

PrairieLand Talk—

Brothers in Livery Business

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LINCOLN—Who walks the streets of O'Neill today who recalls the days when the three deYarman brothers operated a livery and feed business at the checkered barn. The barn stood at the corner of what is now Fifth and Douglas sts., where today stands a gasoline station with cars rolling in and there coming from the guy at the steering wheel, "Fill 'er up".

There comes to me from West Orange, N. J., a letter written by a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim deYarman, Mrs. Blanche Summers. She writes out of an inspiration that came to her from reading a story in PrairieLand Talk. So another native of this historic community has cast anchor in a distant state, but still reads The Frontier.

Do I know the deYarman's? Sure—why not, Henry came periodically "to collect a livery bill, he being the bookkeeper and collector of the firm; Jim kept an eye on the teams and rigs and Ben sat on a sulky seat driving a trotting horse. The barn was built in 1884 or '85, the property of Jim Weekes, father of the late John Weekes of the O'Neill National Bank.

The deYarman came to town from out north and took over the barn and business which they continued until fire wiped out the barn and business in the late 1890's or the early years in 1900. The Frontier was for a time produced in a building just across the street to the north of the checkered barn. I was then the typographical artist. When he thought he had a choice bit of news Jim came over from the barn to tell Clyde King about it, and then it appeared in "no man's column" in Clyde's own way of telling things.

She heard the verdict read, bowed her head and wept. Guilty, life in prison. A 15-year-old girl the first in Nebraska if not in the nation to be convicted on a charge of murder. Poor girl. What was it that started a mere child on a life of crime!

Monday, the household wash day of the American housewife. Today washing is a pleasure to what it once was. Toss the clothes into the machine and they come out laundered and dry. Our mothers, our grandmothers, toiled on wash day at the tub rubbing and scrubbing over washboard, wrung the things out by hand and hung them on a rope "clothesline" in the back yard of her home in a little village known as O'Neill. Then a festive cowboy galloping along who might take a shot at that line of drying clothes, the bullet cutting the rope clothesline and that pioneer mother's washing falling to the ground. It was just that, that involved Billy Wrede and Sheriff Barney Cearns in a quarrel, the sheriff shot and killed.

Editorial—

Lloyd Free; What About Leon?

Lloyd Grandsinger, the 25-year-old part Sioux, has been freed by a jury. Back in 1954 on the same charge he was convicted of murder and handed a death sentence.

The Grandsinger case will be of widespread legal interest because of precedence in several ways.

The second trial, which ended Thanksgiving eve at Rushville, involved the use by defense attorneys of rare provisions in Nebraska law. It involved a man, who sat four years in the shadow of death, suddenly adjudged "not guilty". And the final outcome raises an interesting moral question, if not a legal one, in regard to Lloyd's brother, Leon.

The elder Leon is now serving a 10-year sentence in the Nebraska penitentiary for conviction on a charge of manslaughter. Leon had pleaded guilty to the charge—a charge growing out of the same incident for which Lloyd was tried, convicted and later acquitted.

Lloyd's original trial took place at Valentine. Grandsinger was convicted and sentenced to die. Then came appeals, ultimately to the U. S. circuit court of appeals, which affirmed a Nebraska federal district court order for a new trial. The federal courts said there had been errors in the original trial. The Grandsinger case was remanded to Nebraska for retrial.

Because of difficulty in impeding another jury at Valentine, the November, 1958, trial was moved to Rushville.

Grandsinger came in for a lot of moral—and financial—support from outside his home hailiwick. Time favored him. The murder of State Highway Patrolman Melvin Hansen had occurred four years before. Hansen's widow had remarried. Racial discrimination stories had become a national issue. The Cherry county attorney, Dean L. Donoho, was roundly defeated in the November election. As a prosecutor his enthusiasm for punishing Grandsinger might have lacked sharpness. A special prosecutor—Tom Kelley—was imported from Omaha. Was his heart in the job?

Some will view the case as ultimate triumph of justice and will regard it as a testimonial to American judicial processes. Others will view it as a travesty or a mockery of law and order.

While a jury may settle the question so far as the law is concerned, the jury can not settle the case as far as the minds and opinions of the general public are concerned. The Cherry county sheriff, Bill Freeman, still insists Grandsinger is guilty of Hansen's murder.

Now about Leon: He pleaded guilty to a manslaughter charge out of the same incident for which Lloyd was tried and later acquitted. The facts of the case show that Leon had even a smaller part in the death of the state trooper for which both brothers were tried.

