

FARMERS GIVEN HIGHEST HONOR

Gold Medals Awarded 10 Highest Ranking Soil Tillers in Nebraska

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Ten Nebraska farmers were admitted last night to the ranks of master farmers at the second annual presentation banquet, sponsored by the Nebraska farmer in connection with organized agriculture week. The 10 were chosen from 100 nominees. Gold medals and watch fobs were presented the master farmers by Samuel R. McKelvie, the publisher.

The 1927 master farmers are: Thomas Andrews, of Furnas county; Swain Carlson, of Phelps county; E. P. Cromer, of Scottsbluff county; Harry L. Dixon, of Dundy county (dry land farmer); F. A. Egger, of Lancaster county; C. J. Jorgensen, of Kearney county; R. T. Ruegg, of Otoe county; Fred E. Smith, of Deuel county; Elmer E. Youngs, of Dawson county; and J. C. Dell, of Gage county.

Average age of the 10 is 53.8 years. They have farmed in average of 30.2 years. They have an average of \$75,000 each. They have an average of 4.5 children to the family, each of whom has finished high school and college, or will when old enough. All but one of the homes has electric lights and running water. None of the 10 has a furnace. Each belongs to at least two farm organizations. Nine of the 10 have attended church at least 25 times a year and the other contributes liberally to religious causes. They farm an average of 729 acres each. There is an average of 66.4 head of beef cattle and 180 hogs on each farm. They milk an average of seven cows and keep 300 chickens each.

CHAMP AND WHEAT

GROWERS ANNOUNCED Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—A. E. Linton, of Cheyenne county, was today announced winner of the wheat growing contest of the Crop Growers association, with an average of 37.2 bushels an acre on 10 acres.

Gerald Wilcox, of McCook, was winner of the irrigated district in the corn yield contest with 93 1/2 bushels. J. G. McArdle, of Douglas county, won in the eastern section with 92 bushels. Emil Shimmick, of Guide Rock, won in the central division and W. R. Nicholson, of Beaver City, won in the western region with 73 bushels.

W. W. McGee, of Bennington, was reelected president of the association and P. H. Stewart of the state agricultural college was reelected secretary-treasurer.

MANY MEN IN OMAHA

ARE OUT OF WORK Omaha, Neb., (UP)—The unemployment situation here is worse than in several years, according to labor agencies. B. F. Freeland of the Freeland agency estimated that 25 per cent. more men are out of work now than at the same time last year. Unofficial estimates placed the number of unemployed men and women in the city at 20,000.

J. P. Short, head of the municipal labor bureau said many of the idle men were "floaters" who make winter quarters here.

"Most of these men would not work if offered a job," Short said.

SANDHILLS RECLUSE FOUND

DEAD IN HIS SHACK Callaway, Neb., (Special)—P. C. Eggleston, bachelor recluse, about 60 years old, was found dead in his home in the sandhills, by a neighbor. Eggleston owned 200 acres of land about 10 miles from here, and lived the life of a recluse. He came to town only a few times a year and there were weeks at a time when he was not seen by anyone. He had been dead about two days when found. He had a mail box, but rarely received mail, so there was no way of telling how long it had been since he visited the box, which was about a mile from his house.

SAVED FROM LITERALLY

BEING SAWED IN TWO Alexandria, Neb., (UP)—While Walter Alloway of this place was assisting in sawing wood with a power buzz saw at the farm of Leonard Hadden, just south of Alexandria, he was struck on the jaw with a piece of heavy wood which flew from the saw and was knocked to the ground in a semiconscious condition. As he attempted to rise he came up under the saw blade which ripped in his back. Two of his ribs were cut by the saw. He was saved from instant death by the quick action of Leonard Hadden who pushed Alloway back to the ground and dragged him out from under the saw before he could rise again. Alloway is expected to recover.

TAXICAB DRIVER TELLS

OF FORCED LONG DRIVE Alliance, Neb., (UP)—A man who said he was Hiram Crance, of Kansas City, Mo., last night held up Gene Packard, local taxi driver, and forced him to make trips to several towns in western Nebraska.

