

Prairieland Talk—

\$3,875 for Starkweather Lawyers

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LINCOLN—The two lawyers that took on the job of going to court to "defend" that 10-year-old killer each touch the Lancaster county treasurer for \$3,875 for their services.

This is just a part of the cost to be met by county taxpayers for the long drawn out legal steps in behalf of a killer that may well have been taken to the electric chair when apprehended. But our system of government gives the guilty and innocent alike a court trial, and the penniless chap is furnished counsel at public expense.

And now is heard a cry of horror that an Alabama Negro is to go to the death chair for the theft of \$1.95. But that's not all he did; an convict, he choked that aged woman, threatened to kill her and tried to rape her.

Looks as if he gets what's coming to him.

Turning now to more pleasant things, the swivel chair ax experts have the season's corn crop in our fair state in the cribs already and the yield said to be 52 bushels to the acre. Kellogg's corn flakes aplenty from now on. . . The Democrats have a presidential aspirant who bears a good Irish name and is said to look to old Rome for spiritual guidance. But he is an American and has the rights and privileges of an American citizen, race, religion and political ties a bar to no one in this great land of ours.

He was born in O'Neill. This year he gets his university degree in a school of higher learning in Washington, D. C., starts then on the highway of life as other native sons of this community have done and will continue to do. I have a special interest in this young man—he is my grandson. His father, my son, Glenn, who was with me in the 1930's getting out the Frontier, and my charming daughter-in-law, Florence, are spending the week as I write with their son in Washington. Then back to their home in Dayton, O.

The young have a future, lessons of life yet to learn, experiences that await down life's highway. The aged have a past, the lessons of life, its joy and sorrow. To many of the young it is only the fun for that day; to others it means study, work, plan a way of life and will face its disappointments with courage, its victories and achievements with joy. The aged have memories, have contributed a life time of victories and defeats to the record of human history. My boy, my girl, lend a hearing ear, a seeing eye to the things that have been—you may find help along life's journey.

Editorial

Goodbye, Good Ol' Sherm

Sherm Adams has yielded to pressure and has come "round to resigning as President Eisenhower's number one aide."

Most observers predicted the quitting would come about but the resignation was expected earlier in the game.

It is indeed unfortunate he wasn't bounced right on the heels of the influence peddling in behalf of Bernard Goldfine.

The Frontier's position has always been that if Mr. Adams wasn't trying to throw his weight around why did he place the phone calls to government agencies in behalf of the vicuna coat king?

Ike felt Sherman was indispensable but scores of congressmen didn't think so.

One theory on Sherm's hanging on so long came from a friend of ours in Washington the other day—a story we hadn't heard. Our correspondent said Sherm is a poor man, as standards go in the capitol, and never made more than seven- or eight-thousand dollars a year before getting into the white house circle. The problem then in cutting him loose: Where would he go?

Loss of Atty.-Gen. Herbert Brownell on the heels of the bayonet act in Little Rock, Ark., and now the eclipse of good ol' Sherm do not mean the country will fall apart. Quite the contrary, many substantial people and conservative republicans are pleased.

Tax Burden Year By Year

According to Tax Foundation, Inc., U. S. families at average income levels shoulder a total federal, state and local tax burden (including all hidden taxes) amounting to about one-third of family money income.

Burden, schmurden. What does it really mean? Well, there's this conception: Take the \$4,500 income family. Foundation calculations are that over a six-year period, from 1933 to 1938, its total tax burden approximates \$8,500, thus:

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| 1953 | \$1,494 |
| 1954 | 1,447   |
| 1955 | 1,425   |
| 1956 | 1,358   |
| 1957 | 1,393   |
| 1958 | 1,393   |

This \$8,500, six-year total tax burden borne by a \$4,500-a-year married man with two children approximately equals what would be spent in one year:

- By 7 families for food and beverages, or
- By 112 families for tobacco, or
- By 34 families for recreation, reading and education, or
- By 42 families for medical care, or
- By 19 families for clothing and for housing.

—Tax Foundation

Challenging the Snorer

Hospitals, apparently, would cast their vote with us that the heaving, wheezing, roof-shaking snorer is something of a menace to society.

