

Prairieland Talk . . .

Swimming in Limpid Elkhorn Okay

By ROMAIN SAUNDERS

LINCOLN—Have they of this generation that has taken over the heritage of the McEvony-Thompson and O'Neill colonies become hopelessly modernistic. Now where Bob Ingersoll and Longhared John rode buckin' broncs it's to be desecrated with a swimming pool. What's the matter with the limpid waters of the Elkhorn? When Neil Brennan stood in the sands and the water flowed over his tired, travel-worn feet he must have thought he had reached a branch of the river of life. A swimming pool at your dooryard. A wonderful thing in which to plunge on a warm evening. But you have to be toggled out in the latest thing in bathing suits. Old and young of an earlier generation left their duds on the river bank, plunged in as nature fearfully and wonderfully formed them, and barebacks went bobbing through the water most any time of day in warm weather. The swimming holes were free to all and if any fellow came with a towel for a rubdown he was looked upon as a sissy.

The modernistic swimming pools are run on a cash fee basis and you not only must have your outfit that covers the most objectional things which nature has bestowed upon the race but you need some cash in your fist. And so the march of time draws a curtain over the old swimmin' hole with the sand bottom and hands this generation a modernistic pool in a setting of concrete.

This generation doesn't know the fun it has missed in the exchange of courtesies of such newspaper writers as Doc Mathews going to editorial blows with John McDonough or Clyde King exchanging classics with Ham Kautzman. It may have been a hangover from earlier times. In the 16th century such as this came from a German firebrand directed at the British crown: "A damnable and rotten worm, a snivelling, drivelling swine of a sophist." Whereupon a defender of the English king came back at the German gent with "this apostate, this open incontinent lecher, this plain limb of the devil and manifest messenger of hell." That would have meant there would be bullets flying on O'Neill streets at one time.

It is not too pleasant to think about. Everyone knows that what has been could be again. The weather has been acting a lot like it did in 1894. That year rain fell about every day during April. Came May, then June with a daily blow, clouds gathered at sunset only to drift away with thunder grumbles before a mighty northwest gale. No rain to exceed what George Triggs and a few others could spit as they sat on the steps at the First National bank chewing tobacco and dispensing the wisdom of village loafers. July and hot winds settled over the vast prairieland with baleful effects.

I rode a bay gelding across the Minneola flats turned autumn brown under the scorching winds of July down into the Louce creek valley to John Addison's hangout.

John had a field of corn dry and yellow rattling in the wind. A pair of coyotes on a knoll looked me over as I rode by. I asked John what he thought of the outlook and he shared the general view that it was plenty tough but he planned

Editorial . . .

Don't Overlook the Issues

The current issue of the Farm Journal warns that vital government issues may become overshadowed by the personalities in the presidential campaign.

In line with this is the growing tendency of Americans to say, "I don't belong in any political party, I vote for the man" . . . when in reality we are voting for a party. That's why voters should make up their minds how they wish their government run — and then choose their party and support it.

The Journal does a little soul searching in the problems which confront us in our national government. This is the Journal's query: "Do we want taxes to go higher and higher, robbing us of more and more of what we can earn?"

"Do we want inflation to continue to erode the value out of the dollar, so that no one can be thrifty with confidence?"

"Do we want corruption to keep on destroying faith in public servants, as it will do if no sweeping change is made?"

"Do we want more of the timid, fearful foreign policy that can take us into other wars, as it did into Korea? Do we want indefinitely to depend on pouring wealth abroad, with no consistent program behind it?"

"Do farmers want to find themselves having to deal with more and more federal agencies, each with a little more power over some part of farm business?"

"Shall more power be handed to union labor leaders, at the expense of their own members and of the whole population?"

"Shall this America be the land of opportunity or merely a land of uneasy, dependent security? Deny it as they may, that is the road to serfdom."

MacArthur on Farm Program

"Solutions of the problems of any country must start with the solutions of the people who work the soil."

