

New Bridge Over Platte River Is Urged by C. of C.

County Board Also Requested to Construct Main North and South Highway.

The Omaha Chamber of Commerce executive committee has prepared and dispatched three communications to the Douglas county board of commissioners, calling attention to the necessity of a bridge across the Platte river between Ashland and Valley; urging the construction of a main north and south road to connect main highways running east and west and urging that advantage be taken of the extensive experimental work now being carried on by Illinois.

The communications read as follows: "Three years ago the citizens of Douglas county voted favorably to a bond issue of \$1,000,000 for paving all of the main arteries leading out of Omaha to the county line.

Fund Nearly Exhausted. "It is understood that practically all of this bond fund money has now been expended or contracted for at the present time and that during the present year all of the main highways, however, will practically be completed. The final expenditure of the bond fund money, therefore, is not far off.

It is pointed out that the main highways include the Washington highway, Lincoln highway, Main highway and O. L. D. to the county line. It is now proposed that consideration be given to a main north and south road, so constructed as to connect all of these main highways. Our committee on public highways has made a careful investigation of this situation and of the opinion that the logical north and south road from Q street north to the Platte bridge road is known as Road 32, or Seventy-second street.

"This recommendation is submitted for your consideration, with a suggestion that if the board concurs steps be taken to improve this particular road. It is understood that up to 75 per cent of the state auto tax funds according to Douglas county can, under the present law, be used for permanently improving highways and that there is at the present a considerable amount standing in the credit of Douglas county now available.

Your honorable board's attention is respectfully called to the fact that a bridge across the Platte river at some point between the Ashland and Valley bridges. At various times during the last few years this subject has been given consideration, not only by the county commissioners of Douglas and Saunders counties, but also has been the subject of suggested legislation during the last two or three sessions.

"There is no question but that the demand for this bridge is becoming great each year and that both Saunders and Douglas counties would be greatly benefited through the opening up of a new traffic avenue.

Experimental Road. "It is understood that recently conditions have changed so that there is a possibility of the two county boards getting together on this proposition. It is also understood that funds, 25 per cent from Saunders county, 25 per cent from Douglas county and 50 per cent from the state, are available, or will be available, shortly. For this reason the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, through its public highways committee, wishes to respectfully recommend to your honorable board that consideration be given to this subject at an early date, with the idea of reaching some definite conclusion that will result in the construction of a main north and south road at center street, whichever location in the judgment of the two boards is the logical location.

"The attention of your honorable board is respectfully called to the road improvement experimental work now being carried on by the state of Illinois.

"Recently members of your board and the Omaha Automobile club and Chamber of Commerce public highways committee were invited to make a visit to Springfield, Ill., where the Bates experimental road has been built. This road, according to our understanding, is 10,500 feet long, paved 18 feet wide and made up in 61 different sections, all laid under different conditions. The state of Illinois, up to the present time, has expended upward of \$100,000 in making these tests. The Illinois department of public works has also prepared and is issuing descriptive data relative to these experiments, showing the various classes of mixture, road surface, etc., used on each section of road built and tested. Also information and statistics as to the results of wearing and crushing tests on different sections of road.

"It is respectfully recommended to your honorable board that full advantage of all of the information that is contained in the various reports of the Illinois department of public works should be given consideration in future work carried on in Douglas county, so that the results of the experience gained may be taken full advantage of in preparing specifications for new roads in this county."

Seventy Arrested in 24-Hour Rum War

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cross to the belligerent jaw of a man who also gave his name as Peter Waszgis, but who all present declared was not the husband of the woman in charge. Samardick and his crew entered in time to save the remainder of a pint of "moonshine" slowly ebbing into the sink.

At the Waszgis residence beer was found on ice in the refrigerator and 98 bottles behind the kitchen range.

Charged With "Robbery." Cries of "robbers" rent the air as the raiders entered the rear door of Felix Saniuk's home at 4229 South Thirty-third street.

Mrs. Saniuk, visiting next door, saw the officers' automobile stop in a cloud of dust at the front door. Detectives Killian and Davis saw Mrs. Saniuk project herself across the yard kitchenward and nabbed her before she could get to the ice box in the basement. Their groping fingers extracted 12 foaming quarts.

All beer seized was destroyed, except two quarts in each instance, saved for evidence. More than 500 quarts in all were destroyed during the afternoon raids. And while but little illicit whisky was seized, Samardick declared it was immaterial to the case, as his men had sales on each place raided.

Ordered to Appear. Besides those arrested above, Mella Saniuk, wife of Mike Saniuk, 4417 South Thirty-fourth street, was summoned to appear in room 206 Federal building at 10 Thursday morning.

Mella Saniuk with six small children lived but a block from the Felix Saniuk residence but denied relationship.

Tired and dusty the raiders declared it a "day's work" at 4 and Samardick dismissed the squad until further notice.

