

# The Way of Life

## BRUCE BARTON

I was at Deerfield Academy visiting my boy, and on the way back I had an hour between trains at Northampton. It was Sunday evening. The main street was almost deserted. I walked into a side street and past the little two-family house where Calvin Coolidge lived until a few weeks ago.

I went around to the old building in which he and his law partner used to have their modest offices. I stood in front of the square town hall. It was interesting to think of the days when he was mayor. One could picture him coming slowly up the street after breakfast.

"Morning, Cal," people would say. "Morning," he would answer.

And a stranger would probably have exclaimed: "Is that your mayor, that quiet little fellow? He doesn't look like much."

If any one had suggested that the quiet little fellow might one day be President of the United States, the laughter would have echoed from one end of Main Street to the other.

A few years later, when Coolidge had become governor of Massachusetts, a merchant in Boston named Frank Stearns began to make the presidential suggestion. He came to New York and persuaded a few of us Amherst graduates that the thing was not impossible.

Even then the idea was usually greeted with smiles, especially by

folks in Massachusetts. "That's all right for you fellows in New York," they said. "But distance lends enchantment. We are his neighbors; we know him."

And one of the wisest men in the Commonwealth remarked to the son of Frank Stearns: "Calvin Coolidge is nothing but a figment of your father's imagination."

Nazareth is the immortal illustration of the attitude of the home town. After Jesus had gone out into the world and become famous; after He had performed His miracles in Capernaum and even in Jerusalem. He went back home.

A crowd of His old neighbors greeted Him in the synagogue, but there was no pride or confidence in their attitude. Their skeptical expressions spoke louder than words. "You may have fooled them in those other towns, but we know you. You are only the boy who used to work in the carpenter shop." And the record says sadly: "He could do there no mighty work, because of their unbelief."

It's a wonderful thing to realize that Greatness is growing up somewhere around us all the time—that the most unprepossessing freckled boy may be a future conqueror. Unfortunately, most of us can never believe that the home town could possibly produce anything better than ourselves.

### SOUTH BEND

Ashland Gazette

Mrs. Wm. Blum and children spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. J. L. Carnicle.

Herman and John Gakemeier were transacting business in Plattsmouth Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Verle Livers spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hill.

W. M. Barbar attended a maintenance of way meeting in Omaha, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Oliver spent Friday evening at the Herman Gakemeier home.

Mrs. W. M. Garbar and her sister spent Wednesday at the home of Myra Hendrix.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hill and sons spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Blum.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Brooks of Lincoln spent Saturday night and Sunday at the Oscar Hill home.

Mrs. Henry Stander and son, Charles, spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. George Vogel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kupke and family were Sunday dinner guests at the Herman Gakemeier home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Winget and Luther Winget visited at the Elza Winget home Sunday evening.

Bert Mooney, who has been remodeling his barn, has it completed now, making it look like new.

Charley Walker, formerly of outside, moved into one of the E. T. Graham rental houses Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Blum were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Blum's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Garbar and sister were Sunday evening dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Myra Hendrix.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Graham have again moved from their city home to their farm a few miles west of South Bend.

Mrs. Floyd Haswell and children, Ha and Harold, visited at the home of Mrs. W. M. Garber, Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blum spent Sunday evening at the Ed Rau home.

J. L. Carnicle was an Omaha visitor, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Carnicle and son and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Haswell

and son spent Friday evening at the Oscar Hill home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Nelson and daughter spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. Nelson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nelson.

Miss Esther Kupke spent the week end with her aunt, uncle, and cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gakemeier and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reinke and son, Paul Eugene, were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Reinke's mother, Mrs. Ida Thieman, and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Garber went with a crowd from Ashland to a house party north of Lincoln Saturday evening and report a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Garbar and Mrs. Garber's sister, Miss Osia Tribner, visited at the Henry Heins home in Chalco, Nebr., Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Schuelke of Ashland, spent Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. Schuelke's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Richards.

Mrs. Critchfield, who has been attending to business matters in Omaha, returned Monday. Mrs. Critchfield is now making her home with her daughter, Mrs. George Vogel.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Winget and children, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Nelson and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter McGinness and son, and Eliza Winget were Sunday dinner guests at the Wm. Winget home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sweeney and son, Donald, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Haswell and children, Mr. Willis Richards of Omaha, and Charles Richards of Meadow were Sunday guests at the Will Richards home.

Mr. Graham's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. McConnell, who have been visiting at the Graham home the past three weeks, returned to their home in Central City Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Graham accompanied them as far as Lincoln.

