

Two More Victims of Crossing Crash at Fremont Expire

Father and Son Follow Lad Killed When Train Hurl- ed Coupe Down Embankment.

Fremont, Neb., July 13.—(Special Telegram).—The railroad crossing accident here Wednesday, which snuffed out the life of Glen Knapp, 11, developed into a triple tragedy, when the older brother, William, 16, and the father, Silas Knapp, 55, succumbed to their injuries here.

Knapp was going home from work in a coupe, accompanied by his two sons, Wednesday evening. He failed to see an approaching Northwestern passenger while watching for a train from the opposite direction on the Union Pacific tracks, and his car was hurled over an embankment. Glen was dead when picked up. William and his father were taken to the hospital, where the son lingered but a few hours. The father died at 11 this morning. The mother and seven other children survive.

Lutheran Orphan Association Meets

Has Received 60 Children During Year—32 Placed With Families in State.

Fremont, Neb., July 13.—(Special).—The Evangelical Lutheran Orphans' Home association of Nebraska, represented by 16 Lutheran congregations of Fremont, Omaha and vicinity, belonging to the Missouri synod and numbering 4,000 members, held its annual meeting in the Orphans' home here. Fourteen pastors, 15 lay delegates and five guests were in attendance. The Cross Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Omaha, Titus Lang, pastor, was received in membership.

In the opening address, Rev. M. Adam of Omaha, president of the association, reminded the assembly of the 75th anniversary of the synod, widely celebrated this year.

The Fremont home received 60 children during the past year, of whom 32 were placed with families, leaving 28 children in the home at present, according to report by Superintendent John Gause of Fremont. Four of these children are infants.

The treasurer of the association, F. W. Krueger of Arlington, Neb., reported that contributions and gifts during the last year had covered all expenses, leaving a balance of \$630 in the treasury.

The following officers were elected to serve one year: Rev. M. Adam, Omaha, president; Rev. H. C. Julius Frese, Hooper, vice president; Rev. M. Newman, Scribner, secretary; F. W. Krueger, Arlington, treasurer; August Saeger, Fremont, Julius Hartung, Hooper and Hyram Moeller, Hooper, directors.

Pawnee City Club Fights

Telephone Rate Raise

Pawnee City, Neb., July 13.—(Special).—A conference of representatives of the Pawnee Service club, the Pawnee Telephone company and Loren Brown of the state railway commission was held at the county court house here relative to the proposed raise in rates here, which has been requested of the commission by G. E. Becker of the telephone company. The Pawnee Public Service club is fighting the proposal.

The committee, representing this body was composed of Dr. F. H. Burton, J. L. Stewart and W. W. Cornell. A mass meeting of the general public will be held at the court house Wednesday evening and the views of patrons will be heard. The commission will then decide the question.

Aurora School Expenses

Total \$65,000 for Year

Aurora, Neb., July 13.—(Special).—The report of the Aurora School district has just been filed with the county superintendent showing total expenditures of the year aggregating \$65,000. The expenditures for the teachers aggregated \$42,903. The census shows the number of children in the district between the ages of 5 and 21 to be 1,085. The number of children enrolled in the schools last year was 926.

Chiropractor Is Fined \$100

in Suit to Test License Act

Hastings, Neb., July 13.—(Special Telegram).—Chester A. Pierce, in contesting the Nebraska chiropractic law on the ground that it is unconstitutional and discriminatory, was fined \$100 in county court here today for practicing chiropractic without a license. He is attacking the law because it requires a period of study which he says is offered by but one chiropractic school in the United States.

Gibbon Growers Adopt

Uniform Shipping Tags

Gibbon, Neb., July 13.—(Special).—The Gibbon Potato Growers association has a uniform shipping tag with the name of the association. A total of 27,000 tags was ordered for use on first quality potatoes which will be officially inspected before shipping. The Union Pacific has allotted 1,100 cars for the potato business of this county for this season. The first potatoes will be shipped Saturday.

500 Men Help Clear Away

Wreckage After Tornado

Bloomfield, Neb., July 13.—(Special).—Five hundred men from this community were out in the tornado district helping clear away the wreckage and build necessary buildings to take care of the livestock. Practically all business places in town were closed, proprietors and clerks donning overalls and going out to aid in the work. The loss in this community is estimated at \$40,000.

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Unduly Influenced Stepfather, Charge



Los Angeles, July 13.—Gloria Swanson, film actress, will appear in court here tomorrow to answer charges made against her and her mother of undue influence in connection with the will of the late Matthew P. Burns, stepfather of the actress, it was announced here today by Joseph Scott, her attorney. The case revolves around application by Mrs. Burns, Gloria's mother, to probate the will of her late husband, who was a shoe merchant here, and the contest against this by his relatives.

Hearing of testimony by Burns' relatives to support their charges that Burns was of unsound mind and unduly influenced by Gloria Swanson and her mother into the marriage and into framing of the will, which left the bulk of his estate to Mrs. Burns, will be completed today, it was indicated. Following presentation of motions, it was expected that the case would be continued to tomorrow when Mrs. Burns and the actress would take the stand to defend their claims and refute charges against them.

