

SUICIDE NOTE BELIEVED HOAX

However, Omaha Police Drag Missouri River for Missing Man

Omaha, Neb. (UP)—Although they believed a "suicide" note left by C. H. Beck, Kansas City salesman, to be a hoax, Omaha police today dragged the Missouri river for Beck's body.

The note was addressed to Beck's wife, who has lived here with her mother, Mrs. Mary Jensen, since her separation from Beck last June. Wife and mother-in-law said Beck had sent them several other similar letters.

The note declared Beck's love for his wife, asked her forgiveness and blamed the mother-in-law for marital difficulties. Mrs. Jensen denied she had interfered. The Beck's were married nine years ago shortly after Beck was discharged from the army.

FAITHFUL SON WILL HAVE OLD HOMESTEAD

Lincoln, Neb. (Special)—The supreme court Friday held that Frank Denesia is entitled to the quarter section of land left by his father in Cuming county, and ordered that proceedings be taken to establish title in him. The case was once argued to the commission, but the decision was not satisfactory to the court, and it called for another submission.

Denesia had orally agreed with his parents that he would remain with them as long as they lived and take care of them, and on their part they agreed that he should have the homestead. The case was complicated by the fact that the old folks spent their latter days in town, with the son paying them \$300 a year rent for the farm. The court holds, however, that this did not constitute abandonment of the contract.

The other heirs objected to Frank getting the home place, and raised the point that a homestead cannot be thus made the subject of an oral promise. The court says this is not the law. It says that the evidence proved existence of the oral contract between the parents and the son and fulfillment by the latter of the contract. Therefore, he should have the land.

MORE DUCKS AND GEESSE FLY NORTH

Norfolk, Neb. (Special)—Old timers living in the vicinity of the Missouri river say more ducks and geese have passed over the northeast Nebraska this year than in any other previous in the last 40 years, according to Deputy Game Warden C. A. Gray of Norfolk.

Thousands of ducks and geese have been seen in this section this year, he reported. Hunters are hoping an equal number of the birds will plan their trips to the south next fall so that they will travel across north Nebraska, although some fear the flight might be over in two or three days, as it has been in times past.

Roy Baker, living near Decatur, was arrested on a charge of shooting English call ducks. Deputy Gray announced Monday while in Norfolk. What action will be taken against Baker has not been announced, he said. He was arrested while in the vicinity of Quinebaugh near Lake Decatur. Several persons living in this section have been arrested and fined this year for shooting ducks and geese out of season.

DISTRICT COURT TERM TO OPEN AT MADISON

Norfolk, Neb. (Special)—The jury for the April term of district court in Madison county has been called for Monday, April 23, it is announced by Walter Burtzer, clerk of the district court. The first cases on the assignment are the Security State bank vs. Pittack, et al and the Kierstead matter, the latter having been heard at the last term, the jury failing to reach a decision.

Monday, Judge Clinton Chase granted divorces to Dorothy Tyree, who was suing Roy Tyre and Esther Reichert who had taken action against her husband, Floyd Reichert.

Naturalization papers were granted to the following: Nick Xanthis, Nikolaus Engle, Mr. and Mrs. Snyder Addyman, Peter Kahland, Samuel Pleksniss and Johns Beisswenge. Practically all Norfolk attorneys attended when started Monday. Dates on which state cases will be scheduled to start have not been announced.

CHURCH OF GOD PLANS BIG MEETING AT YORK

York, Neb. (UP)—Between 300 and 500 members of the Church of God are expected in York at a camp meeting to be held June 3 to 19 at the grounds of the Christian Unity Press, located north of York, Rev. H. G. Babel, vice president and general manager of the church publication, announces.

The Unity Press, a publication for German readers, formerly located at Anderson, Ind., has purchased a 20-acre tract near York which will be occupied as soon as plans can be perfected.

Most of the meetings, to be held under canvas, will be conducted in the German language.

RECOUNT ON BAND TAX VOTE AT WAYNE DEMANDED

Wayne, Neb. (Special)—A group of Wayne citizens, headed by A. R. Davis, has asked for a recount of votes cast last week at the city election relative to the tax levy to raise funds for the band. When the votes were counted on election night the proposal to levy a tax was found defeated by five votes. The city board canvassed the vote and counted the three mail votes, two of which were for the band levy and one opposed it.

