

PrairieLand Talk—

Gas Heat Cramps Santa's Style

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LINCOLN—Merry Christmas, happy new year, friends of PrairieLand Talk!



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Another Christmas, another year draws to a close. Have we left a clean record behind or muddled things up along the way?

How does Santa get into our gas heated homes now with no chimney to slide through? Anyway, Merry Christmas one and all!

Down here in and about our Capital City are a few heart-burdened would-be dictators who want to save prairieLand patriots from returning to the "horse and buggy" days by electing a state superintendent of our schools.

A Roman Catholic bishop in Boston deploras this materialistic age and calls upon his church groups to select men of vision to promote spiritual interests.

Editorial—

Wanna Buy a Bridge?

Hordes of Pierce and Knox county farmers and business people converged Tuesday at Wausa to attend a hearing called by the Nebraska highway advisory commission.

Pierce and Knox county folks were good boys when the extra one-cent of gas tax was threatened a few months ago. They went along with the idea of being willing to pay a bit more to get more and better highways.

We are somewhat bemused by the turn of events because fresh in the minds of Holt and Boyd countyans is the lopping off of considerable state highway mileage two years ago—reverting the mileage to the counties for maintenance.

The result of this shuffle is apparent. The people in the areas concerned pay twice. They pay the added cent, hopeful for more and better roads at the state level.

Oh yes, the state highway department manages to find participating money for grandiose super-duper highways, such as Nebraska's 17-million-dollar folly building the interstate through Omaha for the benefit of New York and Hollywood bound transients.

Some of our newspaper publishing friends who were hot for the extra cent gas tax now are beginning to have misgivings—judging from last week's round of editorials and what was said at Tuesday's hearing in Wausa.

During these last few years we have shared with State Sen. Frank Nelson the view that people can't be asked to pay more for reduced services. It's as simple as that. After Holt's state highway system was decreased by 46 miles (one-tenth of the cutback in the entire state) we failed to appreciate the sweet talk surrounding the grand results the added cent would bring.

Wanna help finance the 17-million-dollar Omaha monstrosity . . . and help build a hiny new bridge across the Missouri at Omaha? Then stay silently tuned to the sweet talk—the state capitol line—and you will have contributed something more than your share.

The Fraternity Situation

(Guest editorial from The Blair Pilot-Tribune) We have long harbored a cordial dislike of fraternities and sororities as they presently exist on the campuses of our tax-supported schools.

It is a laugh, indeed, to bend the words out of shape which form the modern versions of fraternities and sororities.

We learned early that fraternities (and, we understand, also sororities) admit applicants on the basis of family background, wealth, type of religion (or lack of it, which seems considered better), and color of skin.

Upon confirming all this we promptly resigned from our own fraternity and from our great mid-west university and continue our studies at a Christian college (Dana).

We have always been happy about that bold decision by a 17-year-old.

Some of our dearest friends, have held that we "don't understand." Oh, yes, we do! We do!

I don't know whether or not the hospitals of the city are now empty and medical men left idle, but a healer has been doing Lincoln in recent days. . . . Inhabitants of earth no longer remain in their native land. One met with today comes from old Egypt, a spot of earth contributing to human history since time began.

A small minded men on a big job is like a pint of water splashing around in a gallon jug.

They came to the door yesterday, two school girls. One of them had a tin can in her hands; the other spoke. They were soliciting the community for nickles and dimes—more if you felt like it—to bring a bit of Christmas cheer to some "less fortunate than you."

Let's go into the cattle business! A white faced steer at the livestock show in Chicago sold for 30-thousand-dollars. I wonder what that Hoosier gal who showed the aristocratic bovine will do with all that cash? Or was it one of those transactions so often pulled off to make a big show—you bid high on mine, I'll bid the same on yours.

Mrs. Roosevelt, in new deal days mistress of the white house, has been to Lincoln with messages for us prairieLand patriots, delivered with the force and eloquence that makes Mrs. FDR the outstanding personage she is. It was a pleasure to the many who saw and heard her.

When You & I Were Young . . . 'Champ of Chase' Bags Four Wolves

Minnesota's Johnson to Oppose Bryan

50 Years Ago Married at Inman: Rev. Benjamin H. Murten and Miss Eva Estel Smith. . . . Frank Bain, "champion of the chase" hereabouts, captured his fourth wolf in the past two weeks. . . . Nebraska's William Jennings Bryan is not going to have everything his own way in a contest for democratic presidential nomination.

20 Years Ago Fred Beckwith of Emmet again was elected chairman of the Holt government farm program (A-CA). . . . Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Carter celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. . . . Top on light butchers' market. . . . Ambrose Rhoads adopted a "doorstep baby" at the Lions club charter activities.

