

## Elmwood Has Visitation from Fire Demon

Elmwood Department called out in coldest weather to fight fire in residence.

On Tuesday evening about five o'clock the fire alarm was turned in and firemen were soon at the fire house getting out the hose carts and ladders. They had just gotten the carts out when Dr. Liston came along with his coupe and hauled the carts to the scene of the fire at the Coatsman residence, and in the meantime the hook and ladder wagon was brought up. Quite a lot of smoke was coming from the roof of the house and it looked as if there was real work for the firemen. It was discovered that the fire was between the wall on the inside and also the ceiling and floor of the second floor. Holes were chopped in the floor and chemical tanks used and finally it was necessary to use water to put the fire out. The fire is supposed to have caught because of a defective chimney. As it was, quite a little damage was done before the fire was extinguished. The firemen had the water from two hoses ready in case that it was needed and this showed good work upon the part of the firemen. It has been just a little over a year ago when Mr. Coatsman suffered a loss by fire when the Goodridge and Coatsman hardware burned. Mrs. Coatsman discovered the fire when she saw flames issuing from a hole near the chimney, she got water and went up stairs to see what she could do and Ethel Coatsman called central office to blow the fire alarm. —Elmwood Leader-Echo.

## SCHOOL NOTES

**Knighthood of Youth.**  
School news, sixth grade, Central building, Miss Hiatt, teacher.  
Secretary report, Knighthood of Youth, Feb. 2, 1933.  
We opened our meeting by singing "America" and giving the flag salute. Roll call was naming a national park. Then followed the secretary's report, report of committees, and reading committee report.  
Mary Alice Hiatt, Jimmie Kozak, Donald Burcham, Maxine Nielsen, Bessie Mae Landis, Kathryn Shalton, Berger, Violet Kabb, Donald Wall, Gertrude Taylor and Opal Byers were rewarded with a stone.  
New business—To decide if we should have a new reading chart.  
Program—Club yells and club songs.  
Meeting adjourned until February 10th.  
We have a new member added to our group, Margie Marie Lancaster who has been attending school at Murray. We are glad to have her with us. We have an enrollment of 34.  
We are studying "The New World History," which we enjoy very much. Making booklets of ancient and modern inventions.  
We had 16 absent Tuesday due to the snow storm.  
We have our room decorated for February. Come and see us, we sure look nice.  
Mr. Devoe will entertain us in our Knighthood of Youth club Friday morning, February 10.  
Miss Hiatt's desk is decorated with a beautiful rose and a hyacinth which is blooming this week.  
We are having our 19th self-testing drill Friday.  
We have rated 6, four times; 7, ten times; 8 three times; 9 once this year. This shows that we have made a good record and we want to keep it up the rest of the year.

**Knighthood of Youth.**  
Miss Munster, teacher.  
Minutes of the Knighthood of Youth club meeting February 2, 1933.  
The meeting was called to order by the president, Eleanor Giles.  
After giving the flag salute and singing "America" our president presented us with our Knighthood of Youth club pins.  
We appointed the following new committees: Ruth, Ann Hiatt and Charlotte Palmer for housekeepers; Anna Mary McMaken, health inspector; Rose Mary Steppet, Kathryn Barkus, Raymond Kalasek and Dale Jackson, program committee; Shirley Secord and Frances Hadraba were appointed to make the valentine box for our room.  
We decided to work on the following this month: 1. Keep our room clean, especially the floor. 2. Being more courteous. 3. Being quiet whenever it is necessary for the teacher to be out of the room. 4. Get our work in on time. 5. Good behavior.  
This being the month of Edison's birthday our president read us the story of his life and our meeting was adjourned—Winford Dasher, secretary.  
Beautiful art valentines at a wide range of prices are to be found on display at the Bates Book store. Now is the time to call and look over the line while there are so many fine remembrances to be found.

