Prayer merely asks few words

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The best prayers are those that rise spontaneously from the human heart at moments of great need, penitence or gratitude.

They require few words: "Help me...forgive me...thank you."

To acknowledge the supremacy of spontaneous prayers, however, is not to say that men can get along without more formal prayers which have been thought out and written down in advance.

Prepackaged prayer has two great merits. It is a way of reaching out toward God in hours of spiritual drought. And it can serve to remind us of dimensions of need, forms of guilt or occasions for thankfulness that may have escaped our attention.

The greatest and most widely used formal prayer is the one that Jesus taught His disciples. Here is a new ecumenical translation that has been prepared by Protestant and Catholic scholars:

"Our Father in heaven, holy be Your name, "Your kingdom come, Your will be done, "On earth as in heaven.

"Give us today our daily bread.

"Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

"Do not bring us to the test, "But deliver us from evil.

"For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever."

The gentle and Christlike St. Francis of Assisi is the author of two prayers which men have found perennially pertinent to their needs.

One is very brief:

"O God, help me to want to love You."

The other, somewhat longer, is St. Francis' famous peace prayer:

"Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.

"Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

"Where there is doubt, faith; "Where there is despair, hope;

"Where there is darkness, light;

"And where there is sickness, joy.

"O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

"To be understood as to understand;

"To be loved as to love;

"For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen."



Lennie Lehman, drummer for the Senior High pep band, has a display of 30 drumsticks broken during the basketball season. Terry Zuelow, instrumental director, said the $30 expense for the sticks was worth it for a lively basketball pep band.

Peru State sponsors musical organization

PERU — (Special) — A symphonette sponsored by Peru State college includes musicians from Doctor Gilbert E Wilson, associate professor of instrumental music at Peru State.

Dr Wilson said he had surveyed prospective members from Nebraska City, Auburn, Falls City, Table Rock and Peru with about 35 persons showing interest in forming the symphonette.

He emphasized that Peru State is sponsoring the musical organization. Membership is open to musicians from the area, including high school students and adults. There are still openings for musicians who play strings, woodwind, brass or percussion intruments. Audition may be set up by contacting the music department at Peru State.

Plans for this spring include a program in May at Peru State with long-range plans calling for programs presented in the towns of Southeast Nebraska.

Practice will be held each Tuesday night from eight to nine-thirty in the Jindra Fine Arts Center on the Peru State college campus.

In the spring a young man's fancy turns to



thoughts the older fellows have all year round

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By Ivan D.E. Beaumont

Someone asked the other day what it's like to be the father of teenagers. It's great.

It's even greater to be the father of teenage daughters. . . . . Mother gets the job of those little conversations that Dads aren't supposed to be aware of, and who look long and into the distance when he isn't wanted.

You parents of teenagers don't experience the same situations I'm sure. Who am I kidding!

I confess as a father, that I don't know a heck of a lot about match box cars or sissy bars and banana seats for bikes.

But, I'm an authority on hair washing at 11 o'clock at night, the "battle for the bathroom," those dainty things seemingly always hanging over the towel rack, culottes and panty hose.

I've often threatened to do something about the Nebraska City Optimist club and perhaps Ivan Boerner and Virg Hastings will give me a hand.

We are among the faithful who attend the meeting at Mary Ulbrick's and stuff ourselves on fried chicken or noodles and stand as Optimists. . . .Friend of the Boy.

So. . . .they got something against girls?

Well, just stop for a few moments and think about that.

How many service clubs are there in Nebraska City and any place else in this country for that fact, for the sole purpose of benefiting the girls?

Someone asked me one time to help with a Boy Scout troop. I told him to go to pot. We've done our volunteer work with the Girl Scouts.

I always ask that father if he's ever helped a Brownie sell Girl Scout cookies. (That's one conversation I can always win).

At the 4-H fashion show Friday night at Senior High we had an opportunity to again say hello to Peggy Peoples of Syracuse and her mother.

Peggy has a dog named "Blackie" the pup of our now aging Tootsie.

There's been some question about the age of our dog and Mrs Peoples shed some light on it. She recalled that Peggy was only a year and a half old when they got Blackie. Peggy is now 16 years of age.

Mrs Peoples estimated that Tootsie must be getting pretty close to 16 years of age. Seems strange that our "old grandma," as we often refer to her, is that old.

There'll be a sad day in our house some time.

Aldean Grundman keeps looking out the window of his house toward his garden with itchy hands. He says it's about garden planting time. Potatoes go in after Good Friday, he says.

We've been "farming" part of a lot owned by Al Gibbs, Up on the North 40. Along about the middle of August we decide this is the last year. But at this time of the year we start thinking about radishes, tomatoes and lots of roasting ears and decide to call Al and ask permission to take over his lot. . . .like they say. . . ."just one more time."

John Kuch, who spoke at the County NFO meeting the other night, stopped in the office the next day to tell us how much he enjoyed his visit to Otoe county.

Mr Kuch is outspoken on Nebraska and hopefully, he meant Otoe county. "This is God's country," he said.

It's refreshing to meet someone who says everything these selfish ears want to hear.

We've heard many compliments from our readers about the red, green and blue colors we've been using on highway maps, line drawings and headlines.

No, we're not establishing a trademark of any sort, It's just that our pressman, Chuck Johnson, likes to try something different occasionally and when time during the day permits, we use what we call spot color.



