

New Car License Tags Go On Sale Next Wednesday

Sale of 1946 Nebraska motor vehicle licenses will begin on next Wednesday, according to Ruth Patton, county treasurer. "At least we hope to start selling the tags at that time," Miss Patton explained. "Delivery on our registration certificates has been held up by the truck strike and the certificates may not reach us by Wednesday. In that case there will be a delay."

Certificates

Miss Patton offered the reminder that car owners must obtain a certificate of title on their car before they can obtain a new license. Anyone not having this certificate may obtain it through the county clerk's office. "Anyone who is not sure whether he has a certificate of title or not," Miss Patton said, "can tell by looking at the 1945 registration. The number of their certificate of title appears in the upper right corner."

The license fees this year will be the same as they were for 1945. For cars under 2800 pounds (passenger cars) the fee is \$3.00. For vehicles 2800 pounds or over the fee is \$5.00.

The new licenses must be purchased by February 1, 1946.

For the first time since 1941 the car owners will receive two tags. The plates will have an oxide red background with white numerals.

Miss Patton said that it will not be necessary for those wishing to buy their new plates to go to the treasurer's office in person. Information may be sent in by mail and the plates will be returned by mail.

The next examination for new driver's licenses will be held at the courthouse on January 12, from 1 p. m. to 4 p. m.

Two Cass County Men Sign for Farm Operator's Course

Richard O. Cole, Plattsmouth, and Virgil Streich, Greenwood, have made application for enrollment in the farm operator's short course beginning at the University of Nebraska college of agriculture, January 2.

The short course the Cass county men plan to attend will last two months, or until February 27, and includes instruction in farm mechanics, livestock and crops. Courses will be taught by members of the college of agriculture staff of instructors.

J. V. Strub, short course supervisor at the college of agriculture, said that this year's enrollment promises to be one of the biggest ever. Past enrollments have averaged between 65 and 75 in previous years. This is the first time in four years that a complete farm operator's short course has been offered at the college. During the war years the short courses were abbreviated and dealt with one subject such as tractors or livestock.

Young Couple Are Married Saturday

Miss Florence Terryberry and Donald McClintock were married Saturday evening at the home of Rev. E. J. Moritz, pastor of the St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Terryberry of Louisville and graduated from the Louisville high school with the class of 1943. Recently she has been employed with the Style Craft Manufacturing company and plans to continue with her work. Her bridal outfit consisted of a green lime colored crepe dress with black accessories and a corsage of white roses.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Elsie McClintock of Plattsmouth and since his graduation from high school with the class of 1945, has been employed with Herman Ticketter.

Rumors Say Borman Captured by British

Nuernberg — (UPI) — President rumors circulated Monday, only to be denied in Nuernberg and Frankfurt, that Martin Borman, former Nazi deputy had been captured in the British occupation zone of Germany.

The unconfirmed rumors were to the effect that British intelligence officers captured Borman, and that he was the mysterious messenger mentioned but not identified in a British announcement Sunday night, regarding the discovery of documents relating to Adolf Hitler's activities just before the fall of Berlin.

Dr. O. Sandin



Dr. O. Sandin, who has been fire chief for more than twenty-five years, will retire effective January 1, 1946, from his duties with the department. He has been a member of the fire department for more than 30 years.

"Doc" started with the old hose carts and helped build the department up to the two modern motorized trucks and the small government trailer. He said today, "I appreciate working with the boys in the fire department. We got along fine together. I will always help them out in case of an emergency."

This is an enviable record, particularly since it is one of voluntary service to the community oftentimes requiring duty under hazardous circumstances.

Greenwood Man is Slugged and Left Lying on Highway

Fred Holka, of near Greenwood, was slugged and robbed by unidentified assailants and left lying unconscious on the highway Saturday night. Sheriff Joe Mrasek said Monday morning, Holka was taken to the St. Elizabeth hospital in Lincoln for treatment.

Sheriff Mrasek said that Holka was returning home on foot about 11:30 Saturday night on highway 6. His attackers apparently pulled up along side of him in a car, jumped out and slugged him, the sheriff explained.

Mrasek said that he had not a chance to talk to Holka to obtain full details of what happened, nor had he received a report on how seriously Holka was injured.

