

## WILL DISCUSS NEW EGG LAWS

Nebraska Department of Agriculture Head Plans for Conferences

Lincoln, Neb. — (UP) — Conferences to be held with egg dealers and bakers of the state are planned by Secretary Felton of the department of agriculture.

Felton will confer with produce men concerning the standards for grades of eggs prior to the date the new egg candling law enacted by the legislature goes into effect. Under the law, to become effective three months after legislative adjournment, dealers may sell on established standards or not, as they choose, but if they sell on standards they must accept those of the state departments. These will probably be those of the United States department of standards. Candling must be done by those who buy for resale, which does not include the farmer.

A conference is to be held with bakers concerning the amount of tolerance in weight which the department is permitted by a new law to establish for standard loaves of bread.

## ASKING RETURN BANK BANDITS

Nebraska Makes Legal Demand on Illinois for Three Men

Lincoln, Neb. — (UP) — Requisition papers for the return to Nebraska of Howard Lee, Jack Britt and Thomas "Pat" O'Connor, Illinois hoodlums, to face charges of participating in the \$2,800,000 robbery of the Lincoln National bank last September were enroute to Chicago Wednesday.

The papers, signed by County Attorney Max Towle and Gov. Charles W. Bryan, were mailed Wednesday afternoon to County Sheriff Claude Hensel, at Springfield, Ill. They will be presented to Governor Emerson of Illinois Thursday.

Towle, who accompanied a number of witnesses to the robbery to Chicago, returned to Lincoln Wednesday to take charge of the legal matters concerned with securing extradition for the gangsters.

"Identification of the three bandits is positive," Towle said. If the men are brought to Lincoln, the county attorney declared, he is certain that a conviction will be secured.

Lee was said by Towle to have been identified by seven witnesses; O'Connor by four and Britt by two. There are 30 witnesses who have yet to view the suspects, Towle said.

## DENVER BANDITS ALSO WANTED AT OMAHA

Omaha, Neb. — Three bandits, held at Denver after wounding a store department manager in a safe robbery there last Sunday night, have been identified, police here say, as the men who two weeks ago blew open a clothing store safe here and escaped with \$1,500 after binding the store watchman and janitor to chairs with wire.

The men, whom police said gave the names of Harry Bostolman, 36 years old, Abe Levin, alias Joe Gray, 30, and Ed Ryan, 30, were identified by pictures sent here by Denver police. The identification was made by William Lynch, watchman, and Clarence Masters, janitor.

## GORDON, NEB., GIRL IS FATALLY BURNED

Gordon, Neb. — Darlene Underwood, 17 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cornett, who live near here, was fatally burned in an explosion, caused when she poured kerosene on a bed of live coals in the kitchen range. The explosion blew her to the farther side of the room, where she was found when her father groped his way through smoke so dense it blinded him.

The girl was born in Bancroft in 1913. Harold Underwood, of Pender, is a brother. There also survive a half-brother and two half-sisters.

## ALFALFA FROM WHOLE WORLD IN EXPERIMENT

Cozad, Neb. — (UP) — Three miles south of here, the farm of Amos Kaufman has become the experiment plot for alfalfa plants from all portions of the world.

Already, more than 80 varieties of alfalfa—from Asia, Africa, Europe, South America and North America and other remote spots have been planted on this farm for experiment purposes. It has taken two years to collect the specimens.

This section of the state is the heaviest alfalfa producing section in the world.

## HALF GROWN CHICKENS LOST IN BLAZE

Allen, Neb. — (Special) — Fire starting from a brooder stove destroyed a small chicken house and about 200 half grown chickens early Wednesday morning on the Claude Douglas farm at the east edge of Allen. A quantity of farm tools which were stored in the building were destroyed. The loss is estimated at about \$300, which is partially covered by insurance.

