You and Iowa

By Loyal Meek

—Photo by Walt Carstens, Lisbon.

No Longer Eager, Beaver?

DID a certain eager beaver bite off more than he could chew? It would appear so in the case of the cottonwood tree pictured above. The tree is about four feet in diameter at the base.

A beaver—or beavers—made a cut about a foot deep and a third of the way around the big tree before saying "Aw, to heck with it."

Some authorities have a different theory, however: They say beavers often cut part way through a tree, leaving it for the wind to blow down—in which case this particular cottonwood would crash into the Wapsipinicon river about six miles southeast of Anamosa and dam up the stream in one swell foop.

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Totty McCool et al

MRS. A. D. Jordan lowered her field glasses from her eyes and announced to her son, Gordon Lord, McGregor photographer, "Mama Lere has a baby."

That declaration, coming from a person who had been looking through field glasses, sounds startling, but to Gordon it was only amusing, for he knew that his mother had just spied the name "Baby Lere" on the pilot house of a towboat passing up the Mississippi river.

Earlier, Mrs. Jordan and her son had spotted the name "Mama Lere" on a towboat and had added it to their collection of intriguing towboat names, such as: Jincy, Lady Ree, Buna, Cherrystone and Totty McCool.

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MRS. Jordan and Gordon Lord have a home in McGregor on a hillside overlooking the Mississippi. For several summers they have watched the increasing parade of "push-boats," so-called by the river pilots because the barges are always in front of the boats.

This year, mother and son have kept a record of towboat names, and, as of last week, had 59 on their list, plus two dredges—William Thompson and Rock Island—and the coast guard vessel Fern, which patrols the upper Mississippi.

Among the names of the towboats, there are many feminine ones. In addition to those already mentioned, they have recorded Jean Frances, Hortense B. Ingram, Ellen, Eleanor, Emily Jane, Barbara Jane, Linda Clotin, Marlyn M., Celeste and Barbara, not to mention Mid Continent Queen.

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Happy Birthday

WILLIAM McKee of Walker, who reached the age of 82 Saturday, will have a special birthday party in his home tdday.

Helping him celebrate will be 11 children, 25 grandchildren and 34 great-granchildren. Special feature of the birthday party is that a son and a grandson among the kin present to join in the celebration have their birthdays on the same day as Mr. McKee.

The family had hoped to carry this unusual record a step further, but a couple of great-grandsons arrived two and three days too late.

Lucile Bacher Estate Is Valued at $48,000

DAVENPORT (UP) — The estate of Lucille Bacher, who was killed last year when bandits attempted a robbery of a drug store, was valued at more than $48,000, it was announced Friday.

The value of the estate was disclosed in a preliminary inheritance tax report filed in Scott county court here Friday.

Her husband, Henry, who was in the store with her at the time of the killing, was named as executor. He is now living in New London, Ia.

Mrs. Bacher was killed Nov. 29, 1955, when bandits attempted a drug robbery at the Bachers' store.

Crash Injuries Prove Fatal to Iowan, 51

GREENFIELD (UP) — Charles Cummings, 51, of Fontanelle, earth-moving contractor, was fatally injured Friday when his pickup truck collided with a semitrailer truck on Iowa 92 about 3½ miles west of here.

Eldon Kelley, 46, of Omaha said Cummings' pickup swerved in front of him as they met at the crest of a hill. Kelley suffered a wrenched back.

Area Development Conference To Be In Oelwein Friday

OELWEIN—T. E. Davidson II, director of the Iowa Development Commission, Saturday urged everyone in this area who is interested in community development and attracting new industry to attend the commission's area conference in Oelwein Friday at the Zion Lutheran church.

The Oelwein conference, one of six to be held throughout the state, will present "a convenient opportunity for you to discuss your questions about industrial promotion and particular problems confronting your town. The meeting will also better acquaint you with our state's promotional agency."

There is no registration fee, or charge for the meeting, except for luncheon.

