INSTITUTE WAS **HUGE SUCCESS**

District Epworth League Event Brought to Close at Madison, Neb.

Madison, Neb .- (Special) -- More than 250 delegates Sunday night brought the annual institute week for district Epworth leagues to a close at the Madison fair grounds with the awarding of honors which had been won during the week.

Twenty delegates received diplomas, having completed the threeyear course of classes and studies offered by the young people's outing. Ten were given special recognition for post-graduate work, which amounted to study beyond the required three years.

The Page, Neb. group was given first place for the best evening program presented during the week while Norfolk was second. Bloomfield won first honors for the best showing made at camp, Madison placing second and Allen, third.

The Rev. L. N. Blough of Bloomfield was elected dean of the institute for next year, with Miss Alice McElhaney of Neligh registrar.

EXCAVATE FOR BIG ELEVATOR

Farmers' National Grain Corporation to Have Modern Plant at Fremont

Fremont, Neb. — (UP) — Workmen are busy excavating here for the foundation work for the new 600,000 bushel elevator to be owned and operated by the Farmers National Grain corporation.

The 3,000 yards of dirt being removed from the site for the elevator foundation is being used by the

or foundation is being used by the Chicago and North Western railroad and is hauled to points along their line where fills are to be made. Contractors have agreed to have the elevator unit, one of the largest in the eastern part of the state, finished by August 25, and ready to receive a portion of the flow of new grain coming on the markets.

Royal, Neb. — (Special) — Crops throughout this territory were somewhat damaged by the intense heat of the last week, this with the possible exception of corn. Wednesday's rain was a god-send to the

LARGEST STEER IN THE WORLD

Animal Owned by Ericson, Neb., Man Weighs 3,300 Pounds, Not Fat

Ericson, Neb.—(Special) — The largest steer in the world is owned by E. E. Huffman, who lives near here. His name is "Wonder," and he is a pure bred Holstein. He weighs 3,300 pounds and is capable of weighing 4,000 to 4,500 pounds if fattened.

The steer is seven years old and was born on the Ralph Clement ranch near Burwell, carrying the Half Circle Open A brand. He was hand fed and received no grain un-

The length from the tip of "Wonder's" nose to the root of his tail is 10 feet, eight inches. The heighth at hips is six feet, two inches; girth, nine feet, six inches; around neck at smallest place, twenty-four inches.

Wonder fills an ordinary transfer truck to capacity and sticks his head over the top of stock racks as most cattle would a manger.

REPORT GRASSHOPPERS INVADE NEW AREAS

Lincoln, Neb.-Secretary Felton of the state department of agriculture has received word that the grasshopper menace has worked its way into Garfield county and crops in the vicinity of Burwell are badly damaged. Farmers who have experimented with poison in combating the insects report that it was fairly successful, one farmer counting more than 240 dead grasshoppers on a square foot of ground after one application of an arsenic mixture. Some damage also has been reported in Buffalo county. The fight continues against the grass-hoppers in Boyd, Cedar, Dixon, Keya Paha, Knox and Rock counties.

LAUREL MOTHER OF

FIVE SEEKS DIVORCE Laurel, Neb.—(Special)— Mrs. Myrtle Boucher, mother of five children, has filed a petition for divorce from her husband Clinton V. Baucher. They were carried here in 1905. Boucher is said to have deserted his family October 1, 1928.

Mrs. Boucher asks custody of the chlidren, alleging that their father is a person of shiftless habits.

BRIDEGROOM IN JAIL

ON CHECK CHARGE

Crofton, Neb.-Verne Ehlers, 22 years old, Crofton bridegroom, is in the Knox county pail at Center on forgery charges. Complaint was filed

by a Crofton bank. Ehlers pleaded for a couple of days to visit relatives in West Point, Neb., as he thought they would advance funds to cover the amount, but when he overstayed the time he was picked up and returned to

Knox county. Ehlers was married to Miss Edna Harding, rural school teacher, at Crofton, a couple of weeks ago. NEW POSTMASTER FOR

NEWCASTLE NOT NAMED Newcastle, Neb .- (Special) -- Word has been received that Dean H. Ehle has been appointed as post-master to succeed Ward Tuttle, who has been postmaster since July 14, 1926. The civil service examination was given September 13, 1930, and Mr. Ehle was chosen from mang 14 candidates. It has not yet been determined when the new postmaster will take charge of

Mr. Ehle has taught in the Newcastle public schools for 10 years and also in the rural schools of Dixon county. He is an exservice man.