ORCHARD MAN SENTENCED ON CHARGE OF FORGERY

Pierce, Neb. (UP)—Homer Dobbs, of Orchard, Neb., has been sentenced to four years at hard labor in the penitentiary on a charge of forging a check.

Dobbs was arrested last December for forging the name of Casper Theisen, of Osmond, Neb., to four checks. The checks were passed in Pierce, Plainview, Osmond and Wausa. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty after deliberating for several hours.

A motion was filed for a new trial by the attorney for the defendant, on a writ of error. Sentence was suspended for 30 days and bail was fixed at \$1,200 during that time.

STRICTLY CASH SYSTEM FAILS

Plainview, Neb., Merchants Go Back to Old Practice of Giving Credit

Plainview, Neb. (UP)—The first serious attempt to establish a strictly cash merchandising system into every retail business establishment of a town in the United States has failed.

Plainview merchants, who about two months ago entered into an agreement to sell only for cash, have re-established credit on the same basis that it had operated for years, and no effort is being made to renew the experiment.

Not all the Plainview merchants entered the agreement, but with the four largest stores combined on the cash basis, it had been hoped that all might be enlisted soon.

Only a few days after the elimination of credit it was whispered that one of the allied merchants had broken faith with choice customers. This was followed by further lax support of the ruling, and now the last semblance of the system has collapsed.

ELECTRIC FLASH BLINDS WINSIDE, NEB., EMPLOYE

Winside, Neb. (UP)—While working at the city light plant, the city electrician, David Glasscock, knocked out the breaker of the main line when he touched it with his elbow, and the fire flashed in his eyes, burning them so that he could not see.

Taken to a hospital in Norfolk, Neb., Glasscock was put under the care of an eye specialist, and could not see at all for many hours. However, he finally was able to come home to direct the plant, though he will not be able to work for some time, and will have to have his eyes treated for several weeks.

PLENTY OF TALENT FOR WALTON LEAGUE MEETING

Omaha, Neb. (UP)—Lovers of outdoor life are sure of a treat if they attend the sixth annual national convention of the Izaak Walton league here, April 18 to 21. A list of speakers made public today discloses names of some of the most prominent conservationists in the country.

From Washington will come heads of bureaus including Paul G. Rodington of the biological survey, E. A. Sherman, associate chief forester and Henry O'Malley of the fishery department. From the various states will come chief game wardens and other experts.

Arthur Hawkes, famed Canadian journalist will tell what Canadian people are doing with rod and gun. Former Governor Parker of Louisiana will be another speaker. David Madsen, conservation commissioner of Utah, President Dickinson of the league and many others will also speak.

The sportsmen show to be held in connection with the convention will exhibit every kind of gun, fishing rod, bait and will have a large assortment of different kinds of birds and animals on view. Seventy manufacturers have entered exhibits in the show. Motion pictures of unusual outdoor scenes will be shown. The United States government bureau of fisheries will exhibit four aquariums, the biological survey will show lifelike scenes of duck, deer and other game and the forest service will have a natural display.

Contests to be held include rifle shooting, bait and fly casting, and trick pistol shooting. Bird whistling imitations will be given by Bob Lambert, world's greatest pistol shot who will also give a demonstration of his prowess with the six-shooter. "Clef Dowangino" Callier, an Indian one of America's foremost bait casting experts will give free instructions in the art.

Railroads have granted special rates for the convention. Waltoners here expected 30,000 visitors. There will be 1,500 delegates present.

TOWN OF LYONS TO EMPLOY NIGHT WATCH

Lyons, Neb. (Special)—The Lyons village board of trustees has voted to employ a night watchman. Action was taken following the presenting of a resolution to the board by a committee of business men and members of the community club. The watchman will be paid \$100 a month and will make at least two trips a night over the residence district.

CATTLEMEN ANTICIPATE PROSPEROUS BUSINESS

Lincoln, Neb. (UP)—Cattlemen are facing prospects of a successful year, the state and federal division of agricultural statistics said today, with prices on a higher level than at any time since the war and with range conditions the best they have been in years. Nebraska, especially sandhill cattlemen, are fortunate in having less reduction in stock than is general over the United States, the report said.

"DARLING DORA" COMING HOME



DORA DUBY, darling of the dance, who has scored sensational successes in London, Paris, Berlin, Madrid, Vienna and other European centers, has finally completed her tour and expects to return home to Broadway. Duby has been hailed on the continent as the cleverest of all jazz-dancing importations, and just one glance at her latest photo should convince almost anyone that Europe's loss is going to be New York's gain! (International Illustrated News)

Pulling Out of Line Increases Dangers of Automobile Traffic

From A. A. Bulletin.

