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## UNION ITEMS

By Journal Field Representative

Charles Montgomery and family moved to Nebraska City Sunday.

Miss Irene Finkle is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Tillie Hargus, over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Harris of Omaha spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Con Watkins.

Doran Bowman has moved his barber shop into the building vacated by Charles Montgomery.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Chilcott were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Withrow Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Whittemore of Johnson spent the Christmas holidays at the L. R. Upton home.

The latest victims of chicken pox are Dorothy Applegate, Dorothy Clarence, Darryll Seefus and Patty Creamer.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pauls, Sam Vanpool and Blair Porter were Nebraska City visitors last Sunday evening.

Matt Midkiff and family of near Union spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Midkiff.

Another lot of ear corn was shelled at the elevator Monday, clearing out the crib in order to provide room for future deliveries.

Guests at the W. B. Banning home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Davis, Mrs. Tillie Hargus and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Mapes.

Register of Deeds Ray Becker and wife of Plattsmouth were guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Becker, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rue H. Frans and family of Syracuse were guests last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Ray Frans and son, James.

Mr. A. L. Becker still has a very sore foot, caused by burns which she suffered while frying eggs, when the hot grease popped out of the skillet.

Miss Dorothy Applegate is able to be about again after an attack of the prevailing malady—chickenpox—that kept her confined to her bed for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrit Dodson, who reside north of Nehawka were business visitors in Union and also enjoyed meeting a number of their friends.

Chas. Hatcliff and family of Julian and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hatcliff of Lincoln were guests at the John Armstrong home over the Christmas holidays.

A. L. Becker, accompanied by his

## This Announcement

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## Inaugural Ball on January 9 at U of N Coliseum

Will Be One of the Outstanding Events of Year—Gus Arnheim and Orchestra to Play.

The Nebraska inaugural ball committee announced today that plans for the inaugural ball is taking shape in such a way as to produce one of the outstanding events of the year. A reception will be held at the University of Nebraska Coliseum for Governor and Mrs. Griswold and the other constitutional state officers, members of the Nebraska supreme court, the speaker of the legislature and their ladies. Gus Arnheim, nationally famous orchestra leader and his entire band have been secured for the gala function.

The grand inaugural march promises to be most colorful and will be the outstanding event of the evening. All of the former governors of the state will be invited to attend and participate in the festivities.

The dress will be formal or informal and everyone is invited to attend. It is strictly non-political and all civic leaders in Lincoln are co-operating to make it an evening of enjoyment for the several out-state people that are expected to attend.

John B. Quinn, general chairman, reports that Gus Arnheim, the star-favorite and star-finder, will bring his famous orchestra to play for this number-one state affair. Arnheim was the favorite of the Duke of Windsor when he was at the Savoy Hotel in London, and of the stars during his phenomenal seven year run at the Cocoanut Grove in Hollywood.

His topflight band has been heard on radio commercials with Bing Crosby (whom he discovered), with Phil Baker, for Lady Esther, on the Fitch Bandwagon and the Lucky Strike Hit Parade.

Tickets are on sale at any of the downtown hotels in Lincoln and will be sold for \$1.10 in advance and \$1.35 at the door per person. Spectator's seats in the balcony will cost only 35c each.

Brigadier General Guy N. Henninger will be marshal of the day, assisted by Colonel Leo Crosby, of Omaha, and Colonel Edward Wilber, of Lincoln. General Henninger will be assisted by members of the governor's military staff at the reception and will be aided by Major Walter Gardner and Captain Palmer McGrew, of the U. S. Army State Commander Walter F. Roberts, of Wahoo, and State Adjutant R. C. Patterson, of Hartington, of the American Legion and State Commander Simon A. Simon, Omaha, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Quinn stressed the fact that the theme of the ball will be military, due to the fact that Governor-elect Griswold is a colonel in the reserve, and that National Defense is the theme of the day.

The statewide committee appointed to assist in the affair includes: Paul V. Armstrong, Auburn; Mrs. J. H. Brunson, Louisville; Harry A. Spencer, Lincoln; Mrs. M. N. Tucker, Nehawka; H. E. Kupping, Omaha; Mrs. Nettie Kibbie, Omaha; Charles S. Reed, Omaha; Mrs. Ralph Nickerson, Papillion; Earl J. Moyer, Madison; Mrs. Nell Krause, Albion; Lyle Jackson, Neligh; Mrs. Margaret Mapes, Norfolk; C. E. Alter, Alma; Mrs. Bruce Donald, Grand Island; John Riddell, York; Mrs. Ruby Coggin, Aurora; Melvin E. Rasdal, Ogallala; Mrs. A. T. Howard, Scottsbluff; Chris Abbott, Hyannis; Zelma Derry, Ogallala.

