

JOKE CARRIED TOO FAR, SAYS

Visits of Police and Firemen to Her Home Angers Omaha Woman

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Mrs. B. D. Groesbeck is said by her friends to have a good, jovial disposition. But today Mrs. Groesbeck is fighting mad. She is looking for the practical joker, or possible enemy, who has sent police to her home twice and the fire department four times in the last two weeks.

Monday a squad of detectives burst into her home and demanded to know who had been murdered. It was then that Mrs. Groesbeck informed the world that on four occasions the fire department had answered false alarms put in by someone with a perverted sense of humor.

"No one has been murdered—yet," she told the officers. "But let me lay hands on the scoundrel that's doing this and I can promise you a nice, fresh corpse. The thing has gone entirely too far."

LYONS PIONEERS WERE MARRIED 50 YEARS AGO

Lyons, Neb.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. W. Willey celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday. Their children were all present for a family dinner and during the afternoon hundreds of friends called to extend congratulations.

YOUTHS SENTENCED FOR ROBBERY NEBRASKA BANKS

Fairbury, Neb.—(Special)—Eldon Wicks, 23 years old, and Harvey Vernon, 22, pleaded guilty in district court Monday to robbery of the Jefferson County bank at Daykin, Neb., of \$1,000, March 3, and were sentenced to 10 years in prison. The young men recently were apprehended in Los Angeles.

PIONEER OF ANTELOPE COUNTY DIES AT OKDALE

Okdale, Neb.—(Special)—Mr. Albert Barnes, pioneer resident of this community, passed away Sunday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Elmore Holmes. He is survived by several daughters. Mr. Barnes was about 85 years old and has lived in Antelope county for nearly 50 years.

NO NEW BUILDINGS FOR WAYNE NORMAL

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—Wayne normal gets no new buildings at the hands of the house appropriations committee, but the committee subdivision that visited it suggests that every effort be made to keep the plant at its present efficient condition. The bill carries a lump sum appropriation of \$466,280 for Wayne, as compared with \$400,000 for Kearney, \$411,000 for Peru and \$394,000 for Chadron state normals.

FARM YOUTH KILLED WHILE OPERATING TRACTOR

Mitchell, Neb.—(Special)—Elmer Weltzel, 15 years old, was killed when he was run over by a tractor with which he was playing on his father's farm.

WAYNE WOMAN DIES IN LINCOLN HOSPITAL

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—Mrs. Harriet Clupe, a resident of Wayne, died in Lincoln, Saturday, at a hospital. She was 65 years old. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. J. H. Jones of Wayne, and a sister, Mrs. Eunice Dunn of Peru.

WOMAN'S LEG BROKEN WHILE DOING WASHING

Hartington, Neb.—(Special)—Mrs. Carl Hansen of Coleridge had her right leg broken while doing the family washing. The machine was operated by an engine. In some manner she became entangled in the belt.

NORFOLK SCHOOL HEAD TO RETIRE JULY 1

Norfolk, Neb.—(Special)—The board of education accepted the resignation of Supt. H. B. Simon of the public schools to become effective July 1. Mr. Simon has been in the Norfolk schools since 1914. In 1916 he became principal and in 1920 he became superintendent.

THEIR SNOW FENCES WERE REMOVED TOO SOON

Canton, S. D.—(Special)—The snow fences in Lincoln county, 14 miles of them, which stood idle throughout the winter, were removed just a few days before last week's snow storm. After the storm, farmers who had asked to have the fences taken up so they could work their fields, were busy for a couple of days pulling stalled cars out of the drifts.

FARM AUCTION SALES BRING IN THE CASH

Parker, S. D.—(Special)—If the results of farm auction sales are any indication of conditions in this part of the state, then this immediate vicinity has nothing to complain about. One local bank reports that most of the sales which it handled this spring, brought from 75 to 90 per cent cash. One \$2,000 sale brought 80 per cent cash and one \$5,000 sale brought 90 per cent cash. They also report that all chattels brought good prices.

