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## DEBUNKING THE ARCTIC

The Arctic isn't in darkness for four months of the year—as a matter of fact it's never dark, even in winter, because of the refraction of sunlight from below the horizon and the glitter of moonlight across the snow. So says the Federal Writers' Project's new "Guide to Alaska"—which debunks the reader of many other popular misconceptions about our northern-most possession.

Alaska isn't perpetually cold. As the citizen of Fairbanks sweaters in summer heat with the thermometer 100 degrees in the shade. Or the farmer harvesting his bumper grain crop in the vicinity of Anchorage. Of the tourist eating Alaskan raspberries the size of half-dollars. Eskimos don't live in snow huts, except on rare occasions when a storm overtakes them on the trail and they are obliged to put up temporary shelters. Igloos are usually made of earth and wood. And the purchase of Alaska was by no means an extravagance for which no adequate return has been received, but rather an investment that has already yielded something like 2,430 per cent on the original investment!

## FARM INCOME UP

LINCOLN, Aug. 31 (UP)—The Federal Reserve bank of Kansas City today reported that cash income to Nebraska farmers increased 20 per cent during the first six months of 1939 over the corresponding period last year.

"The large increase is due mainly to large returns from Commodity Credit loans and sales of corn," the bank said. It pointed out that the district embracing Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, and Wyoming realized an 8 per cent gain.

An upswing was reported in hog marketing as well as smaller gains in other livestock trading. Hog sales jumped 64 per cent; calves, 30 per cent and sheep, 8 per cent.

Shipments of wheat, it was found, were 5 per cent above the ten-year average, although far below July, 1938. Corn dropped to approximately two-thirds of normal in Nebraska during the first half of the year. Small banking failures marred an otherwise cheery outlook in business.

## TREASURER NOW OPERATING

LINCOLN, Aug. 31 (UP)—Dormant approximately eight days because of the death of Treasurer T. W. Bass, the Nebraska state treasury regained its stride today. John Havekost of Hooper, newly-appointed treasurer, began his first full day in office this morning after Governor R. L. Cochran late yesterday approved a \$1,000,000 bond. Havekost immediately began signing, by hand, 3,023 relief checks but looked forward to signing others with a signature plate which has yet to arrive.

## ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RAISES STATE COSTS

LINCOLN, Aug. 31 (UP)—Cost of running the Nebraska state governmental agencies during the 1937-39 biennium amounted to \$59,687,094—an increase of \$6,155,940 over the 1935-37 period—State Tax Commissioner W. H. Smith announced today.

Smith pointed out that the increase was almost entirely in state assistance during 1937-39, assistance totaling \$14,539,041 compared with \$8,616,280 during the previous biennium.

## PERFORM DELICATE OPERATION

COLUSA, Calif., Aug. 31 (UP)—Physicians today declared "entirely successful" a delicate operation on a baby boy to replace inside its body the entire intestinal tract, which was outside the abdomen cavity at birth. The case was similar to that of Marie Rafael, born recently in Manila, her heart exposed. No operation was possible on the Rafael infant and she died six days after birth.

Deckage facilities make Plattsmouth an ideal factory site. Welcome and a splendid opportunity to expand should be an inducement to those contemplating a change in location from the more thickly populated centers and flood areas of the east.

## CAREER STORY



**JOSEPH CALLEIA** has had a life of varied highlights since he was born as Joseph Alexander Caesar Horstall Vincent Calleia, until Joseph (for show purposes) Calleia was cast in the role of Father Loma in the current RKO Radio picture, "Full Confession," he had never played anything but villains on the screen. He was born on the island of Malta with-in the shadows of British naval guns, and was reared and educated by Jesuits there. While still in school he organized a harmonica band with himself as star and made \$500 in box office receipts before interest waned. He made his debut in the American theatre twenty years ago as a singer of Scotch ballads, wearing, appropriately, kilties. He saw the extent of America first as a chorus boy in a touring company. Between theatrical jobs he worked as piano salesman, trolley car repairman, furnace stoker for a department store. He co-authored the song hit, "Adelai," which still produces royalties. Calleia is star-impresario of a concert series at the Town Hall in New York, which flopped woefully. After making a hit in nine MGM productions as some sort of menace, he demanded and got his contract release. He recently spent two weeks in a monastic retreat preparing himself for the current part of a priest in "Full Confession," which is directed by John Farrow and also features Victor McLaglen, Sally Eilers and Barry Fitzgerald.

