

## Curing Versus Expansion

LINCOLN—A theoretic tug-of-war over the best way to run Nebraska's mental hospitals continued this week with no signs that contemplated wage boosts would end the affair. The state board of control, which operates the three mental

hospitals as well as 17 other state institutions, announced that it would boost by an average of \$20 a month the starting salaries at institutions. Also, the board said it would make wage increases to certain employees on merit basis, as it has in the past. It flatly stated there would be no blanket increases.

The board said this had developed naturally and was not a result of demands by employees at the Hastings State Mental hospital that something be done about wages. This came in the form of a petition signed by 350 workers at that institution.

That was the surface story. Behind the scenes there appeared to be developing a fascinating struggle over ideas and methods in mental hospitals.

**"Early Cure"**  
On the one hand is Dr. G. Lee Sandritter, superintendent of the Hastings hospital, a strong advocate of what he calls the "early cure" method.

Doctor Sandritter explains it this way: He says that if patients are given an intensive treatment after they are first placed in the hospital, experience has shown that their chances of being cured and leaving the institution are much greater than if they stay on and on. The first months—even the first 90 days—are all important, he states.

The Hastings superintendent says that Nebraska, instead, is giving "custodial care"—that is

housing and feeding inmates with little attempt to cure them. But intensive treatment costs money. It takes extra employees and most of all it requires doctors and psychiatrists. Not only are the wages of doctors and psychiatrists high (ranking above the \$10,000 a year mark), but there is a serious shortage of these specialists.

Varying in different degrees from Doctor Sandritter's position are the other superintendents, the board of control, and Gov. Robert Crosby.

Crosby and the board of control state that they favor the "early cure" method, too, but think Doctor Sandritter oversimplifies its possibilities. They believe that as the number of mental patients increases buildings must be constructed to house them.

Not so, counters Doctor Sandritter. Instead of spending money for new buildings the state should be spending it on salaries of trained personnel. These could cure a good share of the incoming mental patients and keep the institutions from becoming over crowded, he contends.

**Another Hospital.**  
Doctor Sandritter in an appearance before the legislature budget committee in 1953 warned that if the number of mental patients keeps increasing the state will have to build a fourth mental hospital by 1972. Yet the millions that would eventually go for a mental hospital would accomplish much more in the next few years through the "early cure" method, he said. An expensive fourth hospital wouldn't be needed.

He claims that facts and figures on the work on his institution shows this to be true.

Superintendents of the mental hospitals at Norfolk and Lincoln are more cautious. Privately they say Sandritter is too optimistic.

The legislature budget committee took the position that until the contention was proved the state shouldn't place all its eggs in that basket.

That's generally the position of the board of control and of Governor Crosby. Besides, the Crosby administration is committed to governmental spending.

It was considered significant that the petition on wages came from Sandritter's institution. At the same time Sandritter blasted the board of control's wage policy, claiming it was costing him valuable staff members because he couldn't pay enough to hold them.

**Wages Too Low.**  
Sandritter has said that the starting wages of \$125 and \$130 are not enough to get really competent help. Yet an incompetent ward aide can in a few of tactics action undo all the good that a highly trained specialist can do with a mental patient.

Board of control officials point out that their wage levels are in line with what city hospitals pay in Nebraska. They show charts of figures paid in other states and indicate Nebraska is not out of line. On the question of staff psychiatrists and medical doctors, officials maintain that salary isn't the problem too much as the shortage of such trained men. Just having higher wage scales won't solve the situation, they state.

Doctor Sandritter is reportedly determined to get his ideas before the people and the legislature. At the rate the controversy is developing, it appears that it will eventually be answered in the court of public opinion. Incidentally, O'Neill's State Sen. Frank Nelson heads the unicameral's committee in charge of assistance to the state's aged. Because there is a high incidence of mental illness and senility among the aged, Senator Nelson recently has visited the three state hospitals in his study on the matter.

At Norfolk he found a handsome and spacious new building only partially in use because of a lack of personnel and equipment.

**Cement Shortage.**  
State Engineer L. N. Riss revealed that another barrier to the highway program is developing. That is the shortage of cement for paving. At least one project—paving of state 50 south of Syracuse—will be postponed until 1955 because of this. Because of the tremendous amount of building in the area, especially reactivation of the Lincoln air base, the cement companies have issued "quotas" to their users. The state highway department is already 10 percent over its 1954 quota, Riss said. It has been able to do as well as it has only because readymix companies have furnished the cement on certain jobs, such as part of the northwest radical in Omaha.

