

Prairie Talk

'Experts' Roam State, Fix Values

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LINCOLN—Maybe as a product of the seed sown by the "experts" who went about the state from county-to-county telling the homefolks what their real estate should be valued at for taxation delegations from various counties are meeting at the statehouse in Lincoln wrangling over the valuations.

Governor Anderson uses the milder word "discussion," but it means the same thing. Of the 17 counties participating in the "discussions" on August 1, Garfield and Wheeler counties were represented by delegations. Holt county had been invited to participate by sending a delegation but ignored the gathering to expound the wisdom of the wise relative to the findings and conclusions of the experts.



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Nebraskans heretofore managed their affairs without experts to be paid out of public funds. Now the city of Lincoln called in another group of experts from an eastern university to tell how to organize the police force. Their conclusions include a dip into the nearly 17-million-dollar budget for increases in pay for the men assigned to guard the peace and dignity of the community.

A few years ago the experts were here telling how to run the city buses.

Where are Tom Dewey, Colonel Lindberg, Sam McKelvie, Joe Lewis? . . . A gent down at Hastings takes up a column of space in a state newspaper demanding that the world shall know he parks by the highway that carries the most traffic in Nebraska. Streets, highways and roads everywhere are crowded to capacity with traffic—this to the Adams county patriot has become the important problem, overshadowing world peace and the visit of a delegation of Muscovite "agriculturists" to prairie land. . . . The ladies have adopted wide flaring skirts, maybe next the hoopskirt of our grandmothers. The other extreme a generation ago was introduced in O'Neill by Mrs. C. E. Hall, who ventures forth in the new togs, took a tumble and all but broke her neck. . . . A farm woman of a community near Lincoln tells us they have had to sell their cattle as the pasture is dried up and they have no feed for the stock. Southeast Nebraska has been scorched under a blazing sun all through July. Those returning from vacationing in the West report the Platte valley country robed in velvet green. . . . The Russian farm delegation arrived in Lincoln the morning of August 1, looked the capitol city over and ventured out around Columbus. The day previous some of them flew from Omaha to Cherry county for a look at sandhills cattle herds.

Nebraska's two senators doubtless have the approval of the homefolks for opposing that two billion some hundreds of million dollar foreign aid measure. Foreign aid. All lands have been on the map for centuries beyond 1876 and if the people of those lands have not yet acquired the capacity to root hog or die they better be getting busy.

Editorial

Every Shot Helps

A point which should make every parent feel better is that every Salk polio shot helps protect all children all over America. Of 20 children in a neighborhood, let us say, Johnny is the one to get a shot this week. But if Johnny has turned up with polio this week, instead of with protection, every child he played with, or rode in a bus with or sat next to at Sunday-school or church would also be exposed. Johnny is not going to give polio to any of those children. Tomorrow Susie will get her shot. Another six or eight children who might get it from her will not get it. They share her protection.

Multiply that protection over the country and it is easy to see that with the very first shots protection begins to work. It spreads with the new shots as fast—probably much faster—than the disease is likely to spread.

So there's no occasion for worry because Johnny gets it and Jane does not get hers for a few weeks. Three-year-old Kathy is in no greater danger than before because six-year-old sister, Libby, got hers and Kathy didn't. On the contrary, Kathy is safer than before, because Libby got hers.

Patience is a virtue of virtues today. Protection is not only coming. To some extent it is already here.

Is Private Power Evil?

Private rather than public development of water power in Hells canyon has been approved by the federal power commission. FPC granted a 50-year license to Idaho Power company to build three dams on a hundred-mile stretch of the Snake river along the Idaho-Oregon border.

Almost automatically came the blasts from the public power advocates. Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) termed the FPC action "just another example of the fact that this administration waits until congress is away to unhook its special interests packages."

Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) said the matter is far from settled. "When this battle is over the people's interests will prevail." Sen. Warren Magnuson (D-Wash.) said, "This ruling is a complete sellout of God-given resources to the private power body." There were similar statements from the usual people.

For many years the public power crowd has tried by constant repetition of old refrains to put over the idea that they alone are on the side of the angels, that "the people" are entitled to the cheaper power which federal ownership can bring, and that private utility firms are heartless seekers of huge profits.

