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## Wabash News

Guy Hinds has been working at Alvo where, assisted by some local help, he has been wiring a house for Phillip Rickart.

Mrs. O. H. Wilson last week received a message telling of the very serious illness of her sister, who resides in Waukegan, Illinois. She departed immediately for that place to be with and care for the sister during her illness.

Henry Crozier, of Weeping Water, was called to the western part of the county last Wednesday, and as the trip took him near Wabash, he stopped and visited his friend, Sherman Hardaway for a time while on his way home.

Mrs. Henrietta Lawton, one of the oldest residents of Wabash in point of years lived here, has not been feeling the best and was taken to Lincoln, where she is staying with her daughter, Mrs. Grace Watson for the present. When she has recovered from her illness and is sufficiently strong to resume her own housework, she will return to her home here.

**Improving After Operation**  
Louis Schmidt, who has been in poor health for some time, underwent an operation last week and has been improving very nicely from the effects of the trying ordeal. He is hopeful of obtaining permanent relief as a result.

**Received Severe Burns**  
While Jerry Smith was endeavoring to dislodge some obstruction from a gasoline feed pipe, he used an unlighted match to open the clogged end of the pipe. The match became ignited and some of the flaming gasoline was sprayed over Mr. Smith's hand, causing severe burns about his fingers. He has been carrying his fingers bandaged since the accident and it will be some time before they are entirely healed.

**Ladies Aid Meets**  
The Wabash Ladies Aid, one of the active organizations of the town, met at the home of Mrs. Albert Pool on Wednesday of last week. The ladies looked after various matters of business and also enjoyed a social period before adjournment.

**Attended Federated Meeting**  
A number of the women of Wabash who belong to the Elmwood Woman's club, were at Elmwood last Tuesday, where they attended the convention of Cass County Federated Women's clubs, at which 165 club members from different towns in the county were gathered for a very interesting all-day meeting.

Those who went from Wabash included Miss M. M. Wood, Mrs. Louis Schmidt and Mrs. Keith Mumford.

**Installing Heating Plant**

Some time ago a loaded truck that was stored in the garage and workshop of John Woods, crushed through a portion of the floor, and in order to make the necessary repairs, the floor had to be removed over that portion where the heating plant is located, and Mr. Wood and his brother, Minton V. Wood, were assisting with the installation of the furnace as well as relaying the floor.

**TORTURE BY TICKLING CHARGED IN DIVORCE**

VIENNA (UP)—Because her husband holds her and tickles her until she screams, Frau Erna is seeking a divorce.

"I am naturally ticklish," she told the judge, "and my nerves cannot stand it. He tortures me like this because it leaves no marks."

The judge, adjourning the case, sympathized with Frau Erna, told her a story that made her hair stand on end.

"Five hundred years ago," he said, "there lived in Salzburg a tailor named Tobias Hacker, who tickled seven wives to death. Unluckily, his eighth wife wasn't ticklish. Tobias died in jail."

Journal Want Ads cost little and accomplish much.

## Omaha Banker Proves Hero on Hunting Trip

Thomas Murphy of U. S. National Saves Fellow Hunter from Death in Platte.

OMAHA, Oct. 22 (UP)—A tale of heroism eked out last night when it was learned that Thomas Murphy, vice-president of the United States National bank here, had saved a member of a duck hunting party from drowning.

As a result, Chester J. Van Ness, 26, Omaha cigar store and bookie operator is at home alive and well this morning after resigning himself to death in the swirling waters of the Platte river.

Van Ness alone with a companion, Arthur Jones, 25, were toppled into the stream when their boat overturned.

"Can you swim?" Van Ness asked Jones as they splashed in the icy current.

"Yes, a little," replied Jones. "I can't," Van Ness shouted. "If I hold onto your coat maybe you can pull me in."

After several strokes, however, Jones told Van Ness he couldn't make it.

Van Ness loosed his grip, told Jones:

**WEATHER MAN DENIES EQUINOX BRINGS STORMS**

MOBILE, Ala. (UP)—The equinox does not bring violent storms, appearance of mushrooms and toadstools doesn't mean rain, and most weather maxims are just superstitions.

Those are the opinions, at least, of Frank Cole, Mobile meteorologist. "Any storm in late September or early October is called an equinoctial storm, but that reckoning is 15 days off," the weather prophet said.

"The belief in Indian summer and the equinoctial storms are, to a certain extent, superstitions. These winter-type storms may come at any time of the year. The hurricane season is worst in September, but hurricanes are not equinoctial."

