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Retrospect and Prospect

Spring is here. Winter is ended.

Many signs and harbingers announce the joyous arrival of Spring.

These signs and harbingers can not be denied or contradicted. The seasons come and go regardless of what men think about it. People may dislike to see Summer passing and Fall and Winter approaching, but it happens just the same. The leaves fade and fall to the ground, the birds sing their last song and fly South, frost kills the beautiful flowers and, then, the snows of Winter pile up at our doorstep.

That is one thing everybody may be certain of—the seasons of the year come and go in their appointed order—and nothing can stop or hinder them.

In a world of change, there are not many certainties, but the order of the seasons is one of them.

The only thing we can do is to adjust ourselves to the order and regulate our lives accordingly. That man has partially succeeded in doing after centuries of experience.

People can accommodate themselves to the weather in various ways, but they can't change the climate.

The seasons of the year with their various changes, sunshine and cloudy weather, rain, wind and snow, blistering heat and freezing cold and all the rest of it, are as fixed as the stars in their courses. They are unalterable. And so we come at last to the beginning of another season—the happy, sunny season of Spring. Spring is always welcome, but it has never been any more welcome than it is this year.

Retrospect shows why.

Spring this year comes on the heels of the longest, most terrible, most devastating Winter in the history of Nebraska and the Midwest.

It was a Winter which commenced with a blizzard in November and continued with mounting fury until the latter part of February.

It was a Winter of terror and suffering and many head of livestock died from exposure and starvation while human beings also suffered from cold and hunger.

It was a long, horrible Winter and, naturally, all transportation and communication facilities were paralyzed while business of all kinds was prostrated.

Finally, conditions became so bad after months of continuous snow, wind and cold that the federal government took charge and sent a fleet of bulldozers to fight the huge snowdrifts and open the highways, roads and streets.

A good job was done and, gradually, the situation in O'Neill, Holt county and the rest of the storm-ridden area returned to normal.

As the vast body of snow melted, the threat of destructive floods hung over the area. But it is hoped that threat has been averted.

And that, in brief, is the story of the past Winter in retrospect as we welcome the sunny, joyous Spring.

The prospect is a more cheerful one.

Spring is always a bright, beautiful, joyful season, but it will appear more so this year. The Frontier believes, on account of the bleak, terrorizing Winter which has preceded it. By contrast with the past few terrible months, it will seem more hopeful than usual.

The normal activities of Spring are many, varied and interesting and we may anticipate that they will go forward as rapidly as weather conditions permit.

As soon as the snow is off the ground and the condition of the soil is favorable, plowing and seeding will commence and, when the new crop comes up, it will be time to start the cultivators.

Spring is a very busy season for the farmer and for everybody else connected with the farm.

Both on the farm and in town, vegetable gardens will be started as early as possible and a great many people will plant and cultivate flower gardens. Flowers of all kinds grow easily in Nebraska and hundreds of homes in town and country are places of beauty. Shrubby of every variety is prolific and the lilac and bridal wreath bloom at an early date.

All this activity will go on the accompaniment of many kinds of birds singing and twittering in the trees.

Yes, Spring is a cheerful, joyous season and it is to be hoped that the memory of the awful Winter just past may fade into the background as the prospect of a new year of constructive, profitable activity and enterprise is gradually realized.

Ideas Always Welcome

(Guest Editorial from Wayne Herald)

Most Nebraskans offer little opposition to a longtime better roads program, but not all Nebraskans are in favor of paying for it. Or perhaps, it would be more correct to say that they oppose some of the methods proposed to raise the needed revenue.

Bitter opposition has developed from some groups over the proposal to boost highway revenue by increasing the state gasoline tax one cent per gallon, and by increasing motor vehicle registration fees.

Nobody cares to see taxes increased, but it is our firm conviction that Nebraska won't get "out of the mud" unless more funds are made available. This money must come from somewhere, and that means either an increase in certain existing taxes, or the imposition of new taxes.

The problem facing the legislature is a stiff one. Since better roads are demanded, it must find the money to carry out a highway program. Groups and individuals opposing the proposed gasoline tax and registration fee increases may have very good reasons for their opposition, but they must not be content merely with fighting the proposals. If they have better suggestions as to how the money should be raised, let them come forward with their program.

