

SHOULD STILL HAVE GUARDIAN

That Is Contentions of Children of Wayne County Man

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—Arguments have been filed with the supreme court by C. H. Hendrickson and H. E. Siman in the appeal from the district court of Wayne county from an order refusing Robert Fenske his freedom from the guardianship to which he so strenuously objects.

They protest any interference with the order of the court, arguing that Fenske is addicted to the liquor habit to such an extent that he has twice been sent to the inebriate asylum and his children believe he should be kept under a guardian so that he will not dissipate his property. They claim that although Fenske is considered wealthy, this came about through the efforts of his offspring. It is pointed out that Mrs. Fenske has expressed a fear of living with him because of his conduct when he is intoxicated.

SPELLING BEE HELD IN OAKDALE SCHOOL

Oakdale, Neb.—(Special)—A benefit program and spelling bee was sponsored Monday night by the Woman's club, the proceeds to go to the city library fund. The prizes were won by Miss Eunice Blush high school student and Miss Margaret Brink grade pupil.

KNOX COUNTY MAN STILL BEING HELD

Lincoln, Neb.—Sheriff Liphardt and Charles Dafoe, Johnson county attorney, have returned Harold Sonksen to the county jail at Tecumseh following his being photographed, fingerprinted and questioned at the office of the state sheriff, Sonksen, a Knox county youth, faces charges of shooting to kill the Johnson county sheriff last summer. State Sheriff Condit announced the youth had given some very valuable information. Authorities have been unable to locate Sonksen's companion at the time of the shooting.

FENDER PREPARED FOR CHRISTMAS SEASON

Pender, Neb.—(Special)—The streets of Pender are decorated in their Christmas attire. A community Christmas program will be given by the business men in the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, Wednesday evening, December 17, will be carnival night with lots of fun, noise and singing. Santa will treat the children, Saturday, December 20, will be Santa Claus day.

FIND MANY INDIANS IN NEED OF AID

Bloomfield, Neb.—The Woman's club of Bloomfield, after an investigation of stories of hardship and suffering among Indians in northern Knox county, because of crop failure, recently asked an appeal for aid be sent out.

According to Mrs. J. F. McDermott of Bloomfield, chairman of Indian relief of the club here, the club is asking for old clothing, blankets or bedding, and food as well.

GAS COMPANY TO SEEK RIGHTS IN MANY TOWNS

Fremont, Neb.—(Special)—Campaigns for gas rights in towns in Iowa and Nebraska will be inaugurated soon by representatives of the Texas gas concern that has piped to Lincoln and to Sioux City, according to J. E. Emmett, who has arrived here. Offices will be opened in Fremont and in several other cities.

The big pipe line reaching to Sioux City will be tapped in numerous places soon, for distribution of natural gas to the smaller places and phases of the campaign, aside from securing franchises, will be the efforts to induce the employment of gas in the smaller cities and rural communities, the laying of the systems to and within the towns and the distribution of gas equipment.

CALLING JUST UNEMPLOYED FOR JURY NOT LEGAL

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Efforts to call none but unemployed for jury service here failed when Election Commissioner William McHugh, Jr., who has charge of selecting the panels, announced such a course would be illegal. Under the law the names must be picked by chance, McHugh said.

Several of those called on the latest panel had protested that they would lose their jobs if not excused and most of the jurors were found to be holding second positions.

TO ADVERTISE HIGHWAY LEADING TO BLACK HILLS

Norfolk, Neb.—(UP)—Tourist traffic to the Rocky Mountain region and the Black Hills is the object of a campaign that has been launched here to advertise the Meridian and Custer Battlefield highways through this part of Nebraska.

The associations of both highway are joining in an effort to popularize the scenic advantages of the two routes to the west. The campaign will last throughout the winter. The campaign will start in Texas and will follow up the highways through the southern states into the Dakotas.

