

### Tale of 'Spotter' on Railroad Train Near This City

#### Sought to Involve Train Crew by Securing Ride on Freight, but Met Bad Luck Here.

During the early days of railroading in Nebraska the various railroads employed a number of men as spotters. A spotter, according to information obtained by research workers of the Federal Writers' Project, WPA, bobbed up on the trains, both passenger and freight, sometimes as a bona fide passenger, but always when least expected. He observed the members of the train crew in the performance of their tasks, and if he detected any negligence or violations of the rules, he promptly reported the offending employee to the road officials. The unfortunate trainman was usually suspended from work, if not discharged.

On the run between Omaha and Lincoln spotters were unusually ac-

tive during the fall and winter of 1886. A favorite trick employed by them was to board a freight train on a stormy, cold night, spin a plausible tale of hard luck and beg free passage to another station. Several kind-hearted conductors, unaware of the fact that they were dealing with spotters, had been thus taken in and had consequently lost their jobs. This happened so many times that the remaining crews swore vengeance on the first spotter they could catch at work.

One wintry night in November a spotter disguised as a tramp boarded a freight train at Ashland and solicited a ride to Plattsmouth. The conductor gave his permission, and the tramp snuggled down into a warm seat by the stove in the caboose. Meanwhile the conductor and the brakeman put their heads together.

Between Oreadpolis and Plattsmouth the conductor told the tramp that he would have to ride the rest of the way on top of the cars, as the crew would get into trouble if he were seen in the caboose when the train entered Plattsmouth. The crew followed him outside, seized him and pitched him from the top of the

train into a deep gulch, in which the snow was about fifteen feet deep. The trainmen, knowing that the spotter would land unhurt in the cushion of snow, laughed with glee as he sank from sight in the drift.

To their surprise the spotter was still there when they came by on their return trip the next day. He had been unable to extricate himself from the deep snow, and was securely imprisoned. The crew tossed him a couple of old blankets and the remains of their lunches, but offered him no further assistance. The luckless spotter languished in his snowy prison for ten days, derided by the delighted train crews as they whirled past on the tracks above him, and subsisting on the scraps from their meals. At the end of that time, their vengeance satisfied, they released him. The spotter came out weighing about fifty pounds less than when he began his involuntary sojourn in the gulch.

TOLEDO, O. (UP)—Three banks in liquidation here have had a net gain of income over expenses of \$4,337,115 since they were taken over by the state in 1931.

### WOULD CHANGE SUB VALVES

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., June 22 (UP)—A naval architect, the only civilian survivor of the Squalus disaster, recommended today that the design of the main engine induction valve—supposed cause of the sinking—be changed on all submarines in the navy.

Harold C. Treble of the Portsmouth navy yard had told a naval court of inquiry that he believed submarines should be equipped with quick-closing inboard engine induction valves equipped with remote control.

"Do you believe the hull valves and motor engine valves are a poor design for an emergency?" Captain William R. Monroe of the four-man court asked.

"Up to the time the Squalus sank I thought they were pretty good. Now I know that they are not. I know we can improve the design of the valves," Treble replied.

"Would you recommend the changing of this type of valve on submarines in service?" Monroe asked.

"Without delay," Treble said.

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### BLOW UP FIREWORKS PLANT

FRANKLIN PARK, Ill., June 23 (UP)—A nerve-shattered watchman's story of three men who bound him at pistol-point and blew up the fireworks factory he was assigned to guard and an attempt to fire another fireworks plant a mile away today caused a state investigation.

Frank Folic, 34, watchman for the Acme Fireworks Corporation, told police three men jabbed a pistol in his ribs, laid a slow fuse into \$30,000 worth of rockets, pin wheels, and fire crackers and dumped him bound into a field across the street.

While he struggled to free himself the fuse ignited the fireworks. The steel walls blew outward with a roar heard for miles.