The Minneapolis (Minn.) Star points out that first of all, the utility companies aren't closely held corporations operating for the profit of a few wealthy persons. Their stockholders in the aggregate number millions of individuals. Insurance companies, pension funds and educational institutions own substantial holdings in utility firms. Such investments have the highest approval because the companies are well run, subject to much regulation.

An Inexcusable Tragedy

Even in an age of atomic weapons there is no reason why the penalty for an error of navigation should be death by shooting. Certainly not for all the 58 persons aboard a commercial airliner, as in the case of the Israeli passenger craft sent down in flames by hasty Bulgarian anti-aircraft gunners. The tragic incident calls insistently for a rectification by Soviet-bloc nations of their trigger-happy habits toward aircraft which stray innocently over or near their boundaries. The Bulgarian government has expressed its "deep regret" at the disaster. Even indemnities cannot restore lives.

The Chinese communist government agreed to pay damages for the loss of 10 persons on a

News, Views and Gossip

By THE EDITOR

Joyous Occasion

Dark and brooding clouds had gathered in the eastern skies (of all places!) for several hours last Thursday afternoon. Finally, slashes of lightning pierced the sky, the thunder rolled on, and the heavens opened up with rain.

It was a joyous occasion because this signalled the end of a miserable fortnight during which the torrid sun had baked the pastures, wilted the corn and dried up the lawns and gardens. And most of the nation was sweltering.

The rain had been falling for 10 or 15 minutes, the South Fourth street storm gutters were running brimful. The storm was still in progress and from horizon-to-horizon we could see nothing but rainclouds. We were so elated we picked up the telephone and called Ed Stapowich, the U.S. weather bureau chief at Omaha. We thanked him for the rain.

Stapowich took the call in stride and was happy to learn that somebody, at least, was getting rain.

It was Stapowich who drove through O'Neill back in May, stopped off at The Frontier office, got himself out on a limb by declaring "the sandhills area will get general rain in just a few days."

On the morning of the fourth day, Mr. Stapowich called from Omaha. "How much rain did you get?" he queried.

Big Ed obviously was pleased that he had hit the mark on the head. "Are you happy?" he asked.

The spring season had been dry hereabouts and the May 17 rain, heralded in advance by Mr. Stapowich's weather gadgets and scientific training, broke the drought. For the ensuing two weeks the rains came almost daily.

Heat Wave Broken

Back to our phone conversation with Mr. Stapowich last Thursday afternoon. Big Ed declared the blistering punishment was over; that a cold front moving down from the north would touch off numerous showers on a line extending from Denver, Colo., into Minnesota. Taylor (west of Burwell) was clobbered with a seven-inch deluge, and showers fell all along the imaginary line.

While the skies were emptying over O'Neill and a good-sized chunk of the O'Neill territory was being watered, conversation with Stapowich drifted to different weather talk.

Big Ed has just completed a weather-wise house in Omaha. His house is perched on a hill, taking advantage of prevailing winds, shutting out the sun's hottest rays, ventilating through a cavernous culvert-type opening at the bottom of the hill. Air is drawn through the ground (which is deep in the ground), sent up into the house where the warm air is exhausted. A 20-degree differential means that Stapowich's "Weather-ing Heights" is air-conditioned mother nature's way.

Pencil Needed

Stapowich lampooned the artificial rain-making schemes being tried.

"If cloud-seeding were feasible," Stapowich declared, "the U.S. weather service would be in it up to our neck."

"We get some screwy requests," he continued. "The other day some people came to me with a plan supposedly based on elementary physics. The people reasoned that since cold air lingered close to the ground, why couldn't the entire city of Omaha be air-conditioned mechanically, the temperature lowered 20 degrees, and the cold air be kept from escaping by reason of hills, Missouri river, etc."

Stapowich pondered the delegation's questioning for a few moments, called for a sharpened pencil and began figuring. Finally he said to the do-gooders:

"I believe the city of Omaha could be air-conditioned—every

Royal Theater

O'NEILL, NEBR.—

Thurs. Aug. 11. The air force called it "Operation Deep Freeze" but this handful of heroes who lived it called it "hell!"

TOP OF THE WORLD Starring Dale Robertson, Evelyn Keyes, Frank Lovejoy with Nancy Gates, Paul Fix, Robert Arthur.