In driving you increase your chances of an accident 50 to 1 when you pull your automobile out of line.

Forty per cent. of the automobile accidents fatal to children occur when a child runs out from behind a parked car.

These are among the conclusions of James S. Kemper, president of the Lumbermen's Mutual Casualty company, Chicago. His judgment is based on intensive study of over 10,000 automobile accidents in the last 10 years.

"I don't mean that a driver should never cut his car out of line," says Mr. Kemper. "That would be ridiculous advice. It is constantly necessary to pull a car out of line. The purpose may be to turn or to pass another car. Circumstances may make it right and proper to do so.

"What I do mean is precisely what I say, that you increase your chances of an accident 50 to 1 when you cut out of line. Therefore you should do so only when absolutely necessary and with the greatest foresight and care. On a pedestrian vacation trip in the mountains you might have occasion to walk for a short distance along a narrow ledge with a sheer drop of a thousand feet. How foolish you would be to retrace your steps and do it over and over again! If you did, sooner or later you would probably slip or get dizzy and fall.

"That is what happens to the motorist who habitually pulls out of line. Sooner or later the accident probability catches up with him. By accident probability we mean the likelihood that an accident will happen under a given set of circumstances. That likelihood is 50 times greater when a driver is out of his place in the line of traffic than when he is in place. His exposure, as we call it, to an accident is increased 50 to 1."

Referring to an illustrated book on "Preventable Accidents" published by the Automobile Safety committee of the Lumbermen's Mutual Casualty company, Mr. Kemper pointed out some road rules that bear on the dangers of pulling out of line:

"Keep your position on a hill; if you want to pass a car, do it on the level."

"Keep your place on a curve and do your passing on the straight-away."

"Let approaching car go by before passing car ahead."

"Follow line of traffic. Move straight ahead, not in and out."

The Lumbermen's Mutual Casualty company devotes a large part of its extensive public safety work to the safety of children. "Because so large a percentage of the fatal accidents to children occur when a child runs out from behind a parked car," says Kemper, "parents and teachers should not stop with the time-worn adage of 'Look both ways before you cross the streets.' They should add, 'And never run out from behind a parked car.'"

Productive Value Counts.

From Aberdeen (S. D.) American.

One of the many good points made by E. B. Ramsay of the Canadian Wheat Pool in his address in the Municipal building here was his statement that "the value of land will always rise and fall with its productive value." He stated further that land in Canada was now selling readily.

This condition cannot be said to exist in the United States. Land rose in price of hitherto unknown 1920. There is but one reason for this and that is, its loss in value has been relative to its loss in productivity. It is not meant by this that our land is not producing bushels, but that it is not producing dollars; in keeping with the investment and the upkeep. No good business man will make an investment that gives no promise of yielding him as much interest of dividends as his other ventures.

There was a time in this country when land was regarded as a good sound investment. While its yield in dollars and cents was not large, the expenses of equipment were at balance with the price received for the things the land produced. Land,

therefore, was then not only saleable but steadily rose in value. Those who owned large farms and held onto them for a period of years or until their deaths, left a goodly heritage for their children to divide.

This was all changed, however, following the post-war depression. The farmer's produce remained at pre-war values while his equipment rose in price of hitherto unknown heights. Two inevitable things happened. Farmers left the land by the thousands and land values not only failed to increase, but on the other hand went back.

There could be no other outcome to such a condition than that farm lands should become practically unsalable. Who is there no matter what his faith in his native soil might be, who would care to invest his savings or his surplus, knowing that in the event of his death when it would become necessary to convert his holdings into cash, he would be leaving his heirs with an indivisible legacy that produced very little income. In short no good business man will invest in property that is dead and unsalable.

Used in Sewing. From Answers. Very modern girl: Oh, Freddie, what a charming little ornament! But what is it? It's made of gold, but it's not a brooch, or a ring, or a bracelet. I have never seen anything like it. Fred: It's a thimble.

Q. How can forgeries of pictures be detected? N. A. M. A. Photography reveals many differences of brushwork and medium between old and modern paintings. Radiography has also been used with success.

