

Prairieland Talk

Tongues Hanging For Water

By ROMAIN SAUNDERS, Retired, Former Frontier Editor

LINCOLN—Something over a year ago when the papers were devoting much space to flood control schemes it was suggested in this department that tongues might be hanging out for a sip of water another season. Not that Prairieland Talker poses as a prophet, but anyone who has observed weather conditions for more than three score years knows that what has been said has been true.

Drought conditions prevail now not only in the great plains region but over most of the country. If you become obsessed of an idea you are almost hopeless. Some of these gents sitting at an editorial desk in a large city now through the miracle of soil conservation and flood management are going to eliminate both droughts and floods—take over nature's job of sunshine and shower. This was undertaken in O'Neill in the long ago.



Romain Saunders

Citizens got busy and constructed a channel that took care of the Elkhorn's overflow as it affected the approach to town, but Ed Hershisser's wagon load of sticks of dynamite as well as the rainmakers' chemicals that were uncorked in the cupola of the courthouse failed to break the drought. There have always been seasons of too much wet and others of too little the world over and the forces that go to make weather conditions for the past 6,000 years are still in control.

Radios and newspapers the country over make much of the kidnapping of that child found dead in a shallow grave in the back yard at the home of the woman who was used as a cat's paw in the despicable job. If it had been the child of a nobody, would so much attention be centered there? That the parents have their millions does not mean that they, too, do not suffer at such an hour that has come to them. Missouri authorities united with the federal should see that the kidnapers get the limit.

The finding of the fiend and the nude body of the girl he killed and then placed in a shallow grave to hide from the eyes of man his fiendish act is little consolation to the heartbroken parents up at Rushville. In a quiet rural community perhaps they had felt no evil would befall their 13-year-old daughter attending an evening movie unaccompanied by her parents. Such a course is forever a risk. Parents, look well to your offspring. The youth whose hands are stained with the blood of his victim and upon whose soul rests the guilt of a horrible deed was apparently a wolf in sheep's clothing. Look into the background of this wretched juvenile flood of crime and there shines no knowledge of God in their teaching nor the flash of celestial light from Sinai as embodied in the Ten Commandments.

Forty odd religious denominations function in the capital city, members of each group thinking they have that which at least suits their spiritual understanding the best. For the most part these groups are endeavoring to bring the solace of their particular brand of religion to their people and add to the membership as much as possible. Heads of some of these groups are probably finding it a means of livelihood and when the collection plate fails they quit. This is in no sense an indictment of historic religious groups that have been the salt of the earth, but maybe it would be well to check up so as not to hang the hopes for an eternity of delights by being identified with those the Man of Galilee denounced, "In vain do they worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

An employee of a furniture factory operated in a Lincoln suburban community was holding a nail in his mouth when a sudden intake of breath took over and that nail lodged in his lungs. It was too much of a job for any Nebraska doctor, so he was flown to Chicago, Ill., where there is one of a very few specialists and with a recently invented magnetic instrument that nail was drawn from the lung.

Editorial

Everybody, Everything in Jeopardy

A few weeks ago in these columns we referred to the Sabbath, Kans., incident in which a truck carrying high explosives caught afire and imperiled people and property. Friday's affair on West Dodge street west of Omaha, near Boys Town, cost four lives, damaged considerable property, and transformed a quiet stretch of countryside into a veritable no man's land.

Those ammunition trucks ought to be chased off the streets—possibly even off the open highways.

A bill was introduced in the recent session of the legislature to ban the lethal carriers from the built-up areas of Nebraska cities.

Dozens and dozens of these ammo behemoths roll through O'Neill each 24 hours. In the event of an accident and fire inside the O'Neill city limits (or in any other built-up area), the loss of life and property damage would be appalling.

