

Prairieland Talk . . .

'Chips' Something to Pickup

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AMERICAN Legion boys have been asked to check up on what has been reported to them to be subversive teaching involving a Nebraska university professor. At once a cry of "smear" is raised, seeing the ominous shadow of Wisconsin's fighting U.S. senator in the background. That higher institutions of learning the country over have been tainted with teachings of questionable loyalty to American ideals is no secret. That some theological schools promulgate that which denies the only excuse for the study of theology, so there crops up in universities here and there a wise guy who knows more than our forefathers who sacrificed, fought and bled that government of the people and by the people and for the people should be the heritage of coming generations. Those engaged in the teaching profession are probably no worse or no better in this respect than those in other professions but they have the far-reaching influence of molding the thought of young America. A kid will worship his teacher. As a group, teachers are honored and respected. A common claim is that they are underpaid; so are most of us; but the pioneer teacher who got 20 a month and the pioneer preacher who got 10 a month, did not experience the thrill of doing nothing much didn't bellyache about it. The olding a year's salary for nine months actually on the job. If there is a disloyal prof on the university campus McCarthy will get him if he doesn't watch out.

Blackwater, Okla., has started something that might well be adopted in other towns. At the stroke of 11 a.m. each working day there comes a momentary pause in the activities of life and heads are bowed in prayer. . . Texas has been hit by drought until cow feed became scarce, but we did not know it was that bad. A calf grabbed up and downed a roll of currency totaling \$150. . . A gent from Los Angeles, Calif., proposes to cross the English Channel by walking on the bottom—if somebody will stake him with \$14,000. . . An Iowa patriot had a novel way of demonstrating it. When President Truman's whistle stop included the Iowan's town he presented Mr. Truman with a peck of apples, saying this was what he had left from a bushel of apples, the other three pecks were taken by the tax collectors. . . Elizabeth Kenny, known internationally for her methods of treating polio, died at her home in Australia.

They learn tricks early. A 10-year-old over at Omaha tried his hand at cashing a forged check and got caught. . . About one and a half million citizens visit Yellowstone National park in the course of a year. . . Texas has a town known as Dime Box. . . Eighty-eight and three-tenths million Americans are members of some church group. . . A Nebraska boy, Stanley Sidow of Lyons, refused to report for military service in Korea because congress had not declared war. He is in jail and a Tennessee lawyer is going to find out what the supreme court says about it. . . There is a surplus of "experts." Maybe with nothing else to do to make a show of earning salaries they plan to invade the farm homes in Nebraska to show the way to "better living." The ladies are doing a pretty good job of it in their club work.

The First National bank down at Fairbury put on an exhibit of hybrids and thoroughbreds from the corn fields where cornstalks reach up into the upper strata. An ear of corn grown in the vicinity of Washington, Kans., was the largest specimen shown and among 80 some farmers a Kansas farm woman made them all take a back seat when it comes to raising corn.

The political philosophers have told us the Eisenhower landslide indicates American patriots voted for internationalism. They didn't vote for Ike for what he stands for but because they had a belly full of what the other fellows have been doing.

A class in home management in one of Lincoln's numerous seats of learning has it figured out that balanced meals for one week per individual can be supplied at a cost of \$3.60. Trouble is, class room discoveries don't work so well after graduation.

An O'Neill couple was entertaining guests from out-of-town. The news gatherer in writing it up had it that the householders "drove them to Omaha." Shabby way to treat your guests unless the feeling was mutual. But we take it what the reporter was trying to say was that the host took the steering wheel and accompanied his friends to Omaha.

Nebraska City approaches its 100th anniversary and a stir is being made to properly celebrate the event. We have it upon the word of J. Hyde Sweet of the News-Press that Nebraska City is "the best town on earth." Well, if a town can't make a creditable showing in 100 years it better quit.

Where the highway and a cattle crossing meet down in Hooker county travelers are warned to "drive carefully—the life you save may be next year's T-bone steak." And a fire warning sign: "Step on your butt, don't flip it."

Eagle Creekers Elect Projects for '53

Eagle Creek 4-H club held its November meeting at the Loyal Hill home. We chose our projects for the coming year and the following subjects were chosen: "Cooking and Preserving Vegetables," "Beginning Baking," "Helping Mother and Dad," "School Clothes," "Gardening," "Yard Beautification," "Potatoes" and "Stocker Feeder."

The money we earned for our work last year was given us at this meeting. Potluck luncheon was served at noon. We drew names for our Christmas party which was to be held December 14 at the Francis Wabbs home.—By Rosalie Wabbs, reporter.

