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**School Days Are Here Again**

School days are here again. Suggestions of the new season are all about us. The weather, of course, is an obvious suggestion, but it is not the only one by any means. There are various others. There is a hum of activity in keeping with the new season, the thought of school is in the air, and the idea is impressed upon us from all sides.

O'Neill newspaper readers, no doubt, noticed a headline in a Nebraska daily recently. It stated that 23 million of the youth of the nation would be returning to school this Fall. That headline was curious in this respect that it was cheerful and reassuring. During the dark years of the war and since, the reading public has become accustomed to startling and frightening headlines, but this one was different. It sounded a note of hope and encouragement.

As a matter of fact, this nation has the greatest educational system in the world and its educational system is one of its greatest assets. Popular education has always been one of the outstanding features of the American way of life and its facilities in that field are unexcelled. In this country, boys and girls not only have the opportunity of attending school and acquiring, at least, a common school education, but they are compelled by law to go to school for a certain number of years.

Education is made easy and attractive, which is a striking contrast to conditions in most of the other countries of the world. In those countries, there are millions of children who never attend school at all and a higher education is unattainable except by the wealthy and privileged classes.

A good deal has been written in the past in regard to the attitude of the children themselves toward the school. Much of this is either false, fictitious or out of date. The popular idea among many people is that pupils are reluctant to resume their studies in the Fall—that, in the words of the poet, they crawl back to school at a "snail's pace," but that is not a fact. The truth is, according to our observation, that the average pupil and the average older student, too, for that matter, has grown tired of vacation by the time it is over and is glad to go back to the classroom.

The fact of the matter is that education has been made so attractive and so alluring in the past few years that boys and girls, as a rule, like to attend school, as do also the older students. It is a far cry from the educational system, ideals and methods of Dickens' day and even of a more recent era to those of today. School days of this era from kindergarten to college are among the happiest of the average individual's life.

One of the most vexatious problems of the present time is juvenile delinquency and the greatest cure of all for juvenile delinquency is the school room. It isn't sufficient, of course, to produce good character—it requires the cooperation of other agencies, such as the home, the church, and the community; but its wholesome atmosphere gives the youngster a good start. Crime never began in a school house.

One of the most obvious suggestions of the return of school days is newspaper advertising. Up-to-date and progressive stores keep step with the times. Their advertising always and accurately reflects the events of the day. Take Christmas, for instance, or Easter or the Fourth of July or any other important event. Each one of them is suggested by timely advertising. You don't need a calendar to tell you what season of the year it is. That is accurately recorded in the newspaper ads.

In this connection, a brief reference might be made to the Back-to-School edition published by The Frontier in the last week of August. It consisted of 18 pages and was crowded with reasonable advertising.

School days are here again and the wonderful transforming process of education is being resumed in schools and higher institutions of learning all over the land. The fruits of balanced education are real and obvious—civilization, culture and character. Man didn't become civilized until he began to be educated; his culture from age to age is the measure of his education and the culmination of the whole process is character. Obviously, other factors are essential; but, without education, there can be no progress and so we hail with joy the return of the good, old school days.

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**A Thief in the Night**

The editor of a small town newspaper explains the loss of the letter "s" from the one machine in the composing room. It went this way: "Lath night thome thneaking thoundrel thtole into our compothing room and thwipped the cabineth containing all the letter eththeth. Therefore, we would like to take advantage of this opportunity to apologize to our readethr for the general inthipid appearance of the newth in the paper. We would altho like to thtate that if at any time in the yearth to come we ththould thee thith dirty thnake in the grath about the premiheth it will be our complete and thorough thaththfathion to thoot him full of koth. Thankth."

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**The Golden Rule**

(John Wesley's Rule)

Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
As long as ever you can.

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How soon are public speakers going to stop using that obnoxious word, "ladies?" Imagine what the public reaction would be if they used the word, "gentlemen," as promiscuously as they do that! What's the matter with the good, old term, "woman?"

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Yes, people live to ripe old age in Nebraska. A recent issue of the World-Herald contained a story about a woman celebrating her 106th birthday anniversary and a man winning dancing honors at 96.

