

Prairieland Talk—

Clergy Friend 'Doing Africa'

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LINCOLN—D. E. Venden, a clergyman friend of Prairieland Talker and former Nebraskan, and Mrs. Venden, are "doing" South Africa.

Yes, newspaper guys have friends among the gentlemen of the cloth, among the MD's, some disciples of Blackstone are with us, bankers as long as our credit is good, teachers and state and federal dignitaries.

The Vendsens will also visit places of note, like old Rome, Athens and bow before the sacred shrines in Jerusalem. At the first opportunity upon their return I shall be one in the audience to hear Mr. Venden tell the story, as few can tell it as he will.

Another friend, a bricklayer and racially of Danish origin, has gone to Wyoming for his air conditioning this hot weather and will be back when the frost is on the pumpkin and the fodder is in the shock, to borrow words from the Hoosier poet.

A physician friend is now in South American jungles to lay a healing hand on sick natives and study the human ills not known on prairieland. Next door neighbors are home from the Missouri Ozarks this calm, cool July morning. The folks just across the street are back from a visit in Oregon. Near neighbors have lately folded their tents like the Arabs and silently taken off for West Lincoln.

Daughter and son-in-law, as I write today, doubtlessly are rolling along in their new "Chevie" over the hills and plains of southern Wyoming headed for Los Angeles, Calif. Prairieland Talker will presently withdraw from the typewriter to park out on the veranda to idle away the hours while in fancy he goes again along the prairie trail that we knew more than a half-century ago. And grandson is back from a few weeks spent on the ranch of his student pal's dad in Hokee county and full of stories of riding the ponies and tossing a lasso over a cow. But he acquired the art of milking a cow while out there.

Corn is in the making, wheat has been gathered in. A Fillmore county grain grower reports his wheat yield up to 40 bushels per acre. One hundred acres, 4,000 bushels; 4,000 bushels, \$8,000. His corn fields will bring him another six or eight thousand dollars. One season's take the accumulations of a lifetime a generation or two ago.

A young colored man sat beside me on a bench waiting for the next city bus. He came to Lincoln from east Texas for educational advantages, is attending summer school at the state university preparing to enter medical college and become a physician, when he plans to return to Texas where he can serve the colored people, a great need in the community from which he comes, he said. His problem is how to meet the cost, \$180 at the University and \$1,200 a year tuition in medical college. He believes he can make it. Education up to and through high school is free, to become professional equipped for life costs money.

Editorial—

Application Should Be Denied

"The Chicago & North Western railroad's sins over the years would fill a book a hundred feet high!"

Those are the words of Fay Hill of Gordon, director of the Save-the-Trains association, which is battling to keep the last two remaining passenger-mail-express trains in service on the 450-mile Omaha-Chadron line.

"The North Western's zeal to cut-off trains 13 and 14 and eliminate passenger service to most of north Nebraska is the classic sin of all," Hill declared.

A hearing has been set for Monday, July 29, at Valentine and will be conducted by the Nebraska state railway commission.

In its application to eliminate these last two passenger trains, C&NW claims the trains had been "efficiently operated" and substantial out-of-pocket expenses have been incurred.

Ben W. Heineman is the new chairman of the board of C&NW and C. J. Fitzpatrick is the new president.

Claude Currie of Valentine, S-T-A director, charges C&NW with "a lot of double-talk."

Currie said: "If they are such efficient administrators they should be given an opportunity to operate these last two passenger trains efficiently. They can't even tell us how much fuel a diesel engine uses pulling one of these trains from Omaha to Chadron. All they use is system-wide averages."

Norris W. Coats of Stuart, also a S-T-A director, said he had heard through a Chicago source that Mr. Heineman and Mr. Fitzpatrick "might be surprise witnesses" for the railroad at Monday's Valentine hearing.

