

Editorial

# Prairie Wolf Enjoys Blue Pacific

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BURBANK, CALIF. — It rained today; not much of a rain as rains go in Nebraska, less than a quarter of an inch, but it meant a lot to a people whose tongues would have hung out for a sip of water had it not been for a supply floated this way from the silvery Colorado river. The occasional rumble of thunder was a familiar sound to Prairieland. Lightning shot a bolt down the high tower of the Los Angeles city hall and brought a hush of terror to the several hundred Californians in the building. Prospects, say the weather-wise, are for more rain.



Romaine Saunders

A row of gorgeous yellow floral bloom a little beyond the window where I have parked for the moment is getting a wetting in daughter's back yard — a drizzle rain today continuing through the night. However, this community does not depend upon what comes from the soil so much as the products of factories and other marts of trade, along with what Nebraskans and others contribute during the winter sojourn here.

Beyond mountains and desert to the east stretches Arizona with its Grand Canyon, Painted desert, flaming sunsets and stately cactus standing like silent sentinels watching over their world of sand. I rode with friends a late afternoon up a mountain trail to an eminence that overlooks the landscape far to the east and affords a view of flaming sunset on in the Pacific ocean, gilding the rippled waters with gold and crimson that takes you for the moment away from mountain and desert and fruitful vale. If you still hold the magic wonder of childhood you find yourself at times away from the haunts of men and stand within the enchanted cathedral nature has built all around us and feel the touch of the Infinite. Southern California invites to the open places at this season while prairieland patriots at home may have the thrill of looking out upon a world of white and feel grateful for the snow and winter cold that gives them an excuse for sticking close to the fire. And this old prairie wolf looks out this afternoon upon the rain-soaked city street grateful for the shelter of Ed and Mid's hospitable home.

But in one way or another funeral directors in this live-forever-climate are kept busy. The engineer of a fast train heading north toward San Francisco fell from the cab of the engine up above Santa Barbara. His body was found near the track. A guy choked his sweetheart to death because she reproved him for guzzling firewater. Another fellow said to be dependent over the death of his wife shot and killed a neighbor woman and then ended his own miserable existence. Dentists run grocery-style ads and everybody has something to sell. The Sunday editor of the Los Angeles Times devotes 32 pages to classified ads.

Burbank is a city of clean streets, delightful homes with park-like front- and backyards and municipal affairs managed honestly with an average annual surplus of two million dollars. Citizens take pride in their city and they have that of which to be proud. Colored people are treated respectfully, but are required to be off the streets after sundown.

Doctor McCormick of Toledo, O., has been in Los Angeles recently in connection with his duties as head of the American Medical association. He forecasts a cure for cancer within the next five years, and cautiously approves President Eisenhower's health insurance program. Your best health insurance is at the dining table.

The city and county of Los Angeles, officials report, have 7,767 ex-city and county workers drawing pensions from city and county to the amount of \$12,074,812 annually. One of the pensioners is said to be drawing a princely salary from the federal government through an upper strata military connection that evades the battle zone.

Prairieland Talk

## Supreme Court Cheapened?

President Eisenhower has an interesting opportunity facing him when he fills the vacancy on the supreme court caused by the death of Chief Justice Vinson.

The supreme court of the United States is not "supreme" in the true sense of the word. We envision a court made up of distinguished jurists, men of temperament and ability commensurate with the highest court in the land.

The court has been cheapened in recent years, according to The Frontier's thinking. Men have been appointed who are not, in any sense of the word, "distinguished jurists." They do not square with the popular conception of the noblest tradition of the court through the centuries.

Too often the appointments have been made in recognition of public or political service—not in recognition of any outstanding ability in the field of law.

Chief Justice Vanderbilt of the New Jersey supreme court said last year that the federal judiciary is the weakest of the three branches of American government.

Going down the list we find the make-up of the court as follows:

Clark. His record should have barred him from the supreme court. He was nothing more than an outstanding back slapping politician who "knew his way around." His administration of the justice department is still under a cloud of suspicion that the supposedly "blindfolded justice" was on the peek for a fast buck. His role in the Harry Dexter White case is fresh in our mind, too.

Blaek. A radical new dealer of the first water and has been mentioned in the press as having been a Klu Kluxer. His only judicial experience was the eight months he served as a Birmingham, Ala., police judge. A fine background for a seat on the highest court in the land.

Jackson. Here's a former attorney-general and a solicitor-general. He ascended to the bench with the background of a substantial law practice.

