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TWO YOUTHS GET A YEAR EACH FOR ROBBING A STORE

Two Transient Youths Plead Guilty To Breaking And Entering A Stuart General Store.

Last Saturday afternoon in district court Judge Dickson, on pleas of guilty to breaking and entering the general store of Al Willering, at Stuart, and removing therefrom some boots, cigarettes, 12 pairs of socks and other small articles to the value of \$10.25, sentenced to the reformatory for men at Lincoln two young transients, one year each.

The boys gave their names, ages and addresses as Fred Froelich, 18, of Muskegon, Michigan, and Edward Letwis Royal, 18, of Thomasville, North Carolina.

The break-in occurred on the night of October 11 and next morning, Saturday, Chief of Police O. L. Leach of Stuart and Peter W. Duffy, sheriff of O'Neill, located the youngsters in a pasture hide-out about one and one half miles west of Stuart. They professed innocence but Willering identified the merchandise and Duffy brought the two here and placed them in the Holt county jail where both decided to plead guilty and take their medicine. The boys had no car and seemed to be trusting to luck to escape being caught. Both refused to give names of their parents.

Sheriff Duffy took his prisoners down to Lincoln the first of the week.

O'Neill Headquarters For Shelterbelt Workers

A. E. Hutchinson has been transferred to O'Neill and will be stationed there to look after the work of the shelterbelt in Holt county. Approximately 50 miles of shelterbelt will be planted in Holt county next spring, but the ground must be prepared and agreements signed this fall.

The strip is to be 10 rods wide, located on the half or quarter mile lines running at right angles to the prevailing winds and will vary from one-half mile to a mile in length. The trees will be planted in rows 10 feet apart and the recommended distance within the row for each particular species planted. The trees will consist of such trees as Russian Olive, Evergreen, Chinese and American Elm, Burr Oak or Pine Oak, Hackberry and Cottonwoods.

The agreement with the farmer is that the land is to be furnished to the government without charge this year. If the farmer is a AAA signer he may use this acreage as adjusted acreage for his contract if he wishes and receive benefit payments according to the contract. If not a AAA signer the land is to be donated until the government

has funds to pay for leasing. The land is to be rented with the option of purchase within five years, and the rental fee which will probably start not later than Jan. 1, 1936, will be based on an annual payment of 9 per cent of the purchase price each year.

THE NEBRASKA SCENE

by James R. Lowell
The state penitentiary is due for a "blow-up" sometime within the next nine months, say a number of ex-guards who quit the employ of the prison early this fall. Prison authorities may be able to quell the uprising in its inception so that the outside world will never hear of it, or it may reach newspaper headlines the country over.

Fifteen guards, some of them old timers, have turned in their equipment since Otto Duschus resigned as deputy warden late last summer. Several of them were dismissed by Warden Nate Harmon after a number of cell bars were found partially sawed thru. The guards were accused of negligence rather than complicity.

But the majority of the guards quitting the prison service have done so because of the "tense atmosphere" was 'getting on our nerves.'

Duschus never made public a reason for resigning from the penitentiary staff. He says confidentially, however, that the job was getting his goat. He is selling life insurance now, but he is thinking about entering some phase of the aviation industry. "The law enforcement business is a good thing to stay out of," he declares. "I spent 15 years at it and I had less when I quit than when I started."

The Lowell Service reporter gathered from interviews with a number of the ex-prison guards that the alleged latent volcanic condition at the penitentiary is not the fault of Warden Harmon or anyone in particular.

A prison is naturally a dynamite mine, and prison authorities have to proceed cautiously in anything they do. The mass psychology of prisoners also may be likened to the animals in a lion and tiger taming act. The trainer must always do things the same and maintain an even temperament or a fracas is likely to ensue.

Warden W. T. Fenton, who took over the state penitentiary 23 years ago when the wardenship was taken from the "political plum" orchard and put under the direction of the board of control, was the most successful warden in the institution's history. He was not hard-boiled but he maintained strict discipline and moved along without any "sudden jerks" to set the "animals" off. But a year or so ago when he left the post, he was broken in health and his nerves were in such a condition that he would

grab for his gun when someone walked suddenly into the room.

Dan Kavanaugh who succeeded Fenton also was more or less a victim to "prison nerves" and he died a few months after his appointment.

