

MURDOCK ITEMS

Henry Gakemeier was looking after business matters in Ashland last Wednesday.

William Eisele was called to Lincoln to attend the funeral of his friend, Attorney Good.

A. J. Bauer was a guest for several days at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Claude Twiss.

Herman Luetchens, who resides several miles east of Murdock, has purchased a new Master Six Chevrolet car.

Charles I. Long was called to Central City last week to look after business matters on Wednesday and Thursday.

Kenneth Tool and wife, of Wahoo, spent Mothers' Day here at the home of Mr. Tool's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Tool.

August Ruge is having a new roof placed on the barn at the farm where Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rosenow reside.

Henry Heinemann has just completed placing a new shingle roof on the barn of John C. Stroy, where George Menke resides.

J. Neitzel was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Martin of Cedar Bluffs last Sunday, returning home the following day.

Henry Heilmann and wife were in Lincoln Wednesday of last week, where they visited with friends and looked after some shopping.

M. V. Wood was a visitor in Murdock last Wednesday, looking after business and greeting many of his friends in this part of the county.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Evangelical church met Thursday of last week at the home of Mrs. Carl Richard, one of their fellow members.

Henry A. Tool was called to Lincoln last Wednesday to look after business matters. During his absence, business at the banking house was looked after by Mrs. Tool.

The Woman's Missionary Society Mission Band held their last Sunday meeting of the season on May 9th, and any meetings during the summer will be held on a week day.

Many of the ladies of this vicinity who are members of the different Extension clubs, were at Weeping Water last Wednesday, attending the annual meeting of Cass county clubs.

John C. Stroy, of Lincoln, was a visitor in Murdock and at the farm northeast of town where George Menke farms and was looking after the repairs which he is having made on the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Tool visited at the home of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Bradford and little one, at Barabine, Nebraska, Sunday, May 16, making the trip in their car.

Misses Wilma Panska and Ione Weddell were in Lincoln last week, calling on Mrs. Weddell and Fred Stock, who are patients at the hospital there. They found both parties making good improvement.

G. Bauer, who has been at the hospital in Lincoln for some time, was able to return home last week and has been staying at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Daniel Panska resting up until he shall be strong.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bird was made happy by the arrival of the stork with a fine baby girl on Tuesday, May 4th. Mother and babe doing nicely, and the father is wearing a broad smile as he greets his friends.

Harvey Schroeder, of Clay Center, Nebraska, who has been visiting in and around Murdock during the past week or more, returned home the latter part of the week. During his stay here, he was a guest of Alvin Erickson and Howard Luetchens.

Milton V. Wood of Elmwood was looking after business here Wednesday, securing a load of gravel for L. F. Langhorst, of Elmwood, to be used on the latter's driveway leading to his garage, which has been impassable in wet weather, being on a steep incline.

Ed Ganaway was at Wabash last Sunday, where he joined his daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Robson, of Lincoln, and a party of their friends from the capital city in a picnic on the banks of the Weeping Water creek. Some of the members of the group tried their luck at fishing but did not have much success.

John Thein and wife and Mrs. Iva Thein, all of Fremont, visited in Murdock over the week end and on Mothers' Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Craig. They had a most enjoyable time and on their return were accompanied by Mrs. Craig, who visited at Fremont a short time and then went on to Scribner, where she remained until Sunday (yesterday), when Mr. Craig drove up after her.

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Janior-Senior Banquet Thursday
The Junior-Senior banquet of the Murdock schools was held Thursday evening in the Murdock hall, with the ladies of the Royal Neighbors of America preparing the splendid meal. A fine toast program was offered and everyone had a splendid time.

Building House in Alvo
Frank Melvin, the carpenter and builder, has been working in Alvo for some time past, being busy with the erection of a house for John Elliott, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott are having a very neat home constructed and will retire from the farm to make their home therein. Mr. Elliott could not have found a better man for the construction of the home than Mr. Melvin, who is careful and painstaking workman.

Commencement Address
Rev. Hugo A. Norenberg, who is pastor of the Evangelical church at Culbertson, Nebraska, has been selected to deliver the Commencement address for the Senior class of the Murdock schools on Thursday evening of this coming week, May 20th.

State Meeting to Open
The state meeting of the Evangelical church will open Wednesday of this week, May 19th, and continue to and including Sunday, May 23rd. The meeting will be held at Milford, where the church has a large park. Delegates will be present from all parts of Nebraska to consider many questions affecting the church and its work. Charles I. Long will represent the Murdock church from the standpoint of a member of the congregation.

In Honor of Birthday
Last Friday marked the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Herman R. Schmidt, but the celebration of the passing of this happy event was deferred until Sunday when the family and a few friends gathered to appropriately observe the occasion. A beautiful dinner was served and many gifts were received by Mrs. Schmidt, in token of the high esteem in which she is held as a mother, a citizen and a church worker.

