saturday

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—On the ground that Steve Nichols was incompetent at the time he made his will disposing of property estimated at \$100,000, the attorney general's department is seeking to have the estate escheat to the state.

Arguments are to be heard in the county court of Wayne county Saturday, on the motion to reopen the will, which has been probated, for filing of a petition by the department.

Nichols was 88 years old when he died and his will left the major portion of the estate to Rollie W. Ley, Wayne banker. The will also gave a farm to George Fox of Wayne; small sums to three churches and a lodge, a larger sum to an osteopath, Dr. T. T. Jones, who cared for Nichols before his death, and the remainder was to be divided share and share alike among Herman Lundberg, O. S. Roberts and Mr. Ley.

It is the contention of the state department that since there are no heirs the estate should revert to the state as in the case of the estate of John O'Conner in Adams county.

**DYING BANDIT GIVES TO FUND FOR OFFICER'S WIDOW**

Omaha, Neb.—His life length slowly ebbing away, Fletcher Moore of Omaha, slayer of Police Detective Sergeant Fred Kruger, Thursday contributed \$10 to a fund being raised for Kruger's family, and sent a message of sympathy to the slain officer's widow.

Moore, shot four times by Kruger's partner, died several hours after making the contribution. The shooting affair followed an attempt of the officers to question Moore and Chester Gore, Omaha, in connection with a bank robbery at Hiawatha, Kan. Gore has since confessed the holdup and named Moore and Carl Rose, Greeley, Neb., as confederates. Moore refused to talk. Rose is under arrest at Greeley and has confessed.

"Tell Kruger's widow that I'm very sorry," Moore said Thursday. "Put me down for \$10 in the fund. I don't have very much money and it will take a lot to pay for my funeral. But I want to give that much."

**HOSPITAL AT COLUMBUS HALF CENTURY OLD**

Columbus, Neb.—November 19 to 21 will be red letter days at St. Mary's hospital here, the 50th anniversary being celebrated at that time. At the same time the latest addition, a modern maternity department, will be dedicated by Bishop Joseph F. Rummel of Omaha.

St. Mary's hospital started with facilities for only a few patients, and with accommodations in keeping with the poverty of its founders, but today it ranks as a class "A" institution, modern and well equipped.

Half a century of the unselfish and impartial service is the record of the little band of Franciscan sisters in charge.

The program includes mass and sermon by Bishop Rummel Wednesday morning, a dinner for clergy at noon, public open house during the afternoon, with musical program and refreshments at 6:30. The Thursday program will be similar, with an evening dinner for the staff and for visiting doctors. Another mass will be celebrated Friday morning.

**GENOA INDIAN SCHOOL TO BE IMPROVED**

Columbus, Neb.—(UP)—Substantial improvements and additions to the Genoa Indian school will be recommended to the federal government by Congressman Edgar Howard.

Congressman Howard, as a member of the House committee on Indian affairs, visited the school at Genoa recently and announced his intention of asking for more adequate facilities.

The school was originally intended for 300 students, Howard pointed out, while there are about 530 pupils enrolled at the present. An additional wing on the largest building on the grounds would be recommended.

In addition, the congressman indicated that he would ask for changes in the facilities now used for the school hospital.

**HAS BEEN GOOD FALL FOR CORN PICKING**

Homer, Neb.—(Special)—Phil Van Cleave who resides east of Homer, states that in the 50 years he has farmed near here, he has never before seen a fall season when it was possible to pick corn without an hour's loss of time because of inclement weather. His three hired men completed picking 6,000 bushels last week in 24 days, without any interference from rain or snow.

Yields are high here and the corn is of good quality.

**THANKSGIVING TURKEYS**

Gering, Neb.—(Special)—A Philadelphia firm made the highest bid for a Thanksgiving turkey shipment of the North Platte Valley co-operative poultry association. This will comprise five carloads or about 10,000 birds. The shipment was loaded out this week from Torrington, Scottsbluff and Bridgeport.

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**WOMAN SETS HIGH MARK AS CORN PICKER**

Bradshaw, Neb.—(UP)—Mrs. A. Beier, of Henderson, 54 years old, who weighs slightly more than 100 pounds, hasn't won any national corn picking honors, but her friends believe she would give any other woman of her age "a run for her money" in a corn husking contest.

Mrs. Beier has been picking corn on the Fred Kennedy farm, near here, and has husked as much as 75 bushels by weight, in a day. She is not allowed to unload the corn, however.

The corn in which Mrs. Beier has been setting this pace will average about 50 bushels per acre.

**IT CAN'T BE DONE, FROM PATHFINDER**

Badly Bent: Why don't you make a practice of saving \$5 a week? Dead Broker: I tried it once but the installment collectors wouldn't let me.

