

Prairieland Talk

"No Real Prosperity"

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LINCOLN — With about 67 million citizens who work with their hands holding jobs and receiving a weekly pay check, other millions in the professions under high pressure, we in Yankeland seemed to be doing alright. But out of that partisan assembly of democrats came the word that there is "no real prosperity."



Romaine Saunders

"My barber, who conducts a shop here in the city, goes to a nearby village one night a week to shear the locks of villagers. Told me he came home from his last trip to the village with \$16 in his pocket, the evening's receipts. No "real prosperity" — the kind that the political god of those convention delegates brought about based on bloodshed, on bursting bombs and ruined lands abroad, on sorrowing mothers and fathers and sweethearts and desolated homes.

The kind of "prosperity" experienced during the administration of an earlier period of democratic rule when Nebraska grain growers got five cents a bushel for corn, farm women three cents a dozen for eggs, Holt county ranchers \$15 for a fat steer—when armies of unemployed tramped the country over, bread lines and a free bowl of soup. No "real prosperity"—real or fictitious, what more do you want?

Sally, living just across the street, opened the bird cage for her parakeet to leave its narrow abode and hop about the room. A door opening to the world of birds and other wildlings had been left ajar. The parakeet darted out on swift wing, flew to a high treetop to perch upon a twig. Rain came, lightning flashed and thunder crashed. Parakeet perched and sat on a twig in that tree as Sally with measured and mellowed words sought to induce her bird to return to its cage. The bird was out where wild things make their home. All life seeks freedom from confinement. That little winged creature's first night of freedom was a night of storm and crashing thunder. It may have perished, but it was free.

If the C&NW's long passenger train trailing across north-Nebraska is operated at a loss, why not cut it down to a combination baggage and mail car and one coach? North-Nebraska should have some sort of passenger train service or tear up the rails.

The clean, white home of our governors for more than three score years, standing in a setting of shrubs and green verdure at 15th and H streets near the state capitol, is to be wrecked to make way for a mansion of ornate design. In view of this being the "beef state," why not put up a ranch house at that corner to be the home of future governors? That would have had an appeal to the late Sam McKelvie, who did not occupy the "mansion" when serving as governor.

Editorial Train-Savers to Be Heard

Interested persons residing along the Omaha-Chadron 450-mile line of the Chicago & North Western railroad, under the banner of the Save-the-Trains association, emphatically decided Monday night to oppose C&NW's proposal to discontinue the last two remaining passenger-mail-express trains serving much of north-Nebraska and part of southern South Dakota.

C&NW has filed an application for permission to discontinue trains 13 and 14, pointing to an annual loss of 205-thousand-dollars. About two years ago C&NW announced it would take steps to discontinue and pointed to a 60-thousand-dollar annual loss.

How the losses could mount so rapidly when the trains are more popular than at any time in recent years is not clearly understandable — although shrinking mail revenues and increased expenses cannot be denied or argued. However, according to the railroad's own station-by-station ticket sales, the train-savers show 1955 sales almost 50 percent above the 1954 sales. This certainly proves the public is responding to the improved equipment and to the train-savers' cry for more patronage.

But whether the losses can mount that rapidly in the face of these factors plus a 27- to 30-thousand-dollar annual savings on the elimination of the flagman, is something that will have to be studied by the auditors.

C&NW doubtlessly is charging a percentage of officials' salaries, agents' salaries and maintenance to the two trains, whereas most of these expenses are fixed and will prevail whether or not the passenger trains are operating. This will provide an area of study for the train-savers' attorneys and auditors.

The railroad's formula for building cost sheets where discontinuance is desired will be the nub of the argument if and when a hearing is scheduled before the state railway commission.

One would have to be shortsighted not to believe the freight business Omaha-Chadron is profitable. On the other hand, one can easily believe some of the short branch lines are plunging C&NW's overall Nebraska operations into red ink. True, trucks are not required to maintain passenger service and, true, railroads are operating in a highly competitive era.

