

Prairieland Talk . . .

Agriculture Doesn't Need Coddling

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LINCOLN—I am inclined to like Ezra Taft Benson. The honest-to-goodness farmers are able to take care of themselves and Benson knows it. He feels that agriculture is not an "infant industry" that needs coddling by the federal government and government is not created to plan how you plant your fields, administer the affairs of industry in other lines, but to protect citizens in their right to work and conduct business as they see fit so long as it is legitimate. The critics of Secretary Benson are made up of newspaper guys that have had no experience in agriculture and some white collar farmers that are in it for the big take that the government has been handing out. The lifelong farmer is not disturbed by the "Benson plan."



Romaine Saunders

It is in behalf of the farmers that these gents are worried over Secretary Benson's plans to eliminate the supernumeraries or the prospects of being disconnected from the division of disbursements of the U.S. treasury as the pretensions of the "conservation" functionaries may pass out of the national picture.

Autumn spreads unshadowed beauty and quiet charm over prairieland. Until snow lays its white blanket over the farflung landscape and winter winds moan through trees bereft of foliage grass lands will have taken on the brown robe that comes with early fall and the green of leaf that turns to gold. Prairie flowers fade, tumble weeds roll across fields to lodge in fence corners; birds are on the wing in flight to their winter homes, the meadow lark being the last to leave us. The summer is ended—the long days from dawn 'til dusk aglow with sunlight and adorned with bright floral bloom and green verdure have merged into the season of changing colors and golden sunsets. Down the calendar come winter's brief days with long evenings to sit in the freilight and count it a luxury divine to thus be sheltered from storm and cold—if you are not holed up in one of those abodes known as an apartment, at the mercy of the landlord to turn on the heat.

To prairieland patriots reached by this newspaper, it probably is of little concern personally that Governor Warren of California is now chief justice of the federal supreme court, as such squabbles as we become involved in out here are adjudicated without help from the high court, but maybe a black eye or swollen jaw.

The oldtimer may be a "back number" but he can count to 100. . . The starched shirt farmers telling us all about it can neither harness a horse nor turn around with a tractor without upsetting. . . The dinner speaker is the least important item on the menu, and takes up the most time. . . Half a thousand dead humans were dragged out of the brush last year because rattle-headed hunters thought they shot at deer. . . Listen to what he has to say, but there is no substitute for thinking things out yourself. . . Schools are overcrowded, and the mob of babies coming along time's highway indicate no improvement for the future school kids. . . To disagree is a Yankee privilege but to be disagreeable doesn't go with that privilege.

A human life the price of a cigarette! A woman with six children left a widow! Two young devils not yet out of the teenage assault and kill a husband and father when he refused them cigarettes. So the story comes from a Pennsylvania city. And that 19-year-old New York youth goes to prison for life, thus early in life being five times a murderer. Why imprison the killers who have forfeited their right to live? Even the electric chair has lost its terror. Maybe we should go back to the rope or the swift embrace of the guillotine.

And to the real sons of the soil the guys sitting in editorial sanctums expounding their wisdom on farm affairs look pretty funny, considering most of them would not know a cornstalk from a willow tree.

Among the activities of O'Neill patriots in September, 1906, a news item stated that Mike Horiskey had gone to Sioux City to get his commission as railway mail clerk and would then go on duty on the run from Chadron to Shoshone. . . The marriage of Henry D. Grady to Miss Mary M. Hayes of Atkinson was solemnized a day in September that year. . . Pat Mullen was looking for a horse and two bridles one morning during fall week. The horse with others of the Mullen livery stock had been tied out the night before to make room in the barn for overnight "guests" and the bridles and the horse came up missing as a result. . . A young couple applied for a marriage license in Judge Malone's office. The document was made out and presented to them when the young gent laid a ten spot down for the judge, who handed it back and said: "If you have \$1.50 in change give it to the girl; she was a pupil of mine when I taught school and I could not think of accepting a fee for her marriage."

The lifeless body of a child found floating on a quiet grasslands lake, a young girl disappeared from a northeast Nebraska town, a boy kidnapped at Kansas City—these among the undeciphered horrors; five thousand dollar robbery out at Cheyenne, two women and a girl murdered and a suicide in Minnesota, a Texas city reports a revolting crime by a Negro who raped and cut the throat of a white woman, highway and midair tragedies. But we don't have a complete monopoly—they're hanging a king down in Egypt.