## FAVOR COUNTY MANAGER

TALMAGE, Dec. 31 (UP)—Nebraska's first congressional district taxpayers' association voiced opposition today to property tax limitation in the state.

At its convention here yesterday, the association went on record favoring repeal of the weight and length provisions of the 1939 truck law and advocating county manager form of government in Nebraska.

The association also approved the subsidization of Agrol gasoline by reducing its state tax two cents below that for regular gasoline and the removal of farm lands from high school districts.

Speakers include State Senator Edwin Schultz of Elgin, E. T. Winter, secretary of the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation, W. H. Mengel, Lincoln, member of the state planning board, and Paul Halpine, Lincoln, secretary of the Nebraska Commercial Truckers' association. President A. A. Miegadis of Talmage, presided.



## A Big Brother Succeeds

His many excellent traits of character were not quite enough to prevent fine-looking Owen from succumbing to the lure of all-night drinking parties with pleasure-seeking companions. A member of one of the best families in Nebraska, Owen had an average education, a loyal, helpful wife and held a position of trust with a large trucking concern.

Parites became an expensive burden. While drunk and brooding over his financial difficulties, Owen committed a burglary.

"Guilty" was his plea to the charge, and since it was his first offense, the court, taking into consideration his family history and past record, placed him on probation.

A civic organization provided a "big brother," who, while maintaining the strictest supervision over his ward, became Owen's close friend. No more parties, no association with former companions—instead for more than two years regular work and regular accounting to the "big brother" was the rule.

Owen recovered his self-respect, regained his standing in his home community, and, economic conditions notwithstanding, he began to progress financially. He commenced making payments on a home and now has only twelve more monthly installments to meet before it is clear of encumbrance.

A worthwhile citizen, Owen was retained in the community as an economic producer instead of being sent to a penal institution at a cost of approximately \$450.00 a year to the taxpayers of the state. There are thousands of cases like Owen's in which probation, properly carried out, has succeeded. About 80 per cent of the offenders do make good if properly supervised.

## The Tale of a Watch

The three-year burden of supporting a shiftless family, a task which appeared more nearly hopeless as time went on, finally became too heavy for Mack, now 17 and ambitious to advance himself. He gave his last dollar to the family and hitchhiked to a Madison county town, where a bachelor uncle was elated to have his companionship. The uncle found him a job.

One evening the two called on a jeweler who whiled away his otherwise lonely hours in his store. The men visited in the little office at the rear, leaving Mack to wander in admiration among the cases of jewelry.

Soon Mack stopped behind a counter in which lay a beautiful wrist-watch, just such a watch as he long had wanted. His wages were sufficient for his ordinary needs, but they would not cover the price of this watch. Ah, well, the owner had

## GEORGE W. MARSH DIES

LINCOLN, Dec. 31 (UP)—George W. Marsh, 88, who served ten years as state auditor and four as secretary of state, died today at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. F. Greenburg.

Marsh had been in critical condition since he suffered a stroke last Friday and had been in failing health for the past two years. A Nebraska resident for the past 75 years, Marsh served as state auditor from 1919 to 1927 and again from 1931 to 1933. He was secretary of state from 1901 to 1905.

Marsh was elected to both state offices on the republican ticket and was active in state republican activities. Before entering public life, he was engaged in the realty and insurance business.

Born in 1852 in Saline county, Missouri, Marsh was a member of a pioneer Richardson county family. Before he was elected to state office he served as Richardson county treasurer and was owner of the Falls City Journal for five years. He was not related to Secretary of State-elect Frank Marsh.

Surviving in addition to Mrs. Greenburg are two sons, Wayne of Lincoln, and Benton of Denver. Mrs. Marsh died in 1916. Funeral services will be held Thursday in Lincoln with burial in the family lot at Farada.

## PROPOSE NEW ARMORIES

LINCOLN, Dec. 30 (UP)—New

**J. Howard Davis**  
LAWYER  
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## RULES ON CLASSIFICATIONS

LINCOLN, Dec. 31 (UP)—Adjutant General Guy Henninger, state selective service director, today advised local draft boards that only registrants in class 1 could appeal for lower classifications.

