

Prairieland Talk . . .

Take It On Chin, Best Advice

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN — Modern living conditions are far from making for happiness and contentment. The home of today with its gadgets, push-buttons, faucets, showers and various fixtures to make life easy seems to have failed to bring to those in these homes throughout the land peace of mind and serenity of life. There is unrest, high tension, concern for the future, uncertainty that our forefathers never experienced, though they may have lived in a one- or two-room abode with the water supply in an open well to be drawn up by the "old oaken bucket," meager house furnishings, the periodic ablutions from a tub or bucket by the cookstove.



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They did not have the things households have today but they had that of infinitely greater treasure, happy home life, peace of mind and soul assurance. Recently a wife filed a petition in divorce court with the timeworn charge of extreme cruelty. That wife has a handsome husband, a successful businessman, a dutiful husband and father. Moreover, she has a fine house to live in and everything a woman's carnal heart could crave, servants to do the work and unlimited cash at her command. What is wrong? These things do not satisfy. She is typical of many.

Is it the roar of machines, the swish of speeding automobiles, sky-borne traffic, television and radio and wall-plugged switches to ease living conditions that have taken from so many the inspiration to achievement, which after all is life's great object?

In the past score years we have heard much about the striving for the goal of freedom from want, freedom from fear and freedom from industrial strife. There is no want of material things but fear, unrest, insecurity and mental tension haunt us still.

Remedy? Get away from it all! No.

Open our eyes to life's beauties, its duties, the spiritual values, and take it on the chin like men and women.

A former attorney-general, let out as a member of the cabinet, has been quoted as saying he had enough on the white house to blow it to kingdom come. Suppose he meant the occupants of the white house. Is it charitable to keep under your hat all you know or a patriotic duty to blow off?

I see him occasionally, a tall spire barely casting a shadow in the afternoon sun, but straight as a Sioux Indian. He got a start in life in Atkinson in the days of Joe Bartley, cast anchor later with the cow punchers in Colorado and then became a minister of the gospel, now retired as such but still active in church affairs. Maybe there is a gray haired patriot left in Atkinson who was a kid with Reuben Kite, the tall spire herein mentioned. Atkinson has a citizen who in the long ago sought out the Indian trails as a scout. The last time I was up there I called at the home of Ed Welton but found he was not at home. Ed said but little about it, but he probably can give you the lowdown on the movements of some of Sitting Bull's braves and what the field at Wounded Knee looked like after it was all over. He, too, knows first hand the early history of Holt county in its thrilling details more intimately than any other unless it be Lloyd Gillespie and Sam Thompson, Billy Reid, whose hangout was along the Elkhorn, Middleton and Wade and the Dutchers up on the Niobrara gulches, Kate Shields, who headed the horse thieves to the southwest and gave the posse the slip when a horse was stolen from under her and made a safe getaway, kept things exciting in the days that Ed will remember.

One of the "younger set" who has not had a part in many presidential elections came up with this after hearing a candidate at the mike the other night—"one of the most dramatic and emotion-charged hours in American political history." One does not know whether to congratulate or feel sorry for Young America in view of the lack of fire and "dramatics" this dull presidential campaign. From the days of James A. Garfield and W. S. Hancock on down to McKinley and Bryan and some of those that followed there was not only drama and emotion but red hot campaigning, bands and torchlight parades, oratory that raised your hair, when every voter and many that would be later talked, argued and knocked down over the matter of high tariff or free trade, fiat money and "free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1." Presidential elections of former times make this "whistle stop" and radio raving look like two bits.

Nebraska's corn belt comes up with another ample yield of the hybrids. While dead leaves fall and the brown of early autumn touches the landscape corn pickers are in action gathering the season's crop. A man of the soil down in Fillmore county who operates 600 acres of cultivated land reports his corn is making 80 bushels to the acre. His corn, with the other grains produced, will go on the market as he keeps nothing bigger than a Leghorn hen in the way of live stock on his farm.

The state university people have been exercised over religious instruction in the institution. Rather late in life to start in on a university young fellow or co-ed "to train him up in the way he should go" religiously if he hasn't had it in childhood. There are now something like four millions of American children and youth in church sponsored schools maybe getting a mixture of divine revelation along with large doses of the creeds of men, but at any rate at an early age are learning reverence for sacred things.

Time to Holler

A recent editorial in the Portland, Ore., Journal cited some facts that should make the weary, beaten taxpayers of the country sit up on their hind legs and holler.

There is a school teacher for every 132 people in Oregon—but there is a federal civilian employee for each 85 persons.

Total government payrolls—federal, state and local—came to \$1,995,000,000 last April alone. This was a rise of 16 percent from the same month in 1951 and marked the biggest April-to-April jump on record.

In that month, the number of public employees, all supported out of federal, state or local taxes, was just under 7,000,000.

The Journal said, "No wonder the taxpayer groans." He's going to groan a lot louder unless drastic action is taken to cut government waste and extravagances in every department of government.

