

MURDOCK ITEMS

Steve Leis spent two days at the state fair.

J. J. Gustin was a visitor in Lincoln on business Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Scheel, Sr., drove to Lincoln Saturday morning.

Several miles of the grading on highway No. 1 has been completed.

Frank Melvin made a business trip to Lincoln Friday and took in the fair while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Rase and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bornemeier took in the fair Thursday evening.

August Bornemeier from west of Elmwood, was a visitor with his brother, John, Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Elliott and son from south of Ayo, called at the F. A. Melvin home Saturday afternoon.

John Scheel, Sr., will commence the erection of a large corn crib on their farm northeast of town this week.

P. V. Pickwell was shelling delivering corn to the Farmers elevator at Murdock on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jacobson and baby of Lincoln, spent Labor day with his cousin, Henry Jacobson and family.

Mrs. A. J. Tool was visiting with friends and attending the county fair at Weeping Water on last Wednesday.

Mrs. Maranella, who has spent the last week helping her daughter, Mrs. Henry Jacobson, departed Saturday morning for her home at Fairmont.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Kitzel were guests for the week end on last Sunday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. O. J. Hitchcock and family of Havelock.

A reunion of the Kuehn families was held at Malcom Sunday, Sept. 13. Those from here attending were the Emil Kuehn, Ed Thimman and Frank Kuehn families.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bauer were enjoying a very pleasant visit at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Ray Boldin, and the family, as well as attending the fair during the week.

Paul Schewe and the good wife were over to Murray on last Tuesday where they were looking for peaches to purchase. They met Mr. Townsend there and visited for a short time.

Wm. Deickman and Fred Lau were over to Murray and vicinity on Monday of last week where they were looking for peaches to purchase. They were slightly late as they were most all gone by that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Angwert were over to Council Bluffs for the week end last week where they went to visit for the day with a sister of Henry's, who was visiting with relatives at Council Bluffs.

The members of the Ladies Aid of the Murdock church enjoyed a very pleasant evening together on last Tuesday when they had a tea and something to eat as well as enjoying their meeting very much.

Wm. Rikil and wife and Henry Heimann and wife were over to Plattsmouth last Wednesday where they were looking after some business matters and at the same time were visiting with friends.

A reunion of the Lau family at Louisville last Sunday, Aug. 6th, was represented by several families from here, those were the Ferdinand Lau, Fred Lau, Wm. Lau, Wm. Dickman and Ed Thimman families.

Guest Stock was a visitor at the state fair during last week and while there was a diminution of the attendance, he says the fair was fine and plenty of people to dodge while he was looking at the exhibits.

Roy Gorthey and the family are enjoying the festivities at the county fair at Weeping Water on last Wednesday night, and the family, other than the postmaster, were enjoying visiting there all the day.

Mrs. Frank Buell, who is in the Bryan hospital at Lincoln and where she recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, is reported as making satisfactory progress and in hoping to be able to return home in a short time.

Newton Gathers Census Facts on Brewing Industry

Denies, However, Information Requested by President Hoover—Many Rumors Afloat

Washington, D. C., Sept. 18.—Recently denied reports that President Hoover is considering the advisability of amendment of the Volstead act to restore beer were revived today by the disclosure that the White house has sought and obtained official information on the economic consideration involved in the proposal.

The White house, it was disclosed, procured from the census bureau detailed figures on the number of persons employed by the breweries and the total amount of wages paid in the pre-Volstead era.

When this circumstance leaked out there was a hurried conference between the president and Walter Newton, one of his secretaries, who had transmitted the request for information to the census bureau.

Emerging from Mr. Hoover's office Mr. Newton stated that the information had been sought not for the president but for a person unnamed not connected with the White house.

Routine, Says Newton. Any inference that the president was interested in obtaining the information is wholly unwarranted, Mr. Newton asserted.

According to Mr. Newton's version of the incident the request for the data was received and was forwarded to the census bureau as a routine accommodation of the sort that a senator or congressman renders his constituents. The figures were received from the census bureau within the last 48 hours, but had not yet been transmitted to the applicant for the information. Mr. Newton declined to reveal he added that he had not shown the figures to the president.

For weeks there have been persistent rumors that the administration is on the verge of coming out for the restoration of beer of an alcoholic content of 3 or 4 per cent, which the proponents of such amendment of the Volstead act say is non-intolerable in fact and therefore within the law of the Eighteenth amendment. These reports have been published widely.

"Mind Not Closed." The White house has repeatedly stated that they are wholly lacking in foundation. The president has declined to answer questions concerning his attitude but his secretary has represented his position to be the same today as when he transmitted the Wickersham commission report to congress last January.

On that occasion he agreed with everything in the report except the suggestion that the Eighteenth amendment be replaced with one that would give congress the power to regulate or prohibit the liquor traffic. The commission went on record against the restoration of beer of low alcoholic content, and with that, Mr. Hoover tacitly agreed.

