

EDITORIALS

November, 1958

The wind from the north
Is strong and proud,
And he pounds on my door
In a fashion loud -

- Anne Mary Lawler

It is hard to believe that the next-to-last month of the year is upon us. Highlights of this November will be election day on November 4th, and Thanksgiving Day, on the 27th. In addition, many historical memories are connected with the month of November.

The 1st is All Saints' Day, the 5th is the day William of Orange came to England in 1688, the 6th is the birthday of John Philip Sousa, who was born in 1856. In 1811 the Battle of Tippecanoe was fought, and the Kaiser abdicated on November 9th, 1918.

Martin Luther was born on November 10th, 1483, and November 11th was Armistice Day for many years - that day having been the day on which the armistice was signed ending World War I.

Robert Louis Stevenson was born on November 13th, 1850, William Pitt was born November 15th, 1708, Tiberius Caesar was born 42 B. C. on November 16th, and John James Garfield was born on November 19th, 1831.

Franklin Pierce was born on November 23rd, 1804, and Mark Twain was born on November 30th, 1835.

In addition, Zachary Taylor was born on the 24th in 1784, Guy Fawkes Day falls on November 5th, Warren G. Harding was born on November 2nd, 1865 - just a few days before the Confederate surrender at Appomattox. James Knox Polk was born on November 2nd, also, in 1795.

Another feature of November, which most readers will be interested in, is the Army-Navy football game, which this year will be played November 29th. Perhaps the most eagerly-awaited football game in the country, it is always a spirited game between the flower of the nation's youth in the Army and Navy. Before long, the Air Force Academy will also be getting into the act.

And if you want to go back even farther, on November 21st, 1302, the ship's compass was invented.

Down Memory Lane

20 YEARS AGO

Homer Barton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Johnson scored highest in the American Legion Young Citizenship contest held at Weeping Water. In the girls contest Dorothy Everett of Weeping Water was first and Harriett Case of Plattsmouth second - Cass county scored heavy honors at the Ak-Sar-Ben stock show. Clyde Althouse of Eagle showed the grand champion barrow of the entire show, a Hampshire,

Lyman Rehmeier of Weeping Water showed the reserve champion Chester White barrow. In showing of 4-H baby beef and swine, James Schafer won first place and \$25 on his baby beef. Clyde Althouse won 1st and \$25 on his baby beef. In the showmanship Muri Kunz, Elmwood, placed second on Angus and Clyde Althouse sixth on Hereford showmanship, Robert Schneider was winner of a blue ribbon on heavy weight Hampshire - Mrs. Rudolph Iverson retired as a member of the staff of the Plattsmouth State bank after fifteen years of service - Miss Martha Solomon and Donald Williams of this city were married at Auburn. The bride, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Solomon - Robert Hinz with Roy Turner and little son arrived for a ten day visit before returning to Burbank, Calif. Robert has been engaged with the Bank of Italy at Burbank - Miss Gerda Peterson retired from the service at the Plattsmouth postoffice where she had served since 1914 - Police had reports of depredations Halloween over the city, largely smearing windows, ringing door bells and a few cases of overturning of the fast vanishing outside toilets, two were of the WPA type and required more than kids to do the dumping.

30 YEARS AGO

Observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Nebraska Masonic Home was held at the Home with a very fine program. James M. Robertson, president of the Home association presided. The visitors were welcomed by Judge James T. Begley and response was by Frank H. Woodlawn of Omaha. The address of Frank E. Bullard, past grand master was read by Searl S. Davis, Mr. Bullard being detained in the east. Greetings were read from Francis E. White, whose home was the first unit of the Masonic Home. The address of the day was given by Judge H. H. Wilson of Lincoln - Miss Elsa Thierolf departed for the west where she will make her headquarters at Los Angeles in her work as a trained nurse - Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fulton of Mynard are parents of an eight pound daughter - Clarence Cotner has purchased a new eighteen seat but to be used in his line from Plattsmouth to Omaha - The students of the high school enjoyed a real "mixer," the event being in the nature of a masquerade, and a large number attended. It was held in the gym of the school. In the award of prizes for the best costumes Elizabeth Hatt and George Winscott received the honors - This locality was visited by the first storm of the winter, snow and rain made travel in the country very difficult. Train service from the west was delayed. Few farmers were in the city - Miss Mary Holy and Miss Frances Krejci entertained at their homes in the west part of the city at a Halloween party. Those attending were: Lillian Koubek, Rose Janda, Dorothy Svoboda, Frances Sedlacek, Rose Janda, Josephine Rys, Mary Krejci, Mary Holy, Frances Krejci, Messers Frank Koubek, Ernest Janda, John Svoboda, George Sedlacek, Frank Sedlacek, Ray Janda, Jack Uhlik, Louis Svoboda, James Holy, Joe Krejci.

