

Prairieland Talk—

# Sheriff Wanted Kickback

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LINCOLN—Many come to the newspaper plants, some are sightseeing, some have news for the editor, others on business, others to renew their subscription or give the publisher a "hawling out."

It was in the days of many land sales conducted by the sheriff in Holt county. The sheriff came in one day with a bunch of sheriff sales notices for publication, informed the boss at the desk that he could have that bunch of sheriff's sales notices on condition that he share the publication fees with the sheriff. The boss agreed to this on condition that he publish the story of a Holt county official coming in and demanding a rakeoff for doing what the law required of him. He placed the bunch of sheriff sales notices on the boss' desk and stalked out.



Romain Saunders

It was in a small Nebraska town where I was publishing a paper and taking active editorial interest in the election. A delegation of prominent guys from the countryside called on me to shape my editorial policy to their notions. I countered by a threat to tell the story in the next issue of my paper. They shook hands and left.

A lady came in with blood in her eye and demanded that the paper coming to her be discontinued. Turning to the list of subscribers and locating her name, something over a dollar was due on her subscription. Pay up and we will stop it, she was told. And with blood in both eyes she tossed out the amount due and made her getaway.

The paper is still published and a growing list of readers remits regularly. I had not been at it long enough to meet personally my subscribers. A gent from the farm came in one day to renew his subscription and acted as if I had known him for some time. Turning to my records I said to him, "How do you spell your name?" S-m-y-t-h, came his reply. To dodge my confusion and embarrassment, I came up with, you know some spell it S-m-y-t-h-e.

It was about the year 1886 modern civilization in the form of a typewriter was introduced into the wild and woolly west by a polished gent from beyond the Mississippi who opened an office in an upper room of the First National bank building and launched a loan and insurance business. That typewriter was followed by another. The late M. P. Kinkaid, with an office in the bank building on the other corner and who could not read this own writing, turned to typewriting. Typing is now taught in the schools. In the year 1911 The Frontier went from hand set type to the machine composition, installing Holt county's first linotype. Ernest Henry, since laid away in the abode of the dead, became the first linotype operator. Ernest also published the first paper at Chambers, The

Eagle, started some time in the 1880's. The Eagle—a homestead kid on the open prairie of Holt county, Ernest may have taken a fancy to the golden crested eagle of prairieland and named his Chambers paper in honor of a native bird.

This last day of the first week in March we look out upon a white world. Not just a snow crowned peak but a broad sweep of prairieland cuddled under a blanket of snow where never more is heard the music of sleigh bells. Ladies in Lincoln have a Toastmistress club. Do not know which "toast" they serve up, that which comes at breakfast time or that which is adorned in words of flattery at an evening banquet board? A state senator operating two of the institutions that turns them out as a finished product favors the employment of tax money for the care and cure of alcoholics. Congressman Weaver of Nebraska's First district sends me a cook book issued by the federal department of agriculture. Would much rather have him send a meal ticket. The nation's dress makers out on strike, but Nebraska's barnyard hens laid the Easter eggs.