### VELMA CREIGHTON GETS BANK ROBBERY HEARING

Hastings, March 20.—Sheriff Ray Crosson accompanied by his wife and two special deputies left Friday for Lincoln to return Mrs. Velma Creighton to Hastings for her preliminary hearing Saturday morning on charges of kidnaping and being an accomplice in the \$27,000 Hastings National bank robbery last month.

## Let Bids for Road Projects to Cost 9 Million

Contracts for Paving Lowest Ever Submitted; \$3,173,000 in Jobs Awarded.

Lincoln, March 20.—The lowest paving bid ever seen by State Engineer Roy Cochran was among those received Friday at a \$3,000,000 highway contract letting at the state capitol. The lettings formed Nebraska's largest road program.

The letting was part of a \$9,400,000 highway building program made possible in part by federal emergency appropriations.

Bids averaged 10 per cent below the state's estimated cost, Cochran said. One bid was for \$1,222 1/2 a square yard, submitted by the Abel Construction Co. of Lincoln for 11.5 miles of paving between Central City and Clarks, on the Lincoln highway.

At this rate, a mile of concrete paving 20 feet wide, would cost about \$14,500. Eight years ago, Cochran recalled, contracts were let for pavement at \$2.77 a square yard.

The offer of the Abel Co. was the lowest ever submitted for pavement in this country, Cochran declared.

Bids were received Friday on 90.6 miles of pavement, 265 miles of gravel and 53 miles of grading.

Work is already in progress, Mr. Cochran said, on the 163 miles of gravel and 50 miles of paving contracted for last Feb. 27.

Another letting will be held the latter part of April and still others may be arranged after the legislature, now in session, fixes definitely the amount of money available for construction.

Governor Charles W. Bryan said recently that low bids submitted at the first letting had aroused hope for completion this year of 900 miles of grading, 1,000 miles of gravel, 210 miles of pavement and 100 miles of oil-gravel road.

All the pavement bid on Friday was to be constructed with federal aid. Pavement amounted to \$2,511,000 under the estimate, he pointed out.

The 20 miles of federal aid grading was estimated to cost \$168,000, and the 79 miles of federal aid gravel \$197,000. The 186 miles of state gravel roads, including several farm to market roads, the state estimated would cost \$232,500 and 29 miles of grading at \$60,000.

These items totaled \$3,173,000, about a third of the sum estimated by Mr. Cochran as available for new construction work this year.

The legislature might yet add to the \$9,400,000 fund, he pointed out.

A proposal for a \$25,000,000 bond issue for highway construction remained Friday in the files of a legislative committee. Among the burdens keeping it there was an adverse opinion by Attorney General Sorenson.

Of the \$9,400,000 road program approximately \$5,500,000 will be paid with federal aid funds.

Low bids tabulated Friday included:

- Ponca-Willis, seven miles gravel, \$7,548.
- Tecumseh-Steinauer, 11 miles of grading, Monarch Engineering Co., Grand Island, \$45,150.
- Hemingford-Crawford, 14 miles gravel, Art Euning of Nebraska City, \$3,165.
- St. Edward-Cedar Rapids, 15.9 miles of gravel, Western Bridge and Construction Co., Omaha, \$16,744.
- Beatrice-Hebron road, bridge, to Blue Valley Bridge Co. of Fairbury, \$7,088.92.
- Rising City to David City, 9.3 miles of gravel, Abel Construction Co. of Lincoln, \$24,054.91.
- Veterans hospital, Lincoln, a 2 mile paved spur, Abel company \$5,814.94.
- Odell-Steale City, six miles of gravel, \$4,618.32, to the Murphy Gravel Co. of Fremont.
- Steale City to Odell, Jefferson county, 5.7 miles of gravel, to Murphy Gravel Co. \$4,329.95.
- Bruning to Plymouth, nine miles of gravel, to E. W. Nichols of Geneva, \$7,686.65.
- Beatrice to Dewitt, 7.4 miles of gravel, Art Euning, Nebraska City, \$6,036.81.
- Dubois to Pawnee City, seven miles of gravel, to Abel Construction Co., \$9,282.28.
- Steinauer to Pawnee City, 6.8 miles of gravel, to Abel company, \$8,255.70.—Omaha Bee-News.

### 5,300 EXPECTED AT C. M. T. C.

Training of more than 5,300 candidates from Nebraska, the Dakotas, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas is being contemplated for 1931 by Maj. Gen. Johnson Hagood, commanding the Seventh corps area, through establishment of many C. M. T. camps in this area.

