

PrairieLand Talk

Doc Gilligan Backed Statistics Law

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MARION, IND.—That Miss O'Malley's many years of service recording births and deaths in Holt county have received official recognition is gratifying to her friends.

It was an O'Neill citizen who had much to do with bringing about the vital statistics law in Nebraska. The late Dr. J. P. Gilligan was elected state senator and served in the session about 1908 and promoted, with other physicians, the vital statistics measure. Its passage was assured in the state legislature and it became a law. Since then records have been kept in the state on births and deaths. The law provided that the city clerk in each county seat town was to serve as registrar for the county.

PrairieLand Talker at that time was city clerk of O'Neill, so thus became the first registrar for the county. Leaving O'Neill for a time in 1910, I asked Miss O'Malley if she would take over the registrar's work, which she consented to do and continues to do to this day.

The sun came from the Orient this morning to dominate the Hoosier scene after many days being in hiding out beyond a cloud-robed sky. So the blue above bathed in sunlight spreads across a frost-bitten world. Going out into the bright cold morning there came an urge to walk down to the river. Brief December days and lengthened shadows of night had spread a floor of ice from shore to shore and the early morning sun painted a picture in gold on that floor, gray and cold. And then memories of the long ago when the "bunch" went to Carlon's lake and cut circles on the ice with their skates. But this morning I stood in reverent awe among the trees on the brink of that ice-bound river, trees reaching nude arms heavenward as if to express to some great unknown out about the blue overhead what I alone felt as I looked upon the majestic picture bathed in sunlight. No, I am not a sun worshiper but a worshiper of the Being Whose hand hung the sun in its appointed place and Who gives to earth dwellers a glimpse of the Infinite in scenes of nature.

If north-Nebraska patriots want to retain passenger train service they will have to get busy and turn their travels trainward. They might help by calling the attention of the postal department to the risk of conveying the mails by truck.

My friend, Ralph Leidy, now down in sunny Arkansas, apparently accepts the word of a Washington newspaper guy who is kept busy dodging libel suits. But maybe Ralph can tell us just what is the significance of the solid democratic vote in the senate to hang—figuratively speaking—Senator McCarthy. The senate uproar over the disgraceful affair spells the answer to the November election returns. From the stories that came out of Washington, it was anybody's guess what it was all about, but prairieLand patriots trust that those 44 democrats and 22 republicans feel that their wounded senatorial dignity has been properly avenged.

Editor Fred Peterson, formerly of the Madison Star-Mail and Elgin Review, has added another star to his editorial crown by taking over the Clearwater Record.

Editorial

What the 1975 Ag Outlook Means

By 1975, economists foresee the population in the United States increasing to more than 210 million people—far more than enough to eat up the surpluses of today's agriculture.

Yet, this rise in the need for agricultural products isn't necessarily going to mean higher prices for farmers, according to the December issue of Successful Farming magazine, after studying reports made by 500 USDA economists.

With new farm developments coming as fast as they are, there is little doubt that we can easily increase production that much . . . or even more if it is necessary.

This means that agricultural controls will be needed for a long time to come. Controls will include more grass and livestock, fewer farmers, more farmers doing part-time work in industry, larger farms and a necessary reevaluation of our educational and research programs.

Important conclusions were reached by a group of 500 land grant college and USDA farm economists holding their annual meetings earlier this fall.

They believe that the average income of city residents will rise by two-thirds during 1975. They feel that if the farmer's income is going to keep pace, the number of farms must be reduced by one-fifth.

Farm prices will have the tendency to fluctuate even more widely than now as the economy grows. In the future, a small change in production will result in bigger farm price swings than now. Therefore production controls will be even more important than they are at the present time.

Developments that increase farm production will increase the downward trend in farm prices by adding to the supply of agricultural goods already placed on a limited market. The economists feel that new agricultural research should be directed toward developments which will reduce costs with boosting the output.

Split in GOP Developing

There appears to be a fast-growing split in the republican party now that President Eisenhower has publicly congratulated Senator Watkins on the latter's role in the anti-McCarthy plot and, quite understandably, the young Wisconsinite fired back with several sharp broadsides. The result: An open revolt.