W. D. Fisher, secretary of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce here 15 years ago, and now secretary and manager of the Custer route, has outlined the plans of the campaign. More than 50,000 maps showing the routes, will be distributed, Fisher said. In the spring, delegates from the two associations will visit the southland with a view to interesting the tourists.

RUSHING WORK FOR GAS LINE

Temporary Pipe to Carry Product Across the Platte River

Fremont, Neb.—(Special)—Laying of the pipe line for natural gas across the Platte river is in progress this week.

A temporary eight-inch pipe has been pulled across the stream and it will rest under the water, held down by heavy weights, until piers can be put in for the permanent suspension bridge. The suspension bridge will carry a 16-inch pipe. According to reports current here, the temporary connection over the Platte is being rushed to completion in order that the line will be ready to fill Sioux City contracts.

AUTO ACCIDENT CASE IN FEDERAL COURT

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—An answer has been filed in federal court here by Elmer Kadel of Sigourney, Ia., to the suit of Walter Ring for \$25,000 damages for injuries sustained by a minor son, Walter, when he was struck by Kadel's car last summer.

Kadel denies any blame in the accident, claiming the boy, who is 9 years old, suddenly ran from behind a parked car and started across the street without looking. He says he was driving slowly and stopped the car quickly, striking the lad lightly, after which the boy fell to the pavement. Notice of the suit was served Kadel through the secretary of state who mailed it to an Iowa address and this was up held in an opinion written by Judge Munger.

ASK \$195,000 FOR GENO INDIAN SCHOOL

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—In the 1932 appropriation bill of the department of the interior which has been presented to Congress is a request for \$195,000 for the Indian school at Genoa. It is pointed out that many of the buildings are very old and are badly in need of extensive repairs. It is estimated that there will be a possible registration of 500 students at a cost of \$170,000. Salary for the superintendent, repairs and improvements are estimated at \$18,000 and \$7,000 is asked for cottages to be built for two employees to relieve the congestion in the living quarters. A consolidated heating, lighting and power plant is now under construction at the school as well as a new commissary, and a new well is to be drilled soon.

OPPOSES USE OF RADIOS IN SCHOOLS

Fremont, Neb.—(Special)—Supt. A. H. Waterhouse, of the Fremont schools, addressing the annual convention of Dodge county school boards held at the courthouse, opposed the use of radios in schools, as a tendency to waste valuable time.

SUES OFFICERS CLOSED ANSLEY STATE BANK

Broken Bow, Neb.—(UP)—Suit, seeking to recover \$225,794, with interest at the rate of 7 per cent from May 5, 1921, from officers and directors of the failed State Bank of Ansley, is on file in district court here.

The suit was instituted by the state banking department, in the name of department secretary, Clarence G. Bliss, and charges that affairs of the bank from January 5, 1920, to July 21, 1925, when it was placed in the hands of the banking department, were grossly mismanaged. Clarence Mackey, Earl O. Morris, Arthur Hein, Andrew Sherbeck, and Bert L. Mills, officers and directors of the bank, are named as defendants.

WOMAN HAS CLAIM AGAINST OSTEOPATH

Blair, Neb.—(Special)—District Judge Dineen of Omaha has taken under advisement the suit of Mrs. Eva Cook, former Blair postoffice employe, against Dr. Earl E. Moats, osteopath, for \$2,500 damages. Moats is charged with faulty diagnosis and negligent treatment.

WOULD SEND SINGLE MEN OUT TO FARMS

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Municipal Judge George Holmes announces he will establish an "unofficial" employment bureau to help in securing work for the jobless here. Holmes' plan is to keep a list of farmers who need help and to send single men who would be willing to work for their board and room only during the winter months.

This scheme, Judge Holmes explained, would help the married men also, because it would cut down the number seeking employment in the cities.

ORGANIZED AGRICULTURE MEET AT CEDRON

Chadron, Neb.—(UP)—Nebraska farmers from all sections of the parhandle will assemble here Wednesday for the annual meeting of Western Nebraska Organized Agriculture. Problems of all branches of livestock and crop growing in this section will be discussed.

