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MacArthur's Valedictory

(Guest Editorial from The Christian Science Monitor)

The debate on Far Eastern policy has built to a tremendous climax with General MacArthur's vibrantly challenging and effective speech. Its immediate impact on popular feeling is manifestly sweeping. Its ultimate effect on national policy awaits the test of cool, examination, answering argument — and developments in Korea.

It was a masterful presentation, dignified and yet profoundly moving. The drama of the occasion was matched by the general's forensic skill. At first it appeared that this was to be the quiet valedictory some had forecast, cooling passions and avoiding deeper national divisions. His survey of the Pacific was estimable in its grasp of broad concepts and in its emphasis on the fact that "issues are global." He did not bring any startling new facts. But he presented his case with a power which will win for it fuller consideration than many people have accorded it.

The speech contained two major challenges. One was the statement that he understood his views of the "military necessity" in Korea to be fully shared by the joint chiefs of staff. Close reading of this passage indicates that he meant to exclude the question of bombing in Manchuria.

But if that is so it confirms the impression that the general wanted to bomb and the joint chiefs did not.

This was a serious difference but would not have caused the removal. We know that the Pentagon was aroused by General MacArthur's statement on April 6 intimating that he was not free to arm the South Koreans — after he had rejected a proposal from Washington to do just that. But the joint chiefs have not spoken clearly on the proposition of helping the Chinese nationalists to operate against the mainland. The general's declaration that they agreed on this and on a naval blockade is not adequately answered by the Pentagon statement that the chiefs recommended MacArthur's ouster. The nation is entitled to a full explanation.

Aside from any question of insubordination the debate primarily concerns the larger issue of foreign policy as related to military strategy. Here came the second MacArthur challenge. This involves the three questions of risking Russian entry, the political and military effects of carrying the war to the Chinese homeland, and relations with the United Nations.

The MacArthur case was well and cogently argued militarily. He does not think Russia will come in. He is convinced that Peiping rather than Moscow is the senior partner in Korea and declares China could not commit more forces to the struggle than it already has engaged. He believes sincerely that his proposals would bring victory. Others equally sincere believe they would not do so. This difference of judgment must be resolved.

There was, interestingly enough, no reference to the UN, but the general's words about waiting for political decisions indicate an understandable irritation over delays.

He apparently regards UN policy toward China as appeasement. The former UN commander seems also to give little consideration to the value of joint action through UN. In fairness it should be recognized that in General MacArthur's roles there were conflicts for which he was not responsible. But plainly a clarification of his position was needed and similar clarification of UN and American policy is overdue.

No one else could have put the MacArthur case so impressively. He has galvanized the debate with new fire. He has forced the kind of thorough-going questioning of policy which only a congressional investigation can afford. The questions he has left unanswered must be answered and officials responsible for present policies must be examined. Only after such consideration can the nation determine whether any change should be made in national policy.

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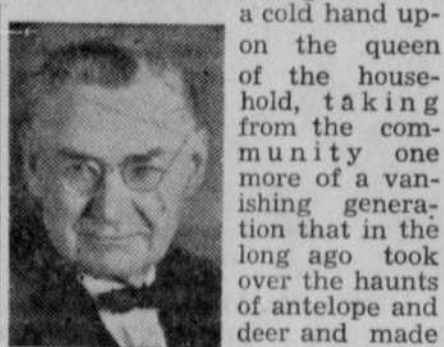
Three's a Crowd



Prairieland Talk — 'Greatest Soldier Since Grant, Least-Able President Since Johnson Make Big News'

By ROMAIN SAUNDERS

LINCOLN—Another who had known the vicissitudes of the early pioneers on prairieland, the joy and pain of a lifetime, from carefree childhood to the responsibility of home and motherhood through years of adversity and prosperity, has been laid to rest. The death angel came to the Dierks home in Ewing and laid a cold hand upon the queen of the household, taking from the community one more of a vanishing generation that in the long ago took over the haunts of antelope and deer and made of Southern Holt county the abiding place of God fearing citizens. None were better known nor held in greater esteem than the family of Mr. and Mrs. Mert Dierks, of the Goose Lake community.



Romain Saunders

Call the muster roll of pioneers in the southeast section of the empire of Holt. Where are they now? Where are the McClures, the Honeywells, the Trussells, the Oeters, the Nortons, Lell, Perkins, Jordan, Savidge, Coppock and many others who built homes and subdued a wilderness?

