

SEEKS ACCOUNTING OF HUGE ESTATE

Mallory Alleges Estate Shrinks from \$729,000 to \$198,000

TO SIOUX CITY COURT

Lemuel C. Mallory, about 60, a Holt countyan who resides north of here near the Niobrara river, Monday started suit in district court at Sioux City for an accounting in the estate of his father, the late Lemuel W. Mallory, a well-known Sioux City wholesale grocer.

The suit is against Jack A. Mallory and Paul J. Osborne, executors and trustees of the estate; Rose Mallory, Bud B. Mallory, Lloyd W. Hirst, a trustee, the Pratt-Mallory company; the Hess-Mallory company, and the M & L Baking company, all of Sioux City, and the Artificial Ice company, of St. Louis, Mo.

NEW UNIFORMS SEEN BY SPRING

There is a possibility that the O'Neill schools' band will be wearing new uniforms come time for the April music contest, it was announced today (Thursday) by Mrs. Harry Petersen, who is chairman of the band mothers group, sponsors of the movement for uniforms.

Colors chosen by the committee are French blue background, cherry red trim, and white accents.

Fifty mothers of the O'Neill public school and St. Mary's academy musicians gathered Friday at the band room in the public school to learn the progress of a fund-raising drive which will help purchase more than 90 uniforms. A petition was recently circulated by the group asking the city council to expend \$1,750 towards the uniforms.

The public school board of education would match the city's figure, according to the band mother's proposal and the money raised by solicitation would round out the balance required.

11 Amputees Receive Autos from Uncle Sam

During the past 60 days, 11 Nebraska amputee veterans of World War II have received automobiles at Government expense, Ira M. DeWalt, Veterans Administration contact representative of Ainsworth, has reported.

An additional 75 Nebraska World War II veterans who lost or lost the use of one or both legs have been approved to receive free conveyances, but deliveries have not yet been made.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES

Duane H. Dorr, 21, and F. Lorraine French, 21, both of Page, December 7.



AT 86 HEADS 5 GENERATIONS

This five generation group, headed by Mrs. Mattie Johnson (seated at right), posed for the photographer recently during their rare gathering.

CORN HARVEST AT 70% MARK

Farmers Racing Against Flying Snow; Reports of Dampness

Nearly 70 percent of Holt county's 1946 corn crop had been husked up until today (Thursday), it was estimated by County Agent A. Neil Dawes as the weatherman continued to favor the farmers, who are racing against the flying snow.

Reports indicate that farmers in the northwest section of the county are further advanced with their husking than in the east and south portions.

Some farmers have completed the job, and much of the corn is drying out nicely, but there are continued reports of dampness.

County Agent Dawes pointed out that the excellent weather during the past two weeks has enabled the farmers to practically overcome the delay that had been enforced by the wetness in October and November. The Holt region, he said, is normally a week or ten days behind its neighbors in corn picking.

The week's weather summary, based on readings at 8 a.m. daily, follows:

Table with columns: Date, Hi, Lo. Rows for Dec 6-12 showing temperature ranges.

ELA ALLEN DIES IN WASHINGTON

PAGE—Ela Allen, of Blaine, Wash., a former resident of the Page community, is dead.

O'NEILL HOSPITAL NOTES

Infant Harry James Sutherland, of Ewing, was admitted Wednesday and dismissed today (Thursday).

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MRS. BURSSELL, 80 DIES IN DAKOTA

Mother of 15 Buried Wednesday, Chambers; Born in Michigan

CHAMBERS — Mrs. Rebecca Bursell, 80, a mother of 15 and a resident of Holt county for nearly 37 years, died late Sunday at the home of a son, Fred, in Vermillion, S. D. Relatives said that death was caused by influenza and a heart ailment.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at a Vermillion funeral home, followed at 3 p.m. with rites in the Baptist church in Chambers.

Interment was in the Chambers cemetery.

The late Rebecca Shanks was born in Michigan. She came with her family to Holt county after first having settled in South Dakota. The Bursell family resided northwest of Chambers for many years.

They were the parents of 15 sons and daughters, 10 of whom survive their mother. Mr. Bursell died 20 years ago.

The survivors include Charles, of Chambers; Mrs. Ernest Armstrong, of Vermillion, S. D.; Mrs. Bert Farewell, of Chambers; Lyman, of Spencer; Willard, of Vermillion; John, of Burbank, S. D.; Fred, of Burbank, S. D.; Alfred, of O'Neill.

She also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Glenn Baker, Mrs. John Matthews, and Mrs. Jane Hansen, all of Sioux City.

John Bauld, of Beatrice, arrived Monday and is visiting his brother Earl Bauld, and family, for several weeks.

HOSPITAL DRIVE BEING PUSHED

The solicitors for O'Neill's new \$200,000 community hospital are busily at work this week in the revived drive for funds.

