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Public Enemy No. 1

The month of October, in many respects an interesting month, is especially remarkable in that it has a number of national observance weeks and days. Every month of the year, of course, has some of these red letter occasions, but October probably leads the procession. At least, it has several which are outstanding in their importance in the life of the American people.

Three of the greatest of these are national newspaper week, national employ the physically handicapped week, and national fire prevention week. These are all important, significant and interesting. The mere mention of them is enough to make the average person stop and think. He or she wonders what these national occasions signify and what his or her duty is in regard to them.

Obviously, the most popular national observance occasion in October is national newspaper week. This week glorifies the press and emphasizes the essential part the newspapers of the country play in the freedom of its citizens. Over-and-over and in various ways, the great fact is stressed that political liberty depends on a free press, and that the first step in the enslavement of a people is to subject its newspapers to political control. Russia is the current example of it.

Naturally, the newspapers themselves, being particularly interested in national newspaper week, and having the means at their disposal, that occasion receives widespread publicity every year. The significance of the week is played up in various ways in cartoons, stories, editorials and features and many speeches are made on the subject at club meetings, banquets and various other gatherings. That is not to intimate that the other national observance weeks of October are neglected. On the contrary, they are also given generous mention, but the newspapers have the right and privilege to publicize the week in which they have a special interest. Especially so since the freedom of the press is also the bulwark of the nation.

National employ the physically handicapped week is another important week observed during October, but it is a relatively new observance and not as well known as some of the others. It is very timely, however, and should grow in popular approval as the idea becomes more widely known. There are hundreds of capable physically handicapped persons in the United States who only need an opportunity to make good in various occupations and they surely are entitled to that opportunity.

These national weeks are all important, but, to The Frontier, it seems that national fire prevention week is in a sense the most important of them all. It may not have the wide appeal that national newspaper week has, but it is both spectacular and vital and it should be generally observed.

As a matter of fact, the tremendous duty of fire prevention should not be limited to any special week or month or season, but should be stressed all the year round. There is nothing of any greater importance, not even the freedom of the press, for, if the ravages of the demon, fire, are not checked, there will be no press to keep free. Enough wood pulp is consumed by forest fires every year to supply all the newspapers in the land with an ample amount of paper.

The two-color poster advertising national fire prevention week was a masterpiece. The artist represented fire as death with a grinning skull, galloping along on a black horse and carrying a blazing torch, and it was labeled "The Fifth Horseman." The whole picture was lurid and sinister and suggested the awful destructiveness of fires. The American people should have that picture framed and hung in their business houses and homes the year round.

Bible students will recall that the "Fifth Horseman" refers to the Book of Revelation, where four horsemen are mentioned. One of the horsemen was mounted on a black horse, one on a red horse, one on a white horse and one on a pale horse.

Now the artist adds a "Fifth Horseman," fire, who sweeps along on a wild, horse spreading death and destruction on all sides. The picture is suggestive of the appalling loss which this nation suffers every year from fire, not only in homes, stores, public buildings and building material, but also in forest timber reserves.

One of the greatest postwar problems is the housing shortage. Many people, including veterans and their families and newly married couples, find it impossible to get a place to live and this condition has led to all sort of unhappiness, hardship and misery. Not only so, but there is also an acute shortage of building material which has boosted prices and badly hampered construction and expansion. The reason for this is traceable to just one thing; viz., the untold loss of all kinds of material caused by fire and so the problem of preventing fire becomes one of the utmost concern to everybody.

The Frontier does not think it exaggerates when it calls fire "Public Enemy No. 1."

A Tribute to Editor Huse

This is a short but sincere tribute written to the memory of the late E. W. Huse, of Wayne, a distinguished country editor and publisher who died last week at the age of 77 after a long and useful life.