The memory of Mrs. Dierks will be cherished by many with those of other pioneer women who left to their offspring the heritage of a noble life.

Some changes in Nebraska's primary election law come out of the deliberations of the session of the legislature now drawing to a close. The highly touted "all-star" presidential preference feature seems to have joined other discarded and short-life experiments.

The primary will survive and the election day for nominating candidates has been fixed permanently for the first Tuesday in April.

The primary survives because a few are horrified at the thought of the unholy caucus and party convention. It is yet to be shown that the primary has brought out any better qualified candidates for office or improved the quality of public service.

It has transferred the naming of candidates from rural areas to the cities. In theory the primary appears to approach the ideal but has proved an expensive way to get out a few votes, many precincts turning out less than 10 percent of the voters.

The precinct caucus aroused greater interest.

Now Mr. Brannan proposes to bring under the guidance of his department the backlot garden patch.

Scientists of the bureau of ag-

RUPTURE

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There's a strange wild hush on the desert
There's a pulsing that ebbs and comes,
As the night is stealthily marching
To the beat of voodoo drums.

There is not a sound on the desert,
Save the throbbing that fades and comes,
As the night is rhythmically chanting
To the beat of voodoo drums.

There's a hush of pain through the desert,
Sorrow - sweet as it surges comes,
And my heart is wildly liting to
The roll of those pagan drums.

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That was a half - century ago when Holt county was reckoned in the best belt. The oldtimers tried a lot of things until they woke up to discover they had the best grass country in 47 states and allowed the herds to take over.

Among the sizable collection of politicians with eyes alert and ears cocked to what floats upon the breezes our democratic friends think the chief executive's office in the statehouse looks good to them. The chairman of the state committee says they can make it if personal antipathy can be sidetracked in the interests of "good, sound, clean state government." Brave words. Seems we have heard them before.

Giving advice to the fraternity out on the land how to do their stuff goes back to the ancients. A clay tablet has been unearthed on which is inscribed a set of rules in Sumerian characters a lingo about how the agronomist of 3,700 years ago should sow his barley. And we are still fortunate to have experts telling us how to do everything, from mixing up the pancake batter to running the ranch.

"Investigations" are becoming popular. Not to appear to be loafing on the job up bob some official functionaries to "investigate" the old boys out on the land who do their own butchering. Maybe they are going to fix it yet so you will have to get a permit to go to your hen roost for a fat one for the Sunday dinner.

Another has been heard from. No peace in the world as long as there are 2,796 languages in use. If all will stick around where their native tongue is the language of the country — and, incidentally, mind their own business — the dove of peace will take over.

Ladies excel in spelling, maybe because they are more susceptible to the sweet words of flattery and honeyed lines of rhyme, conscious of the glad rags they wear and the setting of the furniture in a room.

Miss Marion Gibson an Atkinson Bride

ATKINSON—Miss Marion Gibson became the bride of Edward Albrecht Tuesday afternoon, April 10, at the Immanuel Lutheran church in Atkinson. The double-ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Robert W. Olson.

The bride, who is the daughter of Mrs. Helen Gibson, of Mowers, Sask., Canada, was given in marriage by Henry Albrecht, the father of the bridegroom. Miss Martha Albrecht, a sister of the bridegroom, was maid-of-honor.

Sixty-five guests attended the reception given in the church parlors following the wedding ceremony.

GI Gets Dunking When Car Spills

STUART—C. R. Ray, a serviceman who was enroute from Wisconsin to his home at Hemingford figured in a highway accident Friday morning, April 20.

Ray was traveling on U. S. 20. When about 3 miles west of Stuart, his car skidded in the wet snow and he lost control. The car upset in a ditch

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Ray escaped injury but the car was badly damaged. Nolan Delosh invited Ray to his home and gave him dry clothes to wear while his clothes were drying.

Later in the day he and the wrecked car finished the journey aboard a truck.

O'NEILL LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. William White and family spent Sunday with Mrs. White's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dalton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Worth, of Dalton, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Karr, of Spencer, and Mr. and Mrs. Benjie Wetzler visited at the C. E. Worth home Wednesday, April 18.