Add to the McCarthy split, which has been expected although carefully avoided all along, the virtual defiance of the senate majority leader, Senator Knowland of California.

The Knowland defiance is on foreign policy and remains unretreated, although Knowland's backing of administrative legislation had been considered quite solid.

McCarthy bounced out of his corner and apologized to the voters for having urged them in 1952 to vote for Eisenhower for president. McCarthy claims the administration has failed to take "real action" against communists at home and abroad since inauguration.

McCarthy followers now are apparently on the warpath in protest against the censure of McCar-

A bulky book presents some literary offerings selected from the works of 105 living authors comprising what the compiler calls "The World's Best." As literature it is commonplace, the stories—some boring, some take your attention; current history informative; science and philosophy chilling; poetry verging on the mystic. We are in a bomb-racked age, not a poetic age. . . . A Hoosier patriot was fined by the judge \$1 and costs for being drunk and \$75 and costs for driving when drunk. He was not driving but sleeping when the highway patrolman took over. . . . Counterfeit two- and four-bit coins are in circulation in the community. . . . Veteran cow men at the national livestock show in Chicago, Ill., with their prize packages of beef on the hoof were chagrined when 15-year-old girls walked off with the blue ribbons decorating their steers. Ardye Harding of Franklina, Nebr., had the prize-winning Hereford steer. Barbara Clausen of Spencer, Ia., had the prize-winning Shorthorn. . . . The ancients may not have put on "national livestock shows," but they had flocks and herds that put our big ranchers in the piker class in comparison. A raiding tribe in 1452 B.C., overwhelmed another tribe and the booty included 675 thousand sheep, 72 thousand beehives, 71 thousand donkeys—and all the women and girls. . . . American motor car owners are paying annually four billion dollars in taxes, which is supposed to be for the maintenance of the nation's highways.

Farmers basking in the exalted strata of science at the nation's capital say they have discovered how to control bloat in cows. Well, we "controlled" it when a cow got into the cabbage patch and blew up like a balloon by putting half of a package of soda down her. And when a young calf puffed up it was deflated by sticking a knife in a spot that left no permanent opening.

Newspaper men expose—not defend or excuse—crime or criminals. But somehow even the callous-tanned hide of a newspaper guy is pierced by the story of that young fellow from Texas, who held up a bank at Scottsbluff. He is one of a family of 10 children and he said he wanted to help his father but could not find a job that would enable him to help the family. The lure of idle money in that bank was the answer, he thought, to his desire. His story may have touched the judge in federal court in Lincoln, though courts are bound by the law to deal as the law directs with criminals brought before them. The bank got the stolen money back, the young man admits his mistake and these extenuating circumstances may have had a bearing on the light sentence imposed. And if the young man's seven-year prison sentence is computed on the basis of the Hiss term of confinement he may be set at liberty so he can do as he hopes to toward helping the homefolks.

In the absence of a sublime religious faith most men are cowards. Life blooms or withers from what comes day-by-day along the way—the rose grows among thorns, and joy and pain come to all living. Adversity lurks beside prosperity and we are either brave or cowardly. A troubled soul in a distant city drank the fatal hemlock and lies dead because he was a coward, who would not face and overcome life's difficulties. The world can do without him, but what of those two little boys left fatherless and motherless?

thy, and Knowland now looms as the republican who will wear the mantle of the late Senator Taft.

Knowland has attracted the support of the majority of the GOP senators and leaders who followed the dead Ohioan. On three key issues, Knowland has taken over the leadership of the Taft crowd: (1) Upholding the Bricker amendment; (2) attacking white house appeasement of Soviet Russia; and (3) voting against the censure of McCarthy.

Moreover, Knowland suddenly pulled out of Washington for a vacation without modifying his present independent position.

There is considerable speculation the seat of republican power is shifting westward, possibly to California. Governor Knight, a GOP conservative, won in a grand way in California in November and now Knowland is rapidly gathering strength.