## MISTAKE POISON FOR CANDY

Rome, Ga.—Little Jimmy Doss, 3, and his brother, Clayton, 2, played in glee with their toys and then went to bed, totally unaware and not caring about the efforts of doctors to prevent them becoming possible victims of a slow poison death. Behind the crib the parents watched thruout the night for the least sign that the poison was taking effect. Dr. R. C. Maddox examined the youngsters and was encouraged. He said he saw no sign that the poison was getting in its work. Apparently, he said, the boys received medical treatment quick enough to save their lives. Early this week the boys were playing about the house. They saw a box that they believed contained candy. They took several pellets from the box and ate them.

## House Debates Proposed Franchise Provisions

Douglas County Delegation Well Divided in Regard to the School Board.

Members of the house indulged in debate Friday on the matter of how towns and villages should determine franchise matters concerning gas and electricity. H. R. 150, by Maclay of Nemaha, providing for franchise grants of twenty-five years and contracts over a period of five years, was under discussion. The experience of Lincoln with a ten year franchise may induce friends of the bill to reduce the twenty-five year period down to that extension. Progress was reported and the matter will be determined when the house reconvenes next week.

Members of the Douglas county delegation were divided on the matter as proposed in H. R. 31, by Tesar, providing for the nomination of candidates for membership on the Omaha school board by district. Rohlff was the leader of the opposition, alleging that no word had been presented by proponents of the bill to indicate the present board members had failed to manage affairs efficiently. The motion by Rohlff to postpone was defeated 47 to 29 and the bill was advanced to third reading. Tesar argued that his proposition gave representation with taxation. The bill, as amended, provides for nomination by district and election at large. Debate was largely over silk stockings. Chase, member of the Douglas delegation, insisted that stockings should not have entered since those of the sheer sort are worn generally even the cotton coverings would be in better keeping with the times. Tesar claimed that silk stockings, or those populated by the wealthier class, controlled the board.

The bill, killed in committee, was resurrected by Tesar. The measure was advanced to third reading.

Proposal to amend the orange and cedar rust bill enacted by the 1931 session was defeated.

House judiciary voted out to general file H. R. 280, by Uttecht, providing that persons jointly indicted shall be entitled to separate trials only when the trial judge, in his sound discretion, so directs. The committee amended by writing in a section of the model criminal code which covers both misdemeanors and felonies. It provides that when a group is charged, the court may try in group or separately.

The house revenue committee finished its work of revision of the bill to reduce delinquent tax interest rates except for the problem of distress warrants on personal taxes. As revised, the committee will report out a bill which will permit payment either of real or personal taxes in two installments but will require payment of interest on the unpaid portion until paid.

## "IKE" MAHONEY BETTER

Omaha.—Frank "Ike" Mahoney, county commissioner and former star Creighton university athlete, badly Tuesday night, continues to improve Tuesday night, continues to improve at Lord Lister hospital. Mahoney's splendid physique may pull him thru, altho his chest was badly crushed, surgeons said.

## TIME FOR REDEMPTION

Bismarck, N. D.—A measure extending to two years the present one year period for property redemption after mortgage foreclosure and real estate execution sales was approved by the state legislature and sent to Governor Langer.

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## Confusion Reigns at Opening Fatal Hotel Fire Probe

Reveal Sprinkler System Failed While the Flames Swept Building—Wiring was Dangerous

Omaha, Feb. 10.—A score or more witnesses paraded to the witness stand Friday as city, county, state and insurance company authorities opened their investigation of the Millard hotel fire that resulted in the death of seven firemen—but the results were practically gainless as far as uncovering the cause of the fire.

The stories told by some witnesses were conflicting and only served to make the situation more confused.

Investigators revealed they had found a notebook in the pockets of Clarence Urban, fire inspector who was killed, in which he had written a few words about the sprinkler system not working and had jotted down a few other notes of his observations.

Urban was killed when the four floors and roof at the south end of the building collapsed, trapping him in the basement. He had entered the building for further checkup on the sprinkler system.

Assistant Fire Chief Hartnett, a leading witness, testified that the fire had been burning at least ten minutes and possibly twenty-five minutes before firemen arrived on the scene.

He said that nowhere in the building was there evidence that the sprinkler system was operating. The system, he said, was not in operation on the second and third floors, center of the early fire, when he made a tour of these floors shortly after arriving at the fire.

