

Prairieland Talk . . .

Tints of Autumn Touch Land

By ROMAIN SAUNDERS

LINCOLN—The bloom of summer has faded and the tints of autumn touch the land. Foliage turned to gold and stardust falling from denuded treetops, drifting clouds across the heaven's blue, changing colors from sapphire to Jasper tints; the chill at dawn and the quiet twilight hour, stars looking down upon peaceful prairieland from out of night's purple velvet. The winds of this autumn's rainless days scatter dry leaves and roll the tumble weeds into the fences. The sun rides its flaming chariot above prairie land as it did a year ago and countless autumns before, and the quiet hills of the great lands are there unchanged.



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Pride, greed, ambitions—the things that demand so much of us fade into the background as we look out upon the pictures October days have brought into the majestic charm of prairieland.

"Then open your eyes to the treasures close, The tumbled gray and the bar of rose, And the sea of pearl before it goes."

Get out the vote! That organized efforts are needed to get citizens interested enough in their government that they will go to the polls and cast their ballot is something new to our country. At one time everybody was a statesman, discussed the issues learnedly and nobody thought of missing the opportunity to vote and if a fellow did he felt as bad over it as if he had lost his wife. Whether the political lethargy on the part of so many citizens can be explained by a spirit of satisfaction or disgust with what is, or merely an indifference to it all is not a good sign. When American citizens have not interest in public affairs enough to go and vote the way is open for the introduction of many evils in government. Let's keep the politicians afraid of us, making them aware we do not stand for monkey business and if we feel it is necessary "vote the rascals out."

Up the street a couple of blocks from where the typewriter turns out "Prairieland Talk" is the community's banking institution. Everybody goes to a bank, either to take in or carry away cash. I stood at the bank corner a few minutes this morning. In and out they went—a well-dressed lady, an ordinary housekeeper, a girl from a cafe a few doors down the street, clergy, professional men, scholars and students, white, black and yellow, the weatherbeaten gent in overalls, the superannuated old guy and even a police officer. Reds and patriots, saints and sinners—the bank tellers get a look at them all, take their deposits and cash their checks. It's a great institution that touches the lives of humanity in all strata of society.

Political speeches this presidential year were heavy with promises. Promises of an easy life and material things. Yes, we want our daily bread, but "man shall not live by bread alone." We want the freedom to go and come and operate in all honorable and honest realms of endeavor without official supervision, educate our offspring as we see fit, buy, sell, plant, rent and live our lives guaranteed the basic freedoms that make a man a man. These things, things of our innermost souls, are what Americans want. Let a Yankee have a free hand unhampered by federal restrictions and swamped by taxation and he will take care of the material needs.

The retirement of George W. O'Malley as collector of internal revenue and closing of the Omaha office doesn't mean elimination of any taxes. Just a consolidation move. In the long ago a Holt county man, Clarence Selah, held that post. Mr. O'Malley was a Greeley county citizen.

Amish people in Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania are continually hounded by authorities because these people want their children in schools of their own. As a class there are none any more desirable citizens; industrious, peaceable and above all attend to their own business, not telling the other fellow where to head in. Southern Nebraska has a group of these folks and their neighbors of other religious strains speak well of the Amish. All they ask is to be let alone. But there is always some guy who wants to set you straight.

Every dog has his day. So they have folded their tents like the Arabs and are ready for a quick get away when others will take over at the white house. That's been going on since George Washington packed his wigs and snuffbox and went back to his Virginia home.

Editorial . . .

Comes Now Another Board

On November 4 Holt county voters will join with others in the state in voting "for" or "against" a state board of education.

While the plan was being readied for the ballot we gave the measure the benefit of the doubt. We reasoned the highest education office in the state should be above politics and affairs of the state office could be better managed by an elective six-member board (non-salaried), and the board would function much like the university board of regents.

Then came the word from the proponents: Let's get away from the elective superintendent, a hors-and-buggy custom; let's call the state superintendent a commissioner and perch him above the currents and eddies of state political life; let's . . .

