

# The Alliance Herald

Official Paper of Box Butte County

TWICE A WEEK—TUESDAY AND FRIDAY

Official Paper of the City of Alliance

VOLUME XXIX

(Ten Pages)

ALLIANCE, BOX BUTTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 1922.

No. 42

## M. F. GEBHART IS WINNER IN THE HERALD CONTEST

HIGH SCORE WITH ONLY 122 CORRECT WORDS

Big Lists Without Exception Lost Out Because of Wrong Words and the Penalties

### THE WINNERS

FIRST—M. F. Gebhart, 523 East Third Street.

SECOND—James Hunter, Jr., 724 Box Butte.

THIRD—Raymond Weyrens, 901 Cheyenne.

FOURTH—Miss Jessie Moravek, Curley, Neb.

FIFTH—Miss Louise Cogswell, 802 Cheyenne.

SIXTH—Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Mullane, 510 Sweetwater.

After a good many hours of careful, hard work, the three judges in the Herald's P-word puzzle contest finished grading the answers and decided on the winners. The task was considerably more difficult than either the judges or the publishers had anticipated, but the judges got interested in the game while they were deciding on the winner and enjoyed it, despite the fact that it was somewhat tedious and long-drawn out. County Judge I. E. Tash, City Manager N. A. Kemmish and Superintendent of Schools W. R. Pate served as judges.

The three judges knew nothing of the identity or the classification of the various contestants until they had decided upon the six winners. Each answer, as it arrived, was given a number and all names or marks of identification were removed. The judges worked with the numbered answers until they had completed their labor, and they did not even know the class to which the various contestants were assigned.

In determining the awards, the number of correct words was first decided upon. The master list compiled by the artist arrived in a registered letter and this letter was opened by the judges themselves. It contained approximately 165 words. The judges then went over several lists and determined upon additional words that were not contained in the master list, but were considered correct. When they had decided upon the words that were admissible, which occupied fully half of the time they put in, they proceeded to grade the papers according to the list they had decided upon as containing the correct words.

Big Lists Lose Out. Of the six winners, not one had more than 160 words listed. There were more words that could have been found, and there were many lists which contained as many as 250 to 300 words. The big lists, however, without exception lost out because of the penalties. Under the rules, which were designed to give every contestant a fair show, every contestant was allowed to submit as many words as he or she desired. The conditions of the contest contained a statement of the penalty clause for wrong words. Every one who submitted a list was allowed a margin of fifteen incorrect words, to allow for differences of opinion. There was no penalty where the winner had fifteen words or less which were considered wrong. If over fifteen words were wrong, however, there was deducted from the score a number equal to the total of the wrong words over fifteen. This played hob with the big lists.

The total score of correct words of the winner was 122. He submitted a list of 135 words, and of these the judges found 13 to be incorrect. The incorrect words were deducted from his total, but he was not penalized additional words because the total incorrect words was under fifteen. The winner of the second prize had the same number of incorrect words, but his list contained but 134. The third prize winner, Raymond Weyrens, submitted 137 words, but 26 of these were found to be incorrect. When the twenty-six were deducted, together with a penalty of 11, the number of incorrect words were brought down lower than the other two, although he had more correct words than either of the winners.

Reason for the Penalty. Some of the contestants may be curious as to the reason for placing a penalty for wrong words. If there had been no penalty for wrong words, then there would have been no real contest. Anyone could have taken an unabridged dictionary and written down all the nouns beginning with P, and it wouldn't have been necessary to have looked at the picture at all.

Under the rules of the contest, only the names of objects beginning with P were to be counted. Yet dozens of the contestants combed the dictionary and listed adverbs and adjectives by the score. Such words as "Particularly" (Continued on Page 10)

## THE WEATHER

Forecast for Alliance and vicinity: Fair tonight and Saturday. Somewhat warmer tonight.

## Women's Club of Hemingford Against Fatty

The Hemingford Women's club at their meeting April 1, adopted a resolution showing just how much they think of the jury's "indictment" of Roscoe C. ("Fatty") Arbuckle, who recently acquitted, at the close of a trial, of the charge of causing the death of Virginia Rappe, film star, at a booze party at a Los Angeles hotel last Labor day.