The late Mr. Huse had been at the helm of the Wayne Herald for 37 years and had been inactive at the Herald only a few months. He was an outstanding man in various respects. In the first place, he was a successful newspaper man, developing the Wayne Herald from a small four-page weekly to a 16-page paper of the highest type; in the second place, he was a first rate business man who made money in the newspaper business, and, in the third place, he was an educated and cultured man with unusual gifts as a writer.

The late Editor Huse was one of the most industrious persons the publishers of The Frontier have ever known, and he had journalistic ideals which were satisfied with nothing less than perfection. The result was a weekly newspaper which was a model of editorial and mechanical excellence and was nationally recognized as such. It received many awards.

Two things impressed us especially about the late Editor Huse. One was the painstaking care with which he did everything—he was technically perfect—and the other was his quizzical sense of humor. He was a genial man.

Several years ago, he lost a beloved daughter and he never recovered from that loss. He referred to her occasionally in his newspaper and her sad death seemed to open up to him the vistas of that unseen world to which he has himself now gone.

In the death of E. W. Huse, Nebraska has lost one of its most distinguished and useful citizens and newspaper publishers.

Again we urge our readers to go to the polls on election day and vote. We don't care whether you "vote her straight" or not. The important thing is to vote.

Now that the world series is over, perhaps, the American people will have more time for more serious matters.

The Last Play



Prairieland Talk —

35 Livestock Trains Would Steam Towards Market on a Sunday in the Pre-Truck Era

By ROMAIN SAUNDERS

LINCOLN — A reminder of the days before trucks came into the picture is the report of 400 cars of cattle being routed to market over the North Western railroad for the markets and feed lots. In the days before trucks were on the highways with cattle consigned to market, Sunday was the big day for shippers. As many as 35 train loads steamed down the Elkhorn for Omaha and Chicago, Ill., to go on sale Monday morning.

The big trucks are hauling most of the cattle out of this territory as the location is near enough to the markets to get the consignments to the buyers for the morning sales, though the longer hauls are made over the rails.

Cowperthwaite & Son, Bowden, Widner of the Ditch Co., and Lee & Prentice were the heavy shippers by rail out of O'Neill.

Another state fair recently folded. Just what is the lure that holds 25,000 men, women

and kids in the dirt and smell day after day at these annual affairs? The exhibits, the tinsel and spangles and fakirs along the midway, performances behind the high fences, or just that it is some place to go to as a sort of break in the daily round of drudgery? Fairs must be seen—not read about. Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska stockmen showed their blue bloods of dairy and beef herds and if the horse is on the way out you would never think it from the barns of beautiful horse creations, from the 100-pound Shetland colts to one-ton Belgian geldings. Swine and sheep, poultry and products of field and vine and tree, art and craftsmanship, new things in machinery and gadgets an dall the devises yet thought up to touch your pocketbook.

Some odd names noted in a south-Nebraska paper: Beanblossom, Fegesack, Damm, Livingsstone, Liveness, Tool, Bunting.

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Auction

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SE 1/4 & S 1/2 of SW 1/4 Section 26, and NE 1/4 of Section 25, Less 5 or 6 acres north of railroad, all in Township 29, Range 12, West of 6 P. M., Holt County, Nebr. Will be sold on the basis of survey, either 394 or 395 Acres.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: 280 acres of wet hayland that cuts from 1 to 1 1/2 tons of hay per acre, all of which is of marketable quality, 120 acres of excellent pasture land, watered by the Elkhorn River. A lot of trees and fine shelter. Improvements consist of a 6-room house, stucco garage, stucco milk and utility building, 2 frame cattle sheds, 2 wells and 1 windmill. Improvements are in need of repair, but located as they are could well be rented to someone who is unable to get a residence in O'Neill.

TERMS: 25% cash on date of sale. Purchaser to have optional possession any time after December 1st, 1948 but not later than March 1st, 1949. Balance of purchase price to be paid at time purchaser takes possession. Warranty deed and abstract showing merchantable title will be furnished the buyer.