Meeting in connection with the farmers will be the delegates to the annual session of the western Nebraska Potato Improvement association, which will extend through three days. Home economics sections for the women will be a feature of the meeting.

BELIEVES IOWA MAN INNOCENT

Nebraska State Sheriff Says Bond "Peddler" Not in on Robbery

Lincoln, Neb.—State Sheriff W. C. Condit, Tuesday, expressed doubt that Dewey M. Berlovich, Des Moines paying company representative, was a member of the gang which last September 17 held up the Lincoln National bank and escaped with about \$23,000 in cash and securities worth approximately \$1,000,000.

The bank robbery charge, the state sheriff said, was filed by authorities who believed Berlovich was connected with the planning of the robbery and that additional evidence could be developed to justify the charge.

Berlovich was arrested in Chicago when he attempted to sell \$15,000 worth of bonds identified as part of the loot in the bank robbery. He explained that he had obtained them from a friend. The Des Moines man's preliminary hearing on the bank robbery charge has been set for December 22. He is now at liberty under \$20,000 bond.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL GIVES USUAL WARNING

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Acting Fire Marshal Butcher has issued his usual warning to Nebraskans to be careful of fires during the Christmas holidays. Each year a number of fires result from careless or thoughtless use of candles and other decorative materials.

"Avoid the use of cotton-wool to imitate snow," Butcher said, "also avoid cut paper, celluloid ornaments, as well as lighted candles." Other don'ts contained in the warning were: Don't keep a Christmas tree in the house, except where carefully wired electric lights are used; for more than three days as dry trees are extremely inflammable; guard all open fires; be careful of cigars and cigars in crowds; use slow burning type of film in home motion pictures; above all, be careful.

Butcher advised use of a fire proofing mixture for decorations, composed of two pounds sulphate of ammonia, four pounds chloride of ammonia and three gallons of water. Use of the fire proofing solution will prevent fires, make dyes fast and will not harm the skin.

DIXON COUNTY WOMAN FILES ELECTION CONTEST

Dixon, Neb.—(Special)—Mrs. Harry Anderson, republican candidate for clerk of the district court of Dixon county has filed a contest against John M. Hurley, of Ponca, the incumbent. His majority over her, according to the canvassing board was 53 votes.

NEBRASKA'S IRRIGATED AREA HAS BIG GROWTH

North Platte, Neb.—The need of storage reservoirs on the Platte river was called to attention of the Nebraska Irrigation association here this afternoon by Roy L. Cochran, state engineer. The association's 38th annual convention started here this morning.

Cochran called attention to growth of irrigation in Nebraska, especially during the last 11 years. In 1889, he said, there were under irrigation in Nebraska only 9,000 acres of land. In 1919 that area had increased to 400,000 acres. This year the total was 680,000 acres, a 70 per cent increase from 11 years ago.

HELD FOR MURDERING WIFE LAST MARCH

Alliance, Neb.—(UP)—Rex O. Wilcox, 23 years old, a Bridgeport, Neb., business man, has been arrested here in connection with the fatal shooting of his wife, Jean, last March. At that time she was reported to have shot herself with a shotgun.

OVERHEAD CROSSING TO COST \$250,000

Lincoln, Neb.—Bids are to be received by the state highway department at Columbus, December 29, on an overhead railroad crossing to be built over the Union Pacific tracks in Columbus at a cost of approximately \$250,000, according to an announcement by Secretary Cochran.

The structure is to be 774 feet long, exclusive of approaches, and is to be paid for by the railroad and the federal aid funds, which will share half and half in the expense. It will eliminate the dangerous condition now existing on state highways No. 39 and No. 81.