10 Years Ago Three youths were killed in a car-train crash at Clearwater; Donald R. Michael, 21, and Duard Haake, 21, both of Clearwater, and Kenneth Hoels, 20, of Fremont. . . . Charges against Ralph Prill of Page, brought by Police Chief Joe Wert, have been dismissed. . . . Two amendments were added to the city's zoning ordinance. . . . Deaths: Mrs. Dorsey S. Conrad, 72, of Atkinson; Mrs. Fredrick Wefso, 77, of Stuart; Mrs. Louis R. Jones, 53, crash victim in Miles City, Mont., formerly of O'Neill; Cora Johnson, 89, of O'Neill; Mrs. John S. Martfield, 61, of Longmont, Calif.; O'Neill resident until 1942; Daniel J. Cronin, 86, former Holt official and prominent resident, died in Omaha of a heart attack.

One Year Ago Harry R. Smith Implements have purchased the C. E. Lundgren building, formerly Midwest Motor and Ken Benson Motor company locations. . . . Failing eyesight is slowing—but not stopping—Steve Hicks, 86, whose work with wood is a hobby. He made a Ferris wheel. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tomjak are making a tour aboard a navy cruiser—guest of their son, Reed. . . . Leonard Lorenz of Inman now has two artificial arms. . . . Mrs. Catherine Malloy, 82, who factured a hip in a fall, is walking again. . . . Deaths: Ralph L. Butler, 82, formerly of Ewing; Parker Wilson of Franklin, Tenn. frequent Atkinson visitor; Roy Rhodes, 71, of Stuart; Mrs. Lydia Harris, 86, of Neligh, formerly of Chambers; Herman Kormock, 76, of Orchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Marcellus and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Williamson.

Rhythm Band Is Features of Program

PAGE—The Page public school presented the Christmas program Monday at 7:30 p.m., at the school auditorium.

The rhythm band from the primary room, under the direction of Miss Helen Bradlock, presented a medley of Christmas songs. The operetta, "Santa and His Space Ship", was presented by the grades under the sponsorship of Mrs. Fay Taylor and Mrs. Hazel Park.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mahon were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Mahon and Mr. and Mrs. Edna Mahon.

Large Crowd Hears Winter Concert

EWING—The winter concert of the Ewing high school vocal department was presented Thursday evening at the school auditorium, under the direction of Mrs. Maynard Rouse, instructor. Sandra Shradar and Sharon Kropp were the accompanists. A good crowd was in attendance to enjoy the evening's entertainment.

Part I, Mixed chorus: "Now Thank We All Our God"; by Crueger-Goodell; "Song of Home" (tune Finlandia) by O'Reilly-Dickson; "Sundown" (tune Londonderry Air) by Waring; "This is My Country", arranger, Waring; "Smilin' Through", Penn-Stukles; "Bells of St. Mary's" by Furber-Adams.

Part II, Christmas music: Selections by the girls' triple trio, Tamzan Peterson, Lois Kaezor, Ruby Carl, Sherry Tuttle, Roberta McDaniel, Ann Rotherham, Coralie Schmirer, Charlotte Wright, Waunetta Wragge; selections by the boys' quartet: Bill Bauer, Douglas Wulf, Lyle Larson, James Miller; "Star of the East", sung by Miss Sandra Shradar, accompanist, Douglas Shradar; "Cantique du Noel" (original French) by Mrs. Rouse, with Miss Shradar, accompanist.

Part III, selections by mixed chorus: "Happy Wanderer", by Waring; "Ole Ark of a Movin'" by Noble Cair; "Grandfather's Clock" by Work and Wirl; "Sippin' Cider Thru a Straw", by Smale; "Oh Dear, What Can the Matter Be?" folk song; "Dead Old Women" by Davis; "May The Good Lord Bless and Keep You", Wilson and Stickle. Mrs. Rouse was presented a gift by the students.

Choir members of the vocal group are: Sopranos—Tamzan Peterson, Lois Kaezor, Ruby Carl, LaRoyce Blunt, Mary Ann Bauer, Karen Minarik, Thelma Spangler, Bertha Harris, Phyllis Larson, Roberta McDaniel, Sherry Tuttle, Pat Hahlbeck, Joan Larson, Ann Rotherham, Patty Schindler, Gloria Schroeder, Pat Ernesti, Maryetta Peterson, Shirley Wright.

Altos—Evelyn Scholl, Catherine Woslager, Coralie Schmirer, Judy Stamp, Charlotte Wright, Sharon Kropp, Karen Tuttle, Bette Schindler, Vivian Wright, Lorraine raine Bartos, Beverly Rotherham. Baritone—Robert Tuttle, John Minarik, Wayne Turner, Bill Bauer, Richard Woslager, James Miller, Douglas Wulf, Lyle Potter, Stanley Bartos, Douglas Shradar, Ronald Mott, Gary Eacker, Donald Hawk, Lyle Larson, Jerry Jefferies, Owen Schmidt.

