

Prairieland Talk . . .

Boiled Potato Gives Way

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN—And there are many adversaries. Paul was on his way to Ephesus when passing down through Macedonia and gave utterance to this universal human experience. From the cradle to the grave adversaries, opposition to our motives, to our plans, to our purposes in life are encountered all along the way.



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Conflict touches our moral resources and builds for fuller living according to our ability to meet it. If the ability to cope with life's storms goes out of us we are swamped. There are tendencies to that end, beginning now in childhood.

The federal government begins with school kids and ends with grandfather and grandmother. The agricultural department has appropriated 66-million-dollars for school kids' lunches. A vanishing generation, a generation that played well its part in making America great, provided their own "school lunch" if it were nothing more than a boiled potato. But out of it came men and women fortified by self-reliance and endowed with the ability to overcome the adversary.

And there are many adversaries—always will be. Have you the courage to face them?

Your copy of The Frontier may have at one time been a part of a tree in a forest in Canada as 55 percent of newsprint used in the U.S. comes from across the border.

A truck carrying seven tons of eggs upset. Only 24 eggs were broken. But that story comes from France. . . Opium is valuable stuff. A recent take by U.S. customs officials from smugglers of 111 pounds is said to be worth more than a million dollars to black market narcotic dealers. . . When Holt county hay reaches Omaha it's worth about \$30 a ton. What a knockout that would have been to the oldtimers down Chambers way who hauled it 20 miles and got \$1.50. . . The singer fainted at the show but we were not told how her solo affected the audience. . . Mr. Hoover was said to have been the cause of the drought in the '30's. Who shall we lay this one to? . . . I paid 31 cents for four bites of fresh fruit today. "You never had it so good." . . The Lions down at Battle Creek put on a shindig, took in \$136 and split it with the Red Cross and Salvation Army. . . October 24 and doors wide open and shirtsleeves are good enough.

Miss Brooks, Alice Coykendall, Eva Harnish, Kate Mann and Flo Bentley (until late in life when Miss Bentley became the wife of Joe Wise) were the notable spinsters of O'Neill in the heyday of a vanishing generation. Gone, forgotten and not a descendant to carry on the traditions that shaped the lives of these pioneer women. But I wonder if there is not now at least one of the community in the shadows of life's approaching sunset who may cherish the memory of some heartwarming contact with Flo Bentley or Kate Mann or one of the others. Yes, new faces are now in the picture, life goes on much as it has from generation to generation. And so the onward march of time brings in the new and lays away the old, old hope springs eternal in the human breast. And so we "lay in dust life's glory dead and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall end less be."

I wonder if any of the O'Neill fellows who made up the brigade that went out after pheasants had the experience that came to Hugh James down in Swan precinct some years ago. Hugh got one, or thought he had, picked up the pheasant and stowed it away in the pocket of his hunting coat. But that bird wasn't quitting yet. It hopped out of the pocket and flew away. Hugh was so rattled over this turn of events that the shot went wild when he fired again, so a beautiful winged creature made a safe getaway.

Editorial . . .

One Alternative to Disaster Road

We never thought we'd have to backtrack on our belief that Franklin D. Roosevelt was the greatest spender history had ever seen. The war-time president has been shoved in the corner by Harry Truman who emerges as the all time champion spender, the man who brings his nation closer to financial disaster with every passing day.

Before World War II the federal government had 1,000,000 civilian employees on the payroll. At the height of World War II there were 3,500,000 civilian employees on the federal payroll. On July 1, 1951, there were 2,500,000 civilian employees on the federal payroll.

Today Mr. Truman has 2,600,000 civilian employees on the federal payroll. Experts say 500,000 employees could be lopped off without sacrificing an essential worker or trimming any necessary service. Those half million employees are just so much wasteful fat—extravagance that costs the taxpayers two billion dollars a year.

There isn't a bureau in the federal government that couldn't be reduced one half without any loss of real efficiency. At the wartime peak the top white house payroll under Mr. Roosevelt was \$222,190.

Today, Mr. Truman's white house payroll has passed the \$1,712,615 mark.

At the height of World War II, 1945, when we were engaged in an all out, global war, our federal budget was \$44,500,000,000.

Today we face Mr. Truman's budget of \$71,400,000,000 which is \$26,900,000,000 higher than the highest war time budget. And that budget is still \$9,000,000,000 less than the total Mr. Truman demanded of congress.

The time has now come for the American people to call a halt to waste and extravagance.

The financial condition of America is endangering the integrity of your savings, the value of your property, the security of your job, the value of your business. Most tragic menace of all is the fact that the future of your children is being frittered away by waste and extravagance.

The fiscal experts agree with the historians that no country can take over 25 percent of the national income without undermining the economy of the country.

Today, over 35 1/2 percent of our national income is going to federal, state and local taxes.