This comment from General Douglas MacArthur, reported in Successful Farming magazine, shows the general's interest in farm problems — a field that has not received much attention in his many press and radio interviews.

MacArthur also asserts that Rome fell because the rulers didn't understand that a healthy farm economy was needed to maintain the city's glory. "Caesar was successful in his conquests only when he stimulated agricultural development," he says.

The general makes no pretense of a detailed knowledge of American agriculture's problems. However, the interviewing reporter states, "I got the impression that General MacArthur would be willing to try his hand at solving farm problems in the United States, and not as secretary of agriculture, either."

Other Editors . . .

(Cedar County News)

A meeting recently at Kearney was called by a group of out-state daily editors in an effort to find some solution to the highway problem and to seek some way of meeting the present emergency.

The highway question proved to be a good deal like the weather. It was talked about, but nothing was really done about it.

Present at the meeting in addition to Governor Peterson, the state engineer, legislators and editors were Herbert Hahn of the Petroleum

When You and I Were Young . . .

Norfolkans Here to

View Beet Crop

Hail Storm Hits Wide

Northeast Holt Area

50 Years Ago

Peter Greeley was up from the north country. . . Messrs. Bunnick and Gereck of the Oxford Sugar company of Norfolk were here inspecting the beet crop on the irrigation ditch. . . At the annual school meeting held at the school, Neil Brennan, Dr. Trueblood, and Bernard McGreevey were elected directors. . . Al Miller was down from Atkinson. . . Edward Adams, of the Chambers State bank, visited the city.

25 Years Ago

A number of fishing parties are being arranged for the Fourth. Some are going to the lakes in Cherry county while a few are talking about Lake Andes, S.D. . . Miss Margaret Joyce has returned to Chicago, Ill., where she is employed. . . John Mullen of Washington, D. C., is visiting Homer Mullen and friends. . . Helen Murray, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Murray, was taken to Norfolk where she submitted to an appendicitis operation.

10 Years Ago

S/Sgt. Hugh McKenna arrived from Los Angeles, Calif., and will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. McKenna. . . Four Holt county pioneers passed away during the week: R. H. Murray, Henry Cook, Mrs. John Boshart and Miss Nora Sullivan.

One Year Ago

Northeast Holt county was hard hit by a hailstorm that inflicted spotty damage over a wide territory. . . Plans for the third annual American Legion-sponsored O'Neill celebration are being completed. Dates are Saturday and Sunday, July 14 and 15. . . Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watson of Amelia celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary at their ranch home southwest of Amelia.

Scott Clubbers Scrub

Community Hall

REDBIRD—The Scott Community club ladies cleaned the Scottville hall Tuesday, June 24.

Other Redbird News

Mrs. Albert Carson and Mrs. Junior Wilson called in the Lyle Luber home Tuesday, June 24.

Janice Wells, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wells, attended a birthday party in Lynch Friday honoring her little friend, Linda Crooks.

Mrs. Anna Carson, June and Cloranna Carson were overnight guests at the home of Mrs. Ernest in the Howard Graham home.

Doris and Helen Halsted have been vacationing the past two weeks with relatives at Page, Orchard and Spencer.

Linda Tuch of Verdell spent the past week with her sister, Mrs. Junior Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Ernst of Rapid City, S.D., visited from Wednesday, June 25, to Saturday in the Ralph Pinkerman, Ray Hill and Guy Pinkerman homes.

Mrs. Ernest is a niece of Ray Wilson and Mrs. Ralph Pinkerman.

Mrs. Ray Wilson entertained at a party in her home last Thursday. Games were played with Mrs. Mary Sedivy, Mrs. Nick Baker, Mrs. Wila Schollmeyer and Mrs. Marie Wray winning prizes. Mrs. Joy Wilson won the door prize. The hostess served pineapple upside down cake with whipped cream and kool aid.

Beryle Bessert and Robert Wells are now stationed at Ft. Bliss, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ressel of Marshall, Tex., visited last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hartland.

Mrs. Dale Bessert and infant daughter, Kay, are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Truax, sr.