## LINEMEN'S NECK BROKEN IN FALL FROM POLE

Omaha, Neb. — (UP) — M. J. Moon, Nebraska Power company lineman, was instantly killed when he fell from a 60-foot pole near the Sarpy county line south of here Thursday. His neck was broken. It was believed a shock forced him to unloose his grip on the pole.

## OWNERSHIP OF ISLAND DENIED

Court at Schuyler, Neb., Gives Decision of Wide Interest

Schuyler, Neb. — (Special) — The claim of Thomas M. Howie to Howie island in the Platte river was denied by District Judge F. L. Spear. The defendants in the action brought by Howie to quiet title are John T. Garman and Elmina Garman with John C. Eberberger as intervenor.

Judge Spear's memorandum declared he "did not believe that the plaintiff showed he had been claiming the island for 10 years adversely. The elder Mr. Howie, who is the plaintiff, did not testify he was holding the island adversely. He said two or three times that he 'had his eye on the land' but at no time did he unequivocally say he had been claiming it. Also his testimony as to pasturing cattle was very sketchy, so I do not think that there is sufficient testimony on his part upon which to base title by adverse possession.

"I doubt very much whether the acts of his son in any event are the acts of the elder Mr. Howie. I doubt very much if a tenant, such as the younger Mr. Howie is, can establish title by adverse possession for his landlord, unless the island had been specifically rented to him and there is no proof of that.

"I find nothing in the petition regarding accretion but testimony in it on that question and if the plaintiff desires to amend his petition to cover the subject of accretion, it will be permitted to do so.

"Defendant asks no affirmative relief and therefore there can be no decree in his favor quieting the title to the part he claims by accretion."

## SKELETON OF MAN FOUND IN SAND PIT

Freemont, Neb. — (Special) — The finding of the skeleton of a man Thursday, buried two feet under sand at the Schelberg sand pit, three miles west of the city started an investigation.

The bones were found by Gilbert Jones and G. E. Unkel, who were working on a road job. Sheriff John J. Gallagher and County Attorney Fred Richards went to the scene and after inspecting it, ordered the bones placed in a box and taken to the courthouse. Dentists will check the teeth for comparison with old records in dental offices.

## GOVERNOR REFUSES TO GIVE SESSION DATE

Lincoln, Neb. — (Special) — Governor Bryan steadfastly refuses to divulge the date of the proposed special session of the legislature for the purpose of passing a general appropriation bill, a salary bill for state officers, deputy state officers and heads of code departments and judges of the district courts. He also emphatically denies offering the post of head of the state police to any of the Chicago detectives who participated in the apprehension of the bank bandits in Illinois. Governor Bryan says Nebraska now has a very efficient state police in the present law enforcement group under the governor and that he is satisfied with the state sheriff's office and its force and has no intention of making a change in the personnel.

## KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS ELECT STATE OFFICERS

York, Neb. — F. P. Kratz of Sidney was elected grand chancellor of the grand lodge Knights of Pythias of Nebraska. Lincoln was chosen as the place for the 1937 meeting.

J. B. Scott of Sutton was elected vice-grand chancellor; D. M. Newton, Central City, grand prelate; Will H. Love, Lincoln, grand keeper of records and seals; C. H. Kolling, York, grand master exchequer; R. A. Hokuf, Crete, grand master at arms; J. A. Reinbrecht, Winside, inner guard; J. G. P. Hildebrand, DuBois, outer guard; Edward Arnold, Omaha, lodge trustee; Herb A. East, Lincoln, supreme representative.

The Pythian Sisters in their grand temple session elected the following officers:

Itha Norton, Alliance, past grand chief; Emma Colliprest, Ord grand chief; Elsie Requisite, York grand senior; Lucia Hildebrand, DuBois, grand junior; Emily Russell, Crete, grand mistress of records and correspondence; Jessie McCreary, Wahoo, grand mistress of finance; Nellie Plitt, Schuyler, grand manager; Gertrude Haydock, Omaha, grand professor; Martha Morey, College View, grand guard; Ella Conner, Central City, supreme representative.

