

MURDOCK DEPARTMENT.

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Jess Landholm of Fremont called at the John Krueger home Tuesday. Joe Raiter of Council Bluffs, was in town Thursday calling on his brother-in-law, Henry Amgwert and wife.

Joe Rauth of near Manley was a business visitor in Murdock for a short time on last Wednesday afternoon.

Martha Goehry of Lincoln was a visitor with her sister, Mrs. Harold W. Tool, for a short time early last week.

The Gayle McDonald family of Hampton, were week end visitors with his mother, Mrs. Hannah McDonald.

Albert Thiel, Jr., with his school bus took a party of sixteen over to Alvo Friday evening to attend the dance there.

A. H. Ward was a visitor in Omaha on last Wednesday, looking after some business in connection with his service station here.

Miss Marie Ostblom, who is attending Business College at Lincoln, spent the week end here with her father, John Ostblom.

Mrs. L. B. Gorthey has been confined to her bed since last Friday, she is feeling much better and hope will soon be out again.

Mrs. Otto Elchoff drove to Lincoln Monday and brought their son Eldon home to spend the week. He is attending College View college.

Frank Hart of Omaha, who recently had his tonsils removed, called at the John Scheel, Sr., home Thursday. He is feeling pretty good again.

Ralph Reeves of Craig, Colo., arrived here Thursday with a load of mules from the west. He visited his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Mills.

W. E. Thigman with his truck, was over to Omaha on Wednesday afternoon of last week where he delivered a load of hogs to the market for Henry Klemm.

H. J. Adamson and wife of Deshler were visiting with friends and relatives in Murdock and while here were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Scheff.

Irvin Schlapoff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schlapoff, was in town on last Wednesday with his father, they having the son vaccinated as a preventative of diphtheria.

Henry Ost of Ithica where he is engaged in farming was a visitor in Murdock last Wednesday afternoon and was a visitor for a short time with his friend, Henry Gakemeier, and also billing a sale for a friend.

A basketball game which was recently played at the high school gym between the local team and the team of the Greenwood high school resulted in a victory for the visitors as they drew in the contest 8 to the local team 4.

Mrs. J. Gustin who has been so seriously ill for some time is reported as being better a portion of the time and with substantial gains although not gaining with every day. Her many friends are pleased that she is better.

Uncle John Campbell and the good wife of South Bend were visiting in Murdock on last Wednesday they being guests for a time at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Charles Schafer and family, while Mr. Campbell was also looking after some business while here.

Miss Virginia Schewe, who is attending school at Lincoln, was a visitor at home for a portion of last week as there was no school on Thursday and Friday as Thursday was Lincoln's birthday anniversary and the vacation continued for the remainder of the week.

Mrs. A. H. Jones of Weeping Water was a visitor in Murdock and at the home of her sister, Mrs. L. B. Gorthey, who was very sick for a number of days, and who has since been showing improvement and is so she can be up for a portion of the time. Mrs. Jones was assisting in her care during the time she was here. Mr. and Mrs. Gorthey feel very thankful for the every kindness which the many friends showed during the illness.

About thirty-eight young folks members of the E. L. C. E. of the church met at the beautiful home of Evelyn Kuehn last Tuesday evening, Feb. 3. The business meeting came first and then a royal good time was had by all, playing games and other amusements, until a late hour. A delicious lunch consisting of chicken, sandwiches, golden glow salad, pickles and date cake with whipped cream and coffee was served by Mr. and Mrs. Kuehn. All departed hoping to be invited back to this fine home soon again, voting the Kuehn family royal entertainers.

Held Sale Friday.

The sale of W. T. Weddell, which was held last Friday for the purpose of disposing of his herd of dairy cows, was well attended and the cattle went at a fair price and why should they not as they are finely selected herd of Jerseys one would see in a long time. Mr. Weddell was having his sale that he might dispose of the herd, as the care of them would interfere with the caring for the elevator at Wabash. The herd

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was a good paying investment as the cows average over 6,000 pounds of milk per year and this is considered excellent. Mr. Weddell will drive from home to Wabash to look after the business there and return in the evening and the herd of cows would make it impossible to attend to the work at Wabash.

Do You Want Good Tires?

We have them, 29x4.40 at \$5.55 and 30x4.50 at \$6.20. George Utt, Murdock.

Murdock Makes Contribution.