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Washington officials predicted high employment and consumer income would keep people smoking more than ever; and predict higher cigaret prices will keep 'em burning.

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The marriage of a Kansas City, Mo., couple, solemnized on roller skates, may hold up as well as many of the weddings this month which began on a solid footing.

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The new gadget on the market—apparently selling well—makes possible home haircuts, making it unnecessary to be trimmed so often by the barber.

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These are critical days for the corn crop.

**Anybody Wanna Turn Back?**



**Prairieland Talk —**

**Why Not Get Busy with Teams and Scapers and Improve Your Own Roads?**

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN—Nebraska is a body of farm and ranch land 77,520 good square miles in bodily formation. There are 93 countyseat towns and several hundred just towns. About all of these got an idea that they are the "forgotten" community in the matter of state roads.

Nobody is forgotten. Far from that! Because of the howl for state and federal aid it is evident they are all gasping for breath. Not so long ago I lived out in a community of prairieland that fixed its own roads. If these small town commercial clubs would do more work and less petitioning and "demanding" of county boards, the state executive and congress the road problems would fade away.

Counties are divided into road districts and a road overseer is elected in each. In some communities these officials see that the roads are kept up in shape while in others they are neglected and along comes a petition to the statehouse from an irate commercial club demanding that the governor come out there and fix their roads. Why not the people of the various communities get busy with teams and scrapers and bulldozers and put their roads in shape?

Down in the Kansas flat lands stands the ghosts of government building, tall chimneys and acres of concrete. There has been sold to a church group which maintains schools in Nebraska 2 large buildings for \$75. The buildings are being torn down and the material moved to a point in central Nebraska to use in additional building at the school. A man working on the job informs me the material is the very best, and includes motors, wiring, electric fixtures and a lot of useful things beside the lumber.

A half-million dollar military setup is being sacrificed for a song while an army of recruits is being mustered for training, and the rumblings of another armageddon would seem to dictate that the military posts be retained.

The fundamental elements of all things military are waste and destructions, whether represented by roaring guns or abandoned posts. In this instance, a school is getting needed material for the erection of dormitories by the payment of a few dollars, tearing down the buildings and hauling the material to their school property.

A cut of beef as advertised is around 6 bits a pound. In December, 1894, Auctioneer Barney Stewart, and Clerk John Robertson, were the functionaries at a sale in the Minneola country when 4 coming yearlings sold for two-bits each, one buck for the 4. Today, intrinsic value no greater than in 1894, they would bring what—100 each? What makes the difference?

What to do with the big corn crop of eastern Nebraska has become a worry. First, let's get the corn. According to men out on the land a period of hot winds such as fanned Nebraska on August 22 would reduce the quality and the yield materially.

Atkinson invented Hay Days. What are Editor Kelly and Mayor Douglas going to do about Cozad, out beyond Kearney, taking over Hay Day as their special attraction?

The swathy husbandmen of Egypt have been growing grain for centuries sustaining life where earth's oldest civilization began. In Tibet, China, India, all over Asia and Egypt, the soil has been worked since the dawn and sunset gave life to growing things. Men have been growing grain in Nebraska for less than 100 years, and here we are setting up soil conservation boards and dividing counties into districts. Just what these accomplish in agricultural results is anybody's guess. The countryman who knows his trade and manages his farm continues his program of soil management independent of the functioning of officially qualified experts.

A radio spellbinder down at Miami, Fla., solicits takers for his brood of 7 children because he says he can not feed them on an income of \$75 a week. Which causes a Kentucky editor to put in: "With present inflated conditions he could feed, cloth and shelter his family on \$75 a week if he had the making of a man along with his power of reproduction."

At the right-hand side of a printer's type case are compartments where may be found the letter "i" and the letter "f." Put the 2 together and the word "if" is formed. If—the insurmountable barrier between men, the stone wall, solid masonry, of ignorance and prejudices we like to think of as "convictions." Arrogance and insults, the thrust of bayonets and bursting bombs, the tread of marching legions, the grumble and roar of battle and hatreds of earth could be replaced by loving embrace if—Ah, there's the rub!

