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THE NEBRASKA SCENE

By the Lowell Service

Lincoln — The inauguration of barge service on the Missouri river, scheduled for the fall of 1940, threatens the existence of elevators located on the railway lines along the river. Apprehension on the part of the elevator men as a result of the river transportation was revealed by the appointment of a committee to combat truckers and to induce the railway systems of the state to cut freight rates to meet the contingency.

Three Iowa representatives, three from Nebraska, Omaha, Sioux City, and St. Joseph grain exchange officials and several railway men are wrestling with the problem of saving the elevators in the counties lying along the Missouri. The country elevators are linked with railway transportation. When barge on the Mississippi river has shown owners admit that trucks are likely to take over the hauling of the grain from points within a hundred miles of the river. Local rates are now so high that business must inevitably go to the trucks.

According to one elevator operator, experience in grain shipping transportation begins, the elevator that, under present rate schedules, the country elevators cannot survive. Instead of paying the high railroad rates and sending the grain through the usual channels, river shippers send the grain by trucks direct to the barges. At present there is no testing, grading, or inspection. There is no certification that the grain is not mortgaged to some federal agency, but shippers are now preparing to establish these services. In fact truckers are eager to promote terminal facilities to stimulate the movement of grain via trucks. The savings to farmers sometimes amounts to as much as 12 cents a bushel.

Nebraska committeemen named to meet the Iowans and battle for the retention of the present elevator system are:

H. M. Holmquist, Oakland; A. S. Hanson, Bancroft; H. E. Hansen, Stella; Henry Niemeier, Bennington; George Stites, Union.

Secretary Paul Halpine of the Nebraska Transport association declared that his organization had nothing to do with the truck-barge transportation problem. Trucks hauling products direct from the farm are not affected by the 1937 motor legislation, he stated. Ultimately, it is admitted that the bulk of exported grain will go by the barges.

Lincoln, so backward in regard to improving the municipal airport, that there is little prospect of up-to-date airmail service for the Capitol City. So declared James Cruickshank of Chicago, air mail inspection official, after a visit to the city last week. The airport is too small, he said, to handle the large planes that the carriers are now using. The Lincoln service now consists of two shuttle planes.

"The department has gone to bat continually for Lincoln," he declared, "in an effort to keep the one-plane-a-day service. However, it is uncertain whether the present can be continued."

Competition from a private airport has prevented modernization of the municipal landing place, it is stated. Also confusion in the postoffice is cited as a contributing cause.

Protests have been sent to Washington to prevent the Lincoln post-office authorities from closing Station A, which for forty years has served the state university. The movement to close the station was revealed after the students left for their homes last June.

The organized gasoline dealers of the state have made an investigation of the act passed by the legislature creating a board of five members and appropriating \$50,000 to advertise Nebraska. According to a report at the state

house, suit may be instituted to test the legality of the measure. The money is appropriated from the fund exacted for testing gasoline. The dealers maintain that this surplus can only be used for the purpose for which the fees were collected and that the statute pledges gasoline testing at cost. Instead of using the money for any other purpose, the testing fees should be reduced, they maintain. The law becomes effective Sept. 7th.

Deliberations of the Nebraska supreme court are not always conducted in the dignified silence of the consultation room at the state house. This was disclosed at a hearing before the state pardon board last week when Associate Justice G. A. Eberly testified in behalf of R. W. Bourne, convicted of a second-degree murder charge as a result of the death of Ferris Westervelt of Gordon. Judge Eberly maintained that the evidence was insufficient to sustain a conviction.

"With the first record before us," the judge asserted, "we discover the shotgun that came into our possession was defective. Several tests were made and I am satisfied it was a dangerous gun."

"The second time the case came before us there was a gun with a different mechanism and in good order. The witnesses at the second trial apparently testified about the second gun."

Judge Eberly described tests made by the judges. He said they "dragged the first gun over a fence post and it discharged blanks. The gun was unsafe for anyone to handle."

Admirers of the late Hartley Burr Alexander, author, artist, poet, educator and originator of pageantry, have selected Prof. Ordin Stepanek of the University of Nebraska to head a tentative committee to organize a movement for a memorial. Dr. Alexander recently died at Claremont, Calif.

Based upon the insistence of many Nebraska county boards that the present minimum standards for qualifications for county assistance directors is much too high, the state board of control has asked the social security board in Washington to approve a revised standard; also to allow a change in the method of providing for promotions. At present, the minimum qualifications for directors include at least two years of college work and five years' experience. It is asked that this be changed to a high school education and three years' experience, provided the applicants pass the merit system examinations. In case these reduced qualification standards are not approved, there is a possibility that federal matching funds for assistance may be delayed, or even withheld.