L. D. Putnam, Leo Moore and A. E. Bowen are canvassing the business district.

The general committee announced last week that word had been received from the Department of Internal Revenue, Treasury Department, declaring that contributions for the nonprofit O'Neill community hospital would be deductible from taxable net income.

The current drive is expected to gather more momentum during the remaining weeks of the year, a spokesman for the committee said.

FULL HOUSE SEES PLAY

CHAMBER—The junior class of the Chambers high school presented the play, "Grand-Dad Steps Out," to a full house Friday evening. It was a hilarious comedy well presented.

Displaced Workers Returning from West Coast, Steffen Says

During the past 30 days the Norfolk office of the Nebraska State Employment Service has been taking work applications from an increasing number of men and women who have been returning to the state from the West coast and from other metropolitan industrial areas, it was stated this week by Walter A. Steffen, manager.

Many of the displaced workers report a loss of job opportunities and state that they are unable to pay the high living costs prevailing in those areas.

Holt is one of eight counties served by Steffen's office.

Meanwhile, the trend toward unemployment in November is "far more serious than it has been in recent years," Steffen declared. During the "last 20

days of November, job openings on file with the employment service dropped off 39 percent, while active applications for work increased 49 percent.

"The serious extent of the slump," Steffen pointed out, "is emphasized by the drop of approximately 50 percent in demand for service workers (hotels, cafes and other service businesses). This is the first time in five or more years that the Norfolk office has had so few calls for service workers."

The Ainsworth office has reported a substantial let-down in the demand for all types of workers, while the supply of unskilled labor increased 10 percent as agricultural work was finished for the season.

POLIO EPIDEMIC IS ON DECLINE

Clinton Belknap Talks Here; Chairman 1947 Drive Named

Clinton Belknap, of Lincoln, head of the Nebraska chapter of the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis, Wednesday night told an audience here that the recent polio epidemic in the state has reached its peak and is now on the decline. The occasion for Belknap's appearance here was the annual meeting of the Holt county chapter.

He said that polio was its worst since 1916 in Nebraska.

Mrs. Cletus Sullivan, of O'Neill, will head the Holt county infantile paralysis drive in 1947.

Officers of the Holt county chapter are: Mrs. D. C. Schaffer, chairman; E. F. Quinn, treasurer; James W. Rooney, secretary; Mrs. H. E. Coyne, Mrs. Agnes Sullivan, Mrs. Melvin Ruzicka, Mrs. Ralph Rickly, and Miss Elja McCullough, all members of the board; and Dr. J. P. Brown, medical adviser. All are from O'Neill.

Holt county had two residents stricken with infantile during the past year. They were Don Lindquist, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arvid Lindquist, of O'Neill, and Mrs. Lloyd Clemens, 25, of Amelia, a mother of three children. Mrs. Clemens is still in an Omaha hospital.

KIN IS ILL

PAGE — Mrs. Kenneth Bradstock, accompanied by relatives from Brunswick, and her father, F. F. Heiter, of O'Neill, left Sunday night for Kimball upon receiving a message that an uncle, Jake Heiter, was seriously ill and not expected to recover.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan P. Jaszowiak and Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Goldin spent Tuesday in Sioux City.

SPENCER OUTPUT TO BE UPPED

Consumers Plan New Hydroelectric Generator

WILL COST \$137,000

Plans for a new 2,000-KVA generator and a new, improved 2,200-horsepower water wheel to be installed at the Spencer hydroelectric plant, were approved recently by the board of directors of the Consumers Public Power district.

The move to almost double the Spencer power output has been made to meet the rapidly rising power requirements, which are up 26 percent over the first eight-month period last year.

Manager L. C. Walling, of the Consumers headquarters here, said that the expansion at the Spencer dam would cost the district approximately \$137,000. He pointed out that the increased output would be achieved "with the same volume of water that has been used with the 1,140-KVA unit currently in operation."

Earlier the directors had authorized an expenditure of \$20,000 to convert the transmission line between the Spencer plant and O'Neill and improve substation facilities to accommodate the increased power supply.

This additional power, which will be fed into the network at O'Neill and will be distributed throughout the area, will be a "big help in meeting the consumption requirements and in improving the service," officials said.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Wallace were in Grand Island Wednesday on business.

FLIP DECIDES ASSESSOR RACE

A flip of a coin gave William Hanley the victory over Marvin Clouse in the race for assessor in Grattan precinct.

Theirs was the only contest affected by the official canvass of the general election ballots. The canvass, completed last week, disclosed an equal number of votes in Grattan for both Hanley and Clouse.

County Clerk Ruth Hoffman explained that the laws of the state provide that in the event of a tie, "lots should be drawn."

Mr. Clouse was ill and was not present when the coin was flipped in the presence of the canvassing board.

