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St. Anthony's Hospital

Every progressive community like O'Neill is always at work on various projects. Such communities have various "irons in the fire," as the saying goes. They are continually reaching out and branching out. No matter how much they have accomplished in the line of municipal endeavor in the past, they are not satisfied. Their eyes are upon higher goals.

A nationwide survey, we believe, would prove that statement to be true. Travel up and down the country, visit cities and towns in all parts of the United States, explore every nook-and-corner of every section of it and that fact would be obvious. You may pass through some communities year-after-year and observe little or no change—they appear to be at a standstill—and you may pass through others and find them constantly changing and improving.

Projects spell progress. When you find a city or town which is doing things, you find a city or town which is on the march. It is not satisfied with its past achievements, but is ambitious to achieve more and greater things. It has its eyes on a certain goal and it is striving mightily to reach that goal.

Of course, that doesn't mean that every ambitious community will be able to attain all its objectives—to realize all its visions. Some of its goals may be impracticable and some may be unattainable, but that is beside the point. The idea is that every progressive community has these dreams, visions and ambitions and its progress is commensurate with its efforts to make them come true.

The Frontier believes this to be true of O'Neill. O'Neill is a progressive city, an up-and-coming city. It has dreams, visions, goals and objectives and that fact is the reason for its quite remarkable growth, expansion and development in the past. It has made remarkable progress, especially in recent months and years, and this progress is noted even by casual visitors.

One of the most important projects in which the people of O'Neill are actively interested at the present time is the proposed 300 thousand dollar St. Anthony's hospital. This great undertaking has been under consideration for some time and has slowly but surely been assuming concrete form. The idea has passed out of the stage of discussion into the stage of reality.

St. Anthony's hospital is intended to be an institution transcending in purpose all community bounds. It is intended to serve the Sand Hills area. But, because O'Neill will be the site of this magnificent new hospital, O'Neillites are obligated to bear the brunt of the load and to show the way.

The idea of a new, modern, adequate hospital for this city is definitely in accord with the trend of the times. There never was a time when hospitalization was such a vital issue in the United States as it is today. Following World War II, with its terrible toll of wounded, maimed and crippled and as the result of the ever increasing number of automobile and other serious accidents, the need of greater facilities along this line has become imperative.

New hospitals are being built everywhere, old hospitals are being enlarged and hospital facilities are being improved. O'Neill is keeping in step with the trend of the times and it is gratifying to know that this great project is gathering momentum and preliminary technicalities are being ironed out. The new hospital will be in charge of the Sisters of St. Francis, who have donated the land and have agreed to assume any reasonable indebtedness.

The strategic importance of this community as the site of a large, up-to-date hospital is emphasized by the fact that there are no comparable facilities closer than Sioux City, Norfolk and Grand Island. In Norfolk, anyway, hospital facilities are acutely inadequate as proved by expansion plans in progress there.

Sioux City, Norfolk and Grand Island are a considerable distance away and the desirability of a local institution is obvious. Apart from compassionate and humanitarian reasons, it would be a big asset to O'Neill, would bring more business to town, and add to its prestige.

Speaking of the trend of the times toward more and better hospital facilities, it is interesting to observe how this demand is asserting itself in cities and towns all over the country. This is particularly true of the big cities. In cities like Chicago and New York, new hospitals are constantly being built and old ones enlarged and improved.

Ambitious hospital projects are underway at Neligh, Tilden, Norfolk, West Point and Oakland—to mention only a few neighboring towns.

Plans for St. Anthony's hospital are modest in comparison to some of these. West Point, for example, is building a million dollar institution. St. Anthony's, however, is intended to serve the great Sand Hills area and a minimum of 30 thousand people living within a radius of O'Neill. St. Anthony's hospital, as plans now stand, will be adequate, and will serve an immediate need.

The Frontier sincerely believes that when the hospital is completed and put in operation, all of us will legitimately ask ourselves: "How did we manage to get along without it?" The answer, of course, is simple: "We didn't".

Events have been developing swiftly in recent weeks as the hospital move has been revived for the third and final time. James M. Corkle, a highly successful businessman in O'Neill during his 10 years here, has been made chairman of the building committee. He was given a rousing vote of confidence in a public meeting. The Sisters of St. Francis from their national headquarters have officially designated the hospital St. Anthony's—named for their patron saint. A building fund headquarters has been erected on O'Neill's main intersection—Fourth and Douglas streets—and Mrs. Glen Tomlinson has been engaged to staff the headquarters full-time and to coordinate affairs with the committee headed by Corkle.

O'Neill marches on and top priority is St. Anthony's hospital. All possibility of failure long since has been dismissed and stricken from the record.

St. Anthony's hospital will be a reality.

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Prairieland Talk

About Jimmy Boyle: 'When One So Young Meets Tragic Death . . . Blow Overwhelming'

By ROMAIN SAUNDERS

The hazards of the highways have brought desolation to another home in the community. Jimmy Boyle, like the rose bud crushed to earth never to open in full bloom and for a grace, was a cut down on the threshold of youth, at that period of life when the pink dawn of each new day brings fresh adventure and youthful dreams come in vivid, alluring pictures—that time in the development of boyhood when step by step the unknown is explored.



Romaine Saunders

Death cuts deep wounds in the human emotions and invades every home. When one so young meets a tragic end the blow is overwhelming to father and mother and the others.

Time pours its healing oil on sorrow-laden souls but memory cherishes the loved and lost.

Farm organizations have expressed in resolutions disapproval of the Washington plans and specifications for agriculture. Mr. Truman is quoted as saying of the program of the secretary of agriculture that it "is a part of our efforts to get the national income so distributed that every segment of the population can have its fair share of that income." Now, won't that be sweet? Messrs. Truman and Brannan are going to manage things in true socialistic style so that the "segments of the population" that produces the "national income" is going to have to whack up with the segment of loafers that produce nothing.

The boys and girls of Nebraska desiring to pursue studies and obtain liberal arts degrees may do so now in either of the state's four normal colleges. This may draw some of the enrollment at the state university but is a distinct advantage in making such courses of study available other than at a centralized point. The governor had considerable editorial advice from a quarter interested in retaining to the state university this educational function as respects the state's cultural institutions. Perhaps the urge to sign the bill authorizing the change was fundamental to Mr. Petersen's responsibility as governor of Nebraska as a whole rather than the considering of the interests of the capitol city.

A gent is held in limbo over in London who is wanted here to answer to Uncle Sam on some matters pertaining to the sneak-in word said to be going on by and between nations. Just what's the matter with the human animal that some carry on in an atmosphere of secrecy, oiled door hinges and plugged keyholes? St. Paul advised, "Let brotherly love continue." Instead of brotherly love there is

years represented by the late Mr. Bloom. Maybe another FDR is on the way to official ascendancy.

Pioneers experienced some hard times. They swam against life's current and did not call for help.

O'Neill Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stewart formerly of Page, have moved their trailer to O'Neill. Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Cress and son, Donald, were Sunday

evening guests at the Rev. Theodore Stolp home in Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dexter and Ben Turek, of Amelia and Mrs. Lawrence Rothchild, of Atkinson, were guests last Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dexter.

Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Burgess expect to drive to Sioux City to meet their daughter, Miss Joanne who will arrive by plane Sunday from Arizona. Miss Burgess is a student at Arizona State college at Tempe, Ariz. Sunday dinner guests at Mrs. Carrie Borg's home were Har-

ry Page, Miss Carol Page, David Page and Melvin Lamb.

Mr. and Mrs. John Underwood entertained Mr. and Mrs. Henry Van Ert and daughter, Miss Marie, of Clearwater, Friday.

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