

# CEDAR COUNTY CASE ON TRIAL

School District Demands State Funds; Claim Made It Is Church Institution

Lincoln, Neb. — (Special) — District Judge Broady is hearing the case of Cedar county school district No. 6 against the state superintendent of schools to force payment to the school district of the state apportionment which Superintendent Taylor has refused to turn over.

Attorneys for the district contend that the school district is entitled to the state funds since taxes are paid for that purpose and that the superintendent has no right to deny payment. They further claim that the school makes reports to and is recognized by the county superintendent as a public school.

The attorneys for the state argue that the school is in reality a parochial school, a sign bearing the words, St. Boniface school, being in evidence over the entrance and the teachers of the school wearing garb peculiar to their sect. They claim that up to the fourth grade the school is in charge of the local church, while the higher grades are under the supervision of the priest, and that sectarian instruction is being given.

The records of the school were introduced at the opening of the case and witnesses included Paul G. Goeden of Fordyce, director; George Kast of Fordyce, moderator; Mike McCoy of Hartington, county superintendent, and others connected with the affairs of the school district.

## DIES ON HOMESTEAD HE TOOK IN NEBRASKA

Royal, Neb. — (Special) — Peter B. Stewart, 87 years old, died Tuesday at the farm home of his daughter, Mrs. Fred Gibson, south of Royal, Tuesday. Mr. Stewart came to this county in the early 80's and took a homestead. Some years ago he came to Royal to make his home, but finally returned to the old homestead where he died.

## DENIES IOWA'S REQUEST FOR RETURN OF PRISONER

Lincoln, Neb. — (Special) — Governor Bryan has refused to grant a requisition from the governor of Iowa to return W. H. Barnhart of Norfolk to Atlantic, Ia., to answer a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

E. S. Holton, county attorney at Atlantic, appeared for the prosecution which was represented by Kansas men from whom Barnhart purchased sheep which were paid for with a postdated check for \$994. They charged that the check, written on a bank at Plainville, Neb., was to be covered by money as soon as the sheep were sold. Barnhart was unable to sell the animals because of disease and the owners filed a civil action at Madison, Neb., where they obtained judgment, but were unable to collect.

An opinion from the attorney general's office supports the action of the governor, who says the action appears to him more like a note and no criminal intent is shown.

## POSTHUMOUS AWARD TO FORMER NEBRASKAN

Gering, Neb. — (Special) — A French decoration, the croix de guerre, was awarded posthumously to Edwin C. Todd, son of the late Rev. Q. C. Todd, formerly a resident of the Gering valley. When the award was made, no trace could be found of his relatives. Just recently a brother, John N. Todd, was found in Seattle, Wash.

The Washington man gives the following information on his brother: "My brother Edwin was killed in France on March 9, 1918. He enlisted as a private in the 188th Iowa infantry and went over with the Rainbow division about December 1917. We were told he was among the first 100 Americans to lose their lives following our entry into the war. He was first buried near Pexonne, his remains later being removed to one of the large permanent American military cemeteries in the department of the Meuse, France."

## SAYS TAXES PAID WITH "INSUFFICIENT FUNDS" CHECK

Hartington, Neb. — (Special) — County Treasurer Louis G. Riffe has issued an order that in the future that taxpayers must have the cash, bank draft or postal money order before tax receipts or auto licenses are issued. He says that he has been having too many checks returned the last few days marked "insufficient funds," and is forced to adopt a rigid policy as a measure of protection. He says that one day this week he had returned to his office checks amounting to \$124 for lack of funds.

## TONS OF BUTTER

Washington, (UP) — Data collected by the census bureau in its census of manufacturers taken in 1930, shows that production of butter in the United States in the preceding year totaled 1,518,894,529 pounds, valued at \$664,415,577. The figures included whey butter and butter oil.

## PLAINVIEW, NEB., COUPLE MARRIED 53 YEARS AGO

Plainview, Neb. — (Special) — Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Young, residents of Plainview, were recently honored on the 53rd anniversary of their marriage. Those present were: Charles Young and family, Frank Young and family, Clyde Young Ernest Young and family, Mrs. Ruby Young Hansen and family, Ellery D. Young and family, Harold Young and family. Mr. and Mrs. Young are the grandparents of 26 children and the great grandper-

## MORE FEDERAL MEN TO ENFORCE DRY LAW

Lincoln, Neb. — (UP) — Twenty five men will be added to the prohibition enforcement organization of the ninth enforcement district, which includes Nebraska, at the beginning of the new fiscal year, the federal prohibition bureau has announced.

