RANCHERS GET WOOD CHEAPLY

Assist in Thinning Trees in National Forest at

Halsey, Neb.

Halsey, Neb.-(UP)-Nebraska's national forest here produced beiween 600 and 800 two-horse wagon loads of wood last winter, according to the estimate of A. L. Nelson, supervisor of the forest.

The wood was cut in the younger plantations of pine trees for the most part. A total of 86% acres of timber in the older plantations was improved over the winter and early spring by pruning and thinning of trees. Jack Pine planta-tions of 1911, 1912, 1915 and 1916 planting were worked on for the most part.

The rangers attempt to thin the pine plantations from 1,000 to 2,000 trees to the acre to about 750 or 800 trees per acre. Foresters plan to keep the largest number of trees growing possible at the best rate of growth. As the trees become larger they take more soil food.

Twigs, branches and pine needles are allowed to form a blanket about the bases of the standing timber. The debris soon becomes a part of the soil, enriching the sandy loam in which the pines were first started

Wood cutting permits were issued to farmers and ranchers of the sandhills region surrounding the national forest who agreed to obcerve the regulations for cutting and thinning the forests.



Madison. Neb .- (Special)-Egbert Lukkes, 29, farmhand who confessed a part in the Enola attack on Amy Carson, 19, was sentenced by District Judge Stewart to eight years in the penitentiary. The attack on the girl took place last August.

Issac Jackson, 65, Madison farmer was freed several months ago by a district court jury when he was tried for alleged connection with the attack. Lukkes refused to testify at that trial.

For the last several months Lukkes who came here from South Dakota a short time before his arrest, has been held at the state penitentiary at Lincoln for safe keeping.

OUT OF WORK, **TURNS ROBBER** Omaha Man Confesses

Readily to His Part in

Daring Job

Omaha. Neb .- Confessions were obtained from two suspects who admitted they took part in the holdup of the Bankers Savings and Loan association office Saturday afternoon, when more than \$300 in cash was taken.

Alfred Lucas, 39, held since his arrest Saturday afternoon in a car bearing the license number of the bandit car, was first to confess. He implicated another man, Herbert J Wright, 5842 Elm street.

Although he denied Lucas' charges at first, Wright confessed also several hours later, according to Inspector Ben Danbaum. He has signed no formal statement, however, Danbaum said.

Wright directed detectives to his home, where they found about \$135 of the loot hidden beneath a back porch. Wright had spent about \$16.

"What would you do?" Lucas sobbed as he made the admissions. "I've walked the streets day after day, from morning until night, trying to find a job. I've gone hungry, and so have my wife and kids.

"I don't care about myself. I'm willing to suffer. It's them I am thinking about. That's why I did

Lucas' two children are Betty, 5, and Selma, 7. The family has been taken care of this winter by the Family Welfare association, he said. In the last two weeks he has had six days of work, as a laborer on a county construction gang. It was his first job this winter.

FACING DIVORCE SUIT HE ENDS OWN LIFE

Omaha, Neb.-Believed despondant over his domestic troubles and facing a divorce action filed Saturday by his wife, Bert Witherby, 40, killed himself with a shotgun Sunday.

His body was found by Deputy Sheriff John Dunn, who had gone to his home to serve him with a court summons in the divorce action started by his wife, Minnle. He had been dead several hours, police decided.

Although Witherby had not been employed reecntly at his trade as a steel worker, he and Mrs. Witherby had operated the Bensonette, a confectionery.

According to Joseph C. Daly, Fremont lawyer representing Mrs. Witherby, she received a telephone message from her husband early Sunday morning, in which he said he intended to "end it all."

The divorce action charges cruelty, Daly stated. A

week ago, Witherby went to

O'NEILL FRONTIER

WHAT'S IN FASHIONS? New Spring Sailor Hats Make **Costumes Sprightly**



New York-Spring's sailor hats are surely gallant (as sailors always are). They protect your eyes from the sun with their youthful, clean cut brims and give you a spightly, ready-to-go-places air, too.

They're not stiff and severe and | stand-offish, as sailor hats used to be. They have new quirks to them that make them easy and becoming to wear. A lift on one side and a dip in the front, as the hat in the illustration has. Or a nip over one ear as though you'd taken the brim in two fingers and pinched it.

It may have a cut or a bend in its brim. It can even turn up in the back and still be a sailor hat as long as its front brim is fairly flat and not more than about two inches wide. And-as on every return voyage--

REFRESHMENT. A jobless man trod wearily on, With fear in his ribs, like a goad, Till he came at length to a turn where grew

the sailor has come back this spring with new tricks.

