

NORM OF BROOM? BEVERIDGE KNOWS

Means Expectancy of Instrument Which Sweeps School Room Floor and 3,100 Square Feet is Answer.

Who ever heard of the "norm of a broom?" Superintendent Beveridge of the public schools has a collection of little norms running around in his office.

Webster says that a norm is a rule or authoritative standard; a model; a type.

Last July the superintendent said to the board of education: "I would like to have a man experienced in school research work to make surveys, to measure the mental growth of children and to compile statistics about boys and girls and school buildings."

The board said: "All right." The man engaged is H. W. Anderson, who is at work compiling all kinds of statistical information for use of the superintendent and school directors.

The norm of a broom means the expectancy of a broom, much the same as life insurance companies compute the expectancy of a person. An average broom in the hands of an average man and used to sweep an average school floor has a certain longevity based on what brooms have done in the past in Omaha schools. Brooms in the past in Omaha schools have been useful to the extent of sweeping on an average of 3,100 square feet of floor space per school year per broom.

On this basis and for Mr. Anderson's uses the norm of a broom is to sweep 3,100 square feet of space a school year.

By determining the number of square feet of floor space in each school building and applying the number of brooms used in the past year, it is easy to determine whether the broom usage has been more than or less than the normal. That computation has just been completed, not only with brooms, but with all janitors' supplies.

Some schools for the last school year checked less than the norm on brooms, while others checked considerably more than the norm. In the latter cases, the figure runs high, an investigation is made as to why the janitor is using so many brooms. That is the application of modern efficiency. It gives a reasonable check on the janitors.

A system has been devised whereby the mental growth of children and of rooms may be determined. The efficiency of a teacher may be figured with comparative accuracy; also the efficiency of methods of teaching spelling, arithmetic and other studies.

But determining the norm of broom—why, that is as easy as eating pie.

**School Bonds Endorsed
By the Commercial Club**

The first organization in Omaha to endorse the \$2,250,000 school bond issue is the Commercial club. The executive committee, with 23 of its 27 members present, unanimously adopted a resolution favoring the bonds as follows:

"Be it resolved by the executive committee of the Omaha Commercial club, that we endorse the proposition submitted to the people of Omaha by the Board of Education for the issue of \$2,250,000 of bonds for the construction of school buildings, believing that it is our imperative duty now in time of war, as well as in time of peace, to maintain an efficient public school system, to the end that the generations now passing from childhood to maturity shall be prepared to meet the duties which must fall upon them during and after the great war in which the country is now engaged."

**Skipper Bill Schipke to
Leave For Havana Sunday**

"Skipper Bill" Schipke, former Washington and Omaha base ball player, applied at the federal court for passport to Cuba. He will leave Sunday for Havana, where his wife's uncle owns the Cuban-American jockey club race track. "Skipper Bill" has a job there as a clerk. It will be the third winter he has spent there. "The job pays \$10 a day," he says. "They have ninety-two races scheduled for this winter."

**General Wood Commends
Spirit of Omaha People**

"There is a fine spirit in your city," writes Major General Leonard Wood in a letter to Commissioner Manley of the Commercial club thanking the club and Omaha for the entertainment afforded him while he was here last week.

"There is a fine spirit in your city," said the general. "I believe the people all over the land are beginning to find themselves, and are going into the war with the real spirit of victory."

**Alleges Wife Left Him
While He Was Sick in Bed**

Deserted by his wife after more than a quarter of a century of married life is the allegation of John M. Carney, suing Annie Carney for divorce in district court. They were married April 7, 1880. He says she left him August 13, 1909, while he was sick in bed, and took all the furniture with her.

Heavens in November

By WILLIAM F. RIGGE.

There is nothing of unusual interest transpiring in the heavens this month. The days are shortening a whole hour, being 10 hours, 25 minutes long on the 1st; 9 hours, 53 minutes on the 15th, and 9 hours, 25 minutes on the 30th. On the 23d the sun enters Sagittarius.

The sun is its fastest of the whole year on the 3d, 16 minutes, 22 seconds. This makes it only 7 minutes, 26 seconds slow on central time, so that the artificial noon of our clocks and the natural noon of the sun are closest together. In February they are farthest apart.

On the 28th Jupiter becomes technically an evening star, rising then when the sun sets. Saturn and Mars are morning stars, rising on the 15th, respectively, at 10:51 p. m. and 12:46 a. m. Venus is evening star, on the 29th it is farthest from the sun and sets then at 8:05 p. m.

The moon is in conjunction with Jupiter on the 1st and 28th, with Saturn on the 6th, with Mars on the 8th and with Venus on the 18th.

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4. 6:58-12:06-5:30	4. 6:58-12:06-5:30	4. 6:58-12:06-5:30
5. 7:00-12:08-5:32	5. 7:00-12:08-5:32	5. 7:00-12:08-5:32
6. 7:02-12:10-5:34	6. 7:02-12:10-5:34	6. 7:02-12:10-5:34
7. 7:04-12:12-5:36	7. 7:04-12:12-5:36	7. 7:04-12:12-5:36
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MOON'S PHASES.
Last quarter on the 9th, 11:02 a. m.
New moon on the 14th, 12:28 p. m.
First quarter on the 21st, 4:29 p. m.
Full moon on the 28th, 12:41 p. m.