There has been little or no opposition to the amendment on the surface. Apparently it has the blessing of both Robert Crosby and Walter Raecke, republican and democratic gubernatorial candidates, respectively.

We weren't unduly concerned with the matter until in a round-about way we learned that at least some of the enthusiasts for a state board of education also have enthusiasm for a county board of education. This, of course, would tend to eliminate or at least neutralize the rural school, town and city school boards. We understand such a measure one day soon will be unwrapped.

The Frontier is quite certain that rural school boards are quite capable of running the affairs in their own districts. And, if they are not, another election or two can change the composition. We are champions of the home rule proposition at the lowest level. Enough authority is drifting to Lincoln and Washington without everybody getting on and kicking it along. For that same reason we'll support the supervisor and township form of government for Holt county, too, in a showdown.

If the state school board amendment is a

The state university head push wants a few more millions out of the taxpayers. They have got into the habit down there of holding out the basket expecting the rolls of currency to be tossed in. At one time the head of the university, drawing less than \$5,000 a year, was voted a raise and declined to accept it. A vanished American. And there is a lot of overdue taxes on Nebraska lands and town lots. In one, northeast county over toward the Missouri river it required three newspaper pages to publish the delinquent tax list this year. In that county one tract of 30 acres has over \$1,200 taxes against it, and some as much as \$1,600. What think the taxpaying patriots of the call for more millions coming from the classic realm of over-stuffed educational centers? Oh, our great investment of learning must not be let down, cry the highbrow adorers. I wonder if it would not be helpful for us all to bring our educational institutions down to earth.

Union labor bosses don't cut much ice in Nebraska but they do a lot of ranting. Down at Norfolk a gathering of fellows from labor locals was held, the chief object of which seemed to be to talk politics, tell how to run the country, and rave at the GOP that hasn't had a thing to do with it the past 20 years. The legitimate field of activity for union officials is to promote the welfare of the men of the organization. Mr. Gompers was the best labor ever produced to promote the interests of unionism. Results in recent years in a few states in which labor bosses took a hand in elections showed that the rank and file of labor union men do their own thinking and vote as they deem best.

A weatherworn citizen who works for his daily bread was painting to us a glowing picture of the times when any nitwit draws \$2 an hour. When his attention was drawn to the background of \$2 an hour times—times drenched with the blood of American boys fallen in battle on foreign soil, of the desolated homes, the tears and heartache of fathers and mothers and young wives, of three times in a generation the tread of men to the drumbeat as they march away to fight and bleed and die in distant lands while such as he stay at home and draw \$2 an hour from industry to keep the war machine going, he hung his disillusioned head and walked away.

Football, of which I know as little as the next one, is it for the moment. I don't know whether the fans flock to the arena to relax from the daily grind or to blow off steam. Something like the rodeo—one or more of the huskies generally is picked up and taken to a hospital.

There are said to be a couple thousand CIO's in Lincoln. Some of the more progressive ones among them, maybe merely the restless fellows, got themselves resolved into a committee which proposes to "improve the working conditions" where their members get the pay checks. Whether this means more and better productive effort and more pay has not been made known to the interested spectator. I see where a few thousand employees of one of the big airplane plants in California thought to improve working conditions by going out on strike. Result: Returned to the jobs and were out three weeks' wages.

The following item is from the October news letter from the office of the Nebraska Library Commission: The Wahoo public library board received \$25,000 from the estate of Jake Hetrick. The money is to be used to aid in the construction of a public library building to be dedicated to "the pioneers of Saunders county who came here and stayed." The state association of librarians met at Kearney three days ending October 18 when those interested in library work in Nebraska, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Colorado were in session for three days.

Two notable events took place in O'Neill last month. The opening of the health center found something less than 2,000 interested ones making up the group on a tour of personal inspection of St. Anthony's. That was a sizable crowd to take an interest in an institution for the ill of the community. But that pancake feed! How the throngs gathered at the cake baking from morning until night. Of course, there is inducement in the lure of something to feed your face though you may not relish thinking about going to a health center with the gout. Remember Mother Eve!