The loss of these two trains would be a serious blow to the economy of the area served and to the well-being of the people. The train-savers now have only one course—to take their case and state it before the state railway commission. During the decade prior to the forming of the train-saving group, the railroad was slipping each year in its conduct of trains 13 and 14. Some of the decline can be attributed to the fact the C&NW adhered to a time schedule which enabled the Burlington to grab off chunks of mail at the west end with the government employing a truck to "back track" from Crawford to as far east as Gordon.

If the train-savers, during the past two years, have succeeded only in arresting the rapid rate of decline their efforts have been worthwhile and successful compared to the C&NW's own pattern. The newly-installed C&NW president, C. J. Fitzpatrick, has boldly labeled the train-saving effort a failure.

With these general facts, it would appear the state railway commission would be erring greatly in permitting the railroad to curtail service. And the train-savers no doubt will present a convincing argument.

The New Code

A proposal is in the mill to cut the wordage of the code of ethics of the American Medical Association by 90 percent. Action will be taken next December.

Minneola is but a memory—the Addisons, the George B. Little homestead abode on Louse creek not even a memory. The H. R. Henrys, Lamson's and Richard's grazing herds, the pioneers who traveled those prairie trails 70 years ago are no more. But out of the struggles of the past, out of the joy and pain, the smiles and tears of the years now gone there stand erect with snow-crowned heads, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Tomlinson. I have read the story of their 60th wedding anniversary in The Frontier and reach a hand across 200 miles of prairieland to grasp their hands and offer congratulations as they now face the gathering shadows of life's sunset hand-in-hand. I do not know when Hank last visited the scenes of his youth but more than 60 years hang a curtain over the enchanted hills looking down upon the abode of John Addison since Prairieland Talker rode his bay gelding across the gulches of Louse creek to pull up at John's hospitable home. The landscape stretches its endless miles to the distant blue horizon. Where are the friends we once knew, Hank? Shall marble slabs in the Minneola graveyard give the answer?

It's enough to make a well man sick. The president's health is probably about the average of that of other public men and this thing of bringing up a sore toe as a campaign issue is about the limit. What have the outs to offer that they should be voted in as government bosses?

Hans Herman Koenig writes from a West German point to a Lincoln paper hoping to locate relatives whom, he says, came to America and located at Butte, Boyd county, "in 1882." Of course, there was neither Boyd county nor Butte at that time or for 10 years later. What is Boyd county today was the domain of Spotted Tail and his Sioux Indian warriors until it was withdrawn from the Rosebud and opened for white settlers, deriving the name Boyd county in the early 1890's from the then governor of Nebraska, Mr. Boyd. The writer of the letter hopes to locate relatives and come here himself. His father died in a Czechoslovakian concentration camp from which the son has escaped, and his mother died of a broken heart. He believes he has an uncle by the name of Koenig somewhere near Butte, Boyd county.

This is about the 25th anniversary of the present Holt county fair, not the 64th. Yes, there was a fair at Chambers over 60 years ago, but that went under the name of South Fork fair. Memories of Doctor Norval, of Reverend and Mrs. Coppoc, of the Grimes family, of John Alderson and all the others who promoted fair exhibits and inspired local pride and community patriotism. Somewhat regrettable that the rodeo show as it now functions was not a feature of the fair in the days of Hay McClure and Tim Bunnell. Citizens of the Chambers community and those from other communities enjoy a few days at the fair which provides not only social contact and interesting entertainment but some fine exhibits.

Discipline for Brass

An army general whose office desk documents department officials suspect "leaked" staff documents, criticizing air force-centered strategy has been "sent to Siberia."

Translating lurid service jargon into precise terms—Brig.-Gen. Loyal C. Metheny, senior member of a top-level "coordination group," has been detached from the pentagon to head a reserve district in Florida.

Here is a close parallel to the 1949 instance of "Operation 23" and its head, the then Capt. Arleigh A. Burke. Captain Burke was removed from the next promotion list.

We're reminded of the two-star general who recklessly discussed the approximate dates of D-day in a London dining room in the spring of 1944. He was "busted" to a lieutenant-colonel and sent back to the U.S. There wasn't a GI in England who wouldn't have gladly accepted a "bust" and have been meted out the "penalty" of being sent back to State-side.

