

PrairieLand Talk—

Out of Old Rome Comes a Call

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LINCOLN—Out of old Rome comes a call from the great Roman Catholic church for a unity of purpose to be in these closing years of the twentieth century a reverberation of the commission ordained by Christ Himself as He stood on the Mt. of Olives in A.D. 33 just before leaving this world; a commission to go to all nations with the gospel, baptizing them and "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you?" Or will it be a uniting of elements to bring about the enforcement of human demands? There is but 35 per cent of the world's population known as Christian, and probably not half of these are church members. This troubled old world will doubtless turn on its axis as usual and we prairieLand patriots will continue to support the church of our choice or none at all. No "uniting" will stop you from attending divine worship and services in the church of your choice.



Romain Saunders

It was a night in February 75 years ago that Kid Wade of the Big Sandy in northwest Holt was taken from Sheriff Ed Hershiser by a band of vigilantes and hung. Poor Kid, not a bad lad at heart but thrown into frontier life to become a horse thief. Yes, he would steal a horse from a settler who had a herd of them and give the stolen horse to a hard pressed settler who had none. His bones are under prairieLand sod but I do not know just where. The hanging took place in what is known as Rock county, the hangmen fearing that when Kid was taken to court in O'Neill he would incriminate them. They, too, have long since been laid away to some day face a Higher Court. Boys, don't let friend Glea Wade right here among you frighten you or seek to win your hero worship by telling you he is of the Kid Wade tribe—he is just kidding you. He can catch a black bass but would not lasso a horse and take it over into Iowa to sell, as the Kid did when he was caught at it. Or is there a horse left today on the prairies of Holt county?

Midwinter winds blow, and days come and go as we travel life's highway at work and at play. Down the lane ahead awaits an early or late spring, but as I look upon the white cold snow no hope of such a thing. Yes, prairieLand lies today white and cold; but flowers will bloom again you need not be told. And a silken green robe spreads across the land, a scene of beauty on every hand. Winter's chill, springtime's awakened life, summer's blooming rose and city dwellers out squirting water with the hose!

My esteemed friend and former prairieLand patriot, Ralph Leidy, has been heard from again out of the Democratic stronghold of Arkansas. Not so long ago Ralph disposed of his fine home on East Everett street here in O'Neill and headed south

with his charming wife and family. He writes to set former editor Cal straight in his thinking, but Cal is sleeping it off now. Ralph came to O'Neill from the Inman community and was active in business at the county seat for some years. Mr. Leidy can make successful tracks anywhere, but he and family belong up here with us.

It was a week in February in 1901—Tuesday was like a midsummer day, said The Frontier's local items writer. E. H. Benedict was serving the citizens by making farm loans. . . . Judge Kinkaid spent that week in Lincoln. . . . Miss Kate Mann was spending a few days in Atkinson looking after her mercantile interests. . . . Attorney M. F. Harrington was attending district court in Antelope county. . . . Parnell Golden came up from Lincoln to spend a few days with home folks. . . . Charley Stout went to Plainview with the thought of buying a collection of jewelry but did not like the looks of the layout so bought none. . . . Dave Stannard was in Beatrice attending a state gathering of the Woodmen of the World. . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Harmon had returned from their honeymoon trip and were at home in the west part of town.

Senator Fern Hubbard Orme sponsors a measure which, if enacted into law by the unicam, will just about exalt city clerks above other functionaries directing city affairs. The clerk will have the added duty and honor of advising the mayor as to what course to follow. Senator Fern was not a part of the O'Neill picture until later and since has served on the Lincoln city council, but fancy the compiler of PrairieLand Talk as a young gent a half-century ago serving as city clerk in O'Neill telling Mayor Gus Doyle where to head in! Senator Orme explains that Lincoln citizens asked her to draw up the proposal. An added duty imposed upon city clerks in my day, or an added official title, was registrar of vital statistics.

The Capital City has among its multitude of societies, organizations and clubs to promote human happiness and direct human conduct, a child guidance organization functioning under the supervision of psychiatrists and social workers. No mother pressing her child to her breast, no daddy holding his first born on a fatherly lap called on for "guidance" suggestions. Those who have never known the joy, the worry, the hope of parenthood can tell you how to raise your kids. But father and mother continue to do a pretty good job of directing the lives of young America, though they may never see a psychiatrist or professional social expert.

Over a million in cash up there in the court house in charge of County Treasurer J. Ed Hancock. That's what has been published. Do you know that 65 years ago we were told there were but thirteen cents in the till in the treasurer's office of Holt county.