Now comes Warden Harmon, who was at one time chaplain of the institution. The old-time guard, who naturally doesn't want his name used, says that Harmon is a fine man and a capable executive, but not the type for a prison head.

"Mr. Harmon has too nervous a temperament for the job," said the old timer, "and it doesn't take an experienced hand long to sense the tension around the place. You've got to have a steady hand to handle the boys."

The list of tasks for the special legislative session this month has reached such length that if all of them were to be attended to the legislators would be in session for several months. Present indications are that Governor Cochran will limit his call to only two or three subjects aside from relief.

The governor is contemplating re-enactment of a revised Cone bill, known as the delinquent tax bill, which was found unconstitutional by the supreme court. Considerable pressure is being brought to bear on the chief executive for a substitute law which would allow the delinquent taxpayer to pay up his back taxes without penalty.

A law to enable Nebraska to take advantage of federal unemployment compensation benefits is on the governor's "must" list. "It is necessary to enact an unemployment compensation law so the state will be able to receive allowances credited from payroll taxes beginning the first of next year," he declares.

The state would lose benefits of an estimated \$2,000,000 collected from Nebraskans in 1936, if such a law were not passed, he points out.

After conferring with relief authorities in Washington, Attorney General Wright is confident an effective and satisfactory social security law, aiding the aged especially, can be drawn up and passed at the special session.

The talk is now that the relief act will contain a provision whereby counties may administer their own pro rata shares of state funds. It was a suit brought by 23 counties not participating in federal relief, who objected to paying a one-cent tax on gasoline to be used for relief in other counties of the state and not in their own, that caused the overthrow of the 1935 regular session relief acts.

History of the most vital sort is in the making in Nebraska in relation to the governmental regulation of the trucking industry which has grown from an infant to a veritable giant in the past decade. The truckers want a regulatory bill introduced in the special legislative session.

In keeping with the federal act passed by the last congress, the state railway commission has drawn up a bill after conferring with truckers from over the state. The bill would provide regulation for common and contract truck carriers with reference to insurance, labor, safety, permits and rates.

The rate problem is causing the most contention. The truckers maintain that their rates should be based on the cost of operation, plus a reasonable profit. The railroads, of course, want trucking rates parallel to their own.

Incidentally, interstate trucks are being assessed for the first time in Nebraska's history, according to State Tax Commissioner Smith. About 100 trucks running between points in Nebraska and other states come under the new truck assessment. Truck lines operating wholly within the state are assessed locally and the new assessment does not apply to them.

The unicameral legislature continues to be the political Lorelei luring the most politically ambitious Nebraskans out into deep water, altho the gubernatorial race is running a close-second as an attraction.

Recent filings (past two weeks) for the unicameral post include the names of O. O. Johnson, Gordon; Peter H. Claussen, Leigh; State Senator A. L. Neuman, Tekamah, and State Representative L. C. (Continued on page 4, column 1.)

OCT. 29 SET AS DATE FOR HOLT COUNTY HUSKING CONTEST

Field Where Contest Will Be Held Has Not Been Approved By The Committee.

The Holt county corn husking contest will be held Tuesday, Oct. 29. The committee in charge have not officially approved the field, but this will be announced next week.

Anyone interested in competing in this contest should write or call for qualification blanks at the office of Agricultural Agent F. M. Reece. These blanks must be returned not later than Saturday night, Oct. 26, as this will be the final date for accepting entries.

In order to qualify the husker should fill in the application showing how much corn he husked in one hour and twenty minutes when witnessed by a neighbor.

Further details will be furnished at the Agricultural Agent's office on request.

Farm Operators Short Course To Be Given

The farm operators short course opens Monday, No. 10. This is a four months course in general agriculture and is open to farm boys in Nebraska. The time spent is well worth while in obtaining practical information along lines somewhat difficult to obtain at home. There are several courses open such as, animal husbandry, farm mechanics and many others.

Anyone interested should write the agricultural agent or direct to T. H. Gooding, Agricultural College, Lincoln, Nebr.

Junior Project Club

The Junior Project Club met at the home of Mrs. Pete Thompson Wednesday afternoon. An interesting program on variety in vegetables was presented. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess Mrs. Thompson assisted by Mrs. Helen Gillespie. The next meeting of the Club will be held at the home of Mrs. John Osenbaugh, with Mrs. W. B. Graves as assisting hostess.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES.

