

Prairie Land Talk—

Food, Drink Fundamental Needs

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LINCOLN—Outside of its soil and water, says one writer, Nebraska is generally barren of natural resources. I wonder why in the 1870's and '80's the tired of human feet awakened us to any lack, not the lack, but the abundance of "natural" From the cradle to the grave the fundamental need of mankind is food and drink. Nebraska's "soil and water" has that. It is here the pioneers, spread out for to fill its bread basket. Soil and water—here it was for the pioneers, spread out for miles all around. Here it stretches to the mountains, to its boundaries, cattle for the nation's roasts, grain for its bread, wool from sheep to weave into clothing and a lot of oil down below to furnish the stuff for you to get around on wheels.



Romaine Saunders

We once knew them as drunks. Now the wobbling hubbering guy is just "under the influence of intoxicating liquors." . . . Because of the Stark-weather killings our capital city sends to a distant state for a "criminologist" to find out what is wrong with the police force. It brings to Nebraskans a blush of shame. . . . Workers in automobile factories layed off, 900,000 new cars in stock waiting for buyers. . . . Mr. Peery, Mr. Dale—two Lincoln men that life had led where two paths meet in a community of schools, colleges, churches and other centers of culture. The first named chose the pathway of crime and at the age of 33 goes to prison for the rest of his days. The other followed the path of rectitude. He now goes to African jungleland as a minister of the gospel, a missionary to unfold the mysteries of spiritual things to natives of that region. . . . Four Nebraska young people have been chosen to attend the national 4-H gathering in June, expenses paid. They are Luther Bakenhus of Columbus, Jerda Thompson of McCook, Ronald Benisekos of Ravenna and Ervina Hutchinson of Lincoln.

A week in the summer of 1900 The Frontier noted the death of Mrs. Dustin, a pioneer woman of prominence in northwest Holt. . . . Judge M. P. Kinkaid went to St. Paul, Minn., representing the O'Neill republican club at a GOP love feast up there. . . . Patsy Murphy came from Park City on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. M. Sullivan. . . . A. B. Newel family and a few friends went to the South Fork to camp for a day or two. . . . County Judge Selah was enjoying a visit from his brother of Washington D. C., who was connected with the federal pension bureau. . . . Mrs. D. H. Cronin and children were visiting her relatives in Randolph. . . . Work on St. Mary's Convent was well under way

Editorial—

Rail Commission Changes Heart

Thousands of north-Nebraskans are rejoicing over the Nebraska state railway commission's decision to reverse its February 7 order pertaining to Omaha-Chadron-Omaha trains 13 and 14.

Last month the commission, by a 2-1 vote, authorized the Chicago & North Western Railway company to discontinue the last two passenger-mail-express trains 13 and 14 serving northeast, northern and much of northwest Nebraska. This surprise decision climaxed a four-year running battle with the Save-the-Trains association and apparently sealed the doom of the trains, effective March 15.

S-T-A filed a motion with the commission asking for a rehearing, alleging conditions had changed for both C&NW and S-T-A. Oral arguments on the motion were heard Monday, March 3. A wash-out on the line in eastern Nebraska caused trains to be cancelled and many train-savers in western Nebraska were snowlocked and could not be present. But S-T-A Counsel Einer Viren was there and argued the case.

At 1:30 p.m., Monday, March 10, the commission announced the February 7 order authorizing discontinuance would be "set aside, vacated and held for naught".

This in effect breathed new life into trains 13 and 14.

The commission, in its reversal said the North Western's new management should be given an opportunity to operate the trains efficiently and maintain income and expense figures accurately.

In the Valentine hearing last summer, C&NW used systemwide averages and formula figures.

Nebraska statutes provide detailed accounting to be filed regularly and it's on this point of law the train-savers have confidence if and when the matter goes into court.

Meanwhile, trains 13 and 14 will continue to operate, probably on the 1939 steam schedule.

If skilled C&NW people had spent half as much effort and money to build up the two trains as has been spent to tear them down it's our guess the two trains would be operating at something better than a break-even point (with actual figures, not phony ones) and C&NW's position in its bid for freight would be in a more advantageous position.

The railway commission left the door open for further hearing in the matter at a later date and ordered S-T-A to make an accounting of its 1957 and 1958 activities.

Paraphrase of TV Gimmick

By Ray Dover in the Valentine Newspapers In recent months we have noted critical comment in several papers concerning the long lists of sub-titles, credit lines, acknowledgements, etc., which precede most movies and follows many TV shows. We suspect that most people are just as bored by this inconsequential information as we are.

If newspapers were to follow the same practices, a short news story in this week's Valentine Newspaper might be introduced as follows:

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Miss Murray of Chicago, was visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. P. Mann. . . . Two of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Stannard were reported quite ill. . . . Patriots down at Chambers proposed to send a car load of exhibits to the state fair that year.