Grandsinger in jail again—stole an automobile. Maybe he wanted a bite to eat and place to sleep.

When You and I Were Young— Gun Shots Sound on Cattle Drive

Addition to Convent Is Planned

50 Years Ago
Miss Ethel Burge entertained a number of her friends last Friday evening in honor of her cousin, Miss Clara Stanley of Bloomington. On account of the crowded condition of St. Mary's Academy, the sisters have rented the club rooms in the Knights of Columbus hall and the seventh and eighth grades will attend school there the balance of the school year. A large addition will be built to the convent as soon as the weather becomes favorable. . . . The Wood brothers, Charles 21, and Joe 13, of Swan Township got into trouble while driving cattle and engaged in a quarrel at their father's home and are said to have exchanged shots. Nobody was hurt.

20 Years Ago
A pre-nuptial shower was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Donohoe in honor of their son Francis' approaching marriage to Miss Ardis Chase. . . . the real estate of the late John A. Crandall was sold at an administrators sale. About 1,500 acres of land was sold with about one dozen bidders active at the sale. The land brought about \$5 an acre, except one tract which sold for \$1.10 an acre subject to taxes due. . . . Of the total number who filed claims in Holt County, 72 have been declared eligible and will receive their compensation checks through the mails this week. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lorenz have rented a farm near Inman. . . . Eighth grade pupils from Emmet taking the state examinations were: Nadine Kee, Marion McNally, Dorothy Barrett, Gilbert Fox, Merle Forman, Bud Cole and Roy Tenberg.

10 Years Ago
Four hundred twenty three extra copies of last week's issue of the Frontier were sold at the circulation counter in the newspaper's office and on newstands. "Operation Snowbound" suffered a setback, army rescue units continue mercy mission. . . . Omaha World Herald's Paul N. Williams, reports relief operations of the blizzard in this week's issue of the Frontier. . . . The Jack and Jill Corner this week featured the Stauffer brothers, Kent, Randal and Val, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin D. Stauffer of Page. . . . Deaths: Mrs. D. H. Cronin, widow of the late Frontier publisher.

One Year Ago
Eskimo boy, 18-year-old Percy Ipaook, enrolled at O'Neill high school, finishing his senior year. . . . Dietrich Dierks, part-owner and general manager of KTIV Channel 4, Sioux City, and Al Smith, KTIV's chief engineer, inspected O'Neill's TV booster installation and said they were "greatly impressed". . . . Little Miss Kay Held underwent rare heart surgery and has returned to normal. . . . Rail commission in unexpected verdict, C & NW is given OK on 13 & 14, STA will appeal passenger train matter to court, were headlines in this week's issue of the Frontier, that were of much interest to everyone. . . . O'Neill Rodeo association has been formed, state's 2nd largest rodeo is objective. . . . The Serck sisters, Leah and Linda, make news in education. . . . Sgt. Delle Bellin helped organize a benefit clothes lift for Korean youngsters. . . . Mrs. Marie L. Salisbury and Walter H. Crook are wed. . . . Miss Mary Lou Wilson received degree from the University of Nebraska. . . . Atkinson high balers became the NCCG tourney champs by defeating Bassett in the finals. Valentine won third place. . . . Deaths: Little Joan Kathryn Pettinger 21-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Pettinger of Emmet.

Lynch News

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ducker, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Courtney, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mulhair, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schinder, Mr. and Mrs. Lorie Micanek and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Micanek surprised Mrs. Leslie Stewart in honor of her birthday anniversary Friday evening, February 6, at her home north of Lynch. The Duckers and Lorie Micanek had made plans to spend the evening at the Stewarts completely surprising Mrs. Stewart when the six couples came together. Cards were played with Mr. and Mrs. Mulhair winning high scores. The ladies brought and served lunch. The local basketball boys accompanied Lyle home after the game to have supper with the self invited guests that same evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mulhair were Friday visitors at the Wallace Moffett home. . . . Mrs. Elmo Barnes was a Thursday business visitor in Spencer. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Stewart were Wednesday, February 4, Norfolk visitors. . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ducker and Mr. and Mrs. Lorie Micanek were Friday evening visitors at the Leslie Stewart home in honor of Mrs. Stewart's birthday anniversary. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Willard Emme and family visited Sunday, February 1, at the Veldon Lee home in Bristow. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nelson visited Tuesday, February 3, at the Vernon Dahlberg home. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mulhair and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mulhair spent Thursday evening at the Harold Micanek home. . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Alford have been visiting in Omaha the past two weeks. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Allen, Mrs. Margaret Pribil, Mr. and Mrs. Duane McKay and family of O'Neill and Mr. and Mrs. William Schinost and family of Page were Sunday dinner guests at the Don Allen home. . . . Charles Courtney, Lorie Micanek, Don Allen, Frank Weeder and Rev. Charles Kamber were Friday business visitors in Petersburg. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Vince Weber