With all the worrying we're doing right now in regard to fire danger which is amplified because of dryness, it's rather shocking to think that such fireworks as took place Friday last on West Dodge street could virtually wipe out a city like O'Neill. There wouldn't be enough fire-fighting equipment in three or four counties to check the outbreak of multiple fires created by the 105-mm. stuff. Right now the firemen are being kept quite busy combating neighborhood grass and rubbish fires.

The transport to the seaports of high explosives is cargo that belongs to the railroads and not on the highways, where there is a minor crisis each time you pass or meet one of those big boys.

Certainly they shouldn't be allowed to roll through the heart of our city—or any other city—at 30 mph and jeopardize everybody and everything.

Well-Kept Picker Less Dangerous

To save corn—and hands—be sure to service, adjust and, if necessary, repair your corn picker before taking it into the field.

This is pretty good advice to our farmer friends who still have considerable picking to do, and it comes from Dan Kitchen, extension engineer at the University of Nebraska college of agriculture.

Says Mr. Kitchen: "It is the poorly adjusted and maintained pickers that claim most victims." In a specially prepared news release, the engineer continued:

The gathering chains should be correctly timed so that the finger links are half way between those on the opposing chain and tight enough to give one to two inches deflection when

At long intervals I read of a funeral to be held at one of the city mortuaries of one whom time has straightened for the grave who formerly was a citizen of Holt county; it is then I go to the funeral services. Such it was October 7 when these rites were performed for Mrs. Ethel Sire by two clergymen of the Methodist church group, Eugene Boye and Victor West, in a downtown city chapel. It was King Solomon who said it is better to go to the house of mourning than to places of mirth. It is good to withdraw for a time from life's busy scenes and sit where the ultimate fact of human destiny confronts us. I did not have the acquaintance of Mrs. Sire but had met her son, Walter, who at one time was the county assessor at O'Neill, now a resident of Boyd county. From what we learned of his mother at that solemn yet inspiring service Mr. Sire has the background of a noble Christian mother. The body was taken to Inman for services and burial there.

"Our lives are simple but pleasant. We have few laws, almost no taxes, and no army. No one is rich, neither is anyone in need. We are, I think, the world's happiest people." Thus a writer in the October number of the National Geographic magazine quotes the boss of affairs in Hunza, an isolated little country hidden by the Himalayas in Asia. Looking out across the troubled earth it is pleasing to read of such a happy state of affairs where men of good will dwell. The author of the Geographic's story indicates the people show it—cultured, well behaved, large and uniformly courteous. The ruler of the country is known as Mir. This dignitary sent a note by a messenger to the author of the story that there were horses provided for his party to come to the capital of the country. The messenger made the 65 miles in a day on foot, explaining that he would have ridden a horse but he "was in a hurry."

Young people up at the Emmet community have announced through their news reporter, Kathleen Grothe, that they have organized a Golden Keys club. Their motto is commended, "Have a friend and be a friend." The sad old world needs friends. And nowhere can such loyal friends be found as out on prairie land. The club flower is the rose, found everywhere on the prairie as the pioneers came on up the Elkhorn valley. The club colors are those of our country's flag. Maybe club members do not know that the pheasant, their bird, is an intruder, not native to this community. Of the native birds on prairie-land there are the prairie chicken, the plucker, the meadow lark, the mourning dove and that magnificent creature of the air, the golden crested eagle.

A friend out at Seattle in a letter to Prairieland Talker asks if the "brick bank building on the corner" survives the years since he left O'Neill. And then reminisces a bit: "The last time I was in O'Neill before going to Sioux City a bunch of the fellows, Barref Scott among them, met one Sunday afternoon in one of the building's second floor offices and played penny ante." No doubt my friend at Seattle is the only survivor of that bunch. His name is Homer Campbell.

Knights of the paint pot in the capital city demand—and get it—three dollars an hour for spreading paint. Probably of all the trades wielding a paint brush requires the least skill. Go at it and in 10 minutes you are a three-an-hour painter. What a thrill that would have been to such as "Sliver" Triggs and Sherd Simmons who put in a day of 10 or 12 hours for three dollars and mixed the paint they used which would retain its glittering shine for many years, while the prepared paints some are using peel off in a short time.

