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NEBRASKA O'NEILL. President and Congress.

From the Indianapolis News. In persisting in his policy of non-inter-vention in congress, President Harding has paid a compliment to that body which it does not at the present time which it does not at the present the present which it may later deserve. Those members who have been besig-ing the president demanding that he assume the leadership and tell congress what it wought to do, and also what the president himself proposed to do if conwhat it ought to do, and also what it out president himself proposed to do if con-gress did one thing or another, have confessed to a very poor opinion of the lawmaking body. It is the hope and be-lief of Mr. Harding, as it will be the hope and belief of the couktry, that with the responsibility thrown on it-where it belongs-congress will show a good deal mere capacity for wise and rourageous action than it has shown for many years. If the president will not help it out of the pits into which it may tumble, congress may, to its great surprise, find that it has the power to clamber out unaided-and be all the better and stronger for its experience.

Choking Rumor in Kansas. From the New York Herald. In a Kansas town in which rumors were circulated that there was a "flaw" were circulated that there was a "flaw" in the marriage of a well known eiti-sen, the victim of the rumor hired the motion picture theater, invited every-body to attend a performance, and caused his marriage certificate to be displayed on the screez. This silenced the gossips. In this entirely practical application of motion pictures to an fo-cident of every day Mfc the authors of scenarios ought to be able to find a suggestion for an interesting play.

An actors' college may be founded by the English actors' association, which corresponds to the Actors' Equily in America, but is considered far more powerful. The purpose is to "terminate the present haphazard manner of re-cruiting so-called actors and actresses for the stage." The curriculum already cutlined includes among other things the theory and laws of motion, gesture and mimicry, ballroom, ballet and rhythmic dancing, styles of speech in comedy and tragedy, stage decoration, costumes, history of the stage, general theater eraft, production economics, practica-work, and the wardrobe.

Miss Dorothy Frocks of New York was admitted to the bar of the United States supreme court in Washington recently. She is 24 and has been practicing law since she was 21. She is attorney for the Salvation Artny. During the war she was in the naval service.

A one-eyed Angora cat played the rele of villian and a small fox terrior that of hero in a five which damaged an exof hero in a two which damaged an ex-clusive gown shop in New York. The cat was blamed as the "jizx" which crused the fire, and the dog was credited with saving many of the young women em-ployes by barking a prompt alarm.

ployes by backing a prompt alarm. It has come to this: A woman dressed in knickers was called to testify in a divorce suit in Chicago. Bestdes the knickers she wore a soft fedora hat, a main's model. "Why don't you take off your hat," the judge inquired. "Men and boys remove hats in a court room." "But I'm a girl," retorted the witness. Oxford university. In Enricht is com-

Oxford university, in England is com-posed of more than 29 colleges, with an average of 150 men each. Every college students' quarters, professors' quarters, dining hall and kitchen, where expert cooks prepare the meals. An athletic field is attached to each college.

Members of a committee charged with the selection of an executive head for the sesc incentennial exposition in Philndelphia in 1926, are considering offering the post to Major General Goethals, builder of the Panama canal, or Charle, M. Schwab, chairman of the board of the Bethlehem Steel Company.

Business houses of New York, partic-ularly in the cloak, suit and textile trades, have organized for protection against burglars. A deadline is made in a certain section where the clothing trades are and uniformed watchmen



That Official Failed to Enforce Laws.

Lincoln, Neb., May 16 .- Sheriff Charles W. Rutledge, of Thurston county, who was charged in petitions signed by Thurston county citizens with alleged "neglect, failuge and refusal to do his duty in the enforcement of prohibition in Thurston county," Saturday was suspended from office by Governor McKelvie at a hearing before which the sheriff was summoned to show cause why he should not be removed. No evidence was taken, the order being made im-mediately upon opening of the hearing.

No order was made affecting Coun-Judge Frank Flynn, jointly charged in the petitions with the same alleged offenses, the governor being without authority to remove officers other than "prosecuting and peace officers." The attorney general and A. M. Smith, Thurston county attorney, served notice they would start ouster proceedings against Judge Flyan in Thurston county this

Attorneys for the accused officials deelined to proceed with the hearing on the ground that the governor's order of suspension against the sheriff, coming before any evidence was taken, foreclosed the case so far as the defendants were concerned. Counis intimated they would institute court proceedings in behalf of the defendants.

