

Prairieland Talk—

Is It the Man or the Message?

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LINCOLN—It is said Billy Graham got his start in life milking 20 cows night and morning. He now is the country's most popular if not the greatest of preachers, so popular that the thousands of restless souls in New York City have been running to hear him nightly. It is said the bars and booze joints are now deserted.

I have gone down the lighted streets of that great city and seen deluded dames singing and performing by the open doors of the bar rooms just for the price of a drink. They may now go to hear Billy in search of the Water of Life. Is it the man or his message that draws the crowds?

The late Gus Doyle of O'Neill pioneer days said he would listen to any man with a message. A citizen of Lincoln goes a little farther—he has sheets and pictures of Billy he hands out, the printed sheets briefly tell Graham's philosophy of life. At his meetings he speaks to many thousands each night.

Out there in Los Angeles is a radio speaker, H. M. S. Richards, who addresses millions the world over under the title head of "Voice of Prophecy". Many others are on the air, and if you have the hardihood to listen you have a large selection to choose from.

We mortals come and go, live out our days and are no more. Nature changes not, the blue above, the green robed earth in pleasant lands, the drifting sands of centuries in deserts, ocean waves washing the sandy beaches and rock bound coasts century upon century. "Man marks the earth with ruin; his control stops with the shore." Pink tints across eastern heavens at sunrise, the glare of noonday, the gold of sunset, the stars, the moon—and man can not raise a staying hand. Out beyond the vast unknown a Higher Power sets in motion the forces of nature. We creatures of earth adjust ourselves to the moods of nature, live out our days and kick off.

July 26, 1901, was officially named by Governor Savage as a day for Nebraskans to assemble in their respective places of worship and pray for relief from the heat and drought that summer. . . . Jim O'Donnell was in Norfolk a spectator at a ball game. . . . J. P. Mann, after 18 years a merchant in O'Neill, took off for Chicago where he was entering mercantile activities on a larger scale. . . . H. S. Daley, a brother of Mrs. J. J. Harrington, was here from Texas. . . . Harvey Stockings, O'Neill's butter and egg merchant, was at Stuart a day last week and bought up 1,555 pounds of butter produced in that community. . . . Den Hunt was appointed district deputy for the Royal Highlanders, his district comprising all of Nebraska north of the Platte river. . . . Dr. P. J. Flynn, for some years an O'Neill physician, was arranging to locate in Atkinson.

Editorial—

5 Percent Idea Is a Dud!

Comes now Nebraska's Gov. Victor Anderson with an idea borne out of the recent conference of governors.

The Nebraska chief executive would like to see five percent of the federal income tax forwarded to the respective states for the state officers to spend.

The idea is that the diversion would amount to a cut in federal taxes and restore to the states some of the spending delight now enjoyed by the federal government.

We do not know just how naive the governor is nor how much thought he gave to the proposal. But we hasten to say the whole idea is for the birds, as far as this newspaper is concerned.

In the first place, any money forwarded to Washington undergoes a dramatic shrinkage when—and if—it returns. It's much like passing an ice cube around the table. When the cube returns to the point of origin it is barely recognizable.

In the second place, the federal income tax cut—about which we have heard so much and seen so little—should be effected by introducing some realistic economies and by trimming off some of the fat.

Thirdly, and most important, is the principal involved. If the state were to share in the federal take, the state would have a vested interest. The state spenders would not long be content with a mere five percent. With one foot in the door, you could expect a clamor for an increase. The state boys could gleefully say to unhappy taxpayers, "It's not us, it's the federal government that levies the tax!"

Victor is correct in a desire to check the federal participation in areas of service that rightfully belong to the states. The federal government has been usurping power from the states to an alarming degree. But Anderson's objective would be nullified by busy politicians who love to spend money from a new (?) source.

We feel Victor gave birth to a dud when he conceived that one. We cannot imagine how anyone (save bureaucrats) can buy the idea, and we hope the good governor will see the pitfalls inherent in the proposal and repair to his study for further thought on the subject.

Doesn't Need Ike's Blessing

Newsweek magazine notes in the current issue that President Eisenhower is of a mind to be something less than enthusiastic for the reelection of U. S. Sen. Roman Hruska (R-Nebr.) and at least five or six other senators when they come up for reelection in 1958.

Hruska's cardinal sin, so the magazine infers, is opposition to the administration's 72-billion-dollar budget.

Ike's ice-water treatment might have some effect on some states, but in Nebraska Senator Hruska won't have one iota of worry and, we predict, will be reelected with or without Ike's blessing. In fact, Nebraskans generally are as vigorously opposed to the whopping budget as Senator Hruska.