This will be the program in Oelwein:

9 a.m. Registration.

10 a.m. Welcome—Oelwein official. Introduction and general comment—T. E. Davidson II.

10:20 a.m. Panel discussion: "Activities and Services of the Iowa Development Commission", "Function of Research in Community and State Development" Bernard F. Nowack, assistant director; "How We Can Help You Help Yourselves", Ronald P. Hallock, director of industrial promotion; "Telling the Story of Iowa — And Your Community", Clare Kessell, publicity director.

Noon—Luncheon recess.

1 p.m. "Problems? We all have them! Let's talk about yours!" During the afternoon session a discussion technique will be employed to bring out the problems facing a community in its efforts to attract industry.

Adjournment will be at 3 p.m.

The development commission will also hold area conferences in Cherokee Monday, Eagle Grove Wednesday, Washington Tuesday, Knoxville Wednesday, Sept. 19; and Atlantic, Friday, Sept. 21.

---Sales Taxes---

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1951 and second last year and this year.

Other counties in the top ten and rankings included: Cerro Gordo, second in 1951, third in 1955 and 1956; Scott, seventh in 1951, fourth in 1955 and 1956; Black Hawk, eighth in 1951 and 1955 and fifth in 1956; Webster, fifth in 1951 and 1955, sixth in 1956; Woodbury, fourth in 1951, sixth in 1955, seventh in 1956; Clay, sixth in 1951, seventh in 1955, eighth in 1956; Marshall, tenth in 1951, ninth in 1955 and 1956; Dubuque, out of first 10 in 1951 and 1955, tenth in 1956; Hardin, ninth in 1951, tenth in 1955, out in 1956.

East Iowa Counties.

Among Eastern Iowa counties, these were the per capita sales tax collections during the last year:

Allamakee, $13.25; **Benton**, $20.67; Buchanan, $16.65; Cedar, $20.81; Clayton, $16.86; Delaware, $16.86; Dubuque, $29.62; Fayette, $21.33; Iowa, $21.75; Johnson, $24.55; Jones, $21.35; Keokuk, $16.74; Louisa, $16.80; Muscatine, $25.03; Poweshiek, $20.77; Tama, $18.77; Washington, $23.39; Winneshiek, $17.59.

Food purchases accounted for 26.44 percent of the tax collected in 1956, 23.86 percent in 1951. Utilities paid in 8.54 percent of the total in 1956, 6.55 percent in 1951. Businesses in the miscellaneous category paid in 9.15 percent in 1956, 7.90 in 1951.

Other categories, all of which showed a drop, were: Apparel, 4.40 percent in 1956 and 4.60 in 1951; general merchandise, 24.15 in 1956 and 27.92 in 1951; furniture, 3.90 in 1956 and 3.95 in 1951; motor vehicle group, 9.26 in 1956 and 10.07 in 1951; lumber and materials, 10.48 in 1956 and 11.34 in 1951; service, 2.92 in 1956 and 3.12 in 1951; contracting, .49 in 1956 and .69 in 1951.

Vending machines were not listed in the 1951 report, but accounted for .27 of the total last year.

Increases Noted.

All of the top five counties and cities showed increases over a year previous and five years previous. The 1956 totals were:

Polk, $9,600,914; Linn, $4,279,478; Scott, $3,563,510; Black Hawk, $3,333,960; Woodbury, $3,309,731.

Des Moines, $8,870,826; Cedar Rapids, $3,683,264; Sioux City, $3,069,700; Davenport, $3,011,576; Waterloo, $2,669,866.

The 1956 report represented only three quarters under the new rate because it represents collections by the state in the fiscal year starting July 1, 1955, when the new rate went into effect, but is based on business in the 12 months starting April 1, 1955.

The merchant collects the tax in one quarter, passes it along to the state the next.

Fiscal Year Totals.

The fiscal year totals for Eastern Iowa counties and their principal cities are:

Allamakee, $301,080.65; Lansing, $35,257.19; Postville, $81,842.86; Waukon, $150,916.64; rural, $32,519.23.

