

Rainfall Due to Make Early Upward Turn

Study of Graph Chart Offers Encouragement for Next Ten or Twelve Years

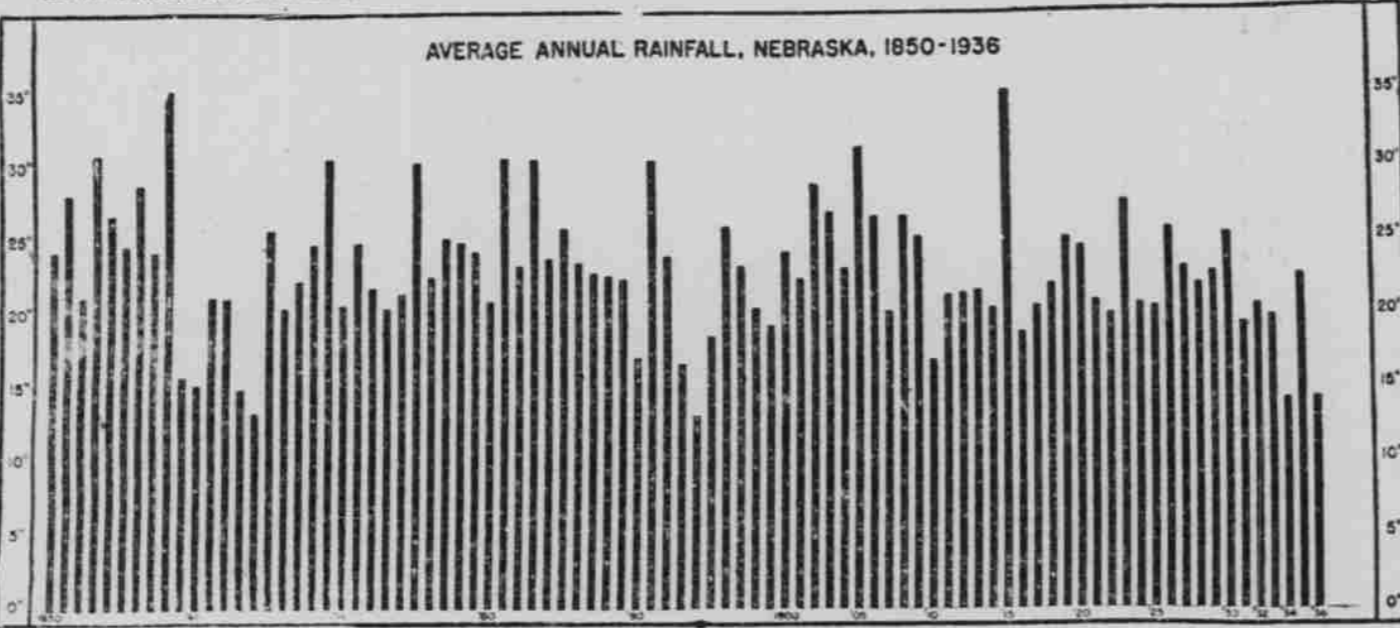
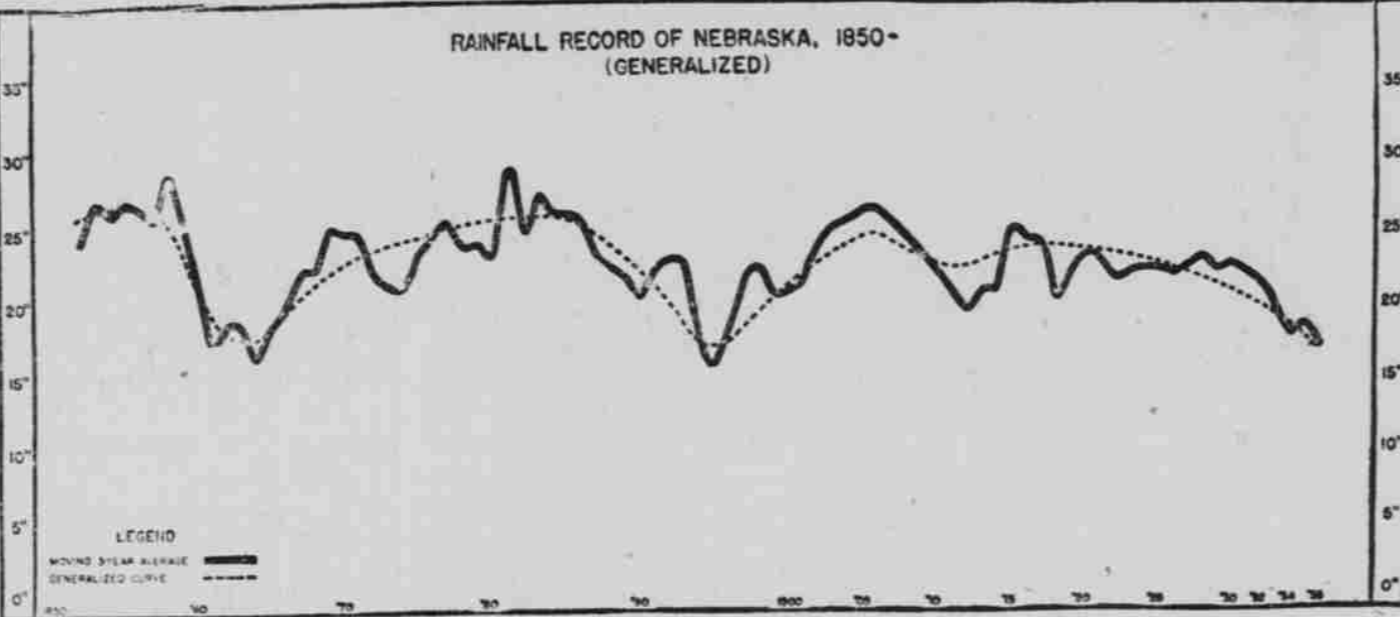
"If history repeats itself, the average rainfall of Nebraska should soon begin to turn upward," says Dr. Neils A. Bengtson, chairman of the department of geography at the University of Nebraska, at Lincoln, who has directed the completion of the above graphs which in themselves tell the story of the drought periods of past decades. "We cannot definitely say that the year 1937 will be 'wetter' than the preceding year, but on the basis of probability one should expect this year to bring more moisture than was received in 1936. Following the same line of reasoning, the ensuing 10 or 12 year period should be one of increasing precipitation.

