

Prairieland Talk

Raise Weeds, Collect from Uncle

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LINCOLN — Soil bank—what's that? In understandable terms it means that Farmer Jake let that south 40 go to weeds this season and Uncle Sam will pay Jake up to 70 percent of the value of the crop that it does not raise this year.

And where does Uncle Sam get the dough to hand out while you loaf? It comes from Joe Blow, Bankers Cronin and Gallagher, from Max Golden, the Outlaw, the Council Oak, Shelhamer and all other business concerns as well as from artisans and toiling men and women everywhere.

Has that now become the American way of life that had its start upon the principle that all men are created equal, that none was favored above another by the federal powers? With respect to soil banks, there are Farmer Jakes who feel as a neighbor of mine down in Swan precinct, the redoubtable Bill Carpenter, did. He said he didn't vote for the new deal but if they were passing out the cash he would extend an eager hand to get a share of it.



Romaine Saunders

Mrs. Nebraska, Miss Nebraska—a hangover from our primitive ancestors' love of royalty. Who assumes to look out across prairieland and from the thousands of matrons and maids point to one and say, "She's it?"

A letter comes to Prairieland Talker from Mr. and Mrs. D. Segelman of Seattle, Wash., which, while a personal message, has much of interest to prairieland readers. Nebraska holds cherished memories for our Seattle friends as it does for others who for various reasons have gone to other states. The letter follows:

Dear Friend: When The Frontier arrives we turn to your column first—as we have been doing for years. You have kept us transplanted Nebraskans in closer touch with our beloved state. Sometimes your articles bring back many happy memories. I recall being a guest in the William Jennings Bryan home with an aunt, who was a friend of Mrs. Bryan.

I wanted to grow to be just like Ruth Bryan. She was my guiding star. She was a very strong individualist. Her father was an orator with forceful eloquence.

George Norris was a lifelong friend of my father and mother. To refer to one of your recent articles: You are so right about this being a tuneless generation. Much of today's music mirrors the noisy, mixed up, troubled times in which we are living. You took us on a trip down memory lane telling of sweet songs of old friends.

Speaking of sweet music, did you ever hear Mike Kirwin sing? His wife, Irene, and I were close friends dating back before she married Mike. We are looking forward to seeing her again in California.

Many times your articles tell of old friends passing on and our hearts are saddened. At such times it is good for us—the living—to rededicate ourselves to being more thoughtful along life's way.

Your Seattle friends,
—D. SEGELMAN
MRS. SEGELMAN

I was one of the throng that sat for nearly two hours and heard the horrifying story of the speaker who had been for three dreary years a prisoner of the Japanese in the Philippines when Nipon started out to subjugate the people of earth, taking over adjacent islands and countries as a starter, but went too far when they reached a hand to Hawaii. It is unbelievable that human beings could conceive and carry out the inventions of torture inflicted on their victims by the Japs. One of the many outbursts of barbaric cruelty was for two Japs to grab a victim, hoist him over their heads and crash him to earth time after time until there was only a mass of broken bones and flesh. The American A-bomb brought an end to their savagery and they now are our friends, at least in pretense. But if they could, if they dared, what then? At the close of the speaker's tale of horrors there was brought to his side a United States flag, the vast crowd arose and the national anthem was sung. Then the speaker offered an eloquent tribute to his native land of America out of a heart that throbbled with patriotic emotions, still vivid in his memory since the day he landed on the California coast after three years as a prisoner of the Japanese.

I failed to get in on the founders day banquet this year but understand that the member of congress from Indiana who substituted for Vice-President Nixon did a good job of it as well as doing ample justice to a feed of good Nebraska chicken. . . The nudist camp in an eastern seaboard community was covered with eight inches of snow and the inmates dug out wearing earmuffs and overshoes. . . In all the wars in which we have been involved from 1775 to 1955 the number of dead is stated to be 1,130,393. Our highways there have been killed 1,149,414 covering the years from 1900 to 1955. . . There are 7,500,000 widows in the United States, about half of them under 65 years of age. . . Farm income for the year 1955 is said to have been 10 billion 100 million dollars. Printers think they could make out with that.

