

Prairieland Talk . . .

Ike Pledged End of Secrecy

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS, Retired, Former Frontier Editor

LINCOLN—For the most part I have been able to go along with Senator McCarthy in his thankless efforts to rid the government of disloyal elements.

And certainly citizens everywhere who voted to that end at the last presidential election feel about as he does when he says:

"I want to point out to the president that he and I and many others of us campaigned with the promise that if the voters would remove our democratic friends and give us control of the government, we would no longer have government by secrecy, coverup and whitewash."



Romaine Saunders

Building programs should provide an addition to the country to make room for the automobiles. . . . Someone has remarked that for one young person interested in the atomic age there are ten thousand interested in the comic age. . . . Freedom of the press is just something that isn't.

Are you a Methodist, a Catholic, a republican or a democrat because dad was? . . . The ban on the sale of liquor has been lifted at 79 of the 900 military posts in this country. . . . A 12-story school building costing two and a half million dollars is being planned for Chicago, Ill., by Roman Catholic officials. . . . The motto on the silver dollar that Teddy Roosevelt thought should be dropped, "In God We Trust," is to be added to the eight-cent postage stamps, the rate of postage for overseas mail. . . . Lincoln is to have one more place where the spellbinders and keynoters can cut loose. After years of wrangling over a location, the supreme court says it must be built where designated in the proposal for voting bonds, so the big building will be going up at N street between 15th and 16th, where now something less than a million automobiles are parked.

July 31, 1906, Swan and Wyoming precincts had an election scheduled to vote on the proposal of a bond issue to raise funds for the Midland Central railroad, there was never heard the toot of a locomotive. . . . The postmaster and merchant prince of Dixon, S.D., was convicted that year in the district court at Fairfax, S.D., of horse stealing. . . . Miss Kate Mann, an early day teacher in the O'Neill schools and later connected with the J. P. Mann stores, died in August that year, as did the grandmother of Archie Bowen, Mrs. E. F. Bowen. . . . Mrs. F. C. Gatz and daughter, Mrs. Cliff, spent a fortnight with friends in Columbus that summer. . . . Walter Campbell, appointed poundmaster, warned citizens that any and all cattle caught running at large in territory within his jurisdiction would be impounded. . . . Ryland Parker was out in the Shoshone country with a view of hanging his sombrero up in Wyoming but came back to his native land and still abides with us.

Subscribing to a creed, which is joining a church, at the order of cupid may not mean a thing.

Sunshine dispels the shadows, rain encourages, snow peeps you up, wind carries away unpleasant odors. There is no bad weather—just a variety to break the monotony. I talked with a bona fide dirt farmer today. Rain fell in his neighborhood last night and he said his broad acres had never looked better. And another picture is that of the windblown patriots in three southwest Nebraska counties whose denuded fields now mock them. Had the virgin sod been left to the tread of cloven hoofs they might now have had herds of \$300 cows instead of nothing. But they must have help and none know it better than those who remember the summer of 1894 in Holt county.

Editorial . . .

Questionnaire For Senate Hopefuls

Howard Buffett, Omaha investment banker who served four terms in congress as a republican representative from the Second congressional district, has formulated six questions for U.S. senate aspirants. He says the questions encompass vital foreign policy issues and maintains that "every honorable candidate for the senate should be willing and anxious to declare his position."

These are the questions, as published last week in the Human Events newsletter supplement:

- 1. Will you vote for one of these alternatives; (a) to cut military spending to balance the budget, or (b) to increase taxes to achieve that goal?
2. Will you support the Bricker proposal to prevent the chief executive from nullifying constitutional law by treaties or agreements with foreign powers?
3. Will you favor or oppose any legislation that would give over to the United Nations any power to control our government or our citizens?
4. Will you favor or oppose the continuation of peacetime conscription when the present peacetime draft law expires in 1955?
5. Will you introduce or, if already introduced, support legislation to renounce and terminate the status of forces treaty (putting our soldiers in foreign lands under the jurisdiction of foreign countries)?
6. Do you favor or oppose the current military policy of attempting to police and finance the non-Russian world by levies on American youth and American wealth?

Everybody's Rain

(Guest editorial from The Nebraska Signal, Geneva)

Whenever you hear someone say "it surely is cold today," "my isn't that a terrible wind," "it's a nice day, today," or something along that line you usually feel he is just passing the time of day and that his mind isn't on what he is saying.

When, however, you hear someone in Nebraska approach a farmer after a nice rain and ask: "How much rain did you get?" you can mark it down that isn't just idle conversation. He probably wants to know.

Which leads us to observe that in agricultural communities droughts or threatened droughts demonstrate the close economic and social bonds that necessarily exist between town and rural people. This explains why all of us expectantly await a reply when we inquire: "How much rain did you get out your way?" Your rain is everybody's rain and let's never forget it.

When You and I Were Young . . . Pacific House Has New Owners

Down he gangplank of our schools marches the long procession of graduated young men and women, some from high schools perhaps to make up the student body in colleges, and others to plunge into the activities of life to win for themselves an honest livelihood. Another group of professionals has bid farewell to the university campus and goes forth to compete in life's stern battles. We have become an educated people, the worthwhile in education overshadowing in the long run the superficial and frills. Schools are here to stay and education marches on, but life's anchor forever rests upon your good sense and moral values fortified by human bravery.

The ruling of the federal supreme court that outlaws segregation in the public schools brings out the bristles in some Southern states. The fault, if such there be, is not with the finding of the court but in the amendment to our federal constitution dealing with the subject. Instead of hotheads in some localities defying our supreme court they can take action to have the provisions of the constitution altered so that segregation, desirable in some communities, may be done legally.