Harlan Miller in the Des Moines (Ia.) Register: Just a cautious note here while I'm fomenting all this friendly feeling toward the people of Russia: Let's carry a big stick while we talk softly; let's disarm only if they'll let the UN inspect their weapons; and let's keep 'em outgunned. Then we could be wonderful friends.

One thing which would attract other peoples to Christianity is for Christians to act like Christians, which is not a bad idea, on its own.

If you haven't bought any counterfeit merchandise lately, you will probably soon buy some. This racket is now booming.

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When You and I Were Young

Atlantic Hotel Needs 2d Cook

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50 Years Ago United in marriage: Miss Bessie Fay Snyder and Arthur L. Myers and Miss Fannie Pribel and Cyril M. Erychleb. Miss Kate Mann, one of the foremost business women of this section, Elizabeth L. wife of E. F. Bowen, and Mary Kelley Regan died. Wanted: Good second cook at the Atlantic Hotel, wages \$4 per week. It is an outrage the way livestock is allowed to roam about the city these days and the authorities should devise some means to stop it. If they are not stopped there will not be a live tree or lawn, unless fenced, in the cities. All the gardens have already been ruined. "Tie them up" should be the slogan of the city officers.

20 Years Ago For the third consecutive year, the descendants of the John McWhorter and James Brady families met in Norfolk. Mrs. Mary Hancock and daughter, Miss Gladys, and Wayne Hancock of Inman, spent Sunday at the W. E. Jones home near Chambers. Those who helped Opal Jean Griffith of Meek celebrate her 12th birthday anniversary were Lavene and Helen Borg and Betty Jayne Pickett. Mrs. C. E. Griffith, Mrs. Fay Puckett and Roxie were also at the Frank Griffith home.

10 Years Ago Holt county's lone polio victim, Donald Lanquist, 12, is "recovering satisfactorily" in St. Joseph's hospital in Omaha. Dan Finnegan, an old-time resident, is a patient at Hot Springs, S.D. Mrs. Mary Paddeau of Chicago, Ill., an aunt of P. V. and J. W. Hickey, spent last week visiting here. It was her first visit in 26 years. A family reunion was held at the D. N. Loy home. John Bowen of Seattle, Wash., visited his brother, Dave Bowen, and Mrs. Bowen of Page. This is the first time they had met in 23 years. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker, a daughter, Mary Jo, in Omaha August 8.

One Year Ago Top C&NW officials said they were "favorably impressed" with a showing being made by the Save-the-Trains association. The president, executive vice-president and three members of the board of directors visited O'Neill. The annual reunion of the Fuelberth families was held at Page. The Albert Larson family of Riverside held a reunion. Mary Ann Winchell and Thomas Clark and Jo Ann Boelter and Donald Knori were married; also Joan Burhans of Stuart and Marine Cpl. Jesse L. Gibney, jr., of Clearwater, Fla., and Miss Lita Tolle of Alva and Rev. Duane R. Lauber.

Nielsen Gets Army Promotion—INMAN — Harold H. Nielsen, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Nielsen, formerly of Inman, recently was promoted to specialist third-class while serving with the 11th airborne division in Munich, Germany.

Specialist Nielsen, who arrived overseas last January, is a field wireman in service battery of the division's 457th field artillery battalion. He entered the army in February, 1954, and completed basic training at Ft. Riley, Kans. Nielsen is a former student at Inman high school and a former employee of the Hon Construction Co. in Horton, Kans.

Attend Church Camp at Ponca—Mr. and Mrs. Rex James and two sons attended the Nebraska Christian service camp at Ponca state park last week. They returned Saturday.

Mrs. Lloyd Peck and Mrs. Iva Hopkins cooked for the group. Among those attending were Cherran Knapper, Lina and Shirley Storchmann, Ronald Knoll, Kenneth Franklin, Gail Johring, Joyce and Carol Harmon and Richard, Verna, Phyllis, Lila and Joan Larson of Ewing.

Charlotte A. McVay Shares in Scholarship—Donor scholarships totaling more than 14-thousand-dollars have been awarded to 111 University of Nebraska students for the coming year. Miss Charlotte A. McVay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McVay of O'Neill, is a recipient of the LaVerne Noyes scholarship fund.

Otto G. Schippowitz of Ainsworth is a recipient of the Scottish rite scholarship.