Our Neighbors. He: Didn't some brainless idiot propose to you before we were married? She: Yes. He: I wish to goodness you'd married him. She: I did.

Q. Where is the longest concrete highway bridge in the world? E. C. A. The new Pontchartrain bridge in Louisiana is the longest continuous highway bridge constructed of reinforced concrete. It extends 5 miles across the water and has 10 miles of built approaches. The total length is approximately 16.41 miles.

PLATTE CENTER MAN DIES AS CAR IS WRECKED

Columbus, Neb. (UP)—Frank P. Clother, 55 years old, Platte Center, Neb., was killed early this morning when the automobile in which he was riding turned over near here. He sustained a fractured skull and died 10 minutes after the accident. Don Carrig, also of Platte Center, the driver of the automobile, received injuries which were not serious.

The two men were returning from Columbus to Platte Center. An automobile belonging to Will Schmidt of Platte Center, stalled at the top of a hill because of a frozen radiator was struck by Carrig's car, which turned over.

EARLY FRUITS HURT BY COLD

Believed Southern Nebraska Apple Crop but Slightly Damaged

Falls City, Neb. (UP)—The entire plum, peach, pear and apricot crops in Richardson county suffered severe damage from freezes during the last three days, H. J. Kloeffe, local gardener, reported. The apple crop was slightly damaged and oats and clover will also suffer. Alfalfa was nipped and ear corn garden truck except peas was killed, Kloeffe said.

DIES WHILE ATTENDING EASTER CHURCH SERVICES

Hastings, Neb. (UP)—William H. Ground, 78 years old, pioneer Hastings man, died in the Methodist church here Sunday morning. Heart disease was given as the cause of death. Ground recently celebrated his fiftieth wedding anniversary. He is survived by eight children.

GRESHAM, NEB., HAS \$60,000 FIRE LOSS

York, Neb. (UP)—Two stores and nearly all the contents were destroyed by fire in Gresham, Neb., this morning. The fire threatened for a time to spread over the entire business section of the town. The Lindstrom general store and the Britell furniture store sustained losses aggregating approximately \$60,000. It was not ascertained whether insurance was carried.

The fire, discovered at 9:30 this morning, was thought to have originated in the furnace room of the furniture store, and to have been caused by a defective heating plant. A strong southwest wind made it almost impossible to control the fire, but firemen from Shelby, Uteka and Waca, assisted by the citizenry of Gresham, turned out and got the blaze under control at 11:30.

MINNESOTA IS ALFALFA STATE

Acres Increase in Last Few Years Greatest in Northwest

Minneapolis, Minn. (UP)—Minnesota leads the northwest in percentage increase in acreage devoted to alfalfa and at the present time probably has the largest total acreage of any northwestern state, according to university farm authorities.

In the years from 1919 to 1924 inclusive Minnesota showed a gain of 385 per cent., increasing the acreage from 45,000 to 220,000. A great increase has been shown in the production since 1924, however, and, according to A. C. Army, field crop specialist at the Minnesota experimental station, approximately 400,000 acres of alfalfa will be produced this year.

Expansion is expected to increase at a slower rate for the next few years. About 368,000 acres of timothy was produced in the state last year and, according to Mr. Army, that land will soon be devoted to alfalfa.

Michigan leads the states in acreage production with a gain of 334 per cent. to 321,000 acres. Wisconsin is second with 286,000 acres and Minnesota ranks third.

Other states including Montana, North and South Dakota and Iowa have shown large gains in the last five years.

SLAYTON TEACHER HURT IN AUTOMOBILE COLLISION

Slayton, Minn. (Special)—Miss Gertrude Schaffer, a member of the faculty of the local school, was injured in an auto collision near Heron Lake, Sunday, when the auto driven by her father, M. Schaffer, of Luverne, collided with another car at a junction of gravel roads. Miss Schaffer suffered a number of scratches and bruises. Her father had three ribs broken and was otherwise bruised but not serious. The driver of the other car was seriously injured and is not expected to live. His car was burned.

STUDENTS WILL ENTER CONTESTS AT LUVERNE

Pipestone, Minn. (Special)—Ethel Stetsena and Margaret Hall with Lucille Thien and Doris Gore as alternates and Velma Seeman and Verona Marylin with Roy Giles and Loretta Carpenter as alternates will go to Luverne next Saturday where they will enter the state contests staged for students in typing and shorthand, the first four typists staged for students in the advanced stenographers contest and the latter four students will enter the beginners typing class.

