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Nebraska Roads

Nebraska's Gov. Val Peterson stated in an article in the mid-July issue of *The Nebraska Farmer*:

"We must remember that Nebraskans pay for good roads whether they get them or not."

The governor noted that "These losses are not always apparent. For instance, hardsurface roads in our great cattle country would serve the interests of ranchers eager to reach market with their livestock in good condition and with the least possible shrinkage. Yet they would prove equally beneficial to businessmen in Lincoln and Omaha who thrive on the shipment of that livestock and the purchasing power it creates."

Continuing, Governor Peterson said the state's foremost road problem "is one of providing the best possible service within our income for the broad farm communities for Nebraska."

This is true, he wrote, because agriculture provides 80 percent of the total income of our state economy and all cities "however large or small" are "rural trading posts serving customers who travel Nebraska highways."

"Nebraska sustains one of the 8 largest roadway systems among the 48 states," the governor's comprehensive article said. "We possess more than 100,000 miles of open roads, or enough to circle the world four times."

"Against this is ranged a population ranking 32d and a middle-bracket income. Our overall problem is that of a state with a tremendous road system on one hand and a relatively low population and limited income on the other."

Discussing present and contemplated revenues of the highway department, the governor pointed out that continuation of present allotments for roads will force "a retarded program from the levels of 1947-1948" and will not permit a construction program meeting the public demand.

"This is a big undertaking," he wrote, "but with a sound, well-planned program we can do the job. I firmly believe we can carry a progressive highway improvement program from revenues raised as we build. It is my resolve that Nebraska shall not be plunged into an overly ambitious program requiring excessive tax burdens."

The Frontier feels that Governor Peterson's recently-appointed Nebraska Highway Advisory Committee is a step in the right direction towards solving the state's road needs. The May meeting of the committee in O'Neill, in conjunction with the state legislative council's subcommittee on roads and individual northeast and northcentral Nebraskans interested in better roads, produced a thorough airing of local road problems.

The findings at the O'Neill meeting and at other similar parleys held throughout the state are now being correlated and upon these findings the governor intends to apply what he terms his "well-planned program."

The Frontier feels that Governor Peterson inherited an unfortunate road situation that can be attributed primarily to the late war and its resultant dislocation.

We feel that if the governor's plan has as auspicious an ending as it has had a beginning Nebraska ultimately can well be proud of post-war highway development.

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We don't agree with those radio commentators who say that "farming is essentially a gamble." There is an element of chance in farming, of course, just as there is about every kind of business, but it isn't a "gamble." It is as sure as the laws of nature.

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According to some of the commentators, the Democratic national convention this year was a rather quiet affair compared to those of the Rooseveltian era. There has never been anyone to take the place of the magnetic apostle of the New Deal.

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After years of misunderstanding, abuse and calumny, Herbert Hoover, only living ex-president, received a magnificent ovation from his fellow Republicans at Philadelphia. He stood forth vindicated as a great American.

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The fellow who stopped to light a match while filling his gas tank discovered a new, quick means of suicide.

Letters to The Editor

Department of The Army
Office, Chief, Army Field
Forces
Fort Monroe, Virginia
15 July 1948.

The Editor
The Frontier
O'Neill, Nebraska

Dear Sir:
Please put me down for three months' subscription to your enterprising newspaper. I cannot afford to miss the works of your new columnist, Miss Mary Devine Brennan. A similarity of our names, of course, has nothing to do with my interest.

Sincerely yours,
JOHN M. DEVINE,
Major General, GSC
Deputy Chief.

(Editor's note: The general is jesting. Mary Devine Brennan is a favorite niece. Mary Devine's mother, Mrs. F. N. Brennan, widow of the late Colonel Brennan, is a sister of the 2-star ground forces general who recently headed the experimental universal military training unit at Fort Knox, Ky.)

Yellowstone National Park Goal of Motorists

Mrs. William J. Frelch and children, Mary and Jimmy, and Miss Marde Birmingham and Miss Elizabeth Latta left Monday, July 19, for a 10-days' vacation in Yellowstone National Park. Clarence Hicks is the driver.

Mesdames Ross and Richter Are Hostesses

A linen shower for Miss Patricia Browning was held on Saturday afternoon, July 17. The co-hostesses were Mrs. Oliver Ross and Mrs. Charles Richter. The shower was held at the Ross home.

Lorenz Bredemeiers Tendered Farewells

A picnic was given by the Soil Conservation Service group Saturday evening, July 19, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Crook in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz F. Bredemeier, who are moving away from O'Neill. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Bredemeier, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crook, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Young, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Hill, Orville Indra, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Spendlove and daughter, Kathleen, of Ainsworth. The Spendloves are former residents of O'Neill.