Attend Reunion—Mr. and Mrs. Dean Jeffery attended a family reunion at Columbus Sunday.

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Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Havranek Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nyswonger, Donna and Jimmie of Fond du Lac, Wis. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Strong and Garry of Sidney were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hornback the past week. Mrs. Strong is a sister of Mrs. Hornback.

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Supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Edmisten at Page were Mr. and Mrs. Francis Holz.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Waring are spending this week in Minnesota on a fishing trip.

Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Loy, Mr. and Mrs. John Kersenbrock, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grenier, Mrs. Robert Cook and Mrs. Hattie Kindlund held a picnic in the Niobrara state park Sunday.

Fifteen-foot deepfreeze, 5-yr. guaranteed, only \$248 at Scoville's Western Auto, O'Neill. 16-18c

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Walker left Wednesday for Casper, Wyo., where they will make their home. They had been residing for several years in the Sauer's residence on East Benton.

Visitors at the Fred Salak home Friday were Mr. and Mrs. George Sakak and daughters of Kearney, Ia.

Venetian blinds, prompt delivery, made to measure, metal or wood, all colors.—J. M. McDonalds.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hoehne and family of Boulder, Colo., are expected to arrive this week. They will visit Mrs. Hoehne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Pruss, at Emmet and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Pruss.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed Hancock left Sunday for Denver, Colo., for a week's vacation. They will meet their daughter, Miss Sharon, who will return with them. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Dahl of Swea City, Ia., were August 9-12 weekend guests of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Kruse.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krugman and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Krugman visited in the Edwin Krugman home Sunday.

Accident Victim Burial at O'Neill

George Koch, 77, Dies in Hospital

EWING—Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, August 17, for George Koch, 77, of Ewing at the Biglin chapel in O'Neill.

Mr. Koch died Wednesday, August 15, at St. Anthony's hospital in O'Neill. He was taken to the hospital after he was injured when his team ran away on Monday afternoon, August 13, while he and his wife were enroute home following shopping at a country store near their home.

Mr. Koch, 72, received a leg injury. She was confined to the hospital.

Mr. Koch and his wife made their home on a farm about 10 miles south of Ewing for many years and after retiring from active life.

Their nearest neighbor was two miles distant. Survivors include: Widow — Minnie; son — Arthur Koch of Wood River; brothers—Otto and Henry, both of Columbus, and John of Leigh.

Burial was made in the Prospect Hill cemetery at O'Neill.

Other Ewing News Sidney Wolf of Lodi, Calif., is a guest at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Pruden.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Urban, who are vacationing in the West, wrote friends they are sightseeing this week in Oregon.

The Misses Winnie Vandernick and Patsy Pollock attended retreat at the new Assumption academy at Norfolk from Sunday until Wednesday, August 12-15.

Mr. and Mrs. John Walker and son, Bobbie, were overnight guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Wanser last Thursday, returning to their home in Norfolk on Friday.

Miss Geraldine Grubb of Chicago, Ill., was a guest of Mrs. Jerry Tomjack and family on Wednesday, August 15. She was a college friend of Mrs. Tomjack and formerly lived at Tilden.

Mrs. J. L. Pruden returned home last Thursday from Ashland where she had been a guest at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. P.

B. Cooper, and family. While there Mrs. Pruden accompanied the Cooper family on a trip to Oklahoma City, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Pruden and Mr. and Mrs. John Pruden, accompanied by her brother, Sidney Wolf of California, attended the Holt county fair held at Chambers Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Harris and daughter, Bertha, and Marie Davis and Carolyn Tams made a combined business and pleasure trip to O'Neill last Thursday. Miss Tams remained for a longer visit with relatives.

Mrs. J. L. Pruden and Mrs. Charles Good spent Wednesday, August 15, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Burtwistle.

Mrs. Victor Briggs and Cindy, who have been guests at the home of Mrs. Grace Briggs, left last Thursday to return to their home at Oklahoma City, Okla.

Miss Joellyn Eacker left last Thursday for Lincoln where she

was joined by some girl friends for a trip to Oklahoma and other points of interest in the South. Miss Eacker will return to McCool Junction as music instructor in the school there.

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