Murdock is ever there when it comes to assisting in some work for the benefit of humanity. There were two large truck loads of goods of various kinds sent from Murdock to be placed in the car which is going from Weeping Water. The matter of caring for the less fortunate brothers is a very commendable feature in the life of this nation and one which has resulted in much good for all concerned, the giver as well as the one who receives the gift.

Fred Stock Shipped Corn.

Fred Stock was shelling and shipping corn from the Murdock elevator on last Wednesday, the same most being delivered by truck which is fast becoming the popular manner of delivery, as it requires less time and the case is not enhanced.

W. O. Schewe Injures Foot.

While Will O. Schewe was looking after the work at the farm he made a miss stroke and pierced his foot with a pitchfork which made a very sore wound. He however, is getting along nicely and expects the foot to be as good as the other in a short time.

What About Your Subscription?
Your magazine and newspaper business solicited. Your subscription to newspapers and magazines will expire soon. I would appreciate your renewal.
L. B. GORTHEY.

Will Have Gravel.

Mr. Kleitch of the office of public works was a visitor in Murdock on last Wednesday and while here was looking after other business, he also said that after having been advised by J. J. Gustin regarding the roads which led to Murdock, the board of public works and reviewed the matter and saw where the mistake had been made in allowing but three miles when it should have been four. So Mr. Kleitch informed Mr. Henry Tool that it had been determined to extend the graveling project from two miles north of Elmwood where the former project has ended to the corporation limits of Murdock. This will put Murdock on the all season roads and when the other project has been completed from Murdock north to the intersection of the project from South Bend to Ashland, will give the city good connections out of town.

Will Have Stock On Sale.

W. O. Schewe, who is a fancier of fine cattle and which he makes a specialty of, is preparing some cattle which he is to place on sale at the special sale which is to be held in Omaha about the March 12th.

Visit at Mynard.

Messrs. Bauer and Neitzel, who take a vacation as often as they can, were over to Mynard last Sunday where they attended both Bible school and church services at the United Brethren church at that place.

Found Baby Near Greenwood.

Dr. L. D. Lee was called to the vicinity of Greenwood on day last week, simultaneous with the visit of the stork and at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Franks found a baby girl, which was welcomed by the happy parents and with the mother are doing very nicely at this time.

They Welcome the Boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Newman living west of South Bend were greatly pleased with the stork brought a very fine boy to their home for their very own. The parents are happy over the arrival. Dr. L. D. Lee was there at the reception of the new addition to the family.

Beginning Excavation of Cellar.

With the removal of the old house from the site where Mr. A. H. Ward is to have the new one erected, the contract for the excavation of the cellar or basement has been given to W. O. Gillespie who will begin the work on the removing of the dirt at once. As soon as the excavation has been completed the work on the building will be commenced.

Nursing Wanted.

I am a graduate nurse, with much experience, desire work, will answer calls night or day. Phone 61.—Mrs. C. R. Strickler, Murdock, Nebraska.

Was Among the Visitors.

When we were given the names of the ladies who were visiting the legislature last week we had a difficult time to get the entire list, and we are not certain that we have them all yet. One thing we did find that

we missed, Mr. Dr. Lee and while we are at all times endeavoring to get the lists like this complete, some times it is difficult, with the limited time allotted to the task of gathering the news.

Mrs. Richard Tool Dies.

Last Friday morning at their home at Kingsley, Iowa, Mrs. Richard Tool, after but a short illness, passed away. The sad news was flashed to Murdock also came the news of the funeral which was to be at Sioux City, the home of the parents of Mrs. Tool, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fitzgerald, which was to be Saturday afternoon. The parents of Mr. Tool, Henry A. Tool and wife, and Miss Mary Tool, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tool, who are at Malmo, and who has come to Murdock on Friday night as well as Mrs. Harry Y. McDonald and son, Bryan, departed for Sioux City to attend the funeral in the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Tool, were united in marriage last fall, and were just getting settled in their home at Kingsley.

As He Sees It.

"I do not believe that the new auto and wagon bridge over the Platte river operating as a toll bridge is a benefit to Louisville, but a detriment."—E. A. Pankonin.

Looks Like a Village.

At the office of the Farmer's Lumber company at Cedar Creek, the array of breeder houses, chicken houses, hog houses and other farmers' outbuildings, forms a veritable village of buildings in the offering adjoining the lumber sheds. Mr. Loknes keeps a selection of all the time and also will take orders for the construction of any kind of a house which may be desired, and a sign at the houses whether you are needing anything or not, it will be a surprise to you.

