

EDITORIALS

The February Sky

This is a good month to study the sky and the stars because the clarity of winter nights, even though it is cold, gives the stars a brilliance likening them to diamonds. If you can stand the weather, then, February is one of the best months to practice your amateur astronomy.

The Indians called February the month of the Hunger Moon because it was the month in which they had most trouble providing food for their families. Fish were buried under thick ice, the ground was frozen hard, digging was difficult, dried berries and greens were now almost nonexistent. In addition, bears were in hibernation and it was difficult to find enough game.

Since you do not have to obtain your food like the Indians, you might very well use February as a month to learn about the sky and the stars. Begin by finding the familiar Big Dipper. The Big Dipper also goes by other names, such as Great Bear, Ursa Major, Plough, and Charles's Wain. Notice the two outer stars of the bowl, which are known as the Pointers. They always point to the North Star, which is also known as Polaris.

Tonight, if you search the sky, you will find this to be true. You will also notice that the handle of the Dipper is composed of three stars and that very near the central star is another star, which is much smaller. Many people do not see this star, and it must be observed on a clear night, with the naked eye.

The name of this little star is Alcor and the middle-handle star is Mizar. These two stars were known to the Arabs as the Horse and Rider. They form a double star which was the first double star to be discovered (1850). The open part of the Dipper's bowl points into the open part of the bowl of the Little Dipper constellation, the end of the handle of the Little Dipper.

As you are observing the sky, and familiarizing yourself with the familiar Big Dipper, or Little Dipper, or North Star, remember that if these stars had ceased to exist eighty or ninety years ago, you would still be seeing them, since their light beams would be traveling to the earth: Knowing that light travels at terrific speed, one can well imagine what he is seeing, and the great distance he is investigating, in studying the sky.

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'Guard' Head Warns about Over-Emphasis on Missiles

A warning that an over-emphasis on rocket and missile warfare and neglect of ground forces, including our reserve components, could endanger national defense, has been sounded by Maj. General Warren C. Wood, commander of the 24th Infantry Division of the Lowa-Nebraska National Guard.

"I note with concern," Gen. Wood declared, "that a number of military experts have questioned that part of the President's budget for the next year which anticipates further reductions in the Army."

"The active Army will be cut another 30,000 to a strength of 870,000 and the number of divisions will again be reduced, this time by one to leave the Army with only 14 divisions."

"A sound military policy, one to which our military leaders long have subscribed, is to increase reserve forces as we reduce our active forces. But this sound concept apparently is being scrapped."

"The Army National Guard, the country's largest and most combat ready reserve organization will be forced in Fiscal Year 1959 to slash its strength by another 40,000. This will mean a cut of about 75,000 in the National Guard within less than two years. The strength of the Army National Guard in May 1957 was 435,000. Its present strength is 400,000. Budgeted strength for the coming Fiscal Year is 360,000."

"As military authorities and many members of the Congress have pointed out, this cut in active and reserve ground forces reduces the country's capability to cope with so called 'brush fire' or 'limited' wars. We are building a defense organization designed to fight only one kind of war: all-out nuclear war. The wisdom of this is questionable."

"While the Soviet Union maintains its 175 Army divisions, this country is planning to cut its active Army divisions to 14 and reportedly is planning to cut National Guard divisions to 21 or 22 from its present total of 27."

"There is no question that this country must push its programs for development of nuclear weapons, rockets and missiles, but we should not do this at the expense of our existing forces."

"Certainly, we should continue to maintain a strong National Guard. Not only is it the country's strongest and most ready force, but its our best buy for the defense dollar, costing about one-seventh as much to support a soldier in the Guard as in the regular establishment."

Call Your News And Social Items To 241

Howard's Homespun

Good advice: Losers should never bet.
★ ★ ★
Wars are not as deadly as automobiles.

★ ★ ★
Nature is grand so long as men and women leave her alone.

★ ★ ★
Maybe the reason advice is so cheap is because there is so much of it.

