

Prairieland Talk

Programs of Men Plentiful

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LINCOLN—The churches are busy as rarely ever before. Bible schools, pulpit preaching, television, radio, books and papers invite you to read that which would make you out a sinner in need of a particular brand of salvation. The simple plan of redemption is beclouded with a maze of men's ideas. Let us see what is said of the churches of our day as recorded in the last message in that volume these Bible schools have been considering this summer:



Romaine Saunders

"And unto the angel of the church of Laodiceans write, These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works that thou art neither cold nor hot so then because thou art lukewarm and neither cold nor hot I will spue thee out of my mouth. . . Thou sayest, I am rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing, and knowest not that thou art wretched and poor and blind and naked, I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment that thou mayest be clothed and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve that thou mayest see. . . He that hath an ear let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches."

The churches were never more occupied with the programs of men; never less spiritually enfeebled.

We could not think the editor assumes Frontier readers do not know where Chicago is located on the map when he adds ill. Newspaper guys take pardonable pride in conforming to certain rules in getting up their paper. When mentioning Chicago everyone knows you refer to that multimillion population center crowding the shores of lower Lake Michigan. There are a few little villages known as Chicago. O'Neill has an imitator out in Nevada. We had on the wall in the old Frontier building a style board that George Riggs put up for printers to refer to, which meant a printed list of do's and don'ts, what to capitalize, what to express in figures, what to abbreviate, punctuate, paragraph and other guides to uniformity of style in which the force took pride. Printers edited the copy, punctuated and changed it to make sense, other than that which came from the editorial desk. The conjunction "and" is frequently used in writing. Some haughty publications now employ the character & as the conjunction. This character was used only in such combinations as John Doe & Co. Well, most of us newspaper guys feel that what we don't know about it has been rubbed out.

Self-appointed guardians of the "rights of the people" condemn Sen. Hugh Butler for voting as he did supporting the measure to give western cattle men a chance to survive with their herds on the public domain. It required courage on the senator's part knowing that the cry would be raised by demagogues of "land grab" by cattle barons. If the critics of this action knew as much as they think they do about the grazing situation in sparsely granged regions or got aboard a bronc and rode the range for a season they would have nothing to say.

Lawyers often defeat the process of justice. The Rosenbergs, husband and wife, convicted as spies and condemned to the electric chair, had a bank roll available from some source to secure able lawyers to go the limit to save them from the penalty for the crime in which they were convicted. Defending a criminal in court is one thing; contributing to his escape from the police is something else. Anyway, they lost and they've made the march to the chair.

A little under one thousand stepped from the classic halls of our state university with their degrees won as students. Other institutions of higher learning within the state sent forth still more to take up life's struggles. And so they come, hordes of them, from schools in every state. Some will profit more than others from education. I once heard a college man say you must be educated to "get anywhere." The last I knew of him he was driving a taxi. Another is a meat cutter. But what's wrong with having educated taxi drivers and meat cutters?

Editorial

Rosenbergs Get Justice

Seldom in history have a nation's courts gone to such lengths as have those of the United States with regard to Julius and Ethel Rosenberg to assure that persons charged with espionage should have every protection of law in the determination of their case. The ultimate sustaining of their conviction is well borne out by the evidence, and even the more troubled question of the death sentence has been answered and re-answered by the highest appellate tribunal of a patient nation. Now, they've died in the electric chair.

All this has taken place in no atmosphere of hysteria or ferocity; it has been a cold, judicial search for the right course.

As in every suit, there have been two parties for whom it was important that justice be done. One of these was the Rosenbergs. The other was the people of the United States. The nation, and indeed the world, must not be rendered impotent to restrain those who plot its damage. If capital punishment is ever to be invoked, it is not out of keeping with a treachery which endangers the lives of thousands of human beings.

It will may be that the actions of the United States in this matter need to be better understood abroad than they are—just as Americans should realize that others than communists have believed sincerely that the death sentence should be reduced to some lesser penalty.

But proceeding from the validity of the conviction, the judgment of qualified authority has been that the sentence was valid. There must be power somewhere to make such a determination, or society is bare before its enemies. National self-protection demands that other saboteurs should not gain the impression that spying is relatively safe or that communist intimidation can gain them immunity.

The very brassiness of communist propaganda over this case tended to make it more difficult for President Eisenhower—if he ever had any such inclination—to commute the sentence. Any leniency would have been seized upon by the followers of Moscow as a victory for their pressure tactics over the processes of law. There is good reason to believe that release of the Rosenbergs was the last thing Moscow really desired.