In the months to come Americans must make up their minds which fork in the road they want to take—the one to disaster, marked by the signs of extravagance, corruption and waste. Or they can choose the one of common sense, businesslike

Miss Florence Lindsey of Amelia tells The Frontier family of an interesting experience that has come to Mrs. Mamie Sammons in a visit to the ancestral home in historic New York. Every warmblooded American is set aglow with interest when setting foot upon what seems sacred ground where our forefathers fought and bled and colonial womanhood sacrificed and suffered to pass on to generations that followed the American heritage of freedom to shape our lives in the fear of God and not of man upon a throne. But after you have walked with stately tread the ground where once our fathers bled, visited the great cities, the towering buildings and felt humbled before the Statue of Liberty or stood by the Washington monument and get back to prairieland a little town like Amelia looks good to you.

They are putting 14-million-dollars into it—a plant on a Florida coast to manufacture concrete out of seashells.

War draws the lifeblood of the young of the country. The war that settled the question of a divided or a united United States was fought by boys on the winning side. Of the nearly three million enlisted in the northern army there were 25 boys from 10 to 11 years old, 28 between 11 and 12, 224 between 12 and 13, 302 between 13 and 14, 1,503 who were 15 or under. Of 16-year-olds there were 104,998, 17 years 231,051, 18 years 844,891. The group numbering the most were those 19 years of age, 1,151,448, and 524,641 over 19 years of age. Now the dominant force in world governments we are a united country because of what that army of boys did between the years 1860 and 1865.

Down at Atlanta, Ga., there has been organized the Order of Southern Gentlemen. They propose to show us that southern guys are still gallant, that they will keep alive the spirit of chivalry, gentlemanly code of conduct with special reference to attention to the ladies. Good idea. Hope it spreads up this way to wake up some gents who when spoken to by their wives answer with a grunt or not at all and asked to take her somewhere mosey off up town alone. Of course it is admitted there is not the crying need on the part of the ladies for such an organization among themselves but maybe a little polishing on their part would improve our social relations.

We are a nation of candy eaters, 19 pounds to the head making an annual business for the candy makers of \$1,050,000,000. Trying to sweeten up maybe.

Matilda, The Frontier's correspondent out at Star, gave us the story of an incident of a day in December, 1904. Will Young came home that evening from a hunting trip in the afternoon and when he was hanging his gun up on the wall the gun fell to the floor, was discharged and blew off a portion of Mr. Young's right hand. That year Flory Sullivan and daughter, Miss Nellie, took off for Ireland to spend the winter. With 3-inch high letters The Frontier gloated over the "Sweeping Defeat of County Division," everything went republican, a landslide for Teddy Roosevelt and a big rooster crowing lustily in the center of page 1.

J. Edgar Hoover says Americans "spend eight times as many hours at movies as at Sunday school; that only one out of 12 persons in the United States attends church, seven out of eight children quit church before they are 15; there are more bar maids than college girls; one million American girls have venereal disease; one million illegitimate babies are born annually; three times as many criminals as college students with a major crime committed every 22 seconds." Prairieland for the most part has a higher rating.

October 26, 4 p.m., 82 on the thermometer hanging on a post on the front porch. They say some rain would be the thing but why throw cold water on our prairieland straw hat and shirt-sleeve weather. We will get enough of the other kind in February. Eureka!—(I found it). California swiped that expression for the state motto but no California weather can match that spread over prairieland thus far this autumn. But by the time this gets to the copy board for the linotype operator snow may be in the air.

The Eight-Hour Day

(Ashland Gazette) Thomas A. Edison, shortly before his death, said: "I am wondering what would have happened to me by now if 50 years ago some fluent talker had convinced me to the theory that it was not fair to my fellow workers to put my best efforts into my work. I am glad that the eight-hour day had not been invented when I was a young man. If my life had been made up of eight-hour days, I do not believe I could have accomplished a great deal. This country would not amount to as much as it does if young men of 50 years ago had been afraid that they might earn more than they were paid for."

It Wouldn't Be Home

(Agnes Appleby in Douglas County Gazette) It wouldn't be our house if it didn't have: A couple of pair of shoes in the living room—A raisin package by the radio—A dirty football towel drying somewhere—The piano covered with music—The ironing board set up—A cat and two kittens at the back door—An open book on the table by the bed—

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Prospects for Road Legislation 'Fine'

Sandahl Points to Recent Poll

By CLIFF SANDAHL, Chairman, Nebraska Editors Highway Conference

What are the chances for early action by the 1953 Nebraska legislature on emergency road financing legislation? The chances are excellent—on the basis of an analysis of the pre-election poll of the legislative candidates taken by the All Nebraska Association of Roads and Highway Associations (An-Ar-Ha). An amazing revelation of the survey was the switch in attitude on the part of many legislators who in the 1951 session voted against the re enactment of the 1949 legislation which the people invalidated at the 1950 general election.

That legislation called for a one-cent increase in the gasoline tax plus higher motor vehicle registration fees. In taking its poll, An-Ar-Ha made it plain that it is on record for essentially the same legislation. In addition, the highway committee of the legislative council has recommended re enactment of the 1949 legislation for a two-year period—1953-'54.

The poll taken by the highway associations' organization showed that at least 14 of the state senators have changed their minds and are ready to give active support for enactment of emergency road financing legislation.

