

# MURDOCK ITEMS

Miss Eleanor Harting spent New Years with her friend Miss Carrie Kleiser.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Neitzel were over at Havelock last Sunday afternoon to call on the Hitchcock family. Warren Richards of Wabash was a visitor in Murdock on last Wednesday afternoon looking after some business matters.

Albert Bornemeier was called to Lincoln on last Wednesday to look after some business matters, driving over to the big town in his car. The Murdock Sunday school made a change, electing Leo Rikill for superintendent in place of Otto Miller, who has held the office about twenty years.

Walter O'Brien and Edward Scheehand of Manley were visiting with friends and also looking after some business matters in Murdock on the last day of last year.

The New Year is different at the home of Henry Oehlerking since the installation of the new Claron Jr. radio, which Paul Stock placed in the Oehlerking home.

A. H. Ward was a visitor in Omaha last Wednesday morning where he went to look after some business matters and brought home a truck load of high grade Ethyl gas.

Last Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sheehan and their little son were in Murdock from their home at Manley and were calling on Dr. Lee, their babe having been slightly ailing.

Mrs. Alvin Bornemeier and their little son departed on last Tuesday for Enstus where she went to enjoy a visit with her folks for over the New Years, and where they always have a good time.

See the ad of Ray Gamlin in this issue and remember he is making an appeal for your patronage at the same time giving you good service in stock hauling as well as the very best in prices.

Frank Deckman and Paul Stock were over to Omaha on last Wednesday night where they went to attend a watch meeting, that is to watch the old year go and the new year come. And they did.

Misses Viola Everett and Martha New Years and were guests at the Tuesday where they were visiting with friends as well as looking after business matters in the way of shopping for a short time.

Charles Ward and wife of Kansas, arrived in Murdock the day before New Years and were guests at the A. H. Ward home for a short time, as well as visiting with other relatives and friends here and at Elmwood and Weeping Water.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kuehn and their daughter were enjoying a visit at Clay Center, Kansas where they especially went to visit with Mrs. Ferdinand Rosenow who has been quite poorly for some time. Mrs. Rosenow is sister of Mr. Kuehn.

Herman P. Schweppe and the family are enjoying a very fine radio, they having purchased a Carlton Jr. of Paul Stock, and now have their ear tuned to the best concerts which the country produces as well as knowing whether it is going to snow or rain, and what the prices are for eggs and seed corn.

Ray Gamlin and wife were enjoying a visit for the Christmas season at the home of his father, W. H. Gamlin, who resides in Kansas, but just along the Missouri line. Ray reports the folks like the place where they reside but that the moisture was rather deficient the past summer, and consequently the crops rather slim.

The debate between Callahan and Murdock Sunday school classes, on the occasion "Which is the more important, the Sunday school or the preaching service" brought out a large audience; it was held in the Murdock church. The judges decided in the affirmative side. They seemed to have the best of the argument by fifteen to one. It was an interesting hour.

**Strayed or Stolen.**  
Bay, bald face horse, either strayed or stolen from Ernest Bruckmuller home. Finder notify owner.

**A Fine Christmas Gift.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rodgers at their home in Denver were pleased on Christmas day by a gift from the stork of a little boy, and a little girl. The new citizens and their parents are getting along nicely and all is happy at the Rodgers home. Now that is not all either, for in Murdock at the John Schaeel home there are two happy people, they being Grandfather and Grandmother. Mr. and Mrs. John Schaeel.

**Short Horn Bull.**  
I have a pure bred Short Horn yearling bull ready for service, for sale. An excellent individual.—Gust Stock.

**Seven Letter to Seven Churches.**  
SMYRNA  
Rev. 2: 8-11—H  
This letter of Jesus, sent to this church is the shortest and best of all. This is one perfect church, that has no faults.  
Smyrna was a large city of 120,000 inhabitants about 40 miles north of Ephesus, at the mouth of the little River Meles. It was des-

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troyed by the Lydians and lay in ruins 400 years, until Alexander rebuilt it, after this it flourished. It was here that Polyron was Bishop, who was martyred 166 A. D. This church is praised by him, who was dead and is alive. We notice:

1. That Christ's churches are objects of His supreme regard "I know they work, tribulation and poverty."  
2. That He possesses the most accurate acquaintance with the state of His churches and of all their individual members (but thou art rich.)  
3. That He despises not the least indications of piety. This is evident from: The very fact of His appearance to John with messages for the churches; The Mew which He gives of His character to the particular church here addressed. The tone of all His letters to the churches.

