

ASKS DAMAGES FROM SCHOOL

Discharged Teacher at Hartington, Neb., Files Suit for \$10,000

Hartington, Neb. — (Special) — Donald C. Helmsdoerfer, who was discharged as an instructor in the Hartington public schools last April, has filed in the district court of Cedar county a \$10,231.15 damage suit against the school district. The petition states that Helmsdoerfer has been personally injured to the extent of \$10,000 as a result of the publicity given his discharge. He also asks for \$231.15, the balance of this year's salary.

This damage case is the outgrowth of a fistic encounter that Helmsdoerfer and a member of the high school, Marshall Hitchcock, engaged in during the presentation of a musical play in April. Hitchcock was smoking, it is said, and on being asked by the teacher to refrain from smoking behind the scenes he became angry and abusive and Helmsdoerfer hit him, rendering him unconscious for a short time.

The board asked the instructor to resign. He refused and the board discharged him. Helmsdoerfer was arrested following his assault on the boy. He pleaded guilty and paid a fine.

WALTHILL GIRL GIVEN AWARD

Crofton Student Also Receives High Honor at Nebraska University

Lincoln, Neb. — (Special) — Verna Mae Sastor of Walthill and Howard W. Keck of Crofton were among nine undergraduate students of the University of Nebraska to receive awards, according to an announcement by Chancellor Burnett.

Miss Easton was one of the winners of the Henry C. Bostwick scholarship of \$100 and Mr. Keck won the junior prize. The latter award is payable in cash this spring, while that won by Miss Easton is payable in two installments of \$50 each, one at the beginning of the fall semester and the other at the beginning of the spring semester.

Miss Easton is a junior in the teachers college and is president of the Palladian Literary society. Keck won the award which is given to the non-fraternity man best triumphing over heavy odds to obtain an education at the university. He is majoring in rural economics at the college of agriculture.

All awards are made on a basis of scholarship and need, the exact terms being outlined by the donors who are alumni and friends of the university.

WOULD ENFORCE THE BANK GUARANTY LAW

Lincoln, Neb. — Answer and cross petition have been filed in the district court of Lancaster county by Attorney General Sorensen in an attempt to turn the tables on nearly 60 state banks which sought to enjoin the governor, the department of trade and commerce, the state bank commissioner and the attorney general from collecting special assessments under the former bank guaranty law and two-tenths of 1 per cent assessment under the new banking laws. These assessments totaled in the neighborhood of \$3,100,000.

It is claimed by the attorney general that the special assessments under the old law were adjudicated in the United States court in the suit of the Able bank. He is asking a judgment against the banks for the special assessments and for the assessment under the new law.

It is the contention of the attorney general that under the new law the matter of the special assessments is res judicata and he asks that the first cause of action in petition of the banks be dismissed, the defendants being estopped from prosecuting the matter.

He alleges the assessment under the new law is valid and says the banks have refused to pay. He asks the court to enter a declaratory decree pursuant to the provisions of the uniform declaratory judgments act of the state wherein the liability of the plaintiffs may be finally declared and adjudicated. He also asks that the governor and other defendants recover the amounts due with interest at the rate of 7 per cent and costs.

CHILD IS KILLED BY KICK OF A HORSE

Tilden, Neb. — Glen Lyle Chalfant, 14 months old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Chalfant who live on a farm six miles south and four miles west of this place, went from the house to the barnyard with his mother to watch his daddy put away horses.

The child toddled about, taking great interest in the proceedings. He toddled too near to the horses. A hoof shot out and he was dashed to the ground, unconscious, his skull crushed. At Tilden hospital he lived only 15 minutes. He was the only child of the pair.

SUES FOR DAMAGES IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Hartington, Neb. — (Special) — Ralph G. Brooks, superintendent of the public schools, has been sued in the district here for \$5,000 damages as a result of an auto collision last April, when his car collided with another car driven by a man named Nash on highway No. 15 near the schoolhouse. Lorton Burton, a passenger in the Nash car who was injured more or less, is suing for the damages, claiming he was permanently injured.

WAYNE LEGION POST SPONSORS MEMORIAL

Wayne, Neb. — (Special) — Memorial services will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. May 30 at the Gay theater. The services are being sponsored by the American Legion.

NEBRASKA BOY LEADS MARINES

Had Charge of Detachment Sent Against Nicaraguan Insurgents

Albion, Neb. — (Special) — Corporal Ross A. Trooper, former Boone county young man is given credit in press dispatches for leading a detachment of marines against Nicaraguan insurgents in which five of the latter were killed and their stronghold destroyed.

