

Friday digest

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- Diane Roth on [evangelism](#)
- Amy Frykholm [talks to North Dakota oil workers about farming](#)
- Lou Carlozo briefly reviews [pre-WW1 pop compilation *The Beautiful Old*](#)

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