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Big Men From Small Towns

(Guest Editorial from the Wayne Herald)
A big step has been taken in behalf of small towns. The George F. Baker Foundation of New York recently awarded money to 12 colleges in the United States to assist in the education of outstanding leaders for the American economy of tomorrow. One of the 12 institutions awarded funds was Grinnell (Iowa) college, a small school in a town of some 6,000 people. Grinnell has stipulated that its \$50,000 award be used for graduates of small town high schools—towns of less than 15,000 population—because officials are of the opinion that "in the future, as in the past, this potential leadership is to be found in the small town high schools of America."

Three cheers for that kind of thinking; we heartily agree.

In our day when mere size in city, industry or university is often construed as proof of greatness, it is heartening to know that the virtue of smallness is still respected.

An educational institution or a community may easily become too large for the emotional and intellectual comprehension of the individual. The vastness of our country demands individuals who in their formative years have been trained in a community which can be understood and fully experienced. Some degree of intimate exchange in the classroom must accompany the teaching of wisdom of the past and future. The small town, where our social institutions had their beginnings, must be basic knowledge to our country's leaders, present and future.

We believe it is no accident that many of our greatest statesmen, scientists, clergymen and educators, who have contributed so much to the determination of what our country is and has been, have come from small towns all over the United States.

Carl Sandberg has characterized Chicago as "hog butcher of the world," in his well-known poem, but how did it become "hog butcher?" Philip Armour and his brother, Joseph, were born in Stockbridge, Mass. (population 1300); Gustavus Swift was born in Sandwich, Mass. (population 950).

Only twice have we elected presidents who were born in large cities. Theodore Roosevelt, born in New York City, and William Howard Taft, born in Cincinnati, O. The rest have hailed from such places as Braintree, Mass., Kinderhook, N. J., Point Pleasant, O., Caldwell, N. J., Staunton, Va., West Branch, Ia., and Lamar, Mo.

Thomas Edison, inventor or at least developer of the telephone, electric light, phonograph and moving picture, was born in Milan, O. Wilbur and Orville Wright, builders and flyers of the first successful airplane, were born at Melville, O.

Lee DeForest, "father of radio," was born in Council Bluffs, Ia. Henry Ford was born at Greenfield, Mich.

So if we wish to understand the contribution to twentieth century civilization of the small town midwesterner, we need only to imagine Chicago without the telephone, electric light, phonograph, moving picture, airplane, radio and the automobile.

Lofquest Family Arrives from West

NORTH OF STUART — Mr. and Mrs. Alvin ("Bud") Lofquest and son, Charles, arrived last week from Glendale, Calif., to spend the holidays with home-folks. They are visiting at the home of Bud's mother, Mrs. Lottie Lofquest; sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Allyn, and grandmother, Mrs. Vina Munson, and also Mrs. Lofquest's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Moody, of Newport; sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Yarges and boys, and Mr. and Mrs. Rollo Berry and Willis, all of Stuart.

Other North of Stuart
Merrill Smith and Charles Mulford attended a PMA meet-

ing at the courthouse annex in O'Neill Thursday.

Plans are being made for Christmas services at the Cleveland church to be held Saturday evening, December 23. There will be a program by the children followed by services by the pastor, Rev. Orin Graf. No services will be held at the church on Sunday, December 24.

Miss Loretta Berry spent the weekend visiting her grandfather, Tom Berry, and aunt, Mrs. Elsie Sweet. Miss Berry teaches in district 218.

The Cleveland Progressive club postponed a party and bazaar that had been planned for December 16 because of so much illness in the neighborhood.

Phone Line Gives Trouble

NORTH OF STUART — The telephone line that services the North of Stuart locality is practically useless due to noise induced by the REA lines.

Communication between parties will be difficult until the trouble is remedied.

Delay Enroute

Pfc. Fred Osetnbaugh, who has been stationed at Tyndall, Fla., air base, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Osetnbaugh, on a delay enroute to his new base at Stoneman, Calif.

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H. J. Lohaus went to Omaha Tuesday on business.

King Solomon



PRAIRIELAND TALK—

Look Out for Western Nebraska Group Armed to Teeth for 'Roads, Roads, Roads!'

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN — Western Nebraska is organizing. They claim it is not a pressure group. But look out that a delegaton from the Panhandle armed to the teeth doesn't storm our legislative halls after January 1. Maybe their designs are purely communal. But down this way there is some fear and trembling. Roads! Roads! Roads! That is the cry.

