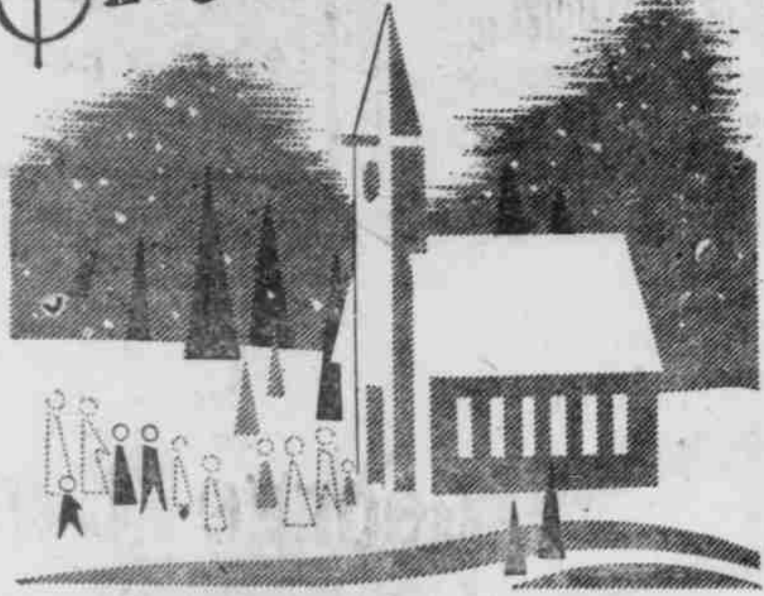


MERRY CHRISTMAS



As we pause in the gaiety of Christmas, let's think first of the Nativity of Him who is the hope of the world today, as two thousand years ago. He alone can bring about the peace of mind and contentment which we eagerly search for and need. May we follow His teachings so that the true spirit of Christmas can remain with us through the days to come.



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Capitol News

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LINCOLN — Nebraskans this week were doing some serious thinking and planning on developing recreation and park areas.

One proposed project under consideration is old Fort Robinson near Crawford in north-west Nebraska. The other is in the Gavins Point Dam reservoir area on the Missouri River in the northwestern part of the state.

Eventually both projects might involve action by the State Legislature. In this day and age recreation areas for the leisure time of citizens are becoming increasingly necessary, Nebraska, with a few of the finest natural wonders and historic spots, has slumbered while such nearby states as South Dakota have attracted tourists and their spending by the hundreds of thousands.

For some time groups have been advocating making a state park out of Fort Robinson. This 22,000 acre area, a former army post and timber reserve, is now used as a federal beef experiment station. Seventeen states

are involved in the project although the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture does the actual work.

Those who think its uses should be wider point out that Fort Robinson played an important part in the story of the Old West, particularly in the Indian Wars. Here was located the Red Cloud Indian Agency and here the famous Sioux Indian chief, Crazy Horse, was killed.

This area has some of the prettiest scenery in Nebraska and has fine hunting and fishing areas.

But until recently little headway has been made on changing it to other uses than the beef project.

Differing viewpoints. Several contending forces have been operating. The University naturally wants to keep it as an experiment station. Officials frown on the idea of tourists, contending "people and controlled experiments with animals don't mix."

Citizens in Crawford and the surrounding area would naturally like something to build up their trade. When the army closed the fort several years ago, it left a gaping economic hole for Crawford businessmen.

Also, some ranchers in the area are antagonistic toward the project. They criticize the station for raising "tax-free beef." University officials answer this by saying that the work is being done for the long run benefit of the cattlemen.

The State Game Commission has wanted to establish recreation, hunting, and fishing areas. Paul Gilbert, executive secretary of the commission, said he at one time had hoped to have a herd of buffalo there.

The State Historical Society want to establish a museum there, possibly reconstruct the old Indian agency, and safeguard the monuments and historic spots.

