

PrairieLand Talk

# "A Couple of Upstarts"

By ROMAIN SAUNDERS, 4110 South 51st St., Lincoln 6, Nebr.

His connection with The Frontier spanned nearly a lifetime. Today his remains lie in the abode of the dead up on the hill, the clergyman who officiated as he was laid to rest noting that D. H. Cronin was the best known citizen of Holt county. It was sixty years that two upstarts, Denny Cronin and "Pete" Saunders stood by the south windows at their type cases in the old Frontier building and set type for Jim Riggs and the widely read Frontier. Denny, the eldest of the pioneer Cronin family that had come from Michigan and settled on a homestead just across the northeast limits of the village of O'Neill, had ambitions to do things. He attended the O'Neill school and with PrairieLand Talker constituted the force that turned out this newspaper for a time. Then he and Clyde King took over the publication of the item that Clarence Selah brought to town from Ewing. Denny's next step in journalism was to become associated with King as publishers of The Frontier, and within a few years he became the publisher and editor.



Romain Saunders

In the year 1947 Denny sold out to Cal Stewart, and now Cal fades out of the picture and Editor Jerry Petsche moves into the editorial sanctum. The decree goes forth from the editor's desk that PrairieLand Talk will continue as an editorial feature of Holt County's oldest and largest newspaper. The Frontier was the first in this section of Nebraska to go from hand set to machine set type when Mr. Cronin secured a linotype in 1910.

We have today. Tomorrow is on the way. A dollar less, a dollar more. Fellow travelers by the score as along the highway of life we go—Mary and Ann, Kate and Ruth, John and Jim, Mike and Joe!

Mrs. Irene Kirwan of Venice, Calif., writes to PrairieLand Talker and inquires about the history of the O'Neill region that F. M. Felts of Newport, R. I., had compiled and was ready for us out here early last autumn. I have not received a copy nor had further word from Mr. Felts. Mrs. Kirwan is a native of Holt county, being the daughter of pioneer homesteaders, the Jerners, who lived five miles west of O'Neill and where Mrs. Kirwan was born in 1886; so she is interested in our community stories. When visiting in east Greenwich, R. I., some years ago I met a lady who lived as a girl at or near Atkinson, and who with her parents, traveled in the long ago by covered wagon from their Atkinson homestead community to distant New England.

Oliver Campbell, age 82 and a brother of Homer of whom I sometime write, died January 31 at Seattle, Wash. Oliver served in the Spanish war, a member of Company M, 3rd Nebraska volunteers composed largely of O'Neill and Holt county boys. The two that I recall that served in that fracas in Cuba with Oliver now left in O'Neill are Henry Grady

and Charley Harding. The parents of Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell, were pioneers of the Atkinson community, homesteading there in 1877. Later they became residents of O'Neill and conducted a public eating place on Douglas street between 3rd and 4th. Their son, Homer, acquired the printers trade and was employed at one time at the plant of the Frontier.

If he tells all he knows about it—listen. If he tells more than he knows—walk away.

If Mr. Dulles retires as secretary of state on account of health a cabinet seat is vacant. Then Mr. President should turn his vision to prairieLand and lay a hand on Terry Carpenter and set him down in the spacious quarters of the federal Secretary of State and endow him with the authority of our great nation. Maybe the Terrier Terry can frighten the daylight out of our foreign foes. Two Nebraska patriots are called to mind that filled with honor and credit positions in the president's cabinet. Mr. Morton and Mr. Bryan, and no doubt our Scottsbluff patriot would make 'em sit up and listen.

Scientists tell us the earth is becoming warmer. Asiatic and European overlords of the free world are out to make it an enslaved world. A zealous religious group is at it to make a paradise of this troubled world. Banished to a lonely island because of his loyalty to the Creator he recorded the words centuries ago from the throne of that Creator on high that there will be a "new heaven and a new earth" as this old earth and the works therein are to be "burned up". The air we breathe is composed of two elements which, if separated, they burst into flame. Flaming fire 15 miles in depth surrounds us. Not even the scientists guess that the earth is to become "warmer" but as the saint on the lonely island put it "burned up". Then the new heaven and earth! Make your choice!

I bargained with Life for it all, and Life demands no more. So at the end of Life's journey there awaits an ample store.