Deputy State Fire Marshal Frank Doherty summoned the owner, Harry Cohen to explain his statement that "competitors" were responsible.

### TOBACCO USER DOUBLES UP

EL PASO, Okla. (UP)—Virgil Shaw, assistant county attorney, chews tobacco and smokes cigarettes at the same time.

### MISS MARY MURPHY DIES

The death of Miss Mary Murphy, 75, a resident of the vicinity of Manley for the past sixty-two years, occurred this morning after an illness of some duration. Miss Murphy was one of the members of a pioneer family of Center precinct and is survived by her brother, John Murphy, several nieces and nephews including Mrs. J. C. Rauth, William Sheehan, Sr., Mrs. Walter Mockenhaupt, and the Charles Murphy family.

The funeral services will be held on Wednesday morning at the St. Patrick's church at Manley, Father James Hennessy, conducting the services. The Heafey & Heafey mortuary of Omaha will be in charge.

### Lincoln Young Man Drowns in Louisville Lake

Charles Stiles, 23, Suffers Heart Attack in Water—Was to Have Married This Week.

Sunday evening shortly before 6 o'clock, Charles Stiles, 23, of Lincoln, suffered a heart attack while swimming in the waters of the state park lake at Louisville, death apparently coming almost instantly.

The body was recovered shortly after the man disappeared and the first aid squad of the Louisville fire department rushed to the scene and from 6:15 to 9 o'clock carried on a battle to revive the victim but without success. Dr. H. W. Worthman, who was called to the scene made examination and reported that the man had apparently died from the heart attack and not from drowning.

The deceased was a son of Dr. and Mrs. Harry H. Stiles of Lincoln, and it was stated at the park that he had been engaged to be married the coming week.

The body was taken to the Stander & Stander mortuary to be prepared for shipment to Lincoln where services are to be held.

### Mynard Club to Present Round Table Discussion

Interesting Program Planned for the Monthly Meeting to be Held Friday Night, June 30

At the regular monthly meeting of the Mynard Community club to be held Friday evening, June 30, a most interesting and instructive program will be given. A round table discussion will be had on the question, "Under What Circumstances, if Any, Should America Take Part in an European or Asiatic War?"

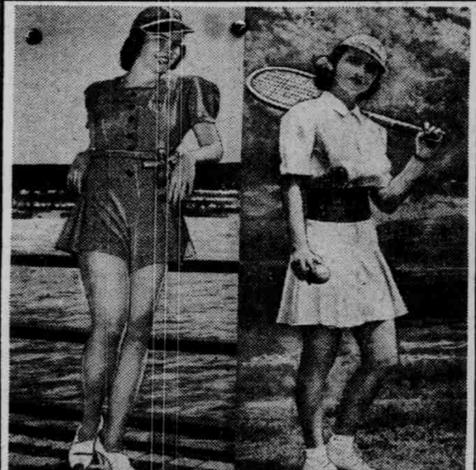
This subject will be discussed in all its phases, to-wit, America's modern frontiers, the administration's foreign policy, the policy of isolation, America's propaganda machine and how it works, the administration's new neutrality bill now under bitter discussion in congress, and the likelihood and imminence of war.

In this modern time, Americans have often been accused of a non-interested attitude in matters of this kind. There has been a tendency at group thinking regarding the foreign policy of America which could in the future lead to an inevitable war. It is the purpose of this round table discussion to examine this subject in the cold light of facts and figures, without prejudice or passion. It would seem that as war draws closer and closer every community in the country should examine the facts and decide just where they will stand in this vital national question.

The following representative Mynard club members will take part in the discussion, Edward Wehrlein, W. F. Nolte, Pearl Cole, Gertrude Barnard, Marion Wiles and Richard Cole.

At the close of the regular program an opportunity will be given for the audience to ask questions of the participants of this discussion. The public is cordially invited. Admission free.