Trooper joined the marines three years ago and has been in Nicaragua for four months. He had served there nine months on a previous order. He is in the mountains and his detachment acts as guard to a native settlement. He has learned to speak Spanish. He was not in the earthquake but arrived on the scene shortly afterward. He believes the earthquake broke the natives morale. He says they have been easier to manage since then.

WIDER PAVING THE PLAN NOW

Omaha, Neb. — (UP) — Paved highways in Douglas county will be widened to at least 24 feet and possibly to 30 feet, it was indicated at a meeting of county commissioners. Such action has been urged for several years by good roads advocates here. The present highways are 18 feet wide which is not enough because of the immense size of some of the trucks now using them, the enthusiasts say.

The county board favors the plan and will put it into effect just as soon as funds are available, Chairman Frank Riha indicated. At present the commissioners are devoting their energies to graveling farm-to-market roads which connect up with the paving and in repairing the brick paving on the Lincoln highway between Elkhorn and Valley. Tests have shown that the bricks are in good condition but that the concrete base underneath them has sunk in spots.

Where the concrete base is heavy enough the bricks make the best pavement in the opinion of Douglas county engineers who see no reason for changing this type of pavement over the damaged stretch of road, it was said.

Federal and state aid can be used in road widening, according to officials of the highway department.

STANTON, NEB., COUPLE MARRIED 64 YEARS

Stanton, Neb. — Stanton's longest wedded couple, Mr. and Mrs. Barret Reckard, observed their 64th wedding anniversary at their home in Stanton.

Mr. Reckard is the town's only veteran of the Civil war and G. A. R. survivor and as post commandant has in his charge the papers of the post. He participated in numerous battles during the war, including Shiloh, Port Donaldson and Mission Ridge, but emerged from his four and a half years in the service unscathed.

The Reckards are pioneers of Nebraska coming here about 52 years ago and homesteading in Brown county. They came to Stanton in 1902 and have resided here since. Mrs. Reckard is 81 years old and her husband 88. They head the only five-generation group in Stanton.

Mrs. Reckard's health has been poor the last year, but she is optimistic and has a clear memory. Mr. Reckard suffered a paralytic stroke about three years ago. He is still quite active. The Reckards have one daughter, Mrs. Frank Miller, of Stanton.

JAILED FOR FAILURE TO PAY ALIMONY

Fremont, Neb. — (Special) — Fred Maryott, Fremont insurance man, was sentenced to 60 days in jail by Judge Spear in district court for failure to pay alimony of \$65 a month. The Maryotts came here from Hopper. He pleads that business has been bad and he couldn't pay failed to get him off.

HAS BEEN MASON FOR HALF CENTURY

Wayne, Neb. — (Special) — A 50-year badge will be presented to J. S. Carhart at a banquet of local members of the Masonic lodge, June 10. Only one such badge has ever been presented to a local member, and J. T. Bresler was the recipient two years ago.

KILLED BY CAR DRIVEN BY HER BROTHER

North Bend, Neb. — Alma Sic, 7 years old, daughter of Ed Sic, farmer living six miles northeast of here, was almost instantly killed late Sunday when struck by a car driven by her brother, Donald, 16.

FREMONT BUSINESS MAN FOR 53 YEARS DIES

Fremont, Neb. — (Special) — Death of O. D. Harms, Saturday morning removed one of Fremont's oldest business men. For 53 years Mr. Harms had been continuously in business, first as an implement dealer, then as the operator and owner of a grain business, with an elevator on the U. P. right of way, and then as a real estate dealer and manager of the Fremont opera house. He had served on the city council and was active in democratic party affairs. His wife and two children survive him.

Human "Flies" in Huge Web



These workmen constructing wire framework as a base for a dome of a huge astronomical observatory at Berlin, Germany, look as hapless as flies entangled in a great spider's web. Each intersection is knotted with extreme care.

CANYON MAY BECOME PARK

Washington — (UP) — A famous canyon of the west, with ancient Indian ruins under the shelter of its 1,000-foot red walls, is to be given the status of a national monument, according to a bill favored by the committee on Indian affairs of the House.

This is the Canyon de Chelly in Arizona, with its tributaries, Canyon del Muerto and Monument Canyon. Although Canyon de Chelly is among the most noted of western canyons, relatively few people have seen it, for the roads to it are not good and there are only very limited accommodations. At present the principal object is to get the region under the protection of the National Park service, which has administrative and police facilities. Before Congress could act on the proposal to make a national monument of the area, consent had to be gained from the Navajo Indians, for it lies within their reservation. However, they make no use of the canyon itself, and only graze their livestock on the surrounding land, so that they were quite willing to agree to the plan.