## LOVE FINDS A WAY

WEEHAWKEN, N. J., Aug. 31 (UP)—Love found a way to keep Adolph Gmelin from jumping off a 150-foot cliff.

The 36-year-old restaurant manager sat yesterday on a rugged promontory of the Hudson river for nearly an hour and threatened to jump if anybody approached him.

While firemen and policemen twiddled their thumbs, Charles Binder, Union City building inspector, ordered: "Somebody bring Josephine Manners."

Sobbing, and wringing her hands, she drew within a few feet of Gmelin and said: "I'll take you back. I'll do anything."

He walked away from the side of the cliff toward her. Firemen grabbed him. Miss Manners fainted. Unresisting he was taken to the police station and booked on charges of attempted suicide and being a disorderly person.

On the cliff was found a note in which he had written to Miss Manners:

"I loved you more than life itself. Adolph."

## NAME NEW PRESIDENT

CHICAGO, Sept. 1 (UP)—Edward Seubert, president of Standard Oil Company of Indiana, announced today that H. W. Pierpont will be president of the new Standard Oil company of Nebraska, a new company to be formed to replace Standard Oil company of Nebraska stockholders of the old company voted Tuesday acceptance of a Standard Oil of Indiana offer to buy outstanding shares at \$17.50 a share.

## FILES BANKRUPTCY ACTION

LINCOLN, Aug. 31 (UP)—Petition under the bankruptcy act was on file in federal court today by Edward P. Bahr, Verdun farmer. He listed assets of \$23,547, including \$20,000 in real estate, and debts of \$14,715. All but \$130, due Glen Martin and the Sinclair Oil company of Fall City are secured.

## Change Made in Occupation Tax on Trucks

Revise City Ordinances to Cover Much of the Trucking—Suspend Rules, Pass Ordinance.

From Tuesday's Daily—

With a full house present the city council last evening staged another of their long sessions with much discussion of many problems of the city business.

The council passed under suspension of the rules, ordinance No. 742, a measure that amends the existing city ordinance affecting the tax rate for trucks operating into this city and to bring the ordinance in more of a balance as to classifications. The amended ordinance will provide for an occupation tax of \$10 for a one ton or under truck, for trucks over one ton a tax of \$15. Wholesale bread trucks and similar lines of business will be taxed \$30 which is also the rate for retail trucks.

A communication was received from the King Korn Carnival committee asking permission to use Main street from Fourth to Fifth street from September 18th to 25th inclusive, for a platform for the entertainment features of the Carnival. Use of Fifth street from Vine to main and from Main to the alley south, was also asked for carnival attractions. On motion of Councilman Finnefrock the permission was granted. In reply to inquiries Mayor Lushinsky stated that the committee and the city would see that proper traffic police were provided for.

There was some discussion of the payment of \$12.50 to the supervisor of the NYA and which was explained by Councilman Webb as being done to permit the continued employment of a number of boys. This was not a regular salary but an emergency appropriation.

The finance committee then presented a resolution transferring the sum of \$800 from the general fund to the cemetery fund in order to enable the cemetery board to complete the purchase of thirteen acres of land for cemetery use. The total cost of the plot secured will be \$3,375, the remainder raised by the board through lot sale and pledges.

The finance committee also presented a resolution making a loan transfer of \$900 from the general fund to the street fund for the purchase of a truck. This amount like that of the cemetery, is to be repaid to the general fund as accumulations made.

Judge C. L. Graves reported for the week of August 12th that there had been no arrests.

The streets, alleys and bridges committee reported favorably on the request of John Alwin to raise the sidewalks and curb at his property on Chicago avenue.

The license committee reported that the state liquor commission had revoked the retail beer license of Phillip Hoffman.