Since the arrest, motion picture theaters in this part of the country have not shown any Arbuckle releases, but following the acquittal, it was understood that an attempt would be made by the film companies to see whether the public would stand for the fat comedian. The resolution by the Hemingford club women answers that question for their community. It reads as follows:

"We, the women of the Hemingford Women's club, pledge ourselves that we will never sit through any picture featuring Roscoe Arbuckle. A copy of this resolution to be printed in our home paper, in the county papers and a copy sent to the district convention, to be forwarded to the state convention."

Will H. Hays, czar of the movie world, has recently ordered that Roscoe be consigned to the discard, pending a secret investigation. But if the movement started here by the Hemingford club spreads to any great extent, Mr. Hays will find his problem solved for him.

## LUCK IS WITH 17-YEAR-OLD IN POLICE COURT

ESCAPES PROSECUTION UNDER THE MANN ACT.

Two Girls and Youth From the Valle Meet With Disaster While on a Trip to Alliance.

Minnie Stott, 17, and Mrs. Margaret O'Hara, 19, both pretty, were arrested Tuesday evening at the depot by Special Officer Martin, and charged with occupying rooms with two men to which neither were married, Lynn Drake with the former and Alois Ashburn with the latter. Ashburn was also arrested, although Drake had left for Lincoln before the arrests were made. Those captured were given a hearing in police court Thursday morning and fined \$10 and costs or \$15 each. Mrs. O'Hara's husband, who arrived for the trial, paid the fines of the two girls, while Ashburn's father paid the fine of the boy.

The boy maintained that he was 19 years old, but his father informed the officers that he was not yet 17. According to the story the boys started from Torrington, Wyo., and the girls joined them, boarding the train at Mitchell, the girls paying their own way, and in this way freeing the young men of any liability under the Mann act. They registered at the hotel Monday night, and were in Alliance all day Tuesday, being arrested Tuesday evening at the depot, when the officers became suspicious, from the actions of the couples. They were taken to the city jail and held there until the hearing.

Mrs. O'Hara, the officers believe to be an old offender, while they believe that this is the Scott girl's first experience. Both maintained that they had never been arrested before. Ashburn's father, who came from Scottsbluff to attend the hearing, has lost his left leg, just above the knee, and is forced to use crutches to walk. When his son was fined he looked at him with sorrow, and said "Son, your father is 62 years old and has never yet been in the hands of the police. I hope that this will be a lesson to you."

Judge Berry, in fining the young man, said, "Young man, you are escaping a federal white slave charge, and a state charge, either of which would put you in the penitentiary for at least one year. You are not being charged with these only because of the mercy of the officers, but I hope that you will realize the seriousness of this crime and go straight." The boy who is a large red-headed fellow hung his head and promised to reform. O'Hara although paying his wife's fine and Minnie Stott's, said that he was going to turn them over to their families. All three were released and left town at 1 o'clock Thursday.

## DE MOLAY NOTICE.

Public installation of officers at Masonic Temple Monday, April 24, at 7:30 p. m.

Frank C. Hashman and Mary M. Mayone, were married Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Judge Tash. Mr. Hashman is the son of County Commissioner Cal Hashman. The newly-married couple will live near Alliance.

## ALLIANCE LIONS ARE GUESTS OF THE ROTARIANS

REV. E. C. NEWLAND OF CRAWFORD PRINCIPAL SPEAKER.

Tells of Factors Necessary for Permanent Growth of Any Community.

The Alliance Rotary club was host to the members of the Lions club on Wednesday evening at the Alliance Hotel Palm Room at a dinner which was featured by at least two kinds of harmony and which was one of the most enjoyable occasions in the history of either club. Practically the entire membership of both organizations was present, and the seating arrangements were such that the eaters of raw meat were sandwiched in among those addicted to other diet, and no casualties resulted, although several times during the singing contests there was danger of apoplexy and other explosions.

There were a number of songs and vocal competitions during the dinner and preceding the speakers, under the leadership of Perc Cogswell, master of song for the Rotarians. The following program was followed, more or less faithfully, the fact that the program was printed in Latin putting the audience at a disadvantage. They never did discover whether the remarks had anything to do with the subject. The program included:

Vereor laudare praesentium—Past President Charlie Slagle, Rotary club. Non lubet fugere—President Ed Burr, Lions club.

Solo, Cupio in esse clemente—Mr. Dingey.

Si qui exire volunt, convere possum—E. C. Newland, Crawford, Neb.

Mr. Dingey sang three numbers and concluded his part of the program, by request, with "Rube at the Circus."

Dr. C. E. Slagle, past president of the Rotarians, welcomed the guests, and Ed Burr, president of the Lions club, responded.

