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ACCIDENT STATISTICS FOR STATE OF NEBRASKA

Compiled by the Nebraska Press Association and the Rehabilitation Division of the State Department of Vocational Education.
Report for Two Week Period Ending August 25, 1931

Cause of Accident	No. of Accidents	Inj.	Deaths	Tot.
Motor vehicle	236	302	15	317
Other public	85	80	5	85
Agriculture	85	83	2	85
Industry	46	41	5	46
Home	112	110	2	645
Total	562	616	29	645

Of the 616 persons injured, 12 were permanently disabled, bringing the total number of persons disabled since January 1, 1931 to 323.

Baseball was responsible for 11 of the 18 sport accidents. Carelessness in the use of firearms caused 7 injuries and 1 death. The 55 other public accidents were as follows: Falls 18; horseback riding 17; struck by lightning 1; rattler bite 1; runaway 2; others 16.

Motor Vehicle Report for Period Ending August 25, 1931

Cause of Accident	No. of Accidents	Dths	Inj.
Skids	35	1	55
Tire blowouts	5	0	10
Mechanical defects	9	0	15
Loses control	18	2	27
Speed	11	0	20
Passing car struck car passed	1	0	2
Passing car struck oncoming car	2	0	3
Ditched by passg car	7	0	9
Collision	39	4	56
Struck obstruction	8	0	5
Struck pedestrian	17	4	13
Struck bicycle	4	0	4
Drunken driver	3	0	3
Driver asleep	3	2	1
Passing signals and highway markers	6	0	13
No lights	2	0	1
Blinding lights	6	0	17
Reckless driving	19	0	15
Railroad crossing	2	1	2
Miscellaneous	39	1	31
Total	236	15	302

There were 37 trucks involved in accidents. Of the accidents in which trucks participated 11 were caused by collisions; 4 by cars being struck in passing; 6 by striking bicycles and 5 by reckless driving.

The outstanding causes of accidents namely: 39 collisions; 35 skids; 19 reckless driving; 18 lost control; 17 struck pedestrians; no light, blinding lights, passing signs, speed and intoxication 28, speak volumes about our needs for highway control legislation and its enforcement by adequate patrol system.

Accident Casualties since Jan. 1, 1931

Cause of Accident	Inj.	Dis.	Dths	Cas.
Motor vehicle	2751	111	191	4053
Other public	1047	35	79	1161
Agriculture	1038	95	31	1164
Home	1049	47	56	1152
Industry	481	35	30	546
Total	7366	323	387	8076

Runaways were responsible for 11 injuries in the farm accident class while nine persons were injured by kicks from horses or cows. Falls were responsible for seven injuries on farms, 12 in industry and 56 in home accidents, 2 of which caused disabilities. Farm machinery injured 19, disabled two and killed one. Power machinery and an explosion were each credited with a death in the industrial classification and falling objects caused one death in the home. As a total, 78 persons were injured, 5 disabled and 2 killed in farm accidents; 40 injured, one disabled and 5 killed in industrial accidents and 108 injured, 2 disabled and 2 killed in accidents in the home.

Falls in the home caused more accidents than any other one thing during the first two weeks in August according to a survey recently completed by the Nebraska Press Association and the Rehabilitation Division of the State Department of Vocational Education. In a survey released last week the causes of automobile accidents were reviewed in detail. This week, farm, home and industrial accidents are studied.

Farm Accidents	Inj.	Dis.	Dths
Falls	21	1	1
Fall'g or fly'g objects	6	0	0
Farm Animals:			
Kick (horse or cow)	17	1	0
Runaway	13	0	0
Attacked by bull	3	0	0
Other	6	0	1

Farm Machinery:	Inj.	Dis.	Dths
Tractor	8	0	0
Threshing machines	10	1	0
Feed grinder	3	0	0
Combine	2	0	0
Binder	2	0	0
Other	3	3	1
Pitchfork	4	0	0
Burns	2	0	0
Other	10	1	0

Industrial Accidents	Inj.	Dis.	Dths
Falls	7	0	2
Fall'g or fly'g objects	7	3	0
Electric shock	1	0	0
Explosion	2	0	0
Power machinery	3	4	0
Other	14	1	0

Home Accidents	Inj.	Dis.	Dths
Falls: on stairs or steps	9	0	0
Trees, ladders etc	16	0	0
Other falls	22	1	0
Caught, power wringers	5	0	0
Burns	4	0	1
Scalds	7	0	0
Step on glass, nails	2	0	0
Electric shock	1	0	0
Other machinery	4	0	0
Cut	8	0	0
Drowning	0	0	1
Other	9	0	0

One hundred four public accidents were responsible for 100 injuries, 3 disabilities and 3 deaths. Thirty-five of the 104 accidents were in the field of sports. Most of the other casualties were caused by falls.

