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EDITORIALS

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Washington's Negro Catholics To Stay Home

WASHINGTON. (ANP). The more than 35,000 Negro Catholics in the nation's capital are "not being encouraged to participate in the scheduled Washington Archdiocesan pilgrimage to the Vatican City," it was learned here last week. This disturbing bit of news was handed out by none other than the Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Spence, director of the tour which is to be made April 22 as a part of the world-wide pilgrimage to the Papal City during Holy Year.

Father Spence said, "The tour cannot assume responsibility for the insults and inconveniences

which may befall Negro pilgrims because of their color."

The tour is being sponsored by the Most Rev. Patrick A. Boyle, archbishop of Washington, and the policy of advising Negro Catholics to "forget about the pilgrimage" has his endorsement.

It is estimated that between 150 and 200 persons will make the tour from this city. One Negro Catholic woman was said to have been called in for a personal conference with Father Spence after filing her application to take part in the tour. She was asked if "she knew what she was getting into by applying for the reservation."

The barring of Negro Catholics from the tour came to light after an advertisement had appeared in a white daily during December, urging Catholics to invest their Christmas savings in a pilgrimage to the Holy City. According to some white Catholic leaders, officials of the pilgrimage "cannot be anticipating any signs of race prejudice in the Papal City," which is said to be a city devoid of racial stigmas, but that the "hierarchy apparently is attempting to avoid any dissension among members of the Washington group."

In 1861 there were two presidents in the United States—Lincoln in the North and Jefferson Davis in the South.



by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

One of the earliest records of life in Old Nebraska is the diary of James Kennerly who was sutler at Fort Atkinson from 1823-1927. The diary edited by Dr. Edgar Bruce Wesley of the University of Minnesota (who has an article on Fort Atkinson in the December issue of *Nebraska History*), was published in the *Missouri Historical Society Collections*, Volume VI.

Kennerly was a Virginian who had migrated to St. Louis in 1813, opening a store there in partnership with John O'Fallon. This was the same John O'Fallon who was famous as a trader among the Indians, and who preceded Kennerly as sutler at Fort Atkinson.

Kennerly's sister, incidentally, married General William Clark, and his (Kennerly's) son, born at Fort Atkinson in 1824 was named after the famous explorer.

As sutler, Kennerly came into close contact with personnel of all ranks stationed at Fort Atkinson. He was a keen observer, and his diary affords an intimate glimpse of life at Nebraska's first army post, as well as providing a record of his business. A few extracts may be of interest.

When he arrived at Council Bluffs, site of Fort Atkinson, he noted that he was met by both General Atkinson and Colonel Leavenworth, and that, "The Gentmn of the poste kindly offered us vegetables &c that we might stand in need of. This day & night much engaged making of a list of goods necessary for the post & on 9th very much engaged in the same way, being occupied until 2 o'clock at night."

During the Christmas season, 1823, he noted: "24th Bought the Balance of whiskey from Mr. Reed belonging to O'Fallon & Co. and on the 25th & 26th Christmass sold a very large quantity of whiskey—our win out entirely."

Apparently some of his employees, as well as the soldiers, enjoyed the sutler's whiskey. On March 17, 1824, he wrote, "all my men drunk today except Foote & Rider."

Though largely on account of rather prosaic day-to-day events, occasionally the diary mentions the visit of some notable frontier character—Andrew Drips and Joshua Pilcher, to mention a couple—indicating that Fort Atkinson was very closely connected with the early fur trade of the Upper Missouri.

The farther north a bird summers, the farther south it will winter.

Scarlet Sports

CARLTON E. GUSTAFSON.
(Editor's note: Beginning this week, "Scarlet Sports" will be written by a series of writers. The first is Carlton Gustafson, a School of Journalism Senior from Gothenburg.)

February is a crucial month for the University of Nebraska basketball team. While the conference crown may not be decided until the final game, play this month is likely to indicate the probable winner.

The Cornhuskers face their real test after Feb. 10 when, within the span of a week, they play Kansas, Oklahoma and Colorado. The defending co-champs also take on Missouri and Iowa State during the month. Only one game, that with Colorado, will be played in Lincoln.

No team can be counted out of the running at this stage. However, one or more losses for Missouri, Oklahoma or Iowa State would practically eliminate all three from the race. Missouri was the winner of the pre-season tournament, and Oklahoma shared the title with Nebraska last year.

The favored Kansas State Wildcats received a severe setback when the Cornhuskers halted them in an overtime tilt at Lincoln. But the Wildcats are still the team to beat. They possess a combination of alert play, sharp passing and accurate shooting. Many observers feel that the K-Staters have another advantage in the small court the school uses.

The title hopes of the Kansas Jayhawks rest on the shoulders of highly touted Clyde Lovellette, high scoring center. To date, only Nebraska has been able to hold the giant sophomore in check.

At this time, too, the Huskers are very much in the running—despite Coach Harry Good's pre-season prediction of seventh place. Nebraska has shown power in de-

feating Kansas and Kansas State. If Good's boys continue to display the type of ball they have proved they are capable of playing, they will be hard to stop. Nor should it be forgotten that reserve strength has been an important factor in recent NU wins.

With the big Bus Whitehead, the conference's second high scorer, leading the way, Nebraska has more than a fighting chance to retain its championship.

Mo. Governor Igs Alums Plea For Trustee

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (ANP). A recommendation that an alumnus of Lincoln university be appointed to fill one of the three existing vacancies on the school's board of curators was ignored by Gov. Forrest C. Smith here last week. The recommendation had been made by the National Alumni association of Lincoln university. Although the association had submitted names of three qualified alumni, the governor chose to pick his own slate.

The three vacancies had existed on the board since New Year's day. As far back as last June, the association voted to ask the governor for representation on the Lincoln board of curators. N. A. Sweets, president of the alumni group and managing editor of the weekly *St. Louis American*, framed the request in a letter to the governor on Oct. 14. He pointed out that in 21 states, "progressive-minded governors have from one to three graduates on the board of curators of their state universities."

Governor Smith replied on Oct. 24, asking that recommendations of qualified alumni be made. Sweets, in a letter dated Dec. 13, suggested Miss Kitz D. Townsend, teacher at St. Joseph, Mo.; A. Leedy Campbell, vice president, Lincoln Vocational school, Kansas City; and Atty. John A. Harvey, St. Louis.

The governor's selection included the reappointment of Mrs. Olive Decatur, teacher in Springfield; H. B. Masterson, superintendent of schools, Kennett; and a new member, Atty. David Trusty, Kansas City. All are white.

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