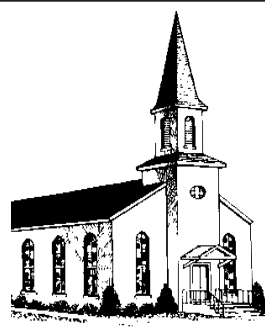


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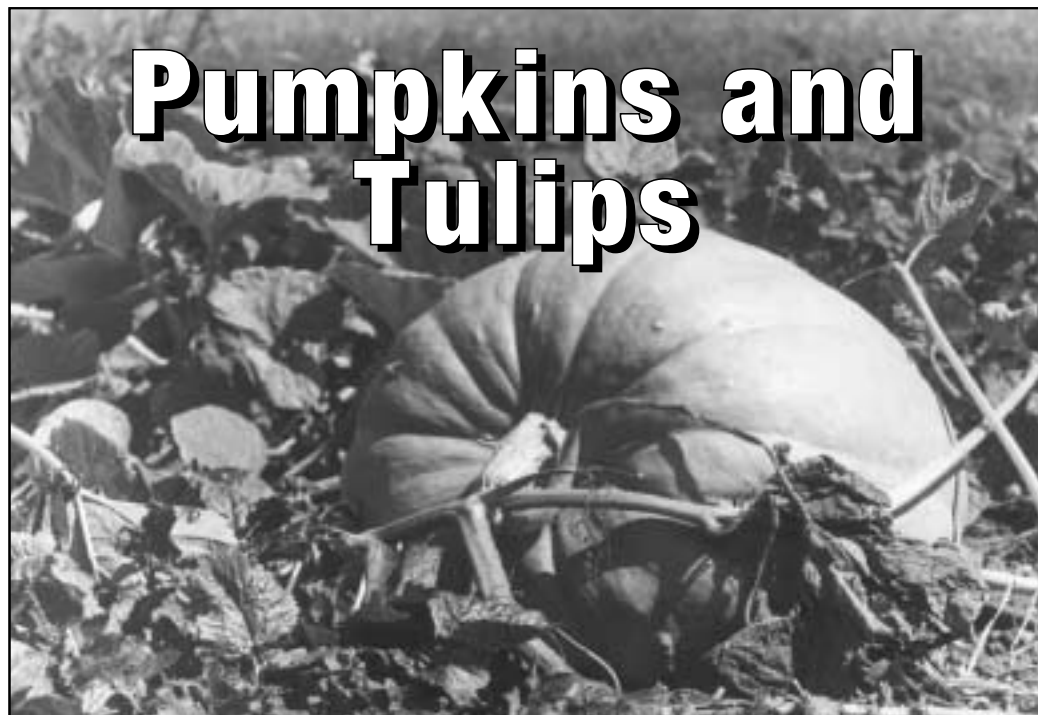
...and read your Bible daily



## WEEKLY SERMONETTE

### The Drought — By Kirk Kasson, Almena Congregational Church

Is the Drought over? I suppose it depends on whom you ask. In talking with farmers, I've found that this past year's crops had their good points, as well as shortcomings, which is to say it was a pretty "normal" year. That being said, these same farmers know that the effects of the past rainfall shortage linger. The ground water levels have not been replenished, and it will likely be some time before our region is stabilized in terms of drought relief. The good news is, of course, that things are presently looking up. Most of the wheat is coming up, and with adequate moisture we could expect good things. It hasn't been so long since our last rain, and most people don't bring rain into their daily conversations.



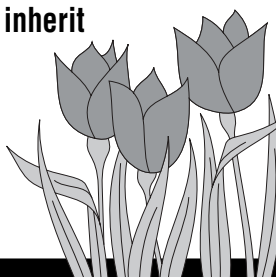
# Pumpkins and Tulips

**A**utumn is pumpkin time. Seeds planted in the spring and matured in the warm summer soil produce these vibrant orange orbs.