NO REHEARING **DIVORCE CASE**

Dixon County Woman Loses in Her Appeal to Supreme Court

Lincoln, Neb. — The supreme court has denied a rehearing in the appeal from Dixon county of the case of Goodwin vs. Goodwin. John Goodwin sued Iva Goodwin for divorce, charging extreme cruelty and this action was affirmed by the supreme court.

Mrs, Goodwin asked a rehearing, claiming that the evidence did not prove the charges made against her, but did bring out that Good-win had been extremely cruel to her and that she was entitled to the decree. She also claimed that alimony in the sum of \$1,950 along with \$50 a month during the period of their separation is insufficient and that, since Goodwin is worth more than the court at first supposed him to be, she is entitled to

JUDGE MUNGER **NOT TO RETIRE**

Federal Jurist in Nebraska Reaches "Quitting" Age July 7

Lincoln, Neb .- (UP) - Federal Judge T. C. Munger, who on July 7 will observe his 70th birthday, has let it be known that he will decline the opportunity to retire on a \$10,000 per year pension.

At one time, intimates of the federal jurist state, he considered retiring on reaching his 70th birthday. But now that that time has come, they say, the thought of no longer attending to his duties is too much for the man who for 24 years has been federal judge here and who acted as a county attorney prior to that time.

Judge Munger is now in Cali-fornia, on a two months vacation. He will return, however, and rosume his work on the federal bence in September. In addition to holding court in the Lincoln division of the eighth judicial district, Munger has done a great amount of work for the circuit court of appeals.

Judge Munger was born in Iowa and came to Nebraska in 1885. After teaching for a year in Lancaster county, he went to Benkelman where he was made county attorney and nominated for the legislature. In 1888 he returned to Lincoln and was married to Miss Carrie Case.

In 1895 the judge was elected to the sate legislature, where he became chairman of the house judiciary committee. Two years later he

became Lancaster county attorney. The judge ascended to the federal bench in 1907. Since that time he has established a record for his knowledge of law, his memory and the few successful appeals from his judgment.

ASSERT GOVERNOR WANTS DEMOCRATIC ATTORNEYS

Lincoln, Neb. - (Special) - In connection with the threatened row between the governor and four bank receivers in charge of 250 failed state banks, a list of democratic attorneys whom they say Governor Bryan has tried to empley, displacing men who are familiar with the work, has been compiled by the receivers. A notice sent the governor declaring their intention of pulling away from the state house and working only under orders and control of the courts, was signed by George I. Parker, Norfolk; R. O. Brownell, Schuyler; H. C. Peterson, Chappell, and Clarence G. Bliss, former secretary of the state department of trade and commerce. They charge that the appointment of a number of democratic attorneys who are friends of Bryan, displacing men who have had experience and have grown familiar with the work con-nected with the lailed banks, has caused much trouble and unnecessary expense. Included in the list whom it is said the governor insist. ed be appointed are: B, D. Flory, Albion; Reed O'Hanlon, Blair; Grover Long, August Wagner and Otto F. Walter, Columbus; S. S. Sidner and J. F. Rohn, Fremont; P. F. O'Gara, Hartington; Willis E. Reed, Madison; Frank Warner, Norfolk; W. B. Cowan, Stanton; B. C. Enyard and J. A. Singhaus, Te-kamah; Otto H. Zacek, West Point.

KNOX COUNTY CASE TO SUPREME COURT

Lincoln, Neb. - (Special) - The supreme court has denied a rehearing in the case of Peterson vs. McClure, appealed from Knox county. Peterson was given a judgment for attorney fees for his part in the litigation of an estate in the interest of Mrs. McClure. He claimed to have had a contract with Mrs. McClure for a specific sum which the court allowed, but the district court and the supreme court now hold that this is not in full payment for his services.