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THE DRIVER'S SEAT



By popular demand, there'll be a wearin' of the green on the proposed 41,000 mile interstate highway network. A clear majority of motorists who were chosen to drive a test route that took them over a stretch of dead-end expressway near Greenbelt, Md., selected green as the best background for directional signs—the signs that direct you to their destination—that will be used on the new highways. Blue and black, the other colors considered for use, didn't come close in the final tabulation.

The test was set up by Bertam D. Tallamy, Federal Highway Administrator, to determine which color is best for highway signs showing motorists to drive the expressway and give their opinions of the test signs. They were asked:

What sign was easiest to see?
What lettering was most readable?

How did they react to reflectivity on signs?

Motorists drove the road during all weather conditions and at all hours of the day and night. They voted that green, reflective signs were the most likely to succeed with them.

Reflective signs won out over non-reflective signs with an over-

whelming majority. Eighty per cent of the drivers traveling the stretch were more stimulated by the colorful brilliancy of reflective signs that could be seen at night as well as during daylight.

Fifty-eight per cent of the test volunteers preferred green for directional signs because it was an easily identifiable color. Capital and lower case letter combinations were thought to be the easiest to read.

Because of the results on this test route, the United States Bureau of Public Roads and the American Association of State Highway Officials, co-sponsors of the experiment, now advocate a uniform system of white capital and lower case letters on green backgrounds as the standard for all new interstate highways. Eighteen states already have ratified the plan and the remainder of the states are expected to follow suit soon.

Green now joins the ranks of three other official highway sign colors—red for stop, yellow for caution and white for regulation—designed to simplify traveling procedures for motorists.

The results of this popularity contest—when put into practice on the new super highways and copied for use on non-turnpike roads—will make highway life a lot simpler and will keep cool, ed a lot of tempers—even of the Irish variety.

If you lend a friend \$5 and you never see him again, it was worth it.—Corryer, Pennsylvania.

Malathion OK'd For Use in Stored Grain

LINCOLN — Malathion has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in stored grain to protect it against insects.

The insecticide may be used on or in stored barley, corn, oats, rye, grain sorghum, and wheat, states Robert E. Roselle, Extension entomologist at the University of Nebraska.

The entomologist points out that only premium grade malathion should be used. One pint of 50 per cent premium grade malathion mixed with two to five gallons of water will treat 1,000 bushels of grain.

Malathion as well as other grain protectants are recommended for application at the time of harvest to prevent stored grain infestations rather than to control the pests after they are established.

No research information is available on how long malathion will protect grain against insects under Nebraska conditions, Roselle said. Those who use the material should make frequent checks for insects in all stored grain.

If insect infestations occur, fumigation is recommended. Information on fumigation and other suggestions for maintaining the quality of stored grains can be obtained from county agent offices.



"Well today I learned that your arithmetic is lousey, too."

Don't Get Caught Late, Plan Your Christmas Mailing Now

Noting the Christmas season is just around the corner, Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield today urged the public to begin planning Christmas mailings now.

He coupled this plea with a warning that the Post Office Department is unable each year to deliver or return about half a million parcels including many lost at Christmas time because of poor packaging or addressing.

He suggested several steps that can be taken by mailers to protect themselves against loss:

1. Check and revise mailing lists.
2. Type or hand-print gummed mailing labels. Fill them out now and save time later.
3. Use complete addresses. Don't abbreviate. Include delivery zone number.
4. Make a list of your mailing needs and start buying good quality mailing materials now—strong cord, heavy wrapping paper, and so forth.
5. Get at least some Christmas parcels in the mails soon with a notation that they are not to be opened until Christmas.

Dairy Animals Need Lots of Energy Feed

LINCOLN — Dairy animals need plenty of energy feed this winter in addition to feeds supplying protein for top milk production.

C. W. Nibler, Extension dairyman at the University of Nebraska, says it is not necessary to change the recommended percentage of 14 to 15 percent crude protein to match various kinds of roughage. Instead that amount of grain or concentrate mixture can be fed according to the following four factors:

1. Feed concentrate according to milk and butterfat production.
2. Feed young cows proportionately more concentrate than older cows for good growth.
3. Feed thin cows proportionately more concentrate than cows in good condition.
4. Feed more concentrate mixture with a poor-quality roughage.

