

WHEAT CROP IS IN THE SHOCK

Southern Nebraska Farmers Have Average Yield of About 30 Bushels

Falls City, Neb., (UP)—With 75 per cent. of Richardson county's 1928 wheat crop already harvested, farmers were of the opinion that one of the biggest crops in the history of this area would go to market in the near future.

Threshing in many fields will get underway the latter part of this week and it will be in full swing by the middle of next week, weather permitting. A few farmers are planning to stack their grain but for the most part the grain will be threshed from the field.

Wheat will average about 30 bushels an acre, a survey revealed, and the test on grain cut by combines was 62. The first grain sold in this vicinity brought owners from \$1.13 to \$1.15 a bushel.

Cutting oats on a large scale should start late this week but some farmers, who started harvesting wheat later, will not be able to commence on their oat crop until next week. The oat crop is slightly above the average.

HE PLOTTED TO POISON MEMBERS OF FAMILY

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—How Leonard Masek, 49 years old, attempted to poison his wife and all of his seven children, except his favorite daughter, who foiled the plot, and how he himself drank some of the poison and died, was related by members of the family. Masek was said to have attempted the plot when his wife refused to place their farm deed in his name.

Masek had been drinking heavily for several months, members of the family said, and without the knowledge of Branch, his favorite daughter, placed poison in the coffee pot when he found her alone at their home. He warned her not to drink any coffee, but not before her father had taken a cup himself and gone to a neighbor. Masek was trailed from the neighbor's farm where the body was found by Jon Kreck, a stepson.

Recently he complained that the farm home was in his wife's name, she said, and asked her to deed it over to him.

She refused and he left the house, threatening "to get a good lawyer." He returned later and placed poison in the coffee, his wife said.

WOULD KEEP HIS WIFE OUT OF THEIR CAFE

Alliance, Neb., (UP)—Because his wife's presence at meal-times in his cafe seriously impaired the service and often was the cause of "entertainment" being afforded the patrons, the proprietor secured a restraining order preventing her from frequenting the cafe until August 1.

The wife began divorce proceedings recently but their business relations, that of jointly owning the cafe, has complicated matters. It seems that she has been taking her meals there regularly, and no end of arguments have resulted. Some of them have become rather violent.

The judge ordered the wife to eat elsewhere for a short time in the hope that the couple may be able to meet again and carry on perfectly normal relations.

SUES FOR INSURANCE ON LIFE OF FIANCE

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Suit of Miss Nellie O'Brien against the General Accident, Fire and Life Insurance company of Scotland on a life insurance policy issued to James O'Hara, Omaha attorney, her fiance, was started in federal court here today. Thirty days before O'Hara was found in his office, a bullet hole in his head, he named Miss O'Brien beneficiary in a \$10,500 policy he purchased from the Scottish insurance company. The company contends that O'Hara committed suicide, while Miss O'Brien contends he was accidentally killed while cleaning a revolver.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR PARTY TO DRILL IN LINCOLN

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—George W. Valley of Denver, most eminent grand master of the Knights Templar, and a party of 40 state officers of the order, will stop in Lincoln enroute to the 37th triennial convocation of the grand encampment at Detroit. It is planned to have several drill teams put on exhibitions during the stay here.

Mr. Valley is a former Nebraska man, having been born at Plattsmouth, and is well known throughout the state. The state officers traveling with him are from western states.

The party will occupy 16 pullman cars, together with a lounge car, three dining cars and one baggage car. The total of 21 cars will make up the longest special passenger train, so far as is known, that has ever been operated anywhere in the world, Burlington officials say.

TO CELEBRATE COMPLETION OF IRRIGATION CANAL

Gothenburg, Neb., (UP)—Celebration tomorrow of the completion of the Thirty Mile canal between Cozad and Gothenburg marks one of the great achievements of farmers in the middle west. The ditch, completed without formation of an irrigation district and without a bond issue, will place 15,000 acres of rich Platte land under irrigation, with the possibility of including 10,000 more acres in the future.

STAGE IMITATION DUEL USING ROMAN CANDLES

Fordyce, Neb., (Special)—Two Fordyce men staged an imitation duel when they equipped themselves with roman candles and engaged in a "deadly combat." After taking positions at the regulation distance apart, at the proper signal they applied matches to the fuses of the candles and advanced toward each other. In the midst of the conflict, Mr. Hoising was struck by one of the balls of fire from a well directed shot of his opponent, when hit him in the breast, setting fire to his shirt and severely burning him. He extinguished the blaze and soon had Mr. Weinandt on the retreat.