Winter months have been torn from the calendar. The onward sweep of time writes upon the scroll nature's changing scene. Cold and snow, biting winds and buffeting gales give way as singing birds and blooming daffodils are with us again. The untraveled depths of eternity spreads a blue canopy above and days of sunshine to warm the earth and days of clouds to sprinkle prairieland with refreshing showers. Winter is over and gone. Again the landscape lays off its blanket of ermine to put on the silken robes of summer green. Another season of activity begins on prairieland, though life is more than cows and hay and crops. Nature speaks in living poetry for man to open his soul to the beauty his eyes behold all about. Springtime again!

I don't know whether friend Walt O'Malley retains his political status as democratic precinct committeeman out in Shields but recall that when the late J. J. Harrington was county chairman Walt headed the delegation from his precinct to the county convention in 1944. Now is he for Ke-fauver or Adlai, or has he experienced a change of heart and will join the landslide for Ike?

When You and I Were Young . . .

Stuart Doctor Killed by Train

Bomb, Parachute Are Found on Farm

50 Years Ago
Dr. S. F. Hunt of Stuart was killed beneath the wheels of a train here as he started to board it to return home. . . Ivy Bowden and Curtis Spelts of Leonié were married. . . Mrs. T. N. J. Hynes, a native of Ireland, died here. . . Jack Taggart of Chambers is hauling lumber for his new barn. . . O. P. Hanks of Atkinson broke two bones in his foot when a horse fell on him. . . Charles H. Bigler, John Moler, Henry and Rollie Twyford of Roy were out hunting over on Oak creek. . . George Kirkland and family of Phoenix moved to Atkinson to the Hall residence.

20 Years Ago
Stanley Benson, youngest son of the Blake Bensons, is recovering from an attack of pneumonia. . . Elnelne Stevens of Page died at the age of 95 years. . . The Grattan project club met at the home of Mrs. George Weingartner. . . R. H. Leinhardt, Fred Beckwith and F. M. Reece attended a soil conservation meeting at Grand Island.

10 Years Ago
Louis F. Klimont found a U.S. bomb and parachute at his place northeast of Atkinson. . . Miss Twila Whaley was district winner at the 4-H public speaking contest held at Bassett. . . Friends held a shower at the A. L. Door home for Mrs. James King, a recent bride.

One Year Ago
Mr. and Mrs. James Snelson of Atkinson celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. . . Walter O. Calkins, veteran police officer, died. . . Company D of the national guard was formally activated. . . Mrs. Esther Harris and Mrs. John Conrad of Emmet will leave for New York City where they will visit Miss Ruth Harris. . . S/Sgt. Richard Harley arrived home from Germany.

Mrs. Claire Schroth Is Club Hostess

VENUS—The Help U club met with Mrs. Claire Schroth near Brunswick for an all-day session Wednesday, March 21, with 16 members and three visitors present. Mrs. Claire Schroth, jr., Mrs. Schink and Mrs. Gordon Genzler were the guests. The hostess served lunch at noon. The afternoon was spent visiting. Mrs. Alta Finch furnished the entertainment. Several gifts were given. Mrs. Alta Finch and Mrs. Rose Brookhouser received the door prizes. Mrs. Kenneth Waring will have the next meeting.

Other Venus News
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Uhrir and Franklin and Annette were Sunday, March 18, dinner and supper guests at the Ralph Brookhouser home. Mrs. Lyle Davis visited at the Clarence Finch home Wednesday morning, March 21. Mrs. George Jeffery and Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser each took a car of ladies to the club meeting at the Claire Schroth home Wednesday, March 21.

3 Enter Angus Show at Columbus—
PAGE—Sharon Miner of O'Neill and Bob and Brenda Beelaert of Page were the only 4-H members from Holt county showing at the Nebraska Angus futurity show at Columbus. Bob Beelaert and Sharon Miner each showed a breeding heifer and steer. Brenda's cow and calf showed in the progeny class and won the championship. Brenda's bull calf was champion in the junior futurity. Blaine Garwood of Amelia and Ray Siders of Inman sold cattle at the show Wednesday, March 21.

