

OUT OLD NEBRASKA

by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The pioneer towns of territorial Nebraska created a heavy demand for building materials of all sorts. Prior to the coming of the railroad, all building material that could not be produced locally had to be brought up the Missouri River by steamboat. This was expensive as well as slow, and very early the Nebraska pioneers made strenuous efforts to supply their building material locally insofar as possible. The sawmills discussed in an earlier column developed to meet this demand.

Another type of building material much in demand in Nebraska was brick, although local suppliers do not seem to have developed so rapidly in this field as they did in the lumber business. At least, in 1860 the territory had only one brick-making establishment significant enough to be listed in the federal census of that year. It was located in Cass county. It had a capital investment of \$250, employed six men, and produced \$600 worth of bricks per year. Though this establishment was small enough, I would hazard the guess that other Nebraska communities also had brick makers during the fifties. Many of the early concerns were very small and burned only enough

TOOTIES CAFE

Will Serve

FRIED CHICKEN, STEAKS AND FISH Daily until 10 P.M.

FISH SANDWICHES All The Time

CHICKEN AND STEAKS Until 1 A.M. Saturdays

Tooties Cafe

(Try Us)
Phone 5010
407 Lincoln (Shop) Ave.



KISSED . . . Gen. Matthew Ridgway is greeted with a wife's kiss at Tokyo air base upon his return from battlefields.

for a few buildings. On occasion, a kiln would be improvised in order to burn brick for a single building.

By 1870, the industry had picked up considerably. The federal census of that year shows a total of 17 brick-making establishments in the new state of Nebraska. They employed 109 persons, to whom they paid a total of \$20,874 in annual wages. The total capital value of the industry in the state was \$22,900, and the annual value of the brick produced amounted to \$61,865.

There is some discrepancy in the figures reported in the Census of 1870. The breakdown by counties accounts for only 10 of the 17 establishments listed in the general statement covering the industry. Of these, three each were in Dakota and Richardson counties, and two each in Dodge and Douglas counties.

The county enumeration, for example seems to have missed the brick-making industry flourishing in Nebraska City. At least, in the summer of 1865, more than 1,000 cords of wood were piled up there ready for use in burning brick, and the Nebraska City News estimated that several million bricks would be burned during the season.

Building stone was available in certain sections of Nebraska, and some of the brick-making establishments also dealt in that commodity.

Hunt's Island in Portsmouth, N. H. Harbor, was named for Capt. John Blunt, the man credited with piloting Washington's boat across the Delaware.

Night Traffic Deaths Mount Patrol Says

A total of 123 persons have lost their lives in night traffic accidents since last January 1 according to a report received today from the Nebraska Safety Patrol. Thousands of others were injured in other after-dark mishaps. These facts parallel disclosures by state and national traffic analysts which state that, on a basis of miles traveled, night driving is three times as hazardous as daytime travel. Reduced visibility and poor lights were important factors in all of these tragedies.

This report was made in support of the Safety Patrol's plea to motorists to check their lighting equipment before any after-dark travel and to be sure to dim their headlights when meeting other vehicles on the road.

Failure to dim and defective lights were the basis for stopping 4,354 motorists on Nebraska's highways last month. Many of these contacts resulted when officers of the patrol found cars with improperly focused headlights. Motorists meeting such vehicles are handicapped because their depth perception vision may be reduced to twenty per cent of normal and the net result may be a serious sideswipe accident.

The patrol's report reminded motorists that headlights must be adjusted so that no part of the main beam of light on the high beam position is more than 42 inches from the ground at a point 75 feet ahead of the vehicle. Having headlights that are adjusted to meet the requirements of the law and switching them to low beam when other vehicles are approaching will reduce the hazard of after-dark travel by providing maximum visibility under all conditions for everyone on the road.

James Doody Is King Candidate

James Doody of Plattsmouth was one of the candidates for king at the Christmas dance held at Kearney State Teachers College Friday night. The annual all-college Christmas Carnival was also held as a part of the activities.

