

Prairieland Talk—

40-Below Once in Holt

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LINCOLN—I look out today upon a scene of white purity. Snow had fallen to cover the dust of the dead year.

With snow comes the bracing cold, winter's freezing rime, 13 below zero as we of the Capitol City awoke this January morning. No rattle snakes crawling about in search of a human leg to strike, no insects out in the arctic air but I see a bird on the wing and wonder what it will find in the snow and ice to sustain life. I walk out. A little dog greets me with a wag of his tail, inviting a pat on his head. Automobiles on the go this sub-zero day, human hands at the steering wheel.



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And back to my gas heated quarters to loll at ease. The day is recalled 45 years ago when I drove with a team of horses over to Stovels four miles distant for the mail and a copy of The Frontier in just 40 below weather.

And the vast open prairie lay that day under a blanket of white purity as my back yard does today.

Omaha, Nebraska's big town, is the country's largest livestock marketing center as well as where more bawling heaves are shoved into the slaughter pens as men kill to eat. A north Nebraska county, Cherry, has had the distinction of grazing more cattle than any other like area, Holt county a close second. . . . A "market hog" show is to be put on in Omaha February 14. Guess these will be the four-legged "hogs." . . . A New York newspaper goes to jail for 10 days rather than tell the court the source of the information she had obtained for a news story. . . . Aurora, Ill., was to have neither liquor nor police among its 50,000 citizens as the new year came on the calendar. . . . A British highbrow tells us that Noah of world flood fame, was an albino, "a body white as snow, hair white like wool and eyes like the rays of the sun." He seems to have fathered a black baby, however, as Ham, one of his three sons, struck out south from those mountains of Ararat and fathered the race of Negroes. . . . Mrs. Williams, widow of the late George A. Williams, one time lieutenant-governor, died at the home of her son in southern Missouri, and the remains brought to Fairmont, and layed beside those of her husband the last day of the old year.

Our state senators have gone to bat again. Now more proposed measures to direct the lives of Prair-

ieland citizens from the statehouse in Lincoln. No doubt the citizens and taxpayers of Nebraska favor the unicam making the necessary appropriations with senate chamber doors open to the public, adjourn and close the doors. But here they come loaded to enact laws taking away about the last of your right to run your own business. One dollar an hour minimum wage and fair employment bills flutter in the heated air of the legislative chamber. If these should become law another boost in the cost of living results. If you hire help to wash dishes, run your business or plow your fields it is your business and that of the ones you hire what rate of pay per hour the ones hired are to get, not the concern of a public official. The selling price of a commodity is determined by the cost of producing it and passing it on to the buyer.

The happy new year brought sorrow to a Seward county family, the 14-year-old son in that household killed, the first traffic death in Nebraska in '59. Holiday fun for a little Lincoln lad turned to tears when his puppy was run over and killed by a passing motorist in front of the child's home. Joy and sorrow, laughter and tears, rejoicing and mourning—which has it been for you as another year starts you along the highway of life?

The high school debaters at the opera house a week in February, 1904, decided against socialism. . . . Miss Nellie Skirving was back in O'Neill after a protracted visit out at Seattle. . . . P. J. McManus went to Chicago to stock up with spring and summer merchandise. . . . C. C. Reka had business down the line a day that week. . . . Mayor Harrington and Editor Eves were Spencer visitors. . . . Hugh O'Neill was in from his ranch in the Niobrara river region. . . . J. A. Cowperthwaite took a car load of horses to an eastern Nebraska community and sold all of the horses. . . . Miss Kate Mann was absent from her duties at the store, under the doctor's care. . . . A roomer at the Dewey hotel got funny and had to be thrown out. . . . J. J. McCafferty wrote a classic story published in The Frontier. . . . Assist. Postmistress Lizzie O'Mally spent Washington's birthday that year at the home of her brother in the north country.

Her husband is an invalid. This morning she steps out in the January cold and snow, walks a few blocks to a bus stop, gets on the bus for downtown to work the day through—one more day added to the 18 years she has been going to that none too pleasant job to earn a livelihood for herself and disabled husband. Brave woman!

Editorial—

Standing Ovation for Faubus

Arkansas Gov. Orval E. Faubus (D) was in fine fettle last Thursday when he faced 400 newspaper editors and publishers assembled in the overflowing Fountain room of the Hotel Arlington at Hot Springs, Ark. The occasion was the midwinter meeting of the National Editorial association. Most states are represented by the association—the largest press group in the world. NEA is comprised of the nation's weekly, semi-weekly and small daily newspapers.