Matter of fact, when Ike interceded for fair-headed boys in last year's senatorial and congressional elections he was rebuffed more often than he pulled any chestnuts out of the fire—

When I last saw Eli Hershiser on South Fourth street in O'Neill and we reviewed incidents of frontier life. I walked away feeling that the days of another pioneer were numbered. He died out of this state but was brought back to be laid away in the burying ground of the community where life had meant most to him. Few if any now survive who had ridden the prairie trails in the days of Kid Wade and Doc Middleton in which Eli figured as a peace officer. Eli had two brothers, Ed and Jake. Ed as sheriff had Kid Wade in custody when the vigilantes came upon them and took young Wade from the sheriff and hung him. A little village west of Valentine at one time was known as Eli, the name borrowed from O'Neill's Eli. He went through the roughest period of frontier life and reached the age of 94. Charley Hamilton, Holt county sheriff at the time of the Barrett Scott hanging and the two-gun Joe days that followed, died at the age of 107.

It is with interest Prairieland Talker notes that Nebraska friends way out there in reach of Puget Sound have written to renew their allegiance to The Frontier. It is sometime since I had personal contact by letter with Mr. and Mrs. Segelman, but their recent letter to the editor assures us that they are still interested in O'Neill and activities of friends back here in prairieland.

July 4, 1776, just 181 years ago today, a group of colonial patriots signed an immortal document we know as the Declaration of Independence. A nation's roots were planted by the Atlantic ocean shores that in the years to come were to spread across America to become today the admiration, the envy and yet the hope of the world. Fruitful prairieland, at the birth of today's great country, was a vast wilderness. Your people came, my people came to this wilderness and from their toil-worn hands we have today's heritage of a land of plenty . . . where men and women and children enjoy life at its best. But have we forgotten that this is Independence Day? Why no longer Fourth of July celebrations—100 guns at sunrise, parades, sports, patriotic demonstrations and the skies aglow at night with fireworks? The shot fired 181 years ago that was heard around the world, will it reach no more on prairieland?

I saw him yesterday, grief-stricken and bowed under life's burdens of more than four score years. His life's companion lay in burial robes for consignment to the abode of the dead. He now was alone in the world, the only family tie in America being a granddaughter. He and his dead life's companion were born 85 years ago in Germany, but for more than half a century had made their home in Nebraska. The days ahead for my German friend will not be many, then he, too, will pass away. Today heart sore and lonely he faces the days ahead, as others have done before him since the world began. A native of a once great and united country, now torn apart and where his tribal roots were once anchored, he will end his days on earth here on prairieland among sympathizing friends.

this at a time when his individual popularity was at its peak.

Ike's stock has deteriorated alarmingly since last November and if he continues to plug for "worldwide WPA", the status of forces treaty, grandiose cultural projects abroad, and freewheeling appointments to the high courts and other federal jobs, he will have established an all-time high and low water mark within the span of four years.

It would be timely if Senator Hruska sees fit to comment on these matters today when he appears at the "old-fashioned" Fourth of July celebration at Stuart.

No Sermon Today

(Guest editorial from the Blair Pilot-Tribune) It is customary for newspapers to editorialize, just before major holidays, about the danger of death on the highways.

We will dispense with this formality as the one-day Fourth of July holiday approaches.

Our observation has been that people just naturally gravitate toward highway death on the holidays, the same as bugs fly into lights at night.

Nothing one can do will change it, it seems. So there's no editorial today on being careful over the Fourth. We will concentrate, instead, on staying off the highways ourselves except for venturing out to get newspaper reports and photos where necessary along the blood path.

Countryside is Lovely

The hay crop may be a little late this year but it is bountiful and will be greatly appreciated by the livestock men come next winter. And, while we're about it, the countryside never looked lovelier on the Fourth of July—thanks to the generous rains in May and June.

Time for Second Look

It's high time the postmaster-general took a second look at some of the orders he issues to see just how practical they are. We are being asked to pay more-and-more while the service gets less-and-less.—Buffalo Lake (Minn.) News.

THE FRONTIER

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McKeen New Owner of Harness Store Buys Saddlery Stock from Gilmour Estate

A. E. McKeen bought the stock of harness and saddlery of the late E. S. Gilmour. His store will be known as the Harness store. . . . Sam Beavers went to Neligh to attend the Grand Army reunion. . . . The Misses Anna and Marie Churchhill, who have been operating a millinery store here, closed their shop and left for their home in Ashland. . . . M. C. Van Etten died at Henry Thierroff's home in Star. . . . R. T. King and Miss Ethel Maude Hamilton were married in Seattle, Wash. Both are former residents of O'Neill. The bridegroom is the son of J. J. King, former court stenographer, and the bride the daughter of ex-sheriff C. W. Hamilton.