In a reply to a query from County Attorney Edmund W. Hollstein of Rushville, an opinion has been issued from the office of the attorney general declaring that a bequest to a school district is not subject to an inheritance tax. In a Sheridan county will, the residue of certain property, if any, was to go to a school district, after certain other bequests had been fulfilled.

The latest report of State Fire Marshal Horace Davis shows that 393 fires during July caused all fire insurance companies doing business in Nebraska to pay fire losses amounting to a total of \$68,342.53, which is \$11,000 more than for July of last year, and more than half of the losses paid for June, 1939. Adjusted claims of \$33,544.18 were made for 104 rural fires.

State highway bids amounting to \$1,695,000 were received at the largest letting of the year, held last week by the state highway department. Maintenance projects amounted to an additional \$9,000. A number of bridge, grading and graveling jobs were included, as well as 43.2 miles of surfacing. A strip of 19.7 miles between Alliance and Chadron is to be surfaced; also 16.5 miles on No. 30, alternate between Wahoo and David City. From a point three miles west of Osceola, this will give uninterrupted pavement to Omaha.

Since Congress failed to revoke the layoff clause, D. F. Felton, state WPA administrator, has been forced to order resumption of the dismissal of persons who have worked for 18 consecutive months on the state WPA rolls. This will affect 6,958 persons, as 2,245 had been dismissed before the order to stop had been received. It is estimated that the entire quota for Nebraska for Sept. will not exceed 18,100. At present more than 21,000 are at work.

At a cost of \$800, photographic equipment may be obtained by which thousands of pages of irreplaceable old newspaper files, now near disintegration, may be changed to imperishable film. A. E. Sheldon, superintendent of the Nebraska Historical society, has been inspecting methods of preserving records as it is done in Minnesota and in Iowa, said last week that he hoped Nebraska might soon adopt some method of preserving at least a part of its wealth of historical material.

Aeronautics training may be taken by 125 college and university students next semester, according to I. V. Packard, secretary of the state aeronautics commission, who estimated recently that that would be about the number covered by Nebraska's share of the four-million-dollar Civil Aeronautics authority appropriation. The federal money is intended to be used to cover the major part of the accredited course in aeronautics study which is to be offered to selected students in various schools of the state. Additional expenses for insurance, etc., Packard estimates will amount to about \$40 per student.

Thirty irrigation canals are now in operation, says J. H. Willis, state irrigation bureau chief, who ordered eight canals opened Wednesday between Bridgeport and North Platte. The recent rains have increased the flow of the Platte river enough to make this possible.

Somebody remarks that the mosquitoes at the seashore are a lot bigger than formerly. No wonder, there is now much more surface for them to feast on.

Lutheran Church Notes
R. W. Fricke, Pastor.

There will be no Lutheran service at the Episcopal church, Sunday afternoon. The service has been cancelled in order to give all an opportunity to attend a mass celebration commemorating the Centennial of the Saxon Immigration to Missouri. Sixteen congregations from this part of the state are taking part in the festival, which will be held at Ainsworth.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES
V. C. Wright, Pastor

Sunday school, 10:00 a.m., H. B. Burch, superintendent.
Morning worship, 11:00 a.m.
Epworth League devotional meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Official board will meet a few minutes after the morning worship service.
Monday, 8:00 p.m. will be Quarterly Conference. Reports from all departments of the church will be made. This will be the last regular meeting before the Annual Conference which meets in Lincoln in September.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
William I. Bell, Minister

Sunday school, 10:00 a.m.
Morning worship, 11:00 a.m.
Young Peoples Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Evening Union Service, 8:00 p.m.
The Rev. V. C. Wright will preach at the union service this Sunday evening.

Just Before Election

Attorney General Murphy has not gotten around, so far as we know, to applying his "passion for purity" in politics to federal relief. According to figures supplied by the Saturday Evening Post, he will have his hands full when and if he does. The figures apply to check payments by the division of unemployment compensation and Unemployment Service of the State of Pennsylvania for three weeks of last year.

Just before the election, during the week of October 28, 109,804 checks were issued to the amount of \$1,197,568. During the following week some 162,764 checks totaled \$1,759,442.

But after the election, during the week of November 11, some 51,887 checks were issued of a total value of \$559,264. This would seem to indicate that unemployment needs became acute in Pennsylvania by more than \$1,200,000—in a single week. Either that or the New Deal was playing politics with relief, which is the more plausible explanation in view of the WPA record.—Springfield Union.

Water Gusher Provides Excellent Fish Pond for Holt County Native

John B. Honeywell, a pioneer resident of the southern part of the county and an old time reader of The Frontier, was a pleasant caller this morning extending his subscription to this household necessity. Mr. Honeywell owns 335 acres of fertile land in the flowing well belt and has eleven flowing on his farm. One of the wells produces such a flow of water that he says he could irrigate 40 to 60 acres of land from this one well alone.