"No appeal may be made by or for a registrant classified in class 2, claiming any lower classification," he said. He pointed out the appeal was solely on the written record made up at the local board. "No appearances, pleadings, or added evidence are made or introduced before the appeal board," he said. "Where further evidence is needed to reach a decision, the local board obtained it upon request of the appeal."

## Schools of State Big Consideration for Unicameral

Many Proposals to Be Offered Along the Lines of Reorganization of School System.

LINCOLN, Dec. 31 (UP)—Education promises to provide one of the major battle grounds of the 1941 legislative session.

Topping all proposals dealing with education are the state planning board's recommendations for a sweeping reorganization of the Nebraska school system in the interest of economy and efficiency.

But the suggested reforms already have become a center of controversy. Officials of small school districts in central Nebraska have organized an association to fight proposals for consolidation of school districts and elimination of eleventh and twelfth grades from small high schools.

Another sharp critic has been Senator Edwin Schultz of Elgin, chairman of the 1939 legislature's committee on education, who questioned whether proposed changes would effect economies and feared control of schools would tend to pass from local districts to state boards.

The program contemplates a single board of higher education to replace the existing university regents and the state normal board, and a state board of secondary education.

## SMITH PRAISES PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 (UP)—Former Governor Alf E. Smith, who took a walk from the democratic party in 1936 and kept going in 1940, endorsed President Roosevelt's defense broadcast "without qualification" today and indicated he favored American participation in the war if such action should be necessary to insure Adolf Hitler's defeat. He further declared that he was ready at 67 to "make my share of the sacrifices."

In a birthday interview, the 1938 democratic presidential nominee had words of praise for the man whose political foe he has been for nearly eight years for making what he called "a very courageous and straight-hitting speech."

Asked if he favored war against the axis powers on the part of the United States if mere aid to Great Britain short of war were not sufficient, he said, "Well, I think when you have promised to help a fellow, it's pretty hard to stop when he is going down for the last time." He added, however, that he had great faith Great Britain will survive.

## FIRE TAKES TOLL

EASTON, Me., Dec. 30 (UP)—Five sisters and their 19-year-old housekeeper perished early today when flames swept a 1½-story wooden building containing a general store and an apartment.

Only the children's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith, and a brother, James, 11, escaped. The dead were Doreen Smith, 10, Marie, 7, Carlene, 6, Irma, 4, Linda, 18 months, and Mrs. Vera Davenport, 19.

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## Natural Resources a Vital Part of National Defense

Secretary Ickes Urges Continuation of the Conservation Program to Aid the Nation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (UP)—Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes today described this nation's natural resources as the "sinews and muscles of our defense machinery" and urged their continued conservation as a vital part of the current rearmament drive.

In his annual report to President Roosevelt, Ickes said that the impact of the European war on American domestic economy had stressed the need for conservation. He added that during the period covered by the report, the 1940 fiscal year which ended last June 30, all of his department's resources had been geared to defense needs.

For example, Ickes said, the bureau of mines, while trying to make American petroleum deposits last as long as possible, also is conducting experiments on the production of synthetic petroleum.

"Few people realize the care with which the bureau is handling the nation's motor-fuel problem," he said. "The bureau's petroleum engineers are trying to make America's oil resources last as long as possible by showing the industry what it must do to avoid waste."

Ickes said that another interior department defense contribution was stabilization of prices in the bituminous coal industry. This industry, he said, is of "paramount importance" to national defense. Coal, he added, comprises 85 per cent of all fuels and energy consumed by railroads, 49 per cent of that used by electric utilities, and about 75 per cent of that used by general manufacturing plants.

Ickes also pictured a revitalized Pacific Northwest, with the emphasis on defense industries, because of federally built hydro-electric plants.

## APPEALS OTOE TAX CASE

LINCOLN, Dec. 30 (UP)—Wilson & Company brought two cases to the Nebraska Supreme Court today from Otoe county district court rulings in tax assessments.

One of the cases involved five tracts of land which the county board of equalization had valued at \$55,175. The district court reduced the value of one from \$47,000 to \$26,000, but upheld the valuation of the other four.

The second case involved a pork packing plant, which the county assessed at \$93,450. The company contended the value of the land was reduced by demolition of improvements and that the packing plant had been assessed after a contract had been negotiated to wreck it.

## INCORPORATE OIL COMPANY

LINCOLN, Dec. 30 (UP)—A new oil company, capitalized at \$25,000, was incorporated today as the Hays Drilling Company of Lincoln. Incorporators were listed as Jesse Hays, George Robinson and H. B. Muffley.

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