## CLASS OF 25 GIVEN DIPLOMAS AT WINSIDE

Winside, Neb. — (Special) — The commencement exercises of the high school were held Wednesday evening in the high school auditorium. The commencement address was given by J. G. Masters of the Central high school at Omaha. This class was the largest ever graduated from the Winside school, and was composed of 25 members.

A concentrated drive against the wild plum tree has been started by the Georgia board of entomology

## Lamps Test Plant Growth



In an effort to determine regions best suited for the growth of his newly developed strawberry plant, G. F. Waldo, of the department of agriculture at Washington, is using electric lamps to create artificial conditions of certain regions. He saves much time and expense by sending new seedlings for further testing only to field stations in regions indicated by light tests in the greenhouse. He is shown here inspecting some of the plants under one of the lights.

## In New York

### Actors' Clubs Are Hard Hit by Howling Wolf This Winter as High Salaries of Better Times Went for 'Show'

New York — Several New York's most famed men's clubs have had to listen to the howling wolf just outside the elaborate portals this winter.

Particularly hard hit have been those organizations identified with theatrical folk. The number of actors, many of them once nationally known, who have barely squeezed through the season is not fatter; and the number who have been out of work almost constantly is even greater.

Within the week I have heard a most tragic story of a performer and his wife—both of stellar material—who were reduced to absolute poverty, though both of their names were hanging in the bright lights a couple of seasons ago.

And within the same week, I have heard that a certain good samaritan has been sending fat checks from time to time to the lambs, most widely known of all theatrical clubs; carrying the burden until the actors can pay their dues again. The Friars, another important players' gathering place, has been reported as rocking on its foundations on a number of occasions.

When certain conditions hit the acting profession, the cry invariably goes up that actors are the most improvident of people.

Why, asks the man-on-the-street, doesn't the fellow whose name was in the big lights a year ago put his money away against the rainy days? Yes, the salary ran into the hundreds per week. Yes, some actually got a thousand a week and better.

But what the public is likely to forget that the actual working time of even the greatest stars is far from regular. To be sure, an actor or actress may have made \$500, \$1,000 or even more per week.

But the show is likely to have run but three months and six months more may have gone by before he found another show which, again, may have had but a short life.

Meanwhile, whether the actor is on the peak or out-of-work, he is expected to carry the illusion of his status both to the average man and to his fellow performers.

The word "wardrobe" is a large item in the life of an actor. Just how many tailors, how many shops, how many assorted places are "carrying" these actors between shows might, in itself, make an interesting paragraph. Nobody knows for sure—but it's plenty!

Even the blouziest tent show generally includes in its "help wanted" department the clause: "Must have good wardrobe."

Yes, indeed, even when a Tom show hits the small town, the legend obtains that the actor must look snappy and Broadwaywise. It obtains even more in the big town, where agents and managers and casting directors must be seen.

Nor is it any more than human that when an actor achieves a considerable reputation he tries to live up to it. It would hardly be consistent with his status that he can be caught in an actors' boarding house in the west Forties.

With articles appearing in the magazines and newspapers; with photographs appearing in the fan publications; with everyone believing that he is an important figure, the actor is most likely to move out to Long Island, take an elaborate place or even make a payment down on an estate.

At the moment it seems to him that this must go on for some time. He's on the crest of the wave! Then something happens. And he is "caught short." The estate must go. The rent must come down.

And he's where hundreds are at this moment—victim of the "breaks."

New York — During the current theatrical season the behavior of first night audiences has been given almost as much notice as the acting of performers. But some critic takes a slap at the bad manners of silk-hatted "plutes" and their ladies. It seems that they commit every possible breach of

### PLANES GUARD FRUIT

Sacramento, Cal. — The airplane has been called to aid fruit growers in battling frost. Since this icy formation does not gather in clouds, planes have been enlisted, at the first sign of frost, to fly above orchards and spread a thick cloud of smoke. This prevents the soil from giving up its heat and stops frost from forming.