The present force of the ninth district, which includes Nebraska, Kansas, Arkansas and Missouri, consists of 80 agents and an increasing this force to 105 men, the bureau expects materially to improve conditions within the district.

The district consists at present of 274,970 square miles and includes a population of 9,746,965. From July 1 to October 31 there were 1,491 arrests for prohibition law violations in the district, while the courts handled 1,510 cases over the same period. Of these 1,367 were terminated, manner not given, 233 were dismissed and 19 were nolle prossed.

## PAYS TAXES ON SCULLY LANDS

English Family Makes No Improvements on Its Nebraska Holdings

Beatrice, Neb. — (Special) — Virgil R. Johnson, agent for the Scully interests in England, paid taxes here of \$18,911.96 on the 25,000 acres of Gage county lands owned by the Scully family. They comprise almost 5 per cent of the land area of the county. If all were put in one township they would fill it completely and leave 24 farms over.

The taxes paid were on land only, the improvements all being assessed separately. The Scullys own no improvements. The land is all occupied and operated by lessees and these lessees own every improvement. The tenants pay the taxes on the land to the Scully agent, who delivers the money to the county treasurer and takes a receipt in the Scully name.

The tenants pay the taxes on the improvements, which are listed as personal property and assessed in the name of the tenant, to the county treasurer. The total assessed value of the land and improvements runs into the millions of dollars.

## FALLS CITY HAS OFFER FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Falls City, Neb. — (UP) — In order to realize on the offer of \$55,000 in property for the erection of a municipal auditorium, Falls City may have to become a city of first class rating.

Mrs. Laura Prichard, long-time resident of the county, has offered the city property valued at \$55,000 to be used for the erection of the auditorium—providing the city matches the gift with a like amount of money.

As a second class city now, bonds cannot be issued in excess of \$25,000, city officials claim. By taking advantage of the last census figures, city officials can certify to the governor the last census report and by proclamation can be declared a city of the first class.

Changing to the first class city division entails many problems additionally, which city officials are debating before attempting to "make good" on the \$55,000 gift by a bond issue.

## ARRESTING OFFICER FORCED TO RESIGN

Lincoln, Neb. — (UP) — Criticism of his action in arresting Ben F. Danbaum, former Omaha police inspector and chief of detectives, has brought about the resignation of Officer William Maunier, Lincoln motorcycle officer.

Maunier arrested the former Omaha detective, now a private investigator, for allegedly breaking speed regulatory laws. Chief of Police Anderson has stated the Omaha man will be asked to answer the charge in municipal court here. The case, Anderson said, probably will be heard early next week.

Danbaum had informed Chief Anderson he was ordered to go to the police station, regardless of the fact that Mrs. Danbaum was with him and the further fact that he had an appointment for a certain hour. Instructions regarding such situations were issued Thursday by Chief Anderson, Maunier's resignation followed.

The officer denied he had acted other than as a gentleman in taking Danbaum to the police station.

## JAIL BREAKER FINALLY BACK BEHIND BARS

White River, S. D. — Arrested in Grand Island, Neb., Vincent Connelly and his brother, Andy, were brought to White River and lodged in the county jail. The former is charged with having broken jail here four years ago this month, while his brother is charged with assisting him to escape. The search for the fugitive had continued since the jailbreak four years ago.

In November, 1926, Vincent Connelly was convicted in circuit court here of grand larceny. He was sentenced to three years in the state penitentiary at Sioux Falls. Before officers had fixed a date when they would take him to the penitentiary to commence his term, he succeeded in making his escape from the jail.

A coincidence in the case is that it was exactly four years to a day after his escape when he was recaptured in Grand Island.

## ASKS \$10,000 FOR HUSBAND'S AFFECTIONS

Lincoln, Neb. — Dolle C. Smith has sued Estella Nordella for \$10,000 for alleged alienation of the affections of her husband, Jewell Smith. The Smiths were married in Missouri in 1924. They live together until October, 1930.

Mrs. Smith alleges the defendant enticed her husband away and caused him to abandon her. Until Miss Nordella put in an appearance, it is claimed that the Smiths lived happily. Five thousand dollars actual and \$5,000 punitive damages are asked.

