

# Smoke from "Brandin' Iron" Crick

By J. C. Fudd

Now that it's dog days along the Crick the chigger invasion is over and a new kind of pest has cropped up. Candidates!

Seems like every day a different hopeful Joe is busy getting next to the grass, roots or beating the bushes for votes. Guess they think the country folks is only ones left that are dumb enough to need convincing on how to vote and who for.

Last Tuesday afternoon Lena and Yours truly had just been discussing politics and what it does to folks when we looked out the window and saw him coming. Couldn't tell for sure which party he represented but knew he was running for something. He had all the earmarks of a glad hander, sort of baldish, no hat on, smoking a pipe and grinning like a chessee cat. Lena met him at the door, (to keep old Pretzel from acting up.) (That dog can sniff out a Democrat in a box full of mavericks, Acts pretty okay sometimes.)

fixin' to keep him on the door step but he bulled his way right in, independent as a hog on ice. He whipped the pipe out of his mouth with one hand and began giving Lena the old political grip with the other. All the time pouring on the oil about, "Your lovely country home... and so forth". All at once he happened to glance down. There was old Pretz with an "I love Republicans" look on his face licking the stem of his pipe!

Before you could say party principles, the guy forgot his manners. Stuck the pipe in his mouth, dropped Lena's hand like a hot potato and fetched Old Pretz a mighty belch between the ears.

Never saw dog act so betrayed or a man so be-added. By the time we'd quit laughin' and started to get mad he was already half way to Willie Kells. Never did find what he was running for. (Office, I mean.)

Widow Barker was in this afternoon for another bottle of hair bleach. By Gravy, she's a changed woman! Full of frisk and vitality, can out talk a buzz saw. Looks mighty trim for the most part but still a little tick in the ankles.

Old Man Chinn peeked up while she was there didn't durned if the old buzzard didn't pucker up and give off with a wolf whistle.

Lena come out of the back room and things got back to normal in a hurry. See you next week.

sary to stress the importance of conducting fire drills as required by state law.

Reports on these must be submitted to the fire marshal's office.

But, says Ekstrand, some school officials don't take the drills too seriously and submit reports without actually holding the exercises.

"We're going to clamp down on these schools," Ekstrand said, "because they're dealing with human lives."

Penalty for school officials violating the fire drill statute is a fine of \$5 to \$100 with each missed drill a separate cause of action.

Regarding fire detection systems in country schools, cheaper units have been okayed. Small schools had complained they were unable to comply with fire regulations that were unfair. Strict interpretation of the rules, they said, would make them install expensive systems requiring electricity and in some cases the fire warning unit would be worth more than the building. Under the revised schedule, schools of less than 5,000 square feet in area may use a cheaper detection system not employing electricity.

Rules governing fire protection in Nebraska schools will become effective Sept. 1.

State Fire Marshal Joe Davis says he will grant extensions to schools showing "good intent."

The first paychecks to unemployed Nebraska workers were distributed in the late 1930's. Since then there have been considerable changes in the Employment Security program.

State Labor Commissioner Donald Bastemeyer says that a review of the history of the program, which has been in effect for 25 years, shows the number of workers with unemployment insurance protection has more than doubled. The dollar benefits received weekly and the duration of the compensation have been extended, he added.

In April, 1957, the unemployed worker got \$4.67 for 16 weeks. Today, the figure is \$28.59 for 26 weeks.

Bastemeyer said 'over the years the unemployment insurance program has come to be recognized as a first line of defense against both personal hardship for the wage earner and unemployment and recessionary influences for the nation.' In 1958, the latest compiled figure, \$7.8 million, was paid to unemployed Nebraska workers.

Bastemeyer says there are 11, 855 Nebraska employers subject to state unemployment insurance laws who have contributed \$8.5 million to the fund from which paychecks are drawn.

The State Resources Division is getting set to step up plans to attract industry. To help do the job is \$35,000 allocated to the division by the special session of the Legislature. The money will be used in part for research and the remainder to aid communities that are looking for new industrial plants. Dave Osterhout, chief of the division, began a tour of the east immediately after the session ended to contact prospects for new industries. He will talk with representatives of companies already interested in coming to Nebraska.

