

Carnival Folks Tender Birthday to Ossified Man

Company During Stay at Glenwood Take Time to Join in Greetings to 30-Yr.-Old "Stone Man."

John Shouse of Commerce, Okla., who is known as the stone man with the Gibbs carnival showing at Glenwood this week, was given a birthday party by the carnival folk on his 30th birthday Tuesday afternoon, and lying on his cot, unable to open his jaws, which like the other joints in his body have turned to stone, he smiled and talked through his teeth with the guests who assembled in his tent including the little dwarf, 25 inches high, 26 years old, weighing 27 pounds, the hulu-hulu girls, the fan dancer, the ballyhoo artists, and paddle wheel sales folk.

It was a jolly party despite the pitiful condition of the celebrant, who is a happy soul despite his condition. John Seymour of the White City cafe at Glenwood, knew Shouse when they were boys back in Oklahoma. He recalls that it was when Shouse was 16 that this affliction struck him. At that time he weighed 185 pounds and was apparently in fine physical condition. He was taken with what was thought to be rheumatism. His family spent a small fortune in the following four years, trying to cure him, but he gradually grew worse and it became evident that ossification of the bone had set in.

This started around the joints where the bone turned to stone, and the condition has spread over his entire body. He has been bedfast for the past 10 years but does not suffer and even for the last four years, during which time he has been unable to open his mouth, he jokes with friends in conversation through his teeth.

His food is liquid and is taken through a glass tube inserted through his teeth. His wife travels with him and takes full care of him. Doctors say such cases are very rare and attribute it to a deficiency in the pituitary gland.

ARE HIRING HOME LABOR

State Labor Commissioner Kinney said Nebraska and Iowa labor officials have an "understanding" with contractors on war department work on the Missouri river they "will give preference in employing men to residents of the counties" in the two states where the work is being done. The understanding was reached, he said, despite present war department contracts which allow the contractors to hire whom they please. The action resulted from a survey made by labor departments of the two states following receipt of complaints from residents on both sides of the river between Omaha and Sioux City that Kansas and Missouri men were being employed on the projects.

"Formerly all people were hired thru the national re-employment service," Kinney said, "but under recent contracts the hiring has been done 'from the bank' which permits the contractors to hire anybody irrespective of his residence."

ISSUE "PROSPERITY SCRIP"

Edmonton, Alberta.—A quarter of a million dollars in scrip was pumped into the trade channels of financially stricken Alberta province Thursday as the first step of the social credit government to effect prosperity.

Premier William Aberhart, head of the social credit government and author of the scrip plan, proudly announced that there was not a single hamlet in the province where scrip was not accepted. First distribution of the scrip which Aberhart calls "prosperity certificates," began Thursday. Approximately \$250,000 was distributed to workers on government road building projects, government employes and members of the government. Government project workers received scrip for their wages and government workers received about 25 percent of their pay in paper certificates.

Next Wednesday they must attach a one cent stamp to each dollar certificate. Each week this procedure must be followed and at the end of two years, with \$1.04 in stamps, purchased by dominion currency, on each bill the scrip will be cashed at its face value.

NEW POSTOFFICE

O'Neill, Neb., Aug. 6.—A message received here indicates work on a new \$50,000 postoffice and federal building will be launched within a few days.

Alvo News

W. C. Timblin filled a silo Tuesday and Wednesday.

Fred Lytle is digging a trench silo for Charles Edward.

Rosepe Bird and family spent Sunday at the Edwin Taylor home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kitzel spent Thursday afternoon with Joe Bird.

Frank Rosenow of Murdock was calling on relatives in Alvo Saturday.

Miss Dorothy Peterson is in charge of the local post office during the absence of Mrs. Elmer Rosenow.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kitzel and George were dinner guests Sunday at the Denny Hindbaugh home near Eagle.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rosenow, and son and Grandma Rosenow of Elmwood spent Friday evening at the Charles Rosenow home.

Charles Rosenow had three teeth knocked out when a rod hit him on the jaw when working on the railroad Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. William Mickle had the misfortune to fall down stairs when she was coming down in a hurry to answer the telephone and broke her arm.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hughes, of Concordia, Kansas, and Mrs. Amy Elder, also of Kansas, were guests at the Edwin Taylor home Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rosenow left Saturday evening for Washington state. They expect to be gone for a month. Most of their vacation will be spent with Mrs. Rosenow's parents.

Mrs. Sterling Coatman has been confined to her bed during the past week on account of illness. She is feeling some better, but will not be able to resume her household duties for a few days.