The pink glow of early dawn, the sky blue as morning comes, the glare of noonday, and the bright orb of day moves across the afternoon sky to paint a golden glow at sunset. The day is done, evening shadows gather and night lays a dark robe across the land.

I had stood at her desk today and spoke to her. She is a native of Florida. I go to another department, here the lady serving at the desk came to Nebraska from Alabama. Still another I met today at a desk is a gracious lady from Illinois. These three had come to prairieLand to find homes and serve in important jobs. But where are our native daughters that called Nebraska home and plucked the prairie rose? Miss Coyne, M. D., a child in O'Neill now supervising a department in a great institution in the great state of New York; Constance Evans, born in a humble home on south First street in O'Neill, now directing the affairs brought to her desk in a government department in Washington, D. C. Another born here in the old town now at home in the deep south, but a housewife and the mother of two boys!

## Letters to the Editor

To the friends of a people's controlled School System:

We'd like to give you a short explanation of two bills that are coming up for a Legislative Committee hearing this week. A group from Holt Co. are going to Lincoln Feb. 24 & 25 and paying our own expenses.

L.B. 247, if passed, would give to the Commissioner of Education, and his professional helpers: 1. the power to determine reorganization of schools as they see fit—that is: 1. determine the boundaries of school districts, 2. the number of pupils in a district, 3. preparation of a number of teachers, 4. the financial support, 5. regulate the program of studies.

Do you want this completely centralized control in the hands of so few?

L.B. 242 would amend a previous law and strike out this sentence in the law: A majority of the elective members of the county reorganization committee shall be chosen from Rural Elementary Districts. This bill could eliminate rural members from the committee on school redistricting.

All can not attend the committee hearings to oppose these bills but the Senators would appreciate hearing from you, if you feel this legislation is detrimental to you. Nebr. School Improvement Assn. Florence Boettcher, County Sec.

## Church Notes

### METHODIST (O'Neill and Emmet)

O'NEILL  
Thursday, Feb. 26 — 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle; Dorcas, 2:00 P.M.; Church Board, 8:00 p.m.

Emmet  
Saturday, February 28 — Men's Lenten Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.; Junior Choir, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 1 — Church School, 9:45; Morning Worship, 11:00; Laymen's Roundup, 2:30 p.m.; Atkinson Methodist Church.

Monday, March 2 — Intermediate MYF, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4 — Dinner for Senior MYF Members and Parents, 6:45; Adult Choir, 7:30; Combined Chorus, 8:15.

Thursday, March 5 — Vacation Church School Institute, 9:00 — 3:30; Presbyterian Church.

EMMET  
Sunday, March 1 — Children's Sunday School and Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES  
(127 S. 4th, O'Neill)  
Friday, February 27, 7:30 P.M. Theocratic Ministry School, Subject, "God promises his friend to bless all human families." 8:30 Service Meeting Theme, "New World Living".

Sunday, March 1, 6 P.M. Watchtower Study, Subject, "Paradise", 2 Cor. 12:4.

Tuesday, March 3, 8 P.M. Bible Book Study, Subject, "Indestructible Kingdom Without Successors", Daniel 2:44.

All Lovers of Righteousness Are Welcome.

### CHRIST LUTHERAN

"The Church of the Lutheran Hour"

(Seventh and Clay O'Neill)  
Rev. A. S. Gedwillo Pastor  
Sunday: 9 a.m., Divine worship and Holy Communion. Announcements are by registration. 10:15 a.m., Sunday school. W. Fricke, Supt. 4 p.m., "The Lutheran Hour" on WJAG. 7 p.m. Adult membership class meets for organization Church Council meets. Wednesday: 4:15 p.m., Confirmation classes. 7:30 p.m., Lenten vespers. 8:30 p.m., Walthar League Youth meeting. Thursday: 8 p.m., Men's club meeting.

### CENTER UNION (O'Neill)

Rev. C. P. Turner, Pastor  
Sunday, March 1 — Sunday School 10:00 A.M. Young People's Meeting 7:30 P.M. Preaching Service following Young People's Meeting. Tuesday March 3 — Singing 8 P.M. Wednesday March 4, 8:30 P.M. Missionary White from Africa. Will show pictures and tell of the work in Africa. You are cordially invited to any or all of these services.

### ASSEMBLY OF GOD

(704 E. Clay O'Neill)  
Rev. Robert A. Paul, pastor  
March 1, 10 A.M.; Women's Missionary Council in Charge of this service. Youth Services Sunday. Evangelistic Services at 8 P.M. evening at 7 p.m. Hour of Prayer Wednesday Evening March 4, at 8 p.m.

