

### Lure of Fame Leads Girl on Spending Orgy

Graduate of Omaha High School Wastes \$6,000 Birthright Seeking Career on Stage.

Her dream of a career as an emotional actress a hurried graduate, Lena Frances Lapidus, 21, graduate of Omaha Central High school, is in St. Barnabas house, New York, disillu-sioned, waiting for aid, which may not come, from relatives in Chicago and Omaha. In the last two months her \$6,000 birthright has vanished. But in those 60 short days the adven-ture-starved little orphan drank deep-ly of the cup of life. Now again she is at its dregs.

Her birthright was spent, she told New York authorities in the search for Herbert Rogerson, dramatic teacher living on the Isle of Wight, who told her while she was a senior in school here that her success as an emotional actress was assured.

"My relatives tell me that I'll spend my birthright like a drunken sailor. I'm going to show them that I can do it," said the girl, on leaving Omaha June 20.

**Returns in Steerage.**  
She returned to New York in steer-age, penniless a week ago at Tues-day. After much seeking she found a job selling classified advertising for a New York newspaper. She was to start work on Monday. But after a night spent on a bench in Battery park she was not able to start the promised job. Eating 25-cent meals at long intervals, she wandered about the city, sleeping in ferryboats.

Thursday she was found asleep in the Broadway tabernacle and was placed in St. Barnabas house by the Episcopal city mission.

"I wonder if I will make a success as an actress," she said Thursday night. She said it wistfully, not the way she told friends in Omaha that she was going to have a career and would never return to them.

**Was Brilliant Student.**  
Lena Lapidus is the daughter of Henry Lapidus of Council Bluffs, who died 18 years ago. Her mother is dead also. The child was placed in the Cleveland Orphans' home by Benjamin Simons, Council Bluffs, her guardian, who now lives in California.

Lena entered Omaha Central High school in February, 1920. She carried five subjects and was a brilliant student, according to Miss Jessie Towne, vice principal. Miss Beasie Shackell, Latin instructor; Miss Alice West and Miss Sarah Vore Taylor of the English department also remember the girl well.

The senior class brought Herbert Rogerson to Omaha to direct it in the production of "The Vicar of Wakefield." Rogerson's version of the play was objectionable to high school mothers and faculty, and the produc-tion was banned at the high school.

**"Had Hard Luck."**  
Lena was playing the leading role—that of Olivia—and appeared in that part when Rogerson presented his play at the Brandeis theater. "The Vicar of Wakefield" was later revised and presented under faculty super- vision at the high school. But Lena was denied a part because she had not attended the school for a suffi- cient length of time, according to Miss Towne.

The high school annual for the 1920 class speaks of Lena and the events surrounding the production as fol- lows:

"Lena had hard luck, but she has the satisfaction of knowing that she is one of the best actors in the school."

**Gets Her \$6,000.**  
After her graduation Lena worked for a local advertising concern. Last June she was declared of age and given her \$6,000 birthright. She an- nounced that she was going to Europe to study dramatics.

Inquiries failed to reveal the ad- dress of Rogerson on the Isle of Wight, but she decided that she could find him after she crossed the ocean.

The girl is well remembered at the Foster service bureau, Burgess-Nash. "She walked in here one day in June with \$1,000 in \$100 notes in her hand," declared Miss A. M. Stein, head of the bureau.

"I want to go to the Isle of Wight and stop at Chicago, Niagara Falls and New York," she said.

**No Idea of Travel.**  
"She had no idea where the Isle of Wight was or that a passport was necessary. She was a very attractive girl, seemed about 18 years old and was dressed beautifully. Although she knew nothing of travel, she learned rapidly."

"She bought everything imaginable for the trip, regardless of price."

"She said she was surprised when the bank let her have \$1,000 of her money," said Miss Charlotta Hew- beck.

Lena visited her brothers, Joe and Ben, at Chicago and proceeded to Niagara Falls, where she was slight-ly injured in an automobile crash and forced to delay her sailing.

**Runaway Heiress.**  
Lena said in New York that she spent money in such a way on her way over that passengers thought she was a runaway American heiress. She says she could not find Rogerson and decided to appeal to George Arliss instead. She accused Arliss at the stage door one night and he

agreed to see her. She was late to the appointment, however, and Arliss had gone. Other search of dramatic approval proved fruitless. Her birthright dwindled to \$100 and she was several thousand miles from home. She appealed to the Red Cross and was started for New York in steer-age.

