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Convince Russia We Are Ready

The people of the United States are undoubtedly concerned about the international situation, especially the aggressive attitude of Soviet Russia and the danger of armed conflict between the Soviet Union and the Western nations of the world.

The United States, as a nation, has done about as much as any country can do to demonstrate a helpful attitude toward other peoples. Since the end of World War II, this country has generously contributed billions of dollars to the welfare of those who reside in other nations. We have, time and time again, outlined a friendly and peaceful attitude toward all nations, including those now dominated by Communists.

It should not be overlooked, however, that this country has spent many billions of dollars upon its own preparations for defense. While anxious to see peace preserved in the world, we are intelligent enough to understand that it requires the cooperation of all nations and that it cannot be brought about by unilateral action on our part.

Consequently, the means of defense remain vital to the existence of this country and Americans, as a class, have cheerfully borne the taxation necessary to give us the means to defend our freedoms.

In this situation, there are voices which arise from time-to-time demanding that this country "make peace" with the rest of the world. We are urged to have an "understanding" with the Soviet Union. We are advised by some of the more impractical speakers, to disarm and set the world an example.

While the yearning of people for peace is understandable, there is danger that the advocacy of peace, without regard to what other countries may do, will bring about the conflict which everybody wishes to avoid. Certainly, if the leaders of the Soviet Union get the idea that the people of the United States are so peace-minded that they will not fight, the Communist leadership of Russia will be encouraged to more aggressive moves.

This would be a serious misunderstanding of the temper of Americans and would, almost inevitably, cause war. Consequently, many Americans think that the best chance for peace lies in a course which will convince the Russians that we are ready to fight, if necessary.

We do not believe that the people of this country are willing for the United States to give up its right in order to maintain a precarious peace. We are quite sure that Americans, as a class, understand and appreciate the freedoms that have come to them and that our admiration for individual liberty is sincere.

Consequently, the temper of our population continues to be in line with Patrick Henry's famous remark and, as a people, we would prefer death to the tyranny that would be visited upon us in the event of an unsuccessful war with Russia.

About the best course for this country to pursue, as we see it, is to maintain its armed strength and to vigorously assert its rights throughout the world. This does not mean going to war over an incident, like the destruction of the naval plane in the Baltic, but it means being ready to go to war whenever Russia, or any other country, makes an attack.

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Mechanized Farming a Cause for Loss

(Guest Editorial from The Neligh News)

Bearing out what many had feared but few actually believed, Antelope county's total population dropped off 1,658 people in the past 10 years, or enough to make a sizeable town.

The reasons for the drop in population may be many but the principle one is this: More mechanized farming.

It has shown up in a reduction of the rural as well as the city population. Each of the towns in Antelope county except Neligh has shown a substantial loss and Neligh's increase was but slight.

Antelope county towns, being in the heart of an agricultural area in which the population was expected to drop, could not reasonably have expected any gains because their entire economies are wrapped in farm activities and closely tied to the actual farm population.

There are a number of things which might halt this trend downward in Antelope county's total population and thus the numbers of people in each of its 7 towns.

One of these is soil conservation and through it a lessening of the high rate of soil fertility exhaustion—fewer people are supported by unproductive land. Another, affecting a few people in the river valley, is irrigation. Through an irrigation project, already proposed for the Elkhorn valley, it might be possible to increase Antelope county's population by as much as 500 people.

On these 2 things hinge any possible halting of the downward trend in population in this area.

Another important thing is for each of the towns in this area to make living within them more desirable—this means community improvements of all types. Those communities which are able to plan properly and work for betterment can keep their population and prosper.

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Prairieland Talk —

Pat McManus Gave Every Customer Full Value, Accommodated Everyone

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN — We are daily reminded: "It is appointed unto man once to die."

Pat McManus was probably the best-known man in Holt county. For more than a half-century he dealt with the public in furnishing the households of this and adjoining counties, as well as an Indian reservation in an earlier period, with family supplies out of a large stock of merchandise. He continued in business a long period of years because he gave every customer full value for their money, accommodated most everybody but if any bozo tried to slip something over on him they speedily discovered they had reckoned without their host.

The death of Mr. McManus following soon after that of J. B. Ryan removes from the O'Neill scene 2 who had witnessed the things of the pioneer period. One had been in business when the summons came, the other in the serenity of retirement after a long life of activity in business.