WAYNE COUNTY MAN ASKING FOR PAROLE

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—Among those appearing before the state board of pardons and paroles at its meeting here Wednesday seeking paroles from the state penitentiary were Alfred Trapp, convicted in Wayne county on a charge of burglary; Calvin Crosley, sent up from Washington county for forgery; and Charles Beebe, convicted of a similar charge in Dixon county.

NEBRASKA HAS AN ADVANTAGE

Federal Statistician Shows Farmers of State in Good Position

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Nebraska agriculture will enter the new year with prospects much more favorable than the average state and probably not excelled anywhere in the agricultural belt, according to a survey by A. E. Anderson, state and federal agricultural statistician.

Price equality, which has been sought for nearly a decade, may be reached, through the present price depression in both agriculture and industry and may be maintained as prices return to better levels, Anderson believes. Should this occur, he says, Nebraska's prosperity will be further strengthened.

"Fortunately for the Nebraska farmer," Anderson says, "the drought was not as serious in this state as in many and production of almost every crop was above the average. Nebraska had no forced sale of livestock due to the drought and shortage of feed, as had several of the states."

SCHOOL FIGHTS STATE STATUTE

Boyd County District Appeals to Nebraska Supreme Court

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—Attorneys for school district No. 5 in Boyd county have attacked the state law which provides for the transfer of pupils in one district to another when they live closer to the schoolhouse in another district, if the parents so desire, and which also provides for the land upon which the parents live to be transferred to the latter district for taxation purposes. They argued before the supreme court that the title is defective; that it covers more than one subject; that it attempts to deprive the old district of its vested rights in the land without notice, hearing or judgment, and without due process of law. They claim it is unconstitutional for the legislature to vest in a private individual the right to fix boundaries.

The case is an appeal from the district court of Boyd county which gave Henry Raterman an order on the county superintendent directing transfer of his five children to another district.

Raterman is a tenant farmer and it is the contention of the county attorney that he is not the real party interested in the case and that the action is a scheme of the landlord to get lower school taxes. He argues that the Butte school, which the children should be attending, is really closer and is a modern town structure, while district No. 5 is a one room rural school. He claims that a road leading across the land tenanted by Raterman was closed and that another, going in the opposite direction, was opened.

FORMER O'NEILL MAN GAINS HIGH POST

O'Neill, Neb.—William J. Froelich, resident of O'Neill until 10 years old, when he began to earn money with which to assist his widowed mother, has been sent to Chicago by Attorney General Mitchell to head the government forces assigned to sweep up Chicago.

Froelich worked for Jim Brown many years and he handled Brown's cigar and confectionery store. He managed to save enough money to pay his way through Georgetown university, Washington, and after he passed the bar examination he climbed steadily.

In his youthful days Mr. Froelich never could find time to engage in the typical games of those in their teens. Time for books and work was never lacking. His whole mind and soul was on law. A friend attempted to teach him to hunt with a trombone action shotgun. Mr. Froelich fired the weapon three times in one afternoon, then blew a hole in a house while showing others how the gun worked.

NEW PLATTE RIVER BRIDGE TO OPEN

Louisville, Neb.—(UP)—Traffic will be permitted to use the new Platte river bridge here for the first time Wednesday, it has been announced by the Louisville Bridge company. It had been intended to open the span to traffic December 5, but the state ordered a delay of five days to permit the floor to harden.

It has been proposed to make the toll charge 25 cents one way and 40 cents a round trip for passenger cars and trucks of under three tons. A charge of 35 cents one way and 60 cents round trip will be made for larger trucks.

CLAIMS FULL ALIBI IN BANK ROBBERY

Lincoln, Neb.—Dewey M. Berlovich, Des Moines, paying salesman, conferred Monday with his attorney Loren Laughlin. He declared he had obtained affidavits which would prove that he had no connection with the \$1,000,000 robbery of the Lincoln National bank, September 17. Berlovich now is free on \$20,000 bond awaiting preliminary hearing December 22, on a charge of participating in the hold-up.