About five years ago he built a fish pond on his farm, the water being furnished from a couple of flowing wells and stocked it with bass and yellow-bellied bull heads. He now has a lot of splendid fish in this pond. Since then he has established three more fish ponds and it will not be long until he will be able to supply most of the county with fresh fish the year around. With an abundance of nice cool water these fish thrive in these ponds and remain remarkably healthy.

Scottville Feeder Calf Club

A meeting was held at the Fred Richter home August 9, 1939. Rex Oberle read the minutes of the last meeting.
Marvin Richter called roll, Lyle Farrand and Norman Oberle being absent.
Edwin Krugman read the rules of the Calf Show.
Marvin Richter was elected news reporter.
Visitors were Mrs. Burgland, Harold Burgland and Mr. and Mrs. Frank McDonald.
Mrs. Richter served a very nice lunch.
The next meeting will be held at Ed Krugmans at 1:00 p.m., on Aug. 30, 1939.
Every situation, no matter how discouraging, has its bright spots, if you have the patience to look for them.

BRIEFLY STATED

Roy Osborn returned last Monday evening from a ten day fishing trip in Wyoming. He was at Riverton and Lander and had splendid luck on his trip of trout fishing, bagging a three-pound rainbow and bringing back a couple of nice messes.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Ryan and children, Misses Elizabeth Henry, Nadine Kilpatrick, Muriel Britell, Vira Eidenmiller and Agatha Beelart drove to Orchard on Sunday and spent the day there visiting at the home of Miss Belart's parents.

Mrs. John Kersenbrock and son, Jack, returned last Saturday evening from Lincoln, where they had been looking after business and visiting relatives. Mrs. Mary Keenan, mother of Mrs. Kersenbrock came home with them and will visit here for a week or ten days.

Ed Donohue drove over from Bonesteel, S. D. on Thursday bringing his daughter, Margaret Ellen, and son, Ted, over to visit at the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Neil Brennan. Mr. Donohue returned home on Friday, the children remaining for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Buyers, of Omaha, arrived here Friday and spent the week end visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Yantzi. They left for their home Sunday afternoon, Miss Margaret Jean Yantzi accompanied them to Omaha where she will visit for the next two weeks.

Vernon C. Oelsigle, of Tilden, and Miss Anna M. Paulson, of Neligh, obtained a marriage licence in county court last Tuesday afternoon and were then married by County Judge Reimer, who is getting quite proficient in tying the nuptial knot.

The last of the week the Corlke Hatchery and the Maytag company moved into the building just vacated by Mrs. Simar and Creola Carney, and are now prepared to take care of the wants of any persons seeking poultry supplies or washing machines.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Quass, of Ashland, were guests at the John L. Quigg home Tuesday and Wednesday and they also attended the Old

Settler's Picnic. Mrs. Quass is the former Mable Clyde, daughter of George Clyde, an old time resident up on the Eagle. They left for their home Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Pfeiffer of Hot Springs, S. D., arrived here Friday and spent the week end visiting at the home of Mrs. Pfeiffer's mother, Mrs. Neil Brennan. They left for their home Monday morning accompanied by their son, Jim, who has spent the summer here visiting his grandmother.

Last Friday afternoon, while on her way to Hastings to get her son, Lester, Mrs. Bert Shoemaker turned her car over, when she struck some hay in the road. The car was quite badly damaged, but Mrs. Shoemaker herself was quite fortunate in that she suffered only bruises.

Eldon Owen, of Burwell, was arrested on August 11 by Patrolman Russell for driving a car on the highways of the state without a drivers license. He was brought before the county court and was

fined by Judge Reimer \$15.00 and costs taxed at \$3.10. A drivers license would have cost him only \$1. No economy here.

Classes will be resumed at St. Mary's Academy on the morning of September sixth, with attendance at Holy Mass at eight o'clock. High School students will register on Monday, September fourth, between the hours of nine and twelve. Tuesday is reserved for registration of the boarders. Uniforms adopted last year will be continued this year. 14-3

Returns From Rochester Feeling Like a Kid

John T. O'Malley returned Sunday evening from Rochester, Minn., where he had been for the past three weeks recovering from a major operation to which he submitted shortly after his arrival there about three weeks ago. John says that he is feeling fine, in fact, better than he has for several years, a fact which his many friends will be glad to learn.

PUBLIC SALE

We will offer the following property at Public Sale at Inman, Nebr., commencing at 1 p.m. on—**SATURDAY, AUG. 19, 1939**

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 - 1—GALV. IRON WATER TANK, 6 Ft. Dia.
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