

State Capitol News

Penal Expert to Make Inspection

LINCOLN—Events in the controversy over the state penitentiary in Lincoln marched on this week with the next major show-down postponed until after Christmas.

That is when Sanford Bates of Trenton, N.J., is scheduled to come to Lincoln and make a survey of conditions at the penitentiary. Bates, an internationally known prison expert, has been hired by the state board of control to make the inspection. The board supervises the penitentiary and 16 other state institutions.

The board announced this step after Gov. Robert Crosby said he thought one of two things should be done—

Either fire Penitentiary Warden Herbert Hann and get someone with a sufficient background in education and experience in penology.

Or employ a supervisor to be over all three state penal institutions—the penitentiary, the men's reformatory at Lincoln, and the women's reformatory at York.

Actually, it turned out that the board had been negotiating with Bates for a month. Bates was first written shortly after a three-man citizens' committee appointed

by Governor Crosby reported to the governor that they had found the penitentiary "open to criticism" and said the prison administration should be changed.

Bates has a remarkable record in prison administration. Seventy-years-old, he retired last June as commissioner of institutions and agencies in New Jersey. Before that he was New York state parole commissioner. Actually, he got into the prison field in 1918 when he was penal institution commissioner in Massachusetts.

He became a federal prison superintendent in 1929 and was appointed director of the U.S. bureau of prisons in 1930. He has been president of many penological groups, including the international penal and penitentiary commission in 1946.

Opposing Views— He will be walking into a heated situation where an irresistible force is the force that has been caused by the citizens' committee report which charged brutality and drunkenness among the guards, improper handling of narcotics, and also strongly condemned the penitentiary jail, or "hole." The committee issued 127 pages of testimony from inmates, ex-inmates, guards and ex-guards.

The immovable object has been the board of control which has backed Hann to the hilt. Board Chairman William Diers of Gresham has been the guiding spirit with the other members, Thomas Dredia, sr., of Crete and Mrs. Catherine Martin of Kearney, going along.

Diers maintains that only one side of the story has been told. He insists that testimony was gathered only from disgruntled ex-employees and from inmates who would love to kick up a fuss. Within hours after Crosby had made his "either-or" recommendation it was obvious the board was going to keep Hann.

Crosby had left the door open by saying of Warden Hann: "It is my personal opinion that Warden Hann is a well intentioned man attempting to do a good job. However, without any previous education or training in prison administration, the handicaps and disadvantages under which he has labored are obvious."

Some Changes— But the whole controversy already was bringing some changes. All mental patients—some of

whom had been kept in the "hole"—have been moved to hospitals. The board ordered a \$20 a month raise for all guards and employees, hoping to attract good men that way.

And the board issued a 10 point directive to Hann ordering him to investigate charges made by the committee, fire any guards or employees he needed to, and reiterating the rules against brutality to inmates.

Highway Relocation— Governor Crosby, State Engineer L. N. Ress and the state advisory highway commission had a conference on the question of who should have the final word on highway relocations.

The state engineer now has it. The commission has suggested the power be given it. Crosby had to step into the controversy.

Bringing the matter to a head was one of the road relocation squabbles which has nagged at governors for three years now. That is the question of moving highway 35 between Wayne and Wakefield to a route two miles south. The commission voted against the state highway department's recommendation.

State Engineer Ress appealed to Governor Crosby. And that's why the conference was held.