Worn With Veils

Wearing a veil is one of them. A fishnet veil is smart, just tipping over the edge to cast a shadow on the eyes. Putting a contrasting facing on top of or under the brim is another. And one of the smartest tricks is a trimming of white paque or white suede finished ribbon.

How to Wear Them There's a lot in the angle at which you wear your sailor hat. If you'd like sketches showing the correct way to wear them-and other hats, too-send in the coupon below.

state Texas can afford to set the example of curtailment. Any sacrifice it may make in so doing should be more than compensated by the enefits of diversification, which the cotton-reduction law is designed to encourage. However, if other states do not follow the example this year without compulsory legislation, the whole South bids fair to get less for its staple product than if all should reduce. And even if the Texas law is declared constitutional, it is not going to be enforced to any greater extent than the farmers want it enforced. The Texas cotton-planting experience this year is going to show the farmers of North Carolina to what extent they have saved themselves by not inviting legislative action in control of their own operations, but rather deter-

CONVICTION OF CALF THIEF AFFIRMED BY COURT

Lincoln, Neb. -(Special) - The supreme court has affirmed the action of the district court of Dodge county in convicting Albert Shaffer, Hooper truck operator, of stealing five calves for which he was sentenced to four years in the penitentiary. Shaffer was implicated in the theft by Jerry Mack, driver of the truck, who admitted the crime.

Shaffer sometimes left stock at a sales pavilion in Waterloo to be sold and four of the stolen calves were left there and the owner of the pavilion was told that Shaffer did not want them sold under his own name because if his wife learned of the sale she would want the money.

Shaffer's attorneys listed a num-ber of irregularities in the trial, one being that when the first jury dis-agreed and was discharged, neither Shaffer nor his attorneys were present and that this placed him in jeopardy and barred a second trial. The supreme court says that the errors charged are either harmless or were not properly objected to in the record.

FARM LABORER **RECEIVES LESS**

Average in Nebraska in April Found to Be \$24.75 Per Month

Lincoln, Neb. -(UP)- An over-supply of farm labor has forced farm wages for April below wages paid in January, according to a report of the state and federal division of agricultural statistics.

Farm wages in Nebraska, with board, are now at an average of \$24.75 per month, the statistician's report shows This figure compares to an average wage for the United States of \$19.19 and board, which is 6 per cent below prewar wages.

Western states are reported to be paying the best farm wages, ranging to as much as \$31.18 and board per month. Poorest wages are reported paid in the south Atlantic and scuth central states where the average wage is \$13.37 per month with board.

The large supply of farm laborestimated at twice that demandedis pointed out by the statistician as responsible for a reduction in farm wages in April, at a time usually marked by a seasonal increase.

INSECT PESTS MAY CAUSE CROP DAMAGE

Lincoln, Neb .- (UP)-Insect pests are presenting a threat of considerable damage to Nebraska's crops, according to a statement issued by the state and federal division of agricultural statistics.

"In Nebraska the cutworm has appeared earlier than usual and there a rather heavy Hessian fly infestation," the statistician reports. Grasshoppers are mentioned in the report as causing the most anxiety, since the mild winter permitted a high survival of the eggs left by the 1931 crop of 'hoppers. 'The weather at the time the insects come out might check development of some species of insects," the report says, "but cannot control all of them, since conditions which are fatal to some are just what others need."



in Nebraska Outlines

Its Plans

Lincoln, Neb .- (UP)-Voters of Nebraska may be given an opportunity at the general election in November to make this a tax free state.

Petitions, declared by their sponsors to set forth a plan for elimination of all taxes-state, county and municipal-are now being circulated by the Public Ownership League of Nebraska, it is said.

These petitions call for an initiative vote on proposals to create a: system of state owned banks and filling stations.

Members of the executive committtee of the league assert that the profits from such concerns (eatimated at upward of \$140,000,000 per year) would pay all bills for government operation.

"We have learned," Harry Lux, spokesman for the league told the United Press, that interest payments on public funds deposited in private banks in Nebraska total \$72,000,000 per year."

"This means that the people of Nebraska pay \$72,00,000 annually for use of money which is rightfully theirs. This profit goes to private interests.

"Our plan calls for creation of one or more state owned banks in each county, in which public and other funds can be deposited. The earnings from these funds would pay virtually all the expenses of government for the state.""

In addition to this plan, Lux. said, the league is circulating initiative petitions for creation of a system of state owned gasoline filling stations in each county.