HIGHER RATES ARE DEMANDED

Coleridge Telephone Company Appeals to Railway Commission

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—The Coleridge Telephone company applied to the state railway commission Saturday for authority to increase its rates and also to put into effect a gross and net rate whereby the published rate should have 25 cents a month added to it where prompt payment is not made in advance. The company says that in the 22 years of its existence it has cost it \$5,000 in interest to carry delinquents, and it cannot stand the burden any longer. It has an investment of \$25,275, expenses of \$5,043, and a profit last year of but \$929.

Part of its telephone instruments are company owned and part owned by subscribers, and it has two rate schedules in effect. It asks that be allowed these increases: Company owned, individual business from \$1.60 to \$1.75; party business, from \$1.35 to \$1.50; individual residence, from \$1.25 to \$1.50; party residence, from \$1.15 to 1.40, and rural, from 3.50 a quarter to \$1.40 a month. Subscriber owned: Individual business, from \$1.25 to \$1.50; individual residence, from \$1 to \$1.25; party residence, from 85 cents to \$1.10, and rural from \$3 a quarter to \$1.25 a month. It says that the larger increases in rural lines are made necessary by the fact that it has been necessary in the past to divert maintenance funds from the town stations to the country lines.

BARBERS PLAN STATE-WIDE RABBIT HUNT

Fremont, Neb.—(Special)—The biggest rabbit hunt ever held in Nebraska, to be statewide in scope and participated in by thousands of hunters, has been planned by Master Barbers of Nebraska, under the direction of Henry Meadows, president, for December 21. Barbers in every town are to participate in an organized sweep to rid Nebraska of rabbits. The fruits of the hunt, it is said, will be distributed by Salvation Armies among the poor to make sure everybody is supplied with plenty of Christmas dinner.

POOR FARM CUSTODIAN HELD ON LIQUOR COUNT

West Point, Neb.—Growing out of the recent case of Henry Muhle, farmer, who disappeared after making threats to end his life, two complaints have been filed in county court here.

Henry Muhle, himself, filed a complaint against Fred Schneider, custodian of the county poor farm, charging that Schneider sold him liquor. Muhle asserted in county court that he had purchased five gallons from Schneider early in November. At the time of his disappearance, he stated in county court, he had three gallons left, but on his return it had been stolen.

County Attorney R. R. Moodie filed a complaint for a search warrant against Schneider which resulted in the finding of two gallons of whisky in Schneider's cornfield.

Schneider was brought into county court and pleaded guilty to the possession of liquor and paid a fine of \$100 and costs. He was allowed to depart on his personal recognizance to appear when called for a hearing on the first charge. A second complaint was filed by Walter Muhle, of Colfax county, against William McDonald, of West Point, for a liquor search warrant. Three quarts of beer in bottles and 20 bottles of beer mash in preparation were found. He was charged with possession of intoxicating liquors and fined \$100 and costs.

RECEPTION PLANNED FOR NEW PRIEST

Hartington, Neb.—(Special)—Members of Holy Trinity Catholic parish are planning an informal reception in honor of and as a welcome to their new pastor, Rev. B. H. Lordeman, Monday evening in the Knights of Columbus hall. Attorney P. F. O'Gara will deliver the address of welcome and a response will be given by Father Lordeman.

Father Lordeman was appointed to this parish following the death of Rev. Ferdinand Schunktinger, pastor here for over 20 years, who recently died in his old home in Germany.

HAS LIVED ON SAME FARM 64 YEARS

Beatrice, Neb.—(UP)—Samuel S. Pheasant, 71 years old, lived on the same homestead, nine miles west of here near the Gage-Jefferson county line, for 64 years continuously.

Mr. Pheasant came to Gage county with his parents from Winton, Benton county, Ia., when he was 7 years old. This was in 1866, and the family homesteaded on a 160-acre tract of land.