The area proposed for transfer contains 131 square miles. The red sandstone walls rise sheer above the river, to heights of 700 to 1,000 feet. In some cases the walls are absolutely perpendicular, or even overhanging. They are much sculptured and brilliantly colored. In protected localities there are many cliff dwellings of unknown antiquity.

As the Canyon de Chelly national monument becomes better known, should Congress make the desired transfer, its foreign-looking name may cause some difficulties of pronunciation, as Yosemite and Sequoia did. But it is very simple, say U. S. national park service officials. "Chelly" is pronounced almost as though it were spelled "Shay." "Shay-ee" might be a trifle closer to it.

Birthdate Is Unrecorded Until 62 Years Later

Hartwich, Mass. — (UP) — Mrs. Eliza E. Handy was born here January 5, 1839, but her birth was not listed in town records until a few days ago.

That Mrs. Handy's name had not been recorded was discovered when a daughter, Mrs. Irene L. Kenney, was filling out papers for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Handy's mother, Mrs. Emma Rodman Cahoon, is still living, and she signed an affidavit giving the date of her daughter's birth.

Mop-ticks and Bureau. From San Francisco Chronicle. As an example of the paternal care with which the cluster of government bureaucracies surrounds the public, one may read that the federal trade commission issued an official notice that "manufacturers of mop-ticks will hold a trade practice conference" at a place and on a date designated under the authority of the United States.

That mopstick conference is now history. It was held some months ago.

NEW DRAPERY TRIMMINGS

Some of the new drapery trimmings are quaint and informal looking. All kinds of little pleated chinch trim and cotton ball fringes are being used.

Brushed wool cretans or linen draperies.

SUCCESSFUL PRIEST AS SOLON

Concord, N. H. — (UP) — Because a priest elected to the New Hampshire house of representatives didn't care to serve, a woman has been added to the legislature. Miss Mary Head of Hooksett, great-niece of

ago. But the incident is significant of the growth gradual and almost unnoticed, of a multiplicity of government agencies which bear on the citizen in his business or personal preoccupations.

As illustrative of the growth of bureaucratic activities, Lawrence Sullivan recalls in the Atlantic Monthly that when the federal government was transferred to Washington the whole force of office clerks numbered 54 and the files were transported "in seven small and five large boxes."

There can, of course, be no exact comparison between the young republic and the giant of today. Yet the fact that while the population has increased 33 fold, the number of government employes has been multiplied nearly 16,000 times suggests a taking of stock to see what it is all about.

CHINA OPENS SANITARIUM

Peiping — (UP) — One of the first sanitariums for tuberculosis patients in China was opened here recently. The sanitarium has been financed by two Chinese hospitals, and the doctors and nurses are all Chinese. A hill commanding a fine view and high above the dust of the plains was selected for the site.

FLOWER SELLERS CAN STAY

London — (UP) — The famous flower sellers of Piccadilly circus aren't going to have to move, after all. So many protests were made that officials agreed to allow the women, who soon would have been forced to move from the place four of them have occupied for 40 years to remain.

AUTO CATTLE TOLL INCREASED

Reno, Nev. — (UP) — The loss of livestock along the public highways of Nevada is creating an economic problem that is giving stockmen much concern. An increasing number of livestock is killed by automobiles and trucks every month, while the number killed by trains on railroad rights of way was 327, a decrease of 150.

FAST CONTEST

London — A fasting contest between Alf Wilson, of Stockport, and Raymond Tac, of New Zealand, recently came to a close at Manchester when Wilson surrendered on medical advice. The two men had gone 50 days without food. Tac automatically won the contest on Wilson's withdrawal.

Forgiven, From Tit-Bits.

As the rector was leaving a temperance meeting, he encountered one of his flock considerably the worse for drink. "Oh, William!" he exclaimed. "I regret to find you in this state. I'm sorry! I'm sorry—very sorry!" "Well," muttered the man, "if you're really sorry, I forgive you."

Good Old Gramp, From Portland (Ore.) Express.

"Pa," proposed the young lad, "why don't you buy grandpa a pair of snowshoes for Christmas?" "Snowshoes? Grandpa doesn't use snowshoes." "No, but he's awfully good about lending."

Thash 'Ri', From Tit-Bits.