The night is done, noiselessly the daylight comes, silently out of the east comes the glow of the rising sun. Another day begins and the activities of men rumble across the land. Another day with its joy and worries, another babe is born, another death; a cry of pain sorrow-laden as it ebbs and comes; laughter and shouts of children. The human voice, the human hand, the rumble and road of man-made things. As we cradle down here below are on the go, out there across the heavens the sun silently moves to light up hill and plain, mountain peak and desert sands, disappears in the west and the twilight hour comes noiselessly as the dawn begun. What did you get out of life today? What did you put into it?

The passing of Ed Early marks another from the picturesque Eagle creek country of Holt county that we will see no more. The last few of his eighty odd years were spent down at North Bend, but he belongs to Holt county. Ed was gifted as a writer and in earlier years touched the golden chords of literary beauty. Since retirement at North Bend friends of other years knew little of his whereabouts. Now no more. And so the span of human life runs its course. Yesterday I looked upon the silent form of a friend straightened for the grave, a man of learning, Greek and Hebrew scholar, but there he lay burial trappings round a form of clay.

Nebraska voters elect men to the state offices. Take a look at the state house. Young women are doing the real work in managing the business involved in administering the affairs of state. A gracious young lady greets you as you step into the quarters of the guy we elect, shows you about and finds the answer for you, while the honored sir holding the title of official and drawing the pay may be parked in a swivel chair, feet upon a desk and hands hooked together at the back of his head. But he has the last word and affairs of state move happily along.

When Patrick Fahy wired The Frontier from Washington that his mission to the general land office had been successful and O'Neill got the land office, Bill Fallon was heard to explain, "It's better than a railroad!" Another patriot shot back, "It will bring a railroad." So it was, they were railroad ambitious those days, as the save-the-train boys are today.

Chevrolet automobile, distributed through U. S. mails.

The amount of space left for news would be quite limited but it would speed up the reading time for the paper.

State Negligent But Lucky

Nebraska can thank its lucky stars that its penny-pinching philosophy of government didn't result in great tragedy and a black mark on its record.

The purchase of a sprinkler system for the Lincoln State hospital which required turning off of the sprinkler system in the attic during the winter months has shown the folly of attempting to economize where the welfare and the lives of patients is involved. Any fire protection which is not in full use during the winter months, when there is greater danger of fires from overheated furnaces and electrical use, borders on serious negligence.

The fact that the tragedy was averted is due to the prompt and efficient evacuation of the patients from "Old Main." For this great credit is due to Dr. Frank Spradling and to the staff of the hospital.

Now would be a good time to review conditions in other state institutions and especially housing for older citizens. The next time might not have as happy an ending.

Club Activity

(Dakota County Star) Are some of South Sioux City's civic and service organizations becoming nothing more than social organizations and collection agencies?

It seems to have been some time since a number of organizations have had some worthwhile project on which they have been active.

With the exception of going door-to-door on fund raising drives for this or that charity, some organizations are doing little else to improve the community.

Too many have become "meet, eat and beat it" groups.

There must be a number of little projects that the clubs could be working on, which would help in some way to improve the environment in which we live.

Such activity would lend credence to the reason for existence of such groups.

How about it? Isn't there some project on which your club could be active?

One thing about this March snow: It's plenty wet. It cheers farmers who'll soon be tilling the soil and ranchmen are envisioning the green pastures and young calves soon coming along.



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When You & I Were Young . . .

Horak Sells Land to John Robertson

\$32,000 Involved in Big Deal

The Republican county convention was held in the Odd Fellow's Hall. Dr. J. P. Gilligan, chairman of the county central committee, presided. . . . S. E. Dexter and Miss Elizabeth J. Gumb, both of Ballach, were granted a license to wed by Judge Chapman. . . . Miss Nicholson, who has been visiting Dr. and Mrs. P. J. Flynn, returned to her home in Valentine. . . . Mrs. John Hunt returned from Omaha where she received medical treatment the past month. . . . One of the largest real estate deals of recent years was completed when Fred Horak and wife transferred their real estate holdings near Stuart to John Robertson of Stuart for \$32,000. There were 140 acres of land involved, 800 acres in one body and 640 in another.

20 Years Ago Mrs. Carl Widdfield, Mrs. Aaron Boshart and Mrs. Harry Lansworth entertained at a going away party for Mrs. Art Auker, who is moving to Springfield. . . . Old time neighbors and friends feted Mrs. William Menish on her 89th birthday anniversary and Mrs. Bridget Marzig on her 79th birthday anniversary. . . . Atkinson defeated O'Neill by two points in the finals of the district basketball tournament but lost to Polk at Lincoln by 30 to 17.