Tales of Real Dogs

By Albert Payson Terhune

thicket. As they gained this shelter, they noticed that Texas was no

longer with them. The dog had

dropped to earth, as usual, after giving the alarm; and had lain there awaiting further orders from

But those pals had been too busy

scutting for cover to call him. And

now he was lying where the smug-

glers might see him in another in-stant and send a bullet through

One of the men of the patrol risked a bullet through his own

head by breaking cover and dashing

back to where Texas lay. By rare luck, he and the dog got back safe-

Remaining in the cover of the thicket, the border men held the

charging smugglers at bay. Then by

crossfire they kept them from reaching the river until reinforce-

ments of the patrol came on the scene and rounded up and captured

The foregoing are but two of many instances wherein Texas has

been of great use to the border

guards. He seemed to develop an al-

most miraculously accurate nose for

smugglers and other border male-

factors. He could trail them or

could sniff out their ambushes or

scent their distant approach, as

story: Texas was a trained bird-dog. Thus, one might reasonably

have expected him to be distracted

by the sight or scent of game birds,

during these patrol hikes of his,

and to neglect mere human prey for

the sake of this ancestral instinct.

But he did not. Even when

between him and the smugglers he

was trailing, he would not turn aside

for even the fraction of a second,

in order to point the birds. When his advance flushed them he gave

them not a single glance, but con-

tinued along his line of duty. That

is most unusual behavior for a pure-

from, nor how he chanced to be lying, half dead, near the patrol

barracks; nor why he took so natur-

ally to man-hunting. But he repaid

fiftyfold the kindness and the care

bestowed on him by the men who

fed him when he was starving and

To Give Abyssinia

one of the few countries of the

world without money of its own is

to have a modern currency and on

The expense of this reform is to be borne by international trade.

Emperor Haile Selassie suddenly in-

creased import and excise duties,

"The yield from these taxes,"

stated the decree, "is to be used

exclusively for the purchase of the

National Bank of Abyssinia and es-

tablishment of a gold currency."

Control of the bank is to pass

from its present Egyptian manage-

Hitherto Abyssinia has depended

for what little money it needed up-

on the Maria Theresa thaler, intro-

duced several years ago from Aus-

tria. These coins were minted in

Aden and brought across the Red

sea. More recently the National

Bank of Egypt established a branch

here and issued some paper money.

been content to use bars of salt,

empty bottles, tin cans and rifle

cartridges as media for buying and

MAY END FRENCH MONOPOLY

sistent reports are to the effect

that the monopoly exercisea by

French manufacturers in supplying

the Brazilian army with aviation

material is to soon be broken. The

combine was first effected 12 years

ago when the French army mission

first came here. Break of the mo-

nopoly would allow other nations

to enter bids ifor aviation materi-

sentenced to serve one month for

causing bodily harm to two men in

their district. As the sentence would

prove costly to them in enforcing a

delay in seeding their land, the

sentence was postponed until the

SNAKE BOUNTY BILL OFFERED

Margie Neal, only woman member

of the upper house of the Texas legislature, doesn't like snakes any

more than other women. She has

offered a bill to pay bounties for

Austin, Tex. - (UP) - Senator

land was planted.

dead rattlesnaker

Rio de Janeiro - (UP) - In-

But the bulk of the citizens have

some by as much as 30 per cent.

Much to the discomfort of foreign merchants here the government of

New Corn System

who nursed him back to health.

Foreign Trade Tax

Addis Ababa —

ment late in May.

a gold basis.

Nobody knew where Texas came

bred and field-broke hunting dog.

was on the ground

Now here is an odd slant to this

his human pals.

ly to their comrades

the enemy.

could no human.



His name was "Texas." He was a | retreat to the cover of a nearby purebred Llewellyn setter. He became a member of Uncle Sam's Mexican border patrol; and there he did heroic and fearless service.

Back in 1928, one cold night, an officer of the border patrol was returning to barracks, after making his final rounds. The faint sound of a whimper made him pause and press the button of his flashlight. On the ground, just in front of him, lay a dog.

