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Congressman and Shine Boy "On Common Ground"

Marvin Jones is a congressman from Texas. He is chairman of the important committee on agriculture. He is considered one of the most dignified statesmen in the House. Dorsey Conrad is a negro from Maryland. He shines shoes in the House lobby. He says he's just an ordinary Maryland colored man who doesn't expect much from life. Mr. Jones and Dorsey never met until Mr. Jones came up from Texas to be a congressman. From the first day of their meeting, these two men, one white, the other black, take out ten minutes of their time every day to sing hymns.

Members crowd around them in the little shine parlor in the House and listen. Their voices are sweet and low. They sing about any hymn heard in most any church. And, believe it or not, these two strange men have a contest on the correct passages of these hymns. Neither has fallen down on the words yet. They sing "Rock of Ages," "Nearer My God to Thee," "The Old Rugged Cross," and many others. There is one thing they sing which is their favorite. A lot of their listeners don't know the name but it attracts them because some of them are among those most vocal on the House floor. It goes something like this, "When this hissing, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave."

Increase Punishment For Espionage.

A bill to increase punishment for espionage came up under the rapid fire general consent method the other day. A Massachusetts member offered an amendment to the bill which reads as follows: "Whoever knowingly or wilfully advocates the overthrow of the government by force or violence shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or by imprisonment for not more than five years or both." Three hundred and fifty seven members voted for this amendment and seventeen voted against it. Some of those voting against it stated that they did so because the amendment tended to abridge freedom of speech.

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state. Senator Miller made no explanation of the bill. It was not discussed on the floor by any of the self-styled protectors of the people, some of whom went to the cloak rooms when LB 78 came up. Governor Cochran signed it; also he made a statement that it was not a good bill, and he hoped the legislature would pass another proposal

to nullify it. The antidote was not provided.

Alarmed by the progress made by the gas tax diversion forces in the last session of the legislature, organized dealers may make a legal attack on the bill creating a five man board with the governor included to advertise the state. An appropriation of \$50,000 is to be paid out of gasoline inspection fees.

The dealers claim that the law providing for gasoline inspection decrees that the tests must be made at cost. Already a surplus of almost \$180,000 is apparent. The gasoline men threaten to file suit to enjoin further collection of fees until the amount paid in for this purpose is exhausted. The bill providing for state advertising was passed without the emergency clause and goes into effect ninety days after the adjournment of the legislature.

H. J. Murray of Franklin, former deputy state treasurer, was last week appointed chief clerk of the state insurance department by Charles Smrha, state insurance director, the appointment to go into effect July 1. Murray will take the place of Mrs. Mary Fairchild, who has been in the employ of the department since 1914. Murray was deputy treasurer for the late George Hall and became state treasurer when Hall died.

The Prairie Schooner, excellent literary magazine of the University of Nebraska has been placed on a par with Harper's with a rating of 86 per cent by Edward J. O'Brien this year. Also, Merdel Le Sueur's short story, "Salutation to Spring," which appeared in the fall issue, 1938, of the Prairie Schooner has been reprinted in the O'Brien annual collection of the best American short stories for 1939. Three-star ratings, moreover, were given to a number of other stories from the Nebraska magazine, an honor which Dr. L. O. Wimberly, editor of the Schooner explains is equal to that of reprinting. Despite the honors that come to it practically every year, the Schooner, it is said, continues to wobble along on a precarious financial road.

State Banking Superintendent Ben Saunders announced the distribution last week of the unpaid balance of \$21,108 in the banker's conservation fund to the banks assessed between 1923 and 1925. This conservation fund was built up to rehabilitate banks while the guaranty fund commission was operating, whereby the state was to back up deposits in case of failures of state banks, and this payment marks the end of this work.

In reply to many queries received in regard to the new grade-crossing stop law, Capt. R. F. Welser of the state safety patrol has issued an explanation that the law requiring all trucks to stop at railroad crossings has been repealed, but that the requirement still stands for school and passenger buses, and for oil transports and for vehicles carrying explosives. Even gasoline trucks, however, do not have to stop at street railroad grade crossings within a municipality, nor at grade crossings where a flagman, police officer, or a traffic control signal directs traffic. Machines required to stop at crossings must have independently operated red signal lamps, which must be illuminated for a distance of not less than 500 feet, or more than 1,000 feet when coming to a crossing.

Cases against public officers must be brought in the county in

which the act complained of took place. This is the ground on which District Judge Chappell has refused to take jurisdiction over a damage suit brought by Homer Smith, Fairmont trucker, against William B. Banning, former state director of agriculture. Smith charges that Banning ordered his arrest in Thayer county, May 28, 1936, on the charge of transporting motor vehicle fuel into Nebraska without first obtaining a liquid fuel carrier's permit; that he was held in jail until June 4, 1936, after which at his trial by jury he was found not guilty. He asks \$10,000 damages for injury to his credit and reputation; \$3,000 damages to his business, and \$250 for expense in obtaining his release. That all Banning's acts were in performance of his duties as a state official is the claim of C. S. Beck, assistant attorney general, who is defending Banning. Lloyd Marti, one of Smith's attorneys has announced his intention to appeal to Supreme Court.