COUNTY LOSES IN HIGH COURT

Drainage District Can't Be Forced to Build Bridge on New Road

Lincoln, Neb. (Special)—A test case from Keith county settles an important question in which drainage and irrigation districts are interested. This is whether a county, which opens a road across a ditch after the latter has been constructed at a point where it crosses a section line, can compel the district to build a bridge to carry the road across the ditch.

The court says that there is nothing in the common law to justify such liability, and as the legislature has never passed a law fixing it on a district, the courts can do nothing about it. The county claimed that the section line was there first and constituted a potential road, so that when the ditch crossed the section line it was notice to the district that some day a road would go through there. The court says this is remote and speculative, and that where the ditch is there first the district cannot be compelled to construct and maintain a bridge for the use of the highway.

MANY NEBRASKA CATTLE ARE IN 'T-B. FREE' AREAS

Lincoln, Neb. (UP)—Thirty five per cent. of all cattle in Nebraska are in territory free from bovine tuberculosis or are under supervision for tuberculosis eradication, a report issued today by state and federal bureau of agricultural statistics showed.

Disease-free territory means that in the last test less than one-half of 1 per cent. of the animals reacted to the test and that they have been slaughtered or removed; 28 counties have been placed on the list, with a cattle population of 769,000. There are 12 counties, containing 312,000 head of cattle, under supervision and three preparing to begin work on tuberculosis eradication.

Counties on the accredited lists are: Dakota, Thurston, Burt, Colfax, Dodge, Polk, Butler, Saunders, Hall, Hamilton, York, Seward, Lancaster, Cass, Otoe, Johnson, Nemaha, Red Willow, Thayer, Phelps and Gosper, Cedar, Dixon, Wayne, Boone, Washington, Douglas, Sarpy, Clay, Adams, Kearney, Dawson and Hitchcock counties will be accredited when sufficient clean tests have been passed; they are now under supervision.

A slightly larger proportion of cattle are under supervision in the United States than in Nebraska. A total of 20,198,272 head are now included in the supervisory area, or about 37 per cent. of all cattle in the country. On March 1, 115,466 herds in the country were accredited as clean. There are 465 counties in the country on the disease-free list, in which almost all of the herds are free from tuberculosis, the report said.

TWO-YEAR-OLD CHILD IS STRANGLED WHILE AT PLAY

Lincoln, Neb. (UP)—Donald Masters, 2 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Masters, of Agnew, Neb., met death late Tuesday when his head was caught between two braces of a hayrack and he was hanged. No inquest will be held. The accident occurred while the child was playing in the yard.

WOUNDED CHICKEN THIEF MAKES GOOD HIS ESCAPE

Falls City, Neb. (UP)—When Charles Ebel, farmer, living near here, heard marauders in his chicken house he took his shotgun and fired at the building. A figure emerged crying "don't shoot, don't shoot," but Ebel fired again. The would-be robber yelled in pain that he had been shot and fled. A check-up was made of physicians who may have treated a man for gunshot wounds but the victim was not found.

"FUTURES" TRADING ON OMAHA MARKET RETURNS

Omaha, Neb. (UP)—Grain futures trading will be resumed on the Omaha Grain exchange June 15, it was decided at a meeting of the board of directors of the exchange last night. Futures trading was stopped during the war and never resumed. Its resumption will aid farmers and millers in hedging cash purchase of grain, it was said.

WOULD BANISH BOOZE AND PEYOTE FROM RESERVE

Omaha, Neb. (UP)—C. M. Zieback, superintendent of the Omaha-Winnebagoo Indian reservation in Thurston county, was in Omaha today, seeking help from Federal District Attorney J. C. Kinsler and prohibition director Elmer Thomas in his campaign to banish liquor and peyote from the reservation.

Zieback has been making a determined fight to keep liquor and the Mexican drug away from his charges, but admitted the battle is not yet won.

COURT SAYS DAUGHTER USED UNDUE INFLUENCE

Lincoln, Neb. (Special)—The supreme court today held that the bequest of the greater part of a \$13,000 estate by Mrs. Eliza Koller to her daughter, Mrs. Ida Craig, should be cancelled. The court says Mrs. Craig was guilty of exerting undue influence and fraud in withholding from her mother information that she had joined with her sister, Mrs. Kate Westhoff, in asking for a guardian for the 85-year-old parent.