Cole then listed the maxims which he said are worthless:

Mushrooms and toadstools are numerous before rain. A bee was never caught in a shower. Lazy spiders bring rain. When fish bite readily and keep near the surface, expect rain. When birds no longer sing, look out for rain. When a parrot whistles, expect rain. In good weather, a cat washes its face, but in bad weather, it sits with its tail to the fire.

When chickens wallow in the dust, look for rain. The moon with a circle, brings water in her beak. If stars do not twinkle, rain will sprinkle. When the stars begin to huddle, the earth will soon become a puddle.

**CLEVELAND FAIR BUILDINGS TO BE UTILIZED**

CLEVELAND (UP)—Officials of the Great Lakes Exposition, which closed its gates permanently this fall, at the end of its second successful year, are debating disposition of the buildings on the exposition grounds.

Indications are that the structure on the shore of Lake Erie which housed producer Billy Rose's smash hit, the Aquarade, will be kept in use next summer as an amphitheater for the presentation of concerts by the Cleveland symphony orchestra, light opera and open-air theatricals.

The Horticultural building probably will be converted into a restaurant and tea room to accommodate patrons of the amphitheater. The Bridge of the Presidents, leading from the street levels down to the lakefront will be maintained as an approach to the horticultural gardens, amphitheater and restaurant.

The Hall of Progress, Hall of Varied Industries and the Administration building will be kept for the World's Poultry Congress to be held here in 1939.

**ASK FLOOD CONTROL**

ALMA, Neb., Oct. 23 (UP)—Resolutions asking President Roosevelt to give consideration to improving the Republican river for flood control, irrigation and power were passed by the Nebraska State Water congress which met here yesterday.

C. R. Judkins of Upland was re-elected president; Emil Placek, Wahoo, and Henry Mausel, Cambridge, vice president, Moritz Abel, Minden, secretary, and Clyde H. Taylor, Overton, treasurer.

Congressman C. G. Binderup, Minden, told the meeting there as a good prospect the Republican river would receive PWA approval.

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Mrs. Wm. Flaischman and Mrs. Irene Parich were visiting friends and looking after business in Lincoln Tuesday afternoon.

James Mills and family, who reside north of Murdock, were guests at the home of Mrs. Emily Gonzales here last Sunday. The ladies are sisters.

Emil Bornemeier was over near Weeping Water last Monday for a truck load of sheep, which he was delivering to the home of Merle Kuntz.

Norman Bornemeier, who with his father is engaged in the trucking business, suffered a sinus attack last Monday night that was so severe it became necessary to call a doctor to relieve him of the intense pain.

Mrs. Art Lorenz, who has been suffering for some time from an attack of sinus trouble, was taken to the Lincoln general hospital, where she underwent an operation for relief and has since been getting along very nicely.

B. E. Sumner, the new Missouri Pacific agent who recently moved to Elmwood from Nehawka is well pleased with his new position and the people of Elmwood are equally well pleased with Mr. Sumner and family, whom they welcome most heartily.

Miss Marjorie Sterner, who was at the hospital for some time past, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis, was so far recovered that she was able to return to her home here last week and is making further progress since her return home.

Wm. Schlanker and Ed Hall shipped cattle to the South Omaha market Monday of last week, the stock being delivered by the Bornemeier truck line. Another load of cattle was also delivered to the market on Thursday, as well as some very fine hogs of Frank Ohms.

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cent talk and during the days following Mr. Blessing was showered with post cards from many of these listeners complimenting him on the manner in which he told of his early football experience.

Mr. Blessing is to be congratulated on the excellence of the program he was foresighted enough to arrange for and out of which the town of Elmwood received a good bit of publicity abroad. There were also some two thousand people of the community on hand to enjoy the broadcast and march to the depot to greet the boys who so far have not lost a game this season—the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

**MANY TOURISTS VIEW PETRIFIED TREES IN WEST**

VANTAGE, Wash. (UP)—A forest buried 15,000,000 years ago and brought to light recently from underneath tons of basalt ranks this small desert town as an interesting point of the west.

Twenty-eight miles east of Ellensburg, Wash., on the shoulder of the gorge carved by the Columbia river in its passage to the sea, shovels of geologists and CCC workers have uncovered trees of more than 30 varieties—all turned to solid stone by the lava that flowed over them in a prehistoric era.

The 7,000-acre area where the solidified logs have been found is named Ginkgo Petrified Forest, for among the approximately 5,000 stone logs it is estimated to contain, there has been uncovered a petrified ginkgo tree, one of a species considered as native only in western China.