TAXPAYERS MEETING

A public meeting of the tax payers of Holt county is hereby called to meet at the Court House in O'Neill, on Saturday, September 12th at 2 p. m., to consider the expenditures of the public funds of Holt county, and possible ways of reducing the same.

This is your business. You are requested to attend this meeting.

G. L. Butler, Ewing
John A. Robertson, Joy
R. P. Starr, Ewing
S. O. Campbell, Pege
Martin Conway, O'Neill
Chas. Kirkland, Atkinson
Committee.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC IN REGARD TO FEDERAL DROUTH LOANS

The officers of the local American Legion Post attended the meeting at Lynch on Monday night of which an account will be found in another column, to gather information in regard to the federal drouth loans which are to be available for Nebraska. It seems that it is necessary that each county make a survey of the drouth victims and each man is to fill out a questionnaire, showing the amount of livestock and feed and grain he has on hand and whether or not he wishes to borrow from the government to tide him over during the winter.

The American Legion have volunteered to gather this information and we ask that all those who will be asking for federal loans to go to the officers of their closest American Legion Post in the county and fill out a questionnaire. This must be done at once in order to get Holt county within the drouth area and all the questionnaires must be sent into Lincoln by the end of next week.

Please pass this on to your neighbors and go see your local American Legion officers.

Not much information is available in regard to loans but that information will be given out when the government are ready to make loans.

G. E. Miles, Service Officer
American Legion, O'Neill

CITIZENS HEAR TALKS ON DROUTH RELIEF AT LYNCH

Lynch, Nebr., Sept. 1—The prospects that the ravages of grasshoppers and drouth during the past summer may cause considerable hardship among the people of northern Nebraska during the coming winter if something is not done about it brought 250 citizens of several counties along the northern tier to a meeting here Monday evening.

Those present were delegates from Brown, Rock, Holt, KeyaPaha, Boyd, Knox, Cedar and Dixon counties who had been invited by telegraph to attend the mass meeting which was arranged for by Finn L. Nelson post of the American Legion at Lynch. The session was convened in the I. O. O. F. hall here and Charles Carroll of this place was named chairman. George W. Wilcox of Lynch was made secretary of the meeting.

Feed and Seed Loans

The purpose of the conference was to meet with representatives of the agricultural extension department of the University of Nebraska, congress, the legislature and the Red Cross with regard to getting feed and seed loans. Among the speakers were: Congressman Edgar Howard of Columbus; Clayton W. Watkins of Lincoln, state agricultural agent; State Senator Crist Andersen of Bristow; and W. T. Wills of Butte, chairman of the Boyd county Red Cross chapter.

Congressman Howard spoke briefly concerning the attempts of Governor Bryan to alleviate the situation in northern Nebraska by providing employment on road projects and similar work, and of his own efforts at Washington to bring to the attention of government officials the plight of the north Nebraska farmers and ranchers.

Will Fix Relief Zone

Howard informed the meeting that a relief zone would be declared and that a federal fiscal agent would be sent to negotiate loans at Washington. This agent will have local citizens in each town to aid him in the work. The American Legion groups in the area plan to make a preliminary survey of conditions preliminary to completing these loans.

Is Strictly Confidential

The American Legion is going to assist in the distribution of these

questionnaires and in gathering the information. He pointed out that the information to be supplied by the questionnaires will be strictly confidential.

Senator Anderson talked for a short time on the plan of handling the proposed loans.

AN ITEMIZED STATEMENT

"What would you think if you ran a bill at the grocer's and at the end of the period he would submit a lump sum statement and request payment. You'd kick, wouldn't you? And demand an itemized statement.

"Why shouldn't the same business care be employed in demanding itemized statements from tax-spending agencies? Why should not the school boards that spend the largest amount of tax money be compelled to make at least a yearly accounting to the people? Why should not the village and town boards show in a very simple and concise manner how every dollar of public money is spent?

"The policy of requiring all agencies spending public money to make on itemized report is sound and constantly grows in favor. Every good citizen should approve laws that would say to all public officials: 'Now tell the people in a very simple and complete manner how you got the money and how you spent it. You have not discharged your public duty until you have done that.'

"If more publicity were employed in keeping the people informed, less would be needed in arousing interest in the formation of taxpayers' leagues and explaining to the public how the horse came to get away and where he went."—York Republican.

