

Prairieland Talk . . .

# Gillespie, P-Talker Visit Unicam

By ROMAIN SAUNDERS, Retired, Former Frontier Editor

LINCOLN — Some years ago it was the Eighteenth amendment to the federal constitution (since repealed) that was being invoked. Today it is the Fifth amendment a lot of fellows have been hiding behind. And what is the Fifth amendment? Just this:

ARTICLE V.—No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or in public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation. It is the clause relating to being a witness against yourself that saves your neck. But does not refusal to be a witness admit guilt?



Romain Saunders

The Frontier tells us the Merriman family had been in the pop factory business for about a half-century. It is 70 years since Billy Merriman took over the Goodrich "pop factory" that stood on the open prairie on the west of the village and where Billy treated us kids to his alluring product.

Lilacs are in bloom, dandelions dot with gold the living green of earth, plum trees hang heavy with blossoms white, blue and red and yellow flowers adorn with freshness and beauty the scene along quiet streets. Foliage comes to life on tree and bush and the farflung landscape is touched by the fragrance and color of the prairie rose. Soon the lily of the valley's raceme of scented clusters will hang in opalescent beauty from stately stems and prairieland stretches away to the horizon robed in the silken gowns of summer. But closing the door to the sacred cathedral of nature, I see in the street below an up-to-the-minute woman in blue overalls and jacket astride a single-footer saddle nag giving the kids a ride by taking one at a time up on the horse behind her, while the north wind, after a shower earlier in the day, means across the city.

It has become a personal quarrel in a most disgraceful setting. Rope off a ring down by the Potomac and turn Senator McCarthy and Secretary Stevens loose to go at it with bare fists.

An army officer shouting, "It's a lie!" is neither convincing nor enlightening. Outbursts from army men in connection with the congressional hunt for reds is little short of disgraceful. Public confidence would be greatly enhanced should those responsible say, "If there are disloyal ones in our uniforms let us hunt them out and you will have our full cooperation." That common soldier who went wrong under pressure while a prisoner of the communists gets no special consideration and will probably get the limit.

Editorial . . .

## The Great TV Show

(From HUMAN EVENTS newsletter, Washington, April 28)

The announcement by the National Broadcasting company that it was withdrawing its TV coverage of the McCarthy probe has hit capital observers with no mean force. While NBC, of course, probably has lost some money by the pre-emption of otherwise sponsored time by giving the coverage, there may be another reason — the planned inquisition of the Wisconsin senator has "gone sour." McCarthy is making a rather good impression on the TV audience and the army crowd has fumbled often. Also, the new committee counsel, Ray Jenkins of Tennessee, has not proved very merciful to them. Best index is the unhappy attitude of the left-wing press and radio men watching the proceedings. The anti-McCarthy Washington Star reported that the hearings "are bogging down into a dreary sparring match"—which is another way of admitting that the great scene as a means of discrediting the Wisconsin senator has failed.

Another consideration, it is remarked here, may have affected the NBC decision. The average person viewing TV hearings formed his own impressions. The next morning he probably found to his disgust that the morning papers gave quite a different, anti-McCarthy version. After several days of this, what must his impression be of the integrity of the press? Naturally, there are exceptions in the press; the Hearst papers have done a good job, and one reporter at least—Willard Edwards of the Chicago Tribune—is singled out for praise.

One highly educational by-product of the affairs has been McCarthy's attempt to distinguish between Secretary of the Army Stevens (whom he describes as an innocent, well-meaning person) and the civilian bureaucrats who run Stevens. Those who know their pentagon say that the villain in the plot is the corps of left-wing bureaucrats in that department: These men have sought to entrap and smear the Wisconsin senator, fearing his revelations when he looks into their activities.

McCarthy might have cited the story on April 19 by International News Service Correspondent David Sentner, who brought out his dispatch that, while the proceedings were opening, the army bureaucrats were arranging to send a U.S. military mission to train the Guatemalan army. Guatemala is now the one communist-controlled republic in Latin America! But what McCarthy has done by making a distinction between Stevens and the army civilian bureaucrats is that he has brought out vividly, for all to see, the failure of the Ike administration to oust the Acheson-Truman holdovers who have sabotaged so much of the program of the new GOP administration.

When the British left India in 1947, only about 10 percent of the population could read and write. Six years later in 1953, 22 percent can.

Maybe it is true that two can live as cheaply as one, but today, by gosh, even that's too darned expensive.

Lloyd Gillespie, who was in Lincoln a day last week, and Prairieland Talker were hobnobbing on the sidelines and looking on as the state legislature was in session, when Sen. Frank Nelson took the floor and was recognized by the chair. Lloyd and I got to our feet when Senator Nelson did us the honor of introducing us to the members of the legislature and they gave us a cheering handclap. Lloyd was a member of the legislature in 1935 and enjoys getting to Lincoln and paying a visit to the statehouse crowd. Senator Nelson is not spectacular nor given to showmanship, but is one of the level-headed, dependable members of the legislature, supporting measures of general welfare and opposing any that don't look good.