The governor's order prohibits Rutledge from performing any functions of office until the question of his official culpability has been determined in the courts. The county board must appoint an acting sheriff.

Governor McKelvie said that on the strength of the evidence in his hands he knew nothing at this time "which would influence him to revoke the order of suspension."

Judge Flynn and the sheriff both appeared.

### WIRELESS OPERATOR IS GIVEN A SHOCK

LeMars, Ia., May 16 (Special) .---Nick Brauch, wireless operator at Western Union college, is nursing a swollen and bruised wrist as the re-sult of a "backfire" while winding a phonograph for broadcasting music.



FIRE MARSHAL IS TO TRAVEL LESS Lack of Funds Brings to End

His Career as Lecturer While Showing Films Over the State. .

Lincoln, Neb., May 13 (Special) .-State Fire Marshal Hartford's career as a lecturer and moving picture magnate is at an end. Secretary Hart. head of the department of whict. Hartford is a part, has ordered him to cease traveling about the state showing films and delivering lectures on fire-prevention. The films are supplied by the National Association of Fire underwriters, and the department 's supported out of taxes levied on the companies. Mr. Hart says that the state legislature cut down the appropriation at the last session, and there is only enough money for salaries and supplies.

GOVERNOR TO SPEAK

AT WAKONDA MAY 2/

Wakonda, S. D., May 13 (Special). -Gov. W. H. McMaster will give the commencement address for the Consolidated school here May 27. He was here for an address two years ago on Memorial day. The graduating class this year is the largest in the history of the school, numbering nine,



**Patrons of Burlington Railroad** Complain to Nebraska Commission About Hours of Agents.

Lincoln, Neb., May 12 (Special) .--Hearing was begun today before the state railway commission on the complaint of a large number of towns along the Burlington lines that the road has changed the hours of station agents at small towns with the result that the public has been greatly inconvenienced. The railroad filed answer that it had done this to cut down expenses, as under the eighthour law as interpreted by the rail board eight hours' work for a telegraph agent meant eight straight hours, with time off for meals. This meant a double force at small towns where the business was not sufficient to pay expenses because the trains did not touch there within any eight-hour scale. The board recently said that the railroads could spread the eight hours over 12 hours' time, which leaves the agent off duty largely between trains.

## DIXON GRADUATES TO

PRESENT A PLAY

Dixon, Neb., May 12 (Special) .-John Hall, Robert Hall, Freda Thom-

HIS OWN PLOT Man Found Dead in Burned Building at Bellevue, Neb., Was Friend of Proprietor of Place.

WAS VICTIM OF

Bellevue, Neb., May 12 .--- "Ernest Shriver was a victim of his own plot to burn the William Trent store Monday morning," Sheriff Startzer, of Sarpy county, who is conducting the investigation, declared. "However, we have no motive for his setting the building on fire. He sold beer to the owner, Trent, and was an acquaintance, if not a friend of his. There is a link missing which may establish the motive."

Sheriff Startzer then hastened to explain that "Trent knew nothing of the plot, and knows nothing of the circumstances leading to the mys-terious explosion and subsequent fire

Shriver's charted body was found in the basement of the building, beneath piles of debris. A terrific plosion had immediately preceded the time when the building was enveloped in flames at 3:05 a.m. yesterday.

"He was not trying to blow the safe," said Sheriff Startzer. "Neither dynamite nor nitroglycerine would cause the building to immediately be consumed in brigh. red flames. There is but one answer-gasoline. It is my belief and that of other investigating officers, that Shriver had saturated the basement and top floor of the building with gasoline and had lighted a match preparatory to throwing it into the basement.

"Fumes had formed in the structure, which had no air circulation because windows and doors were closed. When he lit the match the gasoline explosion resulted. The result was a terrific explosion and blaze. All witnesses agree that the flames were such as would come from a gasoline fire.

"But what was the motive? Rob-bery? It is possible. Perhaps he was burning the building to cover up his tracks of a robbery committed before the explosion.