Chapman Funeral Services Monday

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Caldwell funeral home for Mrs. Aenes D. Chapman who died in Lincoln December 27. She was born in Plattsmouth and was the wife of the former Judge Samuel Chapman.

Dr. H. G. McCluskey of the Presbyterian church officiated. Frank Clodt sang two numbers, "Face to Face" and "Wonderful Peace" with Miss Estelle Baird serving as his accompanist.

Pall bearers were August Clodt, Waldemar Soemnichsen, Robert Walling, John Schreiner, George Wiedman and William Evers.

Interment was made at the Oak Hill cemetery.

Documents Show Hitler Died Hating Trio of Nazi Bigshot Organizers

NUERNBERG, (UPI) — Adolf Hitler died hating the trio of Nazi bigshots who once helped him try to rule the world—Hermann Goering, Heinrich Himmler and Rudolf Hess.

Among the most famous figures in the Hitler Gang, only crippled little Paul Joseph Goebbels remained loyal to his Fuehrer until the end. And in death, he, too, disobeyed Hitler's final order.

In Disgrace The other three were rubbed off the Nazi party lists in disgrace. Hitler spent his final days in what Goebbels called a "nightmare of treason," trying to perpetuate the Nazi legend.

This picture of treachery and hatred among one-time cronies emerged from publication of Hitler's last state papers, his political testament and personal will, written in the Berlin chancellery on April 29, 1945, while Russian shells exploded outside.

In measured words Hitler wrote "I expel from the party" before the names of Goering and Himmler. He accused them of bringing irreparable shame upon Germany by negotiating secretly with the enemy.

Honorable Men The new documents disclosed that Hitler appointed Goebbels as Chancellor of a last-ditch

Police Too Late to Prevent Suicide by Air Forces Veteran

TULSA, Okla., (UPI) — Police told Monday how they were a few minutes too late to save the life of a 42-year-old army air forces veteran who, they said, committed suicide after telephoning a brother in Omaha, Neb., of his intention.

Lt. Col. Gregory J. Cook called his brother, Hamilton in Omaha by long distance late Saturday night.

"I am going to commit suicide," the airman announced.

As his brother tried to dissuade the Tulsa man, the phone connection was broken.

Tulsa police, informed of the impending suicide, found Cook slumped in a chair in the second-floor office from which he apparently had made the call. On a desk were notes addressed to his wife, a daughter and his employer.

Authorities said Cook, who was on 90-day terminal leave, died of poison in a hospital 30 minutes later. Contents of the notes were not divulged.

Reduce Ceiling On Passenger Cars

WASHINGTON, (UPI) — Ceiling prices on used passenger cars will be reduced four per cent on January 1, the Office of Price Administration announced Saturday. It applied to used cars sold by dealers or private owners.

An OPA price regulation for used cars provides that ceiling prices be reduced four per cent every six months to cover depreciation. A four per cent reduction in ceiling prices previously became effective July 1.

Base Prices OPA gave the following typical base ceiling prices for new and used cars in region B:

Ford 1940 model V-8 de luxe two-door; present \$706, new \$678; Chevrolet 1940 model special de luxe two-door sedan, present \$643, new \$617; Plymouth 1940 model, de luxe two-door sedan, present \$701, new \$673.

Region B Region B includes Arkansas, Colorado, Madison, St. Clair and Rock Island counties in Illinois; Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Douglas county in Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Stiens Housing Bill

WASHINGTON, (UPI) — President Truman Monday signed into law a bill authorizing the National Housing Agency to spend \$100,000,000 to provide temporary housing for veterans and their families. The bill would authorize the government to reimburse cities, states, towns and communities for the money they have spent to acquire surplus owned housing units.

Fined \$10

Almont, Dickerson, Lincoln, was fined \$10 and costs Saturday by County Judge Paul E. Fauquet after pleading guilty to a charge of failure to stop at a railroad crossing.

Chiang Kai-Shek Accepts Proposal To "Cease Fire"

CHUNGKING, (UPI) — Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's government Monday announced mutual acceptance of a communist proposed "ceasefire" order in China's civil war.

The nationalists proposed that both sides appoint a representative to communicate with General George C. Marshall, president Truman's personal envoy concerning the best procedure of carrying out the cessation of hostilities.

