

Tech High Pupils Get Holiday When Blaze Breaks Out

Fear of Gas From Spontaneous Combustion in Coal Bins Leads to School Dismissal.

Fear of the dangerous fumes of carbon monoxide gas, which filled the corridors of the Technical High school Thursday morning, caused the release of 3,600 students from class rooms.

School was dismissed for the day soon after a fire in the coal bins was discovered, due to spontaneous combustion.

Some of the students went home as directed. Others loitered in the street in front of the building and about the corridors. But every student rejoiced at the unexpected holiday.

The fire was discovered shortly after 8 Thursday morning. It is believed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion, induced by seepage from pools of water formed by the rain Wednesday night. Some scraps of wood had been left under the coal pile and it is believed that this water dampened the coal, generated heat and fired the wood.

Gas Masks Used.

So overpowering were the fumes of carbon monoxide gas that the firemen were, for a time, unable to enter the chamber, where the coal was burning. Gas masks were finally procured and worn. Then the flames were quickly extinguished.

As soon as the fire was out students who had loitered about too long were pressed into service to watch electric fans that were placed in the openings from the engine room. These fans drew the gas fumes from the basement into the air and cleared the place in a short time.

Dedication Tonight.

D. E. Porter, principal of the school, declared that he had dismissed the students rather than "take chances on the gas causing something for which he would be sorry later. The fumes were heavy in the class rooms.

Neighbor, Fearful of Kidnapers, Entrusts Small Son to Leopold Two Days After Franks Slaying

By H. C. HAMILTON.
International News Service Staff Correspondent.
CHICAGO, June 5.—Another almost unbelievable quirk to the mental processes and reactions of Nathan Leopold, jr., one of the youths now held in jail here following his confession to the slaying of 13-year-old Robert Franks, was revealed here today when Mrs. Robert L. Stern, who lives in the neighborhood of the Franks home, told reporters she had entrusted her 9-year-old son, Herbert, to young Leopold's care two days after the death of Robert Franks because she feared some harm might come to Herbert through the murderers of Robert.

Her eyes glistening with excitement Mrs. Stern said she had feared to leave her children alone even with servants when it became necessary for her to leave home, so great was her dread of kidnapers. She finally decided, she said, to send Priscilla, her little girl, to the home of some friends and get some young man to watch over Herbert. And of all the young men she knew she picked Nathan Leopold, jr., who has confessed he was the kidnaping slayer. What's more, Nathan consented to the plan and brought Herbert home safe and sound to his father after a day spent at Riverside park, where Nathan went to study bird life.

"I breathed a sigh of relief to know that Herbert had such a protector," Mrs. Stern said. "Nathan is large and strong and I thought he would be perfectly capable of protecting my little boy from kidnapers."

Burgess Bedtime Stories

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.

He little gains who heitates When opportunity awaits—Timmy the Flying Squirrel.

Skimmer Finds No One at Home. Skimmer and Mrs. Swallow were not at the same little people who had so joyously returned to the Old Orchard from the sunny south the day before. No, sir, they were not at all the same little people. There was no joyousness in them. All that morning they had hunted and hunted for a place in which to build a home and not a single place that pleased them had they found. Now they sat on a telephone wire, tired out with their long hunt and wholly discouraged. The only houses that might have suited them they had found already occupied.

For a long time they sat there without saying a word. Suddenly Skimmer spread his wings and darted away toward the Old Orchard. Some how, he couldn't keep away from there. No other place ever could seem like home. He just had to fly



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over there for another look at the place he loved so. Above and in and out among the trees of the Old Orchard Skimmer circled. Several times he darted past the house he and Mrs. Swallow had lived in the year before that. There was no sign of life there. At last he gained courage to poke his head inside again. He didn't see anyone. Could it be that no one was at home? His heart fairly leaped at the thought.

Presently he gained courage to poke his head inside again. This time he took a good look. There was a fine, soft bed in there, but he could see no one in it. Then Skimmer did a very bold thing. He ventured to go wholly in. If wish you could have seen him come out of there a moment later. My, my, my, how he did fly! Skimmer is swift of wing, but never did those wonderful wings take him faster than they did now. Away from the Old Orchard he had left Mrs. Swallow sitting on the telephone wire. She was still there.

"I've the most wonderful news!" cried Skimmer as he alighted beside her. "Our old house is empty!"

"What do you mean by empty?" cried Mrs. Swallow, catching some of Skimmer's excitement.

