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Gazette's Community Program

- 1. PAVING OF NO. 93. 2. ADEQUATE VISIBLE GRADE CROSSING SIGNALS.

SUMNER NEEDS MORE HOUSES

AN ITEM IN LAST week's Gazette stated that there are very few empty houses in town. In fact, it is known that a man who has come to Sumner to work has been trying desperately the past three weeks to find a place.

The Gazette believes this is a most opportune time to build a house. For those who do not have sufficient funds, the government is making loans available through the National Housing act which enables people to build at a comparatively low rate of interest and a long period in which to repay.

Some towns have building and loan associations. But since Sumner does not then it would seem most opportune to make use of this government offer. It would produce a number of results: add to the hominess of Sumner, add to its corporate wealth, provide labor for local artisans and altogether contribute another small push to recovery.

PRESS COMMENT

Topics of Timely Interest Are Discussed by Iowa Editors

A PROMISE TO BREMER CO.

Leaving aside all other phases of the campaign, Democrats in Bremer county will find it very advisable to get state authorities to live up to promises made early this year for concrete paving on this road, and have Sumner have waited more or less patiently these many years for real concrete paving on this road, and have had promises of it many times. Any attempt at "black-top" surfacing as a substitute will meet strong condemnation not only vocally but at the polls.

ERRONEOUS VIEWS CONCERNING THE FUNCTION OF CRITICISM

An editorial in a recent number of The Saturday Evening Post pointed out that "Critics may be, and many of them are, primarily concerned with the future of their country and the welfare of their fellow men." Most persons will agree with the following comment, from the same editorial: "If criticism ceases, then we will have gone back to the days of the divine right of kings, when the monarch could do no wrong."

There are two kinds of criticism. As it was first instituted by Aristotle, criticism was meant as a standard of judging well. Now it connotes censure to the average person.

While it is true, as the Saturday Evening Post maintains, that "The critic of government policies or measures is not required, under Anglo-Saxon traditions, to offer a plan," we believe with R. W. Griswold that "It is a barren kind of criticism which tells you what a thing is not."

Some of the most vociferous opponents of the administration are unfair in their criticism. For example, one writer has gone so far as to lay the responsibility for the failure of the recent stratosphere balloon flight on the fact that "Our national government is now under the direction and inspiration of theorists."

WHEN I AM OUT OF A JOB

Thus far in this period of unemployment I've been able to hold my job—deservedly or not—but perhaps that doesn't give me any right to preach to the less fortunate. But if the time comes for me to join the search for a job, I hope I won't be too sore to remember these things:

The chances will be at least ten to one that it's my own fault. The world is willing to pay me for service rendered, but reluctant to merely support me in a job.

The way to get a job is to prepare myself to actually fill it; and the way to hold it is to be sure my performance is worth my hire.

Probably at least four out of five of the jobless are that way for a reason: better men were available.

The man without a job may be a superior workman to many a man in one; but there is usually something about him that detracts from his desirability. It may be his attitude; his view of life; his personal habits. He must be objectionable for some reason or a place would be found for him if he's competent. I hope I have

COMPLETING NO. 93

WHAT A YEAR AGO appeared to be a forlorn hope will apparently be almost wholly realized before cold weather. We refer to work on No. 93 east of Sumner. This comes as a result of federal funds made available recently, of which \$95,000 will be used to complete grading into Fayette and placing gravel on the 12 miles graded east of Sumner.

Those familiar with this road have experienced very unsatisfactory driving conditions ever since it became a primary road. In fact, No. 93 was obtained eastward only through the most intense activity on the part of local road boosters. No. 93 was originally designed to extend only from No. 59 to Sumner.

But during the past four years, in spite of the fact the road east has not been very inviting to motorists, it has been used to considerable extent as a short cut to points east and northeast. There is every reason to believe that it will be used more extensively when the public knows that it is well graded and well graveled.

The depression has been held responsible for many things—and the work on No. 93 has resulted from the same cause. Funds for relief work have been provided and thus the road construction insofar as No. 93 is concerned has been advanced several years before it otherwise might have been completed from state funds.

AN OUTSTANDING NEWSPAPER SERVICE

ELSEWHERE IN THIS issue will be found a detailed report of swimming pool election held in Waverly last Wednesday, which carried about two to one. This subject has been before Waverly citizens for several weeks, and the three Waverly papers have shown remarkable enterprise in publishing all of the information and experience in handling pools.

In fact, while the Gazette may have a prejudiced point of view, we believe after observing incident after incident of a similar nature, that proponents of the swimming pool in Waverly should give the Waverly newspapers a lion's share of the credit for the result of the election. During the weeks preceding the election, they published editorials, obtained information regarding swimming pools at New Hampton, Iowa Falls, Traer and several other Iowa towns, pointing out how they were managed, their income, expense of operation, etc. Several hundred inches of space were devoted to the subject.

Did these papers realize any revenue from this source? There was some advertising, but the revenue was insignificant as compared to the amount of space donated. The donated space cost as much or more per inch to print than the paid space.