Crance, who said he was sought by Kansas City detectives, did not seem to know just where he wanted to go, Packard said. After driving to several towns, Packard's "fare" left the cab at Melbeta, discussing himself with a pair of smoked glasses and a black slouch hat.

DIVORCED WIFE WANTS

HIS INSURANCE MONEY Omaha, (UP)—Because her husband, from whom she was divorced two years previously, called her "his beloved wife" shortly before his death in 1927, Mrs. Maude Voorhies believes she is entitled to his insurance money today. The husband, Charles Voorhies, left the money to two brothers, Harry and Robert, and a sister, Mrs. Bessie Cockrell, all of whom live in Lincoln. The letter in which she was referred to as "beloved wife" was introduced in testimony today.

AGED NEBRASKA PUBLISHER

DIES AT GRAND ISLAND, Grand Island, Neb., (UP)—Charles Wasmer, 80 years old, owner and publisher of the Grand Island Herald, died here today following an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. Wasmer, who came to this country in 1862 from his birthplace at Kiel, Germany, made his home in Omaha where for years he clerked in a bank. Ten years later he moved to Grand Island where he bought the Anseiger Herald, a German publication, and during the war changed it to an English printed weekly. Besides his widow, Mr. Wasmer leaves two sons and a daughter, all living in California.

CHARGE CHILD IS RESTRAINED

Matter of Custody to Be Aired in Court at Falls City

Falls City, Neb., (UP)—Charging that Hazel Merritt, 10 years old, was being restrained from her freedom by Mr. and Mrs. John Merritt, of Salem, Neb., Hez Merritt, Atchison, Kan., instituted habeas corpus proceedings in Falls City today. Hearing will be held in Falls City tomorrow in county court. In his charge, Hez Merritt declared that in April, 1921, following the death of Hazel's mother, a verbal agreement was entered into between her father, John Merritt, and Hez Merritt, whereby Hez was to have custody of the child. It was further charged that in December, 1927, following John Merritt's second marriage, Hazel was kidnaped from Atchinson and taken to Salem, where she is now being held.

WANT REHEARING OF

INHERITANCE TAX CASE, Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—A second motion for a rehearing in the Bronzynski inheritance tax case from Wayne county, in which the supreme court held the county could not collect because deeds to the children were not made in contemplation of death, was filed today by County Attorney Hendrickson. He holds the court has no jurisdiction in the case because the appeal was not filed within the time legally allowed.

WERE WEDDED IN

IOWA 59 YEARS AGO, Neligh, Neb., (Special)—The fifty-ninth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dewey was celebrated here, with their children present. They were married at Mechanicsville, Ia., in 1868, a short time after Dewey had returned from service in the Civil war. Mr. Dewey has been a carpenter.

CAPTURED EAGLE

PLACED ON EXHIBITION THEN CHLOROFORMED Randolph, Neb., (Special)—Before chloroforming the big eagle that was captured by the Matz boys after they had seen it alight for the night in a big tree while they were picking corn, the boys placed it on exhibition here in town where many children as well as grownups viewed it with interest. The big bird is one of the gray eagle species, a noted hunting bird, swift of wing and fierce in attack. The eagle will be mounted and occupy a conspicuous place in the Security State bank here.

NATURAL GAS FOR OMAHA

FINDS OPEN OPPOSITION Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Organized opposition to substitution of natural for artificial gas here was assured with the organization last night of the Municipal Ownership Protective league.

The meeting at which the league was formed was attended by members and officers of all improvement clubs of the city. Most of the speakers expressed opposition to natural gas and all demanded that the people should be allowed to vote on whether natural gas is to be contracted for by the Metropolitan Utilities district.

WIDOW OF GEN. SILAS A.

STRICKLAND, DIES AT OMAHA Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon for Mrs. Mary G. Strickland, 87 years old, widow of the late Gen. Silas A. Strickland. She died here last night.

Her husband, who died in 1878, was first United States district attorney for Nebraska. She came to Nebraska after her marriage in Baltimore at the outbreak of the Civil war and has resided in this state ever since.