Fire Inspector Urban, trapped in the basement when four floors and the roof collapsed, died in an attempt to check up on the sprinkler system to see if the valve in the basement was turned on, Hartnett said. He testified that Urban entered the building against his advice.

He also testified that he distinctly heard an explosion before the north wall collapsed, burying five firemen under tons of brick, but said he could give no reason for the blast. He said the entire north end of the building was "afire" from the second floor to the roof within a few minutes after the firemen arrived.

Otto Maurer, day engineer at the hotel, testified that the sprinkler systems had been turned off all day Tuesday and up to 5 p. m. Wednesday for repairs, but that they had turned it on at 5 p. m. Wednesday, when he went off duty. The fire broke out about 10 p. m.

Some guests of the hotel, called as witnesses, testified the alarm bells, attached to the sprinkler system, were ringing; others testified they heard no bells.

Walter R. Hutson, fire inspector, said he inspected the hotel on Jan. 3, and found the wiring in a store room on the north side of the building "so bad that I marked it 'no good.' He said he did not know of action being taken on the basis of his report.

Work of razing the old landmark is progressing rapidly, the walls being pulled down with cables attached through the windows and whole sections being toppled over by power from trucks in the street.

Separate funerals will be held for all seven firemen victims who lost their lives in the flames.

## COATMAN-ALBER

On Wednesday evening, February 1st, occurred the marriage of Miss Pearl Coatman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coatman of Elmwood and Royel G. Alber of Lincoln. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents at 9:00 p. m.

The bride was accompanied by her sister, Miss Ethel Coatman as bridesmaid and entered by way of the stairs to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march played by Miss Jean Malowney, preceded by two violin numbers by Prof. Molsler of the University of Nebraska. At the foot of the stairs they met the groom and the best man, Harold Alber, brother of the groom.

The wedding ceremony, performed by Rev. John G. Alber, father of the groom, took place under an arch in the living room in the presence of nearly fifty guests. A reception followed immediately after the ceremony.

The best wishes of a host of friends of the bride here go with her and her husband for a long and prosperous voyage over life's matrimonial sea.—Weeping Water Republican.

Everything for the student—from penny leadpencils to typewriters. The place to get them—why, at Bates Book Store, of course.

## CANNON CASE CARRIED HIGH

Washington.—The indictment of Bishop Cannon, Jr., and his secretary, Ada L. Burroughs, charged with violating the corrupt practices law by failing to report contributions of approximately \$65,000 which the government claimed they received during the presidential campaign in 1928 from E. C. Jameson of New York City, reached the supreme court.

The District of Columbia supreme court dismissed the indictment and the government took the case to the District of Columbia court of appeals. The jurisdiction of the court was challenged by Cannon, who claimed the appeal should have been taken direct to the supreme court. The district court of appeals asked the highest court to decide whether it has jurisdiction to review the case.

## Court Denies Lien of Equal Priority

But Loan Company Can't Be Denied the Right When the Interest Is Advanced.

Trust and investment companies which pay interest coupons on mortgages they have sold to others, advancing the money therefor without having collected it themselves from the mortgagor, are not entitled to a lien for the unpaid advancements equal in priority to that of the mortgage holder, the supreme court held Friday.

At the same time, where payments of matured installments of interest by a mortgagee to prior lienors to protect subordinate liens are not necessarily voluntary in the sense that they discharge liabilities of the debtor. The decision of the court has been awaited with great interest by mortgage loan companies because of the fact that it was a common practice for years, as a matter of supposed good business, to make such advancements. In many cases the companies never did collect the interest, and in a number of instances foreclosed on the unpaid coupons and took title.

The case came before the court in an appeal from Adams county, where A. E. Allyn had bought a \$6,500 loan from Clarke-Buchanan company, a mortgage broker. It advanced to Allyn the money to take up eight interest coupons of \$162.50 each, during a four year period in which it collected no interest. It held a third mortgage, and pleaded that it had advanced the interest money to protect that lien, altho Allyn was never advised of that fact. He sent in the coupons unendorsed. The company is now in receivership. Hastings college holds a second mortgage for \$1,000, on which interest had also been advanced.