Besides those already mentioned they arrested Harry and Clara Norman at 4719 South Twenty-seventh street, on a charge of illegal possession of liquor.

O. E. Flower was arrested on a similar charge at a soft drink parlor at 2605 N street. He lives at 4944 South Twenty-fifth street.

Al Wilson also was arrested at 2605 N street.

John Swiatek was arrested at a soft drink parlor at 4627 South Thirty-third street, charged with illegal possession and sale of liquor.

Roy James, 512-1/2 South Thirtieth street, was arrested on a similar charge.

"These cases," said Samardick, "will be tried as soon as we get a federal judge on the Omaha bench. United States District Attorney Kinsler has telegraphed the presiding judge of the district for a judge to sit in these cases and he expects an answer shortly."

Resident of Nebraska for 50 Years Celebrates

Mrs. Margaret A. Cook Reached Omaha 50 Years Ago Today—Came Overland From Illinois.

Mrs. Margaret A. Cook, a member of the Douglas county pioneers, will celebrate the 50th anniversary of her coming to Nebraska today, and will be at home to her old friends all after noon at 4227 Seward street.

With her family, Mrs. Cook traveled overland from Belvidere, Ill., crossing the river on the ferry and camping at Thirty-eighth and Charles streets the first night. They bought their first provisions in Nebraska at the store of T. C. Bruner.

Mrs. Cook's father, the late John McDowell, first lived at Twelfth and Chicago streets, moving from there to a farm on West Center street which he purchased in the late seventies when land was selling at \$16 an acre.

Mrs. Cook's husband, the late Marion E. Cook, came to Omaha in 1872. They were married on July 31, 1875, in Council Bluffs.

Mrs. Cook has seen many changes in Omaha during this 50 years, from horsecars to electric and from one-story houses standing where Omaha's business section now lies, to the beautiful homes of Florence, Benson and Dundee. She tells many interesting stories of early life in Omaha and vicinity.



Government Is Anxious to Halt Rum Ships' Trade

Administration Seeks Arrangement to Solve Embarrassing Problem Caused by Bootleggers.

By Universal Service. Washington, June 16.—The United States stands ready to accept any reasonable temporary arrangement permitting dry enforcement agencies to deal effectively with liquor laden ships hovering off the American shores, obviously to violate American laws.

This was made plain today by one of President Harding's closest advisers, in the administration's effort to solve the embarrassing problem presented by rum runners lying just outside the internationally recognized three-mile limit.

The American proposal of a 12-mile search and seizure privilege for the prohibition navy, it was explained, in no way involves an extension of the traditional three-mile limit of territorial jurisdiction.

Request is Reasonable. From the administration viewpoint, there is nothing in the American suggestions now before European governments which cannot be granted if foreign officials are disposed to treat with Washington on terms of equity and reason. On the other hand, it is felt, any nation wishing to avoid accepting the American pro-

posals can find any number of excuses for so doing and thus embarrassing the United States.

No legitimate rights of any foreign power, the administration believes, would be sacrificed by acceptance of the plan put forward by Secretary of State Hughes.

International law would remain unaffected by the Hughes project, according to the administration view. In the past, it is asserted, European countries have claimed the right of visit and search to the 12-mile limit in order to deal with temporary emergencies, and a French law now claims that right for France.

Suggestion Rigidulous. The Hughes proposals are described as a contemplating no acceptance of the 12-mile limit except along the American coasts, where hover the rum smugglers. Suggestions from Europe that the granting of the American request for police jurisdiction might seriously upset existing arrangements covering the English channel, the Baltic sea, the Straits of Gibraltar and other regions are regarded as ridiculously beside the point in question.

Fleets of vessels intent on violating national law, it is explained, are not hovering in the English channel or elsewhere, but off the shores of the United States, and there is no necessity of European powers to agree among themselves to deal with problems which do not exist.

No Replies Received. As yet the State department has received no replies, dealing directly with the Hughes 12-mile limit proposal. Previous diplomatic correspondence, however, has included an admission from one world power that its flag was being misused to smuggle contraband liquor into the United States. Regret was expressed over

this misuse, but, from the administration viewpoint, proposals of putting an end to the practice were bluntly rejected.

Despite unfavorable reactions reported from abroad, the administration still hopes to receive some favorable replies. Acceptance of the Hughes plan by any power will be regarded as improving conditions just that much, though it is feared that there are likely to be changes in the registry of ships in order that they may operate under the flags of nations unwilling to approve the American proposal.

Committee Named to Seek Government River Aid

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Auburn, June 16.—A committee has been appointed to look after the matter of getting government aid in erecting two permanent boat landings at Brownville and on the east side of the river. Since the government has taken the step to do lot of river work between Sioux City and St. Louis toward shipping improvement, the necessity of permanent landings becomes apparent. Brownville, the oldest city in the state, is the logical place of the west side of the river landing. A government quarter boat is on the river east of here with 20 engineers making surveys and blue prints.