The Smiths were quarrelling. "You women," said Smith contemptuously, "are only happy because of a glass."

"Yes," replied his wife, "and you men are only happy after one."

former Gov. Natt Head, won the special election held after the Rev. Napoleon Gilbert had declined the seat.

It Looked That Way, From Tit-Bits.

Two chess experts were playing a match to which the public was admitted. One of the players, finding himself in an awkward predicament, held his hand poised over the board for 10 minutes but made no move.

Then one of the spectators whispered to his friend, "Better run for a doctor. That one's paralyzed."

CLASS OF 230 GIVEN DIPLOMAS IN COUNTY

Oakdale, Neb. — (Special) — Graduation exercises for the eighth grade pupils of all of Antelope county were held in Neligh, Thursday afternoon. The class was the largest in the history of the county, being 230 in number. Glen A. Anderson of Lincoln delivered the address.

BUILD CHAPEL AS MEMORIAL

Descendents of Early Bohemian Settlers to Have Dedication Saturday

Dodge, Neb. — (UP) — The chapel erected as a memorial to the Czech pioneers of Dodge county, will be dedicated formally Saturday at the National Bohemian cemetery two and a half miles northeast of here.

Erection of the chapel is in line with the movement among the Czech people to commemorate the places where their forefathers settled and lived.

The Bohemian influx into Nebraska took place soon after the Civil war. The first settlement in this section of the state was in Cuming county, west of West Point. The Cuming county Bohemian people took homesteads and developed the country, gradually spreading out until the northwest corner of Dodge county was included in the new community.

The first meeting place of the Czechs in Dodge county was at the rural postoffice on the Anton Bartosh farm, two miles northeast of what is now Dodge. On a special call meeting in 1883 it was voted to erect a community hall. Bartosh donated two and one half acres of land, half to be used for a burial ground. The burial ground is now known as the National Bohemian cemetery.

Of the 13 original founders, two are living. They are Joseph Brazada, one of the Cuming county pioneers who now lives at Dodge, and Anton Barton, living in California. The present membership of the organization is about 80 families.

The chapel is a 34x22 foot structure, of Gothic architecture. It is built of dark red brick, with Bedford trim. Near the chapel entrance there has been placed a large memorial tablet, bearing the inscription "Erected to the memory of Czech Pioneers, 1930." And in Bohemian, "Pomatoe Ceskych Pionyru, 1930."

HUSBAND DEAD, WIFE MAY DIE

Nebraska Tragedy Believed Attempted Murder and Self Destruction

Riverton, Neb. — (UP) — John Marand, Jr., 19 years old, was found dead and his 17-year-old wife was found dangerously injured Thursday in Marand's blood spattered automobile on a lonely road three and one-half miles northwest of here.

It is believed by Sheriff N. C. Smithson, of Franklin, that Marand had attempted to kill his wife and had then ended his own life. Mrs. Marand, her skull fractured in two places apparently by blows from a hammer, was taken to a Hastings hospital.

Marand was found dead at the wheel of his automobile, his head d'awn back. His death was believed due to poisoning. A partly emptied bottle of poison was found on the floor of the car.

In the car was found a blood covered hammer, believed to have been used in an attempt to kill Mrs. Marand. Examination of her injuries revealed three deep wounds, inflicted by the hammer. Two of the blows had resulted in skull fractures.

Marand and his wife had been married slightly more than a year. For the last several weeks Marand had been living with his parents near Franklin and his wife with her parents near here, while looking for a home in which to establish themselves.

FEWER DEATHS FROM AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS

Omaha, Neb. — (UP) — Deaths from automobile accidents in Omaha for the 52 weeks ending May 16, 1931, decreased sharply from those of a similar period a year ago, according to a report of the department of commerce.

Deaths in 1931 totaled 51 against 70 in 1930, the report showed. For the four weeks ending May 16, 1931, Omaha auto fatalities totaled five against two for the four weeks ending May 17, 1930.

A compilation of figures for 81 cities showed an increase from 8,830 in 1930 to 9,070 in 1931, and an increase in the death rate per 100,000 population of from 25.8 in 1930 to 26.0 in 1931. Omaha's death rate decreased from 33.1 in 1930 to 23.8 in 1931.

For the four weeks period ending May 16 last the 81 cities reported 684 auto deaths compared with 669 for a similar period ending April 18, 1930, and 614 for a like period ending May 17, 1929.

