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Greenwood

The men of the M. E. church met Tuesday to cut wood for the church.

Mrs. John Vant visited relatives in Omaha Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. Walter Jakemeyer spent last Thursday at the A. L. Leesley home.

The Christmas tree was put up on Main street Friday and decorated.

Mrs. Bessie Weimer went to Omaha Thursday to visit her son Walter.

The Rebekah lodge enjoyed a Christmas party at the hall Thursday evening.

A good crowd attended the show Wednesday night. All school children were admitted free.

The building formerly occupied by the bank has been newly decorated and Mr. Brehm will move his cafe in this week.

Mrs. Louise Hansen, who has been sick for the past few weeks is not so well at this writing. Mrs. Whitlatch is caring for her.

A good crowd attended the services at the Christian church Sunday and eighteen young folks made up the choir. Everyone is welcome.

Twenty-one ladies enjoyed the Star kensington Wednesday at the home of Mrs. E. L. McDonald. Secret Sisters were revealed and a covered dish luncheon was served.

The L. C. G. kensington met with Margaret Howard Thursday for a delicious one o'clock luncheon. Gifts were exchanged. The next meeting will be with Elsie Marvin.

The Le Prevost household goods were moved in Friday and Mrs. Le Prevost and baby arrived Saturday to join Mr. Le Prevost. They will live in the Ole Anderson house.

The Christian Endeavor were guests of the Ashland C. E. last Sunday night for an interesting meeting after which a lovely lunch was served. It was an evening well spent and enjoyed by all.

To Present Operetta

The operetta, "Christmas with the Old Lady in the Shoe" will be presented by the children of the Primary, Intermediate and Grammar rooms on Wednesday evening, December 21, beginning at 8:00 o'clock at the auditorium. There will be no admission charge.

HELD FOR QUESTIONING

OMAHA, Dec. 17 (UP)—Fred Castan, 29, was being held in the city jail here today by Deputy Sheriff Ramsey of Falls City for questioning in connection with the removal of mortgaged property.

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AVOCA NEWS

Pupils of the Avoca schools are busy with preparations for the operette which they will present on December 22nd.

Wm. Maseman and wife were in Louisville last Monday, going to consult the doctor there who has been treating Mrs. Maseman.

Edward Bartling, the seed man, of Nebraska City, was calling on the business men and farmers in and about Avoca last Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cocker of Omaha were visiting in Avoca last Sunday and were dinner guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Brendel.

The Thomas family of Shenandoah were guests at the home of Grandfather W. H. Bogaard. Clyde Bogaard who operates a barber shop at Otoe, also came up for the day.

Charles W. Everett, of Weeping Water, maintenance man for the Nebraska Power company, was in Avoca Tuesday afternoon reading meters for the company and looking after some other matters.

Henry Bartling, who is engaged in the insurance business at Nebraska City was a visitor in Avoca last Tuesday afternoon and was consulting with his friend, Fred Marquardt, as well as looking after some business matters while here.

County Commissioner Elmer Hallstrom and Monte Lum, the lumber man, went to Plattsmouth Tuesday, where Commissioner Hallstrom attended the mid-month meeting of the county board and Mr. Lum looked after business matters at the court house.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marquardt and little daughter Anna as well as Grandmother Mrs. Caroline Marquardt made a merry party who drove to Utica, where they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hile and the kiddies. Mrs. Hile is a sister of Fred Marquardt and daughter of Mrs. Caroline Marquardt.

Services Dispensed With

Due to the fire at the Congregational church last Sunday morning, Bible school and church services were dispensed with. It will be some time before the building is put back in shape and arrangements are being made for the holding of services elsewhere while the repair work is in progress.

Presented Program Here

Miss Faye Thelle, the teacher, and her pupils of District 76 in Otoe county, were in Avoca last Monday evening, when they presented a very entertaining program at the Avoca high school building. Many from the neighborhood of the school were present, as well as Avoca folks, who appreciate the visit and the fine program which these pupils rendered.

Fire at Congregational Church

Sunday morning of last week, a short time after a fire was built in the furnace at the Congregational church to get ready for the morning services, smoke was seen coming from the building. The alarm was quickly given and most of the town's populace turned out to do what they could in extinguishing the flames.