10 a. m., Sunday school.
11 a. m., morning worship. Sermon subject, "Prevailing Prayer."
6:30 Epworth League continue the discussion of Christian Citizenship—By the Pastor.
7:30 Evening service. Sermon subject, "Our Greatest Need."
The choirs practice Tuesday evening at 7:30 and 8 o'clock.
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 each week.

On Monday evening of this week about 150 of the members and friends of the church met in the basement for a supper and reception for the District Superintendent, Rev. Paul Hillman, of Norfolk, who has been appointed to the district for another year, the teachers of the school and the new comers and officers of the church. H. B. Burch gave words of welcome to the superintendent; Mrs. Harold Lindberg spoke for the teachers, with Prof. Roy Carroll responding. Rev. D. S. Conard gave a word of welcome to the new comers, with Charles Yarnall responding and the Pastor spoke for the Officiary. Rev. Hillman gave a very fine address, fitting and helpful. Miss Nadine Kilpatrick gave a group of readings which were thoroughly enjoyed by all. A community sing spiced the program up and all seemed to have a very fine evening together. After the program all enjoyed a social time visiting and getting acquainted.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School 10:00, C. E. Yantzie, Superintendent.
Morning worship 11:00, "The Secret Springs."
Evening service 7:30. The Young People have prepared a play for this service. The choirs will furnish special music for both services.
We are in the "Church Presses On" movement. We need every person in line.
H. D. Johnson, Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. James Oppen entertained a party of friends at their home last Friday evening with cards and a luncheon. An enjoyable time is reported.

BRIEFLY STATED

Miss Rita Knapp, of this city, and Harry W. Morton, of Griswold, Iowa, were granted a marriage license in county court last Friday and were later united in marriage by Rev. A. J. May at the Methodist parsonage.

Harry Bowen, L. G. Gillespie and J. C. Harnish went down to York last Monday, where they are attending the Grand Lodge session of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows being held in that city this week.

S. J. Weekes went down to Omaha last Monday night to attend a meeting of the board of directors of the Regional Agricultural Credit corporation, of which he is a member. He returned home Wednesday night.

P. J. O'Donnell returned Friday from Pender where he has charge of a failed bank. While there he turned his ankle splintering a small bone, the injury requiring crutches for getting around.—Randolph Times-Enterprise.

Judge R. R. Dickson and Reporter McElhaney went up to Bassett last Monday where they are holding the fall term of district court for Rock county. They also expect to hold a short session of court in Brown county before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Oppen and children drove over to Creighton Saturday evening and spent Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. Oppen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Oppen and with his sister, Mrs. Melvin Cross and family. They returned home Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Weingartner and Mrs. Ruth Falconer, of Rockford, Illinois, and Mrs. George Winter, of Hanover, Illinois, arrived in the city the latter part of the week for a visit with their sister and aunt, Mrs. J. A. Naylor and with other relatives here.

Mrs. W. B. Graves went down to Lyons, Nebr., last Sunday morning, where she will spend a week visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Jane Buckley, and with her sister, Mrs. H. H. Heberly, of Los Angeles, who is spending a few weeks at her mother's home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stout and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Froelich returned Sunday afternoon from Chicago, where the former had been visiting and attending the world series base ball games. Mr. Froelich came back with them to spend a few days visiting his family.

Richard Arthur Strong, the year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Strong of this city, died at his home here last Friday evening after a short illness. The funeral was held Monday afternoon, interment in a cemetery about ten miles west of Elgin, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

J. P. Mann left last Sunday night for New York City where he will be joined by his daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Murray, of New York, and they will sail Saturday for Bermuda, where they expect to spend a month taking in the sights on that tropical island.

Ed Burge, who has been in a hospital in Omaha for the past three months receiving medical treatment, returned home the forepart of last week. Ed is looking fine, and while still a little weak from his long confinement in the hospital, will be his old self in a short time.

Gordon H. Parks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Parks, died at the home of his parents about sixteen miles east of this city last Sunday evening, at the age of 7 years, 5 months and 8 days, of cancer. The funeral was held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and burial in the cemetery at Page.