The legislature probably would welcome any help that can be given.

If Nebraska's business index has shown a general decline the past two months, one of the big reasons undoubtedly is the condition of the roads. For many weeks, roads in a large area of the state were solidly blocked with snow. Now the same people who were snowbound are mudbound.

If you can get near them, look at most any rural road in the blizzard area. These roads, or "trails," are utterly impassable—and some state highways are in little better condition. When farm families can't visit their favorite towns and cities, a drop in business is inevitable.

Roads have a tremendous effect on the economy of the entire state. Failure to do something about the roads may cost the people of Nebraska far more than would be spent on the roads themselves.

The Frontier has received many compliments from its readers on its service in handling the news of the past record-breaking Winter.

As far as we are concerned, we feel that we could go a long time without seeing any more snow.

Not the Reaction He Wanted



Prairieland Talk

Nude Men Swim in Mile Wide Elkhorn, Broad Bare Backs Bobbing Above Ripples

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN—With a mighty roar an army base on the Pacific coast blows up. . . Family at Hallam (Neb.) is nearly wiped out by gas explosion. . . Mercury drops to near zero in mid-March. . . Lambs sold at all-time high price on Chicago, Ill., market \$2.25 a hundred pounds. . . Assessor Ray Bly down in Swan precinct reports nine sets of twin lambs at his ranch. . . A highway death near Gothenberg made the 10th fatal crash in Nebraska from March 1 to 15. . . A Louisiana senator talked 12 1/2 hours in the senate and won a kiss from his wife, if nothing more. . . The legislature voted additional funds that will provide one extra sandwich a day for 20 days for some on old age assistance. . . Unemployment increases e a c h month since the late election, and congress still filibusters.

Some years ago a former soldier of the Russian army found refuge in the United States when he published a document telling of the finding of the 4,000-year-old ark built by Noah which rested on Mt. Ararat in the year 2,349 B. C. Now a movement is under way by the British and American Oriental researchers to explore the possibilities of finding this relic of the deluge. Maybe this undertaking is noteworthy as disclosing that a few survive who devote their energies to something besides instruments of slaughter, clamoring for higher wages or planning for pensions.

"A shift in seasonality of production is the biggest reason for the decline in the wide seasonal variation of egg prices." That is how it happens according to an expert out at the ag college. How these specialists can make it sound scientific! The gent in the white apron at the grocery counter puts it a little more understandable when he says "there are lots of eggs now."

One and a half million of the registered motor vehicles are said to be "on government business." This has inspired one gent to figure out that "stretched bumper to bumper on super-highways crisscrossing the country they would extend from San Diego to Bangor and from Miami to Seattle, and the taxpayers could use the sidewalks."

While frezing continues on the weather schedule, no anxiety befalls the possessor of a fruit tree or two in the backyard that early effulgent bloom will make an appearance to wither and die from the visitation of a late killing frost. There was an early June in O'Neill when not a bud or a leaf adorned the nude arms of the trees. Another season when the Elkhorn was a mile wide South of town in July and local gents swam in the nude from shore to shore, broad bare backs bobbing above the ripples like some strange water creature.

The death of Tom Morrow, at Phoenix, Ariz., was reported on March 12. He had attained the age of full four score years, was formerly a citizen of O'Neill, who was held in high esteem there, and as I recall, was connected with the O'Neill schools. Later he took up the study of law and became a leading lawyer in Western Nebraska during his residence in Scottsbluff.

The lowest temperatures recorded by the weather bureau was in February, 1889, when at Tallahassee, Fla., mercury dropped to two below zero and nine other states recorded a low not since nor before experienced. Montana stood at the top of the frigidty with 63 below zero.

Probably the fellows who went to Cuba in the 1890s to liberate the islanders from Spanish rule would not feel like doing it again after the stoning of the U. S. embassy at Havana.

One of those freight car size trucks left Lincoln last Thursday for San Francisco, Calif., loaded with Nebraska eggs. The driver taking the load informed me that owing to the high price of feed in California he can truck eggs from here and sell them for less than the home product.

It is the privilege of any member of the legislature to be recorded "not voting." Just when a measure affecting the interests of Nebraskans is sidestepped by a considerable group in the present session is not accounted for in the report of proceedings.