Miss Lapidus is a second cousin of Harry Lapidus of Omaha, father of Lester Lapidus, the boy who did the runaway stunt from citizens military training camp at Des Moines.

### 24 Coolidge-Dawes Clubs Organized in Nebraska

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
Lincoln, Sept. 19.—Harry E. Sack-ett, republican state chairman, an- nounced organization of the following in the last week with the name of the man at the head of each organiza- tion:

Schuyler, H. H. Woods; Pawnee City, A. R. Loch; Stanton, Dr. Bowles; Hebron, T. H. Carter; York, Roy Tucker; Arthur, R. H. Barber; Harrisburg, Fred L. Johnson; Broken Bow, A. R. Humphrey; Dakota City, J. J. Elmer; Chadron, Adla H. Morgan; Lexington, H. P. Nielsen; Hastings, W. F. Wood; O'Neill, Ira H. Moss; Tecumseh, Robert J. Nibbe; Agallula, J. S. Kroh; Stanton, John Armour; Central City, W. J. Stanley; Nebraska City, Paul Jensen; Hold- rege, Gust Abrahamson; Falls City, S. H. Bolejack; Loup City, W. E. Henry; Columbus, Carl Rohde, at- tending; Nelson, F. A. Scherzinger; Cam- bridge, G. E. Simon.

**Masons to Lay Cornerstone of New Columbus School**  
Columbus, Neb., Sept. 19.—Satur- day, September 27, 2:30 p. m., is the time fixed by the board of education for the laying of the cornerstone of the city's new senior high school, to be known as Kramer school. The ceremonies will be conducted by the Masonic order, which laid the cor- nerstone of the new courthouse. Robert R. Dickson of O'Neill, grand master of Nebraska Masons, has charge of the service.

### Nebraska News Nubbins

**Beatrice**—John Cummings, road- worker who was arrested on the charge of stealing E. L. May's Ger- man police dog, was released when May stated that he would not file a complaint against him. Mr. May drove to Cummings' home near Mor- rowville, Kan., where he recovered the dog.

**Plainview**—R. F. Tonner, vice president of the citizens state bank of Pierce, Neb., has accepted the position of cashier of the Breslau State bank, succeeding R. F. Wicks, de- ceased.

**Table Rock**—Sixteen applicants for the position of rural mail carrier on route No. 2 out of Table Rock have taken the examination. The appli- cants are A. E. Johnson, Harry Mad- den, Lester Taylor, Fred Martin, Har- land Taylor, Jess Price, Guy Talbot, Jessie Wopata, Ludvig Jansen, Lloyd Covault, Cecil Sandusky, G. W. Wad- low, Leland Morris and Clarence Ritchie.

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### Dr. Baltzly Takes Stand for Divorce

Pastor of Kountze Memorial Church Testifies for Member of His Flock in Court.

Harold A. Jensen, employed at night in a garage, now living at 2602 Sherman avenue, returned to his home at 5 one morning last spring and found his wife, Martha, and a man together and asleep, he testified in domestic relations court Friday in his suit for divorce.

Jensen did not do any shooting. He said he doesn't believe in that method. His wife, when awakened, said sim- ply, "Well, it can't be helped," he testified.

**Witness in Court.**  
When day came he went to his pas- tor, Rev. O. D. Baltzly, of Kountze Memorial Lutheran church, and told him what had happened. Rev. Dr. Baltzly was his witness in court.

"I am much opposed to divorce," said Dr. Baltzly. "It is not justifiable except in an extreme case like this. I went with Mr. Jensen to his home and talked to his wife. She did not deny what had occurred, but said 'It can't be helped.'"

**Would Not Promise.**  
"I tried to get her to do right in the future. Mr. Jensen said he was willing to take her back and over- look the past. But she would not promise to do better."

Dr. Baltzly has taken a firm stand against divorce and has preached against it more than once to his large congregation.

The Jensens were married October 25, 1917. Judge Day said the child will be given to the father.

**Farmer Killed by Lightning Found With Pipe in His Hand**  
Wymore, Neb., Sept. 19.—Light- ning struck and killed Ben Matti- son, a young farmer, near Haddam, Kan., as he was walking from his home to the barn. When struck he was in the act of filling his pipe and when his body was picked up he still held his pipe in one hand and the can of tobacco in the other.