Looking out of my open door into the night sky the planet Jupiter glows in the southern heavens, slowly moving in celestial majesty toward the western horizon, after midnight disappearing from view. Earth has been touched by the light of a star. Created intelligences of distant planets may wonder as they look down upon us whether some sections of our globe are not under the spell of fallen angels in the form of men.

A new technique in fishing has been developed down on the Blue, where carp are reported plentiful. Fifteen tin cans are sealed water proof, fastened together, hooks attached and put afloat. When the cans are seen to bob like the cork on a fish line boats are used in which to go out and haul in the catch.

Something has happened in the Solid South. This from a Louisiana democratic publication: "Here in the South we would do well to vote for the best man for the job, regardless of party politics. Dewey deserves the opportunity of being President, and more informed opinion believes he will be."

An unnamed senator, to escape the primary scrap in his state, took to the wheat country and got a job operating a combine. The owner of the wheat field thought the senator, who concealed his identity, was so good he raised his pay from 8 to 10 dollars a day. Maybe others of our statesmen would make better farm hands.

Life's satisfactions come not from free handouts but as the reward of individual effort.

Messrs. Truman and Barkley's talk is like the boy whistling in the dark.

**Some Folks Follow Leader Like Ducks**

By A. STOLLER

There is another interesting home across the alley in the neighborhood where the writer lives.

This home is larger and more costly than the one previously referred to and, in addition to the house, yard and garden, there is a large barn. There is also a spacious barnyard and the place is stocked with everything generally found on a farm. These are cows, pigs, geese, ducks, chickens, etc. and even some sleek cats which are evidently kept to hunt the rats and mice. There is a supply of hay and straw in the barn and, as a matter of fact, the place has the appearance of a miniature farm.

The writer goes over to this neighbor's house occasionally to buy milk, cream and eggs and he always stops to watch the activities of the barnyard. They are fascinating.

One morning an amusing sight greeted his eyes as he approached the house. A number of ducks were waddling along through the yard and the writer observed that they were walking in perfect formation. First, came one duck and he was closely followed by several other ducks, all moving in the same direction and all keeping perfect step.

It was a comical and, at the same time, a suggestive sight and it set the writer to thinking.

He wondered first how the lead duck happened to be in the position he was—what qualifications, if any, he had for the honor—and, in the second place, it occurred to him that there are a lot of people in the world who are just like those cute ducks.

They don't have any definite goal of their own, but unintelligently follow some popular leader.

**Test Your IQ**

QUESTIONS

1. What is another name for the Labor-Management Relations Act of 1947?
2. When was the American Red Cross first organized, and who was its first president?



3. What woman athlete won first place in three individual events at the 1948 Olympic Games in London?
4. What portion of the continental United States is forest land?

5. Is there such a thing as vegetable ivory?

ANSWERS

1. This act is known more commonly as the Taft-Hartley law.
2. The American Red Cross was organized in 1881, with Clara Barton as its first president.
3. Mrs. Fanny Blankers-Koen, of Holland, won the women's 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash and 80-meter hurdles. She was also a member of Holland's winning 400-meter women's relay team.
4. About one-third of all the land in the U. S. is in forest.
5. Yes; the fruit of some American tropical plants contains a hard white substance so closely resembling true ivory that it is called vegetable ivory.

**Back to Readin' Writin' and 'Rithmetic**

School bells are again calling the youth of America back to their classrooms. We are reminded of the magnificent job our American educators are doing in helping to mold the characters and lives of our boys and girls. They are making a priceless contribution in the building of a better state and nation.

In another field, too, education helps make Nebraska a better state. Progressive beer retailers are today more anxious than ever to operate their taverns in such a way that the public interest will be protected. They are aided in this by the day to day educational program and inspection service of the Nebraska Division, U. S. Brewers Foundation. This organization, through a complete program of Self-Regulation, also cooperates with public authorities to eliminate bad operations.

This educational program is one which has so proven its worth during 10 years of operation in Nebraska that it has been adopted in a score of other states.

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