An element of Nebraska patriots boosting for the additional gas tax are quite hetup because other patriots oppose this additional tax and have gone to the trouble of bringing that measure to a referendum vote. Because the legislature enacted the law doesn't imply that it is the answer to the road question. That every wagon and automobile trail in the state be converted into a hard-surface highway is a fancy notion that will never be realized. At times there is mud, and thank the Lord for it. Everybody has become accustomed to going about at will and fret if they have to remain within the limits of their barnyard for a week or so on account of mud, but that mud will mean more to them at harvest time than missing out on a trip or two to see the movies.

At least one member of congress from Nebraska has felt the pulse of the home folks in his district. Lincoln citizens and those elsewhere in the congressional district were sent a lot of questions marks to ascertain how we feel out this way on such matters as overseas hand-outs, balancing the budget, farm and other subsidies, the Taft-Hartley law, socialized medicine, petering out program. What the result has been Mr. Curtis, who represents the First district, has not yet made public, that I have noticed.

Raymond Bly, of Amelia, accompanied by his father-in-law, Ed Dexter, were in Lincoln recently and made Prairieland Talker a visit. Both gentlemen were in the city for medical consultation with the object in view of getting pepped up for the season's work on the ranch. They report Southwest Holt well wet up and some worries just now is getting the new crop of calves off to a good start.

Sheriff William Moses, of Belle Fourche, S. D., came to O'Neill once upon a time to apprehend an alleged horse thief. Roscoe Moore, lost his gun, his official dignity and sustained a setback in fearsome prestige of the Black Hills. Roscoe and Dave Tierney, an O'Neill character, were doing the honors as riders on a ranch in southwest Holt. Sheriff Charley Hall took the South Dakota officer in his

buggy on the 30-mile drive to the ranch. Moore was there with his pal Dave and it looked like an easy job for the 2 officers. Moses, Roscoe and Dave were left in the bunk house while Charley Hall went to the barn to hitch up his team for the trip back to O'Neill. Then it happened in true gangland style. Roscoe and Dave overpowered Moses, relieved him of his gun and Moore made his getaway on a horse, the 2 officers driving in fruitless pursuit.

"My grandsire drew a good bow at the battle of Hastings," boasted a husky yeoman in one of Scott's stories. That was in the days of William the Conqueror that grandpap did his stuff. Hastings has been a town on the map of England since the 11th century.

Hastings, Nebr., got going about the time O'Neill did. Now Mayor Roy C. Carter down at Hastings has been exchanging cordial greetings with John D. Cooper, mayor of Hastings, over in old England.

Our Nebraska Hastings took its name from a railroad right-of-way engineer and not from the venerable English settlement of the same name. Mayor Cooper expresses to Mayor Carter the gratitude of his community for American aid and extends their good wishes with warm friendliness. In event of a "set-to" with Joe Stalin it will be nice to have the friendship thus expressed. Making friends because you may want to use them, could not possibly be the motive in the exchange of greetings between the two Hastings officials.

Last year reports the extinction of 4,200 small business enterprises, as compared to 300 in 1946. It is said to be hazardous at present to venture anything but a filling station.

To protect themselves from beasts in men's form, women who find it necessary to be out alone at night should go armed and shoot to kill.

Alaska continues to be a man's country, 3 husky sourdoughs to 1 woman in the territory.

Painters might find employment in the nation's capital spreading whitewash.

Farewell Gift for Pastor and Wife

PAGE—The Fellowship Sunday-school class held its annual birthday dinner for members and their families in the Methodist church parlors Friday evening, May 26. About 60 were seated at tables decorated with spring flowers.

Following the dinner a program was presented which included the following: piano solos, by Barbara Trowbridge and Vernon Dorr; readings, by Naomi Steinberg and Marilyn Lamason, cornet solo, by Carroll French, and vocal solo, by Barbara Trowbridge. Mrs. Herbert Steinberg presented Rev. and Mrs. T. O. Brownfield with a book as a farewell gift from the class. A business meeting was held at the close of the evening.

Attend Nieces Wedding—PAGE — Mrs. R. F. Park and daughters, Charlene and Genevieve, attended the wedding of Miss Margaret Woods and Merlin Kenny at the St. Francis Catholic church in Randolph Thursday, May 25. Following the wedding they attended the reception at the J. C. Woods home at Carroll. Miss Woods is a niece of Mrs. Park.

Other Page News — Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Kelly and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur

Grass and family, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Thompson and Linda, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Smith and 2 sons, all of Page; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pelletier and family, of Orchard; Miss Velma Aibney, of Inman; and Cyril Hanson, of Wayne, were dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Anna Thompson Sunday, May 28. Mr. and Mrs. Larbee Kelly were afternoon callers.