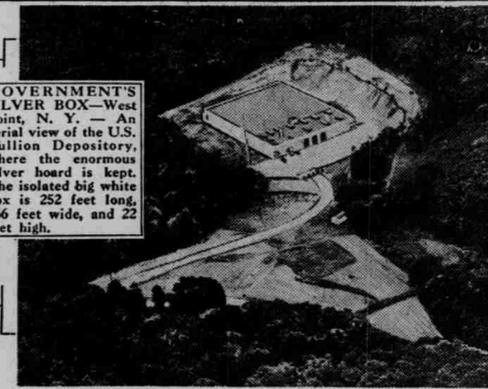
## JOURNAL PHOTO-FLASHES



NOVEL SUN SHADE SNOOD—(Above) Featuring a drawing permitting donning and doffing without mussing the hair, these chic and practical snoods, offered by Norvin H. Reiser, president of Venida, Ltd., are proving a boon to outdoor femininity. Kathleen McLean, pretty dancer of Merrie England at the World's Fair, and Peggy Love (right), tennis enthusiast, illustrate the snood's practical application.



OLDEST ANGLERETTE SETS NEW MARK—Theresa, N. Y.—Mrs. Lista Young, 80 years of age, dropped a bait from her kitchen window on the banks of the Indian River near here recently and made this 14-pound record "mullet" catch. Mrs. Young claims she is the oldest anglerette.



GOVERNMENT'S SILVER BOX—West Point, N. Y.—An aerial view of the U.S. Bullion Depository, where the enormous silver hoard is kept. The isolated big white box is 252 feet long, 166 feet wide, and 22 feet high.



FLEET FEET—Princeton, N. J.—Sydney Wooderson, tiny British champ miler, compares shoes with Gene Venzke, American runner, at the Palmer Stadium, where both men worked out. Sydney sports a size four and Venzke's shoe size is 10 1/2.



FAIR'S PERFECT BACK—Treasure Island—Nineteen-year-old June Lane of Oakland, Calif., takes the gold cup of the Affiliated Chiropractors for the "Perfect Back of the World." The championship also grants her a Hollywood screen test.



PRIDE IN BEING AN AMERICAN has won Susanne Taflinger of Paris, Ill., (second from right) a \$1000 scholarship check and a gold Gruen wrist watch. Susanne's 50-word essay on why she is proud to be an American was recently judged national winner in the Gruen Contest for Students which has been held in high schools throughout the country this spring. With Susanne are her brother, Allen, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taflinger.

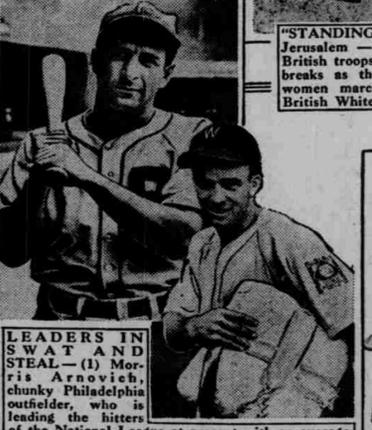


"STANDING BY" IN PALESTINE—Jerusalem—Two motorized units of British troops in readiness for any outbreaks as they watched 2,000 Jewish women march in protest against the British White Paper.

PILOT SETS WORLD GLIDER RECORD—Frankfort, Mich.—Ted Bellak, 27-year-old Newark, N. J. pilot, set a new record for gliding by soaring across Lake Michigan from Sturgeon Bay, Wis., to Frankfort. He traveled more than 90 miles and was in the air two hours and thirty-nine minutes.



PORTRAIT OF FAMOUS SOVIET LEADERS IN U.S.S.R. PAVILION AT NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR—This painting of Stalin, and the late Maxim Gorky, Soviet cultural leader and writer, is the work of the artist Gerasimov.



LEADERS IN S.W.A.T. AND STEAL—(1) Morris Arnovich, chunky Philadelphia outfielder, who is leading the hitters of the National League at present with an average of .404. (2) George Case, center fielder and lead-off man for the Washington Senators, who is leading the base stealers in the American League.