Governor Crosby says federal aid should be forthcoming to relieve citizens in southwest Nebraska counties because of crop failures the past two seasons. Those who long ago experienced stark want because of drought and hot winds sweeping the prairie know well enough what such a condition means. North Nebraska went through it in 1894 and survived only because of outside help. Again in the mid 1930's to a lesser extent. But should not Nebraskans both officially and individually do the relief work rather than calling upon Washington.

BEAUTY DOES NOT DIE

The charm of autumn in October days Inviting for a walk along deserted byways. For in wind-blown leaf and withered bloom We see nature dusting up her room! Morning glory fades, foliage turns to gold And seasons onward their course do hold. On time's wrinkled face tints of loveliness lie For beauty does not die!

A gifted poet of the Ozark hills wrapped in the mantle of the heroics the roughnecks who penetrated the wilds from the Missouri to the Pacific. Adventure, the lure of gold as it grew on the back of furbearing animals, the lust to kill far more than the aspirations of the hero inspired the early "explorers." Next came the cattle kings, followed by the legitimate home-builders.

It has been a long time since O'Neill was the scene of journalistic fun such as The Frontier editor has stirred up of late. We used to have to lock the doors and blind the windows until the edition was off the press to avoid the fellows rushing in to grab papers as fast as they were printed. Have the good old days returned for the newspaper guys?

Free silver, government ownership of railroads, new deals and fair deals each had their day. Soil conservation and watershed humbug will have had theirs. But the busybodies will find something.

Berry & McLeran Firm Dissolves

McLeran Plans to Go to Idaho

One of the important improvements which have been in progress all summer at the Union stockyards in Omaha has just been completed. This is the series of new chutes in the western cattle division. The chutes numbered 62 and as they adjoin the Belt line, they are in close reach to the stockyards tracks. . . Judge Morgan issued license to and united in marriage Edward Tierney and Miss Cleora Fleener, both of O'Neill. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fleener. The bridegroom is a member of the firm of Tierney & LaRue, blacksmiths. . . Drs. Berry & McLeran have dissolved partnership, Doctor Berry assuming the business of the concern. Doctor McLeran contemplates going to Idaho.

Paul Montgomery and Bennet Grady drove to Creighton recently. When near the Kohler corner, all the way east of town, they struck some loose gravel and the car went over. The boys escaped with only minor injuries and the Ford was not much the worse for the experience. . . While Bert and Max Powell were furnishing the music for a dancing party, Bert Powell's store at Opportunity was broken into and robbed. The money and merchandise taken has not been determined. . . Robert Harris, 13, son of a garage owner in Omaha, died of sleeping sickness from which he had suffered for a week. He was the fifth sleeping sickness victim in Omaha this year. . . Dean Beckwith left for Scottsbluff where he will run the switch engine at the sugar factory. Dean has been employed there during the sugar manufacturing for the past four years.

T/Sgt. Harold E. Waldo of Amelia was one of the 30 enlisted men of the 725th field artillery battalion at Camp Adair, Ore., awarded the good conduct medal. . . Added to the filling station's post war stock of accessories, an industrial wizard promises a new model automobile to sell at \$400. . . The grand champion 4-H feeder calf at the Holt county stocker-feeder show was exhibited by Billy Sitz of Atkinson. . . Sgt. Gerald Donohoe of Camp Williston, Nev., arrived to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Donohoe. . . Miss Dorothy Jordan left for Chicago, Ill., where she planned to make her home. She graduated from the University of Nebraska this summer.

Dr. Rex W. Wilson, formerly of Burke, S.D., announced that he would open offices at 128 West Douglas. . . Below freezing temperatures prevailed in Holt county for five consecutive mornings. A hard freeze sent the mercury tumbling to 18 degrees—an unusual low for early October. . . Mrs. Vera Humphrey, 55, mother of nine children and a grandmother, enrolled as a normal training student in the Atkinson high school junior class. . . The O'Neill city council decided to investigate cost of purchasing and equipping a suitable police

patrol car. . . Five Holt countyans were among 1,500 Nebraska hunt deer in the state. They were Louis J. Bartos of O'Neill, Richard Bridge of Page, R. V. Cumley of Page, Laurence G. Haynes of O'Neill and Jerrold E. Weaver of O'Neill.

