



Americans still looking for clean power to use

Clean power. What does that mean? Depends on the tenor of the times. Fifteen to 20 years ago, for instance, environmentalists were protesting anything to do with nuclear power. Development of nuclear plants stopped cold.

Nuke plants created the worst type of pollution, opponents said, radioactive wastes that we had no plans to deal with. State after state rejected plans to build storage sites for material that would be "hot" for centuries. None has been built yet, though nuclear wastes remain in storage, the containers rotting way.

Coal, the once and future king of energy, returned to the fore. Hundreds of steam plants were built. Giant cranes stripped away the soil of central Wyoming. Dozens of trains left the coal fields each day to feed hungry power plants.

Then someone decided that it was carbon dioxide and other "greenhouse gasses" that we had to fear. Suddenly, coal was the enemy and nuclear plants were back in vogue. We'll figure out a way to hide those wastes, just you see.

In Europe, nuclear plants are already under development. In the U.S., the administration is pushing for a resumption of design and construction. Nothing has happened yet. No waste disposal site is being built.

Some coal plants, under pressure from environmentalists, will convert to natural gas, which burns cleaner, producing mostly water and less carbon dioxide in the exhaust. Wind, solar and geothermal plants will add to the mix, and coal

will be dethroned. Such is the way things are when we follow our emotions. The "best science" of the day has a way of morphing into yesterday's old news.

But can we really depend on nuclear plants to supply the power we need? Or wind? Or the sun?

No one really knows. The truth is, we need to consume less energy. Americans are just energy hogs, but no one wants to be without things our grandparents never dreamed of, air conditioning and big cars and huge houses.

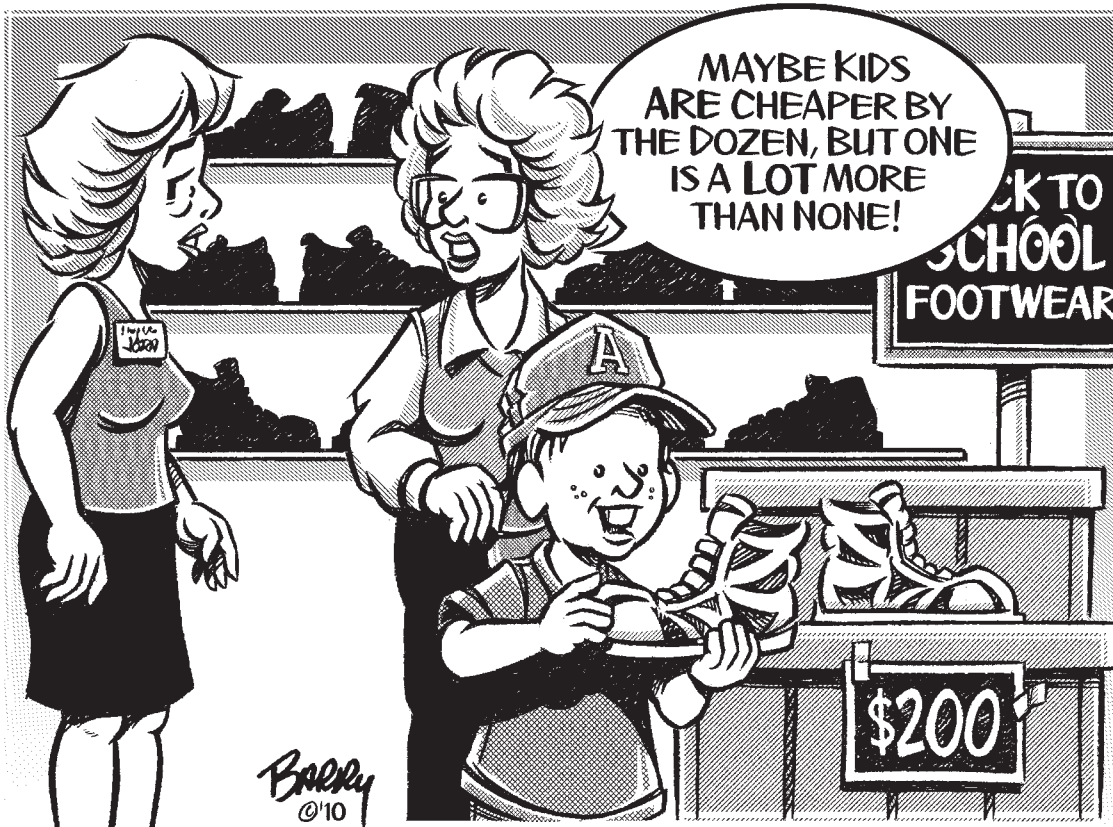
But nuke plants do produce waste, and someone will have to provide a place to bury it. Even natural gas produces carbon dioxide. Any energy plant produces heat. Any transfer to energy from one place to another moves that heat, affecting weather and eventually, climate, at both ends.

"Clean" coal plants are far better than older coal plants, but still dirty. That may be progress, but ... any kind of plant has its own impact. We know not what that may be today, and care less if the new plant is "cleaner." But someday, we will have to pay the price. It won't be cheap.

Someday, too, advancing technology will give us better ways to use nuclear fuel, wind, the sun, and yes, even coal. Maybe that will save us, or maybe just add to our doom.

And we'll still not have a place to take the nuclear wastes. Who wants it?

This energy problem has no easy answers. —Steve Haynes



News From the Past

100 years ago - 1910 There will be a public dance given at George Indorf's new barn on Saturday, Aug. 6. Everyone is welcome.