PROMPT AID IS PROVIDED

FOR UNFORTUNATE NEIGHBORS Plainview, Neb., (UP)—Three families have been benefited by friends in the last week. A dance given to aid two needy families was held here Thursday night, and \$30 was taken in. Another family who lost their home and complete furnishings by fire last week was given a miscellaneous shower Tuesday night, in which friends donated things necessary for the family's comfort until a complete line of household furnishings can be acquired.

"LITTLE ITALY" BANKER

HELD FOR EMBEZZLEMENT, Omaha, (UP)—Frank Fava, king of finance of "Little Italy," waited preliminary hearing in municipal court today and was bound over to district court on a charge of embezzlement. He was released on \$5,000 bond pending trial. Fava is specifically charged with misappropriating \$38,000 in funds he accepted from his countrymen on which he pays 6 per cent. interest. Creditors claim that loss through closing of Fava's private bank will aggregate \$50,000.

Starts Life as Poor Boy; Sells Out for 23 Millions



S. Z. POLI (International Illustrated News)

When Horatio Alger wrote those popular tales of penniless youths attaining untold wealth by grit, persistence and sagacity, little did he realize they would parallel in real life the astounding career of Sylvester Zeffarino Poli of New Haven, Conn.

Recently the wires thrummed to the news that Poli had disposed of his vast theatrical holdings throughout New England for a sum said to be in the immediate neighborhood of twenty-three million dollars. What the wires didn't say, however, was that Poli came to America as an immigrant in 1881, deserting his native town of Lucca, Italy, for the land of opportunity. He started in as a modeler in clay and wax. Then the showman's urge swept over him, and he opened an exhibit somewhat along the lines of the famed Eden Musee, in Chicago. Soon after, he expanded with branches in Toronto, Rochester and Staten Island, N. Y. From there, he started straight-out theatrical work, revamping an old church in Troy, N. Y., into a playhouse. Then came his entry into New Haven, his institution of a musical hall in that city, and the real foundation for his suc-

cess was laid. Followed quickly his building of theatres in every large city of New England, and his invasion of Washington, Baltimore, Scranton and Wilkes-Barre. And soon he had a vaudeville circuit of his own.

Poli has received several decorations from the King of Italy, and Mrs. Poli was decorated by a number of European royalties for her really remarkable work for the wounded during the World War.

Old Letters.

They are too sacred for the years to keep—
To wonder at the strangeness of your name
Set deep in words like lilies blown in flame,
Or in dim music that men lose in sleep,
So, being flame, they should go out in fire
Into the wider world that gave them birth,
To life like thistledown or moth wings, higher,
Higher, over the earth.
They should go out in fragrance from the east,
Set in an ancient censer of old brass,
Until the tenderest word of all must pass:
Each one a cloud of incense, to the least.
As some old ritual at a shrine may nightly
Veil in deep smoke its meanings, one by one,
So shall frail spirals of your words pass slightly,
Lightly, over the sun.
—Mary Brent Whiteside.

Justice in Biography.

From the Christian Science Monitor. In much of the biographical writing of the day, especially in the United States, the effort is made, or at least seems to be, to present the weakness of human character instead of its strength, and to exploit evil deeds rather than to exalt the good. The net result of this is to lessen the respect and homage commonly paid to the makers of the nation, the pioneers in thought and deed who, through their exalted idealism, have led the people forward, oftentimes under most adverse conditions and at great personal sacrifice.

This situation obtains in several books relative to prominent Americans, recently published. A biography of Henry Ward Beecher stresses what may have been outstanding weaknesses in his character in a way to minimize, if not to obscure, his great qualities. Consequently, because the many good works which he wrought are not duly set forth, there is left upon the reader's thought a distorted view of a great preacher and a false impression of his career.

Now comes another volume of biography of Washington that while not perhaps directly attempting to change the popular view in which the "Father of His Country" is held, at least has a tendency to lessen the common concept of his heroic character.