Passing Train May Have Caused Blaze—STUART—The Stuart volunteer firemen were called to the Bill Strake farm, two miles northwest of town, shortly after midnight Thursday morning, October 1. The fire, near the railroad track, may have been started by sparks from a train. The blaze was confined to a field and did not make much headway before the fire truck arrived.

Hear Report on NCCW Deanery Meet

LYNCH—The Altar society of the Assumption BVM church met for a monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Stacia Courtney with Elizabeth Peklo and Mrs. Vac Jedlicka as hostesses on Wednesday afternoon, September 30. The vice-president, Mrs. Beryl Moody, presided. Reports were given on the deanery meeting of the National Council of Catholic Women which was held at Butte Thursday, September 17. Pauline Mulhair, Mrs. Anton Wasatko, Mrs. Albert Kalkowski, Mrs. Frank Weeder and Mable Mulhair attended the Butte meeting from here.

After the business session games were played during the social hour with Margaret Stenger and Mrs. Stacia Courtney winning prizes. The November meeting will be held at the Stenger home.

Other Lynch News Mr. and Mrs. J. Gray of Bonesteel, S.D., were business visitors here Tuesday, September 29. Mr. and Mrs. Vac F. Jedlicka visited relatives in Verdigré Sunday, September 27, and also participated in the St. Wenceslaus celebration at the Catholic church there.

J. McDermott returned to his home in Omaha Friday after a several days' visit with his sister, Mrs. M. P. Stenger, and family. Mrs. Tillie Novak and son, Louis, returned home Tuesday, September 29, from a week's visit with relatives in Brainerd and Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. David Widfeldt of O'Neill were Lynch visitors on Sunday, September 27. Mesdames C. C. Courtney and Clarence Kolund were business visitors in Verdigré Wednesday afternoon, September 30. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tarr were O'Neill visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Chambers of Wheeler, Ore., are here visiting relatives.

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ing relatives. They visited at the Dave Widfeldt home in O'Neill last Thursday and Friday and left for Winner, S.D., to visit at the home of Mrs. Orpha Daugherty on Saturday. Mr. Chambers is a brother of Mrs. Cal Conklin and Mrs. Chambers is a sister of Mrs. Theodore Norwood. This is the Chambers' first visit here since moving to Oregon 17 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Barnes of Hillsboro, Ore., are here visiting relatives. Rev. Roy Wingate of Belgrade spent the past few days at Lynch. Mrs. Myrtle Chambers and Mrs. Albert McDonald accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Chambers to Lawrence, S.D., where they visited at the Boone Darnell home recently.

The Martin Muller family of Picktown, S.D., visited at the Courtney homes here last weekend.

WCSA Hears Reports on Missions, Seminar—CHAMBERS—The Woman's Society of Christian Service met Thursday, October 1, at the home of Mrs. Etta Kellar with 32 present. The business session was in charge of the president.

A report of the school of missions was given by the delegate, Mrs. Clair Grimes. A report on the seminar meeting at Neligh was given by Mrs. C. V. Robertson, and a report on youth work was presented by the chairman, Mrs. Lloyd Gleed.

The meeting was turned over to the devotional leader, Mrs. Kieth Sexton, and program leader, Mrs. E. H. Medcalf. Participating in a playlet were Mrs. Bernard Hoffman, Mrs. Elwyn Robertson, Mrs. Edwin Hubbard and Mrs. Duane Miller.

A lunch was served by Mrs. Hansberry and Mrs. Art Miller. The next meeting will be October 15 at the church with Mrs. John Wintermote and Mrs. Herman Cook as hostesses.

'Death Bridge' to Be Replaced

One of the dangerous bridges in Smiley canyon on U.S. highway 20 is to be replaced. Highway Department Division Engineer T. C. Middleswart said at Bridgeport last Thursday. The structure to be replaced is the eastern one of three in the canyon, located 6 1/3 miles west of Crawford and 19 1/2 miles east of Harrison.