MISSING WOMAN BACK AT HOME

Clairvoyant's Tip Caused Search to Be Made for Her Grave Near Omaha

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Mrs. Mary Hanson, whose "body" was "located" in a lonely spot near here by a professional clairvoyant traveling with an Uncle Tom show, Wednesday, has returned to her home at Sulphur Springs, Ia., Harvey Sautter, assistant county attorney, has been notified by relatives.

Acting on information furnished by the medium, the relatives induced Sautter to dig up considerable ground in a fruitless effort to find Mrs. Hanson's body.

Still believing the fortune teller knew her business the relatives went back to Iowa to get a more definite "location." While they were there the missing woman reappeared.

COLORIDGE PIONEER WOMAN 89 YEARS OLD

Coloridge, Neb., (Special)—Grandma Morrison one of the few real old Cedar county pioneers, celebrated her 89th birthday anniversary at her home surrounded by her children and a number of friends. She was born in Pennsylvania. She has been in the county for 48 years. She is the mother of 12 children, eight living. She also has 28 grandchildren, 40 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. About 35 relatives enjoyed a bounteous birthday dinner at her home.

SEEKING PERMANENT HOME FOR DESERTED BABES

Chadron, Neb., (UP)—Jack and Jean, twins born to Mrs. Grace McDonald in Mrs. John DeWalt's home on Valentine's day and who have been deserted by their parents, are looking for a home.

The mother left her babies with a nurse on March 7, asking that Mrs. DeWalt take good care of them until she returned. Since then nothing has been heard from the mother, and Mrs. Vet Canfield, wife of the Dawes county jailor, is making arrangements through the Nebraska state welfare department to find a home for them.

The mother told Mrs. DeWalt that her father was a sheep shearer in Wyoming and that he was working at his trade until they might get sufficient money to make a home for the children.

"I have taken a great liking to the twins and will dread giving them up. They are such good babies," said Mrs. DeWalt.

According to the policy of the state, both must be placed in the same home, it being the practice of the state welfare department never to separate twins.

APPROACHING DEATH HALTS PROSECUTION EX-NEBRASKAN

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Federal District Attorney James C. Kinsler announced today he had dropped criminal charges against Walter L. Stikel, former Kearney, Neb., millionaire lumberman, who is reported dying at Hollywood, Cal.

Stikel and 10 of his associates were convicted in federal court here five years ago for using mails to defraud in connection with sales of stock in the Colonial Timber and Coal corporation of West Virginia. Stikel was sentenced to two years in prison and fined \$10,000 by Judge Woodrough. He appealed to circuit court and the case was remanded for new trial, which was to have started this fall.

HAS WHEAT YIELD OF 46 BUSHELS TO ACRE

Falls City, Neb., (UP)—A yield of wheat, so far believed unparalleled in Nebraska this season, has been secured by Melvin Ernest, farmer of near Falls City. He harvested 734 bushels of grain from a 16-acre tract for an average of 46 bushels to the acre.

NUMEROUS THEFTS CLEARED BY ARREST OF BOYS

Cherokee, Ia., (Special)—The theft of chickens from several places, the theft of golf clubs from the country club, the burglary of a grocery store and malicious destruction of property at the Baptist church have been cleared by the apprehension of the members of two bands of boys, all of whom are under 15 years of age. The boys have confessed to Sheriff Sangwin and may be permitted to settle for their depredations.

Tunney to Hit "Lit" Trail; Author Wilder as Mentor

They'll Saunter Along the Literary By-Paths of the Old World

By JACK Y. KEENE International Illustrated News

Speculator, N. Y.—When the dust and the shouting die down after the heavyweight championship fight July 26 in Yankee Stadium, one of the sweating principals will turn his eyes toward the most amazing



GENE TUNNEY TOM HEENEY

ing pilgrimage, perhaps, in all the history of fisticuffs. For Gene Tunney, who got

For the Beach Girl

PAIN. By Paley. Pain itself is not without its alleviations. It may not be violent and frequent, but it is seldom both violent and long continued; and its pauses and intermissions become positive pleasures. It has the power of shedding a satisfaction over intervals of ease, which, I believe few enjoyments exceed.

Solitude Religion.

Avis D. Carlson in Harper's Magazine.

Professor Whitehead, in his arresting little book, "Religion in the Making," remarks that "religion is what the individual does with his own solitariness. . . if you are never solitary you are never religious."

Perhaps the statement is a picturesque exaggeration, but it has a fundamental truth which every great religious leader has emphasized. The wilderness and Getsemane are symbols not likely to be outgrown in the religious life. But how is the urban youth to be solitary today? At college he works surrounded by people, eats with 40 or 50 others, goes out to a crowded dance or movie house, comes back to sleep in a dormitory. He is rarely away from people, for even a half hour at a time.

