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After Easter—What?

Great historical events like Easter and Christmas have both a sacred and a secular side. Christmas commemorates the birth of Christ and is the occasion of world-wide religious observance; but, increasingly, its secular observance as a holiday is spreading and the same thing is true of Easter.

In the beginning of the Christian era, immediately after the resurrection of Christ, Easter was observed by just a handful of faithful disciples; but, as Christianity grew and spread, and became powerful, the custom also grew and became more and more popular.

At the present time, Easter is probably the most outstanding religious and ecclesiastical event of the year, eclipsing even Christmas in importance, and the secular observance of the day has kept pace with the religious.

"After Easter—What?" was a question of tremendous historical interest and importance in the early days of the Christian church. As a matter of fact, the entire course of history was changed by the first Easter, which signified the resurrection of Christ from the dead.

The world was never the same again after Christ broke the fetters which bound Him and came forth from the tomb. A new era in the history of mankind was initiated on that first Easter morning.

The world has fallen far short of attaining the triumphant faith, beautiful ideals and glorious hope contained in the Easter story; but they are there and the world would be a desolate place, indeed, without them.

Easter morn this year, as in all other years, ushered in a new era of life and activity in every community, although in some localities like O'Neill, the "Easter parade" wasn't what it might have been because of a hair-dangling wind.

The joyful Easter bells rang out across the land regardless of the weather and the old, old story of the resurrection, like the old, old story of the birth of Christ, was retold in sermon and song to millions of people all over the world.

In O'Neill, Holt county and throughout Nebraska and the Midwest, Easter is always appropriately observed although, in the Western and Northern portions of the United States, the weather is far more of a problem than it is in the Eastern and Southern. This was particularly true this year for temperatures in those localities were ranging unusually high.

"After Easter—What?" Well, as The Frontier sees it, Easter has ushered in a new season of hope, life and activity in this community. Things have been inactive to a certain extent for the past few months on account of the record-breaking Winter, but that can't last.

The situation should improve rapidly and steadily from now on and the harassed people of this area should enjoy the activity and prosperity to which they have long been accustomed.

But what about Old Man Winter, you ask. Well, if The Frontier is not mistaken, Old Man Winter is through for this year. He did his darndest to muss things up but we think he is through for 1949.

At least, we hope so and that there will be more sunshine and less snow from now on.

Even the Farmers Don't Like it

(Guest Editorial from The Wayne Herald.)

Agriculture Secretary Charles Brannan's proposed new farm program isn't being received as well as it could be—even among the farmers. Last week in West Point, the board of directors of the Nebraska Livestock Feeders association went on record as being unanimously opposed to the Brannan plan, or, as the association put it, "to any and all programs whereby the government might seek to control prices or production of meat."

The Brannan proposal appears to be a bold move toward socialism on the part of our government. Unless the people halt the trend, the government will become more socialistic as time passes. Groups such as the feeders association and other farm organizations can help maintain our free enterprise system by voicing vigorous opposition to the Brannan plan and all other socialistic programs.

At least, let us hope that a late snow storm will not interfere with Fourth of July celebrations this year.

O'Neill is a good town to do your trading in. Its up-to-date stores can supply all your needs.

If Nebraska doesn't raise a bumper crop this year, it won't be on account of a lack of moisture.

Bloomfield has been getting into the national headlines on account of its muddy roads.

Spring is always a hopeful season.

Time You Hollered "Uncle," Joe



Prairie Land Talk —

Vigilant Dog Frequently Visits Grave of Wayfarer Who Lies Buried in Cemetery

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

I was disappointed when I arrived in O'Neill April 18. From reports coming out of prairie-land to the state's seat of government I had anticipated that on arrival at the bus terminal we would step from the bus into a gondola and float gaily down Douglas street, like they do over in that notable Italian city. But instead we stepped out into a drifting sand coming in leisurely over the pavements under the influence of the good old Holt county breeze.