Ira H. Moss and Harold Lindberg, of this city, and Ralph Swanson, of Omaha, returned last Friday afternoon from a ten day big game hunting trip in the Wyoming mountains. The boys returned

with three Elk, one Deer and two Bears, so they figure they had an enjoyable and profitable trip. They drove from here to Cody, then forty miles southwest of that city where they had to leave their car and make the balance of the trip on horseback. Their camp was 65 miles southwest of Cody.

Youth Guilty of Shooting Taken To Reformatory

C. C. Bergstrom went down to Lincoln last Friday afternoon taking down Stephen Alder, who was sentenced last week to an indeterminate sentence of from one to twenty years in the state reformatory for shooting at his brother with intent to kill. While in Lincoln Clarence took in the foot ball game and witnessed the defeat of Nebraska in a game that it was thought, before the game, that Nebraska would win, but they were on the short end of a 12 to 7 score. Clarence, who is quite a foot ball fan, says the Nebraska boys played like a lot of school kids and muffed several easy chances to score.

C. E. Angster, service manager of the Miller Bros. Chevrolet Co., returned Wednesday from Grand Island, where he had been in attendance at a mechanical school, which was being conducted at that point by factory Chevrolet men. Proper instruction was given as to complete servicing of the new 1936 Chevrolets, which will be announced on November 2.

Governor Cochran contemplates calling the Nebraska legislature in special session on or about October 28 for the purpose of enacting certain laws to take the place of those recently declared unconstitutional by the supreme court. The call has not yet been issued so it is not known just what matters will be placed before the legislature for their consideration.

J. F. O'Donnell, Jack Sullivan and Lucian Cook, of Spencer, returned Friday from their trip to Chicago, where they took in the world series base ball games. The boys say the games were real ball games, everyone being nip and tuck. They were agreed, however, that Detroit was the team that had the greatest punch and were entitled to win.

Edward Gatz returned last Saturday from Burwell where he had been in the interest of the Tolerton and Warfield Company. New Council Oak stores are about to be opened at Ord, Spalding and Burwell.

At Bassett last Friday afternoon the local public high school football machine went down to defeat at the hands, and feet, of the Bassett public high school, 36 to 0, one of the players reported.

BLOOD POISONING STARTED BY BOIL KILLS YOUNG LADY

Funeral Services Will Be Held At The Home Friday For Cora May Bradley.

Cora May Bradley died in the Lutheran hospital in Norfolk Wednesday evening, of blood poisoning, after an illness of but four days, at the age of 30 years, 3 months and 1 day. The body was brought to this city Thursday morning. The funeral services will be held at the home of her parents, southeast of this city Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with interment in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Cora May Bradley was born on the home place southeast of this city, on July 15, 1905, and has spent her entire life in this county, living at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Bradley. She is survived by her parents and one brother, Alfred, and one sister, Twilla, both of this city.

Mias Bradley was suffering from a boil in her nose and saw a physician on Sunday last. This did not respond to treatment and after seeing her physician on Tuesday she was ordered taken at once to the hospital at Norfolk, where she passed away on Wednesday evening.

Power Dam Bondholders Ask Grant to Issue Bonds

The Northern Nebraska Power company, which now owns and operates the power plant on the Niobrara river north of here, has asked the state railway commission for authority to issue two series of first mortgage bonds totaling \$113,000, one series of second mortgage bonds totaling \$100,000, and 2,000 shares of common stock totaling \$40,000.

The bondholders bought in the property at a referee sale a few months ago and are now seeking to reorganize the company, through the efforts of a bondholder's committee.

WEST SIDE PROJECT CLUB

The West Side Project Club held its first meeting at the home of Mrs. Ralph Ernst on Thursday, October 10. Twelve members are now enrolled.

The lesson on vegetables was very ably demonstrated by Mrs. John Miller and Mrs. Vic Johnson. Mrs. Roy Cole was assisting hostess. Lunch, consisting of pumpkin pie and coffee was served.

Our next meeting will be held at Mrs. Fred Lorenz's.

K. A. Wehl is carrying his arm in a sling, the result of the kick back of a gasoline engine he was trying to start at the Power dam on the Niobrara river Wednesday morning. He suffered a broken wrist of his right hand.

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