According to plans, there will be camps from July 30 to Aug. 28 at Fort Snelling, Minn.; Fort Crook, and Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; from June 16 to July 15 at Fort Lincoln, N. D.; from July 2 to 31 at Camp Pike, Ark. and from July 7 to Aug. 5 at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

Travel expenses to the camps will be refunded by paying candidates upon arrival at camp, travel allowance being 10 cents a mile from their homes to the nearest camp. The same allowance will be made for return travel. All necessary expenses will be paid by the government and there is no obligation for future military service of any kind by those who attend these camps, it was said at headquarters Thursday morning.

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### DEBATERS SHOW UP WELL

The debating teams of the Plattsmouth high school had a very interesting experience on Wednesday afternoon and evening when in response to invitations they visited two of the Omaha schools and took part in debates which were helpful to the debaters of both schools.

In the afternoon the debaters were at the Benson high school and gave a very interesting presentation of their affirmative team and in the evening at the Central high school the Plattsmouth debaters were assigned the negative and acquitted themselves with the greatest honors.

Those who heard the debates warmly congratulated the local speakers on their work and were of the opinion that the local speakers had the edge on the Omaha debate teams altho the event was not a judged debate.

The members of the debating squad that attended the Omaha meeting were Robert Deane, Edward Wehbein, Mudge Garnett, John Becker, Paul Iverson.

The local debaters are expecting to attend the district meet this week and where the Plattsmouth team is rated as one of the outstanding entries and one that should capture the honors.

The debating squad is under the direction of Gerald Kvasnicka, teacher in history in the high school and he has been very successful in the work this year.

## CAMP FIRE GIRLS

A large Council Fire of the To He Ha and Aweont groups was held Monday, March 16 in the Library Auditorium for the Women's club and the public. The Aweont group took in a new member, Jane Rehal; two were taken in a month ago, Velma Shrader and Betty Ann McCarthy. A number of Camp Fire songs were sung, then the honors were awarded to the girls of the groups.

The To He Ha girls received their membership cards as did Jane Rehal. Those in the Aweont group taking their Wood Gathers rank were Mary Katherine Wiles, Marjorie Ann Tidball, Mary Jane Mark, Edna Mae Peterson and Rachel Robertson.

Wednesday, March 18 the To He Ma group and Aweont group met in the basement of the Library. We were honored with the company of Miss Dorothy Laros, executive of the Omaha council of Camp Fire Girls. After the short business meetings of the groups Miss Laros told us what the Camp Fire Girls of Omaha were doing, and gave us many suggestions for hikes and working.

RACHEL ROBERTSON, Scribe.

### DOUBLE WEDDING HERE

From Saturday's Daily—  
Yesterday afternoon Rev. C. O. Troy, pastor of the First Methodist church was called upon to unite in the bonds of wedlock, Miss Mable Leona Courtney and Grover Cleveland Edgell, and Miss Meta Larson and Richard Alvin Pickens. The double ring service was used in the joining of the lives of these two estimable couples and at the conclusion of the ceremony the young people returned to their homes at Omaha. Mr. Pickens was a resident here a number of years ago while a boy and is known to a number of the younger people of the city.

### DE PRIEST HITS G. O. P.

New Orleans, March 19.—Representative Oscar De Priest, Negro (R.), Illinois, speaking at the First African Baptist church here Wednesday night, took the Republican party to task for "recognition" of the "lily whites" and criticized President Hoover.

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## Nebraska Pioneer Resident Dies in Omaha

Mrs. Anna Cockle, One Time Resident of Avoca Passed Away at Home of Son

Mrs. Anna Cockle, seventy-two, died Wednesday afternoon at Omaha after a very short illness, passing away at the home of her son, Albert L. Cockle and family, where she has been making her home for some time.

Mrs. Cockle and her husband, who died in 1898, were two of the earliest settlers in Grant, Nebraska, where from 1902 to 1911, Mrs. Cockle was the editor and owner of the Perkins County Sentinel. Later Mrs. Cockle moved to Avoca where she resided for a number of years.

While Mr. and Mrs. Cockle were residents of Grant they were several times forced to leave their home and seek refuge at Fort Onalaska because of the Indian uprisings in that section of Nebraska.

The deceased lady is survived by the son in Omaha and one daughter, Miss Ruth Cockle of Lincoln.

### GOLDENROD STUDY CLUB

The March meeting of the Goldenrod Study club was an all day meeting held at the Mynard Community hall.

The tables for the luncheon were decorated with St. Patrick's day paper clothes and napkins and the flowers and candles were green and white.

The business meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Glen Wiles.

One verse of all of the songs given the past year were sang and the listening number by Victor Herbert was played by Mrs. Roy Cole.