EASTER DANCE Sunday, April 1 Stuart Auditorium JESS GAYER and His Orchestra Admission: \$1 Sponsored by—KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Special Dairy AUCTION Monday Evening April 2nd 8:00 P.M. Cows! Heifers! Calves! Bulls! An open consignment sale featuring several outstanding listings of cows and springer heifers. Special: 50 Wisconsin dairy heifer calves from 3 to 5 weeks old. We will accept consignments of dairy cattle and breeding bulls until 6:30 p.m., sale date. Tilden Livestock Market DON JENSEN, Manager Phone 220



To Girls' State

Miss Sharon Crumly (above), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyndley Crumly of Page, has been chosen by American Legion auxiliary unit 315 at Page to represent that organization in the annual Cornhusker girls' state activities at Lincoln in June.

Orie Stephens, Wife Married 46 Years

EWING—Mr. and Mrs. Orie Stephens celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary on Friday, March 23, in their home in northwest Ewing. Mr. Stephens, a native of Illinois, and Mrs. Stephens, who was born in Shelby county, Iowa, were married at Beemer in 1910. This couple became the parents of five children—two of whom died in infancy. They made their home on a farm north of Ewing, retiring last year from active work. They moved to Ewing where they have since made their home. Mrs. Ella Ziems, a neighbor, baked the anniversary cake. This was served with ice cream and coffee to guests who called during the afternoon and evening. Cards of congratulations and gifts were received.

Past Matrons Aid Needy in Germany

EWING—The Past Matrons' club was entertained Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Dora Townsend at Page. Mrs. R. C. Rocky and Mrs. Elmer Bergstrom provided transportation. Mrs. Wilbur Bennett presided. It was voted to send money to the three Masonic lodges and Order of the Eastern Star chapters in Germany. The grand chapter had requested food, clothing or money be sent to these three groups to be used for the needy. Mrs. Townsend was assisted by her niece, Mrs. Frank Belmar, in serving refreshments.

ATTENDS FUNERAL

EWING—Theodore Schueth went to Humphrey last Thursday morning where he was a guest at the home of his son, Leo Schueth, and family. On Friday, Mr. Schueth accompanied his son and daughter-in-law to West Point to attend the funeral of Ed Schueth, a nephew. The latter died in a veterans' hospital in Meade, S.D. Theodore Schueth returned to his home in Ewing on Saturday.

JoAnn Edwards Feted on Anniversary—
EWING—Little JoAnn Edwards celebrated her second birthday anniversary on Saturday. Several small friends and their mothers were invited by Mrs. Richard Edward to an afternoon party. A decorated circus cake and Easter favors were used for table decorations. Out-of-town guests were JoAnn's grandmother, Mrs. Dora Shipp of Harlan, Ia.; her aunts, Mrs. Harold Jacobsen of Harlan and Mrs. Roy Brogard and son, Tommie, of Fremont.

Other Ewing News

Mrs. Robert Tams and Mrs. Martin Van Conet attended a meeting on Wednesday evening, March 21, of the Rural Teachers' association held at the O'Neill public school. The Pitch club was entertained last Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Tuttle. Scorewinners were Mrs. Robert Tams, high, and Mrs. Charles Rothman, low, for the women; for the men, Kenneth Ruggless, high, and Waldo Davis, low. Lunch was served. Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Saiser were their son, Raymond, and also their daughter, Mrs. Gordon Hoag and family, all of Omaha. Pvt. Keith Gibson, who recently enlisted in the army and was sent to Camp Chaffee, Ark., is now stationed at Ft. Carson, Colo. His address is Pvt. Keith Gibson RA17451888, Co C, 12th Engineer 8th Aer (C) 8th Division, Ft. Carson, Colo.

