

O'Kieffe Reveals Life Of Pioneers on Plains

Western Story: The Recollections of Charley O'Kieffe, 1884-1898, with an introduction by A. B. Guthrie, Jr.; University of Nebraska Press.

In this book Charley O'Kieffe is out to set the record straight about the frontier. He believes that a great disservice has been done to the West by too many tales of romance, fierce gunplay and clever escape from the outlaws and injuns.

Corrects Record
Charley succeeds admirably in setting the record straight by recording his experiences in northwest Nebraska between 1884 and 1898.

There were nine O'Kieffe children, ranging from a son in his twenties to the youngest, Charley. When the father deserted the family, the mother gathered her flock in a covered wagon and set out from eastern Nebraska looking for new country and a new start. She found both in Sheridan County in northwest Nebraska. There she took a homestead, built a sod house, dug a well and made a home. Charley's book tells how they did it and what happened to them thereafter.

Operation Survival
The fact is nothing momentous happened. The great achievement was that they

Summer Golf Play Cancelled; Tennis On

The University summer golf tournament has been cancelled because only four entries were received.

All entrants in the tennis singles and doubles tourney are reminded to check the schedules posted in the Men's PE building.

After checking the schedule, each player must contact his opponent to arrange a time for the match.

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The ICA made known a quotation from the Educational Division Contract Representative of the U. S. Overseas Mission which said:

"An outstanding characteristic of the University of Nebraska contract agreement is the whole-hearted interest of the University in carrying out the responsibilities which it assumed under the contract. In all the university contract operations in the ICA world-wide program of technical cooperation, there can be few institutions which have taken their responsibilities equally or more seriously or have devoted greater time, attention, and effort to facilitate the effective implementation of the projects for which they are responsible."

Simple Charm
Charley is no slick western writer. But what he says has charm. For example: "There was never any grace said before or after meals in our home. Maybe it was because we didn't have the time and maybe we didn't have the inclination, but I think mostly we just plain didn't know that such things should be done."

Or again: "For the edification of housewives who may never have cooked with buffalo chips, here is a rundown of the operations that Mother went through. It goes like this: Stoke the stove, get out the flour sack, stoke the stove, wash your hands, mix the biscuit dough, stoke the stove, wash your hands, cut out the biscuits with the top of a baking powder can, stoke the stove, wash your hands, put the pan of biscuits in the oven, keep on stoking the stove until the biscuits are done."

Faith and Chops
Or: "We got through our first winter (in Sheridan county) thanks to faith, hope and buffalo chips."

This book is Volume II of the Pioneer Heritage Series being published by the University of Nebraska Press. They are good social history. They are good reading. They set the record straight on what frontier life was really like.

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Summer Clothing, Food, Activities Bring Relief

Continued from Page 1. fashion suggestions of Lincoln sales personnel they present a workable guide for summer clothes buying for women:

—Nylon, because of its low



absorbency, is not as comfortable as summer cottons. —Silk fabrics, because of their absorbency, are good for summer.

—Orlon resists sunlight and stretching and sagging caused by humidity.

—Light colors reflect light making them cool summer clothes.

Women aren't the only ones concerned with summer clothes.

For men, beach combers, bermudas and "crazy hats" lead the way, according to men's wear specialists.

In suits, a dacron-wool blend that contains 45% wool and 55% dacron makes a "luxurious" suit, say men's salesmen.

Though it is not hand washable, this type suit is most comfortable because of its absorbency and "nice hand," they say.

Now what should a person do after getting dressed in the proper attire and eating a "crispy cool" meal?

Ice skate, is the recom-

mendation of James Lewis, city recreation director. This "nice cool" summer activity began Saturday for two weeks at Pershing Municipal Auditorium.

And there are the swim-



ming pools, baseball diamonds, tennis courts and golf courses. The only trouble is "they're too crowded," Lewis says.

Union Offers Game Lessons

Merle Reiling, games manager at the Nebraska Union, and the student activities office are offering instructions in all areas of the games section.

Anyone can go into Reiling's office in the Union basement to make arrangements for lessons from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday.

Films on India To Be Presented

Two films will be shown by the Far Eastern Institute at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Love Memorial Library.

The first, "Mooti—Child of New India," is a color film of an Indian village. The film lasts 15 minutes.

The second, a 26-minute film, "Gandhi," is a documentary of the life of Gandhi, taken from newsreels of the past 40 years, according to Robert K. Sakai, director of the Far Eastern Institute.

Future Never Brighter For Farm Youth—Bundy

The future on the farm has never been brighter, although many young people do not and can not return to the farm, contends Clarence Bundy, a guest professor from Iowa State University.

The increasing size and the decreasing number of farms, the increasing know-how required to run a farm and the increased costs of farms are factors that keep young people from returning, Bundy said.

Increased Output
Also, mechanization enables a single man to produce enough for many more people today than previously. Fewer people are required to feed the nation, he said.

Although on-the-farm jobs are decreasing, there are more and more opportunities in farm-related jobs, Bundy said.

There are opportunities in college and high school agricultural education, extension services, college research, soil conservation, veterinary medicine and farm credit.

Farm-related Work
Other jobs that farm youth are turning to are in rural farm building construction, machinery maintenance and repair and sales in equipment, fertilizer and feed.

