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Triple Threats

At least three important issues confront O'Neillites at this time, and, to a certain degree, are of prime importance to other Holt countyans.

- These are:
1. **Hospital.** Time has come for positive, concerted action in behalf of the three-year-old plan for a large new "community" hospital.
 2. **Power.** Consumers Public Power district officials contemplate moving the O'Neill diesel-power generator to Valentine. Officials should be prevailed upon to retain this plant in O'Neill at least until such time that power shortages and threats of shortages no longer exist.
 3. **Highways.** O'Neill must exert every effort to retain and improve its existing highway facilities.

The Frontier sincerely believes that the forgoing issues, or problems, or whatever you choose to call them, are deserving of straight-forward thinking and immediate action.

Groundwork for the proposed new hospital and many of the preliminaries were gone over many months ago. Meanwhile, construction costs have mounted sky-high but an attractive government grant has been assured, making the hospital outlook brighter than ever before.

The community hospital move right now can be summed up in round numbers like this: Proposed cost, 300 thousand dollars; cash on hand and cash immediately available on the strength of "excellent" commitments, 70 thousand dollars; government grant available and already "earmarked" for O'Neill, 100 thousand dollars.

Since the inception of the movement the plan has been to construct a hospital as a community- or even a county-wide effort, turn the hospital over to the Sisters of St. Francis, who have pledged the ground and will accept any reasonable indebtedness from the point where the hospital committee leaves off. The Sisters of St. Francis, a Roman Catholic order successfully operating similar institutions elsewhere, would own, operate and control the institution here.

Realizing the importance of expanding hospital facilities in the Nation, the United States government has made available grants for such purposes. However, this availability may not long exist, and it is a golden opportunity, if not a final opportunity to press the movement and bring to North Central Nebraska a fine, modern hospital.

Value of such an institution to O'Neill, apart from compassionate reasons, cannot be measured.

It is inconceivable that Consumers Public Power district officials would make any changes whatsoever that would impair or jeopardize service. Fresh in our minds, however, are the "brown-outs" and "dimouts" of the past two Winters, when ice jams have clogged the hydro-electric power plants. Fresh, too, are memories of costly service interruptions during the past few weeks.

The Consumers Public Power 1,000-kw diesel-powered generator in O'Neill was installed in 1937. It is inconceivable, too, that only 12 years later its usefulness at O'Neill could deteriorate to the point that it should be moved lock, stock and barrel. So, for the present and until there is an abundance of uninterrupted power in the region (as well as in the state), The Frontier holds that the O'Neill plant should be kept intact and be kept ready for standby service.

Its standby usefulness is also of some concern to citizens in neighboring towns because, in time of emergency, the O'Neill generator can supply sufficient rationed power to maintain refrigeration, keep electrically-controlled heating units and appliances going.

Well-meaning Consumers Public Power officials at the state level, who are sensitive to the will of the people by the nature of their organization, are not residents of O'Neill. "Paper planning" is well and good, but as long as ice is capable of restricting output of the hydros and as long as Nebraska rivers are capable of drying up, then The Frontier believes diesel standby plants are a mighty good and cheap insurance even though they are called upon to operate only a fraction of the time.

A meeting in O'Neill tonight (Thursday) will bring interested parties in from Nebraska towns between Red Cloud and Butte as well as some South Dakotians. This is a timely step in a right direction in behalf of highway 281.

The highway network is becoming increasingly important to the prosperity of O'Neill. Every town and community has its road problems about which much has been said and written. We're not about to make a long dissertation on this time-worn topic. Collectively, O'Neillites can be a positive factor in the development of U. S. highways 20 and 275 and federally-designated highway 281. But individual whims and fancies must be overlooked to grasp the big picture and retain the highway advantages the city already has and develop new ones.

This requires time and effort. You can help by lending support to the highway 281 association meeting tonight.

The three issues discussed above are not necessarily new, but recent developments in each instance make them timely. The Frontier doesn't presume to tell other folks how to run their business but takes the liberty to pass on its own views on these matters as a moral responsibility to its readers.

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He's Right on This One

(Guest Editorial from The Sioux City Journal)

President Truman, while expressing the belief and the hope that it never will be necessary again to drop the atomic bomb upon an enemy country, frankly admitted that he would not hesitate to decide in favor of its use if the welfare of the democracies were at stake. Obviously he meant that we'd employ the atomic bomb as a weapon in saving ourselves if we became engaged in a major conflict.

It's nothing but common sense to take this view of the atomic bomb. For that matter one might say we'd employ any weapon in our possession that might be needed for our defense and protection. Indeed, if it were possible to develop a weapon many times more powerful than the atomic bomb and we became involved in a struggle that threatened our survival we'd use it, too. If we didn't use it and ran the risk of being defeated, enslaved and dominated by an enemy we'd deserve any fate that befell us.

When an aggressor nation makes war on another its purpose is to destroy it, to bring it into subjugation, to dominate it, to enslave it. A nation so attacked would be justified in going to any extreme in defending itself. War is not a game to be played, but a grim business to be given an all-out effort for victory. Let us Americans keep that fact firmly in mind and let there be no squeamishness as to the use of superior weapons if we have them, including of course the atomic bomb. Mr. Truman is right in what he has said about it.