Cozad, down in Dawson county, has taken to mimicking our Atkinson hay days. Atkinson patriots who introduced and promoted the rites dedicated to a bale of hay should feel flattered that they have imitators down by the Platte. And this may induce rivalry whereby each community will strive to surpass the other and maybe one or the other will come up yet with a bale of hay that will fill a boxcar.

pulled out from the guide board. Rusty slip clutches should be loosened until they slip when the picker is operated then readjusted so that there is no slippage in normal operation.

The snapping rolls should be adjusted according to the conditions of the corn, using medium clearance—five-eighths to three-fourth inch at the lower end—for normal corn. For light or wet foliage (of which there is none this year) set the rolls closer; for extremely heavy or dry foliage, use wider roll clearance.

The speed of the rolls may be increased 50 to 75 revolutions per minute for extremely heavy foliage. When foliage is very dry and excessive trash accumulates, add more lugs or snap roll set screw. The operator's manual should be consulted as these adjustments differ on different machines.

The husking bed has three main adjustments. The spring tension between rolls, husking pegs that may be added for more vigorous action, and the feed mechanism, which should be adjusted to feed the corn evenly over the rolls.

The picker should be kept well lubricated according to instructions in the operator's manual.

We wonder how many motor vehicle operators are aware of the law that compels drivers to bring their machine to a halt at the side of the street or highway when a siren sounds? Drivers here persist in carrying on their errand as usual whenever fire or ambulance sirens are screaming for the rightofway.

A cattelman quipped the other day about democratic cows and republican calves.

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Atkinson FFA-ers to Hear President

ATKINSON—The vocational agriculture instructor and three Future Farmers of America from Atkinson high school were to hear speeches by President Eisenhower and three members of his cabinet this week.

Laurence Lange, vocational agriculture instructor, and Jim O'Conner, Calvin McClurg and Dick Sweet left Sunday to attend the national convention of the FFA at Kansas City, Mo. The convention began Tuesday.

Besides Mr. Eisenhower, Postmaster General Arthur A. Sweeney, Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson and Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby will speak at the national meeting.

Hazel Marie Johnson Member of Drum Corps

A Dorsey sophomore at Doane college has earned membership in this year's Doane drum corps. She is Hazel Marie Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson of Dorsey. Miss Johnson is an elementary education major at Doane.

The Doane drill organization is unique in the state, being the only all-coed marching group. The corps performs precision marching maneuvers at college functions throughout the year. Doane college is located at Crete.

Visit Aunt

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Hackett of Sioux City visited Monday at the home of Miss Mary E. Carney. Miss Carney is their aunt.

Soil Conservation Week Justifies Review

Last week Gov. Robert Cross proclaimed October 4-10 as soil conservation week in Nebraska.

Writes the governor: "Conservation of our soil and water resources is one of the most vital problems facing American farmers. But more is involved than the welfare of farmers. The food supply of the nation depends upon these resources. They must be conserved and managed so as to insure a continuing ample supply of food and fiber to meet the needs of our expanding population.

Much of the burden of conservation of these resources falls upon the shoulders of farm people. The local soil conservation districts were established for this purpose and are destined to play a large part in this great task. These districts, organized under state law, are effective agencies to assume such leadership. They are in a position to bring to and use at the local level the many facts and services that can be provided through state and federal agencies, in addition to the leadership and services that can be provided at the district level.

"With these important considerations in mind, I do hereby proclaim the week of October 4 through October 10 soil conservation week in Nebraska, and urge that every citizen give serious thought to this vital problem in the interest of the future welfare of this great commonwealth."

The Holt County Soil Conservation district was organized 10 years ago. At that time a group of interested farmers and ranchers signed petitions asking the governor to form a soil conservation district in Holt county. Due notice was given and all land owners had an opportunity to vote for or against the formation of the district. It carried and was officially organized in January, 1944.

