

Consumers Submits Atomic Proposal

Consumers Public Power district has submitted a proposal to the atomic energy commission to construct and operate a nuclear-

powered steam generating plant in Nebraska. The proposal was made just prior to the April 1 deadline set by the commission. The Consumers' proposal is the only one which has been made by a public power group, three others being made by private power companies in the New England and Illinois areas. Announcement of the Consumers' proposal was made by Earl I. Mead of Scottsbluff, president of Consumers. Mr. Mead pointed out that the proposal was made only after months of careful study of developments in the field of nuclear-powered generating facilities, and their adaptability to the Nebraska public power picture. Vitality important in reaching the decision to proceed with plans for submitting the proposal, were the tremendous possibilities for the development of new industry within the state, Mead said.

Regional Deaths

Mrs. Harmon Lichty
CREIGHTON—Funeral services for Mrs. Harmon Lichty, 42, of Creighton were conducted Thursday, March 31, at the Plainview Congregational church. Survivors include—widower, one daughter and one son.

L. O. Todd
CLEARWATER—L. O. Todd, 70, died of a heart attack at his farm home southwest of Clearwater Thursday, March 31. Survivors include—widow, one daughter, one son.

Booth Member of University Singers
Duane Booth of O'Neill, a University of Nebraska student, will be among the 100-voice University of Nebraska Singers when it presents its annual spring concert at 8 p.m. today (Thursday) on the campus in the Student Union ballroom.

Dr. Arthur Westbrook, professor of voice, will be the conductor.

The program will include: "Requiem," by Faure, and the massive religious fresco, "Te Deum," by Zoltan Kodaly.

BROTHER DIES

Clarence McCarville of Omaha, brother of J. L. McCarville, sr., of O'Neill, died in an Omaha hospital. Funeral services are being held today (Thursday) at Atlantic, Ia. Survivors include: Widow; five brothers; three sisters.

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Eyesight Fails; Pioneer Carries On

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In answer to an inquisitive knock, the door was opened by a slender, agile, little lady in her mid-eighties.

Mrs. Annie Derickson, who has spent the past several winters in O'Neill with her daughter, Miss Sadie Derickson was about to set out for her old home on Steel creek where she had spent 65 years of her life.

She was born July 5, 1869, at Blue Earth, Minn.

Annie Emerson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Emerson, made the journey from Blue Earth to Niobrara with her parents in the year 1879. They spent the first winter in Niobrara where her father built a frame store building. Later, in the spring of 1880, he moved that building to a spot on Steel or Apple creek which was destined to become the town of Dorsey.

Mr. Emerson had the only store between Niobrara and O'Neill. He also built a hotel known as the Emerson House, complete with attached livery stable.

To this beginning a harness shop, drug store, hardware and a blacksmith shop soon made the place a settlement of note. The Mosher house and the Bader house were there also.

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Mrs. Derickson found it a pleasure to carry water from the creek for all uses and to wash on the board for the increasing family. She performed all of the necessary duties of a wife and mother of that day.

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bones was found. The family always wondered if he might have been carrying food to a wounded master. Hoss thieves quartered stolen property in the gulches close by her home.

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Reminiscing Mrs. Derickson recalls how she had just arrived at her parents' home about three minutes before the blizzard of 1888 struck. Had she been that much tardy, she and the babe in

her arms easily might have perished. Her husband, sensing danger, ran for the bridge. As the storm hit with unbelievable strength, he found it necessary to crawl on hands and knees the short distance to the house.

Coral McElhaney, Ted's father, was urged to stay at Dorsey, but since the storm appeared to be distant and only menacing in appearance, he thought he could make it to Niobrara. He became hopelessly lost and gave his team free rein. They brought him up against a barn near Stoney Butte. The owner of the barn was inside with a lantern and gave Mr. McElhaney the attention he needed.

Of all who have peopled this section of the state since 1879, only Mrs. Derickson and one other, John Bader, now a resident of Long Pine, can testify as to conditions existing in that earliest era.

