

Tells Of Highway Work In South Dakota Counties

Local Man Finds Much Interest Shown in Program and in the Extension of System

On my recent trip to South Dakota I was greatly impressed by the progress made in road building during the past 10 years.

Day county, where I resided before coming to Nebraska, in 1917, is located in northeastern South Dakota. It is but slightly larger than our county of Cass, yet it now has completed 540 miles of county roads, well constructed, graveled and properly maintained.

In order to get first hand information I went to Webster, which is the county seat, and called at the office of the highway superintendent. I was then introduced to the five county commissioners and the county attorney, who were in a business session, and preparing to leave for an inspection trip to a newly constructed road. I was invited to accompany them and there we viewed a fine new construction job, requiring an 80-foot right of way, with gentle sloping shoulders, wide ditches and high road bed to prevent snow piling up.

Then back to town where we were treated to a fine dinner, after which we were taken to the highway superintendent's office where the inner workings were revealed to me, first that the commissioners excepting one have held office for many years. Their rate of pay is on a per diem basis, plus mileage. They usually meet two days each month. They hire the highway superintendent who has complete road machinery and acts as employer of approximately 25 men, who work on a yearly basis at a good hourly wage scale.

The position of highway superintendent is an important one. He must be an engineer, right-of-way man, mechanic, purchasing agent and all round trouble shooter, but Albert Herr who holds this versatile job has had many years of practical road building experience and according to the commissioners he is an excellent leader and foreman and with the capable and efficient office girl a very complete and comprehensive report is prepared for the commissioners and taxpayers.

The inventories showed the county had nearly \$80,000 invested in equipment and the report showed exactly what it costs to maintain or construct a mile of road, both as to machine cost and man hours.

Then we drove to the County Fair grounds where one large building is

converted to a machine shop, where county machinery is stored, overhauled and repaired. A mechanic is given full time employment.

The County Fair has been suspended since tire rationing began, and money saved goes into the road fund.

This, then is the story of road building in a progressive community with an over-all plan to serve all localities, and while the county attorney was giving study to the new federal, postwar farm-to-market bill, it left no doubt in my mind that Day county will be ready to add many additional miles to the great network of fine roads in the near future.—W. F. Nolte.

Exiles Rejoice That Paris Again To Be City Of Light

French Newspaper Woman Rejoices That Home Again Will Be Bright When Germans Go

(Parisian to her finger-tips, daughter and granddaughter of Parisians, the author of the following dispatch expresses the unbounded joy of the French at the impending liberation of their "City of Light." Miss Tabouis is one of the best known journalists in the world. She was for many years chief diplomatic correspondent of the Paris Newspaper L'Oeuvre. Noted as an advocate of democracy and a staunch enemy of fascism, she was on the nazi black list and had to flee her native city in 1940 for her life.)

New York, (UP)—By Genevieve Tabouis (As told to Mary Harrington, United Press Staff Correspondent)—To know Paris is entering upon the moment of her liberation is to be happy again.

Paris is not just a city, not just a home. Paris is part of a person. For four years I have been without Paris and that was harder than being an exile.

I have been lost, an orphan in the world, since May 10, 1940. Now I can go back. I want to walk down Champ de Mars to the Eiffel Tower where I will climb to its very top and see my beautiful city and its green parks and churches and cafes. I will watch the lovers walking through those parks and my heart will be with them.

I have missed my little cafe on Champs Elysee where every night before I went to work. I went in for a cup of chocolate. And I want to know if the gargoyles of Notre Dame still look down on us all. The Louvre—in each section I shall anx-

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ously look to see if the Germans have changed it and what they have stolen. I want to go to the Palais de Justice and think aloud of how lucky we are to be free again. And I shall say a little prayer for justice.

In the spring of each year since I have been away from my city, I have worried that the Germans did not care for the Jardin des Plantes and the lovely gardens of the Tuileries. As for seeing people again, I do not want to see the famous people I used to know, some of whom helped destroy France. I wonder if the concierge of my apartment building still lives and the circumstances of Old Jeanne, the flower vendor, who pinned her blossoms on my coat and blessed me every day.

As one of my first duties, I must visit the cemetery. It will be good to weep at my mother's grave. She died while I have been away. She was the real Paris, light, dainty, yet so strong.

Then I shall go to the little park near the Arc de Triomphe where I played as a little girl, where my husband made love to me before he was my husband, where I took my own two children, and where I shall take those grandchildren of mine I have never seen.

Then I shall go to St. Genevieve's to light a candle and pray. It is the little church of the patron saint of my city and of me. Saint Genevieve saved Paris from Attila and the Hun and I prayed there during the last war when I was a young woman for my husband who was a very new husband then and was fighting for France.

The love of one's city and one's country is a peculiar thing.

It is an indescribable feeling. But the thrill I am feeling is so great I cannot sleep and I weep too much. We French do not dare be completely happy yet. I am afraid to let my happiness have full sway. I am afraid the Germans will do something terrible to my city before they leave.

The fact that Paris is being liberated by Americans is tremendously important because of what America represents to the French—that which is best in the democratic

spirit. America is a magic word for us.

The very fact that the Americans have come—and we knew, even when we fled our city four years ago, that they would come—means that we French must start over again, build new laws, a new constitution. America has set an example of human dignity and moral decency to the French.

ROLD DOWN MANY JOBS ON HOME FRONT

Pittsburgh—Charles H. Chance is missing no opportunity to be a home front hero.

A veteran of World War I, Chance served as an air raid warden, a military ballot canvasser, a war bond salesman and is presently devoting three hours weekly as a nurses' aid in the men's wards of the Presbyterian Hospital, where he recently finished a course given to volunteers in nurses' training.

Chance's life is closely bound to war, for he has a son who is an Army sergeant, a daughter serving in the Wacs, a son-in-law with the air forces and a daughter-in-law stationed with the Marines in Pendleton, Cal., with the rank of private first class.

With all these volunteer duties, Chance continues his regular occupation in real estate, his vocation for the past 35 years.

Chance discovered htee shortage of nurses earlier this year when he was a patient in a local hospital. Combining his experience of nursing his children through the usual childhood illnesses with his later hospital training, Chance has helped the burden at the hospital.

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Pocatello, Ida.—Lyman Horsley, 13, American Falls, Ida., high school freshman, has worked up a highly profitable business. He hitch-hikes daily to the Pocatello air base post barber shop, where he shines GI shoes—15 cents for a regular shine, 25 cents when the shoes require a "special cleaner." Lyman explains his special cleaner is "just one of my mixtures."

COUNTY FAIR REVIVED

Clinton, Okla.—The Custer county fair board recently began preparations for the Oklahoma community's 1944 county agricultural exposition, which was revived when the county commissioners allotted \$3,000 for expenses and premiums. The county fair was cancelled last year because of wartime problems. It has been tentatively set for September 18 to 21.

SONS SPANK MOTHERS

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