It was the largest press conference ever held in Hot Springs and Faubus fielded a barrage of questions for overtime and the Arkansas governor ran an hour standing ovation.

Faubus charged that leftist elements had infiltrated the metropolitan press, television and radio and that they had seized upon the Little Rock situation to stir up the country.

The beleaguered Arkansas governor (himself publisher of the Huntsville, Ark. weekly paper) deftly handled the nation's grassroots press. Those who disagreed with him on the integration-segregation issue were compelled to admit his performance that afternoon was superb.

Faubus drew heavily on background information which had not been widely publicized in the northern press. He traced events leading up to the September, 1958, calling out of the Arkansas national guards.

He said Little Rock School Supt. Virgil Blossom had camped in his office virtually every day during August predicting dire things would happen if integration were to be forced. He said he did not realize until later that Blossom apparently had the timetable of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for the Little Rock showdown and that Blossom was used by NAACP.

Faubus told how one Negro girl was denied entrance at Central, descended the steps, took a stroll and came to a stop on a park bench where she was consoled by a gray-haired white woman. Faubus identified the gray-haired woman and her husband as persons with communistic-front connections, and he asked the grassroots writers how television, newsreel and press cameras could "capture" the sequence except that the whole thing was rigged by leftist press agents.

He said the gray-haired woman has since left Little Rock and gone elsewhere to follow commie directions: Her name: Mrs. Lee (Grace) Lorch.

Faubus exhibited a newspaper headline: "Faubusites Fail in 4th Try to Burn Bates House".

The headline writer attempted to convey the idea that Faubus was responsible for repeated efforts of radicals to burn the Little Rock home of Mrs. Daisy Bates, Little Rock NAACP leader.

Said Faubus to the country editors: "There are people in this room who know me better than that. Had I set out to burn down Mrs. Bates' house it would have been a thorough and clean job".

Time magazine described Faubus' Huntsville paper as a "scraggly weekly". However, the Arkansas Press association 1958 trade directory gives it a pretty good bill of health. Huntsville is a town of 1,000 and The Record circulation a year ago was far better than most towns of similar population.

"Time and Life were about as accurate on the description of my newspaper as they have been on other things said about me," Faubus snapped.

Many leftist writers and commentators have portrayed Faubus as a hate-mongering hillbilly. He did not impress us as such. We've decided on the basis of his conduct of the conference and from what we gleaned from many publishers and business leaders in his own state that Faubus was a moderate on racial matters until this Central high debacle. He certainly is not prejudiced of every sovereign nation, yes, as is every governor of every sovereign state. (In the social field) but is not a states rightist in highway, airport and commerce matters. He was eloquent, however, when he told of his pleadings with President Eisenhower, "the white house guard" and the justice department to head off the showdown. He said he pleaded only for time.

Faubus claimed Little Rock Negroes are better treated by whites in the Arkansas capital than they are in many northern cities. He said Horace Mann high school (for Negroes, only two blocks from Central) was acclaimed as a model five years ago when

it was opened. Central high is "decrepit and outmoded by all comparisons—yet the nine Negroes insisted on being admitted at Central".

In Little Rock a Negro can start in kindergarten, go through elementary, junior and senior high schools and obtain a bachelor degree from a colored college without leaving town, yet a white student must go out of town to obtain a college degree.

He gave an informal accounting of financial contributions that poured in from all over the country to setup a private school to replace the city's four closed high schools. Fifty-one-thousand-dollars out of the first 61-thousand-dollars in contributions came from out-of-state. Total contributions exceed 300-thousand-dollars to date.

Faubus charged that Little Rock school students, even though they are missed some school, are "still a year ahead of the high school students attending integrated high schools in Washington, D.C."

In our post-press conference discussions we found two Arkansas editors (no doubt there are others) who disliked Faubus. One was Calvin Mannen, editor of the Stuttgart (Ark.) Ledger. Mannen is a devout man and was opposed to Mr. Faubus on Christian principles. The other was from the bawlick of Ralph Leidy, an O'Neillite-turned-Razorback.

In other points Faubus stressed: "We have legislation in mind to finance our schools along segregated lines, and there is no thought of abolishing our public schools.

"The U.S. supreme court's contention that school integration is the 'law of the land' is pure 'hog wash'.