The demand for that must have its origin in the grassroots—in every town and city and rural area in the country. And we must demand economy in matters that affect us—not just the other

A carload of Holt county horses was shipped out of Ewing for Minot, N.D., but that was in the autumn of 1905. Con Keyes, next to The Frontier office on the south, advertised "loue killer at half price." That was a time something was doing in Holt county in politics and most anything was trumped up in the shape of partisan hogwash. Dan Cronin was county treasurer but we didn't think he did it when a circular letter was sent over the county claiming that Del Akin, the GOP stalwart then publishing the Atkinson Graphic, had paid only 71 cents personal tax in four years. When Del flashed tax receipts amounting to \$81.13 for one year the fusion boys were nonplused. . . That year Copenhagen, west of Plainview, came into existence as a new town on the railroad extending from Sioux City to O'Neill. . . A wedding of community interest that year was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Martin when their daughter, Belle, was given in marriage to Opie Chambers, a South Dakota newspaper publisher. South Dakotans came to O'Neill frequently those days and Mr. Chambers discovered here was the place to get a charming young woman for his bride.

Mr. Truman says he has done his darndest in the seven years he has been in the white house. No doubt of it.

Arliiss Bly reined her pony, wet with sweat and with heaving sides, to the fence where I stood as she stopped for a morning greeting on her way to school. "Been having a race?" I asked. "Yes. A mile back a gray wolf trotted out of the tall grass and the pony and I gave him a mile chase." That item appeared in this department April 29, 1943, when the writer's home was in Swan precinct in southwest Holt county. Arliiss, a charming little prairie maid, often stopped on her way to or from school for a visit with Mrs. Saunders and me. Now she has taken her place in life's responsibilities as the wife of one of the young men of Chambers and the last I knew of Arliiss she was somewhere in the south where her husband was in a soldiers' training camp. And so the onward march of the years, childhood days are over and the things of childhood pass away in the bloom of womanhood. But I fancy Arliiss now in a southern city may recall with a bit of longing the days out on Nebraska's prairieland when she mounted a horse in the morning to lope off for school three miles away.

The Western Union transmitted eight million words to newspapers to tell the story of the late republican national convention. . . Bugologists have it that America has a variety of 5,000 insects from grasshoppers to beetles that get a living off of the products of the earth and still enough left for us. . . Last year 371,000 divorces were granted in American courts. . . It's about over and after all the millions spent in campaigning it is doubtful if a single vote was made by it. . . The north pole fell over on Chadron a morning the first week in October bringing a drop in the weather to seven above. The same morning Lincoln had 27, the season's first freeze. . . I took some well-fatted fowl to the locker today and as the family locker was already crowded to the limit the neighbor said to put them in theirs. Now we hope they will not beat us to it. . . A California concern is in the tea business but not the kind the British drink. For 60 cents you can get a two and one-half ounce package of strawberry leaf tea, alfalfa tea, peppermint tea, shavegrass tea and a few others.

Down where flowing wells pour forth their crystal tide to cheer man and beast and the charming village of Amelia was planted by pioneers of the long ago there once functioned a Ladies' Helping Hand club. The name was expressive of willing hands of the womanhood of that community. It was more than a gesture. Not many in that part of the world but what paddle their own canoe but when a neighbor was overtaken with sickness or disaster there were women's capable hands ready to help. There, too, was the social feature of club work. And the dinner table was a marvel. When one day Mrs. William Fryrear was hostess to 18 members of the club I got in on a plate load of good old ranch grub sent over by that thoughtful hostess as did some others sitting alone at home whom she remembered. Some of that group of 18 ladies that met that day as also some who were remembered with a plate from the dinner table are no longer a part of that community but no doubt the Helping Hand still serves where it is needed.

September steps out of the calendar leaving a trail of autumn's golden days. Custom has decreed that straw hats go into storage September 1 but the past month brave souls who defy custom have stayed by the panamas. If there be anywhere bright autumn days such as come to prairieland you will have to soar to other worlds to find them. From the flush of dawn until evening's crimson streaks the sun's flaming chariot has traveled the blue above day by day bathing late summer and early autumn's passing weeks with unclouded glory. What is so rare as a day in June—the matchless 30 days in September radiant with sunbeams streaming from prairieland's blue sky!

When he had witnessed and had directed in the distribution to the needy of that county 50 bales of clothing and bedding provided by a church group, the governor of West Bengal, Pakistan, said what he thought of it all. Here are a few lines from what he said upon that occasion: "What makes me appreciate this gift more keenly is that it proves how a touch of human sorrow makes the whole world akin. If ever an illustration of human brotherhood were needed, one just has to think how people in far away America have been moved to make these donations for our distressed people."

