

# Shaker Sect Is Fast Dwindling

Most Remarkable of All Religious Groups That Found Sanctuary in Colonial America.

## TWELVE COMMUNITIES LEFT

Introduced Idea of Equal Rights for Women Two Years Before Declaration of Independence—Practiced Real Communism.

Washington, D. C.—The idea of equal rights for women was introduced in America two years before our Declaration of Independence declared "all men are created equal." Spirit manifestations, akin to the recent popularity of other world communication, had a vogue in the colonies before the Revolutionary war.

These facts are recalled by the proposed abandonment of the Shaker community in Enfield, New Hampshire, which is reported to have dwindled from 350 members to only six survivors, says a bulletin from the Washington, D. C., headquarters of the National Geographic society.

"Of all the religious groups that found sanctuary on the soil of colonial America the most remarkable, perhaps, were the Shakers with their customs that were partly medieval and partly far ahead of their day," the bulletin continues. "And the persistence of a firmly grounded religious belief is aptly illustrated by their survival to this day although their original vows provided no younger generation to carry on their tradition, and their deliberate isolation in self-sustaining communities gave few opportunities to make converts."

"The Shakers never had more than 5,000 members and the 12 communities remaining today reported 367 members in 1916, which means a population of not more than a thousand. The longevity of individual members, combined with their abstinance from meat and fish, their prescribed manual labor and hygienic living, have made their communities interesting human experiment stations for the biologist as well as the geographer. The bodily movements as they worshiped closely resemble the noon-day gymnasium exercises of many an American business man.

**Arrested for Gyration.**  
"Ann Lee, self-styled, 'Ann the Word' but known among her followers as 'Mother Ann,' founded the Shakers, whose official title is 'United Society of True Believers in Christ's Second Coming.' After four children died in their infancy Ann Lee sought solace among an offshoot of the Quaker sect in England, which had been influenced by the early Eighteenth century wave of 'manifestations' among what we would call 'mediums.' Ann could not read or write, and her husband later deserted her. For her shouting, leaping and bodily gyrations during her exhortations she was arrested in Manchester.

"While in jail the young woman asserted that the Christ appeared to her in a vision, told her he was one with her, and upon serving her sentence she gathered a few followers and set out to America to proclaim herself the embodiment of Christ in His second coming.

"On the way across the ship's captain forbade the Shakers to indulge in their athletic form of worship. Whereupon, according to Shaker literature, a storm arose, a plank was sprung, and the vessel began to fill. 'Mother Ann' reassured the captain saying two angels had appeared before her in a vision to promise her safe passage. Just as the crew was becoming exhausted from pumping a huge wave again struck the ship and jammed the plank back into place!"

"For two years 'Mother Ann' worked in New York as a washerwoman, then,

In 1776, she founded the first Shaker village at Watervliet, New York.

"In such strange fashion was instituted, the year that America dates her national birth, the Western world's first experiment in communism. Later societies, or 'families,' grew up in New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, Connecticut, Ohio and Kentucky.

**The Shaker Platform.**  
"The cardinal principles of the Shakers' religion are virgin purity, confession of their sins, complete separation from what they term the world's vanities, and a communism which approaches political socialism. If a man and wife join a Shaker community they are supposed to live as brother and sister.

"Until recently they prohibited the taking of photographs and they forbade pictures of all kinds as idolatrous. Even the cultivation of flower gardens for decorative purposes was frowned upon in former years, and there is still doubt among the older members about the propriety of musical instruments.

"The Shaker community is as nearly self-sustaining as possible and about the only importations in their beginnings were iron for their ploughshares. In their industrial and agricultural development they have contributed many valuable ideas which have been seized upon for general use. They are credited with the revolving harrow, cut nails and the planing machine. Raising herbs for medicinal use was one of their early major industries."

# American Gold Perils Tourist

Is Big Hindrance to Travelers and Exchangeable for Less Than Bank Drafts.

## MRS. TENNANT IS SEARCHED

**Fined for Attempt to Leave France With United States Coin She Brought In—French Law Limits Amount Taken Out.**

Paris.—Americans traveling in Europe who persist in the time-honored custom of carrying about a certain amount of gold may profit by reading of the disagreeable experience of Mrs. Palmer Tennant of Hagerstown, Md. Mrs. Tennant has just returned to Paris after eight months of travel on the continent and in North Africa with her husband. On leaving New York last August Mrs. Tennant and her husband bought a small amount of gold to use in any emergency in case they arrived in an out-of-the-way place where checks and letters of credit did not pass current.