Minton. A former Indiana senator. He is the last justice to be promoted from the bench, the U.S. circuit court of appeals. His appointment was outstanding from the standpoint of mediocrity.

Reed—was a solicitor-general. He handled the case for the government in the NRA "sick chicken" legislation. He evidently didn't distinguish himself for the court ruled unanimously against him.

Frankfurter was a Harvard law professor. He was the head of the cult that swept over Washington in the early days of the new deal and is the idol of many of the "hot dogs" who went on to become some of the reddest lefties that ever got into government service.

Southern California, which means the Los Angeles community, experienced what prairieland patriots would consider quite a building boom during 1953. For what they are worth, real estate promoters put the figure at \$1,547,599,800 invested in new homes and other buildings the past year. Orange groves have been rooted out and replaced with the abodes of man. The lure calling to those in states to the eastward is the climate. But there are gloomy days stretching into weeks when you wonder if the sun has been blotted out or sunk in the ocean and then before you are aware of it you are bathed in a blaze of glory.

Mink coats are no longer in the Washington news but at least one sister out here had such a coat for which she had no use under sunny skies. She ran a for sale ad. A young couple called to see the coat and when the young woman had gotten possession of the coat her escort flashed a gun and they left with the mink, warning the lady of the house not to make a move for 15 minutes. A gent in an outlying suburb closed his business place for the evening and was met as he stepped out by two gunmen who relieved him of \$700.

Museums and zoos are a perpetual attraction. The Los Angeles county museum, housed in a building that occupies something like a quarter section of land, was visited recently. The community had turned out that day, some to visit the museum with its remarkable collection of extinct and existing animal life and the handwork of man of past ages, others to take in the football game in the arena across the way. We found a parking place where one patriot, having been fed up with it all, pulled out for home.

He inherited millions from his dad, who in his day was an industrial magnate. For beating up his divorced wife he landed in jail. As Solomon said, give me neither poverty nor riches.

A lady of culture, socially prominent and accustomed to luxury, has gone to work in a store, "my first job," she explains. Her husband died owing Uncle Sam something over 185-thousand-dollars on his income tax account. In came revenue collectors and took her home and the dead husband's life insurance, settling for about one-half of the tax claim. If these officials have the authority to accept in full settlement half of what is due they have the authority to cancel the entire amount rather than turn a widow out of her home.

Californians are not yet satisfied with the "ham and eggs" arrangement. A move has been made to get on the November ballot a proposal to raise what is termed pensions for the needy aged of from \$80 to \$100 per month. Pensions, now a nationwide hopeful, were unknown to an earlier generation other than to the civil war Grand Army men and they received three or four dollars a month. Getting around now to the Doc Townsend pension program.

Perhaps the largest industry in the community is the airplane builders, employing many thousands of citizens, both in the labor and management groups. Got two million dollars with which to buy an airplane? That's about what the airway line organizations put up for a transcontinental ship of the air, so I have been told by one in the management end of one of the plane building establishments.

There is beauty, romance, culture, every shade of religious faith from that inherited from the late Amy Semple McPherson to the followers of the prophet of the Arabian desert, millionaires, scholars, artists and movie performers and mobs of swell people who greet strangers cordially. And coughs, colds and sniffing noses are not unknown, probably the product of warm days, cool evenings and houses not heated as they are in O'Neill.

When You and I Were Young ...

## Innkeeper Scares Tough Gamblers Pair Tries to Take Over Hotel

50 Years Ago

Mrs. Charity Hicks died at her home here. . . . George Foster and Miss Grace Worden were married in Central City. . . . The mercury dropped down to 20 degrees below zero. . . . An attempt was made by two gamblers to take over the Dewey hotel but they were impeded by Ira Lapham, the landlord, who pulled a gun on them and shot out the door as fast as their trembling limbs could carry them.

20 Years Ago

Mrs. Clark Young died at her home northeast of the city after an illness of three weeks. . . . Frank Bain was honored at a surprise party given by his children on his 75th birthday anniversary. . . . Grasshopper trouble is forecast to be a serious threat to the crops this coming summer. . . . Wild hay is at a fair price of from \$5 to \$5.50 a ton. . . . Ray Clyde and Miss Lena Hayne were granted a marriage license in county court. . . . Frank Dishner made a business trip to Omaha. . . . Around 20 neighbors and friends gathered at the Lynn Carns home to assist Mr. and Mrs. Carns, who have been sick for a couple of weeks and are unable to work.