It was a Llewellyn setter, weak and dying from hunger. The officer gathered the half-dead animal up in his arms and carried him into the barracks. There the frozen beast was laid on a blanket in front of a stove, and nourishing food was brought to him.

The setter ate ravenuously. Apparently he had been at his last gasp from starvation and too feeble to keep upon his feet. Also, the chill of the winter night had gone through him.

So affectionate and so clever and

so nearly human did he prove to be, as soon he was able to move about again, that the patrol resolved to adopt him. The officers bestowed on him the name of "Texas." Nobody knew where Texas had

come from nor how he chanced to be in such desperate plight when he was found. It was enough that he was wise and plucky and lovable. Down on the border, even nowadays it is not always safe nor sensible to inquire too closely into a newcomer's past life or antecedents.

The troopers knew brains and courage and friendliness when they saw it. And they decided they saw all three of those fine traits in their one of their brave patrolling force, by adoption.

The job of the border patrol is no sinecure. Among other forms of malefactors, there is the ever-present smuggler, seeking to carry contraband goods across the Rio Grande and into United States territory under cover of darkness. It was against those smugglers that Texas first showed his prowess as

a member of the patrol.

Several men of the patrol force had lost their lives in skirmishes with smugglers, who had a way of shooting to kill. Sometimes they slew three or more troupers of the patrol in a single year. It was to this dangerous branch of the border service that Texas elected to attach himself.

I am going to quote from the of-ficial organ ("Our Dumb Animals") of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A., for an account of the setter's first night as a volunteer patrolman. It is a true incident and was verified by the S. P. C. A., before it was printed:

"The night was pitch dark. The patrol had information that smugglers would attempt to cross liquor and perhaps dope at a lonesome spot down the river. Four patrolmen were creeping on their hands and knees through the dense brush on the bank of the Rio Grande.

"Texas was along. He was in the lead. Suddenly Texas 'froze to a point.' Everyone stopped and strained his ears, but heard nothing. After a moment, Texas turned his head and whined softly. Thus the patrolmen knew he had spotted smug-

"They waited breathlessly. A few minutes later three smugglers came into sight through the gloom, walking slowly and silently. Each had a sack on his back and each carried a drawn pistol in his hand.

"The smugglers came right toward the waiting officers who remained where they were until the three were upon them. Texas had crouched down in the bushes without a sound. The oficers jumped to their feet with leveled rifles, and took the smugglers so much by surprise that no effort was made to

"Had the patrolmen continued their creeping progress, unwarned by Texas, they would no doubt have encountered the smugglers and would have been taken at a disad-

Not long after the accident I have just quoted, there was another nocturnal clash between the patrol and a group of smugglers. Again Texas gave warning of the outlaws' stealthy approach. But this time the border men were not so fortunate in bagging their game without firing

The patrolmen were greatly out-numbered by their foes and had to

TALE OF AN IRISH COP London-Sergeant Pat Clancy is retiring from police service after 25 years in harness—and many law-breakers are glad. For the last six and a half years Pat has driven the "Black Maria" and has transported 40,000 prisoners to and from jail. He never lost a prisoner in transit,

REAL FARM AID. Edmonton, Alta. - Farm conditions in Canada being not so favorable, Justice W. L. Walsh decided to be lenient with John Luciak, Harry Kursh and John Zacharuk, HEAT CAUSES FARMERS

TO WORK AT NIGHT Allen, Neb .- (Special) -- Many Dixon county farmers are laying their corn by in the moon light. The severe and unseasonable heat of the last week and the resultant strain upon horses and men, has caused the farmers to try out various methods of taking advantage of the comparatively cool hours of the early morning and evening. Very little work is being done in the fields during the heat of the day, and the brilliant clear moon of the last week has made it possible for many farmers to start in the corn field about 12 to 1 o'clock at night and cultivate until the following forenoon, and letting the horses rest during the hot part of the day.