The supreme court holds that the lower court was wrong in holding that these advances were voluntary, since it is well settled law that the holder of a subordinate mortgage may pay a superior lien to protect his own lien and be subrogated to the rights of the prior incumbrancer to the extent of the payment. The court, however, says that where the evidence does not show that there were absolute sales and transfers of each interest note, the party advancing the money cannot claim an equal lien with the first mortgage holder.

In this case the latter was not made acquainted with the fact that the loan company was itself making the payment, and did not find it out until the receiver was named. As these interest notes carried 10 percent interest and the mortgage itself but 5 percent, the effect was to deprive the mortgagee of a part of the security for the unpaid principal since the incumbrance was thereby increased. The act of the loan company in paying the interest without disclosing any default of the mortgagor prevented plaintiff from then foreclosing his mortgage, and he claimed that his concealment should work a forfeiture of any lien for the interest advancements. The supreme court, however, holds these were involuntary payments, and gives the company a fourth lien for the amount.

## UP IN ALASKA, IT'S 30 TO 40 ABOVE ZERO

Anchorage, Alaska, Feb. 9.—Alaska today was banking in spring like weather, with temperatures of between 30 and 40 degrees above zero general along the coast. The weather was warmer than many residents preferred as it has resulted in the premature thawing of trails and winter highways.

## U. S. Agents Push Quiz into Lindy Kidnap Threat

Will Seek Confession from Three Held on Federal Charges—Demanded \$50,000.

Roanoke, Va., Feb. 10.—Expert federal investigators tonight moved swiftly nearer their first big attempt to draw from two young men and a woman a confession that they sought to extort 50 thousand dollars from Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, threatening peril for his infant second son.

Assignment of John M. Keith of the United States bureau of investigation to the case here is seen by federal and local authorities as the start of a sweeping investigation into the plot, which recalled the fatal kidnaping of Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr., less than a year ago.

Elsie Harvey, 26, held by the authorities on two separate charges—conspiracy and mailing threatening communications—was released tonight under five thousand dollar bond. Norman Harvey, her husband, and Joe Bryant, still are in jail. No move was made to post the 25 thousand dollar bond required for each of them. They are held on the same charges.

**Pests Realty Bond**  
Keith arrived here late tonight and immediately Bryant was taken from his cell in the Roanoke city jail.

Earlier T. M. Stapleton of the department of justice said the three would undergo rigid questioning in an effort to draw from them a confession.

Nannie V. Harvey, Norman's mother, posted real estate as security for her son's wife, who, during the afternoon, collapsed when United States Commissioner Fox informed her of the charges the United States had preferred against her and the two young men.

While waiting the arrival of Keith, Stapleton accompanied by local officers and carrying search warrants, visited the homes of the Harveys and the Bryants searching for more evidence.

**Seeks Writing Specimens**  
He was particularly eager for more handwriting examples and some fingerprints. He said he obtained handwriting samples at the Harvey house, a whitewashed shanty.

At the home of Bryant's parents, where the youth lives, the officers said they found little of interest in their search of the youth's room. The houses are not far from the stump where police who represented themselves to be emissaries of Col. Lindbergh deposited the 17 thousand dollar compromise check which yesterday led to the arrests.

Stapleton tonight said that at least one other arrest was possible, and that several persons probably would be called for examination.

It was learned that major attention was being centered on the handwriting of the notes sent to Colonel Lindbergh threatening to kidnap his second child unless 50 thousand dollars was paid, and on notes exchanged at a hollow stump postoffice with the wouldbe extortionist by a detective posing as a Lindbergh representative.

Penalty for conviction under the law prohibiting sending of threaten-

ing letters through the mails could be 20 years imprisonment, or a five thousand dollar fine or both. —World-Herald

## FREIGHT REDUCTION

Chicago.—The western railways committee on public relations announced reduction on freight rates from 18 to 25 cents per hundred-weight on apples shipped from the Pacific northwest to eastern markets. The new rates, the announcement said, included a storage in transit privilege whereby the shipper may interrupt the shipment en route and store the apples at an intermediate point to await more favorable marketing conditions.

