

PrairieTalk—

# Tomatoes, Fines Up in Price

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LINCOLN—Gleaned from random reading: Fourteen and one-half cents for a tomato up the street at the store. What did the guy who gathered it off of the vine get for it?

Even the cost of "fines" have gone up with soaring cost of living. A Lancaster county citizen was fined \$270 for putting on a rooster fight at his gambling joint.

A teenager caught a thief and put the thief to flight making away with the lad's little brother's piggy bank. He caught the thief as he was making a jump to board the city bus. He called for help but not a hero in that loaded bus came to help down the thief; even the bus driver snorted out to drive the bus. But that was in Chicago which contributes a full share of the crimes of the country, one every 11 seconds.



Romaine Saunders

Six every 66 seconds lawless acts are done throughout the country that put the perpetrators behind prison walls or pay their fines. At Wahoo down in Saunders county one night seven business places were broken into and \$1,000 in cash stolen besides quantities of merchandise. A crime every 11 seconds. Every single second a multitude of kindly deeds are done, a burden lifted, tears wiped away, a troubled fellow being helped along the way, a hungry soul nourished with food and the bread of life. Good deeds far outnumber the bad.

A returned and retiring couple formerly of Kearney, Mr. and Mrs. Halliwell, who spent 37 years in mission work in Brazil, 27 years among the natives in the jungles, will seek rest in sunny Southern California. . . A Sarpy county farmer was found dead under his upset tractor.

The Nebraska State Historical Society enrolled 76 new members in April. One from the O'Neill region becomes a member, Dr. J. M. Pucelik whose address is Spencer. Two from out of the state, Mrs. Z. B. Bird of Fall River, Kans., and R. B. Herrington of Los Angeles, Calif.

Out beyond earth's western rim the sun's declining efulgent rays glow for a moment in golden glory and are gone. Another day is done, evening comes, the darkness gloom of another night settles across our pathway and we turn in again to turn on a light and drip into the old armchair, there to meditate on life's experiences. Another day has brought its joy and sorrow, its smiles and tears, its worries and problems, its defeats and its victories. And then down the highway of the past comes treasured memories, the fun of childhood and the spankings that followed, soaring again to the height of youthful aspirations and the long pathway of life to the present hour. Looks like rain tonight.

Editorial—

## Signature Drive Sputtering?

A letterhead organization known as the Nebraska Tax Equity Council is in a big push for signatures to initiate a constitutional amendment aimed at broadening the tax base in this state.

The proposed amendment would abolish the state property tax January 1, 1959, and require the legislature to appropriate an annual sum for schools. The amendment is essential before the legislature would be asked to approve new forms of taxation.

The Tax Council attempted to organize steering committees in 38 counties including Holt. Virtually everywhere the meetings were organized and conducted by members of the Nebraska State Education association, which appears to make up about 99 percent of the membership of the NTEC.

It was the hopes of NSEA spokesmen the push for signatures could be wrapped up by now. Fifty-six thousand valid signatures are needed by the July 3 deadline.

The Frontier attended the steering committee meeting at O'Neill. Present were seven professional educators (including five heads of high schools), three ordinary citizens and the veteran farm training class.

John Lynch, paid staffer of the NSEA, conducted the meeting in the bandroom at the O'Neill public school—a room heated, lighted and maintained at taxpayers' expense.

The so-called Tax Equity council has the avowed job of pushing for a state sales tax and/or a state income tax.

Lynch said the tax equity group is "greatly disturbed" because real estate taxes in Nebraska have gone sky high. The group would substitute the broadened tax base (sales and/or income tax) for the state's portion of the real estate tax that goes to support state government.

That would reduce the mill levy for all real estate taxpayers in the state about seven mills (or about one-seventh to one-tenth for most Holt town and city dwellers; or about one-fifth for real estate taxpayers in rural districts).