"Above all," Bengtson warns, "people of Nebraska must recognize that this area is one of low rainfall, and that the conservation of water is necessary for continued agricultural productivity."

After all, he says, this dry period we have been experiencing the past few years is nothing new. The above charts will serve to convince even the most skeptical that Nebraska has had her wet bountiful years which have always been followed by periods of abnormally low rainfall. The bright spot of it all is the never failing return to more favorable rainfall conditions.

"While the state's rainfall records go back to 1850, there is clear evidence in historical accounts that drought periods occurred earlier in somewhat irregular periods," according to the university geographer. "For example, Zebulon Pike, who traveled through the middle-west in 1806 stated: 'These vast plains of the western hemisphere may become in time as celebrated as the sandy deserts of Africa. . . We will have to leave the prairie, incapable of cultivation, to the wandering uncivilized aborigines of the country.' A return again to the normal by 1817 caused John Bradbury, an English naturalist who visited the state, to write: 'My opinion is that Nebraska can be cultivated, and that in the process of time will not only be peopled and cultivated, but

Improvement In Rainfall Situation Expected On Basis of Past Records, Says Dr. N. A. Bengtson



that this country will be one of the most beautiful in the world.' It is evident that the landscape described by this writer was more inviting than the land viewed by Pike some 20 years earlier.

"The following 22 years were time enough for another drought to have come along, and T. J. Farnham, another early writer, recorded his impressions of this country. . . 'It is a scene of desolation, scarcely equalled on the continent. . . This report was published in 1839.'"

These historical accounts and above records are the stimuli needed today to inject a new feeling of optimism in the future of a region which has always recovered and progressed in spite of the recurring drought periods. There is no scientific method yet discovered whereby the rainfall conditions of the years ahead may be foretold. Records of

the past century and a quarter give evidence that periods of dry years have been followed by periods of wet ones. Likewise there is no evidence of any fundamental change in permanent factors; therefore, we are justified in believing that former sequences will again prevail and that a period of rainy years lies ahead—but just when the turn will come no one can say.

LOCALS

From Thursday's Daily—
Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Edwards are moving to Oklahoma this week.

Mrs. Niel McKay of Palmyra is visiting at the home of her son, George McKay.

C. C. Koke is reported to be improving. His son, Charles, is also ill with the flu at the home.

Mrs. A. G. Bach went to Omaha yesterday to visit W. A. Wells who is seriously ill at the University hospital.