Maybe somebody is sorry he spoke. Sen. Nixon's \$18,000 campaign expense fund looks insignificant beside Governor Stevenson's \$172,000 pile. Anyway, making an issue of whistle stop expenses sounds pretty silly in view of national matters of real concern to Americans.

prelude to the county board school rule, and we have reason to think that it is, then we're against it!

Roosevelt's Own Words

Even the democrats should vote republican in the year 1952, if they'll read between the lines of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's words uttered in 1932.

Here they are:

"For one reason or another, even a wisely led political party, given long tenure of office, finally fails to express any longer the will of the people, and when it does so fail to express the will of the people, it ceases to be an effective instrument of government. It is far better for such a political party, certainly better for the state, that it should be relegated to the role of critic and that the opposing political party should assume the reins of government."



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Attend Funeral of Ireland Ambassador

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. DeBacker went to Omaha Tuesday to be present for funeral rites Wednesday morning for Mrs. DeBacker's cousin, Francis P. Matthews, U.S. ambassador to Ireland. Mr. Matthews died unexpectedly Saturday morning, the victim of a heart attack.

The late Mr. Matthews was a prominent Omahan. He was active in financial circles and was secretary of the navy in President Truman's cabinet prior to accepting the role of ambassador to Ireland—which had been a lifelong objective.

The late Mr. Matthews had frequently visited in O'Neill.

Letter to Editor

Editor: It is becoming apparent that communism is a calculated long-range program designed to drain the resources of the rest of the world, to set the stage for a Chinese conquest of the wheatfields and farmlands of Europe to feed its hungry millions.

WILLIAM R. SULLIVAN

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS WD—Clarence Colback to Delbert Stonebraker & wf 10-11-52 \$2200—Lots 5 & 6 Blk 39 Ewing WD—Miller R Keller to Ralph N Swiggert & wf 10-14-52 \$47,000 S 1/2 - S 1/2 N 1/2 - 7 - E 1/2 - SW 1/4 - S 1/4 NW 1/4 - 8 - S 1/4 SE 1/4 - 5 - NW 1/4 - NW 1/4 - SW 1/4 SW 1/4 - All 17-NE 1/4 NE 1/4 - 18-26-16 WD—Millie E Seger to Fred Timmerman 10-6-52 31—Lots 5 & 6—Inman S 1/2 N 1/2 SE 1/4 24-28-11

To Radio School—James DeBacker, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. DeBacker, arrived Sunday evening at Biloxi air force base, Miss. He was acting sergeant for a group of recent inductees being transferred to Biloxi.

INSTITUTE THIS WEEK Holt county city and town schools will be closed today (Thursday) and Friday for the annual two-day teachers' institute being held in a half-dozen Nebraska cities.

Robert Tubbs of South Sioux City was here from Wednesday to Sunday, October 8 to 12, visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McManus.

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State Capitol News . . .

Junking of Educational Lands Board Is Proposed by Young Senator

LINCOLN — A six-member committee of the legislative council, research agency of the Nebraska legislature, has submitted a series of recommendations to the 1953 session concerning the administration of the state's 1,600,000 acres of school lands.

The committee, headed by young Sen. Robert D. McNitt of Lincoln, proposed the junking of the present board of educational lands and funds and replacing it with an agency created by the legislature. The board, now charged with administering the state's educational endowments, is made up of the governor, state treasurer, attorney general, secretary of state and state superintendent.

To create a new agency, however, would require a constitutional amendment, so the committee proposed that in the meantime, the board employ a manager or director of school lands to be paid a salary comparable to other department heads. A 1950 legislative council committee made a similar proposal but nothing was done about it by the last legislature.

The McNitt committee also called for an end to the present system which permits the board to consider mailed bids after a public auction has been concluded but before the board has granted final approval.

Another suggestion was that the board be given authority to require its permission before a lessee could install improvements on school land. "It has been alleged," the committee said, "that some lessees place improvements on the land for the purpose of discouraging other bidders."

The committee voted against selling the school lands and rejected the contention of the Nebraska School Lands association that the counties in which the lands are located should administer them with the income retained in those counties. An attempt by the association to place such a proposal on next month's ballot failed because of insufficient petition signers.

