

Prairieland Talk

Calendar Reform Gets Opposition

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LINCOLN—The promoters of the thing they have flouted as the "world calendar," through the medium of the United Nations, have been asking the approval of world governments for their calendar changes, but have been meeting with refusals the world over. One of the latest replies expressing a nation's attitude received by the secretary-general of the U.N. comes from the Union of South Africa and is quite typical of the general run received from other nations.



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"Public opinion in the Union of South Africa," it reads, "has not disclosed any great interest in the reform of the calendar. Opposition to the proposal has, however, manifested itself on religious grounds, and the principal religious bodies in South Africa have expressed themselves against the proposal to reform the existing calendar. In the circumstances the Union government is unable to support the reform of the Gregorian calendar."

The proposed calendar change does away with the historic week by introducing blank days—or no day—periods each year. Religious opposition centers largely in certain days regarded as having religious significance.

Your bank balance may loom as a god of this world, but lay a destroying hand on the faith and religious customs of any group, from a follower of the Cross to a Persian fire worshiper, and mankind's most treasured traditions will be defended.

Vacation, intermission of a stated employment—it is the midsummer event that sends caravans rolling over the highways of the land, family groups on their way to mountain parks, seaside resorts, lake shore hangouts, or maybe just going to "see the folks" and spend a few days. Vacations have become an essential of modern life, or is it a fad? You travel the highways and see nothing but cars ahead of you, arrive after hours in the heat and wind at your destination, only to discover it is just another place, another town, another community little different than your home community. After a week or two away you are back home tired and may say, "I should have spent the vacation on my own lawn."

The following is taken from the June State Historical Society's newsletter: "You are welcome to visit our archeological field party this summer. The party, in charge of Marvin F. Kivett, director of the museum, will be in the field from June 15 for a period of about eight weeks. The large prehistoric Indian village, which will be partly uncovered, is located 14 miles north of Chamberlain, S.D., just west of state highway 47, between Crow creek and Wolf creek on the Crow Creek Indian reservation. The University of Kansas field party will also be working a village site in the immediate vicinity. Meals and hotels are available in Chamberlain."

Congressman Weaver explains his opposition to the increased minimum wage scale by saying it might mean loss of jobs to workers, employers reducing the number of employees to offset the raise. Mr. Weaver doubtless felt he had something there though his fears seem not yet to be verified in industrial circles.

Editorial

Ford's Park Is Popular

A few years ago the O'Neill Parent-Teachers' association undertook to install playground equipment and provide supervision during the summer months in a hodge-podge of weeds in the west end of the city. The site, known as Ford's park by only a few and little heard of by hundreds of other citizens, gradually became a mecca for small fry.

Two years ago this same P-TA group, plus the American Legion, Legion auxiliary, Friends of St. Mary's and a half-dozen other organizations, got behind a movement to propose a 40-thousand-dollar swimming pool bond proposal on the ballot. The issue carried by a substantial margin and work was commenced. On memorial day, 1954, the pool was opened for the first time. With the tank now in its second season, folks are scratching their heads and wondering how we ever got along without the pool—judging from the multitudes who are patronizing this well-operated, well-managed pool and park.

A city park commission was appointed 14 months ago and the members are A. P. Jaszowski, John C. Watson and Raymond Eby. Under their direction the park's sanitary facilities have been modernized, numerous picnic tables have been provided by various business firms, cement walks have been built, the grounds have been transformed into a first-class park in every respect.

Judging by the hundreds of picnickers who gather there every week and the hundreds of swimmers who come from near-and-far, it is safe to say Ford's park today is a widely-known recreational spot in this section of the state.

In fact, already some observers are beginning to ask themselves if the pool and the park facilities aren't too small for a city of this size. Regardless of size, the overwhelming response by people of all age groups is gratifying not only to the officials but to the taxpayers who are footing the bill. Teaching hundreds of kids to swim under supervision, many of them from as far away as Bassett and Neligh, certainly is a worthwhile accomplishment.