Mrs. Tennant kept \$100 in gold pieces in an envelope in her dressing bag. She passed through various custom houses without any difficulty or delay save for the usual formalities. On arriving at Bellegarde on the French frontier on her way to Geneva a few days ago Mrs. Tennant fell into the hands of the only woman inspector in the Bellegarde customs. This woman, after being assured that Mrs. Tennant had nothing dutiable to declare, started to make a minute examination of the contents of Mrs. Tennant's dressing bag and picking up an envelope of the Banker's Trust company found the five \$20 American gold pieces, which she immediately confiscated.

She then ordered Mrs. Tennant into

## GIRL IS ATHLETIC STAR



Miss Dorothy Bough, here seen going over the hurdles, was a star performer in an athletic meet in Philadelphia. She made the 75-yard dash in ten seconds, tying the women's record.

**Lays Real Golf Ball.**  
Independence, Kan.—L. Kenoyer's famous hen is again in the limelight. This biddy a year ago laid eggs on a roof, shied them off and then grabbed them as they fell. She devoured her own eggs. One day recently she laid a round egg, which Mr. Kenoyer, after treating with acetic acid and formaldehyde, finds makes an excellent golf ball. He has refused \$500 for the hen.

Powdered shark's skin is used for polishing diamonds.

## NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

Timely News Culled From All Parts of the State, Reduced for the Busy.

Samuel Gibson, former veteran soldier of the plains and now white-haired messenger in the adjutant general's department in the army building at Omaha, has just been awarded honors by his country for "gallantry in action" fifty-five years ago.

Millie Heinze, 9, was instantly killed in front of the home of her father, George Heinze, near Minstare, when she ran into the road in front of an automobile. A coroner's jury absolved the driver from any blame for the girl's death.

Representatives of the state department of agriculture are making a survey of Pawnee county in the attempt to eradicate the barberry plant from the state. The barberry causes wheat to rust.

Considerable corn in northern Nebraska has been plowed for the last time and farmers are now laying by the new 1922 crop which has been hastened along by penetrating rains.

The state legislature will be petitioned at its next session to change the state boxing and wrestling law to allow amateur boxers and wrestlers to compete for a championship.

Lots at Lake Minnatare near Scottsbluff, released by the government, are to be sold by the chamber of commerce and the proceeds used to beautify the place as a summer resort.

The contractor is now on the ground and machinery and material is arriving to start construction of the first permanent bridge across the North Platte river in Garden county.

A grandstand is being constructed on the grounds of the Knox County Better Live Stock and Fair association at Bloomfield, to be ready for the fair, September 12 to 15.

Sebastian Salerno, for many years a resident of Omaha, has been appointed Italian consular agent at that place, succeeding A. Venuto, who, at the age of 80, has retired.

Terrific rain and hail storm, said to have been the most violent ever experienced in that vicinity, caused a heavy damage to crops and property around Holdrege last week.

Over 300 claims for state hail insurance adjustment, following the recent storm, faced State Hail Insurance Adjuster L. G. Brian when he opened his mail and telegrams.

Two thousand persons attended the dedication exercises for Platte county's new \$350,000 court house last Sunday. Governor S. R. McKelvie was the principal speaker.

School board members at Dubois signed their names 339 times to the sixty bonds and coupons issued for building the school house now under construction.

A home-coming celebration to be held late this summer to show off the city's extensive improvements of the past four years, is being planned by Pawnee City.

Arbor Lodge, the large estate near Nebraska City of the late J. Sterling Morton, founder of Arbor day, may be offered to Nebraska for state park purposes.

Frank Biffer, Blair poultryman, gathered an average of twenty-three eggs from each of his hens during May and cleared \$709 on them in the month.

Eben K. Long, 95, oldest Nebraska Mason and one of the early settlers of Omaha, is dead at the Nebraska Masonic home at Plattsmouth.

The Endicott State bank, recently purchased from the College View bank, has closed its doors by request of its board of directors.

Norfolk business men donated their time and work and constructed a new outdoor swimming pool at the country club at that place.

Farmers of the Blair neighborhood have joined forces to fight grasshoppers which are doing damage in some grain fields.