The fire had gotten a good start however and could not be halted with the equipment in the hands of local volunteer firemen. The call was sent out to the Weeping Water and Otoe fire departments and soon a chemical engine was here and the fire extinguished, but not until much damage had been done to the building.

The insurance company adjuster came out Tuesday and adjusted the loss so that work can immediately start putting the building back in good condition.

Fatal Accident on Highway

Peter Jurgeson, Jr., age 36, met death as a result of an auto accident on Highway 50 south of Weeping Water Sunday. His death occurred the following day at an Omaha hospital, to which he had been taken after being given first aid treatment in Weeping Water.

The car was owned by Albert Oelkers, who with Mr. Jurgeson occupied the rear seat at the time the accident occurred. In the front seat were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sudman, the latter driving. The party was en route to Avoca from Weeping Water, when the car went out of control and rolled over a number of times, landing in a ditch at the roadside. All the occupants suffered injuries of greater or less severity, some even being thrown clear of the car.

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Mrs. Sudman suffered bruises and cuts and her husband a fractured collar bone, injuries to his side and many bruises. Mr. Oelkers was also badly bruised and lacerated, but Mr. Jurgeson was the most severely injured of the four. Besides fractured vertebra in his back and neck, he also suffered a severe scalp wound. He was taken to the Kunkel hospital at Weeping Water and after first aid treatment was rushed to an Omaha hospital, where he passed away the following day.

The funeral was held at the Hobson Funeral home in Weeping Water Wednesday with interment in the cemetery west of Avoca. Rev. W. A. Taylor, of Union, officiated.

The deceased man is survived by his aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jurgeson, Sr., and five brothers, as follows: Will, of near Nehawka; George, of Nebraska City; Jack, of Weeping Water and Henry and Louis of Avoca, as well as many friends.

Stockholders May Lose Twenty Million in Crash

Suicide of Firm Head Leads to Series of Investigations of Firm's Activities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (UP)—Federal authorities feared today that 13,500 stockholders would lose \$20,000,000 through the manipulation of McKesson and Robbins, Inc., gigantic drugs firm organized by the Musica brothers, who hid their criminal records under new names and duped the master minds of Wall street for 10 years.

Philip, the "big brother" and arch-schemer, who took the name F. Donald Coster and was president of the corporation, blew out his brain yesterday, when he was exposed and trapped.

His three brothers, minor executives in the firm, were in jail unable to provide \$100,000 bonds.

Evidence that the brothers had used the firm to run guns to Bolivia and Spain, to bootleg, and to adulterate drugs, enraged the survivors in a storm of federal and state investigations. The ramifications reached such magnitude that the New York attorney general's office closed its public hearing to take testimony in secret on charges that somebody concerned had supplied arms to Bolivia for its war with Paraguay in the Gran Chaco, with the object of cornering the Bolivian quinine market.

ORDER COURT SURRENDERED

LINCOLN, Dec. 17 (UP)—Lancaster county district court judges today issued a peremptory writ of mandamus, ordering John A. Maguire to surrender the municipal judgeship to Edward C. Fisher who defeated Maguire in the November election. The four judge court which held the case en banc ruled that there was a vacancy in the office under the constitution and laws of Nebraska and that Fisher was duly and legally elected November 8.

Maguire was commanded to deliver forthwith records, property and insignia of the office to Fisher. Maguire previously refused to relinquish the office when Fisher presented his credentials November 15 contending that his appointment by the governor extended to the end of the term in January 1941. He obtained a restraining order which the court dissolved today.

URGES CARE IN HOLIDAYS

LINCOLN, Dec. 17 (UP)—Captain R. F. Weller of the state highway patrol urged Nebraska motorists today to exercise special caution during the dangerous Christmas holiday season.

"In general excitement of the holiday season" he said "drivers are prone to have their minds on other things than their driving. The result is an appalling traffic toll and the worst part of it is these accidents would not happen if everyone took time to be careful."

"During the last 16 days of December 1937 eighteen persons were killed and 291 injured."

