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Farmers More Prosperous

It is an obvious cheerful fact that the farmers of Nebraska and of the entire United States for that matter are more prosperous than they used to be. Figures compiled by the agricultural bureaus prove that. Better farm markets have produced larger incomes and the hard working farmers of the nation are beginning to make a profit commensurate to a degree, at least, with their investment and labor.

That does not mean, of course, that the farmer is getting rich. There are a few farmers in various states, including Nebraska, who have become wealthy after years of careful planning and incessant effort, but there are only a few. The vast majority consider themselves fortunate if they can make a good living and, perhaps, put a little money in the bank every year.

The improved financial condition of the American farmer and rancher is in striking contrast to his status in days gone by. It is a well-known fact that, as a class, the farmers of the nation have been grossly underpaid in the past. Farming is the most strenuous, exacting and hazardous kind of an occupation. It requires a high degree of intelligence, a good education, skill, business ability, patience and no end of hard work and even then success is by no means assured. Every farmer is beset by hazards such as hail, drouth, insects, etc., which may sweep away all his profits in a very short time.

The farmers of Nebraska have had a hard struggle during relatively recent years. Farm prices were low, skilled labor was scarce, materials were high, there were seasons of blighting heat, drouth and grasshoppers and agriculture was a discouraging, uphill occupation. In years gone by, it was a depressing sight to drive through the country and observe some of the poor, run down farms and shabby buildings. There were many successful prosperous farmers, of course, but there were also some unsuccessful and indigent ones. And, as a matter of fact, not a few went bankrupt, were forced to sell out, and move away.

That was a dark picture in the history of Nebraska farming, but the picture is brighter now. More scientific methods, better education, improved markets, higher prices, increased demand and various other factors have all contributed to augment the farmers' income. The average farmer is not getting rich, but he is getting ahead. He receives a good price for his crops and he and his family are compensated for their work and self sacrifice. And nobody, The Frontier believes, will begrudge the farmer whatever prosperity he is enjoying at the present time. If anybody deserves prosperity, he does.

It is scarcely necessary to point out that agriculture is not only an essential industry, but also basic. It lies at the very foundation of our national economy. When the farmer prospers, everybody else prospers for his wealth is literally dug out of the earth. The farmer really produces something and the whole world shares in the results of his labor.

But not only are farmers more prosperous now than they used to be, that increased prosperity, it is predicted by the experts, is to continue. The July issue of *Successful Farming* contains the optimistic forecast by the Bureau of Agriculture Economics of the U. S. Department of Agriculture that "the prospect for American agriculture over the next quarter-century is relatively good."

This prediction is based on five points as follows:
First, farmers are better off financially.
Second, present stocks of farm products are low.
Third, population is expected to increase 20 percent.
Fourth, better tools and methods of farming will continue to boost output per worker in both industry and agriculture.
Fifth, a fair level of business activity is expected.

The August 23 issue of *Life* magazine features an article, "Revolution on the Farm," by that well-known reporter and author, John Dos Passos. So timely and interesting has *The Frontier* found the article that on page 3-B in this issue "Revolution on the Farm" is reviewed.

Thus, in the *Successful Farmers* forecast of a brighter future for the farmer and in *Life's* finding vacant houses on farms indicating success rather than poverty, *The Frontier* feels that the lean old days of American agriculture are over—notwithstanding the catastrophes the worst pessimists can find to talk about. Lips learn to lisp is not "papa" or "mamma," but "Hi."

Back to School

This is a Back to School edition. Within a few days thousands of our children will be trekking towards their classrooms here at home, some for the first time; hundreds of our young men and women will be seeking higher learning in colleges and universities across the land, some of these students will be culminating their formal educational careers.

The pre-school days are punctuated with shopping excursions, registrations and last-minute odds-and-ends. Scores of lively O'Neill merchants are appealing to the youthful shoppers with messages in this issue of *The Frontier*.

The pre-school days for school officials in recent years have been hectic days. Officials have been plagued by teacher shortages and other obstacles that are attributed to our wartime dislocations. But somehow things have a way of righting themselves, the schools usually open on schedule, teachers are in their places and all is orderly.

O'Neill has two old-established, very fine educational institutions. Their high caliber has gained recognition throughout the Nebraska and neighboring states. St. Mary's academy, for example, usually attracts boarding pupils from a half-dozen states. These pupils go out into the world and good words about O'Neill and her educational systems go with them.

Yearly the prestige of both the O'Neill public school and St. Mary's academy gains; yearly the enrollments increase; yearly they grow in stature and importance.

The Frontier feels that O'Neill citizens can well be proud of its fine school systems. At this Back to School season of the year, let us take time to appraise the value of these schools and share with the pupils, the teachers and the officials the spirit of the season, their problems and their joys.