An earlier generation was self-sufficient for road - building and all other needed community developments. Moderns seem to be helpless unless they can have one hand in the public treasure chest. Out there on prairie land where I spent life's happier years if there was a stretch of road that needed working on Jesse James, Ray Bly, Jay Roblyer, Tom Baker, Bernie Kennedy and Art Doolittle got out and made a highway over which the truckloads of cattle could

roll to market, and asked no odds of anybody. The coming legislative session may witness some interesting "public hearings."

I trust Sen. Frank Nelson will come down from the 28th district primed to resist the lure of new taxes and gold paved streets to every rural door.

Cities get their paved streets by property owners within the blocks paying for the job over a period of years. Are land owners out in the state wanting paved highways enough to tax their farms to get them, as the city property owner does?

The United States has been the only real friend among the nations China has ever had. Our reward now comes in fresh blood flow as China steps in to start a new finished work in Korea. We are said to be outnumbered 5-to-1. The race is not always to the swift nor the battle to the strong. A haughty monarch of the East swept his vision beyond the Euphrates, said to his military aids, "Who does this upstart from

the West think he is?" And out of old Babylon went a million strong to be mowed down to just about the last man by an outnumbered foe 10 - 1, the matchless military might of young Alexander. Whether destiny of monumental blunder has drawn us into the Asiatic slaughterhouse American patriotism reaches out to where ever the flag floats.

Motorists who can't miss the trees off to one side should not be allowed on the highways.

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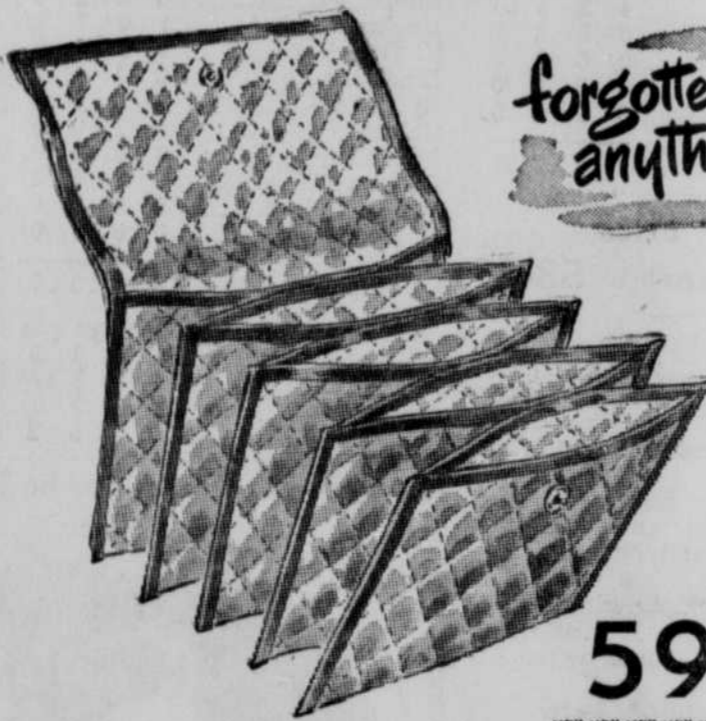
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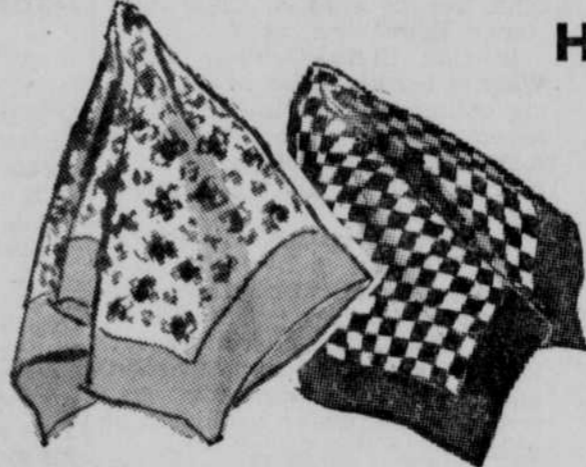
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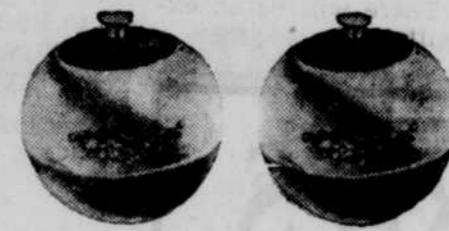


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