Will Present Play.

The Walther League of Trinity Lutheran church will present a three-act play, entitled "The Slave of Mammon," on Tuesday evening, February 17, at 8:00 p. m., at the Murdock high school auditorium. The admission price, twenty and thirty-five cents.

Card of Thanks.

We want to thank all our neighbors and friends for the flowers and good things to eat that has been sent in during our sickness.—Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gorthey and Children.

Want Gravel On No. 1.

The people living on highway No. 1, are desirous of having that popular highway gravelled and are ever alert to get the highway which passes through the center of the county made a good one as well as other portions of the county. As the state looked at the matter when this popular thoroughfare was given a number they make it the very first of all the state highways, and it is the one which would be accommodated the most people of the county, for from it all the county towns could well be served with but a few miles of roadway leading to the center of the county. This is the one which should have been the first to have been made a good highway, and it seems it will be the last. On last Friday, there were representatives from all along the road way to Lincoln to consult with the highway commissioners. Those to go were George Nickles, Frank Mrasek, Herman Wohlforth of Murray, while along the road between Murray and Manley were Jack Philpot and son, DeForest Philpot, Wilson Gilmore, Otto Schafer, E. J. Boedeker, A. J. Schafer and Herman Rauth, while at Manley, Theo Harmes added to the list, and from Weeping Water were county commissioner Fred H. Gorder and Ches. C. Joyce, and between Manley and Murdock, were Carl Schlapoff, Herman F. Schewe, and Herman Leutchen, and from Union was commissioner E. B. Chapman. Through the efforts of J. J. Gustin the state board have agreed to gravel from the Ed Earnest corner to the corporation limits of Murdock, thus putting this city on an all the year round road.

The Parables of Jesus.

Introduction—Math. 13. This chapter introduces a new type of teaching, that by parables. A parable is an allegorical method of conveying instruction by means of a comparison or similitude. Matthew gives us a group of seven: The sower, the Tares, the unstarted seed, the Leaven, these four were addressed in the similitude, the last three, the hid treasure, the pearl and the dragnet, to the disciples. Matthew's group of seven forms a great whole, setting forth the mystery of the Kingdom in its method of establishment, its occupations, its outward and inward growth, the conditions of entrance and its final purification. Jesus did not begin to teach regularly in parables until opposition to his teaching had developed, and the people under the influence of the Pharisees and Scribes had begun to harden themselves against His influence, and to criticize His doctrine: verses 10-16. Mark. 4: 11-12; Luke 8: 10.

One purpose of His parabolic teaching was to conceal His doctrine from the unfit as a punishment for their wilful blindness and spiritual unresponsiveness.

But the parables also served to reveal the truth in suggestive and stimulating forms to the fit. They arrested attention and remained in the memory, and could not fall in

a reflective and devout mind to unfold gradually somewhat of their meaning. They acted as a test. They repelled those who were unresponsive and lacking in earnestness, but attracted the earnest disciples, who knew that precious treasure was concealed beneath the surface, and were willing to dig deep until they found it. This method of teaching was not new. See 1st Kings 20, 39; Isa. 5: 1-6, 28; 24-28.

It was known to the Rabbis. It is said of Rabbi Meir that a third part of his discourses was tradition, a third part allegory, a third parable; but Christ made the parable form so completely His own that few since His time have ventured to imitate Him. Neither the Apostles nor any of the Christian fathers are known to us as authors of parables.

It may be admitted that details are not always significant and that interpreters of the allegorical school have often erred in making too much of unimportant features, but the evidence seems to suggest that Christ's parables are carefully construed and finished works of art, of what the parts as well as the wholes are often intended to be interpreted. With this introduction we will go over to the parables, and our next installment will bring us the parable of the Sower.

L. NEITZEL.

VALENTINE PARTY

Miss Opal Knap of Murdock entertained the Louisville Evangelical church choir and several friends at a Valentine party at her home Tuesday evening, February 10th. The evening was spent playing many novel and interesting games and at the close delicious refreshments of chicken sandwiches, jello whip, cakes and coffee, were served.