10 Years Ago

John Kazda has been recalled into the armed forces and will leave soon. . . . Pressure cookers are no longer on the ration list since the first of January. . . . A campaign to encourage Holt county cattlemen to take part in the statewide program to clean up cattle grubs was started by County Agent Lyndle Stout. . . . The weather has been unusually warm for this time of year with a few showers of rain. . . . Ft. Francis Murphy left to return to Ft. Ord, Calif., after spending a leave here.

One Year Ago

Throngs are expected for O'Neill's first auto annual show, where 13 different cars will be shown. . . . O'Neill boys receiving their licenses for induction into the armed forces were James L. Kubik, Donald J. Harding and Arnold L. Dallegge. . . . Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson celebrated their golden wedding anniversary January 29. . . . Two firms in the town of Page were visited by burglars with about \$200 in loot taken. . . . Mrs. Thomas Donohoe celebrated her 81st birthday anniversary.

Benson, Crosby Are Speakers

Two leaders from the national and state scene — Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson and Nebraska Gov. Robert B. Crosby — will be featured speakers at the annual state convention of the Nebraska Farmers Union at Omaha February 10-11. Secretary Benson is scheduled to speak at a banquet for members the evening of February 10. Governor Crosby will deliver his address at a noon luncheon the following day.

'Low Calories' Lesson Topical

The Scott Community club met at the hall Tuesday, January 19, with six members present and four visitors. Mrs. Charles Gifford read the minutes of the last meeting. Mrs. Frank MacDonald and Mrs. Charles Gifford gave the lesson on "Low Calories." Next meeting will be February 16 at 8 o'clock. Lunch was served. —By Mary E. Luber, news reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Holliday and children of Grand Island spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Loy. They were on their way to Eugene, Ore., where they will make their home and he will be employed.

R. G. ("Bob") Clinkscales went to Columbus Friday to spend the weekend with his wife and family.

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## Mrs. Gaffney Back from Extended Trip

EMMET—Mrs. Agnes Gaffney arrived home on the train after spending 3½ months visiting relatives and friends in Kansas, Illinois and Iowa.

Other Emmet News

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Perry visited Mr. and Mrs. Dale Perry and girls last Thursday evening. . . . Mrs. Henry Benze and Nancy of O'Neill called on Mrs. James O'Connor Saturday afternoon. . . . Mary Helen, Carmen and Patrick Benze called on Mrs. Dean Perry and family Saturday afternoon. . . . Mrs. Dean Perry called at the Billy Perry home last Thursday evening. . . . The WSCS met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Conard and Mary Lou. . . . The Emmet Methodist Bible study group met with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fox Wednesday. . . . Mrs. Henry Benze and Nancy of O'Neill called on Mrs. Frank Foreman and Mrs. Agnes Gaffney Saturday afternoon. . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Skopec spent Friday evening visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jerrold Dusatko. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Fox were Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fox and family. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fox and family were Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Kelly of O'Neill. . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Brannard and family of Grand Island spent the weekend visiting friends and relatives. . . . Mrs. Charles Abart visited Mrs. Agnes Gaffney Friday afternoon. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bates were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bates of O'Neill. . . . Jimmy Fritton spent Friday afternoon visiting Mrs. Emma Maring. . . . June Burge arrived home Friday afternoon after spending a week visiting at the Clyde Burge home at Amelia. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tomlinson and Veldon of Star spent Sunday evening visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Fox and Barbara. . . . Tom Troshynski, Anthony O'Donnell, Mrs. Dolly O'Donnell and Mr. and Mrs. Al Havranek and daughter, Ellen, attended the funeral of Rev. A. A. Urbanski Friday. Father Urbanski died Tuesday, January 19, at Omaha. He served as a priest at the Emmet Church of Epiphany. A solemn requiem high mass will be sung here for Father Urbanski. . . . Mrs. Leon Beckwith spent last Thursday afternoon visiting Mrs. Agnes Gaffney. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winkler spent Saturday evening visiting Mr.

and Mrs. Frank Foreman and family. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ed Winkler spent a couple days last week visiting relatives in Omaha. . . . Mable Perkins and Dick Herton of Ainsworth spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. James O'Connor. . . . Mrs. Henry Kloppenborg, Mrs. Cecil McMillan, Mrs. Jesse Wills, Mrs. Norman Wayman, Mrs. Agnes Gaffney and Mrs. Gilbert Fox visited Mrs. Frank Foreman Tuesday, January 19. . . . Norma Lou Foreman and Mary Lou Conard spent Sunday afternoon visiting Miss Sharon Hancock in O'Neill.