spent Friday evening at the Howard Anderson home. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Howard Anderson attended the Federal Land Bank corporation banquet Wednesday evening, February 4, at O'Neill. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kalkowski spent Monday evening, February 2, at the Walter Wells home. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Davy drove to Norfolk Friday, taking Mrs. Gladys Spencer there from which place she left for Texereana, Tex., to visit her son, Calvin, and family. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Charles Courtney, Mrs. Clarence Kolund and Lorie Micanek were Wednesday, February 4, visitors in Yankton, S.D. . . . Mrs. Leland Moody and Mrs. John Rossmeyer were Thursday dinner guests at the Lumir Cizek home in Spencer. . . . Mrs. Roy Lowry of O'Neill visited her daughter, Mrs. Peter Mulhair, and husband several days last week. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Lorie Micanek, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Heiser, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mulhair enjoyed an evening at cards Saturday, at the Edward Heiser home. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Junior Liska of Niobrara were recent visitors at the parental William Halva home. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Floyd France, Mr. and Mrs. George Courtney and family also Mr. and Mrs. Sid Frahm of O'Neill brought their dinner and surprised Mrs. Delores Courtney on her birthday anniversary. Glenna and Carolyn planned the affair in honor of their mother. . . . Mrs. Roy Lowry and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mulhair were Wednesday, February 4, supper guests at the Bill Spencer home. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weeder were Wednesday, February 4, business visitors in O'Neill. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Moffett were Thursday visitors at the Harold Micanek home. . . . Jerry Dean Christensen spent Wednesday evening, February 4, with Dwight Stewart. . . . The Monow Ladies Aid held its monthly meeting Thursday afternoon at the Moody cafe. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Floyd France were Tuesday, February 3, supper guests at the Sid Frahm home in O'Neill. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Carl Weeder left Tuesday, February 3, for their home in Omaha where they both have employment.

Mrs. Harold Bennett visited Thursday afternoon at the Harold Hansen home. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jehorek visited their daughter, Mrs. Robert Connelley, and family in Lincoln the weekend of January 31-February 1. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cassidy recently returned from a three weeks vacation with friends and relatives in San Diego, Calif.

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Thursday, Feb. 19

Sale begins at 12:30 p.m. Lunch on Grounds

- 85 -- HEAD of CATTLE -- 85**
- 47 Hereford Cows. Mostly coming 4 year olds**
- 5 Hereford heifers with calves at side**
- 1 Span of Mules, well broken, with harness and collar**
- 10 Bred Gilts. These Yorkshire hogs weigh about 100 pounds apiece**
- Registered 4-year-old Hereford bull**
- 12 Little calves**
- 2 Guernsey milk cows to freshen soon**
- Roan Milk cow to freshen in March**
- 160 Hens**

Machinery and Equipment

- 1949 C Farmall tractor, A-1 condition
- No. 21 IHC power mower
- No. 24 IHC 7 ft. power mower for H or M, like new
- New 7 ft. mower sickles
- Wagon on rubber with good box
- Set 12 x 38 tractor chains
- 2 rake hitches to mount on tractor
- 1-12 ft. Case hay rake, nearly new.
- Single row corn picker
- Hay rake 2 years old
- 2-section harrow
- Over Shot hay stacker and guard cage
- 2 bottom tractor plow
- Corn planter with furrow openers
- Feed bunks and troughs
- 1946 Chevrolet, 2-door
- Shop tools, wrenches, shovels and forks.
- McCormick Deering cream separator
- Ice Cream freezer
- Registered Brand
- Some household furniture
- Ear Corn and some Cotton Cake
- Fuel barrels and other items too numerous to mention

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12 — HEAD OF CATTLE — 12

- 1 coming 2-year-old Shorthorn heifer
- 2 coming 2-year brockle-face heifers
- 2 coming Roan whiteface heifers
- 1 Coming Brockleface heifer
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- Whiteface cow milking now, just fresh
- 2 whieface milk cows, to freshen soon

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Editorial—

The Hodtwalker Case

(Guest editorial from The Laurel Advocate)
Northeast Nebraska has always been noted as the home of people who want to see justice meted out to everyone EQUALLY.