### RELICS TELL OF BEAR BATTLE

Center City, Wis. — (UP) — A small group of Indian relics were believed to tell the story of an early hunting episode. William George Nelson,

theater etique: They come in late with a few highballs under the belt, and make enough noise to disturb the other theatergoers; they supply their own wisecracks to supplement those of the actors, and these intrusions are not always sotto voce; they exchange greetings after the curtain has risen and go in for other forms of exhibitionism that would have caused a small riot in the days of my own gallery-god youth.

This first-night custom, in so far as I can learn, is being taken for granted.

Now and then a critical paragraph remarks that "the audience put on a better show than the actors."

One hears comments that "there's a different crowd" at first nights these days; that they have no basic love for the theater, but attend chiefly to show off and be noticed. Many a sigh escapes the oldsters who speak of "the theater when it was the theater."

Not so many seasons ago, the most valuable list of "first night names" was said to have been collected by S. Jay Kaufman, at that time a column writer for a morning paper that has since disappeared.

Kaufman, after attending the theater for years, kept adding new names to this list until he had several thousand "important people" who should be among the "who's who" at an opening.

With this as a basis, he added other names of celebrities and near celebrities who would make up a "typical first night" crowd.

The list came to have a very special value. When someone was putting on a particularly important premiere, Kaufman would be called upon to "get out that particular crowd." He received a neat income from his idea.

One of the swankiest first nights was staged when Raquel Meller came to town. Seats actually sold for around \$20 each, and the cream of the special list was given first choice.

Oddly enough, it was the opening of the Roxy theater that brought out what is said to have been the largest crowd of celebrities ever to attend a premiere. While several thousand prominent ones from the social, musical and literary world were expected, something like 14,000 applications were received—giving the arrangement committee no end of worry.

An Arthur Hopkins and a Belasco opening for years have attracted a particularly "class" audience. Flo Ziegfeld is well up on the silk-hat and ermine list. But his openings are slightly more spectacular—going in for arc lights playing on the crowds and cameras popping as the famous ones arrive.

Still and all, the old-timers will tell you that there never were such first nights as in those very old, old days when beer was served downstairs, upstairs and all around the theater; when overdressed ladies of the evening occupied the boxes at the "burlycue" shows and Broadway stopped somewhere around Fourteenth street and then rushed rapidly toward the Bowery.

### British Railroads Still Hard Hit by Depression

London. — (UP) — Any recovery in business or lessening in economic depression is as yet unknown to the British railroads.

The railroad barometer of passengers and parcels, merchandise, and coal and coke traffic all show a sizeable decrease during the first four weeks of 1931, as compared with the same period of 1930.

Merchandise revenue is down \$3,695,700. The total loss for January of this year, as compared with January of last year is \$6,280,750.

farmer, was gathering maple syrup when he came upon the relics. A half a dozen arrowheads, an Indian stone knife, two bear teeth and a huge bear claw. Reconstructing the scene, Nelson was able to picture a fight between a group of Indians and a huge bear.

### Real Sorrow

From Pathfinder. "Have you heard that Goldrocks the millionaire, is dead?" "Yes, I'm awfully sorry." "Why? Is he a relative of yours?" "No, that's why I'm sorry."

## YOUNG WILD TURKEYS IN PARK AT NIobrARA

Niobrara, Neb. — (Special) — Two broods of young wild turkeys are reported in the local park by Robert Cash, park keeper. There are probably more but they are difficult to find. They have the instinct to keep out of sight and do it as well as the older ones.

## ACCIDENT LIST IS LONG ONE

Nebraska Press Association Makes Report for Two-Week Period

Lincoln, Neb. — (UP) — Eighteen deaths and 327 injuries were added to the list of accidental deaths and injuries in Nebraska during the two weeks' period from April 21 to May 5.

