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## News From Around Nebraska

Predominating the news in the state's county-seat newspapers this week was the water problem. Water, as a natural resource has become an item which is in extremely short supply and conservation of water is fast becoming a matter of great concern.

Once regarded as inexhaustible, much the same as the early settlers regarded the buffalo of the prairies, the need for conserving water is now clearly seen. Some, who have studied the water situation, forecast that the time will come when much of the water which now flows down the midwest's Missouri and Mississippi rivers, will never be allowed to go to the ocean, but, instead, will be impounded behind huge dams to form irrigation supplies and water sources for this nation's growing population.

The Crete News last week recorded that the Big Blue River, which is normally a very sizeable stream, was all but dry at Crete. The water flow in the Big Blue at Crete amounted to a tiny trickle which was measured at one point as 11 inches wide and only three inches deep. Much of that, it was pointed out was polluted water, coming from sewers of towns upstream and not from springs or natural sources of the river itself.

Members of the State Game and Fish department were called to the Big Blue to rescue thousands of fish which had been trapped in pools and which were dying because of heat and stagnant water. An estimated 20,000 fish died in a short measured area of the river, the Crete newspaper stated.

Lack of rain had lowered the water level, but much of the trouble was attributed to the taking of water for irrigation—a need which is just as beneficial and justifiable as any other use of water could be.

But it all brings the point forcefully to mind that this country is running out of its most precious natural resource—water.

Water troubles were not limited to the Crete area and the Big Blue river.

At Ainsworth water consumption has grown until the supply is having difficulty keeping up with the demand. As a result, the Ainsworth Star-Journal issued a notice last week that all residents are to immediately turn off all water uses upon the outbreak of a fire in the city so that the city's pumps will be able to keep up with whatever demands the fire department might have. The reserve on hand is but a few minutes ahead of the demand.

Aurora experienced a water shortage last week. It was a shortage caused by mechanical reasons, but it brought the necessity of water to mind very forcefully.

Bearings in one of the city's water pumps burned out, leaving the city with only one pump. Consumption was more than the single pump could provide and within a few hours there was only a few feet of water in the standpipe and water pressure was non-existent in some residences. The day before the break occurred, that community had used 980,000 gallons of water. Because of the pump trouble, the Aurora water department asked all users to turn off air conditioners and sprinklers. So, on one of the hottest days of the year, the Aurora folks got along without their air conditioners while the mechanical troubles were overcome.

Atkinson, which has been short of water all summer, is breathing easier now with a new pump and well in operation. The Atkinson Graphic announced last week that for the first time this year, water users could have all the water they wanted.

The West Point Republican last week related the troubles of the City Council there in trying to supply water to all of the new homes which are being built. A wholesale rebuilding of the city's water system and electric distribution system is being planned to keep up with the demand.

The Republican stated that the anticipated growth of electric power would double in the next ten years. Water use would also show a big increase.

At Ord, irrigators who have been taking water from the Loup river, were still sparring around for angles which they could use to defend their rights to that river's water. The Loup River Public Power District had previously ordered all irrigators to quit using water because there was not enough for both irrigation and the generating of electric power.

Loup Power had told the irrigators that they must pay for the water they take from the river. The latest comeback of the farmers is: "If you own the river, then why am I paying taxes on the land it occupies? And if you insist you own this water, then please refund all the taxes that you've collected in years past." The Ord Quiz expressed doubt about anyone getting back their tax money.

There were other communities having water trouble, all because the demand has increased faster than the supply.

Young musicians from South Dakota, Wyoming and a number of points in Nebraska spent much of last week at the Chadron State Park in attendance at the 14th annual National Music Camp. Band and choral rehearsals furnished entertainment at the meet, along with numerous types of specialized instruction. Donald A. Lentz, director of the University of Nebraska band, was guest band conductor, according to the Chadron Record.

The ice-making plant at Chadron has been discontinued after operating for a period of forty years, the Record has revealed. Like most other ice plants which made ice for public purchase, the plant has been pushed out of existence by mechanical refrigerators and small ice-making machines. The plant once ran 24 hours per day and produced a ton of ice every hour. Now, the demand has fallen so low that there is no profit in its operations.

