

Prairieland Talk

Islanders Eat Human Flesh

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LINCOLN — The speaker stood before an audience of some thousands. His message is heard each week the world around over the air in what he calls the "Voice of Prophecy." But he is in our capital city for a youth gathering. Young America has the stage today.

Mr. Richards' message not only reaches the ends of the earth, but he in person has seen much of the globe. He told his eager Lincoln listeners of a visit to New Guinea, the world's largest island, where the native dress consists of a palm leaf fore and aft, and their diet includes human flesh. When one of the family dies, the body is cooked and eaten. The body may be buried for a week or so and then taken from the grave, cooked and eaten.



Romaine Saunders

The island is saucer-shaped and the inland is ideal cattle country. The speaker suggested if any Nebraskans are looking for a location for a ranch they should go to New Guinea.

In old Jerusalem we found the Jews in control of the country with the Arabs having taken over the city.

Mr. Richards' message to Nebraska youth: Loyalty to your country and to your God.

Out of the historic halls of congress came the farm bill. It was laid before President Eisenhower to be signed into the law of the land. The chief executive declined to take his pen in hand and add his name to the measure. Across the nation far and wide he told us why. Under the pressure of the hour it took courage for the president to stay by his convictions. He has the courage to say and do what he believes to be right. Agriculture, stock raising, life on American farms and gardens and cattle ranches goes on, will go on until the sun and moon and stars forever set. Mr. Eisenhower, schooled in military science, shows a more comprehensive grasp of life's fundamentals embodied in what the good earth grows than his swivel chair critics. Corn and wheat will grow as ever on prairieland, herds will bring forth the yearly increase of baby beef and ranch and farm families are prosperous and happy.

Did the gent with wheels in his head who built that 1,800 horsepower Diesel ever see a horse?

An old woman died last week in a Nebraska village at the age of more than four score and ten years. By judicial decree her village home had been made sure to her as long as she lived. During the lifetime of her husband the couple had gone into debt for coal. The creditor considered his claim a lien on the widow's home and by court action sought payment. The principle that an individual's home is his castle was upheld when the court ruled that the little village home of that aged woman was her homestead and could not be taken from her to satisfy a creditor. . . . It was during the "depression" days. A weary husband came home one evening "depressed" and gloomy—he had lost his job. A rap was heard at the door. The visitor was a salesman who solicited the man who had just been fired to buy a graveyard lot.

Editorial

How About Commission Revival?

A new city administration takes over the reins of city government in O'Neill next week. Mayor-Elect D. C. Schaffer and four new councilmen will be seated and serve alongside one veteran councilman, M. J. Golden, and one councilman who will have completed one year on the board, Fred Heermann.

About 10 years ago then Mayor F. J. Dishner appointed a 12-member city planning commission, a composite group of substantial citizens who were to make recommendations to the council and serve in an advisory capacity only. That commission made recommendations for sewer improvements and zoning and these recommendations were adopted. The planning commission died when Mr. Dishner became ill and retired from active leadership. The commission breathed its last breath when subsequent councils saw fit to change the zoning laws.

The Frontier would like to recommend to Mayor Schaffer and the new council a revival of the commission, thereby broadening the interest in city government and helping to iron out issues before they get out of hand.

British End Hangings

The house of commons, by a 292 to 246 vote, has granted for the abolition of the death penalty in Great Britain. After voting, the house of commons made it almost certain that the government end its use of the death penalty.

For over 50 years now, there has been a hot controversy in England concerning the death penalty. Generally speaking, the labor party was official sponsor of the latest move to end hangings, although the conservatives went along with the labor party effort.

Victorious supporters of the anti-death penalty bill claimed that hangings did not decrease crimes, nor violence, because of the fact that most killings were not premeditated. On the other side, there were those who felt that the abolition of hanging would constitute the removal of a psychological barrier to violence of all kinds, including killings. But there is no denying that the death penalty is being abandoned by Western European countries, and only a few now retain it. The question of abolishing the death penalty will be debated anew in the United States, as a result of the British action. In some states in this country, the death penalty is not allowed, but in most of them, it is permitted. Since this is a matter for each state to decide, it seems highly unlikely that the death penalty will be eliminated in the United States any time in the near future.

