

PrairieLand Talk . . .

# What of Eternity?

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN—Yes, the drought has been wet down. And gone are the sundrenched days of autumn. This morning the slumbering came to life and looked out upon tree, bush, roof and earth dusted with snow.

As we march on through another Thanksgiving season the dead, dry land lies under a pall from which resurrected life will again spring to bloom with flower and fruitage. And now we tear another leaf from the calendar as time moves on to the close of another year.

The year has brought its smiles and tears, its laughter and its heartaches and will soon pass into the scroll of other years.

And so childhood and youth, maturity and age travel down the highway of time.

What of eternity?

Gold will buy a house, a bit of land, A garden gate, a field and hills of sand; A tractor, the latest make of car And airplane that flies afar, A tailored suit, a sumptuous roast— All other things of which to boast.

Gold cannot buy the blue of sky Or white clouds floating by, Or green of leaf or sunset's tinted haze, Or lingering shadows of summer days, It cannot buy the snow, the wind, the rain— These are heaven's gifts before us lain.

As of September 1 last the highway department of the state of New Mexico had under contract 743 miles of roads at a cost of \$13,843,695. It was admitted to the union as a state in 1912 and road building over mountains and rocks means something. Nebraska became a state in 1867 and no state is so favorably adapted to economical road building, but we have the reputation of having the worst. This may be only a gripe. One Iowa gentleman, in whose state you make a turn every quarter mile, thought he hit the highway to heaven when he drove the length of Nebraska in one straight shoot.

They were quite disturbed up at Valentine over the prospects of Ft. Niobrara being abandoned, and then Congressman Kinkaid went to Washington in the summer of 1904 and worked the strings to retain the fort—for the moment. Troops in the end were moved from there, and Valentine still is! That summer, on a hot July day, Gerald Cress was down at the stockyards with a new .22 he had just got and while on the lookout for something to shoot at toyed with the gun and came home with a hole plowed through his hand by a bullet. The gun was then for sale.

It was in November, 1948, O'Neill was buried under snow and it kept up all winter, intruding The Frontier editor to get out across prairie and in an army weasel and see the fun bucking the snow. Now '52's November suggests another winter of possible deep snow. Magazines were late as late as 1950, so get your cameras dusted off and maybe you can find a market for snapshots.

Mr Crosby, who will take over the job of chief executive of Nebraska shortly, is in town sizing up the situation in preparation for the minute when the robe of state falls on his shoulders and he is a captive of the people. Governor Val is then set free to again start a newspaper and tell the world what he thinks of it—in case he does not care to respond to a call from Ike to come to Washington.

So O'Neill nearly took another step citywise. There would be something doing on Douglas street if a few of the old punchers could come back into the picture and lope up to a parking meter and twirl a six. Meters would be out of the picture. Getting so you gotta pay to stop in town for a minute now most everywhere.

Apparently but one of the clergymen who have the notices of their church services in these pages senses the need of stating where his church is located as to street address. He may be getting the strangers within the gates of the city at church service time.

One-third of American married women contribute to the family income and do the job of homemaker besides. . . Automobile factories have as many as 7,000 diamond-pointed tools, 96 percent of the diamonds coming from South Africa.

Don't ignore the penny. A 40-million-dollar industry is represented by a penny stick of bubble gum. It is useful for more things than jaw exercise, plugging leaks in army equipment and airplane pipelines.

"You never had it so good." But that was what some fellows said who sought and didn't get favor at the polls. Read what one of our county news reporters had to say a day in January, 1907: "What is the cause for the boom prices the farmer gets for his horses, cattle, hogs, grain and hay? Never in the history of the county have we had such good prices."

What a foot of snow does to prairie land is of infinitely more consequence than Thanksgiving day football games.

## Editorial . . . Relax and Unwind

A magazine interested in better living has come up with five "tried and true" tension relievers aimed at putting nervous persons at ease. One might do the trick, the magazine says, but "if you are really nervous, try all five." They are:

- 1—Inhale deeply, exhale slowly, then draw in stomach muscles and repeat.
- 2—Try to recall names and faces of high school classmates.
- 3—Take a walk around the block.
- 4—Recall a funny experience and try to see it as a short "mental movie."
- 5—Plan next year's vacation in great detail, including wardrobe, transportation and amusements.