When he comes out of college the situation is not much different. He rides to work in a crowded street car or subway, or if he drives his own car his mind is upon all the pedestrians and other drivers whom he must avoid. For eight hours he works in the midst of other workers. He lunches in a place buzzing with the noise of feeding humanity. If he dines at home he is still not alone. Even if he does not go out after dinner, the radio with its jazz from New York and Los Angeles can be depended on to keep him from solitariness. When he has the chance to be alone he is apt to run from it. He has had no training in aloneness. Aloneness is emptiness so far as he is concerned—a nagging, painful emptiness which he cannot tolerate.

The churches are no helps in the matter of solitariness. Sunday school classes, discussion groups, circle and board meetings, "social hours," sermons addressed to full pews—unless one has already learned the art of solitariness in the midst of throngs, most churches are a downright obstacle to the solitariness which the ages have found essential to the religious life.

Not Role for Churches.

From the Milwaukee Journal. In a political campaign, of course, one learns to expect everything. Always there is a good deal that disgusts sensible people, always a good deal that springs from strange ideas of what must be fed to the crowd. One may be permitted to hope, however, that some of the plans outlined for the presidential campaign will be discarded by thoughtful people who see that there are depths unworthy of descent for any party triumph. It is natural that republican leaders expect the nomination of Governor Smith; so does almost everyone. But it is disquieting to read that these leaders plan to meet what they expect will be an active personal campaign by organizing church clubs, women's organizations, business men's clubs and all the rest of it in every town, city and hamlet where they can.

They might well leave the churches out of politics. Religion will be involved if Governor Smith is nominated; it is clear now that this will be inevitable. But to go to the churches will be direct violation of the spirit of American institutions, since there have been American institutions. It will invite a kind of civil dissension and division that we have not seen since negro slavery was abolished. It will hurt the

Cause and Effect.

From Passing Show. Judge—Prisoner you are charged with habitual drunkenness. What excuse have you to offer? Prisoner—None, your honor, except habitual thirst.

Q. What can be used to paint faded awnings? L. G. K.

A. A good oil color thinned with turpentine to the consistency of water is used in painting awnings.

Q. Where is the City of a Hundred Towers? H. N.

A. Pavia, Italy, is so called from its many towers and steeples.

Shakespeare such a swell break on the front pages recently, is going lit'ry this summer in really a big way. HONESTY Win or lose—you can take the ex-Marine's word for it—he is going to keep his tete-a-tete with Mr. Tom Heeney, then rush away to Europe on an intellectual vagabondage.

And for a trailer in his lit'ry roadwork along the by-paths of England, France and Germany, Tunney is going to have no less a personage than Thornton Wilder—Pulitzer prize winner, classical scholar and author of the best-seller, "The Bridge of San Luis Rey."

That both the titleholder and his scholarly mentor are eager to hit the Dictionary Trail is proved by the fact that Author Wilder will leave his teaching work at the fashionable Lawrenceville Boys' School to remain with Tunney during part of his training. Then he will break away and sail on July 7 for Europe, where he plans to rent the house of Henry James in the south of England. Tunney will join him there following his engagement with the brawny Australian.

"What do you and Tunney expect to get out of your trip abroad?" asked the reporter of Mr. Wilder.

"A fine time," he said. "We'll read aloud from books that we like; we'll talk, and Tunney will get away, for a while, from the admiring throngs."



Ruth Taylor, cinema beauty, says not to forget printed chiffon when you are making up your beach dress. She has fluffed her costume up with large chiffon flowers on the shoulders and left the rest a plain coat-type frock. Deep rose and pale green make an attractive color scheme, while the small hat, ropes of large pearls and black satin slippers make an alluring combination. (International Illustrated News)

churches and divide men from their friends.

It is easy to say a thing is un-American; yet if anything is un-American this proposal is. It is unfortunate enough in all conscience that there should be all these independent campaign clubs such as were active in the Harding campaign, raising vast sums which are not included in the public report of party expenditures. It is a way of dodging the making public of slush funds. But at least they might leave the churches out.

Loose Claims.

From Kansas City Star. Under cross examination the press agent for the Missouri committee on public utility information admits that he had no authority for his statement to another utilities man that word had gone down from Associated Press headquarters that the utilities committees were to be taken care of. The statement evidently was made to impress his colleagues with his ability in getting propaganda published as news.

Such statements, of course, do not bear scrutiny. When the publicity man tells of his achievements he sees that he tells a plenty. His success in impressing the people who employ him with his effectiveness has a cash value. The unscrupulous person who listens to him would be led to think that the world marched at his command.