"Little Rock became a focal point for the social battle over integration because it was designed to set a pattern for the entire South.

"School placement laws provide a means of controlling integration but won't stop it.

"Never before in American history have the rights of state and local governments to control their own affairs been so threatened by the federal government.

"At present Arkansas has more integrated schools than nine other Southern states combined."

The governor said that all Little Rock students who desired it were getting an education despite his order closing the four white and Negro high schools. But, he added, several hundred—most of them Negroes—apparently did not want an education.

Faubus was asked if he had once attended a college where there was a definite leftist movement. "I did," he replied. "I could not afford the University of Arkansas. I enrolled at Commonwealth college (now closed) near Mena. I soon found out from talks by professors and students that things were not wholesome and I quit!"

Mrs. Edwin Ables, wife of a Lawrence, Kans., publisher, went to the speaker's platform and told the governor: "Your name has been blackened by reports you attended a communist college. I'm grateful for your explanation and all doubts have been removed for me. I think you're a great American."

Faubus was escorted from the room (this aides have concern he might be harmed physically by an extremist), was hustled into a nearby elevator and disappeared.

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When You and I Were Young. . . Ben Powell's Hogs Average 1,340 Lbs. Net \$5.40 Cwt. at O'Neill Market

50 Years Ago Anton Toy, the genial clerk at the general store of A. Saunto, was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Laham. . . . E. Roy Townsend accompanied Jake Hershiser to Cuba last week. When the boys return they will probably have some stories to tell of that land of sunshine. . . . Ben Powell of Mineola brought in three hogs and sold them at the local market that beat anything this season. The three weighed 1340 pounds, an average of 446 2/3 pounds. They netted him, at \$5.40 per hundred, \$72.33. Ben is entitled to the belt as far as producing big hogs, but will gracefully yield it if someone comes along with "the goods" that entitles them to the championship. The mercury registered 18 degrees below zero at 6 a.m. Many citizens, who keep late hours, say it reached 28 degrees below zero about midnight.

20 Years Ago Mr. and Mrs. James A. Brennan of Shields township celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. . . . Clement Bollen, 88, died at his home northwest of Ewing, of asthma an dheart trouble. Lawrence Young, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Young of Inman, died of pneumonia the day before his birthday anniversary. . . . A. L. Borg of Meek had his tonsils removed. . . . A surprise farewell party was given at the Ralph Ernst home for Mr. and Mrs. John Liddy.

10 Years Ago Simonson Post of the American Legion is out of debt on its 25 thousand dollar club building and auditorium which was constructed in the summer and fall of 1947. The last installment on the indebtedness of \$1,687, has been paid. . . . Region paralyzed by storm, aircraft flying mercy missions and errands to rural people in distress were The Frontier headlines this week. . . . New postal rates have altered nearly all mailing rates except first and second class matter. . . . Deaths: Joseph A. Kopejka, 56, of Redbird. . . . Gerald Breiner, 43, former O'Neill resident. . . . Mrs. Justin Fritz, 40, formerly Mildred Palmer of Page. . . . James Murphy, 87, former Page resident. . . . Mrs. Earl L. McClanahan, 42, of O'Neill.

One Year Ago Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cronin and family moved to O'Neill. Mr. Cronin is the manager of the Safeway store. . . . Miss Regina Vitt of St. Mary's academy and Miss Linnelle Tomkins of Inman high school have been named Betty Crocker "homemakers of tomorrow". . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dean Streeter celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at their new home. . . . Stewart Pascoe is the new manager of the Lee Store here, succeeding Wennell Nelson. . . . Rogers Products Co. opened a large feed store and warehouse in O'Neill. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Anton Tomjack of Ewing, celebrated their 6th wedding anniversary. . . . J. B. Grady became vice president of the O'Neill National Bank.

Stuart, Naper Men Among Enlistees

Three Stuart men and two from Naper were among the recent enlistments announced by Sgt. William (Bill) Cousins at the army recruiting office here.

Enlistees include: Ronald Brown of Chadron, airborn; Leon Dean of Stuart, engineer; Ronald Holbrook of Stuart, engineer; Gerold Herrick of Stuart, engineer; Gerald Kuhl of Naper, engineer; Harvey Dummer of Naper, engineer; Charles Reinhart of Ainsworth, engineer; Leslie Wait of Ainsworth, engineer; Francis Schelm of Johnston, engineer.