The Oakland Independent pulled a whizzer on its readers last week. With the mercury crowding the 100-degree reading every day, that newspaper hunted up a picture of Oakland as it appeared last winter after a heavy snowfall. With snow heaped high along Oakland's main street and cars almost buried, the Independent readers looked, all pop-eyed, and mopped their brow once more. It was a teaser, anyway.

The Blue Star Food Company, whose efforts to get a rezoning measure through at Wahoo was reported in this column last week,

## Hot Box Help Coming Up



**SPECIAL LUBRICATOR SPEEDS RAIL SHIPMENTS**—Substitution of the muf-shaped Miller Lubricator pad for loose cotton waste in the journal boxes of freight cars is one method of cutting train-delaying hot boxes which are caused by overheating of journal bearings.

CHICAGO—The hot box is almost as old as railroading, and, perhaps, tops the list of operating problems. Richard G. May, vice president of the American Association of Railroaders, has called it "the ever-troublesome hot box."

A hot box occurs by overheating of the journal end of the axle on which a railroad car rides. When the journal becomes too hot it ruins the bearing. A freight car with a hot box must often be set out of a train, along the line, for special repair or servicing.

Traditionally, the journal bearing has been lubricated by cotton waste saturated with oil in the journal box. Oil is soaked up through the waste to the journal and when it fails to do so, a hot box can occur.

The railroaders and their equipment suppliers are approaching the efficient lubrication problem with determination and from many angles—through better lubricants, education of maintenance men, and substitution of more efficient methods of lubrication than loose waste.

One of the most promising and economical alternatives to waste packing is the Miller Lubricator pad, produced by the Miller Lubricator Company of Winona, Minnesota. This lubricator, which replaces loose waste without any journal-box alteration or special tools, has been in test operation for two years.

Its success is attested by reports from more than 20 railroads. It is now in operation on upwards of 4,300 freight cars

throughout the country and in Alaska.

From a start with only two cars—16 lubricators, one for each journal of two cars—in the summer of 1953, the Great Northern Railway now has some 1200 cars. The Burlington started experimentally in July, 1953, and now has 800 cars, while the Pennsylvania has re-ordered some 700 cars in a year and a half.

The Chicago & North Western recently has placed orders for 300 and 350 cars.

The new lubricator, as developed by the Miller firm, uses capillary wick action to assure a constant and uniform film of oil on the journal. This pad lubricator consists of a thick textile-faced blanket surrounding a canvas-covered springy synthetic rubber honeycomb core.

When placed in the journal box, the lubricator's textile blanket is immersed in oil in the bottom of the box, while its upper surface is held firmly against the journal by the spring action of the rubber honeycomb.

Operating economy is proved by the fact that the AAR's committee on lubrication permits repacking of some of the Miller-lubricated journals at 36-month intervals, rather than the usual 18 months. Repacking can consist of merely turning the lubricator over, giving it a total life of six years. When the repacking savings are coupled with the low price of the Miller Lubricator, its cost becomes less than that of traditional loose waste packing.

## Evangelist To Windy City

Chicago—Another fire is raging here in the Windy City but it's a different kind—a spiritual conflagration!

This mid-western metropolis is being slowly but surely overwhelmed by the dynamic ministry of a young dynamo from the "sidewalks of New York," the Reverend Milton Perry, 20 years old "miracle worker" in the field of spiritual revival and spiritual healing.

"God's Young Man of Deliverance and Power" as he is known from coast to coast, has amazed and thrilled overflow audiences night after night with his stimulating ministry and healing exploits at the spectacular meetings currently being conducted under the auspices of the St. Paul Church of God in Christ. The pastor of St. Paul is Bispo L. H. Ford, who has tabbed Reverend Perry as one of the "greatest young forces in the battle for Christ since the Saviour himself was preaching the word as a youth, among the wise men of His day." The current meeting will continue through the month of August.