10 Years Ago The Frontier's first annual spring edition contained 30 pages. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cook, former residents of Chambers, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Ericson. . . . Deaths: Charlie E. Berger of O'Neill; Joseph Sedivy of Lynch; Mrs. Frank J. Manches of Santa Cruz, formerly of Inman. . . . Dorothy Scott of Celia suffered burns while attempting to fill a kerosene lamp. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wade Grubb of Chambers celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary quietly.

One Year Ago Holt county had an increase of 436, the estimates of the University of Nebraska department of business research showed. . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Kee of O'Neill celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. . . . Duane McKay was elected president to the Junior Chamber of Commerce. . . . Deaths: Frank J. Dishner, former mayor of O'Neill; H. O. Parks of Page; Mrs. Peter Bonenberger of Staples, Minn., formerly of Atkinson; Charles H. Johnson of Chambers.

Makes Report on Pittsburg Meeting

EWING—The Women's Missionary society of the United Presbyterian church served at 1 o'clock luncheon at the annex on Tuesday afternoon, March 4. Thirty-two members and friends were in attendance.

Mrs. Horace K. Giffen was guest speaker. She gave a report on the meeting she attended at Pittsburg, Pa., recently pertaining to the merging of the United Presbyterian and the United Presbyterian church of the USA. . . . Mrs. Giffen was a guest at the home of Dr. and Mrs. William H. Ross during her stay in Ewing.

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Study of 'Japan' Finished by Club

EWING—"The March of Missions in Healing" was the theme of the meeting of the Women's Society Service when the group met Wednesday afternoon, March 5, at the parlors of the Ewing Methodist church. The session opened with a reading "Today" by Mrs. J. L. Pruden, vice-president, followed by the devotional period conducted by Mrs. James Tinsley, president. Mrs. E. L. Bridgen was the pianist. Mrs. Harry Van Horn presented the lesson.

The study club completed the book on "Japan" at the Monday afternoon, March 10, meeting. Mrs. S. E. Borden was leader. Reports on the two recent banquets served by the society were given by Mrs. William Spence. She also read a letter pertaining to the conference pledge of the society. It was agreed to keep the pledge of one hundred dollars—the same as last year.

Mrs. Tinsley read a letter from Mrs. Clyde Budge stating there would be a freewill offering in March to go to the schools for training workers. No action was taken.

It was voted to purchase a stainless steel cart for the kitchen. Other useful kitchen utensils will be purchased with the money from the "dime bank" which was filed.

Sale of cookies brought by Mrs. Hobbs, Mrs. J. H. Wunner and Mrs. Pruden added \$6.90 to "dime bank".

Greeting cards were sent to Mrs. R. G. Rockey in Florida, Mrs. Belle Barnhardt at Phoenix, Ariz., Mrs. Elizabeth Angus at Madison, Mrs. Pauline Noffke, Mrs. Earl Billings, Mrs. A. A. Alden, Miss Nettie Van Conet, Mrs. Jerald Snyder, all of Ewing.

A 1 o'clock luncheon was enjoyed by the 14 members in attendance.

Pep Clubbers Hold Program, Social

LYNCH—The Lynch high school Pep club sponsored a program and box social at the school Thursday evening, March 6. The pupils in each room presented part of the program after which Pat Osborne auctioned off the boxes filled with eats. A nice-sized sum was realized from the entertainment and the crowd enjoyed the festivities, especially the children.

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Page News

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Goldfuss and daughter, Carla Sue, arrived Saturday for a two weeks stay with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Goldfuss at Page and with her grandmother, Mrs. Lee at Clearwater, Calif. for their Casoro Valley, Calif. for their trailer home which will be located at Laramie, Wyo. where Carl has employment with the John Deere agency.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Troshynski were Thursday evening hosts to the members of the Thursday Evening Couples club. Mrs. Troshynski held high score and Mrs. William Hoek, second high. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cronk will host the March 20 event.

Mrs. Ethel Waring was hostess to the members of the Hastings and granddaughter of GGG&G club Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sobotka of O'Neill was one of six fifth graders chosen from the third to fifth grades to appear on a school

traveling token. Mrs. Freida Asher will be the March 21 hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wettlaufer and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Heuse and their families were Sunday guests of Mrs. Louise Hesse and sons.

Mrs. Leland Knudsen went to Manning, Ia., Friday to attend the funeral services for her Grandmother Schrum at Manning. Mr. Knudsen and the family went to Sioux City Tuesday where they attended the basketball bout between Manning and Sibley, Ia. Mrs. Knudsen returned home with them. They visited Sioux City friends also.

To Appear on TV March 34—

Randy Simmons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Simmons of the Hastings and granddaughter of GGG&G club Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sobotka of O'Neill was one of six fifth graders chosen from the third to fifth grades to appear on a school

science program Monday, March 24, on channel 5 at 7 p.m.

This is a regular 30-minute program each week called the Blackbird in which different schools participate.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nissen and children of Page were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Haynes.

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