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RED CROSS HEALTHSERVICE

LINCOLN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE RETURNS FROM SUMMER SCHOOL.

Miss Florence Chaffin, Red Cross Public Health nurse for Lincoln County has just returned from a month at Omaha where she attended the Institute of Public Health and Nursing. Dr. Manning, Omaha Pathologist, conducted the course in Hygiene and he was assisted by a number of Omaha specialists. Miss Chaffin has returned to Lincoln County full of enthusiasm regarding the kind of work she is to do and with many ideas as to the best way in which to do them. She took courses in School Inspection and Health Supervision and says she thoroughly enjoyed them. It is her intention to spend much of her time working along these lines. Miss Chaffin reports "that out of 605 school children examined during the last few weeks of school she found 333 who had some physical defect which would prove a handicap in later development." Continuing she says, "Many of us are in a rut and a rut is a small sized grave. Let us get out of the ruts and remember that we only have one life to live. Why should we cut the span of life shorter by sticking to the old ideas when the new offers so much of happiness and accomplishment. It is difficult for the adult to leave the old rut and acquire new habits, but very easy for the children. Health habits are formed easiest and best in early life. That is why we go to the schools. But none of our work is forced upon the people. Many of our suggestions are along new lines where only the pioneer has gone. He has analyzed and balanced all the suggestions offered and from these he has built up a system which upon trial has proven its worth. This we intend to bring to the children and they and their parents can select what seems best and most worth while."

Miss Chaffin is again at work, starting out after her months leave, with the idea of putting something into Lincoln County home and school life which will make this a better place in which to live.

Mrs. Lydia Deering of Grand Island who has been a guest of her daughter Mrs. T. Green left this morning for Campbell, Nebr. She was accompanied by her grandson William Deering, Jr.

Mrs. Guy J. Congdon and children who have been guests at the D. C. Congdon home for several weeks will leave today for their home in Toledo, Ohio.

Steve Brush of New York City is expected the first of the week to visit his sister Mrs. Chas. Cornell.

FIGURES ON PUMP IRRIGATION AT THE NORTH PLATTE EXPERIMENT STATION.

Experiments conducted at the North Platte Experiment Station show that one inch of water over an acre can be pumped forty feet at a cost of 10 cents. Here is the statement from the Thirty-fourth Annual Report of the Agricultural Experiment Station: Work has been conducted in co-operation with the North Platte Station to determine the cost of irrigation water under a pumping system, and the acreage which could be irrigated under the conditions existing at the North Platte Experimental Farm, where water is lifted 40 feet by a six-inch rotary pump, driven by a 30 H. P. kerosene engine. Such crops as corn, alfalfa, and potatoes were grown under irrigation.

One hundred fifty-three and three-fourths hours' pumping was done, giving 317.99 acre inches of water, or 8,494,650 gallons, which was used in irrigating 48 acres. A total of 640 gallons of fuel was used or one gallon of fuel furnished power for the pumping of 13,275 gallons of water. This gives an approximate fuel cost of 40 cents per acre inch of water pumped from an average depth of nearly 40 feet.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ENDORS-ES PLATTE RIVER ROUNDUP ON BIRDWOOD.

At a special called meeting of the Directors of the North Platte Chamber of Commerce, the Platte River Roundup and Pioneer Days Exhibition on the John Bratt ranch was endorsed and Tuesday, August 23, set as North Platte day. On that date, the Chamber will attend in a body and take the Chamber of Commerce band. A committee consisting of Messrs. Langford, Ogler, Carroll, Hendy and Palher was appointed to arrange for the trip.

ENORMOUS TRAFFIC ON LINCOLN HIGHWAY SHOWN BY CAMP GROUND REPORTS

George Finn, Custodian of the Free Public Camp Grounds says that 1257 different automobiles stopped at the camp grounds during the month of July just closed. Allowing four passengers to each car, which Mr. Finn says is about right, we have 5,148 people patronizing the camp grounds. Last year the number of cars in July was 872, showing a 50 per cent increase this year. The camp ground is established in North Platte as it is in many other cities and is a form of community service which is appreciated everywhere.

The campfire girls need a kerosene stove next week and some kerosene lamps. Some of the latter may be hanging or bracket. Anyone having such will call Mrs. Adda Turpie, President of the Local Council.

Mrs. J. W. Danter of Stapleton was among the out of town visitors yesterday.

FARMERS TO GET MARKETS

LATEST MARKET REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED OVER FARM PHONE LINES.

Plans were completed this week by County Agent Kellogg whereby farmers in Lincoln County can get the latest market reports over their own phone lines. The government wireless station located here at North Platte picks up market reports from all over the country several times a day. The plan is for the wireless operator to phone these reports to the County Agent's office where they will be recorded. Then any farmer in the county can call the County Agent's office and get the latest quotations on any line of farm produce or live stock. The prices on live stock, grain and hay change very rapidly and it is a great advantage to the farmer to know the very latest quotation before starting for market. The wireless operator is busy at the machine most of the day and cannot be called at any time so he calls the County Agent at his convenience and gives him the report. Miss Hoga is in charge of the County Agent's office when Mr. Kellogg is away and she can give the market information at any time during the day. North Platte is peculiarly situated for this work in that it is the only city in the state outside of Omaha which has the government wireless station.

TENNESSEE RATS AND AMERICAN LEGION TO PLAY FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

The Tennessee Rats are coming again Sunday, August 7 and will play the American Legion team for first honors. Two weeks ago the Rats played the locals two games. The Rats won the first game by a score of 7 to 1 and the Legioners won the second game by a score of 7 to 3. The final is sure to be the event of the season. Large crowds attended both games before but a record breaker is looked forward to for the game Sunday.