Dr. G. H. Gilmore of Murray was in the city for a short time looking after some business at the court house.

Peter Gradoville and the Avalon orchestra played for a record crowd in Cedar Bluffs last week. 800 attended the dance at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Sumner and Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Waller were guests at monopoly at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sundstrom last evening.

Cliff Adams of Grand Island was a guest over night with Bob Wurl. The young men became friends while attending the University of Nebraska.

Rev. W. H. Jackson of Nebraska City, was here for a short time today, driving here with his two sons who departed on the early Burlington train for the east.

Rev. and Mrs. V. C. Wright were at Omaha today where they attended a meeting at the Grace Methodist church and which was addressed by Bishop Oxnam of Omaha.

We are glad to report that D. M. Babbitt, who was taken to the St. Joseph hospital Monday, is slightly improved. He is suffering with streptococcus sore throat.

D. L. Brown and E. D. Brown, of Weeping Water were here today for a few hours looking after some matters of business and also bringing through a load of stock for the Omaha market.

Emil Schaefer of Lyons, Nebr., has been visiting at the home of his brother, Harry Schaefer. This morning Emil was in Plattsmouth renewing old acquaintances. As a boy he lived in this community.

From Friday's Daily—
R. W. Knorr was an Omaha business visitor today.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Carr were Lincoln visitors yesterday.
Marian Brown has been visiting with her grandmother, Mrs. J. A. Donelan, this week. She returned to her home in Papillion last evening. Mr. and Mrs. Karl Brown came for her.

F. W. Lenhoff and daughter, Mrs. Lynn E. Kilgore, of Omaha visited Miss Tillie Lenhoff yesterday after-

noon. The guests remained here for dinner last evening then returned to Omaha. F. W. Lenhoff is a brother and Mrs. Kilgore a niece to Miss Lenhoff of this city.

From Saturday's Daily—
Miss Mathilda Soennichsen and Mrs. Frank Gobelman drove to Omaha last evening.

Charles Koke is ill at his home west of Plattsmouth with bronchial pneumonia.

Mrs. Katherine Schlichtemeier and daughter, Clara, of Omaha were business visitors in Plattsmouth today.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Panzer and daughter of Ashland were guests at the Roy Knorr home last evening.

Mrs. Ruth Thomsen of North Bend is visiting at the home of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. George Sayles.

Mrs. Mary Briggs is taking the place of Mrs. Overman in the Resettlement office. She starts work Monday.

M. M. Beal departed this morning for Lincoln where he will visit at the home of his son, Frank W. Beal and family.

Miss Ruby Beranek of Wahoo has been a guest of Miss Inez Eberhardt this week. The girls returned to Wahoo today.

Mr. and Mrs. John Alwin returned from Excelsior Springs Thursday evening. Their visit was shortened because of the illness of W. A. Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bergstrand of Fairmont were guests at the home of Rev. and Mrs. V. C. Wright last evening.

Louis W. Heyde, of Omaha, state counsel for the Home Owners Loan corporation was in the city today to look after some matters in connection with the sale of foreclosed property.

Misses Mildred and Beatrice Knoflick attended the benefit tea at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Davis in Omaha yesterday. Mildred was a guest artist on the program. 375 attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gobelman are driving to Bancroft tomorrow to visit Mrs. Lillian Caldwell. Mrs. Caldwell was a resident of Plattsmouth for many years. She has been quite ill for some time.

VISIT IN THE CITY

From Friday's Daily—
Attorney William C. Ramsey and Attorney Raymond G. Young, of Omaha were in the city today to look after some matters in the county court and Mr. Ramsey visiting his many friends.

BREAK GASOLINE PUMP

From Saturday's Daily—
Last night some person broke the lock on a gas pump at the Toman filling station on highway No. 75, south of this city. There were eight gallons of gas taken according to the check of Mr. Toman.

PASS ODD BILL

Columbus, O.—Among bills passed by the Ohio senate, in session, was one prohibiting criminals and societies for the apprehension of horse thieves from selling insurance.

Phone news items to No. 6.

SOCIAL

From Thursday's Daily—
Sunday Evening Dinner—

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Soennichsen entertained at a dinner at their home Sunday evening. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Neville Hodson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Pierson, and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Richey. Bridge was played following the dinner.

Black Panthers—

L. Stephen Devoe, Jr., was host to the Black Panther patrol of the Boy Scouts at his home last evening. Plans for time, programs, and locations of future meetings were discussed. The members played ping pong after which refreshments were served by Mrs. Devoe. Every member of the patrol was present. The meeting closed with the Scout benediction.