UPSIDE DOWN CHAIR—Chicago, Ill.—A reversible chair, which can be used at either side, is the new two-in-one chair, one of the features at the home furnishing exposition here.

### NEW BRUNSWICK HOPES TO BOOST CATTLE RAISING

ST. JOHN, N. B. (UP)—Plans to revive New Brunswick's once-thriving beef cattle raising industry are being discussed here.

The cattle industry flourished in the province until an embargo was clamped down many years ago on exports to Great Britain. The embargo was lifted some time ago.

It is believed that revival of the beef cattle export industry would benefit New Brunswick agriculture as a whole, and especially encourage farmers to produce their own grain.

### DISTRICT COURT FILINGS

In the office of the clerk of the district court a suit to quiet title, Ruth Behrens, et al. vs. George A. Towle, et al., has been filed.

The Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co., is plaintiff in a foreclosure action against Karl Sudman, et al.

### EIGHT MILE GROVE AID

The aid society of the Eight Mile Grove Lutheran church will meet on Wednesday afternoon, June 28th at the church. Hostesses, Mrs. Jake Meisinger, Mrs. John Albert.

### VISIT AT OGALLALA

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Kopp departed Friday night for Ogallala, Nebraska, where they are to visit over the week end at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Maddox. This is the first visit to that part of the state for Mrs. Kopp and they will enjoy visiting the many places of interest in the extreme western part of the state.

### TO VISIT RELATIVES

From Saturday's Daily—Mrs. J. H. Donegan will join Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thygeson of Nebraska City tomorrow morning in a motor trip to Cedar Rapids, Nebraska where they will spend the time visiting with the ladies' sister, Mrs. F. D. Burgess and husband, Dr. F. D. Burgess.

### DEPART FOR HOME

From Saturday's Daily—Mrs. Chris Schake and children of Kearney departed today for their home after spending the past two days in Plattsmouth visiting at the home of Mrs. Etta Mockenhaupt. The late Mr. Schake and Mrs. Mockenhaupt were cousins.

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### PRACTICAL HEALTH HINTS

#### World's Fair Feet

By Dr. James A. Tobey

PEOPLE who want to enjoy the World's Fairs this summer should begin now to condition their feet. There is a lot of walking to be done on hard pavements and floors in order to see the medical, public health, and food exhibits, and the innumerable other entertaining and instructive displays.

Correct posture and proper exercise are valuable in promoting foot health. Walking helps to develop the feet and legs, and is one of the best forms of exercise.

Diet likewise is important. Growing children must have food that builds bones, including the bones of the feet. Such a diet must include plenty of calcium and vitamin D, obtained chiefly from milk, green vegetables, white bread made with milk, and cod liver oil or moderate exposure to sunlight.

Overweight almost always harms the feet, while normal weight helps to keep them in proper condition. Obese persons should consult their physicians about proper dieting. A valuable pamphlet on reducing can also be obtained from Department of Nutrition, 1135 Fullerton Avenue, Chicago, Ill.



Dr. J. A. Tobey care of the feet is, in fact, desirable whether or not you take in a World's Fair. Foot troubles are common, but most of them can be avoided.

Nature intended man to go barefoot and even to grasp things with his feet. Civilization has ordained that we wear shoes and stockings, and fashion has aggravated this situation by giving us tight pointed shoes, high-heeled shoes, and various other abnormal footgear.

Proper fitting of sensible shoes is the solution to at least half of our foot troubles. Flat heels and rounded toes are best for the average person. Above all things, the shoes should be long enough and wide enough, and not so short or narrow that they cramp the feet and cause bunions, corns, and other ailments.

Corns may also be due to excessively dry skin, or to moist, perspiring feet, as well as to tight shoes and unusual strain. They can be relieved by soaking the feet in hot water, by the use of soft powders, and by paring the corns, taking care to avoid infection.