Journal Want Aris P-A-Y!

More Steel Okayed For School Buildings

Senator Hugh Butler (R-Nebr.) has announced that the recent increased allocation of 15,000 tons of steel by Defense Production Authority for school construction during the first quarter of 1952 "should provide sufficient steel to take care of urgent cases of over-crowding in Nebraska school systems for the time being, according to the U. S. Office of Education."

Butler said the Office of Education had warned, however, that the additional steel probably would not permit erection of gymnasiums or of school facilities where no over-crowding problem exists.

Two Ship Hogs To Omaha Market

Cass county shippers at the Omaha market Monday included John Dietl with 59 hogs weighing 205 pounds that sold at \$18, and Ed Howard with 30 hogs weighing 210 at \$18.

Top price quoted on the hog market Monday was \$18.15 as heavy supply pounded down the top to the lowest of the year last week.

Serving Turkey Often Advised

A good way to bring variety into your meals is to serve turkey often — not just on Thanksgiving or Christmas.

That's the word from Dr. Josephine Brooks of the University of Nebraska home economics department. Author of an extension publication on "Let's Talk Turkey" Dr. Brooks tells of ways turkey can be served.

Even a very small family, she says, can enjoy turkey any time of the year without having to cope with turkey leftovers for days on end.

There are available such cuts as turkey quarters, pieces as thighs, breasts, wings or drumsticks and cross-cut turkey steaks. And, Dr. Brooks says, you don't always have to roast turkey. Turkeys or turkey parts can be braised, fried, stewed, fried or broiled as well as roasted.

The circular is available at the offices of county extension agents. It gives directions for suggested ways of preparing turkey.

Tree movers have mechanical equipment that can pick up and carry a tree weighing 40 tons.

Cattle Feeding May Be Less Profitable

Cattle feeding likely will be less profitable in 1952 than in the past two years, according to University of Nebraska agricultural economists.

They point out that despite the fact that feeder cattle are bringing the highest prices on record the number of cattle on feed in Nebraska is 4 per cent more than a year ago.

The average price of stockers and feeders at Kansas City in September was \$31.90 a hundredweight. This was \$5 higher than the price a year earlier and only \$1.78 lower than the price of choice steers at Chicago for the same month.

The economists' prediction of lower profits is based on the narrow price spread between feeder and fat cattle. Assumption that price of choice steers at market time in 1952 will be the same as they are now and anticipated higher feed prices.

Should slaughter prices be reduced either by weakening of demand or by unforeseen increases in cattle marketings, they point out, returns from feeder might be very small.

A reduction in the presently favorable ratio of cattle prices and the price of feed grains, they say, would shrink materially the profit margin of cattle feeders. The price of feed grains is expected to be higher in 1952 than it was in 1951.

Cornhusker Comment

(Editor's Note: In a narrow sense, Tekamah takes the spotlight in this week's "Cornhusker Comment." But what is written here is applicable to many towns. The writer, Juanita Rediger of Tekamah, is a School of Journalism senior and a Lincoln Journal staff member.)

I like my town. It's similar to thousands of others nestled among the hills in our nation's 48 states. But it's main street with the dusty bricks in the summertime and the quaint little church with its shingled steeple capped with snow in the wintertime that set my town apart for me.

My town reached maturity long ago and now has its great grandchildren as its businessmen. Its residential district follows main street, spreading out into a flat, fertile valley which shelters the homes of farm families. Softly rolling hills look down upon my town and this valley, and meet the evening sun. Looking down from these hills at night, one can see hundreds of flickering lights and by raising one's eyes, can look across the miles of rich farm land to the Iowa side of the Missouri river.

My town is friendly. Everyone knows his neighbors. What a warm feeling it is to stroll down familiar sidewalks at eventide and speak to friends sitting on their porches.

My town is prosperous. In the past years, frizzled old buildings, in undergoing facelifting jobs, have revealed gleaming fronts to the passersby. Freight trains carry away surplus farm products, and trucking companies haul cattle and hogs to market in the early hours of the morning when the streetlights are still burning. Parents send their children to college, giving them that extra education many of the first generation missed.