"The petition calls for creation. of these stations with a deputy state sheriff in charge of each," he explained.

"If these stations sold only 4 per cent of the total gasoline used in the state and operated on a basis of a 3 cents handling charge, they would bring in a revenue of between \$60,000,000 and \$70,000,000 for the state's use each year. As it is, this sum now goes to Wall Street," Lux said.

Lux expressed confidence that Nebraska's governor, Charles W. Bryan, who won the democratic re-nomination in the recent primary, will support the initiative bills.

CHICKEN THIEVES ARE

SHREWD IN THEIR WORK O'Neill, Neb-Chicken thieves, increasingly active, are some of the slickest criminals, according to Deputy Sheriff C. C. Bergstrom, who has had perience in catching poultry thieves. Some of the practices of the fowl thief Bergstrom mentioned are the poisoning of dogs a day or two before a raid, watching and waiting until all members of a family are absent, pouring a mixture of gasoline and ammonia into a chicken house, then sacking the chickens, stupefied, cutting telephone wires, and wiring farm house doors shut. In Bergstrom's opinion, the best protectors are good farm lights on all night. Good dogs protected from poisoned meat, an alarm bell in the house, secretly branded fowls and the old family shotgun are good, too, under certain circumstances, he says.

NEBRASKA HAD **CUPID ON RUN**

But There Was Decrease in **Divorces** Granted in 1931

Washington- (UP) -- Marriages performed in Nebraska in 1931 showed a 7.4 per cent increase over 1930 while divorces granted in 1931 showed a 6.4 per cent decrease from 1950, according to bureau of census reports released. According to returns received

from the state department of pub-lic welfare for Nebraska, the census bureau says: there were 11,005 marriages in Nebraska in 1931 as compared to 10.248 marriages in 1930. Divorces granted in Nebraska in 1931 were reported to have totaled 1,531 as compared to a total of 1,635 granted in 1930. There were 29 marriages annulled in 1931 as compared to 72 in 1930.

BOYD COUNTY ALIENATION CASE TO HIGH COURT

Lincoln, Neb. - (Special) - An appeal has been filed in supreme court by John H. Weber and his wife from the action of the Boyd county district court in awarding an \$8,000 judgment to Merna Weber, former wife of their son who sued them for alienation of her husband's affections.

The son's wife says the mother accused her of illicit relations with John Weber and that the latter did not deny the statement, that they promised the son a college education and an automobile, and after they bought him the automobile he induced her to return to him. She leter filed suit for divorce, but dismissed the case and again returned to her husband after which the parents sent him to Nevada where he obtained a divorce which she was financially unable to fight.

WHEAT NOT DAMAGED IN DODGE COUNTY

Fremont, Neb. -(Special)- According to County Agent M. C. Townsend, damage to winter wheat by freezing last winter is not extensive in Dodge county. Fields in the lowlands, particularly northeast of Fremont, suffered to some extent. Damage elsewhere over the county is spotted, Townsend said.

WAYNE COUNTY CUTS DOWN WHEAT ORDER

Winside, Neb .- (Special) -- Goternment wheat and flour for Wayne county has been reduced by the manager of the Red Cross, Martin Ringer, member of the county Red Cross committee reports. A re-quest of 35,000 bushels of cracked wheat was cut to 13,333 bushels. Winside will get 160,000 pounds of this; Carroll and Sholes, each 320,-000 pounds. A flour order for 38 .pounds has been reduced to 400 31,200 pounds. A second requisition for wheat can be made in 60 days.

Sioux City in search of work. The divorce petition was filed, meanwhile, and when the man returned to Omaha Saturday evening Dunn

attempted to serve the summons. Sunday Dunn went to the house, but found the front door locked. No one answered his knock. He went to the rear and found the back door open. Witherby lay in the door between the dining room and kitchen. He had put the gun in his mouth and pulled the trigger with a piece of yardstick. The body was taken to the Gentleman mortuary.

INDIAN LAND RENTERS TO SECURE LOANS

Thurston, Neb .- By an agreement between W. H. Brokaw, extension director; F. L. Folda, state agent for the Reconstruction Finance corpor-ation; C. M. Ziebach, superintendent of the Indian agency; Judge Epperson, of the United States district attorney's office, and County Agent E. T. Winters, lessees of Indian lands now are securing crop production loans with a minimum amount of red tape and delay. Waivers need only be signed by bondsmen on leases and the superintendent.

Supterintendent Ziebach has agreed to sign the waiver. This agreement closes many weeks of disagreement and delay, which have been costly to many farmers of Thurston county.