Chairman Schutz of the fire and water committee reported that the committee had received a number of bids for the purchase of 500 feet of fire hose and, the committee recessed to examine and check the bids.

At the close of the meeting of the council committee and the firemen's committee, it was recommended that the bid of the Anderson Co., Inc., of Omaha, for \$500 feet of hose at \$1 per foot, properly equipped with couplings and at a five per cent discount, be accepted and which was so ordered.

The tax and property committee had a very good response on bids for the sale of tax property and the former Jess residence on South 6th street, lot 12, block 167, original town, had three bidders seeking this residence and the committee voted to hold two of the bids and report their findings at the meeting on September 11th. On the bids on lots 5, 6, 7 in block 13, Townsend's Addition, the bid of George and Lucy Taylor for

\$200 was accepted and the property to be sold under the terms of the bid.

In regard to the Jess property, Chairman Webb of the tax and property committee asked that the parties residing there vacate by September 20th in order that the property might be turned over to the successful bidder.

Chairman Finnefrock of the parks and improvement committee reported that faucet and water line was needed in cells in the city jail as the water facilities are now confined to the "bull pen" of the jail. After some discussion this matter was laid over for the present as those in the jail are not usually locked in cells unless in extreme cases. The parks and improvement committee was also instructed to look into the condition of the railing on the east side of the old Plattsmouth hotel building at Third and Main street and see that it was repaired.

Chairman Vroman of the lighting committee reported that an electrician had been broken and that the party had agreed to pay for the same, the chairman was authorized to contact the man in Lincoln as regarding the payment. The lighting committee was given further time on the matter of extension of street lighting service.

Councilman Vroman brought up the matter of the city having employed a man as foreman at the rock quarries where rock for the WPA proposition of sewer construction on Chicago avenue, was being secured. The councilman was of the opinion that the WPA should pay this labor cost and not the city who were to pay the material cost. It was explained that the man secured had been especially qualified for the work and was not a WPA worker. The councilman from the fifth ward was of the opinion that a foreman could be secured from the ranks of the workers. C. E. Markham, in charge of the general handling of the WPA projects, stated that if the city wished that a man could be provided from those already employed altho

perhaps not so trained in the line of quarry work.

The following bills were ordered paid by the council:

W. H. Woolcott, labor truck	\$ 4.00
H. E. Chancellor, same	1.50
A. P. Kopp, same	4.00
Frank Erneal, kerosene	2.10
Ole Oil Co., gas	20.50
McCarty Oil Co., gas to tractor	21.45
D. L. Ramel, washing sts.	1.58
D. L. Ramel, graderman	43.30
Harry Gochenour, st. work	18.20
Harry Gochenour, cutting weeds	8.00
Harry Gochenour, washing streets	16.40
George Taylor, street work, team	30.55
George Taylor, street work	10.60
George Taylor, washing sts.	11.60
Ivan Taylor, street work	36.68
Ivan Taylor, washing sts.	9.46
Franklin Kief, washing sts.	8.40
Franklin Kief, st. work	31.20
Hamilton & Baumgart, spark plugs	2.60
Duxbury & Davis, balance premium bond, chief of police, May 1, 1939 to May 1, 1940	10.00
J. Howard Davis, expense Lincoln, Hoffman case	6.35
Ole Oil Co., gas and supplies	10.56
Albert Strohus, burying 1 dog	.60
Albert Olson, phone rent, etc.	8.65
Bruce Neon Co., one Neon safety stop sign	54.00
George J. Mayer Co., 50 bicycle tags	6.02
Capell Elect. Co., lamps	20.09
Leonard Bashus, mowing weeds, labor	21.91
Gus Whitley, half month's wages, supervisor of NYA tennis project	12.50

## WINS IOWA TALL CORN CONTEST

DES MOINES, Aug. 31 (UP)—D. D. Hill of Batavia, Iowa, today held the Iowa state fair national tall corn championship with an entry of 18 feet, 2 1/2 inches. Hill's stalk, was 2 feet, 4 1/2 inches taller than last year's winner, won its owner \$100 in cash, a plow and a gold trophy.

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