4. That the life of the Christian is a state of warfare, and as such requires activity and effort.  
5. That the Savior promised heavenly reward to His faithful subjects. This church was subjected to severe trials, and they would continue. To be forewarned is to be forearmed. Satan is here described as the head of the church of these outcast Jews; whereas that would cause this church much trouble. The worst enemies of the church always arise within the church; and it is harder to guard against them, than against those without. The trials and temptations will last but a short time; that is ground for consolation. But imprisonment is in store for them, were they tempted to abandon their principles. "Works" are not mentioned in this letter, they find only place were of good and evil deeds is mentioned but "suffering." This church seemed to have more poor members than any other, but they were rich in faith, and rich in God. God comes to their rescue, with His "fear not, I am with thee." They are exhorted to remain steadfast, to be faithful unto death. How many of us today, that belong to His church, would be found faithful unto death, if such persecutions should visit us? We are having an altogether too easy a time; our faith is not tested like those of the early church. Would our Christianity stand the test? The persecution under Marcus Aurelius in 1667 was the bloodiest of all persecutions. His name in history is written in blood. Of all ten persecutions that the early church suffered, this was the outstanding severest of all. God foresees this. Hence, the injunction "Be thou faithful unto death." It needed this word from the Master. Yes, only those that are faithful unto death can expect a crown of life—i. e. eternal life.

What a message! Let all that have ears, listen; what the Spirit has to say—and heed it. God will not be mocked.  
L. NEITZEL.

**Young Folks Skate.**  
The young people of Murdock were out enjoying a skating party on last Sunday and also again on New Years even, for they remained and enjoyed the festive until the coming of the new year.

**Candle Into Powder; Boys are Near Death**  
Two Were Exploring Contents of Farm Home Storeroom—Room Is Damaged  
Shelton, Neb., Jan. 2.—Two boys, exploring a second floor storeroom in a farmhouse five miles from here, dropped a candle late this afternoon into a can containing 20 pounds of black blasting powder.

One boy was blown through a window and picked up on the ground 20 feet from the house. The other was rescued from the burning room, and both tonight are fighting for their lives in a hospital at Kearney.

James McMullen, 12, blown thru the window, is most dangerously burned. Wayne Hogg, 10, his cousin, is injured.

**Had Opened Can Earlier.**  
Wayne, son of F. C. Hogg, has lived with the McMullen family so to be nearer a school. At the time of the accident he and James were on the second floor, several other children were on the first floor, and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McMullen were outside the house.

In their exploration the boys had opened the 25-pound can of black powder, about four pounds of which had been used. Later they had lit the candle and in some manner dropped it. Neither tonight was in condition to give any detailed account of what had happened.

The blast nearly wrecked the room, setting it afire.  
**Farmer Saves Nephew.**  
Andrew McMullen, hearing the blast, found his son lying on the ground. "We dropped a candle," was his explanation. Asked about Wayne, James said they had been together. Mr. McMullen hurried and crawling on the floor of the burning roof brought out the younger boy.

Neighbors extinguished the blaze, which did little damage outside the storeroom. The blast, however, had lifted the roof of the house, moving it about four inches.

No one of the children downstairs was hurt by the explosion.  
McMullen's farm is five miles northwest of Shelton.—World-Herald.

Mrs. Mae S. Morgan, who has been here for the holidays, departed yesterday for a short visit at Weeping Water and at Omaha with her daughter, Clara Mae, and from there will return to her teaching work at Burlington.

Over Stuffed Furniture repaired, rebuilt, recovered by Factory Man.—Christ Furniture Co., Phone 645, Plattsmouth, Nebr. j5-1wd&w

## UNEMPLOYED CUT WOOD

Beatrice—County Supervisor J. R. Conn has twelve men at work cutting, with axes and cross cut saws, trees at the Buchanan farm southeast of town.