If a merchant has some new and important facts about his business that the public needs to know, he advertises. A great and sovereign state, under similar conditions, files the information away in its archives and lets the public depend upon stray bits that seep out. If a merchant's customers lose by his neglect they have effective means of showing their resentment. If residents of the state lose because of its negligence they can tell their troubles to the judge, and everyone knows how sympathetic he is likely to be. The new traffic law is a case in point. It prohibits or requires a lot of things. Sevehe penalties are provided. But how many know anything about them? How many have any chance to know except by reading stray bits that have gotten into the papers? But if you violate some of the provisions the judge doesn't let you off. He says you are supposed to know the law and there is nothing to do but walk up to the captain's desk and settle. A supply of copies of the law in pamphlet form is promised but you will have to go to the trouble of finding a copy. If this law were published in the newspapers every person in the state would have a chance to be informed about it. Scores of people might avoid paying fines for unintentional violations. How can anyone observe, or respect, a law that he knows nothing about?

Every person in private life who handles money for another is required to account for it, even if it is no more than running a peanut stand. This is not a question of honesty. It is a matter of good business practice. The man who handles money for another wants to render an accounting. He knows that if he does, that if the account is properly balanced and settled no question can arise in the future about his honesty. Since this is so generally true in business life why isn't it equally, even more, necessary in public business? Yet we find many public officials refusing to make reports when required by law, or strenuously opposing the enactment of laws that require reports. "Economy" is invariably the argument used, but it is not economy to deprive the public of information to which it is entitled. Every public official who handles public money should be required to publish periodic statements showing where the money comes from, to whom it is paid, and what for. This will provide for real economy by showing just where to reduce taxes by cutting out useless expense.

Several years ago the clerk of a certain Nebraska town died unexpectedly. Examination of the affairs of his office disclosed considerable of a middle. Records were very poorly kept. It was almost impossible to find out much about the affairs of the town. However, he made a regular practice, following each council meeting of supplying the local newspaper with a complete copy of proceedings for publication. Reference to the les of the paper, plus available information in his office, made it possible to piece out the records and put them in reasonably good shape. This was fortunate for the town, and more fortunate for the man and his family. He stood high in the estimation of the community. His family was highly respected. Without this printed record his reputation might have been smirched, and his family heartbroken. As it was, there was talk about his carelessness but it was excused because of his ill health. One of the outstanding effects of publication of official matters is the assurance that a permanent record is made. Office records may disappear, but hundreds, or thousands of copies of a newspaper are made, and permanent files are kept by the state historical society as well as by each publisher.

WHY HE WENT CRAZY

This story, with various modifications has been doing duty for a good while, but for the benefit of those who have not chanced to run across it, we tell it again.

It concerns an inmate of a lunatic asylum who on being asked by a visitor how he got that way, replied: "It all started when I married a widow with a grown-up daughter. Then, my father, being a widower, married the daughter. That made my step-daughter step-mother, and my father became my step-son; my wife also became the mother-in-law of her father-in-law.

"Then my step-mother had a son, who was my brother, being my father's son; but as the boy was the grandson of my wife, he was also my grandson.

"Then my wife and I had a son. My father's wife is my son's half-sister and also his grandmother. Now, it is easy to see that my father became my step-son by marrying my step-daughter. Therefore, being my father's father, I am my own grand-father."

The visitor stopped the lunatic at this point, thoroughly satisfied as to why he went crazy.

HOUSE IS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING, AND BURNS

(Atkinson Graphic)

Fire, set by a bolt of lightning, destroyed the farm home of John Cleary, eleven miles east and three miles north of Atkinson, early Sunday morning. The fire was discovered about 3:30 a. m. when Mr. and Mrs. Cleary, who were sleeping in the house, smelled smoke.

When the fire was discovered, dense smoke and flames prevented entrance to the kitchen and nothing in that room was saved. Some furniture, including the piano, radio, a table, sewing machine and several chairs, were saved. A number of articles of clothing also were removed before the fire became so bad that the house could not be entered.

Only Mr. and Mrs. Cleary were home when the fire started. Nearby buildings were saved by pouring buckets of water on them. The house was partly covered by insurance. There was no insurance on the furniture or other contents.

This is the third time lightning has struck buildings on the Cleary farm recently. Both the barn and granary were struck by bolts which slightly damaged them, however heavy rains which followed prevented any damage by fire.

Sunday morning there was little or no rain following the lightning crash.

LOCAL NEWS

A cigarette or a match, carelessly thrown into a bunch of hay along the roadside, started a prairie fire last Monday that burned over about 80 acres of hay ground six miles south of Emmet. The burned area lies just east of what is known as the Herrick place. No great amount of damage was done. The heroic effort of neighbors and others who came to assist in putting out the fire, saved a number of stacks of hay and other property.

The children of Rev. Kuhler were all home a couple of days last week, the first time in three years when all were at home the same time. Joyce B., who taught in the Sioux City schools last year, returned there on Thursday to resume his work for another year. The eldest daughter, Mrs. Esther Frey, who lives at Gordon, returned with her husband and son the early part of the week. The second daughter, Lois returned from Wayne after twelve weeks of summer school session. She will teach in District No. 59, Holt county, next year.

