

Prairieland Talk

"Chip In"

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As I look out upon the scene through the window this calm December morning, cloudy, gloomy and a gentle rain at times denuded trees and lifeless earth where so recently flowers were in bloom; then reflect on stories that come from far distant lands, I rejoice as the Christmas season comes again because of peace and abundance we have on prairieland. I wonder what think the Russian and Chinese Reds of the reception the millions of other races of men accord our presidential party, the little group from Yankeeland of which prairieland is a segment, the bread basket and the beef roast. In India, in Africa, in Middle Eastern lands Americans are looked upon as their earthly gods. And how that naked and hungry little girl of India must long for a bit of what she sees reflected of the peace and abundance of American life sticking out of President Ike's pockets. But from a little known region of earth comes the story of a dying race of cannibals in New Guinea where human flesh is the food, human bones lying about, sick and dying men, women and children. The story comes from a medical missionary from our favored land who did what he could to heal the sick and tell those of that land of the better way of life, and is now back home to arouse interest in getting medical centers and schools in operation in that land. Chip in when the collection plate comes your way.



Romaine Saunders

Cheering word and holiday greetings come to me from Mr. and Mrs. Claud Hancock out at Los Angeles. They enclose a clipping from a Los Angeles newspaper that tells us something of a native son, Mr. Stannard is a son of the Dave Stannard family, O'Neill pioneers, and he has sisters here in business, a store on south fourth street. Following is the clipping from the Los Angeles paper:

WILLIAM B. STANNARD—He was elected senior vice president, and Earl Clark was elected vice president of Occidental Life Insurance Co.

Another Christmas. So again I extend to friends of Prairieland Talk the season's greetings and best wishes. Many were the Christmas season joys and disappointments as I have traveled the highway of life, from childhood days when we hung up our stockings the night before Christmas trusting that that imaginary being would slide down the chimney and load our stockings with gifts. And at times of financial stringency in the home nothing much in those childish stockings Christmas morning. In a cow manger in a little village among Judean hills nineteen hundred and sixty years ago a mother lay with a babe in her arms, in a manger because "there was no room in the inn." As we again pay tribute to the memory of that babe in the manger because there was no room in the inn do these human hearts of ours have no room for a crucified Christ!

Editorial

Corn — 66c Per Bushel
Pierce County Leader

The University of Iowa has recently completed a study of farm prices . . . an estimate of what farm prices would be in two or three years if all government support price programs were eliminated. One large farm organization, some politicians and some economists have advocated at various times for the government to get out of "price support business" and let farm produce seek its own price level based entirely on supply and demand basis.

The University of Iowa based its assumption considering the fact that all present surpluses held by the government were to be frozen and not allowed to "glut" the markets.

So if your radio and TV blasted out the news this week . . . "all government controls and price supports are to be suspended" . . . here is what you could expect in the fall of 1962 and spring of 1963 according to the University of Iowa study:

CORN—66c per bushel. The average price for corn in 1959-60 is estimated at \$1.06 . . . corn raised in 1960 would drop to 79c per bushel and corn raised in 1961 would be down to 66c. The lowest average price since 1940.

WHEAT—74c per bushel. Much of the 1960 wheat crop is already planted which would be sold under price supports. The first big drop would be in 1961 . . . wheat prices would nose-dive to about 90 cents the first year and by 1962 be at 74c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—\$11.51 per cwt. Wheat at 74c per bushel would join corn as livestock feed at 66c per bushel. By 1962 with low corn and wheat prices the average price on beef cattle could be at an estimated \$11.51 per hundredweight . . . just about half of the present price.

HOGS—\$10.80 per cwt. Hog prices would also dive but the Iowa University feels it would level off by 1962 or early 1963 at about \$10.80 per hundredweight. A drop of about 25% to 30% below present prices.

EGGS—27c per dozen. Cheap feeds and low meat prices would drive egg prices down. (Estimates on grade prices.)

LAMBS—\$15.13 per cwt. According to predictions of the Iowa University lamb prices would do the best towards trying to hold their own.

CHICKENS (Broilers)—13c per pound. The average price for 1959-60 is estimated at 16.7 cents per pound . . . by 1963 the broiler market will level off at 13c per pound.