Those present were: Misses Malinda Luetchens, Esther Luetchens, Lonetta Ruge, Edna Luetchens, Marie Scheppe, North Oehlerking, Wilma Knosp, Irene Panska, Gene Fitch, Verna, Opil and Elsie Knap, and Alvin Oehlerking, Harold Luetchens, Leonard Parnoff, William Witte, Henry and Arnold Brandt, Frank Katerzina, Ezra Luetchens, Henry and Rebekah Knap, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Panska, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Luetchens.

U. S. to Recall Marine Forces from Nicaragua

Eight Hundred by June and All After Elections in 1932, Secretary Stimson Announced

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—The United States is to withdraw marines from Nicaragua.

Acceptance by President Moncada of Nicaragua of a definite plan to substantially reduce marine forces in Nicaragua by June and pave the way for complete withdrawal after the elections of 1932 was announced today by Secretary Stimson.

The marines which will be withdrawn by June, plans for which will become immediately effective, are those on combat duty against the insurgent forces and total about eight hundred. The remaining marine force will be stationed in Managua, the capital, and will devote their attention solely to training purposes and as an aviation unit required in some sections due to lack of roads.

All marines under the plan will be out of Nicaragua following the 1932 election.

The withdrawal plan is linked with a plan to immediately increase by five hundred the Nicaraguan National Guard which will wage a vigorous campaign against bandit forces, most prominent among whose leaders is the elusive "General" Sandino.

The augmenting of the national guard will increase its strength to about two thousand.

By June the marine force of five hundred will be in contrast to one over five thousand in Nicaragua on January 1, 1929.

The plan was devised by Stimson while in conference with American Minister Hanna, Major General Frank R. McCoy, army officer, who supervised the 1928 elections, and Brigadier General Douglas McDougal, former commander of the Nicaraguan national guard and a United States marine officer.

The secretary summoned these three to Washington for the conference.

The plan covers provision to pay for the increase by Nicaragua of the guard and looks toward the eventual suppressions of the insurgent forces in the republic.

Stimson withheld any announcement of the plan until it had been accepted by the Nicaraguan president.—World-Herald.

BANK AT COLUMBUS IS CLOSED BY STATE

Lincoln, Feb. 13.—Closing of the Columbus State bank Friday was announced Friday by Governor Charles W. Bryan. He said the bank carried deposits of \$500,000, had a capital stock of \$75,000, and a surplus fund of \$10,000.

WILD GESE MIGRATE

Beatrice, Feb. 13.—A large flock of wild geese passed over the city northward Wednesday.

Legislators Told Hope of Midwest in River Channel

Newton Says Farm Must Get Relief by Lower Freight Costs; "Industry Is Needed."

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 13.—Members of the state legislature were told today that the only hope that Nebraska and other middlewestern agricultural states have of keeping pace with the growth and prosperity of the nation lies in the development of inland waterways transportation.

The members, sitting in joint session, were addressed by former Congressman C. A. Newton of Kansas City, general counsel for the Missouri Valley Waterways association, and W. R. Dawes, Chicago, cousin of Ambassador Charles G. Dawes, and president of the association.

Both men will speak in Omaha tonight before the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Dawes also addressed the Lincoln Kiwanis club at a luncheon.

Cites Transportation Costs.
"You have a great agricultural state, yet measured in cost of transportation, Nebraska is farther from the world markets than any other state," Mr. Newton told the legislators.

"Industry can be moved to the seaports but the farm lands of Nebraska cannot. The only solution is to find a mode of transportation that is cheaper than the railroads have been able to provide."

Pointing to the loss of 17 seats in congress by the western states, Mr. Newton declared this was concrete evidence of the failure of these states to keep up with the growth of the rest of the nation.

Those states which have the advantage of cheap transportation and industry gained 25 seats.

"What we need above all is the development of industry in the midst of our agriculture. Population follows industry and industry has been driven to the seashore where cheap water transportation is available," he said.

"With an abundance of water in this section and the example of the world having the advantage of accessible water transportation, it behooves our farmers to get cheaper rates from our agricultural districts to our industrial centers where a market can be found for our products."

"Think what it would mean if barges loaded with wheat could be loaded with flour or wheat at Omaha and be moved to Pittsburgh at a freight charge of one-third or even one-half the rail rate."

The speaker charged that railroad executives who oppose the development of waterways are "near-sighted," asserting the prosperity of the carriers is only proportionate of the prosperity of the territory they serve.

Dawes Also Talks.
All that is being asked, he said, is that waterways be given the same help, encouragement and protection from the government that railroads were given in their beginning.