Larry Halstead is helping at the Bob Bridges farm.

Joan Rosicky, Jo Ann Baker and Leola Lynch, Garry Wilson, Douglas Wray, field and Albert Lee Kruse called in the Robert White home while in O'Neill Saturday evening.

Sunday visitors in the Fred Truax, sr., home were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hull and family of Verdell, the Harry Truax family of Valley and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bessert and baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hiscocks are the owners of a new car.

Ronnie Hasenpflug of O'Neill is helping his granfather, Ray Wilson, cut and shock grain this week.

Several from here attending the Hull family gathering at the Niobrara park included: The Leon Mellor and Guy and Gay Hull families, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pinkerman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson drove to Creighton on business Monday morning.

Jim O'connor, who is now employed on a road construction crew near Butte, visited over the weekend with the Frank Wray family.

Ernie Wright has been stripping bluegrass near Inman the past two weeks.

Carroll Gallop of Lynch is visiting his cousin, Mrs. Bill Wilson, and family.

REAL ESTATE

TRANSFERS

WD—Edwin A. Walker heirs to Hazel L. Park 7-12-52 \$2,750. Lots 8-9 and 10- Blk 10-East Side Add-Page
WD—Roy L. Ries to Myron Colamer & wf 6-16-52 \$7500. Lot 3 Blk 3-Collins Add-Atkinson
WD—Chester McClenahan to Kenneth L. Barthel & wf 3-5-52 \$3900. Part of SW 1/4 SW 1/4 26-26-12
WD—Manuel M. Crosser to Elsie L. Krueger 6-20-52 \$3200. Lots 8-9 & 10 Blk 5-Western Town Lot Co 1st Add. Inman QCD—R. H. Parker to John T. Hansen 3-12-52 \$1. Lots 16 & 17 Blk F. McCafferty 2nd Add. O'Neill-corrected deed
WD—Ralph Kelley & wf to Carl Barthel & wf 3-1-52 \$10,800. NW 1/4 34-E 1/2 NE 1/4 33-25-16
WD—Edward Krugman to Raymond E. Robey or wf 11-3-49 \$3000. Lot 14-Blk 48-Pioneer Townsite Co Add-Atk
WD—Samuel Reinke to Samuel & Mollie M. Reinke 6-11-52 \$1. SW 1/4 18-25-10
WD—Samuel Reinke to Samuel & Mollie M. Reinke 6-11-52 \$1. SE 1/4 13-25-11
WD—Frank E. Skrdla to William Marie Fetherston & wf 6-28-52 \$4000. Part SW 1/4 SE 1/4 32-30-14

Stuart Rodeo a 3-Day Event

STUART—The annual rodeo at Stuart will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 4, 5 and 6. The rodeo is sponsored by the American Legion.

In addition to the five-event rodeo there will be a state pageant, crowning of the rodeo queen, and evening dancing on Friday. Saturday there will be a free barbecue from 7 to 8 p.m.

On Sunday a \$1,000 fireworks display will be given at Stuart park starting at 9:30 p.m.

There will be a carnival on the grounds throughout the three-day celebration.

LEGAL NOTICE

(First pub. June 19, 1952) Julius D. Cronin, Atty. NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate No. 3832

In the County Court of Holt County, Nebraska, June 12, 1952, in the matter of the Estate of PATRICK B. HARTY, Deceased.

CREDITORS of said estate are hereby notified that the time limited for presenting claims against said estate is October 10, 1952, and for the payment of debts is June 12th, 1953 and that on July 10, 1952 and on October 11th, 1952 at 10 o'clock A. M., each day I will be at the County Court Room in said County to receive, examine, hear, allow or adjust all claims and objections duly filed.

LOUIS W. REIMER, County Judge. (COUNTY COURT SEAL) 7-9c

NOTICE

WHEREAS, Dale Leo Hines, of Holt County, Nebraska, on the 28th day of March, 1951, and the Board of Pardons, pursuant to law have set the hour of 9:00 A.M. on the 24th day of July, 1952, for hearing on said application, all persons interested are hereby notified that they may appear at the State Penitentiary, at Lincoln, Nebraska, on said day and hour and show cause, if any there be, why said application should, or should not be granted.