However, a two percent sales tax alone would raise far more money than the seven mills! Therefore, the attempt to broaden the tax base under the banner of reducing real estate taxes is strictly a gimmick. More dough is the objective. Of course, the educators would want the broadened tax base fixed and earmarked for schools.

In Omaha even the educators' association would not bless the equity group's movement, and there are indications the push for signatures is not sweeping the state like the sponsors had hoped. In O'Neill at the steering committee meeting the petitions got into the hands of professional educators only.

In Holt county some of the towns with small high schools have sky high real estate tax levies for school purposes. Although valuations are low compared to O'Neill, for example, it is understandable it is expensive business running a school in a small town. But the real estate owners in those localities who foot the bill are not clamoring for a state sales tax or a state income tax. If the NTEC plan has any merit, the small town real estate owners are the ones who might be expected to be all hepped up for the change.

We asked Mr. Lynch directly: "Where is this so-called 'great demand' for a broadened tax base to take the one-fifth to one-tenth off the real estate?"

The answer was not very satisfactory to us. He pointed to the letterhead personalities and groups. But the fact remains it's a professional educators' scheme pure and simple.

Meanwhile, it's a conundrum to us why the

As I walked across the street this morning to the other corner a little girl not yet arrived at school age on life's journey stood there awaiting my arrival. She held out a childish hand with something in it, and said, "Mamma baked cookies yesterday and here is one for you." A little child entertaining a thought for others, a benefactor of mankind this early in life, a simple little cookie to express her childish interest in an old guy who had given her candy. And just across the street on another corner was a desolated home out of which goes this afternoon to the abode of the dead a three-year-old child gathered to the arms of the Death Angel and relieved of days and weeks of suffering. A neighbor, my daughter, goes to that home with loads of food and serves dinner at the noon hour to the assembled friends and relatives of that family. So hand in hand we walk the pathway of time sharing joy and sorrow, smiles and tears. One little child hands out a treat, another little child straggled for the grave!

Miss Mamie Garity came from her Iowa home a week in early summer in 1906 for a visit at the home of her aunt in O'Neill, Mrs. John Horiskey. . . Miss Lottie McNichols went to Valentine to attend the summer normal. . . Mike Horiskey went to Tea, S. D., to serve as relief agent at the Great Northern railway station there for a time. . . The patriots at Page defeated a move to open a grog shop in their midst in 1906 and the village is still "dry". . . Rev. George F. Mead of the O'Neill Methodist church performed the wedding rites hitting Emma D. Johring and Ralph Ladrence, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Johring. . . Coronor Flynn went to Stuart to conduct the inquest in a suicide case.

WTCU—Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Among the bits of news reported from the village of Page we learn of the existence of such an organization of women meeting from time to time. The history of the WTCU runs back across the years. A group of ladies in that little village of Page who are interested in promoting the better things of life maintain today an organization that comes down from pioneer days when devoted womanhood of prairie land floated the banner of temperance and Christian motherhood. The ladies over at Page have our hearty congratulations.

Mounted on a horse the rider bounced along the street when suddenly his mount broke into a run, crashed into a parked car and tossed the rider over the car to be picked up on the pavement and taken to a hospital. The insurance people adjusted the damage done by that nag at \$230. One horse that showed resentment of the contraption of man that has taken over his former supremacy of streets and roads.

Truth of the matter is that we're so "over-organized" that we haven't time for our children.

taxpayers should provide heat, lights and space for a private organization to meet for the avowed purpose of conjuring up new and increased taxes.

### Reflect Great Credit

Two Holt county high school students have won singular honors recently.

Miss Cecelia Ann Arbutnot, a senior at St. Mary's academy here, was one of one thousand seniors in the country winning a four-year national merit scholarship, competing in a field of a quarter of a million 1958 seniors.

Surviving early elimination was another Holt countyan—Michael Liddy of O'Neill high school.

In final results, Miss Arbutnot was one of 11 Nebraska seniors winning the coveted scholarship, which entitles her to four years of college. She has selected Regis college at Denver, Colo. The average stipend of merit scholars is \$550 per year, but sometimes amounts to \$2,000 in a single year. Each merit scholarship carries a cost-of-education supplement in addition.