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**BOY SCOUTS TO AID RED CROSS DRIVE**

Lyons, Neb.—(Special)—The Boy Scouts will assist the Red Cross here in a membership drive, next Sunday when a house-to-house canvass is made.

**BLOOMFIELD PRIEST HONORED BY CONGREGATION**

Bloomfield, Neb.—(Special)—More than 150 people of the community gathered to pay honor here to Rev. J. G. McNamara who has been pastor of St. Andrew's Catholic church for 30 years. P. E. Stepp presided as toastmaster. Father Bazyk of Crofton, Father Lorde of Hartington and Father Bernauer also talked. A cash purse was given to Father McNamara, who then gave his congregation a short history of his life here in the early days.

# 'SMELL CASES' ARE DISMISSED

## Omaha Judge Throws Out Charges Against Alleged Dry Violators

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Federal laws regarding search and seizure will continue to be lived up to in this district, Federal Judge J. W. Woodrough first it be known in dismissing charges against Y. Fred Gentilla.

Agents, armed with a warrant charging violation of internal revenue laws, raided Gentilla's home and seized a large whisky still. They admitted their only evidence was obtained through smell.

Judge Woodrough, in many previous decisions, had held that such raids under the national prohibition act were unconstitutional.

Assistant District Attorney Edson Smith decided to try to make a case under the internal revenue act hold up but failed when the case was thrown out.

"Unless we stick to the strict letter of the law we are going to be in a wilderness where there will be no protection of the home," the court said.

As a result of the decision seven similar cases will be dismissed.

**TWO WILDCATS KILLED NEAR BASSETT, NEB.**

Bassett, Neb.—(Special)—Two wildcats were treed and killed by Russell Norton and Mr. Stanley while hunting near here recently.

**FORMER OFFICERS OF CLOSED BANK SUED**

Madison, Neb.—(Special)—George I. Parker, receiver of the Enola State bank which closed here November 1, 1926, has filed a suit in district court for \$45,000 against Charles Knoll, F. M. Wright, Frank Murphy, F. H. Taylor, Paul Bretschneider, Bert McGinnis, and the estate of James Dickson and the estate of W. R. Martin.

Parker claims these men, or some of them, were officers or directors of the bank at different times and that, through mismanagement and carelessness, they permitted Taylor, the cashier, to lend various persons large amounts of money in excess of the limit permitted by law. He also claims that they permitted Taylor to embezzle \$12,000, of which \$6,000 was lost to the bank.

**DEERED WIFE BATTLE SO MUST PAY \$750**

Lincoln, Neb.—Lee Hankins, of Jefferson county, must pay \$750 for an assault on his wife, Mrs. Edna Scott. It is alleged that Hankins checked his wife during the fray, saying, "Take off your coat and hat, Ma, and then you can beat me out of her."

Mrs. Scott, former domestic in the Hankins home, was driving a cow along the road when Mr. and Mrs. Hankins came along in a new car. She made an sneering remark, Mrs. Hankins said, to the effect that the car wasn't paid for. The sedan was backed up and Mrs. Hankins alighted and beat Mrs. Scott. Mrs. Scott denied any remark, saying she merely turned her head when the automobile passed.

When Mrs. Hankins got tired of chastising Mrs. Scott, she asked her husband to finish the job, the testimony showed. He said he did not dare to, so a 12-year-old son of the Hankins assisted his mother. Mrs. Scott finally got hold of Mrs. Hankins' hair and Hankins dislocated her thumb getting her fingers out. Several neighbors who were witnesses refused to intervene.

This supreme court allowed the plaintiff, Mrs. Scott, all she asked, although the district court gave her only \$500.

**WILL BUILD SEWERS TO KEEP MEN AT WORK**

Norfolk, Neb.—(Special)—In order to assist in relieving the unemployment problem, the city of Norfolk will lay about one mile of city water main during the winter months, using, wherever possible, hand labor. This labor will be recruited from men who are out of work. Most of the mains will be placed in southeast Norfolk.

**PIERCE COUNTY OLD RESIDENT ENDS OWN LIFE**

Pierce, Neb.—(Special)—Thomas Chilvers, 70 years old, a resident of this community for 45 years, ended his own life by firing a bullet into his head, shortly after 7 o'clock Sunday morning. Ill health is blamed.

Mr. Chilvers had gone to his garage and started his car, before firing the shot. His body was found shortly afterward by a neighbor, William Lehman, though no one appears to have heard the shot. He had been engaged in the real estate and insurance business here in recent years. He served for some years as deputy county clerk and as deputy treasurer and for one full term as county clerk. He is survived by his widow and two daughters, both of whom live in California.

**NEBRASKAN LEAVES FUND FOR USE OF SOCIALISTS**

Chadron, Neb.—William Martens, who died in the city hospital here October 7, willed that \$12,000 of his estate, composed largely of real estate, must be put in trust for the Socialist Society of the United States, with headquarters in Chicago.