JAMES S. PITTENGER, Secretary, Board of Pardons. RICHARD C. MEISSNER, Chief State Probation Officer. (NEBRASKA BOARD OF PARDONS SEAL) 8-9c

First pub. June 19, 1952 William W. Griffin, Atty. NOTICE FOR PETITION FOR ADMINISTRATION Estate No. 3841

In the County Court of Holt County, Nebraska, June 16, 1952, in the matter of the Estate of JANE HOLLOWAY, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in said estate that a petition has been filed in said Court for the appointment of NORA EVELYN PUGH as Administratrix of said estate, and will be heard July 10th, 1952 at 10 o'clock A. M. at the County Court Room in O'Neill, Nebraska.

LOUIS W. REIMER, County Judge. (County Court Seal) 7-9c

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Holt County Board of Supervisors of Holt County, Nebraska, for the furnishing of all labor and material for the construction and repair of all wood, steel and concrete bridges and culverts in said County of Holt for the budget year 1952-1953, as necessarily may require and at the direction of the County Board of Supervisors.

Sealed bids must be submitted in bidding blanks furnished by the Department of Roads & Irrigation, State of Nebraska, and must be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of \$1000.00 said check to be on a solvent Bank in Holt County, Nebraska, as a guarantee.

Sealed bids as requested above will be received up to 11 o'clock A. M. on the 15th day of July, 1952, at the Office of the County Clerk, at O'Neill, Nebraska, and will be opened by the Board of Supervisors at that time.

The Board of Supervisors reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Done by order of the Board of Supervisors of Holt County, Nebraska, this 28th day of May, 1952. RUTH HOFFMAN, County Clerk 7-10c

State Capitol News . . .

45,000 School Land Signatures Needed;

Best Guess Is Number Will Fall Short

By MELVIN PAUL, Statehouse Correspondent

LINCOLN—Two groups of Nebraskans are watching the secretary of state's office with wary eyes this week.

On one side are residents of western counties which have large acreages of school lands much of it ablaze with the golden fire of ripe wheat.

On the other are the citizens of eastern counties whose school lands long ago were sold and the income—paltry by today's inflated standards—invested in bonds, some good and some bad.

They're waiting for today (Thursday) and the 5 p.m. deadline for the filing of petitions to place on the general election ballot a constitutional amendment which, among other things, would give the principal share of the multi-million dollar income from Nebraska's school lands to the counties where the lands are located.

Charles D. Green of Sidney, who, ironically, is not himself a leaseholder (the lease is in his wife's name), at last week's end was working feverishly to come up with the almost 45,000 signatures he needs to put the petition on the ballot.

As president of the Nebraska School Land Leaseholders association, Green has headed the "opposition" since the supreme court handed down its bombshell of a ruling which invalidated all leases issued under a 1947 law the court found unconstitutional.

Informed opinion here at the statehouse was that Green was not likely to make it and the Sidney man told a reporter that if he didn't, the work wouldn't have been entirely in vain since the publicity he got would help prepare the 1953 legislature to treat with the problem.

Meanwhile, Asst. Atty. - Gen. Robert A. Nelson said the state plans to fight right up to the supreme court ruling by District Judge Victor Westmark of McCook that the state board of educational lands and funds is required to give year-to-year tenants of school lands 6 months notice before evicting them.

He said that although the board is "retiring" from the state it does not have arbitrary power or greater power than any other trustee handling a trust estate.

As a practical matter, of course, the fact that the state could not claim a lease until six months after it expires would have a strong tendency to depress bidding at school land auctions since few bidders would be willing to pay for a lease they couldn't claim for six months.

One of the cardinal principles set down by the supreme court in the now-famous Ebke case was that the board must get every cent it could from the school lands for the benefit of Nebraska's school kids, consistent with sound management practices.