## BEGIN HEARINGS ON RAILROAD ASSESSMENTS

Lincoln, Neb., May 12 .- Hearings will begin this morning by the state board of assessment on the complaints of the Union Pacific, North-western and M. & O. roads that their property is being valued for taxation purposes higher than that of the farmer and city real estate owner. The roads have been preparing showings to back up their claims. The Northwestern alone of all the protesting roads last year went into federal court, and its suit is still there. In order not to cause trouble to the spending agencies the road paid a part of its tax, but contests the legality of the remainder. The roads have presnted these showings nearly evry year, but have been invariably turned down.

## RETURN SEIZED LIQUORS

TO THEIR OWNERS Des Moines, Ia., May 12.-Liquors valued at \$5,000 were ordered returned to A. L. Norman by a jury in district court here. The stock, which consisted of bonded whisky and wines, was seized by County theriff Robb in a raid on Norman's November. last

# HUGHES NOTE HOUSE URGES **AVOIDS RUSS NEGOTIATION**

**Reply Is Drafted After Secre**tary's Discussion of Invitation with Harding-Text of Answer Is Given.

## Universal Service.

Washington, May 16. - This government Monday declined to participate in the economic conference to be held at The Hague starting June 15 for consideration of the Russian problems.

The reply of Secretary Hughes. drafted after a White House conference with President Harding late Monday was made public at the state department Monday night. Text of Reply.

"This government has carefully considered the invitation extended to it by the president of the Genoa conference, under the conditions set forth in the agreement of the inviting powers to join the proposed commis-sion to meet at The Hague on June 15. This government is most desirous to aid in every practicable way the consideration of the economic exigencies in Russia and wishes again to express the deep friendship felt by the people of the United States for the people of Russia and their keen interest in all proceedings looking to the recovery of their economic life and the return of the prosperity to which their ca pacities and resources entitle them. The American people have given the most tangible evidence of their unselfish interests in the economic recuperation of Russia.

"This government, however, is unable to conclude that it can fully participate in the meeting at The Hague as this would appear to be a continuance under a different nomencla-ture of the Genoa conference and destined to encounter the same difficulties if the attitude disclosed in the Russian memorandum of May 11 remains unchanged.

Productivity Ultimate Question. "The inescapable and ultimate question would appear to be the restoration of productivity in Russia, the essential conditions of which are still be secured and must in the nature of things be provided within Russia herself.

While this government has believed that these conditions are reasonab-ly clear, it has always been ready to join with the government extending the present invitation in arranging for an inquiry by experts into the economic situation in Russia and the necessary remedies. Such an inquiry would appropriately deal with the economic prerequisites of that restoration of production in Russia without which there would appear to be lacking any sound basis for credits. It should be added that this government is most willing to give serious attention to any proposals issuing from the Genoa conference or any later conference, but it regards the present suggestions, in apparent response to the Russian memorandum of May 11, as lacking, in view of the terms of that memorandum, in the definiteness which would make possible the concurrence of this govern-ment in the proposed plan." The inviting powers referred to in the cabled summary of the proposed plan are understood to be Italy. Beigium, Great Britain and Japan.

PROSECUTION **OF GRAFTERS** 

Passes Daugherty's Bills for \$500.000 Fund to "Stick" Crooks and One for New . Grand Jury-More Scandal.

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#### Universal Service.

Washington, May 16 .- The House Monday passed, without formality of record vote, the bills requested by Attorney General Daugherty creating a special \$500,000 fund for prosecution of war fraud cases and establishing an additional grand jury in the District of Columbia to handle indictments in these cases. Both meas-

ures now go to the Senate. Consideration of the bills was marked by further denunciation of the failure of the department of justice up to this time to proceed against the guilty contractors. There were also charges that the attorney general and the republican leaders are striving to head off the proposed congressional investigation into the war fraud scan-

"Daugherty Seeks Block." Representative Woodruff, republi-san, of Michigan, co-author of the resolution for an investigation, flatly charged the attorney general with eeking to block the inquiry. But, he added, Mr. Daugherty's action "in no way affects my determination to press for action on the resolution."

Representative King, republican, of Illinois, declared if a genuine campaign is instituted against war grafters congress will have to "create a multitude of new jail apartments." He continued: "Although great obstacles will be

thrown in the way of the investigation and many faithless men will have to be removed from positions of influence, nevertheless this is the people's movement and its momentum cannot be permanently delayed."