It was believed a week ago that every obstacle had been removed when authorization came from Washington giving Mr. Ziebach authority to sign the waivers. Not until a conference in Omaha did Mr. Ziebach agree to sign these waivers.

EPWORTH LEAGUE HOST TO 109 VISITORS

Pierce, Neb. - - (Special) - In spite of sloppy roads and drizzling rain more than 100 young people came from Bloomfield, Osmond and Plainview and gathered in the basement of the Methodist church here. Sunday evening as the guests of Rev. Ralph M. Fagan and the Epworth league of Pierce.

After a social sing and light luncheon the gospel team of Bloomfield composed of Roy Oaks, Lewell Jones, and Robert and Reynold Settel had charge of the evening services.

So successful was this meeting the group voted to continue such meetings once a month through the summer. The next meeting will be held at Bloomfield the first Sunday in June.

COFBLER MAKES LEG FOR OLD FRIEND

O'Neill, Neb. - (Special) - An O'Neill shoe repairman, Eli Hershiser, elways craving in his spare time, noticed that one of his customerr. Clark Hough, 78, was short one leg and long on cheerfulness and triet.dliness, extending over a period of almost half a century.

Hershier procured a white cedar fence prat. He sharpened his knives and went to work. Now Hough has a wooden leg and soon his crutches will be laid aside. thanks to the skill and goodwill of his friend, the cobbler, Eli Hershiser.

A thicket of plum by the road. He flung him down in the dappied

shade: His reeling senses swooned 'Mid rich perfume, and petals fell Like balm on an open wound.

He lay awhile with his face in the earth, And always to and fro

The branches swayed and scattered wide

The white, fruit petal snow.

He arose refreshed and started on; He shouldered again his load, But turned and waved a mute fare-

To the thicket of plum by the

road. -Sam Page.

Cotton Ban Muddles Farmers of Texas

From the Charlotte Observer This Texas cotton-reducing law

they were calling on other Southern States to adopt and against which Gov. Gardner manfully stood his ground-well, the same Texas farmers that insisted on the calling of a special session to enact that law are now urging a special session to repeal it. The reduction law is operating as it was feared it might operate-it has got the cotton farmers of that state in to a muddle. A cotton member of the legislature has written Gov. Sterling, "in heaven's sake," to call another special session to repeal the law. No other state has followed the Texas example, and the prospect that Texas alone will be required to cut average does not please. The Texas law had no provision "if" other states should enact similar law, and now the Texas farmers. to use the language of the Houston Post-Dispatch, "are left holding the sack in the matter of average reduction." And again the wisdom of the North Carolina farmers in electing to' pursue the voluntary reduction course is vindicated. The Post-Dispatch reminds that while the acreage reduction agitation in that state was at white heat the question was asked. "Why do the farmers demand a law to force them to do what they already want to do?" Now that they have the law and the cotton surplus is known to be greater than it was estimated when the law was passed, rendering the need of reduction greater, they want it repealed. Would not Texas give the world a laugh by having its legislature meet in expensive session now to undo what it did last September! As the greatest cotton-growing

Old Ohio Grist Mill **Dodged Depressions**

Warren, Ohio.-(UP)-Many depressions have rolled past the old water mill at Phalanx, Ohio, five miles west of here, but despite its age, it continues to grind out flour. The mill, built in 1815, has been remodeled several times. It was constructed by Eli Barnum, one of the Connecticut settlers and a reiative of P. T. Barnum, of circus fame. Had it gone to steam, gasoline or electricity, say the owners, it sharp.

mining to settle the reduction problem by their own wise voluntary action.

> YOUR TASTES ACCOUNTED FOR We have four kinds of taste, 'tie said,

> If we are all complete: The salt, the sour, the pitter types, And likewise, too, the sweet.

The food we like the best of all. So pass our plate for more, Must simultaneously react To stimulate all four.

Taste sense, it is a different thing In you and me and Jones, Acquired back in cave man Jays, From grubs and marrow bones.

So if I salt my pie or cake,

Or pepper well my fruits, My neolithic ancestors Were fond of pungent rects.

-Sam Page.

POOL WATER QUENCHES FIRE Berwick, Pa.- (UP) -Firemen pumped water from the swimming pool in the basement of the Y. M. C. A. building here to fight a fire on the third floor of the structure. Water lines feeding the pool were turned on simultaneously. Fire-men estimated the pool would supply water for three hours of fire fighting.