BIG CAMPFIRE CAMP TO START MONDAY WITH ALL GROUPS TAKING PART.

Each of the groups of campfire girls in North Platte is getting ready for the big camp to start next Monday. The plans call for the camp to continue until Saturday but that was before the bills were put up for the circus on Saturday. It is probable that most of the groups will return to the city in time for the big circus parade. A regular program will be carried which is designed to teach health and hygiene and to give health and happiness. The cottage at the camp is in shape and some furniture has been added but much is needed in the way of equipment.

Special classes will be held in nature study, bookstry, etc. A nurse will be in constant attendance and a life guard on duty when the girls are in the water. Written permission from the mother must be furnished before a girl will be allowed in the river.

Each camper should be equipped with the following: a camp uniform consisting of one pair of bloomers and as many articles as are necessary, a pair of ice beveled shoes, two or three pairs of cotton stockings, changes of underwear, ceremonial gown, towels and toilet articles, swimming suit and cap, sweater or coat, at least one pair of blankets and a comfort and pillow if desired, plate, cup, cereal dish, knife, fork, spoon, two dish towels.

Here are some helpful things to take to the camp: lantern or flash light, pocket knife, small hammer, scissors, pencils, broom, rake, hoe, camera, head needles for bead work.

JULY RAINFALL LESS THAN ONE HALF THAT OF JULY OF LAST YEAR.

According to the Weather Summary for July just issued by Weatherman Shilling, the total rainfall was eight-tenths of an inch. Only four times in the last thirty years has there been as small an amount of rainfall in July. The temperature has been about three degrees above the average for 47 years. The highest was 97 and the lowest 53. So far this year the rainfall shows a deficiency over the average of over six inches. There were 19 clear days, 8 partly cloudy and 4 cloudy. Warmer and dryer than usual is the way to sum up the weather for July, 1921.

ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS

CURRENT COMMENT ABOUT PEOPLE AND THE THINGS THEY ARE DOING HERE.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Tramp and Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Tramp and daughter returned Wednesday from a vacation spent in the lake country of northern Minnesota. They went through Minneapolis to Cass Lake where they fished and enjoyed boating and the lake scenery of that part of the country. Mr. Tramp has some good fish stories and they make one want to go to Cass Lake and go fishing there with him.

Elmer L. Stephens returned Wednesday evening from a two weeks attendance at the Scout Officers Training School at Culver, Indiana. He took a course for Scout Officers and is very enthusiastic about the work and the results. The class he was in was composed of men of affairs who were enrolled in the course that they might better serve the cause of boys. Mr. Stephens returned at this time so that he could get the preparations for the Scout Camp going and put through some other scout work which he is doing.

Agents for another Carnival company were in the city last week consulting with various organizations about bringing it here under the auspices of one of the local concerns. The City Council promptly put an end to the matter by passing a resolution not to remit any carnival licenses during August. The idea seemed to be that having had two carnivals here so far this summer and another under contract for the County Fair week in September, there was no demand for another to be here this month.

One of the greatest menaces to good health in the summer time is flies. Years ago every child had alternate periods of summer heat and constipation and it was laid to the heat. Now we know it is flies. A housekeeper may scrub and scour and keep her house absolutely free from dust and dirt but if she allows flies in the house, sickness is bound to follow. It is estimated that practically all of the summer sickness is caused by disease germs distributed by flies. Householders should do everything possible to eliminate them from the home. Traps, poison, sticky paper, screens, fly spats and other means should be used constantly as long as there is a fly in sight. It saves sickness, time, money, and sometimes death.

It is certainly remarkable for a community of 10,000 people like North Platte to entertain 5,148 people in one

month as its guests, giving them free rent, free fire for cooking, free water, free toilet privileges, free shower baths, free shade, free road information and free police protection and the majority of the 10,000 people do not know that it is being done nor help in the expense. The Chamber of Commerce pays the bills. It is a service which it can render and which would not be done if it did not do it. North Platte gets the credit, 5,148 people are made happier and everyone is satisfied. It is another illustration of the power of ber of North Platte business and professional men, railroad men and labor union men who are not members and who from day to day knock, knock, knock.

Someone has started the story that the Municipal Bathing Beach has been condemned because of its filthiness. We have tried to find out who started the story but no one knows. We cannot find that anyone with authority has even thought of condemning it. The water is not as clear as it would be if the outlet were opened and the contents of the lake allowed to run out. There was considerable clay and earth in the pool and this will have to be washed out before the water will become clear. There is a move on foot to take up a collection among the patrons and the fathers of patrons of the pool and put gravel on the banks of the pool. The plans also included building bleachers along the pool so that parents could sit in the shade and watch the children in the water. Some quick growing shade trees would do about as well and last longer.

One of the causes of dissatisfaction which the farmer feels is the low price of farm products, produced at excessively high cost, while the freight rates, interest, taxes and manufactured goods which the farmer must buy, such as building material and machinery, remain as high or nearly as high as before. According to the report of the Congressional Committee appointed to inquire into Depressed Agricultural Conditions they find a number of factors as causes of these low prices. Chief among these are the restriction of credits and interest rates charged by banks, which forced liquidation; gambling and speculation in food products; artificial deflation by propaganda against high prices; reduced foreign buying power with low foreign exchange rates; high taxes; high freight rates and the fact that the producers were not organized to bargain effectively in marketing their products. Some dairymen gave imports of foreign butter and vegetable oils as an important factor. Occasionally the unsettled state of industry with unemployment and decreased buying power of laborers was suggested as a cause. Excessive commission charges by middlemen also receive "honorable" mention in the list.

Mrs. Vera Dehn and Ida Fitzgibbon will leave tomorrow for Denver and Colorado Springs.

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