

Prairieland Talk

Billy Graham Has More of It

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MARION, IND.—Back in Holt county, in distant Nebraska, there are something like 24 or 25 church pastors, forming a small part of the large group of gentlemen of the cloth looking after the spiritual welfare of the fallen race. And out of this group of clergymen Rev. Mr. Graham—I believe he prefers to be addressed as Billy—draws crowds up into the hundreds of thousands.



Romaine Saunders

What is the Graham secret? Maybe a London newspaper man had the answer when he said whatever Graham has he has more of it than any other. The spectacular has appeal. But above and beyond the spectacular and showmanship, with which Billy is gifted, he brings to worried men and women the calm assurance of something better to be found in the religion he preaches.

But we wonder if it is not the humble pastor of small groups here and there along with the robed clericals in great cathedrals who are daily fanning to greater flame that hope throbbing in the human breast.

AFL members get voting recommendations at labor temple before going to the polls. The foregoing appeared in a Lincoln evening paper that comes to me. I know something of labor union tactics around election time, as at one time I had access to that same labor temple. Perhaps it should be said, tactics of a few guys who assume and presume to dictate to union members how they should vote. There are always a few who do not think for themselves and do what they are told, but the most of the dues-paying union members think things out for themselves and vote independent of those responsible for the little paid ad appearing in the Lincoln Evening Journal a day before the late election.

The sentence of Cpl. Claud Bachelor has been reduced from life to 20 years in prison. Let's give the young man a clean bill, let him out of penal confinement and give him an honorable discharge. He had been a prisoner of the reds in Korea, charged with giving the enemy aid and comfort. Maybe so—he was under pressure and no doubt did said things for which he was hardly accountable. He came back to his home with high hopes only to get court martialed and disgraced. Give him another chance before 20 years roll by.

At least two old timers of Holt county were the victims of the generation now running things and maybe they see the handwriting on the wall and don't need to call in a Daniel to interpret. I know of no two citizens in the county so well informed on its history or better qualified to judge present and future needs than L. G. Gillespie and John Sullivan, each seeking a place on the county board and meeting with defeat at the late election. Well, John and Lloyd, you have each had a part in developing the community that others now take over as a heritage of those who have gone before. You now can step gracefully aside and say, go to it, boys!

Plans for prefab houses in the neighborhood where I am planted for the moment are too numerous to mention. Workmen putter around a month or two on the foundation work before the prefab material arrives for the building. Dark red, sky blue, orange, yellow or most any bright color is favored for the up-to-the-minute dwelling.

It matters little which political party claims a majority of the members of congress. The important thing is—are they American patriots who promote measures for the welfare of the country as a whole as their first duty?

Editorial

Too Little Attention

About every month of the year is now dedicated to some worthwhile cause as well as the weeks and days of the month. November, which includes Thanksgiving, has appropriately been designated as a time to think about and teach religion. There are many phases that may be given more thought, among them more education for young people for a happier married life later in life. Possibly a way to combat the growing divorce epidemic.

American educators and churchmen have been taken to task for paying too little attention to the job of training young people for Christian marriage and family life. Meeting in Chicago, Ill., at an annual meeting of the board of managers of the department of family life of the National Council of Churches, a panel of family life experts advised that "more teaching and more guidance" are needed.

Said Dr. David M. Fulcomer of Iowa State college, Ames, "Young people are not helped sufficiently to develop their emotional lives in line with growing intellects and technical knowledge. Training an individual's intellect will not determine his behavior." As a step toward meeting the need he advised a four-point program, including: More school and college courses to develop the ideas on family living; more student centered guidance programs; and the use of more consultants by schools, churches and social agencies. Many phases of college life, he said, should be geared to preparation for Christian marriage, including dating, going steady and the engagement period.

The Big, Lumbering, Docile Giant

(Guest editorial from the Stanton Register)

The United States can be likened, in many respects, to a huge, lumbering, usually amiable and sometimes quite stupid individual.

Like that particular person, with whom most of us have a passing acquaintance since he's represented in many walks of life, the United States can be goaded, cheated, pushed around, prodded and stabbed without much of consequence happening. And then, in a sudden fit of anger, the like of which all of us are seized with from time to time, that much-maligned individual turns upon his harriers and with frightening power repays them in full for past misdeeds.

All of which is just one way to sum up what has been happening to the United States around the world in recent years. On every front we've been harried and insulted by either red Russia or its satellites. Our aircraft have been shot down; our naval vessels fired upon; our soldiers taken captive and held hostage under trumped-up charges; our civilians molested in far-off lands and if released at all, only after great duress and compensation have been brought by the state department.