The action of the Legislature will be used by the division also to denote that Nebraska now has a more favorable attitude toward obtaining new industries. Also passed by the Legislature, as expected, was a bill putting a Constitutional amendment on the November ballot. The amendment, if passed, would allow cities and counties to issue revenue bonds to buy or build sites for industries. Bonds would be paid off from rent paid by the industries. They would get no tax exemption and land could not be acquired by condemnation.

An amendment to do a similar thing was turned down by voters in the 1958 general election. Legislators felt generally, however, that Nebraskans would better understand the proposal now and therefore would approve it.

The Sunday Claims board has recommended the state should pay \$7,025 to persons for damages incurred as the result of some incident involving the state. Claims totaling \$50,979 had been filed with the board, composed of the tax commissioner, auditor, and attorney general's offices and the clerk of the Legislature. Recommendations are made to the next session of the Legislature which then decides whether to pay the money.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramey Duhon and family are visiting this week at the home of his mother, Martha Johring.

The Gentzler reunion was held at Riverside park at Neigh Sunday with 82 present. Plans were made to meet again next year at the Neigh park the first Sunday in August.

Mrs. Ivan Christofferson was honored at a baby shower given at the Assembly of God church parlors Sunday.

Irma Wells, Comie Walters and Lois Rouse entertained at a desert luncheon.

The Gideons held their monthly meeting at the home of Roy Coles at O'Neill Friday evening. The ladies organized an auxiliary. Craig Connell was present from Newport for this part of the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Johnson and children and Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Johring were visitors Friday evening at the Henry Walter's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lindberg took Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Weber to Grand Island Thursday night where they left for their home in Altadena, Calif.

Ed Hynes and family of Glendora, Calif., and Bob and Loreta Hynes were visitors at the Don Borg home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Benash and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benash were Monday visitors at Vernon Harding's.

Sharon Anson was an overnight guest at the George Nelson home Tuesday.

Norma Walters is visiting with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Libby of Omaha this week.

The John Schmitz family attended a bridal shower Monday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cummins of Portland, who are visiting here on their honeymoon. The shower was held at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Hurley who lives south of O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Risor called at Delbert Rouses Saturday.

Axel Borg and Ira Pietenpol called at Don Borg's Thursday evening.

Carla Anson was an overnight guest Tuesday at Annette Long, who is visiting at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Robertson.

The Midway Ranchers and Ranchettes 4-H club will meet for a picnic supper Friday evening at the George Nelson home.

Mrs. Gerald Harding, Gary, Demis, Kennis and Donald arrived Thursday morning from Fullerton, Calif., for a surprise visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Axel Borg and her husbands parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Harding. Don Borg met the train at Grand Island and the surprise was revealed about 4 a.m. when they arrived home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rouse spent Friday at Spalding, visiting their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bass.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter DeVall and Kathy were Sunday evening callers at Elmer DeVall's.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Broad and son of Kimball, Minn., are visiting at the home of Mrs. Broad's mother, Martha Johring.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Krogh and family attended the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs.

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VERDIGRE—Staff Sgt. Robert L. Uhrir of Lincoln AFB has received an award as the outstanding Chief of the month. Sgt. Uhrir was cited for his ability in his field of operation. S/Sgt. Uhrir is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Uhrir of Niobrara and a brother of Edwin Uhrir. He also has a sister, Mrs. Otto Jedlicka, who lives at Verdigre.

## Meek News

By Mrs. Fred Lindberg

Clayton Miller of Creighton Sunday.

Mrs. Allen Walters and sons were Thursday visitors of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Rosenkrantz at Redbird.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Wrede and Lee from Omaha were visiting at the Wrede and Dobrovoly homes from Monday to Wednesday.

Mrs. Florence Schmitz attended a gathering of her old school

mates of District 25 in Boyd County. The meeting was held at the home of her mother, Mrs. Katie Naumann of Bonesteel S. D. This was the sixth consecutive year for these gatherings.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hubby were Saturday evening callers at Dave Jeanens.

## Newport News

By Mrs. Oliver Glig

Lauralee Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Young and Blaine Ellis son of Mrs. Ollie Farlin of Long Pine were married August 1 at Fort Pierre, S. D.

