

SESQUICENTENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS



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J. R. Dunlap unofficially known as "South Dakota's Melon King" remarked he picked all his melons himself and that his eyes were about worn out. He said any melon man could spot a ripe melon anytime with his eyes, and that the plink-plunk system was as far out of date as hoop skirts and bustles.

Dr. G. W. Collins was honored at a surprise party in the Methodist Church in observance of his 38 years of consecutive services as the director of the Methodist

Church choir.

Entering five fraternity houses early Monday morning, a lone robber made off with \$416.00 in cash, three typewriters, two wrist watches and a new suit of clothes. No clues to who the robber might be have come to light at the present time.

Work will begin on the new hospital Monday. Contractor Holtz said that under the PWA regulations, he is required to use labor from the local relief lists for all work except where skilled work needs to be done.

According to Gordon Carman, Captain of the University team said it was a tough battle to win when Austin school and Jolley School clashed in a fight to the finish football game. Austin nosed out the victory by 35 to 0.

The enrollment at the University stands at 711 at noon on Monday. Last year at the close of the first week there were 596 students enrolled.

Vermillion fire insurance rate was made more secure Monday when the city council

purchased a new fire truck from the Luverne Fire Apparatus Company, giving the city a truck pumping capacity of over 1000 gallons per minute. The other truck was purchased in 1922. The new truck will cost \$5500.00. The old truck will be repaired as soon as the new one arrives, giving Vermillion one of the best equipped fire departments in South Dakota.

The Fullerton Lumber Company is observing their 50th Anniversary with a special sale.

Two men arrested in Oregon for robbery of several fraternity houses in Corvallis, Oregon are believed by local officials to be guilty of the fraternity robberies here recently. The money taken in the local robberies was sent to a lady in Racine, Wisconsin. Receipts from postal money orders and Western Union were found on the suspects when arrested in Oregon. The two men, aged 25 and 26 have been sentenced to 5 years in the penitentiary.

Place your cut flowers in a

copper vase. They will last one to three days longer. This is due to the fact that some copper dissolves in the water and hinders the growth of bacteria which causes flowers to wilt.

Farm hands are getting a dollar a day with board on the average the country over, for the first time since January 1, 1932, reports the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Powell's Westerville Store is paying 25 cents a dozen for poultry eggs. Sugar in a 10 pound cloth bag is 51 cents. Two boxes of corn flakes for 17 cents and pink salmon, a tall can for eleven cents.

Sheriff Wm. Russell made the rounds Saturday and issued orders to the proprietors of all business places where nickel slot machines had been operating to remove them. There have been numerous complaints that children were using the machines and that many others who are living at public expense were squandering their money in the machines. Practically all the restaurants and pool halls had been open-

ly operating the machines for a long time. The machines paid in nickels according to what combination of pictures came up on the revolving wheels with the payments running all the way from 2 to 1, up to the "jackpot" which was sometimes as high as seven or eight dollars. The percentage for the house was heavy, as is the case with all such gambling devices.

Stores will be open on Thanksgiving evening but closed Thanksgiving Day. Advance notice is given so no one needs to be disappointed in being unable to obtain groceries or other supplies on the holiday.

Work at the hospital was delayed because of the Thanksgiving holiday and the snow storm which followed. The walls are up to the point of the floor of the third story, which must be laid before the walls can go on up.

The new fire truck will be delivered Saturday providing the Fire Chief, Louis Pierce members of the council, probably two cars full in all, go to

Luverne to witness tests on the new truck. If found satisfactory, a representative of the factory will drive it here from Luverne.

Dr. H. E. Schlueter, of Wakonda, will open up a new office of optometry upstairs over the Gamble Store. He will close his Wakonda office.

Members of the Dalesburg Band assisted by other young men of that community, are preparing a minstrel show to be given at Garfield Hall on January 4, 1935 All reserved seats for the first performance have been sold. General admission tickets are still available.

The new fire truck was accepted by the City Council after it was given a thorough test at Luverne on Friday. It will be delivered tomorrow.