In contrast to the pumpkin seed, the tulip bulb is planted much later, in the cool of autumn. It develops during the winter in soil that is cold and, at times, frozen. Yet the tulip, too, emerges as a vibrantly colored creation.

There is another seed... the seed of faith...which may be planted at different times, depending on the condition of the soul. Whether planted early, in the springtime of youth, or later, in the autumn of life, one truth is constant—God has promised love and mercy to all His children, regardless of when they accept Him as their Father. "And everyone [who has followed God]...will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first." (Matthew 19:29-30)

Visit your house of worship this week; plant your seed of faith in the care of the Creator. He tends pumpkins...and tulips.



<b>SUNDAY</b> Isaiah 1:1-31	<b>MONDAY</b> Isaiah 2:1-22	<b>TUESDAY</b> Isaiah 3:1-26	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Isaiah 5:1-30	<b>THURSDAY</b> Isaiah 57:1-21	<b>FRIDAY</b> Isaiah 58:1-14	<b>SATURDAY</b> Isaiah 59:1-21
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a new verse in Sunday School last week: "I will never leave you."

I asked the Lord to comfort me when things weren't going my way. He said to me, "I will comfort you, and lift your cares away." I asked the Lord to walk with me, when darkness was all that I knew. He said to me, "never be afraid, for I will see you through."

I didn't ask for riches. He gave me wealth untold. The moon, the stars, the sun, the sky, and gave my eyes to behold. I thank the Lord for everything, and I count my blessings each day. He came to me when I needed Him, I only had to pray.

And He'll come to you if you ask Him. He's only a prayer away.

("I Asked the Lord," Johnny Lange and Jimmy Duncan, 1955)

It's important to pray for rain, but it is good to thank the Rain Maker.

## WILSONVILLE

By VELMA HOLTZE and LAURIE LAWS

Nadeane Haag very cleverly entertained the I.H.O. club on Wednesday, Oct. 12 at a T and T meeting. She invited the women to meet her at the Cambridge Senior Citizens for a tasty fried chicken dinner. From there they traveled to the community building where they had their business meeting and program. Roll call was answered by six members and guest Carol Volker, by telling how you would dress up for Halloween and why. These varied from witches to angels, but not a single ghost. Nadeane gave her interesting devotions on "Think and Thank". Nadeane shared the history of Halloween and then passed out pumpkins which carried two messages, which the women helped relate. The money given for Nadeane's project went to the Wilsonville E.M.T. treasury. After a time of visiting she treated the women at Shirley K's.

### Come and Listen

Gillian Sorensen, who will be visiting her mother and family this next week will be speaking at the Baptist-Christian Church on Monday, Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. to tell of her medical mission work in Romania. Gillian is a registered nurse, and has made two trips to Romania with others in the medical field. Women's Club members and B.C.W. women have been assisting Gillian by sending supplies which were so badly needed. She personally gets them to the poor people there. The public is invited to hear her tell her story.

### Women's Club

Nancy Knutson and Mary Wilson hosted the Wilsonville Women's Club on Monday evening, Oct. 10 at the Baptist-Christian Church basement. Roll call was answered by giving a favorite apple recipe by 10 members and one guest, Alice Kasson, who added her name to the membership list. During the business meeting the women voted to give Ashley Rice a cash donation to help with her expenses for her participation in the National Rodeo Queen competition as she represents Nebraska. All women were encouraged to read more books, thus using the library more.

Nancy Knutson gave devotions in the absence of the assigned member. Since the high schoolers had school activities and could not give the program as planned, the women spent the evening playing Bingo. Delicious refreshments were served from a Halloween decorated table.

### Update on Hospital Patients

Darrel Palmer was brought home on Tuesday from an Omaha hospital by his son, Doug. Doug's wife, Mary and sons were on their way home that day from Rochester where they had gone with her mother, Carolyn O'Brien. Carolyn had to stay for more tests so her daughter Kathy went up to bring her home.