One institution for the sick and afflicted reports that thousands of dollars are being spent to bring quiet to hospital wards, but that the snore still thwarts all efforts to muffle or subdue it. Wards are carefully soundproofed. Noisy traffic is re-routed and nurses wear noiseless shoes. But snoring still keeps such places in constant uproar, it seems.

Several corrective measures were tried at this particular hospital, including one we've long wondered about: Why not confine two or more rip-roaring snorers together in one tightly sound-proofed enclosure and let 'em rattle the rafters to their heart's content?

Well, they gave it a try, all right, but to no

I must blush for shame because The Frontier, that has recorded the achievements and honored the memory of pioneers for more than three quarters of a century, had but eight lines to devote to the 103d birthday of a Holt county's oldest citizen who for nearly 80 years has lived where she still calls it her home, went there as a young bride to start life on the open prairie of north Nebraska, where Indian raids might strike most any time. Grandma Hull saw it all, Indians, outlaws, horse thieves, vigilantes, shootings and hangings; reared a large family of worthy citizens and sits today with the memories of the past where she had started life as a bride in the long ago.

The death of Dr. L. A. Carter has laid another healing hand to rest, removed from the community a worthy citizen and with others I sense the loss of a personal friend. He now has joined the caravan of those of his profession who have gone before and from whose destiny no traveler returns. It is more than 70 years since Doctor Conroy and Doctor Eiseman layed healing hands on the sick of O'Neill; then came Doctors Shoarer, Love, Murphy, Trueblood, Gilligan—all now with Doctor Carter numbered among the dead. So onward march of time lays away our friends one by one that we hope to meet again when we cross over Jordan. Goodbye, Doctor Carter!

The democrats get a look-in up in Maine. This encourages the leaders of that political group throughout the land to feel that a vote-getter bourbon will be the next to sit in the White House. They have been in control of the national congress, our federal law making body, during President Ike's administration, but the national bungling is blamed on the GOP. Our president administers the laws, not create them. The last three of the four Democrats that have occupied the office of president since 1860 got us into war. No war since Mr. Eisenhower took over.

We three gentlemen of leisure—in other words, loafers—met and greeted one the other. One who had been about everywhere, even to some European countries and who had reached a point on the road of life when he preferred to have his aging face adorned with a full growth of whiskers rather than shave, pronounced a certain place in Pacific coast regions "the most beautiful spot on earth." I touched his arm and said listen. He turned a dull of hearing ear my way. He heard this: "The most beautiful spot on earth is out yonder on the open prairie of Nebraska!"

Native sons and daughters of Nebraska gather in the 34th annual meeting at the Lincoln Hotel in the Capital City Sunday, September 28. A program of interest has been arranged for. All natives are welcome, but bring \$1.50 with you for the noon luncheon and \$2.50 for the 6 o'clock dinner.

Street Sweeper Doing Okay

While we are staving around about Russia educating more scientists than we are why do we not look the real facts in the face?

We noted last week in a metropolitan newspaper crossing our desk an article on salaries of municipal employees. It was positively astounding. It showed beyond doubt that in general folks willing to work with their hands instead of training their minds were getting the greatest rewards.

A street sweeper operator earns \$37 a month. A tire repairman gets \$29. But a trained general hospital dietitian gets only \$378 and a relief department social worker, who must have a college education with a major in science, gets \$360.

No wonder some young folks just can't see why they should go on to college.

In Russia, remember, the scientist and all others of whom a college education is required are at the TOP of the pay scale. Maybe that has more to do with the advancement of science in Russia than does the interests of the students themselves.

The late Edward Bok told of a busy father sitting one evening absorbed in his newspaper. His little daughter came and sat down shyly on the edge of the chair. "Daddy," she said, "I could love you so much if only I had the chance to know you." If we don't take time to know our children and earn their love, we may have an eternity to regret it.

Let's hope that the Vigilantes who worked so hard to get a bill passed at this session of Congress providing for more humane slaughter of livestock will now have equal success in trying to do something about the inhumane slaughter of human beings that continues to stalk our highways and battlefields of the world.

A favorite sport on Sunday afternoon is hitching a boat back of an automobile and driving all over the country in search of a pool of water big enough to float it.

