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## Can't You Get It Right?

Last week's issue of the Holt County Independent contained a letter from Dean Selah, from which we print a couple of paragraphs:  
 "By early records, historical data, and knowledge; my father, Judge Selah, having been one of the pioneers that worked, thru his newspaper, The Ewing Item, of Ewing, Nebr., together with personal expenditures of time and money to make the county seat at O'Neill and have the old court house built—and, being born in 1886 in this county and having collected much information about the history of not only the county but also about many pioneers personally; I feel qualified to correct some of the erroneous statements that have been made by giving the true proven facts."  
 The Ewing Item was established at Ewing and the first issue printed the first week in January, 1884. As the election which located the county seat in O'Neill was held in December 1879, over four years before the Item was started, it could not have very much influence in the election. And Judge Selah was not a resident of the county until a couple of months before the establishment of the paper.  
 As to working for the court house, that is the old one. It was built on bonds voted by the people of Center precinct and we fail to see what influence the Item, then published at Ewing, could have on the taxpayers of Center precinct, three-fourths of whom never knew such a paper was published in the county.  
 "At the special election on December 27, 1876, Paddock was made the county seat by three-fifths majority. This election gave great dissatisfaction to many people on account of it being on the extreme northern boundary of the county and so far to travel, so it was resubmitted in an election on May 12, 1879. Out of a total vote polled of 391, O'Neill, located on northwest quarter section 25, township 31, range 13 west, received 289 votes and in August 1879 Sanford Parker, clerk, moved the records to O'Neill."  
 Dean may feel himself qualified to set at rest some of the erroneous statements made about the early history of Holt county, but we have seen no statements made more incorrect than the two above produced. Section 25, township 31, range 13 west, is in Rock Falls precinct and we have great doubts that the people of the county ever voted to locate the county seat there. Better post up a little, Dean.

in patronage will be contacted and that the confusion which has existed in the democratic party with respect to leadership will be eliminated by a new division of forces with Senator Burke as the storm center of the fracas.  
 During the last few weeks Democratic politicians have been puzzled by the maneuvers of Charley Bryan and Governor Cochran. Bryan gave Cochran his first appointment and paved the way for the governor to enter public life. In 1934 Mr. Bryan, serving his third term as governor, assisted materially in the campaign which resulted in Cochran's nomination.  
 "Charley is preparing for a statewide campaign," said a prominent Richardson county democrat. "What can he be after next year unless it is the governorship?"  
 "The recent speeches of Governor Cochran show that he intends, in my opinion, to seek a third term. Will we have Charley out for a fourth term, and Roy running for a third?"  
 "This would make a real fight with Terry Carpenter an active candidate and with Senator J. N. Norton as a dark horse."  
 A red hot press row broke out at the state house last week. The incident, according to the gossip of the newspaper reporters, led to a crisp telephone conversation between Editor Lawrence and Governor Cochran.  
 The governor called a meeting of the interested parties in the Omaha bridge tangle. He attempted to iron out and settle claims against the Farnam street bridge board. Present were the reporters from the two Omaha papers. Not present and entirely oblivious were the Lincoln newspaper people.  
 Lawrence held to the view that the Omaha bridge matter interested all the people of the state. Cochran intimated that he, Cochran, was running the governor's office.  
 "Hysteria for some reason, has developed against bank nights," declares former Attorney General Wright in a brief recently presented to the Nebraska Supreme court. "The plan does not constitute a lottery, because no charge is made for participation. An effort has been made to make it appear that this plan, innocent in itself, is a dire threat to the welfare of the state. Many courts of other states have permitted this hysteria to influence their opinions." He claims that theater bank nights, as operated by the Fox Theater company of Beatrice was not a lottery and should not have been stopped, and that the same is true in regard to Omaha theaters where bank nights have been stopped by temporary injunction until a hearing can be held next fall.  
 William E. Norris of Eagle, justice of the peace, is to be charged with malfeasance in connection with the docketing of 400 civil cases brought by former officials of the Lincoln Hail Insurance company, T. P. Johnson and W. R. Linch, according to information from the office of Attorney General Richard C. Hunter. It is alleged that Norris charged excessive fees against the defendants in the action, and charged no costs to the plaintiffs, the costs to be dependent upon the winning of the suits.