Residents of Florence And Benson Must Register

All residents of Benson and Florence who wish to vote at the special school bond election November 20 must register on or before November 9. Election Commissioner Moorhead has sent out notices calling attention to the fact Benson and Florence voters are required to register before they can become qualified voters in Greater Omaha. Registration is made necessary by the taking of the suburbs into the metropolitan city.

Special registrations will be held at the city halls in Florence and Benson Saturday. The election commissioner also calls attention to the fact that Omaha voters who have changed place of residence since last election must register if they wish to vote on the school bonds November 20.

Cigar Store Dealers Rush To Pay Floor Taxes on Stock

A big rush is on at the United States internal revenue collector's office now to pay "floor taxes." These are taxes on stocks of tobaccos, cigars and cigarettes which were in the hands of retailers on October 4 when the new bill went into operation.

The local office mailed more than 6,000 tax schedule blanks to as many dealers in Nebraska. Amounts paid range from 5 cents to several hundred dollars from each dealer.

Tie-Up At Moorcroft Makes All Trains Late

Burlington trains from the northwest were seven to eight hours late on account of a tie-up of the track near Moorcroft, Wyo. The cars of a freight train were scattered along the track when the drawbar of one car was pulled out. No one was injured, but the track was considerably torn up, delaying traffic.

Glass of Hot Water Before Breakfast A Splendid Habit

Open sluices of the system each morning and wash away the poisonous, stagnant matter.

Those of us who are accustomed to feel dull and heavy when we arise; splitting headache, stuffy from a cold, foul tongue, nasty breath, acid stomach, lame back, can, instead, both look and feel as fresh as a daisy always by washing the poisons and toxins from the body with phosphated hot water each morning.

We should drink, before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it to flush from the stomach, liver, kidneys and ten yards of bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour bile and poisonous toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary tract before putting more food into the stomach.

The action of limestone phosphate and hot water on an empty stomach is wonderfully invigorating. It cleans out all the sour fermentations, gases, waste and acidity and gives one a splendid appetite for breakfast and it is said to be but a little while until the roses begin to appear in the cheeks. A quarter pound of limestone phosphate will cost very little at the drug store, but is sufficient to make anyone who is bothered with biliousness, constipation, stomach trouble or rheumatism a real enthusiast on the subject of internal sanitation. Try it and you are assured that you will look better and feel better in every way shortly.—Advertisement.

PRESBYTERIANS TO HOLD FOOD MEETING

General Session Will Figure What Church Members Can Do to Help Win the War.

Presbyterians of Omaha, Nebraska and western Iowa are banding together for concerted action in line with the plans of the government in winning the war by the conservation of food and everything else that is needed by the boys who have enlisted, the allies, and those who are remaining at home. With this end in view, a general meeting, or rally of Presbyterians has been called for Thursday afternoon and night, November 22, at the First Presbyterian church in this city.

The Omaha rally is called at the suggestion of the national service committee of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church and will be the only meeting of its kind that will be held in Omaha, or eastern Nebraska, or western Iowa. Consequently it is the hope of the officers of the national service committee that Presbyterians attend both of the sessions.

Afternoon for Ministers.
The afternoon meeting is intended for the ministers of the Presbyterian church and the officers of the associations affiliated with the organization. Following the afternoon meeting a banquet will be served in the dining rooms of the First church. This will be attended by local and visiting clergymen and by the church officers.

In the evening a mass meeting will be held and to this all Presbyterians of Omaha and the surrounding country are invited.

At both of the meetings N. H. Loomis will preside and among the speakers who are high up in the council of the Presbyterian church will be J. Wilbur Chapman, moderator of the general assembly; Rev. John F. Carson, Brooklyn, and Rev. William H. Foulkes, Philadelphia, all three members of the national service committee.

For the occasion, a large choir is being selected from the choirs of the Presbyterian churches of the city and this organization will supply music at both of the meetings.

A publicity committee consisting of W. D. Percival, of The Bee; Sands F. Woodbridge, of the World-Herald; Editor Orchard, Council Bluffs Nonpareil; W. H. Kearns, Young Men's Christian association, and N. H. Loomis has been selected to furnish information relative to the meetings.

Judge Refuses to Permit Jurors to Lay Down On Job

When jurors trying the case against Albert Gard, charged with stealing three hogs valued at \$150, reported to Judge Sears, sitting in criminal court, that they could not come to an agreement, the judge sent them back to continue their deliberations. The veniremen had been out all night when they reported a disagreement.

NEW PROBLEM FOR RAILROAD HEADS

Inability to Purchase New Motive Power Gives Operating Officials More Worry as Winter Approaches.

Railroad operating officials assert the railroads are confronted by the most serious problem that they have ever been called upon to solve. The problem is how they are going to be able to keep the standard of the motive power up to the normal.