While the two brothers were being apprehended by officers, Patrolman Hansen was shot and killed near a roadblock. The evidence disclosed that Leon, during the time of the shooting, was nowhere near the scene of the affair. He had been taken into custody by officers while his brother, Lloyd, managed to escape by fleeing. Some time during the search for Lloyd the patrolman was fatally shot.

If Lloyd is guilty of no crime, as the Rushville jury decided, how can Leon be kept in prison when he had even a smaller part in the case?

It'll take some soul-searching to find any moral justification for such a situation.

The Frontier will pass no judgement on the jury's verdict, but there is no justice now in keeping Leon behind bars. Further, does Leon have grounds for false imprisonment and will the 1959 session of the Nebraska legislature hear a bill providing for damages for Leon?

On the other hand, Leon admitted guilt to avoid a charge of first-degree murder and possibly to avoid a fate that was handed Lloyd by the Valentine jury. Did the outlook appear so grim for Leon on the heels of the Hansen incident that he took the admission of manslaughter as a way out.

The Ogalalla Sioux tribe went into ceremonies

All on board a Great Lakes steamer but two were drowned in what the Associated Press calls the "angry waters" of Lake Michigan. We knew that water is wet, could be hot or cold, floated calm in its refreshing current or rolled in breakers upon the sands of the shores. But here comes a pencil pusher with a new adjective describing water as "angry".

I have stood upon the shore of that inland sea, looked into its clear depth and it brought a smile of pleasure, not a frown of anger. But may be sometimes the placid waters of that great lake are stirred to anger when storms rush across from distant shores or get mad because of what human hands dump into its otherwise undefiled waters. These 33 lake sailors that went to a watery grave were not the first nor will they be the last of human kind to come to an end in that inland sea's "angry" waters.

A college down at Crete that has graduated students for many years had run low on funds. The board of directors held out expectant hands and a few hundred over \$25,000 came rolling in. It was when you and PrairieLand Talker were kids a group of men singers from Doane college at Crete toured north Nebraska, visited O'Neill and entertained us at a concert. Those rich male voices have long since ceased to be heard in song, but the money raising campaigns still go on.

Yes, his friends hoped Governor Anderson would retire gracefully and seat his elected successor with a smile. Yet, if the final counting of the vote cast at the recent state election was "sloppy" let's wipe up the "slop" and find out what a recount will show.

Have you traveled the highway of time to come now where the gathering shadows of life's sunset linger just above your own horizon? Then you know you have been a teacher as well as a learner. Life's lessons are learned day by day; someone looks to you along the way.

The melancholy days have come, denuded tree, faded flower, bare vine clinging to the garden wall, long nights, brief daylight, sun, moon and stars no longer visible, only an overcast sky above the city and out across the farflung landscape—a bit of snow, a sprinkle of rain—and on we go in silent wonder into the icy embrace of another winter. In fancy again I go down to Hagerty's lake and buckle on the skates, launch out over the ice to cut circles, slip and slide and whirl and glide. Billy, Jack, Ann and Sue are there on the ice too. But as I feel the heat that comes from the furnace I loll back in an easy chair and think this is the place for an old man and not down at Hagerty's lake cutting capers on the ice.

Best gift suggestion I know is a subscription to north-central Nebraska's BIG family journal—THE FRONTIER! Only two-fifty per annum in the state; three bucks elsewhere. Gift cards, too!

Miss Ruth Leach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Leach and a student at Wesleyan university in Lincoln, was selected to Phi Kappa Phi, an honorary scholastic society. Miss Leach received the high average of any student during her four years. A former O'Neill girl, Sadie Skirving Simpson of Leavenworth, Wash., wrote a long and interesting letter to all her friends from her West coast home. She visited O'Neill in 1936 and expressed her gratitude for the hospitality shown her. She writes of her country and many of the interesting sights.

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for benefit of newspaper and television cameras and received Lloyd, a one-sixteenth Sioux, with open arms and popwip. This demonstration could have been rigged by professionals.

Will federal courts, which got into Lloyd's case on appeals, now move against him in connection with the Wewela, S. D., postoffice burglary case in which Lloyd is suspect?

As we said at the outset, the Grandsinger case will be of widespread legal interest in several ways.

Too Much Sitting Around

It's common knowledge that physical fitness doesn't happen to be the long suit of the average American these days. There's too much sitting around, for one thing, and not enough walking, old-fashioned though it may be. That's why automobiles are bumper to bumper on so many streets and parking places often are next to impossible to find. Everyone's doing it.