Reverend Perry's singular success here, follows closely on his spectacular revival and healing campaign in Detroit where he was not only greatly and gratefully received by the general public but was toasted and received by top officials and personalities in religious, civic and governmental fields.

In capturing the Motor City, he staged one of the greatest personal triumphs of any religious figure to preach the gospel on the shores of Lake Michigan.

While in Detroit the youthful evangelist, who preached his first sermon when he was 13 years old, was entertained by Mayor Albert Cobo and Detroit City Council President Mary Beck. And in addition to his almost miraculous healing work, his regular routine ministry resulted in 472 conversions during the course of his Detroit meeting.

Since the Chicago meetings began, thousands of people have flocked to St. Paul's church to hear this dynamic young minister. The church, which seats 1000, has been filled to capacity every night since the initial meeting on Sunday with crowds overflowing into the streets.

Reverend Perry's success in converting people to Christ is probably due to his sincere belief in faith and his remarkable ability

to convince his audience that "through faith, all things are possible."

has finally been successful. Despite the protests of residents, the poultry processing firm was given the right to build additional warehouse space on adjoining property.

Also at Wahoo last Sunday was held the dedicatory services for the building of a new men's dormitory at Luther college. The \$150,000 structure will not be ready for occupancy this school year, the Wahoo newspaper revealed, but will provide space for future students at the school.

The Aurora News-Register revealed something unusual last week. Residents in the vicinity of Stockham, Nebraska are having trouble with coons. One family recently found one in the dining room of their home and experienced a merry chase through the house before capturing the animal.

Folks there claim the coons are doing heavy damage to their sweet corn patches, carrying away the juicy ears and eating them. —And we never knew before that coons liked sweet corn.

Nineteen Boy Scouts at Pender left Monday morning for a bus trip to the Black Hills. It was a junket which they had planned since last winter and money for the project had been raised by selling magazines, collecting scrap iron and doing odd jobs of all sorts. They also operated a concession stand at the baseball park this summer.

They took with them in the bus, pup tents so that they could sleep in the open, camp stoves for cooking, all non-perishable food and other supplies for the anticipated 10-day stay.

Where's the boy who wouldn't like to be a Pender Boy Scout right now?

The Keith County News at Ogallala reported the news freak of the week in its last issue.

Some folks in that city recently purchased a large umbrella which was set in a socket near an outdoor table to provide shade. One evening a week ago the family came home and found their umbrella gone. A preliminary search failed to locate it and the folks went to bed mumbling unpleasant things about vandals who delight in taking other people's property.

The next morning the housewife discovered the umbrella atop their house.

A neighbor later revealed that he had observed a small whirlwind which had swished across the lawn, picked up the umbrella and set it down on the folks' rooftop.

But the mystery that still remains is: How come the opened umbrella was found closed and latched? That, it must be admitted, is the 64-dollar question.

It was surmised that the umbrella folded and latched when it fell to the roof when dropped by the whirlwind.

## Says Supply Of Coffee Is Adequate

Despite the recent damage to part of the Brazilian coffee crop, there are ample supplies of coffee in the world.

This information was received today by T. J. Prettyman, Jr., of the Butter-Nut Division of Paxton & Gallagher Co., from John F. McKiernan, President of the National Coffee Association.

Mr. McKiernan said no coffee shortage exists or is anticipated despite frost damage to trees in the Brazilian state of Parana.

"Fortunately for the American consumer, the situation this year is different from that of 1953 when Brazilian coffee production was affected by frost damage," McKiernan said. "In the past two years," he added, "world coffee production has been materially increased, resulting in creation of surplus stocks which are now fully adequate to make up the loss in production caused by Brazil's recent cold weather."

## Hattie Matlock

Mrs. Hattie Belle Matlock, 74 years, 1142½ North 20th Street, expired Monday, August 8th at a local hospital. Mrs. Matlock had been a resident of Omaha two years.

She is survived by a nephew, Mr. Richard Matlock, Omaha; two nieces, Mrs. Hattie Jean White, Miss Margaret Whitlock, Omaha and a host of other relatives.