While the president assumed this attitude in his letter transmitting the commission's report to congress his secretary energetically spread the assurance that he has not closed his mind hermetically against any modification of the prohibition law. Mr. Hoover, it was explained, merely did not agree with the particular suggestion suggested by the commission he appointed to find the facts and make recommendations.

More than half the members of the president's cabinet are understood to favor the restoration of beer and many of the closest advisers of Mr. Hoover in and out of public life are said to have labored with him for months on the subject. The department leaders are fully aware of what is going on and have given the president to understand that if he yields to the clamor for beer he will do so at his political peril.

What Figures Reveal. As the economic situation has dragged on the appeals for the restoration of beer have stressed particularly the argument that such action would lessen unemployment tremendously and promote the return of prosperity.

The figures transmitted by the census bureau showed that in 1914 there were about 75 thousand persons employed by breweries of whom 62 thousand were wage earners. In 1919 just before prohibition was into effect there were 42 thousand of whom 34 thousand were wage earners.

The decline was due to wartime regulation of brewing and the spread of state prohibition. In 1929 near beer breweries employed 6,400 persons of whom five thousand were wage earners. In 1914 the total compensation of employees was 80 million dollars, in 1919, 68 million dollars, and in 1929, 12 million dollars. The value of the products was 442 million dollars in 1914, 379 million dollars in 1919 and 44 million dollars in 1929.

Representative L. C. Dyer (rep. Mo.) recently made an extended argument to Mr. Hoover for the restoration of beer. He estimated that 100 thousand persons directly and thousands more indirectly would be given employment, and not less than one billion dollars could be collected by the federal, state and local governments in excise taxes. Of this amount he estimated 250 million dollars would be collected by the federal government.

RADIO WINNERS AT HASTINGS COLLEGE. Hastings—Miss Josephine McPherson and Ralph Hargelrod won first places in the radio audition at Hastings college under the direction of President Calvin H. French. They will compete in the district contest at Clay Center.

MODISH STEERS MUST WATCH THEIR FIGURES

Frankfort, Ky., Sept. 13.—The well-groomed steer is not so hefty this year.

Styles in steers have changed, the Kentucky Marketing Exchange Bulletin says, and the steer that weighed 1,800 pounds last year cannot afford his counterpart to exceed 1,300 pounds if he is to amount to anything in bovine society.

It was explained that younger cattle are more economical because they put on their gains considerably cheaper than older ones. From the consumers' standpoint younger animals are more desirable because of the smaller steaks and roasts their carcasses provide.

Wherry Discusses Problems of the Farmer

Holds Farm Board Urging Reduced Acreage Impractical as Between States

Nelson—Problems of agriculture were discussed here Wednesday afternoon by State Senator Wherry, speaking before the annual Nuckolls county fair crowds.

The Pawnee City senator, mentioned as possible republican gubernatorial timber in the 1932 campaign, discussed, critically, the needs of farmers and the steps that have been or, in his belief, should be taken to relieve the present situation.

Giving his attention first to state measures of relief, Wherry urged legislation that will enable the state department of agriculture to give to farmers assurance of the highest possible prices for their products. He related that Nebraska produce men last year marketed 1,777,500 dozens of Nebraska eggs. An equal number of eggs were marketed by two neighboring states at a profit of from six to eight cents greater per dozen, because of better regulatory laws. In dairy products a similar situation was described, whereby Nebraska farmers sold \$15,000,000 worth of butterfat while an equal amount of butterfat returned Minnesota and Wisconsin farmers thirty percent more money.

Wherry attacked the farm board policy of urging decreased production on farms. He pointed out that Nebraska farmers last year responded by reducing acreage by seven percent. Kansas, meanwhile, increased her acreage eleven percent. Curtailment of crop production, Wherry charged is impractical as between states and even more so as between nations.

There remains but one practical solution which congress did not provide. That is the principal of marketing and distribution as outlined by the McNary-Haugen bill. The American farmer must be protected to the extent industry is protected," the speaker declared.—State Journal.

Would Not Except Farmer. Unlike the short line railroad brief filed two days ago, which indicated willingness for agricultural products to be exempted, the brief of the major carriers asserted that "each class of traffic owes to the railway service additional compensation."

It asserted that "the need for the proposed increase is due to impoverishment of a service that is availed of universally, and which by its devotion to public use must respond universally to the demands which are made upon it as well as to the demands of those shippers who might be able to dispense with it as well as to the demand of those shippers to whom it is indispensable."

Loss of revenue by the railroads was asserted by the California commission to be due to the business depression and not inadequate rates.

The North Dakota railroad commission declared the railroads were not faced with any emergency requiring "such drastic and summary action."

"Railroads Overbuilt." "The railroads have been overbuilt and there is today in the United States a huge surplus of transportation facilities," the brief said. "No reasonable rate level can be maintained which will produce attractive returns on railroad facilities valued far in excess of a fair value considering the available tonnage and needs of the shipping public."

The brief filed by Assistant Attorney General H. B. Boyer for the state of South Dakota and a group of chambers of commerce and other organizations in the state suggested to the commission that "many farm families have an income per year substantially less than that of many classes of railroad labor for a single month. We can not submit to a further increase in the burden on agriculture in order to maintain the present wage rates or to a continuance of the carriers, which in many respects do not represent conservative or economical management."—World-Herald.