There must be money in the washing powder business, judging from the number of brands on the market. We who are in the advertising business enjoy the maneuvering that makes a new soap a best-seller overnight with well-directed and well-planned advertising campaigns.

Flags at half mast again. The body of another brave American soldier who died in action overseas being laid to rest with military honors.

Just a small fraction of the billions spent for the destructive ends of war would assure prosperity and plenty for everybody.

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LEATHERNECKS HAVE TWIN REVIEWERS . . . Roger and Bobby Ehrler, 6-year-old twins, nattily uniformed and resplendent in glittering brass, are shown reviewing the Brooklyn marines of the 14th signal company just before they sailed on the USS Mount Olympus for a 2-week intensive summer training period. The twins, who hail from Jamaica, L. I., are unofficial mascots of the marine company.

Prairieland Talk —

Is Young America Better Equipped Than Old America to Face Troubled World?

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN — Youth's meetings are being held throughout the country. At these gatherings signs indicate, and ushers enforce it, that youth take the front and oldtimers the back seats. Mother and dad, grandfather and grandmother find more and more that they now are being relegated to the back seat. They are willing. Take over youngsters and see what you can do.

There are regrets, regrets that cast a shadow. Here it is from the hands of a generation receding from the picture a world loaded with trouble.

Is young America any better equipped than old America to shake a defiant fist and wade in? Not if what one speaker told an audience of youth.

Standards — mental, moral and physical — are now such for government, navy, military and air service that from 50 to 60 percent of the youth fall short. But maybe there are enough with the other 50 percent to carry on the show. The rest can help out as plodders and clodhoppers.

The sister sitting in the front row now was fascinated with a patch on the preacher's chin that bobbed up and down as his reverend talked. At the conclusion of a lengthy discourse her curiosity had reached such a pitch that she went to the preacher and asked why the patch on his chin.

"Well," replied the cleric, "you see I was concentrating on my sermon while shaving and cut myself."
 "The next time you had better concentrate on shaving and cut the sermon," said the sister.

Science has been toying with the idea of putting a finger on the mystery of life and finds itself baffled. "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life." That is as much as we will ever know about it. Life comes from the source of life, the finite out of the infinite. And to begin with, is the secret of life our proper study or what to do with the life that has been breathed into man's nostrils?

Those modest Russians claim to have invented everything from the electric light to the submarine. No doubt Father Adam was a Muscovite.

The empty apartments in the city indicate that the "housing shortage" ballyhoo has been more or less over done.

By dropping the letter "o", which was not in the typewritten copy into a word and omitting the letter "a" that was in the original, the harassed operator made "course" out of "curse" and "hunt" out of "haunt."

Curse—to wish evil to. When the Lord thy God hath brought you in unto the land whither thou goest to possess it, thou shalt put the blessing upon mount Gerizim and the curse upon mount Ebal.—Deut. 11:29.

Substituting "course" for "curse" in this clause would be meaningless. Course—method of procedure, a road or track. Haunt—to hover about; hunt, looking for something. A letter inserted or a letter omitted brings out a different word and will change or destroy the sense of the written clause.

No legal technicalities involved in this incident to jeopardize title to property or send anyone to jail.

The American worker buys with 1 hour's earnings food or clothing for which the Russian worker must labor 15 hours to earn enough to buy the same amount. And any who may be looking longingly toward the Reds here are some of the conditions in that land of promise: A Russian citizen can not own land, choose his own job, absent himself from work, have a trial by jury; he can not strike, picket, employ labor, travel, own jewelry or make friends with foreigners; free speech, freedom of assembly and freedom of religion are denied him.

The army horse doctors will debray the mules that are going into service abroad. Will the elimination of the mules vocal gymnastics also remove the kick from the rear?

The old fashion camp meeting is no more. The rodeo continues down at Burwell and Bartlett, rodeo and fair at Chambers, Hay Days in Atkinson, and something exciting developing in most towns. None of these will ever have the steady and satisfying elements of the spiritual forces at work in the old time camp meetings.

Inflation having been bestowed upon us under the management of those frustrated gents now ask Republicans to pull them out.

Fancy breeds of saddle horses command a kidnapper's ransom, automobiles are getting into the Pullman car class, and steers are prohibitive in price for going back to ox teams.

Walk west on any street and count houses you pass, 1-2-3-4. When the fifth is reached that is typical of the broken homes in the world today. Latest estimates place the divorce rate 1 out of every 5. The high average may be accounted for by the activities in certain communities where the sacrament of divorce and adultery has become a national disgrace.