What amounts almost to a dissertation which this author renders is in the unfavorable character given to many of the officers and men engaged in the Revolutionary war. Instead of the popular view held of them as heroes and martyrs, they are represented rather as poltroons and cowards, men of low instincts and questionable morals. This type of historical and biographical writing is of very doubtful value. Men

Sweet Memories.

From the Passing Show.
Wife (on honeymoon): Do you remember our first meeting?
Dentist-Husband: Shall I ever forget it? That heavenly afternoon when we were together for two hours and I extracted three of your darling little teeth!

Q. Can articles made of zinc be nickle plated? Could they then be silvered? A. P.

A. It is perfectly feasible to nickle plate articles made of zinc. It is also possible to plate these with silver after the nickle plating.

They are not more perfect than they are now. They were, in fact, subject to the same shortcomings. But it profits us little to dwell upon their weaknesses, whatever they may have been. Does it not rather become us to seek their better traits, while we cherish a deep sense of gratitude to those who bore the heat and burden when the country was in the making?

Talking Turkey to Chicago

From Beloit, Wis., News
Chicago is in the throes of another gang war. Bombs are flying around the place and smashing up rival gangsters' hangouts. The feud is underwired with the teeth. The barking of sawed-off shotguns and the crackle of machine guns may soon be heard. The police rather helplessly plead for peace between the factions.
Meanwhile, Chicago's doctory may-or fails and inveighs vainly about the threat of an invasion by King George of England. Chicago's executive Falstaff, who keeps demanding in the name of "America first" that Chicago school histories shall bristle with all the hypens represented in the Chicago electorate, seems unperturbed when Chicago's alien gangland bristles threateningly with deadly armament.

Chicago newspapers grow purple in the face condemning "radicalism" in Wisconsin while the indigenous condottieri toss bombs around in Chicago with a more reckless abandon than ever was displayed by the reddest nihilists of Russia.

The Chicago newspapers and the Chicago mayor, while shouting about the alleged iniquities of the dry laws, play right into the hands of gangsters, who have made hijacking, bootlegging and gambling a big business that the police apparently, under the influence of loose Chicago public sentiment, make only the weakest efforts at sporadic intervals to interfere with.

The spectacle of the police of America's second greatest city guarding rival lawbreakers from attacks upon each other and trying to cajole them in keeping the peace among themselves could occur only in Chicago, under such a regime of spotty politics as the metropolis has got by enthroneing its present dominant political gang.

THE SLUMBERERS

Peace to the slumberers!
They lie on the battle plain,
With no shroud to cover them;
The dew and the summer rain
And all that sweep over them,
Peace to the slumberers!

Vain was their bravery!
The fallen oak lies where it lay
Across the wintry river;
But brave hearts, once swept away,
Are gone, alas! forever.
Vain was their bravery!

Woe to the conqueror
Our limbs shall lie as cold as thine
Of whom his sword bereft us,
Ere we forget the deep arena
Of vengeance they have left us!
Woe to the conqueror!
—Thomas Moore.

Complicated Cure.

From Judge.
Nitt: You used to go along the street talking to yourself, and now you don't do it any more. How did you get over it?
Witt: I cured myself. I knew I did it and I got mad at myself for doing it. Finally I got so mad at myself that I decided I wouldn't talk to myself any more, and I didn't and I was cured.

Q. What is the derivation of the word, cemetery? G. A. P.
A. It is from the Greek Ko-metion, from keimair, meaning to lie down.

NEIGHBORS QUICKLY PICK

HIS CORN CROP Oconto, Neb., (UP)—Prevented from entering his corn fields by the serious illness of his daughter, Alma, who died last week from infantile paralysis after living 36 days only through the aid of artificial respiration, Peter Overgard today had 3,500 bushels of corn in his crib, due to the kindness of friends and neighbors.

Friends of Overgard, 110 of them, entered his 100 acre field and husked it clean, hauling the grain to the farm yard and cribbed it. They used 39 wagons and two trucks for the work.