## Three Men Get Loot of \$325,000 in Mail Robbery

Seize Registered Bag at Main Postoffice in Sacramento—Got \$110,000 in Cash.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 9.—More than 325 thousand dollars in currency and bonds were stolen by three bandits in a daring holdup at the main postoffice at Seventh and K streets here tonight.

The bandits, wearing white handkerchief masks, surprised and disarmed a truck driver and an armed guard on the loading platform in the rear of the postoffice building, grabbed a double-locked sack of outgoing registered mail and vanished in the downtown traffic within a few moments.

Although an exact check of the contents of the mail sack had not been completed, postal inspectors said they were certain that at least 110 thousand dollars in currency, largely in small bills, and approximately 214 thousand dollars in bonds being sent to Los Angeles and San Francisco by the state treasurer and from local banks. All the bonds were negotiable, but traceable because of the numbers.

**Drove Into Alleyway.**  
The three bandits drove into an alleyway in the rear of the postoffice, timing their arrival just to the instant that a truck had arrived from the terminal station to take the registered mail to the Southern Pacific station.

The men advanced with drawn guns on G. Swanson, the truck driver. Swanson drew his pistol but was overpowered. One man guarded Swanson and the others leaped onto the loading platform.

W. E. Williams, armed guard who accompanies all registered mail trucks, stepped from the rear of the postoffice onto the loading platform to face the two bandits with revolvers.

"We want that sack," the leader of the two said.

**Fail to Get Number.**  
Williams, threatened with death, handed over the sack.

All three bandits then leaped to the street and fled in their car. Although fairly good descriptions of the men were obtained, postal employees were unable to get the license number of the car.

The cash was in approximately two hundred pieces of registered mail.

## If You Are Interested

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**CASCO**  
We pay the Highest Price to the Farmer for his Cream and Produce

**Platts. Produce**  
We are also maintaining a high wage scale for our help!

Postmaster Harold McCurry said he could not understand how the bandits knew of the shipment. He said they missed a much larger delivery of cash and bonds consigned to San Francisco and leaving here earlier in the evening.—World-Herald.

## MAN, 88, IS GROWING UP

Omaha.—First it was a tooth and now Frank J. Crawford, at 88, is growing new hair, cutting more new teeth and has discarded his glasses. He is a gardener and librarian at the Clearview country home near here.

Crawford was as bald as a billiard ball two years ago. He didn't know he was growing hair until a nurse at the home noticed the fuzz. The hair revival is attributed by Crawford to the same thing that makes his plants grow so big—nourishment. He uses a good deal of raw commercial ammonia around his greenhouse, and he thinks the ammonia lived up to the hair roots.

Second sight came to him five years ago. He said an uncle, who was toothless at 90, chewed turkey on his one hundredth birthday as tho it were mush. Relatives wondered and an inspection revealed eleven new teeth.

"I'll have to get a haircut pretty soon," said Crawford, "or I'll look like an old man."

## RADIO MEASURE IS PASSED

Washington.—A house bill to prevent the use of radio for advertising lotteries and revising procedure of the radio commission was passed Friday by the senate.