August. The city was awakened by the mighty crash of thunder. Lightning cut across the heavens. The wind's powerful hands clutched tree and bush and for a moment these shuddered as if being torn from the solid sod. And then for 3 hours a cooling, refreshing, drenching rain. Fears of a Summer rainless desert across Nebraska were early joyously abandoned.

A western Nebraska county encouraged its biggest industry by rounding up one-third of the cattle for taxation. Well, well, this will never do, says the state board of equalization, and after a trip of the tax commissioner to that county the state board orders the assessors out there to round up the other two-thirds of assessable bovines.

Mrs. Robert L. Osborn, a rural resident of Hitchcock county, has been awarded \$150 U. S. savings bonds for her 500-word essay on the mood subject of curtailing inflation. As we men are not making much headway, shall we not graciously step aside and give the ladies a chance.

The Muscovites better not get the idea that Uncle Sam is afraid of anybody. We are for peace, but not peace at the sacrifice of national honor and human justice. Can you surmise what would happen if there was a Teddy Roosevelt rough rider in the White House?

There are plenty of honest, straight-forward and loyal Americans to select from for government posts. Why pick up the Silvermasters and others suspected of traitorous tendencies and put them into responsible places in government?

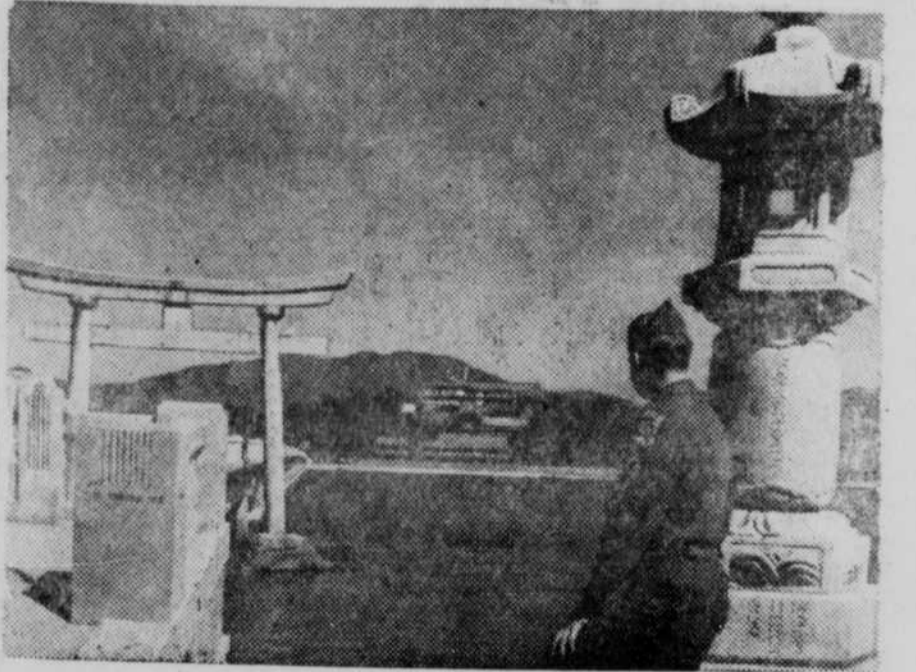
Nebraska's junior senator, Mr. Wherry, has been taken in to the counsels of the Republican candidate for president in formulating a national program as GOP big wigs see the jumbled situation.

An inmate of the Nebraska penitentiary has about as much chance to be released by a state board on habeas corpus as the proverbial snowball in the hot spot.

If attendance at church determines the matter, heaven will be populated with women. And the men? Probably getting what's coming to most of us.

President Truman is sore. He has reason to be. The solid South turned against him and half of our Democratic brethren of the northern latitude are either indifferent to their standard bearer or openly hostile. Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad.

If the figures are reliable savings accounts shrank last year more than 13 billions dollars.



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How times have changed.

Three years ago, when our first victorious combat men left Japan, much of it was a shambles. The Japanese people were so dazed by defeat they didn't know which way to turn. The life of an Army man often had its discomforts.

But look at him today! He's helped to start the rebuilding of Japan, to restore roads and railways, to inspire a tired and hungry people with the hope of Democracy. Under his guiding hand, courts of justice, woman suffrage and freedom of worship have been brought about. In Japan there is only one soldier for every 400 Japanese—the smallest per capita occupation army in the world.

The pay of a Private is 50% higher than three years ago, then another 20% higher overseas. And almost every cent can be banked. None of it goes for food, housing, medical or dental care, clothing, retirement annuity, or the opportunity to continue his education. The Army furnishes him equipment for organized sports. While on leave, he can ski in winter or visit summer resorts at a fraction of what these activities would cost him in the U. S.

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