During the next biennium about \$550,000 may be lost to the Nebraska state assistance program, according to State Director Neil C. Vandemoer, provided a recent opinion from the office of the attorney general is allowed to stand. The opinion ruled that state assistance money could be used to pay funeral expenses for old age assistance clients, and that the burden should not be placed on the county.

The death of William T. Thompson, 79, at his home in Lincoln, June 20, reminds Nebraskans of his many able services to the state. Away back in 1888, three years after he came to Nebraska from Iowa, Mr. Thompson was county attorney for Merrick county. From 1889 to 1903 he served as a member of the house in the state legislature. From 1905 to 1910 he was attorney-general for Nebraska, during which time successfully prosecuted the Nebraska Retail Lumber Dealers' association to enforce the anti-trust law. He resigned his post as attorney general to accept a federal post as solicitor of the United States treasury, a position which he held until 1913. In 1916, he was manager of the constitutional prohibition enactment and was largely responsible for the adoption of the prohibitory amendment. He consistently held that the object of the campaign should be the outlawing of the saloon and that the campaign should not be directed against the use of liquor in the home.

"We deplore the fact that the state of Nebraska has no suitable monument commemorating the services of the soldiers of the Spanish American War. We desire to direct attention to the fact that 3,000 pounds of bronze metal from the destroyed battleship Maine is now available for that specific purpose. We believe that the state of Nebraska, in re-zoning the state capitol grounds, should provide a site and erect a suitable monument to commemorate the services of the veterans of 1898." The foregoing is a resolution passed by the Nebr. U.S.W.V. at the recent 32nd annual encampment at Fremont, at which the name of George A. Eberly was presented for the post of com-

mander in chief of the national encampment.

Harold Johnson, assistant of the bureau of securities, under the state banking department, has announced the granting of an order which permits the issuance and sale of first mortgage bonds amounting to \$200,000 to the Lincoln Non-Stock Cooperative Milk Producers association. This organization has more than 1,300 members, all of whom live near Lincoln and all of whom have obligated themselves to the association for a sum totaling more than \$80,000, based on capital fund notes at the rate of \$10 per cow owned. The association is planning to build a modern processing plant near Havelock.

BRIEFLY STATED

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. O'Donnell left Monday for Chicago, Illinois, where they will visit at the home of their daughter, and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rickhoff.

Mrs. H. J. Birmingham entertained eighteen guests at a one o'clock luncheon at her home on Wednesday, honoring Mrs. Shem Kruger of Neligh, Mrs. George Stannard, of San Diego, California and Mrs. Gordon Murray, of Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. F. N. Cronin, Miss Genevieve Biglin, Misses Ruth Ann and Rose Mary Biglin and W. J. Biglin drove to Battle Creek on Monday where they attended the funeral services of John Hughes of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Parker returned Sunday from Park Rapids,

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

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Minn., where they spent a few days fishing. Previous to their Minnesota trip they drove to Pierre, South Dakota, where they spent a few days on business.

Art King and John Mann drove to Sioux City on Sunday, where they met Mr. Mann's daughter, Mrs. Gordon Murray, her son, John, and daughter, Ann, of Chicago, Illinois, who will visit here for the next two weeks.

Dorothy Geary, age fourteen, of Ewing, was before the insanity commission last Thursday, was adjudged insane and committed to the State Hospital at Norfolk. She was taken there the same evening by Deputy Sheriff Bergstrom.

Fred Barnes, age sixteen of Atkinson, was before Judge Dickson of the juvenile court on Tuesday on a charge of being delinquent and incorrigible. He was sentenced to the state industrial school at Kearney, to which place he was taken on Wednesday by Sheriff Duffy.

Misses Kathryn McCarthy, Margaret Howard, Delta Gunn and Ruth Osenbaugh entertained twenty-six guests at the home of Miss McCarthy with lunch served at the M & M Cafe on Tuesday evening honoring Miss Myrl Burge, whose marriage to Edward Verzal is to be solemnized on July 1st.

Mrs. Margaret Koehler, who has been visiting here at the home of her brother, J. B. Mellor for the past three weeks, and Ralph Mellor left Monday for Denver, Colo. Miss Mary Mellor, daughter of Ralph Mellor, accompanied them to Lusk, Wyo., where she will spend the

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summer visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Miller.

Miss Loretta Phalin, of Chicago, Illinois, arrived Monday to visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phalin. Miss Phalin's two nieces, Miss Ellen Adelle and Mary Fran Reising, of Gary, Ind., accompanied her home, and while Miss Phalin will return to Chicago next week, the two children will remain for a months visit with their grandparents.

In one of a series of talks sponsored by the State Office of the Agricultural Conservation Office at Lincoln, Nebraska, Mike Higgins, of Atkinson, George Fink, of Page, Andy Anderson, of Chambers,

and Lester Jones, of O'Neill, drove to Yankton on Wednesday evening where they all spoke over radio station WNAX on different phases of the Range Conservation Program, which would be practical in the North Central Region, of which Holt County is a part.

Lutheran Church Notes

R. W. Fricke, Pastor.

We invite you to worship with us next Sunday afternoon at the Episcopal church. The service will begin at 2.

There will be a special meeting after the service to discuss the organization of a permanent congregation.

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