★ ★ ★
Ready cash, it seems, is able to out do magicians in a disappearing act.

★ ★ ★
Meals would be better if there were fewer recipes and more home cooking.

Down Memory Lane

20 YEARS AGO

Thirty farmers and their wives met at the Mynard community building to discuss the possibility of organizing a cooperative cold storage locker to serve the needs of the communities in this part of Cass county. A committee of E. H. Spangler, Roy O. Cole and County Agent D. D. Waincott had been investigating the matter and gave a report of the various places contacted and found an enthusiastic response. The meeting finally decided that a plant at Plattsmouth would serve a larger number in this section — Some seventy truckers of Cass county as well as other interested parties gathered at the district court room to discuss the new law covering rates and regulations. The rate has been increased in this city from 25c to 40c and this rate must be followed by those doing trucking — The farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stamp south of this city had a close call from being destroyed by fire that originated from a chimney burning out. Mrs. Stamp had sent out an alarm to neighbors as Mr. Stamp was bedfast in his room on the second floor of the house. On her return she had gone to the room and found the chimney stop had fallen out, burning soot scattered around the room and over the bed. Mr. Stamp was removed to the first floor of the house by neighbors and they assisted by Louis Lohnes and Carl Ofc of the fire department from this city had the blaze soon under control — Through the initiative of A. A. McReynolds, W. A. Ost and County Commissioner Elmer Hallstrom a taxpayers meeting was held at Nehawka. Speakers called upon were W. A. Ost, Senator Fred Carsten, former Senator W. B. Banning, R. C. Pollard and A. A. McReynolds. The meeting prepared resolutions to present to the board of county commissioners and the sheriff.

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The next meeting will be with Mrs. Ivan Hansen March 13. The Nehawka PTA will meet Thursday evening, Feb. 28 at the school. There will be a parent-teacher debate. Mrs. Fred Hansen and Mrs. Kent Balfour took their Sunday school classes to Nebraska City to see the Missouri Traveler. There were thirty in the group. Mrs. C. S. Finley, Portland, Ore., came Tuesday to be the guest for several weeks of her sisters, Mrs. Vina Beatty of Nehawka and Mrs. Norris Hoberg of Nebraska City. Debbie Spear was 5 on Feb. 16. Her birthday party guests Saturday afternoon were Theresa Kime, Barby and Bonnie Mayfield, Cathy, Linda and Charlene Roddy, Gerald, David and Elizabeth Ackley, Mrs. Ackley, Mrs. Gerald Kime, Mrs. Glen Rutledge, Mrs. Boyd Mayfield and Bill. Mrs. Marion Tucker baked the birthday cake. Joan Kime, Omaha, was an overnight guest Saturday at the George Kime home and was a guest of Debbie for her birthday dinner Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fitch were supper guests Monday of Harry Knabe. Mr. Knabe has moved into his new home northeast of Nehawka. Mr. and Mrs. John Knabe have moved to the home vacated by Harry Knabe and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Thorne have moved into the apartment at the Bessie Murdoch home which was formerly occupied by the John Knabes. Mr. and Mrs. Julian Johnson and family were supper guests Tuesday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fitch. The occasion observed the birthday of Mr. and Mrs. Fitch. Mrs. Ruth B. Pollard was taken to Brown hospital at Plattsmouth Saturday. Mrs. Pollard is 97. Mr. and Mrs. Oren Pollard, Mrs. Josephine St. John and Leonard visited her Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hansen entertained at a birthday dinner Saturday evening honoring Mrs. Hansen and their son, John, who was 7 on Feb. 19. Mrs. Hansen's birthday is Feb. 18. Guests were Miss Mae Krepel, Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hansen and Tommie, Plattsmouth, John Hansen, Frances and Arthur. Sunday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rosa and family, Nebraska City, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ross and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hansen and children. On Wednesday John took treats to his teachers and classmates of the kindergarten, first and second grades. Mrs. Visa Brown and son, Paul, entertained at dinner Sunday honoring the birthday of her brother, Alvin Cooper, Nebraska City. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Shellenberger and family, Leland and Nathan Cooper, all of Nebraska City. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ross were supper guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Joerg. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Meyer and son, Scott, Otoe were guests