Power Farming Popular
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Laughing Around the World With IRVIN S. COBB

For Purposes of Concealment

By IRVIN S. COBB

NOT so very long ago the military attaché of one of these fly-wheel republics in Central America, where they are always having revolutions, came up to New York from the legation at Washington on



important official business. Calling upon a military tailor on Fifth Avenue he explained his mission. There had been a change of administrations in his country—the first one, it would seem, in nearly nine months—and the new government had decided to alter the uniforms of all the branches of the national defense.

It was the visitor's purpose to give the contracts. He had brought with him special designs, hand-colored in the chosen effects. There ensued a busy time in the tailor shop. It would seem that the fancy of the Central Americans ran to startling contrasts in color and to much use of braid, buttons, rosettes, festoons and plumes.

Undress and full-dress had been selected for the navy, for the officers and men of the infantry, and for the artillery. Next, the attaché produced a drawing for a costume more gorgeous than any he already had shown. There was a cocked hat, rather resembling the kind worn by the Knights Templar in this country excepting that it was bright red in color with an adornment of vivid green parrot-feathers floating out behind. There was a double-breasted blue coat heavily embroidered with gold lace on the cuffs, sleeves, breast, collar, and skirts. There were baggy crimson riding-breeches, also belaced down the seams. There was a pair of shiny black, patent leather riding boots with an adornment of silver spurs and, for final touches, massive bullion epaulets and white crossbelts finished off with huge bright buckles.

"Ah," said the dazzled tailor, "how very striking! I presume this uniform is to be worn by your cavalry?"

"Oh no," said the attaché. "This is for our Secret Service."
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ing of this coming week, May 20th. Rev. Norenberg has not been in the best of health for some time and was at the Veterans hospital in Lincoln recently, but has improved sufficient to resume his charge at Culbertson, which will be good news to his old friends in this part of the state.

Guests on Mothers' Day
Mr. and Mrs. Turner McKinnon entertained on Mothers' Day at their home in Alvo, having as guests Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tool of Murdock, Fred H. Gorder, wife and daughter, Miss Helen Gorder, of Weeping Water, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald McKinnon, who reside on a farm near Alvo. A most enjoyable time was had by all, including a delicious dinner to which all did justice.

Baccalaureate Service
At the Callahan church yesterday, the Baccalaureate sermon was delivered to the graduation class of the Murdock high school by the Rev. F. C. Weber, pastor. Rev. Weber is an excellent speaker and brought a most timely and worth-while message to the young folks who are completing their high school work this week.

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Greenwood No Mystery Cloaks New Power in Rail Empire

Commencement exercises will be held May 27 in the high school auditorium.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Peters spent last Sunday in Omaha with Miss Lois Gumbel.

Mrs. C. D. Young of Ashland spent the week end with her daughter, Mrs. Fannie Sayles.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Peters spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Gail Pollard, of Ashland.

Mr. George Yant and Mr. Weblemoe, of Fairbury, visited at the B. M. Hansen home last Saturday evening.

Tom Gleason of Waverly and Oscar Wood of Lincoln called on Mr. and Mrs. John Vant last Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Peters and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Peters, of Murdock.

Mrs. Rosetta Axmaker is spending a few days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Kyles, of Lincoln.

The annual meeting and banquet of Greenwood high school alumni is scheduled for Saturday evening, May 29th.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schmid of Omaha visited Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Warren and family last Thursday evening.

Guild will meet at the church Tuesday, May 18, with Mrs. Ed Brunko and Mrs. Herman Baller serving.

Mrs. Fannie Sayles received Mothers' Day greetings by telegram from her daughter, Mrs. Ann Bennett, of Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Marvin and Mrs. Mary Talcott were Mothers' Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Knolle of Plattsmouth.

Mrs. Harvey Harman and Mrs. George Gustafson will entertain the ladies of the Auxiliary at the Legion Hall Wednesday, May 19.

Mrs. Nannie Coleman, Frank Coleman and sons, Douglas and Junior, spent Mothers' Day at Underwood, Iowa, with Mr. and Mrs. John Schuster.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Newkirk and Virginia and Marjorie spent Saturday night and Sunday at Byron with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Pailing and Mrs. W. E. Newkirk.

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Wollen and daughter, Barbara Jean, of Los Angeles, Calif., returned home Wednesday after spending a week visiting Mrs. Wollen's mother, Mrs. Joe Brown, and other relatives.

Mothers' Day guests at the John Vant home were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Holms and family, Mr. and Mrs. Orvil Sandy, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller, of Ashland, Mr. and Mrs. Evan Armstrong and Mr. and Mrs. Goodheart Vant and family.

Cemetery Association Meets
The Cemetery Association met at the home of Mrs. Margaret Howard last Friday. Officers were elected, as follows: Mrs. Ben Howard, president; Mrs. Esther Armstrong, vice president; Mrs. N. O. Coleman, clerk, and Mrs. Pearly Clymer, trustee.

