The Midland View

By M. M. VAN KIRK
Nebraska Farm Bureau

New era for farmers?

A veteran southern farm leader recently stated that he believes U. S. agriculture is entering a new era in which shortages and not surpluses will be the chief concern.

The speaker has close access to U. S. Department of Agriculture in information and stated that right now 50 countries in the world are actively seeking to purchase U. S. farm commodities and he added, "A Japanese group is here now booking cotton for 1974 at 44 cents per pound."

He observed that the federal government has spent billions of dollars in the past 40 years trying to give farmers a "parity price" for their products without much success and he asked, "How come now, when the market prices are approaching these parity goals, there is a great hue and cry for the government to set 'target prices'?"

He pointed out too that there is considerable push among some politicians and consumer groups in this country to block exports of farm products in order to knock down some of the great gains that farm commodity prices have achieved in the past year. The farm leader, noting dramatic increases in U S farm exports declared, "The increase in farm product prices is not all weather related by any means "

Every farm producer in Nebraska can compare for himself the difference between one-year-ago prices for wheat, corn, milo, soybeans and livestock with those being listed today The change is so noticeable that he can't help but ask himself why the Senate has just passed a farm bill which would return, through a system of target prices, the federal government to more control over the nation's farm production and pricing structure.

The farm leader directed his next question to this feature of the bill, "When 95 per cent of the voters are consumers and 5 per cent are food producers, who do you think is going to get to whom when it comes to setting 'target prices'?"

Export sales of wheat, feed grains and cotton this past year have cleaned up most of the big government-held surpluses that for years were available to drop into the market whenever a price went up as it did in late 1970 when the corn blight situation advanced the price of corn. For the first time in many, many years farm producers are selling their commodities on the nearest thing to a supply and demand market that some of them have ever seen

A good many politicians in the non-agricultural areas see this as a threat to the "cheap food" policies which have prevailed through the better part of the last four decades. That's part of the reason for the cry for curbs on exports and controls on raw farm products and a return to a system which will rebuild those government-held surpluses of yester-years

It's too early to tell whether the U S farmer is "out of the woods" from the problems of surplus production and low prices. Inflation is driving up his costs of production every day and offsetting a big portion of his market gains. But new curbs on his productive ability and new authority for the government to determine what he gets for his products in the name of guaranteeing him security can choke off "a new era" in American agriculture before it really takes form Right now the system is working and that's what seems to be worrying a lot of people

Banks want to set up offices

LINCOLN, Neb (AP) — Only a month after a new banking law passed, 11 banks in Nebraska have asked the state Banking Department for authority to set up a second detached office permitted by the law, department records showed Friday.

Public hearings will be held on the applications later this summer

The new law, LB312, was enacted by the legislature over Gov J J Exon's veto The governor claimed that the measure represented "a giant step" toward branch banking.

The law permits banks to establish two separate, detached teller offices, one of which must be within three miles of the charter location and the other anywhere within the city limits The old law permitted only one such bank and required it to be within 2,600 feet, or one-half mile, of the main bank

Most of the requests for a second detached office have come from banks in Omaha and Lincoln

Exon said Friday he still opposes the concept of the law and still feels it could lead to branch banking

However, the governor said he had not discussed administration of the law, such as criteria for the second offices, with Banking Department Director Henry Ley

The applications for second offices include four nationally-chartered banks and seven state-chartered banks.

The nationally-chartered banks are the First National Bank of Beatrice, Omaha National, First National of Columbus, and Fremont National.

The state-chartered institutions include the Cornhusker Bank in Lincoln, Union Bank of Lincoln, Omaha State Bank, Douglas County Bank, the State Bank of Norfolk, the Ralston Bank, and the Gateway Bank of Lincoln

When it was enacted, LB312 did not have the emergency clause which would have made it effective as soon as it was passed Thus the bill will take effect Sept 2, three months after adjournment of the 1973 session

Prison ordered for evading taxes

NEWARK, N.J (AP) — Former U.S Rep. Cornelius C. Gallagher has been sentenced to two years in prison and a fine of $10,000 for evading $74,000 in federal income taxes in 1966

The 52-year-old Democrat was sentenced on Friday by U.S District Court Judge Leonard I. Garth.