Have you ever wondered why it's so much easier to tell somebody else how to do something than it is to do it yourself?

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When You & I Were Young . . . Maud Hall Joins Postoffice Staff Hanna Residence Is Leveled by Fire

50 Years Ago Marriage licenses were issued to Albert M. Ernst and Anna Yantzie; Patrick Stanton and Bea Mahon, all of O'Neill, and Henry W. Kruger and Lona Kutz, both of Stuart. Deaths: James LaRue, 79, a resident of southern Holt county, and Nels P. Gibson, 57, a native of Sweden. . . Two of the greatest ball games will be played between Verdigris and O'Neill. Sanford Parker is manager. Admission is 25 cents. A game will be played Sunday and one Monday. . . Miss Maud Hall has been added to the staff of the O'Neill postoffice. . . Miss Ada Mills was guest-of-honor at a linen shower. She will marry Ray Coffield soon. . . The residence of B. G. Hanna of Chambers was destroyed by fire.

20 Years Ago Guests of Alpha club held at the home of Mrs. Vinton Simonson were Mrs. Frank McDonald, Mrs. Phil Alendorfer, Mrs. Hans Egger and Mrs. Thomas Liddy. . . Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Saunders left for Owen, Wis., to make their home. Mr. Saunders has accepted a position with a newspaper there. . . Mrs. Elizabeth Candee, of Hardin, Mont., a former resident of Page, died. . . Mr. and Mrs. Frank Froelich and family, who have been living in Kearney, moved to a ranch about 20 miles south of O'Neill.

10 Years Ago Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snyder of Page celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. . . Leonard Grossnicklaus, 33, of Bartlett, a pilot, was killed in his plane when it crashed about six miles southwest of O'Neill. . . Other deaths: Joe A. Mann, 74, of O'Neill; Mrs. Mary Katherine Conrad, 75; Lloyd A. Phelps, 58, in a tractor accident.

One Year Ago Loyd Godel and Gerald Fahrholz of Ewing were injured in a two-car collision. . . Raymond J. Donohoe and Thomas L. Schneider left for induction into the army. . . The mercury dipped to 32 degrees Monday.

35 Present for Family Night EWING—It was family night Sunday evening, September 14, at the First Methodist church in Ewing with an attendance of 35 persons. Miss Virginia McDonald was pianist for a sing-along.

"Love Expressed in Worship" was the theme of the devotions conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pierson. The congregation took part in a Bible quiz in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Pierson.

At the business session, conducted by Mrs. Ray Sedivy, it was decided to hold evening meetings the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Everyone is invited to attend. The pastor, Rev. L. M. Bridgen, will be in charge.

The recreation hour was in charge of Mrs. H. R. Harris and Bertha. Refreshments were served.

ENROLLS IN COLLEGE EWING—Mrs. Sally Conway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christian, has enrolled at Bethel college, North Newton, Kans. Total enrollment at Bethel college stands at 497. The Carl Christians live at Denver, Colo., and are former Ewing residents.

Arrive from Washington—Mr. and Mrs. John Grady of Washington, D. C., arrived Sunday to spend 10 days visiting with Mr. Grady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Grady, and with her father, Charles Scholz, at Stuart.

Auxiliary to Meet—Regular monthly meeting of Simonson unit 93, American Legion auxiliary, will be held at 8 p.m., Wednesday, October 1, at the Legion clubrooms.

Granddaughter in Class—Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cronin Council Bluffs, Ia., spent the weekend here visiting their son and family. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cronin, Little Sally Cronin, daughter of the Thomas Cronins, Sunday was a member of the first communion class at St. Patrick's church.

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Chambers News

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Farewell of Pico, Calif., came recently to visit her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Walter, and his brothers, Sid Farewell and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Farewell.

Members of American Legion post 320 met Thursday evening, September 18, at the Legion hall. Besides routine business the following items were discussed: a membership drive; a golden glove boxing class; and a veteran day program. Commander Ed Cody conducted the business session.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Koel drove to Wisner Friday to visit their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bragda, and daughter.