If any comparison of systems of justice is required, the functionaries of Soviet-style communism supplied it in East Berlin on the same day the United States supreme court met to consider the final question raised by Mr. Justice Douglas's stay of execution. There a Russian army officer announced that a German workman who

Baseball survives though it is not what it once was in the realm of entertainment. It has become one of the country's commercial activities—a business proposition. At least one Nebraska-rated among the great pitchers, considered good enough for a place in the hall of fame and a paragraph in the encyclopedia. Grover Cleveland Alexander was born in St. Paul, countyseat of Howard county, third county south of Holt. Maybe, like Bob Feller, he acquired his skill pitching at a barn door. Of course, there have been many Alexanders since the days of that Macedonian who was conquering the world until the Hercules bowl conquered him. About the time Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves, Alexander II liberated the serfs in Russia, more than 30 million of them and established them as landowners. For this and other measures beneficial to the Russian people he was assassinated by a Nihilist, as Lincoln was by a slave driver. America produced a noted physician, a soldier, an astronomer, an artist besides a ballplayer among the Alexanders.

If you kept up with the enactments, repeals, changes, new laws, amendments, resolutions, etc., to the credit or disgrace of the late lamented legislative session, you are qualified to rank with John Clark Ridpath as a historian. Guess the general election still falls in November but the primary has been shifted to come in May some times, in August another time; you're a criminal if you flip a lighted fan out the car window along a highway, and don't engage passage in a bus over 40 feet long. Maybe it is just as well to secure a copy of the new laws if you don't want to become a jailbird. And you can't change your mind once you have affixed your John Hancock to a school redistricting petition. But Senator Carpenter's measure to outlaw price quoting in liquor advertising was snowed under. One of the senator's private enterprises is supplying firewater to western Nebraska guzzlers.

Had a prairieland patriot been doing it he would have said: Alright, Mr. Rhee, it's your war; we're going!

The courts have ruled that public eating places in Washington, D.C., shall not discriminate against the Negroes. The courts should have gone a little farther and ruled that the guy in shirt sleeves when it's 110 in the shade can also buy a meal. . . The story is told of a pet eagle being taken from its cage to the freedom of the open country, and returning for the third time to the security of its cage. Even the birds caught the new deal idea. . . Assessors in the city demanding to come into your home to see what sticks of furniture you have being refused admittance by householders. Is our formerly simple method of assessing turned into a dictator program that is going to make anarchists of Nebraska patriots? . . . Over a published list of members of the January 12, 1888, Blizard club who died the past year is this headline, "Hallelujah, Praise the Lord."

Widely separated communities on prairieland have taken beatings this early summer. In point of deaths from cruel cyclone visitation the farm home of the Madsen family near Arcadia, in Valley county, was the scene not only of complete ruin but the horrifying picture of 10 dead bodies strewn about the place. A family reunion was being enjoyed at the home when the twister struck, killing all when the house was destroyed. Property loss can be replaced, fathers and mothers and little children are gone forever. One family just across the road saved themselves by taking refuge in their outside cellar, storm caves the pioneers called them and every family provided themselves with such a place of refuge.

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Many Northerners were highly critical of this concession to the institution of slavery, and "Anti-Nebraska" meetings were held all over the North, particularly in the states of the Old Northwest. Out of these developed the Republican party. Out of the controversy of which the Kansas-Nebraska struggle was an important part came the Civil war.

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Justice may be hard but in the nearly three years since they were indicted the Rosenbergs received far more of it than totalitarianism affords.

Anyway, the recent legislature did something the 113 days the session lasted. Seven newspaper columns were required to list the bills passed. Legally, there is no longer an undertaker. He is now a funeral director. If you should feel like punching the face of one of the senators, better be prepared to pay \$500 fine for assault and battery or lay out six months in jail. And it is advisable to work up a stand-in with the district judge; the court has been granted additional "discretion" in granting paroles. Lee, McNutt and Carpenter were the busy senators cooking up new things to embellish the law books. And it will take a pretty penny to embody them in the statutes.

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Out of Old Nebraska . . .

State Pointing to Its Centennial

Kansas-Nebraska Act Controversial

By DR. JAMES C. OLSON, Supt. Nebraska Historical Society

May 30 marked the 99th anniversary of the organization of Nebraska territory—it was on that date, 1854, that President Franklin Pierce signed the controversial Kansas-Nebraska act. Come memorial day, 1954, then, Nebraska will celebrate its territorial centennial. The occasion can mean a lot to Nebraska, if we will let it. The state historical society now has a committee at work considering the best way to commemorate this important event, not only in the history of Nebraska, but in the history of the nation as well.

The Kansas-Nebraska act was closely bound up with national and sectional politics in the 1850's. The basic impetus for the organization of the territory came from the needs of the greatly-desired transcontinental railroad. Northerners were much concerned that the road follow a northern route.

The Platte valley, over which thousands of covered-wagon emigrants had travelled to the far West, offered a marvellous road bed. No one was interested, however, in building a railroad through unorganized Indian country.

If the Platte valley were to be utilized for the transcontinental railroad, the territory would have to be organized.

To help make the dream of a Platte valley railroad come true, U.S. Sen. Stephen A. Douglas of Illinois, one of the project's most ardent enthusiasts, repeatedly introduced bills in Congress providing for the organization of Nebraska territory. In this effort he ran directly afoul of southern ambitions to build the road west from some city of the south—no one ever dreamed that there would be more than one transcontinental railroad.