DISMISSED FROM PARTY

ANCONA, Italy, Dec. 17 (UP)—Alberto Baldas-Sarri has been dismissed from the fascist party on the charge that he belonged to a group which "wasted too much pity on Jews" and was "lacking in fascist sensitivity in national matters." It was announced today.

Home Serenity of Tyro Fliers is Thrust on U. S.

There'll Surely Be Row Over Precedence in Issuing Licenses—Agree on Airport Sight.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UP)—There was peace today in the Rollins Miller family, but as Miller and his wife accumulated necessary hours in the air to apply for pilot licenses it was indicated that the calm was only temporary.

Last fall, Miller enrolled in the flying class of Phoebe Omie—first woman ever to hold a transport license in the United States—and Mrs. Miller bolted at the idea of having to stay at home nights, while the husband she described as "plane crazy" was receiving instructions in preliminary course.

After two weeks of staying at home, Mrs. Miller, who at that time was not aviation-minded, enrolled too. She did it "just to pass away time."

Came examination day and Mrs. Miller was among the 15 potential fliers who made highest grades. Her reward for the honor was a free course to win her wings. Miller, the original aviation enthusiast, finished far behind and was not granted a free course.

Wife Soloes First

After a few weeks of training, Mrs. Miller soloed, and Miller still had gone no farther than the preliminary.

Defeated by his own wife but determined not to be outdone entirely, Miller, an employe of a local wholesale grocery company, tapped his bank account. Recently he climbed into a small ship, streaked down a runway, and was off—in the air alone for the first time. His landing was unnoticed, meaning it must have been fair because hangar talk around Municipal Airport centers on "sloppy setdowns."

Miller thinks his wife "can't fly a kite," and she has a like opinion of his ability to maneuver a plane. But neither says so in the presence of the other. They decided to stop argument and leave the question of prowess to an aviation inspector who soon will grant them licenses after they have attained the required 50 hours in the air.

Possibility looms that the inspector might become involved in the dispute for he must decide which of the Millers is to be rated first.

Since Mr. and Mrs. Miller took up flying, their dinner talks no longer concern food or wholesale groceries. Now the talks are often heated arguments about airplanes, flying conditions, aerial problems, new airlines which as yet are not flying, and plans to attend air shows.

Agree on Airport Site

Although Memphis now has one of the largest airports in the nation, Mr. and Mrs. Miller would like to see Mud Island—which is opposite downtown Memphis between the Wolf and Mississippi rivers—made into an airport.

Engineers once considered the island's possibilities but abandoned conferences because during times of high water the island is submerged and only tops of highest trees can be seen. Later, city officials considered a proposal to cover the island with a high concrete disc. Today the island's possibilities again are being considered.

Planners believe the disc can be placed out of danger of flood waters. Latest problem is that of protecting Memphis' skyscrapers from planes—and the planes from them—when the ships would be making blind approaches during bad weather.

Miller, his wife and the planners have not figured that one out yet.

CREIGHTON DROPS GAME

VERMILION, S. D., Dec. 16 (UP)—An all veteran Creighton basketball squad fell before a powerful South Dakota university team in the opening game here last night 40 to 34.

The Coyotes led at the half 20-13 and increased the margin in the third period. It was the first South Dakota victory over a Bluejay team since 1922.

Creighton entrains for Minnesota Saturday. The Gophers have won 12 straight contests.

FLY SOUGHT IN VAIN AT SEA

LONDON (UP)—The almost unlimited resources of the Queen Mary, Britain's luxury liner, failed when a passenger asked for a fly. The insect was wanted by Mrs. Grey Wornum of London as part of the diet for a frame of ants which she had purchased in New York.

PLEADS GUILTY TO ASSAULT

LINCOLN, Dec. 17 (UP)—Stoy Smith, 32, who barricaded himself and his family in their house here and stood off officers all Tuesday night, today entered a plea of guilty to criminal assault charges. Smith asked for more time to consider a plea on a second count of shooting Sheriff A. E. Carter and a deputy.

Smith was ordered bound over to district court by County Judge Edgar Thompson. He is charged with attacking a farm girl at her home.