Bowens Head Star

The Order of the Eastern Star chapter met Thursday night, December 11, in the IOOF hall. The officers were elected for the coming year as follows: Mrs. A. E. Bowen, worthy matron; A. E. Bowen, worthy patron; Mrs. Clarence Hansen of Inman, associate matron; C. W. Porter, associate patron; Mrs. D. C. Schaffer, conductress; Mrs. Esther Harris, treasurer; Mrs. J. D. Osenbaugh, secretary; and Mrs. H. J. Kruse, reelected to succeed herself for the next three years as trustee. Following the meeting the committee served lunch.

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State Capitol News

Pressures Great for Increased State Budget, Crosby Explains

LINCOLN — Governor - Elect Robert B. Crosby and Governor Val Peterson were to hear the last of a long series of budget requests by the various state agencies this week.

The next step will be for each to go his own way and prepare an over-all budget for consideration by the 1953 legislature. Crosby gave some indication that he expects to apply the pruning shears when he told reporters:

"My impression is that the pressures for increased spending are as great or greater than for several bienniums. Notwithstanding this, it continues to be my considered conclusion that this is the time when spending by state government should level off, at the least, and preferably should begin to decline somewhat."

To Tax Commissioner Phillip K. Johnson will fall the job of actually preparing the figures the two men will present to the legislature. He has conducted the hearings on every agency and has probed deeply into the requests the departments and bureaus have submitted for the 1953-55 biennium.

There is little question that Governor Peterson's recommendations will be far below the total asked by all agencies. The University of Nebraska, for instance, is given little chance of winning the 31 per cent boost in tax funds it's seeking.

Howard Britt, a legislator-elect from Lincoln who upset the veteran Thomas Adams, ran into a buzz-saw of opposition to his first legislative proposal. Britt has said he intends to introduce a bill which would take away a penny of the counties' 2.35 cents on each nickel of gas titax and give it to the state highway department. To help plug the hole in the county's road funds, he would place only a half cent instead of a penny into the Schroeder rural mail route improve-

ment program. County commissioners were almost unanimously opposed to the suggestion and Sen. K. W. Peterson of Sargent reminded Britt that 33 of the legislature's 43 members came from out in the state and would snow under any plan to change the amount of money counties get for their roads.

The Women — The fair sex may be holding down some of the top-drawer jobs at the statehouse next year. Governor-Elect Crosby said that he was considering appointment of women to such posts. He noted that one of the three positions on the board of control has traditionally gone to a woman and he indicated that he would not change this. The term of Mrs. Mary Prince, now the chairman of the board, will expire next May. Crosby did not indicate whether he has any applications for

Hands Off

Governor Peterson has taken a hands-off policy in the current controversy over the liquor commission's rule 46 which restricts the amount of discount a wholesaler may give a retailer. But the governor told newsmen he does think the commission should have conducted a public hearing on the matter before adopting the hot-potato rule.

Last week, the commission released a lengthy statement explaining the rule was intended to prevent the granting of discounts by wholesalers "as a favor or inducement to encourage the sale of certain brands." State law forbids giving favors or free merchandise to retailers.

To Decorate Tree

The chapters of the Eastern Star and Rebekah each will furnish and decorate a Christmas tree to be placed in the St. Anthony hospital this week.

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Editorial Something to Think About

Ever consider what could happen in America today if the Soviet Union stopped its incessant saber-rattling and a true world peace settled around us? It is permissible to contemplate such a wonderful turn of events at this Christmas season. However, there's little prospect of such a situation in view so let's get on with the dream. More would be involved if the Soviets should do an about-face than mere peace of mind. The new republican administration will have to think of these things, and they'd better make a few plans in the event that our defense mobilization efforts could be curtailed in the future. To begin with, at least a couple of million men would be returned to their civilian status. On top of that, thousands throughout the land would find themselves at least temporarily unemployed while industries now geared to defense production retooled for peacetime manufacturing.

tremely difficult to get our thinking back to the myriad problems of peacetime. Debts incurred in the past few years would have to be paid, and American industry would have to successfully compete with productive areas where both labor and raw materials are a great deal cheaper. Whether our vastly superior mass production methods would be enough or not is highly questionable, for what was done here can also be done elsewhere. The republicans cannot afford to "stub their toe" during the next four years. Many voters who supported them this year did so with reservation. If this congress and this new administration cannot maintain a fairly prosperous America the next republican dry spell will be even longer than the last.

Then the real test would start. American industry and labor, boasting the highest pay and the highest standard of living the world has ever seen, would be called upon to compete with foreign industry in both domestic and foreign markets. The old question of high or low or no tariff would be with us again—and we would be constantly affected by international, not domestic, economic conditions. On top of all this (thanks to the extravagance of recent democratic administrations) taxes could not go down a great deal because that bogey man, the national debt, still must be paid. America has been basking in a war-born and maintained economy for so long it would be ex-

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