WANDERED AWAY THROUGH UNEXPLAINED FEAR

Nobrara, Neb.—(Special)—Suffering from what is believed to be an ungrounded fear that he was to be done violence Paul Jeannaut, a farmer living four miles west of here, left his tractor in the field Thursday and drove his car to Supt. Neb., about 80 miles, where he abandoned the car and wandered through the blizzard. Friday morning he was picked up by a motorist and taken to Spencer, Neb., and Saturday, apparently improved mentally, he started for home on foot. He was brought home Sunday by friends at Verdell. He is to be taken to an Omaha hospital for treatment.

FEEDER DAY TO ATTRACT MANY

Nebraska Agricultural College to Be Mecca for Men and Women

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Preparations are being made here for over 2,000 visitors from all sections of Nebraska for the annual Feeder's day program at the college of agriculture, Friday, April 17. Both men and women will be entertained this year as was done last year, H. J. Gramlich, head of the department of animal husbandry at the college has announced.

Nebraska farmers this year will have an opportunity to ask questions about feeding practices, Gramlich has outlined in his initial draft of the program for the annual feeder's program. The round table discussion of the problems of the cattle and swine feeder, as well as sheep, has proved one of the more beneficial parts of the annual meeting.

Two speakers have been obtained to headline the speaking program at the Feeder's day. Dr. C. Robert Moulton, director of the American Meat Packers Association of Chicago, will address a section of the home economics division and also the general gathering of farmers. Dr. W. C. Coffey, dean of the University of Minnesota college of agriculture will speak on "Animal Husbandry and Our Changing Agriculture."

This is the 19th year for the Feeder's day for men. The women's section of the meeting was just started last year. Programs in the home economics division of the college of agriculture will feature the women's meetings.

In addition to the speaking program and the round table discussions of feeding problems, the college officials will give the results of feeding tests that have been tried on sheep, cattle and hogs, at the college and the experiment stations during the last year. Inspection tours also will be made.

DARK OUTLOOK FOR NEW ROAD

Seems Unlikely Nebraska Will Join U. S. in Indian Reservation Project

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—While Governor Bryan has made no decision or official statement in the matter, the hopes of residents in northeastern Nebraska for the construction of government highways, particularly one from Decatur to Macy and largely inside the Indian reservations are likely to be unfulfilled. The governor has been besieged by delegations, letters and telephone calls urging action. He was informed that the government stands ready to pay the entire cost of the improvement, but his investigation does not indicate that this is a correct interpretation of its offer.

While it is true that the government has agreed to pay 100 per cent of the cost, the stipulations provide that the road shall be constructed only through certain classes of land, and these holdings do not join. Some of the Indians have titles in fee simple, others in severalty, and others have not secured allotments. The government will build only through such lands as it has an interest as guardian of the Indians.

The present road winds from Decatur to Macy through the hills, but the government wants a direct road constructed. This would mean that a lot of land would have to be condemned for right of way, and that the state would have to pay the bill. On a rough estimate this means at least half the total cost, which would be large. The state has no money for special construction costs, and under the law each located highway must take its turn. At the present time the state is several years behind the legislative building program.

WILD TURKEYS IN STATE PARK

Twenty Six of the Birds Recently Released in Preserve Near Scotts Bluff

Scotts Bluff, Neb.—(UP)—Wild turkeys are now ranging the Wildcat Hills game park near here. Twenty six of the birds were recently released in the park by the game preserve committee of the Scotts Bluff chamber of commerce.

The birds were raised at Lexington and were purchased by the state game, forestation and parks commission for the western Nebraska park.

Weight of the birds released was said to be from 15 to 33 pounds. Wings of the birds were clipped so that they cannot escape from the enclosed park.

Release of the turkeys gives the park the following variety of game animals and birds: 10 pairs of Texas quail, 50 pairs of Hungarian partridges, 4 head of Texas deer, 8 elk from South Dakota, 7 head of buffalo and the 26 wild turkeys.

BANKS REFUSE COUNTY MONEY

Fail to Agree on Service Charges, and Cash Piles Up

Norfolk, Neb.—(Special)—County Treasurer Fletcher has a lot of money he doesn't know what to do with. The Antelope county banks have all returned county deposits, since they could not agree with the county on terms of deposit. The treasurer accepted drafts in lieu of cash, not wishing to carry such a large sum in his office.