The Missouri Valley Veterinarian's association will hold its annual convention in Omaha, July 10, 11, and 12.

Ira Wells of Ayo was fined \$100 and costs for slaying a robin red breast, contrary to the game law.

Packing houses at Omaha are working over time in order to keep up with the increased demand for meats.

Corn generally continues in very good condition, although the hot, dry weather of the first of the week caused some damage in the state, according to the weekly crop and weather summary.

Life on the Nebraska ranges fifty years ago will be reproduced at the Platte river round-up at Sutherland in August, when pioneers of Lincoln county and all this section will have their first reunion. Forty Indians of the old warrior type will take part in the show, staging a realistic attack on an old stage coach, the first one operated by Wells-Fargo.

Washington county goes on record as an area in Nebraska which is practically free from tuberculosis among cattle. This was brought about as the result of a definite intensive campaign of tuberculin testing all the cattle of the county, thereby locating the infected herds and the diseased cattle.

The number of litters of spring pigs in Nebraska is 26.5 per cent greater and the number of pigs saved 21 per cent greater than last spring according to the results of the pig survey announced by A. E. Anderson, Nebraska agriculture statistician.

Lester Mabens, postmaster, clerk and letter carrier of St. Helena, Neb., and his bride, late of Paris, are on their way to their home in the west after she had been detained by immigration authorities in New York, who were skeptical as to the validity of their marriage by cable. Under the chaperonage of the Travelers' Aid Society, the two were again married at close range and she was given the freedom of America.

The annual meeting of the Western Bar association was held in Lexington and lawyers from the Thirtieth and Seventeenth Judicial districts and Chief Justice Morrissey and Justice Dean were present from the supreme court. Addresses were given by Senator W. V. Hoagland of North Platte, Justice Dean of Lincoln, W. A. Stewart of Lexington, and Dale P. Stough of Grand Island.

Two thousand and nine miles of permanent state and federal highways will have been constructed in Nebraska by the close of 1922, according to figures of the state department of public works. This will be almost half of the 4,500 miles laid out in the state system at the time of the adoption of federal aid five years ago.

A large leopard which escaped from a circus exhibiting at Uehling and terrorized the countryside for miles around, was shot and killed less than a half mile from the place of its escape by one of the hundreds of farmers, business men and boys who had hunted the animal all through the night.

A sample of the first wheat threshed, which came from the J. L. Harms farm in Jefferson county, was mailed to a Kansas City laboratory for a test as to the per cent of protein it contained. The percentage was 14.20, 2 per cent greater than the average of last year.

A large barn on the state industrial school grounds at Kearney was struck by lightning and completely destroyed, with contents, by the fire which followed. Much grain and hay was stored in the building, but no livestock was housed there at the time.

Premature ripening of winter wheat caused by high temperatures and drought has shrunk part of the Nebraska winter wheat crop, according to A. E. Anderson, who has just returned from an inspection trip throughout the wheat belt.

Affirming a judgment of the district court of Otoe county the Nebraska supreme court holds that the law was complied with in the creation of Consolidated School, District No. 7, the building site of which is at Dunbar.

A drop in taxes of approximately \$1.50 per citizen for Lancaster county was announced Monday morning by the board of county commissioners for the next levy. The reduction will amount, in total, to at least \$1,250,000.

Mrs. J. Tenney was fatally burned and her three children, all small, are in a serious condition at a hospital at North Platte as a result of burnings suffered, when gasoline exploded in the tent in which they were living.

George Logan, a resident of Gresham for over forty years, was found dead in bed in his apartments, by neighbors who were making a visit. He was a civil war veteran and had been living alone.

Among the 500 college men attending the Reserve Officer's Training camp at Fort Snelling, Minn., are fifty-four from the University of Nebraska and sixteen from Creighton university.

Further irrigation of the large fields of potatoes and cabbage in the vicinity of Gibbon will not be necessary following the showers of last Sunday and Monday. One and one-fourth inches of rain fell.

Marcella Sharp, 4, daughter of Tom Sharp of Nebraska City, was seriously injured when a torpedo which she had placed in her mouth exploded, breaking her right jaw and loosening all the teeth.

One and one-half inches of rain, accompanied by high winds and destructive hail created considerable damage in the neighborhood of Fremont. Grain and fruits were badly wrecked.

With 109 names on its membership roll, the Platte County Pioneer association was organized by old settlers attending the dedication of the new court house at Columbus.

