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## Should a Farm Boy Farm?

Will a boy who has been reared on a farm and trained in farm work make a successful farmer?

Not always, according to a leading national farm magazine. There aren't enough opportunities in productive farming to take care of all the boys who come from farms.

Some farm youths with the training, background and opportunity to make good farmers have everything but the basic essentials—a liking for actual farm work with livestock and growing crops and an earnest desire to learn to farm.

Job guidance programs are rare in farm communities. How can parents tell if their youngsters are better suited for another field?

It's a matter of watching them in everyday activities. Notice what your boy takes the most interest in and where he does his best work—on the farm, in school or in outside functions.

Does he like to do farm work, or does he do it because he has to? Does he work best with his hands or with ideas? Does he prefer being and working alone or with people? Day-to-day activities are the key to a vocation for him.

The magazine goes on to say that if your son doesn't mind rolling out of bed at 5 a. m., to do chores or working in the fields until after dark in the harvest season—and is eager to succeed with his 4-H or Future Farmers of America project—he probably belongs in farming. If farm work is drudgery, he'll be happier in another vocation.

The boy who is not cut out to be "a dirt farmer" or a stockman should first consider a related agricultural field where his farm training and background will give him a head start.

Parents shouldn't pigeonhole him in a definite job. But they can tell whether his aptitudes tend to be academic, or run to business and selling, mechanics or a combination of these.

All farm boys should go to college, if possible. If a boy combines academic ability with an interest in people he might work into hundreds of commercial openings where these talents are important, he might be a county agent, government researcher, agriculture teacher or perhaps as a minister or doctor.

If he likes to write, farm newspapers, magazines or radio work will interest him.

The boy with a business sense often combines this with salesmanship. If he's interested in buying and selling and the study of prices and trends, he'll make a good farm adjuster for banks or insurance firms. Or he may want to start out as a bookkeeper in one of the many farm businesses with the thought of owning his own business some day. Often, he'll make a good farm manager.

The boy with high mechanical aptitude will be happiest in work with farm machinery, perhaps as a mechanic. If he likes to work with people, he'll succeed as a machinery salesman. If his grades are high, he might consider college training in agricultural engineering.

Parents play the biggest role in determining whether or not their son likes the farm. Above all, don't take it for granted that your youngsters should follow in your footsteps.

If a boy has an earnest desire to farm and the ability to learn, he can develop needed qualifications. If the interest isn't there, he'll be happiest in another field.

Keeping 'em down on the farm has been an eternal struggle for many farm parents.

It would seem to us that the farm economy and the modern conveniences of modern farm and ranch life should, by now, have overcome the lure of much of the city life.

Sterling McGraw in the Norfolk Daily News quipped: Professional yeggs tried to blow the safe in the O'Neill postoffice. What did they expect to find, a hunk of that postal deficit?

The Frontier this week enters its 70th year—or this issue is Volume 70, Number 1. And, in case you're interested, it has been exactly 4 years since the late D. H. Cronin turned over the reins to younger hands.

Spring is a little late this year.

## It's a Gamble



### Prairieland Talk —

## Democratic Action Group Wires Congrats; Might Have to Start Investigation Out Here

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN — A group at the University of Nebraska, calling themselves a democratic action group, wired their sympathy, congratulations and cordial good wishes to an eastern university big shot now under the shadow of serious charges of communist connections.

What that gentleman has had to say in the way of denial is anything but convincing. What weight this university group here at home carries, if any, is not known, but it is such groups that renders the work of bringing to light the truth respecting investigations now on in Washington difficult.

Congressman Miller, of the Fourth Nebraska district, himself on the scene in Washington, says the district police have checked a list of 5,000 perverts, 75 per cent of whom are on the government payroll. Everyone is entitled to their opinion of what goes on in the nation's capital but our state university people should go slow or we may have to start an investigation out here.

I don't know much about the "socialized medicine" proposal, but anyone forced to have dealings with them soon finds out that city hospital and other medical charges are a holdup. Talking with a lady who recently buried her husband, she informed me hospital and burial expenses mounted to \$1,300. This was a severe drain on that lady's resources, and not many can afford to be sick unto death at present prices. Socialized medicine may not be the answer but certainly relief is due from some source.

A gent from the state university with the title of doctor went down to Clay Center by invitation the other day to expound his theories of what methods to follow to prevent the "extinction" of small communities throughout Nebraska. Small towns are not on the road out to any considerable extent. Any small town located in a well-settled section is not going to become "extinct." Perish the thought. The neighborly spirit, the bench on the shady side of the street where you can sit during long summer afternoons and solve the national problems with your neighbors, the friendliness, the help that the community gives to one sick or in need—these are what keeps the little towns on the map, not an injection of commercial penicillin administered by the experts.