OMAHA'S OLDEST VET

NOT G. A. R. MEMBER

Omaha, Neb. — (UP) — Omaha's oldest war veteran is not a member of any veterans' organization. He is John A. Carey, 93, who came here 25 years ago from Grand Island to make his home with a daughter. He fought through the civil war with an Iowa infantry regiment and engaged in many important battles. He still has a vivid recollection of seeing Gen. Phil Sheridan on his famous ride at Shenandoah.

ANNUAL MEET FOR CREAMERY

Farmers' Union Members Attend Session of Enterprise at Norfolk

Norfolk, Neb. — (Special) — Several hundred farmers from all sections of northeast Nebraska were in Norfolk for the annual district Farmers' Union creamery meeting. More than 250 stockholders of the organization were present for the business session.

George Larsen of Bostwick, chairman of the board of directors, presided over the business meeting.

The principal speakers of the afternoon were Mr. McCarthy, General Manager Norgaard and Mr. Hagge, state field man.

Mr. McCarthy gave an interesting talk on general Farmers' Union activities, declaring that the fact that Nebraska was generally considered the silver lining around the cloud of national depression was because of the Farmers' Union enterprises. He stated that 20,000 farmers had patronized co-operative enterprises and had saved themselves thousands of dollars.

DIXON COUNTY COURT UPHeld

Allen, Neb., Woman's Appeal for More Alimony Is Denied

Lincoln, Neb. — (Special) — The supreme court has denied the appeal of Iva Goodwin from the action of the district court of Dixon county which awarded her \$1,000 alimony when her husband secured a divorce.

Mrs. Goodwin was a storekeeper in Allen and mother of two children by a former marriage at the time she married John W. Goodwin in September, 1928. At that time he was 64 years old.

One of Mrs. Goodwin's daughters opened a beauty parlor in the home, which annoyed Goodwin because of the irregular hours and character of the business.

Goodwin had paid attorney fees of \$200 and temporary alimony amounting to \$750, which the supreme court holds is ample, due to the fact that the marriage lasted less than a year and Mrs. Goodwin did not aid her husband in accumulating his property.

THREE WOMEN RECOVERING FROM BAD SCALDS

Tilden, Neb. — (Special) — Mrs. Ray Stewart, Mrs. Will Stewart and Mrs. Carl Bridges, the three women who were severely scalded at the Ray Stewart home, 10 miles south of Tilden, by steam from a pressure cooker they were using, were reported to be resting fairly comfortably at a hospital in Tilden.

The women were preparing coffee in the cooker when, according to Ray Stewart, one side of the lid which had not been clamped down properly, raised up and allowed the steam to escape suddenly. He said the lid did not blow off, as previously reported.

OMAHA WOMAN AGAIN HEADS CATHOLIC GROUP

Norfolk, Neb. — (Special) — Mrs. Arthur F. Mullen of Omaha was re-elected president of the Omaha Diocesan Council of Catholic Women of the N. C. C. W., at the close of the organization's 11th annual convention which was held here. Announcement of the election results was the closing event on the program.

Mrs. Joe W. Maas of Norfolk was elected to one of the principal offices, being made second vice president. Other officers elected are: Mrs. Charles Daugherty, Columbus, first vice president.

Mrs. W. J. Reeder, Cedar Rapids, third vice president.

Mrs. R. L. Henderson, Battle Creek, treasurer.

SPANISH WAR VETS TO MEET AT OMAHA

Omaha, Neb. — (UP) — Tentative plans for the state convention of United Spanish War Veterans here June 21 to 24 call for the appearance of many notables on the program, according to J. Bruce Newton, in charge of local arrangements. A thousand veterans are expected to attend.

Mayor William H. Armstrong, Racine, Wils., will represent the national organization. Senator Howell, Governor Bryan, Mayor Metcalfe, heads of all veteran and kindred war organizations and several civic leaders have been asked to speak.

LYONS PLANS FOR MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

Lyons, Neb. — (Special) — Decoration day will be fittingly observed here with the American Legion in charge. There will be two band concerts, and address by Rodney Dunlap, attorney, of Fremont, Neb., and a baseball game.

ASSESSMENTS SHOW DECREASED VALUATIONS

Wayne, Neb. — (Special) — Reports of seven precinct assessors in Wayne county show considerable lower property valuations for this year. Some of the precincts show the following decrease: Winside precinct \$13,260; Hunter precinct \$83,950; Logan precinct \$64,655, and Brentna precinct shows a decrease of \$118,755.

The county assessor, commissioners and clerk will sit at a board of equalization. The board will meet June 9 and be in session three days.