"I mean that neither Timmy the Flying Squirrel nor Mrs. Timmy is in there now!" cried Skimmer. "Their bed is there, but they have gone out."

"Well, what of it?" asked Mrs. Swallow.

"Why, don't you see, my dear, it is our chance!" cried Skimmer. "If we can get in there before they return perhaps we can keep them out. Hurry, my dear!"

Skimmer darted away toward the Old Orchard and Mrs. Swallow followed. She was doubtful about their being able to keep Timmy and Mrs. Timmy out, but she couldn't resist the temptation to once more visit their old home.

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The next story: "A Busy Pair."

Back From Class Reunion.

Bedford, Ia., June 5.—M. E. Lumber returned today from the reunion of the class of 1924 of the State University of Iowa at Iowa City. But seven members of the class were able to attend. Mr. Lumber was the president of the class of that year.

Custer Roads Being Graded.

Callaway, Neb., June 5.—A great amount of road grading is being done in this part of Custer county this season and most of the roads are being put in good shape.

97 to Graduate.

Bedford, Ia., June 5.—Ninety-seven students of the rural eighth grade will graduate here June 14.

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Last Rites for Late Bishop to Be Held Today

Funeral in Charge of Rev. J. E. Wagner; Bishops Nicholson, Lowe to Speak; Ministers Pallbearers.

Funeral services for the late Bishop Homer C. Stuntz will be held at 2:30 p. m., today, in the First Methodist Episcopal church.

The services will be in charge of Dr. James E. Wagner, pastor of the church, assisted by other ministers, who were closely associated with Bishop Stuntz in his work. The hymns used in the service will be favorites of the late bishop. The Rev. Dr. C. C. Wilson will be master of arrangements for visiting clergy. The order of service follows: Processional. Hymn by quartet. Scripture—Rev. Dr. G. T. Notson, Sioux City, Ia.

Hymn by quartet. Scripture—Rev. Dr. Frank Cole, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Prayer—Rev. Dr. Clyde Clay Claiborn, Omaha.

Hymn by quartet. Address—Bishop, Thomas Nicholson, Chicago.

Hymn by quartet. Address—Bishop Titus Lowe, Sioux Falls, S. D.

Hymn by quartet. Benediction—Dr. Claudius B. Spencer, Kansas City, Mo.

Active pallbearers will be: Rev. Arthur A. Atack, Omaha; Rev. M. Allan Keith, Omaha; Rev. F. E. Pfoutz, Plattsmouth, Neb., and Rev. E. L. Baker, Fremont, Neb. Iowa: Rev. George D. Roberts of Lenwood, Rev. E. Laird of Silver City, Rev. J. O. Carder of Missouri Valley, and Rev. R. Burton Sheppard of Council Bluffs.

Honorary pallbearers will be: Nebraska conference, Dr. J. R. Gettys of Lincoln and Dr. E. D. Hull of Norfolk; Des Moines conference, Dr. George D. Crisman of Council Bluffs and Dr. E. M. Evans of Des Moines; Northwest Iowa conference, Dr. H. E. Hutchinson of Sioux City and Dr. O. M. Bond of Fort Dodge; Upper Iowa conference, Dr. E. J. Lockwood of Waterloo and Dr. L. C. Lemon of Cedar Rapids; Iowa conference, Dr. W. R. Keesy of Ottumwa and Dr. J. M. Brown of Oklawaha; Northwest Nebraska conference, Dr. E. C. Fintel of Alliance and Dr. A. H. Hanscom of Scottsbluff; Northwest German conference, Dr. F. H. Thiel of Charles City, and Dr. W. F. Belling of Sioux City.

Iowa Girl Wed Secretly Before Going to Honolulu

Shenandoah, Ia., June 5.—Miss Katie Smith, Iowa girl who is in government service at Honolulu, has been married since last August. Two days before she sailed she was wedded to Lewis M. Ehl of Rock Island, Ill., at San Francisco. A short time ago Mr. Ehl joined his bride at Honolulu and they divulged the secret. The couple will remain in Hawaii until fall, when the bride's contract with the government expires. The bridegroom is a war veteran who served in France.

"Garbage Bootlegger" Must Pay Fine of \$100

Sioux City, Ia., June 5.—C. M. Wolf, termed by police "Sioux City's garbage bootlegger," was fined \$100 and costs in police court today when he was found guilty of manufacturing liquor from fermented fruites sorted from garbage which he collected from back doors. Judge Joseph Hays said that he was only sorry that he could not impose a heavier sentence upon Wolf.

Leads Both Parties.