30 YEARS AGO

The marriage of Miss Margaret Mahaffey, one of the popular members of the local teaching force in the Plattsmouth schools and Stuart Chase of this city, occurred at the home of the bride's parents in Omaha. After a short honeymoon they will return to Plattsmouth and then go to Colorado where the Chase family has extensive land interests — Patriotic organizations and veterans organizations have decided on forming a patriotic council. This council will comprise the Grand Army of the Republic, Spanish War Veterans, American Legion, Daughters of the American Revolution, Women's Relief Corps and American Legion Auxiliary. Mrs. E. H. Wescott was named as chairman and Mrs. F. R. Gobelman as secretary — Missouri river fishermen rejoiced over a decision at Lincoln by Judge Wheeler of the district court that the State of Nebraska had no right to interfering with fishermen in Missouri river waters using seines, traps and nets in that stream.

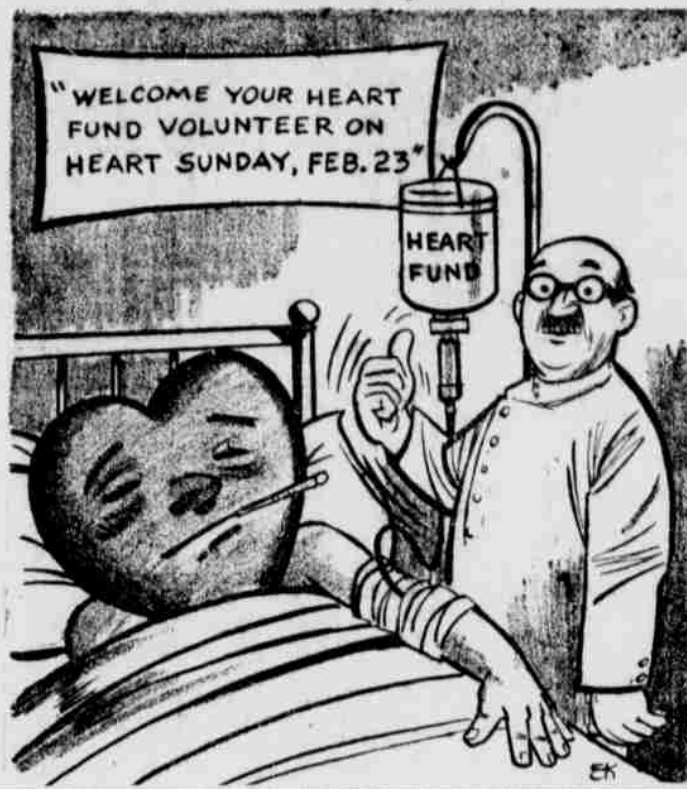
Soil Should Be Tested Now for Chemical Needs

Now is the time to get soil samples tested to find out whether lime and fertilizers are needed for spring-planted crops.

Liming where necessary is especially valuable for legume crops such as alfalfa and the clovers, states M. D. Weldon, Extension agronomist at the University of Nebraska. Nebraska agronomists list these six benefits from liming that can mean greater profits from crop production:

1. Liming helps stretch fertilizer dollars by making fertilizers more effective and getting bigger crop increases from the same amount of fertilizer.
2. Lime furnishes calcium and magnesium for plant growth.
3. Lime promotes the growth of beneficial bacteria, molds, and other organisms in the soil.
4. Liming helps improve tilth by promoting granular soil structure. This means better intake of water, less runoff and erosion, and more moisture for the crop.
5. Liming makes most crops more vigorous, better able to compete with weeds, insect pests and diseases.
6. Liming ensures a good stand and growth of alfalfa and clovers, better forage yield and feed value, and more effective soil improvement from these crops.