This sum, according to the will, is to be expended by the society for printing and distribution of books, pamphlets and other printed matter of educational nature expounding the principles laid down by socialist writers.

These principles, as set forth in Mr. Martens' will, "propose the adoption of a form of social organization, having as its basis the collective ownership and democratic management of national resources and of all basic industries."

The will was made in Chicago October 8, 1929, lacking only one day of being a year old at Mr. Martens' death. It names the First National bank, of Chadron, as executor.

So far there has been no protest of Mr. Martens' will by his family.

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# OPEN BIDS ON BABY COTTAGE

## Structure Costing \$50,000 to Be Erected at Children's Home

Fremont, Neb.—(Special)—Bids will be opened December 6 for the new \$50,000 "baby cottage" addition to the Mascenic and Eastern Star children's home colony north of Fremont.

The building will be of brick construction, two stories high and full basement. It is to occupy a place on the north line of the circle of homes and is to front south.

Efforts have been made to get the work under construction this year in order that it may play a part in relieving the unemployment situation.

More than half of the funds for the home were donated by the will of the late Charles B. Veazie. A bronze tablet containing the names of C. B. Veazie and Adelaide R. Veazie, his wife, will have place in the structure. Provision is to be made for the housing of 30 babies and their attendants.

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# BUILDING COMMUNITY HALL AT HOMER, NEB

## Homer, Neb.—(Special)—Fred R. Baker, owner of the Star theater and telegraph operator for the Burlington railroad, is erecting a community building to be used for dances, banquets, conventions or other community needs. The building is to be 24 by 40 by 100 feet. Besides 3,600 feet of dancing floor, there will be rest rooms, kitchen, checkroom and office. Modern conveniences, such as city water, banquet tables and natural gas for heating and cooking will be included. The completion and dedication will take place about Christmas time.

# BANDITS FACE MURDER COUNT

## Killing of Omaha Detective Shown to Be Brutal Affair

Omaha, Neb.—(Special)—Chester "Shorty" Gore of Omaha, confessed Hiawatha, Kan., bank robber, and Fletcher Moore of Omaha, implicated by Gore in the same holdup, will be charged with first degree murder in the fatal shooting Monday, of Police Detective Sergeant Fred Kruger, the county attorney's office says.

Decision to charge both with murder followed an autopsy on Kruger's body which revealed, county officials said, two .38 caliber bullets in the body. These bullets, they charged, were fired into Kruger's body as he lay dying on the sidewalk, by Gore. Moore had just shot Kruger down and was fleeing, the county authorities declare, when Gore fired at the prostrate detective.

Gore carried a .38 caliber and Moore a .45 caliber gun.

Kruger was shot five times in the back by Moore after the gunman had seized him and spun him around. Moore was shot down as he fled by Kruger's partner, Detective Ray Strong. Moore is in a critical condition. The shooting occurred as the detective sought to question the pair as they were leaving their rooming house.

As funeral arrangements were being made for Detective Kruger, friends came forward with their offers of condolence and financial aid to the dead officer's widow. Several funds have been started and she is expected to be presented with several thousand dollars. In addition the police pension fund will allow her half of Kruger's salary.

Kruger is to be buried Thursday afternoon. City and county officials and city firemen will be represented in the ranks of mourners.

**HOSPITAL HEAD NOT LICENSED PHYSICIAN**

Lincoln, Neb.—The state board of control is considering doctors to succeed Dr. J. H. Matthal, superintendent of the state orthopedic hospital, who resigned following disclosure that he had no license to practice in Nebraska. He has been head of the hospital since 1921.

Dr. Matthal was licensed in Maryland in 1916 and had never applied for a license to practice in Nebraska. He was under the impression that since he was not in private practice he did not need a state license, he said. He is retained as an executive and not for medical work until his successor can be named.

The present state board of control assumed he was licensed, according to Harry S. Thorpe, of the board.

Matthal has been receiving \$2,500 a year, plus living quarters for himself and family.

The discovery of his lack of a license was found when, in the latter part of October a man representing himself as a life insurance salesman, called at the office of the state department of public welfare and asked that the office aid him in securing professional information about a number of physicians. After delving into the registration books, it was found that Matthal's name was not recorded.

**LIQUOR CASES TRIED WITHOUT A JURY**

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—The new method of trying liquor cases without a jury made possible by a recent ruling of the United States supreme court and put into practice here for the first time by Federal Judge Woodrough is approved by the judge. "Tedious formality, expense and waste of time is done away with by the new method," Judge Woodrough declared.

Seven such cases were heard with only one defendant discharged. The heaviest punishment, 90 days in jail, and a fine of \$200, with provision that defendant stay in jail until the fine is paid, was meted out to Tony Mazzatta found guilty on a liquor selling charge. Records show this Mazzatta's second offense.

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