Niobrara Tribune: While a number of local boys and men were down swimming at the mouth of the Niobrara river just where it empties into the main channel of the Missouri they had the unusual experience of having a large portion of the sand bar slide out from under them into the Missouri. Some of the swimmers who were some distance from shore wondered what had become of the dry land where they had been accustomed to park after a plunge, and one man had just dived off in the Missouri; hence, when he came up he found himself several rods from shore. About an acre sank. Luckily no one was drowned and no clothes were missing as they happened to be on another bar.

Imman Leader: The Misses Vira and Vivian Eidemiller and Mary Lamoureux, of O'Neill, were Sunday visitors at the local telephone exchange. Vivian and Mary are operators at the O'Neill exchange. Elwin says the girls came while he was at the depot with the mail, and he was very much surprised upon returning to find that Mary had in some way gotten into the office and was talking over the long distance from her part revealed that soon after their arrival the long distance called, and the operators, realizing that the call should be answered, decided to do something about it. After trying the inner office door and finding it locked and not knowing of any other way to get in, Mary decided to crawl through the window of the fixture, which she did, and answered the call. Which all goes to show that you just can't keep a good telephone operator from doing her duty.

COUNCIL OAK STORES

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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY SPECIALS

KEEP POSTED

It is easy to be misled by advertised specials. They do not always indicate where your complete table requirements can be bought with the greatest satisfaction as to quality and the greatest saving in price. Every item at Council Oak is plainly priced to assist you in a careful price comparison. A close check of Council Oak prices is convincing proof that it pays to buy the Council Oak way.

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ELECTRIC SPARK SOAP—Works like lightning in the wash. 10 Bars **25c**

COUNCIL OAK RADIO PROGRAMS
KSCJ: 7:00 to 7:30 A. M.—WJAG: 7:00 to 7:15 P. M.

MEEK AND VICINITY

Fred Jouring cut corn for Virgil Hubby, Monday.

Mrs. A. L. Borg spent Wednesday with Mrs. Sam Robertson.

Charlie Fox motored to Wood Lake, Saturday afternoon for a visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Johnson called at the Frank Griffith home Wednesday afternoon.

John Binkard, of Lynch, has been staying with his uncle, Oscar Lindburg while Mrs. Lindburg was away.

Nearly everyone is busy cutting corn in this locality; most of the corn will be cut up for fodder this year.

Margaretha Nelson, who has been in the hospital at Lynch for treatment, returned home Thursday, much improved.

Those from this vicinity who went on a fishing trip to Wood Lake over the week-end report good luck fishing and a jolly time.

Mrs. E. H. Rouse was taken ill on Monday night; a doctor was called; at this time she is improving but is not able to be up yet.

Mrs. Merriady Hubby and daughter, Bonnie, went to Iowa, Wednesday with Mrs. Hubby's parents; Roland and Marts is staying with Merriady while they are away.

A shower was held at the Orville Harrison home Friday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Will Hoben, who were recently married; Mrs. Hoben was formerly Miss Lillian Harrison.

Ed Larson, of Mead, was calling on relatives and friends the first of the week; he says the corn doesn't look any better in that part of the country than it does in this part.

Mrs. Oscar Lindburg left Saturday morning for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Pine and also her sister Mrs. Zell Bressler and family, at Nevensville, Iowa; she returned Monday and reports her mother's health to be quite poorly.

Word was received by Mrs. Fred Lindburg that her mother, Mrs. Gannon, was operated on for a tumor, at Mayo Bros., last Thursday; she is getting along as well as could be expected, at the last reports and her many friends are hoping for her complete recovery.

Quite a strange freak of nature may be seen at the A. L. Borg place; there is an apple orchard some distance from the other trees, and the grasshoppers ate the leaves off the trees until they looked like they do in the fall of the year, after the leaves have fallen; recently new leaves have started on the trees and a few blossoms have appeared on the trees.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES
Benj. Kuhler, Pastor

All the regular morning services next Sunday.

A letter from Rev. Johnson requests that the evening services be held in the Presbyterian church and that the Methodist pastor do the preaching. He expects to be here the latter part of the week.

The regular Official Board will meet next Monday. This meeting will close up the work for the year for the old Board. Any newly elected members please be there also.

The pastor's reports to the Annual Conference will be made out on Tuesday, the 8th.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOTES

Sunday School 10 a. m. Mr. Geo. Robertson, Supt.

Morning worship 11 a. m. Theme, "Jesus the Captain of Our Industry."

Evening service 8 p. m. Rev. Benj. Kuhler will preach in the Presbyterian church.

This is the first service after vacation. We hope to have a good congregation. You are cordially invited.
H. D. Johnson, Pastor.

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