They have again lived up to this reputation when they rallied behind State Trooper LeRoy Hodtwalker of Randolph, from many persons honestly feel is being "railroaded" from his job as a patrolman.

Details of the case have been pretty well aired in daily newspapers and editorials written on the case. So, feeling that all you readers are aware of the details, none will be given here.

However, we think a few points should be dwelt upon more thoroughly.

One of the reasons for Hodtwalker's transfer, as given by the state patrol officials, was the accident rate in this area.

That seems to be sort of a lame - brained statement as far as we are concerned. How is a patrolman supposed to stop accidents, either minor or fatal? Is he expected to remotely control every vehicle in the area? How can a trooper keep cars from colliding? That is up to the individual drivers.

The answer is not that Hodtwalker was lying down on the job, but the fact that the patrol is undermanned in this area.

Hodtwalker's superiors also stated that they had a hard time keeping radio contact with him. Hodtwalker has been quoted by daily papers that 60 percent of his assigned area is out of reach of the transmitter at Norfolk. To date the patrol has not denied this explanation.

Another pertinent point is that a request for funds to build a relay station at Crofton for the patrol radio was submitted to Gov. Victor Anderson as a part of his proposed budget for the biennial. Doesn't this indicate that the Norfolk transmitter is inefficient in many parts of this patrol area?

Higher-ups in the patrol seem determined to nail Patrolman Hodtwalker's hide to the wall, but from where we sit we believe that the people of northeast Nebraska won't sit idly by and let this happen. In fact, we think that all the people in the state of Nebraska will rally forth and see that justice triumphs.

The following letter was sent by The Advocate editor to Gov. Ralph Brooks:
"As an editor of a Nebraska newspaper, I would like to see justice done. I firmly believe that persons in high capacities are just as prone to laws and regulations as are their subordinates. Further, I believe that "the little guy" deserves a fair shake and that he should not have to bow to "the big wheels".
Following this feeling, it sort of turns my stomach at the injustice being publicized in the state's newspapers as to the Patrolman Hodtwalker case.
"In my years of being at the helm of this newspaper, I have always considered Trooper Hodtwalker as a conscientious law enforcement officer. This, I believe, echoes the thoughts of many in the perimeter of his area.
"I urge that an investigation of the patrol is in order and that the people of Nebraska have a right to such, nay, will demand it. Furthermore, I think that this investigation should be performed by a private, impartial group . . . from the top down, not from the bottom up!
"My belief is that such an investigation will bring to light many things about the patrol that have been suppressed by those in high positions in the patrol.

DUANE KUNTZMANN,
The Laurel Advocate

Playing a Man's Game

If there is one quality for which a woman can be proud, it is the spirit and drive to compete in an area fashioned for men.

This is the case of Dr. Nadene Coyne, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Coyne of O'Neill. She has recently been promoted to a high position of responsibility in the medical profession — a man's world, it would seem — in New York.

When Nadene was a little girl attending St. Mary's Academy she was an "independent", according to her father. She was a good student, knew what she wanted, and didn't let the convention of time stand in her way.

She will soon direct the mental energies of 69 fellow physicians, both American and foreign, and will supervise and plan the training programs of these men of higher learning.

We have the feeling that Nadene will be heard from again and again. We would like to "tip our hats" to the O'Neill girl who "fights the man's game" and probably knew she would succeed before she began.

Nadene has the distinction of being the only O'Neill native girl to become a doctor of medicine. In recent months her mother, the former Anna Dwyer, has been confined to her home here because of a circulatory ailment that is the object of continued studies of learned medical people. Doctor Nadene's most recent visit to O'Neill was in the interest of her mother's welfare.

Power-Minded State

Nebraska, the Nation's real power-minded (electricity) state, can boast of kings and things (Ak-Sar-Ben, forthcoming nuclear power plant, its "navy", etc.) and its continued growth in population, in agriculture, livestock and in the industrial field.

Along with this progress it is interesting to note during National Electrical Week, Feb. 8-14, that Nebraskans are using more electricity at an average annual lower cost per kilowatt-hour (the measuring unit for buying and selling electricity).

In outstate Nebraska (outside of the Omaha area), Consumers Public Power District served 120,581 customers in 1958. The average annual cost of electricity per KWH was 2.56c. This compares with 2.92c in 1948 and 4.08c in 1942! The average annual use (KWH) of electricity per residential (householder) customer in 1958 was 3,025 (over 4,000 in some areas). The figures for 1948 were 1,497. In 1942 the annual average KWH use per residential customer on CPPD lines was recorded at 844!

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