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Page Good Neighbors Hold Two Sessions

PAGE — Two husking bees were held in this community last week. All of the corn was picked for Calvin Harvey. Mr. Harvey was a patient in the Orchard hospital this Fall and has spent some time at Rochester, Minn., where his son, Gene, has been a patient in a hospital there.

Twenty-five acres were picked for Harold Heiss who has two attacks of erysipelas this Fall.

SANTA DETAILS NEXT WEEK

Details of Santa's impending visit with the kiddies of the O'Neill territory are being withheld until next week, according to Leo Moore, of the Chamber of Commerce committee arranging for Santa's appearance here. St. Nick will be here Saturday, December 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mahaffey went to Omaha Tuesday to visit relatives for a few days.

Ben Kuroki, American, Visits O'Neill

Ben Kuroki, "the boy from Nebraska," Wednesday visited in O'Neill.

The Japanese-American, who fought World War II in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and the Pacific and emerged as one of the Nation's best-known war heroes, stopped off here enroute to Neligh, where he lectured Wednesday night.

Kuroki is a farm boy, born and reared near Hershey, where he went to school, was vice-president of his senior class, and worked with his father and his brother at truck farming.

After Pearl Harbor he dove 150 miles to enlist in the Army, wangled his way overseas in August, 1942, when most Nisei were being left behind on KP jobs. A combination KP-clerk, he trained himself for a gunner's job on B-24 Liberator on the first anniversary of Pearl Harbor he was flying in combat against the Axis.

For nearly three years Ben waged a personal fight against the Axis that took him on 29 high level bombing missions in the European theater during a period when the life expectancy of a gunner was roughly 12 missions. In addition, he volunteered for duty on the now-famous low-level attack on the Ploesti oil fields in Roumania on August 1, 1943. His was one of two bombers in a flight of nine that returned safely to its base in the Libyan desert. Ben's 30-ton bomber had flown so low it brought back corn-stalks in the bomb-bay.

Over Munster, Germany, a chunk of German flak knocked off his earphones and medical officers promptly grounded Ben and sent him to the States. He had had more than the authorities agreed that any one man could take.

Back in the States in early

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1944, Technical Sergeant Ben Kuroki was a hero. He sold war bonds and he spoke in many States. His principal address was at the Commonwealth club in San Francisco, Calif., a group which had heard every president since Andrew Jackson.

The war went on and Ben grew discontent with his dull Army life in the States. He violated military regulations and called upon Nebraska Congressman Carl T. Curtis. Ben wanted to help finish the war against his ancestors—the Japanese. Curtis fixed things with the War Department and Ben turned up a few weeks later in Saipan with a B-29 outfit. There Ben finished the war, bringing his grand total of operational missions to 58.

Back in the States once more, Ralph Martin, formerly Stars and Stripes, began writing Ben's biography and last month it was published (Harper & Brothers, \$2.50), entitled, "The Boy from Nebraska."

The book is not only the story of Ben's amazing war record, in which he accumulated three-decks of ribbons, but it is the story of Ben's struggle against the prejudice and intolerance of a good many Americans.

Ben relates that he went through "plain hell" during his early Army days. Many times the pressure was so intense because of his color that he wept. In combat his comrades quickly accepted him. He belonged. But outside his own circle there were too many who did not accept him. He didn't look right to them. His skin was yellow.

After war's end, Ben and his story were in great demand. He appeared on the New York Herald-Tribune forum with General of the Armies George C. Marshall, and he was heard

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on the Town Meeting of the Air, broadcast nationally. His life's story was dramatized by Treasury Salute program and The Readers' Digest published it.

Ben is currently fighting what he terms his "59th mission." He is on a nationwide lecture tour, which will culminate next Fall when he will enter the University of Nebraska. Kuroki says that "America must choose between communism and democracy, and if America is to have a true democracy, then it must abandon the prejudice and hate that threaten our country from within."

A true democracy, he says, must apply to all men. He says he will go on fighting his "59th mission" until folks learn that skin, color, ancestry or religion doesn't tell you all there is to know about a man, and that the blood spilled during the war was all the same color.

While in O'Neill, Kuroki and his bride of two months, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. George Kuroki, of Denver, Colo., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll (Cal) Stewart, and Mrs. R. E. Gallagher.

Mr. Kuroki and Mr. Stewart, now the publisher of The Frontier, went overseas in the same organization in August, 1942. The late Lt. Harold Tuschla, of Atkinson, who lost his life in early 1943, was also a member of the same unit.

The Kurokis are enroute to Pocatello, Ida., to visit with Mrs. Kuroki's people. Mr. Kuroki has made four appearances in Nebraska. He spoke at convocation at the University of Nebraska last Thursday, at Central City Friday, at Neligh Wednesday and at Albion today (Thursday.)

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