The Misses LaVonne Albright, Charlene and Genevieve attended the pre-nuptial shower for Miss Redella Menning at the EUB church at Orchard Friday evening, May 26.

Marion Mitchell left Saturday, May 27, for Lincoln where Mrs. Mitchell and sons have been staying at the home of her parents. Mr. Mitchell was a teacher in the Page high school the past year.

Rev. and Mrs. T. O. Brownfield and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bowen drove to Pickstown, S. D., Wednesday, May 24, to see the dam. While there they enjoyed a picnic dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lamason and family, of Lincoln, spent Saturday night and Sunday, May 27 - 28, visiting Mr. Lamason's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Lamason, and his brother, Melvin Lamason, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Johnson, of Fremont, were Saturday night, May 27, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Neubauer. Mrs. Johnson is a sister of Mr. Neubauer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ellis, of Hannibal, Mo., and sons, I. C. Ellis, of St. Lewis, Mo., and J. R. Ellis, of Chicago, Ill., came Saturday, May 27, to the home of Mrs. Ellis's sister, Miss Maude Martin. Mr. Ellis and sons left Sunday for Alliance and Genoa and plan to return today (Thursday). Mrs. Ellis plans to spend the week with her sister and other relatives at Page. They will leave Friday for Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Saindon and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jestes, of Denver, Colo., visited Friday and Saturday, May 26 - 27, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Woods.

Following are the names of teachers and places they have taught the past year who have returned to Page: Miss Alice French, and Miss Viola Haynes, O'Neill; Miss Sybil Ickes, Ashley; Miss Margaret Prill, Wakefield; Miss Helen Wegman, Tilden; Miss Harriet Simmons, Lodgepole, and Miss Beverly Kelly, Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Braddock, Audrey, Donald and Gene and Lorna Stevens, drove to Lyons recently where they spent the day at the Irvin Miller home. From there they went on to Omaha to take Donald Braddock to his work there. He had spent the past 2 weeks with his parents at Page.

LaVonne and Melvin Albright returned home last week from Wayne where they had attended college. Melvin left Sunday evening, May 28, for Coon Rapids, Ia., where he plans to stay a week. LaVonne will spend her vacation at Page. They both plan to attend summer school at Wayne.

Misses Mildred and Melissa Haynes, of Denton, arrived in Page Monday afternoon, May 22, to spend a few days with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Haynes, and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Tom Sinnard, of Grand Island, came to Page Saturday, May 20, to visit her father, Geo. Fink, and family and her grand-

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snyder. She came to attend graduation exercises of her brother, Ross.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Townsend and family, of Payette, Ida., spent Sunday and Monday, May 21-22, visiting old friends in and around Page. Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Townsend and family, of Pendleton, Ore., had visited here the last of the preceding week. Both men attended high school here several years ago.

Sunday, May 21, dinner guests at the George Fink home were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Fink and Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Fink and family, of Fremont, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Fink, of Ewing, Mrs. Tom Sinnard, of Grand Island, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Morris, of Huntington Park, Calif., visited friends in Page Monday, May 22. Mrs. Morris will be remembered as Mrs. Rose Craig.

Rev. and Mrs. T. O. Brownfield sold much of their household goods at auction Saturday afternoon, May 20.

Mrs. Alma Tegeler returned home Tuesday evening, May 16, from Lincoln, where she had spent several days in the home of her son, Norman, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Haynes were Thursday evening, May 18, dinner guests at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Haynes, in O'Neill. After attend-

ing the kindergarten program and graduation exercises at the O'Neill public school, they were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wells.

Miss Sybil Ickes was honored with a pre-nuptial miscellaneous shower in the Methodist church parlors Monday evening, May 22. The program consisted of singing and appropriate poems read by Mrs. Merwyn French. Miss Ickes received many gifts. A luncheon was served. She will be married to Robert Newberry on Sunday, August 28.

Ross Taylor and his mother, Mrs. Nona Bedford, arrived in Page from Troy, O., Sunday, May 21. Mrs. Bedford, who had spent the winter with her son and daughter-in-law, will remain in her home here. Mrs. Taylor will return home with Mr. Taylor. She has been here for three weeks caring for her daughter, Mrs. Charles Sorenson, who is recuperating from a major operation.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Nissen spent most of last week at the Laurence Haynes home in O'Neill. While there Mr. Nissen did some carpenter work for Mr. Haynes.

Visits Here From Omaha—Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lewis, of Omaha, Friday visited at the C. W. Aggar home. The Lewises drove to Tilden Saturday morning to visit with Mrs. Lewis's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Cornet.

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