You Can Help Fill It



NEHAWKA NEWS

Mrs. F. O. Sand — Phone 2708

Dr. R. R. Andersen spoke on "Civil Defense" Thursday evening when members of the Junior Womens club met with Mrs. Ned Nutzman. A question period and discussion followed.

Mrs. Fred Hansen presided. It was voted to contribute \$25 to the library to be used as needed and \$25 to the Home Ec. Department of the high school. The nominating committee elected were Mrs. Elmer Ross, chairman, Mrs. Charles Martin and Mrs. Howard Heesch. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Deane Nutzman, Mrs. Kent Balfour, Mrs. Tom Johnson and Miss Mildred Nutzman.

The condition of Mrs. George Sheldon, patient at St. Mary's hospital at Nebraska City, remains the same. She suffered a stroke recently.

Mrs. Emma Nutzman, Mrs. Henry Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ross attended the Republican dinner at the Grand Hotel, Nebraska City Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Ward and Kent were weekend guests of the C. M. Ritters of Bennett. Mrs. Robert Wunderlich's sister, Mrs. Carl Ranney, arrived Monday from Austin, Tex., as to be the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gordon of Omaha and of the Wunderlichs. Mrs. Wunderlich will entertain at a luncheon for her Thursday. Mrs. Ranney will spend Wednesday night and Thursday with the Wunderlichs.

Mr. and Mrs. Wunderlich will attend several social functions given in Omaha honoring Mrs. Ranney, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gordon will entertain at a luncheon Tuesday, the Robert Ranneys will have a cocktail party Wednesday evening and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Otis, a dinner Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gordon Jr. will also entertain in her honor. Mrs. Will Ost, Mrs. Amelia Balfour, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Lacy and Bonnie, Mrs. Emma Nutzman, Mr. and Mrs. Ross attended the funeral of Mrs. Iola Davis at Weeping Water Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Deane Nutzman entertained at dinner Sunday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Nutzman and family, Mrs. Emma Nutzman and Mildred. World Day of Prayer will be observed at the Methodist church Friday, February 21 at 2:45 p.m. with both the Methodist and United Brethren churches participating. Mrs. Emma Nutzman is chairman of the program. The public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Willis were guests Friday evening of the Bill Crawford and dinner guests Sunday at the Scott Ransdell home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Henke, Palmyra and Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Harshman attended the Valentine square dance at Antelope park in Lincoln Friday evening.

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Mrs. Ray Ehlers and Mrs. Deane Nutzman were in Weeping Water Monday and Tuesday for Eastern Star work. The Brownies had a valentine party at the church Friday afternoon after school. The children took gifts to their mothers and the leaders, Mrs. Fred Wessel and Mrs. Deane Nutzman served refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wunderlich and family will go to Omaha Friday to visit her uncle, Warren Brechenridge of Minneapolis, Minn., a guest of the A. W. Gordons.

Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Scharp. Mr. and Mrs. Scharp and Stevie were dinner guests Sunday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brown of Nebraska City.

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Capitol News

By MELVIN PAUL
Statehouse Correspondent
The Nebraska Press Association LINCOLN—Nebraska is undergoing a change in transportation much akin to the switch from the horse and buggy, and the trend is showing up in records on file in the Capitol.

Records show an increasing number of requests for curtailment of railroad operations, despite a 12 per cent increase in rates approved last year, and larger number of mergers of small bus lines.

Trucks showed net profits down in 1957, and 14 bus lines want a boost in express rates. The only flourishing segment of the transportation industry appeared to be the airlines, most of which had sizeable gains in freight and passenger totals in 1957.

Generally, statehouse observers said, the records show a trend to private automobiles and airlines. If Nebraska is authorized to inaugurate a system of local airline service the switch from the railroads and trucks probably will be much greater.

In a major transportation decision, the State Railway Commission permitted the Chicago & Northwestern Railway to drop its last two passenger trains on the 445-mile Omaha to Chadron run.

In its order, the commission said under existing conditions on the line the railroad "can no longer compete successfully with other forms of transportation and stay in the transportation business."