The men engaged in this work are from among those receiving help from the county in Supervisor Conn's district. They are allowed 30 cents per hour for their work, but they draw their pay in groceries instead of in money. The amount they are permitted to draw per week is limited to \$3.

The wood which the men cut up is taken to the county barn and garage, and distributed to destitute families which are county charges. About eighty tons of wood are already piled up there.

## Planning Board Urged for War on Dull Times

Foster-Catchings Article Points to Possibilities of Higher Standards

Urging the formation of a national planning board to keep industrial development on an even keel and declaring that the economic history of the United States for 1930 could be summed up by the 10 words, "the year was spent in saving money and waiting men," William Trufant Foster and Waddill Catchings, in the January issue of the American Federation, point out the possibilities for the "highest standard of living ever enjoyed by any people in the history of the world."

Maintaining that the waste could have been avoided, they go on to explain that most of the loss of machines, materials, money and men would have been prevented if commerce and finance had been based on the ideas laid down by the American Federation of Labor.

For generations, they point out, labor leaders and social workers demanded a "living wage." Economists, statisticians and arbitrators were tediously figuring to determine the cost of maintaining a family in "security and decency." All they arrived at were opinions. "These opinions, however, were brought forward as sufficient grounds for quantitative wage demands."

About five years ago the American Federation of Labor declared that increase in the real wages of labor should keep pace with the increased productivity of labor, the article continues. "That," it says, "in our judgment, was the most important decision ever made by organized labor. In making that decision, labor leaders took a position which employers will have to take eventually: for Capital, as well as Labor, can continue to prosper only if real wages—that is to say, standards of living—increase at the same rate as the output of labor."

Taking up the question of "general overproduction" the article states that the term really means "general underconsumption," and goes on to declare a general increase of consumer the only cure.

"There has been an OREY of saying," it says. "The Federal Government has saved so much money that during the past year of depression it actually paid off \$745,000,000 of debts. That is a larger amount by \$7,200,000 than was paid off in the previous year of prosperity. During this period of unemployment the banks increased their hoards of idle gold by over \$300,000,000. Many corporations, too, have held on to huge surplus funds which might have been put to work."

"But while we have been saving money we have been wasting men. Nobody knows how many men we have wasted through our failure to give them work to do. But it is clear from the federal census that every day of the current year at least 4,000,000 men have been out of work."

"At least 3,000,000 men could have been put to work if enough money had been spent to provide a demand for products. And enough money would have been spent if total pay rolls had increased fast enough."

"Is it possible to prevent such a waste? It certainly is. If we were declared today, we should immediately mobilize our national resources—our materials, machines, money and men. We are prepared to do exactly that. For that purpose we have constantly at work a national war planning board."

"The war was declared today we should put to use our surplus materials. We should put our idle machines in motion. We should put our hoards of money in circulation. We should put our jobless men to work. In short, we should all but solve the problem of unemployment overnight."

"As a result we should increase our output at 40 per cent above the current volume. We should produce enough wealth to maintain the highest standard of living ever enjoyed by any people in the history of the world. Everybody knows that our resources at this very moment are sufficient to achieve all that."

"Happily we shall not declare war today against any nation. But we can achieve the same productive triumphs by declaring war against the present business depression. Everything is ready except a national war-time planning board with knowledge and power enough to influence expenditures, both public and private, for the common good."

## \$800,000,000 in Construction Ready to Start

Woods Told Part of Public Plans Are Now Beyond the Preparation Stage

Washington—Public and semi-public works valued at \$800,000,000 are in such shape that they can be started within the next few months, Col. Arthur Woods, chairman of the President's Emergency Committee for Employment, announced Dec. 29.

Colonel Woods based his estimates on reports from architects, contractors and others in charge of public works in all parts of the country, received from Franklin T. Miller, head of the committee's public works section.