#### "Most Powewrful Apaches."

Characterizing the guilty war con-tractors as "the most powerful group of grafting Apaches that ever infested and threatened the life of any government since history began," Representative King added:

"If justice prevails there will be the greatest exhibition that ever obtained of thievery, speculation and ex-ploitation of a patient people and their government, surrounded by a scene as black as hell and as rotten as the ancient state of Denmark."

In attacking the attorney general for failure to act earlier, Representatives Byrne, of Tennessee, and Moore, of Virginia, pointed out that Mr. Daugherty had appeared before the House appropriations committee as late as March 6, but had said noth-ing about war fraud cases. The department of justice appropriation bill was under consideration at that time. Both representatives charged that the Woodruff - Johnson charges had spurred on the department to activity a "belated hour." "Meyers Opposes Prosecutions."

Assailing the designation of Abram F. Meyers to take charge of war fraud cases, Mr. Woodruff said he had heard Myers is opposed to prosecutions and judging from his activities, "I am inclined to believe my informants wereentirely correct as to his attitude in these matters." Mr. Woodruff continued: "In a letter of recent date, he stated he was a friend and had the confidence of Mr. George Wickersham. Mr. Wickersham was at one time attorney general and now is one of the recognized British propogandists of the country, and also a member of the firm of Cadawalder, Wickersham and Taft, attorneys for Mitsui & Co., in their dealings with the government on their aircraft contracts. "Mr. Wickersham is very active in protecting his Japanese clients and apparently to date has prevented the department of justice from presenting to the courts the government's claim of from six to 10 millions of dollars. notwithstanding the fact that months ago the department was potified that these two concerns were undergoing liquidation and their assets were being rapidly dissipated. "It is either a significant fact or a coincidence that within a few days after Mr. Wickersham had been retained by Mitsui & Co., Mr. Myers was placed in direct charge of these cases and no action has been taken by the department of justice to protect the public's interest in either case, although neglect to do so has unquestionably cost the treasury from six to 10 millions of dollars." Representative Connally, democrat, of Texas, expresses hope that one out of the 150,000 "grafters under suspicion" will be captured, put in a cage and exhibited throughout the country 'in order that the people may know that at least one of these guilty ha + been brought to justice." Representative Madden, of Illinois, chairman of the appropriations committee said some of those now criticizing the department of justice "may have a different story to tell before the prosecutions are ended." He added "they will be prosecuted more vigorously, perhaps, than you would like to see them prosecuted. Some fellows who may think they have power in the nation today will find themselves behind the bars as the result of Attorney General Daugherty's activity.

patrol and forbid anyone crossing into the section outside of business hours.

After years of experimenting to stop dense clouds of dust sweeping down on Mexico City at certain periods, the de-partment of agriculture has decided to plant clover and alfalfa in the bed of Lake Texcoco, near the capital, Experts elleve the cultivation. will invite ture.

The battleship Maine, named after the ship whose sinking in Havana harbor brought on the Spanish-American war, has been towed to her graveyard up the Delaware river from Philadelphia navy yard. She was sold recently for junk for For the first time in more than 100 years piracy is being practiced in the lower waters of the Gulf of Mexico, according to reports made to the Mexican government. Several small steamships and mail boats have been boarded by pirates and robbed of money and cargo

Homeless transients, without money and unable to obtain lodging, have found shelter in Duluth at police headquarters. An average of 60 men were housed during the winter, and with the closing of lumber camps this spring the average was increased to 75.

A prediction that radio telephony would never be of any commercial value except for broadcasting and limited uses is made by F. L. Rhodea, outside de-velopment engineer of the American Telephone and Telegraph company. The ether acts as a universal party line, he explained.

Kathleen Kersting, 13 year old Wichita, Kan., girl, has become a protege of Mme. Emma Calve, and will go to France shortly to study under the great singer's direction. On a recent visit to Wichita, Mme. Calve heard the little girl sing and declared she had a wonderful voice.