After all, the internationalist "new deal" republicans in the East have been repudiated, and the Dewey, Lodge, Adams dynasties have been crushed.

It would appear some crucial days are ahead for the GOP. It's our guess Knowland and McCarthy could be formidable for Ike if he attempts a second term.

Hope for Blue Babies

Dr. G. Walton Lillehi of the University of Minnesota recently told the story of a new type of operation to save the lives of babies suffering from a heart ailment which prevents full purification of their blood with their lungs.

Doctor Lillehi headed a medical team which has pioneered the operation. The operation requires the loan of some adult's heart and lungs. The borrowed heart and lungs are connected to the chest of the ailing infant and purify the child's blood.

The adult's heart pumps purified blood back into the child's body for something like a half-hour. If the borrowed heart and lungs were not available, the child's heart could not be opened.

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News, Views and Gossip

BY THE EDITOR

The Case of \$3.12

Bobby Wilson, 4½, fledgling fullback son of Dr. and Mrs. Rex W. Wilson, and Scott Stewart, 4, who presides on occasion in the editorial household, often have watched older kids trundle dilapidated bicycles to Willie Herman's repair shop which is located in the neighborhood.

Willie's place is a fix-it haven—whether it's a sick bike, tricycle, sled or wagon. Willie, incidentally, has been playground supervisor at Ford's park for several seasons and has a first-name acquaintanceship with scores of small fry.

It's a tempting proposition for kids to hustle broken-down objects to the alley shop because: (1) Willie likes to chitchat with kids while he works; (2) Willie has a "tree house" built from old tires and kids are at liberty to climb thereon; (3) Willie has a flat-wheeled bicycle on which one can obtain a special ride; (4) Willie has a motor bike—and most kids in town have been afield it.

For any one or several of the above reasons, Bobby and Scott unanimously agreed to resurrect a 5-year-old trike, drag it up the alley to the "hospital," depositing it with simple instructions to Willie:

"Fix'er up!" they chanted. Next day these two bright stars solicited dough from their respective parents. "To pay Willie," they explained to inquiring parents. For a time the trike trineer-ship was on thin ice. There was some doubt they'd be able to raise the money.

The trike has new tires, several new spokes, oil in the joints, and a straightened fender. Doubtless it is good for many more miles.

Oh yes, Doc paid the \$3.12.

Miscellany

Stuart volunteer firemen would like to know who was the driver of a 1949 or 1950 bronze-colored Ford which ran over a fire hose Sunday evening, December 5, while firemen were battling a blaze at the Stuart Bluegrass company. . . . Best specimen of handwriting to cross our desk in a long time appeared in a letter written by Sydney A. McNeely of Norfolk, C&NW railroad engineer. It was Mr. McNeely's cab in which we rode a part of the distance to Valentine to a rail hearing. . . . Ed Sullivan, the TV star in Sioux City the other evening telephoned Sister Eugene, formerly of O'Neill. The call was instigated by one of Ed's friends who had adopted two children from St. Monica's home where the nun is in charge of child placement. . . . M. J. Golden exhibited four Orange bowl tickets this week. He and his wife plan to make the junket. Other Orange bowl-goers: Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Brewster of Stuart, whose son, Dennis, is a member of the Omaha university Tangerine bowl-and football team (Omaha will face West Texas Teachers, also in Florida), and Bruce Rehberg of The Frontier staff, who will be accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fox of the Lincoln Journal-Star. Ralph is a photog and Mrs. Fox is Bruce's sister.

—CAL STEWART

Deloit News

Those who attended the program at the Urban school last Thursday evening from a distance were: Mrs. Jim Bartak and son of Page, Mr. and Mrs. Cameron and family of Los Angeles, Calif., who are visiting the Frank Kruntorad family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bollweit and family and Agnes Bartak and Fannie Schiffbauer, Nick and Joe Goscia and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Alleman and family of Clearwater, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Harpster and boys, Mrs. Fred Harpster, Lyle and Gene Bartak, and Janice Bartak of Neligh. Elayne Reimer is the teacher.