Human life began in a garden amid nature's unspoiled beauty and the song of birds. The next generation that followed built cities where the rush and rumble of traffic confuses the senses and brick walls and concrete walks all but hide the memory of nature's enchanted cathedral. I go abroad in the morning, concrete under foot, the swish of automobiles rushing hither and yon, the too of factory whistles, the activities of city life starting another day in the endless struggle to gain an honest livelihood. Over the distant treetops appears the rising sun. So we have the sunlight, the blue above us reaching into the depth of eternity, the freshness of a November morning, and what transcends all this here starting life in their new home are my devoted children who also have known the scenes and sounds and charms of prairieland, their lot now cast where they take their place in the industrial life of a thrifty community. The things of prairieland are not for the city bred but they belong forever to the prairie bred. I have been many places in America and am still a Nebraskan.

"Out where the world is in the making, Where fewer hearts in despair are aching, Where there is more of singing and less of sighing, Where there is more of giving and less of buying, Where a man makes friends without half trying— That's where there the West begins."

Glenn and Florence, my son and daughter-in-law, at one time living in O'Neill, came over from Dayton, O. today for a short visit with what's here of the family group. They look prosperous.

A patriot over at Bristow who writes to The Frontier has it that O'Neill may as well fold up if certain highways are not conforming to his ideas of tourist travel. He quotes figures that the South Dakota governor sees through a magnifying glass of what tourist travel means to the country towns. A car with license plates from another state pulls up to a filling station in a Holt county town, its occupants mess up the "rest room," buy a few gallons of gasoline and roll on. Farmers, ranchers and people from small villages come into O'Neill from 50 or more miles away, spend their money for home supplies, ranch and farm equipment and "fill 'er up" at the gas stations. Highways that bring these customers in and parking places for their cars are doubtless what towns like O'Neill are most concerned over.

Indiana courts, as elsewhere, have the troubles and crooks of the citizens to deal with. The November term of court for the Marion district has criminal cases on the docket involving the human depravities from rape to murder and even no-fund check artists. While the check writer goes to jail maybe the one who accepts checks that they don't know are valuable or worthless should be sent to a state institution for mental treatment. One guy here accused of writing such a check appears in court as his own lawyer with an array of witnesses to prove that the guardians of law and defenders of the peace and dignity of the Hoosier state are all wet.

At a downtown street corner where stands an imposing building that is the home of the Marion National bank, is a clever arrangement of light bulbs which flash the time of day—1:50, the next 1:51, and so on each minute. Above this is recorded the temperature at the time. On the busy streets of Marion, when I was downtown yesterday, the bank corner's clever weather bureau told me it was 66 degrees above zero, shirt sleeve weather again after a light snow a few days previous.

It is harder to listen to an ignorant man's opinions than to express your own, but it usually pays to listen.

News, Views and Gossip

BY THE EDITOR

Deer, Elk or Moose?

Most editors are besieged with a variety of correspondence—all of which is always welcomed. This week's crop produced these queries and answers:

Route 3  
Wisner, Nebr.

Dear Editor:

Guess I had better make you known to you as you may not want to believe what I saw.

We are residents around Pilger and Wisner and are farmers. We were up around that part of the west on Friday, October 22. We had been to Chambers with Stanley Maddox of Neligh. As we were returning to Neligh, and just west of Ewing a few miles, we came upon what we thought was a deer.

We were visiting and I suddenly exclaimed: "Did you see the deer?"

Then Mr. Maddox put the car in reverse and backed up to where it had been standing—a short distance from the road. As we sat there looking at the animal, Mr. Maddox said: "That's not a deer, but a moose!"

Could you tell us if anyone has ever seen a moose in those parts?

Yours truly,  
MR. AND MRS. ADOLPH LUESHEN

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lueschen:

Our quest for information on this subject has produced the following—the authenticity of which cannot be absolutely verified. In an area bounded by Ewing, Clearwater, Chambers and the DeWey Schaefer home ranch, numerous sightings of an animal described as a mountain lion have been reported. These rumors have persisted now for the past year to 15 months, and apparently it is not possible to prove absolutely a negative nor a positive stand on the matter.

Along the Niobrara river, straight north of O'Neill, are several residents who insist that an elk is living in the river bottoms. They refer to several sightings and the size and distance between the tracks. If this situation is correct, elk being the travelers here, perhaps this is the animal in question.

