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**Some O'Neill Goals**

Last week The Frontier took a "forward look." It scanned the new year—the alluring year of 1949, just starting. It turned its eyes away from the past and the present for the moment and fixed its gaze on the future. Without attempting the ever difficult role of prophet, it suggested some of the things which might lie ahead in the experience of the people of O'Neill and Holt county.

This week The Frontier would like to discuss the problems and possibilities of the new year in a little more practical way and a little more in detail. It would like to make a few suggestions in regard to things that might be achieved or which should be achieved during the coming months. In other words, it would like to mention some worth while goals which it believes we as forward-looking citizens should strive for.

It is important and essential to have a goal. An individual or a community may have an unlimited amount of energy and also have the best of intentions, but not much progress will be made without a definite goal or objective. One of the essential conditions of achievement is to have a mark and aim at it. Otherwise, much effort is lost and small results are accomplished.

The new year—the year 1949—is rich in promise and freighted with possibilities of achievement.

It should be a big year in O'Neill and Holt county. The past year—the year 1948—was a year of progress and achievement; the coming year should be an era of still greater progress and achievement.

There is no limit to what a community can do when its citizens are united and cooperative and aim wholeheartedly toward a certain goal.

It is necessary, in order that a community may move ahead and gain results, that it be ambitious, but it is equally necessary that it have an intelligent understanding of what it is striving for.

O'Neill is one of the best towns of its size in Nebraska. Everybody admits that. It is a good town, an up-and-coming town, but it can be better. There are unlimited possibilities for growth, expansion and development in the days which lie ahead. Let us, then, not be satisfied with what we have accomplished in the past, but push forward unitedly toward more splendid achievements in the future.

That, as The Frontier sees it, is the challenge of 1949. That is the goal toward which we should all aim.

More progress, greater achievement in 1949 than in 1948. And, in order to attain that goal, we must work unitedly and wholeheartedly together.

We must cooperate. No one person can do it alone, no matter how brilliant or outstanding.

No one group or club or association can do it. No one official or businessman or individual of any sort can do it.

No, the only possible way for this community to make the strides it is capable of making during the coming days and weeks and months is for everybody to work together—to "put their shoulder to the wheel" and push.

That united effort will attain goals which will surprise us all and make O'Neill a far better town than it already is.

Here are just a few suggestions in regard to the goals which O'Neill should aim at during the coming year.

O'Neill should aim to become a bigger town. A larger population.

O'Neill should aim to be a better town. A more law abiding and moral town.

O'Neill should aim at greater municipal facilities and improvements. It should strive to be even more modern and up-to-date than it already is.

O'Neill should aim to have improved schools and libraries and churches. There is always room for expansion in those fields. O'Neill should aim to construct more homes and other buildings of various kinds. That is an essential condition of physical growth.

O'Neill should aim toward the improvement of its streets and roads and the increase and enlargement of all its public utilities. That is the modern way.

O'Neill should aim at the beautification of the town and its environs and thus become more attractive to prospective residents. That is the aim of every community.

Those are just a few of the goals which suggest themselves at the moment and The Frontier pledges its cooperation in O'Neill's efforts to achieve them.

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A. Stroller writes O'Neill friends that the recent cold wave did a lot of damage to the Phoenix citrus groves.

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Communism is abhorrent to the average person who has not been corrupted by its false philosophy.

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If we citizens of O'Neill aim high during the coming year, we will accomplish accordingly.

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The Winter of 1948-'49 will go down in history as one of the most severe on record.

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It looks as though Winters are getting more severe in all parts of the country.

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A baby contest is always popular with everybody. Reason—people like babies.

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Cheer up! All this snow is going to produce a bumper crop next season.

**To Be Continued**



at a sort of political hybrid convention.

O'Neill political bigwigs were seeing red. Disbarment proceedings grew out of alleged changes in summons that had been issued by the court and Mr. Butler's name was connected with these alterations.

The partisan forces buckled on their brazen armor. It became a political issue. Indignant, outraged, maybe a little self-righteous Republicans were demanding the political and official life blood of Mr. Butler, the incorruptible and undefiled, who for policy had secured control in the populist movement in the county sought to shield one of their own creation. The disbarment failed.

I was doing the editorial work at the time on The Frontier, as Mr. Cronin had all he could attend to as postmaster. I wrote an editorial that appeared in the issue of August 9, 1900, dealing with the case and the evidence which seemed to involve the accused. The closing sentences of this editorial are sidelights on the hectic era:

"The sublime spectacle of bloodhounds who bayed on the track of Barret Scott beating off justice when a populist is concerned will live in the memory of men. The Frontier sincerely hopes Mr. Butler feels vindicated."

Had I closed that editorial then as I would now by saying the community is gratified that the good name of one of our officials has been cleared of false charges I would have been regarded as a subject to be labored with by party associates, and would have been asked to resign as secretary of the county committee.

The convening of the legislature is the opportunity for the busy bodies. The usual grist of bills to overturn and disrupt the course of procedures in state,

county and municipal affairs are presented for consideration at this session.