Mrs. Irven Held Help U President

VENUS—Mrs. Frances Boelter entertained the Help U club at her home on Wednesday, December 4, with 14 members and one visitor, Mrs. Paul Baker of Omaha, present.

Walnut meats were picked out for the hostess. Officers for 1958 were elected: Mrs. Irven Held as president, Mrs. Sidney Faulhaber, vice-president; and Mrs. Francis Boelter, secretary-treasurer.

Eight members with the most absences entertained at the club Christmas party which was held at the Mrs. Irven Held home on Wednesday, December 18.

Mrs. Matschullat received the door prize. The hostess served luncheon at the close of the afternoon.

Twenty-four attended the oyster supper and card party given by the club at the Page Improvement club on Tuesday, December 3.

At cards, Junior Finch and Mrs. Otto Matschullat received high; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Boelter, low. Traveling prizes were awarded to Mrs. Francis Boelter and Kenneth Waring, Mrs. Ebel Waring and Clarence Finch received the door prizes.

Other Venus News Mrs. Paul Baker left for her home at Omaha on Sunday, December 8, after spending since Thanksgiving at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Faulhaber. Mr. Baker attended a convention at Lincoln during the time.

Over the November 30 weekend Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Finch helped their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Suffice, of Winnetoon, move to Shelton, where the former has employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Finch were Ewing visitors on Monday, November 2.

The work on the dams on the Ralph Brookhouse farm were finished on Monday, December 2.

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 3 and 4, they worked on the dams at the Sidney Faulhaber farm. Harry Smith and crew are doing the work.

Wayne Boelter and Leonard Boelter were working on the Middlebranch phone lines.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry P. Brookhouse of Battle Creek spent Sunday, December 1, at the Ralph Brookhouse home.

O'NEILL LOCALS Mr. and Mrs. Bob Utterbach of Orchard were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Miller. Evening callers were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kellner and Lynn. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Minar were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ohde of Atkinson. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Pat Krumm of Atkinson and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dobrovoly of Stuart.

Mr. and Mrs. George Morlang and family were Sunday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abie Morlang, of Ainsworth.

Warranty Program Offered Car Buyers

A warranty program that will protect used car buyers for a full year against the costs of repair or replacement of major mechanical parts was announced this week by Henry Lohaus of the Lohaus Motor company.

Mr. Lohaus said the inspection and guaranty program will be administered by the Car Warranty corporation, a newly-formed company associated with universal CIT Credit corporation, the nation's largest independent automobile finance company.

The warranty, Mr. Lohaus said, will guarantee that the car, under normal usage, will require no replacements for a full year to the engine, standard or automatic transmission, rear axle, clutch, steering, brakes, universal joints or water pump. The plan is available for passenger cars of the current year's model or any of the three preceding years.

Lohaus Motor company feels that used car buyers should be able to purchase automobiles that are sound mechanically. Mr. Lohaus also stated, "under this new warranty program we can now offer the used car buyer the same protection available to new car buyers."

The value of such a warranty, Mr. Lohaus said, is illustrated by the average costs of repairs covered. An average engine overhaul, he pointed out, costs more than \$200. The overhaul of an automatic

transmission could amount to more than \$150, rear axle repairs would average \$60 and replacement of steering mechanism parts would average about \$40, he said.

Going to Iowa— Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Kruse expect to leave Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Van Every and boys in Perry, Ia., and her mother, Mrs. Anna Dahl, and other relatives in Swea City, Ia.

Feted on Anniversary— Mr. and Mrs. Ward Smith and family were guests-of-honor in celebration of their 25th anniversary Sunday at Akron, Ia., in the home of relatives. They returned to O'Neill Monday.

Advertisement for Dr. H. D. Gildersleeve, Optometrist, located at the corner of 4th & Douglas, O'Neill, Nebr. Office hours: 9-5. Eyes Examined—Glasses Fitted Monday Thru Saturday.

Advertisement for Christmas Trees, Now on Sale! Former Council Oak Building, Downtown O'Neill. All Sizes—Buy Now! Under auspices of AMERICAN LEGION POST 93.

Large advertisement for Eureka vacuum cleaners. Features: Save \$19.95, TO INTRODUCE THE NEW EUREKA GOLDEN CROWN, MODEL 960 Super Roto-Matic VACUUM CLEANER WITH POWERFUL NEW 1 H.P. MOTOR. Includes a list of features like Hassock Chest TV-Bench, Free! no extra charge, and a special low price of \$49.95.

Large advertisement for Ford cars. Headline: PRICES ARE DOWN on popular 58 CUSTOM 300 and FAIRLANE models. Price tag: UP TO \$130 LESS. Ford Dealers are out to maintain sales leadership nationally. YOU'LL BE SORRY IF YOU DON'T SEE US NOW! SPECIAL DISCOUNT on deliveries prior to December 31st. LOHAUS MOTOR CO. FOURTH & FREMONT, O'NEILL, NEBR.