In addition, a one per cent trace mineralized salt and one per cent of a high phosphorus mineral should be added to the grain ration, Nibler says.

If high-quality roughage is the sole roughage and is available all the time, the protein level of the concentrate mixture can be reduced.



LEAD SPRAYER—When planes flew lower and slower during World War II, this anti-aircraft weapons system of four 50-caliber machine guns, towed or mounted on a tracked vehicle, proved to be a highly effective mobile defender of front line positions. With the advent of the jet age and combat in Korea, soldiers merely depressed the four barrels and found themselves with a tremendously lethal anti-personnel weapon, capable of firing 2400 rounds a minute, for cutting a swath through mass waves of attacking Communist troops.

In The Service

KEY WEST, Fla.—Robert L. Walker, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Walker of Eagle, Neb., is serving aboard the submarine tender USS Howard W. Gilmore operating out of Key West, Fla.

The Gilmore returned to Key West, Oct. 7 after rendering services to submarines in the Norfolk, Va., area. While in Norfolk the tender was forced to ride out the storm from hurricane "Helene", in Chesapeake Bay.

Number of Livestock News Monday

Livestock numbers made news Monday at Omaha.

Total receipts of cattle and calves were near 35,000; the salable count 32,000. It was the biggest combined cattle and calf showing at any market this year. At the same time, hogs totaled 19,000, with 14,500 on sale—most since October 56. Total receipts of livestock Monday at Omaha exceeded 60,000.

Stock and feeder cattle and calves on sale Monday at Omaha totaled 20,000—far and away most yet this year. Most sales were steady—some in late trade weak. Yearling feeder steers cashed at \$27 to \$31.50, top figure paid for Wyoming weighing 721. Yearling stock steers cleared at \$28-\$33.25, latter for Wyoming weighing 603.

There were 2-year-old feeder steers at \$24-\$26.25. Replacement heifers went out at \$26-\$31.50, top money for a drove weighing in the 5's. Steer calves sold at \$34 to \$42.50, latter for Wyoming 417 pounds. A small lot of 247-pound Nebraska steer calves hit \$42.75. Heifer calves brot \$32-\$39, high money for 368 pound Wyoming. Scattered lots of stock cows sold at \$17-\$19.

Opening fat cattle trade this week at Omaha was unevenly steady to 25-50 cents lower, the full break on a number of steers. Most light steers got by steady; heifer trade was generally steady to weak, some cover 900 pounds a quarter off.

Fed heifers weighing 1,028 topped at \$26.50, others ranged from \$24 to \$26.25. Slaughter steers sold to \$26.50, \$26.60 and \$26.75, latter weighing 1916, and those at 26.50 included weights to 1,288. Other steers and yearlings sold at 24.25-\$26.25, medium quality shortfeds \$24 down. Cows sold steady to weak, most canners and cutters at \$15-\$17; beef cows on up to \$19.50 sold to \$23, a few \$23.25. Vealer top held at \$28.

Hogs sold steady to mostly 25 cents lower, instances 50 cents off, butchers weighing 200-300 \$17.75-\$19, latter sparingly. Sows were 25 cents off, weights from 270-550, \$16-\$17.50.

Fat lambs sold steady to 25 cents lower, \$22-\$25. Slaughter ewes held at \$5-\$8. Feeder lambs were weak to 50 cents off, 74-84 pound Westfords \$21.50-\$22. Four year old Western breeding ewes went out at \$18 per head. Among recent sales at Omaha for shippers from this Cass County:

Wayne Wendt, 19 hogs, wt. 211, \$19.75 (top 10-21).
Joe Bender, 31 hogs, wt. 217, \$19.50.

The "O St. Homemakers' project club met at Mrs. Orris Lanning's with Mmes A. H. Siekman and Laura West conducting the lesson on "Life Insurance". Mmes Orris Lanning and Ula Westlake gave reports on their attendance at the State Extension Club meeting at York, Neb. Next meeting in November will be at Mrs. Laura West's home.

SQUEEZING GLASS RISKY

LINCOLN, Neb. — Even a water glass can be dangerous. James L. Skidmore, 15, of Beatrice, Neb., was playing cards at the home of a friend in Lincoln. Holding a water glass in his hand, he gave it a squeeze.

Doctors took sixteen stitches to close the cut in Skidmore's left wrist.