These papers considered this another opportunity to serve their communities, and they did so with no immediate hope of financial return. This is just another instance of how important newspapers are to a community.

SCRIBBLINGS

Wise, Unwise and Otherwise (By Gee Doubleyou Bee)

If you are interested in watching people drop the mask of superficiality which most of us wear when others are watching us, then go to the athletic field some evening and note the crowd which attends game after game. Almost everybody becomes so absorbed in the game that they unknowingly seek their own level and disclose as though it were printed in the newspaper just what sort of persons down deep inside they really are. Some crab certain decisions in a most partisan manner (and of course there are those who protest decisions just because they think it is a part of the game to rag the umpire); some are most outspoken on what bone-head give the opponents a bit of credit for good play. Then there are others who "can take it." They accept the course of events in a most generous way, and realize that it is all for fun after all. Yes, a kittenball game is much like any other event: it takes all kinds of people to make up a team and make up the crowd of spectators.

One of the interesting trends of recent years has been the popularity of light or white trousers. Just recently Editor Hill of the Mitchell Co. Press made the following comment: "It wasn't so long ago that white pants were the mark of a fop in this country." Lots of us who aren't very old can remember back that far only too well. I'm sure I don't know to what to attribute the change. Perhaps it is a combination of smart advertising on the part of the cotton goods industry and the fact that men decided to be as comfortable as possible when the mercury is 90 or more.

"Strictly Confidential" in the Jesup Citizens Herald asks these questions: Whatever became of the tired business man, loaded cigars, bootjacks, dollar-a-year men, curant jelly, the car that could do 25 on a straight away, cigaret fiends, gold plated quilt toothpicks, the 18-day diet, cherry tarts, singin' in the rain, and tiptoeing through the tulips?

My scout has been out sleuthing again and has brought in this bit of juicy information:

Last Friday afternoon two young ladies northeast of Sumner decided to go to town by means of horse and buggy. While approaching what is known to some as Bridgeport, they were met by a gentleman of responsibility traveling per wagon and team. The driver of the team took special interest in looking at the two occupants of the buggy. This finally resulted in his reaching the ditch and involuntarily severing all connections with his place in the wagon.

Bits of personal piffle: I consider Yellowstone park one of the most interesting places I have ever been... I much prefer New York to Chicago as a city. I have traveled over 80,000 miles by car but never have encountered a drunken driver... I don't care much for watermelon but muskmelon are a decided favorite... I never cared very much for fishing... I have little time for antique furniture... I have handled tons and tons of paper during my printing experience but have never seen paper made.

Now (as I write this) the Children's parade is over. From the comment heard everywhere, it was in every respect as much of a success as the first one last year. Everybody, both children and adults, had a good time. It was lots of work for the Gazette staff who looked after the details of organization, and I know from observing the entries that some folks put in many hours preparing some of the things, especially the doll carriages.

One of the prettiest sights to be seen in the country right now is the buckwheat in bloom. I know there are quite a number of fields, but the one which caught my attention was the small one on the Sell farm about five miles south of town. The plants are thick and thus the blooms make almost a mass of solid white over the field.

We had mentioned that a certain Sumner young lady had suddenly become almost a platinum blonde lately. Finally, one of the group spoke up and said: "Yes, I have a niece who is funny that way too."

Do you remember that it was only four years ago that flag pole sitters were all the rage? Remember the chap at Strawberry Point who sat atop the pole most of the summer and stayed there until some cold weather finally drove him down? Remember how many people drove from here to the Point to see the sifter? Doesn't it sound silly and foolish now?

Three co-eds are enrolled in the school of agriculture at Oklahoma A. & M. college.

Hearts of Center 4-H Club Prepares for County Fair

RANDALIA—The Hearts of Center 4-H Club girls met Thursday, August 16, with Lillian and Ruth Arthur as hostess present. Plans and preparations for their fair booth, to be had at the county fair, were made. This was an all day meeting and in the afternoon the demonstration team, Caryl Owen and Margaret Talcott, gave their demonstration. Preparing Old Material for Remodeling. Posters were also made.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Shaulis and son, and Mrs. F. C. Hoar motored to Waterloo Saturday. The latter remained for a longer visit with relatives.

Ed McSweeney of Oelwein and son Edmund McSweeney and daughter of St. Paul, Minn., were Monday dinner guests in the James McSweeney home.

Saturday dinner guests in the Fred McFadden home were Miss Mary Klerlain of Sheridan, Wyo., and her sister, Miss Agnes Klerlain of Lake City, and Mrs. A. J. Homewood of Fayette.

R. B. Stroschein and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stroschein of Hawkeye and sister, Mrs. John Yerous of Arlington were called Saturday morning, to Turtle Lake, Wis., on account of the illness of his mother, who is 88 years old.

Mr. J. B. Turner assisted with the examination of the health girls at the County Health contest held at Fayette Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mahoney and daughter were Tuesday dinner guests in the home of her mother, Mrs. Alice Vargason in Hazleton, in honor of Mrs. Mahoney's birthday.