The entire picture becomes more confusing to the average reader when the University of Iowa economists go on to explain that their estimates are based on the assumption that the population of the United States would increase at the rate of 2.7 to 2.8 million per year PLUS THE FACT that the average per capita income would continue to rise.

Translated to everyday language that would mean that the average per capita income of every "EXCEPT" farmers and those persons serving agriculture would rise.

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

William Jig, having sold his farm northwest of this city, left the first of the week for Osmond, Neb., where he will make his home. . . Frank Nelson left for Omaha Thursday morning to spend the holidays with his parents at that place. . . A bright little son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Crawford. Mother and son are getting along nicely and will be wearing the happiest kind of a smile. . . The Burlington road was up against it again last week. The passenger due here at 10:30 last Wednesday night failed to reach O'Neill until 5:30 Monday morning. Snow near Osmond and a wrecked freight train was responsible for the delay. . . Postmaster Marsh has sold the postoffice fixtures to the postmaster at Dallas, S. D. Perhaps the removal of the fixtures will cause no further confusion as to the location of the postoffice. Every day many people endeavored to get in at the old postoffice and many letters were also dropped in from the outside.

20 YEARS AGO

Dorothy Moore, Marilyn Moore and Margaret Eilers, Reka are presenting a Piano Recital, December 21, for their parents at the home of Mrs. Thomas J. Brennan. . . The old store building at the dam north of this city, owned by Eazelman's was destroyed by fire last Friday, about the same time as the O'Neill fire. . . Miss Mona Melvin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Melvin of this city, who is a dress designer in St. Louis, is expected to arrive in O'Neill on Saturday to spend Christmas with her parents. . . A large Christmas tree has been erected in the intersection of Main Street. It is beautifully decorated and is being greatly admired by all. . . Kenneth Hunt, who has been working in Minnesota for the past year, arrived home on Thursday night to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hunt. . . Deaths: Bill Wilson, an old time resident of Redbird; Grace L. Badgley, Holt county land owner; Mrs. Mary H. Williams, 58, Holt county resident; Frank Hunter, resident of Redbird; Mrs. Maria E. Bredehoeft, 86, Holt county resident since 1907.

10 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. George Wettlaufer and daughter planned to leave Wednesday morning for Kansas City, Mo., and Sedalia, Mo., to visit with Mrs. Wettlaufer's brothers and sister for over a week. . . Dr. W. F. Finley left Omaha early Tuesday by air for Philadelphia, Pa., where he will spend Christmas. He will spend a portion of the holidays in Chicago, Ill., and St. Paul, Minn., returning to O'Neill in about two weeks. . . Miss Joan Brady is expected from Lincoln Friday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd W. Brady. . . Mrs. Esther C. Harris and Homer Mullen were guests-of-honor at a party to celebrate their birthday anniversaries Sunday. Mrs. P. W. McGinnis, of Emmet was the hostess. . . Miss Evelyn Asher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Asher, celebrated her 13th birthday anniversary last Thursday. After refreshments of ice cream and cake, the 19 guests had a roller skating party at the rink. . . Deaths: Frank Kaup, 78, known Holt county farmer; T. J. Curran, 75, former resident of Holt county; Mrs. Ruth Teager, 54, old nurse; C. E. Tenborg, 73, Emmet farmer.

5 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Johnson, who reside in the southwest section of the city, Sunday December 26, will observe their golden wedding anniversary. They will hold open-house between 2:30 and 4 p.m. . . A 4-year old German girl, Mary Jean Kenny, will board a transatlantic liner today (Thursday) at Templehof airfield at Berlin, and will spend Christmas day with her parents, Sgt. and Mrs. Robert Kenny in Atkinson, Maryland.