The little group of state senators promoting the sales tax idea sweat blood to keep it from coming to a vote of the citizens of Nebraska. Their desperation is shown by one senator who argues for the sales tax to be adopted without submitting it to the citizens by saying the liquor tax and cigarette tax were not so submitted. The comparison is not only farfetched but silly and one so desperately in need of an argument in favor of a proposed measure has no business in legislative halls. If submitted to a vote of the citizens a sales tax will never be adopted in Nebraska. Neither those who sell goods nor the multitude who buy the necessities of life want a sales tax. It is an added burden on those least able to bear it and is just another tax.

I sat today in a happy home and spent a pleasant half hour visiting with the lord and lady of the home, both blind. Sightless, yet enjoying life with a devotion to each other that brings light and happiness into their lives in a forever dark world. Less than a year ago they first met one another. And that mystery of undefinable human emotions played upon the heartstrings of this sightless young couple and they are happy together. Their second floor apartment is orderly and clean. The sense of touch is the guide to the hands of the blind in their household duties and other work and acute hearing gives an inward vision of activities of life about them.

That professional dignity has been ruffled because of Val Peterson's visit to the soldier's hospital at Grand Island will not disturb prairieland patriots who, if taking note at all, see in it only another mild display of the touchiness of the times.

"Are you alive or just walking around to save funeral expenses?" noted on a bulletin board in passing a downtown church. Whether this is original with the preacher who will use that as a title for his sermon or borrowed from another is not important. The impression gained by the passerby is that the preacher may be doing his best to bring a half dead congregation to life.

This last week in April "roasting ears" at the food market up the street are five cents each and not half the length of your arm like we grow in Nebraska. In July, 1900, The Frontier lamented that sweet corn was selling at 20 cents a dozen ears, and suggested substituting cornmeal.

### Curtailing Activities

(Guest editorial from The Neligh News)

The first step toward reducing the number of extra-curricular activities for high school students was taken recently as the Neligh board of education voted to limit Tuesday night scheduling of basketball games.

In a 20-year period, activities that students can participate in after school hours has greatly increased and a particularly ambitious student can easily add four to six hours to the regular six-hour school day.

In a small school like Neligh's, students can, and frequently do, take part in all activities from sports to music. Scholarly progress may suffer as a result.

Thus the move toward curtailing part of these activities is a wise one.

We are disturbed by the apathy of the people relative to the suggestion of sending military personnel to Indochina. Maybe folks have been pushed around so much the past 25 years they no longer care. Involvement there would produce another costly affair like Korea and nothing to be gained.

We're looking forward to seeing the happy faces of kids splashing and wallowing in the new swimming pool to be opened memorial day.

The poor is hated even of his own neighbor, but the rich has many friends.—Old Testament, Proverbs.

Secretary of State Dulles wasn't defeated at Geneva. The struggle with the Western powers was lost before he got there.

When the young complain to you about the old and the old complain to you about the young—you're middle aged.



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When You and I Were Young . . .

### 4 Ewing People Sail for Denmark

### McPharlin's Will File for Dakota Land

### 50 Years Ago

A card party was held at the rink. Progressive high five was the order of the evening. Ladies' high prize was won by Miss Testman and the "booby" by Miss Cullen; gentleman's high prize by A. F. Mullen, and the "booby" went to J. R. Ryan. Mr. and Mrs. Hans J. Johnson, Hans Jacobson and J. M. Jacobson, all of Ewing, left for Denmark where they will visit friends and relatives for several months. James Moffat of Oklahoma, former O'Neillite, stopped in O'Neill for several days to visit friends and relatives. He was on his way to the West coast. Tom and Jim McPharlin left for Rapid City, S.D., both planning to file upon 160 acres of Uncle Sam's domain.

### 20 Years Ago

Five prairie fires driven to full fury by a dry hurricane from the southwest raged at one time in southern Holt county. O'Neill public school placed first in the annual Niobrara valley track event. Five firsts were taken, one second and two thirds on the track. Two places were held in the field. The Emmet McCaffrey held a dance in their home at Emmet. A former O'Neill boy, Damian Flynn, has won favorable acclaim from the theater critics on the Eastern stage. He is starring in "Biography" and on the stage goes under the name of O'Flynn.

### 10 Years Ago

The S and C club surprised Mrs. T. M. Harrington with a party at her home. The occasion honored Mrs. Harrington's birthday anniversary. H. V. Rosenkrans of Dorsey extended his Frontier subscription for six years. Fred Distrow attended a conference of the Lutheran laymen in Atkinson. The state council meeting of home demonstration project clubs will be held at Broken Bow in June.