"Nothing would suit us better," Coats commented. The Stuart man said Heineman and Fitzpatrick appeared before the Wisconsin utility commission in March and sought discontinuance of 21 Wisconsin passenger trains. The Wisconsin commission authorized discontinuance of 18.

"C&NW blithely boasts of the butchery in Wisconsin. But there is no correlation whatsoever between Nebraska and Wisconsin. You'd do well to find a square foot of farm land in Wisconsin where there isn't another railroad within 12 or 15 miles. In our sandhills country you can strike out some directions up to 150 miles or more before finding a passenger train."

Cal Stewart of O'Neill, president of S-T-A, said three years ago a C&NW survey was made which indicated these two trains could be speeded up about an hour and a half in running time between Omaha and Chadron.

"The efficient management hasn't seen fit to accelerate the trains. Not surprising, though, because when the line switched from steam to diesel several years ago nothing was done about revising the schedule."

"C&NW brass and some of the employees, too, have willfully chased business away."

"They'll chase a lot more by their persistence in removing 13 and 14," Hill countered. "Widespread freight diversion is underway."

The Gordon Journal said in the July 17 issue: "It's an eye-for-an-eye. That's the only language C&NW can understand."

Said the Rock County Leader (Bassett): "It seems to us here is a case of the railroad wanting to keep the cream in the form of freight and throw out the skimmed milk in the form of passenger business. We hope the application is denied."

Said Ray Dover, publisher of the Valentine Republican: "We feel C&NW owes us this passenger-

Nebraska's stock of cash is reported from the statehouse to be running low, but as the general fund musters something over a million and a half dollars the situation is less serious than what many know their personal cash balance to be. . . . Another "committee" steps into the prairieland picture, to be known as the Republican Agricultural Committee. H. W. Harrington of the Grand Island community, himself a farmer, heads this committee, a sort of corn field adjunct to GOP political interests. . . . Former State Sen. K. W. Peterson of Sargent has filed as a candidate for state treasurer. He had served in three sessions of the legislature. . . . Wahoo reports a traffic crackup with "only six" hurt. . . . Over at Omaha the police vice squad rounded up a guy and confiscated his stock of several hundred pictures of gals in the nude, along with picturing outfit. Over here in the state's Holy City the ladies walk the streets just about unclad. . . . Articles of incorporation have been filed with the secretary of state for Peace Evangelical and Reformed church of Tilden. . . . Robert L. Blackledge of Kearney was chosen as national head of the Elks organization at a recent session of that group's representatives in San Francisco, Calif.

A farmer living 10 miles south of Lincoln informs me that while crop conditions are good in his community there is now the threat of damage by grasshoppers. Always something to take the joy out of life.

The late Franklin D. Roosevelt when president was telling not only congress what to do but assumed the function of the supreme court were subject to his dictates. Mr. Roosevelt's moves to "pack" the nation's high court with new deal timber is still remembered. Now comes the story out of Washington that Nebraska's Congressman Miller starts talk for congress to clip the wings of the supreme court. The court is a branch of government created by the constitution and does judicial service of citizens irrespective of political, religious or race and Americans hope it will ever continue without interference from legislative or executive sources.

From an interesting letter from Oran Bowen of Wayne I get the first word that I have had of a cowraill of the long ago, Hayes McClure of the ranch of that name in southern Holt county. Hay, Oran writes, died some years ago but his widow still lives in Wayne. Doctor Hess, formerly of Chambers, who became the husband of Carrie Benson of the Phoenix neighborhood and located in Wayne 50 years ago, has also passed away.

Nature's Master Artist Hand reached silently across prairieland some time after the midnight hour to dip the sky in a vat of brilliant blue. So this mid-July early morning we look out upon the scene that nature paints and the hand of man can not deface. Out beyond the blue in the vast expanse of space hidden from our view that Master Artist Hand tints with color other scenes not for mortal eye.