Maude Mahin spent the weekend in the Leo Slachetka home at Stuart and Sunday guests in the Clifford Mahin home at Atkinson in honor of Mr. Mahin's birthday.

Mrs. Alfred Seger and Mrs. Arthur Seger and Chuck were Lincoln and Mulford visitors Thursday. Chuck enrolled in vocational technical school.

About 140 graduates, friends and relatives gathered Sunday for their fourth alumni roundup. There were 44 alumni present from graduation classes 1909 to 1949. It was voted to hold the first Sunday in August for their official date for the roundup each year.

The Ed Stalpart family held a family picnic Sunday in the Bassett park. Those attending from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Cerny and sons of Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Hol-

les of New Mexico and Mrs. Fanny Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christensen and family and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Walman of Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nilson and Lonnie accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Nilson of Atkinson west to Ansley Sunday to visit Mrs. Doris Gibbons, who will leave August 16 for Okinawa, where she will teach the seventh grade in an American Dependent school.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Alderman and Rodney were callers Sunday evening in the Bill Farr home enroute to their home at Long Pine. They were returning from taking Rodney to Omaha where a pneumonia was removed from his lungs.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Colfack and family were Sunday dinner guests in the Emil Colfack home at Atkinson.

Diana Colfack spent from Wednesday to Saturday in the Bassett hospital.

Mrs. Walter DeBolt and Gene of Scottsbluff spent last week in the home of her father, Doug Glig. Mr. DeBolt came Saturday after her and they attended the fourth Roundup of the Newport Alumni Saturday.

Mrs. Ben Vonheader and grandson of Ainsworth were Sunday dinner guests of Lizzie Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Wolcott and sons of Woodlake were Sunday forenoon callers in the Bob Glig home.

Mrs. Clifford Stahl took her mother, Mabel Fox, to O'Neill Sunday where she left by bus for Lincoln to visit her sister, Mrs. Gus Kucera.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bendig and sons were weekend guests

in the Paul Bendig home near Bonesteel.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Lashmett and Karen of Columbus spent the weekend in the Roy Farr and Sophia Lashmett homes.

Carol Artes of Oral, S. D. is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Artes.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCance and family of Dallas, S. D. were Saturday afternoon callers in the Joe Bert home. Susan and Terry Froehlich and Karen Munteen left Sunday for their home at Sacramento, Calif. after spending the past month with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bert.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wells of Bristow and Roy Wells of Paducah, Colo., were Friday afternoon callers in the Howard Fuller home.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon in the Newport Methodist church for W. Peacock, who died Wednesday in the Atkinson Memorial hospital after undergoing surgery.

Mr. Albert Osterman enjoyed a visit with his sisters, Mrs. Ella Hoffman, Mrs. Bee Schiers of Fremont and Mrs. Josie Carstensen of Cedar Bluffs from Tuesday to Thursday. They were also visitors in the John R. Berkhimer and Ralph Leonard homes at Ainsworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Garold Towle and family of Norfolk were Sunday visitors in the Sophia Lashmett home.

Sunday guests in the Frank Johnson home were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hamik and sons of Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Wilcox and family of Burwell and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gattfried Mauch

and Mrs. Leona Betts and sons of Cheyenne, Wyo., were Sunday afternoon callers in the Albert Osterman home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nitz of Long Pine were Sunday afternoon callers in the Charles Henry home.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Armstrong of Gordon were Friday evening callers in the Ed Perry home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Johnson and granddaughter Sharon Fox and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry were Saturday dinner guests in the Harold Johnson home at Burk, S. D.

Mr. and Mrs. Veril Anderson, Danny and LaReta visited from Thursday to Monday in Des Moines, Ia., with relatives.

Julia Gibson of Bristow was a caller with Bertha Irwin Sunday forenoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gordon and Stephen and Darlene Moore of Omaha were weekend guests in the Dean Moore home. Bonnie Moore returned home with her sister for a visit. Stanley Kleinberg returned to Omaha with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Pickenpaugh.

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## Capitol News - Schools Must Obey Rules Says Ekstrand

LINCOLN—Schools have come under close scrutiny of the state fire marshal's office. There will be a crackdown this fall on schools failing to meet state regulations.

G. E. Ekstrand, deputy fire marshal, said he will "make examples" of some schools if neces-

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