Of course, these might not work despite claims made for them. If a nervous person began thinking about paying for next year's vacation, for instance, he might become more nervous than ever.

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## State Capitol News Crosby's Revamping of Administrative Functions Already Finding Opposition

By MELVIN PAUL Statehouse Correspondent Nebraska Press Association

LINCOLN—Gov.-Elect Robert B. Crosby plunged deeper into his probing of state government here this week after one day off to attend meetings in Omaha of the Missouri river states committee and the basin interagency committee.

As Crosby listened to the requests of the various agencies for funds with which to operate in the biennium beginning next July 1, he asked questions revealing his ambition to effect one of his major campaign issues, the reorganization of the administrative side of state government. And he found storm signals flying.

His first experience with a department head must have been disappointing. Crosby, throughout his long campaign, hammered away at how "silly it is" to have inspectors from the department of agriculture inspecting hotels, rooming houses and restaurants. "That," he said, "should be the job of the health department."

But Acting State Health Director Dr. E. A. Rogers didn't agree. He told the governor-to-be that there is "no public health significance" in the inspecting of hotels and rooming houses. That function could very well remain in the hands of the department of agriculture and inspection, he indicated.

Then how about restaurants, urged Crosby, surely they are within scope of the health department. Most certainly, Doctor Rogers agreed. But the health department inspectors should be of the educational type, encouraging better operating methods, whereas the ag department "now inspects primarily to collect license fees. The health department, he hinted, is not eager to get into the license fee collecting field.

Some of the other proposals Crosby has suggested are getting a lukewarm reception at the statehouse, too. State Engineer Harold Aiken can't see why the safety patrol should be taken away from his non-political office and handed to the political attorney-general's office, as Crosby has suggested.

And Tax Commissioner Philip K. Johnson said he saw "certain difficulties" in the proposal that his agency collect all taxes. These difficulties would include the separation of the enforcement functions of such agencies as the liquor commission from their tax-collecting function.

If Crosby is successful in bringing about the changes he proposes, he will be considerably ahead of a legislative committee which tried in the 1951 session and failed miserably.

**Farm Bureau**—The Nebraska farm bureau federation has long been recognized as a powerful political influence in Nebraska. Any doubt was removed in 1950 when the big organization led the drive to repeal the gas tax and registration fee increases voted by the 1949 legislature.

That's why responsible state officials always watch closely when the farm bureau's delegates adopt resolutions. Here are some of the major ones approved here last week:

**ROADS**—Repeated earlier stand for five-member highway commission, indicating no support for more revenue until commission is established.

**SCHOOLS**—A somewhat veiled endorsement of a stiffer redistricting law and a call for retention by the state of its school lands and the establishment of sounder business practices by the board of educational lands and funds.

**TAXATION**—Support a state sales and/or income tax. Urged the 1953 legislature to plug the loophole on motor vehicle tax evasion by requiring taxes and licenses to be handled in one transaction, but said the present property tax formula shouldn't be changed for a while.

**WATER CONTROL**—Called for federal-state-local cooperation on a grant-in-aid basis to avoid excessive federal control or loss of efficiency at the state and local levels. Approved the proposed legislation to provide for creation of watershed districts.

**Blue Sky**—The booming oil and gas industry in western Nebraska has created an undesirable by-product: the fleecing of gullible Nebraskans.

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Remember TO CHECK YOUR GROCER

Harold Johnson, chief of the state banking department's bureau of securities, has asked Atty.-Gen. C. S. Beck for help in curbing violations of the so-called blue sky law.

Beck responded by appointing Leslie Boslaugh of Hastings, a former assistant in the justice department, as a special aide to help county attorneys in blue sky cases.

**Official - Almost**—

The November 4 election is now official—almost. The state canvassing board—the governor, attorney general and secretary of state—met at the capital last week and declared that 618,236 voters went to the polls last month.