Party at Wheeler Home—

Miss Shirley Jean Wheeler celebrated her tenth birthday Saturday afternoon. As each guest arrived they were given bright colored crepe paper hats and a horn. An Easter egg hunt followed. Each was required to find the egg with their name on it. Games furnished entertainment during the rest of the afternoon. Pink ice cream topped with tiny Easter eggs were served with the birthday cake.

Those attending the party were Eloise Cole, Mary Margaret Cole, Betty Mae Barkus, Phyllis Kelline, Beverly Ann Strubacher of Murray, Catherine Strickland, Alice Fern Melvin, Betty Mae Henton, Annis Lee White, Charlene Patterson, and Connie and Ial Hansen of Nehawka, and the guest of honor, Shirley.

Presbyterian Federation—

Installation of officers was conducted by Mrs. H. G. McClusky at the meeting of the Presbyterian Federation yesterday afternoon in the Fellowship room of the church. Mrs. Sterling Ingwersen, president; Mrs. Luke Wiles, first vice president; Mrs. Robert Cappell, treasurer; Mrs. Will Robertson, secretary; Mrs. L. O. Minor, missionary chairman; and the department secretaries took part in the service.

Mrs. Minor presented the missionary lesson on Korea yesterday. A reading was given by James Sandin and a vocal solo by Richard Cole. Richard was accompanied by Mrs. J. R. Reeder. Circle 1 was hostess.

During the business meeting the ladies voted to repair the floor in the Fellowship room. It was damaged by chemicals at the time of the fire.

From Friday's Daily—
Omaha Guests—

Mrs. F. Holmstead and son, Earl and wife and Earl, Jr., were guests in Plattsmouth Thursday. They visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Waller.

Bridge Club—

Mrs. Ray Misner entertained the bridge club at her home yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Harley Wiles won high score and Mrs. Carl Schneider, Jr., second.

Delta Deck—

Members of the Delta Deck club drove to Omaha last evening to meet at the home of Mrs. Henry McMaken. Mrs. Frank Gobelman won high score; Mrs. L. W. Egenberger, second; and Mrs. Lillian Livingston, third. Two tables played bridge.

Pinochle Party—

Mrs. Edgar Newton was hostess to the pinochle club at her home last evening. Mrs. Newton won high score and Miss Mary Holy, second.

Stag Patrol—

John Soennichsen was host to the Stag patrol of the Boy Scouts Wednesday evening. The members voted to buy a patrol flag. John led games during the evening after which Mrs. Soennichsen served lunch.

Foreign Missionary Society—

Mrs. Merrit Kerr led the missionary study from Congo Crosses at the meeting of the Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist church yesterday afternoon at the home of Miss Elizabeth Spangler. During the business meeting plans were made for the thank offering to be held April 18 and for the joint missionary tea April 29. Announcements were also made for the spring district to be held in Omaha April 23.

From Saturday's Daily—
P.E.O. Tea—

Plattsmouth's Little Theatre Group presented two short plays for the social meeting of the P.E.O. at the home of Mrs. P. T. Heineman last evening. "Indian Summer" was given

Talking About Presidents?



Are they chatting about presidents? At left is Mrs. James Roosevelt, Sr., mother of President Roosevelt. At right is Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, widow of the wartime president. The two were attending a Woodrow Wilson foundation dinner in New York when the cameraman happened along.

by Eleanor Swatek, Maybelle Taplett, Bob Wurl and Greth Garnet. The second play was "Rosalie" by Mr. and Mrs. Clement Woster and Berniece Wieland. Roy Olson directed and Mrs. Woster was program chairman.

Tea and coffee were served by Mrs. L. S. Devoe, president, and Mrs. Bertha Shopp. The serving table had crocus blossoms as the centerpiece. Mrs. Elbert Wiles was assistant hostess.

During the afternoon a business meeting of the P. E. O. was held at the home of Mrs. L. S. Devoe.

HUGE SHIP PASSES TEST

San Pedro, Calif.—Douglas Aircraft officials said that a 32-passenger plane, capable of flying 3,300 miles at 180 miles an hour, has passed tests but declined to comment on reports it will be sold to soviet Russia.

WILL VISIT AT MADISON

Mrs. Carl Ofe and son, Carl, Jr., are spending a few days at Madison and vicinity with the relatives of Mrs. Ofe. Mr. Ofe motored to Madison afternoon to look after his work here with the Ofe Oil Co.

