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NOTES & NEWS

WILLA CATHER SEMINAR

The second week-long national seminar treating Willa Cather and her fiction will be held in Hastings and Red Cloud, Nebraska, 19-25 June 1983. Speakers will include Marilyn Arnold, James E. Miller, Jr., John J. Murphy, Mona Pers, Patricia Yongue, Lucia Woods, and others. Academic credit for participation on both the undergraduate and graduate levels is available through University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Sessions will be held at Hastings College and in buildings associated with Cather in Red Cloud. For more information contact Viola Borton, Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial and Education Foundation, 326 North Webster, Red Cloud, NE 68970.

FRIENDS OF THE CENTER

The Friends of the Center for Great Plains Studies is an organization consisting of persons with a special interest in the Center's purposes and programs. The Friends have demonstrated a special concern for the Center's Collection of Western Art. A variety of membership categories are available. All memberships include a subscription to *Great Plains Quarterly* and a discount on books purchased from the University of Nebraska Press.

Members are also invited to special previews, dinners, and receptions in connection with the exhibitions in the Center's art collection. Memberships are tax deductible. For more information, contact Jon Nelson, Curator, 205 Love Library, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68588-0475.

L. J. BIBLE DIES

The Center for Great Plains Studies has lost a special friend with the recent death on 10 February 1983 of L. J. Bible. A founder and active member of the Friends of the Center for Great Plains Studies, Bible was especially active in supporting the Center's Collection of Western Art, to which he and Mrs. Bible donated several paintings. He was the author of an article describing the collection; it has been reprinted as an introductory guide.

CENTER RECEIVES STARCH PAPERS

The Center for Great Plains Studies recently received the papers of Elmer Arnold Starch, who died in 1982. A major figure in the agricultural history of the Great Plains, Starch was an associate of M. L. Wilson at Montana State University and assisted in the formulation of federal farm policy in the 1930s.

Starch moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1938 and participated in the organization of the Northern Great Plains Council. In the post-World War II era he was especially active as an agricultural advisor to a variety of countries, including Turkey, Indonesia, Tunisia, Morocco, and several Latin American governments.

The Starch papers are housed with other collections of documents in the Center's quarters in Love Memorial Library at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Inquiries regarding their use should be directed to Jon Nelson, Curator.