Approximately 90 percent of University students are residents of the state. Iowa students led the out of state registrations with 64 and Nebraska was second with 11 registrants.

End 1934

Hy-Vee launches fundraising effort for Haitian relief

Hy-Vee, Inc. has launched a month-long campaign to raise funds for Haitian earthquake relief by making a \$50,000 donation to the American Red Cross.

Hy-Vee customers throughout the Midwest will be invited to help boost the fundraising total during Hy-Vee's month-long "Help Us Help Haiti" campaign, which begins Feb. 1 at all Hy-Vee stores.

Ken Waller, executive vice president and chief administrative officer of Hy-Vee, said the magnitude of the disaster in Haiti prompted Hy-Vee to contact the Red Cross to offer financial assistance.

"Wherever disaster strikes, the American Red Cross and its global partners are on the scene providing emergency medical care, food, water, shelter and communications services," Waller said. "The need in Haiti is overwhelming, and we're proud to be able to help Red Cross professionals and volunteers with the vital work they are doing there."

In addition, starting Feb. 1, all 228 Hy-Vee stores and Hy-Vee Drugstores in eight Midwestern states will be accepting donations from customers for the Red Cross's Haitian relief effort. Hy-Vee's "Help Us

Help Haiti" campaign allows customers to designate donations of any amount to be added to their grocery totals at checkout. All funds donated will go directly to the Red Cross to assist with disaster relief in Haiti.

"The work of rebuilding Haiti will go on for years to come, but right now there is still a desperate need for the basics of human life - food, water, shelter and medical care," Waller said. "Along with making a donation on behalf of our 56,000 employee-owners, Hy-Vee is providing customers with a safe, convenient and effective way to help the people of Haiti take the first steps on the road to recovery."

The "Help Us Help Haiti" campaign runs February 1-28 at all Hy-Vee stores in Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois and Wisconsin.

Hy-Vee, Inc. is an employee-owned corporation operating 228 retail stores in eight Midwestern states. For 2009 the company recorded total sales of \$6.4 billion, ranking it among the top 30 supermarket chains and the top 50 private companies in the United States. Visit the company's website at www.hy-vee.com

'Akeelah and the Bee' featured at library

Akeelah and the Bee is the next featured selection for the February Film Festival. The film will be shown on Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Vermillion Public Library. Hot drinks and popcorn will be provided.

This month's film festival provides time for reflection on the significance of Black

History Month. Akeelah, an 11-year-old black girl, with a love for words and the help of the whole neighborhood, makes it to the national spelling bee in Washington, D.C.

For more information about this event, call the library at 677-7060 or email vpl@sdl.net.

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In the past, two alternatives non-refundable credits were available for post-secondary educational expenses. The Hope credit was available the first two years of post-secondary education and the Lifetime Learning credit applied to an unlimited number of years.

For tax years 2009 and 2010, the Hope credit has been renamed the American Opportunity Tax credit. The maximum credit is \$2,500 (up from \$1,800) and the definition of eligible expenses has been expanded.

For more information on this credit or for any other tax related questions, contact:

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Heroes Behind the Badges impact lives

The fourth annual Vermillion Heroes Behind the Badges ended with great success. The blood drive event held on Jan. 11 was a friendly competition between the Vermillion Law Enforcement and Vermillion Fire Department. The final tally was Vermillion Law Enforcement with 50 donation votes vs. Vermillion Fire Department with 31 donation votes.

During the blood drive donors could designate their donation to the department of their choice. The blood collected at the event helped local patients and saved up to 243 lives.

"This was a very well attended blood drive with life saving results," states Ken Versteeg, executive director, Community Blood Bank. "The winter months are the most challenging time of the year. The

blood drive ensures there will be blood available for patients when the need arises."

Community Blood Bank and Sanford Vermillion Medical Center would like to thank the blood donors, law enforcement and the fire department for the life saving actions with the Heroes Behind the Badges

blood drive. Community Blood Bank is the sole provider of blood and blood products to Sanford Vermillion Medical Center as well as 28 other local hospitals. For more information about blood drives, donating blood or how to schedule the bloodmobile log onto www.cbblifeblood.org.

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