Of course, this country now supports a number of deer, enough so that there is an open season on them each fall. Possibly a large buck with a good spread of antlers could be mistaken at a distance for a moose. If we should learn any factual information in the future, we'll be glad to keep you posted.—Ed.

Halloween Dancing

Hay Springs, Nebr.

Dear Cal:

Just a line tonight to thank you for printing the letter from Mrs. Glen White concerning the Halloween dance which was held on a recent Sunday night in O'Neill.

We heartily agree with her in this matter and, too, will be praying that O'Neill businessmen will awaken to the situation.

I'm sure there are more Christian people who read your fine paper who feel as we do and would be proud to push a campaign to abandon such practices. Enclosed is a check for our renewal of the paper.

Thank you,  
MR. AND MRS. JOE WADSWORTH

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Wadsworth: We invite brief letters, comments and opinions on pertinent subjects. "Pop-off" space made available to readers is a newspaper's obligation. Thanks to you, also to Mrs. White, for writing.—Ed.

8 Young Visitors

Atkinson, Nebr.

Dear Sir:

May we have an appointment to visit your office around 10 a.m., Friday, November 19? We plan to visit several O'Neill business places that day. I have eight pupils in district 76.

MRS. L. MEDCALF

Dear Mrs. Medcalf:

Thank-you for your note. We'll be pleased to escort your pupils through our newspaper and commercial printing plant and "Voice of The Frontier" studios on the date you have stated.—Ed.

Booth Qualifies for English 3

O'Neill high school is one of 50 Nebraska high schools which has distinguished itself by sending students to the University of Nebraska who are well prepared in English. Kenneth Forward, associate professor and supervisor of freshman English, has announced.

More than 25 percent of the graduates of these schools qualified for English 3, top freshman English course at the university.

O'Neill has qualified at least a quarter of its graduates enrolling at the university for the past two out of three years. This year, one of two graduates entering the university qualified for English 3. He is Duane F. Booth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Booth.

Young Booth also is a member of the University band.

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3 Angel Food Cakes Auctioned at Meet

EWING—The American Legion and auxiliary, Sanders post 214, held a party last Thursday evening following the regular meeting of both groups.

Card games were played and refreshments were served by Mrs. Mabel Boies, Mrs. M. B. Huffman and Mrs. Maude Brion. Three angel food cakes were auctioned.

At the business meeting of the auxiliary, Mrs. L. M. Carter presided, the holiday season was discussed. Four tarlatan dolls to be sent to the Veterans hospital and two comforters will also be made. At the December meeting, the auxiliary will have a Christmas party for the members with an exchange of gifts.

When You and I Were Young...

Boat Capsizes; 2 Omahans Drowned

Incident Takes Place at Goose Lake

50 Years Ago

Two Omaha men met a tragic death by drowning when the boat they were in capsized on Goose lake, 25 miles south of O'Neill.

A concert will be given at the Methodist church by the Peterson Sisters Concert company, assisted by Sidney Landon. . . Cal Moffett, former cigar businessman here, died in Spencer on election day.

T. J. Fleener and his hired man were mixed up in a more-or-less serious runaway. Mr. Wilson, the hired man, was badly injured. The wagon tongue came down as the men were riding down the hill approaching the Methodist church. The horses ran away and both men were thrown from the wagon.

The fire department gymnasium now is equipped with a bar, trapeze and apparatus for shoulder and arm development, and other equipment. Their supplies are not all here yet.

20 Years Ago

George Harrington left for Washington, D.C., where he enters upon his duties as one of the attorneys for the federal communications commission. . . The government is asking for bids on or donations of land that would make a suitable site for a federal building for this city. . . Mrs. J. A. Naylor received word of the death of her sister, Mrs. Laura Cress, at Lincoln. Mrs. Cress was one of the pioneers of O'Neill.

10 Years Ago

Mrs. Frank Nelson died at St. Elizabeth hospital in Lynch fol-

lowing an illness of only two days. . . Bob Brittell of Portland, Ore., is visiting old friends and relatives He has been on the West coast for about a year. . . All men interested in playing volleyball each Monday evening are to report to the old gymnasium in the public school building. . . St. Mary's high school six-man football team again gained state recognition being placed sixth among the state's top 10 chosen by the Lincoln Journal and ranked eighth in the string of top 10 six-manners chosen by the Omaha World-Herald.

One Year Ago

Julius D. Cronin, prominent north Nebraska attorney and for many years Holt county attorney, was elected president of the Nebraska State Bar association at the conclusion of the group's 54th annual convention. . . Fred Salak, former state highway patrolman at Scottsbluff, has been assigned game warden in the O'Neill area. . . Kenneth Elliston, 32, died in St. Anthony's hospital after a year's illness. . . Simon Eason, 66, veteran foreman on the Chicago & North Western railroad, retired here after 43 years continuous service. . . O'Neill's first municipal paving improvement in nearly 20 years is completed.

