

Holland Farmer Glad for ECA

Kistemaker Reports Recovery Impossible Without It

Peter J. Kistemaker's Saturday night talk before an audience of about a hundred persons in the O'Neill public school band room was accented with hatred for the nazis, gratefulness for "Marshall dollars" and interesting comparisons of Dutch and American farming methods.

Kristemaker, a fiftyish Hollander, stopped off at O'Neill for a lecture and next day appeared at the Stuart Community church for a similar talk.

Clarence Ernst, an O'Neill farmer who toured Europe in 1948 and was entertained by Kistemaker and his wife and daughter, had an opportunity to reverse the hospitality. Kistemaker's talk was under the auspices of the U. S. department of agriculture's Holt county council.

The Hollander spoke broken English but made himself understood quite well by the O'Neill audience.

His principal comparison of agriculture between the two countries was basic: In Holland the object is to achieve the greatest possible production off each square foot of soil; in America, he said, the object was to achieve the greatest agricultural production per man.

He told how he raises at least 12 crops on his 122-acre rented farm that was reclaimed from the sea several hundred years ago.

His principal crops are wheat, barley, oats, sugar beets, potatoes and flax.

He pointed out that in Holland the average rainfall annually ranges from 30- to 35-inches and that dry years produced the above normal yields—almost opposite to the midwestern problem. His wheat last year (1949—a dry year) ran 85 bushels per acre. Other yields were correspondingly high.

He told of Dutch livestock and how diseases among cattle are combated.

The speaker said that 50 percent of the land in Holland is tenant owned. Most of the land ownership is handed down father-to-son and usually a tenant father is succeeded by a tenant son.

He described how Dutch engineers, beginning about 800 years ago, decided to reclaim quantities of fertile land from the sea with the use of dikes and pumps. This work continues even today.

Mr. Kistemaker told with profound feeling—if not without a few tears—of the German occupation, how cities were leveled, people killed, homes destroyed and of wholesale hunger and plundering.

He touched briefly on underground activities during the late war and how he on several occasions escaped serious trouble with the Germans.

He described how 85 percent of Amsterdam's 100-thousand Jews were annihilated, and how severe were German reprisals for underground activities—particularly after September, 1944 and until the end of the war the following spring. He showed films showing the inundation of Dutch soil by Germans when they broke the dikes in their scorched earth departure.

"Even so," he said, "the Germans are angles compared to the new menace—the Russians."

Mr. Kistemaker reached New

York City on September 27 and has spent most of his time in the U. S. in the midwest.

He pointed out that Holland's labor government was soft and "encouraging laziness" with some of the social legislation.

On his mechanized farm he operates four tractors— one Allis-Chalmers, two Farmall and one International tractor.

Occasionally his sense of humor (which might have been richer in his native tongue) came to the surface.

"You folks have probably forgotten what horses are," he quipped, "but on my mechanized farm we need them. Particularly in the wet season there are places we can't work with machines."

Mr. Kistemaker, who was introduced by County Agent A. Neil Dawes, said it would have been impossible for Holland to have recovered without "Marshall dollars". He said ECA helped rebuild farms, highways, railroads and factories.

He spoke for 70 minutes, showed a film and conducted a question-and-answer session.

About the future, Mr. Kistemaker was confident. He was certain, however, that Christian people in the western world would have to work together against the Red menace. The Iron Curtain is only 400 miles from his farm.

"The Russians may have 200 divisions of men," he concluded, "but they don't have Christ—and that's more important."

Bobby Reimers New President

The Victory boys' and girls' 4-H club met at the IOOF hall at Inman Thursday, October 19, and elected officers for the following year:

President — Bobby Reimers; vice-president—Jimmy Sawyer; secretary — treasurer — Ila June Coon; news reporter — Linelle Tompkins; leader—Mrs. Ermand Keyes.

We gained six new members. They are Shirley Butterfield, Charles Butterfield, Gary Butterfield, Larry Butterfield, Jeanette Wolfe and Ronnie Wolfe.

We didn't decide when to have our next meeting but it will be next spring. Howard Temple, assistant to the county agent, spoke to us. A lunch was served at the closing. — By Linelle Tompkins, news reporter.

Dakotans Visit Former Home

Mrs. Sadie Huber and son, Elmer, of Martin, S. D., were recent overnight guests at the Andy Johnson home.

Mrs. Huber lived in the O'Neill north country a number of years ago. Her husband, Vernon, passed away during the influenza epidemic in 1918, when they lived on the old Jake Beaver place.