This district was the 44th in the state to be organized. Nebraska is now completely organized, numbering a total of 87 districts. It was the first state west of the Mississippi river to be completely organized and the ninth in the nation.

Aside from being important for the conservation of soil and water, it is an outstanding example of a democratic form of government. It is governed by five farmers or ranchers elected by land owners in the county.

It does not have the power to levy taxes or to force any of its cooperators to carry on certain soil conservation practices or grow certain crops. In fact, farmers and ranchers must ask to become a cooperator of the district. To date 573 have done just that.

The Holt soil conservation district does not have any connection with the federal government nor does any district throughout the country. By request from the district the U.S. department of agriculture through its soil conservation service has staffed the districts with trained technical personnel to assist the district's operations.

In 1946 the local district board of supervisors thought that they could assist the work in Holt county if they would expand their tree and grass program. Consequently these board members (who incidentally receive no salary) borrowed on their own notes \$1,000 to start that program. Gradually they have been able to make more and more grass seed and trees available. They have expanded their machinery to two tree planters, grass seeding equipment, a combine for harvesting locally grown grasses and a cleaner to process that seed for local use. The business of the district has expanded

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water and at the same time is a shining example of local, self-governing democracy in action.

The present board of supervisors includes Stanley Lambert of Ewing, chairman; Raymond Heiss of Page, vice-chairman; Elmer Juraek of Star, secretary-treasurer; Elmer Allyn of Stuart and Clarence Ernst of O'Neill, members.

Past board members include D. E. Bowen of Page, Lewis Bernholtz of Page, E. J. Revell of Star, Floyd Keyes of Inman, Carl Lambert of Ewing and Walter G. Sire of Butte.

These men are responsible for the progress of the local district from its beginning nearly 10 years ago to the present time. They certainly deserve a vote of appreciation from Holt countyans for a job well done, Doctor Newell said.

Carole Embody 2d in Contest

ATKINSON—Carole Embody, senior in Atkinson high school, was awarded second place and a cash prize of \$10 in an area essay contest on the subject, "An Informed Press Means an Informed People."

The contest was sponsored by the Ainsworth Elks lodge in connection with national newspaper week. It was open to all high school students in the North Nebraska area under jurisdiction of the Ainsworth lodge.

G. A. Farman, jr., exalted ruler of the Ainsworth lodge, has announced that Jerry O'Kief of Valentine won first place and Barbara Harris of Ainsworth received the third place.

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MILLER THEATER

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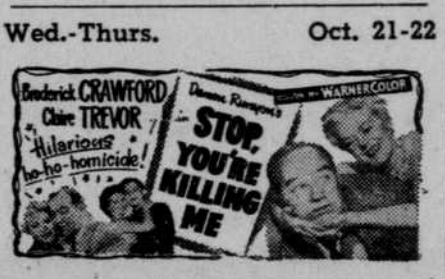
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She runs her home from an iron lung

Two growing boys are a handful for any mother. They were more than that—until recently—for Mrs. Martha Hayes. A victim of polio, she can move only her head.

"A telephone would help," she told friends, "But how could I use it?"

Then someone brought the story to the telephone company—with wonderful results. Engineers and installers replaced the "receiver" with an operator's headset and a small switch that clamped right on the iron lung.

To "lift" or "hang up" the receiver Mrs. Hayes brushes the switch lever with her cheek; to talk, she turns her head to the mouthpiece.

Now the courageous mother says, "I order groceries by phone... even tell the barber how I want Bobby's hair cut. With my telephone, I really feel independent!"

Although names have been changed to protect the privacy of persons mentioned above, all other facts are true. The telephone men who "invented" Mrs. Hayes' phone may be working in your town—for this story is just an example of the value of telephone service and the spirit of the men and women behind it.

