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Let Us Give Thanks!

Thanksgiving day is only a few days away as this editorial is being written.

All Americans, presumably, are interested in Thanksgiving for one reason or another. In the first place, it is a traditional observance. It has a historical background which makes it an outstanding event. In the second place, it affords a slight pause in the strenuous life of the nation, which is greatly needed in this busy age. And, in the third place, it is a day set aside for a special purpose by official proclamation.

We have just read a Thanksgiving proclamation and were interested to observe that the words, "prayer and thanksgiving," are still used. That was the idea of the first Thanksgiving day—a day set aside for "prayer and thanksgiving"—and we are glad it is being perpetuated. The early pioneers of this country—the colonists—knew full well what that meant. They offered prayer and gave thanks to God for His mercy and His protecting care and people today have reason to do the same thing.

This prosperous generation is not beset by the physical dangers to which our forefathers were exposed. We have wealth and abundance and all the comforts and luxuries of a modern civilization, but there are plenty of dangers still.

As a matter of fact, this might be called one of the most dangerous ages in the history of the world and we all need protection and guidance in a very real sense.

As we have tried to point out in preceding editorials, Thanksgiving, to the Pilgrim Fathers or the early colonists, was almost an exclusively religious occasion. There might have been a little sport and amusement on the side among the worldly-minded, but the primary purpose of the day was a religious one. In obedience to official proclamation, the people attended church and held services of thanksgiving and praise to God for His mercy in bringing them through another Summer, in giving them another crop and in guarding them against the perils of Indians, drouth, insects, wild animals, hunger, disease and many others which threatened them.

This is a different day, but the American people still have reason to observe Thanksgiving day.

Let us be thankful for peace and continue to work and pray that it may continue; let us be thankful for national security and prosperity; let us be thankful that there have been no terrible national calamities this year; let us be thankful for abundant crops, industrial achievement and scientific research and let us be thankful most of all for our blood-bought freedom.

The Frontier believes that, while Thanksgiving is not as strictly observed in this day and age as it was by the people of New England, the people of O'Neill and its territory will pause in the midst of their various activities to give thanks.

There will be plenty of time after the Thanksgiving service for the turkey dinner and football game.

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NOWADAYS Wins Plaudits

The Frontier last week presented to its readers volume 1 number 1 of NOWADAYS magazine section. In making its debut, NOWADAYS has already won for this newspaper many fine compliments for which we are grateful.

NOWADAYS is not an orphan brainchild. Instead, it is a healthy product of 305 leading weekly and small daily newspapers in the United States. It circulates primarily in rich rural areas as a media for national advertisers. It soon may become one of the leaders in the magazine field.

The Frontier is pleased, indeed, to be one of the newspapers helping to develop and distribute this brand new magazine which already has won nationwide attention.

Becoming a NOWADAYS newspaper was a twofold proposition with The Frontier.

In the first place, the content of the magazine immeasurably increases this newspaper's reading value and thus it provides our readers with a new high in journalistic endeavor in this region. A large sum of money is being spent each week to provide NOWADAYS readers with timely articles by topflight writers.

In the second place, newspapers like The Frontier cannot function without advertising revenue. NOWADAYS provides a means whereby The Frontier makes available its columns to many national advertisers who normally would not be buying space with us.

The happy result is this sparkling magazine—exclusive with The Frontier in the O'Neill region.

Again, thanks, folks, for the kind words, and we're certain that NOWADAYS and The Frontier will grow and gain in favor with you in the weeks ahead.

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O'Neill Marches On

One of the most obvious reasons why the people of O'Neill have to be thankful in 1948 is that the town has made such extraordinary progress during the year. Its growth and development have probably exceeded that of any other year in its history.

Taking a retrospective view, The Frontier is thinking of the new business firms which have located here, the new business houses which have been built, the new residences which have been erected and the new people who have come in.

The year 1948, now nearing its close, has been a period of remarkable expansion and we all have reason to be proud of the town's outstanding record.

That is a real cause for thanksgiving and let us hope that this civic progress may continue during the coming year.

And for the Bad Little Boy . . . ?



**Prairieland Talk —
Last Week's Storm Nothing Compared to
Historic Blizzard of January 12, 1888**

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

The poets would sing of being snowbound. Sailors would say they were marooned. Others thought of it as a blockade. At any rate, a sizeable group of Nebraska patriots from elsewhere found themselves snowbound guests of O'Neill because of the season's first blizzard that blew in from the Dakotas last Thursday.

I had arrived in town the day previous and when hotels and rooming houses were taken over by the excess population I found refuge in the home of friends.