Total deaths from accidental causes in Nebraska since January 1, this year has now reached 156, according to the reports of the Nebraska press association. Disabilities to date total 137 and injuries total 3,207.

During the two weeks' period ended May 5, the press association compilations state, 16 small children were injured in school playground accidents. Sports resulted in injuries to 13 older children.

Accidents for the two weeks' period resulted in injuries to 30 industrial workers, disability of two and deaths of two. Sixty four farm accidents were responsible for 62 injuries, one disability and one death. Accidents in homes caused 60 injuries, three disabilities and seven deaths during the two weeks' period.

Twenty three reckless drivers caused accidents in which 35 persons were injured. Twenty eight persons were injured when 17 drivers lost control of their cars. Intoxicated drivers caused three accidents during the period of the report.

## ASSERTS ACTS WERE PARTISAN

Lincoln, Neb. — (UP) — Charges that four member organizations of the Corn Belt Committee of Farm Organizations had selected to pursue a course of partisan action against the present national administration were made in a statement by C. B. Steward, secretary of the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation.

Activities of leaders of the four organizations, directed toward political rather than economic interests, were alleged by Steward to have been responsible for the recent split in the ranks of the Corn Belt organization.

Steward branded as untrue the statements of Milo Reno, of the Iowa Farmers Union, that the 22 farm organizations withdrawing from the Corn Belt association and endorsing the Farm Marketing act had to do so because they had borrowed money from the farm board and therefore had to give the movement their support.

Steward's statement charged that at every meeting of the Corn Belt organization "a small minority sought to give its (the organization's) activities a political slant but such policy was discredited by an overwhelming majority of the organization."

"Then came the passage of the Farm Marketing Act. The majority of the farm organizations comprising the Corn Belt Federation, took the position that while the act did not fully realize our hopes for farm legislation, it was nevertheless a beginning and an acknowledgement on the part of the federal government of responsibility for the welfare of agriculture.

"The leaders of three or four of the farm organizations comprising the original 26 organizations that made up the federation, bitterly opposed the Farm Marketing Act and work of the Federal Farm Board because it interfered with their own selfish purposes," said Steward. "At the last annual meeting of the federation on May 5 the three leaders tried to pack the committee with representatives of their subsidiary organizations in order to commit the federation to the support of a set of resolutions of a purely political character, condemning the administration of President Hoover."

As a result, Steward states, 22 of the 26 farm organizations withdrew and formed the National Committee of Farm Organizations and adopted resolutions supporting the efforts of the Farm Board in their program of assisting in the organization of farmer owned and farmer controlled co-operative marketing associations.

The four organizations left "to pursue a course of partisan political action against the present national administration." Steward lists as the Farmers Union of Nebraska, Farmers Union of Iowa, Farmers Union of Oklahoma and the Missouri Farmer's association.

### THREE SISTERS TO BE BRIDES SAME DAY

Lincoln, Neb. — (Special) — The marriage of the three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Woodward, of Chester, will be performed, June 2. Gladys Woodward will become the bride of J. Barclay Gallion of Chester. Doris Woodward will marry Glenn H. Segrist of Minden, Kan., and Hazel Woodward will marry Marion M. Palmer of Chester. The three sisters attended Nebraska Wesleyan at Lincoln.

## HAVE REVENUE FROM MUSKRAT

Lakes of Northern Nebraska Bring Big Returns to Trappers

Oakdale, Neb. — (Special) — The muskrat is Nebraska's most numerous fur bearing animal. There is a good demand for muskrat skins from the sandhill lakes of Nebraska. They are of such good quality that furriers quote a separate price for the Nebraska skins. The shipping season for them closed a few days ago. From Grant county alone 476 bales of skins were shipped this season, the value of which was \$70,000.

In Grant county there are many lakes free from alkali. These are native haunts for the little animals to build their reed and rush houses.