John M. McDonough, a former editor of the Tribune, died in New York City. He had worked on newspapers after leaving here and then branched into theatrical work. . . . While returning from a fishing trip, Gene Rummell, Robert Cook and Albert Rummell were hurt when their car went out of control about two miles east of Phoenix. . . . Miss Helen Murphy died after an illness of one year.

Mrs. Jeanne C. Scott, 72, in Omaha. She was the wife of the late Charles B. Scott, who served as 15th district court reporter for 22 years; Mrs. C. J. Coffey, the second wife of "Conj. Coffey, in Texas. The first Mrs. Coffey was the former Mary Dailley and is buried in O'Neill. . . . Hardly a farmer in Holt and Boyd counties is not concerned with a "catch-crop" problem at this time. This condition was caused with unusually cold weather and by flood and hail storms.

Deaths: Mrs. Mary Ann Wehrsten, 69; Mrs. Amanda Pace, a former resident in Miami, Fla.; Edward B. Claussen, 64, of Atkinson; Ezra Moore, 84, who spent 64 years in the Indian community. . . . A meteorological balloon descended on the George Fullerton place in Amelia. The instrument box, which was attached and was the size of a small refrigerator, weighed over 300 pounds.

Vehicle Burns After Hit by Another Car

AMELIA—Mr. and Mrs. William Fryrear were involved in a two-car highway accident about 9 p.m., Saturday, June 22, enroute to Atkinson on state highway 11. They were blinded by the lights of an approaching car and did not see a parked car ahead. Myron E. Cashatt, 21, of Butte and Spencer had stopped to repair a tire about three miles south of Atkinson. Hospitalized were Mrs. Fryrear, Mr. Cashatt and Mr. Dye, all suffering lacerations. Mr. Cashatt's lacerations and abrasions were "severe". Mrs. Fryrear and Dye were released from the Atkinson hospital the next day. The Cashett car caught fire and burned. The Fryrear machine received a damaged front fender and shattered glass. The injured were taken to the hospital by ambulance. Mrs. Frank Pierce took Mrs. Fryrear to Atkinson on Wednesday, June 26 for a checkup.

Fair Group Gets \$500 from 'Ak'

CHAMBERS—The Holt county Agricultural society, sponsor of the annual county fair, has received five hundred dollars from the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben for grounds improvement, according to President Lloyd Gled. Holt fair dates for 1957 are August 12-15.

Twins Among Army Enlistees

The army recruiting office at O'Neill has announced the following recent enlistments: For the women's army corps: Mary J. and Marilyn J. Skrivan, twins, and Phyllis J. and Shirley M. Wacker, sisters, all of Bloomfield; Kathryn E. Sharp of Valentine. Enlisting as a group, the girls departed Thursday for Ft. McClellan, Ala. Larry L. Beatty of Ainsworth, Eugene G. Norton of Stuart, Benjamin B. Backman of Gordon, Edward W. Bohac of Kimball, all for the army security agency. Edward L. Fletcher of Ainsworth, for artillery corps. Harold W. Anderson of Halsey, for ordnance corps. Marius J. Dahlen of Niobrara, for auto mechanic school. Leon K. McDaniel of Royal, for army reserves. The men went to Ft. Chaffee, Ark., for processing. Enlistees after July 1 will go to Ft. Carson, Colo., according to Recruiting Sgt. James R. Lyons.

Stanley Carlson Dies in Omaha—EWING—Mr. and Mrs. Buford Carlson, of Palm Beach, Fla., who are visiting relatives in Ewing, attended the funeral of his father, Stanley Carlson, held in Norfolk Tuesday, June 25, at 1 p.m. Burial was made in the Clearwater cemetery. Mr. Carlson, who had been ill about two years, died in an Omaha hospital Saturday, June 22. He formerly lived in the Millerville community near Clearwater.

DISTRICTS MERGED—DELOIT—Wheeler county school district 29 (Reimer district) and the Wheeler-Holt district 18½ have been merged and will be known as the Deloit district.

Mrs. Bartley Brennen and son Bartley of Norfolk were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Jaszowski from Friday until Monday, June 21-24.

ORCHARD—Mrs. Anna Buchanan died Sunday, June 23, in a rest home at Elgin.

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Wed 55 Years—STUART—Mr. and Mrs. Peter Engler Tuesday, June 18 celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Strong and son Terry of Norfolk, were recent guests of Mrs. Strong's parents Mr. and Mrs. Andy Wetlaufer and brother, Gerald Wetlaufer and family.



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