Mrs. Eula Eppenbach accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hawk to Norfolk recently where they attended the preaching rally held at the city auditorium, sponsored by the Nebraska Christian college. Mrs. Grace Briggs entertained the Thursday Bridge club at her home. All members were present. Mrs. Lyle Dierks received high score; the hostess, second high, and Mrs. Perry Saiser, low. The club will be entertained on April 5 at the home of Mrs. John Archer.

Attending the Clearwater Pineapple club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Jaake at Clearwater Monday evening, March 19, were the following from Ewing: Mr. and Mrs. Gail Boies, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Knapp and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bohn. Gail Boies won high score for the men; Mrs. Frank Bohn, high for the ladies. Winning low score for the men was Roy Stevens, and low for the ladies was Mrs. Walter Patras. John R. Black, fireman apprentice of the navy, is now serving aboard the Pacific fleet attack carrier USS Kearsage. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Black of Inman, formerly of Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Dierks transacted business in Omaha last Thursday and also called on their daughter, Sandra, and Judy Jer-

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dries, both college students in Omaha. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Butterfield of the Venus community were Saturday, March 17, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Grim. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Grim had as their guests on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Grosse and Kenneth of Creighton. Mrs. Lizzie Grim is spending a week in Sioux City, visiting a sister, Mrs. T. D. LaPlatte, and a grandson, Harold Pospeshil, and family. Miss Geraldine Bauer of Norfolk spent the weekend at the home of her mother, Mrs. Rose Bauer, and family. She returned to Norfolk on Sunday. Merton Dierks, who has been a guest at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wilda Carr, and family at Holdrege, returned home Sunday. His son, Lyle, met him at Grand Island.

Recruiting Office Tells Enlistments

The following enlistments have been announced at O'Neill: Keith N. Gibson of Ewing, for Eighth division at Camp Carson, Colo. (scheduled to go to southern Germany in August); Glen R. Hopkins of Neligh, for radar school; Acel D. Miller of Rushville, for ordnance corps; Thomas D. Cerney of drafting school; Merrill D. Strate and Charles P. Strelow, both of Bassett, for signal corps; George H. Sanders of Atkinson and Duane E. Gale of Newport, for regular army (unassigned); Virgil L. Ross of Rushville, reenlistment in engineer corps (six years); Jack M. Lieb of Atkinson, for signal corps. Enlisting in the reserves were: Earl P. Brown, Nyle O. Zahradnick and Robert E. Keim, all of Ainsworth; Bruce E. and Brent E. Johnson (twins) of Johnston; James D. Smith of Elsmere and Kent C. King of Stuart. These men went to Ft. Chaffee, Ark., for further processing, training and reassignment.

212'ers See Colorado Colored Films—
The 212 South Fork 4-H club met at the Millford Coats home on Friday, March 16. Each member in the club was weighed and measured so we could compare weights and heights at the end of the year. Gale and Gary Holcomb showed colored films of their trip to Colorado. The next meeting will be held at the Gene Halsey home April 13.—By Madeline Cook, news reporter.

On Monday afternoon, March 19, 14 little friends and relatives helped Leonard Parkinson celebrate his sixth birthday anniversary.

MILLER THEATER - Atkinson - Fri.-Sat. Mar. 30-31 Double Feature ROAD TO DENVER JOHN PATNE-MONA FREEMAN-LEE J. COBB - also - Detective Sun.-Mon.-Tues. Apr. 1-2-3 Sincerely Yours Wed.-Thurs. Apr. 4-5 JANE RUSSELL UNDERWATER! CHARLTON HESTON RICHARD IDAN LOU NELSON SUPERSCOPES

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Editorial

Polls Place for Expression

Next Tuesday, April 3, is the date for the general city election. It should not be necessary for townsmen to be urged to vote.

O'Neillites will be confronted with two almost complete slates for city officials, a partial school slate and a bond issue proposal.

All names on the ballot appear there via the petition method.