Periodically the advisability of Nebraska's death penalty comes under discussion. At the moment Loyd Grandinger is sentenced to die in the electric chair and a young Lincoln forester, Darrell Parker, is standing trial and is charged with the slaying of his wife, Nancy. On this page recently Romaine Saunders declared sympathy against capital punishment only encourages men to walk the highway of crime.

A classic line to come out of Monaco during the Ranier-Kelly affair originated "with an old dowager. As the prince's yacht disappeared into the mist of the blue Mediterranean with the honeymooners aboard, she quipped: "Hope that's the last we'll hear from those two—at least for nine months!"

Do the black headlines frighten you? Shudder as you read the stories of a maddening world? Turn away—see the little things that do not rate a headline—the humor, the friendly chatter, neighbor with neighbor, the laughter of a child, the hallowed home memories and the ties that link heart to heart. Or has the sweep of time left you alone in a desolated home hoping for a letter from an absent son or daughter? Go places, visit other lonely ones, walk where the sunbeams light the way, look up into the heavens as far as mortal eye can see and then with spiritual vision look beyond. Return then to earth and if you like to have a little fun let out a whoop and run.

Answering a question his mother asked, an eight-year-old lad came up with this: Eloquence is thoughts that's awful nice in words that children understand.

They are at it again. After 60 odd years this generation of Nebraska patriots would woe the elusive rain clouds to pour forth their showers of blessing when prairieland thirsts. At least one, L. G. Gillespie, is still a citizen of O'Neill who can recall the days when Tom Golden, John McCafferty and Ed Hersher were in the rain-making business. They exploded the dynamite, threw away the cans, and gave it up as an undertaking that is beyond the powers of man. Nature moved on in the changing tenor of its way, the prairie bloomed and we are still here.

Lincoln firemen have been assigned the job of visiting some 30,000 homes in the city on a fire hazard hunt. They go two together, are courteous, displaying no exalted attitude of official importance. These with salesmen and propaganda promoters help keep householders from becoming lonesome.

A Brazilian youth has been disillusioned. Flying as a stowaway to a United States airport to see the wonders in the land of the free and home of the brave he had heard about, a heartless judge in Yankee land sent him to jail for six months on a charge of "illegal entry."

Convicted of manslaughter, he gets eight months in jail in Kansas City. The poor guy in Los Angeles, Calif., didn't fare quite so well—he was put away for a year for a like offense. Value of human life does not keep pace with inflated costs of living.

The path of sorrow when we walk alone May lead where sorrow is forever unknown; And before we can reach that blest abode We will have thorns and briars along the road.

A group of young men are building a house in a Lincoln suburb for Mrs. Donald A. Rhode, widow of the young man killed in a plane crash southeast of Inman. She is the mother of two children. Her father provided the lot for the house and the young men furnish the material for the house and do the work of building.

Why are democratic leaders ready to spend untold millions to stop Kefauver when Ike is willing to do it for nothing?

Soil-Bank Idea Not New

President Eisenhower's veto of the farm bill, as conceived by congress, helps to woo city votes.

His veto won plaudits from city dwellers, particularly in the East, who do not want to see food costs mount (although their wages and manufactured products cost more). The veto also was intended to placate farmers.

Although the Eisenhower farm program will provide substantial subsidies, these will not be as high as was intended by the demo-dominated congress. In addition, the Ike plan will provide for soil-bank benefits.

The result is that republicans and democrats alike are making it difficult for the American farmer to determine exactly who his friends are.

When the demo leaders put through the farm bill they thought they had shown conclusively that their party wished to be more generous with farm aid. Some of them still feel the president's veto will sharpen such an impression with the farmer.