All of this work, Mr. Miller explained, is beyond the stages of procuring funds, site selection, litigation and other preliminary steps which are delaying some public construction projects. "Our estimate," he said, "is based on personal letters and information on specific projects of a public or semi-public nature, including state, municipal and county buildings, schools and highways, amounting to more than \$2,000,000,000."

Indications are that a very substantial amount of work, not dependent on commercial returns from rentals, manufacturing and so forth, will be under way shortly, provided that plans can be completed and contracts let. "We have been making every effort to remove the obstacles which stand in the way of individual building projects," Mr. Miller said, adding that his committee has received in the last three weeks reports that \$7,000,000 of construction, much of which had been delayed for months, has been started, notwithstanding the approach of winter."

Colonel Woods announced that a survey of reasons for delay of 1930 public and semi-public projects, excluding federal, made by the committee, showed 25 per cent awaiting authorization; 16 per cent awaiting appropriations; 19 per cent preparation of plans; 15 per cent bids; 7 per cent site selections; 7 per cent approval of plans; 2 per cent litigation; and 6 per cent miscellaneous obstacles.

Illustrative of the types of work which are being accelerated to provide employment are such projects as a \$575,000 University of Detroit High School; a \$600,000 memorial hospital in Pawtucket, R. I.; a \$450,000 high school in Chillicothe, O.; a \$2,500,000 municipal airport in Akron, O.; a \$400,000 addition to the senior high school in New Rochelle, N. Y.; and a \$9,500,000 sanitary district for the Mahoning Valley at Mineral Ridge, O.

An unusually cooperative spirit is shown daily by all those concerned with public construction programs, according to Mr. Miller. "We have had more returns than we anticipated," he said. "We have had an extraordinarily favorable response. We find much more construction actually getting under way than we had thought possible."

## WOMAN TARRED, FEATHERED

Riverside, Cal., Jan. 2.—Mrs. Anna Wood, a homesteader in the San Jacinto mountain foothills, was in a serious condition Friday from being tarrared and feathered New Year's day by two masked men.

Deputy Sheriff Carl Rayburn, who went to her ranch 40 miles east of here, reported the tarring apparently followed Mrs. Wood's defiance of cattlemen's orders to move out.

Mrs. Wood was found in a hysterical and semiconscious condition at her isolated ranch Thursday night by friends. They reported to the sheriff, who said arrests were imminent.

Rayburn said the woman had accused neighboring cattlemen of demanding she quit her homestead and mining claims, located on valuable grazing lands.

"They told me to move out or I would wish I had," she told the deputy.

A commotion in the barn among her goats, Mrs. Woods said, drew her to the building. A masked man tarrared her with kerosene, and a second masked man helped in applying the tar and feathers.

Mrs. Wood told Rayburn she was unconscious on the barn floor for several hours after her attackers left.

## PLAN TEACHING BY RADIO

Washington—Dr. William John Cooper, head of the federal office of education, announced Friday formation of a national committee of education by radio to inaugurate a five year program. Joy Elmer Morgan of Washington will be chairman of the committee, which will have as its primary aim crystallization of definite plans and recommendations for promoting and protecting broadcasting by educational institutions.

The first work of the committee will be a campaign to obtain at least 15 per cent of the broadcasting channels for permanent and exclusive use of educational agencies. Morgan said the committee is considering ways of obtaining financial support for its campaign.

## WEAVER TO APPOINT SUCCESSOR TO HEAD

Governor Weaver will name a member of the Nebraska capital commission to succeed Walter Head, who resigned last week, before he surrenders the governorship to Charles W. Bryan, Thursday, according to advices from Lincoln.

The governor is reported to be consulting with Omaha friends relative to the appointment. He has asked for suggestions.

## Search Being Made for Negro Kidnapers

Identity Disclosed at St. Louis, and State Authorities Determined to Prosecute Him

St. Louis—Charles V. Abernathy, twenty-eight, negro and father of seven children, who New Year's eve kidnaped Adolphus Busch Orthwein, thirteen, traded the boy back to his parents for his liberty and still was at large Friday night. Police were conducting a wide search for him with St. Louis county authorities planning a state prosecution. Identification of the kidnaper came Friday and was followed by the arrest of Pearl Abernathy, St. Louis negro real estate dealer and father of the abductor. The senior Abernathy Thursday brought about the return of Young Orthwein after twenty hours' captivity. Police held the senior Abernathy uncommunicated and would give no details, other than that he admitted his son was the kidnaper.