Nebraskans interested in the state's highway headaches might have imagined they were hearing an old, familiar tune last week after a meeting at Kearney called to talk over the situation.

The gathering was advertised as a meeting of editors to discuss how to impress Gov. Val Peterson with the necessity for calling a special session of the legislature to deal with the problem. Actually, the editors made up a small minority and were out-talked, 10-1, by the lobbyists for the organizations which have been fighting the battle of the roads since 1948.

But there were a few new words

Social Security

Rep. Coming —

Martin Gundlach, field representative of the Omaha office of the social security administration, will be at the courthouse in O'Neill on Wednesday, July 9 at 9 a.m. He will assist retired individuals who wish to file claims for old-age insurance benefits as well as those who wish to file claims for survivors benefits.

EMMETT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McMillan were Sunday, June 15, visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Harold McMillan, and daughters at Newport. They also visited Mr. McMillan's mother, Mrs. Bertha McMillan, who is seriously ill at the Bassett hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Swick of Clinton arrived Friday evening, June 13, to spend the weekend at the W. R. Tenborg home. Mr. Tenborg accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Swick to Clinton where he will spend some time visiting.

Miss Maureen Murphy was a June 14 weekend guest of Laa Ann Fritton at O'Neill.

Mrs. Frank Foreman and Jeanie were Wednesday evening, June 11, visitors at the Joe Winkler home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Murphy and Clarence Murphy were Friday evening, June 13, visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wedgie.

Mrs. Frank Foreman, Norma Lou and Jeanie left Monday, June 16, for Battle Creek from where they will accompany Mr. and Mrs. James Foreman and sons, Byron and Craig, to Amarillo, Tex., where they will visit relatives: Mr. and Mrs. John Slapak, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sparks and family and Claude Bailey. Mr. Foreman is station agent at Battle Creek for the Chicago and North Western railroad.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Newton and family of O'Neill left for Dallas, Tex., Friday June 13, via train, being called there by the sudden death of Mrs. Newton's father.

Mrs. Frank Foreman, Norma Lou and Jeanie were Monday, June 16, overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Foreman at Battle Creek.

Solution—

Governor Peterson thinks he has the solution to Nebraska's assessment problem, but he warns, "the people would never stand for it."

Peterson's plan would involve the abolition of the office of county assessor. Instead all valuations and assessments would be made by the state tax commissioner who would be elected for a 25-year term and could be removed only by impeachment of the legislature and trial before the supreme court.

On a more practical basis, the governor asked Tax Commissioner Philip K. Johnson whether the state couldn't cut the valuations on certain classes of property (he was thinking of automobiles) to make valuations more uniform between classes.

"We've tried equalizing upward and haven't gotten very far," he said, "why don't we equalize downward?"

Nebraska lost one of its best-known and most useful citizens with the resignation of Joe Fetters as director of the vocational education department's fire prevention program.

Fetters, who was paid \$4,800 by Nebraska, will receive \$6,000 for doing the same work in Missouri and has an opportunity to raise his salary to \$7,500.

Lee Williams, an instructor at the Milford trade school, will succeed Fetters on a temporary basis.

The average American family's proportionate share of the national debt is \$4,500.

MONEY TO LOAN ON AUTOMOBILES TRUCKS TRACTORS EQUIPMENT FURNITURE Central Finance Corp. C. E. Jones, Manager O'Neill Nebraska

TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT FOR SALE NEW SUPER M FARMALL NEW H FARMALL NEW 12 AND 14-FOOT HAY RAKES NEW NO. 16, 24 AND 27 MOWERS 1 GOOD USED NO. 60 A-C COMBINE WITH PICKUP 1 USED A FARMALL 1 USED B FARMALL 1 USED H FARMALL 1 USED 6-FOOT ONEWAY PLOW New Manure Spreaders ALL SIZES IHC AND NEW IDEA 1 New L112 Pickup Truck 1 New L162 Truck HARLEY HARDWARE CO. CHAMBERS, NEBR.

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