Benton, $458,335.98; Belle Plaine, $105,616.40; Vinton, $190,244.74; rural, $161,995.10.

Buchanan, $365,032.89; Independence, $199,983.77; rural, $164,493.67.

Cedar, $351,999.27; Tipton, $133,773.73; rural, $217,892.33.

Clayton, $379,746.45; Elkader, $84,277.61; Guttenberg, $60,418.44; McGregor, $36,767.76; Monona, $45,105.37; Strawberry Point, $46,783.75; rural, $111,649.57.

Delaware, $298,077.55; Manchester, $199,504.76; rural $98,315.83.

Dubuque, $2,112,047.27; Dubuque (city), $1,762,924.75; Dyersville, $136,953.89; rural $210,579.28.

Fayette, $603,552.70; Fayette (city), $46,005.45; Oelwein, $291,813.17; West Union, $114,007.36; rural, $150,942.73.

Iowa, $344,412.40; Marengo, $98,393.20; Williamsburg, $69,012.57; rural, $175,928.75.

Johnson, $1,123,544.53; Iowa City, $972,319.52; rural, $150,812.84.

Jones, $414,244.11; Anamosa, $144,277.46; Monticello, $152,660.62; rural, $116,303.84.

Keokuk, $281,172.26; Keota, $42,410.62; Sigourney, $106,763.05; What Cheer, $24,341.37; rural, $107,258.45.

Linn, $4,279,478.87; Cedar Rapids, $3,683,264.56; Marion, $217,234.90; Mt. Vernon, $61,498.40; rural, $313,564.72.

Louisa, $186,477.89; Columbus Junction, $76,967.87; Wapello, $48,077.54; rural, $61,052.09.

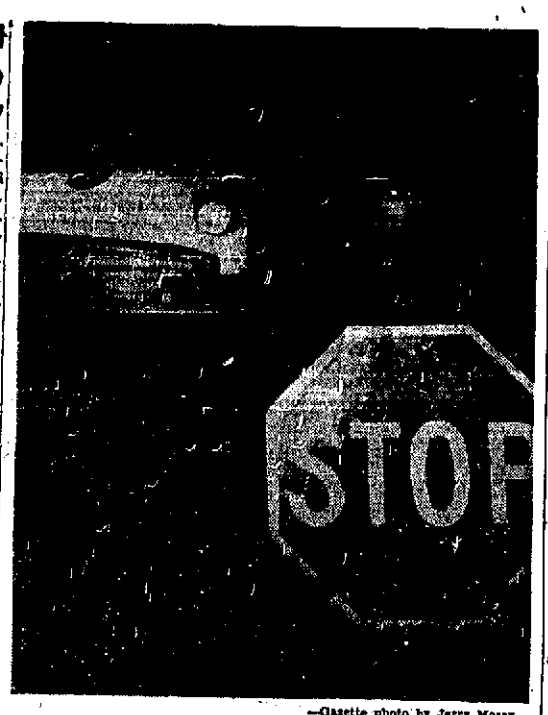
Muscatine, $804,702.97; Muscatine (city), $604,929.24; West Liberty, $71,861.33; Wilton, $73,561.01; rural, $52,973.46.

Poweshiek, $401,766.22; Brooklyn, $67,182.87; Grinnell, $236,793.74; Montezuma, $57,648.96; rural, $39,602.54.

Tama, $407,165.14; Tama (city), $100,020.57; Toledo, $75,398.03; Traer, $71,282.48; rural, $160,022.37.

Washington, $457,568.76; Washington (city), $275,019.26; Wellman, $48,974.73; rural $133,044.62.

Winneshiek, $380,610.50; Decorah, $253,047.42; rural $127,291.60.



—Gazette photo by Jerry Mosey.