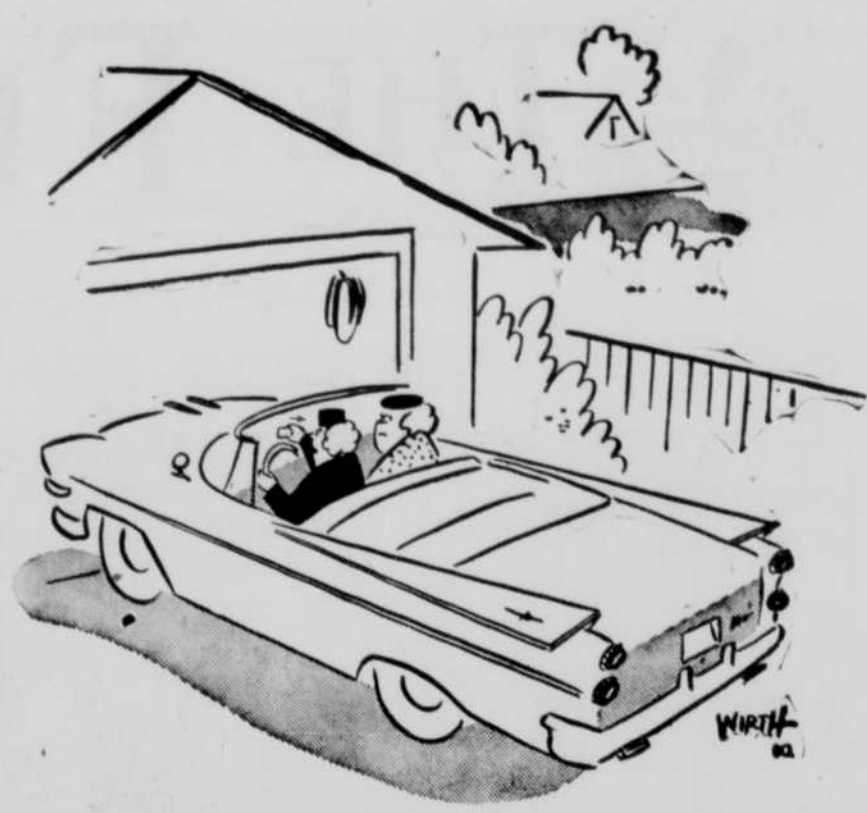
F. W. Johnson of Caracas, Venezuela, becomes a member of the Nebraska State Historical society. Others from out of the state to join the society recently are Florence M. Felts of Newport, R. I., Harry Svanda of Kansas City, Mo., and Richard C. Jansinski of Chicago, Ill.

A modern prophet, what he imbibed from the glass or over flowing bowl to inspire a vision of the future was not disclosed when he came up with the startling information or misinformation that the man of the future will be spindly legged with no toes attached to those grounded extremities we call feet. Twenty-five hundred years ago an inspired captive within the historic walls of old Babylon looked ahead across the centuries, saw you headed for O'Neill behind the steering wheel, and wrote for those of our generations to read, "Man shall run to and fro and knowledge shall be increased." Here we are on the go and think we know it all, even that we are going to lose our toes.

The governor presiding over affairs of state in our 20-million-dollar statehouse now has an ornate mansion that cost you and me something over \$200,000, has 134 doors and 137 windows, landscaped beautifully without. Some previous governors did not occupy the old abode of our state executives but doubtless none in the future will pass up the mansion now provided for them.

Though the fellow's chatter may bore you, it catches your attention when he says, Here's the ten-spot I owe you!

Convince a liar that it's not so, and he's a liar still.



"Henry always fixes this rear mirror so all you can see is the car behind."

When You & I Were Young . . .

## Lowrie-George Nuptials Told

### Couple United in Philippines

50 Years Ago  
A telegram from Mr. Cronin, who is in Omaha attending the state republican convention, says that Snyder of O'Neill and George of Broken Bow were elected delegates to the republican national convention. Miss Anna Lowrie, daughter of the Rev. N. S. Lowrie and a former minister at the Presbyterian church in O'Neill, and Jesse George, prosecuting attorney for the city of Manila, were married. Miss Lowrie, who has been teaching in the Philippines for a year, resided in Lincoln before sailing for Manila. A birthday party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Enright, five miles north of town in honor of their daughter, Bea.

20 Years Ago  
James O'Donnell and daughter, Mrs. Stuart Meech and Montana Jack Sullivan returned from a six weeks' trip through the southern states and Mexico. Fred Watson, C. N. Thompson and Lester Thompson, all of the Amelia section, reported a two inch rain. They were very jubilant. Burton French, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. French of Page, won a scholarship to the University of Nebraska School of Agriculture. Miss Veda Stewart and Elmer Juracek, both of Star, were married. Cap Uhl left to go through the clinic at Rochester.