To provide telephone service so important to people like Mrs. Hayes—and to you,—your telephone company must pay good wages for skilled workers, buy and maintain good equipment. We must have reasonable rates to keep service good today, to continue to look for new ways to serve you better... to continue to make your telephone worth more than it costs.

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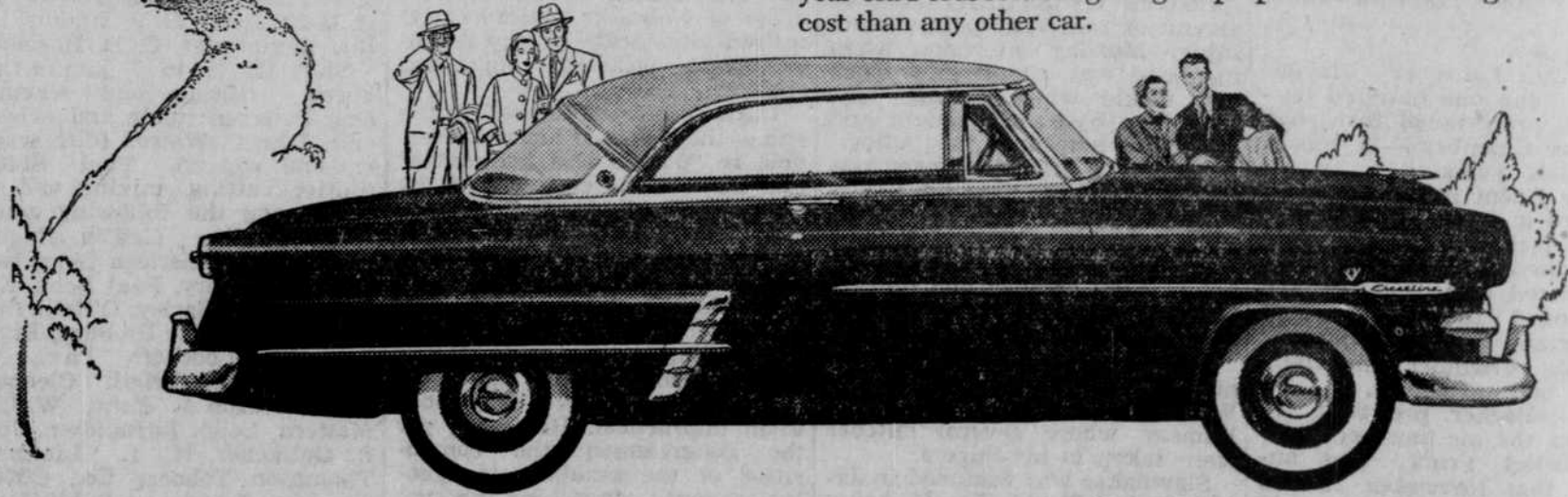
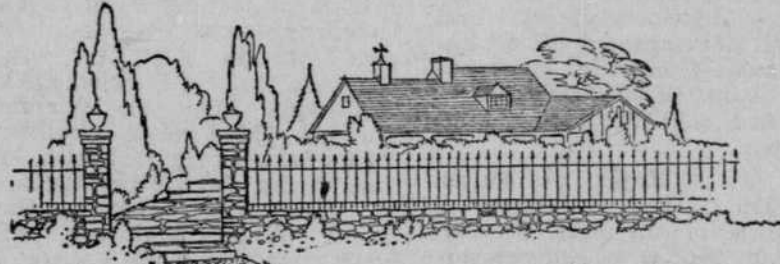


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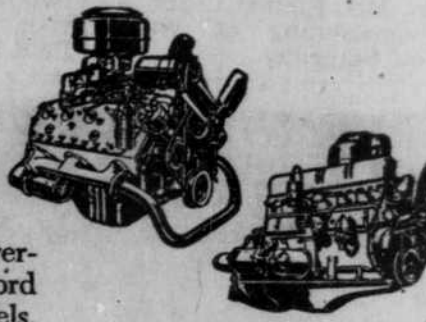
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