Although the petrified trees in this area are called a "forest," they in fact were down timber or logs floated by rivers into the present resting place 15,000,000 years ago during the Miocene epoch, when the area that is now a state park was covered by the waters of a lake, geologists declare.

Molten lava flowed into the lake, engulfing the logs, and in the course of centuries wood cells of the imbedded logs were slowly replaced by silica.

Uncovering the buried forest followed expeditions begun about four years ago by Prof. George Beck, geologist at Ellensburg State Normal school.

**GARR BOYS FREED**

SHREVEVILLE, Ky., Oct. 23 (UP)—The Garr boys went home today to become living characters in a blue grass country legend.

Handsome Jack Garr and his brother, Roy, were free—acquitted of charges that they murdered Brig. Gen. Henry H. Denhardt whom they had brought once to inconclusive trial on a charge of slaying their sister. Their plea was self defense.

Dr. E. S. (Doc) Garr, accused with his brothers, probably never will be brought to trial. He is in a hospital now.

The Denhardt murder case apparently was ended for all legal purposes, but it will find a prominent place among the Sagas of Kentucky's hill country, rich in traditions about woman's honor and the "right to draw."

In little less than one year, five characters enacted the blood-letting drama ended last night in Shelby county circuit court room before, among others, D. W. Griffith, producer of one of America's greatest dramas, "The Birth of a Nation."

**DOG IS LIFE SAVER**

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 23 (UP)—An English Setter hauled a woman and child to safety while four other persons drowned after a row boat foundered in Pitt lake, 30 miles from here.

Mrs. Harold Routley and Jacqueline Hayes held to the dog's tail and were pulled to shore.

David Henderson, Mansel Reece, Joseph Fontaine, and Marie Routley, 5, were drowned. Two others were rescued by a logger.

The boat sank stern first when its outboard motor was started.

**14 SENTENCED TO DEATH**

MOSCOW, Russia, Oct. 23 (UP)—SIX persons were sentenced to death today in the Kubishev province on charges of agricultural wrecking. Eleven others were sentenced to prison. Five were sentenced to death in Sverdlovsk province for cattle and grain wrecking. Three were sentenced to death for counter-revolutionary activities and agricultural wrecking.

**BOY GOES ON SPLURGE AFTER FINDING \$241**

CALGARY (UP)—King for a day was the story of a 13-year-old Calgary boy which ended tearfully in the juvenile court here.

The youngster found a wallet containing \$158 in cash and checks amounting to \$183. When he appeared in court the checks were intact, but the cash had been reduced by nearly \$100.



## Dome to Hold 200-Inch Lens is Nearly Ready

Turret Atop Mt. Palomar Will Contain 850 Tons of Steel—Base Completed.

By ARTHUR N. SUVERKRUP  
United Press Staff Correspondent

MT. PALOMAR, Cal. (UP)—The huge revolving dome which will house the world's largest telescope, in the \$6,000,000 California Institution of Technology observatory atop this 6,000-foot mountain, will be completed by Christmas eve, engineers said today.

Over the \$1,000,000 "highway to the stars," huge trucks roar daily up the grades carrying tons of steel plates which will form the 135-foot dome.

These plates, weighing one ton each, are 7 feet in width and 21 feet in length. In all, a total of 850 plates, or 850 tons of steel, will be represented in the completed dome.

Already the base structure of the observatory has been completed, and the circular track on which the dome will revolve is in place, after having been ground to mirror-smoothness by engineers who labored throughout last winter unmindful of rain, sleet and snow.

**Search for Peak Began in 1930**

It was just seven years ago, Capt. Clyde McDowell, U.S.N., retired, supervising engineer, recalled that scientists first began the search for a mountain-top suitable for location of the observatory which will be 70 per cent complete before the first of 1938.

Today in the optical shop on the Tech campus at Pasadena, 200-yards from the astrophysical laboratory, skilled workers are grinding the 200-inch mirror, from which 2 inches of pyrex has been painstakingly whittled in 18 months.

Early this month even members of the observatory council were excluded from the cork-lined thermostatic controlled grinding room where the 20-ton piece of glass is being ground—it was explained that even the smallest particle of hard dust might ruin the mirror.

Through a thick window, from a corridor, scientists may look at the grinding process of the \$1,000,000 mirror, which, Dr. George Ellery Hale, known as the father of the 200-inch mirror, said, may settle for all time the question of whether the universe is in the process of exploding.