A Question of Engineers

Assistant Secretary of Defense Donald A. Quarles recently pointed out the threat to America's security which is emerging from our failure to graduate engineers from our colleges at a pace comparable to that of Russia. Quarles points out that this June about 22,000 engineers were graduated from U.S. colleges and universities.

Of this number, over half—about 12,000—will probably go into the armed services. That would leave only about ten thousand to go into U.S. industry and this is compared with an estimated 50,000-engineer output in the Soviet Union.

In other words, the USSR is producing engineers at the rate of at least 50,000 a year while our rate is less than half that. It is estimated that U.S. industry could use as many as 40,000 new engineers in 1955 and only about one-fourth this number will be available.

The only solution we know of to the problem

The glow of sunset fades in the western sky, evening shadows are cast across the dying day. Out in the gloaming sings a lone katydid, birds take to the air and fly to their camping grounds, children play in the street after the long hours of a sun-burned day. An understanding mother comes out to join her girls in a game of hide-and-seek, crouches behind a hedgerow and when discovered races to the goal. Daughter beats her to it and we hear, "One, two, three for mom!" The day has been hot—the wind dies with the setting sun, the night will be hot and you may revert to the nude and stretch out on the floor by an open door. You are sore at the weather man, who had forecast a cool weekend with showers. Another Independence day comes and is gone, celebrated only by a layoff from the daily tasks and maybe half-hearted indulgence in a bit of fireworks. But is that all it is worth when, after the lapse of only 179 years, a strip of country along the Atlantic seacoast has grown to cover a continent and become a world power?

A movie guy stopped in O'Neill to get feed of pork and beans, got his classical movieland features in print, upset the equipoise of a native lassie and set the town talking—see who's here! O'Neill patriots of an earlier day were favored by visits from the really great—Teddy Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Secretary of Agriculture J. Sterling Morton, William Jennings Bryan, three times the democratic presidential candidate, Governor Croc, Edward Rosewater, Death Valley Scottie, Doc Middleton and some others with no appreciable upset of community poise.

Omaha police held "for investigation" a gent who had clubbed and beaten his 9-year-old stepson because the lad couldn't get onto the knack of riding a bicycle. The police should handle that guy like he did that little boy, who now, after such treatment, may be another on the way to juvenile delinquency. The child will remember in after years the treatment of a harsh world and resentment may be manifest in unlovely ways. Nebraskans may well experience a shade of sadness, a blush of shame, that there are brutes like this guy in Omaha among us.

This is a year of anniversaries. The Frontier passed its 75th milestone, not having failed once in 75 years to come off the press on time. The event was not even regarded worth a big headline. Atkinson celebrates the 75th anniversary of the founding of the town next month. Niobrara has been on the map for 100 years and the citizens over there do not let the century write its finish without a celebration.

Loyalty to family traditions outweighed the lure of \$15,000 a year salary attached to the job of heading up a national highway project, and State Engineer L. N. Ress will remain on the job at our statehouse. The Ress family tribal group advised against leaving Nebraska where their roots are anchored.

Some go to the movies, some to the ball games, others to the dance hall. If you want an hour's worthwhile entertainment, join the circle on the bench where the community's wise old guys spend their summer afternoons.

Two notables, who had been involved in Senator McCarthy's charges of traitors in the military ranks, laid down their swords and retired to private life "because of health." Another had a "severe heart attack."

When You and I Were Young . . .

Ewing's Popular Druggist Is Visitor

Runaway Boy Has Change of Heart

Willie Elliott, 14, a run-away from the ranch of his uncle and guardian, Peter Ryan, decided to return and sent word to his Uncle Pete to come and get him. . . . S. W. Green, Ewing's popular druggist, was in the city. . . . About one hundred Holt county teachers are receiving instruction in the various summer schools of the state. . . . A cell in the county jail is occupied by a man who gives his name as James Williams. He is in limbo for an alleged attempt to rob the money drawer in the Walworth and Sherwood store in Atkinson. . . . Miss Jennie Kane went to Omaha to enter the Presbyterian hospital to take a three-years' course in nursing. . . . Miss Mary Kelley entertained a number of her friends. Refreshments were served at 9 o'clock.