Editorial—

Greatest Fraud

(Guest editorial by Bernie Camp, Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation)

The first justification for a tax at any level of government ought to be that the tax and its imposition be excruciatingly painful to the taxpayer. Pather than assess taxes by "drips and drabs," the extraction should be by the painful "pound of flesh" method to protect the taxpayer against the fraudulent assumption, "It's only a little tax."

Taxation by "drips and drabs" so numbs the average taxpayer he does not realize how great is the burden he bears. The "pound of flesh" method is rude and extremely painful, but guarantees that taxpayers are aware of how heavy is the load of taxes.

Big government has burgeoned on the painless "drips and drabs" of federal taxation. The withholding method of income taxation is the greatest fraud imposed in the history of American democracy. With the institution of the withholding tax the taxpayer and citizen began to lose control of federal government. The way was opened for congress and the people to surrender fiscal and monetary decisions to the executive administrative employees of government.

There is no pain involved in extracting \$10 a week from a paycheck before the check is received. It is literally true you "never miss that which you do not have." The same thing is true of extractions every two weeks or every month.

If taxpayers had to be aware—as they once were—once or twice a year of the impact of federal income taxes on their lives, there would be less federal government.

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When You & I Were Young . . . Roadmaster Dies in Motor Derailment

Wayne Norman, 35, Suffers Broken Neck

50 Years Ago Frank Daley of Park City, Utah, is here visiting friends and relatives. . . . Anna, the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rob Conrad, died of typhoid fever. Her mother is down with the fever. . . . Captain H. A. Walker, 71, and Mrs. Melvina Simmons, 59, were married. . . . Maine Richardson of Chambers and Miss Ethel Hubbard, daughter of A. C. Hubbard of Ewing, were married in O'Neill.

20 Years Ago Mrs. R. D. ("Elizabeth") Pond, who had come from her home in Long Beach, Calif., to attend the funeral of her brother, John Crandall, died at the home of a nephew in Spencer. . . . Miss Geneva Grady and Arthur King were married. . . . Wayne Norman, 35, roadmaster of the Burlington railroad, died of a broken neck when the motor car he was driving, was derailed. P. Hancock came up from David City to visit relatives.

10 Years Ago Hail struck for the third time in a year. The corn crop was virtually wiped out between O'Neill and the Eagle. . . . Members of the Holt County School Land Leaseholders association protested what they considered to be a "sharp increase" on the valuation of Holt's 77,000 acres of school lands. . . . C. J. Towle of Albion is the new agent for the Chicago and North Western railroad company. . . . Rev. Lloyd W. Mullis, Methodist minister, wrote a "Parable" to the editor of The Frontier and closed it by asking: "WHEN, WHEN will we build the O'Neill swimming pool?"

One Year Ago A barn on the Z. X. Marshall farm south of Stuart was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. A stack of alfalfa was struck and stacked on the Wright farm and a hay stack destroyed at the Bartak ranch, both in the Deloit area. . . . A reunion of the Merritt Clark family was held at Inman.

Double Shower Is Held at Ewing

EWING — A double miscellaneous shower was held Friday evening, July 19, at the parlors of the Ewing Methodist church honoring the Misses Patty Mosel and Marilyn Weyhrich. Decorations were carried out in the chosen colors of the brides-to-be. The gift table featured double wedding rings, with the names of the honored couples, suspended by streamers. Refreshments were served to the guests. Those assisting with the shower were: Misses Jeanne Welke, Doris Ann Spahn and Mary Ann Kallhoff, Mesdames Watson McDonald, Dwight Schroeder, Louis Vandernick, Arthur Sanders, James Minarik, Vernon Rockey, Helen Sisson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Stanton and daughter, Mrs. Rex Stowell and children went to Sioux Falls, S. D., Friday to visit the Stanton's daughter and husband.

Prize-Winning Essays

(Editor's note: The following essays were winners in the Save-the-Trains association essay contest. Miss Judith Lee of Atkinson won first place in overall competition. Her topic: "What Trains 13 and 14 Mean to My Town". Miss Pat Wright of Ewing submitted the best essay from her school and won honorable mention in overall competition. Miss Judith Lee of Atkinson won first place in overall competition. Her topic: "The Powers and Duties of the Nebraska State Railway Commission".)