Funeral services have been arranged for Thursday afternoon from Thomas Mortuary.

## Inter-Club Tea Will Be August 21

The members of Cleaves Temple, C.M.E. Church are sponsoring an Inter-Club Mammoth Tea, August 21, at the Near Northside YMCA.

All indications thus far, promise that this will be a beautiful and different tea.

Everyone is invited to attend and bring friends. For any additional information call the Rev. A. Ralph Davis, PL 4733.

## Mrs. Florence Davis

Mrs. Florence Davis 77 years, 2204 Maple Street, passed away Saturday evening at the above address. Mrs. Davis had been a resident of Omaha eighteen years and was a member of Clair Methodist Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Fannie Gifford, Mrs. Cora Williams, of Omaha; nieces, Mrs. Ruth Nash, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Mrs. Vernelia Bowdlings, Plumerville, Arkansas; nephews, Mr. Willie and Carl Hill, Tulsa, Mr. Elbert Ross, Tulsa; grandson, Mr. Elbert Ross; granddaughter, Mrs. Lucille Hall, of Omaha; twenty-one great and sixteen great, great grandchildren and a host of other relatives.

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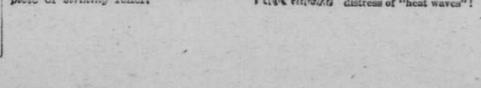
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Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, August 3rd from Clair Methodist Church with the Rev. E. T. Streeter, officiating, assisted by Rev. J. H. Reynolds.

Pall bearers were Mr. C. McDonald, A. Woods, Arthur Justus, Mott Davis, J. Nelson, P. L. Adkins, J. M. Morrow.

Burial was at Mt. Hope Cemetery with arrangements by Thomas Mortuary.

## John Shinahouse

Mr. John H. Shinahouse, 50 years, 2806 Hamilton Street, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Shinahouse had been a resident of Omaha ten years. He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Hilda Hodge, Mrs. Alma Cook, Mrs. Maudette Pete, of Omaha.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning, August 6th from Thomas Mortuary with the Rev. J. H. Reynolds officiating with burial at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

## Wm. A. Bogan

William M. Bogan, 62 years, 2615 Parker Street, passed away Saturday morning, August 6th. Mr. Bogan had been employed by Armour & Company for a number of years.

His wife, Mrs. Sarah Bogan preceded him in death having passed April 28th of last year.

There are no known survivors. Funeral services have been set for Thursday morning from Thomas Mortuary.

## Omaha Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones had as their houseguest, recently Mr. Clarence Smith Jr., of Atchison, Kansas.

Mrs. Ernest Benson's sister, Mrs. Willie O. Dameron of Macon, Missouri, died July 29, at a hospital in Macon, after a short illness. Other survivors include, a brother, Mr. Henry Wright of New Franklin, Missouri; a niece and two nephews, Stephen Wright of New Franklin, and Eddie Benson of Omaha.

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## Omahan Visits California

Mrs. Eloise Taylor of 2407 Lake Street has just returned from a three weeks vacation in California. While in Los Angeles, California she visited with her mother, relatives and friends.

Mrs. Taylor will leave early in September to return to the Dallas School System.

## Two More

It's just two more Saturdays before that important date.

What date? Why didn't you know that the local chapter of the Omega Psi Phi is presenting a Teen-age dance at Fontanelle Park Pavilion on August 27.

All teen-agers are encouraged to be on hand for the gala affair. Tickets may be obtained from Omega members or at the Near Northside YMCA.

Mrs. Ruth Downing and brother, Mr. John Anderson were recent visitors in Atchison, Kansas, where Mrs. Downing visited with her husband, Mr. Gus Downing. Upon leaving Atchison, they left for a family reunion in Louisville, Kentucky. Before returning, Mrs. Downing and Mr. Anderson plan to spend several days in Minneapolis, Minnesota fishing.

Mrs. Emma Wesley's brother, Mr. Robert Clark, died July 28, in a Topeka, Kansas hospital.

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