There are two and a half million Jews in New York City, about the combined population of Nebraska and Wyoming. And that's more Jews than came out of Egypt in 1491 B.C.

How far shall we go with respect to any obligation to the DP's? Native sons applied for jobs at a Lincoln concern and didn't get work. Along came two DP's and were given jobs by the same concern. First the employer considers his own interests. A foreigner will work for less than a native and the paymaster does not want to bother with the social security and withholding tax when employing noncitizens. This is a situation the labor unions may deal with.

The spirea hedge rows are arrayed in white glory these radiant mid-May days, contributing a luster to the floral tribute to another season of growth and beauty. Nature's adornment is an array of colors upon which there play the lights and shadows to unfold the loveliness in bud and bloom. Among bush and shrubs there is nothing harder than the spirea and when the green of its luxuriant foliage is spread over with the white bloom you may know that summer is just around the corner.

A lady was at the steering wheel as the car came down the driveway and turned to head up the street, when a front wheel went into the ditch over which the driveway passes. Sliding out from behind the steering wheel to get help, the fair driver said: "I didn't know the driveway was so narrow; but I found out." That's one way to learn.

On May 14 Alice served her first installment of homegrown radishes—grown from seeds planted by her own capable hands. Now the households look forward to the day when the red ripe tomatoes can be plucked from the vines.

"For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved."

The ladies having put on breeches for street wear and general utility, maybe men will be permitted to come out garbed in skirts.

"No man can avoid his own company — so he had better make it as good as possible."

If you stand for nothing you will fall for anything.

Pacific House Has New Owners

Mercury Hits 103 in May, 1934

50 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Collins, formerly of Valentine, have bought the Pacific House and were open for business last week. . . . The annual entertainment incident to the closing of the school year at St. Mary's academy was held at the opera house. Some of those appearing on the program were: George Harrington, Ruth Testman, Martha McNichols, Grace Ward, Julia Biglin, Louise Stirk, Estelle Nicholson, Marguerite Doyle and Loretta McHugh. . . . Funeral services were held for Joseph W. Ryan, native Holt countyan, born in 1875. E. H. Whelan, A. F. Mullen, O. F. Biglin and J. V. Owens were in Deadwood, S.D., attending a Knights of Columbus initiation. . . . Henry Gilg of Atkinson and Miss Mary Hynes were joined in marriage at St. Patrick's Catholic church in O'Neill.

20 Years Ago

Chauncy Porter hooked a 9 1/2-pound catfish at the river side dam. . . . Miss Mary O'Donnell and Ray Pettinger were united in marriage at the Catholic church in Emmet. A dance was given in the evening. . . . Temperatures ranged in the high 90's this week and an all-time high of 103 was recorded. . . . John Erwin, formerly of O'Neill, died in Grand Island. Funeral services were held there with graveside and burial rites in O'Neill.

10 Years Ago

Mrs. C. E. Stout and Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Dwyer of Butte, Mont., attended the anniversary celebration of Father Isadore's ordination to the priesthood at the monastery of Sierra Madre, Calif. . . . Vera M. Coleman enlisted in the WAC. She will receive her basic training at Ft. Des Moines, Ia. . . . A Page pioneer, R. K. Stevens, 88, died in Omaha. . . . Householders of Holt county were urged to return their next season fuel oil renewal forms as promptly as possible. . . . Robert E. Fulton won his wings and was commissioned an ensign in the naval reserve at ceremonies at the naval air training center, Pensacola, Fla.

One Year Ago

The Nebraska Stockgrowers' convention was held in Omaha. James W. Rooney headed an O'Neill Chamber of Commerce committee which invited the Nebraska Stockgrowers to hold their '54 meeting in O'Neill. . . . A cow gave birth to a two-headed calf on the Wade Davis farm. . . . Veterinarian Charlie Sigman pronounced the freakish animal dead on arrival. . . . One hundred and two people gathered at the Redbird school for the closing day picnic. . . . Jeanine Backhaus won a blue ribbon placing in the state 4-H timely topics speaking contest held in Lincoln. . . . Mary Jo Mahoney was senior queen of the May at St. Mary's academy.

Move from Verdigris—

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Angus are now residing in the William C. Artus apartment. The couple moved to O'Neill last week from Verdigris.

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New Chancellor

Dr. Clifford M. Hardin (above), Michigan State college dean of agriculture and director of the agricultural experiment station, will head the University of Nebraska as chancellor beginning July 1. Doctor Hardin, who will be 39 next October 9, is Nebraska's youngest chancellor and one of the youngest university presidents in the nation. He, his wife, and four children plan to move to Nebraska late in June. Born on a farm near Knightstown, Ind., Doctor Hardin as a boy was intensely interested in 4-H club work and his achievements included the winning of a club scholarship to Purdue university where he received his bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D. degrees in 1937, 1939 and 1941. He began his professional career at the University of Wisconsin but moved to Michigan State college in 1944 and became professor and chairman of the department of agricultural economics there in 1946.

Fire Chief Miles Gets 25-Year Pin

On Saturday, O'Neill's Fire Chief G. E. Miles was presented a 25-year pin from the state volunteer firemen's group for being a member for 25 years. Miles was elected to the O'Neill department September 9, 1924. He was made president of the department September 8, 1925, and elected chief May 7, 1928.

Stewart Receives Good Conduct Medal—

LYNCH—Ronald J. Stewart, boatswain's mate third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen R. Stewart of Lynch, and husband of the former Miss Mary Jane Hopkins of Niobrara, has been awarded the navy's good conduct medal in ceremonies aboard the attack transport USS Rockbridge. The medal is awarded to enlisted personnel for three years of exemplary conduct and performance of duty.

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