By Judith Lee, St Joseph's High School (Atkinson) At breakfast one morning in 1830, Oliver Wendell Holmes read that the frigate Constitution, the vessel that had fought the Barbary pirates for Jefferson and won her fame against the British in the War of 1812, was to be dismantled and sold for scrap. Holmes hurried to the rescue with a forceful plan that aroused public opinion and eventually saved "Old Ironsides".

We need the brilliant Holmes today to rescue the "Old Ironsides of 1937". In the poem, Holmes asserts that better than to dismantle "her shattered hulk" would be to let it "sink beneath the wave", and to let "her thunders shake the mighty deep and there should be her grave." Our "Old Ironsides of 1937" has a better reason than sentiment for preservation, and surely more emotions battling for her. There are practical reasons why "Old Ironsides of 1937" should not be "dismantled". For years it has served the communities in many useful ways. First and foremost of the reasons is the fact that it has in the past years been our most faithful mailman. And likewise for years, although on a smaller scale, it has been a means of transportation for the people up and down the line. Most of the communities that it reaches are farming communities and, therefore, need the railroad as a means of shipping their produce. All arguments favoring the trucking industry may well be frowned upon in view of the harm which they do to our inadequate highways.

The trains are also used quite extensively by college students, and those working in cities up and down the line as, for instance, Omaha. One may travel from Omaha to these parts by night, both going and coming, without loss of working hours or "learning" hours. I hope I have shown that "Old Ironsides of 1937" is of vast importance to my town, and that it is not emotion or sentiment that urges us to fight for it, but a specific and real need.

By Pat Wright, Ewing High School The Nebraska state railway commission had its beginning in an act of the Nebraska legislature approved March 5, 1885 which created the board of railroad commissioners. The act was repealed in 1887 and a board of transportation was created. This board was held to be unconstitutional by the state supreme court on November 21, 1900. The present railway commission was created by an amendment adopted by overwhelming vote of the people of the state.

The commission consists of three members elected by the voters of the state for terms of six years each. One commissioner is elected every two years. By a specific legislative enactment, the commission has control and jurisdiction over the following: 1. Rates, depot facilities, stockyards, train service, safety laws, transfer tracks, passes, crossings, and compilation and filing of reports required by law of railroads. 2. Rates, service and general control of street railways. 3. Rates, service and general physical connections, consolidations, and general control of telephone companies. 4. Rates and service of express companies, telegraph companies, pulman companies, and irrigation companies. 5. Rates, service, territory, safety and insurance and accounting of motor transportation, taxicab companies, busses and trucks. 6. Construction methods, routing, and controversies between companies of electric transmission lines. 7. Rates upon complaint of rural telephone companies. 8. Licensing, bonding, inspection and issuance of certificates of public grain warehouses. 9. Licensing and bonding of public storage warehouses. 10. Complete supervision of farm storage of grain. 11. Issuance of securities by public utilities and common carriers. 12. Enforce requirements relating to operation and sale of liquid fuel tractors. 13. Rates, service and certificates of pipe line companies. 14. Transportation by air craft in Nebraska interstate commerce. The supreme court has this to say about the Nebraska state railway commission: "No other agency of the state subordinate to the sovereign government itself has more broad far-reaching and important powers and functions than does the state railway commission."