With the ability of the daughter and the wife of a pioneer to make do with what was close at hand, Mrs. Derickson chewed up several sticks of gum and arranged the cud to take the place of a lower set of teeth (she wished she had) when she went to Norfolk to pose for a photograph.

The photographer was at a loss to understand her sudden voiceless condition and gesticulating hand. She tried vainly to make him understand she could not talk and never did take the trouble to explain why.

Among her keepsakes, Mrs. Derickson prizes her grandmother's wedding dress and petticoat and a small chest in which her father kept valuable papers. The chest came from Blue Earth. She has a "ladder-back" chair and rocker, a sewing cabinet, a chest of drawers, also a bedroom suite of cherry wood with marbletop dresser and commode. These are the envy of those who appreciate fine furniture popular about a century ago.

About 15 years ago a strange malady of unknown origin threatened Mrs. Derickson's eyesight and for the past several years her sight has been badly impaired. Nowadays she can only distinguish between day and night.

She has been helped in the making of rag rugs. She tears and sews the rags and crochets with help only in threading the needle and starting the strips to tear.

To be able to meet difficult situations as they arise, to solve the problems of life as they present themselves, and to accept as her portion the hard-to-take things with the grace of the true aristocrat, she does all these gracefully and cheerfully.

Undaunted, she is resigned to total blindness, all the while keeping her hands busy in a resourceful manner born out of the pioneer spirit.

Deloit News

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Harpster and sons were guests Easter at the Web Napier home.

Sunday dinner guests at the Ralph Tomjack home were Gene Tomjack, the Gene Ray and Ralph Beaudin families of Omaha and the Jewell Tomjack family of Hastings.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christon, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Larson, Mr. and Mrs. Don Larson and family and family and Mr. and Mrs. H. Reimer and Elayne, all of Ewing, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pahl and Mary of Oakland were Easter guests at the Howard Temple home in Hastings.

Lyle Bartak spent Friday afternoon with Terry and Willard Harster.

Martin VanConant and Fred and Maynard Stearns have been sawing lumber.

Mr. Thurber, the county agent from Burwell, was calling here on Monday.

Anita Lee and son spent the weekend in Kansas visiting her son, Kenneth, who is taking training there.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kruntorad were Sunday evening supper guests at the home of his mother in Ewing.

Mrs. Myrtle Jewell of Dallas, S.D., visited at the Johnny Bauer and Ralph Tomjack homes last week.

Leonard Miller went to camp in Wyoming last week after spending about 10 days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller.

Gene Tomjack left Sunday evening for camp at Keesler field, Biloxi, Miss., after about a week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tomjack.

Elayne Reimer accompanied Judge and Mrs. L. W. Reimer of O'Neill to Grand Island Friday evening. The Reimers visited their daughter, Mrs. Lucien Taylor, and family in Grand Island. Elayne visited her sister, Mrs. Howard Temple, and family in Hastings over the weekend.

Pupils of the Pofahl school and the teacher, Mrs. Green, were entertained at an Easter party on Friday afternoon at the Urban school taught by Elayne Reimer.

Branding Irons, Plows Indicate Busy Season

ROCK FALLS—The busy season seems to be in full swing as men flourishing branding irons and dehorning proceed at their respective jobs, encircled in a wreath of smoke, foul with the odor of scorched hide and hair.

One-by-one the yearlings are put through the chute all ready for the spring pasture a little later.

In the distance two or three "moving clouds" in a field indicate others are preparing ground for planting. Judging from the way the dust was flying a while back they must be stirring up a lot of soil in Kansas and Colorado.

Other Rock Falls News
Alden Breiner and son, Lonnie, were callers at Lyle Vequist's on Sunday, April 3.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Widfeldt and children, Norma and Jimmy, and Miss Serck attended the Walter league supper at Immanuel Lutheran church in Atkinson on Tuesday evening, March 29. Following the supper, Miss Serck remained for the league meeting and choir practice and Norma went for her trombone lesson. Later they visited the William Carroll home.
Sunday evening, March 27, visitors at the Orville Miller home were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bausch and children and Mr. and Mrs.

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