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home, all office buildings, every factory, each street and every cowpen at the stockyards. But it'll take 1,572,669,431 one-ton air-conditioning units to do the job; or the energy equivalent to three or one-half atom bombs."

The delegation wiped perspiring brows and trudged away. Throughout the conversation about "Weather-ing Heights," cloud-seeding, air conditioning and atom bombs the rain continued to fall at O'Neill.

Big Ed said: "We're forecasting showers for Omaha and vicinity tomorrow. If it rains here, I'm going to call you!"

—CAL STEWART

Ed Whalen Returns from British Isles

'America Is Best Place on Earth'

50 Years Ago

An old settlers' picnic is being arranged for in the Blackbird country in a fine grove on William Kaczor's place, 18 miles north of O'Neill. . . . Attorney Ed. H. Whelan returned from a three-months' trip to the British Isles. Ed says his travels have convinced him that America is the best country on earth, and its people the most agreeable. . . . The Frontier and the Nebraska Farmer of Lincoln have arranged to conduct a piano, gold watch and scholarship contest.

The voting will be on subscription money paid to The Frontier. You may vote for any lady in Holt county and we want several young ladies to enter the contest. . . . State Sen. Dimery of Beaver Crossing was in the city. The senator had business in this region and while up this way came on to O'Neill to visit with his old friend, J. A. Cowperthwaite.

20 Years Ago

At the regular meeting of the city council, a paving district was created of the two blocks on Fourth street north of Douglas, and it was decided to pave these two blocks at once. . . . The Women's Christian Temperance Union elected Elsie Johnson president and Mrs. Lucy Leach as vice-president. . . . Judge R. B. Dickson returned home from a two-weeks' visit at the home of his brother at Osage, Ia. . . . Russel Bowen and Miss Wilma Dell Smith were united in marriage at Crookston, Minn. . . . John Baker was in Chambers for minor surgery. . . . Two clever baseball nines which could be called the Scrawny Eyd

Scrigelets and the Scridgy Eyd Scrawnets, boys around 10 or so, played at the fair grounds. One nine was composed of Capt. Duke Kersenbrock, Paul Kubitschek, Howard Graves, G. Hammond, Don Loy, Jack Hartly and Bill O'Connell. On the other team were Meredith McKenna, Jerry Toy, Clayton Powell, Red Stuart, Hold Calkins, Jack Morrison and Francis Gunn.

10 Years Ago

Apprentice Seamen Gene Street-er, George Janousek, James Golden and George Bosn, who are all stationed at the navy training station at Great Lakes, Ill., managed to get together for a 45-minute chat. . . . The Bell Bros. circus, which takes great pride in its cleanliness of performance, will be in O'Neill. . . . A large crowd attended the wedding of Norma Jean Derickson and Elroy Arthur Lieb. . . . Arlan Tangeman of Chambers had the end of the middle finger cut off while working with hay machinery. . . . Miss Vi Eidenmiller left for Denver, Colo., where she will visit her sister and other relatives. . . . Mrs. Ruby Skelton, 67, died Wednesday at her home following a paralytic stroke.

One Year Ago

Rev. Ernest Smith is the new pastor of Christ Lutheran church in O'Neill and St. Paul's Lutheran church in Atkinson. . . . Walter Kruse is recovering from injuries received while repairing his car at the Bill Alm place near Redbird. . . . Oscar R. Kirschke, 75, retired architectural engineer now residing in San Diego, Calif., revisited scenes of his childhood, having been away from Holt county for 65 years. . . . Stanley Huffman of Deloit was elected senior vice-commander of the state American Legion convention held in Omaha. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Tomlinson, well-known O'Neill couple, marked their 58th wedding anniversary. . . . The

Birthday club entertained at a covered dish picnic dinner at the home of Mrs. O. W. French.

HOME ON LEAVE

ATKINSON — T/Sgt. Richard Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Baker of Atkinson, is home on a 45-day leave after returning recently from Japan. He will be stationed in Germany after leaving here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Moss and

daughters, Lou and Mrs. Harry Lampert, and granddaughter, Janet Lampert, went to Park Rapids, Minn., Saturday for a week's vacation.

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