## Can You Name It?



The fruit Mildred Stanley is displaying is a nameless hybrid which is about the size of a grapefruit but of the same color, shape and other characteristics as a lemon. The strange fruit was developed and grown by the plant department of the pharmacy school of the University of Washington, in Seattle.

## Where Government Gets Revenue And How the Money Is Expended

President Hoover, in his budget message to Congress, estimates that it will cost \$3,995,270,312 to run the federal government for the fiscal year 1931-1932. It is impossible to compare this figure with the expenditures for 1930-1931, for these will not be completed until June 30, 1931. The 1931-1932 estimates compare as follows with the actual expenditures for preceding years:

	Per Capita
1931-1932 .....	\$3,995,270,312
1929-1930 .....	3,994,152,487
1928-1929 .....	3,848,463,190
1927-1928 .....	3,643,519,875
1926-1927 .....	3,493,584,519
1925-1926 .....	3,584,987,873

The following table shows where each dollar spent by the federal government went in the fiscal year ending last June 30, and where it is expected to go in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1931:

	929-30	1931-32
	Actual	Estimated
Public debt—retirement of and interest on .....	30.7c	26.3c
Veterans' bureau—including government life insurance, compensation and adjusted service, but excluding pensions and government life insurance .....	13.0c	15.1c
Navy department .....	9.4c	8.8c
War department, military activities .....	8.2c	8.4c
Pensions .....	5.5c	6.1c
Highways' federal aid .....	2.1c	3.1c
Rivers, harbors and flood control .....	2.6c	2.7c
Public buildings, general .....	1.5c	2.2c
Postal deficit .....	2.3c	2.9c
Federal farm board .....	3.8c	2.6c
Prohibition bureau .....	0.4c	0.3c
(Including narcotics, enforcement in 1929-30.)		
Coast guard .....	0.7c	0.8c
Tax refunds .....	3.2c	2.4c
Administrative, executive and general .....	16.6c	18.3c
Total .....	\$1.00	\$1.00

Of every dollar collected by the federal government in 1929-1930, 58 cents came from income and corporation taxes, 4 cents from tariff collections, 11 cents from tobacco taxes, 4 cents from war debt payments, 4 cents from documentary stamps, club dues tax, estate tax and miscellaneous internal revenue, 7 cents from all other sources.

## 1930 COLLECTORS.

To be collectors, men, it seems to have primal urge. Did not the first in line, And he cut quite a splurge. And since his day, like hounds on scent, Some folk have nosed around Curious of bygone years, And many they have found.

Clear bands, antimassars, and Bone trays and mustache cups; A whisky flask of rich, dark glass, And grandma's china pups. ( wonder from this age of ours, What, after due inspection, Some future chaps will pick and choose To put in their collection.

If we believe a recent film, Depleting future years, I'd be the first to pick and pans That house work now endears.

When pills we take for food and drink, The kitchen stove will go, And half the things our wives now use, Collectors only know. —Sam Page.

## Color in Egypt.

From "Camels" by Daniel W. Streeter.

This was the first day I experienced the entire cycle of Egyptian coloring from dawn to sunset. It was kaleidoscopic. At dawn the air was sharp. The river flowed silently under a seething, snowy counterpane of mist. Above its virginal green banks the hills rose, mysterious and purple in the face of the rising sun. Gradually their arid fastnesses, the narrow strip of green fringed it and the thread of river itself, were suffused by pinkish tints ineffably delicate and soft. Over all, a deep inscrutable blue, rested the sky.

Midday. The white heat of an electric furnace. Bluffs and buttresses of rock cast bluish black shadows on satlin-like sand drifts. The glare of the high sun paints

## Affects Railroad Pensions.

From Ramona (S. D.) Times. The pensioners of the Chicago and North Western railroad have received notice of a 10 per cent cut in their checks beginning this week. To maintain a pension fund the road has annually set aside a portion of the earnings. The last year has been disastrous for this fund, hence the decision of the company is to reduce the amount of the pension. It is feared by many of the old men who are subsisting on this small stipend, that the system may be entirely stopped. On April 1 we understand the grain rate cut goes into effect and this will curtail earnings of the North Western rail-

## To Test Legality of Governor Bryan's Act

Lincoln, Neb. — Nebraska's senate Tuesday called on State Attorney General C. A. Sorenson for an opinion on the legality of Governor Charles W. Bryan's appointment of deputy secretaries of various state departments without seeking confirmation by the senate instead of naming secretaries.