CONCENTRATED PATROL — A fast-moving task force of Iowa highway patrolmen swung into action for the first time Friday. One of the first areas hit by the group was around Iowa City. Captain James Machholz is shown checking lights on a car on highway 6 just east of Coralville Friday evening. Other patrolmen were running a speed check farther down the highway. At one time in the afternoon, there were six patrol cars on highway 218 between Cedar Rapids and Iowa City. Some of the patrolmen reported they had put in as much as 17 hours a day on task force duty.

Iowa Bride, 18, Killed in Crash

CHEROKEE (INS) — An 18-year-old bride of one month was fatally injured Friday night when she lost control of her auto on highway 59 about one-half mile north of Larrabee.

She was Mrs. Richard Kelly, a senior in the Cherokee high school, whose husband is employed at a grain elevator in Larrabee.

Sheriff Carl Schleff said Mrs. Kelly was alone in her car when it went out of control, struck a bridge abutment and landed on its top in a ditch.

Her death was the second traffic fatality in Cherokee county this year.

Farm Youngster Hurt In Tumble from Window

Special to The Gazette.

WHITTIER — Terry Bailey, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bailey, was injured Saturday morning when he fell out of a second-floor window at the family home near Whittier.

The child was taken to St. Luke's hospital in Cedar Rapids, where he was to undergo an X-ray examination.

NFO Delays Candidate Endorsement to Oct. 2

DES MOINES (INS) — The Iowa chapter of the National Farmers Organization Saturday deferred until Oct. 2 its decision in the November elections.

Meeting in Des Moines Friday, directors of the Iowa chapter discussed the campaign pledges of various candidates but adjourned without making any formal endorsements.

Highway Jobs in East Iowa To Be Let on Tuesday

AMES—Several projects, including bridges, culverts and grading, are slated for letting by the State Highway Commission Tuesday.

The jobs include:

Paving.

Johnson county — At junction of highway 218 and a county road, .15 miles of asphaltic concrete paving.

Bridges and Culverts.

Benton county—One reinforced box culvert on county road H and six box culverts on county road C.

Cedar—Seven box culverts on county road H from Lowden north to Massillon.

Clayton—Box culvert on local road in Section 1-92-3W.

Fayette — Three culverts on county road B and one I-beam bridge in the area.

Linn—A concrete deck girder bridge on a local road at Marion.

Poweshiek — Continuous concrete slab bridge on a local road.

Tama—An I-beam bridge on a local road in Section 13-86-16.

Grading.

Benton — On county road H north to Blairstown, .75 of a mile. On county road C south to the Iowa county line, 2 miles.

Cedar—On county road H from Lowden to Massillon, 3.5 miles.

Iowa—On a local road, 1.6 miles, and on county road R, 2.9 miles.

Winneshiek—On local road, 2.9 miles.

Surfacing.

Fayette—On Iowa 150 from West Union to Winneshiek county line, 8.6 miles. On Iowa 296 from Wadena north to Iowa 56, 4.1 miles. Both of crushed rock.

Iowa—On road out of Marengo north, 1.5 miles, and on Iowa 220 from Amana to East Amana, 1.2 miles. Both crushed rock.

Johnson—On Iowa 153 from highway 218 south 3.8 miles. Crushed rock.

Tama—On county road N, 2.9 miles, and on road N at south edge of Tama 4.2 miles. Crushed rock.

Winneshiek—On road C, .78 of a mile; local road, 3.8 miles, and on Iowa 150 from Fayette county line north to Calmar, 7.3 miles. Also two local road projects, involving about 5 miles. All crushed rock.

Funeral Directors Short Course Set

DES MOINES — A refresher course for funeral directors and embalmers will be held at the Kirkwood hotel here Wednesday and Thursday under the direction of the State Board of Funeral Director and Embalmer Examiners.

Registration will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday. Carl F. Kestner, president of the Federated Funeral Directors of Iowa, will speak at 2 p.m. and Prof. Ray E. Slocum will lecture at 3 p.m. A banquet will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by a program at which Dr. Edmund G. Zimmerer, commissioner of health, will speak. Other lectures and business sessions are slated later in the evening.