A recent statement by an official of the President's Council on Youth Fitness, however, leads us to believe that the situation may be worse than we had suspected. He says:

"Spectatoritis is the nation's number 1 fitness problem. I was at a (armed service) recruiting station recently, and the doctors there told me they've detected a new ailment—heel fractures among soldiers learning to march. They haven't used their legs enough to be ready for the exercise they get in basic training. We do too much sitting and looking when we should be out doing."

At this rate, the human legs eventually may become useless flappers like the wings of penguins—gone that way through disuse.

Nothing Wrong with Recount

The Nebraska republicans have decided to put up the dough for a recount of the ballots in connection with the November 4 general election which left the governor and state treasurer races neck-and-neck. Democrats Ralph Brooks and Richard Larson are apparent winners by margins of a fraction of one percent.

The GOP chieftains obviously feel their gamble is better than 50-50 else they wouldn't shoot for the recount.

There is nothing whatsoever wrong about going for the recount. Demo and labor leaders have branded it unsportsmanlike.

As long as the recounting mechanism is a part of Nebraska law, why not exercise it once in awhile?

The secret ballot is a complicated and almost sacred proposition, and a recount can serve only to heighten interest and assure all parties that the people have spoken.

Unsportsmanlike? Hogwash!

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When You & I Were Young...

Grimes Campaign Costs Cigars, Apples Nilson Spent Not One Cent

50 Years Ago

Campaign expenses in Holt county were not very high during the last election. They were as follows: J. A. Donohoe, \$142.48 (he was elected state senator from this district); F. W. Phillips, \$55 (he was defeated for the senate); H. A. Allen, \$99 (he was elected as a representative); Willie Calkins, 35 cents (he was Mr. Allen's running mate and was defeated); H. R. Henry, \$12.35 (he was elected representative); T. J. Wilburn, \$30 (he was defeated by H. A. Allen); Otto Nilson was elected supervisor of the First district without the expenditure of a cent; J. A. Golden, likewise, no expenses, rejected in the Third district; J. D. Grimes, the only supervisor who acknowledges having spent any money (he swears it cost him two boxes of cigars worth \$4 and a half-bushel of apples worth 75 cents); Conrad Kramer, no expenses (elected in the Seventh district); County Attorney Whelan, \$92 (to secure his re-election); Lew Chapman, \$8.50 (defeated); Married: Edward J. Killmurray and Miss Rosalie Locker, both of Atkinson; and Awaft Spangler and Miss Myrtle Bowden, both of Agee. The Farmers' Bank at Page was robbed of about \$100. The thieves dynamited the safe five different times.

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Miss Carol Simonson, 45, of Council Bluffs, Ia., a native of Holt county; William Clark, 69, a prominent Page farmer-merchant; Thomas T. Hartigan, 70, of Inman. The Frontier announced that it would begin broadcasting over WJAG, three weekly. The program would be known as "The Voice of The Frontier". Lytle Oshmond of Page, assisted by Bill Beha, would announce. Johnnie and Jeannie Mullen are to be guest vocalists.

One Year Ago

Dedication ceremonies were held at the new district 231 school out of Atkinson. State Commissioner of Education Freeman B. Decker and an assistant were present. A goal of \$5,000 was set for twin boosters to aid TV reception. A new eight-lane bowling alley is to be located in the Hunt building in West O'Neill.

Frank M. Flannigan Dies at Los Angeles

STUART Frank M. Flannigan, 60, former resident of Stuart, died Monday, November 24, in Los Angeles, Calif., following lingering illness.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 26, at Los Angeles and burial was there. Born in Minneapolis, Minn., he lived at Stuart for a time and married Matilda Batenhorst of Stuart.

Survivors include: Widow, sons Thomas, Terrance and Frank, jr.; daughter—Ann Marie; brothers—James C. and Albert, both of Los Angeles; sisters—Mary and Katherine, both of Tucson, Ariz. His parents and three brothers John, Michael and Gibbons, preceded him in death.

Roberts Returns from Western Pacific—

SPENCER—William L. Roberts, personnelman second-class, USN, son of Mrs. Hester S. Roberts of Spencer and husband of the former Miss Beverly J. Ruble of Sioux Falls, S. D., returned to Long Beach, Calif., Thursday, November 20, aboard the destroyer USS Mansfield after a seven-month tour of duty with the U. S. Seventh fleet in the Western Pacific.

The Mansfield took part in "Operation Hardtack" in July at the atomic proving grounds surrounding the Marshall Island of Eniwetok.

Sullivan Finishes Recruit Training—

Daniel J. Sullivan, apprentice petty officer second-class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil V. Ankeny of O'Neill recently was graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center at San Diego, Calif.