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS**  
 WD—LaDonna Bowers to Harry Johnson 1-6-54 \$1- Undivided Int in N½NW¼ 2- NE¼NE¼ 3- 32-12 Lot 1 in Sec. 25- Lots 1-2-3 in Sec 26- Lots 3 & 4 in Sec 27- E½ 34- N½ SW¼ 35-33-12 & 2½ lot 3. All lot 4 & E½NW¼ Sec 6 in Township 32- Range 11  
 WD — Charles E Havens to Philip J Keating 3-30-45 \$16,600- Lots 2-3-4 & 5 Blk 6 Atkinson  
 QCD—R H Parker to Charley Warren Peterson 6-20-44 \$1- SE¼ 17 SW¼ 7-33-14  
 WD—Ethel V Bouska to Fred Juracek & wf 1-18-54 \$14,000- Part of the NE¼NW¼ 32-30-14 290 ft by 193 ft  
 WD — Barbara West to West Lumber & Coal Co of Ewing, Nebr 12-31-53 \$3399- Lot 5 Blk 21- Ewing  
 QCD — Blanche L Sisson to Clarence L Sisson 1-8-54 \$1- S½ SW¼ SW¼ SE¼ 14- W¼NW¼ 22- SE¼NE¼ 22- NE¼SW¼ NW¼SE¼ 21-26-10 N½SE¼ 27- NW¼SE¼ 29-27-9  
 WD—Byrl Beck to Inez Hayes 1-11-54 \$2700- Lot 11 Blk 13-Kimball & Blairs Add- Atkinson  
 WD—Mary M Swingle, et al to Robert J Mick 3-25-53 \$8000- NW¼ 20-29-14  
 WD—Consumers Public Power Dist to Roy J Shelhamer & wf 11-20-53 \$2015- So 73 ft lot 1 & East 21 ft of So 73 ft lot 2- Blk 20- O'Neill  
 WD—Farmer Withers to Oliver T Anson & wf 1-14-54 \$8000- Lot 4 Blk 19 Bitneys Add- Atkinson

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Studies for Master's Degree—

Miss Barbara Birmingham left Sunday for Catholic university, Washington, D.C., where she will study for her master's degree in English. Miss Birmingham, who has taught at St. Mary's academy and in Omaha, received her bachelor's degree at Duchesne in Omaha. Mrs. H. J. Birmingham accompanied her daughter to Omaha.

Mrs. John Pray of Ft. Dodge, Ia., arrived Sunday for a stay with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Grady, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harding and family visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. ernau, near Redbird, Sunday.

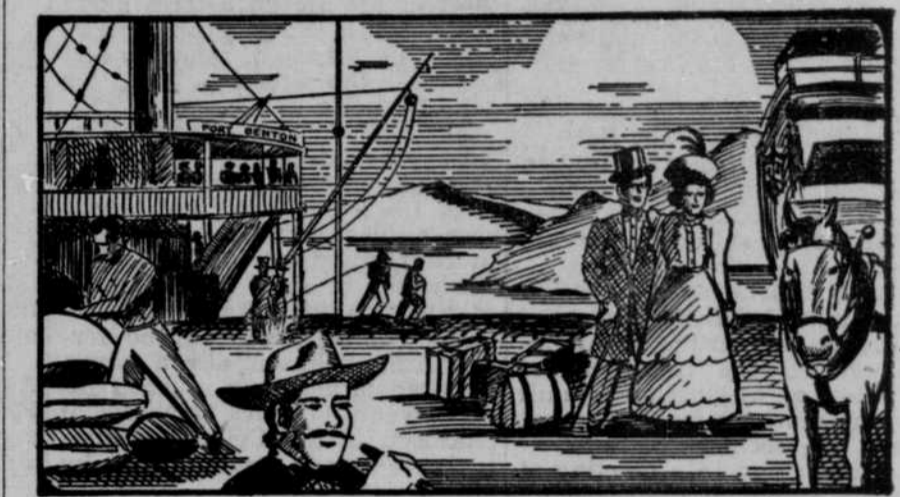
See Harlem Globe Trotters Play at Yankton

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Prouty, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Prouty and John Prouty spent last weekend in Yankton, S.D., visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Prouty. While there they attended a basketball game featuring the Harlem Globe Trotters.

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