Mattison's death occurred on the third anniversary of his wedding day and the burial yesterday was on the 50th anniversary of the birth of his mother, Mrs. John Mattison, of Had- dam, former resident of Reynolds.

**Woman Dies at 90.**  
Wymore, Neb., Sept. 19.—Mrs. J. F. Bohnsack, 90, mother of C. F. Bohnsack, Burlington railway worker of Wymore, died at the home of her son here Thursday and the body was shipped Friday to Manila, Ia., her old home, for burial.

**Farmers Sowing Rye.**  
Beatrice, Sept. 19.—A number of farmers in Gage county are planting rye, but will not sow winter wheat until later, or until more rain falls. The ground is very dry and farm work is behind on that account.

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### Burgess Bedtime Stories

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.  
Speed doesn't always win a race. Nor strength attain the victor's place.—Unc' Billy Possum.

**Unc' Billy Tries His Old Trick.**  
Poor, fat Unc' Billy Possum. He knew that Bowser the Hound would surely catch up with him. He knew that it was useless for him to run any further. Should he stop and fight for his life? Right down in his heart he knew that that would be as use- less as to keep on running. The only thing left for him to do was to try the trick that has made him famous. Unc' Billy has got out more than one tight place by means of that trick. It is the one thing he does best.

Bowser the Hound, with his nose to the ground, picking up the strong scent left by Unc' Billy Possum's hurrying feet, was having a good time. Bowser was enjoying that hunt. There is nothing he enjoys more than following some one with that wonderful nose of his. He knew by the freshness of that scent that he was almost on the heels of Unc' Billy Possum. He felt sure that within a minute or two he would catch Unc' Billy. He knew just what he would do. He would seize Unc' Billy in his great mouth and shake and shake him until he had shaken him to death.

Bowser stopped abruptly. He had come to the end of the trail. There was no Possum in sight running for his life. There was no Possum in sight showing his teeth and ready to fight for his life. Instead, right under Bowser's nose lay a Possum already dead. He lay on his side. His eyes were closed. His mouth was partly open, showing his teeth. It was astonishing. Bowser didn't know what to make of it. "I must have

run him to death," said Bowser to himself. "He ran so hard it killed him. Well, it saves me the trouble." Bowser sniffed Unc' Billy all over. There wasn't a sign of life. Bowser lost interest. He didn't pick Unc' Billy up and shake him. He did nothing more than sniff at him. He wasn't interested in a dead Possum. His only interest was in hunting a live Possum. You can't kill some one already dead. Bowser sat down and waited for Farmer Brown's Boy to come up.

Farmer Brown's Boy arrived in just a few minutes. When he first caught a glimpse of Unc' Billy lying there he thought that Bowser had caught Unc' Billy and killed him. It filled him with sadness. He had wanted



He held Unc' Billy up and examined him all over. Nowhere could he find the marks of Bowser's teeth. Nowhere could he find anything to show that Bowser had touched him. Then Farmer Brown's Boy began to chuckle. He remembered how Unc' Billy had played dead before.

"You old fraud," said he, talking to Unc' Billy. "You old fraud. You're just as much alive as I am. You may be fooling Bowser, but you are not fooling me. I'll just take you up to the house and put you where you'll be kept out of mischief for a while."

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### SURPRISE DINNER FOR CAMERONS

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Cameron, 5815 North Twenty-fourth street, were guests of honor at a surprise dinner Thursday evening arranged by their sons and daughters in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary.

Fifteen guests were present, in- cluding their daughter, Mrs. F. S. Stewart of Toledo, O.; their three sons, M. S. Cameron, Jay J. Cam- eron and Roy E. Cameron, all of Omaha, and their grandchildren.

**Thomas to Open Campaign in Platte County Tonight**  
Columbus, Neb., Sept. 19.—Judge J. J. Thomas of Seward, democratic candidate for United States senator, will fire the opening gun for the democratic party in the campaign in Platte county, when he addresses a public gathering in Frankfort square Saturday evening.

John Norton of Polk, farmer can-

didate for governor on the democratic speaking tour of the county in the ticket, will be invited to make a latter part of October.

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