Shortly before Percy J. Orthwein and Harry Troll, his attorney, discovered the kidnaped boy standing on a county road near the Orthwein estate, the senior Abernathy had telephoned Troll and August A. Busch, Jr.

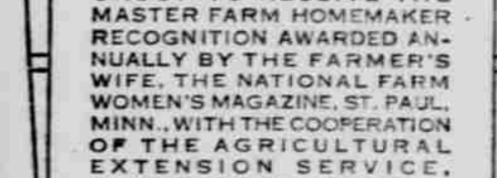
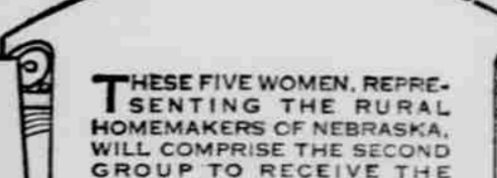
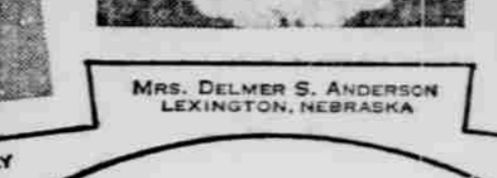
The Orthwein and Busch families refused to divulge details. They did not desire to prosecute the abductor, and Troll said that if it was found the kidnaped had been driven to his crime by extreme want, it was possible that the Busch family would find employment for him. Prosecutor Custien of St. Louis county said, however, the negro kidnaper would be prosecuted vigorously by the state.

After extensive questioning Sheriff Till said he would take Pearl Abernathy to Clayton and hold him uncommunicated on charges of being an accessory to the kidnaping. Chief of Detectives Kaiser of St. Louis announced his belief that the senior Abernathy was the "key to the whole situation."—State Journal.

## MASON, 100, DIES

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 1.—Peter Pickton, who was 100 years old December 23, died at the Masonic home at Zenith today. He was believed the oldest Mason in the state.

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THESE FIVE WOMEN, REPRESENTING THE RURAL HOMEMAKERS OF NEBRASKA, WILL COMPRISE THE SECOND GROUP TO RECEIVE THE MASTER FARM HOMEMAKER RECOGNITION AWARDED ANNUALLY BY THE FARMER'S WIFE, THE NATIONAL FARM WOMEN'S MAGAZINE, ST. PAUL, MINN., WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA. SIMILAR RECOGNITIONS WILL BE GIVEN IN THIS STATE THIS YEAR.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 30.—Nebraska's five Master Farm Homemakers of 1931 were announced here today. A public recognition ceremony, January 7, is planned, not only to honor them but to recognize the contribution of all Nebraska farm women in building the state.

The Master Farm Homemakers are: Mrs. Jacob Norris, Laurel; Mrs. Edward L. Cooley, Waverly; Mrs. Howard F. Capwell, Elmwood; Mrs. Delmer S. Anderson, Lexington; Mrs. James W. Miller, Beaver Crossing.

The recognition is sponsored annually by The Farmer's Wife, the national farm women's magazine, St. Paul, Minn., with the cooperation of the agricultural extension service of the University of Nebraska and is one feature of Organized Agriculture, January 5-8, 1931. Similar recognitions are given in 19 other states by the magazine and cooperating Colleges of Agriculture, and 320 outstanding women of the nation have been honored so far.

To be eligible a woman must be nominated by five neighbors, then she answers over 500 questions concerning all phases of her homemaking ability, and a state judging committee makes the selection.

Believing that every woman should have hobbies, Mrs. Norris has chosen children, flowers, and a garden for hers. She has been a school board member eight years, has boarded rural teachers for 20 years, is a leader in many community activities, and won \$105 premium money on canned goods at fairs last year. Nevertheless her first ambition is to be a good wife and mother.