Unity Meeting

Chiang's proposal was announced at a "unity" meeting of nationalist and communist leaders. It was the first time the two party leaders had met since the communists asked for a cessation of hostilities last week.

The nationalists proposed: That all hostilities cease and railway communications be restored.

That both sides appoint a representative to see Marshall concerning procedure for carrying out the cessation of hostilities and restoration of railway communications. Their report will be submitted to the government for action.

Five Observers

That the standing committee of the people's political council elect five impartial observers to inspect the military and communications situation in areas of the conflict. The mission would submit a factual report to the government.

The communists had proposed an immediate, unconditional "cease fire."

Counter Proposal

The nationalists counter proposal was announced but only a few hours after Chiang, in a new year's eve message to the Chinese people, expressed his willingness to form a coalition government and urged a "real unity through complete frankness and sincerity."

The Generalissimo had said that this government is "ready to invite leaders of society and representatives of other political parties to take part in government, either on policy making" (Turn to Page 4, Number 3)

Disastrous Flood Hits Oregon's Two Principal Cities

PORTLAND, Ore. (UPI) — Oregon's most disastrous flood in 50 years Monday besieged the state's two principal cities, Portland and Salem, after claiming two lives and damaging property worth millions of dollars.

The roaring flood swept at its crest into Salem, Oregon's capital, inundating thousands of acres of rich bottom land and hop fields and washing out processing plants.

Red Cross workers and army volunteers evacuated families directly in the path of the swirling waters.

Two persons were known to have drowned in the Coos Bay Area.

Police said the victims were Neil J. Barnes, a retired Baptist minister, and Harold B. Lyons, a farm hand. They died in an effort to save the minister's younger son from drowning after their rowboat capsized. The boy was rescued by neighbors.

Evacuation was impeded in the cities of Albany and Corvallis as raging flood waters washed out power transmission lines, darkening the two cities and nearby hamlets.

Forecast of more rain for the flooded valleys added peril to the critical flood situation.

Discharge Points Lowered by Army

WASHINGTON, (UPI) — An additional 600,000 army men and women became eligible for discharge Monday and the United Press learned that nearly one-half of all combat divisions have been inactivated.

The critical point score needed by enlisted men for separation dropped to 50 while male officers not in the medical services now need a total of 70. These point changes were announced previously by the War Department.

Length of service requirements for discharge were reduced to these totals: Enlisted men 42 months, male officers 48 months, enlisted WACS 30 months and WAC officers 39 months. Medical and dental corps officers are now eligible for discharge at the age of 48 while WACS married to discharged veterans may be separated on application.

Admiral Stark Defends His Actions at Pearl Harbor; Says Warnings Were Sent

WASHINGTON, (UPI) — Admiral Harold R. Stark insisted Monday he sent "adequate" warning to Pacific commanders before Pearl Harbor to alert them against a Japanese attack.

Stark said he had felt that the United States was already at war in the Atlantic, and that President Roosevelt ordered a task force assembled to seize the Azores six months before Pearl Harbor. The order was later cancelled.

Barred From Posts

On the basis of the navy board finds Stark and Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, then commander of the Pacific fleet at Pearl Harbor, have been barred from holding navy posts which require superior judgment.

Stark told the committee that: 1. Letters and dispatches he sent Pacific commanders prior to Dec. 7, 1941, were "sufficient to keep them informed on important military and political developments in the Pacific as we knew them."

2. "They had received adequate information and directives to be on guard."

Danger Known

3. "The danger of war with Japan and a possible surprise attack on Pearl Harbor" was well known to navy officers, including Kimmel, and "methods of meeting it had been fully considered."

As for the critical period from

October to the date of the attack, Stark called particular attention to:

1. A secret dispatch Oct. 16, 1941, regarding a Japanese cabinet change including the comment that "since the U. S. and Britain are held responsible by Japan for her present desperate situation there is also a possibility that Japan may attack these two powers."

2. A letter to Kimmel Oct. 17 in which he expressed personal doubts that Japan would attack the United States but said a White House conference developed the decision that "We should be on guard at least until something indicates the trend."

3. A letter to Kimmel Nov. 7 advising him that "things seem to be moving steadily toward a crisis in the Pacific. A month may see, literally, almost anything..."

4. A letter to Kimmel Nov. 14 commenting on differences between the United States and Japan and observing that "it will be impossible to reconcile such divergent points of view."