Gallagher represented part of Hudson County in Congress for 14 years He was defeated in a bid for re-election in the 1972 primary

The Buck Ends Here

By IVAN D E. BEAUMONT

This youngster had trouble pronouncing the letter "R" so Mrs Elmer Conkling gave him this sentence to practice at home:

"Robert gave Richard a rap in the ribs for roasting the rabbit so rare "

A few days later she asked him to say the sentence for her (This was back in de good ole' Greggsport days)

"Bob gave Dick a poke in the side for not cooking the bunny enough "

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Randall Biart who retired as director of the Nebraska Children's Home, died the other day in Omaha.

Mr Biart was some man He visited Nebraska City on occasion and had spoken at service clubs If you've met him and heard him speak, you know what we mean.

When Mr Biart's heart stopped beating, it stopped a giant of a man

Mr Biart's "job" in life was to find homes for unwanted children and he did it with immaculate care. He was a gruffy, gravel-voiced gentleman with a big, strong heart

When it came to children who needed help, Mr Biart was always there And he was there to help, not to stand around with thumbs in pockets He got things done and earned the love and appreciation of many previously childless families His dedicated staff has carried on his work well since his retirement and you'll continue to hear more about the Home and about Harris Van Oort, Mr Biart's protege

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That's all she wrote, sweetheart . It's vacation time

We're really not going anyplace and according to the Queen Bee, that paint we bought on sale from Otoe Paint and Wallpaper is going from the can to the lumber So it sounds like a week of vacation of going up and down, swish and slop and an aching back

I happen to be an expert in most things and I excel when it comes to color choices after all, we have had a green house for almost 12 years This year the women's lib, the New Front and the Over 40 Sag are butting heads I think we'll end up with some kind of brown er er whatever

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A couple years ago we took the entire family of three daughters and a son to California and you know what happened picky-picky The oldest with the driver's license got a workout, but for the youngest, there's just nothing to do except irritate a brother who thinks that the world would be a lot better off without sisters

I'm sure you never had the same problems on your vacation Most families, I'm sure, enjoy the ride, the scenery and have a singalong.

We have a dingalong and a swatalong and a spankalong.

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We set sort of a family goal that the vacation that year might well be the last together and we decided the California trip to see the grandparents would be a good trip.

We realize now, we just made it. . . .since that vacation, we have had a hard time getting the family together for a single meal Of course, I knew that all along and discouraged the Domestic Engineer from getting dining room furniture.

After all, I explained, if you put a table and chairs in that area, where are the girls going to practice cheerleading yells and where are you going to put those two sewing machines. . . .NOT back in my room!

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We only have one real picky-picky problem in our house. there are tennies all over the place, on the carport, on the rec room steps, next to the glass door and naturally, a pair of "holey" jobbers by the front door. . .you know, the place with the rubber mat that says "Welcome "

You don't believe me?

Let me tell you about our little upstairs bathroom. It looks like any other bathroom, except. . .there are lebenty-leven bobby pins on the counter and everytime I wash my hands I reach for the towel rack to find that some thoughtful soul tossed the dirty towel down the chute, but didn't put up a clean one.

See? I told you these things never happen in your house.

The Domestic Engineer is a good housekeeper and we try to help once in awhile Mrs D. C Koch makes rag rugs and we use them There's one by the kitchen door, one in front of the stove, by the front door and glass door and of course, the bathroom

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Oh, yes, the bathroom We got sidetracked. That's where the other pair of tennies are Don't ask me why anyone would leave his (oops, err her) tennies in the bathroom, but someone does every so often.