RICKOVER HONORED

New York — Columbia University has awarded to Rear Adm. Hyman G. Rickover, the father of the atomic submarine, the school's first Michael Pupin One Hundredth Anniversary Medal for service to the nation.

12 Per Cent of People (Farmers) Raise All Food, Share Profits

About 35 per cent of the people of the U. S. are employed in growing, processing, wholesaling and retailing food commodities. Less than 12 per cent are farmers.

The remaining 23 per cent are employed between farmer and consumer. Nonetheless, consumers blame farmers and ranches for "high food prices." Farm and ranch prices are small part of food cost.

Consumers in 1957 paid a little more than \$50 billion for food commodities. Farmers and ranchers received a gross of \$19.5 billion of this for production. Expenses incurred between farmer and rancher and consumer took almost \$31 billion (or 61 per cent).

Consumers paid \$13 billion more for food in 1957 than they did in 1947. Labor costs took \$6.3 billion of this increase.

Equipment, supplies, taxes other than federal income taxes, and profits of unincorporated businesses took \$4.6 billion. Transportation increases got \$1.7 billion. After federal income tax increases amounting to \$400 million, corporate profits were \$100 million greater in 1957 than they were in 1947.

The farmer's and rancher's share of the consumer dollar declined from 51 cents of the dollar in 1947 to 39 cents in 1957. Farmers and ranchers did not share in the increase in consumer expenditures.

The farmer-rancher share of the consumer dollar varies from commodity to commodity, depending upon transportation, processing and handling required. In 1957, the share varied

from the high of 69 cents for butter to 12 cents for corn syrup. The farmer-rancher share of the food dollar is not always a good indication of his well-being. For example, a dairy farmer generally receives a higher share of the consumer dollar for butter than he does for fluid milk. Consumer demand is not as great for butter as it is for fluid milk; therefore, the dairy farmer receives the higher gross return from fluid milk because he is able to see more of it.

The costs of marketing (transportation, processing and distribution) tend to be "sticky," thus a decline in farm prices reduces the farmer-rancher share of the consumer dollar, but does not generally reduce consumer prices. The marketing costs tend to "fill in" the drops in farm prices, while consumer prices remain constant.

STRAC Troopers Cut Time Needed To Sling Guns

FORT BRAGG, N. C.—Huge clouds of dust swirled around the medium-transport helicopter as it hovered above an airstrip here. Slung underneath the churning "chopper" was a stripped-down 105mm howitzer, basic weapon of the Strategic Army Corps' 82nd Airborne Division's 319th Artillery.

Poised beside the mammoth load with stopwatch in hand was Second Lieutenant William W. Geertsema of Murrysville, Pa., battery fire direction officer. For the two-step operation he clocked 4:45 minutes on the disassembly and sling loading; unloading and assembly of the four ton howitzer consumed 5:15 minutes.

"Our work out here today is mainly for experience, not just clocking along," commented Geertsema, his face etched with sand. "Many of the smaller procedures must be worked out yet, and timing the entire operation helps us to cut down on unnecessary movements."

First pieces to be moved of the two-part load are the howitzer tails and carriage, weighing 3300 pounds. After they have been set in position, the half-ton firing tube is moved, along with the seven-man crew and enough tools and equipment to be operational.

Space is provided inside the helicopter for transporting the men and the various howitzer parts are carried on a wire sling underneath.

Infantrymen Test Gas Mask

FORT BENNING, Ga.—Veteran NCOs of the Second Infantry Division here recently completed testing a new protective gas mask under simulated combat conditions.

The six-day tests were conducted by the Army's Human Research Unit here to determine the effects on troop combat performance while soldiers wore the improved mask.

Unlike the one now in use, the newly designed mask has two lightweight pads that replace the cannister, and a voice-mitter to amplify the wearer's voice.

The NCOs were tested with and without the mask in use of the rifle, voice communication, radio communication, binocular target detection, terrain speed traps, and physical endurance runs of 220 yards. The latter was a combination of speed and trap tests. In each case, loss of performance from wearing the mask was checked.

The research project is being conducted by the Human Resources Research Office of George Washington University, Washington, D. C.

NO HURRY!

Denver — Fred Parker of Salt Lake City, apparently is a man who believes in the old adage of better late than never.

Parker obtained a divorce in 1907. He wrote for a copy of the decree in 1940. Officials advised Parker, then residing in Oakland, Cal., he could have the copy for \$1. Denver County Judge David Brofman heard from Parker recently — eighteen years later. Parker enclosed the dollar.

There's just one hitch. Since 1940, the fee has increased to \$1.50.



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