A couple of them gave qualified support. They were Senators George Syas of Omaha, fourth district, and Hugh Carson of Ord, 28th district. The other 12 senators and their districts are: Ken Vogel of Omaha, 9th; William Moulton of Omaha, 10th; John E. Beaver of Beemer, 12th; Otto H. Liebers of Lincoln, 18th; C. C. Lillibridge of Crete, 23d; R. H. Kreutz of Giltner, 25th; H. Wellensiek of Grand Island, 30th; R. E. Marvel of Hastings, 31st; C. R. Lindgren of Campbell, 32d; K. W. Peterson of Sargent, 35th; Arthur Carmody of Trenton, 37th, and Harry Pizer of North Platte, 38th.

All the An-Ar-Ha received replies from 85 of the legislative candidates for the legislature—a high percentage in anybody's survey. Of the 55 who replied, 45 agreed there was urgent need for additional highway revenue, 41 of the legislators agreed to give active support to emergency road financing legislation, 44 agreed to do the same for long-range legislation, and 33 expressed outright favor for establishment of a highway commission.

There was only one truly negative vote cast on the matter of urgency, while 14 decided against themselves against a highway commission. There was quite a sprinkling of uncommitted attitudes.

Tal Coonrad of Sargent, president of An-Ar-Ha, and his fellow highway associations' officials, together with quite a few interested in highway improvement in Nebraska, feel that it may be necessary to establish a highway commission in order to get the job done. The question, of course, is what type of commission and that doubtless will have to be answered by the next legislature.

But the most significant factor of all is the marked reversal of attitude on the part of the lawmakers themselves on the question of financing. Much of this is due, according to Coonrad, to the educational program being conducted by the various groups desirous of establishing a sound highway program for Nebraska.

Fix Extension Goals for Next Year

The Holt county extension board members—Ora Yarges of Stuart; Clarence Ernst of O'Neill; Charles Mulford of Stuart; Frank Beelaert of Page; Ray Siders of Inman; Glenn White of Chambers; Mrs. J. M. Melton of Atkinson, and Mrs. Albert Carson of Redbird—have completed setting up the program of work for 1953.

The main goals for the year will be family living improvement, safety measures, older persons' interests, farmstead planning, rural health, irrigation study, disease and pest controls, marketing of grain and livestock. A definite need was felt to carry more research information to the people, a spokesman said. The date of the annual meeting is December 12.

Four Organizations Share Band Day Expenses

Four O'Neill organizations have been credited with footing the bill for setting the municipal band in Lincoln on band day, October 11. The O'Neill band together with 80 other high school bands participated in activities at halftime of the Nebraska-Kansas State football game.

The Lions club Chamber of Commerce and American Legion paid one hundred dollars each and the Saddle club contributed \$45.60, according to Band Director Charles B. Houser.

DR. J. L. SHERBAHN CHIROPRACTOR O'Neill, Nebraska Complete X-Ray Equipment 1/2 Block So. of Ford Garage

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South of Stuart News

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Mr. and Mrs. Bob Batenhorst attended Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hamik's silver wedding dinner on Sunday, Oct. 26, at the Hamik home.

Several of the young folks had overnight callers. Karen Weichman's guest Wednesday, Oct. 22, was Beverly Wallinger. Joyce Scholz's guest Oct. 27 was Sally Jo Brewster and Helen Sieben spent Sunday with Marlene Kaup.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kaup and girls were Sunday, Oct. 27, callers at the Charles Ziska home.

Mrs. Doris Cannell of Omaha is spending the week at the Ray Greenfield home.

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Another poll was run by State Republican Chairman David T. Martin who asked the candidates for the nonpartisan legislature for their stands on planks adopted by the GOP state convention. Martin received fewer replies than the An-Ar-Ha did, but one significant vote was on the GOP's endorsement of a partisan unicameral. The candidates voted against it, 14-9.

Out of Old Nebraska . . . Lillie Husker Attracts Attention

But Inventor Reaped Little Profit

An exhibit that attracts a great read of attention in the State Historical society's museum in the capitol building at this time of year—is that showing the Lillie husker, an improvement upon the husking peg, invented in 1890 by W. F. Lillie of Rockford.

As agriculture moved out to the prairies of the midwest, the large fields of corn replaced the small patches grown by farmers in the eastern states, the problem of adapting harvest methods to the needs of quantity production became a pressing one. On old eastern farms, with from three to five acres devoted to corn production, the corn was cut and shocked in advance of frost and later husked and thrown on the floor of the corn crib.

In Nebraska from an early date most of the corn was husked in the field after it had matured.

To the pioneer farmer, husking corn with cracked, bleeding hands was an unpleasant and never-ending task in the late fall and winter months. Nebraska farmers quickly adopted such devices as were made available to help ease that task.

The first invention used to help lighten the burden of husking corn was the husking peg, a small, round piece of hard wood sharpened at one end, some six inches in length, held in the hollow of the right hand, and kept in place by a loop of buckskin or other soft leather. The sharpened end of the peg was thrust into the husks at the tip end of the ear, enabling the operator to husk the ear quickly and efficiently.

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