Mrs. H. L. Bornemeier returned home from St. Louis Tuesday after being away for a week. Mrs. Bornemeier and her mother, of Elmwood were called to St. Louis because of the death of a nephew and grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vincent drove out to Albion to visit Mrs. Vincent's parents over the week end. Walter's sister and three children returned home with them Tuesday morning. After a short visit here, she and the children went on to Kansas to visit until Sunday evening, when they expected to return here and remain for a week's visit with relatives.

Kansas People Visit Here Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hughes, of Concordia, Kansas, accompanied by the latter's mother, Mrs. Amy Elder, also of Kansas, drove over Friday evening to visit Joe Bird at the Bryan Memorial hospital.

Mrs. Elder is a sister of Mr. Bird. The folks remained with relatives until Sunday afternoon, when they departed for home.

Honored with Shower Friends gathered at the Arthur Roelofs home Thursday evening to honor the young couple with a miscellaneous shower. A large crowd gathered to enjoy a very pleasant evening and to offer their congratulations for a long and happy married life. The young folks received many beautiful and useful gifts.

Mrs. Charles Edwards served at the punch bowl.

HAVE FIRST CROP FAILURE State Senator Cady of Arlington, said Thursday Washington county this year for "the first time in history will have a crop failure because of the drouth."

"Even the 1934 drouth didn't do as much damage in Washington county as this year's drouth," he said. "Corn is the main crop in the county and this year's crop is ruined. Any rain now would be too late. Ordinarily, Washington county would get some rainfall but not this summer."

He was accompanied to Lincoln by former State Senator Hugo Srb of Dodge. Srb said he planned to ask WPA officials for possible aid in eradicating the bindweed which is spreading rapidly from roadsides into farmers' fields in Dodge county. "I think the WPA would do more valuable service in helping the farmers fight the bindweed than building roads," Srb said.

Another visitor at the capitol, State Senator Charles Defoe of Tecumseh, said he believed some yields could be obtained from corn in his section of the state if a good supply of rain would be received soon. Several fields of corn, he said, still are green. Farmers in Johnson county and other southern Nebraska counties, the senator said, had good winter wheat yields this year, "which will go a long way to help them."

To Preserve Historical Manuscripts

State Organization to Seek Records, Manuscripts and Papers of the Early History of State.

Lincoln, August 6.—Scattered over Nebraska, in the hands of many individuals, are old diaries, manuscripts, letters, hand-drawn maps, and other records which tell of the building of civilizations on Nebraska's plains. An intensive search for these is being conducted by the Historical Records survey, a WPA project.

Americans have been so busy making history that we have had little time to write about it. But it is important that we record our history now, for as America grows into the modern machine age, the frontier era fades over more deeply into the past, where memories are dimmed and records disappear. If the story of scouts, Indians, wagon-trains, early settlements, sod-houses, and the like is to be complete for future generations, we must act to salvage the records that will throw light on the early critical days of our west.

The survey, with the cooperation of local newspapers and citizens, is seeking to locate these records. It is believed that surely pioneers and others owning old documents which tell even a little bit about earlier days will be glad to show them to historians, though they will continue to keep them themselves. They are asked to write a brief description of their records to the Assistant State Supervisor, Historical Records Survey, 900 North 16th St., Lincoln.

Within the next few months a representative of the survey will visit many whose records are important, and list them for reference by historians everywhere. The gratitude of posterity will repay those who cooperate in this urgent work now.

LISTS ASSISTANCE GRANTS

State Assistance Director Tolen Friday prepared a list of proposed August grants of old age assistance, blind pensions, and dependent children aid to Nebraska counties. The list will be submitted to the state committee before the grants are made.

The committee, however, probably will not meet until next week because of the absence of Governor Cochran, chairman, and two other members, Attorney General Wright and Land Commissioner Swanson. The governor and Swanson are expected back in their offices Monday. The other committee member is Secretary of State Swanson.

The August grants will include old age assistance and blind aid for about 75 of the state's 93 counties and dependent children money for about 50 counties. No recommendations were made for 10 counties at this time because their requisitions arrived after the Aug. 5 deadline.

No reports were received from 5 of the 10 counties, however. They are: Arthur, Chase, Douglas, Frontier and Rock. Their requests, and those of Cass, Clay, Hamilton, Lincoln and Wayne counties, whose reports were late, will be included in the next recommendation, Tolen said.

ATTORNEYS TO ORGANIZE

Sioux Falls, S. D.—A more complete organization of attorneys of the United States as a safeguard to "free government was advocated before the convention of the South Dakota Bar association here by William L. Ransom, New York, president of the American Bar association.