Someone gained entrance to the Ford garage and managed to get away with about \$20 in cash. . . . Judge and Mrs. R. R. Dickson and Miss Marjorie drove to Norfolk and met Miss Marion, who had been visiting friends in Lincoln for 10 days. . . . Chief of Police Chester Calkins went to Bartlett on business. . . . Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shelhamer, a son, weighing 5 pounds. . . . The O'Neill baseball nine played Barrett and lost, 10-4. . . . Tom Coyne suffered a fractured knee cap when his car hit the side of a culvert near Bruce park as he was driving to Creighton. . . . Kenneth, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Berger, farmers near O'Neill, drowned in O'Donnell's lake between Inman and Stafford. . . . Two of the city's painters and decorators, Marvin and Claude Johnson, have taken the contract of redecorating the interior of St. Mary's academy.

Having is in full swing throughout Holt county where haying crews have been established. . . . James H. Hanley, 64, former Omaha attorney and a member of the old federal radio commission, died of a brain hemorrhage at his home in Washington, D.C. . . . The Silver Star Serving Sisters 4-H club, under the leadership of Mrs. Lloyd Glead, held an achievement day at the Valley Center schoolhouse. . . . The veterans' administration has announced that it will set up a brain hemorrhage fund in O'Neill, Hartington and Ainsworth. . . . The Page WSCS met in the Methodist church parlors. Mrs. E. Roy Townsend led the devotions. . . . The president of the United States presented the gold star in lieu of the second air medal to Homer Russell Johnson, son of Dr. Homer H. Johnson of Lancaster, Young Johnson was born in Inman.

It was hotte-n-hades in the O'Neill region several days last week. . . . Elgin Ray, manager of the Speltz-Ray Lumber company here, was elected commander of Simonson post 93, American Legion. . . . An 18-year-old Butte youth, who could not swim, drowned in the lake at the state recreation park west of Atkinson. . . . Rev. Ernest Smith, a native of New York state, will arrive in O'Neill. He is a graduate of the Lutheran seminary at St. Louis, Mo., and will be installed as pastor of Christ Lutheran church. . . . An important little sparrow fouled up northeast Nebraska's power network when he dropped a bit of wet grass or wire across a 69-thousand-volt high tension terminal on a main oil switch, creating a short-circuit. . . . Residents of O'Neill are asked to cut down on their use of city water.

Letter to Editor

Omaha, Nebr. July 3 Leaving for Littleton, Colo., so better get my check on the road so I'll be sure to get my paper this week. . . . Came from Hot Springs, Ark., here with seven. Lost all but two head through claiming but had a very successful meet here. . . . Please send the little old home town paper to us: JASPER HITCHCOCK Littleton, Colo. c/o Centennial Race Track

Return from Rapid—James Tangeman and John Lee Farrier returned Tuesday, June 28, from Rapid City, S.D., where they had been visiting Mr. Farrier's brother, Richard Farrier, and family.

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Over 100 Present at Bible Camp

CELIA—Mrs. Connie Frickel, Mrs. Clarence Focken and Mrs. George Keidel of Stuart were cooks the past week at the Cleveland Bible camp. Over one hundred children were fed each day. Children from Wyoming, Oregon, Arizona, as well as Randolph, Lincoln, Osmond, O'Neill, Stuart, Atkinson, Celia and Cleveland communities in Nebraska were in attendance at the camp which closed Sunday with services and a picnic dinner.

Other Celia News

Mrs. Mark Hendricks received word Friday of the death of her brother-in-law, Anson House of Concord, Calif., who died that day of a heart attack after an illness of four days. He is survived by his wife and nine children. The House family visited here several times.