Mrs. R. B. Stroschein and son and Miss Estella Hummel were Saturday dinner guests in the Alvin Hannaman home near Eldorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holmes and three children left Thursday afternoon for a visit in the home of her mother, Mrs. Lee Ackley and husband at Baraboo, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holmes and Clifford Hull picnicked at Auburn Sunday and attended the Wesleyan Methodist church in the afternoon, where the latter preached the sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Chapman and son, and Mrs. Roy Hallquist picnicked at the West Union fair grounds Sunday.

Clifford Miner and son of Cedar Rapids were Saturday visitors of his mother, Mrs. S. A. Miner and his aunt, Mrs. Jesse Mabon.

Mrs. Roy Heyer and son were week end guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gehring near Wadena.

Mrs. Ina Llewellyn of Sumner spent Thursday with her sister, Mrs. D. N. Austin and family.

Miss Etta Donat of Toledo spent the week end in the Marion Donat home. She went from there to visit in the C. Schrader home in Hawkeye.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cunliffe of Strawberry Point were Sunday evening visitors in the M. R. Clark home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Donat were week end guests in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Herbert Temple and family at Waverly.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Grant and Helen Van Sickle are spending a week in Denver, Colo.

Fred Bacon and son, Wayne Rizer, P. E. Bushman, Noel Bacon, Clair Sprague and Gerald Davis attended the ball game featuring the Texas Black Spiders at Fayette Saturday, W. B. Hall and son, C. T. Hall and Tim Mahoney and J. C. Bird watched the Spiders play at Oelwein Sunday.

Miss Rosemarie Brewer and brother of Tripoli and Miss Mable McIntyre of Sumner were Sunday guests in the Rev. Doss home.

Miss Ruby Trager left Sunday for Cedar Rapids after a two weeks' vacation in the D. B. Bronn home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Binning and children were week end guests in the home of his brother R. W. Binning and family near Greeley. They enjoyed a birthday surprise dinner in the latter's honor on Sunday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Keck and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Binning, all of Coesburg, Mr. and Mrs. Rueben Rolfe and children of Lamont, Donald Metka of Waterloo, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Binning and daughter of Onieda, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Binning and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Binning and children of

Greeley, Mr. and Mrs. Orin Lillibridge, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Koenke and son of near Greeley. Picnic dinner was served at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Bratt and children attended a family reunion in the home of her mother, Mrs. D. Gletty north of Randalia Sunday in honor of her granddaughter, Mrs. Roy Bauges and husband of Slouse City. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Woods and family and the former's father and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kane, all of near Oran, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gletty and family, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Saltzgeber, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Knox, all of Hawkeye, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Green and family of Arlington and Miss Viola Lawver of Fayette.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fetrow and daughter were week end guests in the home of their son Everett and family at Eagle Grove and also visited relatives at Tama. Their son, Donald returned home with them after spending the summer at Eagle Grove.

Benita Briggs visited from Wednesday until Saturday in the Charles Pinch home at Waverly. She accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Pinch to Cedar Falls Friday.

Mrs. George Morf returned Saturday from Baltimore and will visit a few days in the B. S. Bronn home.

Miss Florence Bronn spent the past week with friends in Des Moines.

P. S. Clow returned Sunday evening after a week spent with relatives at Madrid.

Clair Binning spent several days the past week in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Watt at Fayette.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cummings and daughters of Maynard and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kohls were Sunday dinner guests in the Roland Cummings home in honor of the latter's wedding anniversary and the latter's wife's birthday.

Mrs. John Shafer and daughter, Hazel Cave of Pittsburg, Kan., were Monday visitors in the T. E. Hockert home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Llewellyn and daughter attended the Illinois picnic held Sunday at the Oelwein park. About 100 were present.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McNaull and daughters attended a family reunion Saturday at Traer. Mrs. McNaull remained until Monday to visit with relatives.

Mrs. C. J. Miner and two children of Cedar Rapids were week end guests of her sister, Mrs. W. C. Llewellyn and family.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Hockert were hostesses Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Proctor and son of near Fayette, and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Clark and two daughters of Cedar Rapids.

Mrs. Clara Bennington of Waterloo and Miss Tenny of Volga City were

Sunday visitors in the S. W. Rubyor home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jarchow returned Monday from a two weeks' visit with relatives at Canby, Minn., and Powell and Phillip, S. Dak. Mrs. Jarchow's father, L. W. Conates accompanied them to Dakota and from there he left for his home at Sunny-side, Wash. They were dinner guests one day in the W. B. Clark home at Reading, Minn. Mrs. Clark was recently a resident of Randalia.

A. W. Peterson of Kansas City, Mo., was a Tuesday overnight and Wednesday guest in the John Petersen home.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dusenburg and her mother, Mrs. Johnson of Oakwood, Texas, were Thursday evening visitors in the Clint Shafer home.

Wesley Shaulis returned Monday from Harmon, Ill., from a two weeks visit in the Chester Shaulis home and attending the Century of Progress.

Mr. and Mrs. James McSweeney and family, together with other relatives, picnicked at Wadena Sunday.

When Barney Ross, lightweight champion, was asked by an interviewer to name his favorite movie stars he nominated two men.

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