HOPPER PESTS IN NEW FIELDS

New Demands Made on Nebraska's Governor for Poison Bait

Lincoln, Neb .- (Special) -The department of agriculture is receiving further requests for assistance in combatting the grasshopper menace to crops in the northern part of the state, farmers in Keya Paha and Rock counties having sent a petition to the department and reports from Dixon and Cedar counties indicate the insects are invading that terri-

Farmers have abandoned hope of saving small grains and are turning all efforts to saving the corn crop.

The new petition has been turned over to Governor Bryan who will probably draw more money from the pest eradication fund to aid farmers in the more recently afflicted territory. A total of \$1,600 was placed at the disposal of the county boards of Boyd and Knox counties, to be distributed among farmers unable to buy poison to kill the grasshoppers.

Secretary Felton of the agriculture department stated that the mild winter of 1930-31 is the cause of so many grasshoppers and says that unless next winter is severe the insects will be much worse next summer, if they are not curbed now.

BANK CASE APPEALED TO SUPREME COURT Lincoln, Neb .- (Special) -- An appeal has been filed in the supreme

court from the refusal of District Judge Chase of Cuming county to allow Mrs. Mary Schlickbernd a preferred claim for \$3,000 against the Beemer State bank.

Mrs. Schlickbernd's husband left \$4,000 worth of liberty bonds in the care of the bank, which paid her \$1,000 and the interest on the other bonds for a number of years before the bank, of which Paul Wupper was president, failed. Schlickbernd died in 1922. His widow never had seen the bonds, but had her husband's word and a cashier's receipt that they were at the bank.

The cashier said Wupper sold the bonds and placed the money in the bank to supplant worthless assets and that when the institution failed there was an \$800,000 shortage.

LAKE NEAR KEARNEY BEING IMPROVED Kearney, Neb .--Workmen

are here this week doing improvement construction at Cotton Mill Lake park, west of here. The premises have been fenced and trees set out. Work is well along on the con-

struction of a new dam, whereby the waste from the lake and canal can be regulated. A large, high dam is being constructed, dirt being secured from the west bank and transferred to the dam site with the aid of slips. Spillways and sluice gates will be constructed as needed. With completion of the dam, water in the lake can better be regulated and the loss of fish, into the canal checked.

An additional supply of large fish will be transferred to the lake shortly, giving the lake a larger stock of game fish. It is planned to feed the fish plenty, so to spoil the anglers chances, and thus spur the rapid propogation of game fish in the lake.

NEW MOVEMENT OF

INTEREST TO BOYS Norfolk, Neb .- (UP) -- After sponsoring Troop No. 121 for 10 successful years, the Norfolk Y. M. C. A. and the Rotary club are closing the history of the oldest Boy Scout troop in the Covered Wagon area and probably in Nebraska.

The young men's organization is substituting in its place a program for boys of this city to be known as the "Ploneer Movement."

The boys who become pioneers will engage in activities similar to those in Scout work, J. G. Moor, general secretary of the "Y" has stated. In addition the boys will receive training more closely conducted with the church.

SNAKE IS BEDFELLOW Le Panto, Ark. - (UP) - When J. W. Wolf awoke from a nap he found a large water moccasin coiled around his thigh. "I waited until the snake released its coil and then shook it off," Wolf said.

GRASSHOPPERS INVADE KNOX COUNTY FIELDS Bloomfield, Neb. - (Special) -

Grasthoppers have appeared in Knox county, one and one-half miles north of here where they have destroyed one 20-acre field of barley and have moved into adjoining oats fields. A close inspection of the barley and oats fields shows that the graius cannot mature and the only hope for the farmers to salvage anything is to cut the grain for rough feed. Corn is still looking fine. is clean of weeds and with rain will make a good crop

DAKOTA COUNTY CASE APPEALED

William Bartels Demands Damages from Drainage District No. 2

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—An appeal has been filed with the supreme court by William Bartels, who lost in the district court of Dakota county in his suit for \$2,-446 damages from Drainage district

No. 2.

Bartels filed suit on the ground that his 1927 crops had been damaged because of improper construction and maintenance of the drainage ditches, but the company demurred, saying he had not filed a claim for damages or given notice of a claim within the time limit and in the manner required by law and in the manner required by law. The district court held that Bartels had no cause for action.