Jean had to remain in Germany until Mr. Kenny could legally adopt her. . . A large gray marker has been erected in the Chambers cemetery in the memory of the late Jennie Clare Adams, a Baptist missionary from the Chambers community who was executed by Japanese soldiers December 30, 1943, in the Philippine Islands. . . Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hill of Redbird celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday at the home of their oldest daughter, Mrs. Floyd Crawford, at Lynch. . . Deaths: Mrs. Karl Keyes, 80, prominent resident of the Inman community; Mary Mullen, 92, came to Holt county from Michigan in 1885; Karl Weichman, 47, former Stuart element dealer; William Wasson, 64, Atkinson farmer; Herman Kaup, 41, Atkinson farmer.

Riverside News

By Mrs. Lionel Gunter

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christon called Saturday afternoon at the Web Napier home. . . A few from this community attended the H. e. g. r. Biddle church in Madison Monday evening. The Lynn Fry and Lorraine Montgomery families and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Napier were guests Sunday evening to an oyster supper at the Lynn Fry home in honor of the Lynn Fry's wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. George Montgomery attended funeral services at the Methodist church in Neligh for Cal Mahood Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Napier and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Napier and girls were guests Friday evening at the Wayne Fry home in honor of Julie's birthday. Paul Gunter helped Forest Henderson fix his well on December 15 and in the evening Paul attended the Junior College class play at Neligh.

The Verli Gunter family of Springfield, Ill., plan to spend Christmas vacation with the Will Shrader and Lionel Gunter families. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miller and Mrs. Ora Switzer were guests late Friday evening to an oyster supper at the Bert Fink home. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Pollock were dinner guests on Sunday at the Art Busshart home in Neligh. Wayne Turner came home Friday evening from college at McPherson, Kansas. He will be home for ten days. Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Ahlers and Irene attended the Christmas program Sunday evening at the Lutheran church in Tilden. Folk from the community attended Christmas programs in school district No. 8 on Wednesday evening, in the Ewing public school on Thursday night and at the Riverside school on Friday evening.

Mildred Wright helped Mrs. Keith Biddlecome Monday evening, Dec. 14. The Gerald Wettlaufer family of O'Neill and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Johnston and girls were dinner guests Sunday at the Will Shrader home in honor of Dorothy Johnston's, Mary Wettlaufer and Eddy Shrader's birthdays and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Johnston's wedding anniversary. Richard and Alfred Nagler were in Omaha Tuesday, Dec. 15 and called on their uncle, Pete Carson in an Omaha hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pierson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Woeppel and the Pat Burk family visited Tuesday evening, Dec. 15 at the Marcus Pierson home and helped Carolyn celebrate her birthday anniversary. Steve Miller was an overnight guest Friday of Jack Fry.

The George Keller family were dinner guests Saturday at the Alfred Napier home. Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Hoke, Mrs. Bob Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hord and Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Gunter and Paul surprised Mr. and Mrs. George Montgomery Sunday evening, Dec. 13 on their 3rd wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. George Montgomery called on Mrs. Cal Mahood in Neligh Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Grant Mott, Sharon and Tammy visited in O'Neill Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Desett Hoke, Mrs. Bob Hobbs and Mrs. L. A. Hobbs were Norfolk visitors Friday. Irene Ahlers, who attends college at Seward, came home Friday evening for two weeks vacation.

Al Gibson of Neligh visited Thursday evening at the Wayne Fry home. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Napier, Mr. Richard Napier, Nancy and Reta and Mrs. Web Napier stopped at the Lynn Fry home Thursday night after the program at the Ewing public school for lunch.

Atkinson News

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Raymer left last Thursday for California to spend a month with a nephew, Robert Burton and family at Torrance. They plan to attend the Rose Bowl game New Years day. They will spend most of their time around Los Angeles with relatives and friends. Also will visit around San Francisco, Salinas, San Jose and Stockton. On their return trip they plan to stop with friends at Phoenix, Ariz.; Albuquerque, N. M. and Boulder, Colo. The Raymers have for many years been associated with the Hoskinson Mercantile business in Atkinson and sold their interest recently. They plan to be gone several months.

The Merry Mixers Extension club met December 16 at the home of Mrs. Oren Schippen. Eleven members answered roll call. A covered dish 6:30 o'clock supper was served. Mrs. Marian Roberts, Mrs. Vera Plank and Mrs. Winnie Beck were the entertainment committee. The entertainment consisted of quiz games. The Christmas party and gift exchange among the mystery sisters followed the entertainment hour, when mystery sisters for the past year were revealed. Following the gift exchange the club members surprised the hostess, Mrs. Schippen with a tea towel shower in honor of her birthday which was that day.