The meeting will open Thursday at 10 a.m. in the sales pavilion of the state fairground. Prof. Slocum will speak. Lectures on all phases of embalming will be held during the afternoon.

—Gazette photo by Carl Frantz.

CORNELL DEAN AND WIFE — Cornell college faculty members last week met their new dean and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Howard W. Troyer. The Troyers will move to Mt. Vernon later this year. Dr. Troyer presently is professor of English at Lawrence college, Appleton, Wis. The Troyers have three sons, Philip and John, twins, 18, and Michael, 13.

First Institute For TB Workers Set at Oakdale

OAKDALE—The first of a series of six fall regional institutes for volunteer tuberculosis workers will be held at the state sanatorium here on Tuesday.

Another institute will be held Thursday at the First Methodist church in Strawberry Point.

The institutes will include presentations of the Christmas Seal sale, publicity and year-around program activities for local tuberculosis associations. This year's Christmas Seal sale opens Nov. 15.

Officers and committee chairmen of the local county tuberculosis and health association have been invited to the Oakdale institute, which begins at 9 a.m.

Counties included in the Oakdale district are Clinton, Davis, Des Moines, Henry, Iowa, Jefferson, Johnson, Keokuk, Lee, Linn, Louisa, Mahaska, Muscatine, Poweshiek, Scott, Van Buren, Wapello and Washington.

Counties in the Strawberry Point district are Allamakee, Benton, Black Hawk, Bremer, Buchanan, Cedar, Chickasaw, Clayton, Delaware, Dubuque, Fayette, Floyd, Howard, Jackson, Jones, Mitchell, Tama and Winneshiek.

BERTRAM — Mrs. Paul Caldwell has been returned home from St. Luke's hospital, where she was under observation and treatment for several days.

Iowa State Plans Fire Prevention Workshop

AMES—Iowa State college will hold a fire prevention workshop, the first in the nation to be presented by a college and the first to be presented at Iowa State college, Sept. 27 and 28.

Purpose of the basic fire prevention workshop is to give representatives of the fire insurance industry a better understanding of fire problems as related to the field of insurance.

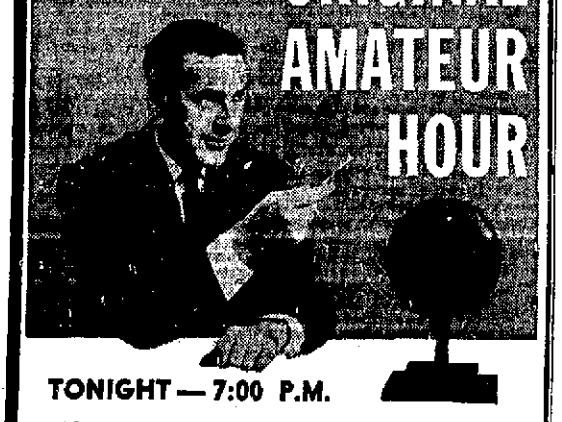
Cooperating in the workshop will be Iowa Association of Insurance Agents, the Iowa Association of Mutual Insurance Agents, the Iowa Fire Underwriters Association, the Mutual Alliance of Iowa, the Iowa Fire Prevention Association and the Farm Mutual Reinsurance Company. The program will be presented by the Iowa State college engineering extension service for the state stock and mutual companies.

Three Iowans To Attend Ike Rally at Gettysburg

DES MOINES (INS) — Three Iowa Republican leaders have accepted invitations to attend a political picnic at President Eisenhower's Gettysburg, Pa., farm Wednesday at which Mr. Eisenhower will formally launch his re-election campaign.

Iowans planning to attend are W. Harold Brenton of Des Moines, Republican national committee treasurer; Mrs. Brenton, and John Keith Rehmann of Des Moines, national vice-president for the Midwest of the Young Republicans organization.

SPOTLIGHT ON TALENT! TED MACK AND THE ORIGINAL AMATEUR HOUR



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