My town has character. In fact, its character is formed by the people living in all those little homes. Its Chamber of Commerce members make sure more and more new families come to my town to live; civic-minded women keep the city library well stocked; and teenagers learn democracy through their 4-H clubs, and sports programs. And whenever someone's son or daughter makes good at school or in business, the whole town is proud.

My town is religious. Presbyterian, Catholic, Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Seventh Day Adventist . . . we all respect each other, and on special occasions, even worship together. We contribute to bazaars and about once a month, spend an evening at a church family night dinner.

My town likes to dress up. At Yuletide, businessmen provide for the decoration of main street with greenery and colored lights and on any national holiday, they place the flags in the staff holders, pull up and down main street.

My town is all these things and many more. But most of all—it's home.

"Kid" Graves Talks Boxing In Yakima

Perry I. "Kid" Graves recently returned from Yakima, Washington, where he had been visiting for several days, where he spent the Thanksgiving Day week end at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Hammermeister. While in Yakima, "Kid" Graves renewed acquaintance with several former boxing colleagues and discussed his welter weight title scrap with Johnny Alberts in 1912. With Harvey Hunt, he also talked about the boxing careers of his two sons, who once fought under Hunt. A picture of the two appeared in the Yakima Daily Republic.

Subscribe to The Journal



STRICKEN . . . After being dragged from the surf after suicide attempt, Mrs. Fay Walton, Santa Monica, Calif., confesses she had stabbed and drowned her baby son.

Pie Contest For Both Boys, Girls

The cherry pie baking contest slated Jan. 23 at the University of Nebraska is for both boys and girls who are members of 4-H clubs.

The state 4-H club office said the contest is open to any 4-H'er who has completed a meal planning and preparation project or is enrolled in the work for 1952. Each county in the state may have one contestant. The state winner will get a trip to Chicago to participate in a national pie making contest. The Nebraska State Horticultural Society will provide some money for county winners to defray expenses on

the state contest plus some extra money for the state winner to use in practicing for the national contest. The National Red Cherry Institute will furnish funds for the Chicago trip.

Contestants will be judged on their method of preparation, quality of pie and personality.

Spring Grain Information Out

The performance of oat barley and spring wheat varieties in University of Nebraska agricultural experiment station outstate tests is outlined in a new circular just off the press. The circular, compiled by the University's agronomy department, is available at the offices of county extension agents.

The publication, written by A. F. Dreier and P. L. Ehlers, says that 1951 generally was a favorable year for spring grain. Cold, wet weather delayed or prevented planting in much of eastern Nebraska. Cool weather and lack of available nitrates caused early growth to be very slow. Weather in June, however, the circular says, favored production of a good crop with high quality and test weight.

The gradual moving of Victoria blight westward in the state, the circular says, has contributed to the low yields of Cedar, Osage and Neosho oats in the south central, central and southwest areas.

Summaries of the acre grain yield, weight per bushel, lodging and height data are included in the circular for all of the spring grains.

VOTERS HELP THEMSELVES
CHICAGO — Chicago voters may be honest in their political convictions but not otherwise, John S. Rusch, chief clerk of the election board, said they generally take about 4,000 polling booth curtains, 300 national flags and considerable other equipment at each election.

INFORMATION PLEASE
MOUNT MORRIS, N. Y. — The \$20,000,000 federal dam flood control project here is having its effect on housing conditions. A classified advertisement in the weekly newspaper offered a reward of a \$100 savings bond for "any information leading to rental of a house or apartment."

Special Services Slated At St. Paul's Evangelical Church

Sunday evening at 7:30 in a special service a sound motion picture produced by the Protestant Film Commission in Hollywood entitled "A Wonderful Life" will be presented at St. Paul's Evangelical church. The film is excellent, artistically and technically.