Romaine Saunders

Lifting one's feet out of the gumbo of Southeast Nebraska and planting them on the clean earth you find around O'Neill is worth a trip up here at this season. But the folks from down about Amelia, whom I saw last week, tell me they are becoming webfooted from wading water and looking at ducks down that way.

Among the farmer neighbors coming up to O'Neill last week whom I had the pleasure of greeting were Mrs. Alfred James and son, Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Bly, Mr. and Mrs. Clemens and Art Doolittle.

The slogan for Arbor day once echoed across prairie-land. "Plant a tree." Today it has become another stretch in the round of days to do nothing. And maybe it is appropriate now to raise the cry, "Woodman, spare that tree!" Instead of planting we are plucking up. The pioneers set them out, today the ax is laid at the root of the tree. Some that I planted with boyish hands more than 60 years ago have yielded to the ruthless swing of the ax and saw. The lordly cottonwoods that waved their velvet plumes during the Summer at Second and Everett streets, monuments to those pioneers, John and Mrs. Gibbons, have disappeared as modern houses have crowded in. Walking down that denuded street nevermore will there be the grateful shade on warm days that the planting of the Gibbons formerly furnished and elsewhere along city streets the monarchs of forest have disappeared. Trees touch with beauty the city street and subdue the bare utility of the long ribbons of blistering concrete when the blazing sun of Summer scorching the land. Many streets are still bordered with shade and ornamental trees and shrubs which hold the aluring charm of that "long shady lane," and many such survive the wreck of time.

Joe Stein, for 22 years an efficient member of the board of supervisors, but no longer under the handicap of official responsibility and devoting his undivided attention to his ranch interests up North along highway 281, tells me he made it through the Winter with no losses of livestock but the hay brought to his place over the highway cost him \$800, while he had ample supplies of hay out on his meadows which he could not get to through or over the mountains of snow.

The compiler of Prairie Land Talk regrets that he missed a visit with Mrs. August Hoppe, who was a caller at The Frontier office a day last week during our absence. Mrs. Hoppe brought in a photograph of a street scene in O'Neill in the Winter of 1911, which is tangible evidence that there has been snow blockage other than during the Winter just past. She also had with her and left with us a copy of The Frontier of May 5, 1932, which has the story of the Flanagan trials that developed from the failure of the Citizens' bank at Stuart. That issue also mentioned the request

of the epitaph on the stone of a long dead friend and dreaming the old dreams of youth over again, a dog came toward me with tail wagging and crouched in the attitude of a crawl, which could be interpreted either as brute supplication or token of sympathy for one lingering in the morning light by the grave of the dead. He was just a black dog of not particular breed and as brown eyes fell in my face they seemed to both radiate and implore sympathy.

He lingered awhile and moved away to other points in the cemetery. I asked the

caretaker about the dog and he said he stays there among the graves.

I have wondered if some unhappy wayfarer lies buried there which that dog had adopted as its god when he too lived and walked the earth, and now keeps lonely vigil where that god of his has been laid away.

In homestead days the hay burner was in use extensively in Holt county. These burners were made at local hardware stores out of sheet iron and were shaped like an ordinary wash boiler but about

twice the depth. If any readers can put us on track of an old hay burner or send us a photograph of one it will fill a place in our forthcoming 75th anniversary edition. There was later in use a hay-burning stove. It is the wash boiler type of burner. The Frontier desires to reproduce in print.

Willard Van Buren and Clyde Van Every, both of O'Neill, recently purchased Aberdeen-Angus cattle from Will Sitz, of Atkinson. Mr. Van Buren bought a cow and Mr. Van Every purchased a bull.

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PORK & BEANS Morning Light	3 No. 2 1/2 Cans 49c
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RED CHERRIES Morning Light, Pitted, No. 3 Can	25c
TOILET TISSUE 6 rolls	39c

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ORANGES	5 pounds	45c
CABBAGE	2 pounds	11c
CARROTS	2 bunches	13c
LETTUCE	2 heads	25c
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CELERY	2 bunches	25c
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