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Nebraska country roads are in the worst condition this year that they have ever been.

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Many reasonable hints for shoppers are contained in The Frontier each week.

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A bright future lies ahead of O'Neill and Holt county.

But, How About the Pacific?



**Prairieland Talk —
Land Given to Town May Be Fenced;
Arched Entrance May Bear Name of Perkins**

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

The gift of over a hundred acres of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Perkins to the people of Chambers is an enduring token not only of their interest in the community but substantial appraisal of what life has meant to them among the people of the charming village where they make their home.

Chambers citizens now have the background for a park and recreation center and we may look some day to see that body of land fenced with an arched entrance bearing the name of Perkins Park.

My friend, Dan, and his estimable wife, have well nigh overwhelmed their friends with this generous gift and their tribute to the community will forever be enshrined in the memory of those who follow on.

Old earth looked at the moon a night last week, moved over as much as to say who are you, and stood guard for two hours blacking out the lunar orb. Next day the Northwest coast country was cracked by earth quakes and then Nebraska was hit by the one hundredth snow storm of the season. No one dare predict now when the morning glories will climb above our heads with the bloom of white and blue and red. The harsh visitations of nature seem to partake of the mood of men now holding a knife at the throats of their fellows the world over.

Mr. Hoover tells us what most citizens already knew that there is startling waste of public funds in military spending. The military establishment, a necessary evil, fundamentally is a destroying agency of man. It must live on the products of other agencies. This of itself eliminates any sense of economical management such as governs in private industry. And what Mr. Hoover has said of the military he has said with equal force of other government agencies. The country has been made aware of it. What will be done about it?

Day-by-day records many desolated homes across the land, but none has so touched universal sympathy as that of the little child from a California home whose life was sacrificed in an open well. The one responsible for leaving that death trap open should not be allowed to escape prosecution. When carelessness results in heart-rending tragedy it is criminal.

Those who have felt a change again in the primary ballot permitting the voters a second choice have their wish. Just what advantage this is may be difficult to say. Imagination helps a lot. By the write-in privilege there has always been ample provision for second choice. Nebraska was favored last year with a sizable list of presidential barnstormers and it is devoutly to be hoped this new form our legislature presents us does not double the list.

State officers are going to have to make out with present pay checks at least until another session of the legislature. Measures introduced to raise salaries have been rejected, and now in the face of pretty near unanimous sentiment throughout the state the sales tax bill is on the way to enactment into law.

Nebraska had an earthquake April 13, a professor at Wesleyan University announced, the tremor continuing for an hour and a half during the afternoon. It was recorded on one of those delicate instruments but nobody felt the earth slipping from under them, and may be accounted for as a "tidal wave" from the great quake in the Northwest coast region.

Great men have not been ranked as great scholars nor great scholars as great men. Maybe it would be still tougher going without the inspiration of either of these.

Complain about the weather? Visit one of those cheerless institutions operated both for profit and humanitarian moves known as nursing homes. Climb a narrow stairway, go from one little room to another, look upon, speak to and grasp the withered and toil-worn hand of those human wrecks who represent life's driftwood, lying two or more in one small room, waiting, only waiting, 'till the last sunbeam of the last day for them has flown into the far unknown eternity.

A pain-racked body will thrill, wistful eyes will look full into your face to catch a glow of sympathy and encouragement. Speak the word. It is as little as you can do standing there in the full glow of health and physical vigor.

That person whose withered frame lies upon the bed before you has known the joy of active life, has shared the tears and laughter of childhood, has loved and toiled and played and worshipped as you are still privileged to do; has stood transfixed in the evening's sunset calm and wondered at the, mysteries far out in the night sky; plucked the velvet-petaled flowers and caught the fragrance of the rose.

At hour spent at the bedside of a lonely old fellow-pilgrim whose life's activities are over and you go out humbled into the throbbing current about you, concluding that a mid-April snowfall is not so bad if you can wade through it with sturdy strides.

Gov. Val Peterson was scheduled to be one of the speakers at a function in New York City promulgated by the Woman's Republican club. There is a distinct advantage in going to a distant state to make a speech. There is always a collection of notes on hand that have been used at home from which to make a selection.

Talk has neither created nor prevented business collapse in the past. Such things just happen while you blink an eye. In the past inflation has been followed by a bust and all the smart gents of industry and labor, combined with the wisdom of statesmen, have stood helplessly with hands in their pockets.

Lincoln bank statements for April show a shrinkage of deposits of over five million dollars since December 31 last. As the Winter months are the months of spending maybe this shrinkage will be overcome during the Spring and Summer period of production.

According to Nebraska's Third district congressman, one in 24 American are communistic in their outlook. In this cultured capital city of 100,000 patriots, I personally am able to identify one flaming red gent.

If you expect to get a passport through the pearly gates by taking on a saintly cloak once a year for holy week you will probably find yourself pitched down the back stairs.

Latest news from Washington is that our honorable statesmen are still engaged in that "broad, overall study."

