

Prairieland Talk . . .

Will Tongues Hang Out Again?

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN—The carrier who delivers mail at my address put on his hip boots and primed up the shotgun last week and headed for the lakes of Holt and Rock counties. There were four nimble in his party and they succeeded in knocking down 25 ducks. Pheasant season had not yet begun while they were out that way but they saw plenty of them and some grouse. Many of the smaller sandhills lakes, he reports, have turned to weed patches owing to prolonged dry weather, which is really not a new thing on prairieland.



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After being in the wet for several years until you are about web-footed, it is a pleasure to move about on dry earth. In the 1890's, in the early part of the 20th century, and again in the 1930's dry conditions and hot winds prevailed.

Now after a period of worry over floods may be the 1950's hides will crack open and tongues will hang out for want of rain.

John L. Lewis and his coal miners may be on the way out. Robot mining machines appear on the horizon. . . This from the pastor of a large city church: The patron saint of the Irish is St. Patrick, of the English St. George. The patron saint of Americans is St. Vitus. The American people are so tense and keyed up that it is impossible even to put them to sleep with a sermon. Speeds up to 50 miles-per-second are being toyed with by scientists in laboratories in efforts to discover the effect of such rushing through space if it can be put to practical use. . . That indispensable personage we have known as the housewife should now be spoken of as a domestic engineer. And the kitchen functionary as the dishpan expert. . . A fellow who seems to have gone to the trouble of counting the babies says the world's population increases by 100 million every four years, and about half of the people of the world are hungry, sick or poorly housed. . . A bullet entered the large artery near the heart of a 16-year-old Ohio lad and found its way to his knee. The young fellow was none the worse after the bullet was extracted.

Political campaigns can dish up the partisan hogwash, but this is about the limit when the president of the United States takes the stump to insult American citizens. Mr. Truman has shown no outstanding ability as a statesman but in the realm of billingate he has few equals.

For 150 years the Du Pont organization, starting on Brandywine creek, Delaware, has been operating until today there are 24 branch plants employing 87,000 workers. . . At one time in his campaign tour Willie caught a ripe tomato in the eye. General Ike met with boos in a New Jersey town. If you would shun the insults from poor fools that know no better, don't run for president. . . Farmers in the wheat growing sections of southeast Nebraska who planted a deep and thrifty looking fields of winter wheat and with a modicum of snow during the winter they will feel assured of a crop next season notwithstanding this prolonged autumn dry spell.

It was a blustery day in late autumn. I had a lot of land and no money. That was the fix a good many prairieland patriots were in a half-century ago. I was figuring just how to get some things that were needed or I thought they were needed, with just about empty pockets. I was crossing the street in the little town when something sticking up out of the sand attracted my attention. At first look I thought it to be the stem of a cigar box. But I fished it out to discover I had a 10-dollar bill in my fist. Ten dollars would buy something more than a loaf of bread in those days.

Editorial . . .

Return of GOP Right Direction

Not too long ago, when disinterested people relaxed in their efforts to remain free, and failed collectively to forestall the theft of the government from the hands of the people, a lid was put on the ballot box, and history recorded a chapter of pages written in red.

The guys named Joe, Adolf and Benito moved in belligerently and tailored Europe with a suit of slavery. The suit was uncomfortable. It wouldn't fit us, either.

Americans live in a great country. Courage already has established and maintained all the basic freedoms of man in America. Free enterprise has fashioned the most magnificent republic in history has ever recorded. The inheritance of Americans is a rich bequest of privileges, rights, resources and liberty. An American that is an American does what he can to promote and preserve that inheritance. One of the most effective means to do this is to vote. An American that is an American votes!

The editorial policy of this paper is pregnant with republicanism. We see in Robert B. Crosby a man qualified for governor and further see in him the answer to any possibility that a projected demise of U.S. Sen. Hugh Butler might result in a democratic senator.

On the national scene, we endorse Dwight D. Eisenhower for president as the one to keep faith with the free enterprise of man, the decentralization of power in government, and the determined effort to bring Americans home from Korea.

General Eisenhower was not our favorite in the interval he has "consolidated his positions and forces," if you please, and on November 4 a vote for Mr. Eisenhower becomes a vote against a group that is slowly yet inexorably leading us down the road to socialism.

Although the presence of a military man in this nation's highest office offers problems, they are outweighed both by the candidate's capabilities and the drastic consequence of his opponent's magnetic tendencies toward an over-balanced central government. Gov. Adlai Stevenson's background and current campaign are too closely allied with the new deal and fair deal for anyone to minimize these tendencies.

Columnist George E. Sokolsky recently offered the following six valid reasons why he has decided to back Eisenhower in the election. We believe his reasons are worth repeating in brief:

- 1. It is clear that Eisenhower, if elected, can find a cooperative majority in congress, while Stevenson will not have a supporting majority of his own party in congress. Should Stevenson be elected, the wasteful struggle between the president and congress will be continued.
2. Eisenhower has given every evidence respecting the rights of the people of each state; Stevenson has indicated a preference for an over-powering central government.
3. The election of Eisenhower will preserve the two-party system; the election of Stevenson

Call him not old whose visionary brain Holds o'er the past its undivided reign. For him in vain the envious seasons roll Who hears eternal summer in his soul. If yet the minstrel's song, the poet's lay, Spring with her birds or children with their play, Or maiden's smile or heavenly dream of art Stir the life-drops creeping 'round his heart— Turn to the record where his years are told, Count the gray hairs—they can not make him old.