In previous administrations governors have named secretaries and for confirmation. Bryan however sent the nominations to the senate announced he would assume command of the departments and appointed deputy secretaries to head the various branches of the state government.

Bryan is a democrat. A republican majority rules the senate.

## YOUNG FARMER GETS FORTUNE

Neligh, Neb., Man Goes to Minneapolis to Claim Estate

Neligh, Neb. — (Special) — Chas. Rishling, young farmer living on the Willow, has gone to Minnesota with his father-in-law to verify reports of him falling heir to a large fortune through the death of an uncle. A Minneapolis attorney wrote Rishling but did not make it clear just how much of an estate was left.

Stories as to the legacy rumor it consists of several thousand dollars of cash in the bank and a large wheat farm with buildings and other property.

## FIRE DESTROYS STANTON MILL

Loss Estimated at \$10,000 Only Partially Covered by Insurance

Stanton, Neb. — (Special) — Fire Tuesday destroyed the Stanton Flour mill with a total loss of about \$10,000. There was but \$5,000 in insurance.

There was little grain in the mill, but the building and machinery are a complete loss.

## ASKS \$25,000 FOR DEATH OF HIS BRIDE

Laurel, Neb. — (Special) — Alfred E. Mittelstadt of Laurel has filed suit in district court for \$25,000 for the death of his wife, Edna Clara Mittelstadt, who was killed September 23 in a bus accident north of Wayne. She was 30 years old and had been a bride only three months when killed.

## LIVES ALONE ON HER FARM 8 MILES FROM TOWN

Osmond, Neb. — (Special) — Mrs. Mary Sherman, 76 years old, lives alone on a farm eight miles from town. She keeps a horse which she cares for, harnesses and hitches to her single buggy and drives the eight miles to town. She has lived on the farm nearly 40 years and has lived alone eight of the 16 years since her husband's death. She keeps a gun and uses it when necessary. She is an inveterate reader of good literature but doesn't like "silly stuff." Four of her brothers were soldiers in the Civil war and all came home. She has four children, all of whom are alive.

## FINE FARMS NEAR CARROLL CHANGE HANDS

Winslow, Neb. — (Special) — A 320-acre tract of land one mile east and one half mile north of Carroll, was recently sold by the heirs of the late Gilbert French of Omaha, to Arthur Auker for a consideration of \$120 an acre. Mr. Auker traded his Winslow residence in on the deal. The land consists of two fairly well improved quarter sections of land, located opposite each other in adjoining sections.

## EXTENDS RIGHTS TO Santee Indians

Osmond, Neb. — (Special) — An execution order from President Hoover has been filed in the county clerk's office, extending the trust period on homesteads and allotments in the Ponca and Santee Indian reservations of Knox county for 10 years. Under an act of Congress dated June 21, 1906, the trust period was to expire December 28, 1930.

The continuation of the period granted by Hoover will allow nine allottees residing on 720 acres to continue to live there without paying real estate taxes. Thus they continue charges of the government, having the sole right to live on the land, but no right to sell, rent or in any other way make disposal of it.

## OLD SHERIFF RETIRES AFTER THIRTY ONE YEARS

Ponca, Neb. — (Special) — For the first time in 31 years Dixon county has a new sheriff, Andy Maskell, dean of the sheriffs of the state of Nebraska, was defeated in the election last November by Sam Curvy. Though a democrat in a republican county, Mr. Maskell was re-elected term after term.

## BECKMAN ESTATE LAND DISPOSED OF AT AUCTION

Neligh, Neb. — (Special) — Eight hundred acres of land in several tracts of the Anton Beckman estate were sold at public auction by R. M. Gruger, referee. The total sale price was \$54,920. The prices ranged from \$124.50 per acre for a quarter section west of the Perry land to \$18.50 per acre for a sandy pasture tract west of Elgin.

Most of the land was finally bid in for the heirs. Other bidders were active and the last raise on the highest price was only 50 cents per acre.