75 years ago - 1935 The 19 Boy Scouts from Troop 47 of St. Francis who returned from a week's outing at Brown Memorial Camp at Abilene report a hilarious, busy and interesting time. The camp was run like a small city and five St. Francis boys were elected officials of the village. Charles Reinhold was elected public relations man; Jack Hancock, city clerk; Henry Overstake, manager of athletics; Ervin Hefner, assistant city clerk; and Lyle Miller, head of the safety department.

Gallons and in fact barrels of water were turned loose on the tip-top floor of the courthouse last Sunday afternoon when a water pipe was broken. The pipe is one that is connected with the shower bath in the jail on the fourth floor of the courthouse. As it was on a Sunday there was no one in the courthouse except the one lone prisoner.

Aaron Angel has moved his lunch counter from the basement of the Classic Building into new quarters and opened up for business there.

20 years ago The St. Francis schools will be welcoming only one new instructor this year. Melissa McPhail. She will be instructing students kindergarten through sixth grade and freshmen girls in health and physical education.

Jason Johnson, a St. Francis Community High School junior, attended the Basketball Congress International National Invitational Tournament on the campus of Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz. He was selected to team number one from a five-state area following his involvement in the Junior National Summer League Tournament in Wichita earlier this summer.

100 years ago - 1910 S.L. Standish is hauling out lumber for a large barn he is building on his farm down in Lawn Ridge.

75 years ago - 1935 Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Lockwood and family moved into their elegant new home on Spencer Avenue last week and they are all happy as crickets.

A.H. Keever has given up his chair in R.M. Roberts' shop to accept a position in the Nixon & Kreuscher store.

Dr. E.L. Waterman and family have moved into rooms in the Campbell building which have recently been neatly fitted up especially for them and they are very comfortably situated.

The steps of the schoolhouse have been painted a beautiful green.

Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Stewart, who for a couple of years have conducted the Farmers Hotel on Main Street, moved the first of the week to Brewster where they will run a restaurant and short order house.

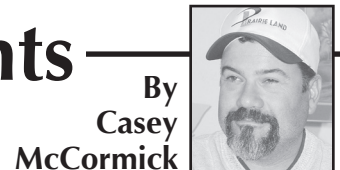
Peter Sturm is erecting a commodious cement block residence on his farm just up the river from town.

J.H. Indorf went to St. Joseph, Mo., Friday where he will take the final course in veterinary science.

The first train to arrive in St. Francis since the flood arrived July 11 the motor train arrived here about 8 p.m. after an absence of about 42 days.

A new football coach at the St. Francis Community High School has been employed to replace J.E. Timken who resigned to take a position in Oklahoma. The new head coach is Stanford Hartman of Boulder, Colo. The assistant coach is Ralph Parker who will teach manual arts and social science.

Casey's Comments



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A week ago Monday a wooden building burned in an open area in the city of Lubin, Poland. What makes this event poignant is that the barrack-type structure was part of Majdanek, a Nazi concentration camp from World War II. The fire destroyed much of the 10,000 pairs of shoes on display that belonged to Jewish prisoners. Majdanek was the second largest concentration camp next to Auschwitz. It is estimated that 60,000 Jews and 20,000 other enemies of Hitler's Germany perished within its confines. When 15 Nazi officials met at the Wannsee Conference in Berlin on Jan. 20, 1942, a plan was developed to deal with the fascist's problem of undesirable citizens. The "Final Solution of the Jewish Question" came from this meeting and outlined the extermination of 11 million European Jews. These numbers can either have a numbing effect or can roll past one's attention without a second thought.

Why do I bring up a little story about shoes burning in a Polish town half a world away? Perhaps it's because the day could come when places like Majdanek, Auschwitz, Sobibor, Treblinka, and others may fade from memory. Just like the ashes left by shoes from faceless victims of man's inhumanity they will be gone. Then what will come of the lessons learned?

Open Season



What we do for kids
We do the darndest things for our kids. I have a friend who just got out of the hospital. She had spent five days in the heat and humidity helping her children with their 4-H projects during the county fair. She said she really, really tried to drink plenty of water, but her two busy boys have livestock and other projects that required a lot of work. She just got dehydrated. She acknowledged that she knew what was happening, so the day after the end of the fair, she went into the emergency room and told them she was a couple of quarts low. Two liters of normal saline later, she was ready to go again. The next week, this same friend got a present from a co-worker — a nice grasshopper. She was ecstatic. She said she would take it right home and put it in the freezer. This brought up a less-than-

Martha-Stewart moment in my mind as I saw her taking a package of pork chops and a side of grasshoppers out of the freezer for supper. No, she explained, the grasshopper is part of next year's entomology project for her sons' 4-H work. You've got to get going in the fall on collecting bugs, she explained, because some of them are just not available until the autumn, and by then the fair is over. So, she continued, as the little monsters show up — the bugs that is — they are popped into plastic containers and stored in the freezer. I mentioned this to my friend May, whose children were all in 4-H, and she nodded wisely, noting that she used carbon tetrachloride on her insect collection, but those days are gone. It's been banned by the government. Another friend told me the story of her 4-H disaster. Her children do photography, she explained. Since it's the digital age, she got a nice printer for their art. It works great, she said, but the pictures must be sprayed with a fixer so the image won't yellow or fade. The first time she tried helping a child with a picture, she got fixer on her hands and then got stuck to the print. Since the fixer was so good at sticking things, she figured she could use it to fix the 20-year-old headliner of her car, which was coming down. She sprayed and pushed, she said, and parts of the liner stuck to the top of the car. The rest just disintegrated or stuck to her fingers. That was the last time she tried to use the fixer to fix anything but photos, she said. Seems she had bits of grey fabric stuck to her fingers for days.

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GOD SAYS
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Love each other.
John 15:17

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