Elmer Keckley, a farmer near Oshkosh, was killed when lightning struck him, the horse he was riding, and a cow, all meeting death from the same bolt.

With \$596,086 available for distribution to the 6,897 school districts of Nebraska as the semi-annual July apportionment from income of the \$10,000,000 state permanent school fund, this year's total of \$1,039,000 exceeds that of any previous year, according to State Superintendent John M. Matzen.

In obedience to orders handed down by the Dodge county district court and the state supreme court, the city of Fremont has taken steps toward abating the nuisance declared to be present in the Rawhide creek as the result of the sewer system in that city.

At an enthusiastic meeting at Gothensburg, with representatives from Cozad and Lexington, the Dawson County Service company was assured, with W. D. Hoover as manager, for the purpose of establishing the sugar beet industry and forwarding the irrigation project for Dawson county.

Ninety-eight boys and girls, representatives of 15 Pig clubs in Custer county, held their first conference last week. There are 16 clubs in the county. Prof. L. R. Frisbee of the State Agricultural college, who has charge of all the club work in the state, gave a talk.

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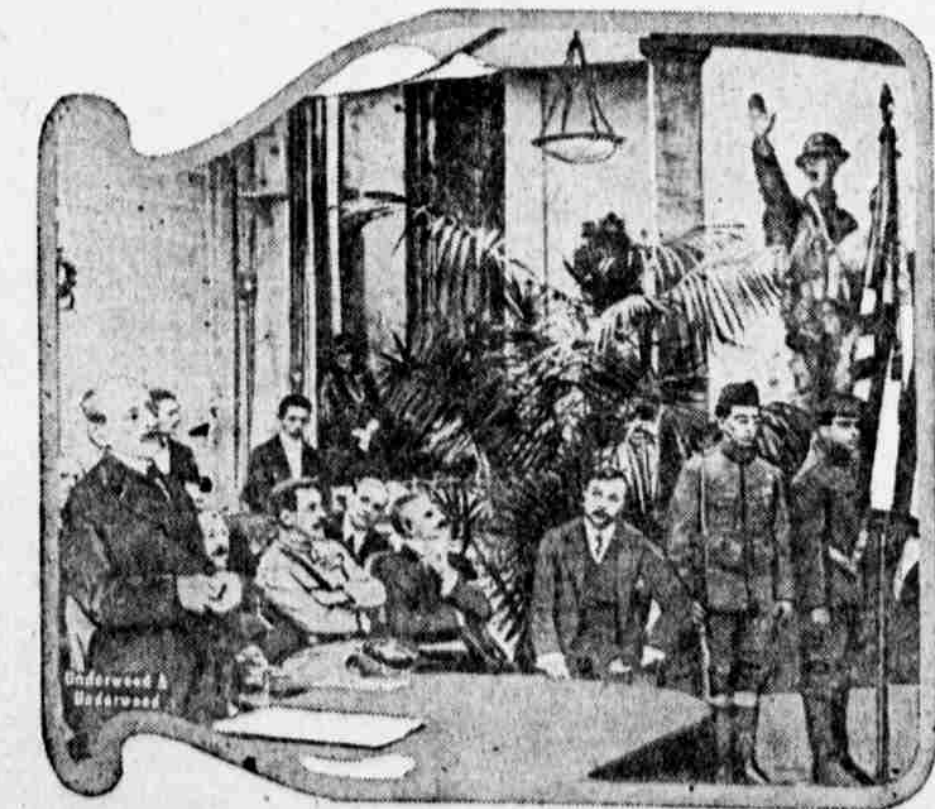
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## Painting Given Legion Post in Paris



Marshal Foch presenting to American Legion Post No. 1 in Paris the symbolic canvas "America," the work of M. Reni-Mel, official painter to the French minister of war. The painting, of an American soldier aiding a wounded French comrade, will hang on the wall of the post headquarters in Paris.

## JAP SCHOOL BOYS SUSPENDED

Call Principal "Despotic" in Discharging Old Professors—Vote "Want of Confidence."

Kyoto, Japan.—The boys of the high school of Kyoto who passed a vote of "want of confidence" in their principal were suspended for a week. The non-confidence vote was based on the alleged "despotism" of the principal in discharging old professors. As a conference between the principal and the scholars could not come to an agreement, the suspension of the boys was decided upon.