These groups got together for a recent meeting and it appeared that they are much closer to agreement than before. State Sen. Monroe Bixler of Harrison said backers of the state park idea have about given up the idea of getting the federal government to sell the land. Best bet now seems to be a long term lease, Bixler said.

University of Nebraska officials said the No. 1 consideration must be that the best experiment station will stay. But the University has agreed to let the State Historical Society do some of the things it wants. Next step will be fitting the State Game Commission into the picture.

Gilbert said a survey could be made for about \$500. He thought not more than 3,000 acres would be needed. Bixler said he hoped something could be done soon so a bill could be introduced in the coming session of the Legislature.

Gavins Point. In another corner of the state citizens were mobilizing in a group known as the Gavins Point Improvement Association. Purpose is to get the federal government to buy more land around the proposed Gavins Point reservoir so the public can have fishing, hunting, and picnic areas.

Apparently the federal government has set a policy of buying as little land as possible. The reason given is economy.

But association officials point out that the dams were "sold" to the general public on the idea they would furnish recreation areas.

The association decided to try to get the Eisenhower administration to "soften" its policy. If this doesn't work, an effort will be made in Congress to get more money.

All else failing, the group will seek a state appropriation. State Sen. Dwight Burney of Hartington, whose district embraces the dam area, said he would be "happy" to back a bill to get state money to buy the extra land.

Cannery Possibility. Hope has been revived on a Nebraska development of another kind — a proposed cannery in the Hodge area.

The Federal Department of Agriculture has eliminated restrictions on commercial vegetable planting, thus clearing the way. If this hadn't been done, Nebraska farmers would have been unable to raise commercial vegetables if they wished to be eligible for price supports on corn or wheat.

Sufficiency Rating. Gov. elect Victor Anderson said he thinks there should be some way to "appeal" from a sufficiency rating given to any particular stretch on the state highway system.

The sufficiency rating is the method of determining which roads should be improved first. It takes into account road condition, costs of maintenance, safety factors, and traffic volume.

Anderson said that persons who disputed the State Highway Department's ratings should have a right to have a public hearing. State Engineer L. N. Ress agreed but said that since there is not enough money to improve all the roads that should be improved, it is doubtful that even a substantial change in a road's

They Serve All Year

Remembering the people who perform services for the family all year is traditional in most families. But there are pleasant and unpleasant ways of doing it.

Money, however much or little, should be obtained in new bills from the bank in advance. There should be no "Quick Harry, a dollar for the mailman — here he comes!" It should be in an envelope addressed to the person by name, if possible. Most banks have holiday money envelopes.

If you are faced with indecision about a person to whom you owe much, select the careful solution for him. The man who owns the service station may be delighted by cash, but the policeman who takes your child across the street to school

rating would put it on the program list any sooner.

Mental Health. The State Board of Control took some more steps in its developing mental health program. Dr. Cecil Wittson of the Nebraska Psychiatric Institute of Omaha was made coordinator of all mental health programs in the state. A Houston, Tex. doctor, Jackson Smith, will come to Nebraska after next July 1 to head up a program of research in care of the mentally ill.

The Board announced it will build two new structures at the Lincoln State Mental Hospital. One will be for mental patients who have tuberculosis. The other will be for the criminally insane.

won't. Gloves, a necktie or a carton of cigarettes may provide your thanks without insulting.

The distinction you will probably make is whether the person gives you a professional service directly or whether he is hired by someone else to serve you.

Persons whom you may want to remember with cash include: the postman, the garbage man, the grocery delivery boy, the newsboy, the service station attendants, the apartment superintendent and his helpers, the laundryman, the milkman, the dry cleaner.

Persons deserving of Christmas greeting of the non-cash sort are: your child's grade school teacher, your usual baby sitter, policemen at school crossings, a Sunday school teacher, your doctor or dentist, the visiting nurse.

It is worth while to inquire, if you belong to a private club or shop — at a supermarket, if there is a fund for Christmas gifts for employees.

Washington Started Open House Custom

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