O'Neill Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Summerer, of Ewing, were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Summerer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Young.

Allen Martin spent the weekend visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin. Allen attends Wayne State Teachers college.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Quinn left today (Thursday) for Lincoln to visit their son, Edward, and Mrs. Quinn. They will also attend their grandson, Gary's first birthday anniversary party.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fox were C. E. Worth and children,

Mrs. Ella Carr and Mrs. Mary Wetzler. Mrs. Worth, who has been visiting at the Fox home for the past week, returned with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Verzal and son, Jerry, of Atkinson, were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Versal's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Quinn.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pruss, of Emmet, and Mr. and Mrs. George Ries and children, of Atkinson spent Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Pruss and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Donohoe and daughters, of Fremont, spent the Easter holidays visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Robeson spent Sunday visiting Mrs.

Robeson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wisch, of Neligh.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Waller were Sunday dinner guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Snell, of Page.

Mrs. H. W. Tomlinson spent Thursday visiting her daughter, Mrs. James Coventry, and family, of Inman.

Mr. and Mrs. John Parkins, of Omaha, were Sunday guests at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parkins.

4-H CLUB NEWS

LUCKY CLOVER CLUB

The Lucky Clover 4-H club held a meeting Sunday, April

10, at the home of Harold Osborn to organize our club for another year.

At noon sandwiches, cake, pickles, coffee were served and after lunch we had our meeting. All members were present but Lowell and Victor Pickering, Jay and Shirley Slack.

Same officers were re-elected for this year: Mary Lucille Osborn, president; Alvin Carson, vice-president; Shirley Slack, secretary-treasurer; Beverly Carson, news reporter.

We decided on what projects we are going to take. Our next meeting will be held at the home of Alvin and Ronnie Carson as soon as we get our new material.—By Beverly Ann Carson, news reporter.



"My Cook-Book and COUNCIL OAK are putting BETTER FOODS ON MY TABLE FOR LESS MONEY"



- APPLES**
2 pounds 35c
- ORANGES**
5 pounds 45c
- CABBAGE**
2 pounds 11c
- CARROTS**
2 bunches .. 11c
- CELERY** 19c
- Green Onions Peppers
Radishes Lettuce
Strawberries Grapes
- ICE CREAM**
Vanilla 21c pt.
Flavored .. 22c pt.
- CHARMIN NAPKINS**
3 pkgs. 37c

- MORNING LIGHT-3-SIEVE**
★ **EARLY JUNE PEAS** \$3.43
No. 2 Can 2 for 29c Case of 24 Cans
- MORNING LIGHT**
★ **PORK & BEANS** 3 No. 2 49c
In Tomato Sauce Cans
- CAMPBELL'S**
★ **TOMATO SOUP** 3 Cans 31c
America's Favorite
- EVERYDAY**
★ **THIN CRACKERS** 21c
Crisp and Fresh, 1-Lb. Box
- WHOLE APRICOTS SUPERB.** 29c
PEELED No. 2 1/2 Can
- PINEAPPLE** Silver River 27c
Crushed, No. 2 Can
- FRUIT COCKTAIL SUPERB.** 35c
No. 2 1/2 Can
- RAISINS CAL RAY** 2 Lb. 29c
SEEDLESS Bag
- JUMBO FIGS** Roeding's Pulled. 33c
16-oz. Pkg.
- WIENERS** Oscar Mayer. 47c
Plain. Can
- CORNED HASH** ARMOUR'S. 33c
BEEF 16-oz. Can
- MY-T-FINE** PUDDING 7c
DESSERTS. Pkg.
- TORCHY ANIMAL** 3 Pkgs. 25c
CRACKERS
- COOKIES** 1-Lb. Cello. Bag. 35c
- COFFEE** COUNCIL OAK. 39c
1-Lb. Bag.
- CRYSTAL SYRUP** AMAIZO. 29c
or GOLDEN 5-Lb. Jar
- REAL LEMON** LEMON JUICE. 27c
16-oz. Bottle
- CHARMIN TOILET** 2 Rolls 15c
TISSUE
- DASH** DOG 7 1-Lb. \$1
FOOD Cans

SMALL, TENDER SMOKED PICNICS

LIGHT SMOKE MILD AND TENDER 6 TO 8 LB. AVG. LB. . . . 39c

PURITAN SLICED BACON In Bulk. 49c
Lb.

BEEF ★ U. S. INSPECTED ★ **BEEF**
FOR YOUR PROTECTION

SIRLOIN STEAKS, lb. 65c
SHOULDER ROASTS, lb. . . . 53c
PURE BEEF, Fresh Ground, lb. . 43c

Rich, Mellow LONGHORN CHEESE Lb. 37c
For Flaky Pastry PURE LARD 2 lb. carton 29c
Fresh Frozen COD FILLETS 1 lb. cello wrap 39c

ARMOUR'S PICKLE & PIMENTO LOAF Lb. 39c
ARMOUR'S THURINGER SUMMER SAUSAGE Lb. 53c

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YOUR FRIEND AT MEALTIME
PRICES FOR APRIL 22nd & 23rd