

CHICAGO-OMAHA AIR MAIL TRIPS START MARCH 15

Superintendent of Division, in City Yesterday, Announced Plans for Six-Day Service, Use Eight Planes.

W. J. McCandless, superintendent of the Omaha-Chicago air mail division, yesterday announced official plans for the contemplated opening of the Omaha-Chicago air mail service by March 15.

Four planes will be stationed in Omaha, one in Iowa City and three in Chicago, Mr. McCandless said. At least a part of the planes should arrive here within the next week, he said.

Mr. McCandless later is to choose from eight Omaha applicants two men to serve as aeronautical mechanics, and two helpers. The Omaha station personnel also will include a chauffeur to operate a mail truck between the postoffice and the Ak-Sar-Ben landing field.

Time of the flyers between Omaha and Chicago is expected to average from three hours and 45 minutes to four and a half hours. The aerial service will save 24 hours in mail transportation between Omaha and New York City.

Mr. McCandless said that he had been taking shipments of merchandise from express wagons and by sold it to various retail merchants throughout the city.

Hahn, an ex-soldier and professed drug addict, is said to have been the brains of the gang. He has a police record.

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Oscar Lind, 3505 South Twenty-fourth street, was arrested last night in connection with the theft of the goods from the Merchants Express Co., Paxton & Gallagher and other large wholesale houses in Omaha, according to police.

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LONG, LONG TRAIL TODAY'S FAVORITE FOR "SONG WEEK"

Brilliant, Noonday Program at Orpheum Theater—Many Meetings for Tonight.

"Home, Sweet Home," was the song-reminded particularly yesterday in Omaha in connection with observance of "National Song Week." This classic is being sung in the schools and will be sung in many homes tonight.

The special song for today is "There's a Long, Long Trail." Miss Blanche Sorenson led the singing at Comenius school yesterday afternoon. Margaret O'Toole, principal, arranged an interesting program.

The local committee wishes again to emphasize the public meeting to be held in the Orpheum theater, today noon, 11:50 to 12:50.

ARREST OF 22 MEN UNCOVERS SCHEME OF ROBBERY GANG

Systematic Theft of Thousands in Canned Goods Is Disclosed.

A systematic scheme of selling thousands of dollars worth of canned goods, groceries and tobacco, said to have been stolen from wholesale houses recently, has been uncovered with the arrest of 22 men, charged with grand larceny and receiving stolen property, according to police.

Much of the loot has been recovered, police say. Paxton & Gallagher, wholesale grocers, Merchants Express Co., Gordon-Rainier, Paxton & Co. and the Simon Grocery Co. were the victims of the thefts.

The arrest of Ray Hahn, 2911 Oak street, and William Olson, 16 years old, 2408 South Sixteenth street, led to the recovery of the stolen stuff. Both are charged with grand larceny.

Congress Scored.

Springfield, Mass., Feb. 26.—Congress was scored for an alleged attack on the merit system through the exemption of Volstead act agents and inspectors from civil service examinations in the report of the League council, read in the annual conference of the National Civil Service Reform league.

Make Less Housework! What's the use of cooking when you can have POST TOASTIES

—says Bobby

VINDICATION IS EXPECTED IN PROBE OF FIRE

Evidence Given at Hearing Indicates Firemen Did Not Shirk Duty at Dr. Adams' Home.

Complete vindication for members of Hose company No. 24, of the Omaha fire department looms as the outcome of Commissioner Harry B. Zimman's investigation of implications by residents of Florence that the firemen were guilty of misconduct in failing to remove persons overcome by smoke when the home of Dr. Arthur B. Adams, at 8406 North Thirtieth street, burned Sunday.

A board of investigation consisting of Commissioner Zimman, C. A. Salter, chief of the Omaha fire department, and C. G. Crager, battalion chief in charge of the second district, which includes Florence, listened to conflicting testimony from 10 citizens at a hearing held in Florence yesterday afternoon, which those who attended the hearing declared, failed to shake the case members of the hose company under fire established for themselves.

Previous hearings held by the board had narrowed suspicion of cowardice, which was the charge made by several witnesses against the firemen to Captain James I. Jensen and Driver Stewart Dale.

Dr. Adams repeated his testimony of how he removed his 9-year-old son, Gene, who was ill with pneumonia, and his daughter, Madeline, 19 years old, from the burning building and that he notified everyone within hearing that Miss Nellie Jones, Arthur Adams and Albert Walkup were still in the house.

John Williams, proprietor of a garage across the street from the Adams home, and Edward Claycomb stated that no firemen offered to enter the building and as a consequence they were the only ones to ascend the ladder to rescue those in the building. Mr. Williams told of finding Miss Jones unconscious in the house.

Their testimony differed directly from that of Dr. Adams as both say they were on the roof before the doctor and his family descended the ladder. Neither could state positively that they and the Adams family were the only people on the roof.

Captain Jensen told of stationing two men to lay the hose and another at the hydrant leaving only himself and Driver Dale for other duty and that they erected a ladder to the front porch immediately. He said when told that Arthur Adams was in the house he immediately sent Dale up the ladder. He explained that he heard Mr. Williams call the firemen "yellow" and gave him permission to follow Dale. He said he had confidence in Williams and thought he would be of assistance.

A moment afterwards he testified that someone said there was another boy in the rear and that he started a search of the rear stairway for him but was unable to locate anyone. He said he returned to the front of the house and Dale told him everyone was out of the building.

Dale testified the same as Captain Jensen and told of helping Dr. Adams to descend and heard Williams break a window which he entered a moment later in search for trapped occupants. He said he saw Miss Jones on the roof and went to the rear in time to see Arthur Adams rescued.