Maybe so. But can florid prose or honeyed rhyme bring back youth's magnificent insolence, youth's haughty swagger, youth's boundless energy and limitless opportunities for contributing to a world's needs? Can it bring again lustre to brown eyes, smooth skin and abandoned restlessness, worthy ambition and high resolve? No. Only the somber strains of regret and where the fires of youth glowed the ashes that cover the embers of memory. But age has its compensations—serenity of mind, the rush and push and struggles of life no longer calling and the days and months and remaining years when the patriot with the hoary-head takes things easy. Retired—the goal of all.

Would you have a child your adoring friend? Slip that child a bit of something sweet to eat.

Nature, carrying on the work of fertilizing the soil, denudes the trees and bushes of frost-tinted foliage and scatters it across lawns and fields. City householders will have none of this. Leaves are raked into bundles and burned. For a few weeks the picture lingers high in treetops of the gold of dying leaf against the background of the deep blue above. And today autumn winds whisper among the tree branches and scatter the green robes of yesterday into the air like falling snow, now brown and dead to return to dust of the earth to enrich the new life that will spring again from that dust. And so the frosts of time straighten us for the grave to return to dust that out of that dust enriched immortal life will be born to dwell above this vale of tears.

Government loans on this year's corn crop have been taken out by Nebraska growers in a few instances, it has been stated. The amount available for the borrower is \$1.50 to \$1.53 per bushel, a little more than local elevators pay, so maybe a loan means a sale. It was in 1944 that Harry Ressel, chairman of the Holt county AAA committee, said in a letter to The Frontier that there were 31,008 bushels of corn under government seal in the county, the loan rate at that time being 88 cents a bushel.

Before Governor Peterson took off for debates with some of the democratic bigwigs on political questions and speeches on a tour that took him to New York City I had a visit with him. Something was said that gave the governor an idea for a speech. Now then, if we fellows out on prairieland can tell the wise men of the east where to head in, maybe there should be a few more of us sent down to Washington for a cleanup.

Three blocks up the street the Lions club strung a banner the width of the street in a missionary gesture in behalf of the election to get the sovereign citizens to vote, but before night the banner trailed on the pavement in response to a gust of wind. That was not significant of failure on the part of the efforts of the Lions.

Grandpa sat it out in quiet contentment while the family spent the weekend "down on the farm." And that accounts for the roast chicken we are having on the dinner table these days.

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One Year Ago Rev. Robert Olson launches work on new Gothic edifice for the Christ Lutheran parishes. . . Mrs. Dale Curran, appearing as "Mammy Yokum," won first prize in the masquerade party Tuesday evening sponsored by the American Legion. . . Sgt. Edgar Boyle arrived Tuesday from Korea. . . St. Mary's Cantinals defeated the Sacred Heart Knights, 12-6. . . A group of eighth graders from St. Mary's academy gathered Monday evening at the home of Miss Margaret Helen McElvain for a Halloween party.

Republicanism still means free enterprise, and free enterprise still spells the survival of America. The return to republicanism is the right direction to survival. The voting booths open on November 4 will be the place to take steps in the right direction.

We Don't Care How—But Do (Guest editorial by Bill Lee, Dakota County Star, South Sioux City)

It's shocking when a deliberate campaign, requiring money and manpower, is necessary to induce Americans to preserve their liberties. But apparently that's the point to where we have degenerated today.

Records indicate last year only 50 percent of America's total voting population took the time and effort to enter the polls election day.

That's a clear cut indication that half of us don't give a damn why, when, how or where we are going.

There are times when, after studying voting records, you will reach the conclusion only half of us are worth saving.

Particularly when you consider that we have sacrificed sons, daughters and fathers in wars to preserve our right to indicate our pleasure, or displeasure, with government.

We, personally, would be ashamed to admit we held these sacrifices in so little regard. We wonder at times if the non-voting segment of our population has any feeling at all.

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50 Years Ago The new building owned by Mrs. Cress is expected to be ready on Tuesday with a new line of groceries, candies and notions. . . J. V. Owens will lead the discussion on "Bailey's Principles of Agriculture" at the Reading Circle 1. . . The pillow sale will be held at Pfund's store. . . Ed Redmond will portray "Navy Crockett" at the opera house Friday night. . . A good heavy spring wagon to trade for a fresh cow, inquire of M. M. Sullivan. . . John Hubby reports that the outlook for a republican success was never brighter.

25 Years Ago A dance was enjoyed by friends and neighbors at the A. Boshart new barn last Saturday evening. . . Mrs. R. M. Sauer is entertaining 16 girl friends in honor of Miss Loree Sauer at a goblet party. . . Clyde King, proprietor of the Glenda Lumber company, whose safe was robbed some time ago, thinks the robber a very kind hearted man as he returned the strong box which he carried away at the time of the robbery. The box was found in the yard in a conspicuous place. . . Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Harrington celebrated their wedding anniversary Wednesday evening. . . Robert Morrison expects to open a grocery store in the new Saunto building about November 1. . . Miss Ruth Osenbaugh entertained the girls of the third grade and their instructor, Miss Dorothy Hall, at a Halloween party. . . Charles B. Scott, who died at his home in O'Neill, was the oldest court reporter in point of continuous service. . . At a nuptial mass at 7 o'clock Monday, October 24, occurred the marriage of Miss Loreta Rose Sullivan and John Hynes. . . The members of the O'Neill fire department were guests of the Hanford Produce company at a 7 o'clock dinner at the Western hotel Tuesday evening.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF MEASURES TO BE VOTED UPON NOVEMBER 4, 1952. AND TEXTS OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE 1951 LEGISLATURE.

Proposals Will Appear On Ballot In The Following Order Proposed Constitutional Amendment

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