Gage County Farmers Need

Drouth to Care for Wheat

Beatrice, Neb., July 13.—(Special).—During the past two weeks 7.39 inches of water has fallen in Gage county. Of this amount 5.25 inches fell during the first 10 days of July. Cereals are full and dry weather is needed in order to give farmers an opportunity to take care of their wheat crop.

Dubois Doctor Held

Beatrice, Neb., July 13.—(Special).—Dr. Robertson of Dubois, arrested on complaint of a 19-year-old girl, was given a preliminary hearing at Pawnee City and bound over to the district court. He was released on bond. Judge Alfred Hazlett of Beatrice appeared as his counsel.

Pickford's Mother Defends Son Against Attacks by Ziegfeld

Parent of Screen Star Praises Miss Miller, Girl He Is to Marry—Denies Jack Was "Slacker" or "Traitor" During World War.

Los Angeles, July 13.—Mrs. Charles Pickford, with many smiles and a few motherly tears, defended her son, Jack, Tuesday night, scolding the charges made against him by Florenz Ziegfeld and praising Marilyn Miller, the girl he is to marry.

Jack stood by at times. At times he exchanged kisses or banter with little Mary, his "double-niece" born of Lottie Pickford, adopted by Mary. At times he broke into his mother's talk. At times he spoke of his experiences on location during the day.

"Do you want to say anything about Mr. Ziegfeld?" he was asked. He grinned.

"I don't even know him," he said. Mrs. Pickford was quite willing to talk. Even eager.

Denies Jack "Slacker."

"I want everybody to know," she said, "that my Jack is not a traitor or a slacker. You know, as well as I do. Florenz Ziegfeld says that he's been trying in every way to break this engagement between my son and Marilyn. She's making 'Sally' a tremendous hit and Mr. Ziegfeld wants it to continue. He doesn't want her to quit and be married. Think of the money he'd lose."

"He's tried everything. He even told Miss Miller that some old woman was keeping Jack. Yee. What do you know about that? Well, I suppose I'm the old woman. I'm the only one keeping him."

"Jack's a wild, impulsive boy. He is just a boy, you know. Twenty-five and doesn't look it at all. And he's irresponsible. He spends money like water."

"Jack was only 20 years old when the draft went into operation. That was in June. Of course he didn't register. And he was married then to Olive Thomas."

"He had an airplane of his own, and wanted to get into the aviation and go to France and fight. He thought all he had to do was to volunteer."

"I didn't want him to go. I told him to give the government half of his yearly salary and stay home with me. But he wouldn't. He said if he could do that, then very rich men in the country would keep his son at home and the poor would have to fight."

"I took him down to San Diego to see Col. Strong, whose regiment Mary adopted. I asked him to advise my boy, who lost his father

years ago, as he would his own son. "The colonel advised Jack to go to aviation school. He said Jack would have to learn the game from the very rudiments. Jack didn't say a word until we got outside. Then he said: 'It's a frameup.'"

"He said if he couldn't get into the American aviation he would go into the Canadian forces. And finally we all let him go and enlist. Olive cried for three weeks. And I cried and both his sisters."

Enlisted as "Gob."

"He gave up a good job at Lasky's, a nice contract, a big time house, a servant, his wife and everything he had, and went and enlisted as a common 'gob.' That's how much of a slacker he was. Some traitor, eh?"

"He had to wait in line to enlist. He stood in line from 9 in the morning until 3 in the afternoon without a bite to eat, fearing that if he left to go to a restaurant he could not enlist that day. An acquaintance recognized him and passed him up to Mr. Davis, and the doctor treated him kindly."

"Now, you know, Jack was the baby, and has always been the baby in our family. He always had the soft end of it. He wasn't used to the harsh treatment he met from some officers and the kind treatment of Dr. Davis chained him to the mill."

"He used to visit Jack at the Lambs club in New York. Jack was paying \$80 for his rooms there, just twice what he got in the navy. And I suppose he had a medicine chest or whatever you want to call it, to treat the boys when they came to see him."

"About this time, Harry Chandler of the Los Angeles Times was trying to get Jack transferred to the signal corps in the aviation department out here so he and Mary could make a propaganda picture."

Held as Witness.

"Mary was willing to do this and so was I. But I don't know that Jack knew anything about it at the time."

"Then Dr. Davis was arrested, accused of grafting. And Jack, his pal, was held as a material witness. He never saw Dr. Davis take any money from the men, and he certainly never got any money. When he was asked what he was told, he said Dr. Davis had said his job could be made to pay \$5,000 a week."

"Dr. Davis was sentenced and Jack was blamed for being indiscreet. But that was all. The judge advocate signed his papers, giving him an honorable discharge and praising him, too."

"All old stuff, dear," said Jack. He changed the subject.

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Beatrice Hotel Sold

Beatrice, Neb., July 13.—(Special).—Charles Van Arsdale has disposed of the Beatrice hotel, Seventh and Court streets, to C. A. and William Lundstrom of Lindburg, Kan., who expect to remodel the property later in the season. A 280-acre farm in Missouri was included in the deal.

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