Following the talk of Mr. Newland, a Lions club quartet, composed of John W. Guthrie, W. D. Nolan, B. G. Bauman and Calvin D. Walker sang several verses of a song of their own composition, a parody on "Brother Noah," in which they paid their respects to their hosts. The number, authorship of which is attributed to Mr. Guthrie by other members of the quartet, got over big and drew heavy applause.

## Community Co-operation.

E. C. Newland, who enjoyed himself thoroughly until the toastmaster, W. R. Pate, disclosed the fact that he was a minister, was the principal speaker of the evening. Mr. Newland has spent a number of years in the ministry, at present being pastor of the Methodist church in his home city, but has also tried farming, thoroughbred stock raising and other interesting occupations. He discussed "Community Co-operation" from all of his points of view and made a most interesting address.

Farmers the world over are more or less antagonistic to the townspeople, especially the business men. Mr. Newland declared, and there is no real reason for their attitude. This antagonism is usually especially directed toward the chamber of commerce. Even when a country is settling up, the speaker said, the feeling of antagonism begins the minute some man puts up a tent and starts to sell groceries. He pointed out that the interests of the farmers and business men are identical and that the real aim of all commercial organizations worthy of the name is co-operation.

Western Nebraska, he said, has not developed its commerce and industries to the point that is possible. Every other part of the country is sending in supplies and manufactured articles of one kind and another, and the big opportunity for the future here lies in industrial development. Railroad facilities are good and there is no real reason why western Nebraska should not manufacture many of the things that it uses.

Mr. Newland discussed the factors that go to make a successful city, listing among them hospital facilities; good churches; good schools and good homes.

## Poor Kind of Economy.

This part of the country, he declared, is noted for its shabby churches and its imposing public buildings. A good church building in this part of the country is a marked exception.

A number of cities and towns over the country are using the wrong kind of economy, Mr. Newland declared, in lowering the salaries of their school faculties. Not only does this result in cutting expenses, which seems to be the thing chiefly desired, but it results in poorer schools. He told how good schools draw citizens to a community, and how the doubtful economy of sacrificing standards and efficiency, made citizens who desire the best for their children seek homes in other communities.

The home should be the real center of community life, the speaker declared, saying that he would rather have his daughter interested in her room at home and planning to make it more beautiful than to have her the best known flapper in western Nebraska.

## ROAD PROGRAM OF 1917 HOLDS STATE APPROVAL

RESOLUTION ON COUNTY AND STATE RECORDS.

Clarifies Road Situation as Regards the Chadron, Crawford and Bridgeport Roads.

County Commissioners George W. Duncan and C. L. Hashman, in session this week at the court house, have called attention to the fact that a resolution was passed by the Box Butte county board of commissioners on August 25, 1917, designating as state and federal aid roads the proposed highways known as the "Bridgeport," "Chadron," and "Crawford" roads, and that the resolution designating these roads was accepted by the state engineer's office at Lincoln.

The existence of the resolution was discovered by Secretary Lloyd Thomas of the Alliance Chamber of Commerce, who is spending a large portion of his time on the road situation. Commissioners Hashman and Duncan were of the opinion that the resolution had been passed, but did not believe that it had been placed on the records.

On Wednesday Secretary Thomas wired the state engineer's office at Lincoln as follows: "Have you on file in your office a valid resolution passed by Box Butte county commissioners about three years ago, requesting that road from Alliance southwest along Burlington railroad to Morrill county line, near Letan, be designated as state federal aid highway and if so is said resolution recognized still in effect?"

## Resolution Still In Effect.

The following answer was received Wednesday afternoon: "Such a resolution passed by county board August 25, 1917; accepted by us October 1st and is still in effect, since no amending resolution has been passed and accepted. (Signed) G. K. Leonard, Assistant Secretary."

Mr. Thomas and County Clerk Avis Joder then made a search of the records Thursday morning, finding the resolution as given below. Commissioners Hashman and Duncan, who were at the court house, were much gratified to learn it was of record and still in effect, as it will clarify the road situation in the county to a certain extent at least.

Commissioners Hashman, Duncan and Joder were present at the meeting at which the resolution was passed.