10 Years Ago  
Dale Revell, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Revell of Star, died of a brain tumor in an Omaha hospital. "Conductor Commodore", as he was affectionally called, died at Chambers. His real name was L. L. Fairbanks, age 87, who was a colorful railroad man. The trailer home of a newly married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Keim of Lynch, burned and was destroyed. H. E. Coyne was drafted for mayoral in a caucus.

One Year Ago  
Charley W. Peterson of Atkinson filed a petition in Holt county district court seeking to restrain the state and agricultural departments from proceeding with a tuberculosis testing program. Deaths: Little Mary Ann Pribil, 2½; Andrey Cizek, 90; of Spencer; J. Q. Archer, 66; of Ewing; William Dodge, 79; of Spencer; Clara B. Springer, 82; of O'Neill; Soren G. Jensen, 59; of Spencer. A feature story on Dr. Guy B. Ira of Lynch appeared in The Frontier. Lt. Robert Beckenhauer has arrived in the United States after an assignment in the Far East.

Social Security Rep to Holt, Boyd—  
A representative of the Norfolk social security office will be in the assembly room of the Holt county court house in O'Neill from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday, March 27, and at the courtroom of the Boyd county courthouse at Butte Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Self-employed applicants should bring extra copies of their 1956 and 1957 tax returns, receipts, showing that the self-employment tax is paid, and proof of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Lysle Johnson and family visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Johnson in O'Neill Friday evening, March 10.

## Attention! Auto Owners

PREMIUMS for all Auto Insurance has been increased by some companies as of March 12, from 25% to 50%.

I CAN place Auto Insurance in reliable companies for a premium less than that charged by these companies before they raised their rates.

— SEE —

## L. G. GILLESPIE

AGENT

before writing or renewing your Auto Insurance.

## Letter to Editor

1001 South Chestnut McPherson, Kans.  
Want to let you know I appreciate your paper as I can be sure to get the news, weather and so on concerning my home. I tramped around that Amelia valley about 74 years and my roots have gone down a long ways.  
I am living with my daughter and family at McPherson, which is about 350 miles south of O'Neill. It's been a bit warmer here.  
By early March the wheat had started to turn green and looks fine. There has been plenty of moisture.  
If you see any of those Amelia folks strolling around in O'Neill you might tell them I am still alive and write me a line.  
—HARRY S. WHITE

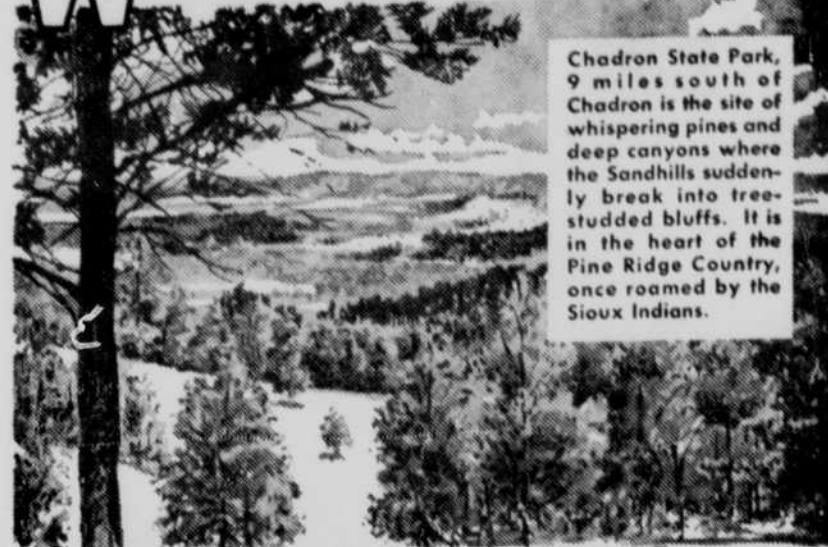
"Skip" McKenny, who has been stationed with the navy at San Diego, Calif., has been transferred to Camp Pendleton, Calif., where he is a staff personnel at the U. S. naval hospital. His brother, Jim, is also stationed at Pendleton. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Harding.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gilbert and daughter of Burke, S.D., were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pau Shierk.