Returns to St. Louis

Rev. Eugene F. Gallagher, S. J., departed last Thursday for St. Louis, Mo., having been called here by the serious illness of his mother, the late Mrs. R. E. Gallagher, who died on October 21. He is an official St. Louis university.

GETS RECRUIT TRAINING

Donald E. Simpson, seaman recruit, USN, of O'Neill, is undergoing recruit training at the world's largest naval training center, Great Lakes, Ill.

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To Contract for 281 Graveling

Gravel surfacing of the five miles of U. S. highway 281, now under construction north of O'Neill, is among the four projects to be included in a letting November 16, according to an announcement last week by the state highway department.

Nearly five thousand cubic yards of gravel are to be placed on the five miles of 281 north of the junction with U. S. 20. At least half of that amount of gravel is to be placed on the road during 1950, according to highway department specifications. The remainder of the material may be laid next spring.

Department officials expect that the grading and the culvert work on this project will be completed by the time the graveling contract is let.

Elgin Closes with Perfect Record

Friday night saw Elgin's six-man football team wrap up first place honors in the Sandhill Gateway conference. Elgin punished Orchard, 54-6, behind the scoring efforts of Kiel and Johnson. The victory enabled Coach Baumert's charges to close the conference slate with five wins and no losses.

Elgin scored 200 points to her opposition's 14. Seniors Bob Kiel and Don Thille have been outstanding offensive threats for Elgin.

Meanwhile, Clearwater's Cardinals and Oakdale's Antelopes were battling in a hardfought game for second place in the conference. Clearwater emerged the victor, 31-20. Clearwater scored twice in the first period to go ahead 12-0. Both teams scored in the second period so that by half time the Cardinals led, 19-7.

Chambers was getting trounced by Spalding academy, 48-0. Earlier in the week, Chambers had eked out a win over Brunswick in a hardfought game.

This week finds Clearwater traveling to Wood Lake to play an undefeated and unscored on bunch of Long Horns. Oakdale meets Brunswick in the only conference game. November 3 will wind up conference play when Clearwater travels to Chambers.

Standings:

Elgin	5	0
Clearwater	3	1
Oakdale	2	2
Chambers	2	2
Orchard	1	4
Brunswick	0	4

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bourne and children, Don McKenna, Paul Bourne and Don Wilson went to Spalding Sunday, October 29, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Seaman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Adamson went to Fullerton Sunday, October 29, to visit Mr. Adamson's mother, Mrs. C. E. Davis, and brother, Darrell Adamson.

Bethany Aid in First Fall Meeting

The Bethany Ladies Aid met Wednesday, October 25, for the first meeting this fall at the home of Mrs. P. W. Summerer. Eighteen women and 11 children were present.

Mrs. Carl Lambert called the meeting to order. We sang "Love Divine" and Mrs. John Harkins read the scripture—I Corinthians 13. Mrs. Ralph Hoffman read the minutes of the last meeting and gave a report on the two farm sales served by the aid recently. Mrs. Lloyd Knox joined the aid. The meeting adjourned with the singing of "Love Lifted Me," and repeating the Lord's prayer.

The next meeting will be held November 8 at the home of Mrs. Henry Wood.—By Mrs. Bob Summerer, reporter.

3 from Region Made Directors

The following new officers were elected at the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women convention in Omaha Monday and Tuesday, October 23 and 24:

Mrs. D. W. Mitchell, of Willis, president; Mrs. R. G. O'Brien, of Omaha, first vice-president; Mrs. George Mallin, of Madison, second vice-president; Mrs. F. W. Gerber, of Columbus, third vice-president; Mrs. J. P. O'Neill, of South Sioux City, treasurer; Mrs. E. W. Rossier, of Hartington, recording secretary.

The following directors-at-large were elected:

Mrs. James J. Berigan, of Atkinson, Mrs. Hugh J. Birmingham of O'Neill, and Mrs. Frank Bohn, of Clearwater.

Mrs. Owen Hiatt and children, Joe and Frances, of Omaha, arrived Sunday to visit her mother, Mrs. Florence Schultz.

Don McKamy and Dr. L. A. Bennett were hunting near Ord Saturday, October 28.

Lynch - Spencer Tilt Crucial

LYNCH — The Lynch high six-manners spanked Niobrara, 20-0, on the Niobrara grid Wednesday afternoon, October 25.

Lynch will meet Spencer tomorrow (Friday) in a game to de-

termine which club will share the Niobrara valley conference crown with Butte.


Butte defeated Lynch earlier in the season.

Spencer has won six games and lost only one.

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