Charles Haag is home from the Cambridge hospital. He has to

make weekly trips to see his doctor.

Sue Bethel was a Cambridge hospital patient for a few days but is convalescing at home.

Avis Wolfe had hip surgery on Tuesday. She will be moving to the Holdrege Memorial Home to recuperate.

Norma Frandsen is still a patient at the Kearney hospital and will be for several weeks where she is taking radiation treatments and therapy.

Lyle Harding has been a Holdrege hospital patient where he is recuperating from pneumonia.

### Miller Dollar Rain

The rain that began falling a week ago Sunday night continued through Monday, that night and Tuesday. It came so slow and easy that every drop soaked into the ground. It varied from 1 1/2 inches to almost 2 inches. What a blessing for wheat farmers.

### Married 56 years

Deb Cobb of Cambridge, Bert and Laurie Jurey and Allen and Connie Wilson enjoyed Sunday dinner, homemade ice cream and cake with Sonny and Ella Wilson to help them celebrate 56 years of married life.

Recent visitors of Darrel Palmer have been Kendall and Virginia Rice, Leon Yeager of Hendley, Tim Palmer of McCook, Ila Potter of Cambridge and Margalee Ruf.

Paul Wilmot spent Sunday visiting his brother, Merlin and wife, Mary. Paul's wife is in Oklahoma spending time with her brother who is critically ill.

### Arlene Rice Ministries

This fall is a busy time for Arlene Rice. Sunday she spent the day with the Orleans Presbyterian Church. During the morning worship hour, she was given time with the children when she shared some of the mission work with the children in Haiti. She especially talked about the "100 scholarship program" for the poorest of poor. Following the morning service, Warren and Arlene enjoyed the church fellowship dinner. Arlene had been asked to share more of the Haiti mission work, especially the Security Wall project at the mission. Val Hunt of Orleans is especially interested in this project and has been promoting it. The Rices enjoyed meeting so many of their friends who they had not seen for several years as well as making new acquaintances.

Fall is the time of year when Arlene is also speaking about the Haiti Shoebox Ministry which is an emphasis point prior to Christmas. She has been so impressed by the generous outpouring of gifts for this project.

Arlene was recently asked to speak and show pictures at the Danbury Presbyterian Women's meeting about the devastation and also the progress made in India in the Tsunami area. That has made a big impact on the mission work there.

## PRAIRIE VIEW

By VIVIAN JANSONIUS

The Sunshine City Library Board met Sept. 19 with all members present. They discussed the summer story hour and the progress of the fall story hour. Danny and Carol Short planned to attend a trustee workshop in Agra.

Prairie Homemakers Family and Community Education Unit met Sept. 26 at the Long Island Community Center with Pat Hammond and Diana Greving as hostesses. Fourteen members, one guest and two children were in attendance. Door prizes were won by Belinda Talheim and Beth Ponstien. Secret Pal gifts were given to Wanda Schemper, Anissa Kats, Stienie Lambscher, Pat Hammond, Vivian Jansonius and Beth Ponstien. Others attending were Sara Nelson, Gloria DeWitt, Anita Kats, Belva Leydig, Beverly Schemper, Wanda Schemper, Julie Schemper and children Isabelle and Deacon Schemper. Beth Ponstien reported on the fall workshop planned for Oct. 31 at Rooks County Fairgrounds.

## ALMENA NEWS

By ESTHER MARBLE

Eileen Gregory of Valley Center came Friday evening, Oct. 7 to spend the weekend with Rita Bieber at Calvert. Eileen is a niece of Rita and a daughter of the late Chas and Fern Farnsworth of Winfield. On Saturday morning they drove to Agra to attend a bridal shower for her future

daughter-in-law Lacie Robinson. Upon returning home she visited her Uncle Donald Moody at Whispering Pines in Norton. Eileen returned home Sunday.

We are so sorry to hear of the death of Michael Conard, son of Elvin and Sue Conard. Our sympathy goes out to the family.



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