## PROVIDE WORK TO BUY FOODS

Gage County, Nebraska, Puts Its Unemployed to Wood Chopping

Beatrice, Neb. — (UP) — Employment is being provided for a number of Gage county's unemployed and at the same time fuel is being obtained for destitute families, through a plan introduced here by County Supervisor J. R. Conn.

The plan calls for men receiving help from the county to cut wood on a farm near Beatrice. They are allowed 30 cents per hour in groceries for their work. A maximum of \$3 per week in groceries can be drawn by each workman. This, the county supervisor explains, will keep the average family in plain food and anything earned above that amount is placed to the worker's credit for use during weeks when outdoor work is impossible.

The wood obtained through such labor is placed in the county barn and garage and is later distributed to destitute families which are county charges. At present there are about 80 tons of wood available, it has been estimated.

In addition to the county charges who are given work, the county sheriff places his prisoners at work on the wood cutting task. Enough trees have been donated by residents of near here to keep the men busy throughout the winter.

## OMAHA'S NEW DEPOT FORMALLY OPENED

Omaha, Neb. — (UP) — In a simple ceremony the north unit of Omaha's new \$4,000,000 passenger terminal was formally opened Thursday. A crowd including five railroad presidents, scores of high ranking rail officials and thousands of spectators witnessed the ceremony.

Railroad presidents here to attend the dedication are Fred W. Sargent, North Western; H. A. Scandrett, Milwaukee; F. E. Williamson, Burlington, and L. A. Downs, Illinois Central.

L. M. Allen, vice president and passenger traffic agent, represented the Rock Island lines, John Cannon, vice president and general manager the Missouri Pacific, W. G. Lerch, vice president the Great Western and H. E. Watts, passenger traffic manager the Washash.

## BRING FRIENDLY SUIT TO SETTLE ESTATE

Omaha, Neb. — Heirs to the \$850,000 estate of the late Judge James Neville, of Omaha, filed a friendly suit in district court here Wednesday to untangle the strange provisions of his will, which, the heirs said, decreed paradoxically, that they could not obtain the estate until they were dead.

Judge Neville, who died 10 years ago in California, apparently hoped to tie up the estate for two generations and thereby to insure its growth to tremendous proportions. In the will he provided that his estate "should not be divided until the death of my present living grandchildren."

A year ago County Judge Crawford assured the heirs that, all parties having agreed, the estate might be divided. The case was taken to district court Wednesday, however, that a final decree, from which there can be no appeal, might be entered.

In the suit the judge's two sons and the widow of a third son are named as plaintiffs and all the grandchildren as defendants. The three plaintiffs are Elmer J. Neville, Los Angeles; George Neville, St. Louis, and Mrs. Eugene J. Neville, Los Angeles.

## FARMERS' UNION AGAIN HEADED BY KEENEY

Omaha, Neb. — H. G. Keeney, for six terms president of the Farmers' union of Nebraska, was re-elected to that office Wednesday, P. D. Peterson of Fairbury, Neb., was his nearest competitor. The farm board and its policies were leading issues in the election. Keeney was considered as friendly to the board.

## INJURED STUDENT SUES STATE OF NEBRASKA

Lincoln, Neb. — (Special) — A claim has been filed against the state of Nebraska by Ruth Cole of Polk, Ia., who is seeking \$10,493 on the ground that she was thrown from a horse while she was a student at the state university here, where she was required to take riding lessons.

## MEACHEN RE-ELECTED HEAD OF MEADOW GROVE SCHOOLS

Meadow Grove, Neb. — (Special) — Superintendent McEachen has been re-elected by the board of education and given a contract for the next three years. No action was taken on other teachers, but probably will be discussed at the next meeting.

## PLAINVIEW MAN HAS VALUABLE INVENTION

Plainview, Neb. — (Special) — T. C. Dibble of this place has invented what he calls a "tree mower." It is a circular saw, with motor attachment for sawing through and felling standing trees. The machine may also be used to saw wood as any ordinary saw is used. He is having the machine built by a Sioux City concern.

## WARNS AGAINST PERSONS SOLICITING FOR MONEY

Pierce, Neb. — (Special) — Pierce county residents have been warned against contributing to a band of persons operating under the name of "The Samaritan Army" or "The Good Samaritan Army." They are said to be getting money fraudulently. Officials of Norfolk have sent word to business men to be on the lookout. The organization had headquarters at Norfolk at one time, but since the death of W. F. H. Brummond of Norfolk, was discontinued.