He also ran into a nasty complication regarding the extension of slavery. By the terms of the Missouri compromise of 1820, slavery was prohibited in the area out of which Nebraska would be carved. Southern politicians, unenthusiastic about the organization of Nebraska for railroad purposes, were downright hostile to the idea of setting in motion the chain of events that ultimately would lead to the admission of another free state into the union, thus worsening the South's already dangerous position in the sectional struggle for power.

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Star News

Randall and Ranelda Juracek of Norfolk spent the past week at the home of their uncle, Elmer Juracek and family. They returned to their home Sunday.

Mrs. Tom Boyd and children of Omaha are visiting relatives here this week. Mrs. Boyd is the former Mable Derickson.

Mrs. Ewalt Miller and Barbara spent last Thursday afternoon visiting Mrs. Bill Hibbs and Roddy.

Kay Hibbs visited last week with Mary Fretow in O'Neill. Mrs. Ben Miller called on Mrs. Ewalt Miller Wednesday, June 17.

Kay Hibbs spent last Thursday at the Art Benash home with Becky and Bruce, while Mr. and Mrs. Benash were in O'Neill.

Miss Joyce Miller and Mrs. Lyle Walters were hostesses at a wedding shower in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Farrier Saturday evening at Christ Lutheran church basement in O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Dodd of Lincoln were Sunday guests at the home of Mrs. Dodd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ewalt Spangler.

A baseball game was played Sunday afternoon at the Derickson ball park between Venus and Star with the Venus team winners.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Krugman and family attended a family reunion at Columbus Sunday.

Lois Miller of Grand Island spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Johnson and Wayne were Sunday dinner guests at the Ewalt Miller home and Sunday supper guests at the Dave Johnson home in Creighton.

The Steel Creek 4-H meeting was held Friday evening at the Charles Cole home.

Mrs. Ewalt Miller and Barbara spent Friday afternoon at the Lyle Johnson home.

Arnold Miller spent Saturday night with Eddie Price in O'Neill. Ewalt Miller and son were in Page Saturday on business.

Kay and Rudy Hibbs called at the Ewalt Miller home Friday.

Visitors Here—Mr. and Mrs. Max Paulson of Sioux Falls, S. D., were Monday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Petersen.

Arrives from Philly—Mrs. W. C. Stevenson of Philadelphia Pa., arrived Friday to visit her father, Dr. W. F. Finley. Mary Jo Finley.

Scott Clubbers Hold Final Meeting—

The Scott Community club met at the hall Tuesday, June 16, at 8 p.m. The president, Mrs. Frank McDonald, called the meeting to order. We sang "When We Get Together." Each member described her wedding dress. There were 8 members present and seven visitors.

Mrs. Charles Gifford and Lela Carson gave a lesson on "Cake Decorating" and showed us how to make roses from the frostings and how to place the colors to harmonize. Mrs. Charles Gifford made bells and trimmed them. She sent a cake to Mrs. Hull, who is a shut-in. Lunch consisted of cakes, sandwiches, tea and coffee. There will be no more meetings of the club until September. By Mary E. Luber, news reporter.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

WD—Henry C Hagemann to John Shald 6-13-53 \$3300- Lots 6 & 7 Blk 12- Hallocks 2nd Add- Stuart

WD—Oliver T Anson to John F Warner 6-12-53 \$10,500- Part of SE 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec 29-30-14

WD—Ferris Abdalla to Leonard Oerding 6-13-53 \$4000- Lots 3 & 4 Blk 14- Hallocks 2nd Add- Stuart

WD—Louis W Reimer to Agnes M Nachtman & John W Nachtman 5-12-53 \$7000- East 80 ft lots 5-6-7-8 & 9 Blk D- O'Neill & Hagerty's Addition- O'Neill

WD—Albin Gabriel Matousek to Edward James and Joseph Richard Matousek 6-12-53 \$15,288- 30/100 Int in E 1/2 5- NE 1/4 8- SW 1/4 9-29-14

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Letter to Editor

Brookings, S.D.
June 15, 1953
SUMNER DOWNEY
A man was of no prominence in the Brookings community unless his picture had been taken by Sumner Downey, nor was a woman to be accepted as a recognized social favorite and acknowledged beauty if she had not posed for his gallery.

To say that he was dean of our photographers is to do him less than justice. He was a man whose sole aim in life was to create and to create not in the tradition of the past but only in the tradition of Sumner Downey. He knew he was right with the same certainty that he knew he had two hands with which to create. No one could convince him otherwise. It did not bother him—the fact that people tried to. He was a challenge to the

people who lived on the borrowed vision of others. He was an eccentric and a man to rejoice in!
He knew his sitters and that knowledge was reflected in the portrait, which, when it left his atelier, became a chronicle, a document, a part of a man's story.
A great many people will read that the end has come with a sense that an old friend has been lost—an older day come to its sunset.
Respectfully submitted,
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