### One Year Ago

This issue marks the start of The Frontier's 73d year and the seventh under its present management. Anna Brown left for Omaha to attend the three-day convention of the Spanish-American war veterans. A hairless calf was born at the Glen White ranch near Amelia. An O'Neill motorist pulled into a filling station during the recent rain, sleet and snowstorm and asked the attendant to check his anti freeze. A quick check and the attendant informed the driver the radiator was "okay."

### Takes Part in Maneuver

EWING—Army Cpl. Estel D. Cary, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie L. Cary of Ewing, is serving this week with the LOGEX-54 support group during the army's annual logistical maneuver at Camp Pickett, Va.

Officers and soldiers from army technical and administrative schools will work under simulated combat conditions to perform the paper work necessary to support a 400,000 man army in battle.

The support group will house, feed and provide supplies and equipment for all the officers and men taking part in the exercise.

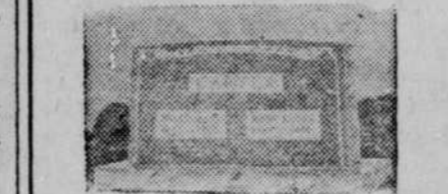
Corporal Cary, a clerk with company C, entered the army in June, 1952. The Nebraska soldier, whose wife, Arlene, lives at Camp Pickett, formerly was a carpenter for Sherry-Richards, Chicago, Ill.

### Serving Aboard Aircraft Carrier

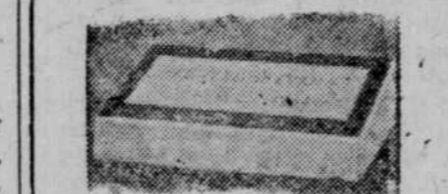
LYNCH—Emil C. Milacek, jr., radioman third class, USN, of Lynch, is serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Midway in the Mediterranean area. The Midway, a unit of the Sixth fleet, is the flagship of the commander of carrier division IV. She has participated in two combined exercises with NATO allies Greece and Turkey since her arrival last January.

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### O'Neill News

Mrs. James Kelly and Miss Mary Lois spent Saturday in Norfolk.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kaiser and Ivan visited Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Klimont, sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kaiser in Atkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones spent Monday in Columbus and Norfolk.

Dr. H. D. Gildersleeve attended educational sessions of the Nebraska Optometric association

in Fremont Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Donohoe and family entertained at dinner last Thursday evening. The occasion honored the 25th wedding anniversary of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Donohoe.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gilstrap spent the weekend in Lincoln. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gatz spent from Sunday until Wednesday in Omaha.

Houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Grady this week are Mrs. Thomas Mann and son, Jack, of

Colorado Springs, Colo. They arrived in O'Neill Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Sawyer of Ainsworth spent Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grenier.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Berger of Burke, S.D., were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Juran and son.

