

Editorial

# Pioneers and Planners

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In America's pioneer days the farmer was a symbol of self-reliance. Today he is the outstanding symbol of almost total reliance on Government. How did this conversion come about?

It stemmed in part from the farmer's changing surroundings. The vast changes that have come to the rural economy have in part been matters of technology, as new machinery and methods have enabled farmers to produce lots more from their land. At the same time, rising incomes and expanding population have both raised and altered the demand for farm products. We eat a lot more meat than we once did, for example, but far fewer potatoes.

For a long time the farmers did a good job of adjusting to change. The early years of this century were years of increasing rural prosperity. Land prices doubled and tripled and farmers ploughed deeply in debt to expand acreage and output. When the rise in demand slowed in the 1920s, the farm bubble burst. Many farmers, blaming everyone but themselves, demanded Washington's help.

Well, for more than three decades now Washington's planners have been trying to help. Last week President Kennedy signed still another farm bill which will, among other things, modify and extend present wheat and feed grain control programs. Although Agriculture Secretary Freeman calls this a "historic step", it seems likely only to further distort the farm economy.

The farmers themselves are dissatisfied. Many are becoming unhappy with their dependent status. In fact, the biggest farm group, the Farm Bureau Federation, talks of a gradual return to a free market. On the other hand some farmers think the Government hasn't done enough; the month-old "strike" of the National Farmers Organization reflects this attitude.

It's perfectly true that the rural economy is in a perfect shape, but the trouble is not a lack of Federal activity but an excess of it.

One prime result of the planners' efforts has been to create a surplus of manpower on our nation's farms. New machines have made it possible for farms to increase output with fewer workers, and this has led to a migration of farm workers to jobs in the cities. But this migration has been slowed by the massive Federal aid programs which have made agriculture seem, to some people at least, more attractive than it otherwise would have been. The upshot is that the nation is wasting human resources on the farms.

Moreover, many of these surplus farmers have been encouraged by Government handouts — and promises of more handouts to come — to keep

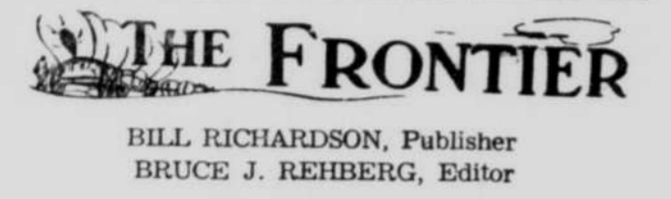
plugging away at small farms. These farms are often too small to make full use of modern machinery and thus in many cases cannot show a profit even at artificially supported price levels.

Then, too, the impact of price supports has been wildly uneven. For one thing, not all prices are supported; even the planners would shudder a bit at the thought of stockpiles of surplus cattle and hogs. But the farmers of the NFO are feeling price-supported corn to their cattle and hogs. So their product prices fell while their costs didn't?

In addition, price supports have deprived farm products of many of their former markets both at home and abroad. America can export wheat and cotton in volume now with the aid of a rickety system of special Government subsidies to exporters, but nothing remains for the dairymen the sales that butter is losing to cheaper margarine.

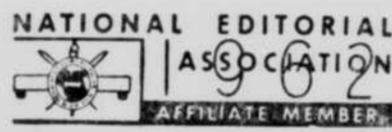
All in all, an almost unbelievable mess. People being paid for work no one needs to do, corn pouring into elevators to lie around and decay, scandals occurring so frequently that hardly anyone is scandalized anymore. For these things the consumer pays through the nose, both in higher taxes and higher prices. And all this goes along with the weird structure of "farm aid" that Washington has built up over the past three decades.

If some of those self-reliant pioneers were still around, with their woodmen's axes, they would know where to begin to chop.



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## Stuart News

By Mrs. Herb Skala

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Goebel sr. and family were Clarence Goebel Lynnwood, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Goebel jr. Lincoln. They all attended the alumni banquet Saturday night.