The freight operation, however would remain intact on the run. The commission order said: "It cannot be disputed that the convenience of the automobile, the lack of traffic potential and population and the accessibility of hard-surfaced roads are the chief reasons for the decline in passenger traffic on the line."

The commission said the line is losing a quarter of a million dollars yearly in operating the two passenger trains. It made the removal order effective March 15.

Board of Control
The State Board of Control got into some familiar trouble over complaints against operation of the State School for the Deaf at Omaha.

The trouble involved public relations. Robert Reilly, of Omaha, president of the Association in the Interest of the Deaf, severely criticized operations at the school.

When Capitol newsmen attempted to get comment from Mrs. Catherine Martin, chairman of the board, she declined to see them. A day later, she came up with a "no comment" on everything except that a report was in the making.

Presented to the governor, the report praised general conditions.

Mrs. Emma Nutzman visited Delbert Munn at Rest Haven in Weeping Water Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hobscheid and sons, Union, were guests Sunday evening of the John Tanner's and Mrs. Henry Swartz.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stone and sons and Mrs. R. B. Stone were dinner guests Sunday of the Chester Stones.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Sturm left Thursday to spend the weekend with the Jim Sturm family at Sioux City, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Roberts and daughters of Omaha were guests for the day Saturday of the Earl Noltes.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Sand called on Mrs. O. D. Straub and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Straub Sunday. Mrs. O. D. Straub is making a satisfactory recovery from a bad cut on her forehead which required 32 stitches to close the wound. She fell on the frozen ground.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hansen and Bryce and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hansen made a business trip to Lincoln Monday.

School Notes
The FFA boys planned to serve an oyster and chili feed at the school Tuesday evening to raise funds for their organization.

The Juniors entertained the sophomores at a skating party Monday evening at Nebraska City.

4-H News
The Cooking Cuties organized their club Feb. 7 at the school. Mary Lindsey was elected president; Nella Pierce, vice president; Thelma Kettelhut, secretary and Dolis Wessel, news reporter.

The leaders is Mrs. Jack Lindsey and her assistants are Mrs. Vance Balfour and Mrs. Neil Pierce.

The projects the girls will take are beginning baking, sewing, health, meal planning. Additional members are Carol Balfour, Barbara Chandler, Jolene Meyer, Susan Balfour, Mrs. Merle Meyer served refreshments.

ditions at the school, subject of a study also in 1953.

Oil and Gas
State Geologist Eugene Reed has painted a glowing picture of possible expansion of oil exploration activities in Nebraska.

"We certainly believe there are other potential areas" than now being worked, Reed told a Legislative Council committee, meeting in the Capitol.

The committee met to gather information on an oil and natural gas conservation bill, which has been killed in the past two sessions of the legislature.

Reed said one area with a potential is further north in the Panhandle section of Nebraska. He said there is some development further to the southeast in Dundy, Hitchcock and Red Willow counties, as well as some production in Harlan county.

Small Schools
The State Board of Education March 4 will tangle with one of the most delicate problems in education in Nebraska—the plight of the small school.

Twenty-seven have been recommended for non-approval by the board, which means the districts in which they are located could not collect from the free high school tuition levy—paid by residents of districts not having an approved or accredited high school—to educate rural pupils.

State Education Commissioner F. B. Decker frankly admits that with many schools up for action, "we probably will be sued." But, he added, he would welcome such a move.

Such a suit would determine whether the State Board of Education can set standards for high schools.

Decker said the state has a hand in establishment of standards for most other things from weeds to milk and it makes sense to him to have the same power for schools.

Decker said it is becoming more difficult for small schools to operate financially and because of declining enrollments. When a school loses its approved status, the result usually is that it must close because citizens cannot bear the financial burden of keeping it open.

Not only must they find revenue to replace that gained from the free high school levy, they must begin paying the levy.

Long Term Care
A development of note on the hospital front has been pinpointed by Vern Pangborn, director of the hospital division of the State Health Department.