Along Came Ruth.

Bulletin, Sydney. George—Oh, I say, Ruth, I'd no idea when I introduced you to Perce that you'd become engaged to him.

Ruth—That's a queer coincidence, isn't it—neither had Perce.

Q. Who signs the land grant patents? B. H. R.

A. The appropriation act of March 1, 1928, calls for one clerk designated by the president of the United States to sign all land grant patents. At the present time Mrs. Viola B. Fugh of the general land office holds this position.

COUNTY BOARDS MUST HOLD MEETINGS IN OPEN

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—County boards that transact public business behind locked doors are not living up to the letter and spirit of the law, the supreme court said today in a decision which gave Arthur H. Johnson, farmer, a permanent injunction against Colfax and Platte counties. The counties proposed to build a drainage ditch to which farmers objected.

Evidence showed the board of supervisors excluded the protesting farmers from a meeting in which they decided the location of the ditch.

The court enjoined the counties from constructing a ditch ordered in a closed meeting.

TRAVELER MUST HEED CROSSING

Nebraska Supreme Court Sets Aside \$33,000 Verdict for Damages

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—A traveler who does not "look and listen" as he approaches a railroad crossing is guilty of negligence, the supreme court said today in setting aside a \$33,000 judgment obtained in Cherry county against the Northwestern railroad.

The judgment was obtained by Otto F. Moreland, administrator of the estate of his deceased son, Huber, who was killed when he crossed a railroad track at Crookston, Neb., in an automobile.

Evidence showed that there was a freight train on one track and the passengers of the auto did not see an approaching passenger train. The court held that the freight train was not a diverting circumstance.

PAROLES OR PARDONS ASKED BY 24 CONVICTS

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Twenty-four prisoners of the penitentiary and state reformatory appeared before the state board of pardons and paroles today.

Eight of the prisoners are serving time for acquiring farm animals and fowls that didn't belong to them.

MAY ESTABLISH GAME PRESERVE NEAR NORFOLK

Norfolk, Neb., (UP)—A fish and game preserve may be established near Spring Lake, according to State Game Warden, Frank B. O'Connell. The proposed preserve is about 12 miles southeast of Norfolk.

Conditions at Spring Lake are ideal for such a preserve, local Waltonians say, and the establishment would mean much to the propagation of fish and the preservation of wild game.

O'Connell looked upon the project with favor, and informed the Waltonians that the state was carrying on an extensive program for the purpose of establishing preserves wherever conditions warranted such. Fish nursery ponds are to be established in many sections of the state this year, he said.

TOWNS TO BENEFIT FROM SCHOOL FUNDS

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—State Superintendent Taylor has approved 185 towns whose high schools will each receive \$500 from the state to help finance normal training instruction. Among the number are these from northeastern Nebraska:

Albion, Ainsworth, Atkinson, Bancroft, Belgrade, Bloomfield, Butte, Laurel, Lehigh, Lynch, Madison, Meadow Grove, Neligh, Newcastle, Newman Grove, Norfolk, Oakland, O'Neill, Pender, Pierce, Clearwater, Creighton, Elgin, Emerson, Ewing, Greeley, South Sioux City, Howells, Hooper, Plainview, Ponca, Randolph, St. Edwards, Scotia, Scribner, Stanton, Tilden, West Point, Wisner, Wolbach and Wheeler, and Keya Paha county high schools.

DRAINAGE MATTERS ARE GIVEN CONSIDERATION

Homer, Neb., (Special)—Representatives of Dakota County Drainage District No. 2, and of Omaha Drainage district met here Tuesday for the consideration of joint construction of an outlet of the Omaha creek into the Missouri river.

If the project goes through as contemplated, a cutoff of the Omaha creek will be made through the Ada M. Petty farm to the river.

The matter will be considered again in the near future, and if the outlet is constructed, Drainage District No. 2 and Omaha Drainage district will each have a separate outlet to the river for their waters.

RETURNS TO HIS OLD BUSINESS AT WALTHILL

Walthill, Neb., (Special)—Ferd Schmiedeskamp, who six years ago sold his meat market and grocery to F. E. Barney and tried again in the near future, and if the outlet is constructed, Drainage District No. 2 and Omaha Drainage district will each have a separate outlet to the river for their waters.

CORN CROP BENEFITED BY RECENT RAINFALL

Walthill, Neb., (Special)—Heavy rains Saturday night and again Monday night in the vicinity of Walthill puts the corn crop in fine shape and practically assures a crop. Some fine hail south of town did some damage to crops but was not over a very large strip. High water in the Omaha creek bottom washed considerable small grain down and covered it with such heavy deposits of mud that it will not be able to straighten up again.