O'Neill streets, highways and byways became mountains of snow by Friday morning and homes and business places were wrapped in blankets of pure white. Automobiles, like silent ghosts, were stranded here and there, others folded from sight in the huge banks along the way.

How did it compare with other visitations of nature in this community I have been asked.

I have not seen the equal of the piles of snow on the streets of the old town.

As a storm on Thursday, laid beside the blizzard of January 12, 1888, it was nothing. A March blizzard in the early years of the 20th century was much more violent and the blizzard of '81 left the ranges strewn with dead cattle and some "busted" ranches.

The mild temperature on which this initial blizzard of the season was borne left only the problem of tunneling through mountains of snow. Church bells were ringing on Sunday morning.

I salute Nowadays! A fine magazine last week became an added attraction among the growing and worthwhile features of a forward moving home town paper. I have enjoyed intimate acquaintance with The Frontier throughout most of its history and while contemporaries have expired of old age long since, the present management has put new life into The Frontier and this latest feature will no doubt meet with public favor.

The great American home industry has drawn to a close. Mothers and daughters have sweat through another period of sealing glass jars containing the annual storage of fruits and vegetables to be drawn on during Autumn and Winter. I have had a part in lugging to storage a car load more or less at the home of my son and it looks like the shelves loaded row upon row are going to make this establishment a good place to hang around in the months ahead.

A meat vender out at Holdrege is said to be advertising T-bone steaks for a down payment of one-third the purchase price and four monthly payments to take care of the balance.

Six husky gents employed by the city were sent to a street corner to dig out a bush, a one-man job. Maybe a hangover from the late shovel leaning days.

One month's contribution to the state treasury from the three-cent a package tax on cigarettes footed up to \$316,242. The take for the year was \$3,880,348.

For practical purposes in education, our state university ranks with any in the country. But the football down there is still in high school.

An added attraction to the

BIBLE COMMENT

For Sunday, November 28
PROPHETS OF ISRAEL HAVE A MORAL MESSAGE

What of the past, present, and future? Among almost all peoples there have been wise men, soothsayers, magicians, who professed to have an uncanny knowledge of events and an insight into the future. But the prophets of Israel are unique in history in the place that they occupied in the life of the nation and in their character of courage, firmness and integrity.

Who were these prophets and what exactly was their role? They were many, as we can see from various references in the Old Testament. But the prophecies of only 12 "Minor Prophets," and a few "Major Prophets," have come down to us.

The "Minor Prophets" were not minor in the sense of being inferior in character, courage or forcefulness to the "Major Prophets," but only in the fact that their prophecies and their careers were on a lesser scale. Also, here and there we have glimpses in the Old Testament of prophets of whom we have no recorded writings, but whose integrity and moral courage revealed the high quality of the prophetic office—men like Nathan, who rebuked King David in a display of fine fearlessness (II Samuel 12), and Micah (I Kings 22), who had equal courage in speaking the unpleasant truth to kings.

The Hebrew prophets had convictions, and they suffered for their convictions and their words. But they never flinched, or compromised the Word of God.

What, then, was their role? Two views, sometimes con-

flicting, prevail. In the one view these Hebrew prophets were foretellers, predicting events to come, reaching even far down into the future.

In the other view the prophets were forthtellers, speaking to their times, with their prophecies to be interpreted in the light of those times, and the events that were happening.

In foretelling or in forthtelling, it is the moral qualities of vision and of judgment that dominate all. We read the prophets in vain unless we get their moral meaning.

Keith Anspach left Sunday for Norfolk where he is attending a Norfolk business college.



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And there is much for which we can all be thankful in this great country of ours.

Certainly we are thankful for a bountiful harvest of grain and corn, for a high level of production and employment, for a standard of living that is the envy of the world.

Most of all, perhaps, we are grateful for our American heritage . . . freedom of opportunity, freedom of choice, freedom to think and worship according to our own beliefs.

We Feel as a Chevrolet dealer it is an appropriate time to convey our sincere appreciation to the people of this community for their loyalty, patience and understanding.

For Despite Chevrolet's production of more cars and trucks during 1948 than any other manufacturer there is still a long "waiting list" for America's most-wanted cars and trucks.

Chevrolet is doing everything within its power to maintain and increase production. Meantime, we would like to express our thanks . . .

Thanks to Buyers and Prospective Buyers of New Chevrolets for your generous recognition of the honest value built into this first-choice car in the low-priced field. More people have bought Chevrolet cars and

trucks, during the eighteen-year period from 1931 to date, than have bought the cars and trucks of any other manufacturer.

Thanks to Those Who Are Waiting for Orders to be Filled for your patience and understanding. You can be sure we are doing our best to treat all customers fairly . . . doing our best to speed the day when we can give you the good news, "Your waiting days are over!"

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