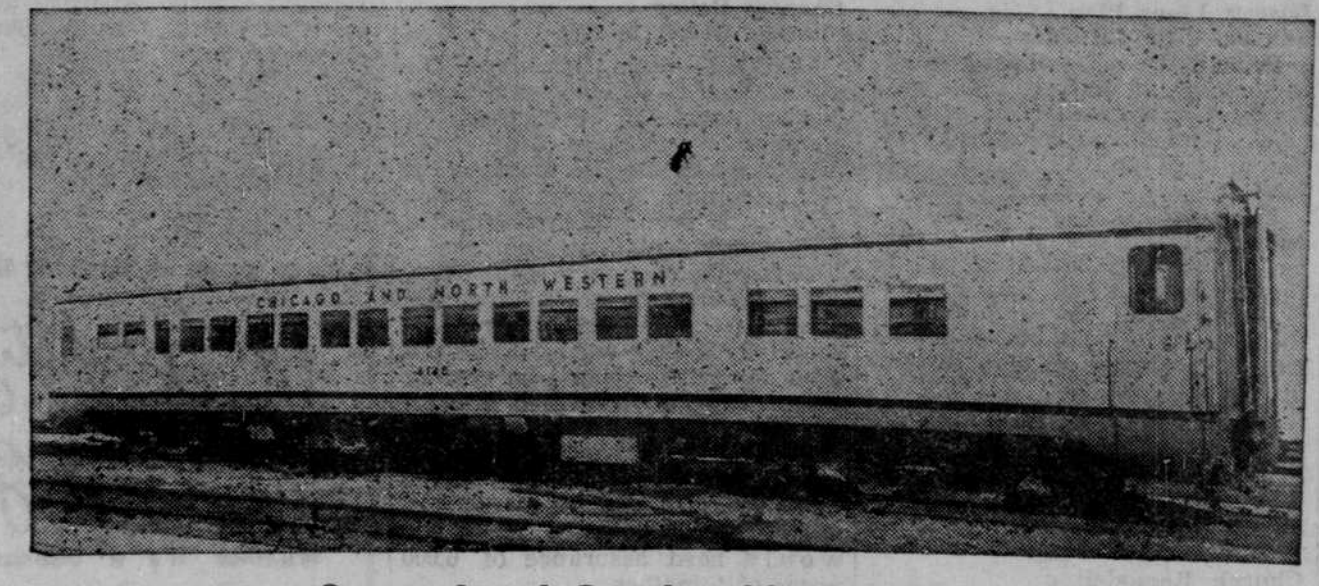
It was soon developed that the commission didn't know Crosby had announced a decision in June, 1953, or five months before the commission even held a hearing. Chairman Arthur Coad of Omaha said there would have been no point in holding the hearing had this been known.

From statements made at the conference it was apparent that commission members were nettled at criticism that had come their way for their decision. They insisted they had taken engineering estimates into consideration as well as local public sentiment.

To Crosby, Member Chris Metzger of Cedar Creek said, "I have no objection to your overruling our recommendation. That's your prerogative. But there should be some definition of what were supposed to do."

Member Merle Kingsbury of Ponca said he thought the fact that the commission has held hearings has been good public relations because citizens groups have been satisfied even when their recommendations were turned down.

But member Don Hanna, jr., of



Streamlined Coaches Now in Use

This is an exterior view of the new Challenger-type streamlined passenger coaches now in use on the mainline of the Chicago & North Western line from Omaha to Chadron, via O'Neill.

Passengers are now able to travel through to Chicago without changing trains at Omaha. The new coaches made their first appearance at O'Neill on Tuesday morning, December 7.

Brownlee noted, "It's a farce if the commission holds a hearing and nothing comes of it. There must be a decision made."

The department feels scientific factors should be used. The commission would take into account local sentiment. The problem promises to plague future governors.

Harold Dexter Gets Pfc. Rating

Marine Pfc. Harold E. Dexter recently was met in Omaha by his mother, Mrs. Olive Dexter, and his brother, Lawrence. He has a leave of 21 days after which he will report to Camp Pendleton, Calif., for four weeks of advanced training prior to serving overseas for 18 months.

Harold, who was graduated from the marine base at San Diego, Calif., was one of four graduates out of a class of 68 to receive a private first-class rating. He also received his expert rifleman's medal.

Sunday, December 5, Harold, his brother, Jerry, and Mrs. Dexter were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rothchild. His other brother, Darrel, spent the weekend in Chambers at the Roy Seery home.

Schaffer, Mounts Head Eastern Star

Mrs. Dewey Schaffer and District Judge D. R. Mounts were elected worthy matron and worthy patron of the Order of the Eastern Star here last Thursday evening.

Other officers are Mr. and Mrs. Homer E. Asher, associate patron and associate matron; Mrs. John D. Osenbaugh, secretary; Mrs. James McMahan of Iman, treasurer; Mrs. W. W. Waller, conductress; and Mrs. Dwight Harder, associate conductress.

Mrs. Schaffer will appoint the remaining officers for 1955 and all will be installed at the January meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chace of Atkinson were last Thursday afternoon guests at the home of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hammond.

NOTICE

Any producer who intends to plant corn in 1955 on a farm where no corn was planted during the years 1952 or 1954, should apply for a "new farm" corn acreage allotment if he wants any price support or an ACP payment in 1955. Harry Ressel, Chairman of the Holt County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, said today.