GENERAL COMMENT: Here is a property, the kind you seldom have an opportunity to buy. Good wet hay land that never fails to produce a crop. Located near a thriving little city, affording you all the advantages of good schools (both public and Catholic), fine churches, entertainment and recreation centers, the best of stores. If interested in examining this property before date of sale, contact J. B. Ryan, Trustee, O'Neill, Nebr.

For Further Information, contact
J. B. RYAN, O'Neill, Nebr., Trustee, or
ERNE WELLER, Atkinson, Nebr.,
Auctioneer, Telephone 8572

He was unshaven, unwashed, sharp pointed nose in direct line with a sharp pointed chin, pig eyes alert as the head worked on a swivel first one way and then another, big hand unfamiliar with soap resting the while on overall clad legs and jaw working up and down with the rhythm of a trip hammer on a wad of fairground chewing gum. Just a Nebraska patriot in from city slums or river bottoms to come in touch for the moment with some of the spangled glitter of which life has denied him a portion.

Mr. Griswold has been in demand on the platform to tell the story of the European nightmare as he saw it during the official sojourn of the Griswolds in troubled lands. If Mr. Griswold had theories when he left Nebraska of "what ought to be done" he is not now expounding them.

Back there in Asbury Park, N. J., a group of young women submitted to critical inspection, one to be selected as Mrs. America on her looks and ability to prepare a dish of macaroni. What's up? Are those New Jersey beauty and cooking experts trying to make Italians out of us? Now if an award had been made on the ladies' ability to fry onions, make pumpkin pie, or serve roast turkey Mrs. America would have real American standing.

The registering of 82 new brands in September indicates growth in the state's cattle industry. There are now 31,189 brands registered with the secretary of state. Registering of individual brands has just about eliminated the rustlers in cow country.

Congressman Curtis recently advised the barbers at a group meeting to take an active interest in politics. Isn't that asking too much? We rely on the barbers for the latest thing in sports along with a good fish story, and if they go to dabbling in politics that invites an argument. No man is in a position to argue stretched out in a barber chair with his eminence the barber flaunting a razor over him.

When the sympathetic emotions are aroused the helping hand in Yankeeland is extended in a grand way. General Eisenhower spoke for a brief period at a public function on childhood conditions in Europe. As a result within the hour \$223,000 was laid in the lap of the American Overseas Aid Crusade for Children.

The second grader on her first lessons in human anatomy was asked by the teacher to tell the class where the abdomen was located. "It's where my belly used to be," she said.

Stroller Recalls

Last, Longing Look

By A. STROLLER

PHOENIX, ARIZ. Oct. 12 — The writer will never forget that last lingering look which he took of the old home place on the morning of the day he started on his long trip from Nebraska to Arizona.

It wasn't the first time in his life he had taken a last look at familiar surroundings prior to departure for distant points. As a matter of fact, he had done it many times before. But this time it was just a little bit different. A little more poignant, possibly, as he realized that, every time he had the pleasant but sad,

experience, he was a year older than he had been the previous time.

Some incidents stand out in the memory. They may not be important incidents at all as the world rates importance. As a matter of fact, they may be very unimportant and insignificant according to its scale of values; but, to the individual, they are of special importance. After all, the importance of things is only relative.

From the standpoint, then, of real, spiritual values, that farewell glance at the old home place in Nebraska was precious beyond words.

The morning was beautiful. For several days a hot, South wind had been blowing and vegetation, so fresh and green earlier in the season, was all dried up. The grass was dead, the flowers were faded and even the trees were shedding their leaves. The song of the birds, which had filled the neighborhood with sweetest music all Summer, had entirely died away. But this morning was different.

It was one of those brief intervals which occur in early Fall when Summer seems to stage a comeback and the writer was impressed.

He stood on the back porch and looked around. The hot, South wind had stopped blowing, vegetation was reviving after a light rain, there were no leaves dropping from the trees and a big, beautiful robin was hopping happily about.

It was an inspiring farewell look at a familiar scene and one which would live in the memory.

(Next week: October Weather in Phoenix.)

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