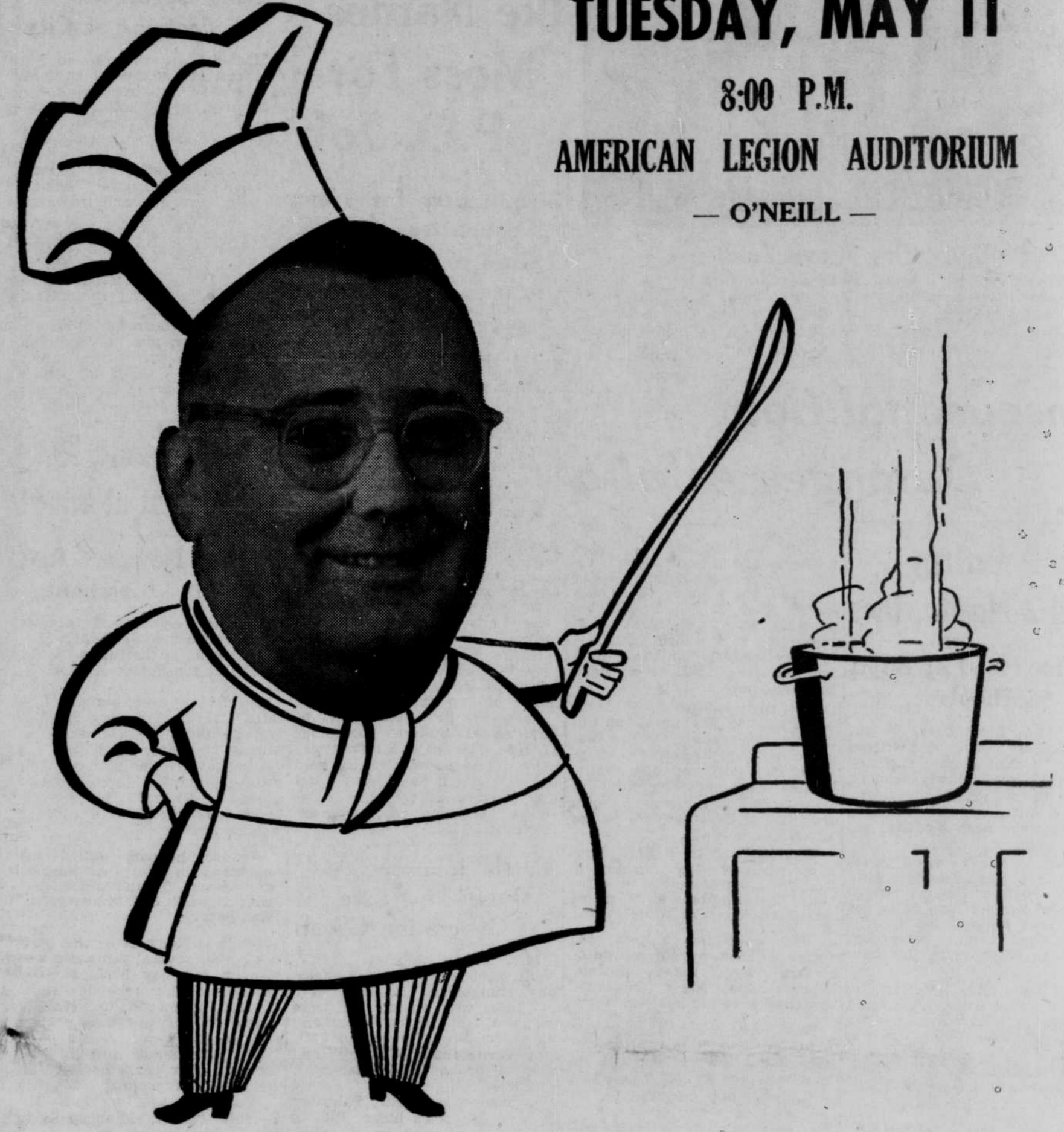
Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Houser were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Schwartz in Atkinson Sunday evening.

A tea Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. D. E. Murphy and one Tuesday at Mrs. Wallace O'Connell's honored Mrs. Rob-

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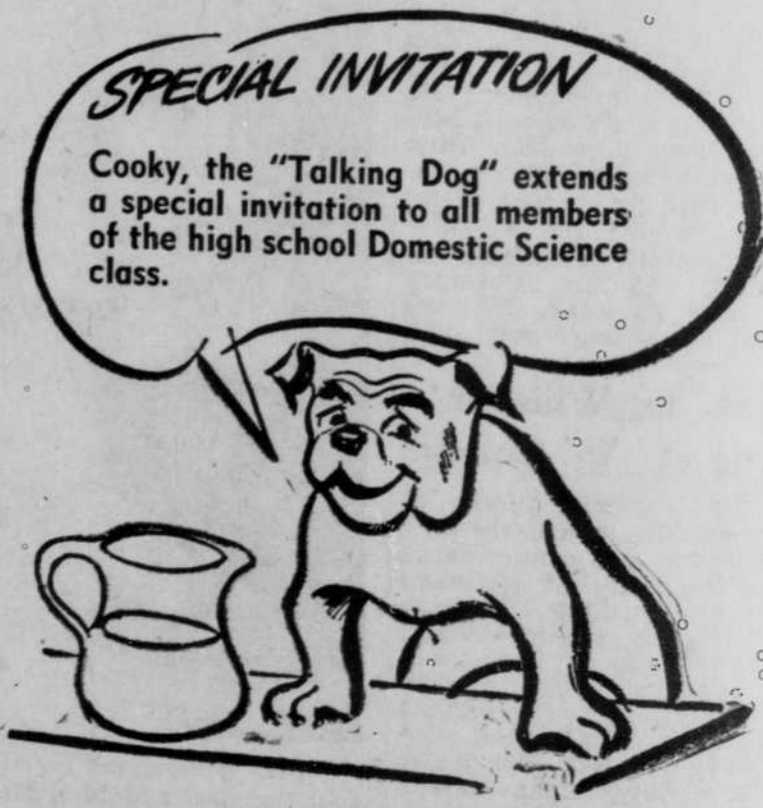
# Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Co.'s Big Road Show

If you like food, you'll want to see what's cooking at Kansas-Nebraska's BIG ROAD SHOW. Put the above date on your calendar now. Bring the whole family along to watch "Fatboy" Bob Bambrick turn out one mouth-watering dish after another on the new automatic Universal Gas Range. You and the youngsters will love "Cooky", the talking dog. Hear his fascinating story of Natural Gas. The Big Road Show is FREE. There are PRIZES FOR EVERYBODY. Plan right now to attend, so you can get in on the fun.

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