Venus News

Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser returned to her home Saturday evening January 3, from Vacaville Calif., where she visited with her daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Tusha and family.

Mrs. Tusha underwent surgery at the Mercy hospital at Sacramento on Friday, December 19, where she was a patient for a week. She is getting along as well as can be expected.

Mrs. Brookhouser came by bus to Grand Island where Mr. and Mrs. Larry L. Brookhouser of Catesfield met her.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING

The annual township meeting of the legal voters of Padock township, Holt county, state of Nebraska will be held on Tuesday January 20, 1959 in the townhall at 1:30 p.m., for the transaction of such business as may lawfully come before this meeting.—Edward R. Kaczor, township clerk, 38pd

NOTICE

The annual meeting of Willowdale township will be held Tuesday, January 20, at 2 o'clock at Ash Grove Hall. — Ben Vonasek, clerk.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Patton went to Colfax, last week to spend the weekend in the home of their son, Douglas, and family. Mrs. Patton remained for a several weeks' visit.

Dr. Donald E. David OPTOMETRIST Eyes Examined Glasses Fitted Phone 2101 Spencer

Poem Written in Mrs. Adams' Honor

CHAMBERS—The Woman's Society of Christian Service met Thursday afternoon, January 8, at the Methodist church with 19 members present. Mrs. T. E. Newhouse presided. Mrs. Lloyd Glead read a poem written by a member, Mrs. Louis Nelson, in tribute to Mrs. Sarah Adams on her 85th birthday anniversary. Mrs. T. E. Alderson read a letter from Mrs. L. R. Hansberry of Tronton, a former pastor's wife.

An interesting report on the "World Federation of Methodist Women" was given by Mrs. Darrel Gillette. The promotion secretary, Mrs. Glen Grimes, gave a report of the achievements of the past year and called attention to the quadrennial goals. Mrs. Raymond Beed discussed the matters which will face the 86th congress and also the commission on status of women. It was decided to order 12 books for the study on Isaiah, which the society will start next month.

The lesson on "rekindling the gift" which dealt with three other religions besides Christianity was presented by Mrs. E. R. Carpenter.

ter with Mrs. Fred Catron in charge of the worship. At the close of the meeting lunch was served by the hostesses, Mrs. A. B. Hubbard and Mrs. T. E. Alderson.

Other Chambers News

The American Legion auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. E. H. Medcalf Friday evening, January 2. Due to the severe cold weather only nine members were present. Mrs. Medcalf acted as president in the absence of Mrs. J. W. Walker, and Mrs. H. W. Hubbard served for the secretary, who was absent. Only routine business was transacted and the meeting adjourned. Lunch was served by the hostess and cohostess Mrs. Medcalf and Mrs. H. W. Hubbard.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Carpenter visited relatives at Neligh Friday, January 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Stevens, Cheri and Terry of Atkinson, were callers in the William Crawford home Saturday afternoon, January 10. They were supper guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Carpenter.

Mrs. Louis Nelson, for the third time in the past two years, has an entry in the world-known devotional magazine, "The Upper Room." Mrs. Harold Farrier of Grand

Island came Wednesday, January 7, for a few days visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hylas Farrier and family.

FRIENDLY FIXIN'S for Snacks 'n Get-Togethers!



Spread softened cream cheese on slices of bologna. Lay pickle strips on bologna and fold over edges of meat to form cones. Serve with cubes of cheese and olives. Snack time is "take it easy" time. This calls for the light refreshing taste quality of beer shared with family and friends. It's a wonderful way to relax and enjoy the comforts of modern, casual living.



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Table listing household products and their prices: KARO DARK SYRUP, SWIFT'NING SHORTENING, WISHBONE SALAD DRESSING, LUX LIQUID, WISK LIQUID, JOY LIQUID, VEL LIQUID, RINSO BLUE, Oxydol Detergent, TIDE DETERGENT, FAB DETERGENT, BLUE CHEER, BREEZE SUDS, Dreft Detergent, SURF DETERGENT, VEL DETERGENT, POWDERED TREND, CONDENSED ALL, NIAGARA STARCH, LIQUID LINIT STARCH, AJAX CLEANSER, FURNITURE POLISH, LIQUID DUSORB, ZEST BATH BEAUTY BAR, ZEST TOILET BEAUTY BAR, LUX REGULAR TOILET SOAP, SCOTTIES FACIAL TISSUE, CHARMIN TOILET TISSUE.

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