### PRESBYTERIAN (O'Neill)

Rev. John Hart, Pastor  
Sun. March 1—Church School, 9:45; Morning Service, 11 a.m.

Monday, March 2—Bible Study, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, March 3—Sr. Hi-Communicant Class, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4—Jr. Hi fellowship, 7 p.m.; Choir Practice, 7 p.m.; Session, 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 5—Sr. Hi fellowship, 7 p.m.

### UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

Wm. H. Ross, Pastor (Ewing)

Forum 8 P.M. Sabbath March 1. Bible School 1 P.M., Worship 2 P.M., Sermon—"Our Daily Task"

Ordination & Installation of elder-elect, Floyd Butterfield Jr.; Monday February 2: Promotion Dinner at Hotel Madison 6:30 P.M.

Wed. March 4: Prayer & Study of Romans 12; Fri. March 6: Forum 8 P.M.

### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

"The Church of the Lutheran Hour" (Atkinson, Nebr.)

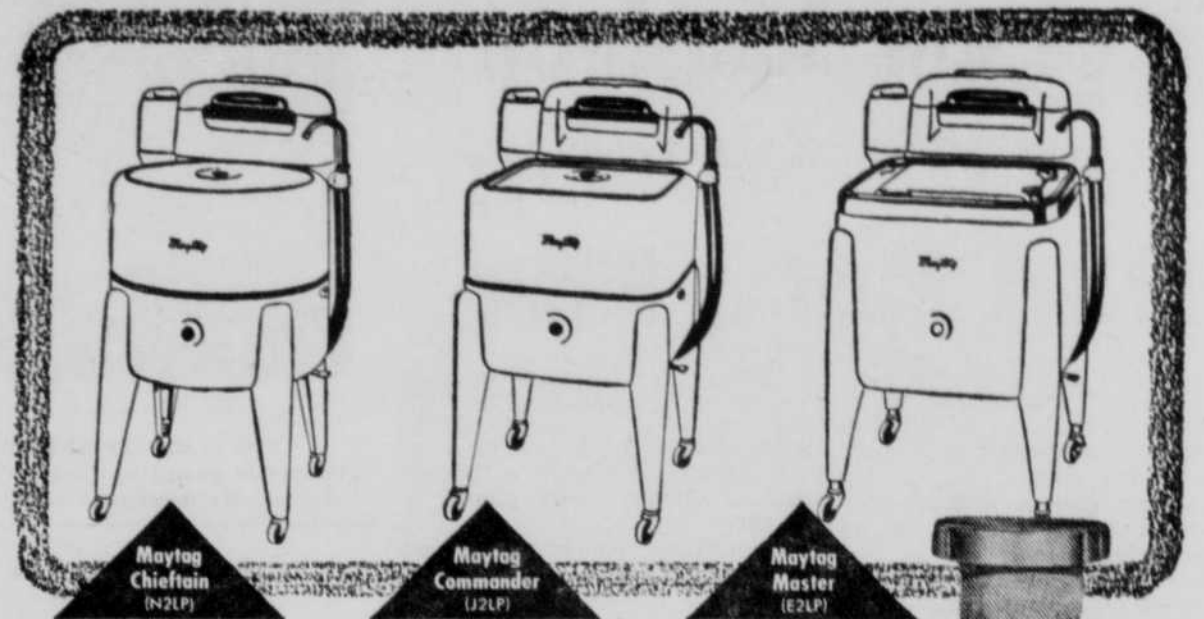
The Rev. A. S. Gedwillo, Pastor  
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### CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Mr. J. C. Parker celebrated his 82nd birthday at his home north of O'Neill Friday, February 20.

Those who were present at his birthday dinner were Mrs. Parkes, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ernst, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Kemper and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Wayman, Irvan Lee and Idean.

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## Editorial

# The Big Fuss-A Governor

LINCOLN—It has been 68 years since such a fuss was raised over who is Nebraska's governor.

Democrat Ralph G. Brooks, first of his party in the chief executive's chair in 18 years, is holding down the governor's suite in the capitol.

But Republicans feel that ousted incumbent, Victor E. Anderson was elected governor last Nov. 4 but that there were errors in counting which put Brooks in.