With the recognition of Mrs. Anderson Nebraska will have its first Master Farm Family, for Mr. Anderson is a Master Farmer, Mrs. Anderson says that a successful homemaker is a good housekeeper, wife, mother, business woman, and neighbor.

Mrs. Cooley believes that "The real function of a home is to raise the children to be useful citizens, able to take their part in the work of the world," and points out that a parent's job is "to furnish the right home setting and the example."

## EINSTEIN WITH SCIENTISTS

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 2.—Dr. Albert Einstein Friday joined the men studying the behavior of a universe to the structure of which they say his relativity theory appears to offer a clue.

These men, earnest workers of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, have the world's largest telescope—a 100-inch reflecting mirror—at Mount Wilson.

This observatory is investigating the universe, its parts, structure and behavior. Since no one institution can cover the subject, Mount Wilson, having the world's largest telescope, devotes most of its time to the remote regions.

Dr. Einstein at one time formed a mental picture of the cosmos, a mathematical concept developed by and obeying its call. I prepare to leave as soon as possible to observe the universe, and who has found that observable distances of 300,000,000 light years are apparent.

This man is Dr. Edwin P. Hubble of Mount Wilson. He has much to show to Dr. Einstein.

## DEMOCRATS HAVE DEFICIT

Washington—The democratic national committee began the new year with a \$22,756 deficit. A report to the clerk of the house Friday said expenditures during the year aggregated \$612,647 and that \$6466 remained in the treasury. However, the committee owed John J. Raskob, national chairman, \$225,250 and \$402,383 to the County Trust company of New York.

The republican senatorial campaign committee reported expenses of \$144,730. Eastern expenditures were \$94,527 and disbursements in the west totaled \$50,203. Another organization to spend more than it received was the republican congressional committee. It received \$249,482 and spent \$264,995. The Anti-Saloon league of New Jersey reported its disbursements as \$5,511 and the Anti-Saloon league of America said it spent \$6,672.

## Alfaro Called to Assume Presidency on Friday

Minister of Panama to the United States Announces That He Will Accept Task

Washington—Dr. Ricardo J. Alfaro, minister to the United States from Panama, Friday night formally accepted the presidency of his republic, tendered by the supreme court. At midnight Dr. Alfaro dispatched the formal notification of his acceptance by cable. It read: "Abiding decision of that honorable court and obeying its call I prepare to leave as soon as possible."

The president-designate will decide Saturday morning just when he will leave. He intends to confer first with state department officials, with whom he has had no formal communication since receiving the offer of the Panamanian presidency in the afternoon.

Panama City—The supreme court of Panama late Friday administered the oath of office to Harmodio Arias, as provisional president, and immediately telegraphed Dr. Ricardo J. Alfaro, minister to the United States, requesting him to return to Panama and assume the presidency. Shortly after taking the oath of office, Provisional President Arias "hopped a jitney" and made an unofficial call on the American minister, Roy T. Davis. He disclaimed a big limousine standing in the palace front yard.

After his visit to the minister, Dr. Alfaro said he felt very deeply obliged. He said, "for the tact and great earnestness with which he met and coped with a very difficult situation, especially by coming here to interview the president while there was still firing going on. I am sure the people of Panama deeply appreciate his neutral action."—State Journal.

## HOOVER TO GET HARDING BID

Marion, Ohio, Jan. 2.—Belief that trustees of the Harding Memorial association would vote to invite President Hoover to dedicate the Warren G. Harding memorial here was expressed Friday by Hoke Donithen, secretary of the association.

Donithen, acting on a request from Joseph S. Frelinghuysen, association president, has called the trustees to a meeting here next Monday to consider plans for the ceremony. This action followed the recent disclosure in Washington that resident Hoover would take part in the dedication if he received an invitation.

## URGES \$250,000 FUND TO PUSH ARIZONA SUIT

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 1.—The Arizona-Coloardo river commission has recommended that K. Berry Peterson, attorney general, be given 250 thousand dollars to prosecute Arizona's suit in the United States supreme court against construction of the Hoover dam.

The commissioners, whose terms expire January 5, made the recommendation in their final report to Governor John C. Phillips.

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