## COUNTY COURT

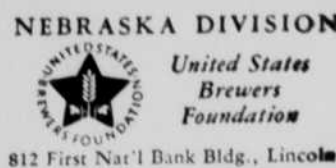
February 28, Daniel J. Kirwin of Norfolk, speeding night, fined \$10 and \$4 costs, officer—E. M. Hastreiter.  
February 28, Arlen R. Messler of Fremont, speeding night, fined \$14.50 and \$4 costs, officer—E. M. Hastreiter.  
February 28: Ben E. Vidrickson of O'Neill, speeding day, fined \$10 and \$4 costs, officer—E. M. Hastreiter.  
March 3: Virgil R. Webber of Norfolk, speeding night, fined \$11.50 and \$4 costs, officer—E. M. Hastreiter.  
March 4: Richard Burdine driver for A. J. Shelton of Steele, Mo., overweight weight, fined \$50 and \$4 costs, officer—Clifford L. Kizzire.  
March 8: Merte Edwards driver for C. J. Wockersham of Omaha, overweight, fined \$50 and \$4 costs, officer—Clifford L. Kizzire.  
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March 11: Alvoid L. Blacketter driver for Lincoln General Tire of Lincoln, overweight on capacity plate, fined \$10 and \$4 costs, officer—Clifford L. Kizzire.

## Where is it... IN NEBRASKA?



Chadron State Park, 9 miles south of Chadron is the site of whispering pines and deep canyons where the Sandhills suddenly break into treestudded bluffs. It is in the heart of the Pine Ridge Country, once roamed by the Sioux Indians.

Beer Belongs... as a wholesome beverage. Serve it, enjoy it, as the right beverage—in any company, on any occasion. Serving beer marks you as a friendly host.



## Sandhill Angus Ranch

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In the drought years of 1955 and 1956 we culled about 50 cows so have only the best producers left. We have been keeping 12 to 15 heifers per year, so we have too many registered cows.

All the good old cows must go to make room for their daughters.

These cows are responsible for the top selling calves in the Black Friday Sales as we have been using our own bulls. Our calves have topped the Black Friday Sale the last three years and in both the carload lot and pen of five club calves last fall.

## BLAINE GARWOOD & SONS

Amelia, Nebraska

## Editorial—

# Want to Ruin Your Town?

Frankly we pinched from a Minnesota weekly newspaper this list of ways to ruin your hometown.

In reproducing the list we have no axe to grind, we're not pointing our finger at anyone, and we don't think this town has any more of this type of person than any other.

1. Don't pay taxes. Let the other fellow pay his. Vote against taxes always. Then fuss when the streets aren't in good condition.
2. Never attend any of the meetings called for the good of your town. If you do, don't have anything to say. Wait until you get outside and cuss those who made suggestions. Find fault with everything that was done.
3. Get all the city will give you and don't give anything in return. Write unsigned letters to the editor demanding more for your tax money.
4. Talk cooperation but don't do any work for your city unless you get paid for it. And by all means refuse to serve unless they make you chairman.
5. Never accept an office. It's easier to criticize than to do things. Accuse anybody who serves in an elective office as being a publicity seeker.
6. Don't do any more than you have to. When others willingly and unselfishly give their time to make a better town, howl because that town is run by a clique.
7. Don't back your fire department or your police department. Don't thank them for endangering their lives that you might have a safer town in which to live. Demand special treatment, raise Cain if anybody expects you to obey traffic and parking laws.
8. Look at every proposition in a selfish way. If you are not the one that gets the most out of it, vote against it. Never consider what it will do for the town as a whole.
9. Don't do anything for the youth of your town. Criticize them as potential delinquents. Keep your feet on them. Encourage them to move away when they grow up.
10. Don't support your local retail stores and industries. Take the attitude that goods, prices and services are better in just about any other town. Claim industry and payrolls do not help the town. But if you need a donation, be sure to ask all the local stores and industries. Expect them to stand back of you but don't support them.