"The first task before us is that of adequate and representative organization so that our bar associations can truly speak and act for the whole profession, and not for a minority," Ransom said, adding: "In the American Bar association we hope to accomplish such a representative organization at our annual meeting in Boston Aug. 24."

He listed "a free press, the great universities and an untrammelled and courageous judiciary" as the prime necessities of "an informed and independent public opinion."

TRAILERS BURN

This afternoon two large trailer houses located near the J. G. McMaken home on North 11th street were destroyed by fire. The trailers were used by several men working for Mr. McMaken and at the time all were out on the road on their work. The fire had a good start when discovered and the trailers and contents, including the clothing of the men were destroyed.

Cass County Farm Bureau Notes

Copy furnished from Office of County Agent Waincott

From Saturday's Daily: Attended Mothers Camp. Mrs. Howard Capwell, Mrs. G. R. Eveland, Mrs. Eva Bailey, from Elmwood, Mrs. H. A. Tool, Murdock and Mrs. Vernon Gish, Weeping Water, returned Sunday from a three days vacation at Camp Brewster.

Outstanding features of camp were the musical games and the dramatization of ballads brought and directed by Miss Ella Gardner, recreational director for the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Handcraft, under the direction of Miss Blanche Galloway, was a tie and dye project, including the making of lunch cloths, table runners, etc. Mrs. A. L. Tullis' addresses on "The Mother's Personality," and "The Charm School" proved especially interesting and gave the women food for thought.

Miss Leona Davis with her book review and Mrs. H. F. Capwell on "The Home and Community Program," added much to this educational and inspirational program. Swimming, hikes, rest and visiting added variety and helped to make this (the tenth year for camp at Brewster) one of the most interesting camps ever held.

First to File 4-H Final Reports.

Seven 4-H clubs have completed their work for the year and have filed their final reports which entitle them to Certificates of Achievement. These clubs are:

- True Blue Healthy Workers—Lois Parsell, Elmwood, leader.
- Snappy Cooks Club—Margaret Ranney, Weeping Water, leader.
- Merry Mixers—Mrs. L. D. Lee, Murdock, leader.
- Jolly Stitchers—Mrs. Donald Harris, Union, leader.
- Mandalis Sewing Club—Mrs. Harold Krecklow, Manley, leader.
- Royal Sewing Club—Mrs. E. E. Mathis, Greenwood, leader.
- Snappy Snippers—Mrs. Edward Steinkamp, Weeping Water, leader.

A good many other clubs have finished their work or are very near the completion of it. As soon as the work is completed it is well to file the final reports and leader's summary and have all of the details out of the way before school starts. Our goal now should be to have a final report filed for every member enrolled in 4-H.

4-H club members will be very busy this month preparing for state and county fairs. Elimination contests in the home economics judging are being held at the Farm Bureau office, Friday, August 7th. The county health contest, to pick the healthiest boy and girl to represent the Cass county 4-H clubs at state fair is being held the same day.

Cattle, swine and sheep entries for state fair must be received in the Farm Bureau office by Tuesday, August 18th. All other entries must be in by Wednesday, August 26th.

Enjoy Life at 4-H Camp.

Fourteen boys and 38 girls from Cass county enjoyed vacationing with boys and girls from Otoe, Sarpy and Douglas counties at the annual district 4-H club camp, at Brewster, one mile south of Omaha last week. Camp opened Sunday evening and continued through Wednesday afternoon, under the supervision of the agents from the four counties and the Brewster management personnel.

One of the outstanding events of the camp program this year was a trip to the Ak-Sar-Ben coliseum to see a presentation of the den show, "Ballyhoo from Bagdad," through courtesy of the Omaha Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The painting of sandwich trays, using paper plates and tempera paints proved to be very popular with the girls during handcraft periods. As a result of their work some very colorful and beautiful plates were on display toward the close of camp.

During their handcraft period, the boys at camp made bows and arrows, and this led to an archery tournament which was highly enjoyed by the spectators as well as the participants.

Swimming, tennis, ping pong, vesper services, community singing, and stunt night all helped to round out a full program which all who attended will remember as one of the highlights of the 4-H club year.

Questions and Answers on the Handling of Drouth-Injured Crops.