Apprentice petty officers are chosen from the ranks of the sea-man recruits to assist company commanders.

Burwell Weather Station Curtailed?

O'Neill's Shortwave Station Is Factor

A representative of the United States weather bureau has made a visit to Burwell to study whether the Burwell synoptic weather station should be continued, curtailed or discontinued.

B. A. Young of Kansas City, Mo., appeared before the Wrangler club and conducted a question-and-answer session. The Burwell synoptic station was established in 1937 and the cost of maintenance is approximately two-thousand-dollars per year. Young spoke highly of the work Bill Becker, Burwell observer. "We have evaluated the quality of his work the highest of any observer in our Kansas City jurisdiction," Young said.

Young indicated the Burwell records might be reduced to one-day. Burwell's historical weather records go back to the pioneer days. Later the synoptic station was established to help perpetuate the weather studies of the area.

Burwell was also valuable because so-called "mainline" aircraft could divert around storm centers and Burwell's information enabled pilots to choose north by-passes of the main route.

Establishment of an omnirange station at O'Neill which has radio facilities has diminished somewhat the value of weather data from Burwell. O'Neill's omnirange went on the air this summer.

It is hoped in the near future the O'Neill station will be manned instead of being operated by remote control by civil air personnel from Grand Island.

Airmen inquiring by shortwave at O'Neill's omni for weather information are answered by Grand Island personnel. Grand Island and Norfolk weather radar installations have fairly accurate pictures of weather conditions in the area.

Buys Drug Store in Nebraska—

John Osenbaugh of Burwell has purchased a drug store at Osceola from Sam Cromie, who has been in the drug business for 50 years.

Mr. Osenbaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Osenbaugh, is a graduate of O'Neill high school and the University of Nebraska. He is married to the former Marjorie Ralya, who was a resident of O'Neill. They are the parents of five children.

As soon as housing is arranged they will move to Osceola. The Osenbaughs have been residents in Burwell for over six years.

McKim Unsuccessful in Congress Bid

Mr. and Mrs. George McKim and daughter, Miss Barbara, of Albuquerque, N. M., departed Saturday after having spent a week here with Mrs. McKim's sister, Miss Ruth Harmish, and with other relatives.

Mrs. McKim is the former Della Harmish. Mr. McKim, also formerly of O'Neill, is in the realty business at Albuquerque and was a republican candidate for congress from New Mexico in the recent election. New Mexico seats two congressmen, both of whom are elected-at-large. Mr. McKim was defeated by a democrat. New Mexico elected two demo congressmen and a demo governor in a sweep, he said.

First Car, Train, Air Ride Told—

PAGE—Mrs. A. T. Crumly demonstrated "the making of oranges" Tuesday, November 25, when Mrs. Lorenz Riege was hostess to the members of the Golden Rule Extension club for their November lesson. Mrs. Robert Nissen was a guest.

Eleven members answered roll call "my first train, car or airplane ride". Mrs. Ivan Heiss was the winner in the guessing game contest. A box will be placed at the December 16 meeting at the home of Mrs. Don Nissen to be sent to the Nebraska Children's home at Omaha. Each member will bring an item of clothing.

There will be a grab-bag exchange of gifts at the Christmas meeting. A covered dish meal will be served at noon.

Mrs. Ray Spell, president, presided over the business meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mott were hosts at a family Thanksgiving dinner. Those present were Mrs. Ethel Frisch and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Clyde and family and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ennen and family.

Visit in Omaha— Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hunt and family spent Thanksgiving with her mother, Mrs. E. W. Devereux of Omaha.

ROYAL THEATER O'NEILL

Thurs. Dec. 4 ABBOTT AND COSTELLO MEET JEKYL AND HYDE A full hour of laughs and thrills. Family night.

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— ALSO — WOLF DOG Animal vengeance sweeps the untamed north! A Regalscope picture starring Jim Davis. Allison Hayes, featuring Tony Brown, Austin Willis, Juan Root B. Brathwaite, and introducing "Prince" as the dog.

Sun. Mon. Tues. Dec. 7-8-9 He's even lazier than in "No Time for Sergeants"! Andy Griffith goofin'-up the Coast Guard as ONTIOHEAD Co-starring Felicia Farr, also co-starring Walter Matthau, Erin O'Brien, Ray Danton, James Gregory, Joey Bishop, Roscoe Karns. Even bowler! Call out the howling best seller! Call out the riot squad! Andy as a sea-going cook who puts the whole coast guard in a stew!

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