The onslaught on the state department has resulted in bringing an "advisor" into the heterogeneous mass fluttering about that cabinet with hopes of bringing some sense to play in the overseas field of activity.

Forty out of each 1,000 citizens are on the government's civilian payroll. The 960 could out vote them.

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With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive to finish the work we are in—to those in Washington, whether expending their energies in political jockeying, spreading the whitewash, covering up scandal in high places or smudging the wrong guys, this brief clause from the closing sentence of Lincoln's second inaugural address is commended. Firmness in the right—it is forever right to admit no subversive elements to government service. Strive on to finish the work we are in—strive on to eliminate the spies, to perform the functions of government to the welfare of all citizens, not manipulating the machinery to keep certain one in office.

Twenty-four hours drizzle and showers in the east end of the state, with snow beyond the cornbelt has changed the crop outlook and eliminated some worries.

Some fellows made their getaway at the Lincoln state hospital, in other words the asylum for insane, and the cause is being attributed to the security ward being a "crackerbox" built just after the civil war. Officials with crackerbox efficiency come up with an alibi in extenuation of what an unsympathizing public writes down as wrong management. That a building is the product of the civil war period doesn't make it a "crackerbox." There are frame buildings throughout New England that came out of the colonial period of American history and are still sturdy.

Not the weather but the shortsightedness of men is responsible for dust storms. The great plains region was America's natural grazing lands. In came a horde with plows and the sod that should have never been plowed was broken up. Winds, another natural thing of the great plains, did the rest and now from time-to-time there floats across the land the sinister visitation of clouds of dust sucked from denuded fields where the Creator laid out for permanent endurance an enchanting panorama of verdant prairieland.

The governor of Nebraska at the time a former president visited the capital city showed his partisan bias in declining to meet the visitor. Governor Peterson extends the glad hand to President Truman with a cordial welcome to prairieland. Whatever the object of the chief executive's visit, Nebraskans have little concern for that. One who has been elevated to the White House has our respect whether or not we approve his guidance of the ship of state.

### Auxiliary to Elect in June

Sixty-five members attended the regular May meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary held Wednesday evening, May 3, in the lounge at the American Legion hall, with Unit President Mrs. I. H. Moss presiding.

Mrs. Dean Streeter, poppy chairman, reported that poppy day, May 27, plans are nearing completion. Mrs. Melvin Ruzicka, membership chairman, reported that the May 1 membership figure totaled 319 paidup 1950 members. May 1 is the date on which figures are taken for the department gavel bells which the unit has held the past 2 years. Hospital assignment sewing, consisting of 26 slings and 15 hot water bottle covers, were turned in by Mrs. John Davidson, chairman of a committee of members which completed these articles since the last meeting.

Approval by the unit was extended on an action taken by the executive committee of the auxiliary to share expenses of the hall and auditorium with the Legion for use of the auditorium in serving dinners and banquets; also to provide material and labor for curtains, backdrops and draperies for the stage in the auditorium.

Mrs. Tess Protivinsky, Gold Star chairman, was authorized and instructed to order and deliver Mothers' day remembrances to Gold Star mothers of O'Neill.

Mrs. Ray Bosn was appointed to complete the balance of the year as secretary in charge of get-well, condolence and congratulatory messages.

Since unit membership includes 40 daughters of Legionnaires, motion was made, seconded and carried to provide expenses for a junior and tiny-tot party within the next few weeks, and president Moss appointed Mrs. J. Ed. Hancock to serve as junior sponsor.

Election of officers for the year 1950-51 will be the feature of the June meeting. President Moss appointed the following to serve as a nominating committee: Dora Murphy, chairman, Mrs. Palmer Schulborstad, Mrs. Charles Yarnall, Rose Minton, and Mrs. M. E. Jacobsen.

The name of Mrs. C. E. Yantzi was drawn for the attendance award, but she was not present, so the award will be \$20 at the June meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, June 7.

Lunch was served in the club room at the close.

### Beautiful Valley Flower Club Meets—

CHAMBERS—Beautiful Valley Flower club met on Tuesday evening, May 2, at the home of Mrs. Cora Thomson with 12 members and a visitor present. Roll call was answered by naming "Your New Flower." Mrs. Thomson gave a talk

on "Garden Markers." There was a round table discussion on "Building Soil." Mrs. Gertrude Walter discussed "Wild Flowers," Mrs. Esther Atkinson, "Ferns and Their Care," and Mrs. Myrtle Bell, "Summer Flower Bulbs."

Refreshments of ice cream, cake and coffee were served by the hostess. The next meeting will be held June 6 at the home of Mrs. Melba Spath.

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