The next meeting will be January 18 at the home of Mrs. Violet Ashcroft and Mrs. Vera Plank. Roll call will be "My New Year's Resolution". Mrs. C. C. Raymer was entertained by a group of her bridge club friends to a farewell party at the Town House in O'Neill the evening of December 16. Later the group returned to Atkinson and went to the home of Mrs. Elmer Spence for an evening of bridge. Mr. and Mrs. Raymer left last Thursday for California. Little Daniel club met December 18 at the home of Mrs. James Ramsay for a one o'clock luncheon. Nineteen members were present. Mrs. Fred Jungman had charge of the program and showed a Christmas film to the group. There was a gift exchange of home made gifts following the program.

The next meeting will be January 8 at the home of Mrs. Albert Lemmer. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kramer entertained their employees and their wives at a 7 o'clock turkey dinner last Thursday evening at their home. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Don Straka, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer McConnell, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Klinger, Miss Sandra Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Eli McConnell and Chuck Pierson. Mr. Kramer operates the Kramer Welding shop in Atkinson. Denton Colfack was a Saturday afternoon caller at the Wefso home in Atkinson. Mrs. Freddie Ziska was hostess to the members of the Modern Parmerettes at a covered dish dinner at noon last Thursday. Nineteen members were present and the husbands were invited as guests. Roll call was "What we like about January." Contests were conducted by the hostess and winners were Mrs. Perry Barnes.

Mrs. Ray LeMunyan, Mrs. Jennie Minar, Mrs. Emma Slaymaker, Mrs. Erma Kenney, Mrs. Edward Jansen and Mrs. Anton Tasler. The rest of the afternoon was spent playing raffle dazle with Mrs. Jennie Minar winning high. Mrs. Perry Barnes second and Mrs. Ray Ceams won the moon prize. Mrs. Anton Tasler won the traveling prize. The next meeting will be January 14 at the home of Mrs. Jim Ziska at which time there will be the election of officers. David Brinkman and Gregory Quick left by bus Saturday for Grand Island where David will

GREETINGS
May the joys of this Holiday season fall with abundance upon you and yours . . . now and through all time to come.
Ed Thorin
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HAVE A WONDERFUL Christmas
We wish you and yours a Merry Christmas, full of wonderful surprises!
Florence Ponton
O'Neill, Nebraska

What Happened to the Popcorn?
Ord Quiz

We had a little lesson on economics the other day when we stopped into a local supermarket to pay 35c for a pound and a quarter of popcorn. Looking at it afterward we wondered what in thunder had happened to the popcorn since it left here last year to make it worth 17 times as much as the day the farmer sweated and groaned to bring it out of the field?

As far as we could determine the canned popcorn didn't pop any better than some we shucked with our own hands, nor did it seem any tastier, fluffier or more voluminous. In fact, if you'll discount the can we could not tell the difference between the canned popcorn and our still-on-the-cob variety when placed both side by side.

Now, you can argue economics at us all day long from the standpoint of a lot of other farm products—wheat, corn, poultry, beef and hogs—and we'll agree there is some justification in the price of these items as they travel the great circle of commerce from farmer to consumer.

Conceivably, what happens to these products could increase their value: When the baker fashions bread out of wheat he must be paid and when the butcher makes pork chops out of an 18 hog then there's a visible reason why loins might bring 70c.

But a man or boy, we'll defy you to show enough things that can happen to a pound of popcorn that will make it increase 17 times its first value.

And until the people currently crying their eyes out about farm supports DO show us some reason for it then we aren't going to pay very much attention to their dribblings.



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Peace on earth
Joy to the world through a new spirit of Peace and Good Will
...this was the message of the first Christmas.
May that spirit be rekindled in your heart today... and brighten your life with a deep and abiding happiness.
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Greetings
Once again it's the time of the year for Joy and Merriment, and we wish to take a moment to extend to all our friends our very best wishes for a Holiday Season full of good cheer and happy times.
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