Bedford, Ia., June 5.—A. Lucas was choice of both parties in the nomination for county attorney of Taylor county. He defeated O. J. Kinkadee on the republican ticket, and was high man also on the democratic ballot, there being no regular candidates and his name being written in.

Speeder Held in Jail.

Clarinda, Ia., June 5.—O. O. Markley, recently arrested for driving an automobile when at Hostonia, Iowa, is held in jail to await action of the grand jury at September term of court.

Last Work of Late Bishop Stuntz Was in Behalf of Women as Ministers

Chicago, June 5.—Virtually the last official act of the late Bishop Homer C. Stuntz of Omaha, whose funeral will be held there tomorrow, was to sign, as chairman, the report which was adopted at the recent general conference of the Methodist church providing for ordination of women as local preachers.

Bishop Stuntz was chairman of a commission of seven, appointed at the quadrennial general conference of 1920 to consider the expediency of granting to women the right of ordination and admission to the annual conferences.

COLERIDGE GIRL WINS "U" HONORS

Coleridge, Neb., June 5.—Miss Ruth Small, daughter of R. B. Small of this place, and a member of the senior class at the University of Nebraska, has been chosen by ballot as one of the five girls whose pictures appear in the university annual this year in the section known as "Representative Nebraska." These girls are chosen from different sections of the state because of their high grade scholarship and services rendered at the university.

Miss Small is at present secretary of the student council, a member of the Alpha Pi sorority, president of the Girls' Commercial club and a member of the Mortar board, an honorary society of 13 senior girls chosen for representative qualities and services at the university. She also has served on the commission and on the Y. W. C. A. cabinet, of which she was the vice president this year.

STATE BANKS SHOW GAIN OF \$9,000,000

Lincoln, June 5.—A gain of \$9,000,000 in the deposits of state banks in Nebraska during the first three months of 1924 is shown by the summary of the reports of the 229 institutions made by the banking department.

Labor Paper Supports Bryan for Presidency

By International News Service.

North Platte, Neb., June 5.—The Farmer-Labor Herald, a weekly periodical supporting progressive political action, declared in an editorial in today's issue that "Governor Bryan will be a candidate for the nomination for president at the democratic national convention."

"He is going to be supported by the delegation from Nebraska," the editorial continues, "and we have no doubt but that Mr. Bryan is the most progressive democrat that is being mentioned."

Lincoln, Neb., June 5.—Sterling E. Munk, Lincoln, a friend of Governor Bryan's, issued a lengthy statement favoring the Nebraska executive for the presidential nomination.

Prospect for Fruit Crops Bright in Gage County

Nebraska, June 5.—Expectations were never brighter for a big fruit crop in Gage county. Cherries will make the heaviest yield with pears and plums a close second. The apple crop also will be fairly good, but peaches and apricots were killed out by cold weather during the winter.

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Meat Basic Food of Nation, Stock Growers Are Told

Other Foods Compared to It in Determining Their Nutritive Value—Convention at North Platte.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee—North Platte, Neb., June 5.—While other food interests are seeking to displace meat in the diet with their own particular products, they are, on the contrary, impressing it upon the public mind that meat is the basic food, according to R. C. Pollock, managing director of the national livestock and meat board, in an address here before the annual convention of the Nebraska Stock Growers' association.

Pollock based his statement on methods followed in advertising various foods in which, he said, meat is invariably used as a comparison in proclaiming the nutritious value of the article in question. He pointed to breakfast food, vegetable and fruit advertising as examples.

Food fanatics admit the value of meat in their presentation of menus which, they claim, contain just as much nutriment as if meat were included, according to Pollock.

Well-Balanced Diet.

"No one will deny that the classes of foods I have mentioned are a necessity," he declared. "However, it is the well-balanced diet which contributes to a strong, healthy nation. The livestock producer is the prominent factor in this great industry supplying our basic food, meat, which is recognized as the center around which this diet is built."

F. M. Broome, secretary of the Nebraska Stock Growers' association, said that the facts brought out by Pollock are of real importance to livestock growers of Nebraska. He urged that producers of this state assist in bringing before the public the value of meat as a food.

Educational Program.

W. B. Tagg of Omaha, member of the national livestock and meat board, attending the convention, spoke briefly of the purpose of the national board. He pointed out that the board was organized not only to protect the interests of the industry itself, but for the benefit of the public. This is being accomplished through a nationwide educational program.

Tagg stated that one great trouble with the livestock and meat industry today is the surplus of cheaper cuts of meat on the market. The reason for this, he said, is that the average housewife shuns these cheaper cuts in favor of the so-called choice cuts.