It is a true story telling of a Christian family in a stirring and inspiring way. All names and places are fictitious, yet the essence of the story is based on fact. The public is cordially invited.

When John Ruskin criticized one of Whistler's paintings, the famous artist sued and won damages of one farthing (half a cent).



SURE TO SCORE WITH HIM

The Shirt Build To Wear

"KNOCK OUT"

SANFORIZED

CHAMBRAY SHIRTS

This shirt has been acclaimed by those who know a good shirt. The button flap pocket and lined collar make this Chambray shirt a sturdy, reliable shirt. Sizes 14 - 17.

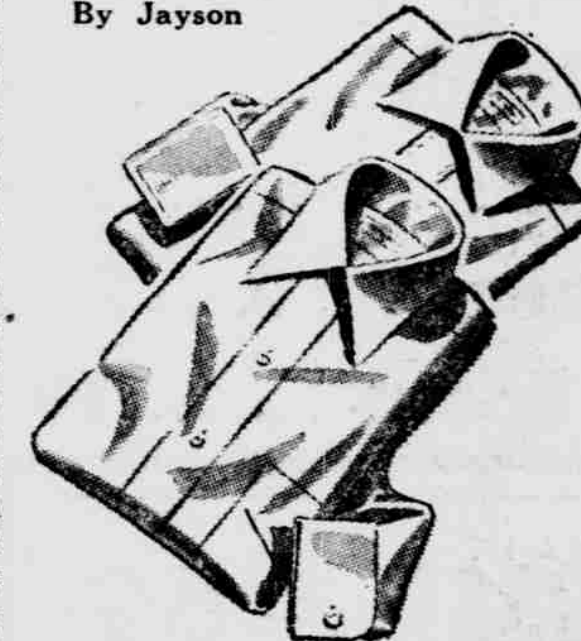
\$1.27

Sat. Only



WHITE SHIRTS

By Jayson



Styled for comfort, built to keep its form. This shirt comes with plain or French cuff and two collar styles. Sizes 14 1/2 - 17.

\$2.95

Bing Crosby CAUSAL SHIRTS

By Jayson



This grand washable casual shirt comes in colors of putty, gold, green, bark, and blue. For comfort and ease in wearing, its CASUAL every time.

\$7.95

LEATHER GOODS

By Hickok

and Hansen
The Ideal Gift for Men Who Know Quality Belts -- Gloves -- Billfolds.

ARROW SHIRTS

The ever popular Arrow Shirt is still high in the minds of the well dressed man featuring The Par & Drew at \$3.95 Dale at \$5.00 — The Arafold collar Sport Shirt in Plain Gabardines Fancy Plaids and Velvet Corduroys.

\$6.00 to \$8.95

Interwoven SOCKS

We Have a Large Choice of Socks in Plaids, Plain, and Checks.

85c - \$2.95

CALDWELL CLOTHING

5th & Main

Phone 5118

These Prices Include Installation In Your Home And One-Year Warranty On All Parts

only \$37.50 down

Here is the Greatest TV Values of the Year!

You can't beat Crosley Family Theatre Television for clear, sharp, steady pictures . . . for year-in and year-out dependable performance . . . for outstanding cabinet beauty. NOW—you can own a Crosley at the lowest price in Crosley history! Come in and take advantage of the biggest Crosley values we've ever offered!



17-inch Console Model 17-COC1. Superb cabinet finished in rich mahogany veneer. Has all the famous Crosley features.

\$290.00 Installed



17-inch Model 11-442MU. Selected mahogany veneer cabinet. Patented UNITUNER—one control tunes both picture and sound automatically. \$245.00 Installed

Every Crosley is ready for UHF—needs only a simple, inexpensive converter which you can connect in a few minutes!
Every Crosley is readily adaptable for the connection of a color converter to receive FCC-authorized color!

THE PACE-SETTING DESIGNS ARE COMING FROM CROSLLEY!

CASS COUNTY MAYTAG CO.

4th & Main

SCANLON BROS., Owners

(Bart & Leo)

Phone 245