But right now the demos are scratching their heads trying to figure how to deal with the president's demand for early enactment of the soil-bank plan—which, it is estimated, could still put large sums in farmers' hands this year.

Democrats, meanwhile, might say the soil-bank idea is nothing new. It's merely a jet-age version of early Roosevelt policies.

Not many people fully understand the farm bill or the complex farm problem.

Wish the rain-makers would get busy and produce some moisture. Pastures will green-up, all right, with the advent of warm weather, but there's a definite need for spring moisture.

Life becomes nothing more than a wrangle for those who think they must make friends and family do as they say.

Sometimes we get the impression the only decision confronting teenagers concerns whether it will be chocolate or vanilla.

What this country needs is anything that can be bought for a nickel.

The dizzy round of term-end school activities already has begun.



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When You and I Were Young

3 Boyd Supervisors Oppose New Bridge

4 Approve Paying Half of Cost

50 Years Ago
The supervisors of Boyd county who voted "yes" to pay for half the bridge over the Njobra river were Rees, Pearson, Kenaston and Seever. Voting "no" were Lynn, Couch and Long. . . . Thomas Griffin and Miss Bridget Colyan of New Haven, Conn., were married. . . . A surprise was planned on Al McMain of Phoenix in the way of a dinner party. . . . Miss Maude S. Posson of Stafford and Barney R. Gunter of Ewing were married, and Will Benson and Ethel Harris of Page were united in marriage.

20 Years Ago
Mrs. Ira Moss, Mrs. Max Golden, Mrs. R. R. Morrison and Mrs. J. J. Harrington entertained 45 ladies at a post lenten party. . . . Members of the Country Club board of directors are: Ira Moss, R. M. Sowers, W. J. Biglin, P. S. Donohoe, L. A. Burgess, W. S. Hammond and E. M. Gallagher. . . . Mrs. J. V. Dwyer and Miss Mary Sullivan of Butte, Mont., are visiting friends and relatives.

10 Years Ago
Miss Alma Wallace and Dale A. Kersensbrock and Miss Iona Kee of Emmet and Pvt. Rodney A. Livings of Davenport were married. . . . Mrs. Margaret Jungbluth told that her daughter, Mrs. William Steskal of Emmet had recently returned from the Stuart hospital where she had undergone a major operation. . . . Mrs. Chris Reimer of Inman entertained the primary room and their teacher, Miss Mildred Keyes, in honor of her son Bobby's birthday anniversary.

One Year Ago
Center Union church, northwest of O'Neill, celebrated its golden jubilee. . . . John R. Wells, 84, died. A Junior Chamber of Commerce was formed. . . . Mrs. Edgar Stauffer and Mrs. Melvin Smith, both of Page, and Mrs. A. J. Camp of Atkinson were elected to district offices at the district meeting at the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Wayne.

Estate Provides Hospital Bed

CHAMBERS—Members of the American Legion auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Don Dankert. It was voted to send a contribution to the Easter seal campaign. The auxiliary is recipient of a hospital bed from the estate of the late Mrs. C. J. Barnum of Neligh. The bed will be made available to anyone for a small charge for the use of the mattress.

A program was presented with a Haiti theme. A piano solo was played by Elaine Dankert, who is a junior member. Mrs. Ruben Peltzer and Mrs. J. W. Walter sang "A Green Little Island." They were dressed as Haitians. Mrs. L. O. Lenz read a description of the island and its people. Next meeting will be a gold star tea at the home of Mrs. Walter on May 4.

Demonstration Week to Be Observed

PAGE — Mrs. Elmer Trowbridge was hostess to the Page extension club on Tuesday, April 17, for a lesson the care of the sewing machine. Mrs. Raymond Heiss and Mrs. Elmer Trowbridge presented the lesson. Mrs. Edgar Stauffer demonstrated a modern sewing machine.

Plans were discussed for home demonstration week that will be observed at the Page Methodist church Tuesday afternoon, May 1, by the extension clubs of the Page center. The Page extension club will furnish the sandwiches and an entertainment number. The May meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Judd Russell with a lesson on "Sewing New Fabrics."