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When You and I Were Young...

McNichols Becomes Agent for Atlas

Winchell Gets Aide in Treasurer's Office

The Atlas Elevator company is establishing a coal yard in O'Neill. The agent will be S. F. McNichols. . . . John Sullivan is again behind the counters at Gilligan and Stout's after a brief stay at Ravenna. . . . Mollie Fuller and William Jaques were united in marriage in O'Neill. A reception was held in the evening at the home of the bride's mother in Stuart. . . . The courthouse officials are not going to be cheated out of their holiday just because Christmas and New Year's come on Sunday. Their offices will be closed the Mondays following these days.

20 Years Ago

L. G. Gillespie, who for the past 10 years has been a member of the city council from the Third ward, has tendered his resignation as a member of that body, effective January 1. He leaves for Lincoln then, where he will sit as a member of Nebraska's legislative body for four months. . . . A. M. Turner, manager of the local branch of Armour & company, announced that the company is going to erect a mammoth chicken and turkey hatchery. . . . George Shoemaker will assist Ben Winchell in the office of the county treasurer when Winchell takes over shortly after the first of the year on a mandate granted him by the voters of the county at the last general election. . . . The American Legion and the Royal theater are giving a special Christmas show for children at the Royal theater. Admission will be a new or used toy from Mrs. Edward M. Gallagher is head of a local committee which is active in the promotion of this project. The toys will be distributed through the federal relief organization to needy children of O'Neill and vicinity at Christmas time. . . . Tax collections for the month totalled over 50 thousand-dollars. A large portion of the 55-thousand-dollars was paid by corporations as the railroads, power and telephone companies.

10 Years Ago

Thirteen applications have been received to fill the vacancy of county clerk. The county board has not yet made a decision. . . . Pvt. Dorothy Jean Moore of O'Neill has completed training in the clerk's school of the First Women's Army Corps training center, Ft. Des Moines, Ia. . . . Only 56 percent of Holt county quota has been sold in the sixth war loan drive. . . . The Consumers Public Power district answered the call for the purchase of bonds during the sixth war loan drive by investing \$880,000 of the district's reserve funds in U. S. government bonds. . . . Miss Anna L. Pribil, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pribil of O'Neill, and Cpl. Russell S. Knowler of Lynn, Mass., were united in marriage at El Paso, Tex. . . . Robert E. Gallagher, 63, died of a sudden heart attack in Grand Island. Ser-

Arrive to Spend Holidays Here—

Mrs. John Carrol and sons, Michael and William, of Chanute, Kans., arrived Monday to spend the holiday season at the home of her mother, Mrs. William Biglin. Mr. Carrol will join them at Christmas. . . . Harry Petersen of O'Neill was elected chairman of the Holt county chapter of the American Red Cross. . . . Santa Claus will pay his annual visit to O'Neill airport in his jet-engine plane and will be met and escorted to the O'Neill public school by the O'Neill fire department. . . . Funeral services were held in Lynch for Mrs. Peter Gengler. She and her husband had lived on their homestead a half-century.

Harry Irwin Rites Held at Lynch

LYNCH—Funeral services for Harry Irwin were held Monday, December 6, at the First Methodist church with Rev. Anna Nelson in charge. Burial was in the Pleasant Hill cemetery. . . . Mr. Irwin was born March 1, 1867, at Washington county, Iowa, where he grew to young manhood. He was married to Katie Hamilton in 1895 and lived on their homestead southeast of Lynch until 1912 when they moved to town. Mrs. Irwin died in 1941. Since that time he has made his home with his daughters. Survivors include: Son—Harold Irwin of San Diego, Calif.; daughters—Mrs. Grace Addington of Newcastle, Wyo., Mrs. Zoe Darnell of Lynch, Mrs. Ruby Malone and Mrs. Velma Astleford of Minneapolis, Minn.; eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one sister.

Mr. and Mrs. John Storjohann recently returned from two-week vacation with relatives at Chappell and Bridgeport and Julesburg, Colo.

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