OUTLAW RADIO REPORTED. New York—Police revealed that an outlaw radio station, located on Manhattan island and believed to be operated by soviet agents, had been communicating in code with Moscow for nearly a year.

Newspapers quoted an unnamed official of the police department as saying the unlicensed transmitter was traced last January by radio spies to the vicinity of the Empire State building. Federal inspectors sought the apparatus only to find it had been moved to another Manhattan address. Federal officials were said to be prepared to start court proceedings under the law forbidding unlicensed radio stations. Many of the outlaw messages were said to have been intercepted and some of them decoded.

A. S. Maney, president of the Amtorg Trading corporation, the Russian commercial agency in the United States, issued a statement saying he had "no radio station of any kind." Amtorg was not linked with the station in most newspaper dispatches.

SMITH'S PLANS ARE SECRET. New York—Former Governor Smith intimated he was keeping his plans concerning the national convention next year secret even from important friends in his own party. It was told by a reporter that confidential advisers from a high source in the party supported the belief that he would not go to the national convention as a candidate.

"You know why such fellows say such things in confidence," he asked. "It's because they really don't know what I'm going to do." For the present, he said, he declined to discuss candidates in interviews. "When the proper time comes, I will speak," he said.

INDIANS FEEL BIG LOSS

Pawhuska, Okl.—Osage Indians who a few years ago were able to buy swank limousines after collecting their quarterly allowance from oil royalties, won't be able to make the first payment on a new silver Thursday. The third quarterly payment will be on a basis of \$125 per head right. For the fiscal year of 1926 one headright brought \$13,400, or an average of \$3,350 quarterly. Declining prices of oil, dwindling production depression have sliced the royalties of the Osages, called the richest Indians on earth. Mineral rights to Osage lands are held in common by the tribe and the income derived is administered by the government. A head right is a full individual share in the tribal wealth.

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IOWA WILL REQUEST AID. Des Moines—An appeal for aid to help finance Iowa crops, principally corn, is to be laid before President Hoover, Secretary of Agriculture Hyde and other federal farm officials next Monday. The Iowa corn committee decided upon this action when informed by Governor Turner that the conferences with the Washington officials could be held the first of the week.

The committee, which will go to Washington will be headed by Governor Turner and will be comprised of representatives of Iowa farm organizations and growers. The governor said the object of the trip would be the endeavor to obtain cheaper money for the farmers to finance or refinance, themselves until better prices may be obtained for corn and other farm products.

The committee meeting with the governor was appointed by Governor Turner to devise plan enabling farmers to obtain a sixty cents per bushel minimum price on their surplus corn. Between 500 and 600 farmers pledged themselves to hold their corn for the minimum price.

LABOR OFFICERS RE-ELECTED. Grand Island, Sept. 16.—Endorsement of the accomplished officers of the Nebraska Federation of Labor was voted during the closing of the convention here Wednesday when the entire staff was re-elected.

Fred Eisler of Lincoln will remain therefore as president for his third term.

The only contest was in the selection of a secretary-treasurer, between the incumbent, Gus Lawson, Omaha, and George Steiner, also of Omaha. With the balloting 19 to 17 for Lawson, a motion made his reelection unanimous.

Other officers retained are Harry Gill, Omaha, first vice president; Roy M. Brewer, Grand Island, second vice president; M. L. Francis, Lincoln, third vice president; William Houghton, Omaha, fourth vice president; L. S. Betzer, Lincoln, sergeant-at-arms.

Eisler was selected also as legislative representative.

The question of increasing the per capita federation tax remained unsettled and will be decided by local unions.

WYMORE SCHOOLS OPEN. Wymore—The forty-eighth session of Wymore schools is well under way. There are twenty-eight teachers in addition to the superintendent, the same number as last year, except that there are three men on the faculty as compared with two heretofore. The enrollment is the largest on record, there being 997 pupils. Another feature is the record number of post graduates taking courses, the total being twenty-two, the majority of them girls.

Advertisement for Phillips' Milk of Magnesia, highlighting its benefits for stomach ailments and its status as a 'food sour'.

Much Hog Cholera. There is complaints of much hog cholera in this vicinity and every precaution is being taken to stop it and to prevent it being spread to other places. Much vaccinating is being done to eradicate the disease.

Gas Engine, Oil Tank. I have a two horse gas engine and a 100 gallon oil tank for sale. Come see them.—Mrs. George Utt, Murdock, Nebr.

Wins First Prize. Wanda Jenn Buell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie M. Buell, took first prize in Baby Contest of girls age 18 to 27 months, with a score of 95.2.

Murdock 4-H Club. A meeting of the 4-Square club was called by the president, Mrs. Una McHugh on Monday evening, Sept. 14, to elect a project leader to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Helen McDonald.

Advertisement for J. M. Leyda, Attorney, offering services for bonded abstracts, real estate titles, and defective titles.