A farewell party was held Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bloz by the Sand Creek Improvement club and their families. The Bloz's are moving to California where Byron has employment.

A farewell dinner and card party was held Thursday evening honoring Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bloz at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bloz, Mr. and Mrs. George Minning, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Smith, Mr. and Mrs. George Keidel, Mr. and Mrs. Rollo Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gilbert.

Friday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ankeny and Rodney were Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Timmerman and Lois, Mr. and Mrs. Marie Fetherston and family, Atkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. James Allyn were Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lofquist. Lawrence returned home from Omaha a week ago from an Omaha hospital. He is showing improvement.

Those attending the Presbyterian meeting held at Randolph Wednesday with Mrs. James Allyn were Mrs. Herbert Young, Mrs. George Keidel, Mrs. Roy Greenfield, Mrs. Jane Cobb and Mrs. James Herrington.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Addison and Sharon were Gary Addison, Everly, Ia., where he teaches and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Addison and daughter, Columbus.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Allyn and family were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Straka and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Allyn and family visited Saturday in O'Neill with Mrs. Lottie Lofquist, Mrs. Vina Munson and at the Dwayne Philbrick home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Everett, Brian and Debbie, Fort Crook, spent the weekend with Bill's mother, Mrs. Bea Everett, Atkinson, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cadwallader at Stuart. They returned home Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bathel, Fort Scott, Kan., enroute home Saturday morning from a visit with their son and family at Rapid City, S. D. stopped for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cadwallader.

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## Atkinson News

Mr. Ray Gans, Lincoln, called at the C. F. Small home Saturday. He is spending two or three days around Atkinson, hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Richardson and Mrs. Fernie Davis were in O'Neill Thursday morning on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henery, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Henery and children, Doris, Ronald, Nancy and Charley, Neigh came Sunday afternoon to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Richardson and also to attend the Appaloosa horse sale that was held at the Atkinson Livestock Market. Robert and Vernon Henery are brothers of Mrs. Richardson.

Effie Kuhn and Lillie Fallesen, Neigh, attended the horse sale Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Douglas Wilson and little daughter, Ainsworth, visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Puckett Thursday.

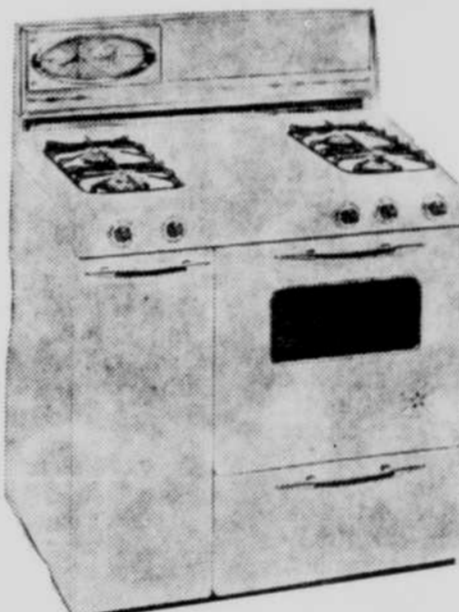
Mr. and Mrs. Clair Allen and family, Akron, Ia., are visiting at the home of Mrs. Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Tindall.

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visit in the Joseph M. Kokes home. When he returned home he was accompanied by his wife and son, Jeffrey, who had been visiting here for two weeks. Mrs. Gaines is the former Sharon Kokes.

Civic Improvement Garden club met at the home of Lillie Smith Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. James E. Ramsey, Jackie and Cindy, went to Hastings to visit Mrs. Ramsey's parents, the Judge Rays.

Norm Steven, Omaha, spent the weekend at the C. J. Prussa ranch. He also visited his aunt Mrs. Ella Mack and other relatives.