Business men generally would be will-Business men generally would be will-ing to pay extra postage on air mail pro-vided quick and certain delivery could be guaranteed, representatives of the aero-nautic chamber of commerce told the House postoffice committee at a recent hearing on the Steenerson bill, which would authorize star routes through the sky sky

Bela Venzenyl, Budapest banker and Bela Venzenyi, Budapest banker and the world's champion eater, is dead. He weighed more than 400 pounds. Every morning he devoured 24 sausages and sight pounds of pate de foie gras for Treakfast. At noon he engulfed three baves of bread and six pounds of ham, and in the evening-well, never mind.

and in the evening-well, never mind. Sam, a big black cat in the office of the home secretary in London, was just about to depart for a new home in America. Officials had half consented to the pleas of an American woman, but they reckoned without the secretary. Drastic orders from the chief will keep Sam on duty, which is keeping the mouse population under control. Protest against the inclusion of girl students within the college walls so that

Protest against the inclusion of girl students within the college walks so that "to the casual observer the university has lost its quality of masculinity and degenerated into a hybrid organization of co-education," was contained in a re-cent report of alumni directors to trus-tees of the University of Pennsylvania. The report suggested that funds of the 1,000,000 Bennett Foundation be used to create a separate woman a college.

Her husband, Joseph C. Bishop, New York millionaire electric light is "cunning, shrewd, ruthless man, and deceitful," asserts Mrs. Abigail Elshop, his divorced wife, who has filed suit to collect \$30,000 alimony.

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What are Raphael's Madonnas but the shadows of a mother's love; fixed in per- +

- manent outline forever?-T. W. Higginson.

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Quiet minds cannot be perplexed or frightened, but go on in fortune or misfortune at their own private pace, like a clock during a thunderstorm .---R. L. Stevenson.

"They've got company," said Mrs. Fawn Lippincut, when she saw th Moots' cellar lit up last night.

Jake Bentley tried t' get a prescription filler at th' drug store, t'day, but th' lunch rush wuz on an' th' clerk told him t' come back in th' evenin'.- Abe Martin.

BUILD ADDITION TO

## HOME FOR THE AGED

West Point, Neb., May 16 (Special) .--- Monsignor Joseph Ruesing has ommenced on the \$100,000 addition to the home for the aged in this city The home was started 17 years ago with a large frame dwelling. Several brick additions have been made since and the buildings as they now stand are of the value of \$100,000. In addition to the home for the aged an emergency hospital is to be construct ed and will be taken care of by the sisters in charge of the home.

sen, Jennie Daugherty, Nellie Garvin, Maurice Finley, Anna Thompson, Clement O'Flaherty, Henry Eiben, Alma Karnes, Melvin Winne, Alice Knoell and Margaret McCullough comprise the 1922 senior class of the Dixon high school, which will next Tuesday evening present the play, "An Early Bird," at the opera house. Miss Milburn Mumberson, of Orchard. Neb., is principal, and her sister, Margaret, the assistant. A. V. Teed, of the Wayne Normal faculty, will be the orator.

## AT LINCOL N, AUGUST 15

Lincoln, Neb., May 12 .- The Nebraska state republican convention will be held at Lincoln, Tuesday, &ugust 15, with delegates apportioned to one for each 250 votes cast in the 1920 election for President Harding and one delegate at large for each of the 93 countles of the state, it was determined at a meeting of the state republican central committee here.

## PICTURES SHOWN HELD NOT TO BE IMMORAL

Sioux Falls, S. D., May 12 (Special) .- A. K. Pay, manager of the Colonial theater, which recently exhibited the motion picture, "Foolish Wives," was today found not guilty by a jury of showing a motion pic ture which was described in the complaint as obscene, indecent, suggestive and immoral. The jury returned the verdict after five minutes of deliberation.

This is the second case of this kind to come before the regular term of municipal court. Yesterday a jury found Otis C. Adams not guilty of the same charge. Mr. Adams was arrested for exhibiting the picture "The Queen of Sheba."

Both theater men were arrested fol. lowing the lodging of a complaint with Mayor Burnside by the Sloux Falls Ministerial association, which claimed the pictures were immoral.

#### TARA HILL COUPLE WEDDED FIFTY YEARS

Dixon, Neb., May 12 (Special) .-- Mr and Mrs. Dan Daugherty, of Tara Hill, a settlement half way from Dixon to Newcastle, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday with over 600 friends and relatives calling during the afternoon and evening. The happy old couple were married in Boston, and have resided in Dixon county over 40 years. They have five sons and two daughters During the world war Mr. Daugherty attained fame as a champion knitter among the few men knitters.