Attending a reunion of the Hardy family at Stanley park in Grand Island Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Farrier and family and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Chemens and family of Chambers; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Farrier of Grand Island; Mr. and Mrs. Darold Wedgewood and children of LeGrand, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leiswald of Fairmont; Mrs. Emma Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Leininger and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Black, all of Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Grimes, Gleason, Gloria and Charles of Milford were weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Grimes.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kiltz were Sunday callers in the Louis Neilson home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Carpenter visited Sunday in the Tom Baker home at Amelia.

Sunday guests of Mrs. Anna Albers were her sister-in-law, Mrs. Owen Perry, of Monroe, and niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Mark and family of Genoa, also Mr. and Mrs. Louis Harley of Chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Damme and Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Johnson and son, Steve, of Clearwater and Raymond Farewell of Chambers were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Damme and family.

Marvin Damme drove to Lincoln Friday to spend the weekend with his sister, Ruth Ann Damme.

Mrs. Bert Lybolt returned Sunday from Brunswick where she had spent three weeks with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Barrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Christianson and family of Chambers and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Adams of Atkinson were Sunday dinner guests of the Robert Turner family. They returned Sunday.

The following friends were present at the Duane Carson home Sunday evening to honor E. V. Sageser on his 83d birthday anniversary: Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spann, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Grossnicklaus and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Durre and children, Mr. and Mrs. George Thomson, Mrs. C. E. Tibbets and Mrs. Genevieve Bell.

Visitors in the Ruben Peltzer and A. A. Walter homes Sunday and Monday, September 14-15, were Mrs. Erma Schulz of Scribners, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Becker and children of Hooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Peltzer attended the championship baseball game between Battle Creek and Oakdale played at Oakdale Sunday, September 14. Oakdale was victorious.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gilbert spent the September 13-14 weekend with their grandchildren at the Dale Gilbert home near Stuart, while the latter visited his wife at an Omaha hospital.

Mrs. Mary Crawford of Sheridan, Wyo., and Mrs. Alice Crawford of Oregon visited three days recently in the William Crawford home. The former is Mr. Crawford's grandmother.

A group of about 12 members of the American Legion auxiliary went to Page Monday evening, September 15 to attend the county meeting. The Chambers unit presented the program.

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High Court Hears More About Trains

S-T-A Counsel Argues Douglas Appeal

The Nebraska state supreme court Friday heard oral arguments in the Save-the-Trains association's appeal from a suit dismissed in Douglas county district court.

It was the second time during the week in which the high court heard arguments in the running legal battle between S-T-A and the Chicago & North Western railway.

On Monday, September 15, S-T-A's attorney, Einar Viren of Omaha, submitted a brief and argued that C&NW should be cited for contempt of court for summarily removing the last two remaining passenger-mail-express trains July 7 before a mandate from the high court had been handed down to the state railway commission.

The high court had reversed the commission's earlier ruling compelling the Omaha-Chadron-Omaha trains to continue to operate. According to high court rules, a time lag is allowed to provide time for protestants to file for a rehearing.

C&NW jerked off the trains before the mandate was handed down and before the commission could issue an order that the trains cease.

Friday's matter resulted after an Omaha district judge had dismissed S-T-A's application for a court order in July. S-T-A had asked the Douglas county district court to compel C&NW to operate the trains until the legal processes had been carried out. When the Omaha judge dismissed the application, S-T-A promptly filed an appeal to the state supreme court.

Thus the high court has two separate matters under consideration: 1) contempt citation; 2) appeal of the Douglas court dismissal.

Robert D. Neely, Omaha counsel for C&NW, argued the contempt hearing for the railroad. Edgar Vaneman of Chicago, Ill., assistant general counsel for the railroad, supported the Douglas court dismissal in behalf of the railroad.

Iowans Visit at Klinger Home—Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Klinger were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Johnson of Storm Lake, Ia., and Mr. and Mrs. George Leber of Sioux City. The two ladies are sisters and the two couples are friends of the Klingers. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Cone who spent the evening there.

Sunday morning the Klingers, Johnsons and Lebers called on the Cones. The Iowans departed Sunday for their homes.

The Klingers will be celebrating their 58th wedding anniversary Tuesday, September 30.

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