Many trappers enjoy a profitable winter around these lakes. The business is so systematized that ranchers rent their lakes either on a percentage or cash lease basis for the season for trapping purposes. One lake is known to have brought its owner \$1,000 a year on a royalty basis.

## NORFOLK WINS STATE CONTEST

Nineteen Nebraska Schools Entered in Annual Commercial Event

Lincoln, Neb. — (Special) — Norfolk high school, with a total of 54 points, won first place in the state commercial contests here. Nineteen schools were entered.

North Bend and Auburn tied for fifth place with 11 points each.

Ability in spelling, bookkeeping, short hand, novice and champion typewriting were the basis of judging, typewriting being divided into three classes—Accuracy, individual and team, which were subdivided into novice and champion sections.

The Norfolk champion typewriting team took first place with an average of 82 words a minute. This team was composed of Lydia Pohlman, Doris Hill and LaVerne Miller. Miss Miller won the state championship last year and Miss Hill won that honor this year.

The Norfolk novice typewriting team, composed of Marjorie Benson, Helen Heinzenbuttel and Katherine Faus scored an average of 59 words a minute to take first place.

Others included in the winners are: Spelling — Mary Jane Morgan of Wayne, and Phyllis Henderson of Franklin, tied for second place; Sophia Dana of Wayne, and Thomas Tillman of Lincoln, tied for fifth.

Bookkeeping — Lillian Pichney, of North Bend, first; Ruth Coen of North Bend, third; Glen Thrasher of Meadow Grove, fifth.

Novice shorthand — Mary McCourt of Bloomfield, third; Helen Giesing, of Norfolk, fifth.

Champion shorthand — LaVerne Miller of Norfolk, first; Doris Bockelman of Norfolk, second; Ruth Coen of North Bend, fifth.

Accuracy, novice typewriting — Romana Stewart, of Norfolk, second.

Accuracy, champion typewriting — Lydia Pohlman of Norfolk, first.

Individual novice typewriting — Helen Heinzenbuttel of Norfolk, second; Marjorie Benson, of Norfolk, fourth.

Individual champion typewriting — Doris Hill of Norfolk, first Helen Giesing, of Norfolk, second.

### OMAHA MAN SUCCEEDS BERRY ON BOARD

Lincoln, Neb. — (Special) — At the first meeting of the state normal board at the capitol, Fred S. Knapp of Omaha, was elected to succeed Fred Berry of Wayne, retiring vice president.

President Conn of the Wayne normal school reported that institution would have about \$5,000 of the last biennial appropriation left over and said that since two governors had recommended appropriations which would cause the school to be pressed for funds he would suggest that the money left over be used for necessary improvements and repairs.

### CLOSED MADISON BANK PAYS BIG FIRST DIVIDEND

Madison, Neb. — (Special) — A first dividend of 70 per cent has just been paid to depositors of the State Bank of Madison, which closed its doors in February. It is thought that the bank will pay out 100 per cent.

### FARMER GETS BOUNTY ON 14 COYOTE SCALPS

Oakdale, Neb. — (Special) — Miss Agnes Griffin, county clerk, and her force are kept busy working on assessment schedules and counting fether and coyote scalps for bounty. C. L. Fry from west of Oakdale brought 14 coyote scalps last week.

### NORFOLK MAN FINED

Lincoln, Neb. — (Special) — Word has been received at the office of State Game Warden O'Connell that Lee Purington, Norfolk, was fined \$25 and costs and \$10 damages for shooting a pheasant out of season.

### GOVERNOR SIGNS BILL

Lincoln, Neb. — (UP) — Reapportionment of the state's congressional districts to provide for five rather than the present six districts, as outlined in the bill by Representative G. R. Curry, republican, of Furnas county, was given Governor Charles W. Bryan's approving signature Thursday. The bill was one of five signed Thursday by the governor. Nine bills remain for his attention, Friday, the last day on which he may sign or veto bills enacted by the legislative session which adjourned May 5.