Aircraft Prop Snags Power Lines

CHAMBERS—A light aircraft landing at the Chambers airport about 7 o'clock Sunday evening, November 7, severed two REA high tension lines at the end of the runway, and plunged a number of homes in the Chambers and Martha communities into darkness.

The pilot, Chet Fees, jr., of O'Neill, and the passenger, Bennie Benson, were unhurt. The lines carried over 7,000 volts. The two had completed a cross-country hop and were landing after darkness had begun to set in.

The two escaped injury and were thanking their lucky stars because they might have been electrocuted.

The propeller was slightly damaged.

First Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Fernau and Larry of Redbird, Miss Joan Godel and Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Fernau of O'Neill were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Brittell. The occasion honored the first wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Fernau.

Mrs. C. H. Chambers, sr., returned Thursday to her home in O'Neill after spending several weeks with her son, Charles, and family in Ringsted, Ia. Mrs. Chambers and the Charles Chambers family were weekend guests at the H. E. Chambers home in Dubuque, Ia., during Mrs. Chambers' stay in Iowa.

Social Security Begins for Farmers

\$400 Net Entitles Insurance

Beginning January 1, 1955, social security insurance protection is extended by law to all farmers—including farm owners, operators, renters and workers.

The November issue of Successful Farming magazine points out that after farmers pay in for the required length of time, they will be entitled to benefits for their wives and themselves of from \$45 to \$162.80 from age 65 the rest of their life.

Any farm operator who makes as much as \$400 net profit in a year is entitled to the insurance and subject to the tax. The tax for a typical farmer who owns and operates his own place is three percent of his net income up to \$4,200. That would make the maximum social security tax \$126 per year.

Most farm workers are also eligible for social security protection if they earn as much as \$100 in cash from any one employer in a year. The employer deducts two percent from the workers' wages and pays two percent himself for the coverage. This means that it cost the farm operator an additional two dollars in tax for every \$100 he pays his workers.

Even farm operators who rent their land for cash are considered eligible as a farm operator in the social security program. Share operators have their social security handled somewhat differently. If the operator pays the owner a share, he is self employed and pays his own tax. If the owner pays the operator a share, he is a worker and the owner pays the tax.

All farmers are required to get a social security card as soon as possible at their nearest social security office. Social security tax is

figured on income turned in for income tax through the internal revenue service.

The first social security payments will be made as part of the 1955 income tax which will make the first payment in 1956.

First Veterans Day

Noted at Ewing—

EWING—The first veterans' day was observed in the Ewing high school auditorium Thursday, November 11, at 11 a.m., with a program sponsored by the Future Homemakers of America. In attendance were the junior and high school students.

Miss Fern Pruden, FHA advisor, explained the change from armistice day to veterans' day.

The pledge of allegiance was given in unison, led by Miss Helen Rotherham, FHA president.

The school band played "The Star Spangled Banner", led by Miss Lila Woepel, who is a sophomore and also the FHA parliamentarian.

Royal Theater

—O'NEILL, NEBR.—

Thurs. Family Nights Nov. 18

ADVENTURES OF ROBINSON CRUSOE

Every unforgettable thrill flames alive on the screen! Based on Daniel Defoe's immortal classic. Color by Pathe-Color. Starring Dan O'Herlihy with James Fernandez (as Friday). Produced by Oscar Dancigers, Henry Erlich. Family admitted for 2 adult tickets—children under 12 admitted with parent, 50c; adults 50c; children 12c

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Invasion from another planet! The last word in astounding science-fiction thrills, with Peter Graves, Barbara Bestar.

—also—

THE LAW VS. BILLY THE KID

Starring Scott Brady, Betty St. John. Color by technicolor. The true story of the deadliest killer in the West! Adults 50c; children 12c; matinee Sat. 2:30. All children under 12 free when accompanied by parent

Sun.-Mon.-Tues. Nov. 21-22-23

SITTING BULL

In magnificent color. Starring Dale Robertson, Mary Murphy, J. Carrol Naish. The biggest battle the west ever fought thunders across the screen. Dale Robertson stars in the film as a young cavalry officer who resents the unemotional, at times inhuman treatment the conquered Indian is receiving. Adults 50c; children 12c; matinee Sun. 2:30. All children under 12 arms must have tickets

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