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## HIGHWAY 281

After taking a short rough ride over segments of highway 281 in Holt county, it is apparent why progressive, civic minded business men in O'Neill and through the state and even nationally have embarked on a program to have the route put in better shape.

The segments of the route, North and South of O'Neill are undoubtedly typical of the unpaved parts of the national highway.

The author puts no claim on being a highway or road engineer, but it is evident these segments are unsatisfactory for a national highway.

It is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of attracting business and tourist travel, not only to O'Neill but to every town on the six-state route.

With parts of the North-South route in their present condition it can be seen why tourists, truck lines, public transportation route over highways that are in better condition, thus avoiding O'Neill.

It is believed when the road is paved from North Dakota to Texas, there will be many more tourists, state and local farmers, freight companies and public transportation transacting business all along the route.

There is no need to review the situation to Holt county residents.

However, many observers believe the chances of repairs and improvements along the route are "favorable."

Recently a national highway 281 association was formed for the systematic improvements for the road. This association was formed as a nucleus for state associations to work around.

Recently a meeting of the delegates from Butte, Spencer and O'Neill conferred, and decided the segment of the road South from the junction of highways 281 and 12 to Midway was the poorest in the three-town area.

Recently Gov. Val Peterson told members of the state highway 281 association from this area, if Butte, Spencer and O'Neill would decide where the road was the poorest in their area he would attempt to obtain appropriations to have a six-mile stretch improved. Governor Peterson stipulated, however, any paving or oil that would be laid now, must connect with some already done.

Recently state highway officials said a stretch of 281 South of Red Cloud to the Northern border of Kansas would be improved this year.

Recently the state's chief executive talked "favorably" of blacktop on the section of the arterial highway North of O'Neill.

Nonetheless, with all of the recent activity by the state and national highway 281 groups it is hoped the road will meet the standards of a national highway in the near future.

When the road is improved, it will provide the residents of Holt county with a road that will attract them to travel the North-South route in trading, business and pleasure activities. CWA

Signs of Fall continue to multiply from day-to-day.

By the way, what has become of those "flying saucers" we used to hear so much talk about?

Talking about radio programs, we would suggest that less quantity and more quality would be agreeable to the average intelligent listener.

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## Prairieland Talk — Swedish Determination Is Factor In State-Wide Gambling Cleanup

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

Hay fever victims have taken off for higher altitudes, while others seek lower levels for heartfelt reasons.

In one California community there is a penalty of \$500 or six months in jail for catching a butterfly.



Romaine Saunders

rest year by year in the same grove of stalwart pines is one of nature's marvels.

Chicago newspaper printers have been on strike for a year and as one of such craftsmen I am somewhat ashamed of them. They are being paid for their idleness out of a fund created by assessment of local unions throughout the country. Single men are paid \$40; married men received \$60 each week. Some local unions are withdrawing their support. Craftsmen who are able to carry on and yet feel free to live off of the toil of others have lost their self-respect and cast a shadow on the profession that has written upon its scroll the names of some of the country's great men Ben Franklin put into print his first line of type.

Saline county Wilber, with 1,400 patriots whose ancestral roots reached into old Bohemia, the county capital, has miles of ripening corn fields if nothing else. If the county harbors the same tribal offspring as the principal town they have a very thrifty class of farmers. Some folks to the soil are born and they make of a farm not only a thing to fill granaries and cribs but make of it a home. Wilber has four grain elevators but these may be wholly inadequate to take care of the season's yield.

City dwellers cordially welcomed their folks from the farm during state fair week. It would be unfair to say the cordiality was inspired by the two fat hens dressed ready for the oven, the box of fresh country eggs and the baskets heaped with potatoes and red-ripe tomatoes. However, it might not be unfair to say that such offerings, reducing the pressure on the home budget, have something to do with the invitation to come again.

Having licked a dozen or so of those big postage stamps made to accommodate a team and wagon you feel like licking the gent that devised the monstrosity.

A "lady section gang" has under their care a section of the Alaska railroad. Maybe as a gallant gesture but more likely in dead earnest the road manager says the ladies have their section of track in the best shape of any on the line.

An honest estimate of the late state fair permits neither flattery nor exaggeration. I don't know where will be found the equal of agricultural, livestock factory and home product exhibits. The fair grounds, fenced and padlocked so even a poor kid can't ket in without paying the toll at the gate, incloses a city, farms, ranches, exhibition halls, hot dog stands and every conceivable attraction and educational features in the industries of the great prairieland region. Flood lights are needed in the barns and exposition halls to dispell the gloom and render a clearer view of the exhibits. The livestock on display takes the eye of a prairie wolf from the grass lands. More and more the polled cattle are gaining favor and the exhibits of the blacks and reds this year outnumbered other breeds of beef cattle and from the throngs that moved through the horse barns there is wide-spread interest in the massive draft animals and dainty little ponies. The state fish exhibit was a sight to enthrall the piscatorial experts and had Pat Donohoe looked into that pool of clear water, lousy with big fish he might have wanted to bribe the guard to let him cast in the pool. Much of the attraction for fair going crowds function apart from the exhibits and probably some would be disappointed if they came away from a fair without having been "taken in." Horse races were eliminated on several days because of a muddy track.