D. C. Schaffer, who has resided in O'Neill many years and is a well-known figure in Nebraska ranching and livestock circles, heads one city ticket as a candidate for mayor. The Schaffer group was the first to circulate and file petitions. The ticket includes: J. J. Berigan, for council, First ward; Leigh Reynoldson, for council, Second ward (two-year term); James Earley, for council, Second ward (one-year term); Norbert Uhl, for council, Third ward; Ralph Walker, for police magistrate.

The Schaffer slate pledges economy in city government.

The opposite ticket finds Alva Marcellus heading the slate, and he is seeking reelection for mayor. An automobile dealer here, he was elected in 1955 to fill a one-year vacancy. His first year was characterized by police and traffic reforms.

All new faces appear on the Marcellus slate because the incumbents (L. M. Merriman, Joe Stutz and Emmet Crabb) would not seek reelection and a fourth, Marvin Johnson, is resigning. City council candidates opposite the Schaffer ticket are: Francis Bazelman, First ward; Don Petersen, Second ward; John Turner, Second ward (to fill Johnson vacancy); Robert Moore, Third ward. The Marcellus slate does not have a candidate for police magistrate. Jobs of city clerk and city treasurer are now appointive and no longer elective.

There are two vacancies for the city school board of education, three-year terms. Candidates are H. J. Lohaus and Elgin Ray (whose petitions were circulated simultaneously with the Schaffer slate and Cecil Baker, whose petition was circulated with the Marcellus petition (among others). Voters will be confronted with a 20-thousand-dollar bond issue. They will be asked to mark "yes" or "no" to a proposal to build a new fire station on city-owned property near the corner of Fourth and Fremont streets (near present city hall). The proposed building would be large enough to accommodate city-owned fire-fighting equipment and a truck owned by the O'Neill rural fire prevention district, which is being formed. The new fire station has enthusiastic backing of firemen and others but is getting the critical eye of real estate owners who have watched their taxes mount steadily during the past few years.

Bromfield Loved Land

Louis Bromfield, the prominent American newspaper columnist, novelist and exponent of soil conservation is dead. Holt countyans never learned to know Mr. Bromfield personally—although efforts had been made to have him be a guest here in connection with the annual meeting of the Holt county soil conservation district. Mr. Bromfield will forever be remembered for having acquired a run down farm in Ohio. Having a deep love for land and farming, he took on the task of reclaiming this farm. To put it back into the production class was quite a chore. He carefully noted and reported the steps taken and how he experimented, enlisting the aid of nature and neighbors. His report was published in The Readers' Digest more than a year ago.

The part we remember best pertained to the orchard and the garden. The fruits and vegetables were runty and sickly. Diseases of all kinds were prevalent. Through the use of sprays, chemical dustings and other modern plant disease treatments, Bromfield partially restored his garden and orchard to a healthy state. Not being satisfied, he had the soil analyzed and by adding this chemical and that chemical element he brought the soil back into balance.

The results were amazing. The fruits and vegetables grew larger, were more juicy and tasty, and the trees and plants resisted disease to the extent that little or no spray or dust treatments had to be used.

Sidney Museum Going Modern

The residents of Sidney are so interested in preserving the history of their town they have planned a museum.

Besides the visible evidence of what has transpired to make Sidney the town that it is, the local historians are arranging for tape-recorded interviews with pioneers and the tapes will be preserved. The oldtimers will recount stories told to them by their elders along with their own experiences.

The result of the introduction of electronics into the realm of historical archives will be both valuable and entertaining.

The "Voice of The Frontier" radio program for years has featured the voices of oldtimers, usually recorded at a golden wedding or some other equally important celebration. In many instances these recordings are on file.

This points up another matter we have touched on before: O'Neill needs a museum. No town in the state is richer in historical lore than the O'Neill area and a chapter must be started now—before too much time has gone by.

After several long years of discussion and speculation the relocation route for U.S. highway 281 finally has been settled. The Spencer route was given the nod by the Nebraska advisory highway commission in Monday's meeting of that board.

Spring really hasn't officially arrived in O'Neill until Clyde Bowden appears on the streets with his highly-decorated 1924 model T Ford.

Adlai's showing in the Minnesota primaries suggests he should try holes in both shoes.

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