WAHOO YOUTH FOUND DEAD

Wahoo, Neb.—Vernon Miller, 27, the son of Mrs. Emma Miller who lives three miles southwest of here, was found dead in a hog shed at his mother's home Friday afternoon.

Sheriff Mangel said the body, discovered by Paul Erickson, a neighbor, was hanging from a rafter. Mrs. Miller had asked Erickson to search for her son after he failed to come to dinner. She said she knew no reason why he would take his life.

Mengel said Miller's brother, Leonard, committed suicide by hanging two years ago and that his father also took his own life a number of years ago. He said no inquest would be held.

MONEY COSTS INCREASED

New York—Wall street saw another symptom of rising money costs in announcement leading banks had raised rates one-quarter of 1 percent to 1 1/2 percent on loans against securities maturing in four to six months.

The rate on time loans up to three months which are not subject to call, remained unchanged at 1 1/2 percent. It was the first alteration in the time money rate since last May.

Pioneer Golden Delicious CORN 3 No. 2 Cans..... 29c	HINKY DINKY Plattsmouth, Tues., Wed., April 13-14
Post Toasties or Kellogg's CORN FLAKES 2 Large Pkgs..... 21c	TICK TOCK SLICED PEACHES or Sailor Sliced PEARS No. 2 1/2 Can. 2 for 27c
JELL-O Assorted Flavors 4 Pkgs..... 19c	Glenn Valley CATSUP Lge. 14-oz. Bottle..... 10c
NECK BONES, lean, meaty 6 lbs., 25c	Sunrise Brand COFFEE 3 lbs., 55 19c
PORK HOCKS, smoked 2 lbs., 25c	Roberts MILK 3 Tall Cans..... 20c
HAMBURGER, freshly ground Beef cuts 2 lbs., 25c	BUTTER CASCO Dinky, lb..... 35c Hinky-Solids, lb..... 34c
PORK HOCKS or PIG TAILS, fresh, meaty, lb. 10c	Sunlight Margarine 2 1-lb. Cartons..... 35c
PORK LIVER, young, tender, lb. 10c	ASPARAGUS, 1/2-lb. bundle, 8c; 1-lb. bundle 15c
MINCED LUNCHEON, Dold's quality 2 lbs., 25c	RADISHES, fresh, full red Texas, lge. bchs. 2 for 5c
KRAUT, fancy Wisconsin bulk, lb. 5c	LETTUCE, large 5-do. size, per head 8c
WHITING FISH, selected 3 lbs., 25c	CARROTS, Calif. green tops, lge. bchs. 2 for 5c
	SEED POTATOES, selected stock, 100-lb. bag \$3.29
	CELERY, well bleached, extra large stalk 10c
	ONIONS, Michigan Yellow Globes 3 lbs., 10c
	Big 4 White Naptha SOAP 10 Reg. Bars 31c
	LEWIS LYE 3 Reg. Cans 25c
	Clean Quick Soap Flakes Large 5-lb. Pkg..... 35c

Black & White Wednesday Specials

Del Maize Niblets, 12-oz. vac. tin	2 for 27c
Standard Sweet Corn, No. 2 tin	3 for 29c
Radishes, large bunches	2 for 5c
Head Lettuce, solid Iceberg, each	7 1/2c
IGA Fruit Jam, 1-lb. jar	23c
Catsup, Golden Glow, 14-oz. bottle	10c
Oatmeal, Blue Bell, large size pkg.	18c
Jell Powder, Shurfine, all flavors 3	for 14c
Dill Pickles, full quart	15c
Apricots, No. 2 1/2 can, 19c	3 for 55c
Peas, IGA Early June, No. 2 tin	2 for 27c
Red Salmon, fancy, 1-lb. tin	23c
Omaha Family Soap, 10 bars	29c
Clorox, full quart	21c
Salt, Caryzed, large tubes	2 for 15c
Miller's Corn Flakes, large size	2 for 19c
Tomatoes, No. 2 tins	3 for 25c

Meat Department WHERE QUALITY PREVAILS

Corn fed Beef Shoulder Steak, lb.	20c
Minced Ham, 2 lbs. for	35c
Dold Sterling Bacon, 1-lb. layers	31c

Fresh Pork Liver	12 1/2c
Fresh Pork Hocks	
Fresh Calf Hearts	
Fresh Pork Brains	