This happy young Miss shows her Savings Stamps and a $25 bond, purchased through the school program at Sixth Street.

Carlene, 11, daughter of Mr and Mrs Carl Neeman, is a fifth grader. She has started her third book. The Savings Stamp program will end June 30, by order of the Post Office Department.

About the toughest job Chuck got into was printing green on a map for every super highway in the U.S. We're pretty proud of the result but we decided we're going to do that an easier way the next time and with the same quality.

Chuck's helper is Wes Fritschle, son of Mrs Margaret Fritschle, Wes worked for us in the mail room for a couple years and since graduating from high school, he is our cameraman and assistant pressman.

There's a movie coming out called "Patton" about the famous tank general of WWII. The general, who died in an auto accident near Heidelberg, Germany, was an interesting wartime character.

The movie hopefully will show his fiery, go-to-hell attitude.

A question came up the other day as to where the general was buried. Louis Genoa confirmed it is in the Luxembourg American cemetery.

The general, according to Louie, has asked to be placed near his men. There are 5,076 white crosses marking those graves of men, many of whom were with the general in the Battle of the Bulge.

It would seem that hesitancy would be the rule before any more bond issues are offered to the voters of Nebraska City.

They gave their approval for $225,000 for a new swimming pool but a request for an additional $60,000 to build a bathhouse went down the drain by a 2-1 margin.

Nebraska City Volunteer firemen are sincere in their studies for the need of a new city hall, fire department, police station, jail and rescue squad quarters.

The question is, what will the voters decide? It could be that a $200,000 or $300,000 City Hall will have to be junked and something less than $100,000 be asked for a fire station.

Condor Airlines offered for sale

NORTH PLATTE (UPI)—Condor Airlines, a third level carrier which began operations only last month, is for sale, its officials have announced.

Ed Sykes, a spokesman for the line, said operations would continue until the company is sold. Original plans to halt flights have been abandoned.

The airline operated a long twin-engine plane between here and Denver.

Sykes said passenger loads were higher than anticipated, but the line still was not making money. It began service Feb. 16.

Carswell is topic of many

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. (UPI)—The deans of law schools from 11 Western states generally feel G. Harrold Carswell, President Nixon's nominee to the supreme Court, is a competent though not brilliant jurist who lacks personality.

In a random poll Friday of deans from 47 law schools attending the Conference of Western Law Schools of the American Association of Law Schools, few of them wanted to be quoted. But some had strong feelings against Carswell.

"I don't regard it as a distinguished appointment and haven't heard anyone who argued that it is," said William Pedrick of Arizona State University. He added, however, "I don't expect the country to come apart at the seams if he's confirmed."

Eugene scoles of the University of Oregon, however, felt differently. "Appointments should be of those held in high regard by a majority of the bar and bench," he said.

From some of the deans who declined to be named came such comments as: "After seeing Carswell I would like to return to (Clement) Haynsworth," and, "There are so many other good judges, why did he (Nixon) have to take a nonentity?"

Another who declined to be named said, "Carswell is technically competent and there are other men on the Supreme Court who aren't outstanding on competence."

David Lane on laundry machine

U.S. ARMY, VIETNAM — (Special) —Army Private First Class David R. Lane, 20, whose parents, Mr and Mrs Dale V. Lane, and wife, Eileen, live in Otoe, Neb., was assigned as a laundry machine operator with the 523d Quartermaster Detachment in Vietnam, Feb. 11.

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John Schlichtemeier, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Schlichtemeier, is in Clarkson hospital, Omaha, where he had hand surgery. He has had surgery twice since he entered the hospital. His room number is 953.

Mrs Edith Thiele of Plattsmouth and Mr and Mrs Gerald Switzer and Brian of Omaha were Sunday guests of Mr and Mrs Wildon Switaer. Mr and Mrs Gerald Switzer and Brian took Mrs Thiele home.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service served a buffet dinner recently at the United Methodist church for the Knabe hog sale.

Don Schlichtemeier, a junior at Nehawka High school, has been selected by the American Legion Post 157 as the Nehawka representative to Boys State on June 6 through 12. Don, the son of Mr and Mrs Stuart Schlichtemeier, Murray, has participated in basketball, football and track, is active in band and has served on the Student Government for two years. He is a member of the National Honor Society. Robert Ross, also a junior at Nehawka High school, son of Mr and Mrs Sterling Ross is the alternate.

A bridge party was held at the Bill Jameson home recently.

A men's shower was held Friday evening for Neil Balfour at the Dean Nutzman home. Hosts were Dean Nutzman, Vance Balfour, Malcolm Pollard Ned Nutzman and Boyd Mayfield. Cards were played and refreshments were served. Neil is the fiance of Miss Neila Pierce.

Mr and Mrs Harold Scharp and family were guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Floyd Kreifels and family of Nebraska City. They celebrated the birthday of Kelly Kreifels who was five.

A birthday dinner was held for Mrs Doris Pollard on her birthday. Guests included Mr and Mrs Henry Hild and grandsons, Mark and Brian, Plattsmouth, Mr and Mrs Fred Hansen, Mr and Mrs Bryce Hansen, Anna Hansen and Charlotte Niday.

Mrs Doris Pollard spent a week with Mrs D. R. Hall in Omaha, while Mr Hall was in Bergan Mercy hospital for surgery.

Mr and Mrs Gilbert Kime were dinner guests of Mr and Mrs Alvin McReynolds of Weeping Water Saturday evening.

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