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Cherry county, in the Nebraska sand hills, produces more cattle than any other county, anywhere! That, and the big cattle feeding operations in the corn sections of the state are two reasons why Nebraska is becoming known as the "T-Bone" state!

You can be proud, too, that your state rates high for other accomplishments. Nebraska is known for the fact that its tavern owners strive to conduct their places for the greatest public good. Nebraska taverns are known for their clean, wholesome atmosphere.

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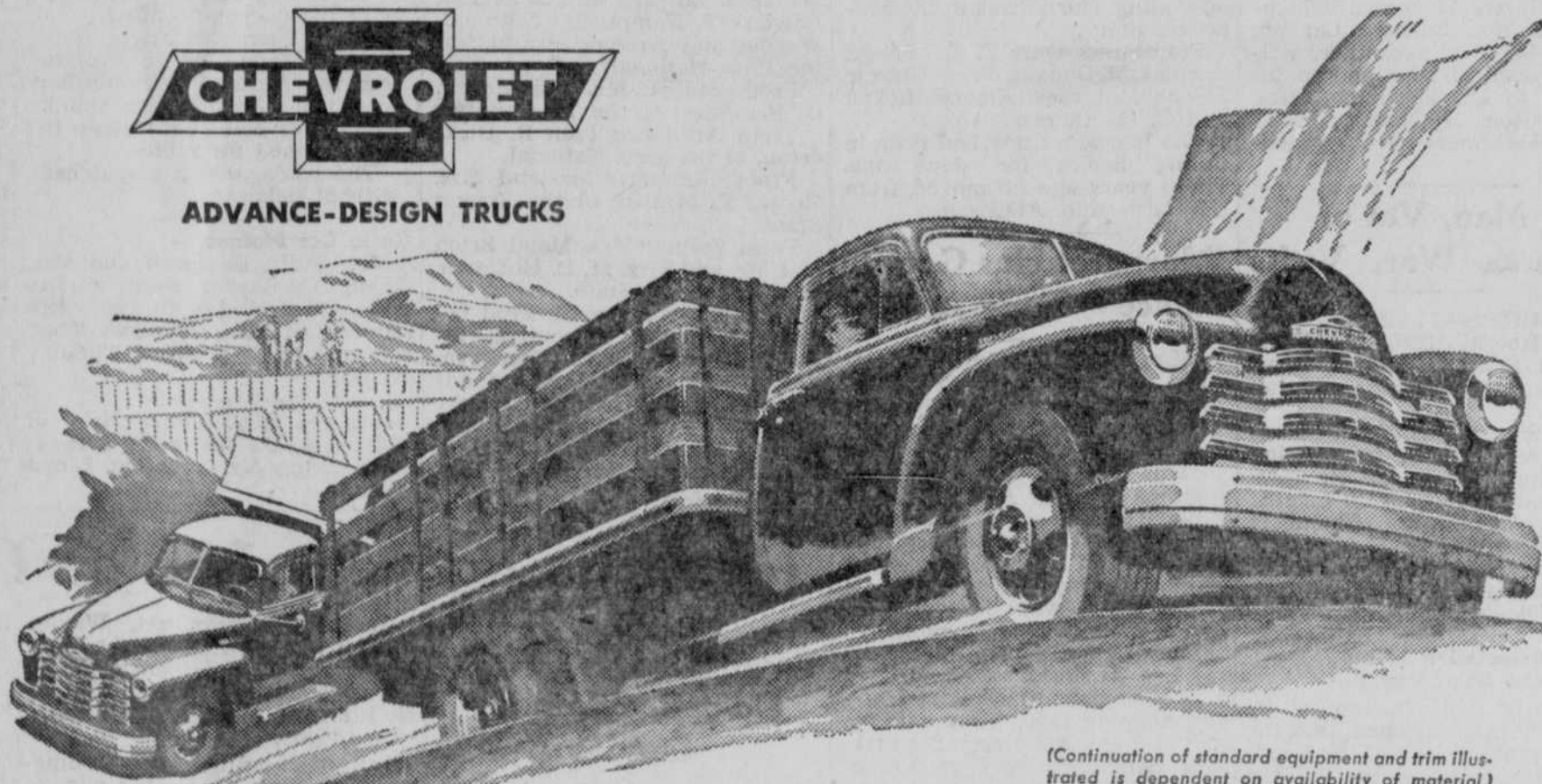
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