Tagg pointed out that these cheaper cuts are just as nutritious as other types of meat and just as palatable if properly prepared. The board is making an effort to interest the housewife in these cheaper cuts.

10 HOURS TAKEN TO TRACE FIRE

Grand Island, Neb., June 5.—When the siren alarm was sounded and the fire department rushed to the Dolan Fruit company's wholesale house, it was disclosed that the presence of a fire somewhere in the building had been suspected for 10 hours. The fire was extinguished in a few minutes.

Early in the day fumes of smoke were noticeable. Search was made in the vicinity of the banana room, where heat is sometimes turned on, and at other places, but no fire or smoke could be seen. At closing time came a special watch was put on the building. After the house had been closed for some hours, the smoke became stronger.

The watchman decided to turn out all lights and then investigate the building thoroughly to see if sparks anywhere would show. In the basement he discovered the slow burn of some sawdust, used for sweeping purposes, and alongside a tub of rat paste, part of which had been eaten away by rats and left in the sawdust. The paste is said to contain phosphorus, which started smoldering when coming into contact with the sawdust.

NEBRASKA ALUMNI MAY USE DIX PLAN

Lincoln, June 5.—A new plan for alumni reunions of the University of Nebraska was discussed by alumni meeting here yesterday. The scheme, known as the "Dix plan" provides that each class shall come back to the school with three others associated with it in college, instead of as at present, with strangers. At the end of a cycle of 15 years, each class will have held a reunion with each of the six classes contemporary with it.

The plan was put forward by Harold Holtz, secretary of the association to do away with the "crowded and cumbersome" method now used where by the large graduating classes are asked to return en masse.

Farmer Taxed on 93 Hogs Averaging 700 Pounds

Aurora, Neb., June 5.—County Assessor Frank C. Rundle claims that the champion assessment of hogs in the state is that of Frank Johnson living near Horville in this county. Johnson listed 93 hogs averaging in weight 700 pounds. The largest in his herd weighs 900 pounds. These hogs are Durocs and some of them are 5 years old. He has been offered \$18 per hundred weight for them.

Charles Herrod of Giltner has the largest personal property assessment among the farmers of Hamilton county. He listed 268 head of fat cattle and 1,600 fat hogs.

Eight Coyotes Captured.

Hartington, Neb., June 5.—Eight cub coyotes were captured in this locality by Lyle Fern and Dale Jordan on a recent day's hunting trip.

Laf's Make Road to Fame Easy

Humorists May Win Cash and Admiration of Their Friends.

Where to see Local Lafs today: Gem theater, Cairo, Neb. Crescent theater, Holdrege, Neb. Lothrop theater, Omaha.

Here ye! Here ye! All you movie fans, writs, humorists! Here is your opportunity to win cash prizes and fame on the movie screen. The fame comes from having the winning jokes, together with the name and address of the jokester, on the screens of various leading movie theaters. Write an original joke of not more than 20 words and send it in to the Local Laf editor. If it has a kick he will send you a check and will designate you as a candidate for fame.

To get into the contest is easy. If you haven't seen your laf on the movie screen you are missing one of the most pleasant thrills one can experience. To see your name flashed on the screen, as the writer of a successful joke, to hear thousands chuckle at the humor you have contributed, to have your family and friends see and hear your success, that thrills one almost beyond description.

Now is the time to enter the contest. Send in as many jokes as you wish. Remember that each week a first prize of \$5 is offered, second prize of \$3, third of \$2, and 12 others of \$1 each.

HOLDEMAN MADE YORK POSTMASTER

Washington, June 5.—George R. Holdeman was nominated by President Coolidge today to be postmaster at York, Neb. Other nominations include Charles W. Carter, Juneau, Alaska; Zepe C. Thornburg, Des Moines, Ia., and Martin Conway, Skagway, Alaska.

Wheat Director Will Try to Organize 12 States

Sioux Falls, S. D., June 5.—Carl Gunderson, director of the South Dakota Wheat Growers' association and republican nominee for governor, today announced that he would help lead a movement to organize 12 midwestern states into a "new and more formidable farm bloc to force protection for the farmer equal to that of the manufacturers."

Number of State Gasoline Stations to Be Increased

Sioux Falls, S. D., June 5.—Gasoline will be on sale by the state at 15 cents a gallon at half a dozen points in the state within a few days, following the inauguration of state retail sale of the product to motorists at two South Dakota cities today and announcement of plans for its sale at three other points.

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