GIVES BLOOD TO

## SAVE MOTHERINLAW

Beresford, S. D., May 11 .- Mrs. Orve Kundert, of this city, has proven herself something of a heroine by permitting the transfusion of blood from her yeins to the veins of Mrs. William Kundert, her motherinlaw, in the effort to save the life of the latter. who is in a Sioux Fails hospital. It is reported the result of the blood transfusion has been satisfactory.

SLAYTON SCHOOLS TO GRADUATE BIG CLASS

Slayton, Minn., May 11 (Special) .--A class of 38 will be graduated by the Slayton schools this year. The class is headed by Orville Quackenbush. The commencement address will be delivered by J. Adam Bede.

DRAGGED UNDER TRAIN WHEELS BY SUCTION

Minden, Neb., May 9 (Special) .- A miraculous escape from death oc-curred here when Howard Woodrick, 12, was sucked under the wheels of a freight train and his left leg was caught. The calf was pinched and two toes were crushed so badly that they were amputated. Surgeons have not yet decided whether or not the entire limb must be amputated.

# NELIGH'S NEW MAYOR BEGINS RETRENCHMENT

Neligh, Neb., May 9 (Special) .- A retrenchment policy has been inaugurated here by Mayor S. D. Thornton, whose first official act was to make city appointments at reduced salaries. He has already effected a saving to the city of \$970 a year.

Mayor Thornton, who is a lawyer, will himself serve without pay as city attorney. He reduced the salary of marshal and street commissioner. \$25 a month; night watchman, \$25 a month, anl waterworks engineer, \$10 a month.

UDGES MOVIE PROBE.

Washington, May 11 (U. P.) .- The

movies should be investigated and a stop put to their "improper political activities," Wilbur F. Crafts, superintendent of the international reform bureau declared today by the Senate judiclary committee, He urged passage of the Myers resolution for a probe of the motion picture in-dustry. Crafts charged that the movies are rapidly setting up a powerful political machine and already have elected scores of their own candidates in state and local elections.

#### CHILD TOLD EUROPEANS U. S. WOULD ACCEPT, REPORT Universcal Service.

Special Cable Dispatch. Genos, May 16.-It is declared here that Ambassador Child at 6 o'clock Monday night communicated to Foreign Minister Schanzer, member of the Italian delegation to the conference, and to Premier Lloyd George, that America would accept the invitation to participate in The Hague meeting on June 15.

RUSSIA WILL ENTER WITH RESERVATIONS

#### BY LINCOLN STEFFENS Universal Service Correspondent.

Special Cable Dispatch. Genoa, May 16 .- The Russian delegation announced Monday night that they would accept the plan for an allnation commission to meet at The Hague on June 15 for the purpose of studying Russian problems and finding a basis for recognition.

The Russians declared that they see no hope of success for the program and announce that they will Tuesday advise the political commission of the conference of the reservations they make in accepting the so-called American plan.

Won't Abandon Present Treaties, It is understood that among the reservations will be an absolute refusal to agree to the abandonment of present treaties during the deliberations of the commission, which was given as a part of the plan under which the commission was to be called. The Russians will also object to the "double commission" as well as to parts of the "propaganda" clause. They will also enter formal objection to the commission sitting at The Hague, and urge that the sessions be held at Riga or Stockholm.

## SEIZE 7 MILK PLANTS, HOIST RED FLAG IN ERIN

London, May 16 .- According to the Times, members of the Irish transport workers' union Monday selzed seven condensed milk factories at Munster, hoisted the red flag and issued a proclamation declaring their intention of conducting the factories in the interest of the community.

Elihu Root was made an honorary member of the New York Genealogical and Biographical society. Mr. Root was referred to as the "leading cvizen of New lurk."

## **'OLD APPLE TREE''** COMPOSER IS DEAD

Universal Service.

Oakland, Cal., May 16 .- Harry H. Williams, a musical composer of note. died Monday in the Merritt hospital following a brief illness.

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Williams formerly wrote a collaboration with William Van Alst, ne and later with Neal Moret. His greatest successes were 'In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree" and "I'm Afraid ts" Go Home in the Dark "