TO CELEBRATE DITCH OPENING

Nebraska Irrigation Project Financed by Farmers Is Completed with No Debt

Gothenburg, Neb., July 9. (Special)—This section of Nebraska will celebrate on July 13, the completion of an irrigation project, the most remarkable feature of which is that it is the only one to date where farmers paid cash for its construction and did not issue a dollar of bonds to finance it. The canal is 33 miles long, and leaves the Platte river at a point 10 miles west of here, skirts the north edge of the hills for its full length, emptying back into the river 10 miles east of Cozad.

Fifteen thousand acres of choice valley land will be irrigated, and there will be water enough to wet down 10,000 more.

Late in 1926 the farmers owning the land under the ditch held a few preliminary meetings, organized a company, hired engineers and let contracts. While the work was in progress 131 of the raised on their own credit without issuing any bonds the sum of \$375,000, and the canal will be dedicated with every obligation on met in full.

As a compliment to the farmers and a recognition of their success in co-operative attainment, the chambers of commerce in Cozad and Gothenburg have arranged for the celebration, which it is expected will be attended by 20,000 people. A huge platform big enough to contain all of the 131 stockholders is being erected, with the hillside forming the natural stadium for visitors. Secretary of Agriculture Jardine will be the principal speaker, with Carl Gray, president of the Union Pacific, Hale Holden, president of the Burlington and minor officials down for short address. The ditch will water vast alfalfa fields mainly.

FIRST AIR MAIL SERVICE FROM LINCOLN TUESDAY

Lincoln, Neb., July 9. (UP)—Lincoln will get its first sight of an air-mail plane tomorrow when overnight service between Lincoln and New York City is inaugurated. The first plane will leave Lincoln at 2:45 p. m., with two passengers and hundreds of pounds of mail that has been accumulating in the Lincoln postoffice for weeks.

It was not known today whether more than one plane would be required for the maiden trip over the route.

Prior to the plane's take-off from Page field south of Lincoln a parade from the postoffice to the airfield with speeches at the field have been planned. Postmaster Trev Gellaspie will drop the first sack of mail aboard the plane.

COLUMBUS MAN FAILED TO BITE ON STOCK "TIP"

Columbus, Neb., July 9. (UP)—"High pressure" methods failed to sell one Columbus man stock in a concern that he was assured would reap him a fortune.

Some days ago there came through the mail to a number of Columbus business men an offer to furnish a daily report of stock market conditions for the introductory price of \$1 for 30 days. Several men subscribed to the service from the eastern concern.

Then one morning a few weeks later came a telephone call from New York City to one of the subscribers to the service. If the Columbus man would only send his check for 1,000 shares in so-and-so mining stock, which was going to \$20 shortly, a voice on the other end of the wire said.

The \$20 phone call, however, failed to convince the Columbus man that he was foolish not to buy at once. "It's only going to cost me a two-cent stamp to tell that company what I think of it," the Columbus man said.

FIRST CARLOAD OF NEW NEBRASKA WHEAT RECEIVED

Omaha, Neb., July 10. (UP)—First carload of new Nebraska wheat arrived at the Omaha Grain Exchange Monday from Holmestown, Cage county. It was shipped by Ray Williams, manager of the Farmers' Elevator at that point and was two pounds heavier than Cage county 1927 wheat. It graded No. 1 hard winter and weighed 62.7 pounds to the bushel. It contained 11.8 per cent. moisture and 11.03 per cent. protein. Because of a bad break in the market the car was not disposed of in Monday's trading.

A steady inrush of the new golden grain is expected by elevator men here. With elevator stocks at the lowest ebb in many years in Omaha all of the Nebraska crop can easily be taken care of, elevator men said.

In spite of the large number of labor-saving combines placed in service in the wheat belt there is still a great demand for harvest hands, government labor bureau officials said. Late harvest in Oklahoma and Kansas is holding laborers in those states. Before advent of the combine Nebraska farmers employed about 12,000 hands for wheat cutting. The number this year will not exceed 8,000, it was said. From \$3 to \$4 per day with board is being paid in most instances.

NURSING PONDS FOR TROUT NEAR ALLIANCE

Alliance, Neb., July 10. (UP)—Lake Minatare drain, west of Alliance, Neb., will be the seat of nursing ponds that will furnish more than 200,000 trout every year. The work of establishing the ponds was directed by the state game and fish commission. Carp and other rough fish, to the amount of 500,000 pounds, are taken yearly from Lake Minatare.

The lake was stocked with 8,000 bullheads recently. Members of the Baak Walton league were active in the distribution.