DECLARES WAR ON ALL GAMBLING DEVICES

Hartington, Neb.—(Special)—Mayor Anthony Hirschman and the city council have declared war on punchboards, slot machines and other practices contrary to state laws. Saturday evening was the dead line set for these devices to operate.

RECALL INDIAN TROUBLE OF 40 YEARS AGO

Alliance, Neb.—(UP)—Oldtimers are scratching their heads here, for this week marks the 40th anniversary of a menacing Sioux Indian uprising in northwest Nebraska which ended in the killing of 150 Sioux warriors under the leadership of Chief Big Foot.

TO AWARD PRIZES IN JUNIOR POSTER CONTEST

Plainview, Neb.—(Special)—Prizes in the junior high school poster contest at Plainview, will be awarded to the following on December 8: Vera Julian, first; Wanda Shively, second; and Myrtice McKay, third.

NAME WINNERS 4-H CONTESTS

Antelop County Committee Selects Those Making Best Showing

Plainview, Neb.—(Special)—At a recent meeting of the Antelop County 4-H club committee, county winners were chosen.

Dwight Morrison of Clearwater was chosen the Antelope baby beef champion and will receive a trip to club week next June. He will be a guest of the Nebraska Farmer.

Dorothy Smith of Plainview was chosen swine club champion. She will also receive a trip to club week and her expenses will be paid by the Omaha Union Stockyard company.

OWNERSHIP OF LINES CHANGE

Phone Companies in Nebraska Seek Authority from Rail Board

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—Application has been filed with the state railway commission by the Monroe Independent Telephone company, for authority to sell its properties at Albion, Genoa, Newman Grove, Lindsay, Loreta, and Monroe to the Continental Telephone company, which has been in charge for several years.

The consideration is \$378,000. The reproduction new value of the company is \$481,042, a present value of \$401,434, the net worth being \$378,000.

The Continental company proposes to issue 3,780 shares of stock in exchange and to sell \$33,400 more stock for the purpose of retiring existing indebtedness.

The company also asks authority to sell its exchange at Platte Center to the Platte Center Telephone company. This is a newly organized company which has a capital stock of \$75,000. R. B. Still is president. With approval of the rail commission this company will withdraw from the Continental chain.

CORN SHOW TO BE HELD AT WALTHILL

Walthill, Neb.—(Special)—The Thurston County Corn Show under the auspices of the agricultural department of the Walthill high school, the farm bureau, and the Lions club, will be held in Walthill, December 11, 12 and 13. Any type of corn grown by anyone may be entered. There will be separate classes for adults and for boys and girls. Thursday is entry day, Friday judging day, and Saturday show day. It is free to everybody, and winning exhibits will be taken to Lincoln to compete in the State Corn Show in January.

ARMY AIR MAN WEDS HARTINGTON, NEB. GIRL

Pilger, Neb.—(Special)—The marriage of Lieut. Horace J. Reed, acting engineer of the 27th squadron at Selfridge field, Mt. Clemens, Mich., to Miss Viola Israelson, of Hartington took place at Trinity Lutheran church at Hartington. Lieut. Reed, an aviator, is the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Reed of Pilger. His bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Israelson of Hartington and has taught at Magnet and Pilger.

Both attended the Wayne State Teachers college for two years. The groom also attended the state university and then was appointed to the U. S. flying corps.

TILDEN MAN LOSTS HAND IN CORN SHELLER

Tilden, Neb.—(Special)—Claude Wingate lost all of his left hand except his little finger in a corn sheller, when he reached into the feed spout which had become clogged. The flannel glove he was wearing caught in the teeth of the sheller and drew his hand into the machine.

CLEAR UP ROBBERIES IN SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Burglaries at Omaha, Crete, Mead, Yutan, Springfield and other southeastern Nebraska towns were cleared up with the arrest here of William Montgomery, Negro, and Steve Moynihan, white.

More than \$2,000 in loot was recovered by detectives and nine Omaha men were arrested on charges of receiving stolen property.