ELECTRONS IN LOCKSTEP From the Ann Arbor Daily News The latest theory is that electrons march in lock step, which is not so astonishing, considering the relatively old claim that electrons represented imprisoned power.

What! No Maid?

From Answers. New Milkman: I say, what do you think? The man in that house threw me out because I tried to kiss the maid. Butcher: I think the lady in that

house does her own housework.

would have gone out of business long ago.

It is operated by a firm known as F. A. and A. G. Rood. These men have been dead many years. They were cousins, and the property now is in the hands of three SODE.

Right on the Dot.

Prom Gazzettino Ilustrato, Venice. "Do come and spend the evening with us. My daughter, Dorothy, will sing and play, and at 9 e'clock we will have supper." "I will be there at 9 o'clock

CLOSED BANK OPENS

AFTER REORGANIZATION Lincoln, Neb .- The state department of trade and commerce announces reorganization and reopening of the Elba State bank of Elba, which suspended November 20, 1931. E. H. Luikart, department secretary, said the institution was recapitalized and placed in a thoroughly solvent condition. The plan of reorganization, he said, contemplates ultimate payment in full to all depositors.

Upon reopening, the bank had capital stock of 10 thousand dollars; surplus, \$2.500; deposits of \$33,000. and cash due from other banks of \$12,000.

Berth Leth is president; Anton Spilinek, vice president, and J. S Sumovich, cashier.

NEBRASKA TO DO LESS ROAD BUILDING

Lincoln. Neb .- The road building program of Nebraska will be curtailed this year, according to Governor Bryan. This is due to the fact that the shortage in the income from the state gasoline tax in recent menths has become serious and the fact that emergency funds from the federal government permitted the spending of \$9,300,000 last year, but probably will be less this year.

There also is a falling off in reccipts for automobile registration. This fund, however, is used only for maintenance.

Governor Bryan says some road construction will start in June. The program for the year is based on estimated receipts and the receipts are apportioned for the various parts of the state. The difficulty now is in estimating receipts for the year.

LINCOLN COUNTY CORN ACREAGE INCREASED

North Platte, Neb .--Because hundreds of acres planted to wheat last fall proved a failure, acreage to be planted to corn this year in Lincoln county is expected to be the largest in history.

DIVIDENDS FAID BY TWO CLOSED BANKS

Lincoln, Neb .- (Special)-Deposifors in the failed Cedar County State bank of Hartington have received a 10 per cent dividend from the receivership division of the state department of trade and commerce. This payment amounted to \$17.269 .-31, bringing the total to \$13,173.04, or 25 per cent.

A 7 per cent dividend amounting to \$6,367.23 was pail to depositor. in the Citizens State pan's c' Pierce, making a total of 27 \$24,559.02.

Bergstrom asks farmers to remember that a dark, windy night is a farm thief's dream of paradise.

LARGE PART OF WHEAT

ACREAGE ABANDONED Lincoln, Neb. - (UP) - Heavy abandonment, reaching more than half the crop in the southwestern part of the state, and generally low condition of winter wheat is shown in the mid-April crop report. issued by the state and federal division of agricultural statistics.

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The report is compiled from conditions as reported to the crop statisticians by Nebraska bankers.

Bankers report the condition of winter wheat at 72 per cent the middle of the month, as compared to 80 per cent a month ago and 96 per cent a year ago. Abandonment ranges from 13 per cent in the northeastern portion of the state to 60 per cent in the southwestern.

Dry weather during the fall and winter, low March temperatures and high winds that whipped the dirt away from the wheat roots were given as the reasons for loss of wheat acreage. Hessian fly has done damage in the eastern, southeastern and south central countles of the state, the bankers report.

CARROLL SCHOOLS TO

GRADUATE CLASS OF 14 Carroll, Neb,-(Special)-A class of 14 is to finish the Carroll school this spring.

WATNE NORMAL TO

GIVE 207 DIPLOMAS Wayne, Neb. - (UP) - Wayne State normal will grant 65 degrees and give about 207 diplomas for completion of work the last of May, the normal school administration has announced.

Dr. Howard D. Talbot of Omaba has been selected to give the baccalaurcate sermon May 22.

EVEN FALSE TEETH

IN CHURCH OFFERING Fremont, Neb .- There was gold inthem thar collection plates, to say nothing of several sets of false teeth, when the contributions from Sunday at the Congregational church here were counted.

It was just the members' response to a "gold diggers'" compaign in-augurated by the past - to help the church finances along. Anything containing gold was acceptable and in addition to a substantial amount of cash, members contributed old rings, pins, watches and the several sets of false tooth with gold fillings.