The law compels the county to collect 2 per cent interest on the average daily balance and the banks must put up collateral security to insure the safety of the deposit. This security must be deposited in escrow and is of a character which draws a lesser rate of interest than ordinary bank loans, being composed of U. S. bonds.

The banks also have to pay a custody charge for the trust company which takes care of the security thus put up. To reimburse them for this lower rate of interest the banks asked the county to pay a service charge of \$10 per year per thousand dollars of security. The county made a counter offer to \$5 per year service charges. The banks rejected this as insufficient. The banks also asked a 3 cent service charge on each check handled. The county was willing to pay this. The whole controversy hinges on the amount of service charge on the guaranty bond.

KEEPS UP HIS BATTLE AGAINST SCHOOL SOCIETIES

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Isidor Zeigler, Omaha attorney, has taken his battle against high school clubs and sororities to Governor Bryan. In a petition signed by every member of the Douglas county legislative delegation, the governor has been asked to introduce a measure in the present legislature absolutely forbidding such organizations in high schools.

Bryan has taken the matter under advisement. There is a present law on the subject, but Zeigler said it is being ignored by school heads throughout the state because it lacks a method of enforcement.

Zeigler several weeks ago sought to have clubs and sororities ousted from Omaha high schools, claiming his daughter had been discriminated against. The board of education here failed to act.

Under provisions of the bill he has drawn up any member of the board of education who fails to enforce the law could be ousted from office. Membership in such organizations would automatically expel students.

OMAHA NEGRO KILLED IN CUTTING AFFAIR

Omaha, Neb.—Lee Adams, Negro, of Omaha, was killed Sunday, the result, police say, of a pocket knife duel between Adams and Martin Anderson, white, Omaha, in front of the Adams' home. The duel, police said, was the result of an altercation that started in the Adams home.

Anderson, police reported, had left the Adams' home after drinking some beer and gone to his car. Adams, they said, followed him and after jerking him from the car, pulled his pocket knife and slashed Anderson across the hand.

Anderson drew his own knife and aimed a blow at Adams' neck. The knife severed the jugular vein, Adams dying a few minutes later. Not knowing that he had fatally wounded Adams, Anderson went to police headquarters to have the wound dressed. Police, informed of the fight and Adams' death, arrested him.

GETS \$15,000 FOR HER LOVE

Tilden, Neb., Man Given That Judgment in Alienation Action

Neligh, Neb.—(Special)—Theodore Hansen of Tilden won \$15,000 in district court in his suit against Frank Baker, also of Tilden, for alienation of affections of his wife. He sued for \$35,000.

Evidence showed long and continued intimacy between Baker and Mrs. Hansen.

Sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Hansen were the most important witnesses. Hansen, who lived on a farm near Tilden, was not doing well financially and secured employment with Baker, who has been an extensive poultry and produce dealer, with a dozen or more stations in towns surrounding Tilden.

Hansen and the two younger children were quarantined out of the home at one time while the older daughter and mother were ill with measles. The daughter testified that Baker was a nightly visitor during this period.

At other times Mrs. Hansen and her daughter, 10 years old, accompanied Baker on trips to his produce stations in other towns and on many trips to Tyndall, S. D. The climatic came when the 15-year-old son caught Baker and his mother in a compromising situation, horse-whipped Baker as best he could and then called his father and told him. Mrs. Hansen left home and has since been working in Norfolk.

Neither Mrs. Hansen nor Baker was called by attorneys for the defense to refute the charges.

BULK OF WORK STILL UNDONE

Nebraska Legislators Expect to Require 3 More Weeks to Finish Business

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—Legislative leaders are of the opinion that three weeks more at the most is all that will be necessary to complete the real work of the session.

So far Governor Bryan has signed 21 new laws, and allowed one to become a law without his approval.

Of the 495 bills introduced in the house, 224 have already been killed, and the majority of the 106 still in the hands of committees are likely to meet the same fate unless the house changes its mind and names a sifting committee, which now is regarded as unlikely. It has passed 127 of these bills, killed six of those sent over from the senate and passed 22 senate bills.

The senate has passed 117 of the 379 introduced in the upper house and killed 119 of them. It has also passed 32 house bills.

There are 51 bills on the house calendar and 35 on the senate calendar.

The house will likely pass the appropriation bill, since there will be no organized opposition to it, during the present week, and will then have possibly two weeks for consideration of the more important matters pending before it.