There was to have been a supervisor's meeting and party Wednesday evening, July 21. The party, a covered dish dinner, was to have been given in honor of the Bredemeiers. Mr. Bredemeier will be conservationist for the Cherry county SCS district.

Poffs Arrive from Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Poff arrived Wednesday, July 14, for a short visit with relatives in O'Neill. They had come from Washington, D. C., and were on their way to Boise, Ida., where they will make their home. They left O'Neill Monday.

Mary Kathryn Turner Is 12-Years-Old

On Sunday, July 18, at her home, Miss Mary Kathryn Turner was guest of honor at a party given on her 12th birthday anniversary. The 12 guests played games and were served refreshments. They came at 5:30 p. m. and departed at 9.

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CONVENTION CLEAN-UP, OLD STYLE . . . The man who made the cleanest sweep of them all at the Republican national convention in Philadelphia, Pa., comes up the aisle—behind a broom. By this time the last weary delegate had left the hall, the emotional spree marking the naming of 7 aspirants to the Republican nomination had ended and the dead trappings of the hectic nominating and voting demonstration littered the aisles and corridors.

Prairieland Talk

Rodeo Time Reminds Romaine of Genial Nigger Jim, a Bronc Rider

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN—Rodeo time again. O'Neill has consistently declined to take on this sort of amusement, maybe because the old town saw a plenty of that thing in its earlier days.

Rodeo comes from the Spanish and its true meaning is roundup. And that was not so much a display of horsemanship as it was bringing the bees to trail to the loading pens.

Horsemanship is of ancient origin. The Latins had their Consus, god of the horse race. At an earlier period the Babylonians invented the Centaur that still remains among the signs of the Zodiac, a figure part man and part horse. Legend connects it in religious worship with Nimrod, the great grandson of Noah, he, Nimrod, reputed to be the first to break a bronco to ride, being also credited by the Egyptians with having produced the horse. Nimrod having been a Negro may have had something to do with the efficiency of the colored gents with horses.

One of the bronc riders to hang out in O'Neill was the genial Nigger Jim.

From whence came these wondrous clouds that today have drawn a curtain over the celestial furnace that has poured a flame across the land in the early days of July?

Only yesterday the heavens of brass from prairie rim to prairie rim burned with the fierce glow of desert heat.

During the night, announced by the angry growl of thunder as if nature would rebuke first a few drops drumming on house tops, then with a rush settling into a steady down-pour.

Today high tree tops wave their grateful plumage in the morning breeze, sod and floral bloom have been washed clean, off to the south an engineer pulls his long train of empties out of the city to the little towns with elevators to be loaded with \$2 wheat and the fireman manifests his enthusiasm over the rain by scooping in the coal which sends forth a mighty cloud of smoke, a baker's truck heaves and weaves its way through the mud of an unpaved stretch of street.

Lancaster county corn fields are safe for another run of weather.

Anyway the Democrats could find only 2 anywhere near presidential caliber—and 1 of them a Republican.

Highways and hospitals are said to be a crying need. The federal government maintains hospitals for former soldiers and many states operate like institutions where for a registration fee of a dime or so you can go in as a guinea-pig for student experiments. The high cost of a night or 2 in city hospitals excludes many who need medical care. Perhaps a solution would be more state hospitals or one in each county maintained at public expense. Highway worries will continue until the remnant of the race is taken on seraph wings to the celestial realm where the streets are paved with gold.

A New Deal Democrat with the unusual accomplishment of being a Bible student declared his intention to vote GOP. Being asked for a Bible text to support his change of political convictions replied, "Whereas I was blind, now I see."

Speaking of early day Nebraska conditions a contributor to a state publication down at Burwell says that in the 1880's a church of that town was heated with corn, "which was deposited in gunny sacks inside the door as members came to church." Was there such a thing as a gunny sack at that time? How old is the gunny sack? There were two-bushel grain bags which held two bushels of shelled corn or one bushel of ear corn. Corn was a common fuel and a common feed for man and beast in the homestead days but such things as "gunny sacks" were unknown in my boyhood neighborhood.

Hot July days bring out a display of bow legs and knock knees, bay windows, lean and the luscious arms and other anatomical monstrosities. Young men and maids, old boys and graying gals, who have the courage of indifference put on an outfit that covers about a square foot and challenge Old Sol to turn it on at the rate of 100 in the shade and thus unattired go shopping.