A report of organized agriculture meetings was given by Mrs. Virgel Perry.

Election of officers followed, the result being: President, Mrs. Howard Wiles; Vice President, Mrs. Glen Wiles; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Ida Cole; Parliamentarian, Mrs. Will Minford.

The meeting was then turned over to the leaders for the study hour. Mrs. B. W. Livingston, Mrs. E. H. Spangler and Mrs. A. L. Huffer, who had as their subject, "Food Facts for a Meal Planning."

Nineteen members and one visitor, Mrs. H. A. McKelvey were present.

### FRANK RATHBUN MARRIES WESTERN NEBRASKA GIRL

The Louisville friends of Frank Rathbun will be interested to learn of his marriage on March 3, 1931, to Miss Etta O'Neill, of Irwin, Nebraska. The young couple drove to Martin, South Dakota, for the wedding and were accompanied by the groom's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Gardner, of Merriman, where Mr. Rathbun has been making his home for a number of years.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Ellen Rathbun, of Louisville. He served in the navy during the world war and has a splendid record of service. He was on the U. S. S. Vermont. He spent his boyhood days in Louisville and has many friends in this vicinity. The bride is a former school teacher and is highly esteemed by a large circle of friends.—Louisville Courier.

### RED OAK ROTARIANS TO BACK PIG CLUB

Red Oak, Ia., March 17.—For the fourth consecutive year, the Rotary club will sponsor a Pig club, it was announced Tuesday by President Raymond Perryman after 11 bred sows had been distributed to as many Montgomery county farm lads.

Decision to continue the practice was made when reports pointed out a \$400 profit on past ventures and the fact that through the club influence one farmer in this vicinity was getting "back on his feet."

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## Sharp Drop Noted in Tax Collections

Washington—Sharply decreased income tax collections for the first quarter were visualized by treasury officials as they studied latest reports and receipts from that source. Before then the officials had the report for Wednesday, the latest available, which showed only \$88,691,515 had been collected that day compared with \$214,534,548 for the corresponding day last year.

It was explained the figures to be announced Saturday would show more accurately what the treasury can expect from the 1930 tax, but officials described reports already received as "discouraging." Meanwhile, Senator Borah, said he believed an increase in taxes would be necessary but he declined to say when he thought it should go into effect.

### Great Drop Feared.

The report for Wednesday brought the collections for the month to \$194,945,837 compared with \$314,290,558 last year and for the fiscal year beginning July 1 to \$1,366,376,861 compared with \$1,566,334,700 last year. Should the report Saturday show an appreciable drop it will be accepted as indicating that the total this year will not be nearly as great as last year.

In some quarters fear was expressed that the decline for the month might be as much as \$150,000,000 from \$559,000,000 collected in March, 1930. Last Wednesday the treasury had a deficit of \$391,045,372 and statistics issued by the internal revenue bureau showed taxes of all kinds had decreased \$121,631,371 in the first eight months of this fiscal year.

In that time corporations paid \$642,306,807 in income taxes as compared with \$66,557,085 in the same period last year while individuals paid \$533,988,593 compared with

### OBITUARY

Alexandra Montgomery Jardine was born Aug. 15, 1866, at Cedar Creek, Nebraska, and passed away at his home near Greenwood on March 15, 1931 at the age of 64 years and seven months.

As a young man he lived at Cedar Creek and on December 19, 1894, was united in marriage to Matilda Bertha Busche of Cedar Creek, immediately moving to the farm home at Greenwood where he made his home until he passed away.

To this union there were five children: Earl of Lincoln, Vera Dimmitt of Greenwood, Verna Bates of McIntosh, South Dakota, Leonard of Greenwood, Everett at home. He also leaves his wife and five grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

Those present from Louisville were Mrs. Chester Eager and daughter, Alvie, mother of the groom, Mrs. Ellen Ball and Miss Helen Larson. Louisville Courier.

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## Legion Auxiliary Meets

The American Legion Auxiliary met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. P. Johnson with Mrs. R. W. Knorr, Mrs. Max Vallery, Mrs. C. A. Marshall and Mrs. P. A. Meisinger, as the associate hostesses.

The Auxiliary voted to carry out the plan suggested by the state department of sending one half of the receipts of the poppy sale to the state department to be applied to the rehabilitation and child welfare work of the state auxiliary.

The ladies also decided to attend the naturalization ceremonies at the court house on April 6th as a part of their Americanization program.

The social chairman, Mrs. John H. Palacek, had arranged two games which were very much enjoyed by the ladies.

At the conclusion of the afternoon the hostesses served very dainty and delicious refreshments.

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