Autumn rains have nearly drenched the land. September 21 marks the end of the Summer of 1949 on time's official scroll when the heavens weep as they pour forth equinoctial storms. This September these have arrived 11 days early. The day has been gloomy, the earth sodden, and the night closed in starless and flickering street lights are all but helpless in the overwhelming shadow. The air

carrying it too far but what few exceptions there may be does not mitigate the general ominous trend.

Attorney General Anderson is out after the gamblers. Whether its a penny shot at bingo or big stakes at poker all "chance" games are under the ban. And with the constitution and laws of Nebraska backing him, together with his strong Swedish determination, the attorney general evidently means business in a move for a state-wide cleanup.

## 1,027 Cattle Sell At Fredrickson's

One thousand and twenty-seven cattle and 190 head of hogs were marketed here at the Thursday, September 15, livestock sale at the Fredrickson livestock commission company.

The cattle market suffered a relapse of 50 cents to one-dollar per hundredweight, in sympathy with this week's decline on all classes of cattle at the river markets.

Choice steers still were in strong demand and probably were the only cattle not hit by this week's drop.

The best steers were light and sold at \$22.30 per hundredweight while the bulk of the yearling steers brought \$20 to \$21.50. Yearling heifers sold on a wide spread from \$17 to \$19.75. Steer calves sold at a top of \$26 mostly \$22.50 to \$25 with heifer calves going from \$21.50 to \$24.50. Fat cows brought \$14.50 to \$16.50 with breeding cows selling for \$13.75 to \$16.00 while canners and cutters brought \$11.50 to \$13.75.

In the hog market, top butcher hogs brought \$21.40, mostly \$21 to \$21.35; sows sold for \$17 to \$20; good feeder pigs brought \$23 to \$24 per hundredweight. Adv.

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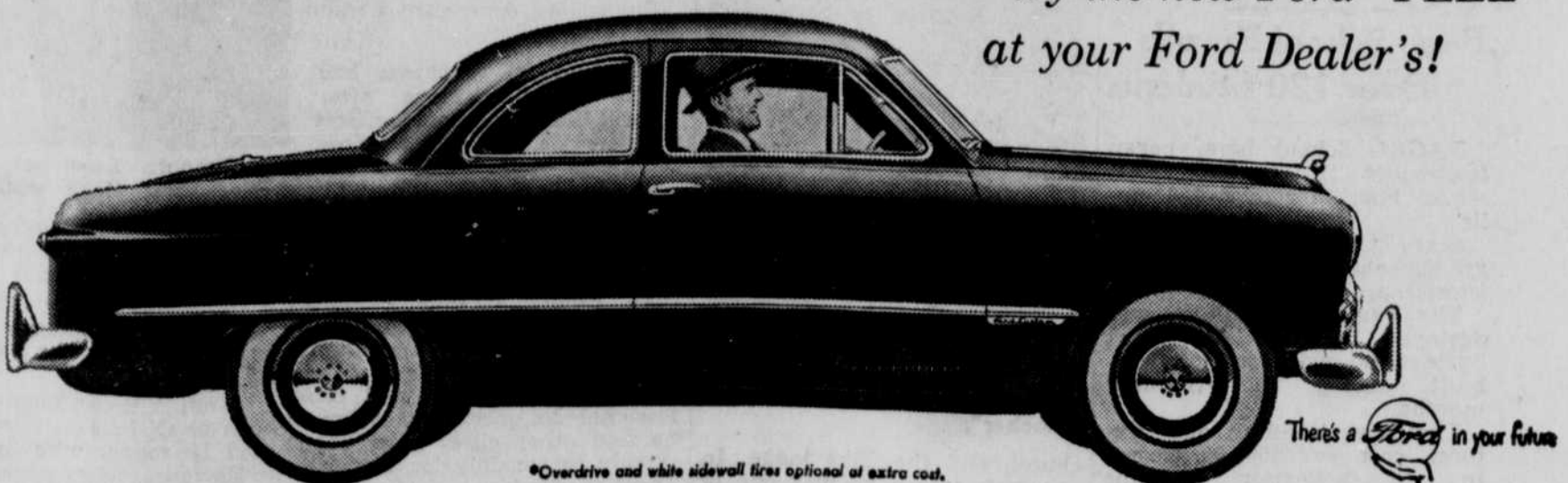
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