Society to Help Pay Electric Bill

STUART — The Women's society of the Community church met last Thursday afternoon in the church basement with 20 members present. Devotions were led by Mrs. Wilber Moon. Reports on the Presbyterian meeting held in Valentine April 16-17 were given by Mrs. Jone Cobb, Mrs. Ward Dyer, Mrs. D. D. Su and Mrs. Noma Hall. A \$50 pledge was made to apply on electricity. Luncheon was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Norris Coats, Mrs. Roy Rhodes and Mrs. Berlin Mitchell.

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Miss Imogene Davis (above), a University of Nebraska coed who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Davis of Inman, was elected as "spoke of the wheel" from Theta province for National Delta Omicron. She is a senior voice major and has served as secretary, first vice-president, rush chairman and senior parliamentarian for Delta Omicron. Miss Davis was awarded the National Delta Omicron honor pin for the senior with the highest accumulated scholarship in Theta. She is a member of the "D. O. Triads," and was director for the annual inter-sorority concert with Sigma Alpha Iota and Mu Phi Epsilon. Other activities include Kappa Delta ivy day song director and Pi Lambda Theta.

Real Estate Transfers

WD—Roy J Stewart to Hester Edmisten & Lydia O Gerken 4-19-56 \$1600- Lots 1-2-3-4 Blk 12-Page
WD—Henry Burival to M V Landreth 4-19-56 \$8640- SE 1/4 NE 1/4 19- E 1/2 SE 1/4 19-29-9
WD—Henry Burival to Harold L Summers & wf 4-19-56 \$8800- NE 1/4 21-29-9- NE 1/4
WD—Mame Melvin to O'Neill Prod Credit Assn 4-19-56 \$750- S 1/2 S 1/2 Lots 7 & 8 Blk 14- O'Neill
WD—Mame Melvin to Elkhorn Valley Natl Farm Loan Assn 4-19-56 \$750- N 1/2 S 1/2 lots 7 & 8 Blk 14- O'Neill
QCD—Consumers Public Power Dist to Henry Krier 3-20-56 \$1- Part E 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec 19-29-11
QCD—Harry E Ressel to Henry Krier 4-19-56 \$1- Part SE 1/4 SW 1/4 19-29-11
WARRANTY DEEDS TO THE STATE OF NEBRASKA—
Matie Weller, et al 2-10-56 \$366- Part of SE 1/4 Sec 29-29-14 & Part of W 1/2 W 1/2 21-29-14
Clarence Y. Donohoe 3-1-56 \$206.50 Part of W 1/2 19-30-11
Henry Spicka 2-17-56 \$687- Part of S 1/2 SE 1/4 23-26-12 (7.27 acres)
A B Hubbard 2-3-56 \$367- Part of SE 1/4 24-26-12
George H Rowse 2-4-56 \$1,135- Part of S 1/2 SE 1/4 20- & Part of S 1/2 SW 1/4 21-28-12

Collect for Cancer—

PAGE — Coin containers for contributions to the cancer fund were circulated among the members of the project clubs of the Page center and the Improvement club. The containers will be turned in at the center at the demonstration week observance.

Mrs. Earl W. Ralya of Grand Island Friday stopped in O'Neill to visit her daughter, Miss Verle, while enroute from Wood Lake, where she had been visiting, to her home.

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Tuesday, May 1
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VENUS NEWS

Edwin Porter of Orchard and Clare Schroth of Brunswick helped with farm work at the Ora Caskey farm Wednesday, April 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser visited at the Otto Sokol home at Madison Thursday, April 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser and Anita attended the funeral of Mrs. Brookhouser's cousin, Frank Juracek, jr., of St. Helens, Ore., at Bloomfield Monday, April 16.

Mrs. Gordon Gentzler left for her home at Oceanside, Calif., on Monday, April 16, after spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Finch.

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