Farm Employment Drops as Production Up

Works Progress Administration Shows Improved Technics of Production Lessens Labor.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (UP)—Works Progress Administration officials said today a study of agriculture employment treaties from 1909 through 1936 disclosed a 10 per cent farm employment drop despite a 27 per cent production volume increase. The study, made by a WPA national research project, attributed the decline to mechanization of many farming operations previously performed by hard labor or animals.

"Although the average fertility of the soil certainly has not increased and although efforts toward a higher quality of agricultural production have tended to increase labor requirements, the improved technics of production nonetheless have cut the total number of persons working in agriculture in spite of an increased output," the study said.

Average total employment declined from 12,209,000 in 1909 to 10,997,000 in 1936.

DISCUSS HANDLING INSURANCE

LINCOLN, Dec. 17 (UP)—Problems in the administration of nearly \$7,000,000 in unemployment compensation funds were discussed by unemployment insurance officials at a meeting attended by 200 persons at the capitol last night.

Stephen A. Spitznagle, informational assistant of the state unemployment compensation division, outlined details of the benefit payments which will start in January to a portion of the 120,000 workers covered by the law. Frank Dunn of Jackson, Miss., field representative, discussed the general provisions of the law. Dunn's speech was his 14th in the state within the past week.

Paul Chapman spoke briefly on behalf of Lincoln's organized labor. Wilton Van Sickle presided.

IOWA TO CUT EMPLOYEES

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 17 (UP)—Governor-elect George A. Wilson announced today that the number of state employees would be reduced 25 per cent when the new republican administration takes office next month.

The decision was reached during a two day conference of all the state officers elect.

The republicans will begin their regime with a staff of employees not exceeding in number two of the last republican administration in 1932" Wilson said.

"Exact comparisons are not immediately available but all the state officers elect are unanimously agreed that republican campaign promises of economies and retrenchment should be kept."

GERMANY HAS TRADE DEFICIT

BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 17 (UP)—Germany had a foreign trade deficit of 69,000,000 marks (\$27,600,000) for November, it was announced today. Exports totaled 453,000,000 marks and imports 522,000,000 marks.

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Governor to Preside at the Council of State Governors to Be Held at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (UP)—Governor R. L. Cochran of debtless Nebraska, one of the two northern state democratic governors re-elected in November, said today that four years as a state executive have convinced him that an economical, pay as you go policy was the best form of government.

"There is no way of shifting the tax burden to the other fellow. We are the other fellow. It hits us all. There is no such thing as a luxury tax. A luxury under present day living conditions is not only what everybody thinks he should have but actually demands."

Cochran, here to preside at a meeting of the council of state governors of which he is president and to attend the gridiron dinner tonight, said that democratic losses in the last election in farm belt areas could be attributed in part to the fact that "when you give something to someone there is danger of having an adverse feeling develop against the giver."

"The national administration," he said, "greatly assisted Nebraska during times of stress. This apparently was appreciated in 1934 and 1936. In 1938 it was not enough."

Republicans gained two house seats in Nebraska's election bringing their representation to 3 of the 5 members. Cochran refused to discuss national administration policies generally, and the farm and budgetary problems in particular, but described as "dangerous" fixed income old age pension plans such as the \$30 every Thursday proposal in California.

EDEN BACK TO ENGLAND

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (UP)—Anthony Eden, former British foreign minister, was en route to England today after a week's visit to the United States.

Eden left yesterday on the Queen Mary after visiting New York where he addressed the National Association of Manufacturers convention, and Washington where he visited President Roosevelt.

He said the thing he liked most was that "from the first moment to the last you have made us feel that we were among friends. It was this sense of friendship above all that we appreciated so much."

"My wife and I have enjoyed every moment of our visit and we leave the United States with very deep regret."

NO EXTENSION OF LOANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (UP)—The Commodity Credit Corporation announced today it would grant no extension beyond December 31 for the making of loans to producers under the current wheat loan program.

Producers notes submitted to the corporation for direct loans, to be acceptable must be postmarked not later than midnight December 31 and loans made by banks and other lending agencies must be dated and completed on or before December 31.

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