## THE NEBRASKA SCENE

C. W. Eubank, member of the state board of control, while in conference Thursday with fifty state assistance workers from southeastern Nebraska, said that fourteen of the thirty counties that have completed their assistance rechecks will not have to make reductions in payments on revised July assistance budgets. Six other counties—Richardson, Saline, Madison, Gosper, Cuming and Arthur—will be able to make July payments without reductions. A similar conference of central Nebraska assistance workers was attended by Director Neil Vandemoer at Grand Island.  
 An earnest search for oil seems to be in progress in practically all sections of Nebraska. A number of leases have recently been negotiated with the state board of educational land and funds for oil leases on schools lands. At its last meeting the state board made a mineral lease to the Midcontinent Oil and Gas company on 600 acres of land in Jefferson county, not far from the Kansas state line, on which the state secures a bonus of \$605 and fifty cents per acre. Oil leases were also made with Harold P. Sutton of McCook on land in Red Willow county, and with Robert A. Scheper of Denver and J. C. Matson on several pieces of school land in McPherson county.  
 Social security account numbers are being assigned at the rate of 200 a day at present, according to

Leo Smith, director of the field office. Numbers were given to 21,606 employees during June and by July 1, 185,199 social security account numbers had been assigned.  
 Decided reduction in the administrative personnel of the Lincoln regional office of the Resettlement administration is predicted upon the return from Washington of Director Cal A. Ward. Consolidation of the four state offices of Nebraska, Kansas, North and South Dakota is rumored, their functions to be taken over by the regional headquarters. Farm security and the tenancy problem will be the main activities of the administration.  
 Charles G. Nowacek of Plattsmouth has been appointed as chief statistician for the state assistance board by State Assistance Director Vandemoer. Nowacek, who is 26 and recently married, succeeds Van L. Taylor of Lincoln, who, Vandemoer claims, "fails to meet the qualifications." Nowacek, who is a graduate of the University of Nebraska, was recently a special consultant for the social security board in Washington, and has conducted a number of statistical surveys for the economics department of the university. From 1930 to 1932 he was a public accountant in Plattsmouth. His salary will be \$175 a month.

Attorney General Hunter's request for transcripts of convictions in municipal court for drunken driving has met with a refusal from the city attorney's office. The city attorney states that since such transcripts are not required by law, and since no provision has been made for the expense of the transcripts, which amounts to \$1.25 each, he cannot furnish them. He says that members of the city's legal department will appear at any time, however, since hearings are provided for. The transcripts were wanted for use in revocation of licenses over which the state high-commission has jurisdiction from April 8 to Sept. 1.  
 Bids for printing 716,000 new drivers' licenses and for 716,000 examiners' certificates were asked for early last week by J. R. Ferris, state purchasing agent, in anticipation of the new law which goes into effect Sept 1, requiring all automobile drivers to obtain licenses. New drivers must pass required tests and pay \$1 for their licenses, which will be good for two years. Licenses will cost present holders 75 cents each.  
 W. G. Lewis is not to be allowed to give all his real and personal property and the property of the Lincoln Hatchery, amounting to some \$150,000 to the Christian and Missionary Alliance, which has headquarters at New York City, if his wife, Mrs. Ethel M. Lewis, can prevent it. She has filed an action in the District court asking that a declaration of trust to that effect, dated March 24, 1937, be canceled and declared void. She has also filed suit for separate maintenance for herself and her five children and has been granted a restraining order preventing her husband from making any such future gifts. Mrs. Lewis claims that all their property is the result of their joint work, that she has worked outside the home to provide additional funds for the family, and asks a half interest in the property.

A general denial of the allegations made in an injunction suit by George J. Baumann of Hall county, a policy holder, is made in an answer filed in District court by attorneys for the Royal Highlanders society and its officers. Dismissal of the suit is asked. It is claimed that there has been no dissolution of the society and that none is intended. It is also claimed that at least \$24,000 a year could be saved by changing the society from a fraternal to a mutual plan.

The department of state assistance has been working overtime, according to Director Neil C. Vandemoer, in preparing plans on the state biennial assistance and child welfare program for submission to Washington. The plans which are already two weeks late, are regarded as a contract that must be fulfilled since the federal government matches funds with the state. This overtime is the cause of a complaint recently received from the state labor commissioner stating that the employees of the assistance department are working longer hours than allowed by law.