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When You and I Were Young . . . Skirving, Campbell in Best Costumes

Capture 'Hardtime' Laurels

50 Years Ago Sullivan, Westover and Neville clearly see the coming storm of republicanism which will sweep the Sixth district in November. . . J. C. Harnish left for Lincoln to attend the annual meeting of the grand lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, as a delegate from the local lodge. . . Mrs. C. F. Stout is possessor of a new piano, the gift of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Dwyer. . . Mr. and Mrs. Bob Morrison are the parents of a 15-pound boy. . . John G. Maher purchased the residence lots on East Douglas street just east of Adelbert Baker's and expects to erect a cottage thereon. Mr. and Mrs. Horikey have rented the building on the corner of Fourth and Douglas street, recently occupied by J. P. Gallagher, and will open up a grocery store. . . Frank M. Pixley and Miss Lillian May Mayer were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bowman, Monday, Oct. 13, at 10 o'clock. . . Ralph Evans entertained a "hard time" party at the Evans Hotel. Miss Nell Skirving and Clarence Campbell won the prize as being the best attired "hardtime" couple present.

25 Years Ago A daughter, Mary Elizabeth, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Menist at the Gilligan hospital. . . J. D. Cronin is expected home October 20 from his trip to the American Legion convention at Paris and a tour of Europe. . . W. J. Froelich arrived from Norfolk where he was attending federal court. . . The Dempsey-Kenney official fight picture will be shown at the royal theater one night, Tuesday, October 18. . . J. B. Mellor last week drove home a new Lincoln "8". . . The wedding of Frank C. Froelich and Miss Margaret Kenney was solemnized at 10 o'clock Monday, October 10, by Rev. Workman at St. Joseph's church in Omaha. . . Edwin E. Wayman and Ruby Dolerh of Atkinson were married Monday, October 10, at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. Guy Ballantyne. . . Mrs. A. E. Bowman's tonsils removed the first of the week. . . Some one entered the office of the Galena Lumber Co. sometime Monday night and relieved the cash drawers in the safe.

10 Years Ago A little over 105 tons of scrap was collected by the children of the O'Neill public school and St. Mary's academy. . . Robert Moore was a navy aviator in overseas combat. . . A surprise birthday party was held for Mrs. Frank Grenier Sunday night. . . The marriage of Miss Rosemary Kramer and Ronald Borg was solemnized October 1 in St. Boniface Catholic church at Stuart. . . Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Derickson entertained friends at their wedding dance in the American Legion auditorium. . . A large crowd heard the New York concert ensemble in the O'Neill public school auditorium. . . Rev. Carl Reinert, S. J. Creighton "U" head, addressed the Knights of Columbus here.

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Out of Old Nebraska . . . Society Has Colorful History of Its Own

By DR. JAMES C. OLSON, sup. State Hist. Society The State Historical Society will hold its 14th annual meeting at the Cornhusker hotel in Lincoln on Saturday, October 18. The institution which preserves the history of Nebraska has quite a history of its own, and this seems like a good time to review some of it for you. The State Historical Society was founded in 1891, one year Nebraska was admitted into the union, as the State Historical Society and Library association. In the early days, it was simply a paper organization, established largely to hold title to a block of land in Lincoln given it by the state government.

Along in the 1870's, however, public-spirited Nebraskans decided that the organization should be placed on a going basis to collect and preserve the records of Nebraska's pioneer days—already, even at that early date, slipping away. Under the leadership of Governor Robert W. Furnas a group of men circulated a call for an organizational meeting in the newspapers of the state. That meeting, held at the old Commercial Hotel in Lincoln, September 25-26, 1878, elected a reorganization of the institution as the Nebraska State Historical Society. It was incorporated at that time, and Governor Furnas was elected its first president. Prof. Samuel Aughey of the University of Nebraska—widely known throughout the state for his studies in Nebraska—was selected as the first secretary. A room was secured in old University hall and the society began the job of preserving the story of Nebraska.

The work went forward in a small way at first, but the materials soon filled to overflowing the small space made available by the University. A significant milestone in the history of the society occurred in 1883 when the legislature constituted it as a state institution and made the first appropriation for its support. In 1905 the legislature designated the society as the state's official custodian of all public records, documents and other materials of historical value. Over the years, the society has amassed a large and useful collection of books, newspapers, manuscripts, photographs and museum materials relating to Nebraska and the West. As it approaches its 75th year of active service to the people of Nebraska, it has under construction a building of its own to house the state's historical records. That building, to be completed during 1953, is located at 15th and R streets in Lincoln, just east of the University's Student Union. When completed, it will embody the latest

in design and construction, and will enable the society for the first time in its long existence, to interpret adequately the story of Nebraska.

Mother Mathilde Dies at Lynch — LYNCH—Mother M. Mathilde, formerly of Our Lady of Lourdes hospital at Norfolk and former mother general of the Order of Missionary Benedictine Sisters, died about 11 o'clock Sunday morning at Sacred Heart hospital, Lynch. She had suffered a lingering illness.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning at Sacred Heart Catholic church, Norfolk.

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