It reads as follows: "Alliance, Nebraska, August 25, 1917. Board of County Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment. All members present. And the following proceedings were had:

"Be it resolved, That the County Board of Commissioners of Box Butte county, Nebraska, at this special meeting, at the court house in Alliance, Nebraska, on this 25th day of August, 1917, hereby accept all of the provisions of the Federal and State Aid Road Acts, as provided in House Bill 7616 of the 64th Congress of the United States (29 Stat. 355), and House Roll 722 of the 1917 session of the Nebraska legislature, approved April 19, 1917, and make application for state (Continued on Page 10)

## Sheriff Issues a Warning to Farmers to Watch Harness

Sheriff J. W. Miller has issued a warning to farmers in regard to harness thieves at work in the county. His language is quite firm. There is, he says, a gang of these thieves at work, and dozens of thefts have been reported.

"Farmers should take all precautions," the sheriff says. "In the first place, keep the harness locked up in a safe place. Then look it over carefully and be sure you can identify it in the event it is stolen. Every farm in the county possesses a lot of harness, and the officers cannot recover it for you unless you know absolutely what your harness looks like and are able to pick it out of a dozen other sets. The best remedy is to prevent it being stolen. If necessary, load up an old fashioned shotgun and give the thief something to remember you by."

## Dodge Touring Car Presented to Popular Pastor

Rev. Stephen J. Epler was this morning informed by a committee of friends that his new Dodge touring car was ready for him at any time that he wanted to begin taking lessons in driving it. A committee of friends, including a number of Scottish Rite Masons and members of the local T. P. A., have been quietly circulating among Mr. Epler's friends during the past week or ten days, and he automobile is the gift of some two hundred separate contributors. Mr. Epler has been a hard worker for both the Scottish Rite and the T. P. A., and the minute word of the gift became noised abroad, there was a rush of contributions.

## Special Election Only Way to Change School Location

According to a letter received this week by County Attorney Lee Basye, who put the problem up to the attorney general's office, the only way to effect a change in the location of the new school would be by means of a special election. This will take from sixty to ninety days, and the school board is not of one mind on the matter, although some members indicate that they will welcome an election.

Therefore, those who are in favor of the project have the opportunity to get busy with petitions. It is understood that here are some persons who will file an injunction if any attempt is made to change the location without a special election, and the board has no intention, it is said, of having the building program held up by court action of this kind.

The architect, it is reported, is very much in favor of another location than the one chosen, although he does not particularly care where it may be.

## Fire Department Was Called Out This Afternoon

The fire department was called out this afternoon to put out a fire at the home of John Hodgekison, 901 Big Horn. The cause of the fire is believed to have been sparks from the chimney, which ignited the roof of the house and burned a hole about 5 feet across before the fire truck reached the scene. Little difficulty was encountered in putting out the blaze, but some trouble was had with the fire truck which broke down after reaching the fire.

## INMATE OF THE POOR FARM IS HELD IN JAIL

INSANITY HEARING SET FOR THIS AFTERNOON.

W. A. Dunlop Attacked Tom Langford, Another County Charge, With an Iron Rod.

Tom Langford, 83 years of age, a county charge, is now in a serious condition at the county poor farm, as a result of a murderous attack made upon him by W. A. Dunlop, another pauper, a man about 65 years old. Langford is under medical care at the county farm, while Dunlop is held in the county jail awaiting a hearing before the insanity board, or if he is adjudged sane, possibly other charges.

The trouble between Langford and Dunlop has been brewing for some time, the main point of dissension, being that Dunlop who when not in the grip of a murderous rage is intensely religious, believes that Langford, who is an inveterate smoker, can never enter heaven unless he gives up his pipe. Once before Dunlop knocked Langford's pipe from his mouth, when the smoker rose in his wrath and proceeded to administer a beating to the religious fanatic. Dunlop in retaliation opened the windows in the room occupied by the two men on the coldest winter days. The final breaking point was reached Wednesday, when Dunlop secured an iron rod, which had been a part of a cultivator, and beat Langford about the head and arms, until he was exhausted. Langford's face is beyond recognition, immense swellings having appeared on his head and neck, his face being lacerated by the end of the rod, and practically cut to ribbons. One eye has been seriously injured, and although it is so swelled that it cannot be opened, it is thought that some hope can be held out for his sight in this eye.

Dr. Slagle was called and attended the injured man, after which Commissioner Hashman filed a complaint alleging insanity for which the hearing was set at 2 o'clock this afternoon. If Dunlop is not found insane it is probable that another charge will be filed against him, of assault with intent to kill, for this was apparently his intention, but if this is done it will be some time later in order that Langford's true condition may be ascertained.