**Costs of Politics.**  
More and more the high cost of running for office is becoming apparent. One well-known Nebraskan, who had been prominent mentioned as a possible candidate for congress, recently bowed out for admitted "financial reasons." He told friends that he had offered to put up \$2,500 of his own money if he could get \$5,000 from others. He said the \$7,500 was the minimum amount he would need to campaign. When it wasn't forthcoming, he had to drop his plans. The costs of television have had much to do with the zooming costs of running for office these days.

**Constitutional Amendments.**  
It began to look as though the only constitutional amendments voters will find on their November ballots will be the eight placed there by the legislature. Deadline for filing the 59,572 signatures necessary to place a proposition on the ballot by petition is July 1. A possible exception is the State Bar association's proposal for a merit plan of electing judges. It might get the necessary signatures. Chances are slim for the Veterans of Foreign Wars proposal to let 18-year-olds vote; the proposal by western leaseholders that school land money be left in the county where it comes from; and the proposal to change the unicameral to a partisan body.

**Mrs. William Everetts.**  
**Recent Bride, Feted.**

STUART—Mrs. William Everetts was guest of honor at a post-nuptial shower given Sunday afternoon, June 13, by Mrs. George Bolen, Mrs. Harry Cadwallader and Mrs. James Nachtman. Mrs. Everetts, nee Norma Cadwallader, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cadwallader of Stuart, and was married to William Everetts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Everetts of Atkinson, at Papillion on May 25.

The afternoon was spent playing cards with Mrs. Earl Cadwallader winning high; Mrs. Charles Hoffman, low; Mrs. Myron Papka, traveler's; and Mrs. Russell Everetts of Atkinson, door prize.

A lunch of cake, sandwiches, pickles and cool-aid was served by the hostesses.

**Altar Society**  
**to Meet June 24.**

St. Patrick's Altar society will hold a regular monthly meeting Thursday evening, June 24, at 8 o'clock in the dining room of St. Mary's academy. St. Agnes Guild is in charge of the program with Mrs. H. E. Coyne as chairman. All women of the parish are invited to attend the meeting. Games will be played, prizes awarded and luncheon will be served by the committee.

**O'NEILL LOCALS**

The Misses Genevieve Biglin and Nora McAuliffe of Sioux City spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Cronin. Mrs. Susan Longstaff of Juanita called at the home of Mrs. D. H. Clauson Wednesday afternoon, June 9.

A2e James DeBacker returned to Ft. Warren, Wyo., Sunday after spending eight days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. DeBacker.

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## Hunt Applications Are Now Available

### 4,000 Deer Licenses to Be Drawn

Nebraska big game hunters may now obtain applications for hunting permits for the 1954 season. The applications are available from all county clerk offices, and local conservation officers.

They may also be obtained from the Nebraska game, forestation and parks officers in the statehouse at Lincoln.

All applications must be post-marked not later than midnight July 15. After processing of the applications, a drawing will be held in Lincoln August 3, to determine who will receive the licenses.

There will be 4,000 deer permits and 500 antelope permits allowed this season. The open season dates for the antelope will be September 11, 12 and 13.

The opening dates for the deer will be as follows:

- Area I - Dec. 4-8, inclusive; Banner, Cheyenne, Garden, Kimball, Morrill and Scotts Bluff counties.
- Area II - Dec. 4-8, inclusive; Box Butte, Dawes, Sheridan and Sioux counties.
- Area III - Dec. 11-14, inclusive; Brown, Cherry, Keya Paha and Rock counties.
- Area IV - Dec. 11-15, inclusive; Boyd, Cedar, Dakota, Dixon, Holt and Knox counties.

The season bag limit will be one antelope, either sex, for hunters with antelope permits. The daily season will open one-half hour before sunrise and close one-half hour after sunset. For deer hunters, the bag limit will be one deer, as authorized by area and regulations. Antlerless deer will be hunted only the last day, in only areas I and II.

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**Return to California**  
PN2 and Mrs. Daniel DeBacker and Michael left Monday for San Diego, Calif., after two weeks in O'Neill visiting at the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. DeBacker and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davis.

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**Bassett Towners vs. O'Neill Rockets**  
**CARNEY PARK — O'NEILL**  
**Sunday, June 20th**  
Admission: Adults 50c; children under 12 admitted free.

**It Happened In NEBRASKA...**

As early as 1700, French fur traders traveling the Missouri River by canoe frequently landed along Nebraska's eastern "shores." These adventure-hardened traders soon discovered that Nebraska's "cities of gold" were only the myths of so-called early explorers who actually had never seen this region.

One story you can't discount these days NEBRASKA DIVISION is that Nebraska's tavern industry, by operating clean, well-regulated business establishments, has earned the growing respect accorded it.