She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Arbutnot.

James Gilg, a senior at St. Joseph high school at Atkinson, has won the Veterans of Foreign Wars essay contest in statewide competition. He has been a repeat winner in American Legion-sponsored oratorical contests and his subjects concern "Americanism".

Gilg is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gilg of Atkinson.

The honors reflect great credit to their families, schools and to the county.

### Just Can't Win

(From The Lincoln Star)

Some animals and birds find fame easy to come by. Dogs are always saving people. Geese once saved Rome. A lion, we never caught his name, became forever revered because he refused to eat up his friend Androcles. Eagles are always the leading countries. Mastodons and dinosaurs are the leading figures in museums. Horses and their generals used to be inextricable and shared equally in statutes.

Not so with mice. They are creation's most forsaken members destined to ingominous obscurity. At long last a mouse had a chance to be something—to go down in history, to outshine the President in public attention. He was put into the nose of the air force's Project Able to be the first American animal to go sailing 6,300 miles in space. So what happens? The rocket did not go 6,300 miles. Instead it dismally fell into the ocean. And all the mice are right back where they were before. They muffed the only chance they ever had. Let us never be mice!

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When You & I Was Young . . .

## Sheridan Simmons Heads Fire Dept.

### James Davidson Is Made Chief

50 Years Ago  
Miss Anna L. Mathews met with a painful accident on the Burlington passenger train when it was at Osmond. A gentleman ahead of her gave the door a slam and caught her two fingers. After consulting two doctors, she was told she will lose two fingers at the first joint. . . Newly-elected officers of the O'Neill fire department are: Sheridan Simmons, president; T. J. Enright, vice-president; M. J. Enright, secretary and treasurer; James Davidson, chief; L. E. Carscallen, assistant chief; L. E. Kirwan, foreman of company 1; Sheridan Simmons, foreman of company 2; James Trigg, foreman of hook and ladder company; Frank Howard, foreman chemical engine. P. J. Davenport, who was badly burned in the prairie fire northeast of O'Neill died at his home on the old Sullivan farm. He leaves his wife and 12 children.

20 Years Ago  
A tornado struck the south Emmet community and destroyed a great deal of property. The house on the Andy Brown place was lifted four feet from its foundation. All windows were broken, the hay barn and windmill were wrecked. The Bob Fox place was damaged the most. All the buildings except the house and windmill were swept away. Others having damage were the Clarence Farr home; the school house; Emmet Hay company and the Ryan ranch. West of Chambers the large barn on the Lawrence O'Malley farm was badly damaged. . . Ten ladies, all pioneers, helped Mrs. J. H. Meredith celebrate her birthday anniversary at the C. F. McKenna home. Mrs. McKenna is a daughter of Mrs. Meredith. . . After four months of continuous suffering, Mrs. Fannie Riley was able to go out riding with her daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Baker.

10 Years Ago  
Mrs. Nellie Connor was the only member of the class of 1893 of Ewing high school—the earliest class to be represented at the annual alumni banquet. . . Naomi Marston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marston of Dorsey, was graduated from Clarkston Memorial hospital school of nursing. . . Deaths: J. B. Fraka, 73, of Inman; Mrs. Inez Cleary, 69, of O'Neill, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Turner. . . Winners of the poppy contest were David Lee Schaffer, first; and Mary Katherine Turner, second of class 1, which consisted of the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. Winners of class 2, which consisted of seventh, eighth and ninth grades, were Helen Harty, first, and Robert Carroll, second.

One Year Ago  
Miss Linda Serck was valedictorian at Gordon Fox, salutatorian, at O'Neill high school; Miss Bonnie Burival was valedictorian and Miss Connie Jo Bazelman, salutatorian at St. Mary's. . . Atkinson's new \$155,000 grade school was dedicated. Deaths: Glenn Ridgeway, 70, lifelong resident of Holt county; Frank H. Nemece, 65, a retired Spencer farmer; Henry Bausch, 80; Mrs. Pauline Nickolite, 77, of Ewing.