In a brief talk, following Mr. Newton, W. R. Dawes asserted that the development of industry around the rim of the nation is not the best for the nation as a whole.

Uniform development of all sections would be more satisfactory, he said, and for that reason other states, east and west of the great agricultural states, should be and are interested in the development of waterways here. The development of waterways is the only way this area can hope to have a fair chance to grow and prosper, he declared.—World-Herald.

KENTUCKY DROUTH BROKEN

Louisville—With heavy rainfall reported throughout Kentucky, J. L. Kendall, meteorologist at Louisville, said the year old drouth in this state apparently is on the eve of a complete breakdown. "I believe the state may expect a rainy season beginning at once with rain every few days for some time," he said. Rain starting Thursday night and continuing thru the day brought moisture in appreciable amounts to many state points for the first time in a year. Precipitation of a half inch and more was recorded in the driest area.

Centralla, Ill.—A steady rain fell thruout southern Illinois and further allayed fears of a drouth famine. County farm advisors voiced the opinion the drouth definitely broke the eight months' drouth. The rain was not heavy enough to wash or damage wheat. The reservoir at Marion raised a foot during the night. At Pana the downpour lasted twelve hours and turned to snow.

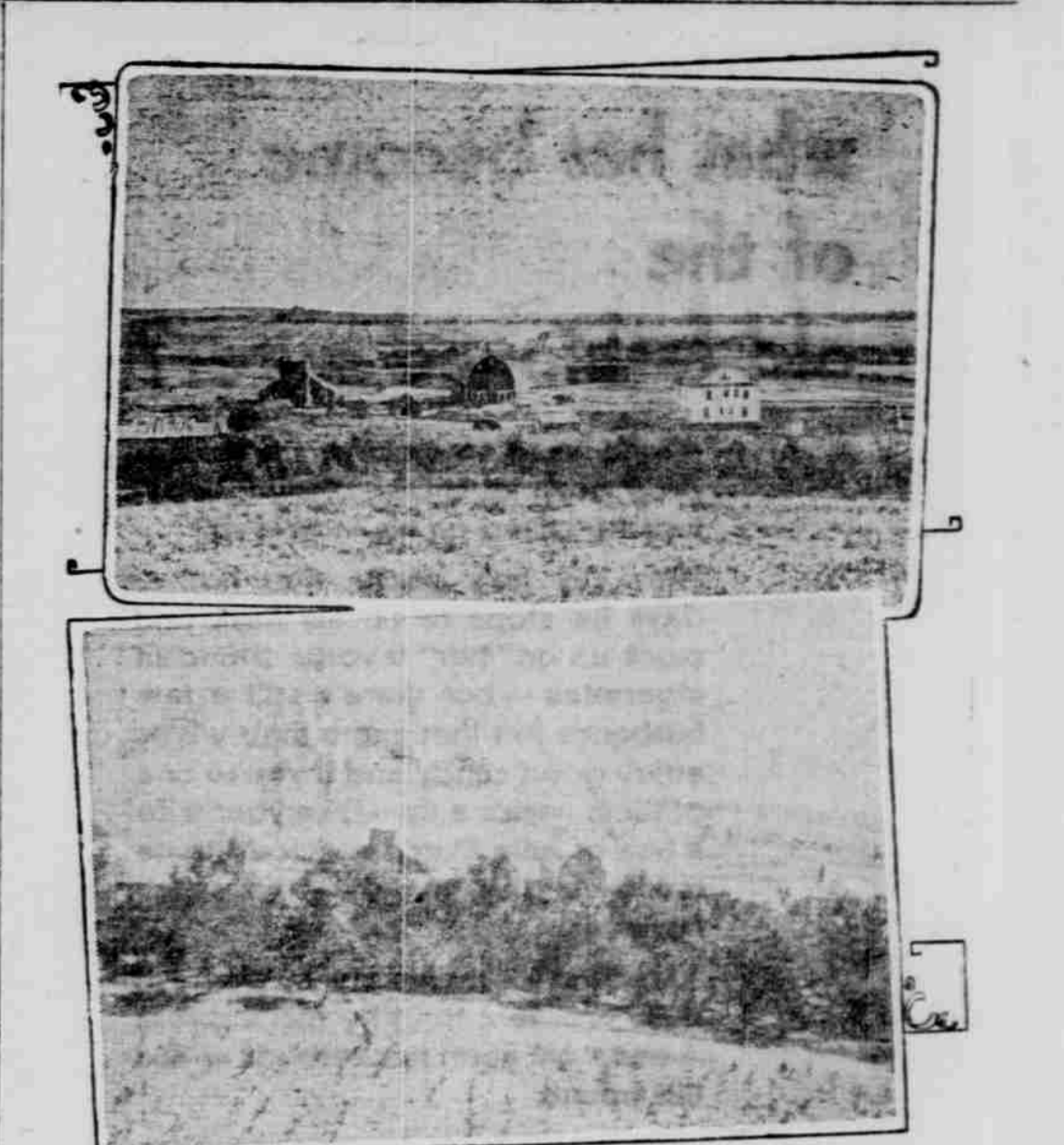
OIL INQUIRY IS PROPOSED

Washington—A congressional investigation of the oil industry was proposed before the house ways and means committee as it opened hearings on proposals to restrict oil imports. The suggestion came from democratic Leader Garner who asked independent oil producers appearing before the committee if "an investigation to find out why the cost of gasoline does not respond to the cost of crude oil would not be of benefit to the country."

Russell B. Brown, secretary of the governors' oil relief conference, endorsed the suggestion and said he knew no economic reason why gasoline prices do not fluctuate with petroleum costs.

TWO YOUTHS HELD AS MAIL COACH BANDITS

Holland, Mich., Feb. 10.—Two young men were held here Tuesday charged with rifling a mail coach of a Muskegon bound Pere Marquette train Monday. They gave their names as Ralph Martin, 22, and Eugene J. Holland, 22, of Chicago.



NEBRASKA COUNTY SAW NEED OF TREES AND SUPPLIED IT

Custer county at the edge of Nebraska sandhills became community conscious of a need of more trees and in 1930 planted a quarter of a million in its tree planting program that has just well begun.

Trees are not native to the sandhills and that they could be obtained at that place for the small price of one cent each.