The game and fish commission is announcing that 100,000 trout, full grown and ready for you, are being "planted" in the following Nebraska streams: Rock Creek, Lake McConaughy, Steel Creek, Plum Creek, the Cedar, Verdigre and the Lodgepole.

If everyone was to be paid on a basis of what they are worth there would be salary and wage lowering from the president on down to the undertaker.

Effie M. Webb, of Bartlett, is one of four Nebraska teachers whose application for retirement has been approved by the board of educational lands and funds.

Potato planting time and still snowing. But that is not so important as what there will be at potato digging time.

An 87-year-old member of the faculty of the University of California, says it is nothing remarkable that he has just become the father of a baby boy and has a 60-year-old son by an earlier marriage. Maybe the old boys can do a better job of raising kids than some of the younger ones.

J. J. Amen, a Lincoln painter, announces himself as a candidate for mayor and says he has "ideas."

With the passing of the negro minstrel an amusing if not a great thing passed from the entertainment world.

Hollywood claims to be human. We hadn't suspected them as being divine.

EMMET NEWS

Miss Helen Martens was a last Thursday supper guest at the Henry Benz home.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cole left for Lincoln on Sunday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Abart, of O'Neill, visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Abart and Derby on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fox and sons, Gordon, Charles, Jr., and Raymond, left for Downey, Calif., Wednesday, March 18, where they will visit their son, Mr. and Mr. Leonard Fox, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Kramer and son, Bobbie, of O'Neill, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Newton, and sons, Jimmie and Melvin, visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fox and Richard on Sunday.

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A. Stroller Visits Bible Institute

By A. STROLLER

PHOENIX, ARIZ., March 15.—The writer had an interesting experience one morning last week. He visited the Arizona Bible Institute, which is located about four and a half miles Northeast of the city.

This Bible school has been in operation in Phoenix for a number of years under different names. First, it was called the Phoenix Baptist Institute, then, the name was changed to Phoenix Bible Institute and, finally, the name, Arizona Bible Institute, was adopted.

For a long time, the school occupied a building on Central Avenue, but, a year ago last Summer, it was moved to its present location.

The institution now has an ideal spot. It bought a tract of land just outside of the city limits and several abandoned army barracks, which were moved onto it. In the past two years, the acreage which is naturally beautiful, has been greatly improved and all the buildings have also been modernized and improved. Eventually, the school will no doubt become one of the most attractive in Phoenix.

Rev. E. C. Eymann, M. A., with whom the writer has been acquainted for several years, is the president and he is not only a scholar, but an indefatigable worker. He puts in many hours every Summer and Winter working on the buildings and grounds.

This religious school offers a three-year course in Bible study, theology, synthesis, music and various other subjects and its purpose is to fit its graduates for active service in the ministry and the mission field.

It is coeducational and a large number of young men and women have gone forth from it during recent years to labor in this country and abroad.

Some of the students are married and live in trailers on the campus.

When the institute was located in town many of the students were employed in various places and a few of them still are.

One of the most important subjects in the curriculum is vocal music, which is taught by a pastor's wife who used to be a radio singer.

When the school was situated in town, the writer used to attend many of the lectures and exercises, but it is very seldom that he is able to visit it since it moved.

(Next week: Spring in Phoenix.)

Go to Lincoln—Mr. and Mrs. Francis Yantzi left Tuesday for Lincoln on business.

HOLT COUNTY EDUCATIONAL NOTES

The next off-campus college course in O'Neill will begin Saturday afternoon, March 26, at one o'clock, in the public school building. It will be Education 101 or Speech 151 and will be taught by Harlan Adams from the University of Nebraska.

The tuition is \$3 per hour or \$18 for the course plus \$1 enrollment fee and \$3 for the book. No matriculation fee will be charged until the student wishes to transfer his credit to the university registrar's office.

This course is primarily the study of children's speech difficulties and corrections. A clinic will be held in connection with the course.

Plans for a Holt county teachers' bus tour for college credit are becoming more definite. Further announcements will be made later.—By Elja

McCullough, county superintendent.

Carnival Queen Candidates Named—

CHAMBERS—Candidates for carnival queen were selected last week from the Chambers high school classes.