That was the groundwork that led up to the historic vote by the Legislature to recount ballots in the contested election for governor.

The lawmakers went ahead and named a five-member committee to blueprint rules of procedure to follow for this week's recount. Sen. A. A. Fenske of Sunol was named chairman. The rules were adopted by the Legislature and everything made ready for the actual tallying of ballots.

Then Gov. Brooks sent a message to the Legislature, strongly criticizing its action in deciding to recount on grounds the lawmakers were violating the Constitution.

Further, said Brooks, the senators had not provided adequate protection for parties involved in the recount, and attorneys for each party couldn't even challenge votes. That was left to 66 counters, who were hired to do the counting—half Democrats, half Republicans.

Brooks said the Legislature failed to distinguish between an election contest—which must be proved by facts and which was not done by the Republicans—and a simple recount. The latter is the course taken by the Legislature, Brooks said, and this was wrong.

It may be some time before the Legislature decides who was elected—if it does.

The door is open for the Republicans to drop the contest if it appears that totals in Lancaster, Douglas and Scotts Bluff counties were not changed enough by recounting to put Anderson in and Brooks out.

### Legislative Hearings

Sixty-two bills were on the agenda for airing by legislative committees this week.

Lawmakers have been scheduling the bills for public hearing at a rapid clip, but most legislative observers think it will be after May 1 before the hearings are concluded.

When this is done, the lawmakers will go into all-day sessions and start the drive toward adjournment which may not come this time before the end of June.

### Safety Patrol

No grass grew under cars of the State Safety Patrol last year.

Col. C. J. Sanders, patrol chief, said his men traveled more than 7 million miles in 1958, issuing 33,826 summons resulting in filing of 34,536 charges in court.

In addition 33,377 warnings were issued motorists for hazardous traffic maneuvers and 93,990 violation cards handed out for equipment or licensing deficiencies.

More than 21,000 arrests were made for speeding. A total of 836 drivers were convicted of drunk driving and 584 had penalties assessed for driving while drinking.

The tax reform program of Sen. Terry Carpenter of Scottsbluff is getting plenty of kicking in the Legislature.

But it appears the lawmakers will still come up with some revisions of present law.

One maneuver by the Scottsbluff lawmaker stir-

red up a storm. He had printed in the Legislative Journal, which is similar to the Congressional Record in Congress, the names of persons fined for alleged delinquencies in intangible property reported for taxation.

Sen. John Cooper of Humboldt, who has been a consistent foe of Carpenter in the Legislature, said Carpenter's action was not proper.

Cooper said persons involved acted on the advice of their attorneys and were led to believe that their stocks held out of state were not taxable.

Retorted Carpenter: "Nobody can make me believe that a man with millions in tax-gate securities doesn't know if they are taxable or not."

The Cooper-Carpenter exchange touched off some heated debate on the floor which consumed considerable time until Lt. Gov. Dwight Burney gavelled for order on grounds there was no motion before the house.

## Help Them to Help You

There are many ways to promote a community. It can be done through the process of making people understand what a community can do or is doing just as well as through a process of making the people understand what has been done in the past.

O'Neill has a heritage in these great plains of being a city where the boot and spur were as common as the painted lanes for parking on the street.

We can take advantage of our historical past as well as the present interests of thousands in this community.

Soon letters from the O'Neill Rodeo Association will be in the mails. The men are again asking the business men and professional men in the community to join the ranks of the association.

Here is just another way in which we can promote our city. There is no reason why O'Neill cannot become famous for its excellent rodeos.

The officers of the association have been working hard to make certain that the dates of June 19, 20 and 21 remain in the memory as one of the best rodeos we have ever put on.

If you get one of these letters, answer it right away.

If you do not get a letter, it is not because you are not wanted. Get in touch with Virgil Laursen, the secretary of the group at the O'Neill Loan Company.

## THE FRONTIER

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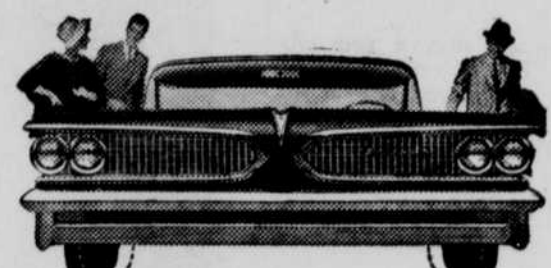
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