Officers Elected
The Ladies Missionary Society met at the church Thursday afternoon. Officers were elected, as follows: Mrs. A. E. Leesley, president; Mrs. Shoupe, vice president; Mrs. John Lambert, secretary, and Mrs. B. M. Hansen, treasurer.

Grand Chapter, O. E. S.
Messdames William Armstrong, Austin Finley, John Lambert, Earl Stradley and Ben Howard, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Leesley and Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Landon attended the meeting of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star lodge in the 4-H building at the state fair grounds at Lincoln last Wednesday afternoon and evening.

L. C. C. Elects
The ladies of the card club met at a 1 o'clock luncheon at the home of Mrs. Warren Boucher last Thursday afternoon. Election of officers was held at this meeting, with the following being chosen: Mrs. Evan Armstrong, president; Mrs. G. V. Vant, vice president, and Mrs. P. E. Clymer, secretary-treasurer.

Five hundred was played. Mrs. Francis Vant won high and Mrs. Marie Holt won second.

Woman's Club Elects
The ladies of the Women's club met at the Legion Hall last Wednesday. They held election of officers at this meeting and the following were chosen: Mrs. N. O. Coleman, president; Mrs. B. M. Hansen, vice president; Mrs. M. L. Shoupe, secretary, and Mrs. Ben Howard, treasurer. A program of "Famous Artists and Pictures" was given by Mrs. M. L. Shoupe, and Mrs. Walter Voitzel gave a talk on picture arrangement in the home.

Genial Figure of Allen Kirby Behind Purchase of Van Sweringen Properties



By MAURICE MERRYFIELD
International Illustrated News
Feature Writer

WILKES-BARRE, Pa.—What manner of man is Allan Price Kirby, financial power behind the recent transfer in ownership of the vast railroad empire built up by the late Van Sweringen brothers of Cleveland.

That question is being asked by thousands of his new employees throughout United States and by others in Wall Street and financial circles who regard with interest this young "captain of industry."

One of the first things that impresses one on meeting Kirby is his easy genial manner and unassuming attitude despite the fact that he is heir to many millions and the commanding figure over a network of property and people which covers a large portion of United States.

In his home town of Wilkes-Barre, this eminent native son is looked upon with considerable regard. His personal acquaintance here is wide and democratic and his naturalness and complete absence of affectation have helped to command the esteem of his fellow townspeople.

Kirby Is Athletic Type
The younger Kirby (his father is Fred Morgan Kirby, a partner of F. W. Woolworth who built up millions in the dime store business) is 34 and a man of impressive stature, six feet tall and weighing 150 pounds, he carries himself in an athletic manner which suggests the outdoor type. He is fond of golf and observes a routine which keeps him in the peak of condition.

When the news broke that the younger Kirby and two New York brokers, Robert R. Young and Frank F. Kolbe, had acquired the \$3,000,000,000 empire of the late Van Sweringens from George A. L. Munie, Ind., for \$6,375,000, there were comparatively few who knew much about any of the three. The figure of Kirby attracted most interest of the three, however, since it is believed the Kirby millions actually made the deal possible.

Many Kirby Philanthropies
To the people of this city located in the heart of Pennsylvania's anthracite district, however, Kirby is no mysterious financial genius but a pleasant-spoken and familiar figure whose philanthropies and those of his father are responsible for many of the civil benefits of Wilkes-Barre. Among the charities helped by the Kirby millions is a 100-acre community park, a civil health clinic which has been given \$2,000,000, a Kirby endowment of more than \$1,000,000 to Lafayette college and numerous other philanthropies.

Since Allan Kirby graduated from Lafayette in 1916, he has been active in helping to manage the many interests acquired by his father. The Kirbys are heavy stockholders in two of the Wilkes-Barre banks, control the Wilkes-Barre Traction company,

are heavily involved in several coal properties and have other diversified interests.

The younger Kirby has an imposing mansion in the suburbs of Wilkes-Barre where he lives with his wife and four children, the oldest of whom is 18 and the youngest five.

FAIRVIEW NOTES
The last meeting of the Fairview club was held this week at the home of Helen Gansamer. A very interesting program was given under the leadership of Eleanor Terryberry and Helen Gansamer. The past year has been spent in "Study Club" work from Lincoln.

The club is joining the "Gentlewoman's League" which sends out an interesting course.

The members entertain their families at an annual picnic each summer which this year will be June 12. Social meetings will be held in July and August with the members gathering at the home of Elvera Hennings with Helen Gansamer as associate hostess, the second Thursday in July.

The new officers are: Margaret Terryberry, president; Edna Buechler, vice president; Lucy Terryberry, secretary-treasurer; Laura Tritsch, music director.

The club has a membership of twenty.

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