Omaha Man Will Address Display Men at Cleveland

E. J. Berg of the Burgess-Nash store will leave Sunday for Cleveland, O., where he will speak Tuesday evening before the International Association of Display Men, of which he is a past president. More than 2,000 are expected to attend the convention, among them Frank Flala of Thompson Belden company.

"Red Heads" Are Sought in Death of College Boy

Salesman Describes Hazing at Spot Where Skeleton, Believed to Be Leighton Mount, Was Found.

By International News Service. Chicago, June 16.—Search for a solution to the Leighton Mount death mystery, that has gone on among 2,000,000 persons in Chicago, narrowed itself down tonight to include only men with red hair.

Determination to "get the red head" arose in the state attorney's office following startling revelations made by E. H. Row of Clifton, Ariz., who said he saw four youths, one with fiery hair, lowering a body in 1921, into the pier where Mount's skeleton was found recently.

Row Tells Story. The story of Row, who travels in the southwest for a San Francisco firm, tended to bear out the state's theory that Mount was killed in a student hazing and his body secreted beneath the pier.

Row told the state's attorney over long distance telephone that he was a witness to the weird burial. "I was in Chicago on business in the fall of 1921," Row said, "and was driving around Evanston for pleasure. By accident I saw the burial scene. I was not more than 100 feet away. The students told me not to tell anything of what I had

seen, but I reported it to the Evanston police.

"Only Hazing," Police Say. "Oh its only a hazing," they told me. It was just about sunset. Another salesman and I saw a group of college students by the lake, apparently very excited about something. Four of them were manhandling a boy while the rest looked on. The fifth appeared either unconscious or dead. His clothing was all torn.

"One of the boys tore a loose plank from the floor and they lowered the fifth in. One climbed in after but came out after a while.

"When they saw us they seemed undecided what to do, but finally came up and one warned me not to say anything about it. I didn't know the boy was dead, of course, and thought it perhaps only a prank. "I could identify all four. One was fat and another red haired."

Following the conversation, an assistant state attorney was sent to Clifton to bring Row to Chicago if he thought it was warranted.

Goulds Return from East and Check Up Burglary

C. Z. Gould and daughter Elizabeth returned from New York Saturday and checked up the ransacking of their house by burglars during their absence. The thieves obtained some heavy winter coats and suits, and seem to have procured some of the household linen. None of the silverware was missing. Mrs. C. Z. Gould is still in the east and will spend the summer at Montreal, Canada.

Exams for Andover Entrance examinations for Andover will be held at the School of Individual Instruction June 18 and 19.

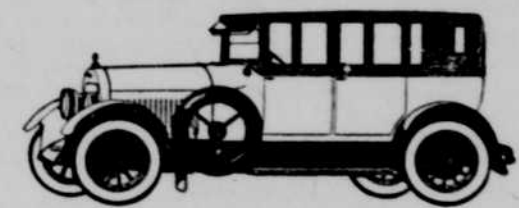
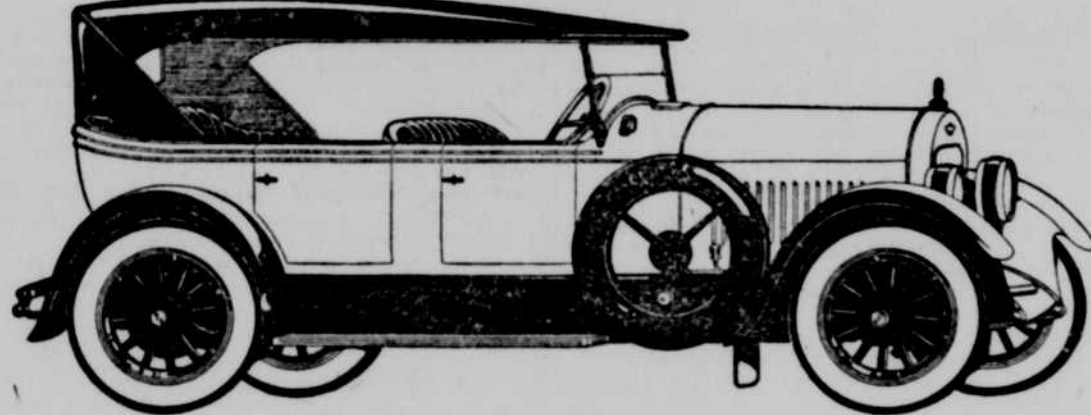
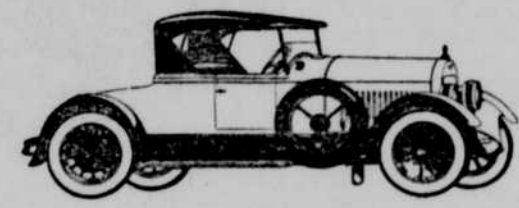


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