Both of these men are cripples, Langford being twisted with rheumatism, and Dunlop being paralyzed on the left side from a stroke some years ago. He, however, has full use of his right arm to the extent that any man of his age and health may be said to have. Langford was reported today as doing as well as could be expected, and it is thought that he will recover in spite of the severity of his injuries.

## AN APPRECIATION.

To the many friends who contributed towards the purchasing of a car for Mr. Epler and family we take this means of publicly expressing our gratitude and appreciation. Our desire is that we may be able to be of greater service to Alliance and community.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Epler.

The ladies of the Episcopal guild will hold a Monte Carlo whist party at the Parish house next Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

## SCHOOL BOARD LETS CONTRACT FOR BUILDINGS

BIDS OPENED MONDAY AFTERNOON AT POSTOFFICE.

Cost of Two Structures Will Necessitate the Remaining \$50,000 Bonds.

The board of education of the Alliance city schools, at a meeting held at 7 p. m. Thursday, went over bids which were opened at an afternoon session, and awarded the contracts for the new high school building and the new east side grade school. Oscar Alquist of Central City, Neb., was commissioned to build the new high school, the contract price being \$137,174, and the contract for the grade school went to the George M. Robertson company of Lincoln, the successful bid being \$27,858.

Plumbing, heating and electrical fixtures for the two buildings will cost an additional \$37,237. The Sheehan company of Omaha bidding \$28,850 for the high school and \$8,387 for the grade school and winning both contracts.

The school board, when asking for bids, hoped that both buildings could be built for \$180,000 and that the plumbing and heating could be secured for another \$20,000, thus allowing them to get through the building program by using only \$200,000 of the \$250,000 bonds voted by the district. As soon as the bids were opened, however, it was discovered that this would be impossible and that the remaining \$50,000 of bonds will have to be issued. According to the belief of the board members, the additional \$50,000 will cover all expense in connection with the furnishing of the buildings and fixing up the grounds, and will enable the program to be completed in its entirety.

## Plenty of Bidders.

The bids were opened at a session held at 3 p. m. at the federal building. The room was crowded with bidders and their representatives, as well as interested citizens. Fred Harris opened the bids, and the architect, who was present, tabulated them in form to be considered by the board at its evening session.

Following is a list of the bids which were opened on the high school, grade school or both. These bids were based on the original plans, but the board decided to use one of the alternatives instead of adhering to the original specifications, in order to cut the cost somewhat. The changes are the substitution of yellow pine flooring and finish for hard wood and the elimination of enameled brick in the gymnasium. Mr. Alquist's bid on the original specifications was \$140,129. Other bids on the original specifications were:

E. C. Goodhand, Gering, high school, \$161,091; grade school \$38,000; both, \$197,091.

Ernest Laefgren, Minatare, grade school, \$33,351.

Jones Construction Co., Omaha, high school, \$148,676; grade school, \$34,085; both, \$181,000.

Oscar Alquist, Central City, high school \$120,129; grade school, \$35,000; both, \$173,695.

E. Rokahr & Sons, Lincoln, high school, \$146,229; grade school, \$40,000; both, \$181,000.

Thomas Eastergard, Norfolk, high school, \$157,100; grade school, \$35,722; both, \$191,872.

A. F. Bressler, Gering, high school, \$160,520; grade school, \$38,324; both, \$197,724.

C. H. Fuller, Alliance, high school, \$151,920.

Harvey E. Wood, Aurora, grade school, \$31,765.

G. M. Robertson, Lincoln, high school \$146,514; grade school, \$27,858; both, \$173,312.

Henry Olson & Sons Co., David City, high school, \$148,676; grade school, \$30,977; both \$177,699.

Fred Young, Jr., Lincoln, high school, \$162,786; grade school, \$35,560; both, \$198,586.

(Continued on Page 5)

## Second Performance of Boy Scout Show a Genuine Success

The Boy Scout minstrel was presented for the second time Thursday evening at the Imperial theatre, the show making the same hit this time as the last. There were a few changes in the program, Lois Harper, daughter of A. H. Harper singing a song as a specialty before the minstrel show proper. This made a big hit with the audience and was one of the best features of the show.

The specialties by Howard Cogswell and by Josephine Wright and Lawrence Kemmish were well received and encores for the songs in the minstrel show were as enthusiastic as at the previous showing. These young people are surely to be congratulated on being able to put on a show that would draw two houses of the size of these in Alliance. A. H. Harper, the director, is deserving of the highest praise for being able to put on as good a show as this with players so young.