ELKS PLAN TO AID CRIPPLES

Physicians of Six Counties Meet at Fremont to Discuss Proposition

Fremont, Neb.—(Special)—At a meeting of physicians of six counties, held at the Elks clubrooms in Fremont, to discuss the Nebraska Elks program for the physical restoration and education of crippled children, plans were laid for free general and orthopedic examination of the children in these counties.

Similar clinics have been held in several other cities in Nebraska.

Plans are to have the examinations conducted at the Elks' home in Fremont.

The Elks program calls for physical restoration, vocational advice, training and finding employment.

A survey, it was said, shows there are 3,000 cripples in the state who will be benefited and at least 200 in the six counties included in the clinic to be held here.

FOUR NEBRASKA WOMEN LAUDED

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Names of four Nebraska women, honored for their achievements, will be upon the national and state bronze honor rolls which will be unveiled in Washington April 15, it has been announced here.

The national honor roll will carry the name of Grace Abbott of Grand Island, as one of the pioneer workers for suffrage and women's rights. The state honor roll will carry the names of the late Clara B. Colby of Beatrice; Margaretta Stewart Dietrich of Hastings and Henrietta Woodward Smith of Omaha.

The Nebraska state roll of honor will be hung beside the national roll, along with the rolls from other states of the union. This tribute to women high in rank among pioneer workers is sponsored by the National League of Women Voters in co-operation with the state leagues.

Grace Abbott is chief of the children's bureau of the United States department of labor. She has directed many investigations into the field of child welfare and maternal welfare.

The three women chosen on the state rolls of honor have been active in women's suffrage work in Nebraska. Clara B. Colby is also on the Wisconsin state honor roll.

MANY STUNTS PLANNED FOR OMAHA AIR RACES

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Prizes to be offered competing pilots in the Omaha air races at Municipal airport, May 15, 16 and 17, will total \$7,500. Manager Phil Henderson announced. The money will be divided among first, second and third place winners in 22 events.

The feature event will be the grand free-for-all, billed as the closing race on the final day for which a \$700 purse has been hung up.

Included in the racing events are a woman's free-for-all and an amphibian race. In the latter pilots will alight on Carter lake, pick up bathing beauties who will be awaiting them on rafts and return to the starting point.

WASHINGTON COUNTY ESTATE CASE APPEALED

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—An appeal has been filed with the supreme court from a decision of the Washington county probate and district courts which held that Mrs. Bertha Devall and Mrs. Ella Raver of Herman had no legal right to demand a third of their father's estate. Edward P. Skinner, the father, died in 1929 and left an estate valued at \$12,000, all of which was to go to a son who cared for him during his declining years, provided \$1,000 was paid to each of the sisters within six months. Mrs. Devall and Mrs. Raver contend that failure to comply with this provision entitles each of them to one-third of the estate under the law of descent, but the lower tribunals held that the son complied with the provisions of the will when he offered the sisters the designated sum within the proper time.

CANCELS CERTIFICATE OF BARTLETT TEACHER

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—State Superintendent Taylor has issued a statement to the effect that the certificate of Gordon Mullen has been cancelled and annulled. Mullen was formerly a teacher in the Wheeler county high school at Bartlett.

Upon complaint of the school board that he had been using profane language in the presence of high school students and had failed to co-operate with school officials, he was granted a hearing before the state superintendent, March 11. He has had 17 years of teaching experience, part of which was at Mason City, Ia.

The statement charges immorality and the use of profane and grossly obscene epithets, lack of discretion, negligence in the performance of his duties, failure to co-operate with Superintendent Munson and grossly insulting him and using vile and disrespectful terms in speaking of high school girls.

MAY CONTEST WILL OF OMAHA WHOLESALER

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Byron J. Reed, wholesale grocer, who died here last Thursday, left his entire estate, valued at \$20,000, to a friend, Harry R. Greenway, his will filed for probate Tuesday disclosed. Two brothers, James Reed of Omaha and William Reed of Los Angeles, received but \$100 each under terms of the will. James Reed indicated he may contest the will. Greenway and Byron Reed had lived in the same house for many years. James Reed was a partner of the deceased in the grocery business.