It is all right to follow the advice of the optimist to keep you chin up but don't stick it out too far.  
 If some men spoke the truth and nothing but the truth they would have to keep silent most of the time.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Gillespie drove to Grand Island last Friday taking their daughter, Mrs. Wood and little daughter, to that city so they could take the train for their California home, after a two months visit here. Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie returned home that evening.  
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William Finicle, sheriff; Elmer Rakow, county attorney, and Carl Hemingway, county treasurer of Antelope county, were in the city last Tuesday morning visiting the officials at the court house, returning home that afternoon.  
 Vincent Meier a nephew of P. V. Hickey, and son, Francis Hickey, left last Thursday for Detroit, Mich., where they go to join Mrs. Louise Meier and return with her by auto. They intend to visit in Kansas before returning.

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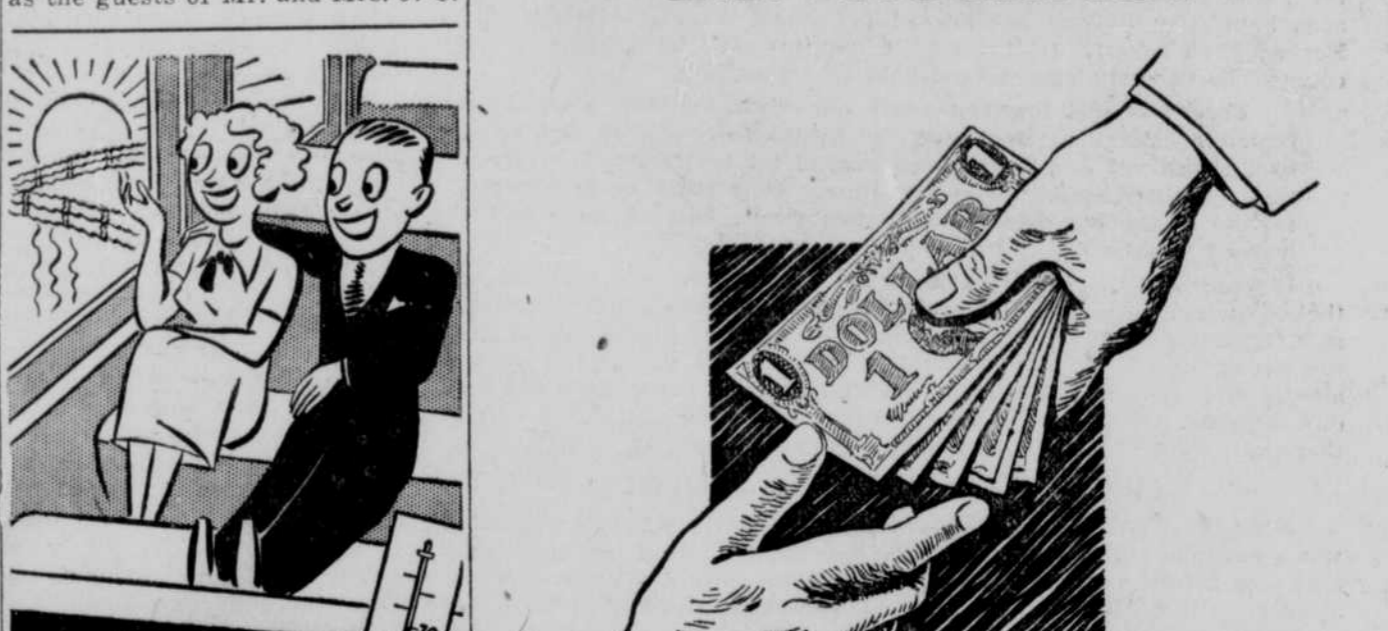
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that the thirteenth annual Holt county Union Sunday School group gathering will be held Sunday, July 25, in the grove on the Mrs. Mattie Johnson place twelve miles north of O'Neill and one mile east of the Spencer highway. The morning session begins at ten o'clock and the afternoon session at 1:30. A basket dinner will be served at noon. District Superintendent Harry E. Udd of Omaha, will give an address at 2:30 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

S. Hallgrimson of the American Sunday School union announces

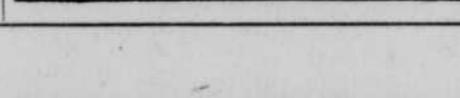
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