Placed between the right and left entrance to a large chain store reposed a 300-pound block of ice in which had been frozen a dun-colored blanket, ostensibly one from the pile on window display being offered for sale. A 300-pound cake of ice is more of an attraction at 100 in the shade than is the blanket.

Experience is said to be the best teacher. It may prove the most costly. A 3-year-old ran onto his dad's 38 in a bureau drawer and found it was a deadly play thing when it was discharged and killed the child's mother. A frantic father cut the throats of his two young children but lost his nerve when it came to putting into execution the plan to slice his own worthless neck.

A lemon-yellow specimen of the Shepherd breed went trotting up to the street drinking fountain, stood on his hind legs, hooked his muddy fore paws to the bowl and helped himself to a drink.

George Rectors Back from Idaho

Mr. and Mrs. George Rector and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rector returned Sunday, July 18, from Boise, Ida., where they had been for 3 weeks. The Rectors, who recently sold their ranch northeast of O'Neill, have purchased an 80-acre tract near Boise where the 2 families will reside. They plan to move to Idaho next month.

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Dr. Eason Departs for Louisville, Ky.

CHAMBERS—Dr. C. M. Eason, veteran Chambers dentist, departed Monday, July 19, for his new location at Louisville, Ky. Dr. Eason will be connected with a Veterans hospital in his new post.

Dr. Van Horn of Ogallala, arrived Saturday to locate here, taking over the dental practice of Dr. Eason's.

Other Chambers News
Mrs. H. O. Stevens, of Atkinson, visited Thursday, July 15, at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Stevens, and children.

Vernon Smith drove to Polk Sunday, July 18, to bring home those from Chambers, who have been attending Camp Joy.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Shavlik and Myron and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hubbard drove to Elgin Sunday, July 18, to visit Mr. Shavlik's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hubbard made a trip to Omaha on Monday, July 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Stevens, Cheryl and Terry spent Sunday, July 18, visiting relatives in Atkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Cooper drove to Spencer Sunday, July 18, to visit in the Ralph Friedrich home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Russ and granddaughter, of O'Neill, participated in a dinner on Thursday, July 15, in the R. K. Platt home.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith and children and Mr. and Mrs. Don Crandall drove to Norfolk Thursday, July 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hixon and children spent the weekend at Long Pine as guests of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hixon.

Mrs. Wayne Smith, Mrs. Duane Carson and Mary Lace Spath are attending a teachers' course in O'Neill this week.

Sunday, July 18, dinner guests in the Vern Wilkenson home were: Mr. and Mrs. Art Fluckey, Mr. and Mrs. Loy

Fluckey and children and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Sorensen.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wyant entertained the following at dinner Sunday, July 18: Mr. and Mrs. Wade Grubb, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Jackson and Janie Lou, and Mr. and Mrs. William Reninger.

Larre and Lonnie Eschliman left Saturday, July 17, for Ulysses to visit their sister after spending a month in the Frank Hardy home.

Sunday, July 18, guests in the Louis Harley home were: Mr. and Mrs. Duke Struebing and Jess Janes, of Wood River; Mr. and Mrs. Duane McKay, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Harley and Richard Harley, all of Chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown and children spent Saturday and Sunday, July 16 and 17, at Norfolk visiting her sister, Mrs. Dale Michaels, and family.

Mrs. Edward Nissen and children returned Saturday, July 17, to their home at Wayne after a 2 weeks' visit with relatives and friends at Chambers.

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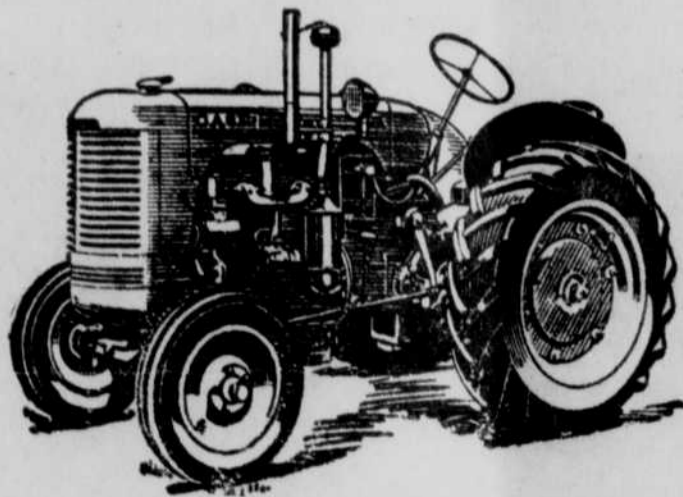
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