Ewing News

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sorensen and Gene Sisson of Omaha spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Helen Sisson. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Spangler and children returned Friday from a vacation trip through the Black Hills. Bobbie, Carolyn, Jerry and Janell Tams spent the weekend in Ewing returning to Ft. Pierre, S.D., Sunday afternoon, accompanied by Herman Schroeder, who will assist the Tams family in putting up hay. Billy Harris accompanied his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Fink, back to Fremont on Monday. The Finks had been guests for a few days at the home of his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Fink, while Billy visited his uncle H. R. Harris and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Davis and daughter, Marie, accompanied by Bertha Harris, were guests on Sunday at the home of his mother, Mrs. Gertrude Davis, at Orchard. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunaway and family were weekend guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Billings. They attended the wedding Sunday evening of his niece, Miss Patty Mosel and Lowell Jensen of Newman Grove, at Orchard and returned to their home at Hastings afterwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dunaway of Hastings spent the weekend at their home in Ewing. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dunaway of Omaha. All attended the wedding of Miss Patty Mosel and Lowell Jensen at the St. Peter's Lutheran church at Orchard Sunday evening. They returned to their homes on Monday.

M. H. Dierks and daughter, Mrs. Sidney Adrian, of Wichita, Kans., were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Dierks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Harris and daughter, Bertha, were O'Neill visitors on Saturday. Miss Bertha kept an appointment with the dentist.

Guests for the past 10 days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Norwood were her sister, Mrs. Helen Lee and two daughters from Eureka, Calif., and also their granddaughter, Miss Linda Norwood from Midwest, Wyo. Mrs. Lee and daughters and Miss Linda plan to leave Sunday evening to return to their homes.

Mrs. Carrie Johnson of Pasadena, Calif., is a guest at the home of Mrs. Amy Jacobsen. She also visited other relatives and friends in the Ewing community this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rother-

ham and family left Saturday for a two weeks' vacation trip. They will go through Yellowstone park and visit Salt Lake City and other places of interest in the western states.



September Rites

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Klaska of Spencer announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Nola (above), to Morris Hagberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hagberg of Spencer. A September wedding is planned.



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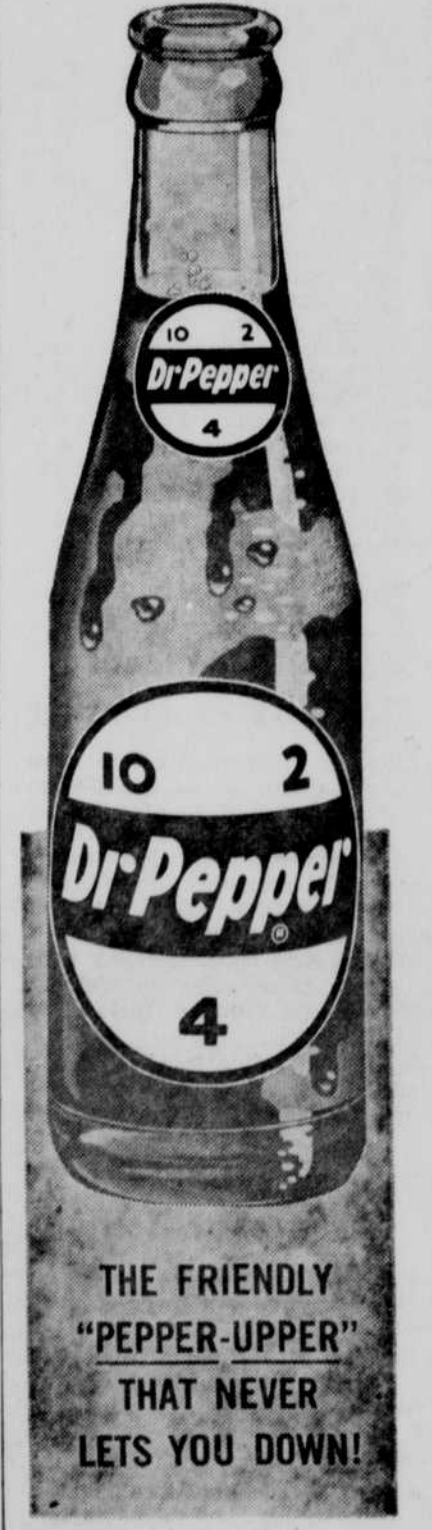
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