The election laws have been a favorite target ever since the adoption of the Australian ballot and the voter no more than find his bearings when he enters the election booth than changes are proposed and often put through by some member of the legislature who thinks he must get his name attached to a law. A measure is up at this session to do away with the primary convention endorsement of candidates.

The primary might well be done away with and leave the choice of candidates to the conventions. One senator among the sponsors of this change says he is "tired of machine controlled politics." That concerns Nebraska a lot. Senators are sent down

here to function as a legislative body in the interests of the state, not to relieve the "tired feeling" of any individual. Many of the senators sense their obligation and it is hoped will be

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**Prairieland Talk —**

**Only One Holt Attorney Has Ever Been Faced with Disbarment Proceedings**

By ROMAIN SAUNDERS

LINCOLN—I don't know that, back in the beginning of the 20th century, in 1900 to be exact, that W. R. Butler, who had been elected county attorney after receiving the nomination

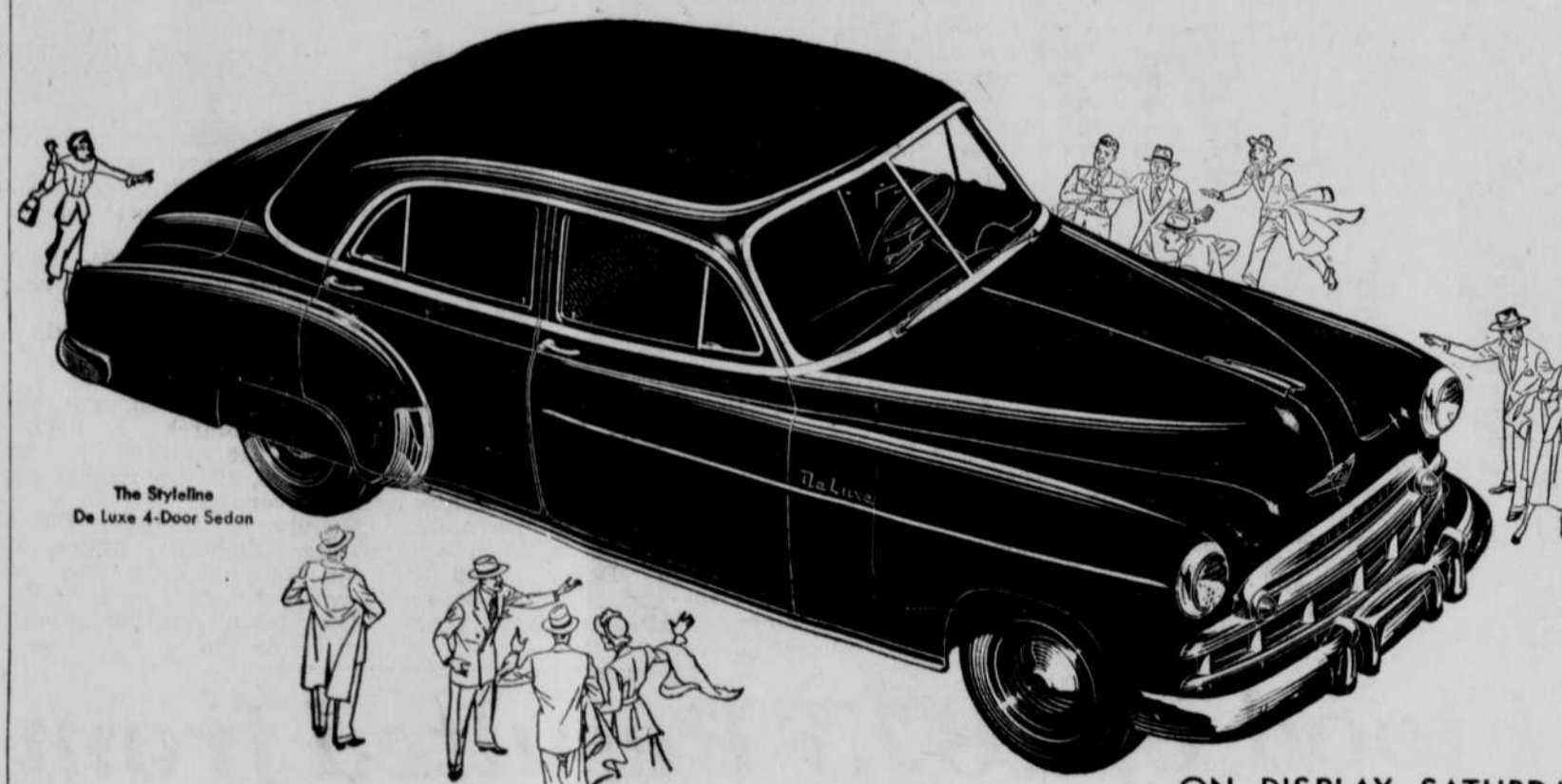
of the Holt county bar association who found himself facing disbarment proceedings. It was

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