COURT TERM AT WAYNE OPENS APRIL 26

Wayne, Neb.—(Special)—The district court of Wayne county will hold a regular term of court commencing April 26. The jury is called for the Monday following the opening of the term, unless otherwise ordered. The other regular term of district court is November 9. Sessions of the equity court are set for June 16 and September 2.

EARLY POTATO ACREAGE SHORT

Nebraska Growers Inclined to Plant the Later Variety

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Competition among local gardeners all over the state for the title of the "grower of the first new potatoes of the year," is not going to be so spirited this spring, the state and federal crop statisticians believe.

Reports received at the office of the statisticians at the capitol from all sections of the state indicate that the crop acreage will be reduced this year for early spring spuds.

Although fewer acres will be planted to early potatoes, Assistant Statistician Jones estimated, the total production would not be decreased. Larger yields per acre are expected this year. Most of the 1931 crop of spuds will be grown on new soil, which formerly was alfalfa land.

Total acreage of spuds will be increased this year, Jones believes. Kearney is the center of the early variety potatoes.

Country wide reports indicate that Nebraska's trend to fewer earlier spuds is not being generally followed. A total of 350,140 acres will be planted in the United States this year as compared to 334,390 acres of new spuds last season.

OLDEST EMPLOYE OF NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Judge James S. Dales, oldest employe of the University of Nebraska, started his 61st year in Nebraska Tuesday. He came to the state from Ohio in 1871, April 1.

Born in St. Louis in 1842, Judge Dales early moved to Ohio when a young man. While attending college there he became acquainted with Allen R. Benton, first chancellor of the university. When he learned of Benton's selection as chancellor of the university, he came to Nebraska.

When the new state university opened in Lincoln in 1871, Dale entered a one of the two students. With William H. Snell, he formed the first graduating class from the university.

In 1875 Judge Dales became associated with the university as general secretary of the board of regents. He has announced that he will retire in 1933, at the end of his 57th year in the services of the university.

DEMAND CUT IN PAY OF COUNTY OFFICERS

Fremont, Neb.—(Special)—A resolution calling on the supervisors of Dodge county to take steps to reduce the salaries of Dodge county officers, was passed at the quarterly meeting of the Dodge County Farmers union at Scribner. The resolution follows:

"Be it resolved, whereas, the prices of farm products and wages of labor have declined to a very low level, we, the Dodge County Farmers union, now in convention, request the board of county supervisors to reduce the salaries of county officers so as to bring about a reduction of taxes which are exceedingly burdensome."

MODERN COWBOY MAKES HIS ROUNDS IN AIRPLANE

O'Neill, Neb.—Even the picturesque cowboy is giving way to products of a mechanical age, according to a cattle man who visited in Grant county. On the Joseph Minor ranch, he says, cattle are looked after from the cockpit of airplanes.

Mr. Minor went to Grant county about 50 years ago. He then owned only a horse and saddle. Today his ranches stretch from Grant to Cherry counties and he has 100,000 acres in his name. Besides rendering ideal service in cattle herding, the airplane is said to be perfect for running down predatory animals and in getting the jump on prairie fires.

MADISON NEWSPAPER UNDLER NEW CONTROL

Madison, Neb.—Dr. Cass G. Barns, owner and proprietor of the Madison Star-Examiner for seven years, has relinquished control, and hereafter it will be directed by Frank D. Conley, as editor and manager. Mr. Conley was editor in former years.

Since 1925, at intervals, prior to coming to Madison, Dr. Barns was engaged in the newspaper business in Albion, Neb. He is the author of a book "The Sod House," an early history of northeastern Nebraska. While Dr. Barns has not made plans for the future, he feels that he is too young in spirit to retire from active business. He is a registered physician and licensed to practice medicine.

HIS IMPOSSIBLE TASK MAY BE MADE EASY

Fremont, Neb.—(Special)—It was regarded something of a joke two weeks ago when Deputy Sheriff C. A. Bertram was given a summons to serve on Paul Wupper, former Ecmeyer bank president. Suit had been started by Paul Priest to collect a note for \$2,000. The suit was against Wupper. Bertram made a return that he was "reasonably sure that Wupper was not in Dodge county." He figures now he may soon get an opportunity to serve the summons.