Q. Will drouth-stricken corn make silage? A. There is absolutely no better way of conserving the maximum amount of feed from drouth-stricken corn than to place it in the silo. Contrary to the belief of many, immature corn, even corn not more than 18 inches high, will not spoil but

will make a fair grade of silage. This feed makes a very satisfactory ration for wintering stock cattle or sheep and proves very palatable. There is absolutely no danger from feeding a product of this kind.

Q. How does drouth-stricken corn silage compare to normal corn silage in feeding value? A. The results of two experiments conducted by the college on wintering rations for stock cattle have shown that silage such as was harvested in 1934 and in 1935 and which contained absolutely no grain proved to be worth approximately 75 percent as much per ton as normal silage which contained an average of 30 bushel of corn per acre. This silage proved just as palatable and the only apparent difference between drouth corn and normal corn for silage purposes was in the absence of grain.

Q. When should drouth-injured corn be cut? A. The object is to get the maximum amount of forage per acre. It makes little difference whether corn is 18 inches high or in the tassel stage upon the grade of silage produced. If it is believed that another week will result in more growth, the corn should be left. If, however, it is apparent that more time will reduce the yield, then cutting should commence immediately. The grain binder will handle a great deal of Nebraska's corn this year so it will not be necessary to wait for a corn binder if none happens to be available. On short fields, the mowing machine might even be used. The main thought should be to conserve the maximum of feed.

Q. How long should corn be left in the silo before it is safe to feed? A. It is safe to begin feeding corn the next day after the silo is filled. It makes a better feed if allowed to stand for approximately two weeks but this is not necessary. With canes or sorghums it is advisable to allow them to cure approximately two weeks before opening the silo to eliminate all possible danger from prussic acid poisoning.

Q. Would this corn be better feed if cut and stocked as fodder or put into the silo? A. There is no comparison in the amount of feed produced or in the feeding value between silage and fodder. Silage will give very much higher yields of feed per acre and make a feed of very much higher quality than immature corn cut as fodder. The danger of spoilage is nil with silage and with fodder a large amount

of it will spoil before the winter season is over.

Q. Can drouth cornfields be pastured safely? A. There is practically no danger from pasturing cornfields. Before turning livestock on this corn, however, they should be reasonably well filled since a very hungry animal is liable to gorge himself upon this green feed, causing digestive troubles. Any field which contains any cane or sorghum should under no condition be pastured. The canes and sorghums at this season of the year, and especially following a drouth, are extremely poisonous when fed as a pasture crop but are entirely safe if the forage is fed after it has thoroughly cured, either in the stack or in the silo.

Q. Does drouth corn make a good feed, cut and fed green? A. This practice is safe and the feed is of good quality but the method of using the corn is rather laborious and does not lend itself to saving much of the crop during this fast drying period. Where green feed is needed, this method of handling the corn is very satisfactory.

Q. How much silage per acre will drouth corn make? A. The answer to this question of course depends upon the height of the corn and its thickness upon the ground. A reasonably good stand of corn 2 feet high will make from 3/4 to 1 ton of silage per acre. Corn which averages as much as 4 feet high will make approximately 3 tons per acre.

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Q. Can the silo be filled gradually? A. When one has started filling the silo, he should stay with it until the silo is full or at least one section of it is full. It cannot be filled gradually without losing considerable feed from spoilage on the exposed surfaces of each fill.

Q. When should a trench silo be covered, with what, and how much? A. Just as soon as the silo filling job is completed, it should be covered. The sooner it is covered the less spoils there will be. Ordinarily we have our silo covered within twelve hours after the silo is filled. Dirt placed upon the silage is by far the best cover known for a trench. Do not use any straw or other material under the dirt. Seven to nine inches of dirt, well packed, is sufficient to prevent any spoilage.

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Q. Is it necessary to run this corn through a cutter or can it be put into the silo in bundle form? A. A large number of our northeastern Nebraska farmers who have during the last two years put corn into the silo have put it in bundle form. They report very satisfactory results. About the only difference between bundle silage and cut silage is in the convenience in getting it out of the silo and in feeding it in the bunks. There is a small amount of waste in feeding bundle silage although this is not a serious factor. Where bundles are laid lengthwise of the trench and thoroughly packed, especially along the walls, this corn has made silage and kept as well as where it was run through an ensilage cutter.

Q. Can the silo be filled gradually? A. When one has started filling the silo, he should stay with it until the silo is full or at least one section of it is full. It cannot be filled gradually without losing considerable feed from spoilage on the exposed surfaces of each fill.

Q. When should a trench silo be covered, with what, and how much? A. Just as soon as the silo filling job is completed, it should be covered. The sooner it is covered the less spoils there will be. Ordinarily we