This is about three out of every four eligible voters in the state and means that the 1952 total turnout was the third highest in Nebraska's history. It was about 7,500 short of the record 623,781 cast in 1940 and came within a hair of the second-high 617,066 cast in 1936.

Reason the canvass is not quite official is that the supreme court held in the Caldwell case that the legislature must make the final canvass.

So strictly speaking, nobody is really elected until the legislature goes through the necessary motions—and that's all they are—in January.

Harold Caldwell, you'll recall, was the Omaha democrat who filed at the last minute for the so-called short-short term as attorney-general and served for one day.

Most reports immediately after the election showed Walter Raecke, the democratic candidate for governor, carrying only six counties, but the official tally showed him with seven: Butler, Howard, Merrick, Nance, Saline, Sarpy and Sherman.

**Holds Retreat at St. Mary's**—

Rev. Eugene F. Gallagher, S.J., of St. Louis, Mo., arrived Monday to hold retreat for the students of St. Mary's academy. Father Gallagher is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Gallagher. The retreat will end today (Thursday).

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## Circuitous Route for Short Trip Family Travels 80 Miles to Ewing

DELOIT—The fact that most everyone in the Deloit community had to dig out following the snowstorm on Tuesday, November 25, no longer is news.

But a story is making the rounds concerning one family trying to reach Ewing—normally a distance of only 20 miles.

They cranked up the flivver after shoveling some snow, went south from their place to state highway 53, travelled west to U.S. highway 281, went north to O'Neill, and from the county seat angled southeast on U.S. highway 275 to Ewing. The circuitous routing took them about 80 miles.

**Other Deloit News**

About 30 representatives from Bartlett, Elgin, Ewing, O'Neill and this locality interested in the completion of state highway 108 met with officials including the governor on Monday, November 24, at Lincoln. A large number of telegrams were also sent by interested groups and individuals. James Squire, Fred Sison, Stanley Huffman, Harold Werkmeister, Joe Knievel, Claude Elliot, John Funk, Joe

Funk, Mr. and Mrs. Royvan Day and Mrs. Reimer were among those who attended the meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Reimer of Lincoln were guests on Thanksgiving day at the E. L. Sisson home. Mrs. Reimer arrived on Monday, November 24. Otto accompanied Aubrey Woods home Wednesday evening, November 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Royvan Day and Mrs. Henry Reimer attended the farm bureau convention at Lincoln last week. The farm bureau is to meet December 9 at Adolph's Bartak's. Sandwiches and coffee will be served. The county agent is to be present and give an account of his recent trip to Chicago, Ill. The pupils of Wheeler county high school enjoyed a two day vacation last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Temple of Theford and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reimer and Elaine spent Thanksgiving at the J. A. Larson home in Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bright and son spent Thanksgiving day in Stuart in the home of Mrs. Bright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Hovey.

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## How to Pour Molasses Out of a Cup

The first woman who greased the cup before measuring molasses deserves a small but appropriate medal for ingenuity. Likewise, the first man who thought to tape an emergency key under his car hood. Or whoever first sprinkled salt on an icy sidewalk. Or whoever first tried warming a knife before cutting fruitcake.

In case you think all pesky problems center around the home, try soldering the connections on a radio. Or assembling the bits and pieces of an automatic toaster.

If you did it for a living, you'd be on the lookout for better ways of working. That's for sure. In our family, a General Electric man or woman who finds an easier way to work a tool, to tighten a belt, or pack a parcel may win the price of a new hat, or a suit, or maybe even win the price of a new car.

Our sugar bowl marked "Cash for Suggestions" has been hit for over \$4,000,000 by employees in past years. Last year, over 25,000 suggestions were accepted and rewarded. This has been going on since way back in 1922.

As we write this, a machinist in our Schenectady plant has just made himself a tidy \$5,000. His suggestion led to an improvement in the bearing that supports a giant generator. By the way, we asked him how he planned to spend the money. Turns out to be a down payment on a brand-new home.

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