United States Brewers Foundation  
710 First Nat'l Bank Bldg., Lincoln



## The phone that came to the accident

Driving along Route 12 to Waterville, telephone installer Lon Chapple slowed his truck when he saw the group of cars stopped up ahead. Then he recognized the grim scene—an accident. Two twisted vehicles blocked the highway; men were bending over the victims at the roadside.

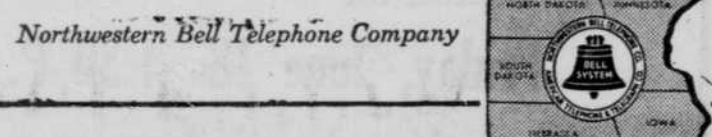
As Chapple pulled over, a man ran toward him. "Gave 'em all first aid—but the woman and the boy need a doctor fast," he said anxiously. "Will you go..."

"Better yet, I'll call," the telephone man interrupted him. Swiftly, he buckled on his safety belt and "climbers" grabbed his lineman's test set and went up a nearby phone pole. Clipping his telephone to the wires, he put through the call. In a surprisingly short time a doctor and an ambulance arrived.

"Just got here in time," the ambulance driver told Chapple later. "They're lucky that you—and your telephone—came to the accident!"

Names have been changed, but this story is true. Lon Chapple, the resourceful installer, might be working in your neighborhood today—for this incident is a typical example of the value of telephone service and the helpfulness of the men and women behind it.

To provide valuable telephone service, to pay good wages to workers like Lon Chapple, to train and equip them well, your telephone company must be financially healthy. That way we can continue to maintain and improve telephone service... and continue to make your telephone worth more than it costs.



**Royal Theater**  
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Thurs.-Fri.-Sat. June 17-18-19  
**Cinemascope**  
Takes you beneath the sea!  
**BENEATH THE 12-MILE REEF**  
Technicolor  
Starring Robert Wagner, Terry Moore, Gilbert Roland and J. Carroll Naish. The amazing anamorphic lens takes you under the sea... into the killer-kingdom of tiger-shark, manta ray and giant octopus!  
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Sun.-Mon.-Tues. June 20-21-22  
**"RED GARTERS"**  
Color by Technicolor  
Starring Rosemary Clooney, Jack Carson, Guy Mitchell, Pat Crowley, Gene Barry, Cass Dailey and introducing Joanne Gilbert.  
Adults 50c; Children 12c; Matinee Sunday 2:30. All children unless in arms must have tickets.

Wed.-Thurs. June 23-24  
**JIVARO**  
Pronounced H-VA-RO (Headhunters of the Amazon)  
Color by Technicolor  
Starring Fernando Lamas, Rhonda Fleming and co-starring Brian Keith  
Family \$1.00; Adults 50c; Children 12c

Jesus said: "Come unto Me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

**Interdenominational CAMP MEETING**  
**June 17 - 27**  
**O'Neill Wesleyan Methodist Church**

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REV. C. V. McCULLY

**Rev. Lyle Howard**  
Mitchell, S.D.  
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**Rev. C. V. McCully**  
Stillwater, Okla.  
EVANGELIST

**Rev. B. D. Hunn**  
Tryon, Nebr.  
EVANGELIST

**Mrs. Bessie Kline**  
Niobrara, Nebr.  
CHILDREN'S WORKER

**First Service**  
Thursday, June 17, 8 P.M.  
**DAILY SERVICES:**

Bible Study	10:30 A.M.
Children's Meeting	1:00 P.M.
Adult Prayer Meeting	1:00 P.M.
Preaching	2:00 P.M.
Evangelistic Rally	8:00 P.M.

**SUNDAY SERVICES:**  
O'Neill Public School Auditorium

Sunday-School	10:00 A.M.
Worship	11:00 A.M.
Bible College Program	2:00 P.M.
Singspiration	7:30 P.M.
Evangelistic Rally	8:00 P.M.

(\*By young folks from McPherson and Miltonvale, Kans., colleges)

**MEALS**  
Freewill Offering Plan

Breakfast	7:30 A.M.
Dinner	12:00 Noon
Supper	5:30 P.M.

Donations of  
VEGETABLES — MILK — CREAM  
EGGS — MEAT — BUTTER — FRUIT  
will be appreciated

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ANY OF THESE SERVICES**  
Overnight guests bring bedding

**.. DANCE ..**  
**AT O'NEILL**  
**American Legion Auditorium & BALLROOM**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 20th**  
**WAYNE ALLEN and His Orchestra**  
Adm.: Adults \$1; Students 50c