Pangborn said there is increasing interest in Nebraska communities to providing long-term care facilities.

These hospitals would care for the chronically ill and the aged. Sidney and Fremont, Pangborn said, provided the spark in developing interest in the long term patient projects out in the state. He said the increased interest probably will result in a dollar hike in hospital construction in Nebraska.

Jet Flight Apology
Berlin—The United States has apologized to the Soviet Union because a United States Air Force jet made an accidental flight over East German territory recently. A United States mission spokesman said the apology had been made in an oral exchange between the Soviet and United States members of the Air Safety Center, the big-four body that controls air traffic to Berlin.

Union Items

Mrs. L. C. Todd
Phone 2441

The Baptist Ladies' Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Ray Frans Feb. 13.

The ladies made donations to three organizations and also ordered gum labels to be sold by the Society. Mrs. Jesse Dysart conducted a Bible Quiz. Mrs. Elmer Pike gave a lesson taken from the "Missions Magazine". Mrs. Dysart served refreshments.

Due to the "deep freeze" school service were small. Many cars "refused to run". Rev. DeSpain is a patient at the Methodist Hospital. Dr. Richard Kellogg of Omaha, Director of Public Relations, gave the morning sermon.

Sunday dinner guests at the George Stine home, were Mr. and Mrs. Charles James and family of Bellevue.

The War Dads and Auxiliary held their February meeting at the Legion Hall with Mrs. Leo Roddy and Mrs. Robert Grundwald as hostesses. Mrs. Clyde Cook and Mrs. William Whipple are new members. Mrs. Charles Attebery reported on Civil Defense and Mrs. Clarence Beckard reported on membership.

A total of 43.40 was taken in by the benefit food sale, Feb. 1, sponsored by the War Dads and Woman's Club. It was voted to give \$1 to Crusade for Freedom and \$6 to the Pollo Fund.

The March meeting will be a covered dish supper, honoring Founder's Day Birthday.

Mrs. Elmer Pike, Mrs. Herman Comer, Mrs. Harry Gobelman and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Becker attended the all day meeting of the Lewiston Social Circle at the home of Mrs. Glen Thompson at Murray Tuesday Feb. 11. Mrs. Ray Creamer was co-hostess.

The lesson "Soups" was given by Mrs. Pike and Mrs. Gobelman. The March meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Fred Cambell.

Bob Harrah, Jr. is a shut in suffering from the flu and his father is trying to carry on after he has been under the doctors care for several days last week. This severe weather really demands a lot of garage service.

Mrs. Clyde Cook was hostess to the Factoryville Club last Tuesday, Feb. 11th. There were seven members present to enjoy a social afternoon. The March meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Dolly Griffin.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the church last Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Martha Exline as hostess and her guest, Mrs. Mitzner assisting.

It was voted to give \$5 to the Heart Fund. Co-chairman of the March of Dimes Fund reported that \$136.60 had been collected here.

It was decided to start a Prayer Group to meet the first 10 minutes of each meeting with all members present taking part in a short service prepared by the spiritual leader.

Mrs. Nettie Mougey reviewed the first chapter of the Study Book "Cross and Crisis in Japan". Refreshments were served by the hostess and her guest.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Here's the Answer
State Banner
HORIZONTAL
1 Depicted is the state flag of
8 It is nicknamed
13 Last
14 Tardier
15 Man's name
16 French river
18 Age
19 Italian river
20 Sells
22 East Indies (ab.)
23 Woody plant
25 Lean
27 Asterisk
28 Fees
29 Thoroughfare (ab.)
30 Atoop
31 Thorax (symbol)
32 Army officer (ab.)
33 Indian
35 Conduet
38 Rowing tools
39 Icelandic saga
40 Piece (ab.)
41 Prosper
47 Myotic circulation
48 Hole
50 Arabian town
51 Monk
52 Harden
54 Tappelling
58 Word puzzle
57 Ardent
VERTICAL
1 Adjusts
2 It is famed as a health