Commissioner Zimman stated that testimony by Jesse Rich will be the last hearing of the investigation. At the conclusion of Dale's testimony, he stated that no one had yet been able to state positively that Dale had not carried out his captain's orders, nor had it been shown that Captain Jensen failed in the execution of his duty.

DISCREPANCY IS FOUND IN BREAD WEIGHT IN CITY

Fifteen-Cent Loaves Vary in Size from 23 to 17 1-2 Ounces—Propose Standard Loaf.

The weights of loaves of bread being sold in Omaha this week for 15 cents each, range from 23 to 17 1/2 ounces, according to an announcement by J. W. Long, city inspector of weights and measures.

Mr. Long bought 15-cent loaves made by all local bakers and weighed each sample. He reported the lightest loaf, which weighed 17 1/2 ounces, was produced by the largest bakery, and the largest loaves were offered by the small bakers.

He found no 24-ounce 15-cent loaves, but he learned that two small bakers are selling 16-ounce loaves at 10 cents, which is equivalent to 24 ounces for 15 cents.

Quantity Doesn't Lower Price. "What puzzles me," Mr. Long said, "is the wide difference between the loaves sold by the small bakers and those offered by the largest bakery in Omaha. I have been led to believe that quantity production tended toward a reduction in price, but in the case of bread in Omaha this seems to have a reverse effect."

Bakers claim the differences are due to variation in quality. Mr. Long stated that he will renew his efforts before the city council to obtain the passage of an ordinance requiring standard bread weights in Omaha.

Entertain Bee Newsboys. Bee newsboys were entertained at the Y. M. C. A. Wednesday night. The swimming pool and the gymnasium attracted the particular attentions of the carriers. The house was thrown open to the guests.

FAIL TO IDENTIFY UTAH SUSPECT AS MAIL CAR ROBBER

Clerk Uncertain When Confronted—However—Check Shows \$8,000 Stolen.

Postoffice Inspector W. M. Coble announced yesterday that \$8,000 in currency was the total loot obtained by the lone bandit who held up five mail clerks and robbed a Union Pacific mail car January 30 between Fremont and Omaha. Reports had been circulated the amount totalled \$200,000.

The man scattered on the floor of the mail car and trampled over \$20,000 worth of war savings stamps and thousands of dollars worth of Liberty bonds, Inspector Coble said.

Earl L. Lauer, arrested in Salt Lake City, Utah, and held here in connection with the robbery, has repeatedly denied any connection with the holdup. Mail Clerk Hartwell, one of the five men held up in the mail car, failed Wednesday to identify Lauer positively as the bandit.

Lauer willingly donned a mask and presented himself for inspection by Hartwell, but refused to follow Inspector Coble's suggestion he go through the motions of a holdup with a revolver offered him.

Valuable Prizes Awarded At Market Week Dance. A large crowd of merry-makers attended the dance at the Auditorium last night given by the Merchants' Spring Market association which has been meeting in Omaha during the week.

During the evening prizes were awarded as follows: Two-ton Douglas automobile truck valued at \$1,900, J. F. Stringer, Omaha, S. D.; men's shoes, George Lange, Baillet, Neb.; silk shirt, William Berkam, Schleswig, Ia.; woman's silk waist, Miss Lorraine Gretchen, Earl, Ia.; dozen pair silk hose, Miss Harover, Henderson, Ia.; dozen silver spoons, Mrs. H. J. Moeller, Westside, Ia.; beaded hand bag, Mrs. H. T. Westbrook, Jamaica, Ia.; electric reading lamp, Mrs. George McGinnis, Springview, Neb.

Bee Want Ads Are Best Business Boosters.

DENIES FARMERS OFFERING \$100 FOR FARM HELP

Omaha Free Employment Bureau Challenges Statement of President Gustafson and Demands Names.

Robert Holmes, superintendent of the free employment bureau, maintained in the city hall by the Board of Public Welfare, yesterday stated that he takes exceptions to statements of C. H. Gustafson of the Farmers' Co-operative union that Nebraska farmers are offering \$100 per month on board for farm workers and are unable to obtain enough help at that rate of pay.

"The records of our office are open for inspection," Mr. Holmes stated. "I am in touch with nearly all of the county agents of this state and they send their requests for farm workers to this office, because we are glad to co-operate in the effort to get city men to the farms. We have not had one call for a farm worker at \$100 per month. The best offer I now have on file came from Lynn Sheldon, county agent of Polk county. He asked for 10 farm workers, and the pay offered was \$65 per month and board. He also called for 20 married couples with the offer of \$75 per month per couple."

"The pay now being offered by Nebraska farmers, according to our records, runs from \$50 to \$65 per month for single men and \$75 per month for married couples.

"If Mr. Gustafson will send me the names of any farmers who are offering \$100 per month for farm workers, or even \$90 per month, I do not believe there will be much trouble in obtaining the men to take these jobs.

"I want to be fair in this matter, but I do not propose to allow Mr. Gustafson's statement to go unchallenged. I now have in my office calls from various counties in Nebraska, and the figures I have given were sent to me by the various county agents, and in some instances by individual farmers."

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- \$2.25 All sizes silk hose, with lisle garter tops, full fashioned, for BROWN ONLY. \$1.55
- \$2.25 All sizes, pure silk, lisle garter top, full fashioned, for WHITE ONLY. \$1.45
- \$1.50 Black silk lisle, full fashioned, for SIZE 9 ONLY. \$1.10
- \$1.25 Silk and fiber hose, broken sizes, for PLAIN COLORS ONLY. 89c
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