Alex Forsythe and Mr. and Mrs. Lon Bellman were Friday afternoon visitors at the O. A. Hammerberg home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hupp and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Orr were Saturday afternoon visitors at the Joe Hendricks home.

July 4 visitors at the Connie Frickel home were the Sewell Johnson family, also the Ralph Friedrich family of Spencer.

George Woolstrum of Ansley visited the Mark Hendricks family from Sunday until Tuesday.

Henry Marlin left Sunday for his home at Panhandle, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Beck and Mr. and Mrs. William Maloun and son were last Thursday evening visitors at the O. A. Hammerberg home.

Joe Hendricks and son, Jim, visited Jerry Hendricks at the Cleveland Bible camp last Thursday to help him celebrate his 11th birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. William Maloun and Billy were July 4 supper guests at the O. A. Hammerberg home.

O. A. Hammerberg spent Saturday at the William Maloun home.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Beck and Mr. and Mrs. George Beck were Sunday dinner guests at the Henry Dobrovolsky home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bellman and Alex Forsythe were Saturday night supper guests at the O. A. Hammerberg home.

Miss Dorothy Scott was a Sunday supper guest at the William Maloun home.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Robey were Sunday afternoon and supper guests at the Joe Hendricks home.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Kilmurry spent the Fourth at the Frank Kilmurry home.

Emil Colfack and Denton were Saturday morning visitors at the Charles Dobias home. Dorothy Scott was a dinner guest there on Saturday.

Denton, Shirley and Dennis Colfack and Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Hammerberg were Sunday evening, July 3, visitors at the William Maloun home.

Emil Colfack and Denton were Saturday visitors at the Duane Beck home.

Hans Lauridsen and sons and Jim Lauridsen were Saturday O'Neill visitors.

Bobby Knudson was a supper guest at the Frank Disterhant home Wednesday evening, July 6.

The Emil Colfack family visited the Wilford Arp family Tuesday, July 5, and attended the funeral of William Mitchell at Butte. They were supper guests at the Arp home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kilmurry and family were Wednesday evening, July 6, visitors at the Emil Colfack home.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Steele and four sons of Isanti, Minn., arrived Tuesday, July 5, for a visit with his sister, Mrs. Lawrence Smith, and family. They left Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred SchAAF, George and Dick were Friday evening visitors at the Hans Lauridsen home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Czerny of Naper were Sunday afternoon visitors at the O. A. Hammerberg home.

The Emil Colfack family spent Sunday at the Oscar Wonderecheck home at Newport.

The Wilford Arp family spent July 4 at the Emil Colfack home. Mrs. Merrill Smith and Doris were Friday afternoon visitors at the Lawrence Smith home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Lauridsen and sons were Tuesday evening, July 5, visitors at the George Syfie home.

Edward Siders returned to his home at Glenrock, Wyo., Friday, July 1, after spending a week here visiting his mother, Mrs. Maggie Siders, and his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bartos, and their daughter, Karen.

Dwayne Greenwood Weds in Arizona

CELIA—Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Greenwood of Sagle, Ida., announce the marriage of their son, A/2c Dwayne A. Greenwood of March air force base in California, to Miss Thelma Courtney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Courtney of Mira Loma, Calif. The wedding was solemnized at a chapel in Yuma, Ariz., Sunday, July 3.

The bride is a government employee. They are now making their home in Riverside, Calif.

The Greenwoods were formerly Atkinson and Celia residents, leaving for Idaho seven years ago. Dwayne is a nephew of O. A. Hammerberg of Atkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Greenwood are now living at 2710 State st., San Bernardino, Calif.

Miss Eileen Krynsl Feted at Stuart—STUART—Miss Eileen Krynsl was honored Sunday afternoon with a prenuptial shower given

in the basement of the St. Boniface Catholic church. Games were used for entertainment and a lunch was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Albert Ziska and Mrs. Freddie Neubauer.

Miss Ann Gleeson spent the weekend in Bonesteel, S.D., visiting relatives.

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