Over 400 Custer county people were present for the picnic dinner and went on the tour which included calls at two farms where good success had been attained with trees, and a visit to the National Forest Reserve, 52 miles northwest of Broken Bow. "The tour," comments County Agent M. L. Gould, "served the purpose of giving the people confidence in the reserve, showing them that trees would grow in the sandhills and that they could be obtained at that place for the small price of one cent each."

During a winter course on "Home Beautification," in which 700 families were enrolled, an intensive study was made of the varieties of trees best adapted to that section, availability of those trees, and the proper planting for windbreaks and beautification. Before the planting season started arrangements were made to have the trees shipped direct from the nursery instead of shipping them through the forestry agency at Lincoln, as is the usual custom.

This made it possible to get trees in much better planting condition. A total of 103,153 were put out through the office of the county agent. A check of the trees planted throughout the county showed about a quarter of a million. The campaign will be continued in 1931 using the experience and data which have been accumulated in 1930's program.

The Custer County Tree Planting Program on 1930, as it is called, has created wide interest. It is considered the most outstanding program of its kind in the nation.

FREMONT AND NORFOLK WIN

Fremont—Debate teams representing Norfolk and Fremont high schools will meet here Saturday in the final round of Midland college fifth annual invitation tournament. Fremont will take the affirmative of the question, "Resolved: That all nations should adopt a policy of complete disarmament, except for such forces as are necessary for police protection."

Norfolk will be represented by Charles Nicola, Leota Belle Hall and William Wetzel. Paul Mandredd, Phillips Kavich and Harold Shriber are members of Fremont's team. The winning team will receive a silver cup, and the highest rated debator will be awarded a \$100 scholarship to Midland college.

Fremont reached the finals by defeating Omaha Central's negative team, 2 to 1. Norfolk won 2 to 1 over the negative team of Creighton Prep of Omaha. Benson of Omaha and Valley will meet for the consolation finals, Benson taking the negative.

H. HERPOLSEIMER, AGED LINCOLN MERCHANT, QUITS

Lincoln, Feb. 17.—H. Herpolseimer, 88, prominent Lincoln merchant who has been in business here for 51 years, Friday announced his retirement.

Read the Journal Want-Ads.

husbands wanted

who still appreciate their wives!

If you are one and want to make your wife believe you, take her a box of candy now and then. You may whisper "Sweet Nothings" in her ear quite often, but nothing "registers" like a gift, and candy is always a welcome gift.

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