Those attending the state meeting of federated garden clubs at Kearney Oct. 4 and 5 from this district were Mrs. Frank Skrdla, Mrs. Fred Mack, Mrs. Robert Martens and Mrs. Mabel Robertson, Chambers. This was held at the Ft. Kearney hotel. This meet-

ing was also attended by the National President of Federated Garden clubs, Mrs. Charles Nettleton and regional president, Mrs. Earl Kindred, Miller, S. D. Mrs. S. P. Taylor was elected new state president.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Krysl left this week for Sleepyeye, Minn., where they will make their home. He will return later in the week to get their household goods. She is the former Dona Cleary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Cleary, Sleepyeye. They will operate a farm near there. The Cleary's are formerly of Atkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Kisinger celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary Sunday with a basket-dinner at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tasler, with relatives attending.

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## Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO Charlie Ide helped C. J. Simonson thresh last week. Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Morrison returned the first of the week from a business and pleasure trip to St. Louis. Lovena Adams visited friends at Inman last Sunday. Hazel Euder, Inman, visited last Saturday with relatives and returned Monday. Miss Etta Moorhouse went up to O'Neill last Friday to visit her sister, Mrs. Burch.

25 YEARS AGO Workmen are busy this week renovating and repairing the old Hynes building, long landmark on lower fourth street. Mrs. David Standard is county roll call chairman for the rural Red Cross fall campaign. Miss Elja McCullough is chairman. Thomas Liddy and Fritz Kelly left last Friday for Ames, Ia., to attend the Nebraska-Iowa State football game Saturday. They returned Sunday. There will be a rummage sale in the council room of the Nebraska State Bank building Oct. 21, 22 and 23. The pep club girls made their first out of town trip to Bassett on Oct.

## The Long Ago

16. Sixteen girls made the trip, Yankee close series in the fifth game. The New York Yankees are again the champion baseball club of the World for the second year in succession.

5 YEARS AGO Joe McLeish of Grand Island is the new manager of Gambles company-owned department store here. The Friends of St. Mary's have scheduled a community auction Saturday, October 26, at the academy campus. Matthew Beha, sr., electrician-farmer-radio operator living southeast of O'Neill, late Saturday picked up the radio signal from Russia's earth satellite which was launched the day before by red scientists. Creighton whips O'Neill Eagles 13-0. The wedding of Miss Wilma L. Bubutke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bubutke of O'Neill and James Ollendick of Elgin, took place at Fairfax, S. D. Sunday, Sept. 29.

## At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO Dr. Gill reports a fine baby girl at the home of Chas. Allen Tuesday night, everybody doing fine. Mr. and Mrs. Issac Eckley and Mr. and Mrs. William Eckley started Wednesday morning on a 2000 mile overland trip in their Regal Touring Car which they recently traded for. Don't forget the roller skating in the hall Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Charles left Tuesday morning for Creighton on a visit with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Grim. Dr. Fousts was called to the McGinnis ranch near Amelia Monday evening to attend a sick horse.

25 YEARS AGO Born to Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Sengpiel a 7 3/4 pound son on Sunday evening, October 10. He has been named Paul Marvin. A deal was closed Monday where by Mrs. C. E. Tibbets purchased the Clarence Wyant residence the second door north of the Drug Store. Leo T. Adams, Vice Pres., and G. H. Adams, Cashier of the Chambers State Bank attended a meeting of the Bankers of the North Central Nebraska Clearing House Association at O'Neill, Nebr. on last Wednesday evening.

4-H CALF SALE O'NEILL LIVESTOCK MARKET Sat., Oct. 13 SHOW 9:00 a.m. SALE 1:00 p.m. 4-H MEMBERS Ranchers List your stocker-feeder calves with the Sale Manager, Lyle Dierks, or contact the Holt County Agent's office. 26th ANNUAL HOLT DISTRICT STOCKER-FEEDER SHOW AND SALE SPONSORED BY THE O'NEILL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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