TWO FAMILIES REALLY WEDDED

Brothers Marry Sisters and Father of Girls Has Mother of Boys for Wife

Alliance, Neb., (UP)—Marriage within the last few years of the four daughter of Charles W. Sisley, 70 years old, to four sons of Sarah E. Colerick, 59 years old, was climaxed Monday evening, by the wedding of the children's parents.

Both had been left alone in the world by death several years ago of their first mates, and more recent marriage of their last single children. The marriage of the father and mother of the children brought about a peculiar series of relationships. The girls' father-in-law became their stepfather and likewise the boys' mother-in-law became their step-mother.

FARM NEAR MADISON

SELLS AT \$165 AN ACRE Madison, Neb., (Special)—The 160 acre farm belonging to William and John Harms, has been sold to Louis Rakowsky, for \$165 an acre. Rakowsky owns a quarter section across the road from the Harms place. Harms brothers have lived on the farm for 25 years.

SAY TRUCK DRIVERS

USE TOO MUCH SPEED Lyons, Neb., (Special)—A complaint against the owners of cars and trucks who persist in driving at an unlawful rate of speed and endanger the lives of others, has been filed with the county attorney.

Residents of the Basford community state that trucks loaded with grain and livestock go over the hills at a speed allowing the truck to coast up the next hill, dangerous to other people on the highway.

The county attorney has instructed the complainants to file a specific complaint against offenders and he will prosecute.

BERT DAVIS SEEKING

REHEARING OF HIS CASE Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—A supplemental brief, setting forth additional reasons why the supreme court should re-consider its affirmation of the conviction of Bert Davis, Beaver City merchant, on a charge of first degree murder, was filed with the supreme court by Davis' attorneys today.

Davis was tried in McCook on a charge of murdering his first wife by administration of poison. The first trial resulted in a hung jury. He was convicted in a second trial and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Stress was placed in the supplemental brief on the claim that the trial court limited the jury to a choice between first degree murder and acquittal.

Further contention was made that there was sufficient evidence offered by the defendant to show that his wife died of other causes than unlawful administration of poison.

INCREASE REWARD FOR

MISSING BANKER Nebraska City, Neb., (UP)—A reward of \$1,200 has been offered by men of the Dunbar vicinity for capture and return of Thomas Murray, president of the defunct Dunbar State bank, who is charged with embezzling a large sum of money.

The \$1,200 reward is in addition to \$200 offered by the county. One of the purposes of the reward, it was said, is to "shame" the state for its limitation of \$200 on the reward a county can offer for capture of an alleged criminal.

It was believed in some circles around Dunbar that friends of the missing bank president know where he is, and that for \$1,400 they will divulge this information. These people do not believe, as do many others, that he escaped to Scotland, his old home.

FALLS CITY MAN GROWS WEAK

FROM ATTACK OF HICCUGHS Falls City, Neb., (UP)—James Goldman, who suffered an attack of hiccoughs 18 days ago, is reported growing slightly weaker. His diet consists of fruit juices.

NORTH PLATTE WILL HAVE

TOURIST BUREAU THIS YEAR North Platte, Neb., (UP)—Establishment of a free tourist bureau and employment bureau were today announced as 1928 objectives of the North Platte Chamber of Commerce. At the annual election of officers H. E. Day was chosen president, J. P. Rhoades vice president and E. C. Kelso secretary-treasurer.

WOMAN HEADS NEBRASKA

FARM BUREAU FEDERATION Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—The Nebraska Farm Bureau federation re-elected all its old officers at the annual meeting Tuesday. The officers are: President, Mrs. D. A. Benson, of Silver Creek; vice president, L. R. Leonard, of Scottsbluff; board members, C. B. Steward of Red Cloud; Charles Murray, of Friend; W. A. Peterson, of Oakland; P. P. Cedar of Genoa; Mrs. O. L. Legg, of Dakota City. Steward will act another year as secretary.