They are: Donna David, senior; Arliss Bly, junior; Deloris Wilkinson, sophomore; Kay E. Senhauer, freshman.

Various positions for the carnival also were assigned. The carnival will be held April 1.

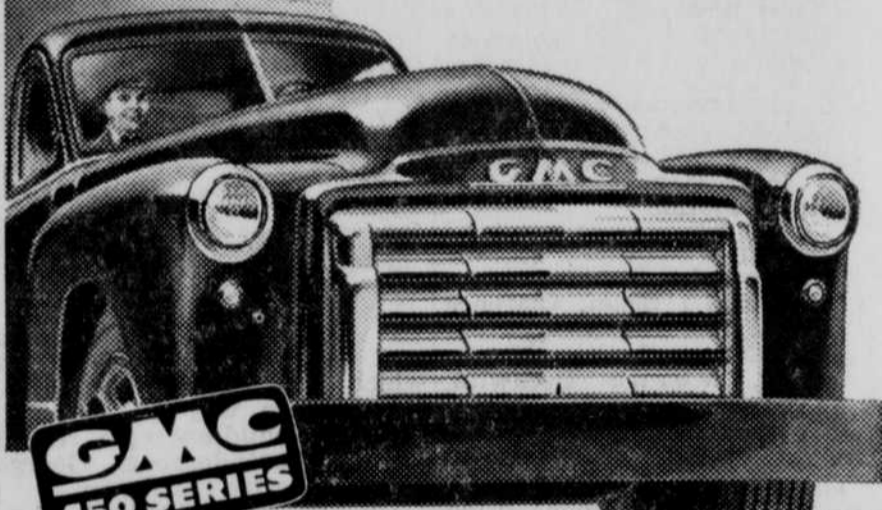
Young Ladies in St. Patrick's Party—

CHAMBERS—The Misses Neva Jarman, Jeanne Farrier, Mary Jo Roth and Barbara Wilcox entertained 12 of their friends at a St. Patrick's party at the Roth home Friday evening.

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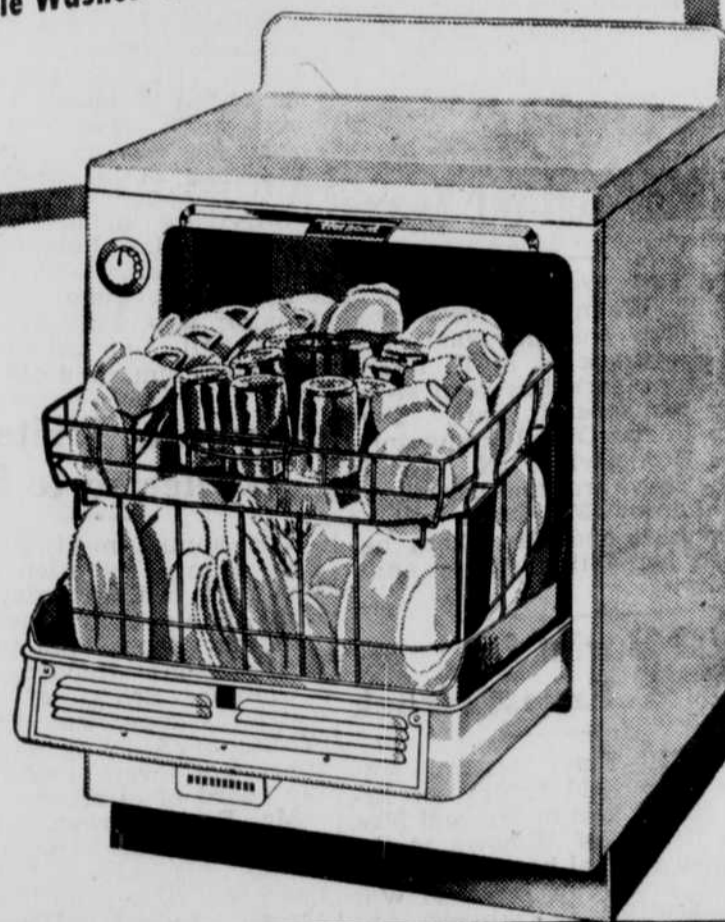
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