Marketing quotas do not apply to corn, the Chairman explained. However, under the acreage allotment program, the production of corn in 1955 on a farm which has no corn acreage allotment would make all the crops from the farm ineligible for price support in 1955. Likewise, the producer on such a farm would be ineligible for any payment under the 1955 Agricultural Conservation Program.

Application forms for "new farms" corn acreage allotments are available at the County ASC office, Jan. 15, 1955, is the last day such applications may be filed.

United States Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Stabilization
Conservation Committee

AUCTION SALE

Sat., Dec. 18—8 P.M.
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- 3—Electric Ranges
- 2—Oil Heaters, different sizes
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- 20—Ladies' New Coats
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All persons having anything listed must have it here on Friday.

Claude Humphrey

Chambers News

Mrs. Clair Grimes accompanied her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Adams, who had spent the weekend in Chambers, to their home at St. Paul Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Grimes plans to go on to Mount Rose, Colo., to spend Christmas with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Conley, and sons, Robbie and Stevie, and then go on to California to visit her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Grimes and family at Fresno. She will also visit other relatives in California where she plans to spend most of the winter.

Guests on Sunday in the John Honeywell home were Mr. and Mrs. Verle Tuttle and family of Clearwater and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Urban of Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. Will David left Saturday for Idaho where they will visit relatives. They plan to visit kin in California and other Western states. They stay in the West is indefinite. The Davids held a farm sale recently, disposing of their personal property. The farm was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Wade Davis, who will move there in the spring.

The Chambers Garden club sponsored a Christmas window decorating contest. The unveiling took place at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. The Platt Oil company won first place and the Neilson shoe shop received honorable mention in the religious division. The Harley Hardware company won first in commercial

division. J. L. Patton of Omaha, president of the Omaha Bible institute, was the judge.

Miss Pearl Clevenger of Kearney is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Verle David and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Baker of Amelia were Sunday dinner guests in the E. R. Carpenter home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wintermute and Norma drove to Omaha Saturday to attend the Hollywood ice revue. They returned Sunday.

Mrs. Richard Harley and Wayne spent Sunday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dexter. Mrs. Ernest Thorin went to Grand Island Monday to attend a meeting. She was accompanied by her brother, who was returning to California after visiting relatives here and at Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cook, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Wintermute and Mr. and Mrs. Will Lehman were dinner guests of Mrs. John Wintermute Sunday.

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THREE HOURS TO KILL
The man with the rope scar on his neck! Dana Andrews, Donna Reed, academy award winner of "From Here to Eternity." Co-starring Dianne Foster. He was back for vengeance and for her!
Adults 50c; children 12c; matinee Sat. 2:30. All children under 12 free when accompanied by parent.

Sun.-Mon.-Tues. Dec. 19-20-21
BETRAYED
In color. The mystery drama of the year! Don't tell the surprise ending! Action, romance, suspense, filmed in Holland! Clark Gable, Lana Turner, Victor Mature. Co-starring Louis Calhern. It's true!—By Wiley Paden.
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Lynch News

Edwin Burger, son of Mrs. Deloss Malcolm, and Leroy Kraft, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kraft, left for the air force service Monday morning, December 6, leaving via O'Neill.

The Jack Darnell family of Omaha spent the weekend here visiting relatives.

The Don Rossmeyer family of O'Neill visited relatives here on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Potter of Wenatchee, Wash., visited friends and relatives here last week. Mrs. Potter is the former Wanda Huber and lived with her parents in the Pleasant View community for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Barnes visited relatives in Wayne Sunday, December 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Barta and Mr. and Mrs. Grafton Franklin of Verdell were Lynch visitors on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Halva tutored to Verdell Friday after their daughter, Jean, who is teaching south of Verdell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Heiser visited relatives at Neligh Tuesday, December 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Zach and children of Osmond visited relatives here over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kalkowski accompanied their son, Lawrence, to Ft. Riley, Kans., Friday. They returned home Saturday. Lawrence had spent a 15-day furlough here.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Wasatko and Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Jedlicka visited at Albert Tomek's near Butte on Sunday, December 5.

Mrs. Earl Moody visited at the

MOTHER DIES

CHAMBERS—Mr. and Mrs. Merle Fagan and children attended the funeral services on Friday at Kensington, Kans., for her mother, Mrs. Ella Westerman, 85, a resident of that community for 58 years. Mrs. Fagan had been with her mother for two weeks prior to her death. The Fagans returned Saturday.

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