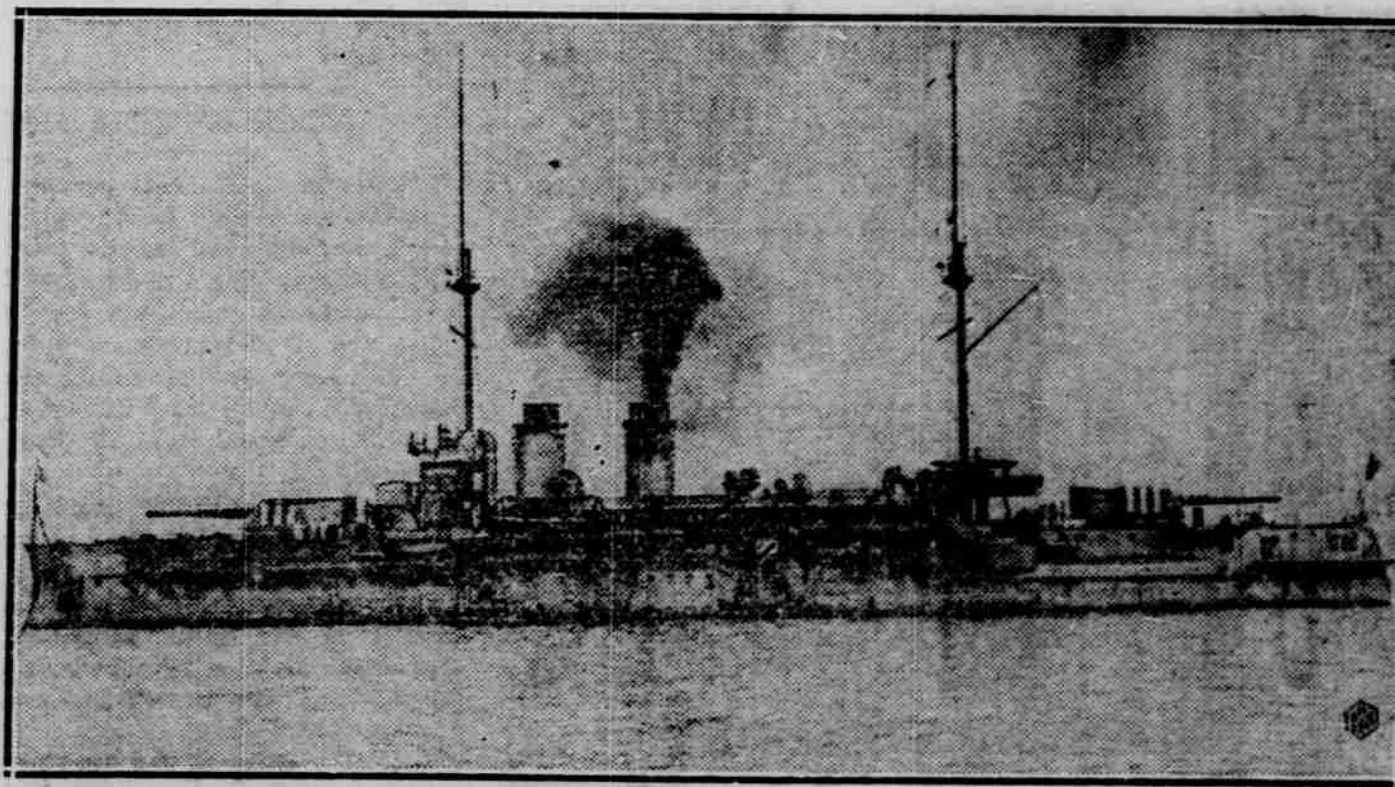
It now goes back to the house for action on senate amendments. The bill, which was sponsored in the senate by Senator Dill authorizes the radio commission to hold hearings thru examiners in routine cases not involving changes of policy. It carries a penalty of one year in jail or a fine to \$1,000, or both, for broadcasting information on lotteries.

## FOR SALE

I will have three registered Scotch Shorthorn bulls at the Harry Knabe thoroughbred hog sale, sale barn, Nehawka, Nebr., Friday, Feb. 17th. ROY BECKER, Union, Nebr.

Journal Want-Ads cost only a few cents and get real results!

## Mutiny Ship Captured Friday



Dutch cruiser De Zeven Provincien captured yesterday morning at dawn, ending a five day mutiny of its native crew suspected of piratical intentions after their forcible seizure of the vessel and the mounting thereon of guns made in Germany. A fleet of half a dozen warships pursued the boat, together with half a dozen air-killed and 25 hurt by a single airplane. Twenty-two of the mutineers were bomb dropped amidst the crew, and the survivors promptly surrendered, ending a threatened "raider" on the high seas that would rival Capt. Kid's exploits.