FORMER IOWAN SECRETARY
TO GOVERNOR BRYAN
Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—Harold
B. Porterfield, graduate of the Essex, Ia., high school and former county attorney at Sidney, Ia., has been appointed private secretary to Governor Bryan at a salary of \$2,-540 a year, succeeding Franz C. Radke who had been given legal post in the department of trade

and commerce. After receiving his A. B. degree at the University of Nebraska in 1917, Porterfield joined the navy, entering as second class seamen in the naval reserve and being discharged as an ensign in the regu-lar navy. After his release from service, he again entered the university where he earned his law degree. He began the practice of law at Hamburg, Ia., later going to Sidney upon his election as county attorney. He came to Lincoln two years ago as district manager for the Aetna Life Insurance company. He is affiliated with the democratic

ROSES FROM SLIP GIVEN HER 73 YEARS AGO Coleridge, Neb. — (Special) — 'Grandma'' Starks, 83 years old, recently has been giving away bouquets of roses comig from a slip given her on her tenth birthday. The slip was from a "George the Fourth" rose bush. When Mrs. Starks came to Nebraska she brought the bush with her.

MAN WHO FIRED ON POSSE IS FREED

Madison, Neb-(Special)-Matt Thoman, 70 years old, bachelor and alleged bootlegger was freed of all charges following an examination by the sanity commission which

found him sane.

Thomas had been arrested June 18 on a charge of disturbing the peace. He fired at an alleged beer buyer and at officers with a revolver and a shotgun. After his arrest a raid was made on his home and about 100 bottles of what was said to be beer, was found.

Thomas according to evidence, had been the victim of robberies and did not recognize the men as

AGED SHOEMAKER GOES

TO HIS LAST REST Royal, Neb.—(Special)—Vic Spjut, a mender of soles for 65 years, has answered the final summons. For half a century this veteran shoemaker served the needs of his fellowmen in northern Antelope

Mr. Spjut's father was a shoe-maker in Sweden and taught this trade to his son at an early age. At the age of 22 years, in 1880, he came to America and settled in Iowa. Three years later he married and came to Antelope county, filing on a homestead east of Royal, al-though the town did not appear for some years. A sod house served as the first dwelling. Prairie fires were common. Mr. Spjut often told how he fought fire with his coat until nothing was left of it but the collar.

His crops were destroyed by hail three years in succession. He near-ly lost his life in the blizzard of '88, while attempting to reach home after having been to a neighbor's For nearly half a century, Mr Spjut mended footwear and made boots and shoes for the residents of Royal and vicinity. He lived on the original homestead which he

farmed until a few years ago when he rented the farm and moved to Last week he was stricken with paralysis, and late Friday afternoon he passed away. He leaves his wife, two sons, August of Lance Creek, Wyo., and Andrew of Omaha, and a daughter, Mrs. Jake Helmer.

GOVERNOR TAKES CREDIT

FOR BIG SAVING
Lincoln, Neb.——Governor
Bryan claims a "25 per cent savings" has been made in the amount of property tax money to be raised for the state government during the next two years compared with the last biennium. The savings, he said, totals \$3,-

"The savings to the taxpayers is made without lessening any public service and without neglecting any public institutions, educational, charitable or penal," he said. "This savings was accomplished as a result of a determined effort on the part of the democratic members of the legislature, plus a handful of progressive republicans, together with a budget prepared by the present governor. The republican members of the legislature failed to secure sufficient votes to enable the spenders to increase materially the cost of the state government.

MALE PHEASANT PUT

WP FIGHT WITH SNAKES Edgar, Neb .- (Special) -Dr. Lindgren recently saw a battle between a male phasant and a bull snake, He saw the pheasant jumping up and down vigorously. Finally after a terrific lunge downward it rose and in its bek was hanging a wiggling and equally combative snake. When the pheasant saw the human spectator it dropped the snake and flew away, and the snake crawled

off into the grass.

Those familiar with the activities of pheasants say they resent the familiarity that snakes take with