The 42-foot-long "T" beam bridge with an 18-foot wide roadway is to be replaced by a sectional plate culvert, 13 feet in diameter. The highway is to be relocated for about 500 feet, thereby eliminating some of the sharp curves. Highway department employees are to do the work and bituminous surface the relocated section.

The existing bridge, completed in 1920, has been the scene of several fatal accidents. Middleswart estimates that the culvert and relocation work will cost about \$9,000. He said that work would begin about October 15 and that he hoped to have the relocation ready for traffic by December 15.

O'NEILL LOCALS Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ressel were Mr. and Mrs. Ed McManus and family, Miss Rosalie Summers, Roseanne Schaffer and the children of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Briggs. Dinner was in honor of Donald D. Ressel, SN of the USS

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Mountrail, who is home on furlough. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Keeler of Arlington spent several days last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Blake Benson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Keeler of Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Curran, Betty and Mary Jo and Lynda Johnson were supper guests Monday evening, September 28, at the Blake Benson home.

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Editorial . . .

The Journalist's Creed

National newspaper week ends today (Thursday). The Frontier borrows from the pen of the late Walter Williams, dean of the school of journalism at the University of Missouri, who several years ago wrote a creed that might well be adopted by every American newsmen:

THE JOURNALIST'S CREED

I believe in the profession of journalism.

I believe that the public journal is a public trust; that all connected with it are, to the fullest measure of their responsibility, trustees for the public; that acceptance of lesser service than the public service is betrayal of this trust.

I believe that clear thinking and clear statement, accuracy and fairness, are fundamental to good journalism.

I believe that a journalist should write only what he holds in his heart to be true.

I believe that suppression of the news, for any consideration other than the welfare of society, is indefensible.

I believe that no one should write as a journalist what he would not say as a gentleman; that bribery by one's own pocketbook is as much to be avoided as bribery by the pocketbook of another; that individual responsibility may not be escaped by pleading another's instructions or another's dividends.

I believe that advertising, news and editorial columns should alike serve the best interest of readers; that a single standard of helpful truth and cleanness should prevail for all; that the supreme test of good journalism is the measure of its public service.

I believe that the journalism which succeeds best—and best deserves success—fears God and honors man; is devoutly independent, unmoved by pride of opinion or greed of power, constructive, tolerant, but never careless; self-controlled, patient always, respectful of its readers but always unafraid; is quickly indignant at injustice; is unworried by the appeal of privilege or the clamor of the mob; seeks to give every man a chance and, as far as law and honest wage and recognition of human brotherhood can make it so, an equal chance; is profoundly patriotic while sincerely promoting international good will and cementing world-citizenship; is a journalism of humanity, of and for today's world.

the nation's schools and colleges are failing to keep up with the rapidly-increasing demands upon their facilities. U.S. citizens spent about \$500,000,000 more last year than the year before in an effort to provide adequate schools. Nevertheless, the nation is 345,000 classrooms short and the situation is so serious three out of five rooms are overcrowded this fall.

This congested situation long since has made its appearance in the O'Neill public school and the private St. Mary's academy. Another growing shortage is found in the teaching profession, where the net shortage of teachers is increasing. For instance, 45,700 qualified graduates for the elementary teaching field came out of colleges in 1953. However, there is a need for 118,000 public elementary school teachers and this comparison shows the difficulties being faced by school superintendents all over the country.

The disturbing picture is the realization that while the standard of living goes up, the inadequacies of the educational facilities provided our young people continue to fall behind needs. The situation should be reversed. In other words, the first duty of adult citizens should be to provide adequate schools for the country's youth and progress in this field should at least keep pace with economic advances in the business field.

It seems obvious that outlays for new schools and facilities should be increased in most communities and, painful as the taxes now are, there is no way to dodge this responsibility. We'll venture that most growing communities are confronted with the same problem. Of course, there are "slipping" communities where pupil population has decreased and occasionally a fine school building is being maintained at far below capacity.

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36,949,700 in U.S. Schools

U.S. office of education statistics show that 36,949,700 youngsters have entered U.S. schools and colleges during the present academic year. This represents a rise of two million over the record total enrolled last year. By 1960, another 10 million youngsters will be added to the annual total and possibly more.

Despite the efforts of various communities to keep pace with the increasing number of students,

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