Information reaches Omaha railroad circles that next year it will be impossible to buy locomotives. Word comes that all of the locomotive works of the country have ceased work on domestic orders and concentrated on machinery for Russia and France. It is said that hundreds of locomotives ordered by the roads of the United States have been commandeered and as soon as finished have been sent abroad for overseas service. To some extent, what has happened in connection with freight cars that were ordered this year.

Unable to buy the normal number of new engines, operating officials of the Omaha roads take a gloomy view of the future. They say that during the last year the capacity of the motive power has been severely taxed and now, with winter coming on, it is going to be a difficult matter to handle the immense business that is in sight and at the same time keep the trains running on schedule.

Talk of Henry Dunn As Commissioner Candidate

H. W. Dunn, chief of police, for city commissioner is the latest political gossip in the city hall. That is possibly the significance of the rumor about his forthcoming resignation.

City Commissioner Butler said he heard the story from a "reliable source."

Chief Dunn has not returned from a hunting trip. His resignation as chief has been mentioned recently, but Superintendent Kugel declared he had heard nothing on that subject since the police investigation last summer, when the chief stated he was considering going into a business venture but would never quit while his department was under fire.

W. L. Smith Goes to France In Service of Uncle Sam

Winifred L. Smith, 416 South Thirtieth street, applied at the federal court for a passport to France. He is a pipe fitter and is going over as an employee of the New York Manufacturing company, York, Pa., which is to erect ice plants for the use of the army. He will be in the temporary service of the United States quartermaster's department. The position pays \$200 a month and expenses.

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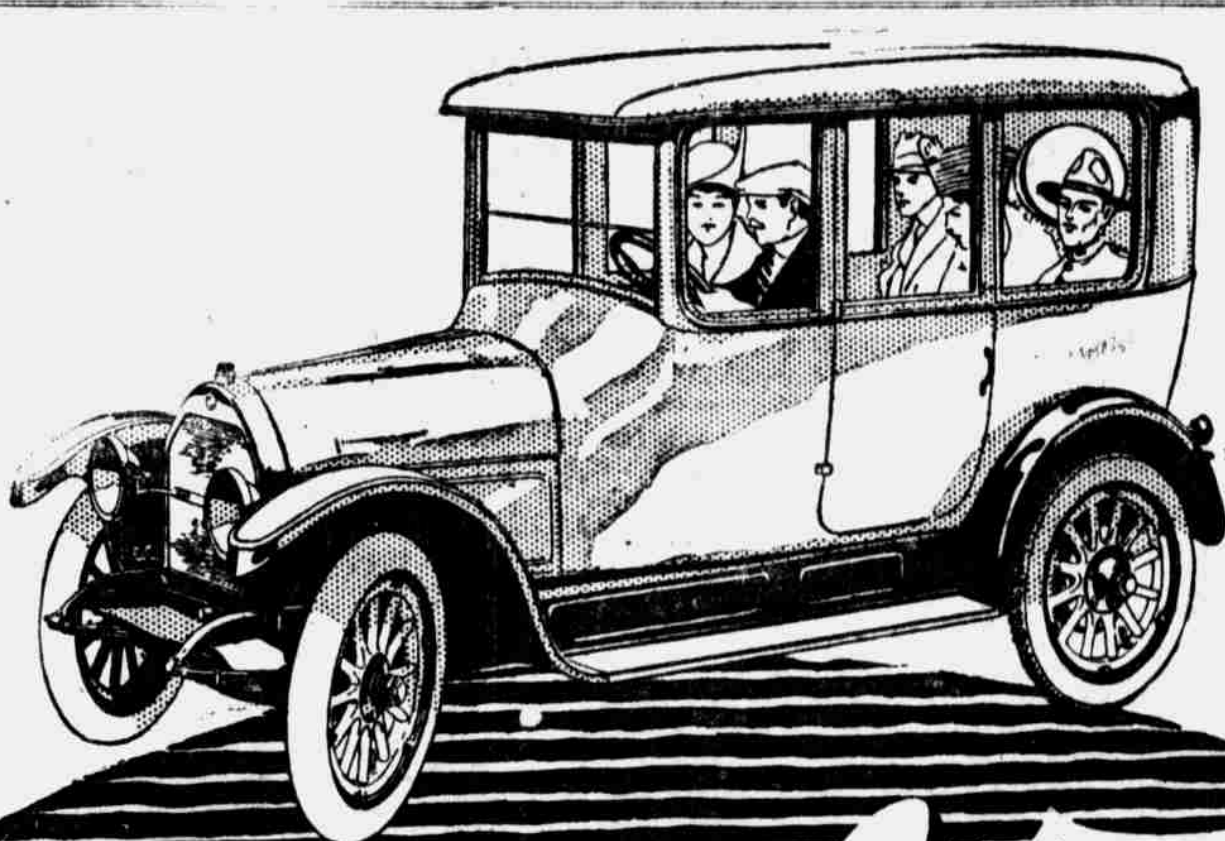
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