A young person entering farming must have patience because there are still problems that must be worked out, Bundy said.

He mentioned the problem of keeping production in line with what we sell to control surpluses and how the farmer, belonging to a minority group (12 per cent of the population), finds it difficult to limit production.

Former's Responsibility
"I'd like to say the farmer should assume more responsibility in the price stabilization problem," he said.

"Vocational agriculture in Nebraska has a real place, an important place in preparing boys for farming and non-farming vocations," Bundy said.

He said that research at Iowa State shows that high school vocational agriculture graduates are farming larger farms, own more farms and are producing more acres of corn, soybeans and legumes than those farming who didn't have voc-ag training.

The voc-ag graduates also have fewer acres in permanent pasture and wasteland and a larger net income than non-vocational agriculture students.

Bundy said that a boy can get agriculture in high school and also the sciences, mathematics and English necessary for college.

"He can even have the prerequisites to enter engineering at this institution or any other institution," he said.

The problem is that not enough farm boys go to college or take post-high school training.

"About three times as many town boys as farm boys go on to college," he said.

This is partly because farmers assume that youth don't

need more education to go into farming.

Farm Boy
Clarence Bundy was born on a farm in Iowa and lived on a farm while going to school. He was principal at Iowa Falls, Ia., High School for 18 years. He has been at Iowa State, where he is now a professor, for 13 years.

Bundy has co-authored six books on animal husbandry which are used in high school vocational agriculture courses.

"My interests are still very much in agriculture," he said, "and my hobbies are animal husbandry and state fair judging."

All-Staters See College In Advance

Campus life, not mountains, horses, and swimming, is offered to high school students attending All-State, said John Moran, director of All-State.

While providing an opportunity for talented high school students to receive further instruction in the fine arts, extra time, he said, is filled in with serenades, dances, and queen elections.

Nebraska All-State, derived from the idea of the music camp held at Interlochen, dates back 25 years, Moran said. Originally, big name artists were asked to direct a music seminar at the University. Financial difficulties, forced such programs to be discontinued, he said.

Since 1940, he said, the program has grown to include speech and art and will possibly offer additions next year.

Although the University tries to accept all who apply, Moran said they are limited by housing and teaching facilities.

When asked if the All-State program is becoming nationwide, Moran replied that there are some schools, such as Kansas University, which have a similar program, but many still offer only music courses.

Because of the variety of courses offered to the high school students, many people feel this program is put on just to promote the college and more specifically the School of Fine Arts, he said. According to its bulletin, All State is designed to afford a learning opportunity for young people who are especially interested in the fine arts while offering a "most happy summer experience in a wholesome atmosphere."

Even though it is not designed to promote the University, Moran said that most former All-Staters do attend college here. Out of the 88% that go on to college, he said, 78% come to Nebraska, but only 10% major in the College of Fine Arts.

And how do the students feel about it?
At the closing banquet when the Ideal All-State Girl and Boy are announced, Moran said, "They are ecstatic. You can see tears and smiles. They think it the experience of a lifetime."

Summer Session Brings Union Scheduling Changes

"Intellectual programs go over better in the summer," Bill McKinnon, activities director of the Nebraska Union, said recently.

"The mature or graduate students, who attend summer sessions," he explained, "prove more appreciative of programs on World Affairs and the Artists Series."

"Timing on programs has to be geared to the middle of the week," he said, "because the commuter students go home week ends."

During the school year, McKinnon pointed out, nearly all activities are on the week ends, especially free films and dances.

Thirteen Activities Committees, composed of student workers, plan and direct the social and cultural programs during the winter. In the summer, the programming at Student Union is managed by Dr. Frank Sorenson, director of Summer Sessions, in cooperation with McKinnon.

Since the study load is heavy during the summer and the time short, next year the Union plans to have fewer programs, but of high quality, for the mature students, McKinnon said.

Student tuition fees finance the Union. So students should get about what they want in entertainment, according to A. H. Bennett, managing director.

"Of the \$11 portion allotted to the Union from each student's tuition," he said, "\$6.50 goes to the bond issue for the building, and \$4.50 goes into current expense funds." These funds pay staff and maintenance expenses.

The food service departments of the Union, cafeteria, the Crib, and the banqueting rooms, are self-supporting. The Crib serves about 3,000 persons each day. Average food check is \$2.10 and the total income about \$500 a day.

About 400 have lunch in the cafeteria every day and 250 eat there in the evening. During the summer, the lunches served are comparable to the rest of the year, but the evening business is not as great.

One department of the Union that actually makes money is the foreign films. Only three were scheduled for the summer. Two are yet to be

shown: "Pygmalion" on July 7, and "Captain's Paradise" with Alec Guinness of July 21.

In summer, the games area is used very little, McKinnon reported. "No doubt the intense study schedule of summer school leaves little time, and out-door activities have more appeal," he said.

The Union Board of Managers is composed of six faculty members, three alumni, and 12 students. Every month they meet and report to Chancellor Clifford Hardin and the Board of Regents. Once a week some committee of the board meets and discusses

problems of policy or expenditure.

Eleven professional men make up the staff of the Union, or are in charge of the various departments. There are 40 full-time employees including secretaries, waiters, cooks, and janitors. The Union also employs 130 part-time student workers.

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