5. A secret dispatch Nov. 25 saying that chances of agreement with Japan were "very doubtful," and informing Pacific commanders that Japanese moves "indicate in our opinion that a surprise aggressive movement in any direction including attack on Philippines or Guam is a possibility."

War Warning

6. The navy's Nov. 27 "war warning" which told Pacific commanders that diplomatic negotiations "have ceased and an aggressive move by Japan is expected within the next few days." It instructed fleet commanders to "execute an appropriate defensive deployment preparatory to carrying out the tasks assigned in WLP-46" (the war plan).

7. Two secret dispatches Dec. 3 informing Pacific commanders that Japan had ordered diplomats to destroy most of their codes and secret documents at Hong Kong, Singapore, Batavia, Manila, Washington and London.

8. Secret dispatches Dec. 4 and (Turn to Page 4, Number 2)

Hirohito Repudiates Shinto Belief In His Own Divinity; Urges Japs To Forget 'Master Race' Illusion



BYRNES GREETED BY MOLOTOV—U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, right, is met with a hearty handshake by Russian Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov at the Spiridonovka Palace in Moscow as the "Big Three" meeting got underway. In the center is Molotov's interpreter Pavlov. (NEA Photo.)

Favors Monarchy For Government

TOKYO, (UPI) — Emperor Hirohito repudiated Shintoist belief in his own divinity Monday as a "myth" and called upon the Japanese people to forget their "master-race" illusions and work for the reconstruction of a truly peaceful Japan.

In his first major imperial rescript since the Japanese surrender, Hirohito urged his people to accept the fate of their defeat and to rebuild the nation along the lines of constitutional monarchy as provided for in the Meiji charter of 1868.

Fireside Chat

His rescript, issued in the form of a new year's eve fireside chat, contained no hint that Hirohito planned to abdicate his throne in the immediate future, as had been rumored.

Instead he dedicated himself to working with the people toward a peaceful reconstruction of Japan and promised that the government would make "every effort to relieve their present economic difficulties."

His rescript contained a note of alarm over the "radical tendencies" emerging in Japan since the end of the war, a hint that the still powerful imperial house believed the political swing away from the policies of the wartime governments might have gone too far to the left.

Morality Letdown

He also called attention to a letdown in the Japanese morality since the surrender, as reflected in reports of increasing lawlessness in various parts of the country.

Referring to the widespread belief in the imperial divinity which has been nurtured by the Japanese militarists to promote their own ends, Hirohito said:

"The ties between us and our people have always stood upon mutual trust and affection. They do not depend upon mere legend and myths. They are not predicted upon the false conception that the emperor is divine and that the Japanese people are not subject to other masses and fated to rule the world."

Hirohito reiterated his belief that Japanese reconstruction should be based upon the five-point program laid down by Emperor Meiji in his charter-oath at the beginning of the Meiji era.

The program envisaged powerful democratic government under a constitutional monarch, social justice for the working masses, abandonment of the outmoded traditions that hamper the national development and encouragement of interchange of ideas with other nations.

Holiday Accidents Cause 93 Deaths; Expect Many More

By United Press—Forty-two persons have died in traffic accidents since mid-night Saturday.

The Chicago Motor Club warned that old cars and slippery roads would bring added traffic hazards and suggested that "the best toast that motorists can offer to the future is to refrain from drinking while driving."

Miscellaneous accidents accounted for 51 deaths since midnight Saturday.

The National Safety Council predicted that between 325 and 400 persons will die of injuries received in traffic accidents during the 4-day holiday period.

Robert Patterson

Hamilton Field, Calif., (UPI) — Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson C-54 transport plane took off Monday for Honolulu on the second leg of an around-the-world flight to U. S. occupation zones of Japan and Germany.

WEATHER

Nebraska Forecast: — Mostly cloudy east; snow flurries extreme east Monday and along extreme east border Monday night; little change in temperature Monday; slightly cooler east and central Monday night; low Monday night 10 to 12 extreme east; 20 extreme west; partly cloudy with little change in temperature Tuesday.

WCTU Proposes Toast

CHICAGO, (UPI) — The women's Christian temperance union suggest the following toast—persip: The fire had taken to the coal seams and workers were unable to fight it because they face suffocation in the bad air.