McNitt's group reported there is no "practical alternative" to selling the leases at auction and that 6 per cent appears not to be "an unreasonably high rental figure." Twelve-year leases, the committee said, should be given a longer trail before changing the lease term.

Going Up—The University of Nebraska laid its request for a 1953-'55 appropriation before Gov. Val Peterson last week. It asked for state tax funds totaling \$16,356,003, a 31 per cent increase over the \$12,500,000 granted by the 1951 legislature.

Peterson said he didn't want to "pass judgement" on the request until he'd had an opportunity to discuss it at length with University officials, but he told capitol newsmen:

"It had been my hope that all state institutions in the coming biennium would be able to operate within the sum appropriated for the 1951-'53 biennium." Flicking through his budget messages to the last several legislatures, he noted that the University's appropriation had risen steadily from \$4,833,000 in 1945 to this biennium's \$12,500,000. Other state agencies, of course, have risen as well.

Chancellor R. G. Gustavson had explained that more than half the increase was due to inflation and that the lion's share of the boost—if it's granted—would go to bolster the program at the college of medicine and University hospital in Omaha. Where, he said, there is a risk of losing the American Medical Association's accreditation blessing.

Peterson observed, "I appreciate that as inflation continues, it takes more of today's cheap dollars to do the job. And I am certain that the medical school needs to be strengthened and improved."

Gustavson said the budget represents "an honest and conscientious effort to solve the problems of rising costs and stronger support" for several university programs, principally in medicine and agriculture.

Peterson noted that if the uni-

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versity has to have a 31 per cent increase the other three of Nebraska's Big Four spending agencies—assistance, highways and board of control—"can find equally strong reasons for increases."

No—

The Nebraska railway commission last week thumbed down the application of Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for a rate increase in the state.

The commission by a vote of 2-0 dismissed the company's request for a boost which would permit "a fair and reasonable return" on its investment. Commissioners Richard Larsen and Harold Palmer signed the order. Commissioner Joseph Brown was campaigning with the Republican Caravan when the case was before the Commission and did not participate in the order.

The ruling said that "neither the public nor the applicant nor the commission has had sufficient time to judge the impact of a February increases" which the company won.

Battling the increase were the Omaha Grain Exchange and the Nebraska Grain and Feed Dealers association.

Still before the commission is a similar application by the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph company.

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46 STOCK CATTLE 28 Herefords coming with 2nd calves, bred to Hereford bull; 2 Hereford yearling bulls; 4 long yearling steers, 1 red white face, 2 blacks, 1 Holstein; 6 short yearling steers, 5 black white face, 1 red white face; 2 yearling heifers, 1 red and 1 roan; Hereford 1st calf heifer; brockle-face cow coming with 4th calf; brockle-face heifer coming with 2nd calf; black white face coming with 1st calf.

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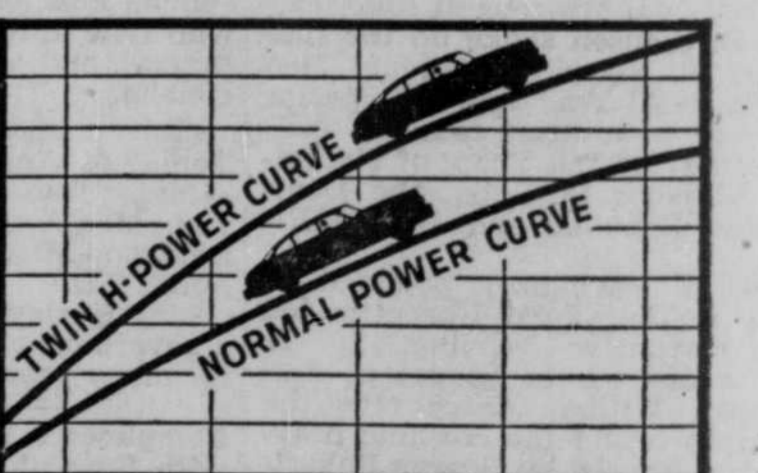
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