That's when I flip

I can go along with no towel on the rack, someone forgetting to clean out the tub or using the last of the toilet paper, but not the tennies

Do like me make a big fuss about it Kick them down the hall (be careful not to mark up the wall or you'll be repainting) remind everyone that clean habits don't include dirty tennies, and end up giving the order of the day, "put them in the washing machine "

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We've followed the advice from all you fine people on what to do and how to go about getting a daughter married off. You're all really great

Half of you want to break me and the other half wants me to play a harmonica, guitar and jig (which I do with expertise)

I have one ace in the hole the kids are going to do what they want, no matter what the rest of us say

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Stolen

The oldtimer had been sick in bed for weeks The local doctors had been unable to help or even diagnose his ailment He insisted he didn't need anyone's help but despite his protests, specialists were called in

When they left, his relatives asked the old gentleman what the specialists had said

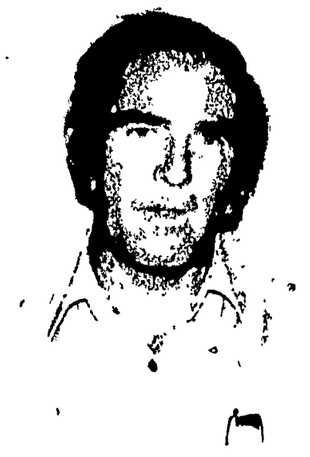
"I told you I'd be all right," he said "Oh, they used a lot of big words and all, but they finally said there was no use worrying about what it was just now the autopsy would tell them everything they wanted to know "

Meet your volunteer FIREMAN



Kenneth Wurtele has been a volunteer fireman for 18 years. Self-employed, at Wurtele Construction, he and his wife, Helen, live at 210 South 18th Street. They have three children: Eugene K., 24, now in the Navy; Mrs Roxanne Golden, 21, Peru State and Rickey, 12, at Northside school.

Meet your volunteer RESCUE SQUADSMAN



Walt Bosley, 409 North Fourteenth Street, has been a member of the Rescue Squad for about one year. He and his wife, Addie, own and operate Walt and Addie's Ceramic Shop at 613 Central Avenue.

The Bosleys have a daughter, Natasha, five, who will be a first grader at Second Avenue school this fall.

Mrs Smith to be 99 on June 19

RIVERTON — (N-P) — Mrs Fanny Smith, who will celebrate her 99th birthday on June 19, is the oldest resident of Riverton She is living in the Gardenview Care Center in Shenandoah, Iowa

Mrs Smith was born in Scott City, Mo , a small settlement opposite Brownville, Nebr , The town of Scott City was swept away by floods in the 1880s

She came to Riverton to teach school as Fanny Moore in 1915. Two years later she went to a ranch in Nebraska to help keep house with her mother, then widowed, and a brother

She returned to Riverton as the bride of the late Morris Smith, a member of a pioneer family which founded Riverton

For many years Mrs Smith has kept records of the town's history and has been very active in civic affairs.

In her large stone home she has many early day furnishings along with the necessary modern conveniences.

For several years she had been spending her winters in care centers in Nebraska City Now that her eyesight has failed she has been living at the Center in Shenandoah She is alert but unable to stay alone because of her failing sight

Last year the town of Riverton gave her a birthday party

Lake Titicata, the highest navigable body of water in the world at an altitude of 12,500 ft , is more than 600 feet deep The lake is situated on the Peru-Bolivia boundary

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Required by law to inform citizens of matters affecting them or their property.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals will be received in the office of the County Clerk of Otoe County, Nebraska until 2:30 P M , C.D.S T on the 29 day of June, 1973, for the furnishing of all labor, materials, use of Contractor's equipment and all else necessary to properly construct improvements to the Duff Memorial Home at Nebraska City, Nebraska.

At which hour, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Duff Memorial Home Board of Trustees and the Board of Commissioners will proceed to open and consider the bids received for the furnishing of said labor, materials and equipment necessary for the proper construction of the said improvements, in the presence of the bidders or representatives of the bidders

All the work called for in the plans and specifications shall be furnished in strict accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by Glen Stippich, Architect for the Duff Memorial Home Board of Trustees and the County of Otoe, Nebraska, and now on file in the office of the County Clerk, of Otoe County, Nebraska

Copies of the detailed plans and specifications may be examined at the office of the County Clerk of Otoe County, and may be obtained by Contractors at the office of Glenn Stippich, Architect, 2410 "O" Street, Lincoln, Nebraska A deposit of $25 00 will be required for the plans and specifications This deposit will be refunded to those who subit a bid, upon return of the plans and specifications in good condition within seven days after the date of bid opening