If above steps don't ruin your town, don't feel bad—you did your best.

## Doug Gets Caller

Vice-President Richard Nixon is said to have made a call at the Waldorf on Gen. of the Army Douglas MacArthur, who is now chairman of the Sperry Rand corporation.

The call was said to have occurred on MacArthur's birthday anniversary; it was impromptu and lacked any formal white house clearance.

Our newsletter reports that MacArthur discussed for an hour on the dangers of inflation and the crushing burden of taxation which the nation has had to bear. He warned Nixon that overtaxation undermined the Roman empire and led to the debacle which ushered in the dark ages.

MacArthur pointed out the little man has to pay most of the tax bills. Only about 15 percent of the government's revenue comes from the higher brackets.

The former military leader (who was fired by President Truman and has been largely ignored by President Eisenhower) wound up with Nixon with the opinion that foreign aid is of very little

importance, and that the administration should not rely to any extent on this factor in shaping its domestic and foreign policies.

## Double Taxation on Corn, Oats

(From the Pierce County Leader)  
Nebraska farmers are subject to double taxation on corn and oats under the new grain tax law. It's doubtful but it is possible some farm organization could break this law.  
If a farmer owns and operates his own farm and produces 5,000 bushels of corn, he is taxed four mills per bushel on this corn.  
If the farmer is a renter and produces 5,000 bushels of corn he pays tax on all 5,000 bushels and gives the landlord 2,000 bushels that is "tax free" as far as the landlord is concerned.  
Here is the double taxation. Every kernel of that corn fed into cattle or hogs is taxed again. The livestock gain, from the time the corn is picked until March 1, is all taxed under livestock. Next year all corn and oats fed on a farm into cattle that will be assessed March 1 will be double taxed, once on the corn produced and again on the livestock that were fed the corn.  
This is definitely double taxation in one year on grain crops fed into livestock that are on hand March 1 of any calendar year.  
This is certainly a clear-cut case for some statewide farm organization to start action at once to protect farmers who feed their own grain—both owner-operator and renters.

It is laws like this that bring about a lack of confidence in the taxpayers towards those elected to pass laws.

## Free Circuses Did It!

It wasn't the Goths that defeated Rome—it was the free circuses. Luxuries, power, indulgence had made the once-tough Roman people soft. To stay popular, their emperors gave them more and more of the ease they craved—free bread, free circuses, easier living. So the Romans softened up themselves for the ambitious, hard-working barbarians. And in 410 A. D. the greatest nation the world had ever seen was invaded and destroyed. The greedy cry of "something for nothing", the stupid whim of "somebody else should sacrifice, not me"—could do exactly the same for this nation, NOW.—Reprinted from a WARNER & SWASEY (Cleveland) advertisement.

It's a sure sign that daughter is growing up when she cleans out her dresser drawers and starts dividing accumulated loot which months ago she wouldn't part with for anything. Then the problem is compounded when the younger kids scatter the loot at housecleaning time.



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## It's an Easy Step from Dreaming to Driving!

Here he is at last—just a few miles out on his maiden journey—with his hands on the wheel and his head in the clouds. It's his!

how wonderfully it holds its value over the years.

And yet, truth to tell, he does have one regret. For he knows that he needn't have waited this long, had he but realized what an easy step it is from dreaming of a Cadillac to driving in a Cadillac.

And little did he suspect how accommodating his dealer would be in welcoming him to membership in the great and distinguished family of Cadillac owners.

Like a great many motorists, for instance, he was not aware that a Cadillac—in view of its obvious virtues—could be so modest in price.

So, if you have your heart set on a Cadillac, you should hesitate no longer to investigate this happy set of circumstances.

Nor did he appreciate, until the facts were presented, how economical a Cadillac is to maintain or

In fact, why not visit your dealer today? He will be happy to help you select your favorite Cadillac model with your favorite Fleetwood interior—be it the luxurious Sixty-Two Coupe or the magnificent Eldorado Brougham.

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