Inman Graders Make Lincoln Trip  
INMAN—Members of the sixth, seventh and eighth grades of the Inman public school, numbering about 30, and their teacher, Mrs. Rose Kivett took a field day trip Thursday.

They departed about 5:30 a.m., for Lincoln, returning at 10:30 o'clock that night. They were a tired band, but fully enjoyed the unusual sights.

Parents who accompanied the group were Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Michels, Albert Anthony, Melvin Lorenz, Virgil Morrow, Mrs. George Fick and Mr. Musil.

Rubecks Are Hosts  
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Rubeck had as their dinner and supper guests Sunday, April 27, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Johnson and son and daughter of Dixon, Ted Gunnerson of Wayne county, Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Rubeck and Kathy of Chambers and Mr. and Mrs. Milford Coats and two children. Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Coats and Mr. Rubeck are the daughters and son of the Rubecks.

Strakas Entertain  
ATKINSON—Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Straka held a get-together Sunday in honor of the first wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Rerucha. The Misses Minnie O'Connell and Ethel Straka showed slides.

O'NEILL LOCALS  
Mr. and Mrs. George Van Every spent from a Saturday until Tuesday visiting their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Van Every, at Perry, Ia. \$15.95 a nylon first line tire with a lifetime guarantee at Scovie's Western Auto Store, O'Neill. 52-3c  
John J. Harrington of Chicago, Ill., arrived Saturday to spend the weekend with his family. He was met in Sioux City by Mrs. Harrington.

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"The Big Blowup", three-act comedy by Inman high seniors was presented Friday night: On stage (left-to-right)—Wayne Dorr, Donna Barlow, Lois Morsbach, Linelle Tompkins, Ned Kelley, Roland Hansen ("innocent" old "woman" with bag), Brenda Colman, Sam Watson (wearing trench coat), and Neal Kelley (partially hidden).—The Frontier Photo.

### Inman Play Filled with Good Laughs

INMAN—Setting for the Inman high school senior class play was a small midwestern community on a quiet September day. From there "The Big Blowup" was a riot. Ellen Parker, the landlady, was played by Lois Morsbach; Beans Parker, her son, was Neal Kelley; Terry King, a detective, was portrayed by Ned Kelley; Cora Johnson, a bright young schoolteacher, Linelle Tompkins; Wilma Stamp acted the role of Melinda, the new maid. Beans' girl friend, Katie Lee, was played by Brenda Colman;

Mugsy Morris, the thief, was Roland Hansen; Margot, a suspicious guest at the hotel, was Bonnie Banks; Carol Cadwallader was in the role of Sandra Field, a young lady; Douglas Blake (Sandra's fiance) was Sam Watson; Mr. Field, Sam's father, Wayne Dorr; Mrs. Field (Donna Barlow) was Sandra's mother.

Supt. Walter Ubben was director. Between acts Marilyn Siders and Bernice Colman were heard in a trombone duet and Conda Couch and Sharon Michaels played a saxophone duet.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Angus attended the funeral of William ("Bill") Genser at Verdigre Saturday.

Mrs. Robert Berigan, Nancy and Charles Froelich spent the weekend in Rochester, Minn., visiting James Froelich, who is a patient at St. Mary's hospital. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Froelich, sr., have been near him following spinal surgery.

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### 8 Commerce Students Work in Offices

Eight senior commercial students at O'Neill high school are working afternoons this week in offices in the city. Miss Esther Kinnier, instructor, explained the purpose is to provide a bit of practical experience. Students and their assignments are: Lynda Haynes and Betty Fetrow, Consumers Public Power; Faye Murray, Niobrara Valley Electric (REA); Karen McKim county superintendent's office; Betty Schultz, county welfare office; Jeannine McElhenny, county agent's office; Mary Summers, soil conservation office; ASC office.

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