OMAHA REPORTS MORE MURDERS

But There Is Showing of Decrease in Other Kinds of Crime in 1927

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—'17 crime decreased in Omaha in 1927 except murder, report of the police department showed. There were 21 murders in the year just closed compared to 10 in 1926. Burglaries decreased from 596 to 436, robberies from 264 to 136 and the amount of property stolen from \$113,500 to \$80,000. All but \$20,000 of the stolen property was recovered. A unique feature of the report was that 97 more automobiles were recovered than were reported stolen. Eleven hundred and seventy-six cars were recovered and 1,079 reported stolen. Recovery of cars stolen in other cities accounted for the discrepancies.

INTEREST LAGS IN THEIR WORK

Farm Bureau in Nebraska Having Battle for Its Existence

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—If it were not for the support given by northeastern Nebraska counties the Nebraska Farm Bureau would vanish from the map in Nebraska. This is indicated by the annual report of the secretary, C. B. Steward, who says that from being one of the formidable organizations of farmers in the state, it has dwindled to the point where it has only 1,314 paying members in 13 counties, and these paid but \$5,012 for its support last year.

Five of the 13 counties are located in northeastern Nebraska, Dakota, Thurston, Burt, Colfax, Nance and Madison. The others are Buffalo, Dawson, Hamilton, Kimball, Lancaster, Morrill, Polk and Scottsbluff.

Mr. Steward says that the continuance of the work is up to the farmers, and if they are no more interested than is shown by the membership its activities will have to cease. During the year the organization director of Illinois was brought into the state. His meetings were well attended, but the follow-up campaign for new members was discouraging in its results.

Mr. Steward gives a detailed statement of the activities of the bureau during the last year, which included concessions in rates and aid in river navigation legislation at Washington, procurement of desired legislation from the last session of Nebraska lawmakers, and presentation of testimony before the Interstate Commerce commission in support of reduced rates on farm products.

BUSINESS PROSPECTS FOR

NEBRASKA BRIGHT, SAYS

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—"Though 1927 was Nebraska's best all around crop year, the major benefits of these bountiful yields have not been fully felt by farmers and other business men," former Gov. Sam R. McKelvie told the Lincoln Rotary club today.

"Gratifying as the fact may be that Nebraska farmers reaped \$373,000,000 from crops in 1927, it tells only part of the story. It took a goodly portion of the earlier cash crops, particularly wheat, to square the farmer away following the unfortunate crop year of 1926. Meanwhile farmers have been gradually improving their financial conditions so that they are not obligated to rush their crops to market unless prices are satisfactory. This accounts for holding back much of the corn and other products that might otherwise have been turned into cash. It is from this source that abundant returns will come to swell the bank account and quicken trade during 1928."

"With these facts," McKelvie said, "it is evident that Nebraskans who strive well during 1928 are in for a good year."

BISHOP URGES PREACHERS TO

USE MORE BIBLICAL THEMES

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Addressing a meeting of Methodist ministers here, Bishop Frederick T. Keeney, of the Iowa Nebraska area, urged his hearers to use more Biblical themes as subjects for their sermons. This, he said, would be the best way to reach the millions of persons in the United States who bear no church affiliation.

"No man," Bishop Keeney said, "is worthy of being an American citizen unless he is also a world citizen and a servant of God."

"Traditions, philosophies and business institutions were upset by the World war," the bishop said. "Today the world is being reconstructed financially, socially, politically and economically after the worst shock it ever experienced."

"Europe, especially western Europe, is disillusioned, bankrupt and helpless. There is suspicion, hatred, jealousy, and fear of war in the hearts of men there. For this reason Europe should be the center of our thoughts and prayers."

TAKES A BRIDE

Silver Creek, Neb., (Special)—The marriage of Rev. Homer E. Dallyrump of Bloomfield, Neb., and Miss Bernice Cooper of Cincinnati, O., daughter of Rev. and Mrs. S. E. Cooper of Cincinnati, was performed at the Congregational parsonage here by the father of the groom, Rev. H. A. Dallyrump. The bride was born in Japan while her parents were missionaries to that country. She is a graduate of Granville college, of Greenville, Ill., and also studied at Ohio State university and the University of Cincinnati.