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of five percent of the total bid price, and must be payable without condition to the County Treasurer of Otoe County, Nebraska, or by a suitable bidder's bond The Duff Memorial Home Board of Trustees and the County of Otoe, Nebraska reserves the right to waive informalities and reject any or all bids

Dated this 5 day of June 1973
County of Otoe, Nebraska
GERALD SCHMITZ
County Clerk
Duff Memorial Home Board
of Trustees
2157-June 10, 17 and 24, 1973.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be accepted until 8 00 p.m , July 2, 1973, at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Nebraska City, Nebraska, for the property and casualty insurance program of the City of Nebraska City

All bids are to be on the basis of present coverage, any increase or change in coverage is to be presented as an alternate bid Information for bidding may be obtained from Gladys Wenzel, City Clerk, 1409 Central, Nebraska City, Nebraska, 68410.

Questions regarding the specifications must be in writing addressed to the City Clerk

No bidder may withdraw his proposal for a period of thirty (30) days after the date of opening of bids.

All bids must be for the complete insurance program

The City of Nebraska City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities and to accept any bid which, in their judgement, best meets the needs of the City of Nebraska City

GLADYS WENZEL
City Clerk
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Educational Service Unit No 4, will accept bids on one (1) 1974 delivery Van until 8 00 p m , July 9, 1973, at 919 16th Street, Auburn, Nebraska

Specifications may be obtained at the Unit headquarters or by writing Kenneth L D Gardner, Administrator

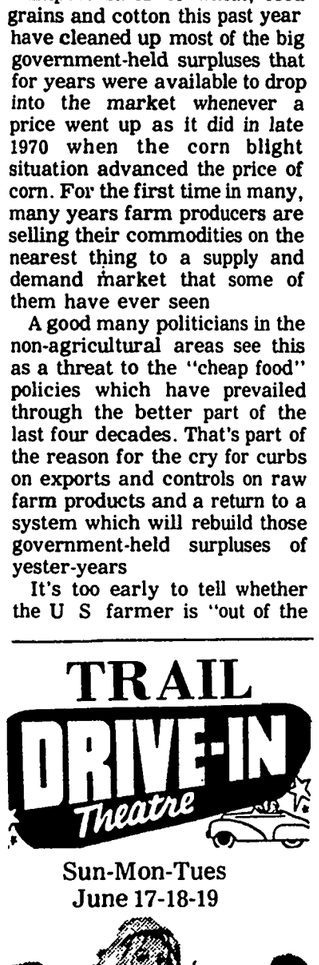
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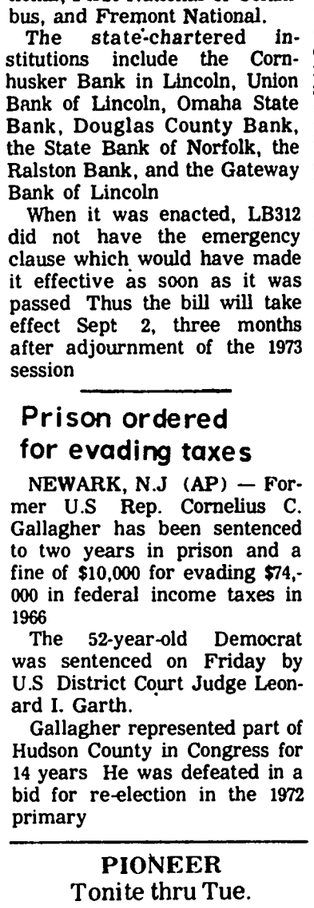
Liberator

Bolivia is named for Simon Bolivar, the great Latin American liberator who helped found five other nations — Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, Peru and Venezuela.

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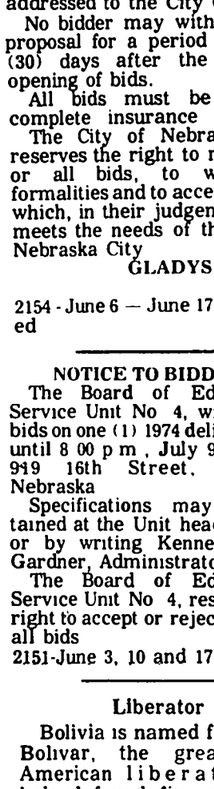


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